

Attachment B – Supplemental Information

Project Title: Residential Direct Assistance Program for Defensible Space Fuel Reduction in San Anselmo Town Limits

Project Description:

The Residential Direct Assistance and Voluntary Abatement program sponsored by the Ross Valley Fire Department in coordination with the Town of San Anselmo, using MWPA funds will benefit residents within the San Anselmo town limits who are unable to carry out fuel reduction activities to create defensible space in compliance with Federal, State and Local Regulations due to limited financial resources or other physically limiting factors. Residents in need will be identified during defensible space evaluations and invited to apply for direct assistance. Residents can also request assistance from the Ross Valley Fire Department if necessary. Work to be conducted will be identified and prescribed by the Fire Code Official or their designated representative and carried out by the Ross Valley Fire Department in coordination with the Town of San Anselmo by contracted crews. All vegetative debris management will be carried out by contracted crews. All work will be conducted a minimum of 100' up to 200' of structures when topographic conditions or combustible vegetation necessitate removal and follow environmental best practices. Fuel reduction practices will be limited to manual thinning with hand tools, chainsaws, and weed wrenches. No mechanical removal, prescribed fire, or other significant ground disturbing practices are proposed.

The goal of this program is to make the Town of San Anselmo and surrounding communities more fire safe by assisting residences who cannot either physically or financially complete the work needed to remove hazardous fuels from around their homes. There is a need to provide positive stimulus to the residents to make their homes and neighboring communities more fire safe, and help to reduce the risk of a catastrophic fire damaging the community and its neighbors.

Discussion of Section 15300.2. Exceptions to Categorical Exemptions:

(a) Location:

When determining individual work sites sensitive habitats, including watercourses and riparian areas will be excluded from the treatment area and will be identified and avoided, therefore, exception (a) does not apply.

(b) Cumulative Impact:

Maintenance of defensible space created by projects within the program over time in the same treatment location will be limited to the types of activities described above and will be performed annually or less often, as needed, to maintain defensible space, but will not cause significant cumulative biological impacts, as no sensitive habitats would be affected; therefore, exception (b) does not apply.

(c) Significant Effects due to “Unusual Circumstances”:

All work proposed by this program, and future maintenance of project sites is considered routine vegetation management work in environments that are prevalent and typical throughout the

County and Bay Area region. Sensitive habitat will be avoided and the aesthetic change in the existing environment will not be substantial. Therefore, there are no unusual circumstances associated with the project or the environment in which it will be implemented, and exception (c) does not apply.

(d) Scenic Highways:

No Caltrans designated Scenic Highways occur within the boundaries of program area (San Anselmo Town Limits), therefore, exception (d) does not apply.

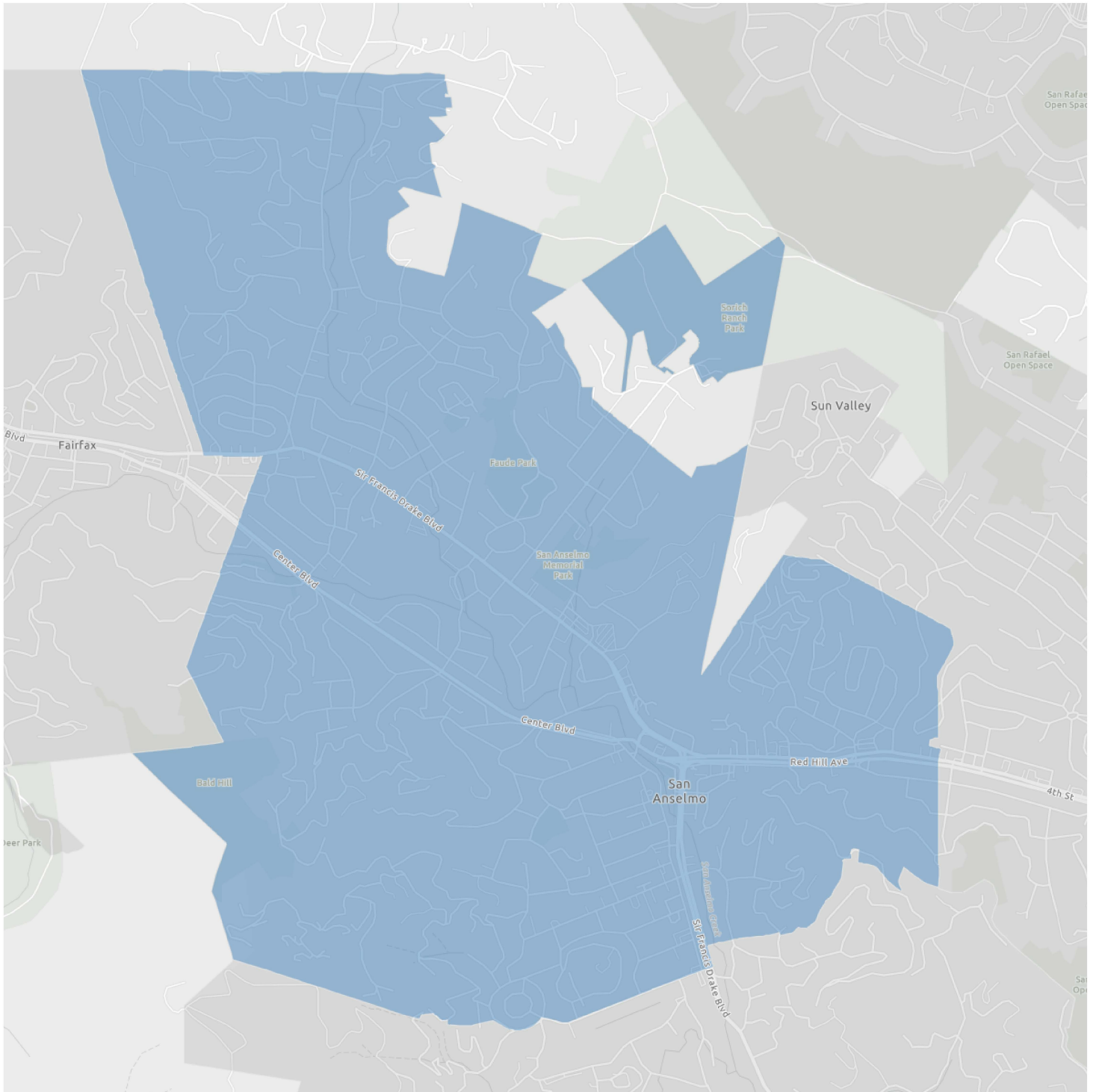
(e) Hazardous Waste Sites:

Per the current Cortese List at the time of this filing, there are no listed hazardous waste sites within the boundaries of the program area (San Anselmo Town Limits), therefore, exception (e) does not apply.

(f) Historical Resources:

Projects within the program will not propose any practices likely to cause substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. Projects within the program will be limited to practices unlikely to impact cultural resources, therefore, exception (f) does not apply.

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