PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ALAMO FIRE UPDATE – 11 a.m.

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) - As of 7 a.m. on July 9, 2017, an estimated 24,000 acres have burned in the Alamo Fire with 10% containment. There are over 600 firefighters battling this fire. No residences or structures have been reported as being lost.

An evacuation order remains in effect for Tepusquet Canyon from Blazing Saddle Drive to Santa Maria Mesa Road, White Rock Lane and Colson Canyon, Pine Canyon and Buckhorn Ridge. For evacuation information assistance, contact the Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Department at (805) 683-2724. The following roads remained closed: Tepusquet Road from Highway 166 to Santa Maria Mesa Road indefinitely, Highway 166 is closed at east and west of Twitchell both directions, Santa Maria Mesa Road, Tepusquet Road, Pine Canyon Road, and Colson Canyon.

A large contingent of fire engines, bull dozers and hand crews as well as significant air resources. The weather conditions are expected to be cooler today than yesterday.

PEOPLE
Based on evacuation orders and warnings, a number of people stayed at shelters established by the American Red Cross for the two fires in Santa Barbara County. Last night, 6 individuals stayed at the Red Cross shelter at the Minami Center in Santa Maria, 29 stayed at San Marcos High School in Santa Barbara, and 5 stayed at the Santa Ynez Elementary School shelter.

ANIMALS
For the north region of the County, 4 horses were evacuated to the Elks Rodeo Event Center. The Santa Maria Animal Center is providing shelter for small animals including 39 dogs, 27 cats, and 4 horses. All animal owners are asked to call 805-681-4332 for assistance or information about evacuating any large animals. Small animals may be taken to the Santa Maria Animal Center at 548 W. Foster Road.

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