



**Forest Management Task Force
Northern Regional Prioritization Group
Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, March 12, 2020 (2nd Thursday of every other month)
8:30 – 10:00 AM
Conference Call: **1 (707) 576-2048**

- I. **Opening remarks, welcome new members & Roll Call (Gabe Schultz, Joe Smailes)**
- II. **Review of the NRPG list of projects for FMTF review.**
 - a. [List is still open and available for comment](#). If you would like to add projects to the list, please email Shannon or Gabe.
- III. **Grant Update (Joy Tucker)**
 - a. CEQA and Grants discussion –
 - i. Several options to address CEQA. They include the following –
 1. CEQA NOE (Statutory or Categorical)
 2. Negative or Mitigated Negative Declaration.
 3. Environmental Impact Report
 4. Timber Harvest Plan or notice reflecting the intent of the grant impacts.
 5. NEPA documentation consistent with the Federal partner you are working with.
 6. Certification that the project qualifies for the limited suspension of requirements of CEQA pursuant to the Governor's October 30, 2015, Proclamation of a State of Emergency.
 7. Seek agreements like the Master Stewardship Agreement or Good Neighbor Authority to help share costs and resources between local, State and Federal resources.
 - b. See table at the bottom.
 - c. Updates are available
 - i. [Fire Prevention Grants](#) -
 - ii. [Forest Health Grants](#) -
 - iii. [Urban and Community Forestry Grants](#) -
- IV. **35 project Report Update**
 - a. Projects are completed except for Highway 17 due to several complexities. Efforts will continue.

Next NRPG meeting: May 14, 2020

V. CAL FIRE fuels crew update

- a. State has 10 crews. 5 are in the Northern Region and include Grass Valley, Magalia/Paradise, Howard Forest, Davis, & Redding.
- b. Crews transition from Region oversight to Unit oversight.
- c. Interested parties should contact their local CAL FIRE Unit on crew availability.

VI. [CalVTP Update](#)

- a. Individuals or groups interested in learning more may also contact Shannon Johnson or Gabe Schultz.
- b. Question was asked regarding Tribal recognition as a lead agency under the CalVTP. In Chapter 1 of the CalVTP, page 1-16 discusses the roles of a Lead Agency, Responsible Agency and Trustee Agency. It also includes a list of State and Local agencies. This list is not fixed for recognizing other entities as a Lead Agency. It will simply come down to what aspect of CEQA requires to be addressed and who would be the approving authority to sign off on that request. Several variables can play a role and consequently we may need to start with working examples to define a final response. If this is a concern through the development of a CalVTP, please contact the local CAL FIRE Unit and start the discussions early.

VII. New business and announcements.

VIII. Closing comments and next steps.

Next [Full Forest Management Task Force](#) monthly meeting: April 13, 2020, 1:00-4:00 PM

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Fire Prevention Grants 19/20 Awarded					
Unit	ProjectTrackingNum	Primary Activity	Sponsoring Organization	Sum of Treatment Acres	Sum of Amount
AEU	19-FP-AEU-0035	Fire Prevention Education	Forestry Educators Incorporated	0	\$92,450
	19-FP-AEU-1036	Fuel Reduction	Amador Fire Safe Council	159,684	\$1,044,296
BTU	19-FP-BTU-1077	Fuel Reduction	Butte County Fire Safe Council	205	\$509,762
	19-FP-BTU-1079	Fuel Reduction	Butte County Fire Safe Council	500	\$509,762
CZU	19-FP-CZU-1109	Fire Prevention Planning	San Mateo Resource Conservation District	0	\$199,431
	19-FP-CZU-1157	Fuel Reduction	Woodside Fire Protection District	236	\$398,500
HUU	19-FP-HUU-1023	Fuel Reduction	County of Humboldt	330	\$371,472
	19-FP-HUU-1106	Fuel Reduction	Cultural Fire Management Council	800	\$961,126
LMU	19-FP-LMU-1020	Fuel Reduction	Lassen County Fire Safe Council, Inc.	53,306	\$3,341,389
	19-FP-LMU-1096	Fuel Reduction	Plumas County Fire Safe Council	112	\$419,132
LNU	19-FP-LNU-1001	Fuel Reduction	Clear Lake Environmental Research Center	870	\$3,019,106
	19-FP-LNU-1124	Fire Prevention Planning	County of Yolo, Office of Emergency Services	0	\$314,054
MEU	19-FP-MEU-1140	Fuel Reduction	Renewable Energy Development Institute dba Sherwood Firewise	800	\$447,024
MRN	19-FP-MRN-1040	Fuel Reduction	Southern Marin Fire Protection District (SMFD)	55	\$720,378
	19-FP-MRN-1055	Fuel Reduction	Marin County Fire Department	1,334	\$534,316
NEU	19-FP-NEU-1031	Fuel Reduction	Truckee Fire Protection District	950	\$1,500,000
	19-FP-NEU-1131	Fuel Reduction	Nevada County - Department of Public Works	245	\$868,084
	19-FP-NEU-1132	Fuel Reduction	Placer County Resource Conservation District	18,030	\$874,848
SCU	19-FP-SCU-1104	Fuel Reduction	County of Santa Clara	47	\$828,574
	19-FP-SCU-1110	Fire Prevention Planning	San Mateo Resource Conservation District	0	\$365,724
SHU	19-FP-SHU-1134	Fuel Reduction	The McConnell Foundation	942	\$3,880,786
	19-FP-SHU-1160	Fuel Reduction	City of Shasta Lake	100	\$180,000
SKU	19-FP-SKU-1019	Fuel Reduction	Juniper Flat Fire Safe Council/Fire Safe Council of Siskiyou County	426	\$812,953
	19-FP-SKU-1068	Fuel Reduction	Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District	23	\$149,669
TGU	19-FP-TGU-1059	Fire Prevention Planning	Planning & Community Development Services Agency	0	\$123,750
	19-FP-TGU-1081	Fuel Reduction	Tehama Conservation Fund	240	\$270,430
		TOTALS	26 projects	239,235 acres	\$22,737,016

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