



# CITY OF ATASCADERO NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Atascadero, CA 93422

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FROM: City of Atascadero  
Community Development Department  
6500 Palma Avenue  
Atascadero, CA 93422

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**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Exemption in Compliance with Sections 15062 and 21152 of the Public Resources Code**

Project Title: City of Atascadero 2025 Fuels Reduction Project

Project Applicant: City of Atascadero  
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Project Location: See attachments.

Project Description: This project involves vegetation management and wildfire mitigation activities across multiple sites, including the creation and maintenance of shaded fuel breaks, roadside brushing, and selective vegetation thinning. The primary goal is to reduce wildfire hazards and intensity, improve safety and access, and prevent overgrowth from encroaching onto roadways, while preserving the existing native tree canopy to provide shade.

The scope includes:

- The creation of multiple fuel breaks, selectively thinning vegetation to reduce fire intensity while maintaining the existing healthy native tree canopy to provide shade.
- Roadside vegetation clearance to improve visibility, safety, and access. Roadside brushing reduces fire hazards, prevents overgrown brush from encroaching onto roadways, and ensures clear vehicle sightlines. Work will be generally limited to the City's street rights-of-way in the attached location list, but minor encroachment into private properties may occur on a case-by-case basis if deemed necessary.
- Maintenance and modification of an existing 6.9-acre shaded fuel break as well as vegetation thinning to establish three additional shaded fuel breaks of 2.3 acres, 3.6 acres, and 6 acres in area. Shaded fuel

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breaks are a wildfire mitigation strategy that involves selectively thinning trees and vegetation to reduce fire intensity while maintaining enough tree canopy to provide shade. No work is proposed within or affecting a jurisdictional waterway proximate to the work area. If work needs to encroach, a new review will be completed at that time and any required permits will be obtained.

- Fuel reduction of approximately 35 acres from Sycamore Road to the ridge of Pine Mountain and a 1-acre treatment around a communications repeater site to enhance infrastructure protection. Roadside brushing activities conducted along Cemetery Road (0.75 miles), Serena Court (0.72 miles), and the Marj Mackey Trail (0.16 miles)

The scope of work does not include any soil excavation, new structures, or new roadway lanes. All work will be done with hand crews utilizing chainsaws and hand tools. All vegetation will be chipped in place utilizing track chippers, woodchips will be scattered, and tracks from track chipper vehicles will be raked.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Atascadero

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Atascadero

Exempt Status:

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Ministerial (Sec. 15268);             | <input type="checkbox"/>            | General Rule Exemption (Sec. 15061. c);    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Declared Emergency (Sec. 15269(a));   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Categorically Exempt (Sec. 15301 - 15333); |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Emergency Project (Sec. 15269(b)(c)); | <input type="checkbox"/>            | Statutory Exemption (Sec. 15261 - 15285)   |

Reasons Why The Project is Exempt: This project is consistent with the requirements stated in Section 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) and will have no significant environmental impacts to aesthetics, agriculture and forestland/timberland, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation/traffic, or to utilities and service systems. No healthy, mature native trees are proposed to be removed. No exceptions apply which would preclude the use of a Notice of Exemption for this project.

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Date Exemption Accepted: 4/11/2025

