The County of Yuba
Community Development and Services Agency

TO:               Board of Supervisors
FROM:             Community Development and Services Agency, Kevin Perkins
SUBJECT:          Community Development and Services: Approve release of the Request for Proposals (RFP) to prepare Biological Resource Report and/or Entirety of an Environmental Assessment for the County of Yuba Roadside Fuel Reduction Project, and authorize CDSA staff to distribute.

DATE:             September 27, 2022
NUMBER:           480/2022

Recommendation

Community Development and Services Agency (CDSA) recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve release of the Request for Proposals (RFP) to prepare Biological Resource Report and/or Entirety of an Environmental Assessment for the County of Yuba Roadside Fuel Reduction Project, and authorize CDSA staff to distribute.

Background & Discussion

The County of Yuba is soliciting proposals from qualified, professional consulting firms to undertake a Biological Resource Report and/or, dependent on the project budget, the preparation of the entire Environmental Assessment under NEPA for a roadside fuel reduction project that will address 45.7 centerline miles of rural roads in the forested portions of the Sierra foothills of Yuba County. This project includes 18 road segments serving a total of seven at-risk communities. The 18 road segments proposed for fuel reduction include the following: Baker Road (from Garden Valley to end), Youngs Hill Road (Entire Length), La Porte Road (Woodleaf Tunnel Road to Oregon Hill Road), La Porte Road (Scale Road to Barton Hill Road), Marysville Road (Moonshine Road to SR 49), Frenchtown Dobbins Road (Entire Length), Frenchtown Road (Willow Glen Road to Frenchtown-Dobbins Road), Oregon Hill Road (Marysville Road to Moran Road), Mountain House Road (Cleveland Avenue to County Line), Challenge Cutoff Road (County line to La Porte Road), Indiana Ranch Road Indy New York Road to Forsythe Road), Indiana School Road (Indiana Ranch Road to Marysville Road), Pendola Road (Garden Valley Road to Old Camptonville Road), and Cleveland Avenue (SR 49 to Mountain House Road).
On March 9, 2021, the BOS authorized the submittal of an application to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to receive an allocation of CDBG Disaster Recovery funds (CDBG-DR) under resolution No. 2021-028, to undertake a project known as the County of Yuba Roadside Fuel Reduction Project. During the Project period of approx. 10/1/2022 through 10/31/2024, the County will utilize CDBG Program – 2017 DR-Infrastructure funds for the proposed roadside fuel reduction project.

The goals of the project are to create fuel breaks along County roadways, reduce fire spread to structures and/or natural resources, allow access for fire-fighting equipment, and to provide safe evacuation routes for residents. Currently, trees on either side of the roads encroach to the point where the canopies extend over the roads and vegetation encroaches up to the edge of the roadways, allowing fires to cross the roadways easily while also impeding ingress and egress to at-risk communities. This project would also benefit the potable water systems in Brownsville and Camptonville, and would help protect and preserve access to the airport adjacent to La Porte Road in Brownsville. This roadside fuel reduction project will benefit the residents of hundreds of habitable structures. The project cost is estimated to be less than $15,000.

CDSA recommends the Board approve the release of this RFP and authorize CDSA staff to distribute.

Fiscal Impact

General Fund - None
Non-General Fund - None
Other Funds - CDBG Disaster Recovery funds

Attachments

CDBG-DR Roadside Fuel Reduction RFP