

Trinity County Fire Safe Council
and Firewise Communities Program



Trinity County Fire Safe Council Meeting
Thursday, January 28, 2021, 1:00pm
Zoom Call

Agenda

Teleconferencing available through: +1-669-900-9128, Meeting ID: 828 328 725#
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1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Additions or Changes to the Agenda

3. Presentation about Right-Of-Way Expansion Project--Paul Hauser of Trinity Public Utilities District

- Project features:
 - “Expand the width of WAPA’s ROW for the 17.5 miles between Trinity Substation and Weaverville Switchyard from 80 feet to up to 130 feet.
 - Expand the width of Trinity PUD’s transmission and distribution utility ROW for 216.8 miles from 20 feet to up to 130 feet (based on topography, land use, and sensitive resources). The existing ROW easements for underground distribution lines would not change.
 - Improve WAPA’s existing legal access roads using Best Management Practices for routine access road maintenance and associated rehabilitation. Trinity PUD would maintain existing ROW access roads to the road standards set by the land managers.
 - Clear vegetation within the ROWs using a combination of mechanical, manual, and herbicidal control methods.
 - Update WAPA and Trinity PUD’s Operation and Maintenance Plans for long-term maintenance of vegetation and protection of sensitive resources within the ROW. “
- Find more information about the project here:
<https://www.wapa.gov/regions/SN/environment/Pages/WRAP.aspx>
- There will be time for Q&A with Paul Hauser.

4. Outreach/News

- Discuss proposed resolution to BOS for Trinity County Wildfire Preparedness Day as May 1, 2021.

5. Project Updates

- BLM
- CAL FIRE
- Caltrans

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- Hyampom Fire Safe Council
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- USFS Shasta-Trinity NF
- USFS Six-Rivers NF
- Watershed Research & Training Center
- Weaverville VFD

6. Housekeeping for 2021

- Select a monthly meeting day & time for 2021.

Next Meeting: TBD.

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Trinity County Fire Safe Council Meeting
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1. August Complex Recovery Efforts - Rick Tippet (Trinity County Transportation Department)
2. Trinity County CWPP 2020 Update - Amelia Fleitz (TCRCD)
 - a. Propose approval for 2020 CWPP Update
 - b. CWPP live data portal walk through
 - c. Past Project Analysis Draft Findings

4. Outreach/News

- Chair/Co-Chair positions
- Resolution to BOS for Trinity County Wildfire Preparedness Day as May 1, 2021 and May as Wildfire Awareness Month approved by the Trinity County Board of Supervisors on Feb 17, 2021.
- Living with Wildfire (Trinity Journal Special Edition) Advertisements and Articles due by April 14, 2021 (see attached price chart).
 - Review TCFSC Advertisement Draft
- Living with Wildfire Mini Series
- Trinity County Fire Safe Council Website Remodel (new domain options: trinitycountyfsc.com, trinitycountyfiresafe.com, tcfiresafe.com, trinityfiresafe.com, firesafetrinity.com with options for .net or .org)
- Letter to Request a Board of Supervisor Appointment for Participation

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 - PGE funding for Orleans Project
- Watershed Research & Training Center
- Weaverville VFD
- Willow Creek FSC

6. Grants

- **The FM Global Fire Prevention Grant Program (Ongoing):** The FM Global Insurance Company's Fire Prevention Grant Program provides seed funding to help support a wide array of fire prevention, preparedness, and control efforts. For example, one major category of funding is Fire Prevention Education/Training, which includes community outreach initiatives, workshops, and publications. Matching funds are not required. Past awards average from \$1,000- \$3,000, and go up to \$10,000. Yearly deadlines are March 31, June 30, September 30 and December 31. [Click here for the program page.](#)
- **USDA Rural Development Home Repair Loan & Grant Pilot Program:** Low income families are eligible for \$10,000 in grants and \$40,000 in loans to repair their homes to repair, improve or modernize homes, and to remove health and safety hazards. Can be used for fire prevention to include removing brush and trees and necessary home renovations to prevent fires. For more information visit www.rd.usda.gov. (see included flyer)

Next Meeting: March 25, 2021 at 1pm via Zoom.

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Home Repair Loan & Grant - Pilot Program

What does this program do?

Rural Development's Home Repair Loan and Grant Pilot Program increases the maximum amount of assistance available to very-low-income homeowners, as well as improves access to the program in an effort to better assist those in need. This program helps repair, improve and modernize homes in eligible rural areas.

Who may apply for this program?

To qualify you must:

- Be the home and lot owner, and occupy the house.
- Be unable to obtain affordable credit elsewhere.
- For grants, be 62 or older and not be able to repay a loan.
- Have a family income below 50% of the area median income.

