



INVITATION TO BID

Dunsmuir Right of Way Fuel Break

Date: July 31, 2020

RECEIPT OF BIDS: Sealed bids for construction of the Dunsmuir ROW Fuel Break Project will be received by the Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District. Sealed bids are to be delivered to the following address by **September 8, 2020** at or before **2:00 pm**.

Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District
215 Executive Ct., Suite A
Yreka, CA 96097

OBTAINING BID DOCUMENTS: Copies of the BID DOCUMENTS may be obtained on or after **July 31, 2020**. Bid documents can be found at the SVRCD website under Construction Projects <http://svrcd.org/wordpress/construction-projects/>. If you plan to obtain bid documents at the mandatory pre-bid tour, please email Dan Blessing, Project Manager, at dblessing@svrcd.org to give notification of your interest in doing so.

REVIEWING BID DOCUMENTS: Due to the current office closure mandated by the Department of Agriculture, contractors will not be able to review documents at the SVRCD office.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The SVRCD has been awarded funding through the California Climate Investments Fire Prevention grant program to implement fuel reduction projects in critical areas throughout the State. The Dunsmuir fuel break is designed to create a more fire safe condition along Caltrans Right of Way lands adjacent to Interstate 5. The project will entail the use of hand crews or machinery where accessible to thin trees less than 10 inches DBH, remove all snags, prune all residual trees to a height of 8 feet, remove all brush and vines and existing ground fuels between 2" and 6" in diameter. All vegetation removed will be chipped and broadcast back into the treatment area. Unchippable material will be piled for burning. Herbicides will be applied to the vegetative regrowth to control sprouting.

PROJECT TIMELINE: All activities must be completed by July 31, 2022. Due to power and communication lines running through the project area, the contractor will need to coordinate work with utility companies and work quickly if lines are dropped to

facilitate operations, so power and communications are not interrupted too long.

CONTRACTOR EXPERIENCE: This project requires that the contractor is bonded for forestry work and has experience working in urban areas. References for similar projects may be requested as determined by the SVRCD Project Manager.

CONTRACTOR OBLIGATIONS, LICENSING AND REGISTRATIONS: Contractor agrees to be bound by all the provisions of the California State Labor code regarding prevailing wages and shall monitor all contracts subject to reimbursement from this Agreement.

MANDATORY PRE-BID SITE VISIT: Contractors wishing to bid on this project are required to attend a pre-site visit scheduled on **August 20, 2020 at 9:00**. Contractors are expected to meet with Shasta Valley RCD staff in the parking area next to Manfredi's Valero gas station (6920 Dunsmuir Ave, Dunsmuir, CA 96025). Representatives of the SVRCD will be present to discuss the project. Contractors shall come prepared to drive to the project sites for site visits, and dress appropriately for potentially walking through steep brushy terrain.

BONDING: The Successful BIDDER will be required to furnish Performance and Payment Bonds, each in the amount not less than 100% of the contract price. All bidders must submit a Bid Security equal to 5% of the bid price.

ADDRESS AND MARKING OF BID: The envelope enclosing the bid shall be sealed and addressed to the **Shasta Valley RCD (SVRCD)** and delivered or mailed to **215 Executive Ct., Suite A, Yreka CA 96097** no later than **2:00 pm on September 8, 2020**. The envelope shall be plainly marked in the upper left-hand corner with the name and address of the bidder and shall bear the words "Bid for Dunsmuir ROW Fuel Break Project" and the date.

PROJECT ADMINISTRATION: All questions relative to this project prior to the opening of bids shall be directed to Dan Blessing, Project Manager, at dblessing@svrcd.org. It shall be understood, however, that no interpretations of the specifications will be made by telephone.

SVRCD'S RIGHTS RESERVED: The SVRCD reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids, if in the best interest of the SVRCD.

****This Project is funded by CAL FIRE and the Fire Prevention Program Grants****

South Dunsmuir Fuel Break is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide program that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing GHG emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment—particularly in disadvantaged communities. The Cap-and-Trade program also creates a financial incentive for industries to invest in clean technologies and develop innovative ways to reduce pollution. California Climate Investments projects include affordable housing, renewable energy, public transportation, zero-emission vehicles, environmental

restoration, more sustainable agriculture, recycling, and much more. At least 35 percent of these investments are located within and benefiting residents of disadvantaged communities, low-income communities, and low-income households across California. For more information, visit the California Climate Investments website at: www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov.