

BOLINAS COMMUNITY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

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California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)
Attention: Grants Management Unit/Wildfire Prevention Grants
P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, California 94244-2460

Re: Letter of Support for the Bolinas Fire Protection District's 2023-2024 Wildfire Prevention Grant Application.

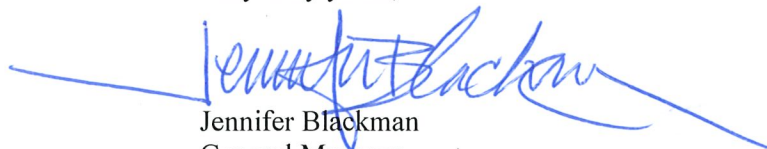
Dear CAL FIRE:

On behalf of the Bolinas Community Public Utility District ("BCPUD"), I am writing to express the BCPUD's strong support for the Bolinas Fire Protection District ("BFPD")'s 2023-2024 Wildfire Prevention ("WP") Grant application. The BFPD's application seeks funding to implement a hazardous fuels reduction project to reduce ground and ladder fuels on a large Wildland-Urban Interface ("WUI") parcel owned by our district and located just outside of downtown Bolinas. The eastern section of this parcel is forested with eucalyptus and other vegetation and is bounded by Mesa and Olema-Bolinas Roads, both of which are key evacuation and emergency ingress/egress roads for the Bolinas community because they are the *only* routes out of town.

The BFPD proposes to use WP Grant funds in furtherance of hazardous fuel reduction projects implemented on this same property in 2011 (in collaboration with Conservation Corps North Bay ("CCNB") and funded via Proposition 84, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006) and continued in 2018 (funded by a CAL FIRE SRAFPF grant). While our district regularly maintains the land improved by those projects, the winter storms of 2023 produced significant new dead and downed trees and other vegetation that present a potential wildfire hazard beyond the ability of our district to address. The BFPD proposes to continue the collaboration with CCNB for purposes of implementing the work proposed in this grant application and, based on our prior very successful project with CCNB, we can attest that CCNB has the experience and expertise needed to do this work. We anticipate the permitting and environmental work applicable to the project will be conducted in 2024 and the hazardous fuels reduction work will take place in August – October 2025 (after the bird nesting season and before the rainy season).

We urge you to fund this important wildfire safety project which will greatly benefit our small, isolated rural community.

Very truly yours,


Jennifer Blackman
General Manager