



FY 2011–12

GRANT #

FR44-11-0002

Butte County

Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery

Farm and Ranch Solid Cleanup and Abatement Grant Program

Background

Butte County (county) applied for a Farm and Ranch grant to clean up sites in the Deer Winter Herd Migration Area. (site). The four privately owned parcels were fouled with 3,600 illegally dumped tires, 60 cubic yards of household trash, and two mobile homes. The tires and other trash created a safety hazard for the cattle that grazed on the properties, provided a potential breeding ground for mosquitos, and were a potential fire hazard. The county was awarded \$44,959 for the cleanup of this site.



Grant Project Goals

The primary goals of the project were to:

- Remove the illegally abandoned vehicles, mobile homes, and debris piles from the site.
- Stockpile the illegally dumped waste tires to a central location for proper disposal.
- Repair fencing and post signs with the county's illegal dumping hotline.

Outcome and Accomplishments

- The waste removed from the site included 34.53 tons of solid waste, 18.45 tons of scrap metal, seven CRTs, 15 car batteries, and seven appliances.
- Approximately 13,400 waste tires were removed from the site; 9,800 more than the original estimate.
- Straw and seed were spread over the disturbed ground to promote new growth.

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Challenges

Once tire removal began, it was quickly determined that there were a great deal more tires than estimated. Unfortunately, the contractor bid was for the removal of the estimated 3,600 waste tires. The contractor agreed to remove the remaining tires and stockpile them for later removal. The county was able to shift funds from other budget categories to remove and recycle an additional 3,400 tires, for a total of 7,000 waste tires.

The county applied for an additional Farm and Ranch grant to remove the remaining 7,500 tires.

Lessons Learned and Recommendations

If the county could have foreseen the number of waste tires, they would have broken the project into two parts. The first would have consisted of three parcels, and the second of one parcel with the most waste tires. The split would have allowed them to submit two separate grant applications and they would have been able to complete the project.

Snapshot

Grant Program: Farm and Ranch Cleanup and Abatement

Grant Program Website:

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/LEA/GrantsLoans/FarmRanch/>

Grant Number: FR44-11-0002

Grant Type: Illegal disposal site cleanup

Year Awarded: 2012

Funding: Awarded \$44,959, spent \$44,959

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