



## **CAL FIRE Humboldt - Del Norte Unit**

**Private Forest Landowner Workshop: Accessing Grant Funds for  
Wildfire Resilience and Fuels Management Projects**

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**October 28, 2022**

**CAL FIRE Vegetation Management Program (VMP)  
& Wildfire Prevention Grants**

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# Welcome!



The Buckeye Conservancy,  
Fire Education Committee



California Forest  
Conservation Foundation



University of California  
Cooperative Extension

**Private Forest Landowner Workshop:  
Accessing Grant Funds for Wildfire Resilience and  
Fuels Management Projects**

Friday, October 28, 2022  
8:30 AM to 3:00 PM  
Humboldt County Agriculture Building  
5630 S Broadway St, Eureka, CA 95503



- The purpose of this presentation is to educate landowners about CAL FIRE's Vegetation Management Program and the Fire Prevention Grant Program
- More information about preventative actions to mitigate wildfire hazards can be found at [www.readyforwildfire.org/](http://www.readyforwildfire.org/)



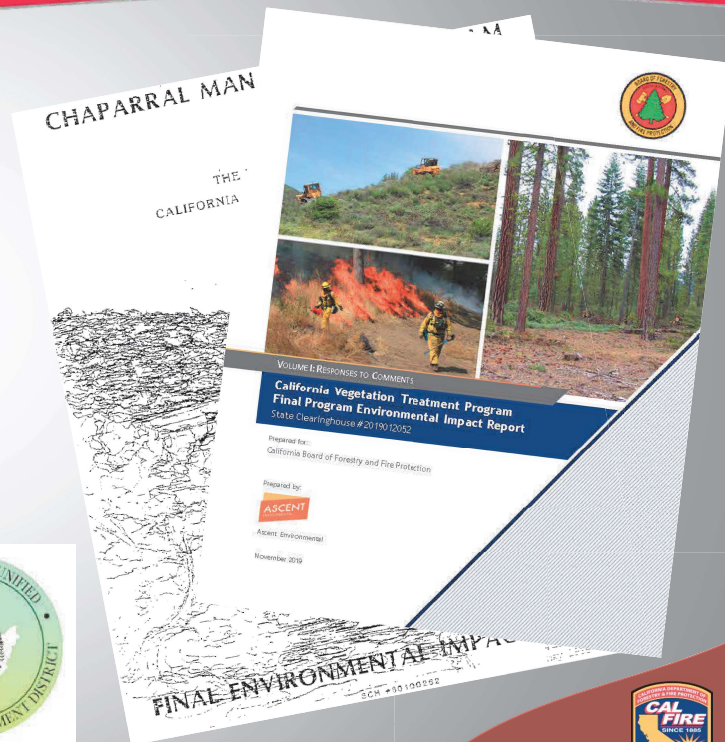
# Vegetation Management Program

- Overview:
  - Rx Fire, Mechanical or Both?
- Unit Strategic Fire Plan
- Community Wildfire Protection Plan
- VMP Coordinator/Application
- Feasibility/Plan Developed
- Environmental Review
- Rx Cost Share → No longer!
- Rx = 10 Year Contract



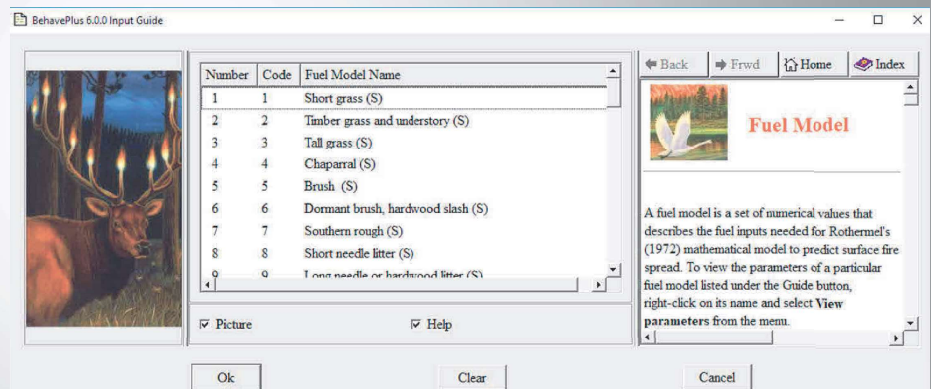
# Environmental Compliance

- Stand alone CEQA document or PEIR?
- Consultation with Responsible Agencies
- Biological Surveys
- Archaeological Survey
- Smoke Management Plan



# Treatment Plan

- Prescription for Desired Fire Effects
- Fire Behavior Model
- Mechanically Treat Fuels
  - Reduce ladder fuels
  - Crush brush
  - Masticate
- Control Lines



# Wildfire Prevention Grants Program

## Wildfire Prevention Grant Program

*California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)*

### Program Description

The Wildfire Prevention Grants Program funds projects and activities related to hazardous fuels reduction and removal of dead, dying, or diseased trees, wildfire prevention planning, and wildfire prevention education that focus on increasing the protection of people, structures, and communities.

### Goal

Through the California Climate Investments (CCI) Wildfire Prevention Grant Program, CAL FIRE aims to reduce the risk of wildland fires to habitable structures and communities, while maximizing carbon sequestration in healthy wildland habitat and minimizing the uncontrolled release of emissions emitted by wildfires.



# Wildfire Prevention Grants Program

- Our program works with government agencies, non-profit 501(c)(3) and tribal organizations as well as Fire Safe Councils
- Helping low-income and disadvantaged communities become more economically resilient
- Focus on increasing the protection of people, structures, and communities



# Qualifying Grant Project Activities

## ■ Hazardous Fuels Reduction

- Vegetation clearance
- Creation or maintenance of fuel breaks
- Community Programs
- Defensible space
- Grazing

## ■ Wildfire Prevention Planning

- Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPP)
- Evacuation route planning
- Wildfire risk or related mapping

## ■ Wildfire Prevention Education

- Public education and outreach programs
- Workshops, meetings, materials creation, and other educational activities





# Selection Criteria

- Grant Project Selection Criteria
  - Wildfire threat
  - Carbon benefits and reducing greenhouse gas emissions
  - Where projects will have greatest benefits
- Projects Ranked by CAL FIRE Units
  - Overall benefits to the Unit coverage area
  - Reduce threat to greatest number of structures and people
  - Benefit to priority populations
    - Low Income
    - Disabled
    - Elderly
  - Fire Risk Reduction Community List



# FY 2022-2023 Solicitation Update

- Opening late fall
- New application process using eCivis Grants Portal
  - More efficient
  - User friendly
  - Financial and project tracking
  - Reporting transparency
  - Solicitation and application information will be posted on the Wildfire Prevention Grants website (<https://www.fire.ca.gov/grants/wildfire-prevention/>)
- Sign up for email updates via our [Grants Listserv](#)



# Wildfire Prevention

## Questions?

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Resources can be found at:

[www.fire.ca.gov/programs/resource-management/resource-protection-improvement/vegetation-management-program/](http://www.fire.ca.gov/programs/resource-management/resource-protection-improvement/vegetation-management-program/)

[www.fire.ca.gov/grants/wildfire-prevention/](http://www.fire.ca.gov/grants/wildfire-prevention/)

[www.fire.ca.gov/media/umkhhdbs/fuels-reduction-guide-final-2021-print.pdf](http://www.fire.ca.gov/media/umkhhdbs/fuels-reduction-guide-final-2021-print.pdf)

