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CALIFORNIA FIRE SAFE COUNCIL APPLAUDS EARLY ACTION IN CREATION OF WILDFIRE RESILIENT COMMUNITIES.

April 8, 2021 Sacramento, CA – The California Fire Safe Council (CFSC) applauds Governor Newsom, Cal Fire representatives and other legislators at the announcement of California’s [approved early-action budget](#) to create wildfire resilient communities.

With current drought conditions and unprecedented destructive wildfires, it is critical that our state and organizations work together to protect California citizens and communities. Bob Roper, Co-chair of the California Fire Safe Council, adds, “Communities and the people in them are the backbone of resiliency and the Governor understands this. We are proud to be his partner.”

The CFSC works hard to be an advocate for the recognition that wildfire resiliency is built foremost upon a strong foundation of prevention and mitigation and backed by a well-trained and equipped team of firefighters when emergencies happen. With an investment of more than half a billion dollars into the wildfire resilient landscape, prevention, and mitigation projects at the hyper-local and community level is crucial to equipping our neighbors with the necessary tools.

Around the state, the wildland urban interface (WUI) is the fastest growing area of construction. The WUI is an important factor in mitigation and prevention. The CFSC applauds the Governor and the Legislature for the quick actions taken to get this critical wildfire prevent and mitigation funding out to communities. Every dollar makes a difference and everyday counts.

“As Californians, we are experiencing unprecedented wildfires that are growing wildly more destructive in their wake, causing billions of dollars in damage and loss of life, as well as detrimental, long-term effects adversely impacting our health and quality of life. We are supportive of the administration’s critical move to put more resources towards crucial wildfire prevention and mitigation efforts, helping to stop these wildfire disasters before they start.” Hedi Jalon, Executive Director of the California Fire Safe Council.

Details on this funding package can be found in [SB 85](#) and [AB 79](#).

About California Fire Safe Council: California Fire Safe Council’s mission is to be “*California’s leader in community wildfire risk reduction and resiliency!*” Since 2004, California Fire Safe Council has provided grants totaling more than \$100 million to organizations and communities located throughout California. For more information, please visit cafiresafecouncil.org.

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