



## Partners in Progress with



California Urban Forests Council (CaUFC) is one of 17 organizations statewide selected to receive funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act administered by California ReLeaf. CaUFC’s vision is that California’s communities are cleaner, healthier and more prosperous through collaborative action and investments in urban forests and urban greening.



The \$400,000 grant for CaUFC’s United Voices for Healthier Communities Program allowed this San Rafael-based non-profit to partner with others in staging a one-day statewide tree planting event that took place on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 in three regions of the state: San Diego, Central Coast and the San Joaquin Valley. Tree-planting locations were designated through a comprehensive process targeting cities, counties, community, and service groups that were called on to help plan and

implement the event. Volunteers were key in the planting effort.

The project also included components for leveraging additional ARRA funding, outreach and education and job training, retention and creation.



Fast Facts for the California Urban Forests Council ARRA Grant

**Jobs created/retained: 8**

**Trees Planted: 5,358**                      **Trees Maintained: 789**

**Job Hours Contributed to California Work Force: 16,840**

**Lasting legacy: this project provided critical training in the green jobs sector for at-risk youth while also creating a healthier, cleaner, and more livable environment for residents of and visitors to San Diego, the San Joaquin Valley and the Central Coast.**

*“For children and families, supportive environments are needed that encourage positive behaviors and provide a respite for the challenges of urban life. This project contributes to that goal.”* – Nancy Hughes, Executive Director, California Urban Forests Council.