  
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Assistant Planner



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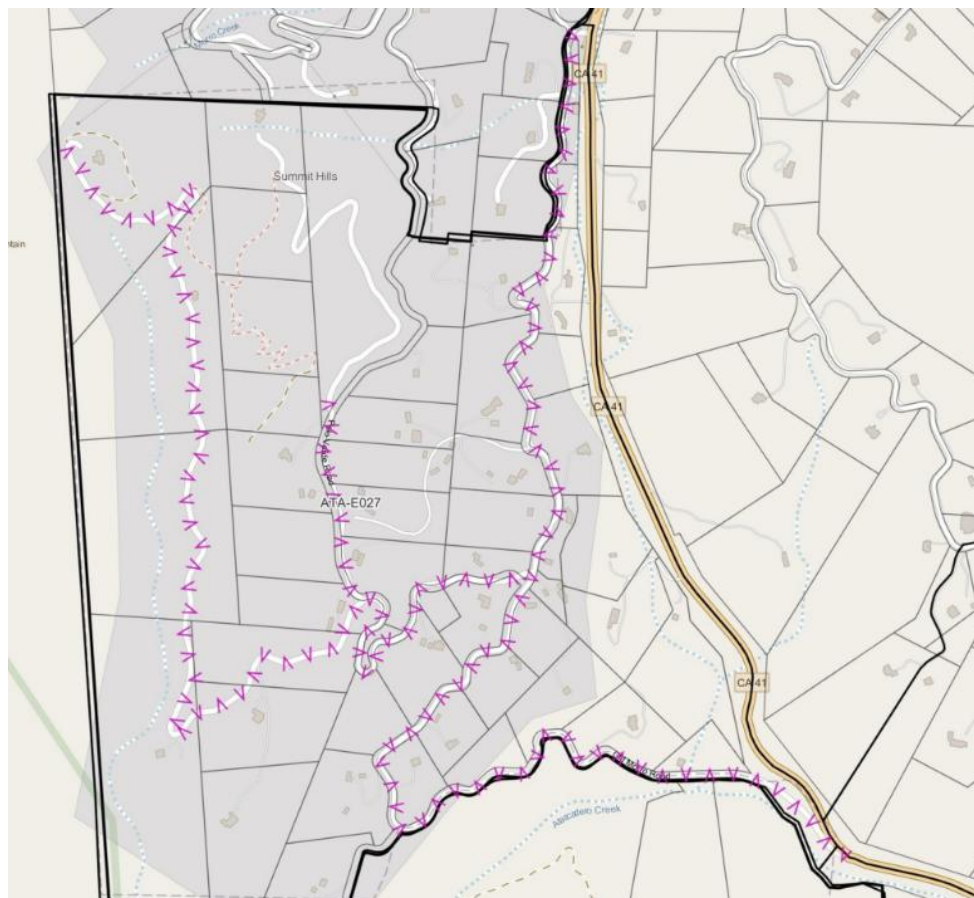
## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

PUBLIC INFORMATION – PLANNING SERVICES

# ATASCADERO FUELS MANAGEMENT PROJECT LOCATIONS

### Location A:

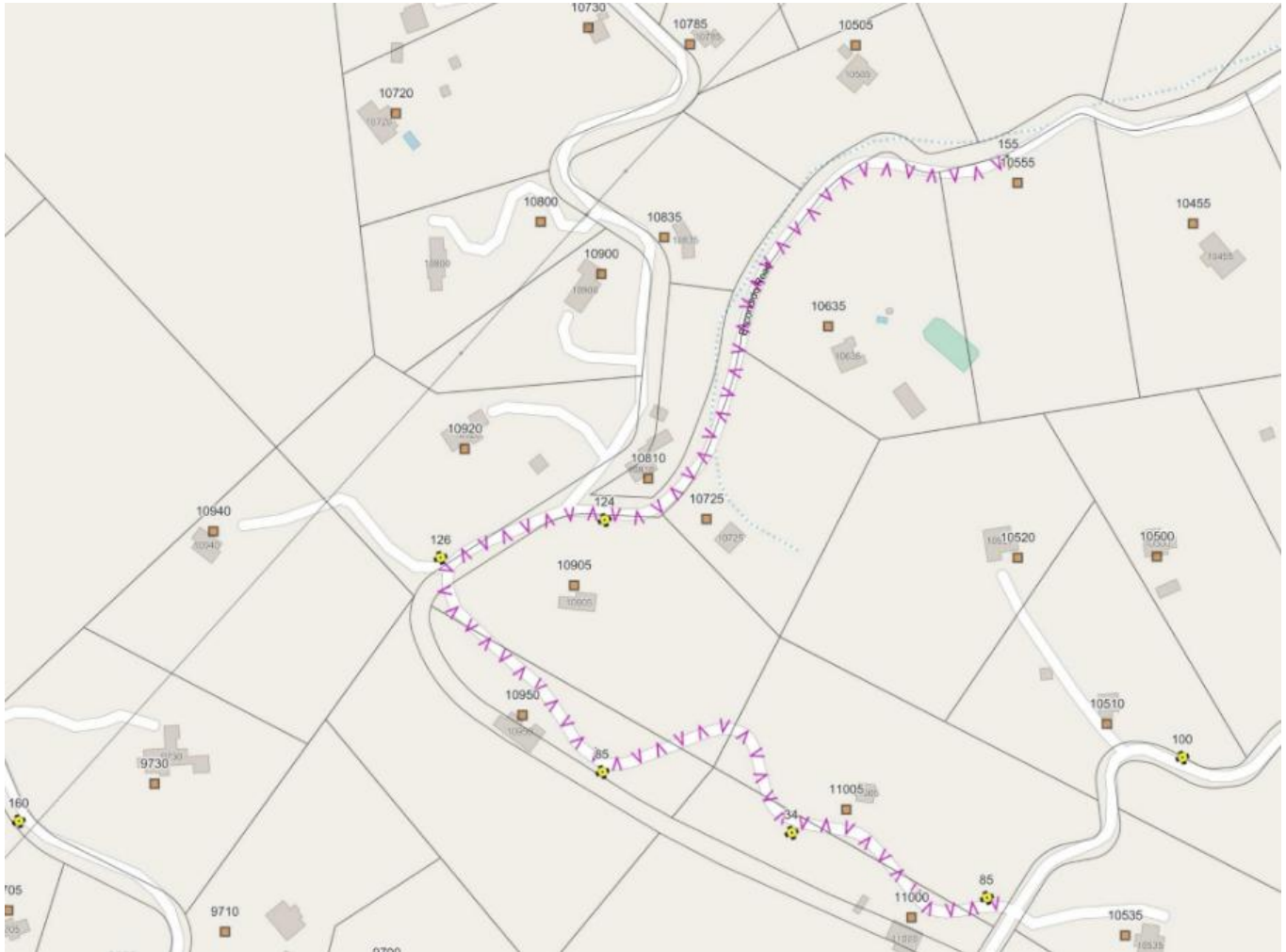
- The entirety of the City's right-of-way on Falcon Road, beginning at the intersection of Falcon Road and Palo Verde Road and terminating at the end of Falcon Road.
- The built portion of the City's right-of-way on Palo Verde Road, beginning at the intersection of Palo Verde Road and Old Morro Road and terminating approximately 1600 feet west-southwest as the crow flies.
- The entirety of the City's right-of-way on Old Morro Road.





