



Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority

Regular Governing Board Meeting

Agenda

Friday, October 23, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.
McLean Hall, Pardee Center, Valley Springs, CA 95252

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ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT: When responding to a matter not on the agenda, state law limits a Board member to providing a brief response, asking clarifying questions, and/or referring it to staff.

AUTHORITY BUSINESS:

Recommended Action

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| 1. Board Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2026 | Approve by Motion |
| 2. Treasurer's Report (3rd Quarter FY 2026) | Accept for Filing |
| 3. Post-Wildfire Water Quality Threats – Presentation by Jackson P. Webster, Professor, California State University, Chico | Discussion/Possible Action |
| 4. Phase 1 - Forest Projects Plan Implementation Report | Discussion/Possible Action |
| 5. Phase 2 - MAC Forest Health and Resilience Project Report | Approve by Motion |
| 6. Legislative Issues Update | Discussion/Possible Action |

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

7. Board Member Comments

EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT:

8. Executive Officer's Oral Report

ADJOURNMENT:

- Next Regular Board Meeting: January 22, 2027, at 10:00 a.m. (Pardee Center, Valley Springs, CA, 95252)

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Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority

Agenda No: **1**

Meeting Date: October 23, 2026

Title:

Board Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2026

Recommended Action:

Approve the meeting minutes of July 24, 2026.

Summary:

The summary minutes of the July 24, 2026, Board meeting are included here for Board review and approval.

Friday, July 24, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.
Governing Board Meeting
Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority
Pardee Center, Valley Springs, CA 95252

Summary Minutes

ROLL CALL

Directors Terry Woodrow, Chair, Jeff Davidson, Vice Chair, Richard Farrington, Marina Brand, Joey Smith, and Garrett Hesser were present at roll call. Autumn Andahl and Brian Oneto joined the meeting during discussion of Agenda Item 4. Also present were Executive Officer (EO) Richard Sykes, Authority Council Greg Gillott, Authority Treasurer David Glasser, Authority Secretary Lorna Barfield, MAC Project Manager Megan Layhee, and 8 other visitors in person and attending via Zoom.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

AUTHORITY BUSINESS

1. Regular Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2026

Motion 14-26 to approve the meeting minutes of April 24, 2026 was made by Director Davidson, seconded by Director Farrington, and carried by a voice vote: Yea 6 – Nay 0 – Abstain 0.

2. Treasurer’s Report – 2nd Quarter FY 2026

Motion 15-26 to accept the Treasurer’s Report for filing was made by Director Davidson, seconded by Director Farrington, and carried by voice vote: Yea 6 – Nay 0 – Abstain 0.

3. Approve FY 2026 Budget Amendment

Motion 16-26 to approve an amendment to the FY 2026 Budget to add \$60,000 to the Authority Administration budget and authorize transfer of \$60,000 from Reserves to fund the budget amendment was made by Director Smith, seconded by Director Hesser, and carried by voice vote: Yea 6 – Nay 0 – Abstain 0.

4. Phase 1 - Forest Projects Plan Implementation Report

Executive Officer Richard Sykes presented the Phase 1 - Forest Projects Plan (FPP-1) Implementation Report, which included two general services agreements for the Dogwood West bid items 5 & 6 recommended for Board approval. The \$630,433 GTS agreement will execute prescribed treatments in the 309.8-acre Dogwood West Project (bid item 5), and the \$860,992 Krisman Enterprises agreement will accomplish fuels treatments in the 305.1-acre Dogwood West Project (bid item 6). Both projects are fully funded by Cal Fire grant agreement #3.

The EO also gave an update on the Mokelumne Forest Resilience Bond (FRB) and shared that Blue Forest, UMRWA, and USFS staff will be hosting a tour for current and prospective participants in the FRB immediately following the Board Meeting. The report concluded with a report on the FPP-1 projects contracted to date and the project acres remaining to be treated.

