



## City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

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**Title:** MOU between City of Grass Valley and USFS (Tahoe-NUE)/USDA for the Use of an Air Curtain Incinerator (ACI) loan

**CEQA:** Not a project

**Recommendation:** That Council authorize City Manager or their City Representative to sign/execute the agreement, subject to 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, and non-maintained parcels posing imminent wildfire ignition hazards. Our citizens also face overwhelming physical and financial burdens to remove hazardous wildfire fuels, vegetation, and trees from private property.

To this end, City vegetation management approached the USFS (Tahoe) to partner on the use of existing CharBoss ACI unit/s currently unused by their agency to provide tree/vegetation mitigation for current and future Green Waste events within the Grass Valley City Limits and Sphere of Influence (SOI).

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 via Green Waste disposal events
- GOAL #2 - Community, Sense of Place, and Quality of Life via Nature/Beautification
- GOAL #3 - Provide a critical service enabling Grass Valley citizens to clear private properties

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A - TBD, little/no City expenditures projected beyond pre-budgeted funds

**Funds Available:** N/A - TBD

**Account #:** N/A

**Reviewed by:** City Manager

**Attachments:** Draft MOU & <https://airburners.com/products/boos-series/charboss/>