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**THE CALIFORNIA FIRE SAFE COUNCIL (CFSC) IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE
THE APPOINTMENT OF JACY HYDE, PH.D., AS ITS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

SACRAMENTO, CA (January 30, 2023) - The CFSC Board of Directors has selected Jacy Hyde, Ph.D., as the new Executive Director for the California Fire Safe Council.

Jacy brings her experience in the field as a forest and fire ecology scientist, her work with communities advancing sustainable infrastructure development, and most recently her work in government as Branch Chief for Hazard Mitigation Assistance at California Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

"The Board is thrilled to have Jacy join our team of dedicated professionals as we build fire resilient California communities," says Bob Roper (CFSC Board Co-Chair).

"The CFSC is a leader and trusted partner in the effort to reduce risk from wildfires and create safer communities," said Jacy Hyde. "I am proud to join the CFSC team, and I look forward to supporting critical grassroots efforts, innovative grant programs, and strong partnerships and policies to build a more resilient California for all."

Since 2004, the CFSC has provided more than 1,200 grants totaling more than \$118M in grant funding to help build a fire-resilient California. With an increase in wildfires for many California communities, CFSC is increasing its efforts to build strong local and countywide Fire Safe Councils, and lead efforts in community wildfire preparedness, education, and mitigation to build fire-adapted communities throughout California.

Through programs and services, the Executive Director's role is to increase and lead CFSC in its efforts to encourage grassroots local councils, sustain and/or increase funding for strategic initiatives, educate citizens about direct mitigation efforts for wildfire, develop local grant programs to enable the CFSC mission, and build relationships between federal, state, and local governmental entities, other non-profits, environmental communities, and private corporations that are impacted by wildfire occurrence and losses.

Jacy Hyde begins her new position March 1, 2023, and resides in Sacramento, CA.

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About California Fire Safe Council: California Fire Safe Council is a statewide, non-profit organization with a mission to be "California's leader in community wildfire risk reduction and resiliency!" Since 2004, California Fire Safe Council has provided grants totaling more than \$118 million to organizations and agencies located throughout California. For more information, please visit cafiresafecouncil.org