

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY**

**Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Program Safe Drinking Water,
Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and
Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84)**

Applicant:	Tehama County Resource Conservation District
Project Title:	Tramway Road/A-Line Road Shaded Fuel break CEQA Environmental Analysis Project
Subregion:	North-Central
County:	Tehama
SNC Funding:	\$23,550
Total Project Cost:	\$23,550
Application Number:	460
Final Score:	77.75

PROJECT SCOPE

The Tramway Road / A-Line Road Shaded Fuel Break California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Environmental Analysis Project will provide environmental analysis leading to a Notice of Determination in preparation of fuels reduction work along a 10 mile segment of county and private timberland roads in Tehama County. This analysis will be described and discussed in a CEQA Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration document (IS/MND) prepared by the TCRCD who will act as the project's lead agency. Project work to be analyzed in the IS/MND will entail cutting and chipping or piling and burning mixed confer species 8"DBH and under along with related understory vegetation to 100' on both sides of the roadway. The vegetation treatments conducted during initial project work will be maintained through the use of an appropriate herbicide licensed for use within forested landscape.

The project site is contained within the Tehama East Community Wildfire Protection Plan developed between the Tehama County RCD and Tehama-Glenn Fire Safe Council. The project ties into the soon to be completed C-Line Shaded Fuel Break which is being developed cooperatively between Cal Fire and Sierra Pacific Industries. Combined, the two ridge top fuel breaks will provide approximately 22 miles of fire protection to the Antelope Creek and Battle Creek Watersheds.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE
Consultations with responsible agencies for CEQA scoping	December 2012 – January 2013
Obtain access agreements from landowners in project area	December 2012 – February 2013
Community meeting and newspaper request for comments	January 2013
Contracts with required specialists (biological, archeological) for the Initial Study leading to a Mitigated Negative Declaration	February 2013
Progress Report	April 2013
Prepare CEQA Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration	January 2013 – July 2013
Preparation of an Adoption Resolution for ratification by the Tehama County RCD Board of Directors	July 2013
Prepare and post Notice of Determination	August 2013
Prepare and submit Final Report	September 2013
FINAL PAYMENT/FINAL PAYMENT REQUEST	June 30, 2014

PROJECT COSTS

PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES	TOTAL SNC FUNDING
Direct*	\$18,639
Indirect**	\$1,840
Administrative***	\$3,071
GRAND TOTAL	\$23,550

* Direct: Direct costs are expenses necessary to acquire, construct, or to adapt property to a new or different use, or to improve property including land, buildings and equipment. The property/expense must have a useful life longer than one year.

** Indirect: Expenses involve ongoing operations, repair or maintenance costs, regardless of whether the repair or maintenance may last more than one year.

*** Administrative: Expenses associated with the administration of a project and may not exceed 15 percent of the total SNC grant request for direct and indirect costs

PROJECT LETTERS SUPPORT/OPPOSITION

- Support
 - Sierra Pacific Industries
 - Turner Ranch
 - O'Sullivan Cattle Company
 - Battle Creek Watershed Conservancy
 - Cal Fire – Tehama-Glenn Unit
 - California Department of Fish and Game

PROJECT PERFORMANCE MEASURES

There are four Performance Measures common to all grants. In addition, grantees are required to include between one and three project-specific measures. Performance Measures listed here represent those proposed by applicants and may be modified through further discussion with SNC staff.

- Percent of pre-project planning efforts resulting in project implementation