



Agenda

YOSEMITE/SEQUOIA RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Full Council Meeting

Thursday, April 27, 2023, 10:00 AM

HYBRID – Central Valley Community Foundation - 1260 Fulton St, Fresno, and Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85339550687>

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COUNCIL MEETING CALL TO ORDER

10:00 am

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Introductions & Roll Call
- President's Opening Statement
- Approval of Agenda (A)
- Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (A)
- Updates from Executive Committee
- Public Comment
- Bookkeeper/Financial Report (A)
- CERF Presentation from Central Valley Community Foundation
- Director and Project Report
 - Current projects
 - 5GG17173 Madera Strategic Wildfire Mitigation Project
 - 8GG18655 Madera Projects - Southern Sierra All Lands Recovery and Restoration Project
 - SNC 943 RFFC - WIP Capacity Program Subgrant – South Subregion
 - SNC 1099 Blue Rush Site Preparation and Stand Maintenance Project
 - Dinkey Creek Collaborative Agreement
 - Madera County Title III Firewise Coordination Program/CA Firewise County Coordinator
 - EPIC 14-003 Watershed Research and Training Center Bioenergy Plant
 - SNC 972 RFFC - WIP Capacity Program Subgrant
 - Kern County - Raini Patteson
 - Grant Applications
- Digital Outreach

NEW BUSINESS

- Recommendations from the Executive Committee Meeting (A)
 - P&P for Letter of Recommendation Requests
 - Payroll
 - Regional Coverage
- SNC 943 RFFC - WIP Capacity Program Subgrant – South Subregion 3 Final Report
- CalOES/FEMA Applications

OLD BUSINESS

- MOU and Dues

SPONSOR & PARTNER UPDATES Please limit updates to 2 min.

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Future Meeting Date(s)

- Executive Committee Meeting: Thursday, 5/25/23 @ 9:30 am
- Executive Committee Meeting: Thursday, 6/22/23 @ 9:30 am
- Executive Committee Meeting: Wednesday, 7/26/23 @ 9:30 am
- Full Council Meeting: Thursday, 7/27/23 @ 10:00 am

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Minutes

YOSEMITE/SEQUOIA RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

Full Council Meeting

Thursday, January 26, 2023, 10:00 AM

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COUNCIL MEETING CALL TO ORDER

10:02 a.m.

Council President requested agenda adjustment to move all action items so those who have appointments and may need to leave the meeting early can. Erin Capuchino noted that there needed to be more council members to make a quorum and formally approve any action items. President Magsig, with the approval of the Council members in attendance, requested that Erin send the approval items for an email vote as approved in By-Laws.

GENERAL BUSINESS

-Introductions & Roll Call

In attendance:

Executive Council: Nathan Magsig (NM), Rosemarie Smallcombe (RS), Bobby Macauley (BM), Lynn Gorman (LG), Eddie Valero (EV)

Staff: Erin Capuchino (EC), Hazel Lavender (HL), Raini Patteson (RP), Jessica Rowley (JR)

Council Members: Coarsegold RCD and Eastern Madera FSC, Jon Cottingham, Sierra Vista Scenic Byway, Doug Waltner, Tulare County RCD, Bob Puls

Guests: Madera County: Jeannie Habben, NRCS: Johnnie Siliznoff, Mira Dick, and Lurana Strong, Tulare County: Denise England and Doreen Alvez, CalFire: Mike Keyser, SNC: Ben Barry, Kern County FSC: Peggy Volkoff, Central Valley Community Foundation: Karen Aceves, University of Washington, Van Kane and Liz van Wagtenonk, Golden State Natural Resources: Chris Trott

-President's Opening Statement: NM noted that many things are happening in Fresno County as they continue to address the recent storms and to keep an eye on his Facebook live, where he will be chatting with Deana, who has different views about the Sierras.

-Updates from Executive Committee:

-EV Thanks YS for including him in interviewing Social Media Specialist candidates and Grant writers; Denise England also spoke about the recommendation made by SNC for funding and Upcoming funding from CalFire.

