



SIERRA COUNTY FIRE SAFE & WATERSHED COUNCIL

Board Meeting

August 22, 2024 10am

Location: Sierraville Ranger District
317 S Lincoln Street, Sierraville, CA

BOARD OF DIRECTORS						
Board Chair/ Treasure Paul Cueto	Board Member Jim Turner	Secretary Sharon Dobija	Board Member Patty Hall	Board Member Jeff Dowling	Board Member Don Russell	Board Member Eric Petterson

AGENDA

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approval of Agenda, July 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- III. Public Comment
- IV. Announcements
 - a. CalFire
 - b. Sierra County
 - c. USFS
- V. Standing Reports
 - a. Treasurer's Report: P. Cueto
 - b. Executive Directors Report: R. Rummel
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Policies and Procedures have been tabled until this winter.
- VII. New Business
 - a. Contract for Herbicide application by Highlanders Forest, LLC. for the Indian Valley project
- VIII. Consent Agenda
 - a. Invoice from High Sierra Forestry for Antelope Valley, CalFire, CWD, and Indian Valley, \$7,014.00
- IX. Next meeting – Sept 26, 2024. Sierraville School
- X. Adjourn

We will not have a digital option for the meeting this month. We hope to resume that option next month when the Sierraville School is available.

SIERRA COUNTY FIRE SAFE & WATERSHED COUNCIL

Board Chair	Board Member	Board Secretary	Board Member	Board Member	Board Treasurer	Board Member	Board Member
Paul Cueto	Jim Turner	Sharon Dobija	Patricia Hall	Jeff Dowling	Paul Cueto	Don Russell	Eric Petterson

Executive Director: Rodd Rummel

Minutes of Board Meeting of July 25, 2024 USFS Compound, Sierraville, CA 10: AM

I. Roll Call: Members present were Cueto, Turner, Dowling, Russell and Hall. Members Petterson and Dobija were absent.

II. Approval of Agenda & June Minutes: Motion to approve the agenda and Minutes of June, 2024 was made by Member Hall seconded by Member Dowling. Unanimous

III. Public Comment: Todd Ondracek explained that the contingent of audience members were from Green Acres and had questions and comments regarding the Green Acres project. Rodd explained that the project was on the agenda and that under announcements, the County would address the project.

IV. Announcements:

a. CalFire: None

b) Sierra County: Danielle Bradfield reported on behalf of the County: The Green Acres (GA) project is a clearing project approximately 1200 acres south and east of the boundaries of Green Acres residential area. Timber crews will finish marking in the next two weeks, Advertisement for a timber sale will be in the last quarter of 2024. GA residents questioned the amount of clearing, the timing and their concern that their water lines that continue up the mountain outside of the residential area be known by workers and protected while workers were in the area. There was discussion throughout the report regarding areas of water lines, water sources and tanks and the mapping of project areas. Danielle provided assurances that infrastructures will be mapped, protected and caution will be used throughout the project as well as no contamination of water source. Supervisor Roen gave GA residents a background as to the County's position with the USFS on the project as a whole and the frustrations in getting the project off the ground. Danielle gave a report of the types of trees to be removed, the density, tree disease within the area and project outcome. One GA

resident had concerns regarding the leaving of piles as it appears on highway 49 and assurances were made that piles will be cleaned up.

Yuba 49 Aspen Project: Project continued into 2024 due to weather and piles had to remain. Clean up of piles will continue and the initial project will be complete with an approximate 20 acres remaining, Some of which will be in the summer home tracts.

Danielle also reported on the potential for the all lands grants which she encouraged the GA residents to take interest in. Those grants are for individual homeowners to get help on clearing of private property. There is quite a bit of interest from homeowners in the Sierra City, Good Years Bar and southern county areas.

c. USFS: Representative from the Tahoe reported there is a line around the Complex Fire and resources will be moving to the Chico area for the Park Fire; the Antelope project work has been mostly done by USFS and they are now moving on to the Fish & Wildlife ground and working with F&W to do a complete project. Due to the work on the CWPP the Tahoe received a 5 million dollar federal grant which will be split between east and west sides projects. They have identified an additional 16 acres in Smithneck north of the Antelope project that can be treated.

