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USDA Forest Service - Pacific Southwest Region
Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) Program
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Dear Grant Team:

I am writing to support the County of Mendocino's grant application to the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) program for the Mendocino County Fuels Reduction project.

The project proposes the procurement of a Fuels Crew along with the necessary equipment and supplies needed to address vegetation management throughout Mendocino County. Anticipated tasks include clearing roads and evacuation routes, hazardous tree removal, and reducing fuels around critical public facilities. As a disadvantaged region facing high hazard vulnerability, this project will bolster wildfire resiliency in Mendocino County and aid in reducing fire impacts before they start.

Mendocino has suffered repeated and historic fires over the past six years. Taking proactive measures to improve resiliency is smart and timely, and I appreciate your full and fair consideration of this critical request. Please contact my district director, Jenny Callaway, at 415-258-9657 should you need additional information.

Sincerely,



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October 20, 2023

USDA Forest Service - Pacific Southwest Region
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Dear USFS Staff:

I am writing in strong support of the County of Mendocino's grant application to the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) program for the Mendocino County Fuels Reduction project.

The project proposes the procurement of a Fuels Crew along with the necessary equipment and supplies needed to address vegetation management throughout the County. Anticipated tasks include clearing roads and evacuation routes, hazardous tree removal, and reducing fuels around critical public facilities. As a disadvantaged region facing high hazard vulnerability, this project will bolster wildfire resiliency in Mendocino County and aid in reducing fire impacts before they start.

California set a goal of treating 1 million forested acres per year to reduce wildfire risk. In order to meet this aggressive goal, counties like Mendocino, where hundreds of thousands of acres of wildland have burned in recent years, need to create the infrastructure necessary to complete these important fuels reduction projects.

I strongly encourage your favorable consideration of the County of Mendocino's important grant proposal. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

JIM WOOD
Assemblymember, 2nd District

California State Senate

SENATOR MIKE MCGUIRE

MAJORITY LEADER

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA'S SECOND SENATE DISTRICT



October 23, 2023

Barb Geringer-Frazier
USDA Forest Service - Pacific Southwest Region
1323 Club Drive
Vallejo, CA 94592

Dear Ms. Geringer:

I am writing to express my support of the County of Mendocino's grant application to the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) program for the Mendocino County Fuels Reduction project.

The proposed project provides a critical opportunity to reduce wildfire risk to address vegetation management along over 1,000 miles of County maintained roadways and public facilities. With this grant, the County of Mendocino will hire a Fuels Crew and the necessary equipment and supplies needed to clear roads, evacuation routes, remove hazardous trees, and reduce fuels around critical public facilities.

Since 2018, Mendocino County has seen two of the five largest wildfires in California history. As an underserved region that is highly vulnerable to wildfire risks, it is critical that efforts are made to reduce fire impacts before they start.

I respectfully encourage you to support this proposal. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at 707-468-8914.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike McGuire".

MIKE MCGUIRE
Senator



DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

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USDA Forest Service - Pacific Southwest Region
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Dear USFS Staff:

CAL FIRE is pleased to submit this letter in support for the County of Mendocino's grant application to the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) program for the Mendocino County Fuels Reduction project.

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The above services are essential components to developing fire safe communities and will play a significant role in building resiliency across our region. In addition, this project will greatly benefit first responders and increase safety by improving defensible space and ingress. As such, CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit fully supports this project and asks that the USFS acts favorably on this grant request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

Luke Kendall

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Luke Kendall

Unit Chief
CAL FIRE Mendocino Unit

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October 20, 2023

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Dear USFS Staff:

The California Highway Patrol is pleased to submit this letter in support for the County of Mendocino's grant application to the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) program for the Mendocino County Fuels Reduction and Egress/Ingress Disaster Access Project. Specifically, the Mendocino County Department of Transportation's (MCDOT) efforts under this grant will be to implement the highest priority segments of the County Maintained Road System as identified in the Mendocino County General Plan (GP) for the Development Element & Resource Management Element Updates, which adopted the Mendocino Council of Government's (MCOG) sponsored plan (Mendocino County Evacuation Plan - An Annex to the Mendocino County Emergency Operations Plan - July 2020) as the official Mendocino County Evacuation Plan, by reference per Mendocino County General Plan Action Item Design Element (DE)-219.3§: *Identify routes and sites necessary for evacuation, emergency operations and recovery during hazard events* and GP (DE)-219.3b: *Identify new evacuation routes consistent with the Mendocino County Evacuation Plan. ensuring effective ingress/egress from isolated communities.*

The project proposes the procurement of Contract Vegetation Management Crew(s) along with the necessary equipment and supplies needed to address vegetation management by County forces throughout the County. Anticipated tasks include clearing roads and evacuation routes, hazardous tree removal, and reducing fuels around critical public facilities. As a disadvantaged region facing high hazard vulnerability, this project will bolster wildfire resiliency in Mendocino County and aid in reducing fire impacts before they start.

