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CAL FIRE Increases Staffing in Preparation for Strong Winds Southern California Experiencing High Fire Danger

Southern California

A Red Flag Warning for a moderate to strong Santa Ana Wind event along with low humidity is expected Sunday evening through Wednesday afternoon for much of Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego and San Bernardino Counties. Wind gusts of up to 50 mph are likely with some isolated gusts of 65 mph on some ridge tops and canyons.

"Though CAL FIRE has year round staffing in Southern California, these conditions warrant adding additional resources on for the duration of the Red Flag conditions that bring an elevated threat of wildfire," said Chief Dale Hutchinson, CAL FIRE's Southern Region Chief. CAL FIRE has placed additional firefighters on duty to staff extra equipment to augment normal staffing levels in the areas affected

CAL FIRE is asking everyone to be extra cautious during the heightened fire danger period in order to prevent wildfires. One Less Spark means One Less Wildfire.

CAL FIRE offers the following fire prevention tips:

- Don't mow or trim dry grass on windy days
- Never pull your vehicle over in dry grass
- Never burn landscape debris like leaves or branches on NO Burn Days or when it's windy
- Target shoot only in approved areas, use lead ammunition only, and never at metal targets
- Ensure campfires are allowed, and if so, be sure to extinguish them completely
- Make sure all portable gasoline-powered equipment have spark arresters
- Report any suspicious activities to prevent arson

For more fire prevention tips visit www.PreventWildfireCA.org and for evacuation tips visit www.ReadyForWildfire.org.

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