



INVITATION TO BID

Callahan Fuel Reduction Project Handwork Contract

Date: September 22, 2026

RECEIPT OF BIDS: Sealed bids for implementation of the Callahan Fuel Reduction Project will be received by the Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District. Sealed bids are to be delivered to the following address by **October 19, 2026**, at or before **2:00 pm**. Bids may be delivered electronically to rmain@svrccd.org.

Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District
215 Executive Ct., Suite B
Yreka, CA 96097

OBTAINING BID DOCUMENTS: Copies of the BID DOCUMENTS may be obtained on or after **September 23, 2026**. Bid documents can be found at the SVRCD website <http://www.svrccd.org/contracting>. If you plan to obtain bid documents at the pre-bid tour, please email Renee Main, Project Coordinator, at rmain@svrccd.org to give notification of your interest in doing so.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK: The Callahan Fuel Reduction Project will occur on privately owned land surrounding the unincorporated community of Callahan and five miles east of the town of Etna in Scott Valley, California. Callahan and Etna are both listed as Communities at Risk by the Office of the State Fire Marshal, and the project falls entirely in areas identified as a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. In the last five years alone, Callahan and Etna have been threatened by the River Complex (2021), Mountain (2022), and Shelly (2024) fires.

The project will treat approximately 48 acres of dense brush and overstocked stands of trees. Treatment will consist of cutting brush and thinning trees under 10 inches in diameter to reduce hazardous fuel loading and ladder fuels. Material cut will be piled for future burning. Redistributing fuel loads and removing ladder fuels will moderate fire behavior by reducing flame lengths in the event of a wildfire. Ultimately, this will help protect these communities from catastrophic wildfire.

The majority of the project is planned adjacent to roadways around Callahan to protect essential egress and ingress routes for residents and emergency personnel. Treatment of these areas will allow for both safe evacuation and improved access for firefighters to engage in suppression and

structure protection. Overall, this project will reduce wildfire severity and spread around Callahan and Etna and contribute to more fire-resilient communities. Funding for this project is provided by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's Wildfire Prevention Program.

PROJECT TIMELINE:

- Bid Packet Released September 21, 2026
- Pre-Bid Site Visit October 7, 2026 at 9:00am
- Bids Due October 19, 2026 at 2:00pm
- Contract award by October 22, 2026
- All activities must be completed by December 31, 2027

CONTRACTOR EXPERIENCE: This project requires that the contractor is experienced in performing forestry work. References for similar projects may be requested as determined by the SVRCD Project Manager.

CONTRACTOR OBLIGATIONS, LICENSING AND REGISTRATIONS: Contractor agrees to be bound by all the provisions of the California State Labor code regarding prevailing wages and shall monitor all contracts subject to reimbursement from this Agreement. The Contractor must be a Licensed Timber Operator for the State of California.

PRE-BID SITE VISIT: Contractors wishing to bid on this project may attend a pre-site visit on **October 7, 2026 at 9:00am**. Please contact Renee Main at the email address above to confirm their attendance. Contractors will meet with Shasta Valley RCD staff in the **parking area across from the Callahan Post Office at 12436 CA-3, Callahan, CA 96014.**

ADDRESS AND MARKING OF BID: The envelope enclosing the bid shall be sealed and addressed to the **Shasta Valley RCD (SVRCD)** and delivered or mailed to **215 Executive Ct., Suite B, Yreka CA 96097** no later than **2:00 pm on October 19, 2026**. The envelope shall be plainly marked in the upper left-hand corner with the name and address of the bidder and shall bear the words "Bid for Callahan Fuel Reduction Project-Handwork" and the date. Electronic bids shall be sent to Renee Main, Project Coordinator at rmain@svrcd.org. Please make the subject line "Bid for the Callahan Fuel Reduction Project-Handwork" followed by your company's name.

PROJECT ADMINISTRATION: All questions relative to this project prior to the opening of bids shall be directed to Dan Blessing, Project Manager, at dblessing@svrcd.org. It shall be understood, however, that no interpretations of the specifications will be made by telephone.

SVRCD'S RIGHTS RESERVED: The SVRCD reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids, if in the best interest of the State of California and CAL FIRE.

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