Director Smith requested a list of the Indigenous groups supporting UMRWA Forest Project work. The EO will send Director Smith an email with information on UMRWA's work with the Washoe Tribe, Buena Vista Rancheria, and UMRWA's tribal liaison position.

Director Farrington noted his satisfaction with the success of the recent procurement policy change that helped UMRWA to secure Krisman Enterprises, a local contractor.

Copies of the recommended Agreements for GTS Forestry and Krisman Enterprises were included in the July 24, 2026 Agenda Supplemental Materials Packet.

*Director Oneto joined the meeting at 10:10, changing the voice vote to 7.

Motion 17-26 to 1) Approve and authorize the Executive Officer to sign a General Services Agreement in the amount of \$630,433 with GTS Forestry to perform Dogwood West (bid item 5) fuels treatment project and 2) approve and authorize the Executive Officer to sign a General Services Agreement in the amount of \$860,992 with Krisman Enterprises to perform Dogwood West (bid item 6) fuels treatment project was made by Director Davidson, seconded by Director Farrington, and carried by voice vote: Yea 7 – Nay 0 – Abstain 0.

*Director Andal joined the meeting at 10:14, changing the final voice vote to Yea 8 – Nay 0 – Abstain 0.

5. Phase 2 - MAC Forest Health and Resilience Project Report

UMRWA MAC Project Manager Megan Layhee provided the Board with a summary of the Mokelumne Amador Calaveras Forest Health and Resilience Project (MAC Project) status. Records of Decision were signed by the Stanislaus and Eldorado National Forests on April 16, 2026, and UMRWA is currently in the process of developing the MAC CEQA Notice of Exemption (NOE) and Implementation Work Plan, anticipated to be completed by the end of 2026. UMRWA expects to apply for grant funds to initiate MAC Project implementation late this year or early next year.

The MAC footprint will be analyzed for prioritization with the goal of selecting the first 20,000 acres and using that to create an Implementation Work Plan (IWP). The IWP will be used to raise funds and guide high-priority projects for the next 3 to 5 years. Staff will provide more information and maps supporting related to the IWP at the next Board meeting. Avian surveys for future MAC projects are currently contracted and scheduled for completion in 2027, allowing implementation to begin in surveyed areas in late 2027. These areas include Bear Valley, the Highway 4 corridor, and the Winton Road area. The group discussed that avian surveys are treated as a legal requirement on National Forest lands. Funding from state grants is expected to become more competitive, and UMRWA is pursuing additional funding sources, including the Forest Resilience Bond.

There were no recommended actions on this item.

6. Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

Motion 18-26 to approve the Fiscal Year 2027 UMRWA budget and authorize staff to transmit invoices to Member Agencies requesting payment of FY 2027 assessments by October 31, 2026 was made by Director Davidson, seconded by Director Hesser, and carried by voice vote: Yea 8 – Nay 0 – Abstain 0.

7. Consulting Services Agreements with UMRWA Support Personnel

Two-year agreements with Richard Sykes, Megan Layhee, and Rob Alcott providing for Executive Officer, Administrative Officer, and Planning Officer services coinciding with the Authority's next two fiscal years were recommended for Board approval. Also recommended was a consulting services agreement with Landmark Environmental Inc. (LEI) to continue professional and administrative support to UMRWA's forestry program for another two years.

Copies of the recommended Agreements for Richard Sykes, Megan Layhee, Rob Alcott, and Landmark Environmental Inc. were included in the July 24, 2026 Agenda Supplemental Materials Packet.

Motion 19-26 to (1) Approve an agreement with Richard Sykes to serve as the Authority's Executive Officer for the period October 1, 2026 through October 31, 2028, and authorize the Board Chair to sign the agreement (2) approve an agreement with Megan Layhee to serve as Authority Administrative Officer for the period October 1, 2026 through October 31, 2028, and authorize the Executive Officer to sign the agreement (3) approve an agreement with Rob Alcott to serve as Authority Planning Officer for the period October 1, 2026 through October 31, 2028, and authorize the Executive Officer to sign the agreement and (4) approve the consulting services agreement with Landmark Environmental Inc. to provide support services for the period October 1, 2026 through October 31, 2028, and authorize the Executive Officer to sign the agreement was made by Director Davidson, seconded by Director Oneto, and carried by voice vote: Yea 8 – Nay 0 – Abstain 0.

8. Biennial Review Conflict of Interest Code

The California Political Reform Act requires every multi-county agency to review its conflict-of-interest code biennially and submit a Biennial Notice to the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) by October 1. Review of UMRWA's adopted Conflict-of-Interest Code indicates one amendment is necessary: add the Planning Officer position to the Code's list of Designated Positions.

Motion 20-26 to authorize the Authority Secretary to file the Biennial Notice with the Fair Political Practices Commission indicating one amendment to the UMRWA Conflict-of-Interest Code is required was made by Director Farrington, seconded by Director Andahl, and carried by voice vote: Yea 8 – Nay 0 – Abstain 0.

Legislative Issues Update

The EO had no report for Legislative issues at this meeting.

Board Member Comments:

Director Farrington noted that the UMRWA JPA identifies watershed and water quality protection as key concerns for the Board. He shared post-fire water quality studies, including a Chico State presentation on Camp Fire runoff and chemical releases, and asked whether the Board would be interested in hearing the presentation at the next Board meeting. The Board agreed, and the EO and Director Farrington will work to send an invitation to the professor.

Executive Officer (EO) Comments:

The EO announced that the next meeting on October 23 may be held at the Mokelumne Watershed office near Camanche Reservoir due to construction at Pardee Center's McLean Hall. The Authority Secretary will advise if this is the case.

ADJOURNMENT: Director Woodrow adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m. The next regular meeting will be held on October 23, 2026, at McLean Hall, Pardee Center, Valley Springs.

SUBMITTED BY:

Lorna Barfield, Authority Secretary

Terry Woodrow, Chair of the Board
APPROVED: October 23, 2026



Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority

Agenda No: **2**

Meeting Date: October 23, 2026

Title:

Treasurer's Report (3rd Quarter FY 2026)

Recommended Actions:

Accept Treasurer's Report for filing.

Summary:

A copy of the Treasurer's Report for the 3rd Quarter of fiscal year 2026, which ended June 30, 2026, will be presented at the Board meeting.

