

1. There are a lot of walking trails used daily with a lot of foot traffic. These trails will need to be closed to the public for the work that is to be completed adjacent to them, and in section 1.4.E it indicated we supply signage for the work zone. Is there a plan in place to have these trails closed during the work, or are we to submit a pedestrian plan and public notification indicating trail closure other than signage at the job site? And is there an incentive to have this work completed faster to allow these trails to be re-opened? We are estimating our per unit (location #) cost off of a set amount of employees and amount of acres they can complete in a day, and can furnish more labor if timeframes are established.
  - a. Any trail, road, or sidewalk closures necessary to complete the work will be the responsibility of the contractor. Closures will be for the hours of work only and the area will need to be made safe and open to travel at the end of the work day.
2. There are a lot of uprooted trees and/or partial blow-outs from storm damage. Are we to remove these trees as well?
  - a. Uprooted trees will be removed from zone 1, in zones 2 and 3 large, uprooted trees greater than 18-inch DBH will have all brushy material removed and the trunk sections can remain as habitat. *"Habitat qualified trunks and limbs shall be left in contact with the ground and positioned in a way that does not create a risk of rolling and becoming a hazard to persons or property. (e.g. not left on steep slope where potential to roll exists)"*.
3. The 10' requirement for trees in proximity to structures, does that apply to residences fencing or just their home?
  - a. The 10' requirement applies to all permitted structures (e.g. house, shed, garage, etc.) the fence will have clearance by way of the pruning completed to 8-10' above ground level.
4. The areas that have berry bushes, are we able to use weed whackers and do we need to remove all weed whacked material? Or are you assuming grazing will mitigate that vegetation and that weed whacking is not needed?
  - a. Weed whacking is permitted, however the major portion of vegetation that weed whacking would address will be pre-grazed on those sites listed as *"Goats, Contractor"*. Excessive trimmings will need to be removed from the site to ensure fire safety.
5. Are we allowed to use an ATV and small trailer to haul off material to the nearest access point to a chip truck? Are we allowed to drive a chip truck on the wider trails for chipping? Are we allowed to use a tracked chipper for the sites allowing broadcasting?
  - a. The work will take place utilizing a FEMA grant which outlines that no equipment can be used in the open spaces. Trucks and chippers can be operated on improved surfaces such as trails and roadways adjacent to or within the open space work area.
6. Will protected species be flagged by the city?
  - a. The City will not flag protected species, the contractor is expected to review and familiarize themselves with the protected species list and ensure crews avoid removal of protected species. The city has a biologist on contract for site review and they will walk each site prior to work to complete a nesting bird survey. The city will provide training

for the selected contractor through our contracted biologist to familiarize the crews with the protected species and mitigation requirements.

7. Are there restrictions for hours of operations?
  - a. Time restrictions are outlined in the Folsom Municipal Code.
    - i. *FMC 8.42.060.C- Noise sources associated with construction, provided such activities do not take place before 7 a.m. or after 6 p.m. on any day except Saturday or Sunday, or before 8 a.m. or after 5 p.m. on Saturday or Sunday;*
8. In the Project locations / Site information appendix, it shows years 1-3. Are we only doing one zone a year? And do you want that sheet filled out as our cost estimates, or do we need to provide an itemized breakdown of cost per location? And if it's one zone a year are we able to amend the following years for potential price increases as we approach the following year and reevaluate?
  - a. The yearly (phase) breakdown was an estimate of work to be completed in a single season. We have a grant available, and the matching portion budgeted. Our intention is to address most sites (in all phases) as soon as practical, starting with the sites in phase 1 as these are the highest fire hazards as graded by the Folsom Fire Chief.
  - b. The price estimate should be on a per site basis due to the multiple funding sources that are involved on the city side. **Please provide a per-site cost and a total project cost.**
9. Attachment C, Consultant and Professional Services Agreement, Section 4 says, "compensation for the services shall be paid on a time-and materials, not to exceed basis." Please confirm that the per acre costs to be submitted on the provided cost estimate table (Attachment A) are intended to serve solely as estimates and that actual work will be billed on a time and materials basis, per the Services Agreement.
  - a. The service agreement is a template to provide the general language that will be involved in the final agreement. The wording regarding compensation will be changed to reflect the proposed cost as the base contract price, with a contingency added for additional work that may be requested. Additional work would be billed as time and materials or a separate proposal.
10. Should contractor include cost of goat grazing in cost estimate?
  - a. Grazing will be completed by a separate contractor and is not part of the bid.
11. Is goat grazing expected to occur before contractor services?
  - a. Grazing is taking place currently and additional grazing can be completed if significant regrowth occurs before the site is ready to have ladder fuel work completed.
12. Please confirm the project is subject to state prevailing wage rates
  - a. The contract is subject to prevailing wage.
13. Scope of Services, Section F., says the agreement will commence on the start date July 1, 2023 and will be worked continuously until all sites have been completed or all funding for that portion of work has been expended.
  - a. What is the anticipated funding for this project?

- i. We do not have an engineering estimate for this work. We have a grant and matching funding that we anticipate will cover all or most of the work in exhibit A.
  - b. Does the City have a timeframe they would like to see the project completed by?
    - i. Once started the work should take place on a continual basis until all sites have been completed or funding has been expended. Ideally all sites would be addressed by June 1, 2024.
14. Will there be a pre-bid site meeting prior to the proposal submittal date?
- a. There is no pre-bid site meeting planned, please contact Jamison Larson at 530-559-9929 or David Krig at 916-220-0315 if you would like to meet at a site to discuss scope and expectations.
15. Can contractor utilize small equipment (ie. ATV/UTV) within work areas to haul cut material and/or a small chipper?
- a. The work will take place utilizing a FEMA grant which outlines that no equipment can be used in the open spaces. Trucks and chippers can be operated on improved surfaces such as trails and roadways adjacent to or within the open space work area.
16. Can low-impact equipment be used to cut or move cut material from understory trees?
- a. The work will take place utilizing a FEMA grant which outlines that no equipment can be used in the open spaces. Trucks and chippers can be operated on improved surfaces such as trails and roadways adjacent to or within the open space work area.
17. Can a tracked Chipper with less than 4PSI ground pressure be used to chip and broadcast cut material?
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18. Will the City flag or otherwise clearly identify exclusion areas?
- a. The exclusion areas in regard to high water marks apply to waterways that run year-round, these will be easily identified in the field by the contract crew. In the event a question arises as to the scope, the city can make a site visit to assist in location the exclusion areas.
19. Is there GIS data or Google Earth KML/KMZ files available of the project locations?
- a. Google Earth overlay will be added to the CIPlist.com package.
20. Is there a diameter limit for trees to be removed?
- a. *"Remove all dead trees which in case of a fall are capable of reaching resident properties, roads, or trails. Trees larger than 18 inches dbh and less than 30 ft in height which are not capable of reaching resident properties, roads, or trails may remain as habitat. These standing dead trees shall not be located within 100 ft of another standing dead tree, in this situation the larger of the two shall remain and the smaller shall be removed."*

**b. Please contact me directly to discuss specific scenarios. Jamison Larson 530-559-9929.**

21. Will understory trees be removed from Zones 2 and 3?

- a. The desired outcome is to have zone 1 be the highest level of work and create the initial fire break between the homes and the open space. Zones 2 and 3 become progressively more native and consist mainly of dead removal and vertical clearances. Please see exhibit A.

22. Will the City arrange access to residents yards if trees or branches must be cut overhanging the house?

- a. The contractor is expected to make an attempt to contact the resident to gain access if necessary. If the contractor is unable to contact the resident, the city will make attempts to contact and arrange access.