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Hazardous Wildfire Fuels Targeted with Grant Award

Riverside – The federal government recently awarded CAL FIRE (California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection) a new hazardous fuel treatment contract to reduce forest fuels in communities in the State Responsibility Area (SRA). The funds awarded from federal grants total more than \$182,000 and will be used on project sites in both San Bernardino and San Diego Counties. The awarding of these federal pass through grant funds will provide valuable defensible space around rural communities while also creating employment opportunities within the rural areas of San Bernardino and San Diego Counties.

As part of a larger on-going federally funded fuel treatment program provided through the USDA Forest Service, CAL FIRE has targeted this regional fuel treatment contract to mitigate a growing inventory of highly flammable brush. This growing threat of hazardous wildland fuel is the result of recently killed native forests by drought, wildfire, and pine bark beetle outbreaks.

While California is currently facing significant budgetary challenges, CAL FIRE continues to work cooperatively with our federal resource agency partners to maximize the use of grant funds to address community fire safe concerns.

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