

# Fuels Treatment Overview

## Recommended Treatment Areas TI012, 013, 014, 015, 016

### Grizzly Peak Collaborative Ridgeline Fuel Break

### Tilden 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) TI012, 013, 014, 015, and 016.

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, threats to powerlines, heavy surface fuel accumulations, and roadside brush along Golf Course Drive, Grizzly Peak Blvd, South Park Drive, Lomas Contadas Avenue, and the Seaview Trail leading up to Vollmer Peak. This project will facilitate safer evacuations and reduce fire intensity close to the wildland urban interface. Healthy native oak and bay trees will be preserved and pruned. Some of the logs and branches will be chipped or masticated onsite, some will be completely removed, and some material 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. Various crews and contractors will be performing the initial work and ongoing maintenance. Contractors may be using heavy equipment and chippers. 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. This

project will happen in coordination with the City of Berkely, EBMUD, and UC Berkeley thanks to a cooperative CAL Fire grant facilitated by the Hills Emergency Forum (HEF).

When: Several phases of work will occur throughout 2024 and 2025. Tree contractors will begin roadside brush and hazard tree removal in late March 2024 and again for several weeks during the summer. The Park District and its contractors will minimize the impact to park users by restricting work hours to weekdays (7:30 am to 5:30 pm) and temporarily redirecting trail use, if necessary. Roadside work may require a single lane closure with traffic control or temporary road closures with detours. Equipment and crews will be operating during the project.

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-managment/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 Maps:

