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## **CITY OF CHINO HILLS RECEIVES OVER HALF A MILLION IN FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FUNDING TO SUPPORT FUEL REDUCTION PROJECT**

Chino Hills, CA – The City of Chino Hills has received \$565,000 in Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funding to support a fuel reduction project that will reduce the potential for wildfires. The funding was approved as part of the Federal Government’s omnibus spending bill which will provide government funding across multiple divisions on a federal level, and, for the first time in twelve years, includes local projects as requested by their legislative representatives. The project was supported by U.S. Representative Young Kim, who represents California’s 39<sup>th</sup> Congressional District which includes Chino Hills, and U.S. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla, who represent California.

“We are very thankful to our elected officials for all of their leadership to bring funding to our City,” said Chino Hills Mayor Ray Marquez. “While our community enjoys an enhanced quality of life through the preservation of over 3,000 acres of open space in our City, wildfires are always a concern. Our residents’ safety, health, and in many cases lives, depend on our ability to protect them from the destructive paths of wildfires.”

“I am proud to be able to deliver federal funding that will directly support the Chino Hills Fuel Reduction Project. This is an important initiative to protect open space and keep residents safe from wildfires by removing fuel hazards near residential areas,” said Rep. Young Kim. “I am grateful to the City of Chino Hills for working with me to assess the need for the project and get it through the finish line in Congress. As a member of the House Science, Space and Technology Committee, I will continue to work to prevent and contain wildfires and promote public safety.”

The City of Chino Hills is comprised of approximately 3,350 acres of City-owned open space and is adjacent to the over 14,000-acre Chino Hills State Park, which are all areas vulnerable to wildfires. The City will use the FEMA funding to enhance its citywide fuel reduction project that reduces the potential for wildfires by removing fuel hazards in close proximity to residential communities. The funding will allow the City to supplement its annual weed abatement efforts with a program that enlarges defensible space and removes dead and declining plant material in the landscaped buffer zones between the City’s habitable

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structures and its open space hillsides that are highly susceptible to wildfires. The project will utilize environmentally friendly techniques that are cost-effective and will result in long-term greenhouse gas reductions.

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