-BM Also talked about Madera County continuing to move forward after storms. As the previous Chief of staff of the Board president, Tom Wheeler, is looking forward to continuing to move forward.

-RS announced that Mariposa received more funding from CalFire for the Mariposa Creek Parkway project.

-Approval of Authorizing Continued Use of Remote Teleconferencing Provisions Under AB 361 and Government Code section 54953 (A): EC noted that AB361 had been extended through the first of 2024. She will be keep informed on what a spread-out organization like ours can do to continue online meetings. **Motion to approve by BM, seconded by RS, approved by 9.**

-Approval of Agenda (A) **Motion to approve by LG, seconded by RS, approved by 9.**

-Approval of Past Meeting Minutes (A) **Motion to approve by LG, seconded by EV, approved by 9.**

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-Bookkeeper/Financial Report: EC apologized to the council for not having a financial report for the meeting. She noted that Staff and the contracted Bookkeeper are still working on transferring from the past process of tracking to QBO. She also spoke that most of the grants are caught up for payment except for 17173, as we are waiting on an advance from CalFire. EC also noted that there should be about \$100k in the General Fund. NM spoke about the conversation had with the Executive Committee meeting on 1/25 that staff will be reviewing all accounts to match transactions and tracking, as well as research for any open accounts under Y/S EIN.

-Public Comment: None

-Director and Project Report

Erin Capuchino

Current projects:

SNC 972 Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Program WIP Capacity Program Subgrant

-Tulare County: Contractor Great Basin Institute is moving forward to create the MOU and Contract for the planning process of the Tulare County Sugarloaf Fire Prevention Project.

-Kern County: Raini Patteson updated the Council on her progress with Kern County. She highlighted an upcoming first Committee meeting in February.

-Grant Writer: EC introduced Jessica Rowley, contracted Grant writer, for the Grant writer portion of the deliverable. JR has sent a list of nearly 60 grant opportunities over the 11 months. The first focus is CalFire Fire Prevention Grants Due 3/15/23. JR thanked the council.

Dinkey Creek Collaborative Agreement: EC shared the Post Fire Workshop organized by UC Extension.

8GG18655 Madera Projects - Southern Sierra All Lands Recovery and Restoration Project: Van Kane and Liz van Wagtenonk from the University of Washington reviewed the progress made with the Lidar portion of the grant. There are many uses for the reports being created. Many of these reports will help to determine SOW for future projects.

NEW BUSINESS

CERF Project: EC introduced Karen Aceves, CERF Coordinator with Central Valley Community Foundation. KA provided information about the CERF program and how Y/S is included in the planning process. Many Council partners are also included in the program. The first meeting for planning is coming soon, Estimated in early March.

SPONSOR & PARTNER UPDATES Please limit updates to 2 min.

-Madera County: Jeannie Habben: Madera County Flood Action plan will be published and fully operational by March 31, 2023.

-Coarsegold RCD and Eastern Madera FSC, Jon Cottington: Jon continues to grow the Firewise Community Program in Madera County but has also shared best practices with other county coordination in the southern Sierra. CRCD is waiting on upcoming funding from CalFire to counties more projects. For The Easter Madera FireSafe Council, Jon noted the progress on the evacuation plan and that EMRCS received \$175k from the County. BM Thanked Jon for his work in his short tenure with CRCD and announced that on Tuesday, Jan 24th, Madera County also awarded CRCD an additional \$175k.

-Sierra Vista Scenic Byway, Doug Waltner: USFS is still determining the destruction from the January storms. He noted that the USFS has funding for the Byway, but there is concern that those funds might be utilized for fixing the roads instead of the signage in plans.

-NRCS: Johnnie Siliznoff, Mira Dick, and Lurana Strong: Updated that NRCS programs are continuing, and the EPIC program has been funded again. EC asked for Johnny to connect her with the Madera County contact. Mira Dick spoke up and will send program opportunities to EC to share within Madera County.

-Tulare County: Doreen Alvez: Mentioned a Save the Date for Feb 22, 2023, Tulare County Forest Health Task Force meeting.

