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Fast-moving brush fire

APTOS — A helicopter dropped a bucket of water on a fast-moving brush fire which blackened eight acres of hillsides and scorched one home in the Quail Hollow Road area Monday afternoon. Aptos Fire Capt. Bob Secor said the fire broke out about 4 p.m. from arcing wires in the gusty afternoon wind and quickly spread through a canyon to Old Farm Lane, where the blaze threatened several homes. Heat from the fire scorched a wall and roof of the Richard Lundquist home at 925 Old Farm Lane. Soquel firefighters, Secor said, made a "miraculous stop" of the fire to keep it from destroying that house. Firefighters from Soquel, Capitola, La Selva Beach and the state Department of Forestry, aided Aptos in controlling the blaze about 6 o'clock. Ground crews were aided by the helicopter and an air tanker from the forestry air station in Hollister.