



**City of Grass Valley
City Council
Agenda Action Sheet**

Title: MOU between the City of Grass Valley and Feral Land Project/NPO (501)(c)(3)

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That the council authorize the City Manager or City Representative to sign/execute, pending legal review.

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Council Meeting Date: 01/13/2026

Date Prepared: 01/07/2026

Agenda: Consent

Background Information:

The City of Grass Valley contains many vacant, abandoned, non-maintained parcels posing imminent wildfire ignition hazards. We also face the reality that past/current Commercial Landscape Plan requirements need updating to meet the ever-present Wildfire hazards.

To this end, City vegetation management staff approached a respected NPO (The Feral Land Project) to provide volunteer hazardous vegetation mitigation project advisory services related, but not limited to: EIR guidance, Existing Plant Surveys, Fuels Reduction/Removal planning, Re-vegetation plan designs, Native/Non-invasive Fire-Wise” tree/plant lists, and Physical parcel rehabilitation via Landscape plan design, implementation and maintenance.

Best-practice guidelines deem it appropriate that both parties sign a standard MOU agreement ensuring all current and future projects meet the objectives, expectations and legal liability requirements to form a successful, long-term partnership for the benefit of the community.

Council Goals/Objectives: This action attempts to achieve the following strategic goals:

GOAL #1 - Public Safety via Wildfire Risk Land Management

GOAL #2 - Community, Sense of Place and Quality of Life via Nature/Beautification

GOAL #3 - Update of existing Landscape Design Planning Guidelines

Fiscal Impact: N/A - Not yet determined, little or no City expenditures projected

Funds Available: N/A

Account #: N/A

Reviewed by: City Manager

Attachments: Feral Land MOU