Trinity County income limits:
1-4 person family \$34,950
5-8 person family \$46,150

What is an eligible area?

Generally, rural areas with a population less than 35,000 are eligible. Applicants may **check the address** of their home to determine eligibility online.

How much money can I get?

- Maximum loan is \$40,000.
- Maximum grant is \$10,000.
- Loans and grants can be combined for up to \$50,000 in assistance.

What are the terms of the loan or grant?

- Loans can be repaid over 20 years at 1% fixed interest rate.
- Full title service and appraisal required for loans more than \$25,000.
- Lots may be subdivided as long as it is modest, typical for the area, and not used for ag or income producing purposes.
- Escrow account and hazard insurance for loans \$15,000 or more.
- Grants have a lifetime limit of \$10,000.
- Grants must be repaid if the property is sold in less than 3 years.

How may funds be used?

- Loans may be used to repair, improve, or modernize homes or to remove health and safety hazards.
- Grants must be used to remove health and safety hazards.
- Eligible uses include repairing septic systems, wells, roofs, plumbing, electrical and more.
- Funds may be used for fire prevention safety hazards including removal of brush and trees and necessary home renovations to prevent fires.

Is there a deadline to apply?

Applications are available year round as long as funding is available, and are processed in the order they are received.

How do I get started?

Contact a USDA home loan specialist in your area.

Trinity County Contacts

Cheri Skudlarek, cheri.skudlarek@usda.gov

530-691-5851

Andrea Harbert, andrea.harbert@usda.gov

530-691-5854

Visit www.rd.usda.gov to learn more or contact your local office for assistance.
USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.

February 2021

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February 18, 2021

Trinity County Board of Supervisors
Attn: Dr. Richard Kuhns
Clerk of the Board
11 Court St, Room 230
PO Box 1613
Weaverville, CA 96093

Dear Trinity County Board of Supervisors,

In the interest of the Trinity County Fire Safe council, I, Chief Todd Corbett, request that a member of the Board of Supervisors is appointed to attend the monthly Trinity County Fire Safe Council meetings.

The Trinity County Fire Safe Council requests this participation as this group represents the collaboration between the local, county, and federal land management agencies to collaborate and cooperate all aspects of wildfire management in Trinity County. These meetings provide access to planning and implementation efforts for fuel reduction and wildfire management throughout Trinity County.

Previously, Bobbi Chadwick was appointed to these meetings, but I would like to extend an official request for future Board of Supervisors to participate as another voice representing the interest of the public and the County. These meetings are generally held every fourth Thursday of the month from 1-2pm in the Conference Room at the Trinity County Resource Conservation District or via Zoom.

Please contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Chief Todd Corbett
Chair, Trinity County Fire Safe Council

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- 2021 Advertising Rates - WILDFIRE PREPARDNESS

April 28, 2021

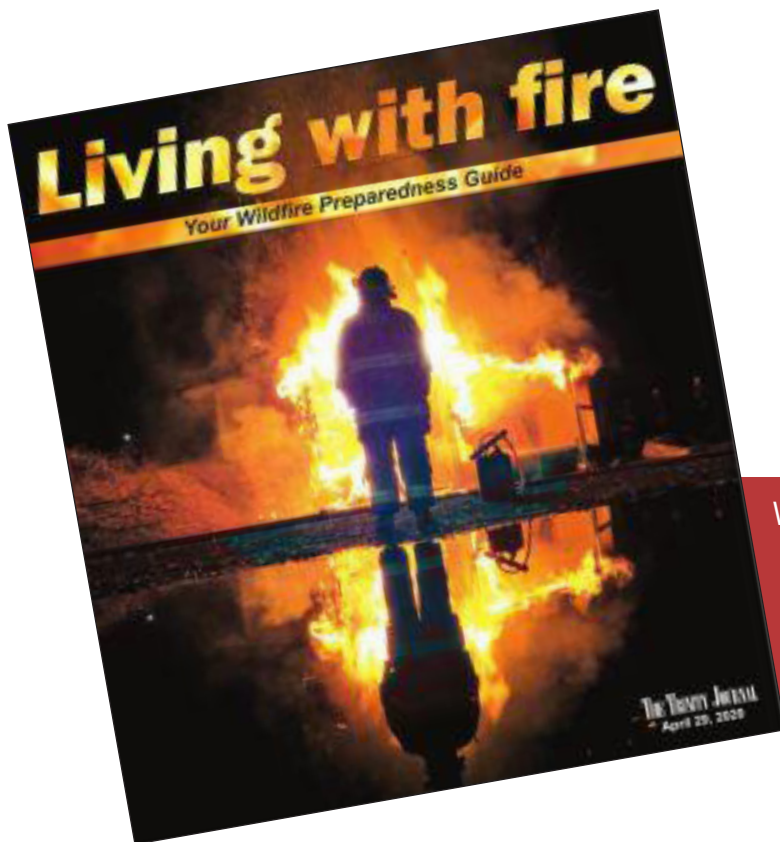
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3/4 Page	\$229	*Inside Back Cover	\$349

DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE:

- **5% discount** if advertisement is prepaid by April 14
- **10% discount** if you go into all four 2021 special sections (Wildfire, Rec. Guide, Fair, Almanac) and prepay by April 14. Credit cards welcome - Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express



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1/16 Page	2.37 x 2.54
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	or 10 x 2.54
1/2 Page	10 x 5.24
	or 4.9 x 10.62
3/4 Page	10 x 7.9
Full Page	10 x 10.62

We plan to print a minimum of 5,000 Wildfire Guides. They will be inserted into the April 28 Trinity Journal, and then distributed throughout the community during spring and into summer. The entire section will be posted to our website.

The deadline for ad reservation and content is: 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 14

Questions, reservations to: joelp@trinityjournal.com **Ad content to:** tjads@trinityjournal.com



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- Introduce Christopher Baker - California Fire Safe Council Northern Regional Coordinator
- August Complex Phase I - USFS - Shasta-Trinity NF (Kelli McElroy)
- Three Forks Project - USFS Six Rivers NF (Nancy Curran)

4. Outreach/News

- Living with Wildfire (Trinity Journal Special Edition) Advertisements and Articles due by April 14, 2021
 - Discuss Theme: CWPP Implementation by Agency
- Living with Wildfire Mini Series
- May 1st: Wildfire Preparedness Day
- SB 332 - Change Liability for Certified Burn Bosses (see attached letter and white paper)
- Guy Covington Mill Scoping
 - Request for Letter of Support

5. Project Updates

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5. Grants

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- Title III Update
- CALFIRE FOREST HEALTH: <https://www.fire.ca.gov/grants/forest-health-grants/>
- CALFIRE FIRE PREVENTION: <https://www.fire.ca.gov/grants/fire-prevention-grants/>

Next Meeting: April 22, 2021 at 1pm via Zoom.



SB 332 – DODD PRESCRIBED BURNING - LIABILITY

Summary

SB 332 would establish a “gross negligence” liability standard for individuals who are trained and certified as a qualified burn boss when conducting prescribed burn operations for vegetation management and wildfire prevention purposes. The bill would also apply the same standard of negligence for property owners who contract with trained and certified burn bosses to conduct prescribed burns on their property.

Background

Prescribed burning is the controlled application of fire to the land to reduce wildfire hazards, clear downed trees, control plant diseases, improve rangeland and wildlife habitats, and restore natural ecosystems. Sometimes called a controlled burn or prescribed fire, prescribed burning is one of the most important and cost-effective tools used to manage fire today. As catastrophic wildfires continue to be a growing concern in California, the use of prescribed burning to reduce hazardous fuels is projected to increase. Daily burn decisions are issued based on the forecast of fire risk, air quality and meteorological conditions that can affect smoke dispersion. People who conduct prescribed burn operations are known as “burn bosses.”

Resistance to the use of prescribed fire is strong among many private land managers despite the advantages it offers for maintaining fire-prone ecosystems. Often, managers who are aware of the benefits of using prescribed fire as a

management tool avoid using it because of fear of liability for damages that may result from an escaped fire or smoke even though prescribed burns rarely escape their containment and almost never cause losses. In the United States, state open burning statutes define the standard of care owed to the public by burn bosses. In a lawsuit, a burn boss will be found liable for damages resulting from their fire or smoke if they have not met the standard of care prescribed by their state statute. If a state has not developed a statute specifically related to open burning or prescribed burning, judges will apply the standard of care established by previous prescribed burning cases in their state. Three different standards of care have emerged for prescribed fire practitioners: strict liability, simple negligence, and gross negligence.

Liability insurance has become one of the major barriers to prescribed fire. If private companies, contractors, land trusts, and non-profits cannot obtain sufficient insurance, they are unable to implement prescribed burning. Land managers who are aware of the benefits of using prescribed fire as a management tool avoid using it, citing potential liability and lack of available insurance as a major reason for their aversion. Recognizing the importance of prescribed fire for wildfire risk reduction, ecosystem management and the constraints current statutory schemes impose on its use, several states in the United States have undertaken prescribed burn statutory reform.



