

# CAL FIRE NEWS RELEASE

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

## San Benito-Monterey Unit



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**RELEASE**  
**DATE:** August 3, 2010

### **Structure Fire spreads to Vegetation Fire near Hollister (San Benito County)**

#### **Hollister, CA –**

A structure fire was reported at 5:10 p.m. today at the Eagle Recycling building (Monterey County). CAL FIRE/San Benito County Fire Department responded to the incident with the Aromas Tri-County Fire Protection District (FPD), South Santa Clara County FPD, and North County FPD, Marina Fire Department, Monterey County Regional FPD, Seaside Fire Department, Salinas Fire Department. There are a total of 15 engines on scene: 6 from CAL FIRE, 3 from CAL FIRE/San Benito County, 1 from CAL FIRE/Aromas FPD, 1 from Hollister, 1 from South Santa Clara County, 1 from North Monterey County FPD, 1 from Salinas Fire Department, and 1 from Monterey County Regional FPD. CAL FIRE also responded with 2 chief officers, a bulldozer an air tactical observation unit, and 2 air tankers, and 1 helicopter with helitack crew. There are a total of about 75 firefighters fighting the fire. Upon arrival, firefighters found approximately 3/4 of the commercial recycling building engulfed in flames. The fire was spreading into the vegetation. There have been no injuries thus far. Monterey County Regional FPD, the Presidio of Monterey, South Santa Clara County FPD, and North Monterey County FPD responded with a water tender, for a total of 4 water tenders. Hollister Fire Department and Gilroy Fire Department responded with aerial ladder trucks for a total of 2 trucks.

San Benito County contracts with CAL FIRE to provide fire protection services. They fund one fire engine staffed with two bodies to protect the entire county. The fire department is augmented by paid-call firefighters. Aromas Tri-County FPD contracts with CAL FIRE to provide fire protection services in the district by staffing an engine 24/7 with 4 firefighters. CAL FIRE wants to remind the public that [maintaining 100 feet of defensible space](#) may help to save lives and property. Multiple structures were immediately threatened by the fire; CAL FIRE wants to remind the public to be safe and practice

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<http://www.fire.ca.gov/>

<http://www.readyforwildfire.org/index.aspx>

[http://www.fire.ca.gov/communications/downloads/fact\\_sheets/EDITHBrochure.pdf](http://www.fire.ca.gov/communications/downloads/fact_sheets/EDITHBrochure.pdf)

[http://www.fire.ca.gov/communications/downloads/fact\\_sheets/DefensibleSpaceFlyer.pdf](http://www.fire.ca.gov/communications/downloads/fact_sheets/DefensibleSpaceFlyer.pdf)

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**Who:** CAL FIRE/San Benito County

**What:** Structure Fire leads to Vegetation Fire, near Hollister, CA (San Benito County)

**When:** August 3, 2010, 5:10 p.m.

**Where:** Eagle Recycling, San Juan Rd, Hollister, CA (San Benito County)

### MEDIA ONLY

For further information on CAL FIRE's response to wildland fires in San Benito and Monterey Counties, please contact the San Benito-Monterey Unit Public Information Officer at (831) 647-6257 or [BEU.PIO@fire.ca.gov](mailto:BEU.PIO@fire.ca.gov).

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