



FIRE DEPARTMENT

South Laguna Fuel Modification Project Update – June, 2021

The City of Laguna Beach announces that the South Laguna Fuel Modification project is continuing to move forward. Recently, letters requesting access to the project site were sent to approximately 50 homes whose properties are directly impacted. Additionally, 1500 letters were sent to properties who will also gain the benefits of a fuel break protecting the community of South Laguna.

The project currently remains in the permitting process with State Regulators and the Coastal Commission. Required environmental studies - including biological and sensitive species studies – are nearing completion and will be available on the city’s webpage for public review by the end of this month. Additionally, public hearings and community outreach meetings will be scheduled during July, 2021.

The city will provide information regarding the hearings and outreach meetings on the webpage and through postings once dates and locations are determined. Please check the webpage and watch for notices if you are interested in participating in these forums.

Community support for this vital wildfire prevention/protection project is high and the city and fire department thank you for your support. This project is a critical part of the “Ready” component in the city’s wildfire “Ready, Set, GO!” program; preparing for and responding to wildfire. A fuel modification zone protecting homes, along with homeowners maintaining a fire safe property, prepares for and increases the chances of our community surviving the devastation of wildland fire. Working together to reduce the wildfire risk we can change the outcome of when the next wildfire threatens the City of Laguna Beach.