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- Tulare County RCD, Bob Puls: TRCD has many projects and is working hard and consistently.
- Golden State Natural Resources: Chris Trott: updated the Council on wood pellet factories in the state. EC thanked Chriss and asked to keep in contact so YS can help facilitate the BioMass collection from Sierra and Sequoia NF.
- EC informed the Council that YS had hired a new Digital Outreach staffer, Mi-Ling Wong. She requested that the Council members share upcoming events and projects with Mi-Ling for digital outreach.

OLD BUSINESS

MOU and Dues: NM informed Council that EC had updated the MOU and Dues information. EC will be sending out the documents. NM noted that he is already working on adding the MOU to the Fresno County Supervisors agenda and requests that the rest of the council work to do the same.

ADJOURN

11:13 a.m.

Future Meeting Date(s)

- Executive Committee Meeting: Thursday, 2/23/23 @9:30
- Executive Committee Meeting: Thursday, 3/23/23 @9:30
- Executive Committee Meeting: Wednesday, 4/26/23 @9:30
- Executive Committee Meeting: Thursday, 4/27/23 @10:00

Yosemite/Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Council

Statement of Financial Position

As of March 31, 2023

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
10000 YB Ckg x9909	130,691.12
10100 CFSC Svgs x8439	1,660.80
10200 GG17173 Svgs x8444	3,147.56
10300 GG18655 Svgs x8458	23,653.50
10400 972 SNC Svgs x8463	65,497.01
10500 SNC 1099 Svgs x8477	72,234.93
10600 SNC 943 Svgs x8482	446.82
10700 B of A Firewise Acct x3967	107,936.59
Total Bank Accounts	\$405,268.33
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$0.00
Total Current Assets	\$405,268.33
Fixed Assets	
15000 Furniture and Equipment	6,583.07
Total Fixed Assets	\$6,583.07
TOTAL ASSETS	\$411,851.40
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
25000 Line of Credit	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Current Liabilities	\$0.00
Total Liabilities	\$0.00
Equity	
30000 Opening Balance Equity	0.00
32000 Retained Earnings	203,832.56
Net Income	208,018.84
Total Equity	\$411,851.40
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$411,851.40

