



LAGUNA GRANDE REGIONAL JOINT POWERS AGENCY

A G E N D A

REGULAR MEETING
Seaside Council Chamber
440 Harcourt Avenue
Monday, July 13, 2026
6:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

David R. Pacheco
Kevin Raskoff
Gino Garcia

Chair
Board Member
Board Member

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public wishing to address the Board on matters within the jurisdiction of the JPA, but not on this agenda, may do so during the Public Comment period for up to three (3) minutes. Public Comments for "Presentations" on this agenda are also

taken at this time; comments on specific agenda items are heard under that item. For the public record, please state your name.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 13, 2026 REGULAR MEETING

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

A. RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRAIL AND VEGETATION MAINTENANCE STRATEGY AS OF JULY 10, 2026

B. RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE CITY OF MONTEREY ON TWO GRANT APPLICATIONS TO ASSIST WITH FUNDING PHASE ONE OF THE TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND VEGETATION STRATEGY

C. RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM MONTEREY PENINSULA PARK DISTRICT ON REGULATORY RELIEF PROVISIONS AND FINDINGS FOR THE TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND VEGETATION STRATEGY

D. RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE AVAILABILITY OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSERVATION CORPS TO ASSIST WITH THE MAINTENANCE

E. REVIEW ITEMS LISTED IN PHASE ONE OF THE TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND VEGETATION STRATEGY AND ESTABLISH A PRIORITY LIST FOR FISCAL YEAR 26/27

6. REPORTS FROM STAFF

7. REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

8. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting:
October 12, 2026
6:00 PM

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CITY OF SEASIDE
LAGUNA GRANDE REGIONAL JOINT POWERS AGENCY

REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Monday, April 13, 2026 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:01 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Kevin Raskoff, Chair

David R. Pacheco, Board Member

Gino Garcia, Board Member

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Esther Malkin

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. APPROVE MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 9, 2026 REGULAR MEETING

Approved by Pacheco (2nd), Raskoff, Garcia (1st)

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

**A. RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE PLANNING FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY EVEN
ON APRIL 19, 2026**

RECOMMENDATION: Receive an informational update on the planning and coordination efforts for the Laguna Grande Regional Park 50th Anniversary Event scheduled for April 19, 2026, and provide direction as desired.

Public Comment: Diane Nielson, Ester Malkin

**B. RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRAIL AND
VEGETATION MAINTENANCE STRATEGY AS OF APRIL 10, 2026.**

RECOMMENDATION: Receive the update.

Public Comment: John, Kathy, Esther Malkin, Bobby Maxwell

KR: How can the JPA best push interagency progression?

GG: How to best communicate plans/phases to general public moving forward? Information distribution options? Challenges for the PW crew from each agency.

DP: How does the entire crew come together as one group, with one goal in mind?

DM: Current work has NOT moved beyond grant funds as of yet. City staff time only at this point.

Eric Morgan (Park District): Best practice is to utilize the 50th celebration to help implement the proposed plans.

C. RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON EACH MEMBER AGENCY BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 26/27 AND THE EXTIMATED CONSTS FOR PHASE ONE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND VEGETATION STRATEGY

KR: Is the cost to clear MTRY DEF-2 insurmountable at this time? DEF-2 needs to be the TOP priority.

GG: How were breakdown % of park/funds come upon? Who chose priority, and how? How does MPRPD fall into this equation?

DP: Based on Geographical area? Any future changes to City boundaries? City Limits moving? Plan for staff cost/coordination?

Public Comment: Esther Malkin, Diane Neilson, Kathy, Steve, Mary

6. REPORTS FROM STAFF

7. REPORTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Ensley, Sr. Administrative Assistant

Kevin Raskoff, Chair



LAGUNA GRANDE REGIONAL JOINT POWERS AGENCY

AGENDA REPORT

ITEM: 5.A.

TO: Agency Members

FROM: Dan Meewis, Assistant City Manager

DATE: July 13, 2026

SUBJECT: **RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRAIL AND VEGETATION MAINTENANCE STRATEGY AS OF JULY 10, 2026**

PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION

Receive the update

BACKGROUND

Laguna Grande Regional Park is a shared regional asset jointly managed through the Laguna Grande Regional Park Joint Powers Authority (JPA). The park serves residents and visitors from multiple jurisdictions and includes multi-use trails, open space areas, water features, and habitat corridors. Due to its regional draw and year-round usage, routine maintenance and long-term stewardship are essential to preserve safety, accessibility, ecological health, and overall park aesthetics.

In prior meetings, the JPA discussed the need for a coordinated Trail and Vegetation Maintenance Strategy to address trail surface conditions, invasive species management, vegetation overgrowth, erosion control, and user safety. The strategy was developed to provide a structured, phased, and fiscally responsible approach to maintaining park infrastructure and natural resources.

The Trail and Vegetation Maintenance Strategy (TVMS), which was approved by the JPA in March 2023, provides a proactive and coordinated framework for preserving the safety, usability, and environmental integrity of Laguna Grande Regional Park. Ongoing

collaboration among JPA member agencies and community stakeholders remains critical to sustaining the park as a valued regional amenity. After the approval of the TVMS, the next step was to obtain all the necessary permits required to implement the TVMS. At the February 12, 2024, JPA meeting, the Board requested a special meeting to further review the permitting process associated with the Trail and Vegetation Maintenance Strategy. A special meeting was held on March 11, 2024, during which staff presented the proposed permitting approach, identifying the City of Seaside as the lead agency responsible for obtaining the required permits. Staff recommended amending the professional services agreement with Bellinger Foster Steinmetz (BFS) Landscape Architects to include permitting services necessary to implement the strategy. The JPA Board approved the contract amendment and associated additional costs. Since then BFS has provided periodic updates to the JPA Board at the following meetings:

- April 8, 2024
- July 22, 2024
- October 14, 2024
- January 13, 2025
- April 14, 2025
- August 11, 2025
- November 10, 2025

Throughout these updates, BFS reported steady progress with minor delays primarily attributed to scheduling coordination with outside regulatory agencies and evolving permit requirements encountered during review.

At the November 10, 2025, JPA meeting, BFS presented a comprehensive permitting status update highlighting substantial progress and successful inter-agency coordination. Key milestones achieved include:

- California Coastal Commission – Coastal Development Permit Waiver Received
- Regional Water Quality Control Board – Coverage under the Statewide Restoration General Order (SRGO)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Nationwide Permit Issued
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service – Programmatic Biological Opinion Issued, including protective measures for the California red-legged frog
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife – Draft Streambed Alteration Agreement Issued (October 28, 2025)

These approvals represent significant advancement toward full implementation of the Trail and Vegetation Maintenance Strategy.

EMC has prepared a compliance measures matrix for JPA staff to use to track monitoring and reporting requirements across agencies. Many compliance elements

overlap, which is expected to streamline administrative oversight.

Additional next steps identified include:

- Finalization of the City of Seaside's related grant agreements and transition into the next improvement phase.
- Continued coordination between the City of Monterey and the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District with BFS and EMC for vegetation management along high-priority perimeter areas.
- Identification of approximately 2.5 acres of vegetation maintenance that could be scheduled beginning in 2026, noting that vegetation maintenance activities generally carry fewer regulatory constraints than construction-related work.

Staff will continue to monitor progress and return to the Board with future updates and recommendations as implementation of the TVMS advances.

At the February 9, 2026, JPA meeting staff provided the board with an update of the progress each agency has made with the TVMS. Monterey & Seaside both had the biologist come out and explain the process with the surveys that are required prior to any work being done, and the City of Monterey was able to address the area behind Laguna Grande court with fuel mitigation efforts. Staff will provide additional updates since the last meeting.

At the March 9, 2026, JPA meeting staff provided the board with an update of the progress each agency has made with the TVMS. While the City of Monterey had no updates at this meeting, the City of Seaside provided an update on the vegetation clearing and limbing of trees along the trail from Holiday Inn to Chili's. Since that meeting, the City of Seaside had the biologist come out again and staff have been able to address the areas along the trail from Chili's to the event space at the Lakeside area.

ATTACHMENTS

None



LAGUNA GRANDE REGIONAL JOINT POWERS AGENCY

AGENDA REPORT

ITEM: 5.C.

TO: Agency Members

FROM: Dan Meewis, Assistant City Manager

DATE: July 13, 2026

SUBJECT: **RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM MONTEREY PENINSULA PARK DISTRICT ON REGULATORY RELIEF PROVISIONS AND FINDINGS FOR THE TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND VEGETATION STRATEGY**

PURPOSE & RECOMMENDATION

Staff presents this report to update the Board on the Laguna Grande Understory Thinning Project, a proposed fuels reduction Project designed to protect adjacent communities and park resources from catastrophic wildfire. While this is an entirely separate project from the Laguna Grande Trail and Vegetation Maintenance Strategy (TVMS), it provides an efficient, parallel avenue to accomplish many of the JPA member agencies' shared vegetation management and public safety goals. Staff recommends that the Board direct member agency staff to collaborate on implementation of the Project and authorize the filing of a Notice of Exemption on behalf of the JPA consistent with the Notice of Exemption to be filed by MPRPD.

BACKGROUND

Laguna Grande Regional Park (Park) faces risk of fire due to the presence of dense ladder fuels, overgrown brush, and human-caused ignition sources. Because of the Park's proximity to residential and commercial areas, a fire in the Park could spread to surrounding developments. To proactively address this hazard, the Laguna Grande Understory Thinning Project (Project) proposes approximately 12.8 acres of targeted vegetation management on properties owned by MPRPD and, pending their consent

and approval, on adjacent lands owned by the City of Monterey and the City of Seaside.

Generally, the proposed Project entails:

- Targeted Understory Removal: The removal of dense understory measuring less than 8 inches in diameter at breast height (DBH).
- Vertical Separation: Brush and ladder fuels less than 6 inches DBH will be manually thinned to create an 8-foot vertical separation from tree crowns, while trees greater than 6 inches DBH will only be manually limbed up to 8 feet.
- Horizontal Mosaic: Brush not under the tree canopy will be thinned into a functional mosaic by providing separation of approximately twice the height of the brush layer between individual plants or clumps, preserving the ecosystem type and habitat.
- Vegetation Thinning Hierarchy: Vegetation thinning and removal will follow a strict Coastal Commission hierarchy to retain native habitat value: targeting dead, dying, or diseased plants first; followed by non-native and invasive species; then non-listed native species; and finally, the minimum necessary native plant species required to achieve Project goals.

