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NHF Helps Fund Housing Project for Local Homeless Veterans and Families

Sacramento, CA, November 11, 2016 – National Homebuyers Fund, Inc. (NHF) joined a vast array of public and private contributors to celebrate the ramp up of a joint veterans housing renovation project in Sacramento County earlier today. The event, held on Veterans Day, brought project partners and community leaders together to tour the 11 two-bedroom units on Dealynn Street in Sacramento.

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\$4 Million Available to Address Tree Mortality on Private Forestlands

This week, the California USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) announced the availability of \$4 million in funding, through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), for tree mortality projects on private forestlands. Landowners on non-industrial private forestlands in Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Kern, Lake, Los Angeles, Madera, Mariposa, Nevada, Placer, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Tulare and Tuolumne counties are eligible to apply for financial assistance.

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Congress Seeks Court Action to Vacate WOTUS Rule

On Tuesday, members of the U.S. House and Senate filed an amicus brief asking the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals to vacate the Administration's final Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule, which was jointly issued by the Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers last year. The brief was filed in support of thirty-one states and twelve municipal and industry petitioners with a pending case against the rule, and was signed by sixty-seven Members of Congress and twenty-one Senators.

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CMSP Mini Grants Program

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Down-Sizing Habitable Rooms and Dwelling Units

Accessory Dwelling Unit's (ADUs) are attached or detached residential units that are considered an "accessory structure" to a residential unit, and are not counted towards density limitations on a parcel. The intent is to provide affordable housing options for in-laws, live-in caretakers, or rental units. These homes are generally small, and represent an opportunity for addressing the growing housing needs across California. Currently, an ADU can be as small as the 120 square feet requirement of an "efficiency dwelling unit." However, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is changing building code requirements to allow for smaller dwelling units and ADUs.

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RCRC Advocates for Jail Construction Funding Program

This week, RCRC urged the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) to support the Senate Bill 844 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review) Executive Steering Committee's (ESC) recommendations for local jail construction funding, which was included as part of the final 2016-17 State Budget Package to address local detention and programming capacity needs. As with prior jail construction funding programs, the SB 844 ESC was charged with developing a Request for Proposal (RFP) to provide recommendations for program development, selection criteria, and application requirements.

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