Yosemite/Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Council

Statement of Activity

October 2022 - March 2023

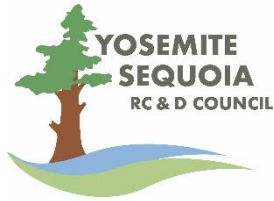
	5GG17173	8GG18655	972- RFFCP WIP SUBGRANT	DINKEY COLLABORATIVE	EPIC BIOMASS	FIREWISE	OPERATING	SNC 1099 BLUE RUSH	SNC 943 SOUTH SUBREGION	NOT SPECIFIED	TOTAL
Income											
43400 Donations & Contributions							250.00				\$250.00
47000 Grant Income	809,357.97	66,242.50	99,000.00		162.09	136,820.47	122,876.22			7,903.38	\$1,242,362.63
Uncategorized Revenue										6,788.60	\$6,788.60
Total Income	\$809,357.97	\$66,242.50	\$99,000.00	\$0.00	\$162.09	\$136,820.47	\$123,126.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,691.98	\$1,249,401.23
GROSS PROFIT	\$809,357.97	\$66,242.50	\$99,000.00	\$0.00	\$162.09	\$136,820.47	\$123,126.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,691.98	\$1,249,401.23
Expenses											
62000 Grant Project Expenses											\$0.00
62010 Outside Contract Services	737,588.21	23,242.66	33,500.00	3,150.00		51,758.96					\$849,239.83
62020 Monitoring	62,152.91										\$62,152.91
62040 Insurance							2,035.00				\$2,035.00
62050 Supplies and Materials		155.35					200.00				\$355.35
Total 62000 Grant Project Expenses	799,741.12	23,398.01	33,500.00	3,150.00		51,758.96	2,235.00				\$913,783.09
62060 Salaries & Wages											\$0.00
62061 Worker's Comp Insurance							668.08				\$668.08
62062 Payroll Taxes							22,376.52				\$22,376.52
62063 Payroll Wages							81,441.55				\$81,441.55
62064 Employee Benefits							5,886.57				\$5,886.57
Total 62060 Salaries & Wages							110,372.72				\$110,372.72
65000 General Operating Exp							54.60				\$54.60
65010 Advertising & Promotion							356.01				\$356.01
65020 Bank Fees							436.12				\$436.12
65040 Office Expense							3,018.85				\$3,018.85
65050 Telephone, Telecommunications							1,541.77				\$1,541.77
65051 IT & Internet Expenses							330.00				\$330.00
65060 Rent							490.00				\$490.00
Total 65000 General Operating Exp							6,227.35				\$6,227.35
67000 Professional Fees											\$0.00
67010 Accounting Fees							5,565.85				\$5,565.85
Total 67000 Professional Fees							5,565.85				\$5,565.85
68000 Travel and Meetings			261.26				130.63				\$391.89
68310 Meetings & Conference			21.11		162.09		1,191.65				\$1,374.85
68320 Travel Lodging							364.86				\$364.86
68330 Travel Transportation			453.03				794.78				\$1,247.81
68350 Fuel & Mileage Expenses		150.00	424.38			128.06	1,436.11				\$2,138.55
Total 68000 Travel and Meetings		150.00	1,159.78		162.09	128.06	3,918.03				\$5,517.96
Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expenditure						2,967.50				-2,967.50	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$799,741.12	\$23,548.01	\$34,659.78	\$3,150.00	\$162.09	\$54,854.52	\$128,318.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$-2,967.50	\$1,041,466.97
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$9,616.85	\$42,694.49	\$64,340.22	\$-3,150.00	\$0.00	\$81,965.95	\$-5,192.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,659.48	\$207,934.26
Other Income											
90100 Interest Income	12.48	15.03	6.24				27.53	23.15	0.15		\$84.58
Total Other Income	\$12.48	\$15.03	\$6.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27.53	\$23.15	\$0.15	\$0.00	\$84.58
NET OTHER INCOME	\$12.48	\$15.03	\$6.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$27.53	\$23.15	\$0.15	\$0.00	\$84.58
NET INCOME	\$9,629.33	\$42,709.52	\$64,346.46	\$-3,150.00	\$0.00	\$81,965.95	\$-5,165.20	\$23.15	\$0.15	\$17,659.48	\$208,018.84

Yosemite/Sequoia Resource Conservation and Development Council

Estimates & Progress Invoicing Summary by Customer

All Dates

DATE	NUM	STATUS	AMOUNT	BALANCE	INVOICED AMOUNT	% INVOICED	REMAINING AMOUNT
5GG17173							
10/12/2022	1005	Accepted	2,211,529.29	2,211,529.29	1806900.50	81.70%	404628.79
Total for 5GG17173			\$2,211,529.29	\$2,211,529.29	\$1,806,900.50		\$404,628.79
8GG18655							
10/12/2022	1006	Accepted	975,320.49	975,320.49	0.00	0.00%	975320.49
Total for 8GG18655			\$975,320.49	\$975,320.49	\$0.00		\$975,320.49
972- RFFCP							
10/14/2022	1010	Accepted	495,000.00	495,000.00	99000.00	20.00%	396000.00
Total for 972- RFFCP			\$495,000.00	\$495,000.00	\$99,000.00		\$396,000.00
Coarsegold Resource Conservation District Donor							
01/17/2023	1013	Pending	18,750.00	18,750.00	0.00	0.00%	18750.00
Total for Coarsegold Resource Conservation District Donor			\$18,750.00	\$18,750.00	\$0.00		\$18,750.00
MadFW							
10/12/2022	1009	Accepted	175,000.00	175,000.00	45132.76	25.79%	129867.24
Total for MadFW			\$175,000.00	\$175,000.00	\$45,132.76		\$129,867.24
SNC 1099							
10/12/2022	1008	Pending	186,872.12	186,872.12	0.00	0.00%	186872.12
Total for SNC 1099			\$186,872.12	\$186,872.12	\$0.00		\$186,872.12
SNC 943							
10/12/2022	1007	Pending	20,625.37	20,625.37	0.00	0.00%	20625.37
Total for SNC 943			\$20,625.37	\$20,625.37	\$0.00		\$20,625.37
Sandra:Sandra Grant							
04/04/2023	1014	Pending	2,000.12	2,000.12	0.00	0.00%	2000.12
Total for Sandra:Sandra Grant			\$2,000.12	\$2,000.12	\$0.00		\$2,000.12
The Watershed Research and Training Center							
03/09/2023		Accepted	47,650.00	47,650.00	162.09	0.34%	47487.91
Total for The Watershed Research and Training Center			\$47,650.00	\$47,650.00	\$162.09		\$47,487.91
Total			\$4,132,747.39	\$4,132,747.39	\$1,951,195.35		\$2,181,552.04



