

PUBLIC NOTICE:
**South Laguna Fuel Modification Project: Fuel Modification Zone 20
(South Laguna) and Fuel Modification Zone 21 (Sunset)**

The City of Laguna Beach Fire Department is proposing to apply fuel management practices in the South Laguna area within the City of Laguna Beach, California. Fuel breaks, consisting of approximately 100-foot zones of cleared vegetation, are proposed to be established in Fuel Modification Zone (FMZ) 20 (South Laguna) and FMZ 21 (Sunset) to provide defensible space from wildfires for the residential and other properties in the area. FMZ 20 primarily borders the northern portion of the South Laguna residential neighborhood, as well as the South Coast Water District office and water reservoir. FMZ 21 is primarily located behind residential single-family homes and Mission Hospital Laguna Beach between Eagle Rock Way to the north and Vista Del Sol to the south. Vegetation within the FMZs would be removed exclusively using hand crews. Non-native invasive vegetation would be completely cleared, while sensitive native vegetation would be reduced by up to 50 percent within the FMZs. A qualified biologist would also establish exclusion areas to avoid rare plants and minimize clearance of rare native plant species.

Initial vegetation clearing is expected to occur in 2021, and would be maintained in perpetuity. Vegetation removal would occur during normal business hours from 8AM to 5PM Monday through Friday, excluding weekends and federal holidays.

For additional project information, please visit www.lagunabeachcity.net/fuelmodification. See also contact information on reverse.

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