

Ebbetts Pass Fire District



BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

Via teleconference webinar

9:00 A.M. Tuesday, January 19, 2021
1037 Blagen Road, Arnold

In compliance with recently issued guidelines from the State of California and other governing agencies, and in order to aid in keeping the public safe, Ebbetts Pass Fire District (EPFD) will be conducting our Board Meeting via teleconference until further notice.

To access the meeting please visit zoom.us website and enter Meeting ID: **994 4765 4747** with password: **936676**. If you need assistance in accessing this information, please email epfd@epfd.org or call the EPFD office at 209-795-1646, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. You may also register in advance for this meeting:
<https://zoom.us/j/93930297823?pwd=VmFKYoxiTjVEVWE3WjYrdFpZRVRTQT09>

If you would like to comment on any item on our Agenda or an item not on the Agenda, please submit those in writing to our office at PO Box 66, 1037 Blagen Road, Arnold CA 95223 or via email at epfd@epfd.org at least 24 hours before the meeting. You may also submit comments via the "Chat" function available during the teleconference online.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

Denny Clemens, President	Pete Neal, Secretary
Mike Barr	Jon Dashner
	J. Scott McKinney

Concerning Public Comment

Please Note: The Board of Directors offers the opportunity for the public to speak to specific agenda items during the time that agenda item is discussed by the Board. The Board also allows an opportunity for the public to speak on non-agenda items during "public comments" prior to the conclusion of the meeting. The Board may not make any decision related to non-agendized items until the next Board meeting.

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order, Flag Salute, Roll Call**
2. **Public Appearances/Comment:** The Board will hear public comment on any agendized or non-agendized item. The Board may discuss public comment but may not take action.
3. **Consent Items:** Board action limited to discussion and approval of:
 - 3.1. Minutes: 12/15/20
 - 3.2. Acceptance of December 2020 Checks Listings and Authorize to File for Audit

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING – continued

January 19, 2021

4. **Committee Reports:** The Board will discuss the status of the following matters. The Board may take action on recommendations and/or give direction to staff or committee members related to follow-up on specific matters addressed by the committee.
 - 4.1. **Finance Committee** (Directors Barr & Dashner)
 - 4.2. **Personnel/Safety Committee** (Directors Dashner & McKinney)
 - 4.3. **Fire Prevention Committee** (Director Clemens & Neal)
 - 4.4. **Apparatus/Equipment Committee** (Directors McKinney & Neal)
5. **Scheduled Items:** The Board will discuss and take action on the specific items listed below.
 - 5.1. **Golden State Fire Apparatus Type 1 Fire Engine Build Proposal:** Mark Paulsen attending as the Pierce Representative.
 - 5.2. **California Special Districts Association Finance Corporation:** Fire Engine Financing Option
 - 5.3. **California Public Employees' Retirement System:** Notice of Proposed Regulatory Actions
 - 5.4. **California Special Districts Association Gold Country Regional Chapter:** Workshop "Strategic Planning"
 - 5.5. **2020 Fuel Break Projects Along Ebbetts Pass:** Report on the fuel break work during 2020
 - 5.6. **Health Management Associations, Inc.:** Independent Contractor/Consulting Agreement Managed Care Intergovernmental Transfers
 - 5.7. **Ebbetts Pass Fire District Fire Ordinance 2020:** First Reading and Announcement of Scheduled Public Hearing Notice
6. **Reports:** The Board will hear reports on the following matters. The Board may discuss information contained in these reports.
 - 6.1. **Administrative Report**
 - 6.2. **Legislative Report**
 - 6.3. **Administrative – EMS**
7. **Comments, Questions, and Consideration:** The Board will entertain comments and questions from the following individuals or representatives. The Board may discuss these comments or questions on these items but may not take action.
 - 7.1. **Board Members**
 - 7.2. **Firefighters' Association**
 - 7.3. **Employees' Group**
 - 7.4. **Public Comments**
8. **Adjournment of Regular Meeting**

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:
Michael Johnson, Fire Chief
Cheryl Howard, Secretary

Ebbetts Pass Fire District



MINUTES

Board of Directors
December 15, 2020

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

1. The meeting was called to order with proper social distancing among everyone and with accommodation for the public through the use of Zoom Meetings at 9:00 A.M. by Board President Michael Barr and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Directors present: Michael Barr, Denny Clemens, Jon Dashner, Scott McKinney, and Pete Neal.

District personnel present: Fire Chief Mike Johnson
District Secretary Cheryl Howard
Battalion Chief Matt O'Donnell

Others present via Zoom Meeting: Chuck Nicholson, Nicholson & Olson CPA
Marvin Pescador, Nicholson & Olson CPA

Media present: None

2. **PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENT** No comments

- 4.1.1 **Annual Audit Presentation Fiscal Year 2019-20: Nicholson & Olson to Present**

President Barr moved this item forward for discussion and technical issues with Chuck Nicholson were abated. Chuck Nicholson noted he was glad to present the audit information noting the various components of the audit including letters and reports. He noted that there was a clean opinion of the District's finances and he asked if there were any questions. Mr. Clemens asked if there was any regard for off charges to which Mr. Nicholson responded there was not as there was no lack of controls, long term staff, and consistent year to year. Mr. Dashner made a motion to accept the 2019-20 audit report as written. Mr. Clemens seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Neal).

3. **CONSENT ITEMS**

Mr. McKinney made a motion to approve Consent Items 3.1 and 3.2 as presented. Mr. Neal seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Neal).

4. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- 4.1. Finance Committee (Directors Dashner & McKinney)
None.

4.2. Personnel Committee (Directors Dashner & McKinney)

Chief Johnson reported there had been a meeting regarding COVID-19 planning, the office change, vaccination, and vaccination being elective for receiving it at this time.

4.3. Fire Prevention Committee (Directors Barr & Clemens)

Chief Johnson reported that no permits were requested as of the current day for door-yard burning. He added that Ordinance 2020 was still with the County for their review. He reported the new Verizon tower at Blue Mountain had a generator.

4.4. Apparatus/Equipment Committee (Directors Clemens & Neal)

Chief Johnson reported that there had been no meeting recently however the surplus vehicles had been slowly moved from District ownership. The surplus engine was currently on GovDeals, had met the minimum bid amount, and would continue on that site through December 24th. Chief Johnson reported that the new rescue had been placed in service and it hold all items with plenty of room.

5. Scheduled Items

5.1. Calaveras County Registrar of Voters: Certified Statement of Results for the November 2, 2020, Presidential General Election

5.1.1. Oath of Office: Directors Dashner, Barr, and Neal

Mr. Clemens administered the Oath of Office to Mike Barr, Jon Dashner, and Pete Neal.

5.1.2. Resolution 2020-10: Accepting the Canvass of the General Election held on November 3, 2020 Pursuant to Division 15 Chapter 4 of the Elections Code

Mr. McKinney made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-10 Accepting the Canvass of the General Election held on November 3, 2020 Pursuant to Division 15 Chapter 4 of the Elections Code. Mr. Neal seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Neal).

5.2. Board Officers

Mr. Dashner made a motion to have Denny Clemens serve as Board President and Pete Neal as Board Secretary. Mr. McKinney seconded; motion passed 5-0 (AYES: Barr, Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Neal).

5.3. Board Committee Appointments

The Board consensus was the following committee appointments for 2021:

<u>Finance</u>	<u>Personnel/Safety</u>	<u>Apparatus/Equipment</u>	<u>Fire Prevention</u>
Jon Dashner	Jon Dashner	Scott McKinney	Denny Clemens
Mike Barr	Scott McKinney	Pete Neal	Pete Neal
Alt: Scott McKinney	Alt: Denny Clemens	Alt: Mike Barr	Alt: Jon Dashner

Mr. Clemens was appointed as alternate to the Calaveras County Fire JPA Board.

- 5.4. Nossaman LLP 2021 Billing Rate Increase
Chief Johnson noted that there had been an increase for the District's legal opinion requirements.
- 5.5. Intergovernmental Transfer Rates for 2021 Letters of Intent
Chief Johnson noted the letters had been sent.
- 5.6 Request to Approve Declaring Stryker Gurney as Surplus
Mr. Barr recused himself from discussion.

Chief Johnson presented information with regard to an old gurney that the District had used for many years and had been in reserve for a long time. He asked the Board to declare the gurney surplus and offer it to Bear Valley First Aid for a minimal amount. Following some discussion, Mr. Dashner made a motion to declare the gurney surplus and transfer it to Bear Valley First Aid for \$150.00. Mr. Neal seconded; motion passed 4-0-1 (AYES: Clemens, Dashner, McKinney, Neal NOES: none ABSTAIN: Barr).

6. **REPORTS**

6.1. Administrative Report

Chief Johnson reported the County Assessor's request for increasing the exemption amount had been denied by the County Board of Supervisors. Chief Johnson expressed his thanks to the Moose Lodge for the late night dinner following the structure fire at Boards Crossing.

Chief Johnson thanked the Board and staff for all their work during 2020 noting that it had been a trying year in so many ways.

6.2. Legislative Report

Chief Johnson noted the new laws taking effect in January including the California Family Rights Act changing the threshold from 50 employees to 5 employees. He also noted presumptive rules were changing for COVID-19.

6.3. Administrative - EMS

Chief Johnson reported the District continues moving forward with AVL plans with it taking effect in February 2021. It was intended to work when the ambulance leaves the station with starting the clock and then stopping the clock when on scene.

7. **COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, CONSIDERATIONS**

7.1. Board Members

The members noted their thanks for all the work accomplished in 2020.

7.2. Firefighters Association – No report.

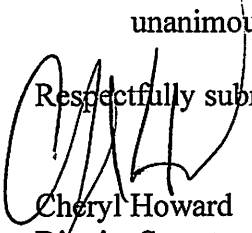
7.3. Employees' Group – No report.

7.4. Public Comments
None

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. McKinner made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dashner seconded; motion passed unanimously. 10:40 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Howard
District Secretary

**County of Calaveras
General Ledger Summary
Balance Sheet Accounts
As of 12/31/2020**

Fund 2290 Ebbetts Pass Fire

<u>Object Code</u>	<u>Object Description</u>		<u>Balance</u>
<u>Assets</u>			
1006	Cash in Treasury	22900000	2,422,356.64
1007	Outstanding Checks	22900000	(7,253.55)
1016	Imprest Cash	22900000	40,000.00
Total Assets			<u>\$2,455,103.09</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>			
2002	Accounts Payable	22900000	1,163.60
2002	Accounts Payable	22900010	(1,163.60)
2009	Sales Tax Payable	22900010	33.57
2091	Accts Payable - Staledated Cks	22900010	4,929.08
Total Liabilities			<u>\$4,962.65</u>
<u>Fund Balance</u>			
3002	Fund Bal Unreserv/Undesign	22900000	1,841,126.02
3043	Reserve for Imprest Cash	22900000	40,000.00
Total Fund Balance			<u>\$1,881,126.02</u>
Year-to-Date Revenues			\$3,428,164.82
Year-to-Date Expenditures			\$2,859,150.40
Year-to-Date Transfers In			\$0.00
Year-to-Date Transfers Out			\$0.00
Year-to-Date Clearing Accounts			<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Fund Equity			<u>\$2,450,140.44</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity			<u>\$2,455,103.09</u>

REVENUE ACCOUNT SUMMARY SHEET - December 2020

Fire Operations:					
ACCOUNT	F No.	BUDGETED	RECEIVED Month	Year-To-Date	% Received Year-To-Date
Property Tax - Current Secured	4010	2,181,293	1,226,659.52	1,226,659.52	56%
Administrative Fee (SB2557)	4013	(39,444)	-22,179.79	(22,179.79)	56%
Unitary Tax	4015	46,197	23,785.22	23,785.22	51%
Supplemental Tax - Current Secured	4017	14,382	27,594.53	27,594.53	192%
Property Tax - Current Unsecured	4020	31,294	30,445.70	30,445.70	97%
Supplemental Tax - Current Unsecured	4027	902	1,054.40	1,054.40	117%
Prior Unsecured Taxes	4040	2,153	432.30	432.30	20%
Transient Occupancy Taxes	4072	18,691	0.00	0.00	0%
Interest	4300	-	0.00	0.00	
Rents and Leases	4301	-	0.00	4,200.00	
HOPTR	4463	24,188	0.00	0.00	0%
State Grant - OTS & VFA	4455	94,000	0.00	0.00	0%
Timber Tax	4465	-	0.00	0.00	
State Aid for Public Safety	4472	14,250	0.00	0.00	
Federal Grant - AFG	4505	75,000	0.00	18,900.10	25%
Reimbursement - Personnel	4542	30,000	0.00	0.00	0%
Reimbursement - Equipment	4543	5,000	0.00	0.00	0%
HazMat Release Response Plan	4592	-	0.00	0.00	
Report Fees	4593	-	0.00	0.00	
PG&E - Station Grounds Usage	4642	-	0.00	19,100.00	
Charges for Current Service (hydrants)	4679	10,500	0.00	0.00	0%
Other Refund - Prior Year Taxes	4684	-	0.00	0.00	
Training Fees	4689	-	0.00	3,650.00	
Gifts/Donations	4707	-	100.00	275.00	
Refund - Misc.	4708	-	363.63	11,418.84	
Other Revenue	4712	20,835	0.00	6,944.17	33%
Other Revenue - PG&E Butte Fire	4712	-	1736.05	19,274.27	
Miscellaneous Revenue	4713	500	0.00	0.00	0%
Refunds - Insurance	4743	-	0.00	0.00	
Sale of Surplus Property	4800	-	0.00	0.00	
Total		2,529,741	1,289,991.56	1,371,554.26	54%

EMS/Paramedic Program					
ACCOUNT	No.	BUDGETED	RECEIVED Month	Year-To-Date	% Received Year-To-Date
Special Tax	4077	362,185	199,163.53	199,163.53	55%
Special Tax - Sustain ALS	4077 S	228,854	67,623.57	67,623.57	30%
Refunds - Insurance	4743	-	0.00	0.00	
Total		591,039	266,787.10	266,787.10	45%

Station 3 AMBULANCE A					
ACCOUNT	No.	BUDGETED	RECEIVED Month	Year-To-Date	% Received Year-To-Date
Special Tax	4077	828,955	455,837.53	455,837.53	55%
Special Tax - Sustain ALS	4077 S	1,089,749	657,466.08	657,466.08	60%
State Grant - COVID-19	4455	5,000	0.00	0.00	0%
Other Programs - State (GEMT)	4479	9,000	0.00	0.00	0%
State Other Aid (IGT)	4580	120,000	0.00	0.00	
EMS Transport Revenue	4660	750,000	54,442.24	431,824.04	58%
Collections	4679	-	0.00	1,159.85	
Calaveras Co. >PG&E Butte Fire	4799	206,000	0.00	204,075.41	99%
Refunds - Insurance	4743	-	2,608.77	13,565.61	
Total		3,008,704	1,170,354.62	1,763,928.52	59%

FIRE OPERATIONS ACCOUNT SUMMARY SHEET - DEC 2020

ACCOUNT	No.	BUDGET	Month	Year-To-Date	ACCOUNT BALANCE	% Disbursed Year-To-Date
SALARIES & BENEFITS	5001.1-					
Salaries/Wages	-001	1,094,488	82,048.00	521,887.27	572,600.73	48%
Extra Hire	-002	10,000	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0%
Extra Hire - Intern	-003	40,306	2,194.54	30,478.75	9,827.25	76%
ST/TF FF Payments	-004	30,000	0.00	67,421.83	(37,421.83)	225%
Volunteer FF Relief	-005	40,000	909.93	2,912.52	37,087.48	7%
Retirement	-050	238,123	20,408.51	122,572.88	115,550.12	51%
Group Insurance	-055	232,240	21,977.39	117,998.85	114,241.15	51%
Uniform Allowance	-062	3,600	0.00	1,400.00	2,200.00	39%
SERVICES & SUPPLIES	5111.1-					
Safety Clothing	-111	10,000	43.90	285.66	9,714.34	3%
Safety Equipment	-115	6,000	92.99	140.18	5,859.82	2%
Communications-Radios	-121	27,000	0.00	8,015.75	18,984.25	30%
Communications-Phone	-124	12,000	840.95	6,724.75	5,275.25	56%
Food - Fire Line Meals	-131	1,200	0.00	75.61	1,124.39	6%
Housekeeping	-141	8,000	537.38	4,268.94	3,731.06	53%
Insurance-Prop/Liability	-151	15,009	0.00	15,009.00	-	100%
Insurance-Workers Comp	-153	62,966	0.00	29,862.39	33,103.61	47%
Maintenance-Apparatus	-181	45,000	4,416.33	45,326.58	(326.58)	101%
Maintenance-Utilities	-182	10,000	234.00	1,903.95	8,096.05	19%
Building Maintenance	-201	21,700	3,092.65	11,116.02	10,583.98	51%
Emergency Care/Rescue	-211	1,275	0.00	0.00	1,275.00	0%
Memberships	-221	7,755	7,253.00	7,628.00	127.00	98%
Office Expense	-241	12,050	618.99	5,685.65	6,364.35	47%
Office Expense-Postage	-243	1,000		385.00	615.00	39%
Office Expense-Copies	-245	1,500	167.48	830.51	669.49	55%
Professional Services	-271	33,000	3,150.00	6,754.20	26,245.80	20%
Small Tools/FF Equipment	-401	88,000	452.63	3,697.64	84,302.36	4%
Small Tools-Hose/SCBA	-402	15,700	0.00	10,027.39	5,672.61	64%
Special District Expense	-411	17,000	162.44	4,238.79	12,761.21	25%
SDE--Health Maintenance	-412	4,200	665.46	1,804.91	2,395.09	43%
Training	-422	12,500	15.54	3,794.52	8,705.48	30%
Travel/Education	-478	9,000	71.29	71.29	8,928.71	1%
Transportation Fuel	-480	20,000	1,893.86	5,859.75	14,140.25	29%
Utilities - Water/Sewer	-501	10,280	0.00	4,952.64	5,327.36	48%
Utilities - Electrical	-504	11,500	768.00	4,869.15	6,630.85	42%
Utilities - Propane	-505	20,000	1,830.92	2,891.97	17,108.03	14%
LAFCO Fee	5627	3,242	0.00	3,241.49	0.51	100%
FIXED ASSETS						
Building Fund: Structures	5640	211,698	0.00	105,848.61	105,849.39	50%
Equipment	5701	815,601	22,000.00	42,600.76	773,000.24	5%
Fire Operation Fund Totals		3,202,933	175,846.18	1,202,583.20	2,000,349.80	38%

CHECKS ISSUED LISTING - DEC 2020**FIRE OPERATIONS**

Check No.	PAID TO	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
5001.1.001: SALARIES			
18799, 18916	Payroll / Statutory Elective Withholding		73,828.21
18799, 18916	Paychex Fee	Employer Cost	226.59
1093642, 1094273	PARS	Employee Withholding	282.82
18800, 18917	EPFF Local #3581	dues and meals withholding	900.00
18998	CalPERS	employee/employer	6,810.38
5001.1.002: EXTRA HIRE			<i>none issued</i>
5001.1.003: EXTRA HIRE - Interns			
18799, 18916	Payroll / Statutory Withholding		2,041.54
1093642, 1094273	PARS	Employee Withholding	153.00
5001.1.004: Expenditure: ST/TF Firefighter Payment			<i>none issued</i>
5001.1.005: Expenditure: Volunteer Firefighter Payment			
1093911, 1094349	PARS	Trust Administration	909.93
5001.1.050: RETIREMENT (PERS)			
18998	CalPERS	Employer Portion	12,068.72
18998	CalPERS	Employer Unfunded Liab.-Dec	8,339.79
5001.1.055: GROUP INSURANCE			
18799, 18916	Supplemental Life Premium Withholding		-113.6
1094339	Caldwell Insurance Services	accident/sickness premium	3,022.00
1094342	FDAC-EBA	vision/dental/life premium	1,337.85
1094343	Hometown Health	medical premium	903.00
1094350	SDRMA-Employee Benefit Service - medical premium		16,828.14
5001.1.062: UNIFORM ALLOWANCE			<i>none issued</i>
5111.1.111: SAFETY CLOTHING			
1093914	US Bank	shipping charge	43.90
5111.1.115: SAFETY EQUIPMENT			
1093908	Ebbetts Pass Lumber Co	traction shoes	92.99
5111.1.121: COMMUNICATIONS: RADIOS			<i>none issued</i>

