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Gov. Schwarzenegger Announces Multi-Agency Mobilization to Prepare for New Fire Threat

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As part of Governor Schwarzenegger's Executive Order S-07-07 to combat wildfires in California, members of a multi-agency mobilization group dubbed "NOVEMBER MOVE UP AND COVER" are mobilizing firefighting apparatus to Southern California. Governor Schwarzenegger has stressed the importance of vigilance and remaining focused on preventing additional fires. OES is committed to assisting local agencies in Southern California through the deployment of resources from throughout the state, including OES engines located with local fire agencies.

The mobilization by the multi-agency group that includes CAL FIRE, US Forest Service and Department of Interior Wildfire Agencies is being conducted in anticipation of the forecast later this week for Santa Ana wind conditions in Southern California coupled with extremely low humidity beginning on Wednesday and continuing through the Thanksgiving weekend.

OES fire engines and water tenders from Northern and Central California began traveling south on Tuesday morning in support of the November Move Up and Cover objectives. The OES fire apparatus are staffed by firefighters from local departments that have received the engines in exchange for the promise that the engines and personnel will respond to fires outside their community when called upon by OES. Two of the three OES engines in Mendocino County have started the move south and the third will possibly move south on Friday.

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