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### Jerry Davies Elected Chairman of California Fire Safe Council

**Glendora, CA**—January 5, 2015. California Fire Safe Council (CFSC) has elected Jerry Davies as the new Chairman, effective January 1.

Davies replaces Pat Kidder who has served as Chairman the past four years. Kidder, a board member since the founding of CFSC, will remain on the board as an active member.

Davies has been a board member since 1995, when he was recruited to serve by the founder of CFSC, Bruce Turbeville. He has an extensive insurance industry background and has served in key roles dealing with fire and disaster prevention as well as recovery operations. He currently serves as co-chairman of the State Board of Fire Services and is a board member of the Fire Service Training Institute.

As Chairman of CFSC, Davies will continue the mission of CFSC in working with fire safe councils and communities throughout California to reduce the impact of wildfire.

“I look forward to continuing the close working relationship between CFSC and local fire safe councils on shared efforts and common messages,” Davies said. “The local fire safe councils and Firewise Communities in California have become models for the rest of the United States.”

“The CFSC Board will also expand opportunities for the private sector to participate in CFSC’s many workshops, seminars, and community events,” continued Davies, “while CFSC continues to fund wildfire mitigation projects through the Grants Clearinghouse.”

CFSC is a statewide non-profit organization. It currently receives grants from federal agencies to provide subgrants to fire safe councils and other organizations using

CFSC's innovative online Grants Clearinghouse system that began in 2004. Recognized throughout the industry for its comprehensive program, CFSC administers and monitors the subgrants, from application to closeout, in accordance with the federal grant regulations. CFSC staff provides unparalleled technical assistance and training to applicants and grantees.

Since its inception, CFSC's Grants Clearinghouse has funded over 850 subgrants totaling more than \$81 million for projects to make communities across California safer from wildfire. CFSC will begin accepting grant applications this month for the 2015 Grants Clearinghouse cycle.

For more information on California Fire Safe Council and the Grants Clearinghouse, please visit the CFSC Website at [www.cafiresafecouncil.org](http://www.cafiresafecouncil.org).

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