



## NID Scotts Flat Forestry Project Update

March 30, 2017

Dear Neighbors of Cascade Shores and Banner Quaker Hill,

Nevada Irrigation District (District) is implementing a phased forest health improvement program aimed at reducing surface fuel loading and ladder fuels while improving watershed health in the Scotts Flat - Deer Creek Watershed. The goal of this project is to reduce the risk of catastrophic fire on forested lands owned by the District near Scotts Flat Reservoir by treating fire fuels and dense understory vegetation. This project began in November 2016, and will be completed by next summer. We are focusing on removing dense understory vegetation and thinning small diameter trees on District lands, along Pasquale Rd., and down the hillslope toward the Scotts Flat Reservoir and powerhouse (see map on reverse). This project is partially funded by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy\*, and includes work by local timber operators and the California Conservation Corps.

Scotts Flat Reservoir is the District's fourth largest reservoir, and is a critical element in the water supply system for this region. This project will employ treatment methods that include hand cutting, mastication and chipping of understory vegetation and small diameter trees. We will treat 82 acres to protect forest health, water quality, air quality and to reduce fire risk to this area. The District will improve community safety by thinning the forest understory on both sides of Pasquale Rd. within the project area.

As you are aware, the Sierra Nevada region is facing significant forest die-off as a result of multiple stressors impacting our local pine forests. These stressors include dense stands of small trees, increasing average annual temperatures, shifting precipitation patterns, and the recent multi-year drought. As a result, bark beetles and other forest pathogens are having significant adverse impacts on our local forests. Many of you may also be facing similar unfavorable conditions on your private property and we will invite you to bring your green yard waste to the project to be chipped.

**You are invited to bring your green waste (e.g. only branches, limbs, vegetation clippings and small trees less than 8 in. diameter) on April 17 and April 18 between 9AM and 2PM at the pull-out on Pasquale Rd., where the NID Dam Access Rd. continues down to Scotts Flat Dam (this is the same location with the blue portable toilets, indicated by the red X on the map). We request that you do not bring blackberry trimmings, as these cannot be chipped and we cannot accept them. Also, it is very important that there are no nails or pieces of metal of any kind in the material you bring.**

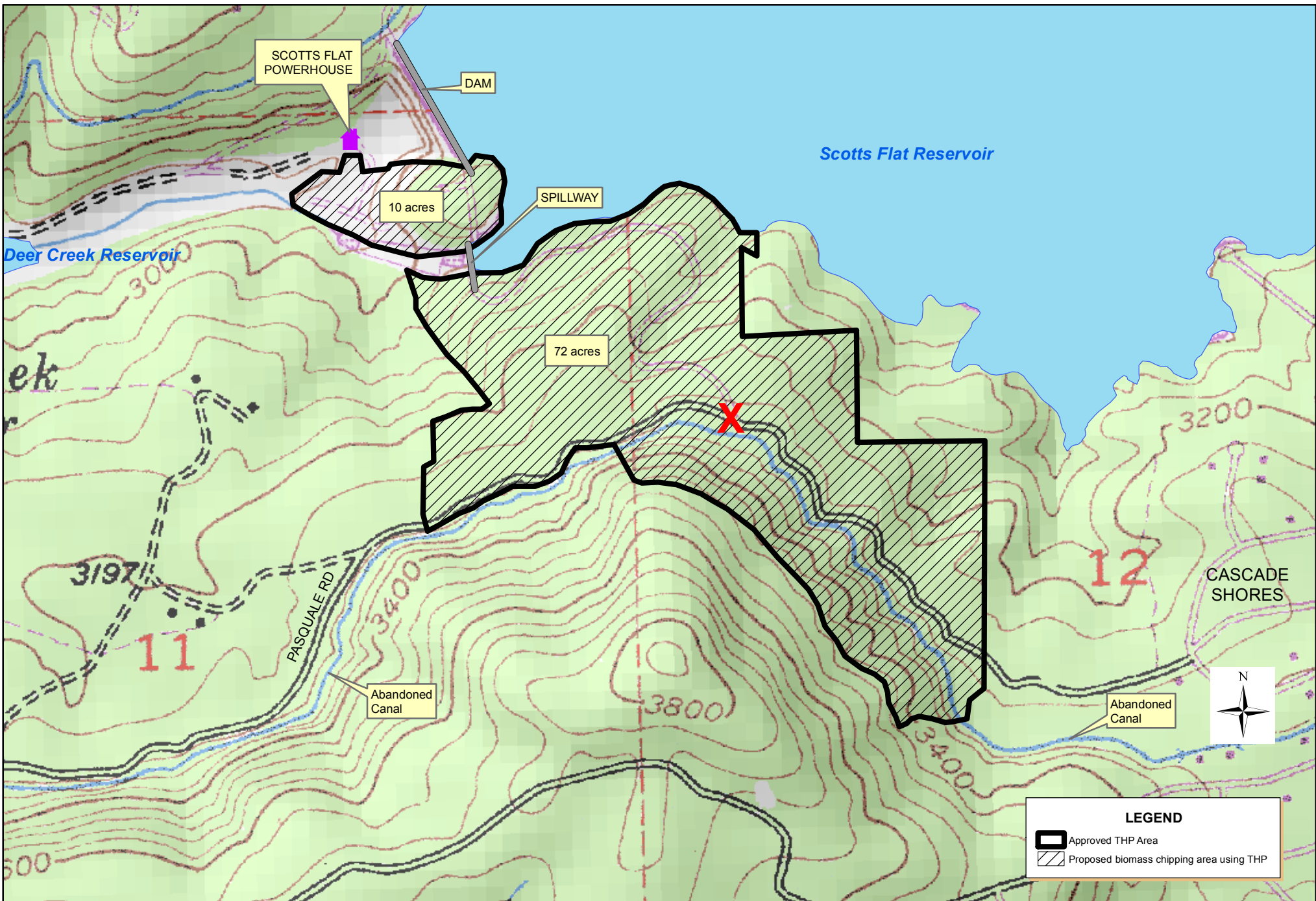
This project compliments the Western Nevada County Community Defense Project – Deer Creek, and other community-wide fuel reduction projects developed by CAL FIRE and the Nevada County Fire Safe Council. For more information, please contact Neysa King, Project Manager and Watershed Resources Planner at (530) 271-6733 or via email at [kingn@nidwater.com](mailto:kingn@nidwater.com).

Sincerely,



Neysa King, M.S.

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**LEGEND**

-  Approved THP Area
-  Proposed biomass chipping area using THP



**NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT**  
 NEVADA COUNTY -- PLACER COUNTY  
 GRASS VALLEY, CALIFORNIA

**SCOTT'S FLAT RESERVOIR FUELS TREATMENT PHASE 3  
 SNC REFERENCE #873 - SITE MAP**

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