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**RE: Concept Proposal for the CAL FIRE Urban and Community Forestry
California Climate Investments (CCI) Grant Program**

We are pleased to inform you that you have been selected to submit a California Climate Initiatives (Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund) Project Application for your project titled **“Tree Inventory & Management Plan”** in the **Urban Forest Management Activities** project type. Your project has been assigned Project Tracking number **16-GHG-UF-01-MGMT-015**.

CAL FIRE will carefully evaluate each application according to the posted *Urban and Community Forestry Program California Climate Investments Grant Guidelines*. The following elements will be important in the grant evaluation process:

- a. GHG quantification for projects must follow the Air Resources Board *Quantification Methodology for Urban Forestry Projects* found at: <https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/auctionproceeds/quantification.htm>. In addition, the applicant must provide the *USDA Forest Service Urban Tree Carbon Calculator* or *iTree* results and *ARB UCF GHG Calculator for FY 2016-17 Version 2* results with their project application. You can find a helpful video on the methodology from a webinar at the following link: <https://caufc.org/resources/workshop-resources/>.
- b. Highly competitive projects will include those with substantial levels of collaboration with partners, and have community support. Such projects will have authentic community engagement as a strong project element.
- c. Inclusion in the project of strong project establishment practices, presence of long term urban forest management planning, a history of good urban forest practices by the applying entity, and a commitment to long term maintenance of the project are ways to demonstrate assurance that GHG emission reduction goals will be achieved.
- d. All projects must show proof of what portion of their project can be considered “in” a disadvantaged community (DAC). Please see the table in Appendix L of the Grant Guidelines for the definition of what “in” a DAC is. It should be noted

that 75% of CAL FIRE's funds must be considered "in" a DAC. This factor therefore will greatly affect a project's competitiveness.

The *Urban and Community Forestry Program California Climate Investments Grant Guidelines* and related forms contain all the information necessary to submit your project application package. They can be found at the following web page:
http://www.fire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/resource_mgt_urbanforestry_grants.php#.

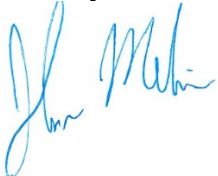
Please submit one digital copy (not scanned) and one hard copy. The digital copy must be sent by email to **CALFIRE.Grants@fire.ca.gov**, and the hard copy must be signed and ground mailed to:

CAL FIRE
Attn: Grants Management Unit
P.O. Box 944246
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It must be postmarked no later than **April 26th at 3pm PDT**. Failure to submit the documents by the due date will likely result in your proposal being disqualified. You should reference your project tracking number on each document of your application package when submitting the required documents. For the digital copy, use the project tracking number in the file name. For the hard copy, be sure to put the tracking number at the top of the page, even if it must be handwritten.

Due to the high demand for Urban and Community Forestry CCI grants, CAL FIRE will not be able to fund all projects for the applications submitted. Consequently, invitations to submit an application and acknowledgement of a completed application do not guarantee that the project will be funded.

Sincerely,



JOHN MELVIN
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