CHECKS ISSUED LISTING - DEC 2020**FIRE OPERATIONS****5111.1.124: COMMUNICATIONS: TELEPHONE**

1093907 Comcast	internet/phone monthly charges	\$141.06
1094832 AT&T	phone monthly charges	\$200.09
1094835 Comcast	internet/phone monthly charges	\$418.68
1094834 Verizon Wireless	cell phone monthly charges	\$81.12

5111.1.131: FOOD/FIRE LINE MEALS*none issued***5111.1.141: HOUSEHOLD EXPENSE**

1093906 Ameri Pride Services Inc	rag/coverall service	88.76
1093908 Ebbetts Pass Lumber Co	parts, mop, sponge, polish	102.46
1093910 Ebbetts Pass Gas Service	Sta. 1 heater repair	79.38
1094340 CA Waste Recovery Systems	trash removal	201.78
1094838 Savino's Appliance Repair	water inlet valve	65.00

5111.1.151: INSURANCE: PROPERTY/LIABILITY*none issued***5111.1.153: INSURANCE: WORKER'S COMPENSATION***none issued***5111.1.181: MAINTENANCE: APPARATUS**

18852 DMV Renewal	U600a: renew license	27.00
1094341 Arnold Auto Supply	U6001: parts	56.95
1093908 Ebbetts Pass Lumber Co	fasteners, key, WD40	17.31
1093909 Hi-Tech EVS Inc	U1003: backup alarm	52.39
1094341 Arnold Tire & Auto Care	U1003: mount tires	283.05
1094345 Lokey Truck Repair	U1002: service, BIT, pump test	3,979.63

5111.1.182: MAINTENANCE: UTILITIES

1094341 Arnold Tire & Auto Care	U3020: mount/balance tires	234.00
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5111.1.201: BUILDING & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

1093914 US Bank	kerosene	56.55
1093908 Ebbetts Pass Lumber Co	plywood, paint and supplies	423.60
1094831 Alternative Energy	replace exp tank, air sep top, ad	2,612.50

5111.1.211: EMERGENCY CARE*none issued***5111.1.221: MEMBERSHIPS/SUBSCRIPTIONS**

1094338 CSDA	membership	7,253.00
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CHECKS ISSUED LISTING - DEC 2020**FIRE OPERATIONS****5111.1.241: OFFICE EXPENSE**

1093914 U.S. Bank	scanner	433.99
18852 Advanced Com Systems	service phone system	185.00

5111.1.243: OFFICE EXPENSE: POSTAGE

JE Calaveras Co	mailing of checks	
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5111.1.245: OFFICE EXPENSE: COPIES

1094837 Inland Business Systems	copier maintenance	167.48
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5111.1.271: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

1094347 Nicholson & Olson CPA	FY 2019-20 financial audit	3,150.00
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5111.1.401: SMALL TOOLS/FF EQUIPMENT

1093908 Ebbetts Pass Lumber Co	totes, parts	172.15
1093914 US Bank	hydrant tool bag	280.48

5111.1.402: SMALL TOOLS: HOSE / SCBA*none issued***5111.1.411: SPECIAL DISTRICT EXPENSE**

1093914 US Bank: SAMBA	EPN program	39.81
1093914 US Bank	online C/A course; flags	122.63

5111.1.412: SPECIAL DISTRICT EXPENSE: HEALTH MAINTENANCE

1093914 US Bank	stall mat	197.46
1093912, 1094839 Adventist Health Sonora	lab draw/immunization chk, phys	468.00

5111.1.422: TRAINING

1093908 Ebbetts Pass Lumber Co	c batteries for AED training	87.00
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5111.1.478: TRAVEL/EDUCATION/TRAINING

1093914 US Bank	hotel during return of SCBA bottl	71.29
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5111.1.480: TRANSPORTATION FUEL

1094346 Ebbetts Pass Gas Service	unleaded fuel	131.49
1093914 US Bank	fuel to return SCBA bottles	227.97
18851, 18941, 19002 Hunt & Sons Inc	diesel fuel	1,534.40

5111.1.501: UTILITIES: WATER/SEWER

JE Cal Co Tax Collector	assessment	
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CHECKS ISSUED LISTING - DEC 2020**FIRE OPERATIONS****5111.1.504: UTILITIES: ELECTRICITY**

JE CPPA

electricity

768.00

5111.1.505: UTILITIES: PROPANE

1094346 Ebbetts Pass Gas Service

propane

1,830.92

5627 F: LAFCO Assessment*none issued***5640 F: STRUCTURES***none issued***5701 F: EQUIPMENT**

JE Murphys Fire Prot. District

purchase of squad

22,000.00

ENGINE PARAMEDIC PROGRAM ACCOUNT SUMMARY SHEET - DEC 2020

ACCOUNT	No.	BUDGET	Month	Year-To-Date	ACCOUNT BALANCE	% Disbursed Year-To-Date
SALARIES & BENEFITS	5001.2-					
Salaries/Wages	-001	341,811	25,220.21	160,342.46	181,468.54	47%
Retirement	-050	104,280	9,098.62	54,409.04	49,870.96	52%
Group Insurance	-055	92,345	6,647.35	39,118.45	53,226.55	42%
Uniform Allowance	-062	1,200	0.00	600.00	600.00	50%
SERVICES & SUPPLIES	5111.2-					
Safety Clothing	-111	2,728	0.00	0.00	2,728.00	0%
Safety Equipment	-115	1,000	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0%
Communications-Radios	-121	1,000	0.00	317.00	683.00	32%
Communications-Phone	-124	615	38.54	524.66	90.34	85%
Housekeeping	-141	1,900	35.50	761.89	1,138.11	40%
Insurance-Prop/Liability	-151	2,500	0.00	2,500.00	-	100%
Insurance-Workers Comp	-153	17,038	0.00	8,259.81	8,778.19	48%
Maintenance-Apparatus	-181	2,900	0.00	773.22	2,126.78	27%
Professional Services	-271	2,200	2,000.00	2,000.00	200.00	91%
Small Tools-Hose/SCBA	-402	500	0.00	60.23	439.77	12%
Special District Expense	-411	700	6.00	36.00	664.00	5%
SDE--Health Maintenance	-412	1,500	251.46	588.95	911.05	39%
Training	-422	4,000	0.00	251.45	3,748.55	6%
Travel/Education	-478	2,700	0.00	0.00	2,700.00	0%
Transportation Fuel	-480	6,500	843.78	3,423.20	3,076.80	53%
SPECIAL TAX HANDLING FEE	5411	3,622	1,810.73	1,810.73	1,811.27	50%
Engine Paramedic Program Totals		591,039	45,952.19	275,777.09	315,261.91	47%

CHECKS ISSUED LISTING - DEC 2020 ENGINE PARAMEDIC

Check No.	PAID TO	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
5001.2.001: SALARIES			
18799, 18916	Payroll / Statutory Elective Withholding		22,708.44
18799, 18916	Paychex Fee	Employer Cost	74.97
1093642, 1094273	PARS	Employee Withholding	0.00
18800, 18917	EPFF Local #3581	dues and meals withholding	450.00
18998	CalPERS	employee/employer	1,986.80
5001.2.050: RETIREMENT (PERS)			
18998	CalPERS	Employer Portion	4,544.26
18998	CalPERS	Employer Unfunded Liab.-Dec	4,554.36
5001.2.055: GROUP INSURANCE			
18799, 18916	Supplemental Life Premium Withholding		-35
1094339	Caldwell Insurance Services	accident/sickness premium	525.00
1094342	FDAC-EBA	vision/dental/life premium	394.50
1094350	SDRMA-Employee Benefit Service - medical premium		5,762.85
5001.2.062: UNIFORM ALLOWANCE			<i>none issued</i>
5111.2.111: SAFETY CLOTHING			<i>none issued</i>
5111.2.115: SAFETY EQUIPMENT			<i>none issued</i>
5111.2.121: COMMUNICATIONS: RADIOS			<i>none issued</i>
5111.2.124: COMMUNICATIONS: TELEPHONE			
1094834	Verizon Wireless	cell phone monthly charges	\$38.54
5111.2.131: FOOD/FIRE LINE MEALS			<i>none issued</i>
5111.2.141: HOUSEHOLD EXPENSE			
1093906	Ameri Pride Services Inc	rag/coverall service	35.50
5111.2.151: INSURANCE: PROPERTY/LIABILITY			<i>none issued</i>
5111.2.153: INSURANCE: WORKER'S COMPENSATION			<i>none issued</i>
5111.2.181: MAINTENANCE: APPARATUS			<i>none issued</i>
5111.2.201: BUILDING & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE			<i>none issued</i>

CHECKS ISSUED LISTING - DEC 2020 ENGINE PARAMEDIC

5111.2.271: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

1094347 Nicholson & Olson CPA	FY 2019-20 financial audit	2,000.00
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5111.2.402: SMALL TOOLS: HOSE / SCBA

none issued

5111.2.411: SPECIAL DISTRICT EXPENSE

1093914 US Bank: SAMBA	CA EPN reporting	6.00
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5111.2.412: SPECIAL DISTRICT EXPENSE: HEALTH MAINTENANCE

1093914 US Bank	stall mat	197.46
1094839 Adventist Health Sonora	lab draw/immunization checks	54.00

5111.2.413: SPECIAL DISTRICT EXPENSE: ADMINISTRATIVE FEE

none issued

5111.2.422: TRAINING

none issued

5111.2.478: TRAVEL/EDUCATION/TRAINING

none issued

5111.2.480: TRANSPORTATION FUEL

18851, 18941, 19002 Hunt & Sons Inc	diesel fuel	843.78
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5411 P: SPECIAL TAX HANDLING FEE

JE CalCo Auditor/Controller	Handling Fee	1,810.73
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STATION 3 A ACCOUNT SUMMARY SHEET - Dec 2020

ACCOUNT	No.	BUDGET	Month	Year-To-Date	ACCOUNT BALANCE	% Disbursed Year-To-Date
SALARIES & BENEFITS	5001.3-					
Salaries/Wages	-.001	1,249,643	106,947.48	699,669.24	549,973.76	56%
Retirement	-.050	251,922	21,302.66	123,296.10	128,625.90	49%
Group Insurance	-.055	346,315	37,806.41	171,483.17	174,831.83	50%
Uniform Allowance	-.062	6,000	0.00	2,430.00	3,570.00	41%
SERVICES & SUPPLIES	5111.3-					
Safety Clothing	-.111	15,000	0.00	6,121.94	8,878.06	41%
Safety Equipment	-.115	2,250	0.00	418.14	1,831.86	19%
Communications-Radios	-.121	4,500	0.00	922.29	3,577.71	20%
Communications-Phone	-.124	3,575	341.35	2,135.91	1,439.09	60%
Food - Fire Line Meals	-.131	400	0.00	100.55	299.45	25%
Housekeeping	-.141	6,000	311.55	2,416.97	3,583.03	40%
Insurance-Prop/Liability	-.151	13,000	0.00	13,000.00	-	100%
Insurance-Workers Comp	-.153	53,267	0.00	25,414.80	27,852.20	48%
Maintenance-Ambulances	-.183	31,250	1,531.11	4,873.40	26,376.60	16%
Building Maintenance	-.201	5,000	0.00	818.79	4,181.21	16%
Emergency Care/Rescue	-.211	43,080	722.53	13,711.55	29,368.45	32%
Memberships	-.221	150	150.00	150.00	-	100%
Office Expense	-.241	4,800	0.00	456.66	4,343.34	10%
Office Expense - Copies	-.245	150	0.00	131.85	18.15	88%
Professional Services	-.271	59,640	4,025.00	24,188.60	35,451.40	41%
Small Tools/FF Equipment	-.401	7,050	0.00	1,780.72	5,269.28	25%
Special District Expense	-.411	8,800	79.75	2,655.75	6,144.25	30%
SDE--Health Maintenance	-.412	3,100	521.46	4,258.37	(1,158.37)	137%
SDE--Administrative Fee	-.413	3,800	0.00	0.00	3,800.00	0%
Training	-.422	12,000	450.00	676.45	11,323.55	6%
Travel/Education	-.478	4,500	0.00	505.22	3,994.78	11%
Transportation Fuel	-.480	18,000	1,801.09	9,594.28	8,405.72	53%
Utilities - Water/Sewer	-.501	1,200	0.00	724.39	475.61	60%
Utilities - Electrical	-.504	1,900	166.78	971.86	928.14	51%
Utilities - Propane	-.505	5,000	159.56	449.08	4,550.92	9%
SPECIAL TAX HANDLING FEE	5411 A	21,476	10,736.65	10,736.65	10,739.35	50%
REFUND OVERPAYMENT	5612	20,747	0.00	0.00	20,747.00	0%
FIXED ASSETS						
Building Fund: Structures	5640	-	0.00	0.00	-	
Equipment	5701	300,399	20,332.89	255,983.16	44,415.84	85%
Fire Operation Fund Totals		2,503,914	207,386.27	1,380,075.89	1,123,838.11	55%

CHECKS ISSUED LISTING - DEC 2020**STATION 3 A**

Check No.	PAID TO	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
5001.3.001: SALARIES			
18799, 18916	Payroll / Statutory Elective Withholding		94,159.94
18799, 18916	Paychex Fee	Employer Cost	374.87
1093642, 1094273	PARS	Employee Withholding	0.00
18800, 18917	EPFF Local #3581	dues and meals withholding	2,400.00
18998	CalPERS	employee/employer	10,012.67
5001.3.050: RETIREMENT (PERS)			
18998	CalPERS	Employer Portion	13,438.27
18998	CalPERS	Employer Unfunded Liab.-Dec	7,864.39
5001.3.055: GROUP INSURANCE			
18799, 18916	Supplemental Life Premium Withholding		-185.00
1094339	Caldwell Insurance Services	accident/sickness premium	2,625.00
1094342	FDAC-EBA	vision/dental/life premium	2,077.49
1094350	SDRMA-Employee Benefit Service - medical premium		33,288.92
5001.3.062: UNIFORM ALLOWANCE			<i>none issued</i>
5111.3.111: SAFETY CLOTHING			<i>none issued</i>
5111.3.115: SAFETY EQUIPMENT			<i>none issued</i>
5111.3.121: COMMUNICATIONS: RADIOS			<i>none issued</i>
5111.3.124: COMMUNICATIONS: TELEPHONE			
1093907	Comcast - Sta. 3	monthly service	\$263.21
1094834	Verizon Wireless	cell phone monthly charges	\$78.14
5111.3.131: FOOD/FIRE LINE MEALS			<i>none issued</i>
5111.3.141: HOUSEHOLD EXPENSE			
1093906	Ameri Pride Services Inc	rag/coverall service	53.26
1093908	Ebbetts Pass Lumber Co	parts, mop, sponge, polish	41.34
1093910	Ebbetts Pass Gas Service	Sta. 3 heater repair	138.79
1094340	CA Waste Recovery Systems	trash removal	78.16
5111.3.151: INSURANCE: PROPERTY/LIABILITY			<i>none issued</i>
5111.3.153: INSURANCE: WORKER'S COMPENSATION			<i>none issued</i>

CHECKS ISSUED LISTING - DEC 2020**STATION 3 A****5111.3.183: MAINTENANCE: AMBULANCES**

1093915 Arnold Automotive	U3508: repairs	344.48
1094341 Arnold Tire & Auto Care	U3508: mount/balance tires	234.00
1094337 Arnold Auto Supply	U3506: 3509: parts	410.59
1094348 Onspot of North America	U3509: various parts	542.04

5111.3.201: BUILDING & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE*none issued***5111.3.211: EMERGENCY CARE**

1094336 Airgas	oxygen	268.23
1094344 Life Assist, Inc.	medical supplies	454.30

5111.3.221: MEMBERSHIPS/SUBSCRIPTIONS

1093914 USBank: CSFA	EMS membership	\$150.00
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5111.3.241: OFFICE EXPENSE*none issued***5111.3.271: PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

1094347 Nicholson & Olson CPA	FY 2019-20 financial audit	3,150.00
1093916 Wittman Enterprises LLC	billing services	875.00

5111.3.401: SMALL TOOLS/FF EQUIPMENT*none issued***5111.3.411: SPECIAL DISTRICT EXPENSE**

1093914 US Bank: SAMBA	EPN program	24.00
1093914 US Bank	online C/A course; flags	55.75

5111.3.412: SPECIAL DISTRICT EXPENSE: HEALTH MAINTENANCE

1093914 US Bank	stall mat	197.46
1094839 Adventist Health Sonora	lab draw/immunization checks	324.00

5111.3.413: SPECIAL DISTRICT EXPENSE: ADMINISTRATIVE FEE*none issued***5111.3.422: TRAINING**

1094833 Bryn Buhler	medic license renewal	225.00
1094836 Randayn Forrest	medic license renewal	225.00

5111.3.478: TRAVEL/EDUCATION/TRAINING*none issued***5111.3.480: TRANSPORTATION FUEL**

18851, 18941, 19002 Hunt & Sons Inc	diesel fuel	1,801.09
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CHECKS ISSUED LISTING - DEC 2020**STATION 3 A****5111.3.501: UTILITIES: WATER/SEWER***none issued***5111.3.504: UTILITIES: ELECTRICITY**

JE CPPA

electricity

166.78

5111.3.505: UTILITIES: PROPANE

1094346 Ebbetts Pass Gas Service

propane

159.56

5411 A: SPECIAL TAX HANDLING FEE

JE CalCo Auditor/Controller

Handling Fee - A

38,996.29

JE CalCo Auditor/Controller

Handling Fee - S

6,592.32

5640 A: STRUCTURES*none issued***5701 A: EQUIPMENT**

1093913 Stryker Sales Corp

Power Pro gurney

20,332.89

8001/5612 A: REFUNDS*none issued*

PROPOSAL PREPARED FOR:

Ebbetts Pass Fire District
1037 Blagen Road
Arnold, California 95223

Submitted Date:	December 28, 2020
Proposal Number:	61228-20A
Expiration Date:	January 31, 2021
Sales Consultant:	Mark Paulsen

We hereby propose and agree to furnish, after your acceptance of this proposal and the proper execution by the EBBETTS PASS FIRE DISTRICT, hereinafter called "Customer" and an officer of Golden State Fire Apparatus, Inc., hereinafter called "GSFA", the following fire apparatus and equipment, hereinafter called "Product":

#	Description	Unit Price
A	One (1) Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. Velocity 4X4 Pumper	850,534.00
B	Discount for HGAC contract FS12-19, Product Code FS19VC08	(42,846.00)
C	Discount For 100% Pre-Payment at Time of Order	(31,688.00)
SUBTOTAL		776,000.00
7.25% Sales Tax		56,260.00
California Tire Fee		10.50
GRAND TOTAL		832,270.50

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THE SMART PURCHASING SOLUTION

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PROPOSAL SUMMARY

This proposal includes the following items in accordance with the specifications hereto attached:

- Fire apparatus and equipment
- Pre-delivery inspection/services by GSFA
- Delivery to GSFA service center in Sacramento
- Final delivery from service center to Customer
- Demonstration and familiarization of the Product
- California Tire Fee

PRODUCT COMPLETION

Product shall be built in accordance with the specifications hereto attached, delays due to acts of God, strikes, war, or intentional conflict, failures to obtain chassis, materials, unusual weather conditions or other causes beyond GSFA's control not preventing, within approximately **385 to 445 CALENDAR DAYS** after receipt of this order and the acceptance thereof at our Sacramento, California office. Within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of this order and acceptance thereof, GSFA shall submit to Customer a production schedule including tentative pre-construction conference, final inspection and final delivery dates.

DELIVERY LOCATION

Product shall be shipped in accordance with the specifications hereto attached and be delivered to you at **ARNOLD, CALIFORNIA**. Proof of insurance must be demonstrated by the Customer to GSFA prior to transferring of the Product(s).

