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LANDSLIDE DAMAGES GRAND TERRACE HOME

Date/Time: 4/23/13 08:00 a.m. Location: 22800 block of Vista Grande Drive Grand Terrace, CA Incident: Landslide damages Grand Terrace home

Summary: A person at a Colton shopping center on Washington Ave. was shocked to see part of the hillside behind a Grand Terrace home falling down behind the home. At about 8 a.m. this morning a 9-1-1 call was received stating that a landslide had just occurred behind a residence on Vista Grande drive in Grand Terrace. Units from San Bernardino County Fire Department Station 23 were first on the scene and found a 40 ft. long by 10 ft. deep section of hillside missing from underneath the patio of one of the residences. Further investigation found that a residential water line had broken and saturated the hillside, and the water to the home was immediately shut off. The County Fire *Urban Search and Rescue Team* was requested and technical search equipment was used to further assess the damage to the property. None of the neighboring homes were deemed to be in any immediate danger, and with the exception of the involved home, no evacuations were required.

The City of Grande Terrace building department has "red tagged" the home as unsafe to occupy and is working with the occupants in regards of belongings and the future of the home. No injuries were reported.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department reminds hillside homeowners to be aware of special hazards in and around their homes in regards of slide potential, brush clearance, and emergency vehicle access.

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