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CAL FIRE Rescinds Outdoor Burn Ban In Several Central Coast Counties

Felton – Since December 26, 2011, CAL FIRE has maintained a ban on outdoor debris burning in the Central Coastal region. With the recent storms providing significant rainfall across the region, fuel moisture levels have increased to levels that allow for safer burning conditions. For that reason, the CAL FIRE Unit Chiefs for this area have agreed to lift the ban in San Mateo, Santa Cruz, San Benito and Monterey Counties.

With conditions still dry in most of the inland areas of the Santa Clara Unit, the **ban will remain in effect in the counties of: Alameda, Contra Costa, Santa Clara, Stanislaus, and San Joaquin, pending significant rainfall.** Even with the rainfall received over much of the region yesterday and last night, Santa Clara is still experiencing burn pile escapes. In light of last night's wildland fire in Reno, CAL FIRE would like to remind residents that they could be held responsible for any fires that escape their control.

Anyone with questions about this declaration is urged to contact the nearest CAL FIRE facility. CAL FIRE reminds everyone that it is their individual responsibility to use fire safely and to prevent fires that destroy lives, property and our wildland. Be Fire Safe!

In addition, CAL FIRE asks that all residents take proper care with fire during the winter period. This includes the proper disposal of fireplace ashes and the maintenance and care of safety monitors such as Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors.

For more information visit www.fire.ca.gov or www.ReadyForWildfire.org.