

AMENDMENT #2
HEAD FIRE HAZARD TREE REMOVAL SERVICES
RFP# 24-02 - CDD

Responses to Submitted Proposer Questions

1. What criteria is used for accepting disposal sites?

The only requirement the County has for hazard tree disposal sites and end-use facilities are that they are permitted according to all applicable laws. On prior hazard tree operations, the Roseburg Forest Products Biomass plant in Weed, California was used as an end-use facility. In addition, Sierra Pacific Industries Cogen facility in Anderson, California may also be a viable option.

Depending on operational needs and prior approval of the County, temporary log storage facilities/hazard tree processing yards may also be staged and utilized.

2. In the meeting it was stated that we could chip on site. Have all property owners agreed to this?

To participate in the cleanup program, all property owners are required to sign a Right of Entry form which authorizes the County to install erosion control measures, including chipping. In some situations, the County may direct that certain trees are lopped and scattered on-site or otherwise not removed for environmental protection or safety reasons. However, this is a voluntary program so property owners can opt out at any time. To date, the County has not received any information to indicate that there are property owners who object to wood chipping on their properties. In addition, the RFP states that trees and/or tops and limbs may be chipped directly into trucks on site, transported to a Hazard Tree Processing Yard for processing, or hauled directly to end use facilities at the discretion of the Contractor.

3. Are there any specifications for chipping on site? For example, depth of chips?

If directed by the County, the Contractor will place no more than two (2) to three (3) inches of chipped slash on all areas greater than one hundred (100) contiguous square feet where the soil has been disturbed by the Contractor's hazard tree removal operation. The County may prescribe specific requirements for wood chipping, for example:

1. The Wood mulch shall be placed to stabilize disturbed soil and reduce sediment transport caused by erosion from entering a storm drain system or receiving water,
2. The wood mulch shall be a maximum of ½ to 3 inches in length and an average thickness of 1/16 to 3/8 inches in any direction,
3. Efforts shall be made to preserve existing vegetation, if practicable.

Wood material other than chips or mulch used for erosion control shall not be left on site after the demobilization of the Hazard Tree Removal Crew.

4. Please provide a line on the bid form to include the price for tree removal. Currently it only has mobilization and delay costs – no spot to price the actual work.

Bidders are asked to bid on the entire project as opposed to bidding on a per tree basis. ***Please see the attached example, Attachment 1 (found on page 40).*** In the example, the prospective bidder indicates that they intend to use 2 hazard tree crews for the project. They estimate that their crews will cost \$200,000.00 per crew for a total of \$400,000.00. In addition, they estimate that they will have 250 hours of Non-Working Days, at \$500 per hour, for a total of \$125,000.00. 100 hours of delay time at \$500 per hour for a total of \$50,000.00 and 16 hours of Property Owner Assistance at \$500 per hour for a total of \$8000.00. Added all together, their total bid proposal is \$583,000.00.

Bidders should not submit bid proposals on a per tree basis.

4. Please reference the requirements of “SB 978, McGuire. Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery: wildfire debris cleanup and removal: contracts” in the RFP.

Senate Bill 978, codified at Public Resources Code Section 40520, applies to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) or another state agency tasked to manage contracts for wildfire debris cleanup and removal by the Office of Emergency Services. This RFP is being managed by the County of Siskiyou, which is not a state agency.

Attachment 1 – Cost Proposal Schedule (Page 40 of the RFP)

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This Cost Proposal Schedule should be used to bid the entire project. Complete this form and submit the original in accordance with the requirements of this RFP. This bid represents and is to include all elements described under “**Description Cost Proposal Schedule – Bid Items**” in **Section 2**.

Item	Description	Unit	Quantity	Price	Total
1	Mobilization and Demobilization to/from Operational Area				
1a	Hazard Tree Removal Crews (See Note * below)	Per Crew	2	\$200,000.00	\$400,000.00
2	Non-Working Days:				
2a	Hazard Tree Removal Crews	Per Crew/Hour	250	\$500.00	\$125,000.00
3	Delays:				
3a	Hazard Tree Removal Crews	Per Crew/Hour	100	\$500.00	\$50,000.00
4	Other Per Property Services				
4a	Property Owner Assistance:	Per Hour	16	\$500.00	\$8,000.00
GRAND TOTAL:				\$583,000.00	

- **RFP available funds: \$650,000.00**
- **Bid Proposals should not be over \$650,000.00**
- **Do not submit a bid proposal where compensation is on a per tree basis.**
- **Bid proposals should be for the entire project as shown in the example above.**
- **Non-Working Days: Sundays, every 5th Saturday, and Holidays are not compensated.**
- **Delays are stoppages resulting from factors beyond Contractor’s control, such as unsafe weather conditions.**