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### **CAL FIRE Announces Greenhouse Gas Reduction Grants**

#### *Grants Aimed to Improve Carbon Sequestration*

**Sacramento** - CAL FIRE has announced the release of new Cap and Trade Greenhouse Gas Reduction funds for two existing grant programs that help meet the Governor's goal of transitioning California to a sustainable, low carbon emission future. The two grant programs target improved carbon sequestration through CAL FIRE's existing *Urban Forestry* and *Forest Legacy* Programs.

"We are excited about this opportunity to expand these programs and bolster the momentum of the work on the ground being done thorough public private partnership," said Chief Ken Pimlott, CAL FIRE director and state forester.

The Urban Forestry grants will assist many of California's disadvantaged communities by providing technical assistance to local governments, special districts and non-profits to help plant and maintain urban trees, and utilize urban wood waste.

"We could not be more thrilled with the new funding for this vital program. We are prepared to help get the right trees in the right places and planted properly, so that they can become established and provide environmental benefits ahead of worsening drought conditions," said Nancy Hughes, executive director of the California Urban Forests Council.

The Forest Legacy grants will help permanently protect and maintain working forested landscapes through conservation easements so the co-benefits such as water, clean air, wildlife habitat, recreation, and carbon sequestration, will benefit future generations of Californians.

"I am pleased to hear that the Forest Legacy Program will receive much needed funding for protecting at-risk working forest landscapes in California that will provide lasting conservation and climate benefits," said Mark Andre, City of Arcata Environmental Services Director.

Interested parties are encouraged to visit CAL FIRE's Urban Forestry website:

[http://calfire.ca.gov/resource\\_mgt/resource\\_mgt\\_urbanforestry\\_grants.php#](http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/resource_mgt_urbanforestry_grants.php#) and Forest Legacy Program website:

[http://calfire.ca.gov/resource\\_mgt/resource\\_mgt\\_forestryassistance\\_legacy.php](http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/resource_mgt_forestryassistance_legacy.php)

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