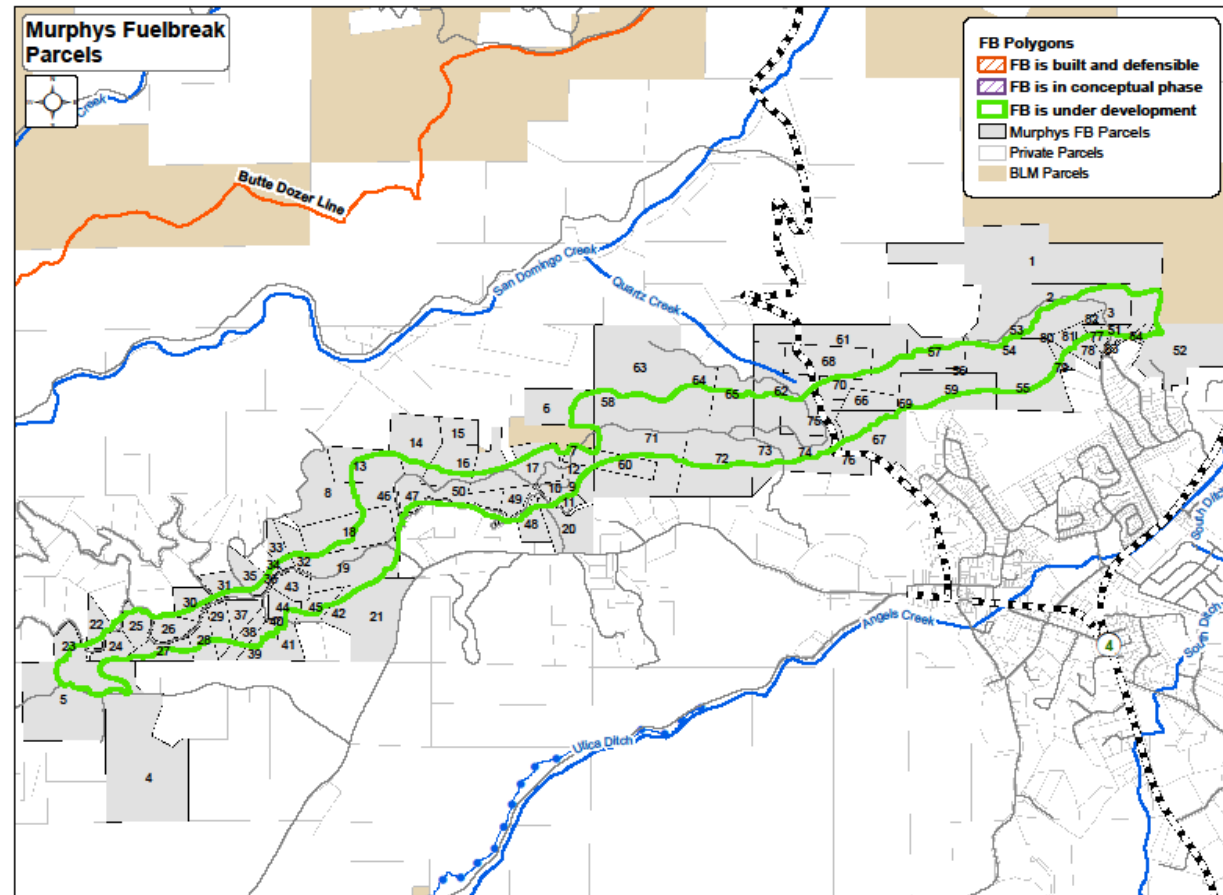


Murphys Forest Health and Fuels Reduction Project

Project Description:

- ❑ Requesting \$1,146,772 funds from 2017/2018 CalFire/California Climates Investments Forest Health Grant Program
- ❑ Project identified by CalFire Tuolumne/Calaveras Unit as high priority in their Fire Plan and CWPP
- ❑ Concept proposal written by Gordon Long/Calaveras RCD – accepted; full proposals being written now, due June 6th and 13th
- ❑ Project will enhance watershed and forest health and protect ~7,000 residences in the Murphys WUI.
- ❑ 93 private landowners will potentially participate; ROE has been verbally negotiated with ~65
- ❑ CEQA is nearly complete; waiting for signature from Archaeologist; approval expected 2-3 weeks after submission.
- ❑ Will establish a defensible shaded fuel break within the Murphys WUI.
- ❑ Treatments will include falling dead-standing trees and removing brush and ladder fuels.
- ❑ Treatments limited to machine and hand mastication – no herbicides
- ❑ Will reduce wildfire threat, thus protecting valuable wildlife habitat and watersheds, minimizing potential erosion, conserving water quality, and decreasing susceptibility to drought and disease in trees.
- ❑ GHG calculations are being done by ACCG members Pat and Jan



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RE: Murphys Forest Health and Fuels Reduction Project

The Amador-Calaveras Consensus Group (ACCG) is a diverse, community-based collaborative that works to create fire-safe communities, healthy forests, functional watersheds, and sustainable local economies. Its members represent diverse interests including local citizens, county, state and federal agencies, the timber industry, and environmental advocacy organizations.

The Calaveras Resource Conservation District is applying for grant funds to establish a defensible shaded fuel break (SFB) within the Murphys Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI). The project area is wholly comprised of 93 privately owned residential properties. This project will create a fuel break that will enhance watershed and forest health and protect ~7,000 residences in the Murphys WUI.

It is noteworthy that the Murphys SFB will tie into other fuel breaks around the community of Murphys, including the Ponderosa Fuel Break and fuel breaks established during the recent Butte Fire. When completed in 2021, there will be a total of 380 acres of continuous fuel break along the Murphys WUI.

The ACCG endorses the proposal to establish the Murphys Shaded Fuel Break and greatly appreciates the Calaveras Resource Conservation District's focus on WUI projects that link with similar projects sponsored by other stakeholders. It is only through an All-Lands approach that California will escape from catastrophic fire in the future.

Sincerely,



Jill Micheau
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Approved: **DATE**