

## **Block II**

### **Grant # 070053: 2007 Pine Grove Planning Unit Community Conservation Wildfire Protection Plan**

**Applicant:** Amador Fire Safe Council

**Grant Category:** SOG 3

**Amount Requested:** \$50,000

**Purpose:** The development and completion of a Community Conservation Wildfire Protection Plan (**CCWPP**) is vital for the preplanning, prioritization and a continued reference guide from which conservation principles can be considered when approaching any of the project areas listed within, such as; Fuel Reduction-Watershed Protection Projects, Fire-Watershed Protection Outreach Education, Public Resources Code 4290 Inspections, Defensible Space Planning, Monitoring of Projects, Designating Appropriate Research Projects, and Collaboration and Coordination among; Protection, Environmental, Cultural Agencies, Conservation Organizations, Forest & Conservation Industry, User Groups and Concerned Citizens.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends authorization of this grant as proposed at the recommended funding level of \$50,000.

#### **Letters of Support:**

California Fire Safe Council Inc. Board of Directors

**CEQA:** The proposal is not defined as a project according to CEQA.

#### **Project Description Summary from Grant Application:**

The Amador Fire Safe Council prepared a generic county-wide community wildfire protection plan (CWPP), which was approved by CDF, Amador County, and local fire agencies in 2006. This CWPP is divided into nine planning units, but the prescriptions are generic in nature. Amador County's terrain varies from rolling grasslands in the west to heavily populated foothills and mountains in the central and eastern portions of the county. This area has one of the highest population bases in the county, and also has one of the highest condition classes and fire regimes. In addition, the eastern portion of the county, in the wildland-urban interface, sees heavy recreational use by thousands of visitors each year. While the generic plan identifies numerous potential projects to mitigate the threat of damaging wildfire, it does not contain area-specific solutions designed with broad local stakeholder input.

It has always been the intent of the Amador Fire Safe Council to develop a specific CWPP for each of the 9 planning units, because each unit has a unique geography, condition class, and population base. The relative wildfire risk of each unit has been assessed and the units ranked in order of risk. This grant will begin the process by funding development of a local plan for the second ranked at-risk unit, the Pine Grove

unit. By involving community stakeholders in this project, we will affect community acceptance of the plan. We will prioritize projects for the area and be able to reduce the size and intensity of wildfires originating within undeveloped areas, reduce damage to at risk communities, and protect undeveloped areas from fires originating from adjoining communities and state and federal lands.