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Fire Safety Measure Funded Vegetation Management Project Completion in Advance of Nine-Year Mark Since 2017 Wildfires

SANTA ROSA, CA — Through a coordinated effort, the City of Santa Rosa, Sonoma County Fire Chief's Association, and Fire Safe Sonoma have announced the completion of a critical wildfire mitigation project in the Fountaingrove/Skyfarm neighborhood area. This timely Fire Safety Measure (formerly Measure H) funded vegetation management project comes to a completion as the community marks nine years since the devastating 2017 LNU Complex Fires, including the Tubbs and Nuns fires, on October 8.

The project primarily targeted Cross Creek Road and St. Andrews Road, areas sitting directly within the Tubbs Fire burn scar where the fire first burned into the city. Over the nearly nine years since the disaster, what was once a landscape of grass oak woodlands has become densely overgrown with invasive brush and littered with dead and down trees left behind by the 2017 fire.

By clearing this heavy fuel load, the project significantly reduces the potential spread of future wildfires and protects critical travel routes essential for residents and emergency responders during an evacuation. "This is exactly the kind of regional collaboration that makes a difference," said Chief Stephen Akre, Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association President. "The threat of wildfire does not stop at jurisdictional boundaries, and neither should our efforts to prepare for it."

The work is being completed by the Fire Safety Measure funded Countywide Vegetation Management Crew, which is staffed by the Northern Sonoma County Fire District. Collaborative wildfire safety projects like these across local areas are made possible through the dedicated partnership of the Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association, Fire Safe Sonoma, the countywide fire safe council, and the voter-supported Fire Safety Measure.

This initiative also complements another major fuel treatment completed during summer of 2025 along Mark West Springs Road by the Countywide Vegetation Management Crew, CAL FIRE, Sonoma County Public Infrastructure, and the Permit Sonoma Chipper Crew building a more resilient, contiguous fire break and critical evacuation route for the region.

Wildfire preparedness is an ongoing effort. Through continued collaboration, strategic vegetation management, and Fire Safety Measure funding, Sonoma County communities are taking concrete steps to reduce wildfire risk and strengthen their ability to respond to the next emergency.

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Event Details:

Date: Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: 3700 Block of St Andrews Drive, Santa Rosa

Media is invited to join staff from Fire Safe Sonoma, Sonoma County Fire Chiefs Association, Fire Safety Measure Countywide Vegetation Management Crew, Santa Rosa Fire Department, CAL FIRE, and Sonoma County Fire District to view and discuss the activities.

There will be an opportunity to watch the Crew conduct work in the immediate area.

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