

Staff Report

for the Board of Directors Meeting of December 12, 2018

TO: Honorable Board of Directors

FROM: Greg Jones, MBA, Assistant General Manager ^{GJ}
Neysa King, Watershed Resources Administrator

DATE: December 5, 2018

SUBJECT: Grant Application to the CAL FIRE California Climate Investments (CCI) Fire Prevention Grant Program

ADMINISTRATION

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution No. 2018-41 (Approving the Application for Grant Funds for the CAL FIRE California Climate Investments (CCI) Fire Prevention Grant Program), as recommended by the Administrative Practices Committee on December 4, 2018.

BACKGROUND:

Grant funds from the CAL FIRE California Climate Investments (CCI) Fire Prevention Grant Program will help to significantly reduce catastrophic fire risk and improve forest health by implementing fuels treatment practices and selectively thinning the forest community. CAL FIRE's Fire Prevention Grants Program provides funding for projects and activities that address the risk of wildfire and reduce wildfire potential to forested and forest adjacent communities. Funded activities include: hazardous fuel reduction, fire planning, and fire prevention education with an emphasis on improving public health and safety while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

This program will treat the four highest priority critical infrastructure and water system sites that have been identified by Nevada Irrigation District within its jurisdictional authority and boundaries, spanning portions of Nevada, Sierra and Placer Counties. These sites include critical electric transmission power lines and water system infrastructure that serve the communities of Nevada City, Grass Valley, and additional smaller at risk communities. This project will achieve the following objectives: creation of defensible space for protection of structure from wildland fire, reduced fire hazard associated with electric transmission, creation of transmission line clearance for fire safety, maintenance of safe ingress and egress for local communities in the wildland urban interface (WUI), and reduced fire

hazard associated with campgrounds and residential communities in forested landscapes.

Specific treatment areas are still being identified, however they will include portions of the upper watershed Yuba-Bear Campgrounds adjacent to Jackson Meadows, Milton, Sawmill and Bowman Reservoirs; Scotts Flat and Rollins Reservoir campgrounds and adjacent District properties; and the Bowman 60kV Transmission Line.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

No grant match required, however grant points can be gained with in-kind time provided by District staff. Final budget is under development. Applications are due to CAL FIRE on December 19, 2018.

Attachments (1):

- Resolution No. 2018-41



RESOLUTION No. 2018-41

OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

**APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR
THE CAL FIRE CALIFORNIA CLIMATE INVESTMENTS 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 (CCI), which provides funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for fire prevention 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 applications by local agencies, non-profit organizations, and others under the program; and

WHEREAS, California's 2018-2019 budget allocated up to \$155 million to CAL FIRE's Forest Health and Fire Prevention Programs; and

WHEREAS, CAL FIRE's Fire Prevention Grants Program provides funding for projects and activities that improve resiliency, address the risk of wildfire and reduce wildfire potential to forested and forest adjacent communities; and

WHEREAS, procedures established by the CAL FIRE require a resolution certifying the approval of application by the governing board of each applicant before submission of said application to CAL FIRE; and

WHEREAS, the Nevada Irrigation District (the "District") has identified the Nevada Irrigation District Fire Prevention Program Phase 1 (the "Project") as valuable toward meeting its mission and goals; and

WHEREAS, the District intends to submit an application to CAL FIRE for the Project; and

WHEREAS, the District, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the CAL FIRE to carry out the Project;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District that it does find as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct; and
2. Approves the filing of an application for the California Climate Investment Fire Prevention Grant Program; and
3. Certifies that the Nevada Irrigation District has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project; and
4. Certifies that funds under the jurisdiction of the Nevada Irrigation District are available to begin the project; and
5. Certifies that the Nevada Irrigation District will expend grant funds prior to March 15, 2020; and
6. Appoints its General Manager, or designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including but not limited to: applications, agreements, payment requests, and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project(s).

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District at a regular meeting held on the 12th day of December 2018, by the following vote:

AYES:	Directors:
NOES:	Directors:
ABSENT:	Directors:
ABSTAINS:	Directors:

President of the Board of Directors

Attest:

Secretary to the Board of Directors