



MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Directors
From: Lisa Lurie, Executive Director
RE: Agenda Item 6.5 Recommendation to contract with the lowest responsible bidder for implementing the Phase 1 Summit Road Shaded Fuel Break Project
Date: September 14, 2022

RCD staff recommends entering a construction contract with the lowest responsible bidder for up to \$615,259.87 to implement the Phase 1 Summit Road Shaded Fuel Break Project. The contract will be paid with funding from California Department of Forest and Fire Protection Contract # 5GG20106 and # 5GA21118, both are from a state funding source.

As a project funded through two CAL FIRE Fire Prevention Grants, this project will reduce the fire hazard along the Summit Road corridor. This phase of the project is expected to go from Mount Bache Road west to Morrill Road along Summit Road, approximately 3 miles long. This is a critical escape route for all mountain residents in case of a wildfire, as well as providing access for emergency vehicles. Treatments in the project area will focus on the removal of built-up fuel loading within 100 feet of the roadway, including smaller trees and ladder fuels, trees that pose a hazard to the road, and the few invasive tree species along the roadway. The removal of the dense vegetation will reduce the chance of fire entering the canopies, thus drastically reducing the threat of catastrophic fire, it will also promote better visibility for traffic, both during normal commutes and in the event of an evacuation.

RCD staff utilized the Formal Bid Process, 1080.7.1.3 of the RCDs 1080 Procurement Policy for competitive bidding of this contract. In keeping with the competitive procurement guidelines of the policy, the Request for Bids was distributed to 46 contractors and 5 trade journals on August 15th, 2022, as well as, posted on our website. A mandatory bid walk took place on August 25th, 2022, and had 21 individuals in attendance; bids will be opened on September 15th, 2022.

RCD staff recommends entering a construction contract with the lowest responsible bidder because:

- The RCD has received funding from CAL FIRE for the implementation of high priority fire prevention projects.
- The RCD, CAL FIRE and stake holders have identified the Summit Road Shaded Fuel Break as a high priority project
- The RCD has followed the 1080 Procurement Policy formal bid procedures in bidding the construction project

It is therefore recommended that, the Board approve entering a construction contract with lowest responsible bidder for implementation of the Phase 1 Summit Road Shaded Fuel Break Project, pending the results of the responsible bidders.