



El Granada Eucalyptus Tree Removal Project (2021)

<u>Purpose:</u>	This project will reduce fire potential by reducing the amount of fuel within the median islands along Ave Cabrillo and The Alameda.
<u>Scope:</u>	Trees within the median islands along Ave Cabrillo and The Alameda will be trimmed or removed for fuel reduction and hazard tree removal. Fuels reduction will be within proximity to County maintained facilities (roads). Hazard tree removal will be limited to trees with less than 30% vigor and as identified by an approved arborist. The majority of these trees are invasive, non-native, and highly flammable eucalyptus.
<u>Funding:</u>	This project has a \$500,000 budget funded through Measure K. This is a one-time funding source approved by the Board.
<u>Partners:</u>	CalFire & County Parks
<u>Regulatory Permits:</u>	The County of San Mateo Department of Public Works has an approved Routine Maintenance Program (RMP). This program serves as the permitting mechanism for the County's routine maintenance activities, such as mowing, tree trimming, hazard tree removal, and fuel management. To permit the RMP, the County prepared an environmental impact report (EIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and filed the Notice of Determination on 9/16/2020. The County also obtained a Coastal Development Permit (PLN2020-00119, 9/21/2020). This project qualifies for CEQA Categorical Exemption (Section 15304, Class 4(i) – Fuel Management activities).
<u>Environmental Impact Avoidance Measures:</u>	The construction start date would be after September 1 st to avoid the nesting bird season (February 1 st through August 31 st) and bat maternity season (March 15 th - July 31 st). Trees will also be surveyed for high-quality habitat for roosting bats. A qualified biologist will conduct a survey to look for evidence of bat use within two weeks prior to the onset of work activities.
<u>Erosion Control:</u>	All stumps will be grind 12" below ground level and mulched. A minimum of 6" of mulch will be kept on site, where trees are removed
<u>Limits:</u>	Median islands are separated into 6 zones: C-1, C-2, R-1, R-2, R-3, and R-4, see attached: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Zones C-1 & C-2:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cut and remove all trees within these two zones to create a physical break with Quarry County Park. • <u>Zones R-1 thru R-4:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prune & remove all limbs 2" diameter and above that extend over Ave Cabrillo & The Alameda. ○ Prune & remove all large dead limbs 2" diameter and above. ○ Cut & remove dead and dying trees (less than 30% vigor).