**Location C:**

- A portion of Escondido Road, beginning at the intersection of Escondido Road and San Marcos Road and terminating at approximately the center of the frontage of the property at 10555 Escondido Road.



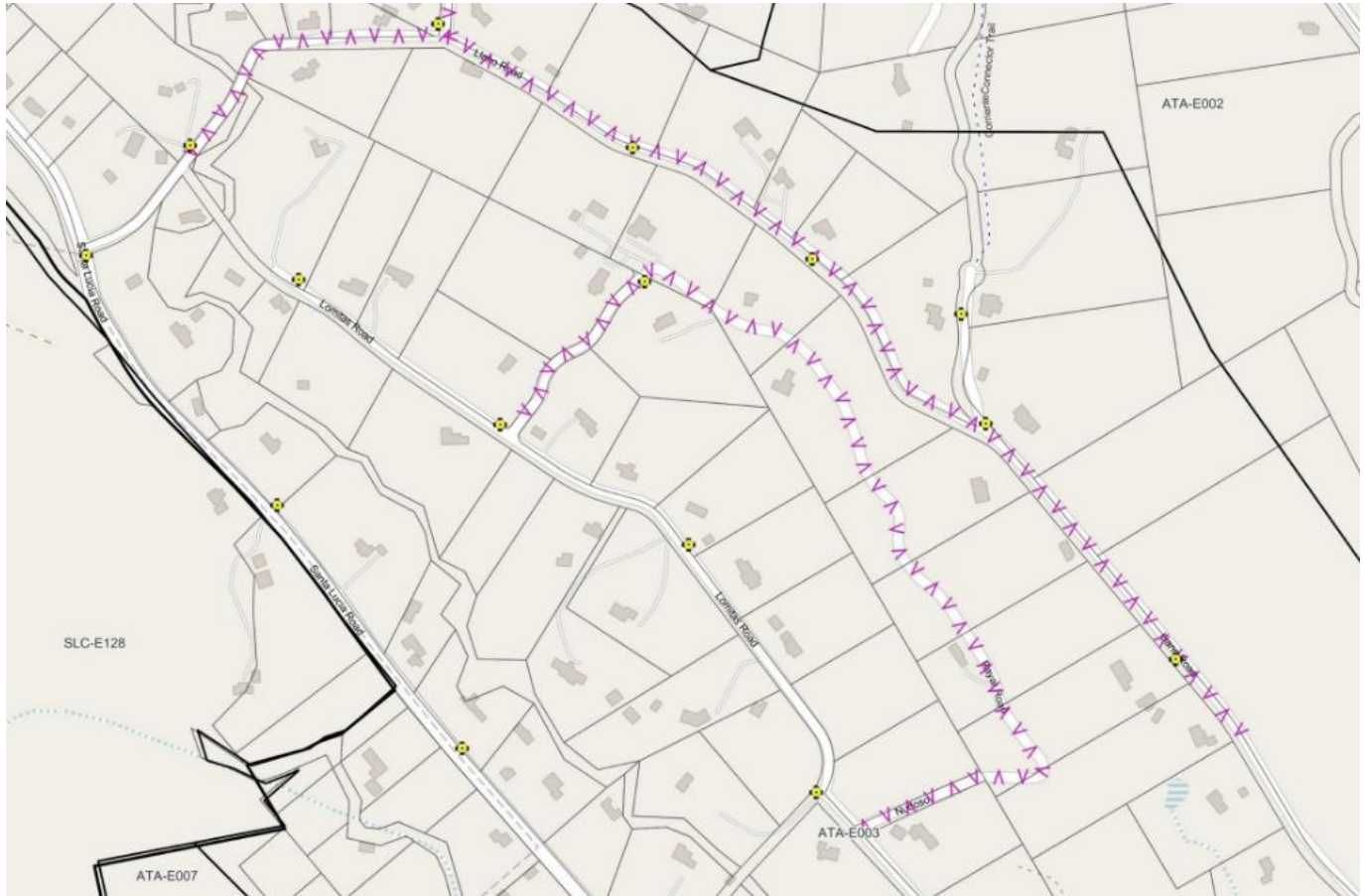
**Location D:**

- A portion of the City’s right-of-way on Bella Vista Road, beginning at the intersection of Bella Vista Road and San Marcos Road and terminating at the entrance to a private driveway serving the property at 7970 Bella Vista Road.