UPPER MOKELUMNE RIVER WATERSHED AUTHORITY
TREASURER'S REPORT
STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

<i>Fiscal Year 2026 (beginning Oct. 1, 2025)</i>	Assessment, Grants & USFS	Budget FY 2026	Actual		
			Current Quarter	YTD	YTD %
<u>General Assessments & Operating Revenue</u>					
Amador Agencies Funding	35,963	35,963	-	35,963	100%
Calaveras Agencies Funding	42,461	42,461	-	42,461	100%
EBMUD Funding	77,076	77,076	-	77,076	100%
Member Agencies Contribution	155,500	155,500	-	155,500	100%
Interest/Misc income	-	-	23,103	96,606	
Applied Operating Reserve (Adjusted FY2026 Reserves Bal. \$1,359,672)	150,000	150,000	-	-	0%
Misc Revenue	150,000	150,000	23,103	96,606	64%
Total Assessments & Operations Funding	305,500	305,500	23,103	252,106	83%
<u>IRWM Grant Funding</u>					
CPUD - Jeff Davis WTP	563,934	563,934	-	-	0%
<u>Forestry/Watershed Funding</u>					
Sierra Nevada Conservancy - RFFCP #1701	168,696	168,696	21,062	46,151	27%
Sierra Nevada Conservancy - #1636 (FPP1 - Birch & Hwy 88 East Projects)	1,942,735	1,942,735	10,113	342,483	18%
Sierra Nevada Conservancy - #1646 (FPP2 - MAC Forest Plan)	171,605	171,605	76,264	94,893	55%
CalFire Grant #1 (8GG21607) - Hwy 88 Project	26,490	26,490	-	26,490	100%
CalFire Grant #2 (8GG22614) - Arbor Project	3,962,367	3,962,367	27,394	881,067	22%
CalFire Grant #3 (8GT24607) - Dogwood Project	4,164,440	4,164,440	34,470	95,306	2%
Wildlife Conservation Board #1 (WC2262CR) - Aspen Project	159,298	159,298	23,667	62,604	39%
Wildlife Conservation Board #2 (WC2517JS) - Cedar Project w/MAC Support)	3,635,310	3,635,310	35,422	248,787	7%
USFS Eldorado NF Stewardship Agreement (24-SA-11050300-018)	300,000	300,000	34,899	34,899	12%
USFS Stanislaus NF MSA Supplemental Project Agreement (21-SA-11051600-003)	135,000	135,000	5,491	99,933	74%
USFS Stanislaus NF Stewardship Agreement (25-SA-11051600-008)	450,000	450,000	49,522	50,729	11%
Blue Forest - Amazon #1 (FPP-1 management & implementation)	1,143,708	1,143,708	-	-	0%
Blue Forest - Amazon #2 (Dogwood implementation)	2,007,840	2,007,840	-	-	0%
Total Grants and Other Funding	18,831,423	18,831,423	318,304	1,983,342	11%
TOTAL REVENUES & FUNDING	19,136,923	19,136,923	341,407	2,235,448	12%
<u>ASSESSMENT EXPENDITURES</u>					
<u>General Assessment (Administration)</u>					
Executive Officer		75,000	24,285	46,008	61%
Administrative Officer		75,000	25,605	68,712	92%
Project Manager (Includes \$10,000 carry-forward)		20,000	9,574	16,359	82%
Streamline Website (\$1,680) & GoogleDocs (\$820 est)		2,500	5,121	6,323	253%
SDRMA Insurance (\$5,600 est) & CSDA Membership (\$1,398)		7,000	5,922	7,320	105%
Mountain Counties Water Resources Assn.		2,000	2,000	2,000	100%
<u>General Assessment (Operations)</u>					
MLLT - STE Watershed Program CY 2024		16,500	11,837	16,421	100%
Inter-agency Liaison & Board Support (LEI, Inc)		10,000	2,832	3,112	31%
Forest Project Development, Grant Applications & Procurement (LEI, Inc)		60,000	22,364	22,434	37%
Forest Projects & MAC Plan Support (LEI, Inc)		40,000	3,659	5,846	15%
CHIPS (BF grant) Project Support (LEI, Inc) (All carry-forward FY 2025)		8,722	-	2,604	30%
CHIPS (BF grant) Cedar Fuels Treatment Project (All carry-forward FY 2025)		61,325	-	61,471	100%
ACCG Administration/Support (Includes \$12,500 carry-forward)		20,000	-	-	0%
TOTAL ASSESSMENT EXPENDITURES (Includes \$92,547 total carry-forward)		398,047	113,199	258,610	65%
<u>GRANT and FORESTRY/WATERSHED FUNDING EXPENDITURES</u>					
<u>DWR Prop 1 Grant - Round 2</u>					
CPUD - Jeff Davis WTP		566,225	-	-	0%
Woodard & Curran - invoicing & reporting		7,550	-	1,155	15%
<u>WCB - Aspen Restoration Project</u>					
Landmark Environmental Inc.		95,405	12,875	45,241	47%
Institute For Bird Populations		23,453	9,149	18,496	79%
Stringer Biological Consulting, Inc		910	-	910	100%
Other - TBD		29,089	-	-	0%
<u>CalFire Grant #1 (8GG21607 - Hwy 88)</u>					
Landmark Environmental Inc.		150,000	-	23,052	15%
BumBot - Dell'Orto		29,600	24,800	-	0%
<u>CalFire Grant #2 (8GG22614 - Arbor)</u>					
Landmark Environmental		300,000	17,990	103,798	35%
Markit! (Arbor 1)		1,234,643	-	65,469	5%
GTS Forestry (Arbor 2)		1,403,369	111,082	617,265	44%
GTS Forestry (Arbor 3)		594,754	72,179	96,142	16%
Uncommitted - Cal Fire #2		381,071	2,372	2,372	1%
Megan Layhee (MAC Forest Plan)		14,625	-	-	0%
Executive Officer (MAC Forest Plan)		14,461	-	-	0%
<u>SNC - #1701 (Capacity/ACCG Support)</u>					
Char Sarkis (ACCG Admin)		8,615	3,364	9,977	116%
Liam Walsh (Tribal Liaison)		54,017	9,685	27,150	50%
Ty McCarthy (Monitoring Coordinator)		61,989	3,867	15,039	24%
Megan Layhee (Project Management)		5,814	4,244	7,969	137%
Landmark Environmental (FPP1 Ground Truth & Project Portfolio)		1,499	111	3,712	248%

