



**County Fire Department
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA DATE: December 4, 2018 - REVISED

Public Hearing Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
County Counsel Sign-Off	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Steven Murch, ASO PHONE: 559-802-9800				

SUBJECT: Approve an amendment with CalFire California Climate Investment Grant No. 5GG17235

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve an amendment of Agreement No. 28916 with CalFire California Climate Investment Grant No. 5GG17235 for the Silver City Hazard Fuel and Tree Reduction Project in the amount \$200,019 effective December 4, 2018 through August 31, 2020; and
2. Authorize the Fire Chief, or his designee, to sign any related fund reimbursement requests, grant certifications and the required quarterly progress reports as authorized under the terms of the grant agreement; and
3. Authorize the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to sign three (3) copies of each grant agreement; and
4. Recognize that the Board of Supervisors approved a Categorical Exemption for this project consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Title 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR), Sections 15269(c) and 15301 Existing Facilities (c) on October 30, 2018.

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SUMMARY:

The Board of Supervisors approved and accepted five California Climate Change Investment Forestry Health grants to fund Tree Mortality related fuel reduction efforts totaling \$1,360,234 on October 30, 2018. These fuel reductions will result in community defense zones and hazard tree removal in the communities of South Fork, Posey, Hartland, Silver City and Camp Nelson. The Board authorized Tulare County Fire to apply for these funds through Resolution No. 2018-0440 on June 5, 2018.

Tulare County Fire is requesting the Board accept a modification of the previous Silver City agreement with CalFire California Climate Investment Grant No. 5GG17235 for the Silver City Hazard Fuel and Tree Reduction Project in the amount \$200,019. There is no change to the grant amount requested or overall CalFire conditions of approval of the grant agreement. Calfire has agreed to accept the modification as timely as long as the modification is executed by the County and submitted by Dec. 6.

The modified agreement incorporates procedural changes that allow the County, at its discretion, to either contract with private tree fallers and/or to perform tree removals and fuels reduction work with Tulare County Extra Help Seasonal Firefighters. Tulare County Fire also requested the agreement modifications to make changes to the project budget to provide operating efficiencies.

The projects will meet the public purposes of: (1) preventing wildfires and the reducing the severity and the dangers created by wildfires in high tree mortality areas by fuel reduction, enlargement of defensible spaces, and the creation of fire breaks and community defense zones; (2) promoting public safety by protecting evacuation routes from areas with high tree mortality; and (3) addressing climate change by reducing emissions from wildfires.

California Climate Investment funds are administered by Calfire through the Forest Health Fire Prevention program, and contribute to California's climate goals by reducing emissions from wildfires, stabilizing long-term storage of carbon in biomass, and improving carbon sequestration in California's natural and working forests.

Silver City Fuels Reduction Project

This project will reduce vegetation and fuel materials within 175 acres surrounding the community of Silver City. In addition to increased roadside safety through fuel reduction, the defensible space will be increased for more than 2,300 at-risk households in Silver City. Fuel reduction surrounding Silver City will secure a vital evacuation route for the community. Fuel reduction will also reduce the possible spread of wildland fire into the wildland/urban interface.

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PROJECT TIMELINES

All CCI activities must be concluded no later than March 15, 2022. The last day to seek submit final billings and seek reimbursement from CalFire for grant-related activities is April 15, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

CCI grants have no match requirements. As these grants are funded through a reimbursement process, it is anticipated grant administration will require cash flow from the County. The department intends to seek regular periodic reimbursement to facilitate cash flow during project activities, as allowable. All grant expenditures and revenues are currently projected to be incurred in Fiscal Years 2019/20 and 2020/21 budgets.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the Safety and Security initiative. This action helps provide for the safety and security of the public by reducing hazardous fuels and increasing the protection of public infrastructure in the urban wild land interface.

ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:



Pete Marquez
Division Chief

Cc: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel/Risk
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s):

A – Grant Agreement 5GG17235, Silver City Hazard Fuel and Tree Reduction Project
B – CalFire email (Permission to submit modification of Agreement prior to Dec. 5, 2018)

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVE AN) Resolution No. _____
AMENDMENT WITH CALFIRE CALIFORNIA)
INVESTMENT GRANT NO. 5GG17235)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JASON T. BRITT
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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>>> "Nguyen, Bobby@CALFIRE" <Bobby.Nguyen@fire.ca.gov> 11/15/2018 2:33 PM >>>

That sounds good. Thank you for the update.

