

Grant Recognition

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Omo Ranch Fire Safe Council Announces \$10,000 Grant from Sierra Pacific Foundation Toward Battling Northern California Wildfires

Somerset, CA, September 9, 2022- - The Omo Ranch Fire Safe Council is announcing that a grant was given to ORFSC to provide the valuable resource of available and accessible water for use during wildfires. This grant was received from Sierra Pacific Foundation in the amount of \$10,000 for the purchase and installation of four 5,000-gallon poly water storage tanks to be placed on Sierra Pacific Industries property.

Julie Wynia, Chairperson of the Omo Ranch Fire Safe Council and volunteer firefighter says, “Thanks to this generous donation from Sierra Pacific Foundation, Omo Ranch, whose greatest challenge in the 2021 Caldor Fire was the lack of accessible water, will now have the ability to quickly fill and refill fire engines 40 times over, giving our community not only the ability to better protect our neighborhood, but our surrounding communities.”

With this donation from Sierra Pacific Foundation, our local Pioneer Fire Protection District and CalFire are in a much greater position to mitigate and fight against devastating wildfires in south El Dorado County.

The water tanks and plumbing to a hydrant that is accessible to fire apparatus have been installed, and the tanks have been filled with water. The project was completed in early September 2022.

About The Sierra Pacific Foundation

The Sierra Pacific Foundation is the philanthropic organization founded by the Emmerson family in 1979. Since the inception, SPF has awarded over \$9 million in scholarships. In addition to scholarships, the Foundation contributes to youth activities and other organizations in the communities where Sierra Pacific Industries operates. In 2021, the Foundation contributed \$2 million to organizations in the local communities.