Statewide Fuels Reduction EPP

To streamline this work, the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (MPRPD) has secured conditional Project approval under the Statewide Fuels Reduction Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) (**ATTACHMENT 1**). The Project is also listed on the Statewide Fuels Reduction EPP Approved Projects Dashboard.

(<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/44774e7d2cb1438ca901a38793e2fdec>) .

Established under Governor Newsom's March 1, 2025, State of Emergency Proclamation (and extended in December 2025), the EPP provides a fast-track pathway for fuels reduction projects that protect communities from catastrophic wildfire (**ATTACHMENT 2**). By operating under a Secretarial Suspension Authorization (SSA) issued by the California Natural Resources Agency in March 2026, the Project is conditionally granted a suspension from standard California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements. Furthermore, the SSA suspends or streamlines certain state permitting requirements, including California Coastal Commission Coastal Development Permits, Regional Water Quality Control Board certifications, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreements. In lieu of these permits, the Project will strictly adhere to the EPP's Best Management Practices (BMPs), which were jointly developed by state agencies to protect air quality, water quality, Tribal cultural resources, and sensitive biological resources.

Additional Agency Consultation

While the EPP provides relief from state statutes, applicable local and federal regulations remain in full effect. The Project is designed to be exempt from Clean Water

Act (CWA) Section 404 requirements, as vegetation will be treated and thinned without substantial root or soil disturbance, eliminating the need for an Army Corps of Engineers permit. Additionally, MPRPD will utilize qualified biologists to conduct pre-project surveys and monitoring. All Project activities will cease immediately if a federally listed species is detected. MPRPD also initiated informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) regarding federally listed species. USFWS staff acknowledged the request but indicated they are currently experiencing severe staffing shortages due to resignations and a Federal hiring freeze and are therefore unable to provide formal technical assistance for this Project. However, USFWS explicitly advised MPRPD not to let their staffing delays prevent the execution of necessary and timely fuel management projects.

Alignment with Trail and Vegetation Maintenance Strategy Goals

The JPA and its member agencies have invested years of collaborative effort into the Trail and Vegetation Maintenance Strategy (TVMS) planning and permitting process. However, navigating the traditional regulatory landscape has made it challenging to deliver essential on-the-ground maintenance of vegetation at the park. While the Laguna Grande Understory Thinning Project is a separate project that provides independent utility, it serves as an efficient vehicle to achieve many of the same core vegetation management and safety objectives originally outlined in the TVMS. By collaboratively executing this new Project under the EPP, the JPA member agencies can accomplish these shared vegetation management objectives more efficiently and at a lower cost than the implementation pathways provided by TVMS.

Project implementation

MPRPD views this Project as an opportunity to partner with the Cities of Monterey and Seaside and will seek their support and approval to jointly implement the Project across property lines and management areas outlined in the JPA MOU (**Attachment 3**). In coordination with City staff, this work is expected to be executed utilizing a mix of JPA agency staff and outside crews. MPRPD has recently completed multiple successful defensible space and fuels reduction projects utilizing the California Conservation Corps (CCC). To replicate this success, MPRPD has requested a grant-funded CCC crew (generally consisting of 12 to 15 skilled crew members) to begin implementing this Project on MPRPD properties, pending their consent and approval, on adjacent lands owned by the City of Monterey and the City of Seaside.

Under the EPP Secretarial Suspension Authorization, on-the-ground project activities must commence no later than October 15, 2026. Once initiated, the EPP approvals cover project activities for a term of two years, concluding no later than October 15, 2028. MPRPD staff anticipate that a CCC-funded crew will be available to commence work prior to the October 15, 2026, deadline. If a crew is not available by that time, MPRPD staff will conduct minimal on-the-ground work on the lands it owns to formally commence the Project and secure EPP coverage through October 15, 2028. Subsequently, staff will continue to pursue grant-funded or MPRPD-funded crews to

complete this work on MPRPD property, as well as on City of Monterey and City of Seaside properties, pending their respective approvals.

MPRPD BUDGET & WORKPLAN ALIGNMENT

This Project is integrated within MPRPD's approved Fiscal Year 2026–2027 Budget that identifies two goals relevant to this Project:

- Trail and Vegetation Maintenance Strategy: Advancing the permitting, funding, and implementation of the TVMS, with an ongoing goal to coordinate with the Cities of Monterey and Seaside to plan and offer financial support for park maintenance.
- Laguna Grande Fuels Reduction: Expediting fuel reduction within the park under the Statewide Fuels Reduction EPP, leveraging the regulatory exemptions offered under the Governor's State of Emergency Proclamation. A specific milestone in the budget is the deployment of a grant-funded California Conservation Corps crew for implementation by October 2027.

Next Steps

MPRPD Staff anticipate formally providing an update on the Project to the MPRPD Board during its August 2026 meeting. Before the Project commences, MPRPD must satisfy the remaining administrative and environmental prerequisites outlined in the Statewide Fuels Reduction EPP. This includes formally completing the required Tribal consultation process, submitting a Notice of Commencement to state agencies, and executing pre-Project surveys. MPRPD staff anticipate that all requirements will be met, allowing the EPP authorization to be fully leveraged to advance this work prior to the October 15, 2026, statutory deadline.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Statewide Fuels Reduction Environmental Protection Plan Summary
 2. Laguna Grande Understory Thinning Project Approval Package
 3. Laguna Grande JPA MOU
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Statewide Fuels Reduction Environmental Protection Plan

Prepared by:

California Natural Resources Agency
California Environmental Protection Agency

Dec 2025

SUMMARY

This Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) has been developed to fulfill Governor Newsom's [State of Emergency Proclamation](#) (SOE) signed on March 1, 2025, and extended by Executive Order [N-38-25](#), signed on December 31, 2025, seeking to expedite fuels reduction projects that protect communities and reduce severe risks of catastrophic wildfire. This EPP enables critical wildfire safety projects to proceed expeditiously while protecting public health and the environment. It does so by identifying the protective measures that will be followed by projects that have received suspension from state permitting requirements under the SOE.

This EPP provides Best Management Practices (BMPs) and measures to minimize impacts to environmental resources while completing fuels reduction projects. Specifically, these BMPs have been designed to protect air quality, water quality, Tribal cultural resources, special-status species, their habitat, and other habitat resources.

The BMPs were jointly developed by the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA), California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), California Coastal Commission (CCC), State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and Nine Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCB) (collectively, Water Boards), Department of Conservation (DOC), and California Air Resources Board (CARB).

Please note that the SOE suspensions only apply to State statutes, rules, and regulations, and that compliance with all local and federal statutes, rules, and regulations is still required.

1. GENERAL BEST MANAGEMENT

- a. **Inspection Access.** Reasonable access to the property shall be provided whenever requested by the Water Boards, CDFW, CCC, CARB, DOC, and/or CAL FIRE staff for the purpose of performing inspections and conducting monitoring, including sample collection, measuring, photographing, videotaping, and recording to determine proper implementation of management practices as described in the EPP. Agency staff may make recommendations regarding feasible BMPs and other measures during such inspections. Project proponents should incorporate recommendations into the project unless the project proponent presents a similarly protective alternative approved by the requesting agency.
- b. **Consultation.** As needed, consult with representative staff from the appropriate RWQCB, CDFW, CCC, DOC, CARB, and/or CAL FIRE programs to ensure effective implementation of the BMPs outlined in this EPP during the project's operations.
- c. **Supervision.** Work shall be performed or supervised by a **qualified, certified or licensed responsible party** such as Registered Professional Foresters, Certified Rangeland Managers,

qualified vegetation management contractors, qualified incident commanders, certified arborists, certified burn bosses and authorized cultural burners. Depending upon the mix of treatments being performed (e.g., timber harvest, prescribed burn, etc.), more than one qualified, certified or licensed responsible party may be needed to ensure compliance with the EPP. All relevant responsible parties shall be noted in the project file before groundwork commences. The qualified, certified or licensed responsible party, and / or their designee, shall be available during project activities to determine the presence of sensitive resources and ensure protection through avoidance. Designees shall be provided training on this EPP prior to commencement of project activities.

- d. **Sensitive Resource Identification.** Flag, paint or otherwise mark all sensitive resources identified in project scoping/planning prior to the start of project activities by the qualified, certified or licensed responsible party. For help identifying potential habitats and species, resources such as the [California Vegetation Treatment Program](#), [California Natural Diversity Database](#), [Areas of Conservation Emphasis](#), etc., as well as your [local CDFW](#), [DOC](#), [Water Boards](#), [CAL FIRE](#), and [Coastal Commission](#) staff can be used. Sensitive Resources include: 1) Tribal Cultural Resources; 2) Coastal Zone sensitive habitat; 3) Riparian and Water Quality; 4) Biological Resources such as habitat and fish and wildlife species; 5) Geologic Hazards related to public safety, and environmental and cultural resources.
- e. **Clean Equipment.** Clean and sanitize vehicles, equipment, tools, footwear, and clothes before arriving at a project site or when leaving an area with infestations of invasive species. If possible, follow the guidelines in the [California Invasive Plant Council's Preventing the Spread of Invasive Plants: Best Management Practices for Land Managers \(Cal-IPC 2012\)](#) to prevent the spread of invasive plant species.
- f. **Equipment Staging.** Stage equipment in areas free of invasive species if possible.
- g. **Public Safety.** Vegetation removal projects have the potential to exacerbate or initiate landslide processes or disturb areas of naturally occurring asbestos or other hazardous materials. Resources such as the California Vegetation Treatment Program (Sections [3.4](#) and [3.7](#)) and the [California Geological Survey](#) should be utilized to identify and minimize potential landslide or mineral hazard impacts to public safety.

2. TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

- a. **Identify Resources.** Identify and protect Tribal Cultural Resources prior to commencing any activity. Tribal Cultural Resources are defined in [California Public Resources Code \(PRC\) section 21074](#) and may also include sites, features, places, cultural landscapes, sacred places, and objects with cultural value to a California Native American tribe(s).

