

Mattole Restoration Council

Request for Proposals

CalVTP Environmental Compliance for the Prosper Ridge Community Wildfire Resilience Project

1. Project Description

The Mattole Restoration Council is soliciting proposals for the completion of environmental compliance through the Cal VTP process for the Prosper Ridge Community Wildfire Resilience Project. The project will provide strategic fuels treatments on private lands that border the King Range National Conservation Area to protect the Wildland Urban Interface. The project is on Prosper Ridge near the village of Petrolia, California. The project will increase wildfire safety in the neighborhood and improve vital wildlife habitat by restoring Coastal Prairies and improving forest habitat.

Project components include:

- 150 acres of mechanical thinning of undesirable understory shrub and small diameter timber
- 150 acres of hand thinning of undesirable understory shrub and small diameter timber
- 200 acres fuels reduction in Coastal Prairie habitat via mechanical removal of Douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*) and coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*)
- 100 acres of prescribed fire
- 50 acres of Roadside and Defensible Space fuels treatments

2. Scope of Work

Task 1: Complete Project Specific Analysis (PSA) via CalVTP for Prosper Ridge Community Wildfire Resilience Project

- Complete surveys of botany, wildlife, and archaeological resources as needed.
- Prepare and complete all environmental review documents.
- Submit environmental review documents to CEQA lead agency.
- Respond and address edits from CEQA lead agency.

Duration:

All tasks outlined in the Scope of Work shall be completed by 09/01/2024.

1. Project Information

Project Name: Prosper Ridge Community Wildfire Resilience CEQA Pathway

Project Location: The Prosper Ridge Community Wildfire Resilience Project will implement fuels reduction on a key ridgeline separating the King Range National Conservation Area from Prosper Ridge neighborhoods and ultimately the community of Petrolia. Prosper Ridge is southwest of the community of Petrolia.

Project Funders: Project funding is provided by USDA Forest Service NTE \$100,000.

Project Dates: Task 1 work will take place between 3/17/2024 – 9/1/2024

Project Proposal Timeline

2/13/2024: Request for Proposals

3/1/2024: Proposals are due at 9:00 AM on 3/1/2024. Email completed proposals to all 3 of the following email addresses: Ali@mattole.org, vroom@mattole.org, emily@mattole.org

3/5/2024: Award Notification

3/15/2024: Contract Execution

3/17/2024 – 9/1/2024: Scope of Work for this RFP

2. Bidding Information

Project and Proposal Questions

Please email project and proposal questions to: ali@mattole.org , vroom@mattole.org by 2/28/24

Bid Proposal

The proposal must include the following information in one PDF document:

- 1) Business Name, address, email, and phone number
- 2) A completed bid and estimated timeline
- 3) Detail experience completing CalVTP
- 4) Detail experience completing CEQA in North Coast California ecology

Bid Selection

Contractor will submit a complete proposal. After reviewing proposals, the contract will be awarded to the Contractor that a) provides the most cost-effective pricing b) demonstrates experience with CalVTP and c) is available to complete PSA in a timely manner.

The awarded contract will be between the Mattole Restoration Council and chosen Contractor. Contractor will be paid upon completion of project tasks and after MRC receives payment from the USDA Forest Service. Contractor(s) may sub-contract survey portion of the proposed work.

3. Bid Sheet

Bid Item	Item Description and Instructions
1	Complete CalVTP environmental compliance for 650 acres of the project area including pre-implementation surveys for the Project Specific Analysis (the map below is draft and will be finalized prior to March 17, 2024).

4. Draft Project Map