V, Standing Reports:

a. **Treasurer:** Report from Treasurer Cueto listed the balance in checking account, various checks written for project work paid through the grant income and the amount of balance of grant funds to be paid out

b. **Executive Director:** Rodd reported on projects: The previous problems and interruptions of work on Antelope Valley have been mostly resolved by a consensus of the parties involved. Completion should be the fall of this year. Indian Hills project will get herbicide treatment which was within the grant parameters. CalFire Prevention grant: the Sattley side parcels have been identified; hopefully treatment next spring or possibly this fall. Explained that the first year is layout and the second year is treatment. Same time of planning stage as the Community Wildfire grant adjacent to Randolph. He and Rachael (USFS) are working on a press release about the recent fires.

VI. Old Business: Policies and Procedures are still in the works.

Danielle brought up the question of the concept of the contracts with homeowners and landowner agreements that the Board should be aware of. This will come up with the Sattley and Sierra City projects and the Board has an existing landowner contract to look over. Also the matter of potential CQUA involvement and lead agency necessity will have to be discussed in the near future.

VII; Consent Agenda: Member Russell moved to approve the items on the consent Agenda, seconded by Member Hall. Unanimous.

viii: Next meeting August 22nd will be at the Sierraville School. Teams Available.

Adjourn.



Good Morning, Rodd Rummel

FSSC Business Checking 0184

Last Updated: August 19, 2024 10:00 AM

\$36,724.38

Current Balance

\$36,724.38

Available Balance

[Transactions](#)

[Details & Settings](#)

Date	Description	Amount
JUL 30 2024	USDA TREAS 310 MISC PAY Deposit from USFS for CWD grant	+ \$3,726.43 \$36,724.38
JUL 29 2024	☞ CHECK - 1145 Pete Walden payment for Indian Vally	- \$1,911.90 \$32,997.95
JUL 24 2024	☞ CHECK High Sierra Forestry payment for Indian Valley	- \$1,360.00 \$34,909.85
JUL 23 2024	☞ CHECK - 1144 Paul Roen payment for Indian Valley	- \$240,000.00 \$36,269.85
JUL 17 2024	USDA TREAS 310 MISC PAY Deposit from USFS for Indian Valley project	+ \$267,599.09 \$276,269.85
JUL 10 2024	☞ CHECK	- \$4,724.40 \$8,670.76

Executive Summary:

- CWD Grant from USFS: Feather River Forestry is identifying potential parcels and will be contacting landowners and putting together the Scope of Work.
- Antelope Valley Grant from SNC: Fuels Treatments will start again as weather allows. Only 125 acres remaining.
- Indian Hills – Fuels treatments are complete. We have a contract in place for the herbicide application which should happen within the next month.
- CalFire Fire Prevention Grant: Foresters are identifying potential parcels and will be contacting landowners soon.
- Trailer Program: No activity recently
- Updated all the information for the California Secretary of the State to keep our non-profit status.

Grant Summaries:

Funding Source	Beginning Balance	Funding Allocated	Funding Remaining	Acres Treated to Date	Total Project Acres
2023 Community Defense Grant (USFS)	\$ 2,114,437.00	\$ 5,398.43	\$ 2,109,038.57	0	500
Antelope Creek (SNC)	\$ 452,650.00	\$ 131,385.72	\$ 321,264.28	50	175
CAFSC 2023 Capacity Building Grant	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 19,108.78	\$ 891.22		
Indian Hills WUI (USFS)	\$ 341,198.00	\$ 273,247.70	\$ 67,950.30	52	52
Sierra County Title 3	\$ 25,507.00	\$ 2,601.34	\$ 22,905.66		
CalFire Fire Prevention Grant	\$ 2,239,033.00	\$ 7,392.00	\$ 2,231,641.00	0	400
	\$ 5,192,825.00	\$ 439,133.96	\$ 4,753,691.04		

