

## Exhibit A

# Sierra Nevada Conservancy Forest Health Grant Program SNC Project Number 1330

**SNC ID Number:** 1330

**Applicant:** Amador Fire Safe Council

**Project Title:** Tiger Creek Fuel Break Enhancement Project

**SNC Subregion:** South Central

**County:** Amador

**Funding Amount Requested:** \$220,200

**Funding Amount Recommended:** \$220,200

**Total Project Cost:** \$235,200

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

### **Project Scope / Description**

The Tiger Creek Fuel Break Enhancement Project (Project) is located in eastern Amador County near the communities of Pioneer and Buckhorn. The applicant, Amador Fire Safe Council (AFSC), will reduce fuels on 41 acres of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land, connecting major units of the previously Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC)-funded Tiger Creek Fuel Break Project (#1200). The Project lies entirely within the Mokelumne River Watershed and has direct impact on Tiger Creek Reservoir.

The Project connects the major units of the Tiger Creek Fuel Break Project, a completed SNC-funded fuel reduction project designed to protect mountain communities along Highway 88 and lands and infrastructure around Tiger Creek Reservoir. The Project lies between 2000 feet and 3500 feet in elevation with a dominant forest type of Sierra Nevada mixed conifer. This Project will focus on the 41 acres of steep terrain that separate the larger fuelbreak units. Treatment will consist of hand thinning and brushing and will lop-and-scatter all slash. This treatment will create one continuous area of reduced fuels.

The Project enhances the effectiveness of a previous 220-acre Tiger Creek Fuel Break Project and is part of a larger, 3000-acre fuel reduction strategy developed by the Amador Fuels Reduction Collaborative that involves neighboring parcels owned by Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI), Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E), and the Eldorado National Forest (ENF). The Project builds on a planning grant awarded by the SNC in 2019 (#1096) that completed National Environmental Policy Act and California Environmental Quality Act compliance on BLM property. The Project is also very close

to the SNC-funded Lily Gap Phase II project (#915) and South Fork Mokelumne Project (#1030 / 1068) on the south side of the Mokelumne River.

The AFSC is a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to “protect the people of Amador County and their property from the catastrophic effects of wildfire through education and outreach, innovation and action.” The AFSC has been a participating member of the Amador Calaveras Consensus Group since its inception and has been instrumental in organizing the Amador Fuels Reduction Collaborative. The AFSC and its members have worked with SNC on many fuels reduction projects within the subregion. The BLM is a public land-management agency under the Department of the Interior and manages approximately 14,500 acres of scattered, low-elevation parcels in the Mokelumne Watershed.

The Project is part of a larger fuels reduction strategy that involves multiple partners including California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), BLM, ENF, SPI, PG&E, and other stakeholders in the region. PG&E, SPI, and the ENF own and manage the neighboring parcels included within this effort and have dedicated resources to complete their parts of the fuelbreak to create a larger and more effective cross-boundary fuelbreak network. The Calaveras-Amador Forestry Team, a dedicated group of volunteer natural resource professionals, have pledged \$15,000 of in-kind support to ensure the Project’s completion.

The Project supports both the SNC Strategic Plan and the California Budget Act of 2020 by reducing fuels and protecting communities and critical infrastructure. The Project creates a more connected and effective fuelbreak and directly protects municipal water supplies for local water agencies and downstream beneficiaries including the East Bay Municipal Utility District, which provides water for millions of Californians in the eastern San Francisco Bay Area.

## Project Schedule

<b>Project Tasks and Deliverables</b>	<b>Timeline</b>
Six month progress report	February, August 2022 February 2023
Site preparation	August – December 2021
Hand thinning	March – June 2022 March – June 2023
<b>Estimated Project Completion Date</b>	<b>June 30, 2023</b>

## Project Costs

<b>Project Costs</b>	<b>SNC Funding</b>
Project management	\$10,000
Registered Professional Forester oversight	\$18,000
Hand thinning	\$172,200
Administrative costs	\$20,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$220,200</b>

## Project Letters of Support or Opposition

### *Support:*

- Elizabeth Meyer-Shields, Field Manager, Mother Lode Field Office, Bureau of Land Management
- Amador County Board of Supervisors
- Robert Withrow, Unit Chief, CAL FIRE, Amador El Dorado Unit
- Matthew Waverly, Senior Land Consultant, Pacific Gas and Electric
- Craig Ostergaard, Southern Reforestation Manager, Sierra Pacific Industries
- Rick Hopson, District Ranger, Amador District, Eldorado National Forest
- Paul Molinelli Jr., Board President, Amador Water Agency

### *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