SNC - #1636 (Birch & Hwy 88 East)							
Stewardship West		234,570	43,040	63,004	27%		
Landmark Environmental		64,000	-	-	0%		
Pyramid - Botanical ((Hwy 88 E contract - \$19,525)		8,129	-	-	0%		
Redding Tree Growers (Birch 1)		92,364	-	314,568	341%		
GTS Forestry (Birch 2)		213,052	39,328	39,328	18%		
Washoe Tribe (Hwy 88 East)		46,500	-	-	0%		
Buena Vista Rancheria (BVR-1 Birch)		398,130	-	-	0%		
SNC - #1646 (MAC Forest Project)							
Megan Layhee (MAC Forest Plan)		21,500	8,610	26,297	122%		
Landmark Environmental		1,000	480	719	72%		
WCB #2 - WC2517JS (Cedar Project w/MAC Plan Support)							
Landmark Environmental		250,052	17,588	46,249	18%		
Stantec		162,991	-	100,232	61%		
Executive Officer (MAC Forest Project)		19,893	-	7,403	37%		
Megan Layhee (Task 1 - Project Management)		19,310	647	1,785	9%		
Megan Layhee (Task 4 - MAC Forest Project)		28,741	7,840	9,910	34%		
Chuck Loffland - Biologist		16,531	4,026	16,531	100%		
Pyramid - Botanical (Contract \$39,725)		7,000	1,760	1,760	25%		
Washoe - Cedar		80,175	-	80,175			
Thompson Land Management (Cedar North)		1,394,073	-	-			
GTS Forestry (Cedar South)		1,346,510	-	-	0%		
CalFire #3 (8GT24607 - Dogwood)							
SW/LEI, et al (Tasks 1 & 2)		556,143	68,235	121,385	22%		
Megan Layhee (Project Management)		29,534	719	3,045	10%		
Pyramid - Botanical (Contract \$33,616)		33,616	35,480	35,479	106%		
VM West (Dogwood Central, Item #3)		581,427	-	-	0%		
Dogwood Item # 5 & 6 treatments		1,982,790	-	-	0%		
Megan Layhee-Project Management (FPP Phase 2/MAC Planning)		35,000	-	-	0%		
Chuck Loffland-Biologist (FPP Phase 2/MAC Planning)		25,000	5,191	5,191	21%		
Liam Walsh-Tribal Liaison (FPP Phase 2/MAC Planning)		10,000	-	-	0%		
Stantec - FPP Phase 2/MAC Planning		150,000	138,099	138,099	92%		
Richard Sykes-Project Management (FPP Phase 2/MAC Planning)		14,000	-	-	0%		
Andrew Price-GIS (FPP Phase 2/MAC Planning)		50,000	-	-	0%		
SIG (FPP Phase 2/MAC Planning)		50,000	-	-	0%		
UMRWA Forest Program Manager (FPP Phase 2/MAC Planning)		25,790	-	-	0%		
Blue Forest - Amazon #1 (FPP-1 management & implementation)							
Pyramid - BVR1 botanical survey		5,000	3,089	3,089	62%		
Expenditures TBD		1,138,708	-	-	0%		
Blue Forest - Amazon #2 (Dogwood implementation)							
Thompson Land Management (Dogwood North & South, Item #1 & 2)		1,615,565	-	-	0%		
GTS Forestry (Dogwood C, Item #4)		367,225	-	-	0%		
Eldorado NF Stewardship Agreement							
Project Management - ENF Bird Survey		85,000	115	1,524	2%		
Consultant for ENF Bird Survey		765,000	45,808	45,808	6%		
Stanislaus NF MSA Supplemental Project Agreement (SPA)							
Project Management (R. Sykes)		15,000	2,550	14,858	99%		
Consultant Services (incl Stantec Cultural Resources)		120,000	-	85,075	71%		
Stanislaus NF Stewardship Agreement							
Project Management - SNF Bird Survey		45,000	1,351	2,559	6%		
Consultant for SNF Bird Survey		405,000	54,712	54,712	14%		
TOTAL GRANT EXPENDITURES		17,991,035	750,386	2,256,532	13%		
Total Project Expenses		18,389,082	863,585	2,515,142	14%		