To identify Tribal Cultural Resources, [contact California Native American](#) tribes (recommend applicant start with the Native American Heritage Commission's tribal consultation link provided) who may be impacted by the project as early as possible and consult with those who respond to request for consultation within 30 days. As part of this communication, provide maps of the project location, a detailed description of the project activity, and contact information for the project operator. Project operator shall maintain confidentiality of any sensitive information shared, including location of Tribal Cultural Resources.
- b. **Search Records.** In addition to consulting with potentially impacted California Native American

tribes, conduct a records search for Native American archaeological resources via the [California Historical Resources Information System](#) for the geographical extent of the project area. Request a Sacred Lands Survey Inventory (using the NAHC's tribal consultation list request form) for the project area from the Native American Heritage Commission.

- c. **Records Confidentiality.** If a Tribal Cultural Resource is identified from information shared by a consulting tribe, California Historical Resources Information System, and/or Sacred Lands Survey Inventory, project operator shall maintain confidentiality of any Tribal Cultural Resources location, collaborate with tribes on the appropriate avoidance and mitigation measures, and provide written notice to the impacted tribe(s) of applicable avoidance and mitigation measures that will be followed. Appropriate mitigation measures may include avoiding certain areas of cultural significance, contracting with tribal cultural monitors, and working collaboratively with tribes in the implementation of the project.
- d. **Human Remains.** Upon discovery of any human remains the project manager shall comply with Health and Safety Code section 7050.5 and, if applicable, Public Resources Code section 5097.98.

3. SENSITIVE BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

- a. **Consultation.** Seek consultation with the relevant CDFW and CCC staff prior to operations for project activities that may threaten sensitive biological resources within the project area.
- b. **Sensitive Biological Resources include:**
 - i. Habitat that supports special-status [plant](#) and [animal](#) species, which includes: 1) candidate, rare, threatened, and endangered plants and wildlife; and 2) Federally listed species and their designated critical habitat (Take of federally listed species is not covered by this suspension). Please contact the [USFWS \(link to California districts\)](#) or [NOAA](#) if take of federally listed species and/or critical habitat is anticipated.)
 - ii. Wildlife nursery sites, including nesting rookeries, spawning areas, fawning areas, maternal roosts, etc.
 - iii. [Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas \(ESHAs\)](#) within the [Coastal Zone](#).
- c. **General.** During project planning and immediately prior to on the groundwork or progression of treatments, identify known sites of sensitive biological resources and either avoid or exclude them from the project area.
 - i. To identify existing sensitive biological resources information sources such as the CDFW [California Natural Diversity Database \(CNDDB\)](#), [Areas of Conservation Emphasis](#), [Terrestrial Connectivity ACE Dataset for wildlife corridors](#), the [California Vegetation Treatment Programmatic Environmental Impact Report \(CalVTP\)](#) or similar sources should be referenced. In addition, please contact appropriate [local CDFW](#) staff for assistance.
 - ii. When known sites and/or suitable habitat for sensitive biological resources are present and avoidance is not possible, qualified, certified or licensed responsible parties shall consult with the appropriate [CDFW staff](#) to obtain guidance. When projects occur within the [Coastal Zone](#) where known sites and/or suitable habitat for sensitive biological resources are present and avoidance is not possible, [CCC](#) shall also be consulted for assistance. Additional BMPs may include maintenance of habitat function and avoidance of special-status species. For example: 1) Avoidance of habitat features within the project area, including the establishment of no-work buffers around nursery sites, roosts, rookeries, dens, etc.; 2) Conducting fuels reduction activities outside of critical seasons when a

sensitive biological resource would be present; 3) Using hand or small engine tools instead of large equipment; 4) Monitoring occupied habitat features and occupants while conducting project activities; 5) Relocating special-status species after consultation with CDFW.

- d. **Botanical Resources.** When project planning identifies known sensitive biological resources within the project area, efforts should be made to identify those locations during the appropriate blooming season. If found, avoid the plant populations by establishing either a seasonal work limitation or equipment exclusion buffer around the populations. If known sensitive botanical resources are found during operations, place a 10-foot radius equipment exclusion buffer around the population to avoid impacts during treatment activities. If trees are to be removed within the buffer, trees should be felled away from the core plant populations. When impacts to known sensitive botanical resources cannot be avoided, or placing a buffer is not feasible, qualified, certified or licensed responsible parties shall consult with the appropriate CDFW staff to obtain guidance. When projects occur within the Coastal Zone where known sites and/or suitable habitat for sensitive biological resources are present and avoidance is not possible, CCC shall also be consulted for assistance.
- e. **Chaparral/Shrubland.** Avoid project activities that could lead to type conversion where native chaparral and coastal sage scrub are present. Type conversion is defined as a change from a vegetation type dominated by native shrub species that are characteristic of chaparral and coastal sage scrub vegetation alliances to a vegetation type characterized predominantly by weedy herbaceous cover or annual grasslands.
- f. **Vernal Pools.** To protect [vernal pools](#), avoid project activities in these areas.
- g. **Aquatic and Riparian Habitat Protection:**
 - i. Intermittent and perennial water bodies: Avoid use of heavy equipment on banks and in wet channels. If possible, retain all existing large woody debris in a creek and on banks. Design treatments to retain or improve riparian habitat function, and: 1) Retain at least 75% of the overstory and 50% of the understory canopy of native riparian vegetation within 100 feet of perennial streams and 50 feet of intermittent streams. 2) Treatments should target overgrown vegetation outside the riparian zone. 3) Shade-producing canopy within a watercourse and associated riparian habitat shall be retained where waterbodies are listed as impaired for temperature. See [Clean Water Act Section 303\(d\)](#).
 - ii. When sensitive resources cannot be avoided, qualified, certified or licensed responsible parties shall consult with the appropriate [CDFW staff](#) to obtain guidance.
- h. **During Project Activities:** Daily Clearance Inspection: Before the start of daily project activities, the qualified, certified or licensed responsible party should walk and survey the work area to ensure no new active nests, nest cavities, roosts, dens, etc. are present, and that no wildlife is present that cannot move out of the project area on its own.
 - i. Wildlife Detected: If any wildlife is encountered during project activities, allow the wildlife to leave the area unharmed. 1) If stopping project activities for fish or wildlife detections would result in danger to life or equipment, immediate action to prevent or mitigate loss of, or damage to, life, health, or equipment should be prioritized. 2) When a wildlife habitat element such as active nests, dens, roosts, roost trees, nest cavities, etc. is detected, establish an exclusion buffer around the wildlife habitat element. 3) When avoidance of a special-status species is not possible relocation is allowed with CDFW

guidance. If the wildlife is not a special-status species, then the qualified, certified or licensed responsible party may capture and relocate the wildlife to the nearest appropriate habitat outside the work area. 4) For work activities requiring the removal of intact habitat, clear vegetation from disturbed areas towards intact habitat to allow wildlife to escape into undisturbed areas.

- ii. If wildlife is trapped in any pits, ditches, or other types of excavations, and unable to escape on its own, the qualified, certified or licensed responsible party shall capture and release wildlife to a location outside the work area into the most suitable habitat near the work area or [contact CDFW](#) for assistance.

4. RIPARIAN AND WATER QUALITY

For purposes of this EPP, the following definitions apply:

- A **perennial stream** is a stream that flows continuously throughout the year. This means it maintains a continuous water flow, not just during wet periods or after precipitation events. Perennial streams may be classified as Class I watercourses under the California Forest Practice Rules, if they are fish-bearing streams during any part of the year.
 - An **intermittent stream** is a channel that carries flowing water only during certain times of the year, specifically when groundwater or runoff from precipitation provides enough water to maintain flow. During dry periods, these streams may not have any flowing surface water. Intermittent streams may be classified as Class II watercourses under the California Forest Practice Rules, as they may contain habitat for non-fish aquatic species.
 - An **ephemeral stream** is a channel that only flows during and for a short duration after precipitation events, typically when the ground is saturated. These streams are above the water table year-round and lack a defined channel or riparian vegetation. They are primarily fed by surface runoff from rainfall. These are typically classified as Class III watercourses under the California Forest Practice Rules.
- a. **Heavy Equipment.** Do not use heavy equipment on slopes greater than 50%, or on [known slides or unstable areas](#). Should this requirement be infeasible please contact the appropriate [RWQCB](#) and [CGS](#) office. Additionally, do not use heavy equipment within the standard width of a watercourse and associated riparian habitat or waters of the state (e.g. wetlands), except where in compliance 4c. For the purposes of this EPP, standard width is the delineated width as determined by the Army Corps of Engineers or Water Boards. For watercourses without such approved delineation, perennial stream standard widths are 100 feet, and intermittent stream standard widths are 50 feet.
 - b. **Roads.** Construction and reconstruction of roads and travelways is prohibited. General blading to remove small vegetation and water bars is allowed to make the road drivable for service equipment for the machinery conducting the fuel management activities and shall constitute mechanical treatment as defined in 5d. Actions should be taken to hydrologically disconnect any roads, landings, travelways, and skid trails to minimize sediment delivery from road, landing, travelway, and trail surface runoff. Any roads used shall be properly stabilized and/or decommissioned to limit erosion and sediment delivery potential.
 - c. **Watercourse Crossings.** Permanent installation of new watercourse crossings, or reconstruction of existing watercourse crossings, is prohibited. Construction of temporary watercourse crossings should be avoided during fuel reduction activities, and if necessary, should be limited to

ephemeral streams. If temporary watercourse crossings (including skid trails) of perennial or intermittent streams are required for access, they shall be clearly mapped as part of the suspension request, and necessary agencies should be notified prior to construction; the state water quality certification is suspended, but authorizations from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers may be required under [Federal Clean Water Action Section 404](#). Temporary crossings of ephemeral streams do not require mapping and description. All temporary crossing materials (e.g., pipes, drains, rock, fill, etc.) shall be removed and stabilized prior to October 15, or in advance of precipitation events that may cause increased stream flows.