ACCEPTING THIS PROPOSAL

In the event Customer wishes to purchase the Product described in this Proposal and the attached specifications, then, prior to the expiration date listed on page 2 of this Proposal, Customer shall sign and return this Proposal. Thereafter, GSFA and Customer will endeavor to enter into a purchase agreement incorporating this Proposal and including additional terms (a "Purchase Agreement"). If Customer returns a signed copy of this Proposal alone, GSFA will send Customer its form of Purchase Agreement for Customer's review and signature. If Customer desires to use its standard form of purchase order as the Purchase Agreement, then Customer should return a signed copy of this Proposal along with a copy of such purchase order. All purchase orders shall be made out to GSFA. GSFA will review such purchase order and contact the Customer regarding any required revisions. Only upon a full execution of a Purchase Agreement shall GSFA and Customer be obligated to purchase and sell the Product set forth in this Proposal.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following Terms and Conditions are hereby made part of this Proposal:

1. Payment Terms, 100% Pre-Payment at Time of Order – Customer shall pay the amount listed on page one of this Proposal, which includes: (i) the total price for the Product (the "Purchase Price"), (ii) the estimated state sales tax on the Product, and (iii) the California tire fee (together with the Purchase Price and estimated state sales tax, the "Grand Total") within fifteen (15) calendar days from the date on which the Purchase Agreement is fully executed. The proposed delivery timeframe for the Product, which is outlined on page one of this Proposal, shall not begin until full payment of the Grand Total is received. In the event Customer does not pay GSFA the Grand Total in the timeframe set forth in this Section 1, GSFA may, in its sole discretion, cancel the Purchase Agreement entered into between the parties.

2. Multiple Unit Purchase – If the Purchase Price includes pricing for multiple units, the price stated on this Proposal shall only be valid if the quantity of Products being proposed are purchased at the same time, pursuant to the same Purchase Agreement.

3. Stock / Demo Units – If applicable, any stock/demo units, including those identified by this Proposal, are available for sale on an as-is, first-come and first served-basis. Regardless of this Proposal, the first Customer to enter into a Purchase Agreement identifying any such stock/demo units shall obtain said units.

4. Order Changes – The Customer may request that GSFA incorporate a change to the Product or the Specifications for the Product by delivering a written change order to GSFA, which shall include a description of the proposed change sufficient to permit GSFA to evaluate the feasibility of such change (a "Change Order"). GSFA will provide Customer a written response (a "Response") stating (i) whether GSFA will accommodate such Change Order (which GSFA may decide in its sole and absolute discretion) and (ii) the terms of the modification to the order, including any increase or decrease in the Purchase Price resulting from such Change Order, and any effect on production scheduling or Delivery resulting from such Change Order. Customer shall have seven (7) days after receipt of the Response to notify GSFA as to whether Customer desires to make the changes GSFA has approved in the Response. In the event Customer counter-signs GSFA's Response, Customer shall pay the increase (or be refunded the decrease) in the Purchase Price prior to final delivery to Customer location.

5. Force Majeure – GSFA shall not be responsible nor deemed to be in default on account of delays in performance due to causes which are beyond GSFA's and manufacturer's control and which make GSFA's performance impracticable, including but not limited to wars, insurrections, strikes, riots, fires, storms, floods, other acts of nature, explosions, earthquakes, accidents, any act of government, delays in transportation, inability to obtain necessary labor supplies or manufacturing facilities, allocation regulations or orders affecting materials, equipment, facilities or completed products, failure to obtain any required license or certificates, acts of God or the public enemy or terrorism, failure of transportation, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, failure of vendors (due to causes similar to those within the scope of this clause) to perform their contracts or labor troubles causing cessation, slowdown, or interruption of work.

6. Cancellation/Termination – In the event Customer and GSFA enter into a Purchase Agreement and Customer thereafter cancels or terminates the Purchase Agreement, GSFA will charge a cancellation fee as follows: (a) 10% of the Purchase Price after order is accepted and entered by GSFA; (b) 20% of the Purchase Price after completion of the pre-construction phase of the order process; and (c) 50% of the Purchase Price after the requisition of any materials or commencement of any manufacturing or assembly of the Product by either GSFA or the manufacturer of the Product. The tier of cancellation fee applicable to any cancellation shall be in the sole and absolute discretion of GSFA.

7. State Sales Tax – Customer shall be responsible for the cost of state sales tax associated with, or attributable to the Product. The taxes owed by Customer for the Product is subject to adjustment for the applicable state sales tax rate in effect when the Product is delivered to the Customer. Therefore, the sales tax will be increased or decreased at the time of delivery if a change in the sales tax rate has occurred, in which case Customer shall pay GSFA (or be refunded by GSFA) the applicable change in sales tax.

8. Proposal Expiration – After the Expiration Date shown on page one of this Proposal, Customer shall require GSFA's written consent to accept this Proposal.

9. Governing Law – This Proposal is to be governed by and under the laws of the state of California.

Thank you for providing Golden State Fire Apparatus, Inc. with the opportunity to provide this proposal. If you have any questions regarding the options presented or need additional options, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Mark Paulsen
Golden State Fire Apparatus, Inc.

I, _____ authorized representative of
EBBETTS PASS FIRE DISTRICT agrees to purchase the proposed Product(s) and agree to the terms and conditions of this proposal and the specifications hereto attached.

SIGNATURE: _____

TITLE: _____ DATE: _____

OPTION A

If a contract or purchase order is received by Golden State Fire Apparatus on or prior to JANUARY 31, 2021 – the attached pricing will be in effect



PROPOSAL PREPARED FOR
Ebbetts Pass Fire District
Pierce Manufacturing, Inc.
Velocity 4X4 Pumper
HGAC FS12-19, Code FS19VC08
December 28, 2020

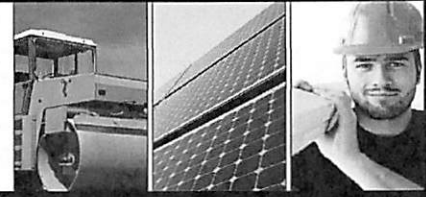
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PREPARED BY CSDA FINANCE CORPORATION

DATE: January 11, 2021

PROPOSED INSTALLMENT PURCHASE FOR: Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District

RE: Fire Truck

NOTE: TERMS ARE BASED UPON LEASE BEING BANK QUALIFIED

Prepayment Option amount is exclusive of the installment payment due on same date.

Interest rate quote is valid for an acceptance within 15 days and funding within 60 days.

		Financing Amount	Interest Rate	Term	
Payments: Annually in arrears		\$800,000	2.75%	10 Years	
PMT #	Due Date	Installment Payment	To Principal	To Interest	Prepayment Option
1		\$92,591.78	\$70,591.78	22,000.00	
2		92,591.78	72,533.05	20,058.73	
3		92,591.78	74,527.71	18,064.07	
4		92,591.78	76,577.22	16,014.56	
5		92,591.78	78,683.10	13,908.68	431,358.01
6		92,591.78	80,846.88	11,744.90	349,702.66
7		92,591.78	83,070.17	9,521.61	265,801.79
8		92,591.78	85,354.60	7,237.18	179,593.64
9		92,591.78	87,701.85	4,889.93	91,014.78
10		92,591.78	90,113.64	2,478.14	0.00
TOTALS:		<u>\$925,917.80</u>	<u>\$800,000.00</u>	<u>\$125,917.80</u>	

Approved and agreed to: Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District

By: _____

Date: _____

Title: _____

TITLE 2. CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM NOTICE OF PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Administration (Board) of the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) proposes to take the regulatory action described below after considering public comments, objections, or recommendations.

I. PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION

In this filing, the Board proposes to amend § 599.500 and § 599.508 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 2, titled "Definitions" and "Minimum Standards for Health Benefit Plans." The proposed regulations will modify or delete out of date provisions and make other technical changes to align the regulations with current and best practices.

II. WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD

Any interested person may submit written comments relevant to the proposed regulatory action. The written comment period has been established commencing on January 1, 2021 and closing on February 15, 2021. The Regulations Coordinator must receive all written comments by the close of the comment period. Comments may be submitted via Fax at (916) 795-4607; e-mail at Regulation_Coordinator@calpers.ca.gov or mailed to the following address:

Anthony Martin, Regulation Coordinator
California Public Employees' Retirement System
P.O. Box 942702
Sacramento, California 94229-2702
Phone: (916) 795-3038

III. PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Government Code (GC) § 11346.8, a public hearing on this matter has not been scheduled. However, if an interested person or his or her duly authorized representative submits in writing to the CalPERS Regulations Coordinator a request for a public hearing no later than 15 days prior to the close of the written comment period, February 1, 2021, a public hearing shall be scheduled before the CalPERS Pension and Health Benefits Committee. Notice of the time, date, and place of the hearing will be provided to every person who has filed a request for notice with CalPERS.

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IV. ACCESS TO HEARING ROOM

The hearing room will be accessible to persons with mobility impairments, and it can be made accessible to persons with hearing or vision impairments upon advance request to the Regulation Coordinator.

Ebbetts Pass Fire District

V. AUTHORITY AND REFERENCE

The Board has general authority to take regulatory action under GC § 22796. Reference citation: California Government Code § 22850, 22864 and 22911.

VI. INFORMATIVE DIGEST/POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

CalPERS benefit programs and administrative processes are subject to numerous regulatory requirements, several of which have been identified by team members as outdated, subject to confusion among stakeholders, or which otherwise represent an opportunity to realize efficiencies through their modification or clarification. In these cases, the recommended regulatory changes are appropriate for the continued administration and good governance of CalPERS.

CalPERS seeks to make changes to align the regulations with current and best practices. Currently, the Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act (PEMHCA) regulations include outdated provisions and practices.

ANTICIPATED BENEFITS OF THE PROPOSED REGULATION

The proposed regulatory action will not affect worker safety or the state's environment. The proposed regulations will modify or delete out of date provisions and make other technical changes to align the regulations with current and best practices.

EVALUATION OF INCONSISTENCY/INCOMPATIBILITY WITH EXISTING STATE REGULATIONS

CalPERS has evaluated and determined that the proposed regulations are not inconsistent, nor incompatible with existing State regulations. There are no other comparable existing State regulations pursuant to GC Section 11346.5, subdivision (a), paragraphs (3)(D).

VII. EFFECT ON SMALL BUSINESS

The proposed regulatory actions do not affect small business because it applies only to the California Public Employees' Retirement Law.

VIII. DISCLOSURES REGARDING THE PROPOSED REGULATORY ACTION/RESULTS OF THE ECONOMIC ANALYSIS/ASSESSMENT

- A. MANDATE ON LOCAL AGENCIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS:**
The proposed regulatory action does not impose requirements on local agencies and school districts that contract with CalPERS

above and beyond the normal scope of setting health benefit plan premiums.

- B. **COST OR SAVINGS TO ANY STATE AGENCY:** The proposed regulatory action will not reflect a cost or savings to any State agency.
- C. **COST TO ANY LOCAL AGENCY OR SCHOOL DISTRICT:** The proposed regulatory action will not impose costs to any local agency or school district.
- D. **NONDISCRETIONARY COSTS OR SAVINGS IMPOSED ON LOCAL AGENCIES:** The proposed regulatory action will not impose nondiscretionary costs or savings on local agencies.
- E. **COSTS OR SAVINGS IN FEDERAL FUNDING TO THE STATE:** There are no costs or savings in federal funding to the state.
- F. **ADVERSE ECONOMIC IMPACT:** The proposed regulation will not have a significant, statewide adverse economic impact directly affecting business, including the ability of California businesses to compete with businesses in other states.
- G. **COST IMPACT ON REPRESENTATIVE PRIVATE PERSONS OR BUSINESSES:** CalPERS is not aware of any cost impacts that a representative private person or business would necessarily incur in reasonable compliance with the proposed action.
- H. **IMPACT ON JOBS AND BUSINESS WITHIN CALIFORNIA:** The proposed regulatory action will not: (1) create or eliminate jobs within California; (2) create new businesses or eliminate existing businesses within California; (3) affect the expansion of businesses currently doing business within California; or (4) affect worker safety or the state's environment.

CalPERS believes making corrections to outdated terms and provisions and other technical changes to the regulation benefits the health and welfare of California residents by ensuring program integrity and sustainability of the CalPERS health benefits programs which covers more than 1.5 million active and retired state, local government, and school employees, and their family members.
- I. **EFFECT ON HOUSING COSTS:** The proposed regulatory action will have no significant effect on housing costs.
- J. **COST TO ANY LOCAL AGENCY OR SCHOOL DISTRICT WHICH MUST BE REIMBURSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GC SECTIONS 17500 THROUGH 17630:** There are no costs to any local agency or

school district which must be reimbursed in accordance with GC Sections 17500 through 17630.

IX. CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVES

In accordance with GC Section 11346.5, subdivision (a)(13), the Board must determine that no reasonable alternative considered by the Board or that has otherwise been identified and brought to the attention of the Board, would be:

- more effective in carrying out the purpose of the proposed action,
- as effective as, and less burdensome to affected private persons than the proposed action, or
- more cost-effective to affected private persons and equally effective in implementing the statutory policy or other provision of law.

The Board invites interested persons to present statements or arguments with respect to alternatives to the proposed regulations during the written comment period.

X. CONTACT PERSONS

Please direct inquiries concerning the substance of the proposed rulemaking action to:

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Please direct requests concerning processing of this rulemaking action to the CalPERS Regulation Coordinator, at the address shown in Section II.

XI. AVAILABILITY OF STATEMENT OF REASONS AND TEXT OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS

The entire rulemaking file is available for public inspection through the Regulations Coordinator at the address shown above. To date, the file

consists of this notice, the proposed text of the regulations, and the Initial Statement of Reasons (ISOR). A copy of the proposed text and the ISOR is available at no charge upon telephone or written request to the Regulations Coordinator.

The Final Statement of Reasons can be obtained, once it has been prepared, by written request to Anthony Martin, Regulation Coordinator, at the address shown in Section II.

For immediate access, the regulatory material regarding this action can be accessed at CalPERS' website at www.calpers.ca.gov.

XII. AVAILABILITY OF CHANGED OR MODIFIED TEXT

The Board may, on its own motion or at the recommendation of any interested person, modify the proposed text of the regulations after the public comment period closes.

If the Board modifies its regulatory action, it will prepare a comparison of the original proposed text and the modifications for an additional public comment period of not less than 15 days prior to the date on which the Board adopts, amends, or repeals the resulting regulation. A copy of the comparison text will be mailed to all persons who submitted written comments or asked to be kept informed as to the outcome of this regulatory action.

XIII. AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL STATEMENT OF REASONS

Upon completion, copies of the Final Statement of Reasons may be obtained by contacting the CalPERS Regulation Coordinator at the address shown in Section II.



California Special
Districts Association
Districts Stronger Together

Gold Country Regional Chapter Workshop



Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2021

Time: 9:00am-10:30am

Location: Zoom Meeting

No Charge

RSVP: Email Donna- dleatherman@CPUD.org

Workshop

Agenda

- ♦ Welcome
- ♦ Strategic Planning (Brent Ives)
- ♦ Board Members Panel (Tenured District Board Members will share their experiences with newly elected Board Members)
- ♦ Updates/Hot Topics
- ♦ Legislative Updates

Strategic Planning

Speaker:

Brent Ives-Bio

BHI Management Consulting



In 1997, after twenty years as a technical manager and an additional nine as contract trainer and consultant, Brent Ives decided to form BHI Management consulting in order to best share his knowledge. It was clear to him that the need was especially great among Special Districts. BHI is dedicated to helping Districts lay an improved foundation to support your current situation and the direction in which you are headed.

Questions: contact Donna at dleatherman@cpud.org

2020 Fuel Break Projects Along Ebbetts Pass

A Bright Spot in a Very Bad Year

2020 has been universally declared the worst year in memory. But along the Ebbetts Pass Corridor, there is a bit of good news.

First of all, we did NOT have a wildfire in our area this fire season. Yes, we had to contend with smoke from the terrible fires in the rest of the state, but we were spared, and that is something to be grateful for.

The other bright spot, and the point of this article, is that our corridor has received several grants to develop or complete fuel breaks in the area. Over the past several years a network of fuel breaks along the Ebbetts Pass Corridor has been planned, coordinated, and implemented by several agencies, including CAL FIRE, the US Forest Service, the Calaveras Foothill Fire Safe Council, The Calaveras Amador Forestry Team, The Calaveras County Resource Conservation District, Sierra Pacific Industries, homeowners' associations, and private landowners.

Fuel breaks are usually strips of land about 300 yards wide, often along ridgetops, that are cleared of dead and dying trees and other vegetation that can feed and accelerate fires. The goal is to break up fuel continuity to eliminate the fuel chain between structures and surrounding forest vegetation. The breaks are placed to provide firefighting teams strategic access and staging areas to effectively stop wildfires before they destroy homes and critical structures. These fuel breaks have the potential to save lives and property and preserve our beautiful community.

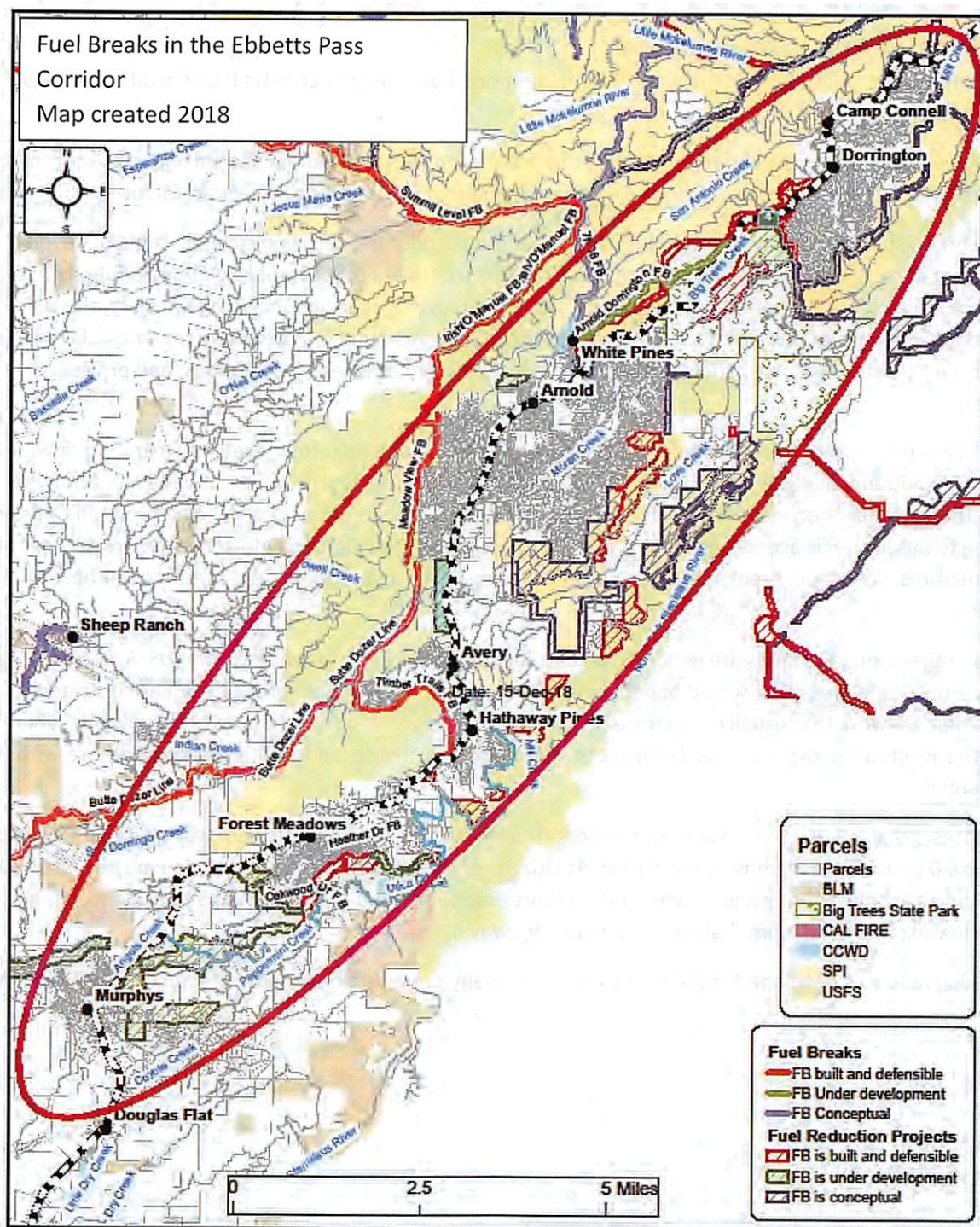
Projects on federal or state lands are generally paid for by the agencies that manage them (USFS, BLM, CA State Parks, etc.). But some areas that would benefit from a fuel break are on private property. Clearing strategic areas is expensive work that usually requires large machinery and crews of experienced and knowledgeable people – this is often too expensive and difficult to coordinate for private landowners, especially those with smaller parcels.