Five states have adopted gross negligence standards, in whole or in part: Florida, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, and South Carolina. Perhaps unsurprisingly, states with gross negligence standards see significantly more private burning. Research shows that prescribed fire is applied more often and to more land in states with gross negligence standards than in neighboring states with simple negligence standards. There is also evidence that limiting burn boss liability via gross negligence standards can increase private landowner participation in the use of prescribed fire even when the regulations for attaining this limited liability are more onerous.

Existing Law

Under current California law burn bosses are subject to a “simple negligence” standard of liability. This liability standard means that any person “who personally or through another, willfully, negligently, or in violation of law” sets fire or allows an escaped fire to damage another’s property is liable for that damage. Likewise, property owners can be liable for third-party damage caused by fire escaping from their property, even if they do not set the fire, if they are found to have failed to exercise “due diligence” to control the fire. While these statutes refer explicitly to *property* damages, courts have held that burn bosses and property owners can also be liable under these statutes for other harms, such as bodily injury, death, or smoke-related harms.

State law also holds burn bosses responsible for fire suppression costs. Specifically, anyone who “negligently, or in violation of the law” allows a fire to escape is liable for the costs of fire suppression, rescue and medical services, and related investigations.

If a burn boss obtains a burn permit from CAL FIRE, then state law provides that “compliance with the permit issued [] constitute[s] prima facie evidence of due diligence.” In other words, if the burn boss obtains a CAL FIRE permit, and can demonstrate compliance with every term, then the burn boss may prove—in the first instance—that their actions were not negligent and they should not be liable. However, a harmed party can still rebut that showing, either by proving that the burn boss did not comply with the terms of the permit, that the permit terms were not reasonable, or perhaps that the permit was obtained with false or misleading information. In addition, CalFire burn permits are not required for all types of prescribed burns and at all times of year.

Under existing law the State Fire Marshall has developed a curriculum for the training and certification of burn bosses who manage prescribed burns. The curriculum provides for the initial training and certification, as well as continuing education of burn bosses such that each trained and certified burn boss is deemed qualified to engage in prescribed burning operations. Burn bosses are highly experienced fire practitioners – typically with more than a decade of experience in wildland fire.

This Bill

SB 332 simply says that individuals who have been trained and met the certification standards established by the State Fire Marshall pursuant to state law, and who possess authority to engage in prescribed burn operations, shall not be liable for any damage or injury to property or persons that is caused by an authorized prescribed burn unless the prescribed burn was conducted in a grossly negligent manner. The bill would also apply this standard to property owners who contract with



a trained and certified burn boss who supervises or oversees a prescribed burn on their property.

Support

None on File

Opposition

None on File

Contact

Les Spahnn: Leslie.Spahnn@sen.ca.gov

Trinity County Fire Safe Council & Firewise Communities Program



March 25, 2021

Senator Bill Dodd
State Capitol, Room 2082
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 322 (Dodd) – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Dodd:

Trinity County Fire Safe Council is pleased to submit this letter in support of your SB 332. By reforming the liability standard for certified burn bosses, this legislation will remove a major disincentive that currently prevents highly trained prescribed fire practitioners from applying 'good fire' to the landscape. The additional liability protection provided to certified burn bosses under SB 332 will enable burn bosses to expand the application of controlled burns throughout the state, improving California's wildfire resilience and aiding in averting catastrophic fire seasons like those experienced by the state in 2018 and 2020.

Under current law, prescribed fire practitioners are subject to a 'simple negligence' standard for escaped fires—that is, they may be found liable for property damage or personal injury if they fail to exercise the care of a 'reasonably prudent person.' While less than 1% of prescribed fires escape their intended burn area and property damage and personal injuries are exceedingly rare, concerns over *potential* liability nevertheless severely disincentivize the application of prescribed fire. As a result, practitioners engage in fewer burns and/or smaller, less-complicated burns, providing less wildfire resilience than would a robust prescribed fire regime. Additionally, the simple negligence liability standard impacts the availability of liability insurance for practitioners.

SB 332 would apply a 'gross negligence' liability standard to certified burn bosses, holding them liable only for damages resulting from reckless or willful misconduct. There is little reason to believe that this change in law would significantly increase damages from prescribed fire, particularly because the gross negligence standard would only apply to highly qualified, well trained prescribed fire professionals certified as burn bosses under a curriculum developed by the State Fire Marshall. But the benefits of the gross negligence standard would be significant, improving access to liability insurance, increasing the state's wildfire resilience through preventative application of 'good fire,' and expanding the suite of ecological benefits that prescribed fires provide.