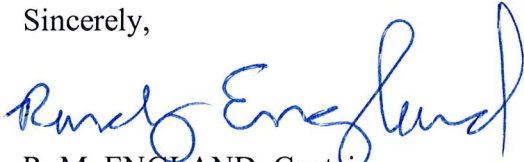


October 20, 2023

The California Highway Patrol's mission is to provide the highest level of safety, service, and security. This project aligns with our goals, priorities, and mission by making our roadways safer. If awarded, the California Highway Patrol agrees to support the implementation of the grant and will be glad to share knowledge to help drive the success of this project.

The California Highway Patrol fully supports this project and asks that the USFS acts favorably on this grant request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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R. M. ENGLAND, Captain
Commander



MENDOCINO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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October 24, 2023

USDA Forest Service - Pacific Southwest Region
Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) Program
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Dear USFS Staff:

The Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG) is pleased to offer our strong support of the County of Mendocino's grant application to the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) program for the Mendocino County Fuels Reduction and Egress/Ingress Disaster Access Project. Specifically, the Mendocino County Department of Transportation's (MCDOT) efforts under this grant will be to implement the highest priority segments of the County Maintained Road System as identified in the Mendocino County General Plan (GP) for the Development Element & Resource Management Element Updates, which adopted the MCOG sponsored plan (Mendocino County Evacuation Plan - An Annex to the Mendocino County Emergency Operations Plan - July 2020) as the official Mendocino County Evacuation Plan, by reference per Mendocino County General Plan Action Item Design Element (DE)-219.3§: *Identify routes and sites necessary for evacuation, emergency operations and recovery during hazard events* and GP (DE)-219.3b: *Identify new evacuation routes consistent with the Mendocino County Evacuation Plan. ensuring effective ingress/ egress from isolated communities.*

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As the Regional Transportation Planning Agency, one of MCOG's top priorities in this time of increasing climate related disasters is that our region's transportation networks remain able to serve the people of Mendocino County during those events. In addition to the Mendocino County Evacuation Plan mentioned previously, this project is also aligned with the goals and policies of our Regional Transportation Plan, including Transportation Security and Emergency Response Goal TSER, which states, "Provide a safe transportation system and enable rapid and safe evacuation and emergency response" and Climate Change and the Environment Objective CCE 4, "Improve resiliency of the region's transportation system to climate-related impacts." If awarded, MCOG will support the implementation of the grant and will be glad to share resources and knowledge to help drive the success of this project.

Thank you for considering the County's grant request for this critical project.

Sincerely,

Nephele Barrett
Executive Director

COASTAL VALLEYS EMS AGENCY

SERVING MENDOCINO AND SONOMA COUNTIES



USDA Forest Service - Pacific Southwest Region
Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) Program
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Dear USFS Staff:

Coastal Valleys EMS Agency is pleased to submit this letter in support for the County of Mendocino's grant application to the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) program for the Mendocino County Fuels Reduction and Egress/Ingress Disaster Access Project. Specifically, the Mendocino County Department of Transportation's (MCDOT) efforts under this grant will be to implement the highest priority segments of the County Maintained Road System as identified in the Mendocino County General Plan (GP) for the Development Element & Resource Management Element Updates, which adopted the Mendocino Council of Government's (MCOG) sponsored plan (Mendocino County Evacuation Plan - An Annex to the Mendocino County Emergency Operations Plan - July 2020) as the official Mendocino County Evacuation Plan, by reference per Mendocino County General Plan Action Item Design Element (DE)-219.3§: *Identify routes and sites necessary for evacuation, emergency operations and recovery during hazard events* and GP (DE)-219.3b: *Identify new evacuation routes consistent with the Mendocino County Evacuation Plan. ensuring effective ingress/egress from isolated communities.*

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CVEMSA's purpose is to ensure safe and rapid response when residents and visitors of Mendocino County utilize the 911 emergency response system and safe ambulance transport to a hospital to receive definitive care. If awarded, CVEMSA agrees to support the implementation of the grant and will be glad to share resources and knowledge to help drive the success of this project.

