



SAN MATEO COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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CAL FIRE and the San Mateo County Fire Department to Conduct Dam Face Burn on SFPUC Watershed Lands

BELMONT, CA – CAL FIRE, the San Mateo County Fire Department, and the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) plan to conduct a prescribed fire on the San Andreas Lake Dam.

The 5-acre fire will consume cured grass in order to reduce fire danger to the area, and remove vegetation that could compromise the integrity of the earthen dam. The burn will also help maintain access for inspections and monitoring of the dam. Additionally, it will provide training for firefighters and SFPUC watershed staff as we head into the busiest part of our wildfire year.

The burn is planned for tomorrow morning, Tuesday, June 7, 2022, and will be weather-dependent. Light smoke could briefly be visible in parts of San Mateo, Belmont, San Carlos, and Burlingame.

SFPUC biologists have surveyed the areas for the presence of special status plants and Mission blue butterfly host plants. Surveys for special status animals, including the San Francisco garter snake and the California red-legged frog will occur Tuesday morning before the burn begins.

The burn will be conducted with assistance from the SFPUC, and under the guidelines of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

If you are a member of the media and would like to attend, please email smcfdpio@fire.ca.gov for further instructions. We plan to meet at 9am. This burn will only last through the morning hours. We will provide interviews to the media at the scene.

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