



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Now Is The Time To Prepare for Wildfire Season!**

#### ***Free Curbside Chipping and Defensible Space Assistance is available to help Prepare for Fire Season***

*May 21, 2021, San Diego County, CA*—Residents can help protect their homes and lives from disastrous wildfires by reducing the flammable brush and fuels materials from around their properties. Creating Defensible Space zones and removing cleared brush and dead tree limbs that provide fuel for wildfires can make all the difference between a prepared neighborhood and one more prone to wildfires.

The Resource Conservation District of Greater San Diego County in partnership with the Fire Safe Council of San Diego County has been awarded \$3.5 million by the San Diego River Conservancy via Senate Bill 85 to immediately implement protective measures by homeowners and residents to reduce wildfires within wildland urban interface areas of the San Diego River watershed, Sweetwater River watershed, Otay River watershed and Tijuana River watershed (in the US).

The Wildfire Early Action Program is allocating resources to implement fuel reduction projects by creating fire breaks, removing dead, diseased or dying trees, assisting elderly, disabled and low-income residents in establishing defensible space around their homes, and hosting workshops and fire preparedness training in preparation for the coming fire season.

San Diego County residents are invited to sign up for one of two FREE fuel reduction programs:

- **No-Cost Chipping Program:** curbside chipping for homeowners who have completed their defensible space preparation. Materials will be chipped and left onsite. Sign up at [www.firesafesdcounty.org/no-cost-chipping](http://www.firesafesdcounty.org/no-cost-chipping)
- **Defensible Space Assistance Program:** a service to assist low income elderly or disabled residents in creating 100' of defensible space around their homes. Sign up at [www.firesafesdcounty.org/dsap](http://www.firesafesdcounty.org/dsap)

For questions or more information, please contact the Fire Safe Council at 619-562-0096.

#### **NOTES:**

*The Resource Conservation District (RCD) of Greater San Diego County protects, conserves and restores natural resources through education, information, and technical assistance programs.*

*The mission of the Fire Safe Council of San Diego is to provide education, enhance information and foster fire prevention and fire safety within the County of San Diego.*



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