

**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:** City of Auburn Fire Department

**Project Title:** American River Canyon Shaded Fuel Break

**Subregion:** Central

**County:** Placer

**SNC Funding:** \$146,690.00

**Total Project Cost:** \$286,610.00

**Application Number:** 567

**Final Score:** 78.75

**PROJECT SCOPE**

This project will complete fuels thinning on 60 acres of an 11 mile shaded fuel break along forested lands separating the City of Auburn from the Middle Fork American River. The project will result in the reduction of risk for catastrophic wildfire to spread between the community of Auburn to the adjacent Auburn State Recreation Area. Vegetation will be removed by hand; cutting and sawing, using hand saws, shears, and chainsaws. Cut materials will be hauled by hand, stacked in piles, and chipped with a mechanical chipper. Chipped materials will be scattered within the project area and left on site for natural decomposition. This shaded fuel break will also result in protection of water quality in the American River Watershed through prevention of catastrophic wildfire and associate sediment flow.

Additional funding and in-kind support for this project is being provided by the Auburn Fire Department and Cal Fire CDCR Hand Crews.

**PROJECT SCHEDULE**

<b>DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES</b>	<b>TIMELINE</b>
Pre-implementation field work and coordination: Establish operations plan (times of work, work locations, and resource needs) with project partners; mark and flag project area, project boundaries, hazards, mitigation areas, and access locations; coordinate with project partners on treatment prescription, work/safety/mitigation procedures, conduct training and review emergency procedures; conduct public outreach; secure	July – November 2012

vendor/contractor for specialized equipment and chipping equipment	
Fuels thinning and chipping	September 2012 – June 2014
6 Month Progress Reports	December 31, 2012 June 30, 2013 December 31, 2013
<b>FINAL REPORT/FINAL PAYMENT REQUEST</b>	<b>July 31, 2014</b>

### PROJECT COSTS

PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES	TOTAL SNC FUNDING
Direct*	\$135,330
Indirect**	6,200
Administrative***	5,160
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$146,690</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
  - Greater Auburn Area Fire Safe Council
  - California State Parks, Auburn State Recreation Area
  - California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
  - U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation
  - City of Auburn
  - California State Senator Doug LaMalfa
  - California State Senator Ted Gaines
  - California State Assemblywoman Beth Gaines

### 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 or Restored