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NRCS Solicits First Contract Bids *Dead and Dying Trees to be Removed Under the Watershed Recovery Project*

RIVERSIDE, CA., September 8, 2004 The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will be holding a site showing for a Watershed Recovery Project at the Christian Conference Center on the Palomar Mountain today. NRCS is providing technical assistance and funding to remove dead and dying trees and install erosion control practices to protect life and property. Officials will meet contractors in the southern parking area of the Conference Center at 11 a.m. This project showing will not only generate bids, but also give potential contractors an opportunity to learn about the scope of future NRCS watershed recovery projects on private lands. NRCS State Design Engineer Bill Ward, NRCS Contract Specialist Ray Miller, and NRCS Forester Bryan Petit will be on hand to explain the technical aspects of the projects and answer specific questions from the contractors about this and future projects.

The Fire Safety and Fuels Reduction Program is a cooperative effort between federal, state and local agencies, as well as community organizations and other interested stakeholders. The \$45 million program is funded by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, U.S. Forest Service, County of San Diego and others. More information is available on the Internet at www.ca.nrcs.usda.gov or <http://www.sdcdpw.org/tree> or by calling Bryan Petit at 760-489-1959 ext. 104.

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