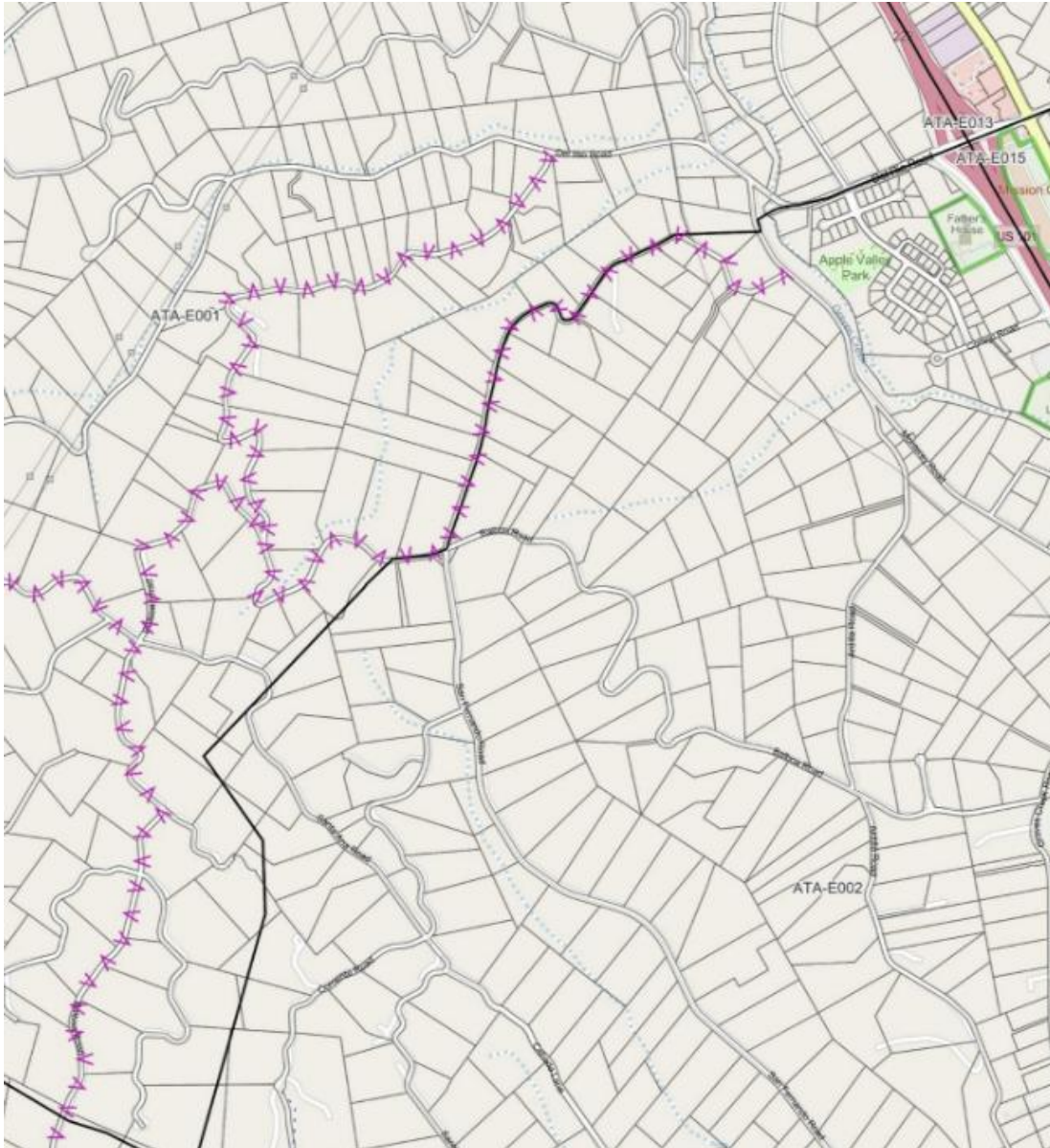
**Location E:**

- The entirety of Rayar Road, beginning at the intersection of Rayar Road and Lomitas Road and terminating where Rayar Road becomes Nudoso Road.
- The entirety of the City's right-of-way on Nudoso Road.
- A portion of the City's right-of-way on Llano Road, beginning at the intersection of Llano Road and Lomitas Road and terminating at the southeastern end of the frontage of the property at 6200 Llano Road.



**Location F:**

- The entirety of the City's right-of-way on Balboa Road, beginning at the intersection of Balboa Road and Llano Road and terminating at the intersection of Balboa Road and San Fernando Road.
- The entirety of the City's right-of-way on San Fernando Road, beginning at the intersection of San Fernando Road and Monterey Road and terminating at the intersection of Balboa Road and San Fernando Road.
- The entirety of the City's right-of-way on Alturas Road, beginning at the intersection of Alturas Road and Balboa Road and terminating at the intersection of Alturas Road and Del Rio Road.



