

Fuels Treatment Overview

CAL-VTP PEIR: Tilden South Ecological Restoration Area

2024 South Park Dieback Removal Unit

Tilden Regional Park

Background: In response to drought and climate change-related tree dieback in the regional parks, as well as to address the need to meet California's 30x30 initiative and implement climate-resilient land management strategies, the East Bay Regional Park District has prepared 2023 CEQA documentation under the *California Vegetation Treatment Program PEIR* (CalVTP PEIR) for fuels management and ecological restoration projects in the East Bay Hills in areas not covered by the 2010 *Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Resource Management Plan*. District VTP project names are made up of a location identifier followed by the treatment type: WUI fuel reduction, fuel break, or ecological restoration.

Why: The purpose of this project is to return vegetation types to conditions representing their historic fire regime while prioritizing safety of the public and responders along strategic routes during a wildfire. Hazardous wildland vegetation will be reduced in the wildland-urban interface, particularly blue-gum eucalyptus and various pine species planted in the mid-20th century that have died or become stressed and vulnerable from the combined pressures of drought, disease, and pests. These trees and other vegetation will be thinned or removed throughout the project area with a focus on threats to powerlines, critical roads, recreational trails, heavy surface fuel accumulations, and thick brush. This project will facilitate safer evacuations in case of a wildfire by reducing fire intensity along the road and removing trees that are prone to torching and casting embers for long distances. Healthy native oak and bay trees will be preserved and pruned. Some of the logs and branches will be chipped or masticated onsite, some will be completely removed, and some material will be left in piles to be burned during the rainy season. The work is fully permitted by State and Federal environmental regulatory agencies. Homeowners should continue to clear vegetation on their own property and take appropriate measures to protect their homes against wildfire.

Who: The Park District's Fire Department is managing the implementation of this project while the Stewardship Department is coordinating project bio-monitoring, resource protection, and regulatory compliance. Contractors will perform the work.

Where: Tilden Regional Park in Berkeley, along South Park Drive.

When: Work is scheduled to begin Monday June 10 and may continue through mid-August. The Park District and its contractors will minimize the impact to park users by restricting work hours to weekdays (generally 8 am to 4 pm) and temporarily redirecting trail use, if necessary. Roadside work may require a single lane closure with traffic control or temporary road closures with detours. Equipment and crews will be operating during the project.

Additional Information: More information about the Park District’s CAL-VTP PEIR Project Specific Assessment can be found on the same page as the Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Resource Management Plan along with specific maps and reports:

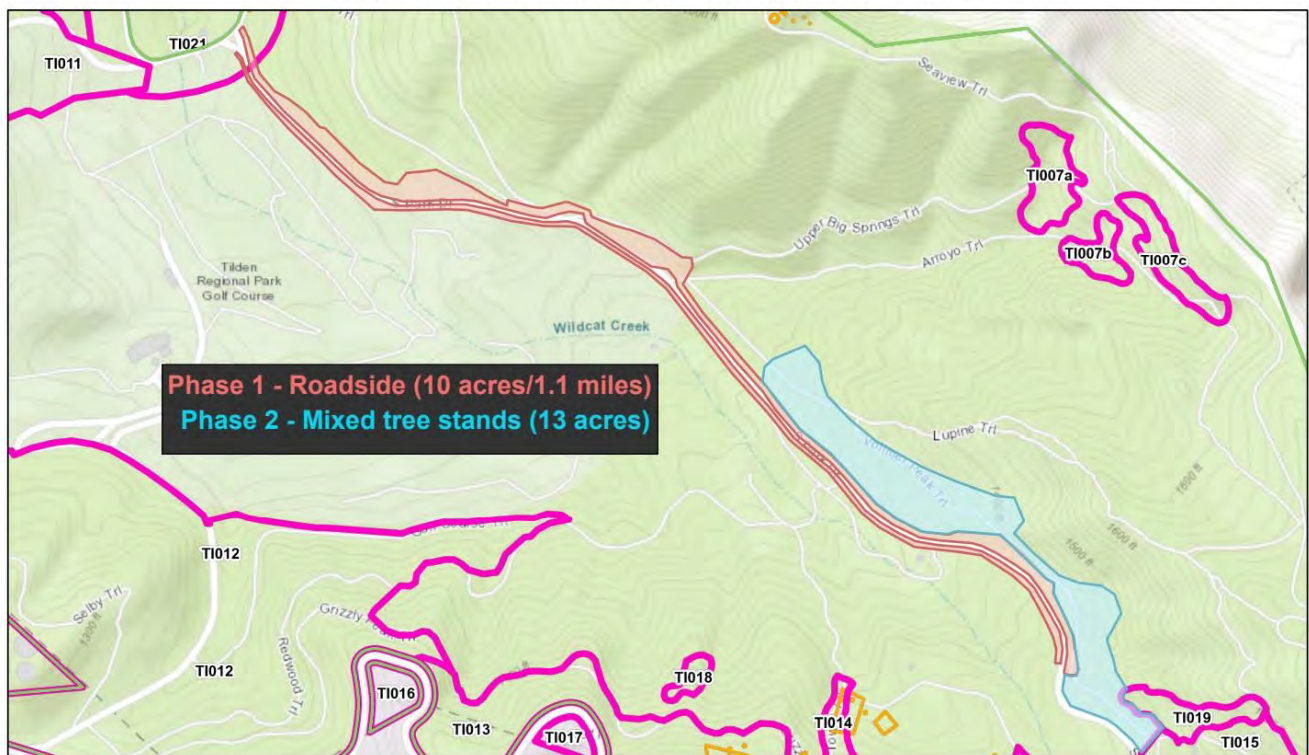
<https://www.ebparks.org/resource-management/wildfire-resilience>

Updates to the current fuels management projects can be found by scrolling down the appropriate Recommended Treatment or CAL-VTP Area at:

<https://www.ebparks.org/public-safety/fire/fuels-management/update>

Site Maps:

2024 South Park Dieback Removal Phase 1 and 2



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Standing dead trees and dense ladder fuels along road



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Pine stand adjacent to road with dozens of standing dead and fallen trees





Eucalyptus stands with multistem trees accumulating stringy bark surrounded by thick brush



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