The County of Yuba

Community Development and Services Agency

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Community Development and Services Agency, Samuel Bunton

SUBJECT: Community Development and Services: Approve specifications and estimate, and authorize the advertisement for bids for the County of Yuba Roadside Fuel Reduction Project

DATE: February 11, 2025

NUMBER: 56/2025

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Public Works recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the specifications and estimate and authorize the advertisement for bids for the County of Yuba Roadside Fuel Reduction Project.

BACKGROUND:

On March 9, 2021, the Board of Supervisors authorized the submittal of an application to the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to receive an allocation of Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery funds (CDBG-DR) under resolution No. 2021-028, to undertake a project known as the County of Yuba Roadside Fuel Reduction Project. Yuba County Community Development Service Agency (CDSA) was awarded a $500,000.00 grant 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. Due to delays preparing the Environmental Assessment, CDSA was officially granted the Notice to Proceed on October 9, 2024. With this approval, Staff can now begin the bidding process to move the project forward.

This project includes 14 road segments serving a total of seven at-risk communities. The 14 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).

DISCUSSION:

The work will consist of the removal of brush and trimming of trees located within 10 feet of the roadways in the County right-of-way (ROW). Trees less than 6" in diameter will be removed. Trees greater in diameter will not be removed, only trimmed. All removed vegetation will be chipped and left in place. No excavation is proposed. 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. Roadside spraying may be conducted at sites if determined to be necessary. This project will 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.

$100,000.00 has been allocated to environmental assessment and staff time for the project. $400,000.00 has been allocated for construction. This amount was determined based on the average of two quotes received in June 2020, adjusted for the increase in construction costs and an estimated amount for county employee activity delivery costs. Staff acknowledges that construction costs have increased since 2020.

The engineer's estimate for construction is approximately $573,000.00. The project is anticipated to be completed by February of 2026.

Specifications and estimate are available for review, upon request, at Public Works, 915 8th St., Suite 125, Marysville, CA 95901.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Land Use & Public Works Committee was bypassed as this project is included within the approved Public Works Budget.

FISCAL IMPACT:

General Fund:	$0	
Non-General Fund:	$573,000.00	
Source of Funds:	$400,000.00	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-DR)
	$173,000.00	Road Funds

ATTACHMENTS:

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