

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 22, 2024
To: Board of Directors
From: Kellyx Nelson
Re: Recommendation of Contractors for Forest Health and Fire Resiliency Work Identified through Request for Qualifications

RCD staff recommends eight qualified contractors to support the RCD's forest health and fire resiliency work through December 31, 2029. One or more of the contractors will support RCD activities related to:

- project planning and development of management plans (e.g. Timber Harvest Plans, Notice of Emergency Timber Operations for Fuel Hazard Reduction, revegetation plans, Vegetation Management Plans, invasive species removal plans, pest/diseased tree removal plans, etc.);
- permitting and regulatory compliance (e.g. California Environmental Quality Act, California Coastal Act, County of San Mateo Significant Tree Removal Permit, avoidance and minimization measures, biological assessments, etc.);
- project implementation for fuel reduction, tree removal, revegetation, etc.; and
- participation in development of outreach materials and outreach efforts with stakeholders.

On July 31, 2024 San Mateo RCD distributed a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) via email to over 35 firms, Registered Professional Foresters (RPFs), and consultants. Eight responded by the deadline (September 4, 2024) and all eight submissions were complete. RCD staff has reviewed the qualifications of each applicant and recommends them all as a portfolio of potential contractors based on their specialized training and experience and positive previous experiences working with RCD collaborators and stakeholders. The recommended contractors are:

1. Ascent Environmental, Inc.
2. Auten Resource Consulting
3. Dudek
4. Dynamic Forestry Company
5. Jodi McGraw Consulting
6. Mason, Bruce & Girard
7. Sequoia Ecological Consulting, Inc.
8. Sierra Cascade Land Stewards, Inc.