



# MARIPOSA COUNTY

Administration · 966-3222



## RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2018-78

MEETING: February 27, 2018  
TO: The Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Dallin Kimble, County Administrative Officer  
RE: Approve CALFire Local Assistance for Tree Mortality Grant

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### **RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Approve the CALFire Local Assistance for Tree Mortality Grant; and Authorize the Board Chair to Sign the Grant Agreement.

Tree mortality continues to be a significant threat in Mariposa County. As trees continue to die, and as dead trees continue to decay, there is a growing risk of damage to public infrastructure, private property and the people of Mariposa County. Our county has taken significant steps to mitigate the risks to public health and safety, but additional resources are needed to widen the scope of mitigative impact.

The Local Assistance for Tree Mortality (LATM) Grant Program seeks to increase the pace and scale of tree mortality projects by providing up to 25% reimbursement for eligible costs in high priority counties such as Mariposa. This reimbursement can constitute the county portion of a project for California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) funds, which provide up to 75% reimbursement for eligible costs. Accordingly, this grant will allow the County to complete more than \$3.19 million in local hazard tree mitigation work.

Given the potential risk and the ability of these grant funds to increase the effectiveness and scope of ongoing tree mortality mitigation efforts, staff recommends approval of the LATM grant.

### **BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:**

The Board of Supervisors declared a State of Emergency related to tree mortality with Resolution 2015-446 and has regularly renewed this action.

On July 19, 2016, the Board directed staff to prepare an RFQ for a Tree Mortality Operations Manager, which was approved with Resolution 16-500 on September 20, 2016.

On December 20, 2016, the Board approved the selection of Blue Ridge Services, Inc., and directed staff to draft an agreement. The resulting agreement was approved on

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February 7, 2017, and is attached to this item. Subsequent amendments have all been approved.

### **ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:**

Do not approve this grant and the county not receive up to \$798,034.00 to continue efforts in battling tree mortality in Mariposa County

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**No impact to the general fund. Will add \$798,034 to Fund 448 to match California Disaster Assistance Act contributions.**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

**CALFire Grant Letter (PDF)**

**CALFire Grant Agreement (PDF)**

**Grant Signature Page (PDF)**

**RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor

**SECONDER:** Miles Menetrey, District V Supervisor

**AYES:** Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey