

MEMORANDUM

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT

DATE: April 25, 2023
TO: Planning Commission
FROM: Michael Schaller, Senior Planner
SUBJECT: Quarry Park Wildfire Vegetation Management (PLN2022-00125)
Modification of Condition of Approval No. 9

As discussed in your staff report for this project (Quarry Park Wildfire Vegetation Management Program), the Parks Department anticipates that Vegetation Management activities will require several years to fully implement throughout the Park. To address potential variability throughout the various work areas, Parks is proposing to develop specific Fuel Management Plans that will protect sensitive species and habitat within each fire management area, prior to that year's work.

To ensure that each area specific Fuel Management Plan is designed and implemented in a manner that is compliant with the terms of the Coastal Development permit, staff is proposing to supplement recommended Condition Number 9 to read as follows (amended language in bold and italics):

4. **Mitigation Measure BLGY-6. Fuel Management Plan.** The County shall prepare a management plan to ensure that sensitive resources are not impacted by fuel reduction activities. The plan shall be prepared by a wildland resources expert in coordination with a biologist/ecologist knowledgeable about the habitats. The plan shall include the following:
 - a. Describe the purpose of the management plan and focus on protection of biological resources while reducing fuels and providing buffer zones.
 - b. Identify the different vegetation treatments associated with fuel reduction areas or zones, if applicable.
 - c. Describe the sensitive resources and how they will be protected. In particular, the plan shall include protection measures for special-status wildlife that occur or are known to occur in non-timber woodland and other habitats that would be impacted by the Project site including the San Francisco dusky-footed woodrat, California red-legged frog, San Francisco garter snake, burrowing owl, crotch bumble bee, monarch butterfly, special-status birds, common nesting birds and roosting bats; and special-status plants including Hickman's cinquefoil, Marin checker lily, bent-flowered fiddleneck, western leatherwood, perennial goldfields, Oregon polemonium, and San Mateo tree lupine.

- d. Provide BMPs for fuel management, which may include the following:
- (1) seasonal restrictions on removal of vegetation
 - (2) restrictions on removal of native vegetation
 - (3) pre-activity surveys for sensitive species (e.g., special-status plants and wildlife)
 - (4) protection measures for sensitive species and habitats (e.g., fencing)
 - (5) worker environmental awareness training
 - (6) vegetation disposal guidelines
 - (7) describe protection measures for sensitive resources such as temporary fencing and worker training
 - (8) map sensitive resources (e.g., dusky-footed woodrat nests, rare plants [if found]) with GPS or other method that allows them to be searched for in subsequent years
 - (9) biological monitoring requirements
 - (10) guidelines for herbicide treatments and herbicides that should be avoided
 - (11) avoidance of removal of native species to the extent practicable
 - (12) description of sensitive habitats to avoid
- e. ***Prior to the beginning of vegetation removal within the work area covered by the Fuel Management Plan, the Parks Department will submit the Plan to the Planning Department for a determination of compliance with the conditions of this CDP and the conditions of the Routine Maintenance Program CDP approval.***