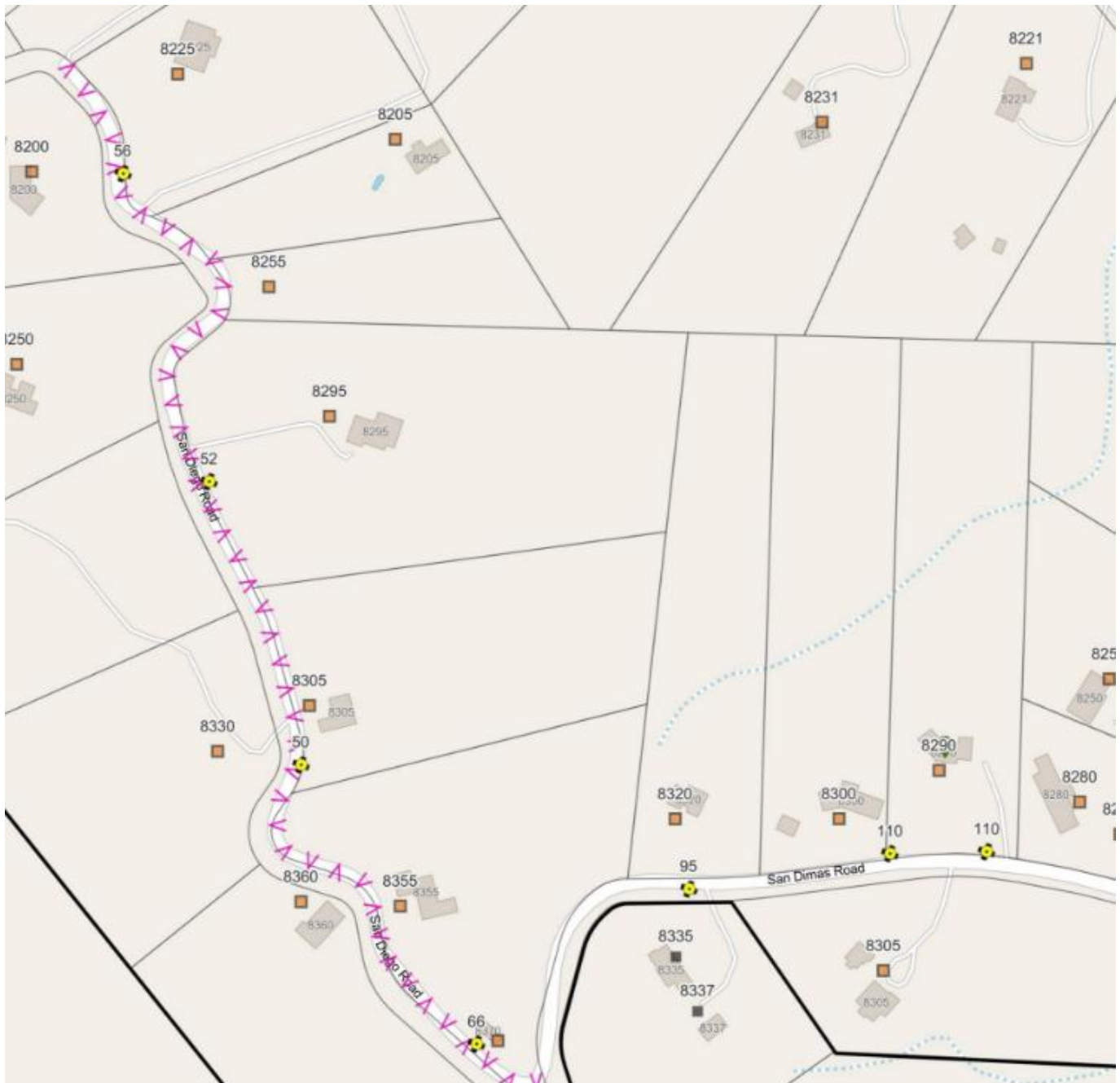


**Location G:** A portion of Santa Ana Road, beginning at the intersection of Santa Cruz Road and Santa Ana Road and terminating at the eastern end of the frontage of the property at 14550 Santa Ana Road.





**Location I:** A portion of the City's right-of-way on San Diego Road, beginning at the intersection of San Diego Road and San Dimas Road and terminating at the northwestern end of the frontage of the property at 8225 San Diego Road.

