



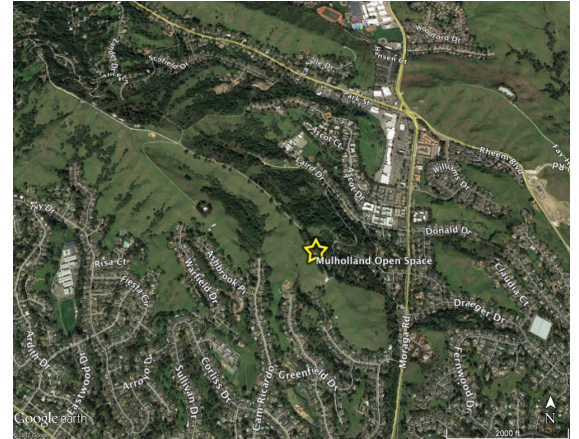
Mulholland Ridge Hazardous Fuel Removal for Wildfire Prevention

Project cost: \$5,000 (federal grant funds)
Match value: \$7,729 (CAL FIRE crew)
Partners: CAL FIRE, Diablo Fire Safe Council, Moraga Orinda Fire Prevention District, and the Town of Moraga
Project size: 2 acres

Mulholland Open Space Preserve is a 250-acre property owned and managed by the Town of Moraga, California and surrounded by homes. Along the ridgeline is an old roadway that connects Moraga to Orinda. The pedestrian-only road receives heavy use as a popular destination for hiking, running and dog walking.

The wildfire prevention project was designed to reduce damage that could be caused by ignition. For two weeks in March and May 2017, hand crews worked to reduce hazardous fuel loads. They cut annual grasses and removed brush that encroached along the roadway, narrowing its effectiveness as a fire break. They cut dead trees and limbed up the branches of aged Monterey pines.

The project was a joint effort by the Town of Moraga, CAL FIRE, Diablo Fire Safe Council and Moraga Orinda Fire District. CAL FIRE/ California Department of Corrections Delta Conservation Camp provided the ten person hand crew. The Town of Moraga provided a large chipper and operators who chipped branches and brush. The Moraga Orinda Fire District provided support for prioritizing the work. Diablo Fire Safe Council arranged for biological review to ensure no nesting birds or other species of special concern were disturbed.



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