Project and Program Report

Current Funding

April 26, 2023

1. ACTIVE - Grant

Madera Strategic Wildfire Mitigation Project (GG17173)

Start Date: 11/1/2018 **Finish Date:** 9/13/2023

Budget: \$3,613,747.00

Spent: \$1,624,467.72

Balance: \$1,988,279.28

Partner: Forest Service, CALFIRE

Funder: CALFIRE CCI Fire Prevention Fund

A. Purpose: The project will fund the strategic implementation of fuel breaks and defensible landscape projects in the Upper Chowchilla/Fresno River and the Upper San Joaquin River Watersheds.

B. Current Activity:

- The Goat Mt. portion of the project is complete.
- Sugar Pine & Cedar Valley Public Lands Contract and DFPZ are Complete.
- Madera County Road Hazard Abatement Started July 2, 2022. All work has been completed aside from Road 420. The contractor is continuing work. In addition to masticating on the very steep areas, they allow locals to pick up piled wood to heat their homes over winter.

C. Outreach: Press release and KMPH FOX 26 piece for Road Project. Presentation at Eastern Madera County Emergency preparedness committee meeting. Shared updates on social media and in Newsletter. Progress Report posted on the website. Banners were placed for public information. Prepping outreach for project completion.

E. Counties: Madera

F. Contact: Capuchino (Project Management), Lavender (support)

2. ACTIVE - Grant

Madera Projects - Southern Sierra All Lands Recovery and Restoration Project (SSARRP) (8GG18655)

Start Date: 8/2/2019 **Finish Date:** 3/31/2025

Budget: \$4,150,000.00

Spent: \$3,220,788.90

Balance: \$ 929,211.10

Partner: Sierra National Forest, North Fork Rancheria, University of Washington, American Forests

Funder: CALFIRE CCI Forest Health Fund

A. Purpose: This project will 1) reforest areas of high severity wildfires and dramatic tree mortality to promote ecosystem biodiversity and connectivity while restoring critical forest carbon stocks; 2) implement strategic fuel treatments that address public safety hazards and prepare for future prescribed fire and reforestation efforts; and 3) utilize strategic planning, LIDAR mapping analysis, and technical assistance from diverse partners to facilitate climate-informed and science-based restoration in the region over the next ten years.

B. Current Activity: We've been working closely with UW to plan and budget for upcoming Lidar Workshops in October, hopefully coinciding with Y/S Annual Meeting. Final approval for workshop budget by CALFire pending. At the workshops, UW researchers will introduce the best uses of airborne lidar data, describe how stakeholders can acquire and use the products developed by UW, present the results, and talk with local forest managers, property owners, and interested citizens to answer their questions about how to best use the information.

USFS- Working on plowing roads to gain access to French Fire restoration area to begin 2023 planting of seedlings.

The extension has been granted through 3/2025.

Site Tour 10/25/22

C. Outreach: Watershed Wednesday social media. Promoted Workshop to members and included links in Newsletter.

D. Decisions: None

E. Counties: Fresno, Madera, Mariposa

F. Contact: Lavender (support), Capuchino (Outreach)

3. ACTIVE - Grant

Blue Rush Restoration Project (SNC 1099)

Start Date: 10/18/2019 Finish Date: 3/31/2023

Budget: \$999,960.00

Spent: \$899,961.00

Balance: \$ 99,999.00

Partner: Sierra National Forest – High Sierra District

Funder: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

A. Purpose: The Blue Rush Forest Restoration Project will treat 450 acres of public lands in Blue Canyon, in the Big Creek Watershed of the Sierra National Forest in Fresno County.