In these cases, grants of federal or state money are often the answer, and Ebbetts Pass was awarded several grants in 2020 that are being implemented now. As citizens of the Ebbetts Pass Corridor, you may be interested in the following list of current projects, each with a short description and map. You may see evidence of the work as you walk the Arnold Rim Trail or drive along Highway 4.

The following map was developed in 2018 and shows the many projects along Highway 4 and their status at that time.



2020 Fuel Break Projects Along Ebbetts Pass



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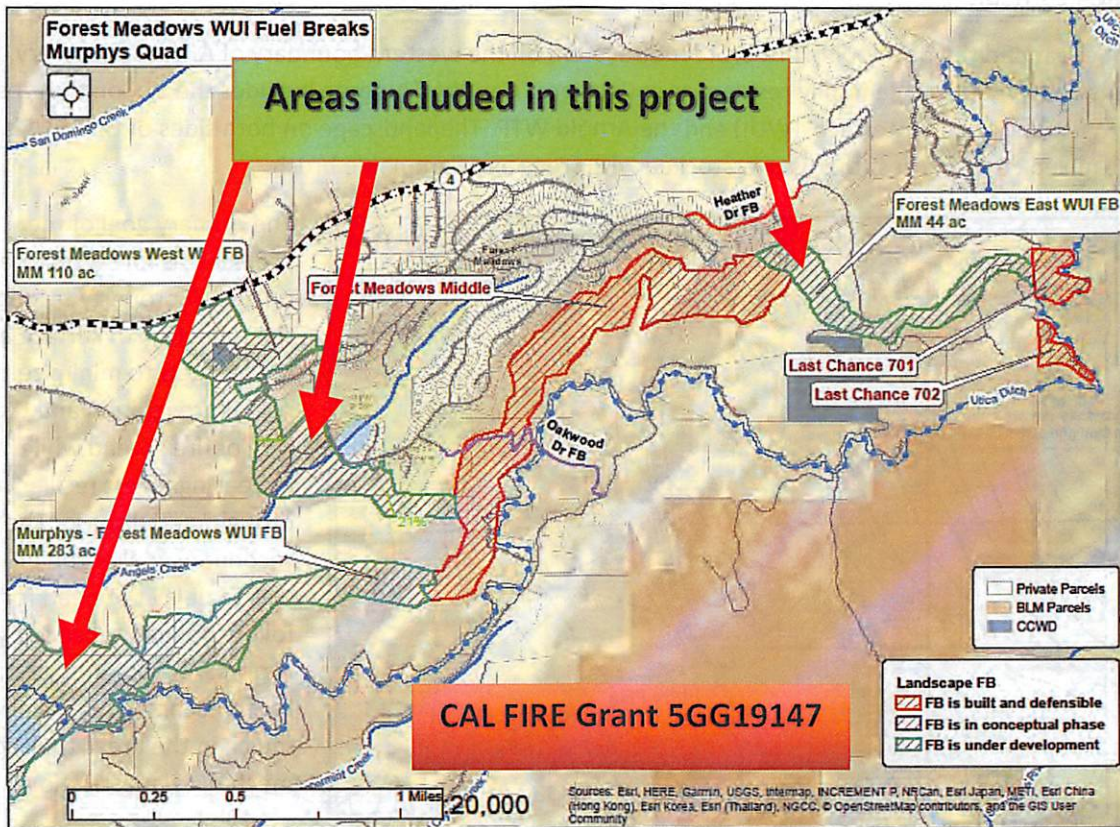
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Map by CCGA, 15-Dec-18

2020 Fuel Break Projects Along Ebbetts Pass

Murphys-To-Forest Meadows WUI Fuel Break Project

This project is funded by a grant from CAL FIRE and the California Climate Initiative (CCI) These are California state funds from Proposition 68. The award was made in March 2020. The project will create a shaded fuel break across approximately 732 acres located on the south side of Highway 4 between Murphys and Forest Meadows. The entire project is on private land, impacting ~90 private parcels with ~50 homes.



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Map by CalAm, revised by BPolakov, 26-Nov-18

Current Status: A new set of updated maps of the project footprint was recently completed. We are currently in the process of selecting a contractor to complete CEQA requirements and develop treatment plans. Actual groundwork is scheduled to start in summer/fall of 2021.

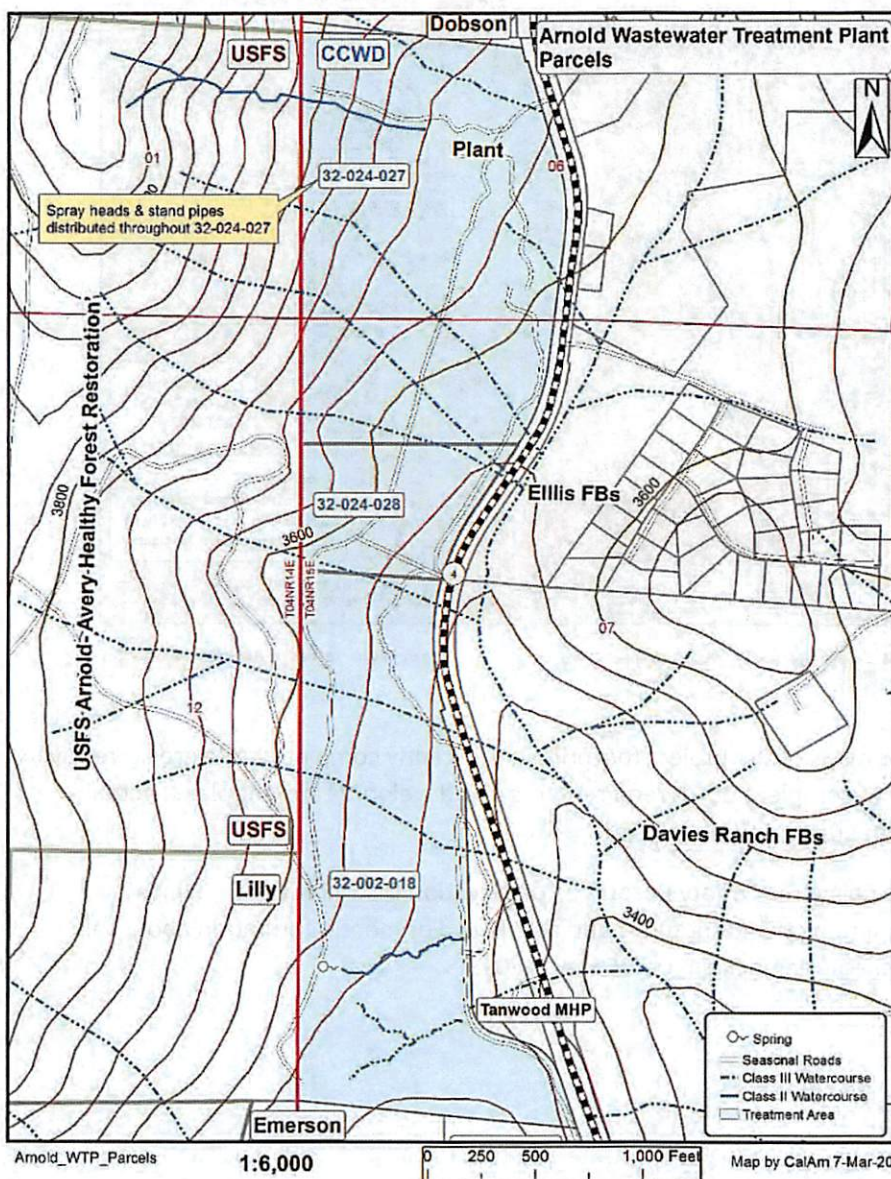
The "fiscal agent" for the grant is the Calaveras County Resource Conservation District (CCRD), which is responsible for managing and implementing the grant funds and activities. For more information about this project, contact Jill Micheau at jillmicheau@gmail.com or (209) 813-7019.

2020 Fuel Break Projects Along Ebbetts Pass

West Arnold Thin Shaded Fuel Break

Calaveras Healthy Impact Product Solutions, Inc. (CHIPS) was awarded a grant from the Stanislaus National Forest (STF) to reduce the risk of fire ignition and its rate of spread at the Arnold Wastewater Treatment Plant (Arnold WTP) that is owned and operated by the Calaveras County Water District (CCWD). Of concern is the spread of fire between the Arnold WTP and STF lands and protection of the communities of Arnold and Avery on the Highway 4 corridor.

This project expanded the developing fire protection system on the western boundary of Arnold and Avery, rural communities with ~4,900 single family residences in Calaveras County. This area includes the STF on the west side of the 'Wildland Urban Interface' (WUI) and the Arnold WTP. The landscape on both sides of the WUI is an uneven age mixed conifer forest that is overstocked with trees and flammable brush.



The primary goal of the project was forest restoration on CCWD property through the reduction of surface and ladder fuels to minimize the risk of fire ignition and the rate of fire spread while increasing forest resilience to drought and disease. The secondary goal of the project was to delay the need for follow up maintenance by suppressing brush sprouting for ten years with a layer of mulch in the areas treated by mechanical mastication.

The project was just recently completed by the Calaveras Amador Forestry Team (CalAm Team), a group of natural resource professionals, and fiscally managed by CHIPS. The project goals were accomplished through targeted tree removal, followed by mastication of surface and understory fuels. A total of 95 acres were treated.

For information about the

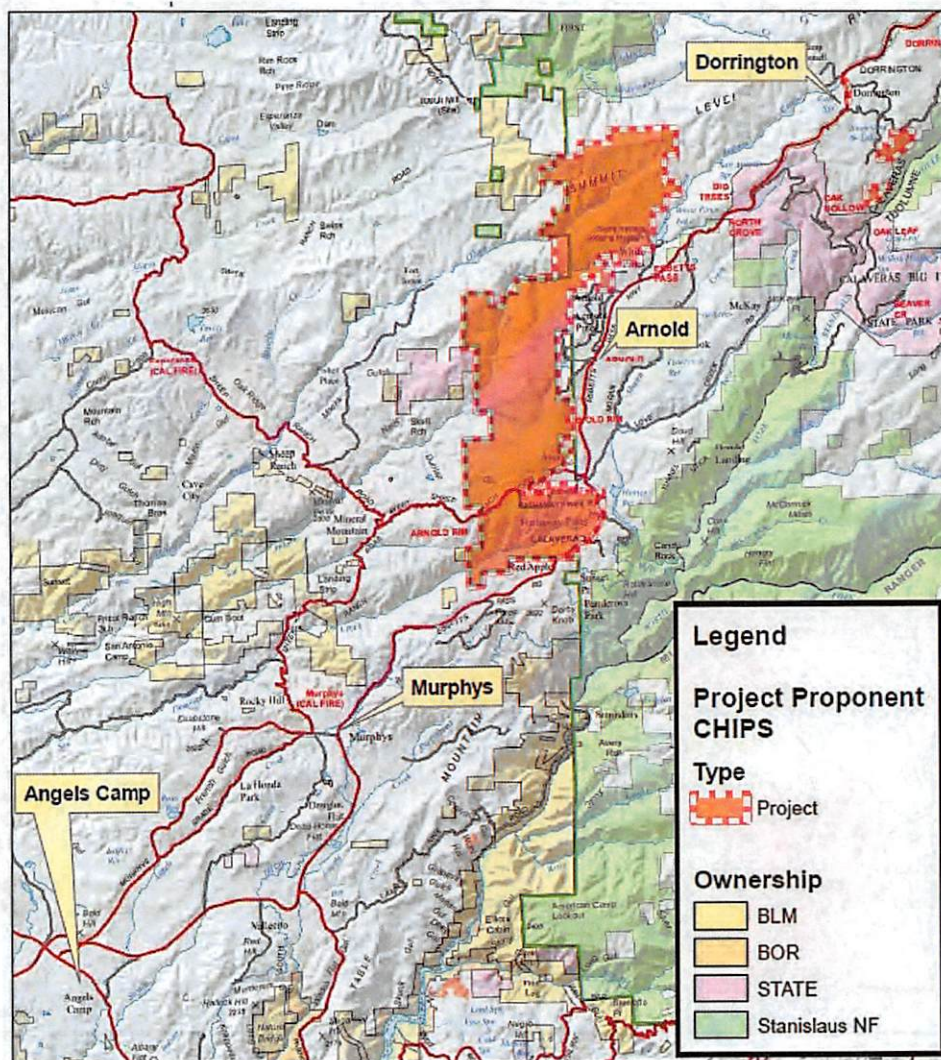
project, contact Regine Miller at (530) 277-3843 or email regine.chips@gmail.com.

2020 Fuel Break Projects Along Ebbetts Pass

Arnold-Avery Hazard Fuels Reduction and Fuel Break Maintenance Project

This project is part of a collaborative bi-county fuel break effort, and represents one strategic segment within a much broader, high priority effort to create a bi-county fuel break stretching from the Tiger Creek and View 88 fuel breaks in Amador County to the Arnold-Avery/Ebbetts Pass corridor projects in southeast Calaveras County. The project activities include 940 acres of Sierra mixed conifer forest. It will impact 841 acres of Forest Service land and 75 acres on private parcels.

The project will be implemented beginning in the winter of 2020-2021 and be completed by 2024. Project activities will include removal of excess surface and ladder fuels and maintenance and expansion of the 2015 Butte Fire Dozer Line fuel break and the Village fuel break which is located in the vicinity of Dorrington.



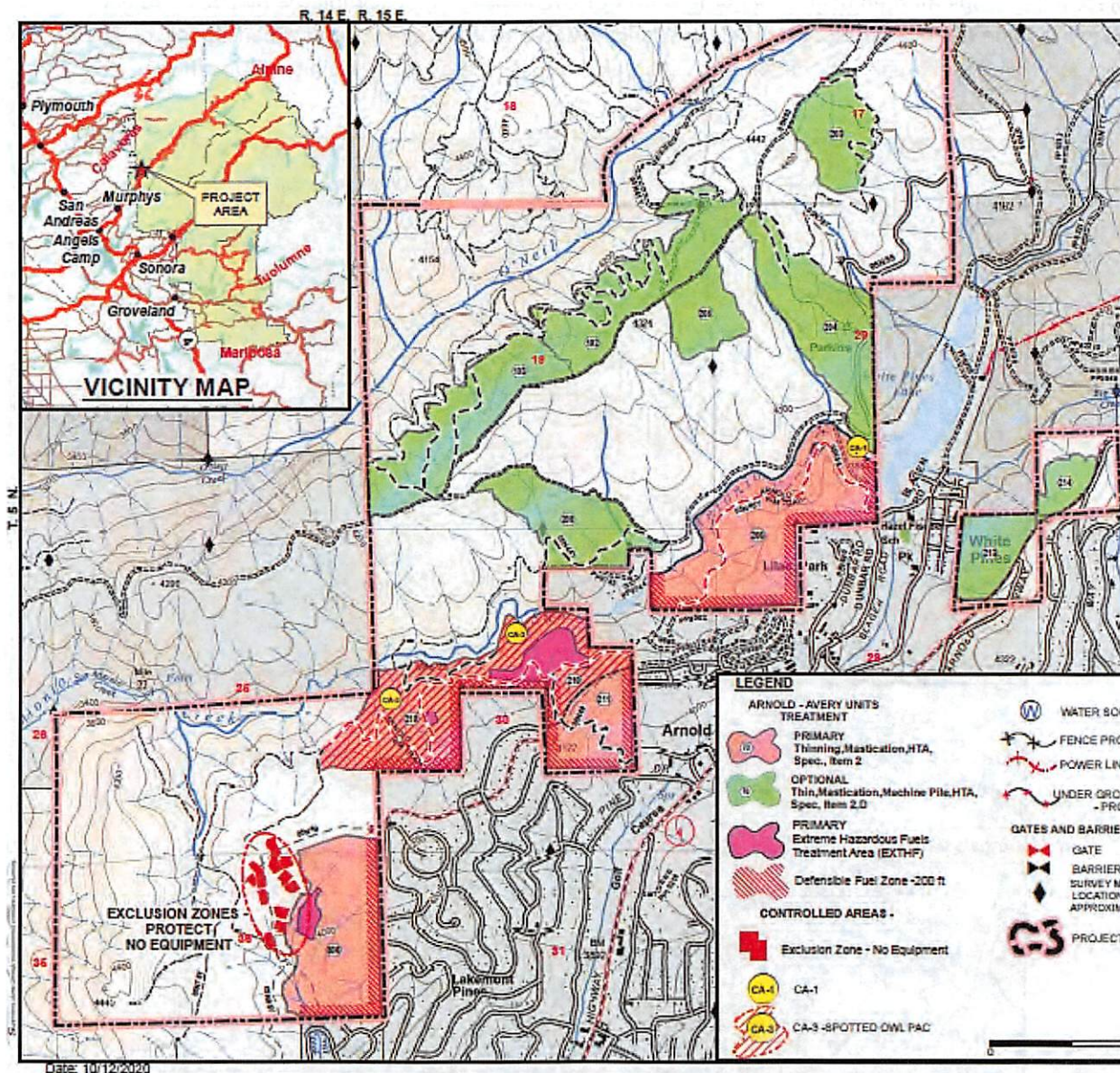
The project is managed by Calaveras Healthy Impact Product Solutions (CHIPS). For information about the project, contact Regine Miller at (530) 277-3843 or email regine.chips@gmail.com.

2020 Fuel Break Projects Along Ebbetts Pass

Arnold/Avery Stewardship Project, Phase I

This project is all on US Forest Service land and is funded by the USFS. It will be managed by The Mule Deer Foundation. It encompasses about 800 acres, much of it along the Arnold Rim Trail. The work will include removing dead and dying trees and thinning or masticating live brush and smaller coniferous trees.

Current Status: A contract was awarded to Markit! Forestry and work is taking place now. The project is expected to be completed by July 31, 2020.

