

# Exhibit A

## Sierra Nevada Conservancy Forest Health Grant Program SNC Project Number 1317

**SNC ID Number:** 1317

**Applicant:** Plumas County Fire Safe Council

**Project Title:** Quincy Wildfire Protection Project

**SNC Subregion:** North Central

**County:** Plumas

**Funding Amount Requested:** \$433,280

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**Total Project Cost:** \$453,280

**Funding Authority:** State of California Budget Act of 2020

### **Project Scope / Description**

The Quincy Wildfire Protection Project (Project) will provide hazardous fuel reduction on 151 acres of private land southwest of Quincy in northeastern California. The Plumas County Fire Safe Council (PCFSC) Project's primary purpose is to reduce wildfire risk to the community of Quincy and its critical infrastructure, and to create a fire-resistant forest structure. The Project is directly adjacent to residential neighborhoods, the Plumas District Hospital, and the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC)-funded Quincy Watershed Improvement Project (QWIP) (#1081), which includes the American Valley Community Services District's (CSD) primary water source for Quincy.

Treatment will mechanically remove biomass on 73 acres and masticate, hand thin and/or mechanically thin 78 acres across three landownerships in the Wildland Urban Interface. Expected outcomes include reduction of hazardous fuels adjacent to homes in downtown Quincy neighborhoods, around Plumas District Hospital's facilities, and protection of water infrastructure within the adjacent QWIP. The Plumas District Hospital campus is one of three hospitals in the county and is the primary medical provider for Quincy and surrounding communities. The Project is included in the Plumas Communities Wildfire Protection Plan and addresses the Quincy Firewise Action Plan priority to "reduce vegetative material along roadway right of way." The Project area is within a very high fire hazard severity zone in a disadvantaged community.

The nearby 19,000-acre Claremont Forest Resiliency Project will improve forest health, reduce fuels around the Wildland Urban Interface of Quincy and Meadow Valley, and restore some areas burned in 2020 by the North Complex fire. The SNC-funded QWIP

is a planning project led by Plumas Audubon that will treat American Valley CSD property adjacent to this Project.

The PCFSC has provided fuels reduction assistance to landowners in Plumas County for over 18 years. They have successfully closed five SNC grants and are currently working on three active SNC grants: #1032 Butterfly-Twain (closing soon), #1232 Lakes Basin Phase II, and #1012 Little Grass Valley Reservoir. Three landowners are involved with this Project: the CHY Company with 132 acres; Brian Wayland, a private individual with 16 acres; and the Plumas District Hospital with three acres.

The CHY Company will provide a registered Professional Forester for project layout, California Environmental Quality Act compliance, and operator oversight with a match of \$20,000. Landowner cost-share has been waived for Brian Wayland to ensure treatment, which provides public benefit. Other partners include Plumas Corporation (fiscal agent) and Plumas County Department of Public Works. Others engaged are American Valley CSD, Plumas Audubon Society, Quincy Firewise, Feather River Stewardship Coalition, and Plumas National Forest.

This Project supports the SNC Strategic Plan and Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program priorities to improve community resilience by protecting water conveyance infrastructure, including municipal water tanks, adjacent to the Project area and protecting life and property within the Wildland Urban Interface. The Project specifically addresses priorities of the California's Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan to accelerate restoration across all lands and increase assistance to small private landowners.

## Project Schedule

<b>Project Tasks and Deliverables</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
Progress reports	Every 6 months
Pre-project photo monitoring	July 2021
Operator contract - solicit bids, contract with operator	July – August 15, 2021
Implementation – 151 acres	August 2021 – November 2022
Post-project photo monitoring	November 2022
Sign installation	Before November 2022
Public tour	Before November 2022
<b>Estimated Project Completion Date</b>	<b>December 31, 2022</b>

## Project Costs

<b>Project Costs</b>	<b>SNC Funding</b>
Project management	\$5,841
Contractual: Forester, mechanical biomass, mastication, hand thin and chip	\$388,050
Administrative costs	\$39,389
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$433,280</b>

## Project Letters of Support or Opposition

### *Support:*

- Quincy Fire Protection District
- Plumas County Board of Supervisors – District 4 Supervisor Greg Hagwood
- Quincy Firewise
- Plumas District Hospital
- Plumas National Forest
- Plumas Audubon Society
- Feather River Stewardship Coalition

### *Opposition:*

- None received

## Project Performance Measures

There are four Performance Measures common to all grants. In addition, grantees are required to identify one to three project-specific Performance Measures in their application. Please note, Performance Measures listed here represent those proposed by applicants and may be modified before the grant agreement is executed.

- Acres of Land Improved or Restored