NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)  
Tree Mortality / Forestry Program

- **Parcel Size Eligibility:** 3-acre minimum; 4 dead trees/acre
- **Funding Percentage:** apx. 50% cost share
- **Work Covered:**
  - won’t cover work in defensible space zone
  - dead tree removal
  - thinning of understory and existing trees, mastication
  - reforestation
- **Timeline:** Next round of applications due November
  - funding would start in January
- **Funding Availability:** $5 million available statewide, but will be competing with southern counties who have experienced more tree mortality thus far
- **For more information,** see EQIP website:  
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CALFIRE CA Forestry Incentives Program (CFIP)

- **Parcel Size Eligibility:** 20-acre project minimum (can combine four 5-acre neighboring parcels)
- **Funding Percentage:** 75-90% cost share
- **Work Covered:**
  - won’t cover work in defensible space zone
  - RPF writing forest management plan
  - forest health practices, but can potentially include non-merchantable dead tree removal
  - thinning of understory and existing trees
  - reforestation
- **Timeline:** Applications accepted and funded on an ongoing basis
  - once application is submitted, it takes about two weeks to get a completed contract. Then, RPF must complete management plan and environmental reviews before work can begin. This often takes at least a month or two, depending on RPF availability
- **Funding Availability:** plenty available
- **For more information,** see CFIP website:  
  [http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/resource_mgt_forestryassistance Cfip](http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/resource_mgt_forestryassistance Cfip)
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*Note: Both CFIP and EQIP allow for work to be completed under one contract, or multiple contracts over time*