

Fuels Treatment Overview

Recommended Treatment Areas Sobrante Ridge 001

Sobrante Ridge Regional Park

Background: In 2010, the East Bay Regional Park District’s Board of Directors approved the *Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Resource Management Plan* (“Plan”) and the accompanying CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act) document which covers hill and shoreline parklands from Richmond to Castro Valley within the Measure CC (Measure FF) funded area. The approved Plan is an integral component of the Park District’s Safe and Healthy Forests initiative for wildfire protection. This project covers Recommended Treatment Areas (RTA) SO 001

Why: The purpose of this project is to establish a zone of natural habitat that is resistant to wildfires, more accessible for firefighters, and less fire-prone. Hazardous wildland vegetation will be reduced in the wildland-urban interface. Trees and other vegetation will be thinned out or removed throughout the project on Park District property with a focus on dead or diseased trees, and heavy surface fuel accumulations. This project will increase defensible space close to the wildland urban interface. Healthy native oak and bay trees will be preserved and pruned. Large downed logs will be left in contact with the ground to encourage decomposition, smaller debris and branches will be left in piles to be burned during the rainy season. The work is prescribed by FEMA and fully permitted by State and Federal environmental regulatory agencies. Homeowners should continue to clear vegetation on their own property and take appropriate measures to protect their homes against wildfire.

Who: The Park District’s Fire Department is managing the project. The work will be performed by The Districts internal hand crew, The Diablos. The Park District’s Stewardship Department and consulting biologists will be closely monitoring to ensure appropriate resource protection. The Park District’s survey department may be surveying and marking some of the property boundaries to help us make sure we perform work on District lands.

When: Work will occur July 11th-14th, 2023. The Park District will minimize the impact to park users by restricting work hours to weekdays (7:30 am to 5:30 pm). The debris piles will be burned in Winter 2023-2024.

Additional

Information: More information about the Park District’s Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Resource Management Plan and specific maps and reports can be found at:
<https://www.ebparks.org/resource-management/wildfire-resilience>

Updates to the current fuels management projects can be found by scrolling down the appropriate Recommended Treatment Area at:
<https://www.ebparks.org/public-safety/fire/fuels-management/update>

Site Map:

Sobrante Ridge 001 is located in Richmond, East of Silver Belt Dr. and Rain Cloud Dr.

S0 001 Work Map



