

AB 1717 Prevailing Wage

Impacts on County Projects

The Office of Emergency Services currently has 11 projects (grants awarded and grants submitted pending approval) that would be subject to the proposed prevailing wage legislation. All of these projects have been scoped based on prevailing wage rates and would thus not be subject to fiscal impact were AB 1717 to pass. For these projects hourly rates were calculated using the prevailing wage for heavy equipment operators and landscape trades. These wages equate to be \$275/hour. Where wages were rolled into overall per-acre rates, projects were scoped at a cost of \$2,555 per acre to \$4,000 per acre to account for unforeseen increases in labor costs and the variability of cost across diverse topography and vegetation assemblages.

Two current/active projects have prevailing wage written into the budgets: South County Shaded Fuel Break and the Access and Functional Needs Program (AFN grants 4344 and 4353, Phase 1).

Two projects for which funding has been awarded but not contracted for have prevailing wage written into the budgets: Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone (Phase 2) and Woodpecker Ravine Shaded Fuel Break.

Seven projects where grants have been submitted and are pending approval have prevailing wage written into the budgets: Access and Functional Needs Program (AFN grants 4344 and 4353, Phase 2), Ponderosa West Grass Valley and South County Fuel Break, Roadside Vegetation Abatement, Regional Gold County Wildfire Mitigation Project, BRIC Nature-Based Mitigation and Retrofitting for Climate Resiliency in Nevada County, Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone Extension, and South Yuba Rim.