



Sonoma County Regional Parks, CAL FIRE and Sonoma County Fire District– Press Release

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Prescribed burn operations planned at Carrington Coast Ranch Regional Park and Open Space Preserve

SONOMA, CA – Sonoma County Regional Parks, in partnership with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit and Sonoma County Fire District, is planning a prescribed burn at Carrington Coast Ranch Regional Park and Open Space Preserve, on Tuesday, October 6. Fire crews will begin ignitions as early as 8 a.m. and continue throughout the day. Smoke will be visible around the area. **This is a permitted prescribed burn; please avoid calling 9-1-1 to report smoke and fire.**

The burn will take place between Coleman Valley Road and the Salmon Creek Estuary, east of Highway 1. The park is not yet open to the public. For updates on this and other Regional Parks' prescribed burns, please visit SoCoParks.org/Fire.

Prescribed burns are carefully planned and must meet strict criteria for ecological benefit, weather parameters, smoke management and fire safety guidelines. (The planned date is subject to last-minute changes due to these considerations.) When all conditions are met, trained wildland firefighters conduct the burn while monitoring the set criteria, fire behavior and designated fire control lines.

These prescribed burns have been planned and coordinated with the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District to minimize the smoke impacts on surrounding communities.

About Sonoma County Regional Parks

Sonoma County Regional Parks provides essential opportunities for people to connect with nature. Regional Parks contributes to the vibrancy and well-being of our community by expanding access to recreation experiences, serving as responsible stewards of cultural and natural resources and ensuring that our parks are clean, safe and welcoming. Learn more at SonomaCountyParks.org.

About CAL FIRE

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) serves and safeguards the people and protects the property and resources of California. The CAL FIRE Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit, or LNU for short, is one of 21 CAL FIRE administrative units, and one of the largest. Spanning north of the San Francisco Bay Area from the Pacific Ocean to the Interstate-5 corridor, the counties of Colusa, Lake, Napa, Solano, Sonoma and Yolo come together to form a CAL FIRE Unit. LNU has primary responsibility

for 2,063,280 acres of State Responsibility Area (SRA) – the most of any CAL FIRE Unit - and a vast range of vegetation types, populations and political climates. We staff 21 fire stations, 31 state engines, six bulldozers, operate two conservation camps, have one fuel reduction crew, a firefighter hand crew, one helitack base, one air attack base and many other support staff positions.

About Sonoma County Fire District

The Sonoma County Fire District (SCFD) provides all-risk emergency services, including fire suppression, emergency medical services and rescue, across more than 341 square miles of Sonoma County through 14 fire stations. SCFD EMS operates an exclusive ambulance service area covering approximately 436 square miles. Together, SCFD and SCFD EMS have approximately 350 personnel and respond to more than 56,000 calls for service each year.

SCFD maintains specialized resources including swift water rescue teams, rescue boats, personal watercraft, all-terrain vehicles and large animal rescue teams. Through its partnership with REACH Air Medical Services, SCFD also supports helicopter critical care transport and aerial reconnaissance during major incidents and disasters in Sonoma County. Guided by the core values of honesty, respect and integrity, SCFD's emergency response, specialized operations, fire prevention and community risk reduction programs work together to protect lives, property and the environment while strengthening community preparedness and resilience through professional, compassionate service.

This project is supported in large part by Parks for all - Measure M. For more information on how Regional Parks uses low-intensity prescribed fire as a landscape management tool, visit SoCoParks.org/Fire.

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