

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Planning Commission

In-Person: City Hall Council Chambers at 505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, CA 92651 Virtual Zoom Link PC: https://lagunabeachcity.zoom.us/j/93696942810 Virtual Phone No. PC: (669) 900-9128 / ID NO. 93696942810

Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 6:00 PM

The CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION will hold a public hearing on the request below. You may participate in-person at City Hall or virtually on Zoom.

Case No.: Design Review 22-0539 and Coastal Development Permit 22-0540

Project Site: South Laguna Fuel Modification Zones 20 (South Laguna) and 21 (Sunset))

Applicant: City of Laguna Beach Fire Department

Application Filing Date: July 1, 2021

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Planning Commission Design Review 21-9638 and Coastal Development Permit 21-9639 for the City of Laguna Beach Fire Department to conduct fuel modification in the South Laguna Fuel Modification Zones 20 (South Laguna) and 21 (Sunset) to reduce fire hazards related to non-native, fire-prone vegetation. On December 1, 2021, the Planning Commission approved this request. In February 2022, the City and the California Coastal Commission reached an agreement regarding habitat restoration for fuel modification projects, which impacts the South Laguna Fuel Modification Project. The Planning Commission is requested to approve additional habitat restoration considerations as part of the previously approved fuel modification project.

COASTAL ZONE: This project is located within an appealable area of the Coastal Zone.

CEQA: An Initial Study was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, determining that Mitigated Negative Declaration was appropriate, and can be found https://www.lagunabeachcity.net/government/departments/fire/fire-prevention/wildfire-mitigation-vegetation-management/ fuel-break-program/expansion-zones. The public review and comment period concerning this environmental document was from July 8, 2021 through August 6, 2021. The Planning Commission is requested to determine that the project is consistent with the previously certified Mitigated Negative Declaration and the revised habitat restoration plan is at least equivalent to or more effective than the previously approved mitigation measures.

MORE INFORMATION: The proposed application package will be available on the City's website the Saturday before the public hearing (https://www.lagunabeachcity.net/live-here/city-council/meetings-agendas-and-minutes) and at the Community Development Department public counter during the following hours: Monday – Friday: 7:30am – 4:30pm, closed alternating Fridays.

HOW TO COMMENT: If you have any comments or concerns about the proposed project, please communicate them in writing to Martina Caron, Principal Planner at mcaron@lagunabeachcity.net or submit them to the Community Development Department located at 505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, CA 92651. Planning Commissioners may also be contacted to discuss issues and questions about the proposed project. A listing of the Planning Commissioners and their contact information is available in City Hall and on the City's website at www.lagunabeachcity.net. Comments may also be made via teleconferencing during the Public Hearing from a computer, iPad or smart phone or in-person in the Council Chambers.

Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons with a disability who require a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in a meeting may request such modification or accommodation from the Zoning Division at (949) 497-0723. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to the meeting.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if you challenge this application in court, the issues raised shall be limited to those raised in the public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to the public agency prior to, or at, the public hearing.

Property Owners within 1000 ft./ Tenants within 100 ft./ Property Posted/ California Coastal Commission/ Interested Persons List