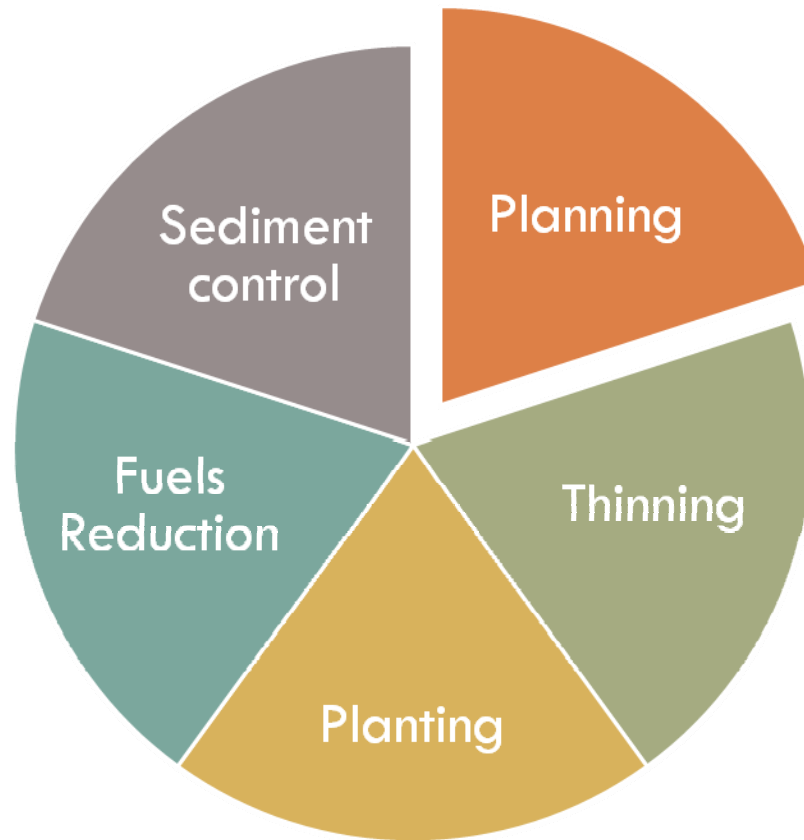


COST SHARE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE LANDOWNERS TO ADDRESS FUELS REDUCTION AND OTHER FORESTRY PROJECTS

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What can you find assistance with?



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CFIP-California Forest improvement

Program

Landowners are eligible with a minimum of 20 -5,000 acres. Landowners <20 acres may file jointly with an adjacent landowner to meet 20 ac min.

ELIGIBLE PRACTICES

- Management Plan
- RPF Supervision – (Note that RPFs are not eligible for supervising work on their own property).
- Site Preparation
- Trees and Planting
- Tree shelters
- Pre-Commercial Thinning
- Pruning
- Release
- Follow-up
- Land Conservation-Includes erosion control, road rehabilitation & wildlife/fisheries projects

CFIP-California Forest improvement Program

- 75%
- 90% if substantially damaged (fire, insects, disease, etc)



- Contact: Service Forester, CAL FIRE



- With CFIP, how do you stay on budget? (thin, prune and follow-up).

- Know what your costs will be

- Prioritize areas for treatment, don't do everything everywhere

- CFIP works well with VMP





Canoe Fire- Chapman Ranch

Apx. 1200 acres of the Chapman Ranch burned during the 2003 Canoe Fire

- 350 acres have been treated using CFIP funds.
- Practices have included site preparation, planting, tree protection, and release.

VMP-Vegetation Management Program

- Administered by CALFIRE
- They will cover the liability, plan for, and conduct a prescribed burn on private land to control unwanted brush and other vegetation that creates wildfire hazards
- Cover 90% of costs
- Local unit provides support for completion during a 3 year horizon
- Larger projects >100 acres are more fundable than smaller
- Contact- local Battalion Chief



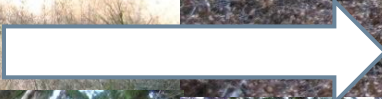
EQIP – Environmental Quality Incentives Program

- ❑ Administered through the Natural Resources Conservation Service
- ❑ Funds come from Federal Farm Bill
- ❑ Requires a conservation plan
- ❑ Small, non-industrial landowners will qualify for EQIP.
- ❑ For agriculture operations, at least \$1,000 of annual income must be demonstrated.
- ❑ Cost share rates vary from 50%-90% (length of time owning property <10 years, beginning farmer, socially disadvantaged)

EQIP – Environmental Quality

Incentives Program

- Fundable projects include, but are not limited to:
 - Fencing (e.g. cross fencing and riparian fencing), Spring development,
 - Thinning, Pruning, Tree planting, Brush management, Slash treatment, Site preparation
 - Grass planting, Pond sealing, Pond development, Upland wildlife habitat management, Wetland wildlife habitat management, Irrigation systems, Pasture and hay planting
 - Road upgrades, Stream crossings
 - Prescribed grazing, Pest management
 - All the practices related to dairies



EQIP conclusions



- More points if addressing more than one resource concern, so best to have your project be broader than reducing fuels alone.
- New management planning option
 - ▣ RPF writes the plan, not NRCS, more detailed and mimics CFIP criteria. 75% of expenses paid. Funds acreage dependent.

Mattole Restoration Council Fire Safe Forests and Homes Program



Mattole Restoration Council



- Fire Safe Homes and Forests (Andrew Nash is the program manager)
- Funding comes from the State Water Board, on the basis of an integrated approach to watershed restoration, sediment reduction and forest improvements, that also provide fire safety
- 40 % of the costs are covered by MRC and 60 % by the landowner, project max \$3000 per ownership

Mattole Restoration Council

- Providing great trust building in the community and recognized as a true service. The clear terms identified on their website is excellent
- <http://mattole.org/program/forestry/costshare.html>



Humboldt County

- Following the model in the Mattole, Humboldt County FSC has just received funds from State Fire Safe Clearinghouse to create a similar cost-share program (with collaboration with CAL FIRE, UCCE, MRC).
- 1. A model cost-share program for reducing hazardous wildfire fuels will be designed based on past experience and best practices.
- 2. Fuels Reduction Specialist training to foster local capacity in wildfire hazard mitigation.
- 3. Cost-share will be provided to citizens for a reducing the hazardous fuels on their property (a rebate program).

Conclusions



- Be persistent, meet with the program administrators regularly. Market your project.
- Funding uncertain from year to year and priorities shift
- Consider multiple sources of funding
- All of these programs provide incentives to do great work!

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Resource Conservation Districts



- ❑ Sediment reduction projects- no current funding
- ❑ Have cost share available for sediment reduction in the headwaters of the Salt River (Ferndale)
- ❑ Dairy projects- water quality and nutrient management related
- ❑ Contact: Donna Chambers 444-9708 x 117

Cost share summary

- For help with the non-commercial activities that you have always wanted to do
- Or for times of real emergency following post-wildfire events
- Activities are for areas that are not a part of a THP area
- Could this be “THE KICK YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR?”

