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SAN LUIS OBISPO UNIT
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El Cerrito Fire - Update

A vegetation fire that began at 8:30 a.m. today is currently being battled by approximately 200 firefighters. The fire is located just outside of the San Luis Obispo city limits in the foothills north of the airport. Current estimates gauge the fire to be about **100 acres in size and 50% contained**. Full containment is expected tonight at 8:00 p.m. No evacuations have been ordered but residents in the area are advised to stay aware of their surroundings. The cause of the fire is arching power lines.

A red flag warning for high winds and low humidity is currently in place. Citizens are reminded that **fire danger is extremely high** right now, so every caution should be taken to minimize outdoor fire hazards.

The El Cerrito Fire efforts are being managed in a unified command with San Luis Obispo City Fire and Police Departments.

The following resources are committed to the El Cerrito Fire:

25 fire engines	6 fire hand crews
2 helicopters	1 airtanker
6 bulldozers	20 command and support personnel

