



MARIN COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Re: Roadside Vegetation Management – Drakes View Drive, Inverness

Dear Property Owner,

Marin County Fire Department recently conducted an evacuation/safe access route evaluation of your neighborhood. During the evaluation, the following violations of the Marin County Fire Code* were identified in the area and need abatement to ensure safe routes of travel during the event of an emergency.

Marin County Fire Department has received funding from the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority (MWPA) to support roadside vegetation management along Drakes View Drive. The goal of this project is to improve safety for residents during wildfire evacuations, slow potential fire spread, and improve routine and emergency traffic flow.

Property owners are required to maintain the vegetation along driveways and in the public right-of-way where their property fronts public roads. This MWPA funded project will help property owners address deferred maintenance of vegetation near roads.

The planned work includes, but is not limited to, the following where access is available, and removal is appropriate:

- Cutting back or removing vegetation and tree limbs that encroach into the roadway or shoulder.
- Removal of tree limbs that extend over the roadway to create at least fifteen feet (15') of vertical clearance above the width of the roadway.
- Removal of hazardous and combustible vegetation located along the roadway typically within ten feet (10') of the roadway.
- Removal of tree limbs 6 to 8 feet above of the ground, not to exceed 1/3 of the tree's total height, along the edge of roadways and up to ten (10') feet horizontally.
- Removal of vegetation to create adequate vertical and horizontal spacing to reduce the potential of fire ladders.

Work is scheduled to begin in your community as soon as November 15th, 2022 and will be conducted by a local private contractor under direction of Fire Department staff. All roads will remain open to traffic during work, although temporary traffic control may be conducted when necessary. Please adhere to all temporary traffic signage.

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Our team is available to talk with you if you have any questions or need further clarification. Please direct any project related inquiries to Project Manager, Gavin Albertoli, at 415-717-4511 or galbertoli@marincounty.org.

Respectfully,



Jason Weber
Fire Chief

* *Section 322.6.1 Clearance of brush or vegetative growth from street.* The fire code official is authorized to require, within 10 feet on each side and 15 feet in height of fire apparatus roads and driveways, to be abated of flammable vegetation and other combustible growth.

Section 4908 Fire Hazard Reduction from Roadways. The Fire Code Official is authorized to cause areas within 10 feet (3048 cm) on each side of portions of highways, fire apparatus access roads (improved or unimproved), and driveways (improved or unimproved), which are improved, designed, or ordinarily used for vehicular traffic to be cleared of flammable vegetation and other combustible growth. Corrective action, if necessary, shall be the same as the actions required in section 4907.2. The Fire Code Official is authorized to enter upon private property to carry out this work.