Experts believe that California should burn upwards of 1 million acres per year via prescribed fire to avert another catastrophic wildfire season, but current levels are only about 125,000 acres per year. Because it will promote the application of prescribed fire by reforming the liability standard for the

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state's most qualified prescribed fire practitioners, your SB 332 will make measurable improvements in the state's wildfire resiliency. Consequently, Trinity County Fire Safe Council is happy to support SB 332, and we thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Assistant Chief Carol Fall
Chair, Trinity County Fire Safe Council

File Code: 1950
Date: March 23, 2021

Dear Interested Party,

The Shasta-Trinity National Forest, Trinity River Management Unit (TRMU), is seeking comments on the proposed Guy Covington Fuel Reduction Project. The purpose of the project is to increase wildland fire suppression capability, mitigate risk to communities and infrastructure from future high intensity wildfire, and provide for firefighter and public safety. Treatments are designed to improve the connectivity and effectiveness of past fuel treatments and defensible space on private lands. The project is in Township 35N, Range 8W, sections 4 and 9, Mount Diablo Meridian. See the attached maps.

Background/Desired Condition

The project area is adjacent to Highway 3 and two small communities. The entire project is located within the wildland urban interface¹ (WUI) of Guy Covington and Lake Forest Estates, California. Highway 3 is the only access and egress route for these communities. This project will help to reduce fire behavior from any fires igniting along Highway 3 and moving onto private lands, as well as any fires igniting on private lands and threatening the highway.

The project area is a total of approximately 14 acres in size, running linear along Highway 3 (100 feet on either side of highway). The current surface fuel loadings within the project area is approximately 20 tons per acre. The desired fuel loading is 10 tons per acre or less in smaller diameter fuels (i.e., 1-9 inch).

The entire project area is within the Late-Successional Reserve² (LSR) land allocation. As described in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan³ (LRMP), the overall management objective of the LSR is to protect and enhance conditions of late-successional and old-growth forest ecosystems. The project is also within the Weaverville/Lewiston Management Area⁴, where late-successional forest stands are managed to maintain health and diversity components through the use of prescribed fire and thinning from below.

¹ The area where structures and other human development meet or intermingle with undeveloped wildland or vegetative fuels.

² LRMP page 4-37.

³ Shasta-Trinity National Forest, 1995.

⁴ LRMP page 4-107.



This project is expected to fall under the following Categorical Exclusion (CE) category: 36 CFR 220.6 (e) (6) “Timber stand and/or wildlife habitat improvement activities that do not include the use of herbicides or do not require more than 1 mile of low standard road construction”.

Proposed Action

To meet the purpose and need of increasing wildland fire suppression capability, mitigating risk to communities and infrastructure from future high intensity wildfire, and providing for firefighter and public safety, the Forest proposes the following treatments.

- Thin conifers up to 8 inches DBH on a 20-30 foot spacing.
- Thin hardwoods⁵ up to 4 inches DBH on a 15-20 foot spacing.
- Cut all dead brush.
- Prune trees up to 7 feet high.
- Activity and surface fuels would be treated through combination of chipping⁶, hand pile burning⁷ and lop and scatter.
- Maintenance of the project area would occur using the same treatments as described above as fuel loading exceed the desired conditions.

Your Involvement

If you have information you feel that we may not be aware of, concerns or questions, you are encouraged to let us know; however, to be helpful, your comments should be as site-specific as possible and relate only to the proposal. Your input will be considered in the analysis, may be used to refine the proposal, or may be used to evaluate the environmental consequences of implementation.

For us to have adequate time to review comments, comments should be received by close of business April 16, 2021. Please submit your comments in writing. Mail written comments to: U.S. Forest Service, Weaverville Ranger District, Attn: Lara Graham, P.O. Box 1190, Weaverville, CA, 96093. Electronic comments may be sent via email to: STNF-comments-TRMU@fs.fed.us. Attachments may be in the following formats: plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), Word (.doc, .docx), or portable document format (.pdf). Please address Subject comments to “Guy Covington Fuel Reduction Project”.

If you have questions regarding the fuel reduction activities, please call Lara Graham at 530-623-2121, or e-mail: lara.graham@usda.gov. You can also find more information on the project website at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=59653>.

⁵ A hardwood less than 6 feet tall is considered “brush” and would be thinned under the hardwood thinning specifications listed above.

⁶ Chipping would be implemented with either a wheeled chipper that stays on a road or a track chipper with a psi of 3 that walks on top of surface fuels.

⁷ The size of hand piles would be an average of 5 feet in diameter and 5 feet tall.

We appreciate your interest in the management of our public lands and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

X *Tara DeJong*

TARA D. JONES
District Ranger



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- CALFIRE FIRE PREVENTION: <https://www.fire.ca.gov/grants/fire-prevention-grants/>
- CAL FIRE - Rural Fire Capacity Grants Open: - pays for Wildland PPE, pagers, radios up to \$20,000 for volunteer fire departments. <https://www.fire.ca.gov/programs/fire-protection/cooperative-efforts/> closes May 4, 2021.