CVEMSA fully supports this project and asks that the USFS acts favorably on this grant request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jen Banks

Jen Banks
Emergency Medical Services Coordinator
Coastal Valleys EMS Agency

COASTAL VALLEYS EMS AGENCY

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October 23, 2023

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Dear USFS Staff:

The City of Willits is pleased to submit this letter in support for the County of Mendocino's grant application to the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) program for the Mendocino County Fuels Reduction project.

The project proposes the procurement of a Fuels Crew along with the necessary equipment and supplies needed to address vegetation management throughout the County. Anticipated tasks include clearing roads and evacuation routes, hazardous tree removal, and reducing fuels around critical public facilities. As a disadvantaged region facing high hazard vulnerability, this project will bolster wildfire resiliency in Mendocino County and aid in reducing fire impacts before they start.

The City of Willits values the level of commitment the County of Mendocino is demonstrating by pursuing these grant funds. As noted, the County's distinctive landscape is subject to any number of natural disasters with wildfires being the most dangerous. The City is glad to coordinate with the County to improve wildfire resiliency especially adjacent to Ells Field – Willits Municipal Airport.

Ells Field is a critical public facility especially during fires when firefighting and public safety agencies use it as an effective staging area. However, the Airport lies in a heavily forested area with limited access due to the adjacent undulating terrain. The City fully encourages the application of grant funds to ensure the Airport can sustain operations through the thinning of trees surrounding the facility as well as improving site access. To that extent, the City of Willits agrees to support the implementation of the grant and will be glad to share resources and knowledge to help drive the success of this project.

The City of Willits fully supports this project and asks that the USFS acts favorably on this grant request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Brian P. Bender, ICMA-CM, AICP CEP, CFM
City Manager

CITY OF POINT ARENA

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October 23, 2023

USDA Forest Service - Pacific Southwest Region
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Dear USFS Staff:

The City of Point Arena is pleased to submit this letter in support for the County of Mendocino's grant application to the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) program for the Mendocino County Fuels Reduction project.

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The City of Point Arena is a small coastal town and lacks the resources for such an operation. This grant will help ensure that the City and our surrounding community will greatly benefit from fuels reduction. If awarded, the City of Point Arena agrees to support the implementation of the grant and will be glad to share resources and knowledge to help drive the success of this project.

The City of Point Arena fully supports this project and asks that the USFS acts favorably on this grant request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Paul Andersen, City Manager
City of Point Arena



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October 20, 2023

USDA Forest Service - Pacific Southwest Region
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Dear USFS Staff:

The Mendocino County Resource Conservation District is pleased to submit this letter in support for the County of Mendocino's grant application to the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) program for the Mendocino County Fuels Reduction project.

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The Mission of the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District is to conserve, protect and restore wild and working landscapes to enhance the health of the water, soil and forests in Mendocino County. The MCRCD's forestry and water division has worked with the County on many fuel reduction and fire suppression-related contracts and activities and this project aligns with our joint goals, priorities and mission.

The MCRCD fully supports this project and asks that the USFS acts favorably on this grant request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Stephanie Garrabrant-Sierra, Executive Director
Mendocino County Resource Conservation District



MENDOCINO COUNTY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL

To inform, empower, and mobilize county residents to survive and thrive in wildfire-prone environments.

10/26/23

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The Mendocino County Fire Safe Council is a 501(c)3 whose mission is to inform, empower and mobilize county residents to survive and thrive in a wildfire-prone environment. This project not only aligns with our mission but it would free-up resources and bolster the capacity of our organization to serve the defensible space needs of residents at their homes and on private roadways, therefore multiplying the efforts of the County of Mendocino. We would be pleased to support the implementation of this grant in all aspects and continue our long standing collaborative relationship with the County of Mendocino to enhance the safety of all residents of Mendocino.

The Mendocino County Fire Safe Council fully supports this project and asks that the USFS acts favorably on this grant request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Scott Cratty
Executive Director
Mendocino County Fire Safe Council



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LETTER OF SUPPORT

USDA Forest Service - Pacific Southwest Region
Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) Program
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Dear USFS Staff:

Anderson Valley Fire Department (AVFD) is pleased to submit this letter in support for the County of Mendocino's grant application to the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) program for the Mendocino County Fuels Reduction project.

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The above services are essential components to developing fire safe communities and will play a significant role in building resiliency across our region. In addition, this project will greatly benefit first responders and increase safety by improving defensible space and ingress. As such, AVFD fully supports this project and asks that the USFS acts favorably on this grant request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andres Avila
Fire Chief
Anderson Valley Fire Department



REDWOOD COAST FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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October 26, 2023

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Dear USFS Staff:

Redwood Coast Fire Protection District is pleased to submit this letter in support for the County of Mendocino's grant application to the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) program for the Mendocino County Fuels Reduction project.