B. Current Activity: Site prep implementation is complete; prescribed fire took place on 01/2022. A press release went out as an announcement. The sign was ordered and delivered, and installed on 10/20/022. Grant extended to 3/31/2023. Due to the 2023 winter storms, the closeout and public site tours have been delayed.

Funding to SNC is Prop 1 funding, and this has reached its funding period. Due to the ongoing natural disasters, the State is renegotiating the remaining funding, as Y/S is not the only Org needing a continued extension to finish the last deliverables. Update is pending from SNC.

C. Outreach: Working with Fresno County to plan a site visit and informational video.

D. Decisions: N/A

E. Counties: Fresno

F. Contact: Capuchino, Lavender (support)

4. ACTIVE - Program

WIP Capacity (RFFCP) Southern Subregion (SNC 943)

Start Date: 10/18/2019 Finish Date: 5/31/2023

Budget: \$68,200.00

Spent: \$48,818.80

Balance: \$19,381.20

Partner: Sierra Nevada Conservancy, American Forests, Sierra Nevada Alliance

Funder: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

A. Purpose: YSRCDC will plan and implement a strategy to increase the capacity of land managers, local agencies, and nonprofits in the Southern Sierra Nevada to work together in planning, funding, and implementing forest health and wildfire prevention projects.

B. Current Activity: Grant deadline extended through 6/30/2023. EC is working with partners on the Forest Health Prioritization Subcommittee (FHPS) meetings to continue identifying prioritization indicators/criteria for future project planning/development and grant applications in the southern subregion. The prioritization process is complete. American Forests is a Technical Assistance Provider for the program and is finalizing a corresponding map product and climate consideration tool. Contact with Kern County has been made, and staff is in the process of providing support and buy-in from the County.

We are working on the final report and outreach for close-out.

C. Outreach: Progress in finding groups to help build projects, attending workshops, and working on SNC Tourism Grant. Progress Report posted on the website.

D. Decisions: none

E. Counties: Full Region + Kern

F. Contact: Capuchino (PM), Lavender (support)

5. ACTIVE- Program

WIP Capacity Program Subgrant (972-RFFCP)

Start Date: 7/1/2022 End Date: 12/1/2024

Budget: \$495,000.00

Spent: \$ 35,180.59

Balance: \$459,819.41

Partner: Sierra Nevada Conservancy, Sierra Nevada Alliance

Funder: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

A. Purpose: The goal of the RFFCP Early Action funding program is to build the capacity of regional partners to:

- *Engage in collaborative planning that covers multiple forest and community benefits*
 - *Engage partners in the Sequoia area of Kern County*
- *Establish a “pipeline of projects” to increase the pace and scale of forest restoration*
- *Move a project in Tulare County to Shovel Ready status*

B. Current Activity: Raini held the first Kern Fire Resiliency Committee meeting in February. RP attended the SNC grant writing training, post-fire workshop, and cultural burn with the North Fork Mono Tribe in February and March. RP and EC met with Supervisor Peters from District 1 Kern County. RP has been coordinating with Kern River Ranger District and Kern River Conservancy to develop a project list to apply for a supporting SNC grant. RP attended the American Forests Reforestation Pipeline Partnership Spring Gathering in Williams, CA recently.

EC has been working with Tulare County and Great Basin Institute to move forward with the Posey and Sugar Loaf areas of TC.

EC is working with a grant writer. Four applications were submitted in 2023.

C. Outreach: RP is working with Kern, EC is sharing funding opportunities with partners.

D. Decisions: None

E. Counties: Tulare, Kern

F. Contact: Capuchino (Lead), Patteson (support & outreach), Lavender (support)

6. ACTIVE - Program

Title III Firewise Coordination Program (Mad FW)

Start Date: 8/1/2020 Finish Date: 7/1/2024

Budget: \$325,000.00

Spent: \$ 55,786.05

Balance: \$269,213.95

Partner: Madera County, CRCD

Funder: Madera County

A. Purpose: Expand the Firewise Program by forming other Firewise communities throughout Madera County, partnering with CRCD for program development, and hiring a Firewise coordinator position. YSRCDC will be providing oversight to the program and project management.