Invoice Tracking Summary						
Date	Invoice #	Agency/ Vendor	Project	Amount	Date Received	
5/21/2024	24-006	USFS Yuba River	Indian Valley	\$ 130,350.00	7/17/2024	FSSC Invoice 24-006.pdf
6/10/2024	24-007	USFS Yuba River	Indian Valley	\$ 137,249.09	7/17/2024	FSSC Invoice 24-007.pdf
6/10/2024	24-008	USFS Pacific SW Region	CWD Grant	\$ 3,726.43	7/30/2024	FSSC Invoice 24-008.pdf
7/10/2024	24-009	SNC	Antelope Creek	\$ 115,927.72	8/19/2024	FSSC Invoice 24-009.pdf
8/1/2024	24-010	Calfire	Fire Prevention Grant	\$ 3,225.60		FSSC Invoice 24-010 calfire.pdf

2023 Community Wildfire Defense Grant (CWD) USFS

Date		Contractual	Personnel	Supplies			Indirect
		\$ 1,806,250.00	\$ 240,000.00	\$ 8,000.00			\$ 60,187.00
4/8/2024	High Sierra Forestry		\$ 1,860.00				\$ 54.68
6/10/2024	High Sierra Forestry		\$ 1,760.00				\$ 51.74
8/1/2024	High Sierra Forestry		\$ 1,520.00				\$ 152.00
							\$ -
							\$ -
							\$ -
							\$ -
							\$ -
							\$ -
							\$ -
							\$ -
							\$ -
							\$ -
							\$ -
							\$ -
							\$ -
							\$ -
							\$ -
							\$ -
							\$ -
							\$ -
	Funding Allocated	\$ -	\$ 5,140.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 258.43
	Funding Remaining	\$ 1,806,250.00	\$ 234,860.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 59,928.57

Total Grant Funding	\$ 2,114,437.00
Total Funding Allocated	\$ 5,140.00
Remaining Balance	\$ 2,109,297.00

Grant Period = 10/1/2023 - 09/30/2028
 Agreement # 23-DG-11052012-194

Antelope Creek WUI (SNC)

Date		Project Management	Contractual Forest Thinning	Travel	Tribal Participation	Administrative Costs	FSSC Invoice #
		\$ 54,500.00	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 41,150.00	
4/8/2024	High Sierra Forestry	\$ 1,116.00				\$ 111.60	24-005
5/13/2024	Feather River Forestry		\$ 9,976.72			\$ 997.67	
6/10/2024	High Sierra Forestry	\$ 960.00				\$ 96.00	24-009
7/9/2024	High Sierra Forestry	\$ 2,960.00				\$ 296.00	
7/1/2024	Paul Roen		\$ 95,500.00			\$ 9,550.00	
7/11/2024	Feather River Forestry		\$ 5,968.84			\$ 596.88	
8/1/2024	High Sierra Forestry	\$ 2,960.00				\$ 296.00	
						\$ -	
						\$ -	
						\$ -	
						\$ -	
	Funding Allocated	\$ 7,996.00	\$ 111,445.56	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,944.16	
	Funding Remaining	\$ 46,504.00	\$ 238,554.44	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 29,205.84	

10% Withholding

Amount Paid	Amount Withheld			
\$ 1,004.40	\$ 111.60	\$ 1,116.00		High Sierra Forestry
\$ 8,979.05	\$ 997.67	\$ 9,976.72		Feather River Forestry
\$ 864.00	\$ 96.00	\$ 960.00		High Sierra Forestry
\$ 2,664.00	\$ 296.00	\$ 2,960.00		High Sierra Forestry
\$ 85,950.00	\$ 9,550.00	\$ 95,500.00		Paul Roen
\$ 5,371.96	\$ 596.88	\$ 5,968.84		Feather River Forestry
\$ 2,664.00	\$ 296.00	\$ 2,960.00		High Sierra Forestry

