



Hacienda de las Flores Hazardous Fuel Removal for Wildfire Prevention

Project cost: \$7,095 (federal grant funds)
 Match value: \$14,133 (CAL FIRE crew + Pacific Gas and Electric Company)
 Partners: CAL FIRE, Diablo Fire Safe Council, Moraga Orinda Fire Prevention District, Pacific Gas and Electric Company and the Town of Moraga
 Project size: 9.0 acres

Hacienda de las Flores is located in the Town of Moraga, California. The nine acre property became a Town park in 1977. The park includes a Spanish style hacienda built in 1916 as an orphanage and then used as the home of Donald Rheem. Today the park hosts events, weddings and passive recreation use of its scenic, but fire-prone landscape.

The wildfire prevention project was designed to reduce damage that could be caused by ignition from park visitors. For two weeks in June 2016, hand crews worked to reduce hazardous fuel loads. They removed surface fuels in the eucalyptus grove and cleared brush along the trails on the hillside west of the hacienda. Cut branches and brush were chipped and the chips spread on the site to prevent weeds and provide erosion control.

The project was a joint effort by the Town of Moraga, CAL FIRE, Diablo Fire Safe Council, Moraga Orinda Fire District, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company. CAL FIRE / California Department of Corrections Delta Conservation Camp provided the ten person hand crew. The Town of Moraga provided a large chipper and operators who chipped branches and brush. Pacific Gas and Electric Company cleared trees along an electric power line that ran through the site.



Before treatment



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During treatment



After treatment



After treatment



After treatment

Funding from the Pacific Gas and Electric Company and from a National Fire Plan grant from the Cooperative Fire Program of the U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, Pacific Southwest Region, through the California Fire Safe Council.