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Date

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 Matt Houck

Aug 31, 2026

Date

Approved by David Glasser
 David Glasser

Aug 31, 2026

Date



Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority

Agenda No: **3**

Meeting Date: October 23, 2026

Title:

Post-Wildfire Water Quality Threats - Presentation by Jackson P. Webster, Professor,
California State University, Chico

Recommended Actions:

For discussion and possible action.

Summary:

At the July 24 Board meeting, Director Farrington noted that he had seen a very interesting presentation by Dr. Jackson Webster, professor of civil engineering at Cal State Chico. Dr. Webster's research studies the effects of wildfires in forests and wildland-urban interface areas on water quality. The board agreed that a presentation on this research would be of interest to the UMRWA board and agency staff.



Upper Mokelumne River Watershed Authority

Agenda No: **4**

Meeting Date: October 23, 2026

Title:

Phase 1 - Forest Projects Plan Implementation Report

Recommended Actions:

For discussion and possible action

Summary:

This Phase 1 Implementation Report outlines plans for soliciting cost proposals this winter from UMRWA's top-rated contractors for the next set of fuel reduction project contract award(s) anticipated for consideration at the April Board meeting. It also provides the status of an ongoing audit of UMRWA's Cal Fire #3 grant (Dogwood Project). Lastly, presented below is a brief update on the status of progress being made in implementing the Phase 1 - Forest Projects Plan (FPP-1) program.

Next Set of Fuel Reduction Projects:

As the 2026 season draws to a close, staff is evaluating ongoing project budgets to identify potentially unspent grant funds. These unspent funds, combined with UMRWA funds budgeted for fuels reduction work in FY 2027, may be used to contract for additional acres of fuel reduction treatments. The following steps have or will be taken with the goal of presenting one or several new fuel reduction contracts to the Board for award at the April 23, 2027 meeting.

Completed Steps

- Field survey 3 potential project areas and develop project unit maps with acreages
- The 3 potential projects are:
 - Arbor 4 at 230 acres
 - Dogwood 7 at 804 acres
 - Grove 1 at 371 acres
- Issue a Pre-solicitation notice on October 2 to UMRWA's highest qualified contractors
- Conduct a contractor meeting in Jackson on October 14 to address contractor questions

Next Steps

- Evaluate project budgets and determine available unspent funds for potential reallocation to new projects
- Secure Cal Fire permission to reallocate available funds and set project budget(s)
- Determine project(s) and acreages to be offered for contractor proposals
- Issue Requests for Price and Schedule Proposal to contractors (January/February)
- Recommend contract awards for Board approval on April 23

Cal Fire Audit

Cal Fire's Office of Program Accountability is conducting a programmatic review of the Authority's Cal Fire #3 grant. This \$4,293,399 grant provides funding for UMRWA's

Dogwood project implementation, along with funding support for completion of the MAC project plan and NEPA/CEQA compliance. The audit process has entailed Authority staff participation in an audit entrance conference, collecting and uploading requested documents to a Cal Fire document site, responding to document clarifying questions, and participation in interviews. Cal Fire has indicated it will complete the audit this month. Audit findings will be presented to the Board at the January meeting.

