



# Tassajara Incident Update



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Date: 9/23/2015 Time: 5:00 PM

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## STATUS

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| Incident Start Date: 9/19/2015                        |   | Incident Start Time: 3:00 PM  |                                 |
| Incident Type: Vegetation                             |   | Cause: Human Caused           |                                 |
| Incident Location: Tassajara Rd. at Carmel Valley Rd. |   |                               |                                 |
| Acreage: 1086 Acres                                   |   | Containment: 89%              |                                 |
| Expected Containment: N/A                             |   | Injuries: 1 Civilian Fatality |                                 |
| Structures Threatened: 0                              | Structures Destroyed: 12 Residences, 8 Outbuildings |                               | Structures Damaged: 1 Residence |

## RESOURCES

|             |                   |                      |                |                |
|-------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Engines: 37 | Water Tenders: 10 | Helicopters: 0       | Air Tankers: 0 | Hand Crews: 19 |
| Dozers: 4   | Other:            | Total Personnel: 595 |                |                |

Cooperating Agencies: Monterey County Sheriff, USFS Los Padres, CHP, Red Cross, Monterey County Regional FPD, CAL Trans, Cachaqua FPD, OES, SPCA of Monterey County, Monterey County EOC, PG&E, Monterey County Public Works, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

## SITUATION

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| <b>Current Situation:</b>  | <p>The marine layer will appear again this evening with moderate to excellent humidity recoveries expected, which will continue to aid firefighters in their efforts. However, temperatures will significantly rise and humidity's will lower starting Thursday. Firefighters are continuing to mop up and patrol the fire area, making sure hot spots are mitigated and control lines are strengthened. Fire Suppression repair actions did start today.</p> <p>Electricity continues to be restored to areas within the fire area.</p> <p>A joint investigation between CAL FIRE and the Monterey County Sheriff's office has determined that the fire was caused as a result of an individual committing suicide.</p> <p>The Laureles Fire is 95 acres and 100% contained.</p> <p><b>This will be the last update of this incident by CAL FIRE INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM #2. We will transition out at 7:00 AM tomorrow morning. Thank you for your support.</b></p> |
| <b>Evacuations:</b>        | An Evacuation Order still remains in effect within the fire perimeter on Tassajara Road, Cachagua Road   |
| <b>Evacuation Centers:</b> |  |
| <b>Road Closures:</b>      | Cachaqua Road at Madrone Road, Poppy Tree Lane at Buckeye Road, Tassajara Road, east of Buckeye Road (Tassajara Road closed at fire perimeter to north traffic), Tassajara Road, south of East Carmel Valley Road (Tassajara Road closed at fire perimeter to south traffic) and East Carmel Valley Road at mile marker 25 to mile marker 25.5 (south of Tassajara Road near fire perimeter will have one-lane traffic control due to fire equipment operating in the area)  |

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