



**CITY OF CONCORD
AND
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT**



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**JOINT FUEL REDUCTION PROJECT REDUCES FIRE DANGER IN NORTHEAST
CONCORD**

**City of Concord and Con Fire Partner to Remove Wildfire Fuel and Debris near Bishop
Estates and Dana Estates Neighborhoods**

CONCORD, CALIF., JUNE 19, 2020 – The City of Concord and Contra Costa County Fire Protection District today announced a fuel reduction project on the northeast side of the City in the area bordered by Lincoln Drive and Bailey Road. The program is designed to improve wildfire safety for residents in the Bishop Estates and Dana Estates neighborhoods of the City.

This work will significantly reduce danger from wildfire in this area that has seen several such fires in recent years. Given the proximity to homes, each of these fires has required multi-alarm responses both to contain the fires and protect nearby structures.

"Partnerships like this allow us to provide essential services for our residents in a quicker, more cost effective manner," said Concord Mayor Tim McGallian. "The City appreciates our partnership with Con Fire, and we thank them for working tirelessly to keep our community safe."

"We are pleased to be able to leverage our new Fire Control Worker Program's Crew 12 to support this important wildfire safety initiative in conjunction with the City of Concord," said Fire Chief Lewis T. Broschard III, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District. "This is just one of several fuel reduction and abatement projects, along with other public safety initiatives, being undertaken to protect our communities from the threat of wildfire this season."

Con Fire's Crew 12 fire control workers are working in conjunction with the City of Concord's Public Works Department to remove the fuel and debris in the area. The project began on June 17 and is expected to take approximately three weeks to complete.

Large trees and logs, along with underbrush, will be removed, with the smaller trees and branches chipped on site, using equipment provided by the City of Concord. Con Fire's Crew 12 will spread the resulting chips to help prevent weed growth and keep moisture in the ground,

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all serving to reduce the threat of wildfire to nearby homes and help slow the spread of any fires that do occur in the area.

With prolonged hot and dry weather early in the season, the 2020 wildfire season is expected to be particularly challenging and dangerous. The approaching Independence Day holiday and the possibility of illegal fireworks use in the area also makes this project timely.

Fireworks present an exceptional danger to our communities, especially during the hot, dry and windy weather we are already experiencing early in the fire season. Con Fire and the City of Concord remind the community that all fireworks – including so-called “safe and sane” fireworks – are illegal everywhere in Contra Costa County.

Con Fire’s Fire Control Worker Program provides dedicated wildland and vegetation management crews to increase preemptive efforts related to the evolving fire season threat ahead of fires as well as support to firefighters during such fires. The program’s hand crews will conduct weed abatement and defensible space creation work across the District, reducing vulnerability to wildland fires and economically supplement responses to wildfires, supporting engine crews engaged on them.

About City of Concord -- Concord is located 29 miles east of San Francisco, adjacent to beautiful Mt. Diablo. The city covers 31 square miles and has a population of approximately 130,000 residents, making it the largest city in Contra Costa County. Concord’s favorable home prices, dynamic retail and enviable quality of life make it a popular place to live, work and play. The City is also known for its business-friendly policies, abundant and affordable Class A office space, numerous industrial parks, and excellent transportation options, all of which make it a business hub.

About Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (Con Fire) -- A recognized fire service leader - Con Fire provides fire and emergency medical services to more than a million people across its 304 square-mile District area, and through mutual aid, in and around the 20 cities and unincorporated communities of Contra Costa County, California. With few exceptions, county emergency ambulance transport services are provided by Con Fire through its unique sub-contractor Alliance model across the District and beyond to include some 520 square miles of the county. In 2018, the District responded to nearly 75,000 fire and EMS emergencies and dispatched some 95,000 ambulances, providing expert medical care on more than 74,000 ambulance transports. The District, with 26 fire stations and more than 400 employees, is dedicated to preserving life, property and the environment.

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PHOTO RELEASE

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CONCORD, CALIF., June 19, 2020 – Following photos and videos depict Con Fire Crew 12 working to reduce wildfire fuels in north east Concord on June 18, 2020.

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