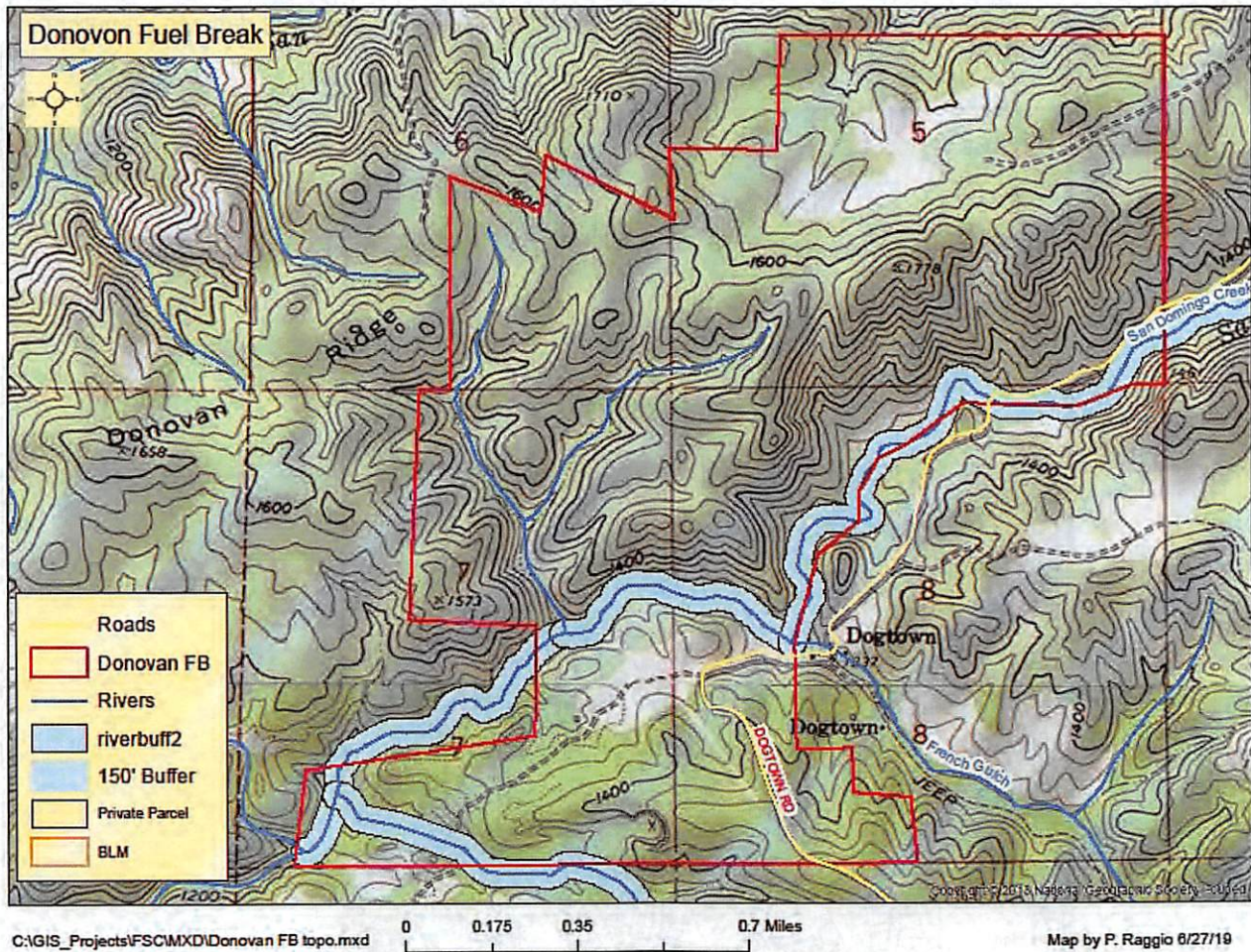


For more information about this project, contact Kevin Zeman at kevin@muledeer.org or (209) 216-9845.

2020 Fuel Break Projects Along Ebbetts Pass

Donovan Fuel Break

This is a 1,098-acre shaded fuels reduction project that strategically ties in with other landscape fuels reduction projects in Calaveras County. The project lies near the communities of Murphys and Angels Camp and directly in the path of the 2015 Butte Fire. There are 1,000 dwellings in the immediate area and recent projects have been completed on neighboring properties.

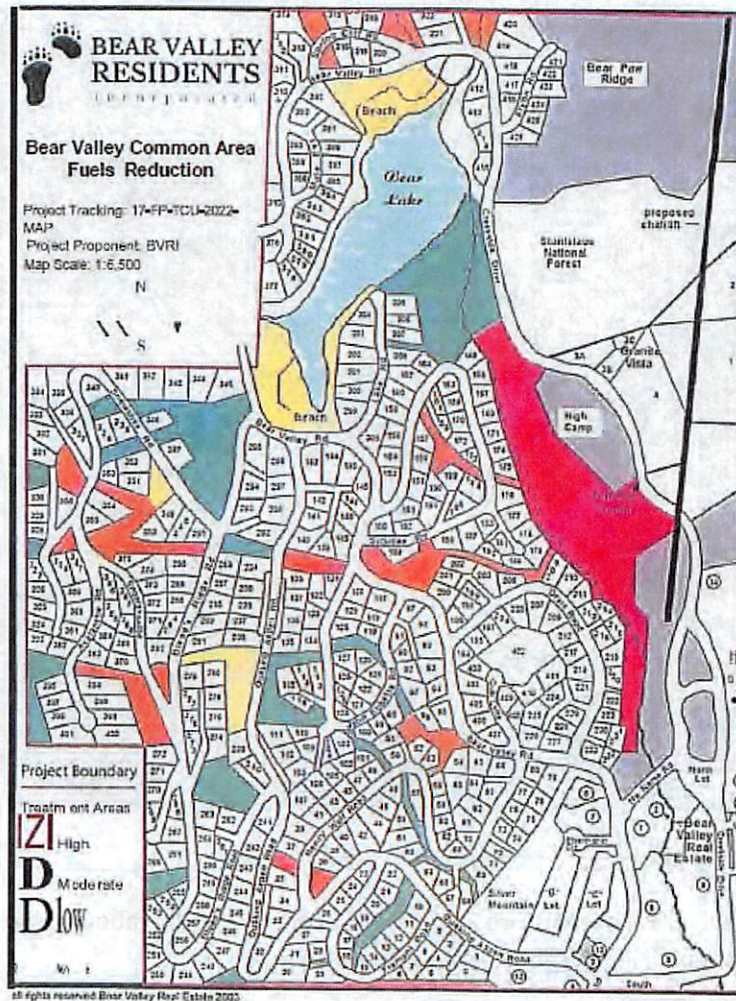


The project is managed by the Calaveras Foothills Fire Safe Council. For information about the project, contact Bill Fullerton at (209) 728-8785 or email info@calaverasfiresafecouncil.org.

2020 Fuel Break Projects Along Ebbetts Pass

Bear Valley Fuels Reduction

This project will be the completion of 53 acres of fuels reduction work in Common Area parcels (County lands) rated into one of four Treatment Area types based on their current dead and down fuel load. These Treatment Areas will be addressed in descending order with high priority areas first, progressing to moderate, and eventually completing areas rated as low. This work will include thinning of dense clumps of trees, removal of hazard trees and down logs, and pruning of retained trees to remove ladder fuels. Dense clumps of brush will be thinned to approximately 50% of the current volume. Worker safety and minimal property damage is another objective.



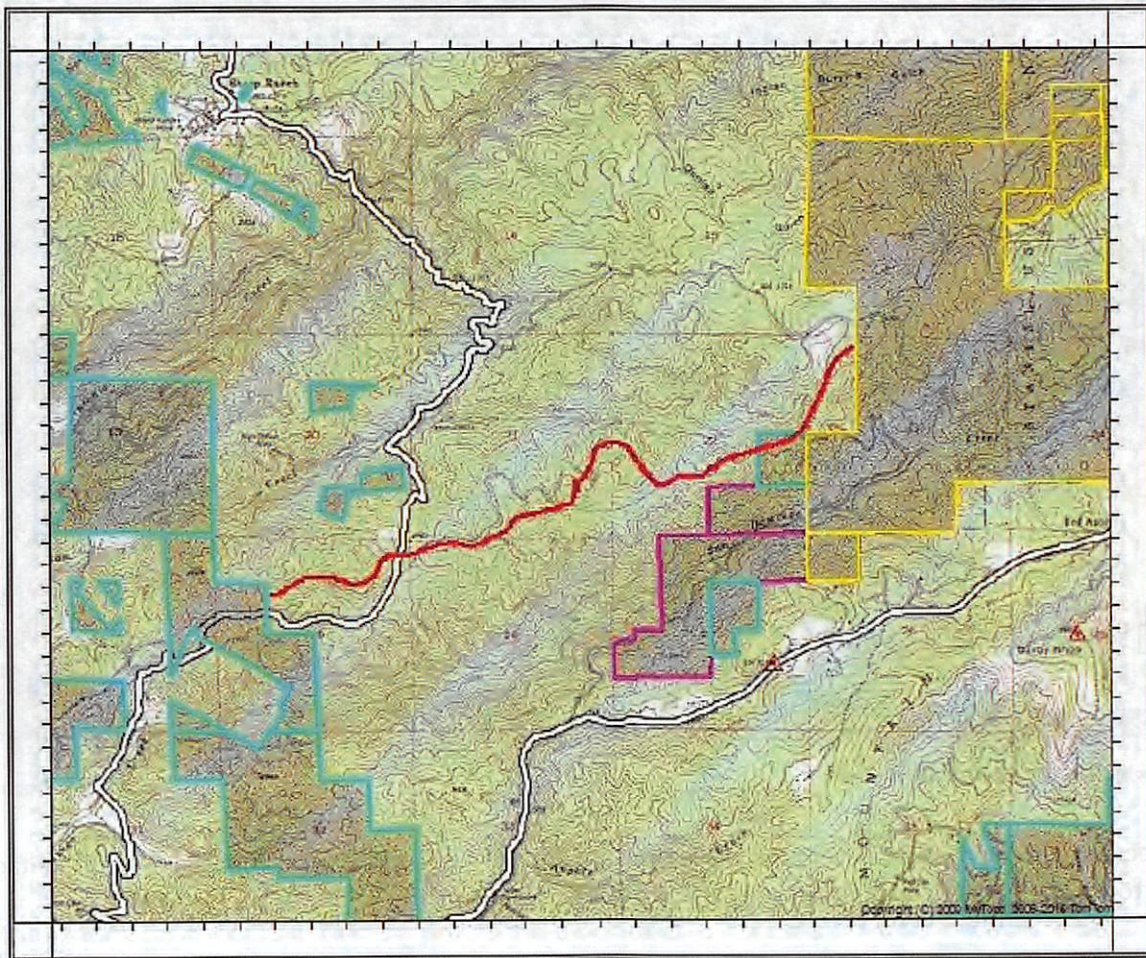
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2020 Fuel Break Projects Along Ebbetts Pass

Fullen Road Fuel Break and Maintenance Project

The Fullen Road Fuel Break and Maintenance Project will complete and maintain a fuel break that was constructed as a contingency fire line for the 2015 Butte Fire. The proposed fuel break also served as a fire line for the Mineral Fire (2004) and the Old Gulch Fire (1992).

This proposal would fund the work required, hand and mechanical removal of new sprouting and masticating of areas where needed, to convert this often used fire line into a permanent fuel break. The history of large damaging fires in the area, assets at risk, geographic alignment of the ridge, and landowner support makes this an important project to fund.

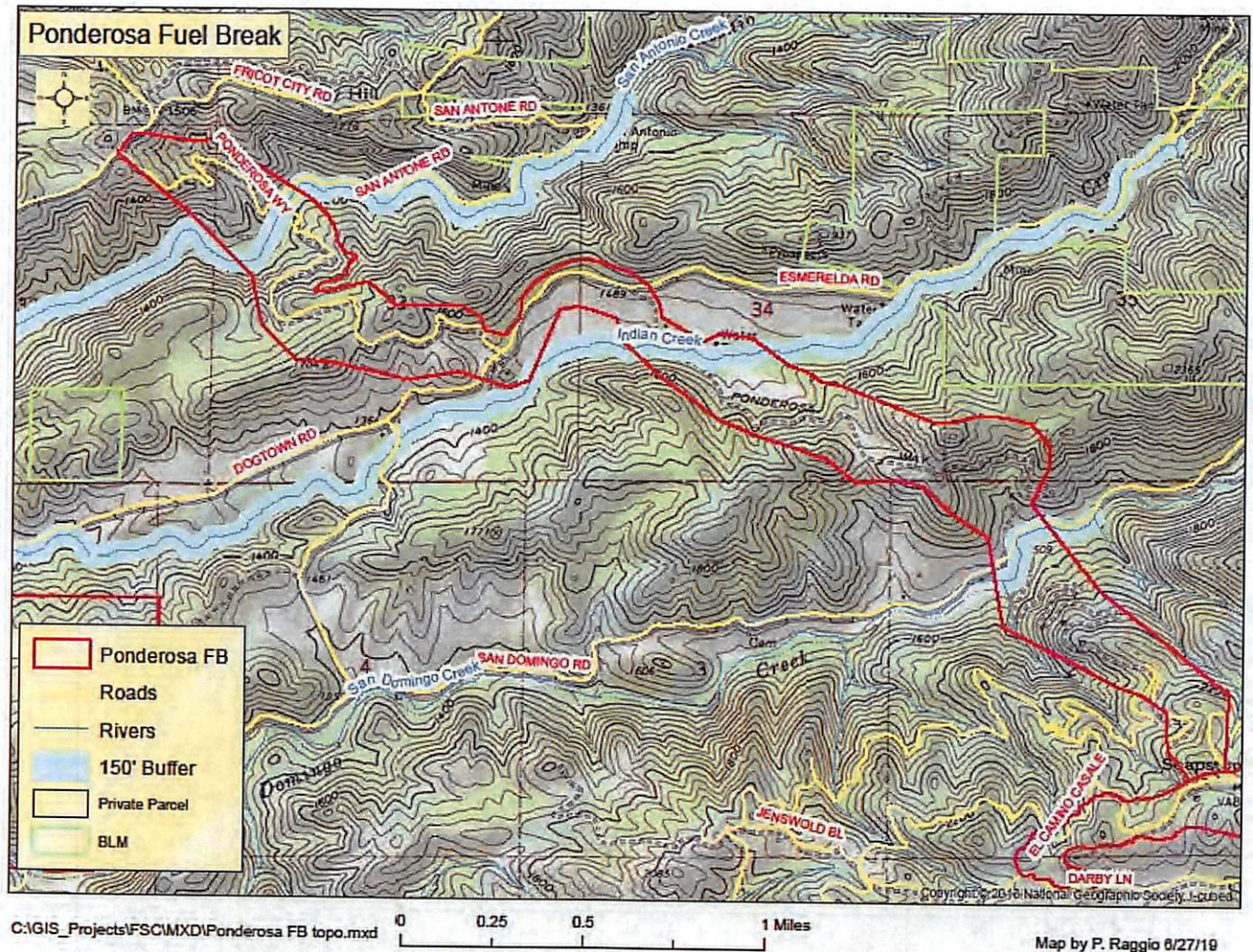


The project is managed by the Calaveras Foothills Fire Safe Council. For information about the project, contact Bill Fullerton at (209) 728-8785 or email info@calaverasfiresafecouncil.org.

2020 Fuel Break Projects Along Ebbetts Pass

Ponderosa Fuel Break

This fuel break runs along Ponderosa Road from Fricot City Road to the Murphys Pines subdivision in Murphys. It will tie into the control lines from the Butte Fire the Murphys Fuel Break. It will protect approximately 1,000 residences over 200 acres by masticating brush and felling dead trees.



The project is managed by the Calaveras Foothills Fire Safe Council. For information about the project, contact Bill Fullerton at (209) 728-8785 or email info@calaverasfiresafecouncil.org.

Health Management Associates, Inc.
INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR / CONSULTING AGREEMENT
Managed Care Intergovernmental Transfers

1. Parties. The parties to this Agreement are the Ebbetts Pass Fire District, (District) located in Calaveras County, which provides EMS ambulance response and transport in the Calaveras East Zone, and Health Management Associates, Inc. (HMA), a Michigan corporation with a primary office location of 120 N. Washington Square, Suite 705, Lansing, MI 48933.
2. Background. This contract sets forth the terms and conditions under which HMA will provide expert consultation to the Ebbetts Pass Fire District to support the District's participation in the Medi-Cal Voluntary Rate Range Intergovernmental Transfer program (the IGTs) with the Medi-Cal managed care health insurance Plans serving beneficiaries living in Calaveras and surrounding counties.
3. Independent Contractor. HMA's relationship is strictly as an independent contractor and not as an employee of the District. As an independent contractor, HMA is not eligible for, and will not participate in, any benefit, program, plan or compensation arrangement designed for employees. The Ebbetts Pass Fire District will not carry worker's compensation insurance, deduct social security tax (FICA), or pay federal or state unemployment taxes (FUTA or MUTA) with regard to HMA and its consultants.
4. HMA's Work. The Project Manager for HMA will be Steve Soto, currently working in HMA's Sacramento Office. The Project Manager will identify and supervise a Consultant, currently Margaux McFetridge, who will utilize her knowledge and abilities to assist the District to receive the benefits of the IGTs. HMA may change the Project Manager and/or the Consultant who works with the District with the consent of the District.
5. Scope of Work. A detailed Scope of Work for HMA is shown in Attachment A. HMA personnel will perform the work in a thorough and timely manner. All consulting work will be performed in close consultation with the District. HMA cannot and will not act on behalf of the District without express consent.
6. Compensation. The District will pay HMA the rates shown in Attachment B for work performed under this contract. These rates include routine HMA office expenses, such as internet, phone, printing, etc. which will be the responsibility of HMA. The total compensation during the term of this contract shall not exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).
7. Travel. HMA will not incur any travel expenses without prior authorization by the District. In the case of approved travel, the District will compensate for actual travel expenses and/or as specifically agreed upon in advance by the parties.

8. Invoicing. HMA will invoice District by the 15th of each month for work done in the prior month. This invoice will be submitted electronically to the individual designated by the District in a satisfactory format. District agrees to pay undisputed invoices within 30 days. If mutually agreed, HMA may submit invoices covering more than one month at a time.
9. Term of Agreement. The term of this agreement shall commence February 1, 2021, and be effective through June 30, 2022, (a 17-month period) unless sooner terminated by HMA or by the District with or without cause, for any reason or no reason, upon thirty days prior written notice. The contract term may be extended or amended by mutual agreement which shall be documented in writing.
10. HIPAA. The District shall not provide, and HMA has no need to receive, confidential personally identifiable health information that would be subject to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) in performance of this contract.
11. Liability. HMA will use consultants with the knowledge, skills, and experience in health care finance and the Medi-Cal program to assist the District to complete the IGT process. The parties acknowledge that HMA has no power to bind the District, the Health Plans, the State or other IGT participants. Thus, HMA cannot be liable for the decisions made by the District and for the outcome of the IGT process. If so desired, HMA will assist the District to secure and utilize additional legal and/or financial counsel in regard to specialized IGT legal issues.
12. Insurance. During the term of this Agreement, HMA shall maintain in force adequate worker's compensation, commercial general liability, errors and omissions, and other forms of insurance, in each case with insurers reasonably acceptable to the District, with policy limits sufficient to protect and indemnify the District from any losses resulting from HMA's gross misconduct, acts, or omissions. The District shall be listed as additional insured under such policy, and HMA shall forward a certificate of insurance verifying such insurance within 30 days of the Effective Date of this Agreement, which certificate will indicate that such insurance policies may not be canceled before the expiration of a 30-day notification period and that the District will be immediately notified in writing of any such notice of termination.

For the Ebbetts Pass Fire District

By: _____
Mike Johnson, Fire Chief

Dated: _____

Address: 1037 Blagen Road
PO Box 66
Arnold, CA 95223

For the Consultant:

By: Kelly Johnson
Kelly Johnson, Chief Administrative Officer

Dated: 1/14/2021

Address: 120 N. Washington Square, Suite 705
Lansing, MI 48933

Attachment A:
SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE AGREEMENT

The District plans to participate in Intergovernmental Transfers (or IGTs) with Blue Cross (Anthem) and California Health and Wellness Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans and the California State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). HMA will utilize its understanding of the Medi-Cal program and these IGTs to support the District in the IGT process which can be complex, lengthy and exacting.

HMA's responsibilities under this Agreement include but are not limited to the following:

1. Provide information and education to the District regarding the IGT process including changes to State and Plan requirements, the timelines for each IGT and the anticipated financial results. This may take the form of conference calls and the provision of written materials. Consultant will work with executive managers, elected officials, attorneys, and others regarding the IGT process, as requested by the District.
2. Assist the District to contact the Health Plans and assert their intention to participate in the IGTs.
3. Assist the District to send signed Letters of Interest to the Plans using the template provided by the State to confirm its interest in participating in the IGTs.
4. Assist the District to calculate and submit its unreimbursed costs and charges for the provision of Plan services to Plan enrollees during the IGT period, as required by DHCS and/or the Health Plans.
5. Provide the District information regarding its contribution amounts and estimated payments of revenue from the Plans, net new funds, and the District's obligations to expend IGT-funded revenues on health care services in the future.
6. Assist the District to fill out and submit their Intergovernmental Agreements to the State and to secure a final, approved Agreements for signature.
7. Assist the District to negotiate and finalize Health Plan-Provider IGT Agreements with each participating Health Plan.
8. Assist the District with the timely execution and transmittal of the final signed State and Plan documents.

