CALAVERAS COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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December 10, 2024

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 _____
MAILING ADDRESS _____
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Assessor's Parcel Number: _____
PROPERTY ADDRESS _____
(if different from mailing address)

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 **NW Calaveras Fuels Reduction Project** funded by CAL FIRE Grant 5GA22228 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 5GA22228. **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 (March 2024)
- 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) (March 2024)
- 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 (March-June 2024)
- 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. (March-June 2024)
- Implement prescriptive Treatment Plans in accordance with California Forest Practice Rules. (October 2024 – March 2025) 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)

CAL FIRE Grant 5GA22228 was awarded to the Calaveras County Resource Conservation District (CCRCD) in December 2023.

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 _____ 2024. Assessor's Parcel Number: _____

_____ _____

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: mcole@calaverasrcd.org

If you have questions, please feel free to contact **Project Manager, Dan Liechty at (209) 419-1244 or email: dliechty@calaverasrcd.org OR Rubie Teffeteller, Assistant Forester (209) 540-6036 (voice/text) or email: rteffetell@masonbruce.com**