

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY**

**Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Program Safe Drinking Water,  
Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection  
Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 84)**

**Applicant:** Butte County Fire Safe Council

**Project Title:** Forbestown Fuel Break Project – Phases 3 & 5

**Subregion:** North Central

**County:** Butte

**SNC Funding:** \$187,100

**Total Project Cost:** \$236,200

**Application Number:** 471

**Final Score:** 85.5

**PROJECT SCOPE**

The Forbestown Road Community Fuel Break has been designed and implemented through a collaborative community process over the past three years. Phases 1, 2 and 4 of the 5-phase project have been completed. Phases 3 and 5 will complete the entire community fuel break and provide a continuous landscape scale fuel break. The fuel break will reduce the likelihood of catastrophic wildfire and help protect watershed and water quality while also providing improved fire fighting access and safer evacuation opportunity for local residents.

The completed Forbestown Fuel Break will provide an extensive line of protection and firefighting access along the south side of the Lake Oroville Watershed. Even more significantly, it will help protect the greater Yuba Watershed and its communities from wildfire that would generally be expected to be pushed by prevailing winds from north to south.

Phase 3 consists of 32 acres of steep-sloped private timberland along Forbestown Road and Lower Forbestown Road. Vegetation will be treated with mastication through a contract with the landowner. Phase 5 encompasses 158 acres of heavy ridge top vegetation to be treated using dozer push & crush method through a contract with the landowners.

Additional funding or in-kind support to the project totaling \$49,000 will be provided by the landowners, University of California, Butte County Fire Safe Council, and Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council.

Landowner agreements will require that the project be maintained for a minimum of 10 years.

## PROJECT SCHEDULE

DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE
Complete agreements with landowners for vegetation treatments	August 2012
Complete archeological/biological protection measures	August – October 2012
Landowners vegetation treatments	October 2012 – December 2013
Treatment compliance review, monitoring	October 2012 – December 2013
Progress Reports (three)	January 2013, July 2013, Jan. 2014
Final Report	June 2014
<b>FINAL PAYMENT/FINAL PAYMENT REQUEST</b>	<b>June 30, 2014</b>

## PROJECT COSTS

PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES	TOTAL SNC FUNDING
Direct*	\$163,400
Indirect**	0
Administrative***	23,700
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$187,100</b>

\* Direct: Direct costs are expenses necessary to acquire, construct, or to adapt property to a new or different use, or to improve property including land, buildings and equipment. The property/expense must have a useful life longer than one year.

\*\* Indirect: Expenses involve ongoing operations, repair or maintenance costs, regardless of whether the repair or maintenance may last more than one year.

\*\*\* Administrative: Expenses associated with the administration of a project and may not exceed 15 percent of the total SNC grant request for direct and indirect costs.

## PROJECT LETTERS

- Support
  - Butte County Board of Supervisors' Resolution
  - Butte County Office of Emergency Management
  - South Feather Water and Power Agency
  - CAL FIRE/Butte County Fire Department
  - Forbestown Ridge Fire Safe Council
  - Yuba Watershed Protection and Fire Safe Council
  - U.S. Forest Service, Plumas National Forest, Feather River Ranger District
  - Jeremy Strait, Fire Mitigation and Education Specialist, BLM Redding Field Office
  - Butte County Resource Conservation District
  - Butte County Air Quality Management District

## **PROJECT PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

There are four Performance Measures common to all grants. In addition, grantees are required to include between one and three project-specific measures. Performance Measures listed here represent those proposed by applicants and may be modified through further discussion with SNC staff.

- Acres of land improved