- d. **Pollution Prevention.** Operations shall [prevent pollutants](#), hazardous materials, and debris like petroleum products, sawdust, clay, rock, silt, soil, litter, felled trees and brush, slash, bark, and ash from entering surface water bodies by deploying silt barriers, such as straw bales, silt fences, or coir logs.
- e. **Watercourse Protection.** Fuel break construction within the standard width of a watercourse and associated riparian habitat should be designed to avoid impacts to riparian and aquatic function. Watercourses involving anadromous salmonid habitat and/or where waterbodies are listed (impaired) for temperature or sediment shall comply with the standards described herein and consult with CDFW and the Water Boards as needed. Removal of vegetation within perennial and intermittent streams and associated riparian habitat shall be limited to situations where it is necessary to create and maintain fuel break function and effectiveness. A qualified, certified or licensed responsible party will determine the need for removal of vegetation from within a watercourse and associated riparian habitat and practices to reduce impacts to biological resources.
- f. **Water Drafting.** Water drafting for road and project dust control shall be conducted so as not to dewater a watercourse. Water drafting shall not occur if there is not adequate flow. Intakes on water drafting should be adequately screened to avoid uptake of aquatic wildlife ([see drafting guidance](#)).

5. SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROL

- a. **Consultation.** Seek advice from the relevant RWQCB ([See map for the appropriate office](#)) prior to operations for project activities that may threaten discharges of sediment or other materials into waters of the state.
- b. **Debris.** Place and/or construct spoils, burn piles, and wood chips in a manner to help prevent their entering surface water bodies due to flood or overland flow. Do not allow logs and other large woody debris to enter surface water bodies as part of vegetation management activities. Locate permanent spoil storage sites away from a stream or lake, to avoid spoil washing back into a stream or lake, and away from aquatic or riparian vegetation, intact upland vegetation, and areas documented with sensitive species.
- c. **Ground Disturbance.** Minimize ground disturbing activities and/or creation of bare areas and prevent discharge of sediment to waters of the state.
- d. **Saturated Soils.** Operations involving mechanical treatment and high ground pressure vehicles, prescribed herbivory, and herbicide application shall be halted when saturated soil conditions are present (i.e., when soil and/or surface material pore spaces are filled with water to such an extent that runoff is likely to occur). Indicators of saturated soil conditions may include, but are not limited to: (1) areas of ponded water, (2) pumping of fines from the soil or road surfacing,

- (3) loss of bearing strength resulting in the deflection of soil or road surfaces under a load, such as the creation of wheel ruts, (4) spinning or churning of wheels or tracks that produces a wet slurry, or (5) inadequate traction without blading wet soil or surfacing materials.
- e. **Drop Inlets.** Protect drop inlet structures (i.e., dam on side of road for drainage) near work areas. Utilize an appropriately sized inlet [filter bag or other BMPs](#) that prevent sediment from entering the drop inlet. The drop inlet BMPs should be inspected and maintained on a frequent basis.
 - f. **Equipment Operation, Maintenance, & Fueling.** Check and maintain equipment daily and do not store within a water of the state or a floodplain. Use drip pans if equipment is near a water of the state. Conduct maintenance, fueling, and storage in staging, storage, or parking areas.
 - g. **Erosion Control Materials.** Use clean materials that are free of trash, debris and not deleterious to aquatic life in bank stabilization. Only wildlife-friendly, 100 percent biodegradable erosion and sediment control products that will not entrap or harm wildlife should be used. Do not use erosion and sediment control products that contain synthetic (e.g., plastic or nylon) netting. At no time should bank stabilization methods incorporate grouting, rock riprap and bank armoring, other than in compliance with 5h. Use of materials containing asphalt and/or concrete is prohibited.
 - h. **Bank Stabilization.** Bank stabilization features should be constructed with suitable non-erodible materials that can withstand wash out during high flows. Bank stabilization materials should extend above the ordinary high- water mark. Bioengineering, conducted primarily using native vegetation and minimal rock, should be the preferred bank stabilization methodology, if possible.
 - i. **Reseeding.** If the project site is seeded, use native species or a sterile seed mix and mulch.

6. CHEMICAL TREATMENT

- a. **Discharge.** Herbicides shall not be applied in a manner, or at rates that would cause or threaten to cause a discharge of waste to waters of the state at levels that cause or contribute to an exceedance of water quality objectives.
- b. **Application.** Herbicide applications shall comply with all laws and regulations that are not suspended. If herbicide treatments are needed, consultation with a licensed Pest Control Advisor shall occur.
- c. **Weather.** Herbicide application shall not occur in the following conditions: in winds that exceed seven miles per hour, during a Precipitation Event or in violation of any label directions related to precipitation.
- d. **Herbicide Use.** Only aquatic-safe herbicides shall be used in all treatment areas. When herbicide use will be used near streams and other water bodies, a 25-foot herbicide exclusion buffer shall be maintained around those water bodies during application.

7. PRESCRIBED HERBIVORY

- a. **Prescribed Herbivory.** Prescribed herbivory shall be excluded from the [Peninsular Desert Bighorn Sheep range](#), as defined by CDFW, to prevent disease transmission. Prescribed herbivory shall be excluded from sensitive resources (such as wetlands and creeks, habitat of listed species, and the like). Where prescribed herbivory treatment is used, temporary fencing shall be used, and to the extent feasible should have smooth, highly visible wire with the top wire no higher than 40-42 inches from the ground and the bottom wire at least 16 inches from the ground, when possible. When permanent fencing is installed, it should be [wildlife friendly](#) (examples and

guidance in link provided). Permanent fencing shall include smooth, highly visible wire with the top wire no higher than 40-42 inches from the ground and the bottom wire at least 16 inches from the ground, when possible. Prescribed herbivory should maintain a buffer of 50 feet from sensitive resources.

8. COASTAL ZONE

Projects located within the [Coastal Zone](#) shall carry out the following requirements (for questions or assistance with projects in the coastal zone, please contact FireResiliency@coastal.ca.gov):

- a. **Ecosystems.** Project proponents shall consult with a qualified biologist to the extent necessary to ensure that relative vegetation cover and composition is maintained to avoid post-project habitat conversion and provide for a mosaic of native plants (by age, size, and species). To achieve this, the consulting biologist shall, to the extent feasible, ensure projects protect habitats in alignment with the standards set forth in the online edition of the [Manual of California Vegetation \(MCV\)](#). For more information, see the CCC Wildfire Resilience [webpage](#).
- b. **Vegetation Removal.** Except for prescribed fire projects, prioritize vegetation removal as follows: (1) thinning and removal of dead, dying and diseased trees and shrubs; (2) removal of non-native and invasive species; (3) removal of native species that are not listed or sensitive and (4) removal of sensitive native species where it is the minimum necessary to achieve project goals.
- c. **Public Access.** Projects shall preserve public recreational access opportunities (including by minimizing closures of public access and parking, posting informative signage, etc.), and following project completion, such opportunities shall be reestablished.
- d. **Public Views.** Projects shall thin and feather adjacent vegetation to break up or screen linear edges of clearings and mimic forms of natural clearings as reasonable or appropriate for vegetation conditions. In general, thinning and feathering in irregular patches of varying densities, as well as a gradation of tall to short vegetation at the clearing edge, will achieve a natural transitional appearance. The contrast of a distinct clearing edge will be faded into this transitional band. This applies to mechanical and manual treatment activities.
- e. **Coastal Wetlands.** Coastal wetlands identifiable by one-parameter or more of [hydrology](#), [hydrophytic vegetation](#), or [hydric soils](#) shall be avoided to the extent feasible.

9. PRESCRIBED FIRE AND AIR QUALITY

- a. **Permits.** The CAL FIRE Burn Permit and local Air District permit requirements are not waived.
- b. **Coordination.** Coordination and communication shall occur as needed, between the land manager or their designee and the Air District or CARB for multi-day burns that may affect smoke-sensitive areas, to confirm the burn stays within the smoke management plan conditions or if contingency actions are needed.
- c. **Burn Days.** Burns shall only occur on permissive burn days, as declared by CARB or the Air District, unless otherwise authorized.
- d. **Submitting Information.** Information shall continue to be submitted as required to the local Air District when applying for permits.

Laguna Grande Understory Thinning Project

1. Project Overview

	Proposed	Actual
Treated Acres	12.80	Project Not Finished
Start Date	04/01/2026	Project Has Not Started Yet
End Date	04/01/2028	Project Has Not Started Yet

Primary Project Objectives

Removal of hazardous, dead, and/or dying trees,

Removal of vegetation for community defensible space,

Removal of vegetation along roadways, high-ways, and freeways for the creation of safer ingress and egress routes for the public and responders and/or to reduce roadside ignitions

Anticipated cooperating agencies and/or resources

CalFire BUE/ Monterey

Monterey County Regional Fire Protection District (MCRFD)

Seaside Fire Department (SFD)

California Conservation Corps (CCC)

2. Applicant Information

Name

Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District

Organization

Public Agency

3. Jurisdictional Information

Responsibility Area

Local

CAL FIRE Unit

BEU

4. Commercial Component

Will this project generate revenue? - No

If yes, explain:

5. Acres by Treatment Type

Mechanical 0	Manual 12.8
Prescribed Herbivory 0	Herbicide 0
Pile Burning 0	Broadcast Burning 0
Cultural Burning 0	Other 0

Other Approved Activities

No Other Activities are approved for this project

6. Project Details

Description of Work

Project will reduce fire hazard within the Laguna Grande Park, in Seaside, CA. within areas where dense ladder fuels and brush has grown up.

The area is at extreme risk of fire because of the extensive presence of unpermitted camping by unhoused individuals.

The area is within the City limits and fire at this location could become catastrophic due to the proximity to residential and commercial areas.

Project is limited to removal of dense understory (<8" DBH).

Trees would only be limbed or pruned as needed to access the dense brush.

Areas of brush not under the understory will be thinned to create a functional mosaic, retaining habitat and preventing type conversion.

Low growing understory would remain in place to reduce erosion but prevent ladder fuels from connecting understory vegetation to the tree canopy.

No significant ground disturbance will be created.

The long-term vision includes permitted management of the area for fire hazard.

Fuels Management

Vertical Separation:

- manual limbing of trees (>6" DBH) up to 8 ft.
- manual understory thinning of brush and ladder fuels (<6" DBH) to create 8ft vertical separation from tree crown.

Low growing understory will be retained for erosion control.

