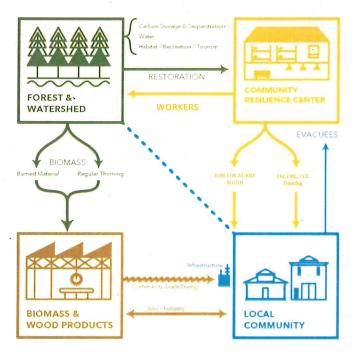


## The Community and Watershed Resilience Program



The Community and Watershed Resilience Program is a pilot project located in Tuolumne County. The Program is designed to implement forest and watershed restoration and community resilience. Implementation for the Program is funded by a \$70.3 million grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the National Disaster Resilience Competition.



### **Program Description**

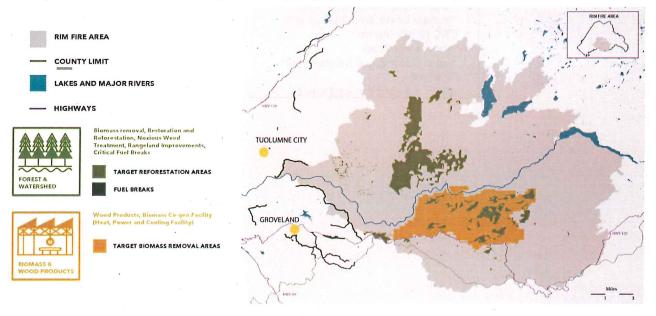
The Community and Watershed Resilience Program is designed to address unmet recovery needs in the Rim Fire footprint, while also supporting community protection and resilience, local economic development, and providing long-term environmental and economic benefits. The Program will be a model for other communities across the State. The program invests in three interconnected areas:

- Community Resilience Center
- Forest and Watershed Health
- · Biomass utilization

The Program is an innovative partnership between Tuolumne County, the State of California, and the U.S. Forest Service.

### **Project Locations**

All biomass removal, noxious weed treatments, reforestation, and rangeland infrastructure improvements will take place in the footprint of the 2013 Rim Fire. The fuel breaks will be strategically placed for community and infrastructure protection. The locations of the Community Resilience Center and Biomass Utilization Facility will be determined following community engagement and feasibility studies.





# The Community and Watershed Resilience **Program**

Implementation Timelines



Pillar Lead: Tuolumne County

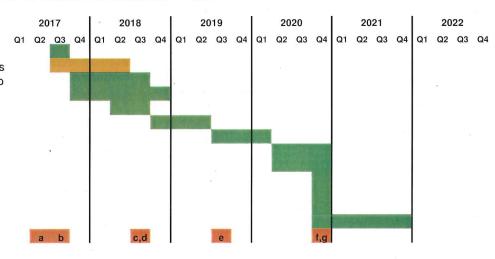
**Pillar Description:** Site, design, and construct at least one Community Resilience Center (CRC), based on community outreach and Board direction to identify services included in the final Center design and operation.

Approximate Funding Awarded: \$20 million

Point of Contact: Maureen Frank

#### **Pillar Tasks**

RFQ Issued for Architectural Services
Community meetings on CRC Services
Program Development Document Prep
Develop Service Partner Agreements
CRC Site Selection
Environmental Review
Schematic Design
Development of Plans and
Specifications
RFQ for Construction Management
Firm
Project Out to Bid
Facility Construction
Board of Supervisors Actions



#### **Board Actions**

- NDRC Agreement between County and
- State
- **b** Award Architectural Agreement
- c Program Development Document
- d CRC Site Selection
- e Property Purchase
- Award Construction Management Agreement
- g Award Construction Agreement

Public Meetings



# **The Community and Watershed Resilience Program**

Implementation Timelines



Pillar Lead: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

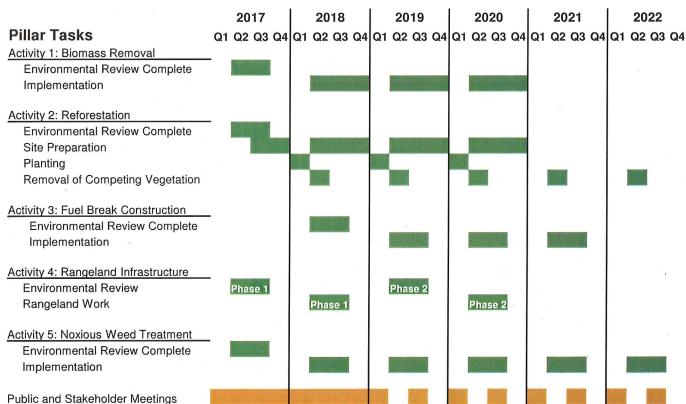
Pillar Partners: US Forest Service (all implementation), CAL FIRE (fuel

breaks)

**Pillar Description:** Conduct site preparation, biomass removal, noxious weed treatment, restoration, and reforestation in the Rim Fire burn scar. Construct and expand strategic fuel breaks. Reconstruct rangeland infrastructure.

Approximate Funding Awarded: \$28 million

Point of Contact: Elliott Vander Kolk (elliott.vanderkolk@sierranevda.ca.gov)



SNC, CAL FIRE, and/or USFS will provide project updates and seek feedback on locations and community priorities. Some meetings will be targeted to specific stakeholders, but all will be open to the public (e.g. Yosemite Stanislaus Solutions and Board of Supervisors Natural Resource Committee)



## The Community and Watershed Resilience **Program**

Implementation Timelines



Pillar Lead: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Pillar Description: Site, design, and construct a Biomass Utilization

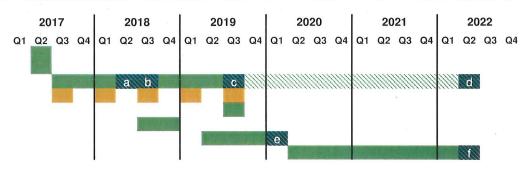
Facility.

Approximate Funding Awarded: \$22 million

Point of Contact: Elliott Vander Kolk

### **Pillar Tasks**

RFP for BUF Feasibility Study
Released
Feasibility Study Underway
Public meetings
Study Complete
RFP for BUF Construction Issued
BUF Engineering and Design Plans
BUF Construction



**Public Meetings** 

#### Deliverables

- a Feedstock Assessment and Feasibility Study
- b Site Selection and Preliminary Design Plans
- c Master Environmental Review and Permits
- d Regional Strategy Handbook for Replication Engineering and Design
- e Plans
- f BUF Completed

### **Overall Project Administration**

Lead: California Department of Housing and Community Development and Project Core Team

**Description:** Lead administrative work, including regular reporting to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. Maintain communication and coordination across the program pillars and provide regular updates to the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors.

Point of Contact: Susan Naramore (ca\_ndrc@hcd.ca.gov)

### **Pillar Tasks**

Contract Signed with HUD
Contract Signed with technical assistance
consultant (GCR, Inc.)
Contract Signed with Tuolumne County
Contract Signed with SNC
Contract Signed with USFS
Contract Signed with CAL FIRE
Quarterly Reporting to HUD on Project
Progress
Project Kick-off in Tuolumne County
Community Update Meetings

