



NEVADA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into on 4/2/2026, by and between the Nevada County Resource Conservation District (NCRCD), located at 113 Presley Way, Suite 1, Grass Valley, CA 95945, and the City of Grass Valley (City). NCRCD and the City may be referred to individually as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties.”

PURPOSE

The purpose of this MOU is to establish a cooperative working relationship between NCRCD and the City of Grass Valley for the implementation of the NCRCD Grass Valley Collaborative Fuels Reduction Project.

PROJECT SUMMARY

This project seeks to implement targeted hazardous fuels reduction treatments across priority roadside and right-of-way locations within the City of Grass Valley. The work is designed to reduce wildfire ignition risk, protect electrical and telecommunications infrastructure, improve emergency evacuation safety, and enhance roadway visibility along heavily traveled transportation corridors.

Treatment activities will be carried out by a qualified contractor, including the removal of hazardous trees, ladder fuels, and roadside vegetation within clearly defined priority and optional treatment units. One treatment unit includes higher operational complexity; however, site preparation has already been completed, including the construction of a staging area to support safe equipment operations.

The largest treatment unit, approximately 14.8 acres along Idaho Maryland Road, is located within the previously approved Loma Rica Open Space Fuels Reduction Project area. Environmental review for that broader project has been completed, and additional environmental compliance is not anticipated for remaining units unless deemed necessary.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this project are to:

- Reduce hazardous wildfire fuels adjacent to utility infrastructure
- Improve evacuation route safety for residents and emergency responders
- Protect residential neighborhoods, community infrastructure, and services
- Support regional wildfire resilience, including aviation safety considerations



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RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

Nevada County Resource Conservation District (NCRCD)

NCRCD agrees to:

- Provide overall project management, coordination, and administration
- Oversee contractor selection and implementation of treatment activities
- Ensure treatments are conducted in accordance with project objectives and applicable regulations
- Coordinate with utility providers and other stakeholders as needed
- Monitor project implementation and maintain communication with the City

City of Grass Valley

The City agrees to:

- Provide all necessary road control, traffic management, and road closure services at its expense
- Facilitate access to project areas within City jurisdiction
- Coordinate with NCRCD on scheduling and public safety considerations
- Support safe and efficient implementation of treatment activities

TERM

This MOU shall become effective upon signature by both Parties and shall remain in effect until project completion, unless extended or terminated by mutual written agreement.

AMENDMENTS

This MOU may be amended at any time by written agreement signed by both Parties.

LIABILITY

Each Party shall be responsible for its own acts and omissions. Nothing in this MOU shall be construed to create liability beyond that provided by law.

ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This document constitutes the entire understanding between the Parties regarding this project.

Each Party agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the other Party, its officers, officials, agents, employees, and volunteers from and against any claims, demands, losses, or



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liability (including attorney's fees and costs, court costs, interest, defense costs, and expert witness fees) to the extent caused by that party or its officers, agents, employees, and volunteers in the performance of the obligations under this MOU.

SIGNATURES

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Memorandum of Understanding.

NEVADA COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Signature

Print Name

Date

CITY OF GRASS VALLEY

Signature

Print Name

Date