



# INCIDENT UPDATE

CAL FIRE San Luis Obispo and United States Forest Service



For Immediate Release

Date: August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 6:30 pm

## CUESTA FIRE INFORMATION LINE (805) 543-2444

### Cuesta Fire

**Location:** South of the community of Santa Margarita

<b>Acres Burned:</b>	2,500	<b>Structures Threatened:</b>	339
<b>Containment:</b>	10%	<b>Structures Destroyed:</b>	0
<b>Fire Started:</b>	August 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2015 at 6:18pm	<b>Injuries:</b>	0
<b>Cause:</b>	Vehicle		

**Total personnel assigned to the Fire:** 1000

- Engines 80
- Crews 25
- Helicopters 6
- Bulldozers 9

### Summary

The fire continues to burn south of the community of Santa Margarita.

The fire is burning in heavy, drought-stressed fuels, in an area that has not burned in approximately 30 years. Steep terrain, hot weather and moderate winds, combined with the extreme drought conditions, will continue to present the possibility for spot fires in the area of Santa Margarita. The fire is also expected to continue its spread southeast in the Santa Lucia wilderness.

Due to active fire behavior this afternoon, an evacuation order remains in effect for the areas listed below.

### Evacuations

- Santa Margarita, south of the railroad tracks
- The Miller Flat area

An Evacuation Center has been established at the Santa Rosa Academy in Atascadero. The address is 8655 Santa Rosa Road, Atascadero CA 93422

### Road Closures

- East Cuesta Road from US Highway 101,
- West Cuesta Road from US Highway 101
- Slow lane of US Highway 101
- TV Tower Road

All residents in the area of the fire should be aware of current fire conditions, and be prepared to leave. For more info visit “Readyforwildfire.org”