

Yuba IRWMP - SMART-07

Project Short Form¹

Please fill out the following information to the best of your ability/knowledge. Once the project has been received and a preliminary review completed, the project team will work with you to develop additional information.

Project Sponsor Contact Information

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General Project Information

Project Title	Smartsville Area Community Plan
Project Total Budget, based on current knowledge	\$375,000
Project Funding Match, if any	\$75,000
Total Project Funding Request	\$300,000
Can a detailed cost estimate be provided upon request?	yes
Project Location (map if available)	See attached
City/Community	Smartsville
Watershed/subwatershed	Lower Yuba River
Groundwater Basin	
Project Type (highlight in gray all that apply)	Conceptual Feasibility Study Study/Assessment Planning Engineering/Design Permitting CEQA/NEPA Facility Construction Restoration Monitoring Best Management Practices Acquisition Demonstration/Pilot Project

¹ Completed Project Short Forms should be sent via email to Katie Burdick at admin@burdico.net **and** Elizabeth Herrera at Elizabeth.herrera@fishsciences.net

Project Description

Write a narrative briefly describing the project components and/or characteristics (maximum of 300 words).

The intent of this project is to implement a community-based planning effort to develop a plan to direct future growth of the town of Smartsville and its environs, in a manner which protects and honors the tremendous natural and cultural resources of the area, while providing increased access to the services, amenities and economic opportunities the area currently lacks. The project has three primary components:

- Community engagement: the Project will seek to effectively engage the local community in the planning effort, through a series of facilitated public workshops to educate the participants in the issues and, through a charette-based public participation effort, articulate a community vision.
- Technical writing: the Project will develop the vision articulated through the Community engagement process to create an Area Plan to direct the future growth and development of Smartsville, while celebrating its historic character and protecting its unique natural and cultural resources. The resultant documents will be reviewed in draft form through the aforementioned community engagement process to ensure that it captures the intent of its citizen-authors.
- Environmental review: the Project will provide the review mandated by the California Environmental Quality Act.

The Excelsior Foundation and its partners will provide \$75,000 worth of in-kind services in the performance of the above tasks.

I. Project Rationale/Issues Statement

Briefly describe the need for the project and the desired outcomes/deliverables (maximum of 200 words).

Smartsville is a historic gold-rush era community which at one time held more than three thousand residents. Lack of water and sewer infrastructure, and economic opportunity, have kept the town from enjoying the growth opportunities which have occurred elsewhere in the region. Now, with the recent acquisition of publicly accessible conservation areas adjacent to the town, increased appreciation of the significance of the lower Yuba River, the emergence of east Yuba County as a recognized wine-growing area and recent renovation of the historic Smartsville Church, there is the opportunity for Smartsville to redefine itself as a viable community. This project would engage to the fullest extent possible the participation of the Smartsville Community to develop a consensus-based Area Plan to guide development of the town and environs for the next twenty years, and to provide the environmental review necessary for adoption of the Plan. The deliverable of the Project is the preparation of a Smartsville Area Plan which has the support of the Smartsville Community, and the adoption of the Plan by Yuba County.

