

PROJECT NAME: NORTH ORINDA FUEL BREAK

SIZE: 1,760 ACRES



PROJECTED COMPLETION DATE:
12/19

LOCATION:
Orinda: Contra Costa Co.
CAL FIRE Santa Clara Unit.

Summary: The Lamorinda area is defined by its proximity to private and state-owned wilderness areas in the Briones watershed. Following the Northbay Fires of 2017, community interest pushed public safety agencies to focus efforts on wildfire mitigation and evacuation planning. An analysis of the inadequate nature of the existing evacuation routes from North Orinda and Lafayette suggested there was a pressing need to develop fuel breaks north of the WUI to buy time for evacuation and fire suppression response. In conjunction with aggressive defensible space outreach and education, the proposed project will protect the area's 62,000 residents by significantly slowing the spread of potential major fires spreading from the surrounding watershed. The project will consist of fuel break construction to expand existing fire trails with use of prescribed fire to enhance and maintain the work in out years. The vegetation consists of Oak Savannah, brush, and former pastureland.



What communities or habitats will project protect? Berkeley, Oakland, Emeryville, Piedmont, Acalanes Ridge, Lafayette, Alamo, Martinez, Albany, Moraga, Alhambra Valley, Orinda, Canyon, Pacheco, Castle Hill, Pinole, Concord, Pleasant Hill, Contra Costa Centre, Reliez Valley, East Richmond Heights, Richmond, El Cerrito, San Miguel, El Sobrante, Saranap, Hercules, Shell Ridge, Kensington, Walnut Creek.