FPP – Phase 1 Implementation Status:

The Board's January 2023 approval of the 26,000-acre Forest Projects Plan - Phase 1 (FPP-1) marked the beginning of UMRWA's FPP-1 fuels treatment program. Shortly thereafter UMRWA and Eldorado NF staff worked collaboratively to develop the FPP-1 Implementation Work Plan (IWP). The IWP ranks and sequences mechanical and hand fuels reduction treatment projects across the Phase 1 footprint.

The IWP was updated in March 2025 to eliminate areas within the FPP-1 footprint that were determined untreatable due to excessive slope, rock outcrops, and/or lack of vegetation. The total number of FPP-1 acres subject to treatment was thereby reduced by 7,432 acres to a revised total of 18,846 acres.

As of September 30, 2026 UMRWA has awarded 18 contracts to 10 different contractors to treat 12,378 acres of the FPP-1 footprint. Eight of the 18 contracted projects have been completed. This and related project details are displayed in the attached table: FPP-1 Project Status (thru September 30, 2026).

FPP-1 PROJECT STATUS (thru Sept. 30, 2026)

Project	Contractor	Contract Amount	Contract Expires	Total Acres	% Complete	Funding (Expires)	Total Grant Award
Hwy 88	Burnbot	\$3,672,000	10/31/2025	2,348.7	100	Cal Fire #1 (3/31/26)	\$4,999,967
Arbor 1	Markit!	\$1,341,429	11/15/2027	812.8	24	Cal Fire #2 (3/30/29)	\$6,999,934
Arbor 2	GTS Forestry	\$2,860,158	11/15/2027	1,483.1	93	Cal Fire #2 (3/30/29)	"
Arbor 3	GTS Forestry	\$682,541	11/15/2027	766.9	42	Cal Fire #2 (3/30/29)	"
Birch 1	Redding Tree	\$940,959	11/15/2027	1,117.6	100	SNC 1636 (1/1/28)	\$4,739,056
Birch 2	GTS Forestry	\$718,551	11/15/2027	486	100	SNC 1636 (1/1/28)	"
Hwy 88 East	Redding Tree	\$1,578,677	12/15/2026	1,446.6	100	SNC 1636 (1/1/28)	"
Hwy 88 East	Washoe Tribe	\$46,500	12/15/2026	9.3	100	SNC 1636 (1/1/28)	"
Birch BVR-1	Buena Vista Rancheria	\$398,130	11/15/2026	175.8	32	SNC 1636 (1/1/28)	
Cedar - Washoe	Washoe Tribe	\$80,175	12/15/2026	10.5	100	WCB #2 (3/31/28)	\$3,986,000
Cedar - North	Thompson Land	\$1,394,073	11/15/2027	614.4	100	WCB #2 (3/31/28)	"
Cedar - South	GTS Forestry	\$1,346,510	11/15/2027	734	49	WCB #2 (3/31/28)	"
Cedar - Chips	CHIPS	\$85,250	12/15/2026	15.5	100	Blue Forest	\$100,000
Dogwood N 1&2	Thompson Land	\$1,615,565	11/15/2027	1042.3	29	Blue Forest Amazon #2	\$2,007,840
Dogwood C 4	GTS Forestry	\$377,225	11/15/2027	338.3	0	Blue Forest Amazon #2	"
Dogwood C 3	VM West	\$581,427	11/15/2027	361.8	1	Cal Fire #3 (3/31/30)	\$4,293,399
Dogwood W 5	GTS Forestry	\$998,950	11/15/2027	309.8	0	Cal Fire #3 (3/31/30)	"
Dogwood W 6	Krisman Enterprises	\$983,795	11/15/2027	305.1	0	Cal Fire #3 (3/31/30)	"
		\$19,701,915		12378.5			\$27,126,196



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Phase 2 - MAC Forest Health and Resilience Project Report

Recommended Actions:

- (1) Approve the MAC Forest Health and Resilience Project.
- (2) Confirm staff's determination the Project is exempt from CEQA and authorize staff to file applicable Notice of Exemptions with the Alpine County, Amador County, Calaveras County, El Dorado County and Tuolumne County Clerks, and with the CA Office of Planning and Research.