From: Eric Coyne [mailto:ECoyne@co.tulare.ca.us]

Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2018 2:22 PM

To: Nguyen, Bobby@CALFIRE <Bobby.Nguyen@fire.ca.gov>

Cc: Cecilia Herrera <CAHerrera@co.tulare.ca.us>; Norman, Charlie@TLC <cnorman@co.tulare.ca.us>; Eric Coyne <ECoyne@co.tulare.ca.us>; McLaughlin, Jeff@TLC <Jemclaughlin@co.tulare.ca.us>; Nancy Woods <NLWoods@co.tulare.ca.us>

Subject: RE: 5GG17235; Silver City Hazard Fuel and Tree Reduction Project (Revised)

Hi Bobby:

I think I have our final answer.

Our County Counsel has reviewed the modified agreement (Thank you for accommodating our request, BTW) We will bring this to our Board for signature on December 4.

Immediately thereafter, County Fire will send you the required signed copies of 5GG17235; Silver City Hazard Fuel and Tree Reduction Project Agreement. The signed copies of the Agreement and our Board resolution for same should be in the mail to you by December 5.

Eric Coyne,

Deputy Tulare County CAO-

Economic Development, Film & Tourism

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>>> "Nguyen, Bobby@CALFIRE" <Bobby.Nguyen@fire.ca.gov> 11/15/2018 11:46 AM >>>

The first option would be best since the sooner we get the agreement the better. However, it won't be a problem if we don't received it until Dec. 20th.

From: Eric Coyne [mailto:ECoyne@co.tulare.ca.us]

Sent: Thursday, November 15, 2018 11:11 AM

To: McLaughlin, Jeff@TLC <Jemclaughlin@co.tulare.ca.us>; Nguyen, Bobby@CALFIRE <Bobby.Nguyen@fire.ca.gov>

Subject: Re: 5GG17235; Silver City Hazard Fuel and Tree Reduction Project (Revised)

Bobby: It may be possible for us to have our Board Chairman sign the new Silver City agreement next week and then bring an agenda item to the Board of Supervisors to ratify his signature on Dec. 11. This would allow us to return the signed Agreement before Nov. 30.

I will let you all know today if our County process will allow this.

If we cannot ratify, then we would respectfully need to bring this to our Board for signature on Dec. 11 or without fail get it to you before Dec. 20.

Eric Coyne,

Deputy Tulare County CAO-

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>>> Jeffery McLaughlin <jemclaughlin@co.tulare.ca.us> 11/15/2018 10:40 AM >>>

Bobby,

I was mistaken our Board of Supervisors won't meet again until December 11, 2018. If that's ok you should have the signed agreement no later than December 20, 2018. Will that work?

Jeff McLaughlin

Division Chief Operations

Tulare County Fire Department

JEmclaughlin@co.tulare.ca.us

Cell (559) 731-8681

Office (559) 622-7600

> On Nov 14, 2018, at 4:07 PM, Nguyen, Bobby@CALFIRE <Bobby.Nguyen@fire.ca.gov> wrote:

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> That won't be a problem.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Jeffery McLaughlin [<mailto:JEMcLaughlin@co.tulare.ca.us>]

> Sent: Wednesday, November 14, 2018 4:05 PM

> To: Nguyen, Bobby@CALFIRE <Bobby.Nguyen@fire.ca.gov>

> Cc: Shy, David@CALFIRE <David.Shy@fire.ca.gov>; Chan, Stella@CALFIRE <Stella.Chan@fire.ca.gov>;

> Hernandez, Virginia@CALFIRE <Virginia.Hernandez@fire.ca.gov>

> Subject: Re: 5GG17235; Silver City Hazard Fuel and Tree Reduction Project (Revised)

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> Received. The County Board Of Supervisor wont meet again until December 6th. Can we get an extension on the deadline?

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> Jeff McLaughlin

> Division Chief, Operations

> Tulare County Fire Department

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> Fax: 559-687-6908

> JEMcLaughlin@co.tulare.ca.us

>>> "Nguyen, Bobby@CALFIRE" <Bobby.Nguyen@fire.ca.gov> 11/14/2018 3:56 PM >>>

> Revised full grant agreement enclosed. Please print (single sided) and return three (3) sets of agreements with original signatures in blue ink to be received by CAL FIRE no later than November 30, 2018.

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> Bobby Nguyen

> CAL FIRE

> Grants Management Unit

> (916) 651-6620