



# PARTNERSHIPS AND OPPORTUNITIES

*Resource Conservation  
District of Monterey  
County*  
Forest Health Coordinator

## What I assist with:

- ▶ Help apply/search for grants (community or landscape)
- ▶ Mapping geodatabase-  
collecting fire and fuels data for county-wide database, collect GIS data that communities can use for developing projects
- ▶ Help to develop or coordinate a fuels reduction project for your community



# Grants

## ▶ CALFIRE: Fire Prevention grants

- ▶ Two mapping grants awarded in FY 18/19 in Monterey-San Benito unit
- ▶ Can be used for fuels treatment of almost any type, mapping or planning
- ▶ Typically opens in the fall (next cycle will start in September)
- ▶ Greenhouse gas calculations must be done

▶ <http://www.fire.ca.gov/grants/grants>

## ▶ CALFIRE: Forest Health grants

- ▶ Larger, forested lands needed (1,000 acre minimum)
- ▶ California Climate Investment funds
- ▶ Best for large landowners or partners with lands needing fuels treatment
- ▶ Will open in late fall 2019



# Fire Fuel Mitigation Program

- Group of organizations, non-profits and individuals involved in fire prevention and fuels treatment
- Based on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan for Monterey County
- Meets approximately every two months for coordination of work, prioritizing, mapping and grant discussion
- Based in Monterey County but not necessarily a requirement
- See me if you'd like to join in on these meetings

# Grants/Opportunities

- ▶ Fire Safe Council of Monterey County: a proven organization for grant writing to do community fuels reduction work. Contact FSCMC at [info@firesafemonterey.org](mailto:info@firesafemonterey.org) or check out the website [www.firesafemonterey.org](http://www.firesafemonterey.org)
- ▶ San Benito Fire Safe Council: same as above, except in San Benito County. Website is <https://www.sbfsc.org/>
- ▶ National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Pacific Southwest Fuels Management Partnership <https://www.nfwf.org/>
- ▶ California Forest Improvement Program (CFIP); open. Property owners must have a minimum of 20 acres of forested land to qualify (usually through NRCS EQIP)



NRCS assistance for landowners

EQIP program can be used to offset costs of fuels reduction work on forested lands

# Homeowner help

- ▶ FireWise community
  - ▶ How to become one: contact California liaison for FireWise:
    - ▶ **Pete Muñoa, Deputy Chief**  
**CAL FIRE**  
1131 S. Street  
Sacramento, California 95811  
Phone: +1 916 324-0014
  - ▶ Potentially lower insurance rates



# Ideas



Collaborate with neighbors to put in for a grant proposal for fuels treatments through local FSC or myself



Hire landscapers to do defensible space work around your home and property



Communicate with neighbors and coordinate treatments; ideas could include hiring a chipper, masticator or goats!





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