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June 2, 2021  
Cambria Community Services District  
Cambria Fire Department  
Fire Chief Hollingsworth  
2850 Burton Drive  
Cambria, CA 93428



Dear Chief Hollingsworth,

Every year the districts "Fire Hazard Fuel Reduction" program is one of the most important, for the safety and well being of our forested community. I am seeking consideration as the Fire Hazard Fuel Reduction contractor for 2021. I am experienced in fire safe environments, a certified FF1 fire academy graduate and through my years as a CMB Dept. volunteer firefighter and officer.

My experience since 1984 in my own landscape business and C.C.S.D. Fire Hazard Fuel Reduction program requirements for pre-contract weed abatement, in Cambria has given me a unique insight as to what "Fire Hazard Fuel Reduction" needs to be. I take pride in the fact that I know how to create a defensible space, while maintaining the native plants that pose no threat.

I agree to be bound by the Fire Hazard Fuel Reduction proposal - 2021, without modifications, unless mutually agreed by the contractor and CCSD. I look forward to the upcoming evaluation and selection. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Michael Rice". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Michael Rice

Enclosure: Statement of Qualifications and references.

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**Statement of Qualifications**  
C.C.S.D. Fire Hazard Reduction - 2021

Mike Rice - Gardening has grown into a Forest, Yard, & Garden landscape business since 1984, serving the Cambria community and SLO county. Service that includes weed abatement, defensible forested yard space, landscaping, terrain loading, and knowledge of native and non-native plants. Besides ongoing general maintenance of client's property, I have had approximately 200+ repeat weed abatement contracts since 1984. I maintain all required insurance for workers, liability and vehicles. In 2005 and 2006, I was engaged as a paid adviser/consultant for the Green Space, California Releaf, Cambria Fire Department "Native Plant Identification and Fire Wise Defensible Space Field Training" certificate program. I am a holder of the above certificate. I take great pride in producing informed quality workmanship, in a timely fashion.

**Field Experience**

- Over 35 years of experience with C.C.S.D. Fire Hazard Fuel Reduction program requirements, including timely completion of pre-contract weed abatement.
- Thorough knowledge of A.P.N. maps.
- 45 years avid horticulturist.
- SLO Coast Engineering flood control environmental habitat mediation (Oceano)
- Cal Fire Abatement, for Cambria and Cayucos
- Cayucos Fire Dept. Service Dist. (Abatement)
- San Simeon Community Dist. (Contract & Abatement)
- Current groundskeeper for Green Space properties.

**Technical Knowledge and Education**

- Landscape Contractor Lic. # 859364
- Fire hazard reduction and fuels
- Allen Hancock Fire Academy - Certified FF 1 -fire fighter
- Past pay-call volunteer - Cambria Fire Department
- Qualified Applicator license for Ag./ Right of Way / Landscape, # QAL 108686

**Safety**

I have a pro-active commitment to safe working conditions and the equipment for my employees and the environment. I have EMT 1 training and worked with the Cambria Community Health Care District, (1987-2002)



## References

- Bob Hill - Land Conservancy SLO County
- Heidi Holmes-Nagy - CMB Health Care District
- John Seed—President of Greenspace
- Steve Bitto – CMB Fire (Ret.)
- Kathe Tanner – Cambrian/Tribune Reporter

EXHIBIT "D"

2021 CAMBRIA FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE HAZARD FUEL REDUCTION PROGRAM  
BID PROPOSAL FORM

SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED CHARGES:

The bidder shall set forth for each item of work, in clearly legible figures, a unit price for the item in the respective spaces provided for this purpose.

- A. Maximum charge for moving equipment onto a lot: \$ 35.00
- B. Type of equipment and cost per hour, including operator:
- 1. Tractor with mower \$ 60.00
  - 2. High wheel mower \$ Ø
  - 3. Weed eater \$ 24.00
  - 4. Chainsaw \$ 24.00
  - 5. Other equipment (list with charges): \$ 60.00  
chipper
  - 6. Dump and haul fee (charge by cubic yard) \$ 20.00
- C. Laborer charge (per person/per hour) \$ 24.00
- D. Pictures – before and after each \$ 0.60

I, the undersigned, declare that I am authorized to submit a proposal on behalf of the stated business, have carefully examined Exhibits "A," "B," and "C," and hereby propose to do all the work necessary to complete the project in accordance with the provisions, policies and regulations stated in the attached Fire Hazard Fuel Reduction Program Agreement:

NAME OF PROPOSER: Michael Rice

ADDRESS: Pobx 204

SIGNATURE OF PROPOSER: [Signature]

TITLE: Owner

DATE: 060221

**Mike Rice**

**P.O. Box 204**

**PARCEL# \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_**

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**Mowing- FIRE BREAK [  ] ENTIRE PARCEL [  ]**

<b>Charge for moving equipment on to lot.</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>	_____
<b>Wasp Treatment-----40.00</b>		_____
<b>Tractor Hrs. _____ @ 60.00 per hr.</b>		_____
<b>Weed-Eater Hrs. _____ @ 24.00 per hr.</b>		_____
<b>Chain Saw Hrs. _____ @ 24.00 per hr.</b>		_____
<b>Other equip.-Chipper Hrs. _____ @ 60.00per hr.</b>		_____
<b>Dump &amp; Haul _____ @ 20.00 (cub.yrd.)</b>		_____
<b>Labor per person: _____ # of workers @ 24.00 per hr.</b>		_____
<b>Photos before/ after – print .60 each or N/C digital</b>		_____
<b>TOTAL CHARGES</b>		_____

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

[  ] Some work done on parcel, but at time of inspection did not meet F.D. requirements.

Additional work required by Fire Dept.

[  ] Re-mow entire lot [  ] Weed eat around trees and/ or fence

[  ] Brush and/ or Pampas grass removal [  ] Tree Trimming

[  ] Hauling of Debris [  ] Additional Work \_\_\_\_\_

Date Worked Performed \_\_\_\_\_ / Inspected By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_