

**Quarry Park County Park – Shaded Fuel Break Project**  
**El Granada, San Mateo County. CAL FIRE San Mateo Santa Cruz Unit.**

**100 Acres (50% manual, 50% mastication. 20 acres of pile and burn)**

**1. Laws requested to be suspended, and why.**

Per directive 4 in the Emergency Proclamation issued March 22, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) requests that Division 13 is the Coastal Act, Division 13 (commencing with section 21000) and Division 20 (commencing with section 30000) of the Public Resources Code and regulations adopted pursuant to those Divisions be suspended for this priority fuels reduction project.

**2. Project description:**

**a. A brief narrative describing the project and what we are trying to accomplish.**

The Quarry Park project consists of the creation of approximately 100 acres of Shaded Fuel Break (SFB) along the perimeter and around an internal roads system for a County Park. The project will be within Quarry County Park in central coastal San Mateo County in the WUI between the park and the town of El Granada.

Quarry Park is approximately 517 acres of Eucalyptus, Monterey pine that was planted prior to 1905 for a sub-division that was never completely built. This stand is heavily impacted by the recent drought and an estimate that approximately 25% of the stand is dead or dying. The stand has an existing road system that has become overgrown by the Eucalyptus and other exotic species. The dense stand extends directly up to numerous homes in the town of El Granada. There have been several fires in this stand including one during the early 1900's that resulted in several fatalities.

**b. Specific location. A good quality map of the area showing areas to be treated by treatment method.**

El Granada, San Mateo County. CAL FIRE San Mateo Santa Cruz Unit. See attached map.

**c. Description of treatment methods and equipment that will be used.**

50% manual, 50% mastication. 20 acres of pile and burn. Approximately 50% of the project will be completed using masticators which will chip the understory vegetation, thin smaller diameter trees from dense tree stands and remove dead or dying vegetation within the SFB. The chips will be distributed throughout the fuelbreak and will be utilized as both mulch and erosion control matting. Piling and burning is expected to be used on approximately 20 acres of the SFB, mostly in the areas away from the residences. Pile burning would be localized and relatively small (i.e., maximum size about 64 square feet or 200 cubic feet).

**d. Communities that will be protected by the project.**

El Granada, Half Moon Bay, Montara.

**e. Any specific considerations regarding ecologically or culturally sensitive locations.**

To comply with standard department resource protection measures, both NDDDB and CHRIS inquiries are being initiated for each project for review of project impacts on natural resources. In addition, a current Archaeological records check is being ordered as per the most current edition of "Archaeological Review Procedures for CAL FIRE Projects". Please note that records checks must be less than five years old at the start of this operation. A field survey will be conducted by qualified personnel.

Project activities shall be designed to avoid significant effects and avoid take of special status species as defined as a plant or animal species that is listed as rare, threatened, or endangered under Federal law; or rare, threatened, endangered, candidate, or fully protected under State law; or as a sensitive species by the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection.

**3. A brief description of the best management practices that will be used in this project.**

See Fuel Break Design, Construction and Environmental Protection BMP attached. Also reference the summary report attached.

**4. Results of CNDDDB search.**

The following element occurrence intersected the project area based on a 3/28/19 GIS CNDDDB query:

Thamnophis sirtalis tetrataenia	San Francisco gartersnake
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This species will be physically avoided.

**5. Results of CHRIS search.**

In progress.

**6. Copy of outreach letter transmitted to the Regional Water Quality Control Board.**

Pending approved outreach letter provided by Program

**7. Copy of outreach letter transmitted to the Department of Fish and Wildlife.**

Pending approved outreach letter provided by Program.

**8. Call the local DFW and Water Quality to give them a heads up the letters are coming.**

Pending approval through the Natural resource Agency.

**9. Record of outreach to local governments (could be list of local leaders who have/will receive briefing on the project). Entities to consider could include County, City, Fire Safe Councils, Resource Conservation Districts, local stakeholders and interest groups.**

3 Local County Board of Sups members and staff  
San Mateo Parks  
CDFW Timber group in San Mateo

Both counties Fire Safe Councils  
State Parks  
Local Fire Districts  
Several local state leg staff.

**10. Identify the lead contact person for the project, and contact information.**

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**11. Identify an estimated start date for the project.**

Upon execution of contracts and appropriately dry soil conditions.