





include vegetation and landscape management measures by thinning vegetation, removing debris piles, and reducing the presence of ladder fuels to slow fire spread and reduce intensity near pump stations. The additional scope of work proposed in this amendment would be carried out at 59 pump stations located throughout the District's service area, the estimated acreage of work is 7 acres.

**ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:** The Director of Engineering has determined that the Pump Station Fire Hardening Project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21080.49, as the proposed project creates defensible space and fuel breaks around pump stations. The project also qualifies for exemption pursuant to the following CEQA Guidelines sections 15301, Existing Facilities, and 15304, Minor Alteration to land, as the project will include maintenance work of existing structures, that does not result in an expansion of use, and involve minor alteration to the condition of land and vegetation, with no negative impact to existing scenic trees.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Staff estimates the costs to perform the vegetation maintenance and landscaping services to support fire hardening of district pump stations, will be \$323,400 (CN-2050). Funds for this contract will be paid out of the District's FY26/FY27 Capital Budget.

**ATTACHMENT(S):** None.

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