Next Meeting: May 26, 2021 at 1pm via Zoom.

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- a. Post-Fire Social Impact Research Opportunity - Dr. Ronald Schumann of University of Northern Texas - Emergency Management and Disaster Science

4. Outreach/News

- a. May 1st: Wildfire Preparedness Day
- b. Southern Trinity - CWPP Updates
- c. TCRCDC Letter of Commitment Request for CFSC Proposal
- d. TCRCDC Letter of Support Request for NACD Technical Assistance Proposal
- e. Rural County Representatives of California

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- a. California Fire Safe Council - 2021 State Fire Assistance funded in partnership with USFS to support fire risk reduction by landowners and residents in at-risk communities to include fuel hazard mitigation, CWPP development, firewise assessments, and prevention and mitigation outreach. Applications of due by June 15, 2021. <https://cafiresafecouncil.org/grants-and-funding/21-sfa-grant-program/>

Next Meeting: June 24, 2021 at 1pm via Zoom.

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Background for Rural County Representatives of California:

RCRC Member County Supervisors and County Administrative Officers:

The California Fire Safe Council (CFSC), in partnership with the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) and the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), and funded by a CAL FIRE grant, is reaching out to determine counties' interest in receiving a one-time 18-month grant to assist with county wildfire mitigation outreach and coordination. In support of several statewide initiatives, including the California Forest and Wildfire Resilience Action Plan, the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Programs, and the Governor's Early Action Priorities for Wildfire, they are able to provide this grant under a specific \$6M statewide appropriation to develop, coordinate, and plan for countywide wildfire mitigation assistance as a pilot program initiative.

Counties with a higher number of disadvantaged communities along with Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones and frequent, damaging fires will receive first priority; however, all counties are being solicited for interest at this time. Please feel free to forward this information to members of your county staff as appropriate.

CFSC anticipates holding a workshop for interested counties in mid-June. Please see the letter for full details [here](#), and contact either Staci Heaton (RCRC) at sheaton@rcrcnet.org or Kate Dargan (CFSC) at ktdargan@gmail.com if your county is interested.



CALIFORNIA FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

Date: May 17th, 2021

To: Chair, County Board of Supervisors

From: Executive Director Hedi Jalon
CA Fire Safe Council

Subj: County Wildfire Coordinators Grant

The CA Fire Safe Council, in partnership with CSAC and RCRC, and funded by a CAL FIRE grant, is writing to determine your interest in receiving a one-time 18-month grant to assist with county wildfire mitigation outreach and coordination. In support of several statewide initiatives, including the California Forest and Wildfire Resilience Action Plan, the Regional Forest and Fire Capacity Programs, and the Governor's Early Action Priorities for Wildfire, we are able to provide this grant under a specific \$6M statewide appropriation to develop, coordinate, and plan for countywide wildfire mitigation assistance as a pilot program initiative.

Counties with a higher number of disadvantaged communities along with Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones and frequent, damaging fires will receive first priority; however all counties are being solicited for interest at this time. The funds are not sufficient to extend to all counties but we will not know the final tally until all interested counties have responded. We anticipate an ability to award approximately \$175,000 to cover an 18-month salary and support cost.

The CA Fire Safe Council's existing Regional Coordinators will work with your County Coordinator to assist their efforts, provide guidance, and help connect them with a variety of current and to-be-developed resources. The grant is lightly scoped to provide the following deliverables to the CA Fire Safe Council and CAL FIRE:

1. Coordinate among the various groups within the county that participate in wildfire mitigation and develop a census of those groups, contact points, collaboration efforts, and projects.
2. Develop tools to assist counties in outreach and coordination efforts such as group formation, funding plans, governance structures, and state/regional/local planning efforts.
3. Provide comprehensive Final Report summarizing the County Wildfire Outreach and Coordination Plans, key issues, success outcomes and gaps, and recommendations.

We anticipate that there will be plenty of additional time available to the County Coordinator to conduct local outreach, write grants, conduct administrative work, attend meetings, coordinate volunteers, or otherwise support your current efforts as needed for your county. We also recognize that there are differing models for building wildfire prevention, preparedness, outreach, and resiliency programs – for example, if you do not have a countywide Fire Safe Council, you may choose to develop one or work with other organizations that focus on community wildfire hardening and resiliency strategies.

May 17, 2021



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We also can direct these funds at your request to any non-profit or other public agency within your county at your request. Whatever agency receives the funds will be required to be a sub-award applicant and will have to provide the records for grant expenditures and salary payment. We do not anticipate an onerous degree of record-keeping, but there will be some and there will be deliverables and quarterly progress reports along with workshop attendance occasionally and check-ins.

