



# Mendocino County

## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** Executive Office

**Meeting Date:** October 22, 2019

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**Item Type:** Consent Agenda

**Time Allocated for Item:** n/a

**Agenda Title:**

Approval of Agreement with Mendocino County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD) for West Hills Ukiah and Fire Fuel Break Project Management in the amount of \$1,443,000, for a Term Starting Upon Execution by All Parties through March 15, 2022

**Recommended Action/Motion:**

Approve Agreement with Mendocino County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD) for West Hills Ukiah and Fire Fuel Break Project Management in the amount of \$1,443,000, for a term starting upon execution by all parties through March 15, 2022; and authorize Chair to sign same.

**Previous Board/Board Committee Actions:**

None

**Summary of Request:**

The Ukiah Valley Fire Fuels Reduction and Fire Fuel Break Project is a multi-jurisdictional effort to reduce wildfire risk to 12,921 habitable structures, essential services, and critical communication infrastructure within the City of Ukiah and the unincorporated neighborhoods in the Ukiah Valley. Ukiah has a high density of homes and structures that are located adjacent to steep, undeveloped wildlands that are identified as a Very High Fire Hazard Zone. The western hills of Ukiah contain hundreds of homes scattered among heavy fuel loads, with enclaves in the eastern hills set in similar conditions. These Wildland -Urban Interface (WUI) areas are contiguous with urban neighborhoods which increases the risk of wildfire spread to homes and infrastructure throughout the Ukiah Valley.

This project will create a fire break along the ridge top between Butler Ranch Road and Nelson Ranch Road. The project will also construct four shaded fuel breaks along the northwestern portion of the Ukiah Valley from Low Gap Road to Orr Springs Road, around the Yokayo Rancheria, around the Guidiville Rancheria and along highway 101 north of Nelson Ranch Road. In addition, the project will offer curbside chipping service for up to 42 days in the WUI to encourage defensible space clearing. Under this contract, the Mendocino County Resource Conservation District (MCRCD) will provide project management, public outreach, tree assessment, and CEQA analysis services for this project. The project funded by CAL FIRE Fire Prevention Grant Program.

**Alternative Action/Motion:**

Return to staff for alternative handling.

**Supervisory District:** District 2

**vote requirement:** Majority

**Supplemental Information Available Online At:** n/a

**Fiscal Details:**

**source of funding:** CAL FIRE grant funds

**current f/y cost:** \$1,443,000 for the term of the agreement, all grant funded, no cost to the county

**annual recurring cost:** \$1,443,000 for the term of the contract

**budgeted in current f/y:** Yes  
**if no, please describe:**

**revenue agreement:** No

**budget clarification:** DR-2910-863280

**Agreement/Resolution/Ordinance Approved by County Counsel:** Yes

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**CEO Liaison:** Executive Office

**CEO Review:** Yes

**CEO Comments:**

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Executed By: Lindsey Dunham, Deputy Clerk I

Date: October 23, 2019

**Note to Department** Number of Original Agreements

Returned to Dept: 2 Original Agreement Delivered to Auditor?

Yes

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Final Status:**Approved**

Executed Item Number: **Agreement** Number:  
19-241