B. Current Activity: County agreement renewed from 7/1/2021 through 7/1/2024 (3-year program renewal). CRCD will remain a local partner/contractor for Firewise Coordination (including project development, community support, and more). The 3-year CRCD contract has been signed and executed. The grant CA Fire Safe Council County Coordinator Grant was applied for in partnership with Madera County. A new grant contract has been approved, and CRCD/YSRCDC will continue the partnership and support.

C. Outreach: Social media, website update, Firewise community collaborative posts across media outlets, newsletter, Mariposa Gazette, in-person meetings. Connecting all four counties in one session to arrange for Y/S to lead all counties in FireSafe and FireWise. Connecting CRCD to other groups looking to start Firewise programs to give advice and technical assistance.

D. Decisions: None

E. Counties: Madera

F. Contact: Capuchino (Outreach & Project Management), Lavender (support)

7. ACTIVE - Program

Madera County Community Coordinator Firesafe Council Agreement

Start Date: Finish Date:

Budget: \$18,750.00

Spent: \$0

Balance: \$18,750.00

Partner: Madera County, CRCD

Funder: CRCD, Madera County

A. Purpose: Support CRCD in Madera County community outreach

B. Current Activity: The Madera County agreement has CRCD as the main Grantor and YSRCDC as support. YSRCDC will provide support in outreach and technical support.

C. Outreach: social media, website update, Firewise community collaborative posts across media outlets, newsletter, Mariposa Gazette, in-person meetings. Mi-Ling Wong is working directly with the Yosemite Gateway Prescribed Burn Collaborative to develop their social media and website.

D. Decisions: None

E. Counties: Madera

F. Contact: Capuchino (Project Management), Wong (Digital Outreach)

8. Supporting Partner

Construction of North Fork Bioenergy Facility and Research on Forest Biomass Utilization (EPIC)

Start Date: 5/1/2015 **Finish Date:** 3/31/2024

Budget: \$47,650.00

Spent: \$29,344.81

Balance: \$0 – Dig into past invoices and reports to confirm these numbers, as there is a new agreement.

Partner: The Watershed Research and Training Center, North Fork Community Power

Funder: California Energy Commission EPIC grant

A. Purpose: This project will fund the construction of a 2-MW combined heat and power gasification facility in the town of North Fork and then will fund subsequent research by UC Merced into gasification technology and the utilization of forest biomass for bioenergy.

B. Current Activity: Construction is underway—reestablished connection with WRTC. EC met Martin and Greg on-site on 8/31/22. Received an updated contract with WTRC; SOW is a once-a-month site visit, reports, and outreach to the community. Promoted and attended BioEnergy Day and tours on 10/19/22.

EC working with Phonix to hold a job fair. Winter storms have further delayed construction—the new operation plan is to start in the Summer of 2023.

C. Outreach: Social Media posts and press releases for events and public info needs.

D. Decisions: None

E. Counties: Madera

F. Contact: Capuchino



Project and Program Report

Applied Funding
April 2023

1. Applied – LOST – Recvied Funding for 2021/2022 COCO/USFS – Spring 2023 AIM

Submitted: Concept Paper 2/24/2023

Suggested Timeline: 5/2023-5/2024

Requested: \$63,800

A. Purpose: Personnel Capacity Building, Planning Capacity, Hazardous Fuels Reduction

B. Details: YSRCDC will use AIM funding to hire an Assistant Project Manager (PM) to coordinate and manage YSRCDC programs. The PM will support mutual programmatic goals to further local and regional forest health, wildfire resilience, and community capacity. The overall objective is to leverage partnerships to increase the pace and scale of wildfire resilience projects locally and regionally. Regionally, continued partnerships will benefit the entire Southern Sierra – a critical ecosystem/region in dire need of coordination and capacity.