It is possible that these funds will be supplemented and more counties will be able to participate and/or that these funds will be funded for a longer period of time than the initial 18-month pilot. We cannot guarantee that at this time but we are advocating for that consideration at the state level.

We anticipate holding a County Supervisor workshop for interested counties in mid-June in concert with CSAC and RCRC. Please respond to this letter through your organizational affiliations via email at:

RCRC - Staci Heaton at sheaton@rcrcnet.org

CSAC - Catharine Freeman at cfreeman@counties.org

CFSC – Kate Dargan at ktdargan@gmail.com

Please include the point of contact for the Board of Supervisors and your designated fire safety organization should you wish us to contact them directly with this invitation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hedi Jalon".

Hedi Jalon
Executive Director
CA Fire Safe Council

Cc: Co-Chairs CFSC Bob Roper and Kate Dargan
CFSC Board Members
RCRC/Staci Heaton
CSAC/Catherine Freeman
RFFC/Ke'alli Bright
CAL FIRE/Steve Hawks
Forest and Wildfire Task Force/Patrick Wright

May 17, 2021

Trinity County Fire Safe Council & Firewise Communities Program



Trinity County Fire Safe Council
PO Box 1450
Weaverville, CA 96093

May 27, 2021

California Fire Safe Council
5834 Price Avenue, #101
McClellan, CA 95652

RE: Trinity County Fuel Reduction and Firewise Education Application

Dear California Fire Safe Council,

The Trinity County Fire Safe Council (FSC) supports the Trinity County Resource Conservation District's (TCRCD) application to bring funding for Fuel Reduction and Firewise Education to Trinity County. This project encompasses partnering with local volunteer fire departments for fuel reduction projects, county-wide adult and youth education programming, and continued support for a county-wide chipping program.

The Trinity County FSC is excited to see a program for fire ecology, wildfire education, and emergency preparedness reach the youth. TCRCD's experienced staff will lead youth environmental education in the classroom, on-field trips, and in summer camps offering combined enthusiastic energy and valuable skill sets. In the past, TCRCD has hosted youth fire ecology days in Weaverville and Junction City that were a success amongst students and educators. This opportunity seeks to expand these youth experiences throughout the whole county.

The Trinity County FSC commits to \$10,000 of in-kind participation in support of the community events (Wildfire Preparedness Day Fair and Trinity County Annual Fair) and implementation of youth firewise education.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Assistant Chief Carol Fall, Trinity Center VFD
Trinity County FSC Chair

Trinity County Fire Safe Council & Firewise Communities Program



Trinity County Fire Safe Council
PO Box 1450
Weaverville, CA 96093

May 27, 2021

National Association of Conservation Districts
590 Capitol Court, NE
Washington, DC 20002-4937

RE: Trinity County Resource Conservation District - Environmental Quality Incentives Program and Conservation Stewardship Technical Program Assistance Proposal

Dear National Association of Conservation Districts,

The Trinity County Fire Safe Council (FSC) supports the Trinity County Resource Conservation District's (TCRCD) application for technical assistance capacity building for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQUIP) and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP). The Trinity County FSC recognizes the need to increase connectivity between the private landowners and the Natural Resource Conservation Service programs to promote inclusion to generate successful projects and outcomes.

Trinity County RCD has referred members to the NRCS EQUIP program in the past, but still many landowners are unaware of the program or the changes that occur with each new Farm Bill. With the potential to add positions to the Trinity County RCD which acts as the voice for private landowners in the County and to connect landowners to available resources and grant funding we hope to see an increase in the continuity of EQUIP and CSP projects implemented within Trinity County to increase the success in the vitality and expected outcomes from the project.

The Trinity County FSC believes in the experience and knowledge of the TCRCD to implement this assistance to the residents of the County.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Assistant Chief Carol Fall, Trinity Center VFD
Trinity County FSC Chair

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Trinity County Fire Safe Council Meeting
Thursday, June 24, 2021, 1:00pm
Zoom Call

Agenda

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1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Additions or Changes to the Agenda

3. Presentations

4. Outreach/News

a. Local Area Resource List

b. Request to Trinity County for Trinity County RCD to apply on behalf of the Trinity County Fire Safe Council to be the official entity for the RCRC funding.

