

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY**

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

**Applicant:** Placer County Resource Conservation District

**Project Title:** Gillis Hill Fuel Break

**Subregion:** Central

**County:** Placer

**SNC Funding:** \$17,528.00

**Total Project Cost:** \$72,278.00

**Application Number:** 513

**Final Score:** 75.83

**PROJECT SCOPE**

This project will conduct surveys and outreach necessary to complete California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) documentation for an approximately 114 acre shaded fuel break on private lands between the North Fork of the American River and the communities of Colfax and Weimar. Steps to be completed include:

- Archaeological, nesting bird, rare plant, and threatened and endangered species surveys;
- Project area mapping and layout; and,
- Landowner outreach meetings.

Construction of this fuel break will help to protect portions of the North Fork of the American River watershed and homes of more than 7,000 residents. The fuel break would likewise reduce the spread of wildfire between adjacent Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Reclamation Lands, and connect an existing network of fuel breaks along the North Fork of the American River Canyon from Foresthill to Colfax.

## PROJECT SCHEDULE

<b>DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES</b>	<b>TIMELINE</b>
Archaeological surveys and nesting bird surveys	October – November 2012
Nesting bird, rare plant, and threatened and endangered species surveys	April – May 2013
Progress Report	June 30, 2013
Field site visits to layout shaded fuel break, GPS work and mapping	May – June 2013
<b>FINAL REPORT/FINAL PAYMENT REQUEST</b>	<b>July 31, 2013</b>

## PROJECT COSTS

<b>PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES</b>	<b>TOTAL SNC FUNDING</b>
Direct*	\$13,950
Indirect**	\$1,700
Administrative***	\$1,878
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,528</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/OPPOSITION

- Support
  - Placer County Resource Conservation District
  - Placer County Fire Safe Alliance
  - Bureau of Land Management Mother Lode Field Office
  - California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
  - Pacific Gas and Electric Company
  - Edwards Family Farm

## 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.

- Number of collaboratively developed plans and assessments
- Measureable changes in knowledge or behavior