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A donation of \$163,000 was made to the Mariposa Community Foundation on Tuesday during a meeting of the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors. Shown from left are Justin Caprouso of RCRC; Supervisor Rosemarie Smallcombe; Caroline Fruth, treasurer of the community foundation; Marilyn Saunders, president of the community foundation; and supervisors Kevin Cann, Miles Menetrey, Marshall Long and Merlin Jones.

Organization gives \$163,000 to help in Detwiler Fire recovery

Money given to Mariposa Community Foundation to help victims

Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) announced this week it is providing \$163,000 to Mariposa County residents through the Mariposa Community Foundation to further efforts to provide safe and sanitary interim housing to individuals and families displaced from their primary residence by the Detwiler Fire.

Declared both a local and state disaster, the Detwiler Fire destroyed more than 63 residences and 68 other structures when it burned more than 81,000 acres in July 2017.

A presentation was made Tuesday morning by Justin Caprouso, vice president of external affairs for the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC).

“It’s important to remember that the impacts of these ever-increasing, devastating California wildfires extend decades beyond the initial burn,” said Kevin Cann, who is in the unique position of

being both GSFA Chair, and a Mariposa County Supervisor. “Our deepest sympathies go out to those impacted by the Detwiler Fire. While we continually strive to address the issue of wildfires and forest management on the policy front alongside public advocacy organizations such as the Rural County Representatives of California, an affiliate of GSFA, we are proud to be able to support recovery and rebuilding efforts through GSFA. These funds, combined with a similar amount raised throughout the community, are providing desperately needed relief to those most in need.”

GSFA’s mission is helping to build strong communities through homeownership and economic development, helping more than 72,000 individuals and families with the purchase of a home, providing more than \$188 million in down payment assistance gifts, and helping complete energy efficient upgrades to residential and commercial California

properties. GSFA has distinguished itself as a leader in housing finance over the past two decades.

About Golden State

Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA) is a California joint powers authority and a duly constituted public entity and agency. GSFA was established in 1993 by RCRC, a public service organization that champions policies on behalf of California’s rural counties. GSFA has distinguished itself as a leader in housing finance in California for over two decades, helping more than 71,400 individuals and families purchase a home. GSFA has provided over \$505 million in down payment assistance and helped finance 27,200 energy efficiency improvement projects. GSFA programs are made possible through private and public sector relationships.

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