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San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments Awarded Nearly \$950,000 CAL FIRE Grant to Support Wildfire Resilience and Fuel Reduction

Monrovia, CA—The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) is pleased to announce it has been awarded \$949,993 in grant funding from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Service’s (CAL FIRE) through its Wildfire Prevention Grants Program. The funding will support the San Gabriel Valley Wildfire Resilience and Fuel Reduction Program, a critical regional initiative designed to protect lives, property, and natural resources from the growing threat of wildfires.

“Public safety is our absolute priority, and this investment is a vital step in protecting our residents from the increasing threat of fire,” said SGVCOG Executive Director Marisa Creter. “As California continues to strengthen its strategy, to defend communities against devastating wildfires, this funding allows the SGVCOG to implement a regionally coordinated risk-reduction plan. By targeting High-Risk Fire Hazard Severity Zones within our Foothill communities, we are ensuring that our regional approach is proactive, unified, and centered on saving lives.”

The San Gabriel Valley Wildfire Resilience and Fuel Reduction Program focuses on communal defensible space treatments and coordinated fuel reduction. Key program objectives include:

- Treating approximately 250 to 375 acres of high-risk vegetation.
- Safeguarding an estimated 22,000 to 34,000 habitable structures.
- Reducing ignition potential and improving the safety of evacuation routes for residents.

The SGVCOG is one of several organizations in Los Angeles County receiving support from CAL FIRE to enhance wildfire prevention. Together, these initiatives reinforce the importance of regional collaboration and represent a coordinated commitment to addressing wildfire risks to strengthen resilience across the San Gabriel Valley.

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The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG) is a regional government planning agency that aims to maximize the quality of life in the San Gabriel Valley. As a joint powers authority, the SGVCOG unites 31 cities, unincorporated communities in Los Angeles County Supervisorial Districts 1 and 5, and key local and regional public agencies, forming the largest and most diverse sub-regional council of governments in Los Angeles County.