Summary:

The Mokelumne Amador Calaveras Forest Health and Resilience Project (MAC Project) Records of Decision (ROD) were signed by the Stanislaus and Eldorado National Forests in April 2026. Since the signings of the two RODs, UMRWA has carried out the steps to complete the corresponding CEQA process.

The Mokelumne Amador Calaveras (MAC) Project spans both the Amador Ranger District on the Eldorado National Forest and the Calaveras Ranger District on the Stanislaus National Forest. Although the environmental analysis for the Project is documented in a single, joint Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), implementation responsibilities are divided between the two forests. Accordingly, two separate Records of Decision (ROD) were issued - one by the Eldorado National Forest and the other by the Stanislaus National Forest - each authorizing only those activities that occur within its respective administrative boundary.

UMRWA has in turn prepared two California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notice of Exemptions (NOE), one that applies to MAC Project elements applicable solely to the Eldorado National Forest, and the other that applies solely to Stanislaus National Forest elements.

The MAC Project:

The following table summarizes the forest thinning, fuel reduction, fuel break treatments, prescribed burning, annual herbicide limits, and associated road construction and native plant protection proposed as part of the project. Further descriptions of the proposed action can be found in the MAC Forest Health and Resilience Project Environmental Impact Statement and associated Records of Decision.

MAC Project Authorized Treatments		
Treatment	Eldorado NF	Stanislaus NF
Forest Thinning (acres)	29,631	37,224
Fuel Reduction (acres)	23,388	26,998
Fuelbreak Treatments (acres)	12,737	10,677
Prescribed Fire (acres)	118,375	123,631
Herbicides for Fuelbreaks (acres)	300/year	300/year
Road/landings reconstruction	As needed	As needed
Non-native invasive weed control	As needed	As needed

Environmental Review:

The Project is exempt from CEQA. A statutory exemption from CEQA for prescribed fire, reforestation, habitat restoration, thinning and fuel reduction projects, which was initially established in 2019, was extended by AB 211 in 2022 until January 1, 2028. This exemption applies to fuels reduction projects undertaken on federal lands to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Under NEPA, this action is categorically excluded from documentation in an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement in accordance with the requirements of Public Law 91-190 (42 USC 4321 et seq.).

MAC Project Implementation Work Plan:

Development of the UMRWA MAC Implementation Work Plan is in progress and intended to identify and sequence the first approximately 20,000 acres of priority treatment areas and future maintenance (including the FPP-1 area). UMRWA expects its team to conduct the prioritization analysis. The plan is also intended to identify pre-implementation layout and ground-truthing needs, resource survey requirements, and outline a funding strategy for the implementation work. The plan is anticipated to be developed by late 2026 or early 2027. A brief presentation of progress on the plan will be made at the Board meeting.

MAC Funding:

On October 2, the Amador Calaveras Consensus Group was notified that the Sierra Nevada Conservancy had selected ACCG to receive a \$10M grant from their Landscape Grant Program. The SNC board will consider approval of this award at its December 9 meeting. It is anticipated that a substantial portion of this grant would be used to initiate implementation of the MAC Project.



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Legislative Issues Update

Recommended Actions:

For discussion and possible action – legislative matters discussed by the Board

Summary:

No specific legislative matters are included in this staff report. At the Board meeting the EO may orally summarize any relevant legislative information that may be obtained prior to the Board meeting. Additionally, Board directors and/or agency staff may have legislation of interest and this agenda item is intended to facilitate discussion of it.