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CAL FIRE CZU to Complete Prescribed Fire at Filoli Historic House & Garden on San Francisco Public Utility Commission Peninsula Watershed Lands

BELMONT - On Friday, June 30, 2023, CAL FIRE CZU conducted two prescribed fires in San Mateo County in the State Responsibility Area (SRA), clearing grass from 5-acres on the face of San Andreas Dam, and 15-acres of grassland at Filoli Historic House and Garden.

Weather-permitting on Monday, July 31, 2023, firefighters will burn the remaining 5-acres of grass from Filoli Historic House and Garden. Filoli will remain open during the operation.

Smoke may be briefly visible from Woodside, Belmont, Burlingame, Emerald Hills, San Carlos, Devonshire, San Bruno, and parts of I-280 in San Mateo County. There will be fire equipment on scene. There is no need to call 911.

This project is part of a larger plan to conduct prescribed fire in the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission's (SFPUC) Peninsula Watershed.

The SFPUC Peninsula Watershed is approximately 23,000 acres of land that collects drinking water in three reservoirs. The reservoirs serve about one million people in San Francisco and northern San Mateo County. The Peninsula Watershed supports many rare, threatened, and endangered species and is managed to protect drinking water quality and to protect and restore native ecological resources.

“The Peninsula Watershed is an important and unique open space in the San Francisco Bay Area and valued by our neighboring communities. We appreciate CAL FIRE’s efforts to reintroduce prescribed fire as a vegetation management tool to reduce wildfire risk and support native species” adds Lisa Wayne, SFPUC Watershed Resources Manager.

This prescribed fire was planned as part of broader strategic efforts to protect the local

community and nearby natural resources. These plans are informed by community and local stakeholder input and serve as a collaborative effort with a range of cooperators throughout the course of the project. This project adds to significant work underway throughout the state and brings California one step closer towards meeting or exceeding state fuels reduction goals directed by the California Fire Plan and the [California Wildfire and Forest Resilience Action Plan](#).

To track the progress being made, both in your community and throughout California, please visit the CAL FIRE fuels reduction dashboard at <https://www.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/natural-resource-management/fuels-reduction> and help share important preventing and preparedness information with your neighbors at [readyforwildfire.org](https://www.readyforwildfire.org).

