



OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT



EXHIBIT F-6
7 Pages

COMMUNITY BUFFER FUEL REDUCTION PROJECT (OV-4 PHASE 2) CONTRACT AMENDMENT APPROVAL

DATE: April 29, 2025

TO: District Board Members

FROM: Brad Chisholm, Fire Chief; Jessica Asher, Program Manager

SUBJECT: Contract Approval – OV-4 Phase Two Fuel Reduction Project

BACKGROUND: The OV-4 project will address wildfire risk by establishing a 150-foot-wide shaded fuel break around residential properties, buildings, and other structures in Olympic Valley. The primary objective is to decrease the continuity of surface and ladder fuels thereby decreasing flame length, fire intensity, spread rate, and duration. The project covers 90 acres adjacent to Olympic Valley neighborhoods. Phase 1 covers 70 acres and Phase 2 covers 20 acres.

Project funding is provided by the District, the Truckee Tahoe Airport District and the Truckee North Tahoe Forest Management Program (TNTFMP) through the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's Wildfire Resilience Program (CAL FIRE).

Phase 1 was bid in July and October 2024, with bids ranging from \$4,950 to \$14,300 per acre. High Sierra Fire, Inc. submitted the lowest responsive bid at \$4,950 per acre. and the District subsequently entered into a contract for Phase 1. RPF Bradfield completed design and permitting of OV-4 Phase 2, and High Sierra Fire, Inc. submitted a proposal for the Phase 2 work at the same unit bid price as Phase 1.

DISCUSSION: High Sierra Fire, Inc. was selected for Phase 1 based on experience, cost, and ability to complete the work within the project timeline. For the same reasons, staff recommend contracting High Sierra Fire, Inc., for Phase 2. Work will commence in early May, weather permitting, with completion of both phases anticipated by November 15, 2025. The board approved and published a notice of exemption on August 30, 2024. The project operates under a CAL FIRE 10% Dead and Dying Exemption.

- ALTERNATIVES:**
1. Authorize the General Manager to execute a contract amendment with High Sierra Fire, Inc. for an amount not-to-exceed \$99,000.00 and authorize the General Manager authority to approve any change orders to the construction contract up to \$10,000 (approximately 10% of the total bid price)
 2. Do not authorize the General Manager to execute contract documents.

FISCAL/RESOURCE IMPACTS: Grant funding will reimburse the cost of the contractor's work on the Project.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Authorize the General Manager to execute contract documents with High Sierra Fire Inc. for an amount not-to-exceed \$99,000.00 and authorize the General Manager authority to approve any change orders to the construction contract up to \$10,000 (approximately 10% of the total bid price)

ATTACHMENTS: High Sierra Fire Inc. Proposal (2 Pages), OV-4 Phase 2 Map (1 Page)

DATE PREPARED: April 18, 2025

April 2025

**BID PROPOSAL FOR:
OLYMPIC VALLEY PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT**

**OV-4 Hazardous Fuel Reduction Project-Phase 2
(Add to Phase 1)**

20 acres Hand Removal Methods

**High Sierra Fire, Inc
Jerry Vice- Owner
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Client information

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Contractor information

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Job name

OV-4 Hazardous Fuel Reduction Project-Phase 2
20 Acres-Added to Phase 1

Contractor History

High Sierra Fire, Inc-Jerry Vice has been doing fire suppression and fuel reduction since 1990. Jerry first started High Sierra Fire, Inc in February of 2000. He has extensive knowledge of fire and fuel reduction throughout the West. He worked for Us Forest Service in 1990 and worked on fire engines and Hot Shot crews doing fuel reduction work on the off season. He has extensive experience with all fuel types.

Project Approach

Jerry Vice- Project Manager

We plan to approach this project with a crew of 7-12 men using Stihl chainsaws and a 12 Bandit Chipper to broadcast chips and not to exceed 6 inches in depth. All crewman will have PPE gear and daily safety tailgate sessions to go over the hazards of the job. We will post road hazard signs if and where needed. We don't anticipate doing any burning at this time. We will work within the specified hours of the contract.

Project Examples

Plumas Fire Safe Council

Ongoing since 2005- We have been doing various projects for this company. Hand burning, chipping, defensible space work, etc.

Contact info:

Tommy Brenzovich

Plumas Fire Safe Council

Mitigation Assistance Program Manager

Cell: (530) 394-0162

Office: (530) 927-5334

Lassen Fire Safe Council

Ongoing since 2002- We have been doing various projects for this company also. Hand burning, chipping projects, defensible space work, etc.

Contact info:

Cade Mohler

Lassen Fire Safe Council

Managing Director

Office: (530) 250-4449

Plumas Sierra Rural Electric

Ongoing since 2016- We have been doing defensible space work that consists of clearing 10 feet to mineral soil around power poles and also thinning out brush in or under and around power poles.

Contact info: Scott Welch

North District Manager

Cell: (530) 251-7448

Cost

We propose a cost bid at \$4,950.00 per acre @20 acres. Total bid cost= \$99,000.

Schedule Of Work

We propose to work Monday through Friday, giving ourselves 8 hours per day. We anticipate getting 1-2 acres done per day.

List Of Subcontractors

N/A

Bidder's License

Licensed Timber Operator Permit
B012025- Active

Jerry Vice- Owner

High Sierra Fire, Inc

Olympic Valley Public Services District
OV-4 Phase 2 Project Map

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1 inch = 833 feet

