

NBFIP Project Ranking

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Projects funded under the NBFIP program must result in ecological forest restoration and forest management practices that promote forest resilience to severe wildfire, climate change, and other disturbances.

Projects under NBFIP are only eligible if they include one or more of the following activities:

- Preparation of a Forest Management Plan by a Registered Professional Forester (RPF); only available for cost-share incentive if property falls within Disadvantaged or Severely Disadvantaged Communities (DAC or SDAC, respectively). For locating DAC and SDAC areas, please use the following mapping tool:
[Parks for California Community FactFinder](#)
- Reforestation
 - Site Preparation
 - Trees and Planting
 - Tree Shelters
- Forest Stand Improvement
- Pre-commercial Thinning or Release
- Pruning
- Follow-up (includes mechanical, herbicide and/or slash disposal follow-up)

Projects will be funded based on the score achieved through the priority ranking process established by the Steering Committee, in accordance with Prop 68 grant guidelines. The NBFIP Ranking Form (below) and associated questions were established to meet the criteria for the goals and objectives of the NBFIP and for the specific requirements under the California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018 (Proposition 68), in which the grant funding for this program was made possible. In evaluating projects, scores from the priority ranking process are used to determine initial rankings. To achieve equitable distribution of funds, the Steering Committee may consider other factors including, but not limited to, geographic distribution of existing projects, previous project performance, and percentage of the project that is devoted to direct improvements to forest resources.

NBFIP Ranking Form

Project Information

Date Application Received:	
Application #:	<i>MEN-1-001</i>
Consulting Registered Professional Forester (RPF), if applicable:	
Practice Code 1:	Acres:
Practice Code 2:	Acres:
Practice Code 3:	

	Acres:
Maximum NBFIP Contract Incentive Payment Cost:	

Instructions

Each project will be ranked considering the **10** factors below. This priority ranking will be used for granting project contracts on a biannual basis where program funding will be allocated into discrete amounts and only the highest-ranking projects will be funded until the program funding allocation is reached. Applications that are not funded in their first opportunity will be forwarded for consideration in the following batching period. If an application is not funded in its second attempt, the application will be returned to the landowner for revision.

Ranking Criteria	Points	Points Awarded
Proposed NBFIP incentive payment cost requested.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular Incentive Payment Rate 	0	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lower Incentive Payment Rate Requested 	5	
Project area timberland substantially damaged by fire, insects, disease or other natural causes <u>within 36 months</u> .		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes 	1	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	0	
Project will be done in conjunction with EQIP contract to allow for greater acreage treated with utilizing both funding sources than if only utilizing one. Applicants must provide evidence to support claiming this element.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, will increase the amount of acres by $\geq 100\%$ 	5	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, will increase the amount of acres $< 100\%$ 	3	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	0	
The project involves maintenance work that is necessary to protect investments of a previous project that utilized public funding (e.g., EQIP, CFIP, grant funds) within the last 5 - 10 years.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes 	1	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	0	
The project is adjacent to or within a community wildfire protection plan, CAL FIRE Unit Plan, or existing vegetation management project, and clearly demonstrates that it would provide co-benefits to the larger community or watershed beyond the project footprint. Applicants must provide evidence to support claiming this element.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes 	10	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	0	
Project is part of a larger multi-property project.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes 	5	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	0	
Size of project.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > 20 acres 	5	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15.1 – 20 acres 	4	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10.1 – 15 acres 	3	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.1 – 10 acres 	2	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 – 5 acres 	1	

CEQA has been completed for project showing no significant or mitigated impacts.		
• Yes, CEQA or equivalent submitted and cleared and uploaded to application.	10	
• CNDDDB search completed and uploaded to application.	3	
• Archaeology records check complete.	5	
• Archaeology survey complete.	2	
• No	0	
The project is located in a disadvantaged or severely disadvantaged community.		
• Yes	5	
• No	0	
Total Application Points		