



Central Ventura County Fire Safe Council

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Central Ventura County Fire Safe Council Receives Two Grants

The Central Ventura County Fire Safe Council (CVCFCSC) is pleased to announce they have been awarded two grants to further their mission of reducing the threat of wildfire throughout Ventura County. The two grants include: \$124,931 to implement twelve free Chipper Day Events in western Ventura County over the next two years, numerous youth workshops in conjunction with the Santa Clara Valley Boys & Girls Club & City of Ventura, two community wide workshops providing information on evacuation readiness, four brush clearance projects for low-income senior citizens and development of a robust volunteer program. Funding is provided by a grant from the Cooperative Fire Program of the U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, Pacific Southwest Region, through the California Fire Safe Council.

The second grant includes \$176,901 to provide fuel reduction and fire safety education to homeowners in six high fire-risk areas of Ventura County. Projects include free Chipping events, coordination of public safety day at the Ventura County Fair and youth education sessions throughout Ventura County. Funding is provided by a grant from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire)- California Climate Investments Fire Prevention Grant Program.

The CVCFCSC is working with the Ventura County Fire Department, and Fire Departments from the cities of Ventura and Fillmore to implement the projects.

According to CVCFCSC Executive Director Luis Espinosa, "We are honored to receive these grants to expand our fire mitigation and education efforts. These projects build on the success our Fire Safe Council has gained over the past few years providing fuel education and fire safety education to hundreds of residents at no cost. We have a unique opportunity to collaborate with local Ventura County fire agencies and we are proud to be able to offer such a valuable service to residents, supporting them in their efforts to make their property fire-safe". Sustained high temperatures and drought conditions over the past five years have created dangerous fire conditions and chipping is a great way to clear your property of potential fire hazards. In addition, the grants provide funding for community education designed to teach residents ways to keep their property safe and to mitigate damage from potential fires.

For specific dates or more information please visit www.cvcfiresafe.org or call 805.312-6840 for more information.

The Central Ventura County Fire Safe Council is a non-profit organization dedicated to reducing the threat of wildfire to farms, ranches, urban neighborhoods and infrastructure through programs of action, education and collaboration with the community. Community members, businesses and agricultural organizations interested in learning more about the CVCFSC can visit www.cvcfiresafe.org.

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