



South Laguna Fuel Modification Project

Project Update

12/13/2021

On December 1, 2021, the City of Laguna Beach Planning Commission voted 5-0 to approve the proposed South Laguna Fuel Modification Project. A local Coastal Development Permit was also issued allowing the work to begin.

The Project Management Team is in the process of securing necessary contracts and expects to begin with fuel reduction activities in the very near future. Once contracts are in place, the first activity is to place flagging on the slopes to identify the boundaries of the fuel modification zone. In the next few weeks, residents along the slopes may notice crews hiking the area and placing flagging tape to identify areas where work is to be completed as well as areas of sensitive habitat where work is restricted. The flagging tape is biodegradable and crews will remove it once the work is completed or it will eventually naturally decompose.

Actual thinning of vegetation is expected to begin in late January/early February of 2022. The current plan is for crews to start work in the Hillhaven Ranch Way area and work towards Ocean View. A work schedule will be posted on the city webpage to update residents on progress and when crews can be expected in each neighborhood. The schedule is subject to change dependent on weather conditions and other factors.

Additional updates will be posted as the project moves forward. Please check back for the latest information.