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### **CITY COMPLETES DEMOLITION OF HOMES DESTROYED BY WITCH CREEK FIRE**

The demolition of all twenty-one properties owned by Escondido residents who agreed to have their properties cleared by the City of Escondido has been completed. The work was done in less than three months and well under the estimated budget of \$400,000. Preliminary figures show that the total cost was \$321,300. The average cost per home was \$15,300.

The City will be reimbursed by the homeowners after they are compensated by FEMA or their insurance companies. In many cases the insurance company will directly reimburse the City for demolition expenses.

The City contracted with Clauss Construction of Lakeside to perform the demolition work. Demolition began on November 14, 2007.

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