9. Communicate with DHCS and the Plans regarding any issue related to the IGTs including but not limited to the maximum amounts to be contributed, the IGT timelines, contractual requirements, document language, federal requests etc.
10. Assist the District with any issues regarding the wiring of funds to DHCS.
11. Assist the District to receive timely, correct payments from the Plans as required by the Plan-Provider Agreements.
12. Perform other activities as required to support the participation of the District and the other participants in the IGTs.
13. Provide analysis and information regarding State and federal changes that potentially impact the Rate Range IGT including but not limited to the implementation of AB 1705, a new California EMS IGT that is under development.

Attachment B:
HMA FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE AGREEMENT

Professional hourly rates for the Services in this Agreement will be billed as indicated in the following table:

Title	Professional Hourly Rate
Physician Principal	\$550
Managing Principal	\$480 to \$550
Principal	\$455
Senior Consultant	\$390
Consultant	\$265
Research Assistant	\$200
Clerical and Staff Support	\$95

It is customary for HMA to increase its rates annually on January 1. The increase typically does not exceed 4 percent.

Ebbetts Pass Fire District



January 19, 2021

NOTICE

First Reading of the Title Fire Ordinance 2020 and Public Hearing Notice

Pursuant to the Health & Safety Code Section 13869.7 this notification serves at the First Reading of the Ebbetts Pass Fire District Ordinance 2020. A public hearing is scheduled for February 16, 2021 at 0900 through public appearance at 1037 Blagen Road, Arnold CA, 95223 or via the ZOOM Link as posted on the February 16 Board of Directors Agenda. The District shall begin the public hearing with notice pursuant to Govt. Code Section 6066.

Fire Ordinance 2020

**EBBETTS PASS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
FIRE ORDINANCE 2020**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE EBBETTS PASS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
REPLACING ALL EXISTING EPFD FIRE ORDINANCES

**EBBETTS PASS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
FIRE ORDINANCE 2020**

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INTRODUCTION

Within the boundaries of the Ebbetts Fire Protection District, fire and life safety regulations are enforced by:

1. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, by the application and enforcement of regulations contained in Public Resources Code 4290 and 4291, and
2. The County of Calaveras, by the application and enforcement of codes contained in the California Building Code, the California Fire Code and other such regulations as may be contained in the Calaveras County Code of Ordinances, and
3. The Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District by the application and enforcement of various amendments to the above-mentioned codes as contained in Ebbetts Pass Fire District Ordinance 2020.

TITLE: Ebbetts Pass Fire District Ordinance 2020

An ordinance of the Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District (“EPFD”), hereinafter referred to as EPFD Ordinance 2020, adopting the provisions, with certain amendments made based upon findings of fact, of the most recent editions of the California Fire Code, Calaveras County Fire and Life Safety Regulations and California Public Resources Code 4290 and 4291, regulating and governing the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the occupancy of buildings and premises in the Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefor; and repealing Ordinance 2018 of the Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District and all other ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

SECTION 1: ADOPTION

The Board of Directors of the **EBBETTS PASS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT** ordains as follows:

- 1.1. That a certain document, three (3) copies of which are on file in the office of EPFD Station One, being marked and designated as the California Fire Code, [2019 edition]^[SD1], including Appendix B, Appendix C, and Appendix D, as published by the International Code Council, is hereby adopted with certain amendments as specified below as the Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District Fire Ordinance 2020 in the State of California regulating and governing the safeguarding of life and property from fire and explosion hazards arising from the storage, handling and use of hazardous substances, materials and devices, and from conditions hazardous to life or property in the occupancy of buildings and premises as herein provided; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefor; and each and all of the regulations, provisions, penalties, conditions and terms of said Fire Code on file in this office of the Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District are hereby referred to and adopted and made part of, as fully set out in EPFD Ordinance 2020, with the additions, amendments, insertions, deletions and changes, if any, as prescribed below.
- 1.2. That the geographic limits referred to in certain sections of the 2019 California Fire Code are established, unless otherwise approved by the District's Fire Code Official, as being within the boundaries of the Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District.
- 1.3. That the Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District additionally adopts by reference the most current published version of the California Public Resources Codes (PRC)^[SD2] 4291, Section 8.10 of the Calaveras County Code of Ordinances, Ebbetts Pass Fire District Clearance Requirements for Unimproved Lots, and declares such codes are fully in force and in effect as though fully set forth herein except as the same may be modified by the amendments and additions thereto hereinafter set forth below.
- 1.4. That the California Fire Code, Calaveras County Code of Fire and Life Safety Regulations and the California Public Resources Code 4290 and 4291 as adopted by EPFD have been modified as described below in order to establish a more restrictive standard deemed reasonably necessary because of local climatic, geologic or topographical conditions.

Amendments to the above-referenced codes can be found in the Amendment and Addition Matrix below. A more detailed description can be found in Appendix A.

AMENDMENT SUMMARY MATRIX – See Appendix A for a more detailed description

Referenced Code	Referenced Code Section	Title/Subject	EPFD Ordinance Section
California Fire Code	104.2	Applications/Permits	4.1
Calaveras County Code	8.10.320	Fire Management Plans	4.3
California Fire Code	3404.1	Flammable Liquid Storage	5.1
California Fire Code	3804.2	Installation of LPG Tanks	5.2A
California Fire Code	3807	LPG Safety Devices	5.2.B - D
California Fire Code	3308	Fireworks	6
California Fire Code	907.2	Automatic Fire Detection Systems-New Buildings	7.1 and 7.5
California Fire Code	907.3	Automatic Fire Detection Systems-Existing Buildings	7.2 and 7.5
California Fire Code	907.7.5	Automatic Fire Detection and Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems-Monitoring	7.4
California Fire Code	903.2	Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems-New Buildings	7.8
California Fire Code	903.6	Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems-Existing Buildings	7.8
California Fire Code	903.3	Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems-Installation	7.9
California Fire Code	904.4	Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems-Inspection/Testing	7.9/7.10
Calaveras County Code	8.10.340	Roads and Driveways	8.2
California Fire Code	Appendix D	Fire Apparatus Access Roads	8.2
Calaveras County Code	8.10.200	Premises Identification	8.5 - 8.7
Public Resources Code	4291 (a) and 4290	Defensible Space	9.4
California Fire Code	4601	Existing Buildings – Adequate Water Supplies	10.3
Calaveras County Code	8.10.520	Water Supply Systems	10.4 - 10.5
California Fire Code	Appendix C C105	Distribution of Fire Hydrants	10.10 - 10.12
California Fire Code	507.5.4/507.5.5/507.5.6	Hydrant Protection and Marking	10.19 - 10.28

1.5. That Ordinance 2018 of the Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District entitled Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District Fire Ordinance 2018 is hereby repealed and replaced in its entirety.

1.6. That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of EPFD Ordinance 2020 is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of EPFD Ordinance 2020. The Board of Directors of the Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District hereby declares that it would have passed EPFD Ordinance 2020, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

1.7. That nothing in EPFD Ordinance 2020 or in the Fire Code hereby adopted by reference shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding impending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under any act or ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 1.5 of EPFD Ordinance 2020; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by EPFD Ordinance 2020.

1.8. That the Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District is hereby ordered and directed to cause EPFD Ordinance 2020 to be published and or posted in accordance with Government Code 25124.

1.9. That EPFD Ordinance 2020 and the rules, regulations, provisions, requirements, orders and matters established and adopted shall take place and be in full force and effect 30 days from and after the date of its final passage and adoption.

SECTION 2: FINDINGS OF FACT AND AMENDMENTS TO ADOPTED CODES

Findings of Fact and Amendments to Adopted Codes

2.1. The Board of Directors of the Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District finds that the unique characteristics of the topography, geography, and climatic conditions within the District, combined with the intermix of residential and commercial structures within the wildlands of the District, requires modifications/amendments of the California Fire Code, California Public Resources Codes and other such administrative codes in order to better protect the health, safety, welfare, material wealth, and economic well-being of the residents and property owners within the area known as the Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District. These modifications/amendments to State and Local Government (County) adopted standards are found reasonably necessary because of the "Findings of Fact" adopted as part of EPFD Ordinance 2020.

2.2. Within the adoptive ordinance, specific amendments have been established which are more restrictive in nature than those adopted by the State of California commonly referred to as the California Fire Code, and the Public Resources Codes, and the Calaveras County Fire and Life Safety Code. These amendments have been recognized by the Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District to address the fire protection problems, concerns and future direction by which the District can establish and maintain an environment which will work toward affording a level of safety to all who live, work and visit within its boundary.

2.3. Pursuant to Section 4117 of the Public Resources Code, Section 13869.7 (A) of the Fire Protection District Law and Sections 17958.5 and 17958.7 of the Health and Safety Code, the report contained herein is submitted as the "Findings of Fact" document with regard to the adopting ordinance of the Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District.

2.4. Under the provisions of Section 17958.5 of the Health and Safety Code, local amendments of State adopted standards shall be based on CLIMATE, GEOGRAPHICAL, and TOPOGRAPHICAL conditions. The Findings of Fact contained herein shall address each of these situations and shall present the local situation which, either singularly or in combination, caused the established amendments to be adopted. Additionally, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal-Fire) has determined that the State Responsibility Areas (SRA) within the County of Calaveras, where in which the Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District is located, to be a "Very High Fire Hazard Zone."

Finding of Facts –Climatic Considerations

2.5. The Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District is located within the heart of the Stanislaus National Forest. Elevations within the District range from 2,500 to 5,500 feet. The annual rainfall averages 21 inches; very often diminished rainfall amounts create a condition of drought and extreme fire danger. Most precipitation falls between the months of November and April. Snowfall can vary from an average of one to four feet in commercial areas of the District and between two to six feet in those residential areas at the higher elevations.

During dry periods of the year between May and November, high temperatures average 90-95 degrees. Low fuel moistures, relative humidity and high burn indexes are the norm for six months or more of each year. "Red flag" conditions are common. In combination, these conditions subject the District to severe and often critical fire seasons most every year.

The temperature and terrain features also blend to create gusty, prevailing winds and wind changes to occur regularly, further adding to the dry conditions and flammability of wildland fuels. During the winter season, snowfalls create problems in regard to access, response times and premises identification, with snowfall amounts varying from year to year. The Fire District is dependent upon local snow removal contractors for keeping access roads clear. Snow removal from private driveways and roadways is the responsibility of property owners.

Findings of Fact–Geographical and Topographical Considerations

2.6. The vast majority of structures within the Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District lie upon moderate to steep sloping terrain features amid varying types of 10-hour, 100-hour and 1,000-hour fuel types. It is most common for residential structures to be built into, and blended in, with the timber and wildland vegetation common to these elevations. The

District is a true example of mixing urban development within the wildlands that has commonly become known as the urban/wildland intermix. Fuel loads average 45 to 80 tons per acre in developed residential areas and 80-125 tons per acre in adjacent areas. Geographical and terrain features are such that residential structures have been built on slopes, in chimneys, and on ridge tops. Long, narrow, steep driveways are common, limiting access to individual properties and dwellings.

Ingress and egress from residential developments all originate from State Highway 4. Many of the ingress roads are narrow and substandard, built prior to the adoption of road standards. In the majority of residential developments, most subdivision streets converge onto one main artery which in turn, intersects with the State Highway. This creates the potential for heavy traffic congestion should the need for evacuation occur. Congestion is common during peak seasons when rentals and second homes are likely to be occupied. Peak seasonal periods coincide with the fire season.

Amendments to Adopted Codes

2.7. To mitigate the potential of devastating loss of property and life which can result from the wildland/intermix fire and the effect of the above-described combination of climatic, geographical and topographical factors on the ability of fire suppression forces to manage the wildland intermix fire, the Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District has incorporated amendments and modification of the California Fire Code, Public Resources Code and other published fire and life safety standards.

2.8. Building Fires: The amendments and modifications to the aforementioned are deemed reasonably necessary to support the District's efforts to keep Building fires small so they can be controlled by a limited number of resources before spreading to the wildland. It is believed that more restrictive requirements pertaining to the installation of Automatic Fire Detection systems which provide for the early detection of fires, Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems, and Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems that suppress fires before they become large, the use of fire resistive building materials, the provision of adequate water supplies for fire suppression, and improved access support that effort.

2.9. Wildland Fires: The amendments and modifications to the aforementioned codes are deemed reasonably necessary to the District's efforts to keep wildland fires originating within the District's boundaries small so they too can be controlled by a limited number of resources before becoming a conflagration. It is believed that more restrictive requirements pertaining to clearance of defensible space around structures and the reduction of fuel loads on unimproved properties within and adjacent to, residential and commercial developments support that effort.

2.10. Finding: It is the District's finding that the modifications to the adopted standards contained herein are reasonably necessary to:

1. Provide early detection of building fires which provides increased opportunity to contain the fire to the Building and help prevent spread to the wildland; and
2. Amendments related to fuel loads on lots and around structures also help provide increased opportunities for rapid control of a wildland fire and the prevention of a conflagration as well as provide added elements of safety for fire suppression forces.

While it is clearly understood that the adoption of such regulations may not prevent the incidence of fire, the ongoing enforcement of the California Fire Code, Public Resources Codes, Calaveras County Fire and Life Safety Code, and the amendments to those Codes contained herein, may reduce the severity and potential loss of life and property within the boundaries of the Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District

SECTION 3: DEFINITIONS

3.1. Access Ways and/or Roads: A road or means that provides fire apparatus and/or firefighting personnel access from a fire station to a Building, facility, or portion thereof. This is a general term inclusive of all other terms such as, but not necessarily limited to, fire lane, public street, private street, parking lot lane and access roadway.

3.2. Adequate Water Supply: Adequate Water Supply shall mean the available water flow (amount), supply (duration) and access (location) which the Fire Code Official or designee determines is necessary to protect any Building(s), structures, developments, or potential developments. This shall include private residential, commercial, and public Buildings on land to be developed or improved. This shall include adequate water flow and supply (duration) for potential Building/improvements on lots or parcels created for development as part of a subdivision of land.

3.3. Alternate Means of Compliance: An alternative method to meet the intent of a regulation or requirement allowed by the Fire Code Official which provides the same overall practical effect of the regulation or requirement.

3.4. Approved: Approved shall mean meeting all the requirements of the Fire Code Official as to the location, size, type of material and manner of installation.

3.5. Automatic Fire-Detection System: Approved heat or smoke detection devices, equipment and systems or combinations of systems used to detect a fire, activate an alarm, communicate the activation of a detection device to audible alarms and signal monitoring station, or any combination thereof.

3.6. Automatic Fire-Extinguishing System: An approved system of devices and equipment which automatically detects a fire and discharges an approved fire-extinguishing agent onto or in the area of a fire.

3.7. Automatic Fire-Sprinkler System: An Automatic Fire Sprinkler System, for fire protection purposes, is an approved integrated system of underground and overhead piping designed in accordance with fire protection engineering standards. The system includes a suitable water supply. The portion above ground is a network of specially sized piping to which automatic sprinklers are connected in a systematic pattern. The system is usually activated by heat from a fire and discharges water over the fire area. The system may also include fire flow alarms which sound upon activation of a sprinkler head. The system may also include communications equipment which, upon activation of a fire flow alarm, sends a signal to a monitoring (signal) station.

The system may also include Post Indicator Valves (PIV) which can control the water which supplies various zones or areas of the extinguishing system. PIVs may also have communication devices which monitor whether the valve is opened or closed and sends a signal to a monitoring (signal) station should the valve be closed. A system may also include fire department connections for the purpose of adding additional water pressure to the system during a fire event by using fire apparatus pumps.

3.8. Board: Board shall mean the Board of Directors of the Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District.

3.9. Building: Building shall mean any structure built upon any lot, parcel, or property within the

jurisdiction of the Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District including, but not limited to, any dwelling classified as residential, commercial, and accessory.

3.10. Central Signal Station: An approved, certified and/or licensed location or facility staffed and equipped to monitor alarm systems and notify emergency services that a fire alarm system, Automatic Fire Protection System, Fire Sprinkler System, Automatic Fire Extinguishing System or other such fire protection devices have been activated.

3.11. Chief: Chief shall mean the Chief Officer of the Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District having responsibility for the enforcement of this code and/or his/her authorized representative.

3.12. Commercial Building: Commercial Building shall mean any Building, dwelling, apartment, condominium, townhouse, motel, bed and breakfast or room used as a place of business, or any room, apartment, dwelling or Building rented or leased to others. Exception: Single Family Residential Dwellings having fewer than two dwelling units.

3.13. Developer: Developer shall mean any lot owner, parcel owner or other person, firm, corporation, association, partnership, trust, company, public or private, responsible for the improvement of land or project in question, be it for private or public use.

3.14. Development Project: Any project undertaken for the purpose of development, including a project involving the issuance of a permit for construction or reconstruction, but not a permit to operate.

3.15. Division of Land: A Division of Land shall mean the division, by any entity or developer, of any unit or units of improved or unimproved land or any portion thereof, shown on the most current equalized county assessment roll as a unit or contiguous units, for the purpose of sale, lease, financing, transfer, or building development, whether immediate or future. Property shall be considered as contiguous units even if separated by roads, streets, utility easements or railroad right-of-ways.

3.16. Facilities: Facilities shall mean such water mains, fire hydrants, appliances, appurtenances, Buildings, equipment, etc. thereto as are necessary for fire protection.

3.17. Fire Code Official: Fire Code Official shall mean the person(s) appointed by the Fire Chief to enforce the EPFD Fire Ordinance. The Fire Code Official may have various titles related to the specific duties to which they are assigned. The Fire Code Official is authorized by the Board of Directors of the Ebbetts Pass Fire District to enforce EPFD Ordinance 2020 and issue citations and/or arrest persons for violations of EPFD Ordinance 2020.

3.18. Fire Flow: Fire Flow shall include the amount of water in gallons per minute required for an individual structure, occupancy class or hazard, for more multiple structures, occupancies or hazards, total amount of water available in storage for fire protection of a structure, occupancy, or hazard, and/or total amount of water available in storage for fire protection of multiple structures, occupancies, or hazards. Fire flows shall be calculated above what is required/needed for domestic use.

3.19. Fire Hazard: Fire Hazard shall mean anything or act which increases or may cause an increase of the hazard or menace of fire to a greater degree than is customarily recognized as normal by persons

in the public service regularly engaged in preventing, suppressing, or extinguishing fires; or which may obstruct, delay, hinder or interfere with the operations of the fire district or the egress of occupants or the access of emergency equipment in the event of fire.

3.20. Fire Management Plan: A plan that addresses the fire protection needs of a Development, with implementation methods necessary to achieve the standards of EPFD Ordinance 2020 or having the same practical effect.

3.21. Fire Protection Water Supply Systems: Any combination of pipes, valves, appliances, devices, tanks, pumps, connections, etc. used to store or deliver water for the purpose of fire protection.

3.22. Judgment: Judgment shall mean the decision of the Fire Chief or designee based upon sound fire protection principles. Such judgment shall be conclusive unless overruled by the Board of Directors of the Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District through a regular grievance or appeal process.

3.23. Relief: An exemption from all or part of a requirement or regulation approved by the Fire Code Official.

3.24. Subdivision: Subdivision shall mean the same as Division of Land. (3.14)

3.25. To Develop Land: To Develop Land shall mean any division or subdivision of land, change in zoning, improvement of land or change in permitted use of land.

3.26. To Improve Land: To Improve Land shall mean to make any improvements or do any work upon such land which would legally require the issuance of a building permit, whether actually issued or not, under the California Building Code or any other County or District Ordinance. It shall also be held to mean that to Divide Land is to Improve Land. This shall include properties zoned residential as well as commercial.

