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City settles Marigold fire lawsuit

Fairfield, California (Wednesday, October 4, 2017) — The City of Fairfield has finalized a Council-authorized settlement in the lawsuit brought by three insurance companies against the City and the California Department of Transportation arising out of the August 2013 fire along I-80 in the 2800 and 2900 blocks of Marigold Drive. The agreement was reached through mediation without assignment of fault to either the City or Caltrans.

The City, in concert with Caltrans, settled with the insurance companies for a total sum of \$800,000. Each agency will pay 50% with the City's portion drawn from its general liability fund.

The three plaintiff insurance companies had demanded reimbursement of benefits paid out to 11 insured homeowners. Damages claimed were in excess of \$1.6 million, plus attorney and expert fees. This case was scheduled to begin trial in Solano County Superior Court in mid-July, but the parties reached a conditional settlement prior to the trial date.

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