Total Grant Funding	\$	452,650.00
Total Funding Allocated	\$	131,385.72
Remaining Balance	\$	321,264.28

Grant Period = 1/1/2027

Contracts

Feather River Forestry	\$	24,000.00
Paul Roen	\$	334,250.00

Indian Valley WUI Grant USFS

		Mastication	Initial Herbicide Treatment	Follow-up Herbicide Treatment	Contract RPF	Road Work	Indirect (10%)	FSSC Invoice #
Date		\$ 240,240.00	\$ 27,720.00	\$ 27,720.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 31,018.00	
7/7/2023	Pete Walden				\$ 3,401.10		\$ 340.11	23-002
5/21/2024	Paul Roen	\$ 112,500.00				\$ 6,000.00	\$ 11,850.00	24-006
6/7/2024	Paul Roen	\$ 121,500.00					\$ 12,150.00	24-007
6/9/2024	Pete Walden				\$ 1,911.90		\$ 191.19	
6/10/2024	High Sierra Forestry	\$ 1,360.00					\$ 136.00	
8/1/2024	High Sierra Forestry	\$ 1,734.00					\$ 173.40	
	Funding Allocated	\$ 237,094.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,313.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 24,840.70	
	Funding Remaining	\$ 3,146.00	\$ 27,720.00	\$ 27,720.00	\$ 3,187.00	\$ -	\$ 6,177.30	

Total Grant Funding	\$ 341,198.00
Total Funding Allocated	\$ 273,247.70
Remaining Balance	\$ 67,950.30

Grant Period = 4/15/2028

CalFire Fire Prevention Grant 2023

Date		Contractual							Supplies	Indirect	FSSC Invoice #
		Sierra City Treatments	Sierra City Forester	Sattley Treatments	Sattley Forester	Aerial Photography	Bulk Mail	Project Management			
		\$ 941,875.00	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 847,500.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 109,062.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 239,896.00	
4/8/2024	High Sierra Forestry							\$ 3,720.00		\$ 446.40	24-004
6/10/2024	High Sierra Forestry							\$ 2,080.00		\$ 249.60	20-010
8/1/2024	High Sierra Forestry							\$ 800.00		\$ 96.00	
	Funding Allocated	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,600.00	\$ -	\$ 792.00	
	Funding Remaining	\$ 941,875.00	\$ 37,500.00	\$ 847,500.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 102,462.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 239,104.00	

Total Grant Funding	\$ 2,239,033.00
Total Funding Allocated	\$ 7,392.00
Remaining Balance	\$ 2,231,641.00

Grant Period = 12/27/2023 - 3/15/2029
 Agreement # 5GA22211
 Project # 22-WP-NEU-46302574

Contracts
 Feather River Forestry 31500
 Northern Sierra Forestry Services 28500

Highlanders Forest, LLC.



August 12, 2024

Rodd Walden:

Per the conversation with you today, we have estimated the following:

- \$300.00 an acre, this includes the chemical

Thank you for your interest in our company.

Eoucario Mejia

Eoucario Mejia

**2348 Beall Lane
Central Point, OR 97502
Phone: 541-664-2831**



Date	Invoice #	Date Due
8/1/2024	103	9/1/2024

Bill To:	Project # or Description:
Firesafe Sierra County PO Box 124, Downieville, CA 95936	Contract Consulting

Description of Services or Product Provided:	Amount:
Hourly Executive Director position for July 2024	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calfire Fire Prevention Grant 10 hrs @ \$80/ hr • SNC Antelope Creek Project – 37 hrs @ \$80/ hr • USFS Community Wildfire Defense Grant – 19 hrs @ \$80/ hr • USFS Indian Valley Project– 20 hrs @ \$80/ hr 200 miles @0.67 	\$800.00 \$2,960.00 \$1,520.00 \$1,600.00 \$134.00
TOTAL DUE – PLEASE PAY THIS AMOUNT:	\$7,014.00
Make checks payable to: High Sierra Forestry, 9005 Reservoir St. Reno, NV 89506	