

TREE MORTALITY

Financial Assistance – Landowner Cost-Share Programs

NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) Tree Mortality / Forestry Program

- Parcel Size Eligibility: 3-acre minimum; 4 dead trees/acre
- Funding Percentage: apx. 50% cost share
- Work Covered:
 - won't cover work in defensible space zone
 - dead tree removal
 - thinning of understory and existing trees, mastication
 - reforestation
- Timeline: Three funding periods for FY2017
 - funding would start in January
- Funding Availability: \$4 million available statewide, but will be competing with southern counties who have experienced more tree mortality thus far
- For more information, see EQIP website:
<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/national/programs/financial/eqip/>
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CAL FIRE CA Forestry Incentives Program (CFIP)

- Parcel Size Eligibility: 20-acre project minimum (can combine four 5-acre neighboring parcels)
- Funding Percentage: 75-90% cost share
- Work Covered:
 - won't cover work in defensible space zone
 - RPF writing forest management plan
 - forest health practices, but can potentially include non-merchantable dead tree removal
 - thinning of understory and existing trees
 - reforestation
- Timeline: Applications accepted and funded on an ongoing basis
 - once application is submitted, it takes about two weeks to get a completed contract. Then, RPF must complete management plan and environmental reviews before work can begin. This often takes at least a month or two, depending on RPF availability
- Funding Availability: plenty available
- For more information, see CFIP website:
http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/resource_mgt_forestry_assistance_cfip
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Note: Both CFIP and EQIP allow for work to be completed under one contract, or multiple contracts over time