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### **Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties Highlight Regional Coordination in Vistra Power Plant Fire Response**

#### **Tri-County Collaboration Strengthens Emergency Efforts and Community Protection**

The counties of Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz demonstrated the strength of regional collaboration in response to the Moss Landing Vistra Power Plant Fire. Through close cooperation with local, state, and private entities, this tri-county partnership has ensured a rapid and effective response that has included informing residents, securing critical infrastructure, and protecting natural resources across the Central Coast.

Through the Vistra Power Plant Fire recovery, emergency management teams from the three counties diligently deployed mutual aid resources, shared real-time information, and communicated seamlessly. This coordinated effort ensured that all key players were at the table and available to provide local input for the affected communities and share a unified and clearly informed message.

“Through the adversity associated with the Moss Landing Vistra Power Plant Fire, our tri-county team’s response and recovery has been simultaneous and deliberate. We have learned, informed, and addressed the related challenges together. Our communities have been updated about the data-gathering process, will be provided with result analysis and sharing, and will methodically formulate recommended next steps for the health and safety of our communities,” said Sonia M. De La Rosa, Administrative Officer of the County of Monterey.

San Benito County officials reinforced the importance of cross-county coordination, including rapid fire response information sharing and inclusivity. “In times of crisis, collaboration is key. Our ability to support one another and work together ensures that no community faces these challenges alone,” said Interim County Administrative Officer Henie Ring.

“From the beginning of this incident, we have engaged with partners around the Monterey Bay to monitor the situation, maintain situational awareness and share important information with affected communities,” Santa Cruz County Administrative Officer Carlos Palacios said. “We will continue to collaborate moving forward as work together on soil and water testing and other issues to assure the health and safety of our residents and the protection of our environment.”

The tri-county partnership extends beyond county agencies, incorporating fire departments, law enforcement, numerous state partners, community-based organizations, agriculture and

hospitality industry partners. This collective effort has been critical in minimizing the fire's impact and ensuring a well-coordinated recovery process.

Residents are encouraged to stay informed by signing up for emergency alerts in their respective counties and following official updates. For fire status updates and additional resources, visit:

- **Monterey County:** <https://www.readymontereycounty.org/emergency/2025-moss-landing-vistra-power-plant-fire>
- **San Benito County:** <https://www.sanbenitocountyca.gov/about-us/news-press-releases-public-review>
- **Santa Cruz County:** <https://www.santacruzcountyca.gov/Government/Pressreleases.aspx>

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