

EDC has money to remove hazardous, dead trees

El Dorado County received approximately \$200,000 from CalFire to help low income senior citizens remove dying trees that endanger their residence.

Specifics about the program will come in February when the county receives the money. The dollar amount is the maximum the county could have gotten from the state agency.

Another \$868,840 was obtained by the county from various organizations like fire safe councils, utility districts, and the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency to remove dead and dying trees, and perform fuel treatments.

El Dorado County Board of Supervisors in March proclaimed a local state of emergency due to pervasive tree mortality. The county has about 512,000 dead trees, of those 200,000 are in the Eldorado National Forest.