

PROJECT PROPOSAL September 1, 2021

**CONSTRUCT A DEFENSIBLE FIRE PROTECTION ZONE ALONG THE EL MORO BIKE/PED PATH
-WHILE ENSURING PROTECTION OF THE MORRO SHOULDERBAND SNAIL (MSS)**

Submitted at the Request of District 2 Supervisor Bruce Gibson

By the Trees and Landscaping Committee of the Los Osos Community Advisory Council

Project Proposal:

Prior to the official closing of the 2021 Fire Season, and in accordance with Cal Fire’s Prevention Regulations for the safety of Los Osos residents living next to the El Moro Bike/Pedestrian Path, trained volunteers will construct an approximate 20’ Defensible Fire Protection Zone with weed trimmers per the guidance of the County Public Works Department’s staff Morro Shoulderband Snail Monitor, at twelve sites on the north and south sides of the Path from 12th Street to 18th Street as outlined in the attached Map.

LOCAC’s Trees and Landscaping Committee respectfully requests that County Parks arrange for a “Right of Entry” in those locations where the fire break is constructed.

Scope of Project:

The attached **Map** delineates those sections of the twelve properties along the Path where the Defensible Fire Protection Zone is required; taking into consideration the variation in width dimensions within the existing County Parks Right of Way (e.g. some sections are forty feet deep, others are barely 15 feet; the standard lot length for each property is 125’).

Please Note: This Proposal does not cover several other areas that are long overdue for fire fuels removal in County ROW along the Path such as downed eucalyptus branches, bark, leaf debris, native and non-native plant die-out that causes fire-friendly woody debris. This proposal does not include weed abatement at the street ends.

Project Work Activities to Construct the Defensible Fire Protection Zone:

As identified by the MSS Monitor, volunteers will use weed trimmers to trim dead invasive veldt grasses per the attached **Map**.

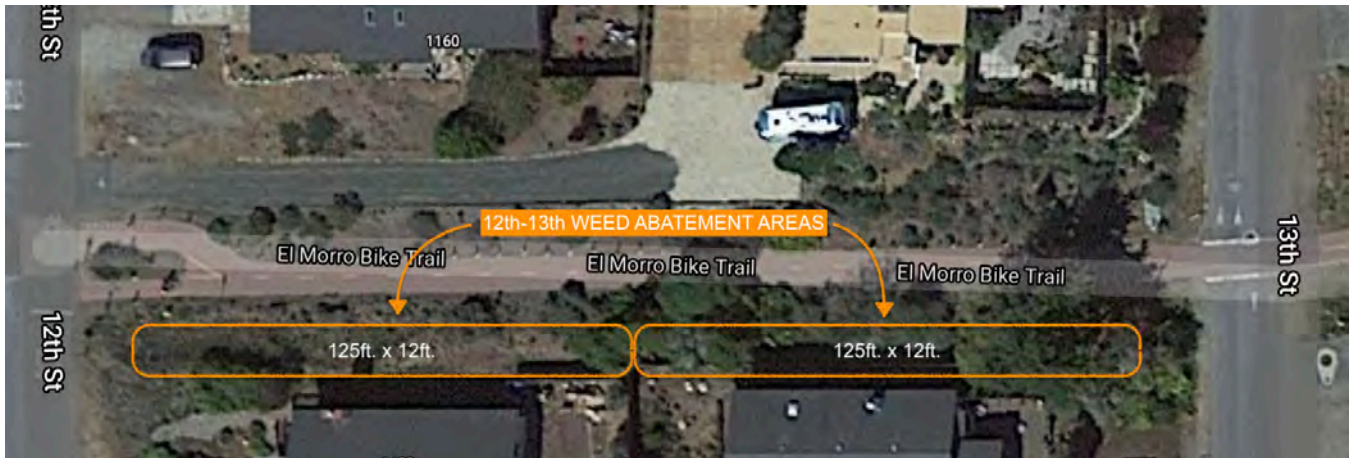
Volunteer Work Party Outline:

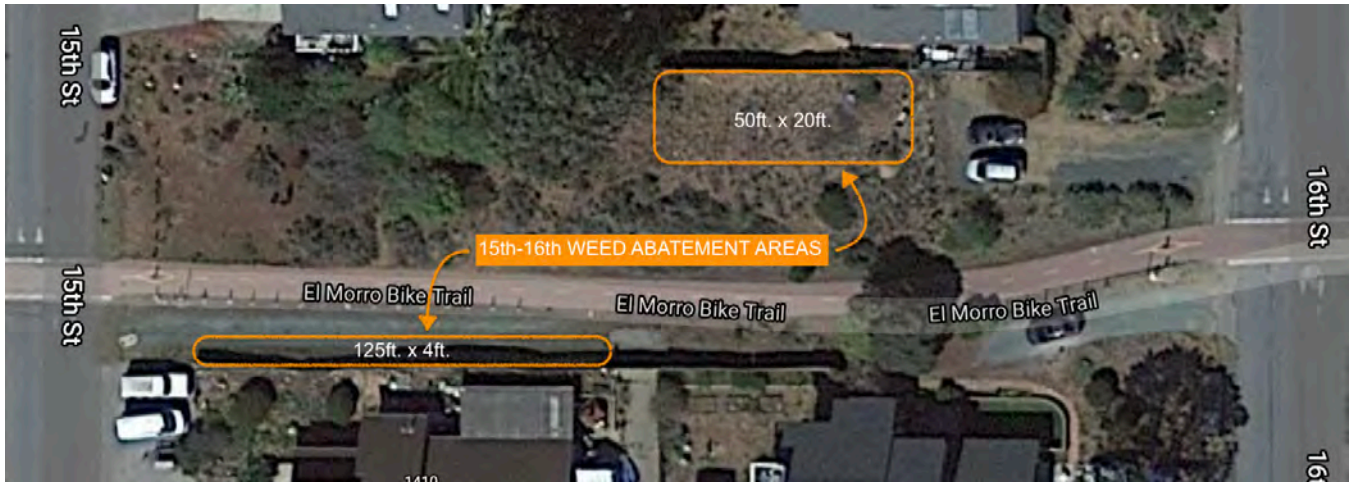
Once all necessary resources are confirmed (e.g. snail monitor, volunteers, tools, etc.) all parties will agree to a schedule with a set date and work times. For the purposes of this Project Proposal, the length of time to complete the work is based on the number of volunteers with weed trimmers we can muster. Assuming there are four weed trimmers working simultaneously in their assigned locations, we approximate the total time at four hours.

The following written instructions will be provided in advance to volunteers:

1. Safety gear (eye and ear protection, wide-brim hats, gloves, sunscreen, water bottle, snack).
2. Meeting location.
3. Assigned work areas.

Weed Abatement Areas - El Morro Pathway, Los Osos





Please note: The properties on both sides of the El Moro Path between 16th and 17th Street do not need weed abatement at this time, and 18th Street to South Bay Boulevard is outside of this projects scope of work, which is focused on Velt Grass adjacent to residential properties.