AIM funding will support multi-scale planning, from Firewise community assessments to multi-jurisdictional landscape scale projects. It will also sustain and bolster regional forest health and wildfire resilience planning and project prioritization through WIP. YSRCDC works closely with local, state, and federal partners to apply the best available science to multi-scale project planning, which furthers critical wildfire mitigation efforts by building our forests' resiliency to adapt to climate change.

2. Applied – Wating on Decision

CalFire 2023 WildFire Prevention Kern River District/French Fire Hazard Mitigation Project

Submitted: 3/12/2023

Suggested Timeline: 5/2023-3/2029

Requested: \$4,964,713.60

A. Purpose: Hazardous Fuels Reduction

B. Details: The proposed project objective is to treat 750 acres (350 acres for hazardous fuels reduction and 400 acres for roadside clearance and hazard tree treatment) along the Greenhorn Mountain Ridge to protect 1800 habitable structures, the community of Alta Sierra, the Alta Sierra Ski Resort, the historic county-run campground of Greenhorn Mountain Park (Camp Yenis Hante), and people in and near the wildfire-threatened communities of Kernville, Lake Isabella, Wofford Heights, South Lake, Alta Sierra, Mountain Mesa, Shirley Meadows, Squirrel Mountain Valley, Alder, and Glennville.

3. Applied - Wating on Decision

CalFire 2023 Wild Fire Prevention Mariposa Strategic Wildfire Mitigation Project

Submitted: 3/12/2023

Suggested Timeline: 5/2023-3/2029

Requested: \$1,335,376.00

A. Purpose: Hazardous Fuels Reduction, Shaded fuel break /Understory clearing.

B. Details: The proposed project objective is to treat 73 acres (300-ft shaded fuel break) near Homestead/Boyer Road in Mariposa County to protect 4,421 habitable structures in Mariposa County, as well as people, businesses, schools, infrastructure, and community resources in and near

the wildfire-threatened communities of Mariposa, Eastern Madera County, and the Southern area of Yosemite National Park.

In addition to the shaded fuel break, YSRCDC will support Mariposa County neighborhoods in securing Firewise Community recognition and implementing the Firewise Community Action plan by hiring contractors for work in the communities once they receive Firewise Community status.

4. Applied – Waiting on Decision

CalFire 2023 Direct Funding Wild Fire Prevention Eastern Madera County 2023 Winter Storm Fire Hazard Mitigation

Deadline: 3/31/2023

Suggested Timeline: TBD

Requested: \$999,880.00

A. Purpose: Hazardous Fuels Reduction

B. Details: Hazardous Fuels Reduction will provide 2023 Winter Storm Fire Hazard Mitigation on properties located in the foothills/watershed to the sierras. It is estimated that all properties within this geographic scope were potentially affected by the Jan-March 2023 winter storms. The goals are to complete a minimum of 220 property assessments of storm damage and complete fire hazard mitigation based on the CAL FIRE Residential Defensible Space guidelines, valued at an average of \$3,000 per property, and additional large hazard tree mitigation up to \$100,000 of work. The application process will assess properties with priorities focused on Tribal, Elderly, Disabled, and low-income.

4. Scoping

Cal OES DR-4683 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

Deadline: NOI 5/10/2023, Application 8/4/2023

Suggested Timeline: TBD

Requested: \$TBD

A. Purpose: Hazard Mitigation

B. Details: This opportunity provides funding for communities to implement mitigation activities that reduce risk to life, property, and infrastructure from natural hazards. HMGP funding can support the development of hazard mitigation planning, project scoping activities (i.e., Advance Assistance), and mitigation projects. This funding opportunity presents significant funding for eligible mitigation activities across the State.

Subapplication Types:

- Planning - developing a new hazard mitigation plan or updating a current plan.
- Planning Related - updating/enhancing sections of the current FEMA-approved mitigation plan (risk and vulnerability assessments).
- Project (shovel-ready/phased) - 60% design development; design Phase 1; and construction Phase 2.
- Advance Assistance - planning and technical studies are needed to develop future shovel-ready mitigation projects and completed HMA sub-applications.

Projects in consideration: Madera County – Advance Assistance, Tulare County - Project to rebuild a bridge in Three Rivers.