

Vegetation Management Ordinance

The Ordinance, which went into effect May 30, 2019, is in an implementation phase which includes ongoing education and outreach for the first year. The County is currently awaiting a proposal which would frame the scope of the first year inspections. The inspections are anticipated to begin in June, 2020. While enforcement is still being worked out, the County Vegetation Management team is working on coordination of the Ordinance with many community groups. Outreach has included attending many community meetings, sending information on the ordinance out with property tax bills, and responding to questions about the ordinance and defensible space. The El Dorado County Vegetation Management and Defensible Space Information line can be reached by calling 530-621-4663. There is an option to leave a message with any questions at the end of the recording.

CSD Funding for Vegetation Management

If the option to contact PG&E's Vegetation Program has already been explored; this type of financial assistance would typically come through grants such as the Cal Fire CCI Fire Prevention Grants. That grant deadline is December 4, 2019. More information is available at fire.ca.gov/grants. Rebecca Darrah is the Program Manager for the PG&E Vegetation Management department and she can be reached at Rebecca.Darrah@pge.com.

Transportation

Maintenance & Operations is focused on maintaining existing roads and accompanying infrastructure, due to a limited budget we have no plans to improve current evacuation routes ie. widening existing roadways. In March of 2016 El Dorado County Board of Supervisors Proclaimed a Local State of Emergency due to tree mortality. Since 2016 DOT engineering and their contractor have removed hundreds of dead trees alongside County roads using State grant funding with a 75% reimbursement for eligible costs.

The new county Vegetation Management Ordinance provided no new funding to DOT. We continue to look for grant funding opportunities to accommodate additional roadside brushing, we are happy to work with and support local fire safe councils, unfortunately with a limited road fund budget and current staffing levels, we simply are unable to accommodate additional roadside brushing.

On September 25, 2019 the California Climate Investment Fire Prevention Grant Program announced the next cycle of grant funds. The Department of Transportation, Maintenance and Operations Division (Transportation) is collaborating with the Chief Administrative Office - Vegetation Management Program in order to apply for grant funding that would enable Transportation to contract out hazardous vegetation removal services within County right-of-way on designated roads and enable Chief Administrative Office - Vegetation Management Program to provide fire prevention education to the public in designated areas within the County.

The total grant funding available to be distributed through this specific grant is about \$47 million.

CA Dept. of Insurance - FAIR Plan

Effective April 1, 2020, the FAIR Plan will increase the combined dwelling coverage limit from \$1.5 million to \$3 million. Increasing the FAIR Plan's dwelling coverage limit makes sense in today's real estate market in California. In many areas where people are forced to turn to the FAIR Plan for coverage, they find the \$1.5 million coverage limit is not enough and need to find additional coverage, often through the surplus lines market.

The Commissioner also ordered the FAIR Plan to offer consumers a monthly payment plan and to be able to pay by credit card or electronic funds transfer—all without fees.

Green Waste

Environmental Management Department has been in discussions with El Dorado Disposal regarding the potential expansion of curbside green waste collection to those areas currently not receiving this service. EM will be bringing an item to the Board next year providing information and seeking direction regarding the potential to expand this service.