



MARIPOSA COUNTY

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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2019-96

MEETING: February 19, 2019
TO: The Board of Supervisors
FROM: Sarah Williams, Planning Director
RE: Hazard Mitigation Grant to Support the Midpines Strategic Fuel Reduction Prokect

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Approve the Submittal of an Application to the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to Support Implementation of a Forest Management Plan for 320 Acres in Midpines; Approve and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign a Professional Services Agreement with Blue Ridge Services, Inc. to Prepare the Application and, If Awarded, Perform the Hazard Mitigation Activities Supported by the Grant; and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Grant Agreement If Awarded (Subject to Approval as to Form by County Counsel).

The professional services agreement is necessary to augment the County's capacity for preparing a grant submittal. Blue Ridge Services, Inc. was selected through a Request for Qualifications process which sought Statements of Qualifications from contractors with expertise in grantwriting and management, as well as implementation of forest management projects in the Sierra foothills.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

On June 23, 2015, the Board of Supervisors adopted resolution 2015-313, which approved the 2015 Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. The LHMP lays the framework for future mitigation planning and action to benefit Mariposa County communities. The benefit of the LHMP adoption allows Mariposa County the ability to receive State and Federal grant and assistance funding. A consequence of not adopting the LHMP could forego an opportunity to qualify for future grants, disaster mitigation and recovery funding. Multiple sections of this plan identify the reduction of hazardous fuels as a hazard mitigation priority.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Negative action would result in the County not submitting a grant application for this round of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, and seeking funding to implement the Forest Management Plan through other means to be determined.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

This action would generate external funding to support wildfire hazard mitigation activities. The amount of funding generated is not known at this time.

ATTACHMENTS:

190207 Draft Resolution (DOCX)

DRAFT Agreement Midpines Strategic Fuel Reduction (DOCX)

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

SECONDER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor

AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MARIPOSA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Resolution No. 19-96

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM TO SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF A FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN IN MIDPINES AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD TO SIGN A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BLUE RIDGE SERVICES, INC. TO DEVELOP THE GRANT APPLICATION AND, IF AWARDED, PERFORM THE HAZARD MITIGATION ACTIVITIES.

WHEREAS, as a result of a presidentially declared disaster for the Summer 2018 California Wildfires and High Winds (DR-4382), Mariposa County is eligible for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Hazard Mitigation Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Notice of Interest submitted by Mariposa County to perform wildfire mitigation activities in Midpines (the Midpines Strategic Fuel Reduction Project) was approved by the California Office of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, the County is now eligible to develop a full sub-application to FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the County sought Statements of Qualification for qualified contractors to both assist the County in developing the full sub-application to the program, and to also conduct the mitigation activities included in the grant should it be awarded; and

WHEREAS, Blue Ridge Services, Inc. was identified as the preferred contractor to provide the range of services associated with this effort.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the submittal of an application to the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to support implementation of a forest management plan in Midpines, and authorize the Board to sign a professional services agreement with Blue Ridge Services, Inc. to develop the grant application and, if awarded, perform the hazard mitigation activities.

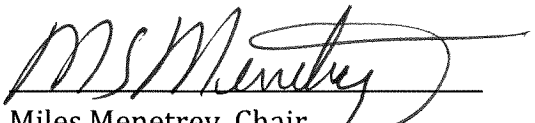
ON MOTION BY Supervisor Smallcombe, seconded by Supervisor Cann, this resolution is duly passed and adopted this 19th day of February, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES: SMALLCOMBE, JONES, LONG, CANN, MENETREY


NOES: NONE

EXCUSED: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE


Miles Menetrey, Chair
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:


René LaRoche, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Steven W. Dahlem, County Counsel