



Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District

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NOTICE OF DRAFT FOREST HEALTH AND FIRE RESILIENCE PUBLIC WORKS PLAN FOR REVIEW AND PUBLIC HEARING SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2021

The Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District (USLTRCD) has released a Draft Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District Forest Health and Fire Resilience Public Works Plan (PWP) for public review and comment, available on the USLTRCD website here: <https://www.us-ltrcd.org/usltrcd-forest-health-and-fire-resilience-public-works-plan>

The goal of the USLTRCD PWP is to meet the need for programmatic permitting for high-priority forest health and fuels management projects to reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfire and improve ecological conditions for forests, woodlands, and grasslands within the coastal zone. The PWP provides a planning framework to efficiently review and authorize vegetation management projects within the Program Area over the next ten years using principles, strategies, and best management practices that align fire prevention planning with the protection of coastal resources. This draft PWP is the result of a coordinated planning process of the USLTRCD in collaboration with staff from the California Coastal Commission, San Luis Obispo County Planning and Building Department, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) and the San Luis Obispo County Fire Safe Council.

The USLTRCD will be hosting a public hearing on the draft PWP at the USLTRCD Board of Directors Meeting **September 16th, 2021, at 4:00 PM**

Location: TBD. Will be posted on www.us-ltrcd.org by August 30th, 2021

The meeting agenda will be posted at least 10 days prior to the hearing, and can be found on the USLTRCD's website here: www.us-ltrcd.org

Questions and comments regarding the Draft Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Forest Health and Fire Resilience Public Works Plan can be directed to the USLTRCD at pwp.usltrcd@gmail.com or 805-460-7272 ext. 1.

Comments are due by 5pm on September 15th, 2021

About the Upper Salinas-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District (USLTRCD): The USLTRCD is a public, non-regulatory special district that helps people protect, conserve, and restore natural resources through information, education, and technical assistance. Serving as a local hub for conservation efforts, the USLTRCD works with a wide variety of partners, including farming and ranching operations, landowners and managers, and federal, state and local government agencies. For more information visit: www.us-ltrcd.org

About Public Works Plans (PWP): A PWP is a land use planning document that plans for and sets a framework for implementing a specific public works project or array of public works-related activities. A PWP provides a land use planning alternative to Local Coastal Programs (LCPs) for obtaining approval of large or phased public works projects, as well as any development proposed by a special district, and remains under the authority of the Coastal Commission irrespective of coastal permit jurisdictional boundaries. A PWP is an alternative to project-by-project review for public works, which would otherwise require multiple coastal development permits for different components of the public works project. For more information contact the Coastal Commission at statewideplanning@coastal.ca.gov.