



CALAVERAS COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT

PO Box 1041 423 E. St Charles St. San Andreas, CA 95249
info@CalaverasRCD.org

April 29th, 2026

RE: San Andreas East Fuelbreak– CalFire Grant 5GG23221

Dear PROPERTY OWNER,

The Calaveras County Resource Conservation District (CCRCD) is a local, non-regulatory, grassroots special district that aim to enhance and highlight private lands. Since our creation in 2016, we've focused heavily on fuel reduction efforts to help protect our communities, wildlife, and natural resources from catastrophic wildfire. As part of this effort, the CCRCD was awarded a CALFIRE Fire Prevention grant to construct a ~160-acre shaded fuel break to protect the community of San Andreas, the seat of Calaveras County. It is located just south of the Butte Fireline, where containment efforts successfully stopped the wildfire from spreading into San Andreas. The goals of this fuel break are to establish a permanent fuel break in order to stop the spread of wildfire and to provide protection to the County Government Center, TCU headquarters, Calaveras High and San Andreas Elementary Schools, hundreds of residents of San Andreas, and the only hospital in Calaveras County, Mark Twain Medical Center. This is a valuable fuels reduction project for you, CALFIRE, Calaveras County, and our wonderful community. Your property has been determined to be in or near the footprint for the Project. The attached map shows where the project area overlaps your property.

Everyone who lives in this area knows how often fires are sparked and how quickly they can spread. This work will focus on treating dangerous overstocked fuels on a 2.6-mile linear traverse from the intersection of Gold Strike Rd and Leonard Rd to Mountain Ranch Road near Mills Ave. **All work conducted under this grant is at no cost to the landowner.**

Accompanying this letter and map is a Right of Entry (ROE) form that CCRCD would appreciate your signing if you want your property included in this great project. To conduct planning activities and treatment work on your property, we need this form signed and sent back to us. Without this Right of Entry signed, your property will not be included in the project moving forward. If this project goes as planned, environmental compliance (California Environmental Quality Act -CEQA) surveys will be completed before Summer of 2026. These surveys will be conducted throughout the entirety project area shown on the attached map. Once the CEQA document is approved, the next step will be to survey and finalize the treatment boundary. Please note that the treatment area will differ slightly from the project map attached but will fall within its boundary. This is due to constraints such as slope steepness, habitat protections, and water protections. Next, the CCRCD will put the project implementation up for bid and will select an insured Licensed Timber Operator (LTO) to complete the project's fuel reduction work. Machinery work will likely not occur during the fire season, typically in the months of July-October. Once the fire danger subsides, work can commence again in the Fall. The awarded grant ends March 15th, 2029; at which point all work on the project will be completed, unless an extension is deemed necessary and is approved by CALFIRE.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to CCRCD Project Coordinator, Kaylee Tanner- Dillashaw at 209-768-1603, email kdillashaw@calaverasrccd.org

With your assistance and cooperation, the proposed work will dramatically decrease fire threats in the south end of the Butte Fire footprint. We honestly hope you will support this important project on your property in Calaveras County.

Please use the enclosed envelope to return the ROE form at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trina Walley".

Trina Walley
Executive Director, Calaveras County Resource Conservation District



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LETTER OF SUPPORT and RIGHT OF ENTRY PERMIT

The undersigned hereby certifies and warrants that he/she is the title owner or the authorized agent of said Property Owner of property described as follows:

Property Owner Name: Tyler James

Assessor's Parcel Number: 4400906

Property Mailing Address: PO Box 1208, San Andreas

The undersigned supports the efforts described herein and hereby authorizes the Calaveras County Resource Conservation District (CCRCD) and CAL FIRE, their employees, agents, officers, contractors, subcontractors, and vendors the authority and permission to enter in and onto said property(s) and/or right-of-way for the San Andreas East Fuel Break– CalFire Grant 5GG23221 **from the date this permit is signed through March 15, 2029**, or to the end of the grant contract period if such period is extended.