Horizontal separation:

- Brush not under canopy will be thinned to a functional mosaic (separation of approx. 2 times the height of the brush layer) between individual (or clumps of individuals) to allow reduced risk of fire spread, while retaining ecosystem type and habitat.

- Rare or sensitive species will not be treated.

Ground-based Equipment

Vegetation management work will use light weight equipment operated by trained personnel under supervision of MPRPD Staff, CALFIRE, SFD, and/or the CCC.

Brush cutters, chainsaws, pole saws, weed ships, hand tools, 4x4 trucks, UTVs and will be used for manual thinning.

Chippers will be used for slash disposition.

Heavy machinery will be minimized.

Vehicles/equipment will stay on established roads except under emergency situations.

No new roads will be built.

Slash Treatment

Woody debris/slash will be managed within the season that it is cut to prevent fuel buildup and to protect soils.

Material will either be chipped in place or lopped and scattered (no greater than 3in fuel bed thickness in sensitive areas).

Larger logs will be retained for habitat.

All work will follow Cal Fire air and smoke management standards.

Maintenance Plan

MPRPD will maintain the land through ongoing monitoring, retreatment and community engagement.

MPRPD staff will track vegetation recovery, invasive species control, and fuel loads annually to guide adaptive management.

The proposed project area is expected to require re-treatment (either re-burning, mechanical treatment, or prescribed herbivory) every 5-10 years, as needed.

MPRPD will partner with CALFIRE, local and regional partners for follow-up treatments.

Long term stewardship will be funded through public and private grants.

7. Beneficial Fire Information

Burn Duration Estimate (Hours) -

Overnight Activity -

Impact on Smoke Sensitive Areas -

Burn Management

Smoke Sensitive Areas

Actions Taken

Public Notification

Joshua Carpenter

From: Mendez, Nicole@CNRA <nicole.mendez@resources.ca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2026 2:38 PM
To: Joshua Carpenter
Subject: CalEPA/CNRA SECRETARIAL SUSPENSION AUTHORIZATION - Laguna Grande Understory Thinning Project
Attachments: Laguna Grande Understory Thinning Project_CDFW_Advisories.pdf; FINAL Fuels Reduction Authorization Laguna Grande Understory Thinning Project.pdf

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Dear Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District,

Regarding Project ID: ee9891e4-7a07-4475-8b83-4e3e4dc79b78

Please refer to the attached letter of determination for the above-referenced project. Please note that prior to commencing project activities Applicant must submit a [Notice of Commencement](#) specifying the date activities will actually commence.

Of special note:

- Be advised that the [Statewide Fuels Reduction Environmental Protection Plan](#) (EPP) referenced in the attached approval letter was recently updated [December 2025](#); please review the updated requirements and guidance.
- **CDFW:** See attached advisory.
- **Water Boards**
 1. Pollution prevention near waters: Ensure all manual thinning activities implement pollution prevention measures to prevent vegetation debris, sediment, or disturbed material from entering the lake, consistent with EPP Section 4(d).
 2. Saturated soil conditions: Ensure manual work does not occur during saturated soil conditions, consistent with EPP Section 5(d).
 3. Vegetation and debris management: Ensure cut material is placed and managed in a manner that maintains bank stability and avoids mobilization toward the lake, consistent with EPP Sections 4(d) and 5(b).
- **Coastal Commission**
 1. Vegetation removal should follow the vegetation removal hierarchy as described in EPP BMP 8b:
 - a. removal of dead, dying, or diseased trees and shrubs;
 - b. removal of non-native and invasive species;
 - c. removal of native species that are not listed or sensitive; and then finally,
 - d. removal of minimal necessary native species to achieve project goals. Given that the majority of Laguna Grande is mapped as wetland, native vegetation removal should be minimized to retain habitat value.
 2. During nesting and roosting seasons, trees and shrubs should be inspected by a qualified biologist for nesting birds and/or roosting bats before work occurs, consistent with EPP BMP 3h.

3. Any biomass generated and left onsite should be placed where it cannot enter water bodies, consistent with EPP BMPs 4d and 8e.

Any questions related to your project should be directed to:

fuelsreductionsoe@resources.ca.gov. Please reference your project name and project ID in your email. Thank you for your submission.

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Date: March 03, 2026
Project No.: ee9891e4-7a07-4475-8b83-4e3e4dc79b78 - Laguna Grande Understory Thinning Project

SECRETARIAL SUSPENSION AUTHORIZATION

BACKGROUND

On March 1, 2025, Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency to exist in the State of California due to the catastrophic wildfire risks created by forest conditions across the state. It was extended by Executive Order N-38-25, signed on December 31, 2025. The Proclamation suspends state statutes, rules, regulations, and requirements that fall within the jurisdictions of the boards, departments, and offices within the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) and the California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA) to the extent necessary for expediting certain critical fuels reduction projects. It requires individuals or entities who desire to conduct such activities under the suspension to request that the appropriate agency secretary, or the secretary's designee, make a determination that the proposed activities are eligible to be conducted under this suspension. (That determination is referred to herein as the "secretarial suspension authorization" or "suspension authorization.") The Secretary for CalEPA and the Secretary for CNRA must use sound discretion to ensure that the secretarial suspension authorization serves the purpose of accelerating critical fuels reduction projects, while at the same time protecting public health and the environment.

The Proclamation further provides that critical fuels reduction projects are eligible for a suspension authorization only if they are initiated and if they include as a primary objective at least one of the following activities ("permissible primary objective"): removal of hazardous, dead, and/or dying trees; removal of vegetation for the creation of strategic fuel breaks as identified by approved fire prevention plans, including without limitation CAL FIRE Unit Fire Plans or Community Wildfire Preparedness Plans; removal of vegetation for community defensible space; removal of vegetation along roadways, highways, and freeways for the creation of safer ingress and egress routes for the public and responders and to reduce roadside ignitions; removal of vegetation using cultural traditional ecological knowledge for cultural burning and/or prescribed fire treatments for fuels reduction; or maintenance of previously-established fuel breaks or fuels modification projects.

The Proclamation further requires that any activities performed under the suspension be in accordance with the State Environmental Protection Plan describing how such actions will balance expeditious fuels reduction and environmental protection. The [Statewide Fuels Reduction Environmental Protection Plan](#) was developed by CalEPA, CNRA, the California Air Resources Board, the California Coastal Commission, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and Regional Water Quality Control Boards (each a Regional Water Board), the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and the California Geological Survey, to apply to fuels reduction projects granted a secretarial suspension authorization. The EPP is appropriate for application to certain fuels reduction activities. It specifies methods

intended to allow the fuels reduction activities to continue without delay while still preserving the intent of the suspended laws and protecting the environment.

Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District (Applicant) has submitted a request for a suspension authorization (Application) on December 31, 2025. Applicant has included a description of the work, a description of treatment activities, a long term maintenance/retreatment plan and included a project map. The activities described in the Application are hereinafter referred to as the Project. The information contained in the Applicant's Application is hereby incorporated by reference.

CONDITIONS OF SUSPENSION AUTHORIZATION

The suspension of laws set forth below is conditioned on the following:

1. **Applicability:** This suspension authorization applies only to the Project. It does not apply to any activities not set forth in the Application. This suspension authorization does not alter any requirements imposed by any law not specifically identified herein, including local and federal laws, and any material modification of or departure from the Project described in your Application may independently trigger obligations under the state laws identified in this authorization.
2. **EPP:**
 - The Project must be conducted in conformance with the EPP. This suspension authorization is only valid to the extent the Applicant and individuals conducting Project Activities comply with the EPP. Failure to comply with the EPP, and with any applicable federal and non-suspended state and local environmental laws and regulations, may result in an enforcement action by CalEPA departments and/or CNRA departments.
 - Staff of the State Water Board, appropriate Regional Water Board, California Air Resources Board, California Coastal Commission, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and the California Geological Survey will have the opportunity to inspect operations and verify proper implementation of best management practices and other measures set forth in the EPP. Inspections may occur throughout the life of the project and within eight months of filing a Notice of Completion to the State. Staff will ensure they provide reasonable notice to the applicant for all site visits. Applicant must work with staff to ensure access is granted.
 - The EPP may be amended at any time during planning or implementation of project activities. The Project must be conducted in conformance with the then-applicable EPP. If such amendment occurs, CNRA and CalEPA will notify all applicants of such changes.
3. **Qualified Responsible Party:**
 - All Project work must be conducted by or under the direction of a qualified responsible party, such as a Registered Professional Forester, Certified Rangeland Manager, qualified vegetation management contractor, qualified incident commander, certified arborist, certified burn boss and/or authorized cultural burner.
 - If no qualified responsible party was listed in the Application, or the Applicant substitutes a different or adds additional qualified party/parties, Applicant must submit a Notice of Qualified Responsible Party prior to commencement of on-the-ground work.

4. **Landowner Consent:** Applicant must have a legal entitlement to enter the property or consent of landowner of record.
5. **Commencement and termination of on-the-ground project activities:**
 - On the ground fuel project activities must commence no later than October 15, 2026.
 - Applicant must [submit a Notice of Commencement](#) to CalEPA, CNRA, and the applicable CAL FIRE unit prior to commencing on-the-ground project activities and specifying the date on which on-the-ground project activities will actually commence. Ideally, this will be the same date set forth in the Application. The Notice of Commencement must set forth the target completion date.
 - Operations should conclude no later than 2 years after commencement of on-the-ground project activities.
 - In the event operations will not conclude before the target completion date identified in the Notice of Commencement, Applicant must submit of a Notice of Amended Completion Date prior to the previously identified target completion date.
 - Applicant must submit a [Notice of Completion](#) promptly after on-the-ground work has been completed. The Notice of Termination will specify the date on which on-the-ground project activities concluded and identify the total acres treated.

SUSPENSION AUTHORIZATION BY CALEPA

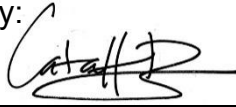
I, Catalina Hayes-Bautista, Undersecretary, have been delegated authority by Secretary for Environmental Protection Yana Garcia, to issue suspension authorizations where appropriate. I find that Applicant's Project is eligible for a suspension authorization because it was submitted by May 1, 2026, and has the permissible primary objectives of Removal of hazardous, dead, and/or dying trees; Removal of vegetation for community defensible space; and Removal of vegetation along roadways, highways, and freeways for the creation of safer ingress and egress routes for the public and responders and to reduce roadside ignitions. I further find that issuance of a suspension authorization in this case would serve the purpose of expediting critical fuels reduction activities and that Applicant's compliance with the EPP in conducting the Project will protect public health and the environment.