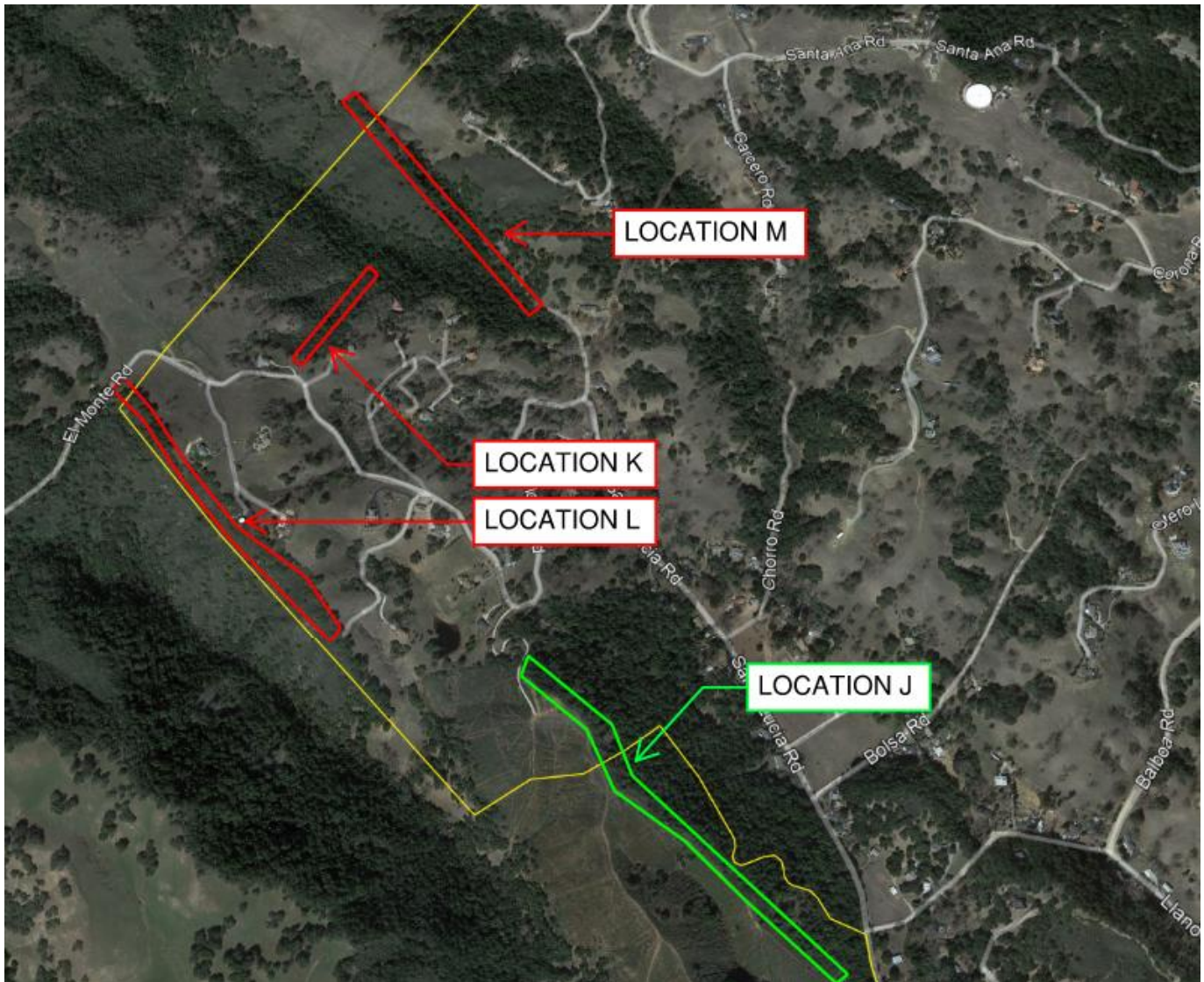


**Location J:** Maintenance and modification of an existing 6.9-acre shaded fuel break, beginning approximately 675 feet south of El Monte Road and continuing approximately 2,575 feet southeast along a dirt pathway terminating at (35.4879, -120.7289).

**Location K:** Creation of a new shaded fuel break of approximately 2.3 acres beginning adjacent to El Monte Road at (35.4962, -120.7429) and continuing approximately 750 feet northeast, terminating at (35.4980, -120.7414).

**Location L:** Creation of a new shaded fuel break of approximately 6 acres beginning adjacent to El Monte Road at (35.4954, -120.7461) and continuing approximately 1,930 feet southeast before terminating at the end of San Lucas Road at (35.4918, -120.7402).

**Location M:** Creation of a new shaded fuel break of approximately 3.6 acres, beginning approximately 650 feet northwest of City limits at (35.5013, -120.7429) and continuing approximately 1400 feet east-southeast before terminating at (35.4980, -120.7376).



**Location N:** Approximately 35 acres of fuel reduction from the southwesterly edge of the railroad right-of-way adjacent to Pine Mountain to the ridge of Pine Mountain.