CCRCD and/or CAL FIRE employees, agents, officers, contractors, subcontractors, or vendors will be allowed access to the referenced property to accomplish the various tasks associated with CAL FIRE Grant 5GG23221. **Property Owner will be notified at least 24 hours prior to entry onto the property if you provide a phone and/or email address included at the end of this form.**

Tasks and *approximate* time frames for entry include:

- Create accurate maps of the project footprint and determine access points and landing areas for equipment and vegetation affected during the project (April 2026)
- Take reference photos representing the “before” status of the project area. Flags/markers will be placed to mark GIS reference points (approximately 20–30 on project) (April 2026)
- Conduct environmental studies that satisfy the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) prerequisite for forest health activities intended to increase forest resilience to wildfire, draught and disease, while maintaining wildlife habitat and soil cover (April 2025 – May 2026)
- Develop Prescriptions/Treatment Plans to create strategically placed fuel breaks that will reduce wildfire hazards, provide greater safety to fire fighters, reduce intensity of wildfires, and create defensible space around communities and critical assets. (April 2025 – May 2026)
- Implement prescriptive Treatment Plans in accordance with California Forest Practice Rules. (Spring or Fall 2026 – March 2029) Treatment plans may include any or all of the following:
 - Clearing underbrush vegetation and removing brush and small trees, up to 12-inches in diameter at 4’6” feet from ground level in areas located *more than 100 feet from residence or structures*
 - Pruning vegetation that could become ladder fuels in a fire situation
 - Falling and masticating dead or dying trees
 - Thinning overly dense vegetation, allowing a healthier, more resistant forest to prosper
 - Pruning tree branches that are within 10 feet of the ground
 - No herbicides will be used
 - Hand thinning of vegetation in steep canyons (where applicable)



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ROE Terms and Conditions:

1. The Right of Entry shall remain valid until the end of the grant timelines, or until the completion of all work described herein, unless revoked in writing by the landowner with at least 10 business days' notice to CCRCD.
2. Access Limitations:
 - a. CCRCD and CAL FIRE, their employees, agents, officers, contractors, subcontractors, and vendors shall only access the property necessary to complete the scope of fuel reduction and wildfire protection work.
3. Protection of Property
 - a. No habitable structures will be entered, disturbed or damaged.
 - b. Normal ingress and egress to the property will be maintained during operations and will be left in the same or better condition.
 - c. Access roads will be left in the same or better condition
4. Contractor Responsibility
 - a. All contractors and subcontractors are required by the CCRCD to be licensed and insured.

CAL FIRE Grant 5GA22228 was awarded to the Calaveras County Resource Conservation District (CCRCD) in December 2024.

The parties hereto recognize that this fuel reduction project, *as a free service to the Property Owner*, is intended to decrease the risk of and provide protection from wildfire for Property Owner but does not guarantee the protection of the Property Owner's property or safety from fire.

The Property Owner further agrees and warrants to hold harmless CCRCD and CAL FIRE, their employees, agents, officers, contractors, subcontractors, or vendors for any damage of any type whatsoever, either to the above described property or persons situated thereon, and hereby releases, discharges, and waives any and all actions, rights, or claims, either legal or equitable, which the undersigned has or may obtain by reason of any action or inaction against CCRCD or CAL FIRE, or their employees, agents, officers, contractors, subcontractors, vendors while accessing the right-of-way or removing debris from the above identified property.

For the consideration and purposes set forth herein, I hereby agree to the above agreement this _____ day of _____ 2026.

Name of Property Owner or Authorized Agent

Signature

Email Address

Phone Number

Please Return Signed Form To:

Calaveras County Resource Conservation District
P O Box 1041, San Andreas, CA 95249

OR Scan and email this document to: elivernois@calaverasrkd.org AND mcole@calaverasrkd.org

For questions, please contact Kaylee at 209-768-1603 or kdillashaw@calaverasrkd.org