Based on the foregoing, I find that the Project is eligible to be conducted under the suspension authorized by the Proclamation. This suspension authorization, however, is conditioned on compliance with the conditions listed above. In the exercise of my discretion under the Proclamation, I hereby authorize the Project to proceed pursuant to the suspension of the following laws within the jurisdiction of the State Water Resources Control Board or appropriate Regional Water Board and the following laws within the jurisdiction of the California Air Resources Board:

- California Water Code, § 13160, and all regulations pursuant to that section; requires an applicant for a federal license or permit to conduct any activity which may result in any discharge to navigable waters to file an application for a water quality certification from the appropriate Regional Water Board or the State Water Board.
- California Water Code, § 13260, and regulations pursuant to that section; requires that any person discharging waste, or proposing to discharge waste, within any region that could affect the quality of waters of the state shall file with the appropriate Regional Water Board a report of the discharge.

- Cal. Code Regs., tit. 17, §§ 80100-80330; establishing smoke management guidelines for agricultural and prescribed burning.

Suspension Approved by:



3/4/2026

Catalina Hayes-Bautista, Undersecretary
California Environmental Protection Agency

Date

SUSPENSION AUTHORIZATION BY CNRA

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- California Fish and Game Code (FGC) § 86 where "Take" shall be avoided. Take is defined as to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill, or attempt to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill.
- FGC § 1600 et seq.; Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement, notification of significant alteration to stream channel, bank, or bed.
- FGC § 1900 et seq.; Native Plant Protection Act.
- FGC § 1927 et seq.; Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act.
- FGC § 2000; Taking is unlawful except as provided.
- FGC § 3503 and § 3503.5; Protection for bird nests and eggs and birds of prey.
- FGC § 3511; California Fully Protected Birds.
- FGC § 3513; California Migratory Bird Protection Act.
- FGC § 4700; California Fully Protected Mammals.
- FGC § 5050; California Fully Protected Reptiles and Amphibians.
- FGC § 5515; California Fully Protected Fish.
- FGC §§ 5650 and 5652; Deposition of deleterious material into waters of the state.
- FGC § 5901; Fish passage.
- FGC § 5937; Sufficient water for fish.
- FGC § 5948; Obstruction of streams.
- FGC §§ 2050-2115.5: California Endangered Species Act; prohibition of the take of any species of wildlife designated as endangered, threatened, or candidates for listing.
- Public Resources Code §§ 30000-30900: California Coastal Act
- Public Resources Code §§ 21000-21189.91: California Environmental Quality Act

- All regulations implementing the code sections identified above.

Suspension Approved by:



Wade Crowfoot, Secretary
California Natural Resources Agency

March 10, 2026
Date

Biological Resources Advisories

1. (a) The Project has the potential to impact the following species and sensitive natural resources: the State and federally endangered coastal dunes milk-vetch (*Astragalus tener* var. *titi*), Hickman's cinquefoil (*Potentilla hickmanii*), Menzie's wallflower (*Erysimum menziesii*), Monterey clover (*Trifolium trichocalyx*), and Tidestrom's lupine (*Lupinus tidestromii*); the State endangered and federally threatened beach layia (*Layia carnosa*); the State endangered seaside bird's-beak (*Cordylanthus rigidus* ssp. *littoralis*); the federally endangered Smith's blue butterfly (*Euphilotes enoptes smithi*); the State threatened and federally endangered Monterey gilia (*Gilia tenuiflora* ssp. *arenaria*); the federally endangered Contra Costa goldfields (*Lasthenia conjugens*) and Yadon's rein orchid (*Piperia yadonii*); the State and federally threatened California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense* pop. 1); the State threatened bank swallow (*Riparia riparia*), California black rail (*Laterallus jamaicensis coturniculus*); the federally threatened Monterey spineflower (*Chorizanthe pungens* var. *pungens*), western snowy plover (*Anarhynchus nivosus nivosus*); the State rare Pacific Grove clover (*Trifolium polyodont*); the State proposed endangered burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia*) and western bumble bee (*Bombus occidentalis*); the federally proposed threatened monarch (*Danaus plexippus plexippus* pop. 1); and the California Rare Plant Rank (CRPR) 1B.1 Congdon's tarplant (*Centromadia parryi* ssp. *congdonii*), Eastwood's goldenbush (*Ericameria fasciculata*), Fort Ord button-celery (*Eryngium montereyense*), Kellogg's horkelia (*Horkelia cuneata* var. *sericea*), legenere (*Legenere limosa*), Oregon meconella (*Meconella oregana*), Pajaro manzanita (*Arctostaphylos pajaroensis*), pink Johnny-nip (*Castilleja ambigua* var. *insalutata*), Robbins' broomrape (*Aphyllon robbinsii*), Santa Cruz clover (*Trifolium buckwestiorum*), and vernal pool bent grass (*Agrostis lacuna-vernalis*); the CRPR 1B.2 Carmel Valley bushmallow (*Malacothamnus involuratus*), Choris' popcornflower (*Plagiobothrys chorisianus* var. *chorisianus*), Fort Ord spineflower (*Chorizanthe minutiflora*), Gowen cypress (*Hesperocuparis goveniana*), Hickman's onion (*Allium hickmanii*), Hooker's manzanita (*Arctostaphylos hookeri* ssp. *hookeri*), Hospital Canyon larkspur (*Delphinium hutchinsoniae*), Hutchinson's larkspur (*Delphinium hutchinsoniae*), Jolon clarkia (*Clarkia jolonensis*), marsh microseris (*Microseris paludosa*), northern curly-leaved monardella (*Monardella sinuate* ssp. *nigrescens*), pine rose (*Rosa pinetorum*), Point Reyes horkelia (*Erigonum nortonii*), saline clover (*Trifolium hydrophilum*), San Francisco collinsia (*Collinsia multicolor*), sand-loving wallflower (*Erysimum ammophilum*), sandmat manzanita (*Arctostaphylos pumila*), Santa Cruz microseris (*Stebbinsoseris decipiens*), Toro

manzanita (*Arctostaphylos montereyensis*), twisted horsehair lichen (*Sulvaria spiralifera*), and woodland woollythreads (*Monolopia gracilens*); and the CRPR 1B.3 Pinnacles buckwheat (*Eriogonum notyonii*).

(b) CDFW advises the applicant contact the USFWS regarding federally listed species.

(c) Please refer to EPP Section 1(d) regarding identifying and marking sensitive resources prior to project commencement, and EPP Section 3 which includes BMPs for sensitive biological resources. There are several known sensitive biological resources within treatment areas and it is unclear if these areas can be fully avoided, per EPP Section 3(a) the applicant shall contact CDFW regarding location and avoidance of sensitive biological resources prior to project activities, please email R4Timber@wildlife.ca.gov.

2. Please be advised that future maintenance will be subject to the Fish and Game Code. Please contact CDFW at R4Timber@wildlife.ca.gov for future maintenance activities.

-Austin Fisher

Joshua Carpenter

From: Green, Alyssa@Coastal <Alyssa.Green@coastal.ca.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 20, 2026 4:40 PM
To: Joshua Carpenter
Cc: Prahler, Erin@Coastal
Subject: Coastal Review - Laguna Grande Understory Thinning project
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Hello,

Coastal Commission staff recently reviewed your suspension request for manual treatment of 12.8 acres targeting ladder fuels and brush around Laguna Grande Park in Monterey County. Please see the attached letter describing our recommendations for implementation of Environmental Protection Plan measures in this project. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to our District staff.

Thank you,

Alyssa (Aly) Green
Wildfire Resilience Utility Planner
California Coastal Commission
Phone: (707) 377-7621
Preferred Pronouns: (They/Them)



CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

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Subject: Laguna Grande Understory Thinning Project

Dear Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District,

We are in receipt of the Fuels Reduction Suspension Request you submitted pursuant to Governor Newsom's March 1, 2025 State of Emergency Proclamation (SOE) at Seaside in Monterey County. This letter does not serve as authorization of the Request, but describes the measures needed to carry out the project consistent with the Statewide Fuels Reduction Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) as it relates to coastal resource protection.

The fuels reduction project request consists of manual treatment of 12.8 acres, targeting ladder fuels and brush around Laguna Grande Park in Monterey County. We recommend the following measures to ensure that the requested work adequately protects coastal resources, most notably potential environmentally sensitive habitat areas (ESHA) identified in the [JURISDICTION] Local Coastal Program. These measures are needed to comply with the EPP requirements related to coastal resources, and shall be carried out in addition to any other requirements of the EPP:

- Vegetation removal should follow the vegetation removal hierarchy as described in EPP BMP 8b: 1) removal of dead, dying, or diseased trees and shrubs; 2) removal of non-native and invasive species; 3) removal of native species that are not listed or sensitive; and then finally, 4) removal of minimal necessary native species to achieve project goals. Given that the majority of Laguna Grande is mapped as wetland, native vegetation removal should be minimized to retain habitat value.
- During nesting and roosting seasons, trees and shrubs should be inspected by a qualified biologist for nesting birds and/or roosting bats before work occurs, consistent with EPP BMP 3h.
- Any biomass generated and left onsite should be placed where it cannot enter water bodies, consistent with EPP BMPs 4d and 8e.

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- The request describes ongoing maintenance of the treatment areas. Please be advised that the suspension request does not authorize maintenance work in the future beyond the approval period specified by the suspension. Further authorizations will be required for work performed in the future.
- In addition to documentation requirements provided in the authorization letter you receive, the California Coastal Commission requests that photo documentation of treatment areas before and after treatment, as well as a final description of treatments completed, be submitted at the conclusion of the project. Reports and photos should be sent to CentralCoast@coastal.ca.gov.

Additionally, current guidance for the SOE requires work to be completed within 2 years of initiation with limited exceptions. Continuation of this work beyond that timeline may require a coastal development permit. Correspondence with California Coastal Commission staff can help provide further details in the future.