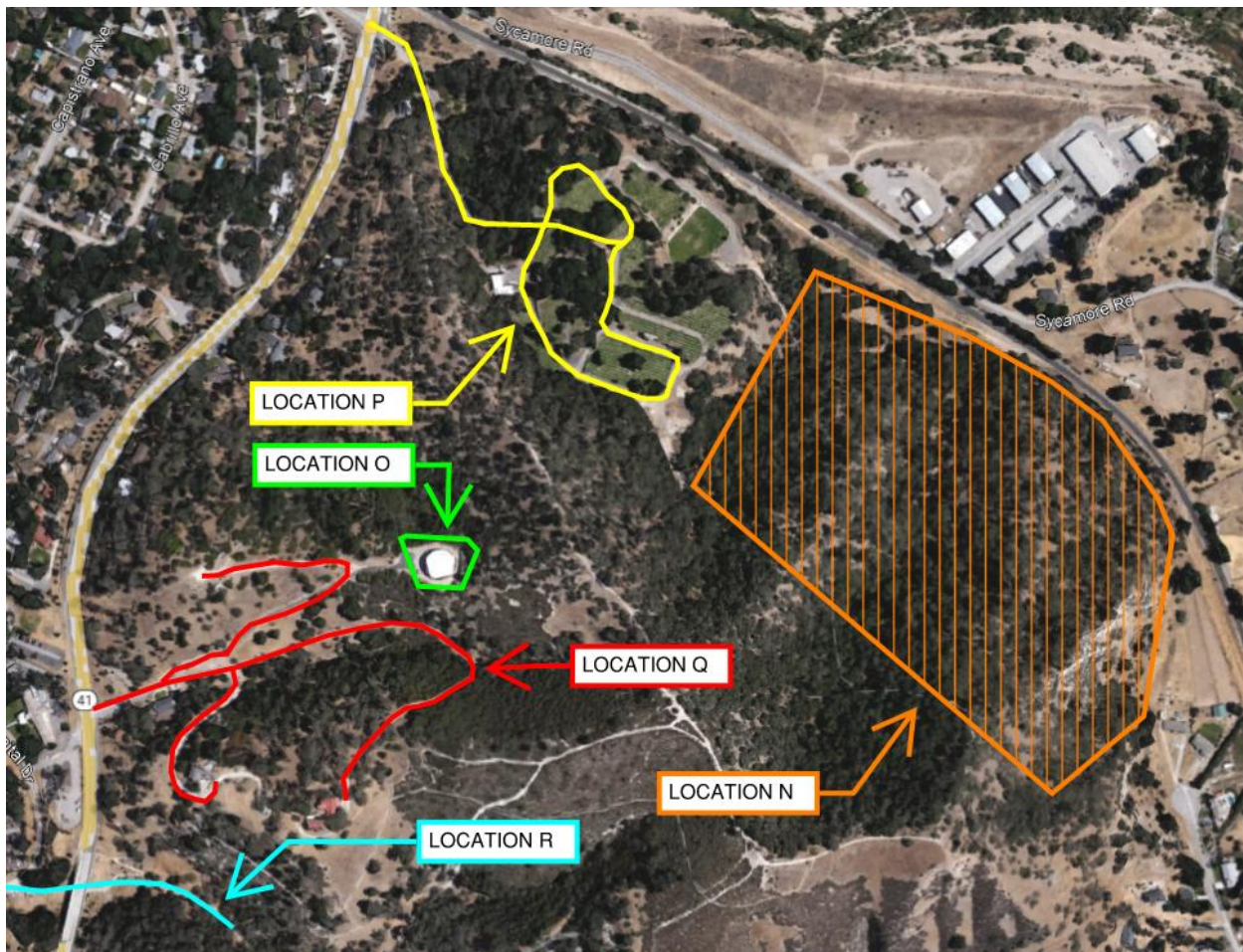
**Location O:** Approximately 1 acre of fuel reduction surrounding a communications repeater located at (35.4940, -120.6583).

**Location P:** Approximately 0.75 miles of road brushing along Cemetery Road, beginning at the intersection of Cemetery Road and Morro Road / State Highway 41 and including most roads interior to the cemetery property.

**Location Q:**

- An approximately 0.37-mile portion of Serena Court, beginning at the intersection of Serena Court and Morro Road / State Highway 41 at (35.4923, -120.6624) and terminating at the entrance to a private driveway at (35.4922, -120.6593).
- An approximately 0.12-mile portion of a private road, beginning at the intersection of Serena Court and the road at (35.4931, -120.6607) and terminating at the entrance to a residence at (35.4921, -120.6608).
- An approximately 0.23-mile portion of a private road, beginning at the intersection of Serena Court and the road at (35.4930, -120.6615) and terminating at the end of the road at (35.4939, -120.6610).

**Location R:** An approximately 0.16-mile portion of the Marj Mackey Trail, beginning at the intersection of Capistrano Avenue and the Marj Mackey Trail and terminating eastward down the trail at approximately (35.4906, -120.6606).



**Location S:** An approximately 2000-lineal-foot shaded fuel break of varied width beginning at approximately (35.4519, -120.6881), and terminating to the south at (35.4460, -120.6877).

