



**MEMORANDUM**  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE**  
**Procurement Services Division**  
 County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors DATE: July 27, 2021  
 FROM: Todd Leopold, County Executive Officer  
 By: Brett Wood, Purchasing Manager  
 SUBJECT: French Meadows Forest Restoration Project, 2021 Road Maintenance – Robinson Enterprises, Inc.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve the award of a negotiated contract to Robinson Enterprises, Inc. of Nevada City, CA, for road maintenance work for the French Meadows Forest Restoration Project – 2021 Implementation in the total amount of \$170,932.

Authorize the County Executive Officer, or designee, to execute the contract with Robinson Enterprises, Inc. in the total amount of \$170,932 and to execute contract change orders up to \$17,100, subject to County Counsel and Risk Management concurrence.

**BACKGROUND**

On April 27, 2021 your Board approved Modification Number 5 to the Supplemental Project Agreement (SPA) with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) Tahoe National Forest (TNF) to the previously approved Master Stewardship Agreement (MSA) for the French Meadows Forest Restoration Project (Project), which provides authority to perform mechanical forest thinning operations, mastication of smaller trees, and the removal of material for biomass all in a 22,000 acre region that surrounds French Meadows Reservoir as is a part of the Middle Fork Project (MFP) operational area. The work requested here is outside of the scope for internal County departments to complete.

On December 4, 2018, your Board approved a qualified list for RFQ No. 100062 which identified firms to provide the Project services described above. On March 4, 2021, Procurement Services and Department of Public Works (DPW) staff released a two-step bid solicitation for hazardous tree and debris pile removal, mastication, tree thinning, and road maintenance work at French Meadows Reservoir. The first step qualified firms to receive Invitations for Bids for specific French Meadows projects in Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Invitations for Bids were sent to nine (9) firms for the work. The bid solicitation resulted in contracts awarded by your Board for all tasks described above, except for the maintenance of the logging roads for which no bids were received. Subsequently, Procurement Services requested a quote from Robinson Enterprises, Inc., a firm that has responded to previous bids for maintenance and repair work for logging roads in the French Meadows Reservoir area. Robinson Enterprises responded with a quote in the total amount of \$170,932.

More solicitations will be performed this year and brought to your Board for approval to attempt to accommodate all the proposed work on the Project. An estimated summary of secured and authorized funds that will be utilized to complete the 2021 work on the projects is below (more funds are available if needed):

Timber Receipts	\$300,000
Cal Fire funding (via Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) Agreement)	\$350,000
The Nature Conservancy (TNC) Agreement	<u>\$350,000</u>
Total	<u>\$1,000,000</u>

In order to move forward with the French Meadows 2021 Road Maintenance Project, Procurement Services and the Agriculture Department recommend that your Board award a contract to Robinson Enterprises, Inc. in the total amount of \$170,932 and authorize the County Executive Officer, or designee, to execute the contract and change orders. A copy of the subject contract is on file with the Clerk of the Board.

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

Two Notices of Exemption (NOE) were filed for this Project: 1) The Project is consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15308 (Class 8 CEQA Categorical Exemption: Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment) because it is an action authorized by the Placer County Grading Ordinance that will help assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of the environment, and the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the environment. This exemption was filed on December 21, 2018; and 2) The Project is consistent with Senate Bill (SB) 901. SB 901 provides that until January 1, 2023, CEQA would not apply to prescribed fire, thinning, or fuel reduction projects undertaken on federal lands to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This exemption was filed on January 24, 2019. The NEPA Decision Notice for the French Meadows Restoration Project was signed by the TNF Forest Supervisor on December 12, 2018.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Access to the approximately \$1,000,000 in secured funding will be available from the SNC / Cal Fire grant (PJ 01187), TNC grant (PJ 01759) and timber revenues (PJ 01165) on a reimbursable basis to use during the 2021 implementation season. The grant funding for MFP nexus projects is budgeted in the Community and Agency Support appropriation during each fiscal year based on planned use.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None

On file with Clerk of the Board: Robinson Enterprises, Inc. Contract