Sincerely,

Erin Prahler
Statewide Planning Manager
Statewide Planning Unit
California Coastal Commission

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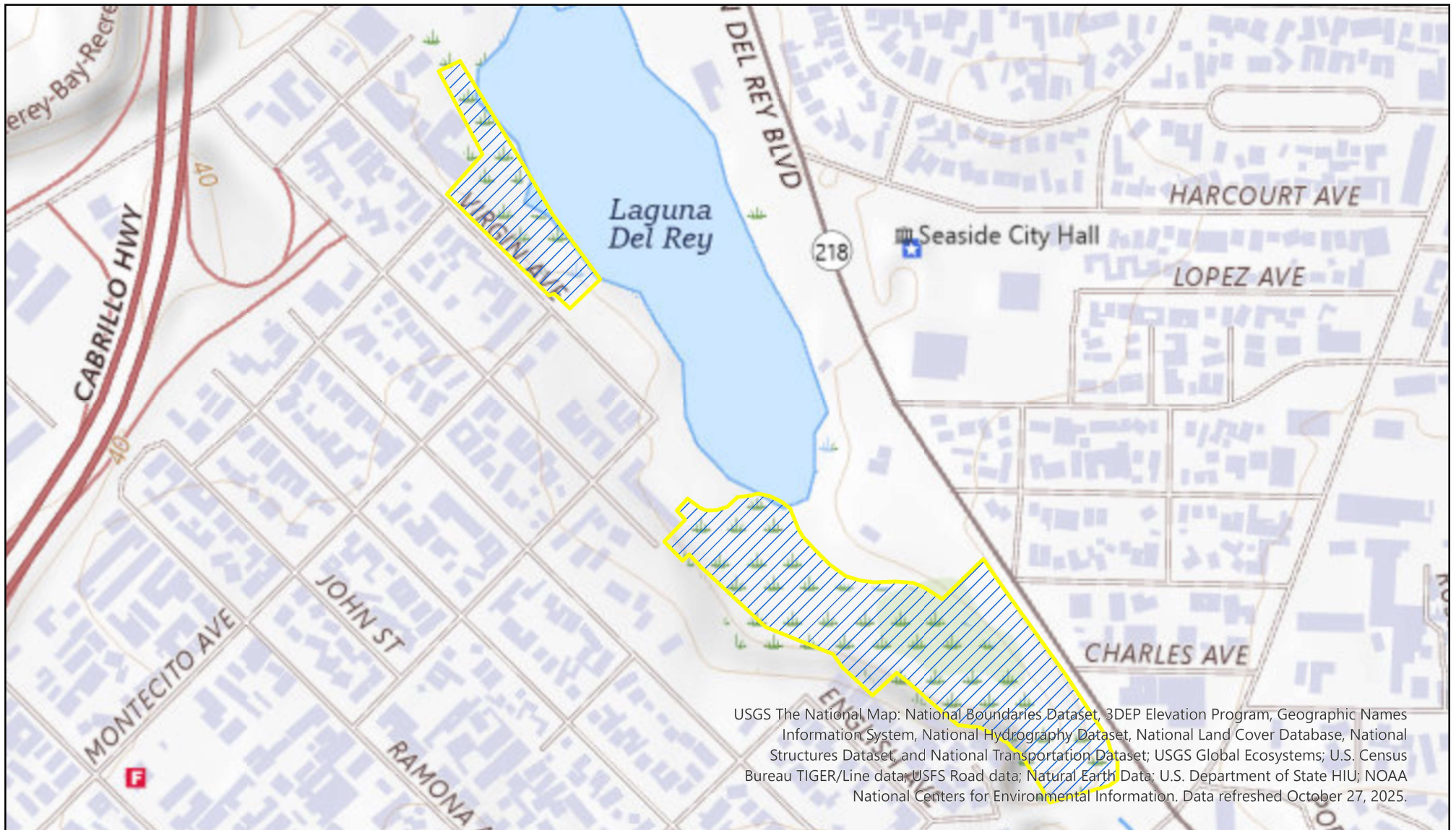
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This aerial map of the Seaside area in California shows the coastline to the west, with Monterey State Beach and Del Monte Beach. Major roads include Del Monte Blvd, Grant Ave, and Sequoia Ave. Two areas are highlighted in blue with yellow borders: one near the intersection of Del Monte Blvd and Grant Ave, and another near the intersection of Del Monte Blvd and Sequoia Ave. The map also shows various parks, schools, and residential areas.

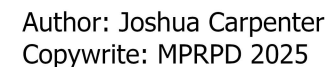
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- Seaside
- Del Monte Blvd
- Grant Ave
- Sequoia Ave
- Laguna Grande
- Del Monte Grove - Laguna Grande
- Virgin St
- Robert Ave
- Cabrillo
- Harcourt Ave
- Hilby Ave
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- Plumas Ave
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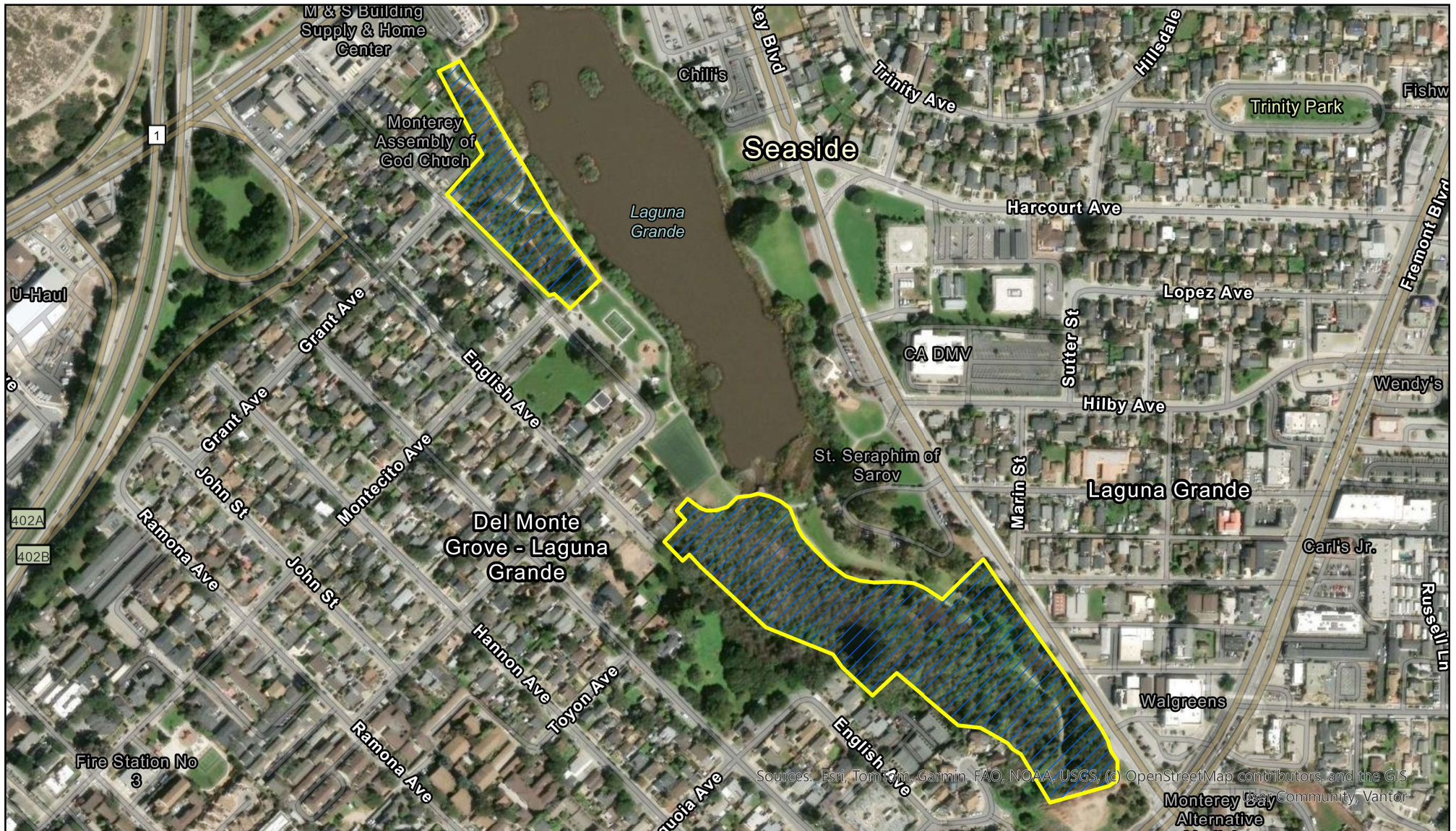
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 Understory Thinning Area

 Fuels Treatment Boundary



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AGREEMENT

LAGUNA GRANDE REGIONAL PARK

JOINT POWERS AGENCY

ARTICLE I

PURPOSE AND JURISDICTION

SECTION 1. CREATION OF AGENCY:

Pursuant to Government Code Sections 6500 et seq. and subject to the terms, conditions and limitations contained in this Agreement, the CITIES OF MONTEREY and SEASIDE and the MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT hereby establish and create the LAGUNA GRANDE REGIONAL PARK JOINT POWERS AGENCY.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Agency is to exercise the powers common to the parties hereto and coordinate the development and maintenance of LAGUNA GRANDE REGIONAL PARK for the use and benefit of the citizens of the Monterey Peninsula.

SECTION 3. PUBLIC AGENCY:

The Agency is a public agency, separate and distinct from the member agencies and any obligations, actions or liabilities shall be construed as those of the member agencies. It shall have the right to sue and be sued, contract, expend funds, and have all other rights, duties and powers to carry out its purposes except as said powers are specifically limited by this Agreement.

SECTION 4. ADOPTION OF THE GENERAL CONCEPTUAL PLAN AND AN AREA OF RESPONSIBILITIES MAP:

The General Conceptual Plan for LAGUNA GRANDE REGIONAL PARK, dated December 1, 1975, is hereby adopted as the general guidelines for the acquisition of lands and the development of said lands within the Park boundaries. The Areas of Responsibilities Map dated October 31, 1975, is hereby adopted as the Areas of Responsibilities

Map. Any changes or modifications of the General Conceptual Plan and Area of Responsibilities Map shall be unanimously agreed upon by the members of the Agency.

