



Forestry Program Guidelines

November 8, 2021

Recommended Action

- Adopt the Guidelines
- Accept and expend up to \$50 million
- Implement activities consistent with the Guidelines
- Review and consider the Tahoe PTEIR
- Adopt CEQA Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and mitigation monitoring and reporting program



Background



Forest Action Plan:

- Implementing with Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team
- Collaborating across property boundaries with a wide variety of partners
- Accelerating landscape restoration and community wildfire protection

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS



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Background

- The Caldor Fire burned approximately 222,000 acres of forest
- Previous forestry treatments helped improve conditions for firefighters protecting homes and neighborhoods
- But there is still much more we need to do



Background



The Conservancy owns and manages:

- 4,700 parcels of land
- 6,500 acres
(5,500 acres are forested)



Background

Recent accomplishments:

- 1,137 acres treated in last 5 years
- ~200 hazard trees removed annually

Plan to treat 3,000 more acres over next 5 years



Program Benefits

- Make the Forestry Program more efficient and scalable
- Allow for streamlined environmental review
- Expedite work to reduce hazardous fuels
- Decrease wildfire risk
- Increase forest resilience





Recommendation

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 21-11-05 authorizing the: 1) adoption of the Forestry Program Guidelines; 2) acceptance and expenditure of up to \$50,000,000 to implement activities consistent with the Guidelines; 3) implementation of the activities consistent with the Guidelines; and 4) execution of all other necessary agreements. Resolution 21-11-05 also provides the appropriate CEQA determination, which includes reviewing and considering the Tahoe PTEIR and adopting the CEQA Findings, Statement of Overriding Considerations, and mitigation monitoring and reporting program.