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\$50,000 AWARDED TO 20 CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY GROUPS FOR CALIFORNIA ARBOR WEEK

The U.S. Forest Service and Pacific Gas & Electric Sponsor Local Action

Sacramento, California – Twenty community groups spanning the state from as far south as El Centro (11 miles from the Mexican border) to as far north as Eureka are planting 300 trees, caring for almost 900 trees and teaching environmental stewardship with nearly 900 4th graders as well as other schoolchildren – all as part of celebrating California Arbor Week.

The U.S. Forest Service, Pacific Gas & Electric and California ReLeaf partnered to support this year's 2017 California Arbor Week grant program in recognition of the many benefits trees provide the residents of California's communities. The program is also highlighting the importance of tree care and environmental stewardship education through programs such as PG&E's ***Right Tree Right Place, Plan Before You Plant*** and the U.S. Forest Service's ***Every Kid in a Park***.

The following community groups were awarded stipends ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000:

- A Living Library / Life Frames
- Alice Fong Yu Alternative School Parents Association
- Campesinas Unidas del Valle de San Joaquin
- Common Vision
- Green Technical Education & Employment
- Huntington Beach Tree Society
- Keep Eureka Beautiful
- Madera Coalition for Community Justice
- Nevada City Chamber
- Our City Forest
- Planting Justice
- PUENTES
- ReImagine Mack Road
- Roseville Urban Forest Foundation
- Tree Foundation of Kern
- Tree Fresno
- Tree Musketeers
- Tree San Diego
- Woodland Tree Foundation
- Your Children's Trees

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California ReLeaf's mission is to empower grassroots efforts and build strategic partnerships that preserve, protect, and enhance California's urban and community forests. California Arbor Week runs March 7 - 14 each year. For more on the California Arbor Week Celebration Program, visit www.arborweek.org

The Forest Service manages 18 National Forests in the Pacific Southwest Region, which encompasses over 20 million acres across California, and assists State and Private forest landowners in California, Hawaii and the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands. National forests supply 50 percent of the water in California and form the watershed of most major aqueducts and more than 2,400 reservoirs throughout the state. USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender.

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