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## Agoura Hills/Calabasas Community Center Receives Grant to Boost Emergency Capabilities

The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy has awarded a \$450,000 "Wildfire Prevention Early Budget Action" grant to the City of Calabasas for use at the Agoura Hills/Calabasas Community Center (AHCCC) to beef up the Center's emergency capabilities. The facility needs to have a backup generator, structure/landscape hardening, and communication equipment as well as other items so it can operate as a backup emergency operations center for Calabasas and surrounding cities, in case those cities' EOCs are knocked out or unavailable during a disaster.

"The City of Calabasas appreciates this generous grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. These much-needed funds will go a long way toward our ultimate goal of restoring the Community Center as a valuable regional resource," said Calabasas Mayor James R. Bozajian. "Wildfires don't recognize city boundaries and adding an EOC function to the centrally located AHCCC will provide great benefits to our sister cities throughout the region. The grant will also help us improve our 1630AM emergency radio station capabilities and will be a great added benefit to the outstanding recreation opportunities the AHCCC has to offer", added Calabasas Mayor pro Tem Mary Sue Maurer.

The City of Calabasas will add another \$100,000 to help finish the project.