



## News Release

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### **Eleventh Construction/Trades Pre-Apprenticeship Class Wraps Up Training By Giving Back to the Community**

*Developing skilled workers for current and future projects*

**FRESNO, CA** – A total of fifteen (15) participants from Fresno and Tulare Counties will wrap-up their 6-week multi-craft construction/trades pre-apprenticeship training program by giving back to the community. They will put in the work with Tree Fresno along the Fancher Creek Parkway and utilize their team work skills, and implementing safety measures when operating tools to clear underbrush, trimming trees and clearing debris to clean up the trails.

**When:** Thursday, March 23, 2017  
**Time:** 8am to 4pm  
**Where:** Fancher Creek Area (*where Butler Ave. crosses DeWitt Ave.*)

The job-training program, sponsored by the Fresno Regional Workforce Development Board (FRWDB) and the Fresno, Madera, Kings, & Tulare Building Trades Council (BTC), is funded by two grants from the State of California to provide training designed to prepare participants for a sustainable career.

“Giving back to our community is something that we in the building & construction unions value enormously. It is important to instill that in our members as early as possible,” said BTC Secretary-Treasurer Chuck Riojas.

Job-training programs are particularly important in the San Joaquin Valley, where highly skilled workers are in great demand due to a wave of projects. “This training will equip these 15 job seekers with the skills required to compete for jobs created by current and future projects ranging from highway construction to high speed rail,” said FRWDB Executive Director Blake Konczal.

A graduation ceremony for all 15 participants will be held at **UA Local 246 – 1303 N. Rabe Avenue in Fresno on Friday, March 24, 2017 at 10:30am**. They will receive certifications for OSHA-10, CPR & First Aide and Forklift Training as well as certificates of completion from the following five (5) unions – plumbers, electricians, iron workers, sheet metal, painters.

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