SECTION 5. DUTIES AND JURISDICTION OF MEMBER AGENCIES:

It is acknowledged that as set forth below, the members will assume responsibility for the Regional Park and seek to accomplish the long-term objectives of the adopted General Conceptual Plan. Each, therefore, agrees to use its best efforts to accomplish the following:

(a) The CITY OF MONTEREY shall acquire, develop, and maintain for Park purposes, those land areas as are indicated on the adopted General Conceptual Plan and Area of Responsibilities Map.

(b) The CITY OF SEASIDE shall acquire, develop, and maintain for Park purposes, those land areas as are indicated on the adopted General Conceptual Plan and Area of Responsibilities Map.

(c) The MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT. It is the general policy of the Board of Directors of the District to acquire or participate in the acquisition of park and open space lands for the use and enjoyment of the public and not to become substantially involved in the maintenance, operation, or capital development of active recreational areas.

Therefore, while the District shall acquire those water and land areas as are indicated on the attached Regional Park Purchase Map, the operation, maintenance, and development of these areas will rest with the Cities and the Agency.

Said District shall convey or transfer sufficient rights in said land areas to the Cities in accordance with the adopted General Conceptual Plan and Area of Responsibilities Map, said land areas to be maintained and developed by each respective City pursuant to the adopted General Conceptual Plan. The Agency shall be responsible for

the operation and maintenance of the water area and shall further develop a plan for the operation, maintenance and any necessary modification of the water area. The form of all conveyances or transfers shall be mutually agreeable to the District, the respective Cities, and the State of California.

The purpose of this Section is to establish the primary responsibility for the acquisition, development, and maintenance of the Regional Park. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the Agency, or any of the members, singly or jointly, from voluntarily expending any funds available to it in areas outside its area of primary responsibility.

SECTION 6. FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDS AND GRANTS:

The Agency may make application for, receive, and expend State and Federal funds, provided that any matching requirements, any future financial obligations on any member agency must first be approved by said member agency.

SECTION 7. DESIGNATION OF LEAD AGENCY.

The member Agencies and the Agency shall be the Lead Agency and shall be responsible for complying with the California Environmental Quality Act within their areas of primary jurisdiction.

ARTICLE II

ORGANIZATION

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP:

Each member Agency shall have one vote and shall appoint one elected or appointed official and one alternate to serve on the Agency. The representative shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing member Agency. The member Agency shall notify the Agency of its representative, alternate, and any subsequent changes.

SECTION 2. OFFICERS:

The representatives shall elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman who shall serve a term of one year. If there is a vacancy, the

representatives shall elect one from among themselves to serve for the remainder of the term.

SECTION 3. MEETINGS:

The Agency shall establish an annual meeting and shall meet at least annually. It may establish such regular or special meetings as are necessary to accomplish the business of the Agency.

It shall meet in one of the member cities unless special circumstances require a meeting outside said boundaries. All meetings shall be open to the public and the agency shall give such notice as required by law.

SECTION 4. BY-LAWS:

The Agency may adopt such By-laws, rules and regulations as it deems necessary to conduct its business and carry out the purposes of the Agency.

SECTION 5. SECRETARY AND OTHER PERSONNEL:

The Agency shall designate one of the member Agencies to serve as Secretary to the Agency for one year on a rotating bases. The Secretary shall provide such administrative and clerical services as are necessary to carry out the Agency business including the preparation of minutes, correspondence and maintenance of the Agency files. The Secretary shall provide personnel to perform this service at no cost to the Agency.

No permanent staff shall be retained without the unanimous consent of all member agencies. Whenever services beyond normal clerical and administrative assistance is required, the Agency shall attempt to have said services provided by the staff of one of the member agencies, for which it may reimburse said member Agency.

ARTICLE III

FINANCIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. DESIGNATION OF DEPOSITORY:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 6505.5, the Treasurer of the

CITY OF _____ is hereby appointed the depository of the Agency funds and shall have all rights, duties and obligations as are imposed by law. The CITY OF _____ shall be paid for said services in an amount determined by the Agency plus the actual cost of any external audit that may be required by law.

SECTION 2. BUDGET - LIMITATION OF EXPENDITURES AND OBLIGATIONS:

The Agency shall propose such budgets, either for annual operating expense or for specific expenditures or projects as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Agreement. Each said budget shall set forth the contribution and the time of said contribution required of each member Agency. No budget shall be adopted until approved in writing by each member Agency. Once approved, said budget shall be a binding obligation on the member Agency to provide the funds as set forth therein and shall be full authority for the expenditure of said funds by the Agency.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE - TERM OF AGENCY:

The Agency shall be deemed created upon the last date on which all of the member Agencies have executed this Agreement. The Agency shall continue in existence until terminated by unanimous consent or until two (2) members withdraw.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT:

This Agreement may be amended with the vote of any two (2) representatives provided that any proposed amendment shall be submitted to each member Agency at least thirty (30) days prior to its adoption, and provided further that Article I, Section 4, and Article III, Section 2, shall not be amended nor shall any provision be added which imposes financial liability or responsibility on a member Agency without its consent.

SECTION 5. WITHDRAWAL:

A member may withdraw at any time provided said member shall continue to make any financial contribution to the Agency previously agreed to in writing.

SECTION 6. DISPOSITION OF ASSETS ON TERMINATION:

Upon termination, the Agency shall distribute any remaining cash or equivalent equally, provided it may retain sufficient funds to meet any outstanding obligations. The Agency shall distribute such other assets as it sees fit.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this LAGUNA GRANDE REGIONAL PARK JOINT POWERS AGENCY AGREEMENT this 26th day of February, 1976.

MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK
DISTRICT

ATTEST:

Gary Tate
Gary Tate, Secretary to the Board

Albert Merville
ALBERT MERVILLE, President
Board of Directors
CITY OF SEASIDE

ATTEST:

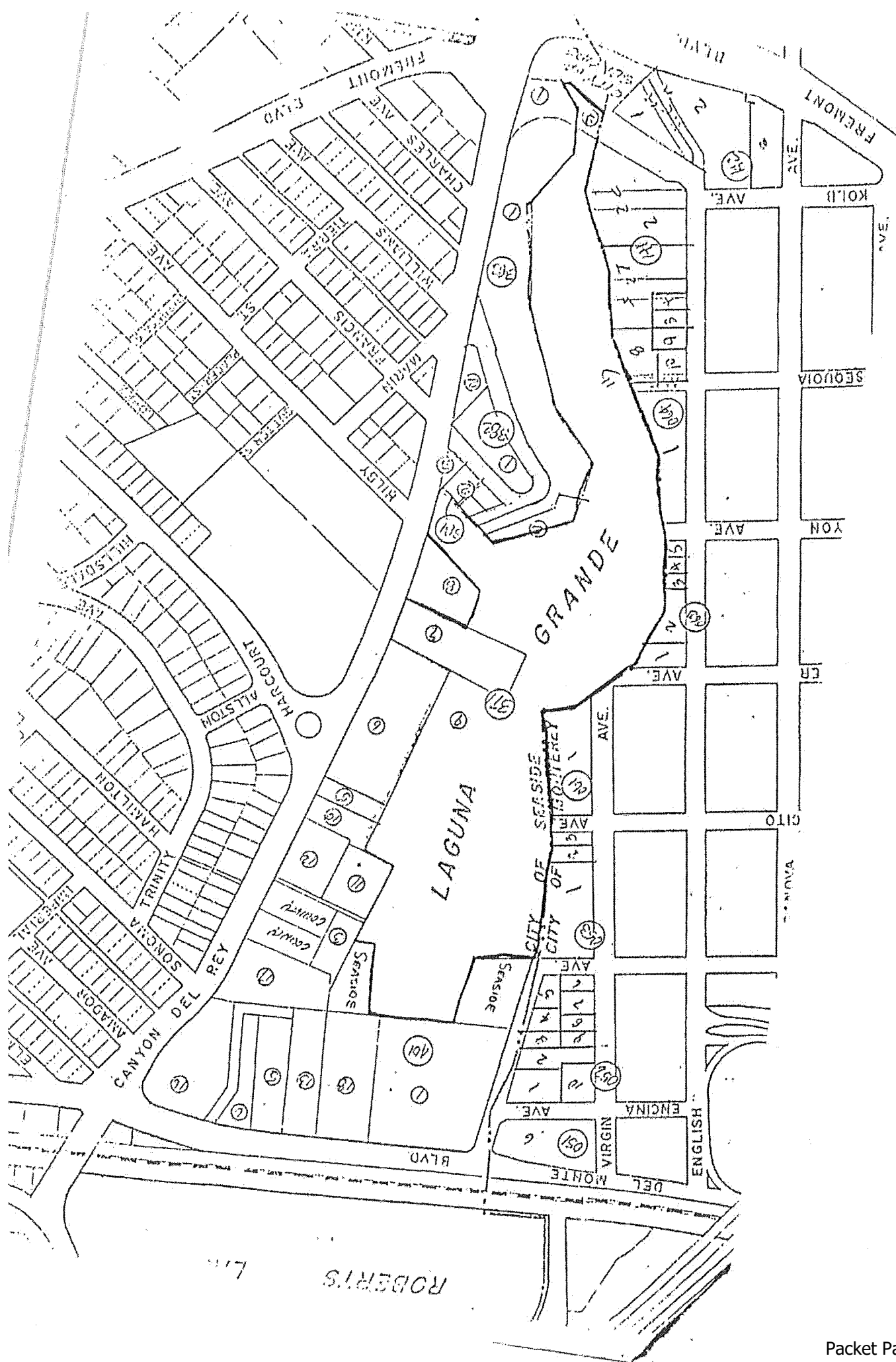
Dudley N. Lapham
DUDLEY N. LAPHAM, City Manager

B. J. Dolan, Jr.
B. J. DOLAN, JR., Mayor

ATTEST:

John O. Dunn, Jr.
JOHN O. DUNN, JR., CITY CLERK

CITY OF MONTEREY
Peter J. Coniglio
PETER J. CONIGLIO, Mayor



LAGUNA GRANDE REDEVELOPMENT SEASIDE, CAL.

GENERAL CONCEPTUAL PLAN

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