

# CALAVERAS ENTERPRISE

## Calaveras among first counties to receive Proposition 1 funding

Big Trees State Park forests to be restored

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Calaveras County is among the first California counties to receive Proposition 1 funding intended to protect watersheds and maintain clean, safe and reliable drinking water in California.

The state Department of Parks and Recreation received a \$500,000 grant from state agency Sierra Nevada Conservancy on Thursday to reduce the risk of wildfires and enhance the watershed at Calaveras Big Trees State Park between Arnold and Dorrington.

The Big Tree Creek Watershed Forest Restoration Project will restore 235 acres of the forest by removing and thinning trees and surface vegetation.

Calaveras County is one of five counties that received a total of \$853,190 in grants to reduce wildfire risk and restore forest and watershed health through the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's latest grant awards.

The \$7.5 billion Proposition 1, the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Bond Act of 2014, is intended to invest in water projects to protect the state's water supply, 60 percent of which originates in the Sierra Nevada.