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Dear El Granada Resident:

Last month, San Mateo County Parks informed you that it will collaborate with CAL FIRE to reduce the threat of wildfire through the treatment of 100 acres of vegetation and the creation of shaded fuel breaks throughout Quarry Park.

The project was to begin in July, but will now start the week of **Monday, August 12**. This project will require some trail closures Monday through Friday. Work is expected to last approximately 90 days.

Be Advised; Be Safe: During this project, heavy equipment will be in operation. There will be noise and dust and, with the equipment's ability to throw debris up to 300 feet, a substantial safety risk. You can help the Department and CAL FIRE expedite this important work by obeying all road and trail closure signs and avoiding the project area.

More About the Project: The El Granada-Quarry Park Fuel Break Project is one of 35 high priority projects identified by CAL FIRE that will be completed as a result of the State of Emergency proclaimed by Governor Newsom.

Shaded fuel breaks entail the removal of ground level vegetation and trees under 10-inches in diameter within 100 feet of fire trails and roads. Doing so preserves large-diameter trees while reducing the density of flammable material that can fuel a wildfire's intensity. A fuel break supports first responders' ability to access an area during a wildfire and maintains essential evacuation routes for the public.

We, along with our partner CAL FIRE, believe that the benefits of completing this project – improved forest health, enhanced community and fire fighter safety, and increased carbon storage – outweigh the temporary inconvenience during this time. The park will remain open with occasional trail closures. Trail information will be posted at trail heads and in park kiosks.

Stay Informed: For more information and project status and to request project notifications, please visit: parks.smcgov.org/quarry-park-fuel-break-project. Project information can also be obtained by calling CAL FIRE San Mateo – Santa Cruz at (831) 335-6740.

