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State Fire Safe Council To Be Honored For Raising the Public's Awareness of Fire Issues

Sacramento – The California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection will present its highest honor, the Francis H. Raymond Award, to the State Fire Safe Council on Tuesday, July 10, 2001 at 6:00 PM at CDF's South Operations Center in Riverside.

The State Fire Safe Council is a voluntary organization that has served a critical role in promoting the California Fire Plan at the local level. "The Council is being recognized for its ability to create consensus among many diverse agencies and communities to mobilize all Californians to make their homes, neighborhoods and communities fire safe", said Stan Dixon, acting board chairman. "This awareness is crucial in light of the current fire season California is experiencing." To date, nearly 100 local councils have been established throughout the state, and this program has served as a model for establishing similar councils nationally.

The award is named for Francis H. Raymond who was the director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection from 1953 to 1970, and one of the primary advocates for the passage of the Professional Foresters Law in 1973. Every year since 1987 it has been awarded to a group or individual who has achieved excellence in forestry in California.

Who: The California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection

What: The Francis H. Raymond Award

Where: California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, 2524 Mulberry Street, Riverside, California

When: Tuesday July 10, 2001 6:00 PM

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