5. Project Updates

a. BLM

b. CAL FIRE

c. Caltrans

d. Hyampom FSC

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- a. Local Area Resource List
- b. CFSC FSC Coordination Funding Update
- c. RAC Update

5. Project Updates

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Next Meeting: August 26, 2021 at 1pm

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Trinity County Fire Safe Council Meeting
Thursday, September 23, 2021, 1:00pm
Zoom Call



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2. Additions or Changes to the Agenda

3. Presentations

- a. TCRCO CAL FIRE Forest Health and Fire Prevention Awards

4. Outreach/News

- a. Local Area Resource List
- b. CFSC FSC Coordination Funding Proposal
- c. RAC Update/Proposals
- d. Southern Trinity Fire Safe Council Development Report
- e. Trinity County
- f. CAL OES BRIC Funding - Future Planning

5. Project Updates

- a. BLM
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Next Meeting: August 26, 2021 at 1pm

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Trinity County Fire Safe Council Meeting
Thursday, October 28, 2021, 1:00pm
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1. Welcome & Introductions

- a. Select November/December Meeting Date

2. Additions or Changes to the Agenda

3. Presentations

4. Outreach/News

- a. Local Area Resource List
- b. CFSC Evacuation Route Planning Funding
- c. Southern Trinity Fire Safe Council Development Report
- d. CAL OES BRIC Funding - Future Planning

5. Discussions

- a. Planning for the Future
 - i. Recovering from Wildfire
 - ii. Treating the Untreated Landscape
 - iii. Absentee Landowners

6. Project Updates

- a. BLM
- b. CAL FIRE
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- b. **Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities** is authorized by the Stafford Act and supports states, local communities, tribes, and territories as they undertake hazard mitigation projects, reducing the risks they face from disasters and natural hazards. <https://www.grants.ca.gov/grants/building-resilient-infrastructure-and-communities-bric-and-flood-mitigation-assistance-fma-2021/>
- c. **Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Grant Program (10/29)** [The Council of Western State Foresters Wildland Urban Interface \(WUI\) Grant Program](#) funds hazard fuel reduction in the WUI, information and education, assessment and planning, and monitoring through community and landowner action. Each grant request is limited to a maximum of \$300,000. 50/50 match fund requirement. Only state/Pacific Island government agencies/organizations can submit applications for the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Grant Program. Application deadline is **October 29, 2021**.
- d. **2021 County Evacuation Route Grant Opportunity (11/30)** The California Fire Safe Council's [County Evacuation Route Grant](#) will fund \$1.9 million dollars in total to county subgrantees completing wildfire evacuation route projects. Eligible projects include evacuation route planning, implementation, public education, construction, signage, maintenance, and related activities. Counties may also choose to direct funds to any non-profit or other public agency who will complete the evacuation project work. Applications open **October 18, 2021** and will close **November 5, 2021 at 11:59pm PST**. [Click here](#) to view a recording of the informational grant webinar held on October 7, 2021.

Next Meeting: TBD

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1. **Welcome & Introductions**
2. **Presentations**
 - a. **Trinity County Title III Funding - proposals due December 2, 2021**
 - i. **Request from WRTC, TCRCD, TCVFD and WVFD for letters of support.**
 - ii. **Any others seeking letters of support for this funding opportunity please send your intent to Amelia prior to the meeting.**

Next Meeting: December 16, 2021 at 1pm



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**ATTENTION COMMUNITY/EMERGENCY SERVICE
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TITLE III PROPOSALS INVITED**

At their December 21, 2021 meeting the Board of Supervisors will consider proposals from local public service agencies for the 2019 and 2020 fiscal year Secure Rural Schools Title III allocations. The County has approximately \$192,000 that will be awarded to various agencies for eligible projects.

Eligible projects would include:

- 1) Activities under the Firewise Community program to provide homeowner education and activities;
- 2) Reimbursement to the participating county for search and rescue and other emergency services, including firefighting and law enforcement patrols, on federal lands;
- 3) To cover training costs and equipment purchases directly related to the emergency service described in paragraph (2); and
- 4) Development of and/or carrying out of, Community Wildfire Protection Plans.

Written proposals are due to the County by 4:00 p.m. on December 2, 2021 and may be delivered as follows:

Trinity County Administrative Office
11 Court Street, Room 230
PO Box 1613
Weaverville, CA 96093

Please contact Suzie Hawkins at 530-623-1382 or shawkins@trinitycounty.org with questions or for further information.

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4. **Outreach/News**
 - a. Updated Email (Monthly Newsletter)
5. **Discussions**
 - a. Air Quality
 - b. Local Area Resource List
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7. **Grant Opportunities**
 - a. CFSC Evacuation Route Planning Funding
 - i. Letter of Support request from RCD/County for their proposal for \$150,000 to write an Evacuation Plan, complete evacuation route analysis and prioritization identifying projects for road improvements, signage installation and education and outreach.

Next Meeting: January 27, 2022 1pm.