



# MARIPOSA COUNTY

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## RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2019-476

MEETING: August 13, 2019  
TO: The Board of Supervisors  
FROM: Dallin Kimble, County Administrative Officer  
RE: RCD Forest Health Grant MOU

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### **RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:**

Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Mariposa County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD) to Provide Tree Mortality Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$591,714; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the MOU.

In the early stages of the County's tree mortality mitigation effort, hazard trees were felled and cut to contour to maximize the impact of limited resources. Over time, additional state funds became available and costs dropped so that all felled trees could be removed; however funding sources stipulated that removal of previously felled trees would not be covered. These trees remain on the ground today unless a land owner has taken action to remove them.

MCRCD has recently received a CAL FIRE Forest Health Grant that includes a portion for removal of tree mortality trees that have already been felled. This MOU provides the County with up to \$591,714 for removal of those trees that were felled and left early in the County's project. Felled tree removal will be managed through an existing contract with Blue Ridge Services, invoiced separately and submitted to MCRCD for payment.

This MOU enables the County to complete its project and delivers a desirable benefit to our community. Future amendments to the Blue Ridge Services agreement may be needed to complete this project; this will be evaluated as the tree mortality project nears completion. Staff recommends approval of the MOU.

### **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.,

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and directed staff to draft an agreement. The resulting agreement was approved on February 7, 2017. As opportunities to expand the scope of the project have arisen, the Board has since amended the agreement with Blue Ridge Services on four separate occasions, with the last amendment occurring on June 25, 2019, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$5,500,000. Only up to \$140,000 of the payment amount will come from the County General Fund.

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

Do not approve. Felled trees will be left in place and MCRCD will reallocate these grant funds to other projects.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**This MOU allows the County to complete up to \$591,714 for felled tree removal. All funds for this project will be provided by the CAL FIRE grant.**

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

**RCD Forest Health Grant MOU (DOCX)**

**Grant Agreement 8GG18650 - Executed Copy (PDF)**

**RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**

**MOVER:** Marshall Long, District III Supervisor

**SECONDER:** Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

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