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Sierra Pacific Industries to Give Over \$4,800 from Court Awarded Fees to Resource Connection Food Bank in Calaveras County

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Anderson, CA -- Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) announced today that it will contribute over \$4,800 to the Resource Connection Food Bank to help provide food for needy families in Calaveras County just in time for Thanksgiving. The contribution will be made from fees awarded to SPI by an appeals court in recent litigation that SPI won.

“We are pleased that SPI generously donated these funds to our organization” said Jeannie Hayward, program director of the Resource Connection Food Bank. “There are many needy families in our local communities who will benefit from this contribution” she added. Ms. Hayward went on to say “This contribution will be appreciated by those in our community who lack the resources to provide adequate nutrition for their loved ones.” Currently, over 950 of Calaveras County households receive food assistance each month.

Ebbetts Pass Forest Watch filed lawsuits in four counties to block SPI from logging on 12 timber harvest plans. Sierra Pacific and state lead agency CalFire won these cases in four Superior courts, two different Appellate courts and eventually the State Supreme Court. The Supreme Court, in a unanimous decision, concluded that EPFW’s claims were unsupported and that SPI and CalFire had faithfully followed the law, allowing SPI to move forward with timber operations. Although the court process delayed harvests for several years and cost SPI and the State hundreds of thousands of dollars, the court eventually ordered EPFW to reimburse SPI for its court costs (filing and admin fees), totaling over \$4,800.

SPI spokesman Mark Pawlicki said the company received payment from EPFW in time to turn the funds over to the Resource Connection Food Bank for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Sierra Pacific Industries is a third-generation family-owned forest products company based in Anderson, California. The firm owns and manages nearly 1.9 million acres of timberland in California and Washington, and is the second largest lumber producer in the United States. Sierra Pacific Industries is committed to managing its lands in a responsible and sustainable manner to protect the environment while providing quality wood products and renewable power for consumers.

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