



North Santa Clara Resource Conservation District

An independent special district of the State of California

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Chief John McCarthy
Wood Products Program Manager
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

RE: Letter of Commitment for the *Regional Wildfire & Resilience Workforce Development Program*

Dear Chief McCarthy:

On behalf of the North Santa Clara Resource Conservation District (NSCRCD), I am writing to confirm our District's commitment to Santa Clara County FireSafe Council's proposed project, the *Regional Wildfire & Resilience Workforce Development Program*.

As an independent special district of the State of California dedicated to preservation of agricultural lands and the conservation of natural resources within Santa Clara County, this project closely aligns with our ongoing efforts to reduce fire risk and natural resource impacts for constituents and stakeholders. As a proposed Core Partner, NSCRCD is prepared to contribute in the following ways:

- **Field Training and Work-Based Sites:** Facilitating access to active watershed restoration, fuel treatment, and conservation project sites to provide hands-on experience for trainees.
- **Public Outreach and Recruitment:** Leveraging established relationships with landowners, agricultural producers, and rural communities to support outreach, recruitment, and awareness of workforce training and career pathway opportunities, including engagement with rural, underserved, and historically underrepresented communities through tailored outreach and local partnerships.
- **Cross-Sector Coordination:** Coordinating with partner agencies (including other resource conservation districts), Tribal governments, community-based organizations, landowners, and other stakeholders to help align workforce development activities with regional conservation and wildfire resilience priorities.
- **Support for Tribal and Community-Based Partnerships:** Facilitating engagement with Tribal and community-based partners to help incorporate diverse knowledge systems and expand inclusive participation in workforce development activities.
- **Technical Curriculum Support:** Contributing technical expertise in soil conservation, watershed management, habitat restoration, vegetation management, and related resource management practices to support curriculum development and field-based training activities.

Santa Clara County faces a growing need for trained conservation and fuels management professionals. NSCRCD's participation in the Program will help provide graduates with practical experience in resource conservation practices that support long-term wildfire resilience, watershed health, and land stewardship. The District strongly supports this application and is prepared to assist with project implementation and program delivery upon award.

Sincerely,

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