SECTION 4: SUBMISSION OF PLANS FOR REVIEW and FIRE MANAGEMENT PLANS

Submission of Plans for Review

4.1 Affected activities requiring the submittal of plans for review by the District's Fire Code Official include but are not limited to:

1. Permitting or approval of new parcels, including subdivisions and/or divisions of land but excluding lot line adjustments.
2. Application for a building permit for new, or additions to, any Building. ~~Exception:~~ R-3 Single Family Residential having less than two dwelling units include residential accessory structures as well (i.e.: garages private shops, sheds, barns).
3. Application for use permit, change of zoning or change of occupancy classification

4.2. Permission for occupancy of any Building, or permission to proceed with the development of any property created as a result of a subdivision and/or division of land shall not be granted until such Building or Development Project has met the conditions of the District's Fire Code Official. ~~[SD3]~~

Fire Management Plans

4.3. As a conditional requirement for approval of any subdivision of land, commercial development projects, and/or commercial Building project, the Calaveras County Fire Ordinance and/or the District's Fire Code Official may require a Fire Management Plan.

4.4. In order to meet the requirements of EPFD Ordinance 2020 and the intent of its amendments made to other adopted ordinances or standards, the District may require provisions more stringent than those provisions and requirements of the Calaveras County Code.

4.5. The Fire Management Plan shall be approved prior to the issuance of any building permit and shall address all aspects of fire protection requirements and mitigation measures.

4.6. A Fire Management Plan may, but is not necessarily limited to, address the following:

1. Impact on the existing fire service delivery system's (agency's) ability to provide and/or maintain a level of service reasonably equal to services being currently provided.
2. Availability of fire protection water, required fire flows and storage.
3. Problems associated with ingress/egress, circulation and the response times of emergency equipment.
4. Fire Hazards existing within the proposed project area or immediately adjacent to the area including vegetation and combustible fuels.
5. Requirements of EPFD Ordinance 2020 which cannot be met due to project design or other constraints.
6. Fire protection measures which are consistent with provisions of EPFD Ordinance 2020 and/or other recognized fire protection standards.

SECTION 5: STORAGE OF FLAMMABLE OR COMBUSTIBLE LIQUIDS and LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS

Storage of Flammable or Combustible Liquids

5.1. The storage of Class 1, II and III liquids in above ground tanks must be approved by the District's Fire Code Official.

Storage of Liquefied Petroleum Gas

5.2. The installation of storage containers for liquefied petroleum gas shall be restricted as follows:

1. The installation of storage tanks in excess of 500 gallons either singly or in multiple of tanks with an aggregate capacity in excess of 500 gallons shall require approval of the Fire Code Official.
2. Any tanks or aggregates of tanks in excess of 500 gallons shall be enclosed by a fence at least 6 feet in height and located a minimum of 3 feet from the tank(s). The fence shall have a gate on the side which faces the access route to the tank and shall be kept locked when unattended.
3. All metering devices and shutoff valves to individual apartments, suites, dwellings, etc., that are serviced by one tank shall be marked in a manner that corresponds to the address, apartment or suite number that is served by that metering device and shutoff valve.
4. Additional fire protection requirements may be established as a condition of approval in consideration of special features such as topographical conditions, nature of the occupancy, response distances, proximity to Buildings and the degree of life safety protection deemed needed.

These additional fire protection requirements include, but are not limited to, fire appliances, hydrants, Automatic Fire Detection, Automatic Fire Sprinkler System, and Automatic Fire Extinguishing System.

SECTION 6: FIREWORKS

6.1. The provisions of this section are not to be construed as all inclusive. References shall be made to the most recent standards, suggestions and procedures recommended by the California State Fire Marshal's Office in regard to the regulation of fireworks.

6.2. All definitions of fireworks, dangerous fireworks, and safe and sane (private use) fireworks shall have respective meanings ascribed to them in the California Health and Safety Code, or their most recent amendments or changes.

6.3. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess, store, to offer for sale, expose for sale, sell at retail, or use or explode any fireworks, dangerous fireworks or safe and sane (private use) fireworks within the jurisdiction of the EBBETTS PASS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

6.4. Public displays of safe and sane (private use) fireworks shall be allowed on a limited permit basis only.

SECTION 7: AUTOMATIC FIRE DETECTION AND AUTOMATIC FIRE SPRINKLER SYSTEMS

Automatic Fire Detection Systems:

7.1. Any Building constructed within the Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District shall have an approved Automatic Fire Detection System. Exception: Unless otherwise required by the CFC.

7.2. As part of any renovation and or addition to any Building in which the total value of renovations and/or repairs or additions exceeds 50% of the assessed value (cumulative renovation value within a 36 month period) of the Building prior to renovation and/or repair, or additions to, an approved Automatic Fire Detection System shall be installed throughout. Assessed value is the Calaveras County Assessors Office value at time of project permit issuance by the building department.

7.3. Any Automatic Fire Detection System installed within the Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District shall be installed and certified by a licensed installer/contractor.

7.4. All Automatic Fire Detection System shall be monitored by a certified "Central Signal Station".

7.5. The Fire Code Official may require additional components such as bells, pull stations, detectors, outside indicating lights and other devices.

7.6. The Fire Code Official requires that alarm systems and Central Signal Stations be inspected and maintained in accordance with CFC and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards and that inspections and maintenance be performed by a licensed alarm system installer/contractor.

7.7. With the exception of dwelling units and where it may be otherwise required by the CFC, the installation of an Automatic Fire Detection System may be waived by the Fire Code Official in structures with Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems installed throughout.

Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems:

7.8. An approved Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems shall be installed and maintained as set forth below:
Unless otherwise required by the CFC, any commercial/industrial Building having a total floor area which exceeds 3,600 square feet, or is otherwise required to do so by the CFC, shall have an Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems installed throughout.

In lieu of an Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems, commercial structures having a total floor area in excess of 3,600 square feet but less than 5,000 square feet may be divided into areas less than 3,600 square feet if separated by a two-hour fire/area separation.

Existing: Additions or alterations to existing Buildings having a total floor area in excess of 3,600 square feet in which the total value of renovations/repairs or additions exceeds 50% of the assessed value (cumulative renovation value within a 36 month period) of the Building prior to renovation/repair or additions, shall have an approved Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems installed throughout.

In lieu of an Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems, additions to existing Buildings which increase the total floor area above 3,600 square feet but less than 5,000 square feet may be divided

into areas less than 3,600 square feet by two-hour fire/area separations.

System Requirements

7.9. Anyone who installs an automatic fire detection or Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems shall be a licensed and/or certified installer of automatic fire detection and/or fire extinguishing systems and such installers shall be able to provide by contract, services for the maintenance and testing of such systems.

7.10. Maintenance and testing of automatic fire detection and fire extinguishing systems shall be the responsibility of the building owner and certification of testing shall be provided by the owner upon request of the Fire Code Official.

SECTION 8: FIRE EQUIPMENT ACCESS, ROADS AND DRIVEWAYS, and PREMISES IDENTIFICATION

8.1. It shall be the responsibility of property owners and/or property developers to make such provisions that may be deemed necessary by the Fire Code Official in regard to roadways, streets, driveways and Access Ways that will provide a reasonable means of safe, timely egress for evacuation of residents and safe access for fire suppression equipment and personnel utilizing that equipment. These provisions may include, but are not necessary limited to additional ingress/egress routes or changes in road design.

Fire Lanes and Emergency Equipment Access

8.2. The Fire Code Official is given the authority to require areas, roads, driveways, to be cleared of obstructions and maintained as "FIRE LANES" or for emergency access. Such access may be required at any location where it is determined that without such emergency access for firefighting equipment, the entry by and use of fire apparatus and/or other emergency equipment would be obstructed or otherwise rendered unduly difficult.

8.3 As part of any development or Building project, the Fire Code Official is given authority to require provision for access and maneuvering of fire apparatus. Such provisions may include, but is not necessarily limited to, the provision of designated fire lanes, no parking areas, minimum turning radius and width of access ways, and emergency access roads.

Roads and Driveways

8.4. Roadway and Driveway standards to be in conformance with, and enforced by, Calaveras County through application of standards outlined in Section 8.10.340 of the CALAVERAS COUNTY FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY REGULATIONS.

Premises Identification and Signing

8.5. Premises identification and signing shall be in conformance with standards outlined in Section 8.10.340 of the CALAVERAS COUNTY FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY REGULATIONS and the regulations specified below.

8.6. Structures not readily visible from the roadway shall have premises identification numbers posted at the driveway/access entrance visible from both directions of roadway travel.

8.7. Numbers posted at driveway or other access entrances shall be posted at such a height above the ground to remain clear of snow.

8.8. Cannabis cultivation area registration will be clearly visible within ten feet of the property ingress. It shall be posted between four and six feet above the ground on a durable, rigid, and rectangular signboard of no less than eighteen inches per side with four-inch font containing reflective material sufficient to allow an enforcement official to readily locate it with a flashlight after dark.

SECTION 9: FIRE HAZARD ABATEMENT, FUEL MODIFICATION and DEFENSIBLE SPACE

Purpose, Scope and Intent – Fire Hazard Abatement – Fuel Modification

9.1. Fire hazard abatement regulations pertaining to fuel modification are based upon the premise that:

1. People inhabiting structures and their associated activities in around their homes are the primary source of potential ignition of a fire within the inhabited subdivisions of the District and
2. That fuel loading on improved or unimproved lots and/or parcels of land within, or adjacent to, inhabited areas can significantly contribute to the intensity and spread of a wildfire making it more difficult to control.

In an effort to reduce the chance of a structure (Building) fire spreading to the wildland and growing into a conflagration and in support of efforts to control a wildfire once an ignition occurs, it has been determined that modification and reduction of flammable vegetation within hillside developments and the provision of defensible space around structures is critical.

It has also been determined that modification and reduction of vegetation along roadways, driveways and on unimproved properties adjacent to structures reduce radiant heat and fire intensity, providing an increased margin of safety for fire suppression personnel, provides a point of attack and place of defense for the protection of structures and increased safety for evacuating civilians during a wildland fire.

FUEL MODIFICATION REGULATIONS

9.2. Regulations pertaining to fire safe clearance on properties within the District originate from two different ordinances which are enforced by two different agencies.

Improved Properties – Public Resources Code 4291

9.3. The California Public Resources Code 4291, enforced by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire), requires homeowners to provide vegetation clearance and fuel reduction around homes and Buildings. These regulations require:

1. A “Defensible Space Zone” 30 feet around the structure and
2. A “Reduced Clearance Zone” between 30 feet and 100 feet (or to the property line) of additional clearance.

Unimproved Properties – Ebbetts Pass Fire District Ordinance 2020

9.4. It is the purpose and intent of the regulations and requirements specified below to be used in support of PRC 4290 and 4291 and the District’s overall efforts to mitigate to some degree the potential for conflagration resulting from a wildland/intermix fire. This is accomplished by:

1. Extending the “Reduced Fuel Zone” concept found in PRC 4291 to the entire unimproved lot or parcel within and/or adjacent to subdivisions or developments and
2. By extending the “Reduced Fuel Zone” concept in support of PRC 4290, to the perimeters and Access Ways to all residential, commercial, and industrial Buildings.

The modification and reduction of fuels on unimproved lots or parcels located adjacent to lots or parcels with structures will help keep a wildfire from intensifying as it moves by reducing heat intensity, reducing flame lengths and help keep flames from spreading from the ground to the trees.

In combination, PRC 4291 and PRC 4290 regulations enforced by Cal Fire and the requirements of Ordinance 2020 work together to provide a greater margin of safety for the evacuation of civilians and enhance the effectiveness of firefighting efforts to protect homes and property should a wildfire occur.

Scope of Enforcement Efforts – EPFD Ordinance 2020

9.5. It is the intent of EPFD Ordinance 2020 that, over time, unimproved lots or parcels will be addressed, providing equal benefit to all similarly situated lot or parcel owners. It is also recognized, however, that because of the vast number of unimproved lots and parcels and the vast amount of combustible vegetation that would be required to be removed within the District, it is neither practical nor reasonable to expect that all unimproved lots or parcels be identified and addressed within any one calendar year or inspection/cleanup cycle.

Therefore, the provisions and requirements contained within this section shall be enforced on a priority basis. The focus of, and number of, inspections and requests for compliance shall be established by the Fire Code Official based upon the degree allowable by available funding and staffing, and nothing contained herein shall obligate the District to address any or all properties within any particular time frame.

Unimproved Properties – Reduced Clearance Zone Standards

9.6. Regulations pertaining to fuel modification and fuel reduction on unimproved lots and parcels shall be in accordance with standards contained within a separate document entitled: Ebbetts Pass Fire District Clearance Requirements for Unimproved Lots and Parcels. (See Appendix B)[SD4]

Waste Material

9.7. Disposal of waste material caused by site development, construction, fuel modification or reduction shall be in accordance with CALAVERAS COUNTY REGULATIONS.

SECTION 10: FIRE PROTECTION WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS

Existing Buildings

10.1. Section 4601 of the CFC allows Fire Code Officials to require modifications to certain existing Buildings that do not comply with the minimum requirements of the CFC and EPFD Ordinance 2020. The intent of this section is to provide a minimum degree of fire and life safety to persons occupying existing Buildings.

10.2. EPFD Ordinance 2020 amends CFC Section 4601 to include Buildings which may not be in compliance with current requirements relating to water supplies for fire protection.

10.3. When an existing Building is to be renovated and/or modified and is found to be in excess of a reasonable working distance from an adequate water supply as defined within Appendix C of the CFC, the Fire Code official may require the owner to install an approved Automatic Fire Detection System or Automatic Fire Sprinkler System and/or Fire Protection Water System and/or provide a water supply capable of supplying the required fire flow within a reasonable working distance.

Where Required-Existing Parcels Within Existing Residential Subdivisions

10.4. At such time as any part of an existing Fire Protection Water Supply System is modified or improved including water mains, fire hydrants, storage capacity, valves, appliances, pressures, etc. the modifications, additions, improvements, etc. shall be reviewed and approved by the Fire Code Official.

In such cases where an existing Fire Protection Water Supply System is being improved in phases or parts, the Fire Code Official may allow reasonable exceptions to the requirements of EPFD Ordinance 2020, the CFC, and Section 8.10.520 of the Calaveras County Fire and Life Safety Code in order to accommodate existing geographical and topographical conditions that would otherwise impose unreasonable or prohibitive financial costs.

Where Required-New Residential Subdivisions

10.5. Any developer, divider or sub divider of land, who in so doing creates new parcels or lots that allows or creates a potential to increase Building density within the boundaries of the original parcel of land to exceed one house/Building per five acres of land, shall provide a Fire Protection Water Supply System which meets the standards of EPFD Ordinance 2020.

10.6. All facilities, which are part of any Fire Protection Water Supply System or other such fire protection/extinguishing devices or systems required to be installed by EPFD Ordinance 2020, shall meet the specifications and standards designated by the Fire Code Official.

10.7. All facilities or other such fire protection/extinguishing devices or systems required to be installed by EPFD Ordinance 2020 which are component parts tying the system into, or will receive water from, the Calaveras County Water District shall meet the standards and specifications designated by that agency.

Plan Review and Inspection

10.8. The Calaveras County Water District and/or the developer of any land and/or the builder of any Building that initiates construction of, or improvement to, any portion of a Fire Protection Water Supply System shall submit plans to the Fire Code Official for approval.

10.9. The Fire Code Official or designee shall approve the location for installation of any fire hydrant or other such water supply appliance or source.

Standards and Specifications

10.10. Fire hydrants serving residential structures/developments shall be spaced every 500 feet, as measured along the street, roadway, or approved means of access. The Fire Code Official may increase/decrease distance requirements in order to place hydrants in a more functional location.

10.11. Fire hydrants serving commercial/industrial developments and/or Buildings shall be spaced every 250 feet. The Fire Code Official may increase/decrease distance requirements in order to place hydrants in a more functional location.

10.12. Additional fire hydrants may be required to meet the criteria of having an adequate source of water within a "reasonable working distance" from facilities/Buildings.

10.13. No fire hydrant shall be served by a main of less than six inches and each main shall be part of a looped system where practical. The Fire Code Official may require 8" mains to enhance fire flows or provide for future expansion of the system.

10.14. Minor distribution lines supplying residential areas shall be no less than six inches in diameter and, when practical, arranged so they form a gridiron in all areas of the distribution system. The Fire Code Official may require 8" mains to enhance fire flows or provide for future expansion of the system.

10.15. Eight-inch or larger distribution mains shall be used in commercial/industrial areas for all long runs of pipe, for dead ends, or where the topography of the land or layout of the streets is not well adapted to looping, forming a gridiron, or where future expansion of the system has the potential to occur.

Types of Hydrants

10.16. Hydrants shall be "DRY BARREL", breakaway type with full 5-1/4" valve opening. Inlet construction shall be hub or flanged 6-inch inside diameter pipe and the direction of opening shall be counter clockwise.

10.17. The hose connections for each hydrant shall be National Standard Fire Hose Threads, and each hydrant shall have two (2) 2-1/2" outlets and one (1) 4-1/2" steamer outlet

Hydrant On/Off Valve and Discharge Risers (Extensions)

10.18. The Fire Code Official may require the provision of hydrant on/off valve and discharge risers to allow hydrants to be used when buried in snow. Any such device, including the height of risers, fire department connections, etc. must have the approval of the Fire Code Official before installation.

Snow Markers

10.19. Snow markers (stakes) shall be provided as part of the installation of each hydrant.

10.20. Snow markers, unless otherwise specified, shall be constructed of 2" X 2" X 1/8" angle iron of sufficient length to project 8 feet above the ground, shall be cemented into the thrust block, and shall be at least 18 inches from the hydrant.

10.21. Snow markers shall be painted with yellow enamel paint to match the color of the hydrant.

10.22. Snow markers shall have the topmost 12" painted red, orange, green or blue, whichever color corresponds with the hydrant's tested/calculated fire flow.

10.23. Snow markers shall have a 4" reflective stripe or tape 13" below the top of the stake.

Color Coding

10.24. Each fire hydrant shall be given three (3) coats of metal paint, color yellow, in compliance with Federal Color Specifications TT-C-595, Color No. 1305.

10.25. The fire hydrant's top and the three outlet caps shall be color coded to correspond with the calculated/tested GPM flow from that hydrant. Color coding of hydrants shall be as follows:

1. 1500 GPM or greater shall be **BLUE**.
2. 1000-1500 GPM shall be **GREEN**.
3. 500-1000 GPM shall be **ORANGE**.
4. Less than 500 GPM shall be **RED**.

Hydrant Installation/Protection

10.26. Unless otherwise approved by the Fire Code Official, no hydrant shall be installed in excess of 10 feet from the roadway edge.

10.27. Unless otherwise approved by the Fire Code Official, no hydrant shall be installed with the bottom edge of any outlet closer than 15 inches from the surrounding ground level and the outlets shall be positioned for best access by fire apparatus utilizing the roadway.

10.28. The Fire Code Official may require the installation of retaining walls, barriers, additional excavating or other such means as a way to protect a hydrant from becoming buried by soil erosion and/or conditions which may cause a hydrant to become inaccessible over time. Any such installation shall be engineered and meet the approval of the Fire Code Official and the Calaveras County Department of Public Works.

Valves and Connections

10.29. All hydrant laterals shall have a shutoff valve between the main and the hydrant.

10.30. In residential districts, valves shall be placed in the main distribution lines so as to not have more than two fire hydrants between valves or to exceed a linear distance of 800 feet between valves.

10.31. In commercial/residential districts, valves shall be placed in the main distribution lines so as to have not more than two fire hydrants between valves not to exceed a linear distance of 500 feet between valves.

10.32. The connection to the street main shall not be less than 6" inside diameter for hydrants that serve residential districts.

10.33. The connection to the street main shall not be less than 8" inside diameter for hydrants that serve commercial/industrial districts.

SECTION 11: INSPECTIONS, APPROVALS, CERTIFICATION FOR OCCUPANCY

11.1. No final inspection as required by EPFD Ordinance 2020as to all or any portion of the Building and/or Development Project, Access Ways, installation of Automatic Fire Detection Systems, Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems, Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems, and/or Fire Protection Water Supply Systems shall be deemed completed until the installation of the required Automatic Fire Detection Systems, Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems, Automatic Fire Extinguishing Systems, and/or Fire Protection Water Supply System, or Access Way and/or Road for that Building and/or Development Project has been inspected and approved by the Fire Code Official.