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The above services are essential components to developing fire safe communities and will play a significant role in building resiliency across our region. In addition, this project will greatly benefit first responders and increase safety by improving defensible space and ingress. As such, we fully support this project and ask that the USFS acts favorably on this grant request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael Suddith

Mike Suddith, Fire Chief
Redwood Coast Fire Protection District

LONG VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

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Dear USFS Staff:

Long Valley Fire Protection District is pleased to submit this letter in support for the County of Mendocino's grant application to the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) program for the Mendocino County Fuels Reduction project.

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The above services are essential components to developing fire safe communities and will play a significant role in building resiliency across our region. In addition, this project will greatly benefit first responders and increase safety by improving defensible space and ingress. As such, we fully supports this project and asks that the USFS acts favorably on this grant request. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Matt Matheson, Fire Chief



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District Fire Chief Mitch Franklin

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Dear USFS Staff:

The Hopland Fire Protection District is pleased to submit this letter in support for the County of Mendocino's grant application to the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) program for the Mendocino County Fuels Reduction project.

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Sincerely,

Chief
Mitch Franklin



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October 20, 2023

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Dear USFS Staff:

The Mendocino Volunteer Fire Department is pleased to submit this letter in support for the County of Mendocino's grant application to the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) program for the Mendocino County Fuels Reduction project.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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David Latoof
Chief



USDA Forest Service - Pacific Southwest Region
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Dear USFS Staff:

The Leggett Valley Fire Department is pleased to submit this letter in support for the County of Mendocino's grant application to the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) program for the Mendocino County Fuels Reduction project.

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Sincerely,

Ely Reighter, Fire Chief



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Dear USFS Staff:

Coyote Valley Band of Pomo Indians (CVBPI) is pleased to submit this letter in support of the County of Mendocino's grant application to the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWDG) program for the Mendocino County Fuels Reduction Project.

The project proposes the procurement of a Fuels Crew along with the necessary equipment and supplies needed to address vegetation management throughout the County. Anticipated tasks include clearing roads and evacuation routes, hazardous tree removal, and reducing fuels around critical public facilities. As a disadvantaged region facing high hazard vulnerability, this project will bolster wildfire resiliency in Mendocino County and aid in reducing fire impacts before they start.

CVBPI's is dedicated to enhancing the safety and quality of life of our people and community by providing and maintaining quality programs, and services. Mendocino County's CWDG grant application complements our fire mitigation program efforts and further helps to protect our tribal community's safety. If awarded, CVBPI agrees to support the implementation of the grant and will be glad to share resources and knowledge to help drive the success of this project.

CVBPI fully supports this project and requests that the USFS act favorably on this grant application. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Richard Campbell, Jr.', is written over a light blue circular stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Richard Campbell, Jr.
Vice-Chairman,
Tribal Council

From: [Kelly Hansen](#)
To: [Jordan Blough, LACO Associates](#); [Jourdaine A. Middleton](#); [Sandy O'Ferrall](#)
Subject: FW: County - USFS Grant Application Letter
Date: Friday, October 27, 2023 8:56:20 AM

Dear Jordan, Jourdaine, and Sandy,

Here is another support letter from the Elk Community Services District.

Regards,

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From: Elk CSD <elkcsd@mcn.org>
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October 26, 2023

Elk Community Services District
PO Box 1
Elk, CA 95432

re: Mendocino County USFS 2023 Community Wildfire Defense Grant

Dear Ms Hansen,

The Elk Community Services District is very supportive of the County's efforts to seek grant funding to reduce wildfire risks. Clearly it takes significant funding to accomplish aggressive vegetative management along County roadways ... funding the County does not have. Further, effective management is an ongoing process with recurring needs to re-treat areas for fire reduction effectiveness and public safety.

The County's proposed fuel management plans closely tie to recently completed evacuation route clearing work along Philo-Greenwood and Cameron Roads. In 2022, CalFire awarded \$567,000 to the Elk Community Services District for its "Elk Evacuation Fuelbreak" grant project that resulted in some 26 miles of roadside vegetation treatment. This grant project was officially completed/closed out in Spring 2023 and was greatly appreciated by local residents.

Many thanks for your efforts. All County residents will benefit from your successful application.

Best Regards,

Ben MacMillan
Board President
Elk CSD