

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-78 RESOLUTION NO. PFA-03 ORDINANCE NO. 2019-01

## **AGENDA**

#### MISSION STATEMENT

"Our team is dedicated to protecting, enhancing, and developing our rich water resources to the highest beneficial use for Calaveras County, while maintaining cost-conscious, reliable service, and our quality of life, through responsible management."

#### Special Meeting Date: Monday, November 25, 2019 No earlier than 11:00 a.m.

Calaveras County Water District 120 Toma Court, (PO Box 846) San Andreas, California 95249

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## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### 1. <u>ROLL CALL</u>

#### 2. <u>PUBLIC COMMENT</u>

At this time, members of the public may address the Board on any non-agendized item. The public is encouraged to work through staff to place items on the agenda for Board consideration. No action can be taken on matters not listed on the agenda. Comments are limited to five minutes per person.

#### 3. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

 3a Discussion/Action Regarding CALFIRE California Climate Investments Fire Prevention Program Grant Application for the CCWD West Point Fuel Reduction Project (Charles Palmer, District Engineer) RES 2019-\_\_\_\_

#### 4. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

# Agenda Item

DATE: November 25, 2019

TO: Michael Minkler, General Manager

FROM: Charles Palmer, District Engineer

RE: Discussion/Action Regarding CALFIRE California Climate Investments Fire Prevention Program Grant Application for the CCWD West Point Fuel Reduction Project

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Motion \_\_\_\_\_/ adopting Resolution No.2019-\_\_\_\_ approving filing of applications, certifying funding requirements and deadlines, and appointing designee to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents relating to the CALFIRE California Climate Investments Fire Prevention Grant for the CCWD West Point Fuel Reduction Project (19-FP-TCU-2038).

#### SUMMARY:

The District is submitting a grant funding request of \$115,000 to perform fuel reduction on various properties owned by CCWD in the community of West Point. The project scope encompasses at least 31 acres including 16 acres around the Regulating Reservoir that is choked with dense brush, ladder fuels and derelict pine plantations. The scope of the project will include another 5 acres adjacent to the water treatment plant and 10 acres at the abandoned leach field. Also, the District will look at reducing fuels at other smaller CCWD facilities within the West Point service area. The existing conditions are a recipe for catastrophic fire and a serious threat to the homes and infrastructure around Bummerville and West Point including the community's potable water supply and water treatment plant. The purpose is to minimize the risk of fire ignition, fire spread, and accelerating carbon sequestration. The project will mitigate wildfire emissions by thinning and clearing excess vegetation creating a resilient forest environment more resistant to wildfire spread and avoiding the massive release of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere caused by a wildfire. A favorable increase in carbon sequestration will occur post treatment by accelerating growth of a healthy tree canopy and understory.

### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

None at this time. This project is 100% grant funded if the application is successful. The District may have to designate a source of temporary funds for cash flow purposed until costs are reimbursed by the grant.

Attachments: Resolution No.2019-\_\_\_- Authorizing Submittal of an Application to the California Climate Investment Fire Prevention Grant Program

## RESOLUTION NO. 2019 - \_\_\_

#### A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CALAVERAS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

#### AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE CALIFORNIA CLIMATE INVESTMENT FIRE PREVENTION GRANT PROGRAM

**WHEREAS,** the Governor of the State of California in cooperation with the California State Legislature has enacted State of California Climate Investment, which provides funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for fire protection programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing application by local agencies, non-profit organizations, and others under the program; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out the CCWD West Point Fuel Reduction Project (19-FP-TCU-2038); and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Directors of the CALAVERAS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT does hereby

- 1. Approve the filing of an application for "California Climate Investment Fire Prevention Grant Program; and
- 2. Certifies that said applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project; and
- 3. Certifies that funds under the jurisdiction of the Calaveras County Water District are available to begin the project.
- 4. Certifies that said applicant will expend grant funds prior to the Grant Deadline of March 15, 2024.
- 5. Appoints the General Manager or designee, to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 25<sup>th</sup> of November, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES: NOES: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

## CALAVERAS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

Russ Thomas, President Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Rebecca Hitchcock Clerk to the Board