11.2. Final inspection of the requirements specified within EPFD Ordinance 2020 for any development/Building project shall be conducted solely to implement the enforcement of such provisions of EPFD Ordinance 2020 and shall in no manner be deemed assurance on the part of any agency that said requirements are or will continue to remain in good working order.

11.3. All commercial use business locations must comply with current adopted fire and building code at the time of building use change – At time of building use change the facility will adhere to the current code standard of that occupancy type. All commercial businesses utilizing property outside of the specific occupancy use shall be reported to the Calaveras County Building Department for code enforcement purposes.

SECTION 12: RELIEF, ALTERNATE MEANS OF COMPLIANCE, and APPEALS

12.1. With approval of the Fire Chief, the Fire Code Official shall have the authority to allow Relief from compliance with a section or sections of EPFD Ordinance 2020 or an Alternate Means of Compliance to sections of the CFC and the amendments herein. Granting Relief and/or allowing an Alternate Means of Compliance shall be allowed only when based upon special circumstances and/or findings as described below.

The granting of Relief shall be based upon the following:

1. A finding that the Building and or Development Project cannot comply to the requirements because of special circumstances applicable to the property or Building such as when the physical characteristics of the property or engineering issues related to the design and construction of a Building.
2. A finding that an Alternate Means of Compliance cannot be provided.
3. A finding that providing Relief does not jeopardize life safety.
4. Financial hardship, community benefit, or the worthiness of a project are not considerations in determining whether to grant relief.

Allowing an Alternate Means of Compliance:

1. An Alternative Means of Compliance may be allowed only when based upon a finding that the purpose and intent of the requirement from which the Alternate Means of Compliance is granted will be substantially achieved by an alternative means or method.

12.2. Nothing in the sections above shall be interpreted or implied that an owner and or Developer has the right to Relief and/or the allowance of an Alternate Means of Compliance.

12.3. The Fire Chief, Fire Code Official, or his/her designee may impose conditions or improvements not specifically delineated within EPFD Ordinance 2020 that it finds necessary to implement the intent and purpose of EPFD Ordinance 2020.

Appeals

The Board of Directors of the Ebbetts Pass Fire District shall act as the final appellate body in matters regarding the implementation of requirements outlined in EPFD Ordinance 2020.

12.4. Any decision or requirement placed or made by the Fire Chief, Fire Code Official or his/her designee may be appealed in writing to the Ebbetts Pass Fire District Board of Directors within 15 days of the applicant's receipt of notice of the requirements. The written appeal shall state the requirements being appealed and the basis for which the appeal is being submitted. The written appeal may request deletion of a requirement, reduction in requirements, or a request for consideration of Relief or Alternate Means of Compliance.

12.5. The Appeal shall be agendaized for hearing at a regular monthly Board meeting within 60 days following the date the appeal request was received. The appeal hearing may be postponed and rescheduled for a future Board meeting at the request of the applicant.

12.6. The applicant shall be notified as to the date and time of the regular Board meeting at which his/her request shall be considered.

12.7. The Board shall hear testimony by any and all parties involved and then make a determination to sustain, modify, overrule any condition or requirement, address any oversight, provide Relief, allow an Alternate Means of Compliance or any combination thereof.

12.8. The Board may postpone the final decision to gather more facts and/or hear additional testimony.

12.9. If new facts are presented during the appeal process, the matter shall be referred back to the Fire Chief and/or Fire Code Official for review, reconsideration and recommendations.

12.10. All actions taken by the Board regarding the granting or denial of the final appeal shall be documented as part of the minutes of the meeting during which the appeal was heard. Within ten days of a final decision being made, Board action shall be reported in writing to the applicant and any other affected person.

12.11. Any action taken by a Board, by the Fire Code Official or by the Fire Chief pursuant to EPFD Ordinance 2020 regarding appeals, Relief or Alternate Means of Compliance shall not necessarily be deemed as a precedent for the granting of appeals, Relief or Alternate Means of Compliance subsequent to that action.

12.12. The Fire Chief and/or Fire Code Official maintain the authority to impose temporary requirements, impose restrictions and/or take necessary actions to ensure the safety of the public during the appeals process.

12.13. The filing of an appeal regarding any of the requirements of EPFD Ordinance 2020 shall not stay (postpone):

1. Proceedings for criminal prosecution for violations of EPFD Ordinance 2020.
2. An order for correction of a matter which, in the judgment of the Fire Code Official poses a serious and immediate threat to life or property.

SECTION 13: PENALTIES

Enforcement and Penalties~~[SD5]~~

13.1. Any person who violates any of the provisions of EPFD Ordinance 2020 shall be guilty of an infraction and / or a misdemeanor.

13.2 Fines imposed under this chapter shall be as set forth in Government Code Section 25132(c) and any amendments thereto.

13.3. Each and every day of which any violation of EPFD Ordinance 2020 is committed, continued or permitted by any person shall constitute a separate violation hereof.

13.4. Pursuant to ~~Penal Code Section 836.5~~~~[SD6]~~, the Board of Directors of the Ebbetts Pass Fire District authorizes the following officer positions and employees to enforce EPFD Ordinance 2020 as provided under Penal Code Section 836.5

- Full-time paid Chief Officers (Fire Chief, Assistant Chief(s), Battalion Chiefs)
- Full-time paid Fire Captains or Acting Captains
- Fire Code Official whose primary duty is the enforcement of requirements related to fire prevention contained in EPFD Ordinance 2020.

13.5. Proceedings against persons for violations of EPFD Ordinance 2020 shall not serve as a bar to civil enforcement proceedings.

13.6. It is unlawful to build a Building or improve land in violation of any conditional requirement imposed by the Fire Code Official, or fail to submit plans for review as required by Section 5 of EPFD Ordinance 2019, or fail to meet conditions and/or requirements agreed upon by the builder/developer and the Fire Code Official and by which a certificate or approval of occupancy was conditionally granted.

13.7. It is unlawful for any person to violate or omit any of the requirements under which a permit, certificate or approval for occupancy was granted,.

13.8. It is unlawful for Any person to fail to comply with any order as affirmed or modified by the Board of Directors, Fire Code Official, or the District Chief within the time frame indicated upon notice and/or fixed herein.

13.9. The application and payment of fines and/or imprisonment shall not be held to prevent compliance with required corrections and or provision of requirements that initiated action against the developer/builder/owner.

Date of Effect

EPFD Ordinance 2020, having gone through the process of ordinance adoption as required by law, shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days after duly being passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the EBBETTS PASS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT and Ratification by the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors. [SD7]

THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE WAS DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EBBETTS PASS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ON:

THE ____ DAY OF _____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

President, Board of Directors

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RATIFICATION

THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE WAS DULY RATIFIED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CALAVERAS COUNTY ON THE DAY OF _____, _____ BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

APPENDIX A - SUMMARY EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENTS

CFC= California Fire Code

CCC=Calaveras County Fire and Life Safety Ordinance

PRC= Public Resources Code

CODE	Code Section	Title/Subject	EPFD Ordinance Section	Intent and Summary Requirements of Amendment
CFC	104.2	Applications/Permits	4.1	To define which Building and development activities require submission of plans for District review.
CCC	8.10.320	Fire Management Plans	4.2	To allow the District to impose more stringent mitigations if found necessary.
CFC	3404.1	Flammable Liquid Storage	5.1	Requires District approval for the installation of any aboveground tank for the storage of Class I, II and III flammable liquids
CFC	3804.2	Installation of LPG Tanks	5.2A	Requires District approval for the installation of LPG tanks in excess of 500 gallons.
CFC	3807	LPG Safety Devices	5.2.B-D	Requires the addition of additional fire protection/safety measures for the protection of larger propane tanks
CFC	3308	Fireworks	6	Bans the sale and use of all fireworks within District boundaries
CFC	907.2	Fire Alarm Systems-Automatic Fire Detection Systems-New Buildings	7.1 and 7.5	Requires the installation of a monitored fire detection system in newly constructed commercial/industrial Buildings
CFC	907.3	Fire Alarm Systems-Automatic Fire Detection Systems-Existing Buildings	7.2 and 7.5	Requires the installation of a monitored fire detection system in existing commercial/industrial Buildings that are renovated
CFC	907.7.5	Automatic Fire Detection and Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems-Monitoring	7.4	Requires the monitoring of all fire detection systems.
CFC	903.2	Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems-New Buildings	7.8	Requires the installation of a fire extinguishing system in any new commercial or industrial Building in excess of 3600 square feet
CFC	903.6	Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems-Existing Buildings	7.8	Requires the installation of a fire extinguishing system in any commercial or industrial Building in excess of 3600 square feet which is renovated
CFC	903.3	Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems-Installation	7.9	Requires installers of fire alarm and fire extinguishing systems be licensed/certified.
CFC	904.4	Automatic Fire Sprinkler Systems-Inspection/Testing	7.9/7.10	Places responsibility for the testing and maintenance of fire alarm/extinguishing systems with the owner.

CODE	Code Section	Title/Subject	EPFD Ordinance Section	Intent of Amendment
CCC	8.10.340	Roads and Driveways	8.2	Gives authority to the District's Fire Code Official to require that fire access roads, driveways and areas be cleared of obstructions.

CFC	Appendix D	Fire Apparatus Access Roads	8.2	Gives authority to the District's Fire Code to require the provision of fire lanes, no parking areas, etc., found necessary but not otherwise required by the CFC or CCC.
CCC	8.10.200	Premises Identification	8.5 - 8.7	Gives authority to the District's Fire Code Official to modify the requirements contained within the CCC to accommodate local climactic and topographical conditions.
PRC	4291 (a) and 4290	Defensible Space	9.4	Extends the defensible space requirements contained in the reduced clearance zone to unimproved lots/parcels.
CFC	4601	Existing Buildings – Adequate Water Supplies	10.3	Gives authority to the District's Fire Code Official to require the installation of an adequate water supply when an existing Building is renovated.
CCC	8.10.520	Water Supply Systems	10.4 - 10.5	Requires that the District's Fire Code Official approve any modifications, additions, and improvements to existing water systems including the installation of additional hydrants. Allows the District's Fire Code Official to allow reasonable exceptions to required hydrant spacing and fire flow requirements to accommodate a phased improvement program of an existing water system. Requires the installation of a water distribution system for fire protection within any new subdivision.
CFC	Appendix C C105	Distribution of Fire Hydrants	10.10 - 10.12	Gives authority to the District's Fire Code Official to increase/decrease hydrant spacing in order to put hydrants in a more functional location.
CFC	507.5.4/507.5.5/507.5.6	Hydrant Protection, Marking and Access	10.19 - 10.28	Gives authority to the District's Fire Code Official to require additional means for protecting and marking hydrants and to require discharge risers.

APPENDIX B

Ebbetts Pass Fire District

Ebbetts Pass Fire District Clearance Requirements For Unimproved Lots and Parcels



Regulations pertaining to fire safe clearance on properties within the boundaries of the Ebbetts Pass Fire District originate from two different ordinances which are enforced by two different agencies.

Regulations Pertaining to Improved Properties

In January 2005, new regulations under Cal Fire's Public Resources Code 4291 became effective. These regulations require that homeowners provide additional clearance around buildings and structures built within the wildland/intermix areas of the state. This law requires homeowners provide a 30-foot Defensible Space Zone with an additional 70-foot Reduced Fuel Zone around structures. Cal Fire has primary responsibility for inspection and enforcement of fire hazard reduction regulations around homes and buildings. See Cal Fire's form for detailed information.

Regulations Pertaining to Unimproved Properties

In order to help enhance the effectiveness of PRC 4291 requirements and add to the safety of our homes, families, communities and the safety of Firefighters trying to protect homes and property from wildfires, **Ebbetts Pass Fire District Ordinance 2020, Section 9 extends the Reduced Fuel Zone concept to the unimproved (vacant) subdivision parcels or lots.**

The purpose of extending the Reduced Fuel Zone concept to unimproved lots and parcels is based on the premise that modifying the fuel load on a vacant lot or parcel will help keep a wildfire from intensifying as it moves. This modification on a vacant lot or parcel reduces heat intensity, reduces flame length and helps keep flames from spreading from the ground to the tree tops.

Ebbetts Pass Fire District Ordinance 2020 Section 9 covers:

- Unimproved lots or parcels within established subdivisions.
- An unimproved lot or parcel that is outside the boundaries of a subdivision but adjacent to improved parcels within the subdivision.
- Modification requirements for unimproved parcels or lots are the same as Cal-Fire's PRC 4291 requirements for the Reduced Fuel Zone.

The following criteria/explanation has been established so the property owner and the hired worker will know what is required to bring an unimproved lot or parcel into compliance with Ebbetts Pass Fire District Ordinance 2020, Section 9.

The primary goal of our fuel reduction program is to keep fire from going from the GROUND to the CROWN of trees. Information below will help you achieve that goal.

1. Cut down and remove dead trees. Remove limbs on cut and already downed trees and dispose of both properly. If there are standing dead trees, they must be cut down. Newly cut trees and those which have fallen must be cut

up and stacked or removed from the lot entirely. Do not stack next to or under live trees. Branches from these trees may NOT be left on the ground – they must be removed from the lot. Dead trees are both a fire and safety hazard. Contact your local forester for details about bug infested trees.

2.Remove dead branches and trees which are leaning into or against larger trees.

If dead branches or dead trees are leaning into or against live trees, they must be removed. Any trees, live or dead, that have fallen into other trees, (ex: “leaners”) must be dropped to the ground, cut up and stacked or removed from the lot. Dead branches and trees ignite quickly. If the “fire ladder” has not been eliminated, a fire within those trees will quickly “climb” the ladder of limbs and begin spreading faster, gaining heat and momentum with every tree consumed.

3.Remove and dispose of all dead tree limbs within 15 feet of the ground. Remove live branches to 6 feet (if tree height is 6 feet or less, remove 1/3 of the branches p live or dead). You may be required to limb higher depending on slope of land.

The primary goal of our fuel reduction program is to keep fire from going from the GROUND to the CROWN (top) of trees. Remove ALL dead tree limbs that are within 15 feet of the ground. Live branches must be removed to give 6 feet of clearance from the ground. This means that if ANY PORTION of the dead limb HANGS within six feet of the ground, the limb MUST be removed. If there is a slope to the property, you may be requested to limb higher, so there are six feet of clearance between the ground and the first set of branches. If you are six feet tall and can walk under the tree without bending, you have limbed high enough. If a tree is six feet or less, remove 1/3 of the branches. Properly dispose of limbs by hauling, chipping or by burning following legally established burning restrictions. A **FIRE LADDER** is the means by which a fire travels from the ground via flammable material, into a tree. Fire traveling to the top of a tree is called “**crowning**”. Remove ladder fuels such as live tree limbs, to a height of at least six feet. A SIX FOOT TALL PERSON SHOULD BE ABLE TO WALK FREELY UNDER YOUR TREES. If the limbs are dead, remove to 15 feet.

4.Remove dead branches on ground.

During most winters, dead branches are blown from trees. These must be removed from the ground so that they do not help fuel a fire and for the safety of the firefighter.

5.Remove all dead brush and brush growing under trees and bushes.

Dead brush, whether under trees, bushes, or lying on the ground, is fire fuel. The more fire fuel, the hotter the fire and more damage to trees and nearby structures will occur. Maintain a vertical clearance space of at least 3 times the height of a shrub between any shrub and overhanging tree branch.

As an example, if an entire Manzanita or lilac bush is dead, REMOVE THE ENTIRE BUSH. If a portion of the bush is dead, you may opt to remove only the dead portion. If a few limbs are dead, removal of those dead limbs from that bush may be sufficient, depending on what is around or above the brush/bush.

6.Remove accumulations of dead materials and/or flammable ground vegetation from underneath and within brush.

This type of debris occurs because of weather. Wind causes limbs to break, dead pine needles to blow off the trees. This is typical “winter fall”. If this debris is not removed yearly, it continues to accumulate and cause a fire hazard. If this is removed yearly, it is usually not much of a chore to keep the fire fuel controlled on your lot. Piles of debris must not be left on your lot – they must be removed. Dead or live brush removal and removal of debris from under trees slows the progression of fire.

7.Thin manzanita bushes. Remove all dead wood from the plant. Remove all dead manzanita bushes.

Manzanita is highly flammable and volatile. If you wish to keep your manzanita, you must: remove all dead branches; clear around the bush or clump of bushes. A simple guideline is to create space between plants equal to their height.

If manzanita is growing under a tree, and it were to catch on fire, the flames would be three times the height of the plant. If a plant is 6 feet tall, the flame length would be 18 feet! In that situation, the manzanita should be removed, or the tree limbed at least 18 feet. If a manzanita bush is dead – remove the entire bush.

8.Accumulations and/or piles of dead and dying material must be removed.

Remove all debris lying on ground. When needles, grass, cones and leaves are raked into piles, the piles must be removed. Piles of debris are fuels that will carry a small, manageable fire and spread it throughout a lot and into the trees very rapidly. Downed wood and debris become kindling for a fire. Limbs will create flame lengths that carry fire into brush and trees. 3” – 4” of accumulated pine needles may be left on the lot forming a “carpet of needles” which helps hold moisture in the ground and helps prevent soil erosion. If the “fire ladder” has been removed, the pine needles are more easily managed because there is no fire ladder to carry the flames into the trees.

9.Remove dead and/or dying smaller trees growing under and/or within the limbs of taller healthy trees.

This could act as a “fire ladder”. These small, dying or dead trees are extremely flammable. If they are ignited, they carry fire very quickly into the trees, gaining heat and momentum with every tree consumed.

10.Thin saplings and/or small trees.

All of these saplings will not grow to maturity and they create ladder fuels that endanger the health of mature trees.

11.Cut bear clover and/or ground cover vegetation to a height of 3” – ” inches or lower.

Bear clover, also known as mountain misery is highly flammable. The taller this native plant grows, the more flammable it becomes. If you wish to keep the mountain misery, it should be maintained to be no higher than 3 inches. If the bear clover is growing underneath low-growing green bushes, or under saplings, the bear clover should be removed, or remove the bush and/or sapling.

12.Cut ALL dead and/or dying grass and weeds.

Dry, cut grass, leaves and pine needles may stay on the ground, but may be no more than 3 – 4 inches deep.

13.No Cannabis cultivation on unimproved lots in areas zoned R1, RR, GF, and unimproved commercial property under 6 acres.

Cannabis is a form of vegetation that contributes to fire loading.

IN ADDITION TO THE FOREGOING CRITERIA, large areas of brush MUST be reduced. This can be accomplished in several ways:

- Create cleared areas or “spaces” around individual bushes. The size of the cleared area around the bush needs to equal the height of the bush that will remain. All flammable debris in that area must be removed. Leaving a pattern of bushes with space between them can be done throughout an entire parcel.
- Create “islands” of bushes. Numerous bushes can remain on the parcel in a group (no larger than ten feet in diameter) with a cleared area around the grouping. The cleared area must equal the diameter of the grouping or “island” of bushes.
- Create fuel breaks along property lines and within properties, especially along property lines which are adjacent to property with a home, properties which are upslope or properties adjacent to forest lands. These fuel breaks can be accomplished by removing all brush along a 15 to 20 foot strip, property line to

property line. Properly dispose of all cut brush by hauling, chipping or by burning following legally established burning restrictions.

All cut and/or downed debris shall be disposed of by Hauling, Chipping, Burning (following legally established burning restrictions) or other methods of disposal approved by the property owner and by Ebbetts Pass Fire District or Cal Fire. At NO TIME shall debris be buried on the parcel, deposited on the property of another, dumped into holes on the parcel or covered by pine needles.

If a canopy exists (tops of trees touching or intertwined), the canopy must be interrupted.

Before burning always call the Air Quality Control number in San Andreas to ascertain if it is a “burn day”.
Burn Information Line: 209-754-6600.

Under certain conditions, i.e. topography or fuel type, the Ebbetts Pass Fire District may require more or less fuel reduction on one parcel than on another.

Fire safety/prevention is every property owner’s responsibility. Please help us keep your property safe.

Thank you. Ebbetts Pass Fire District

For more information or assistance please call
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