

McKay Community Forest 2022 Annual Report

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2022 Highlights

The Forest Stewardship Plan and the environmental study (CEQA document) for the Trail Plan were circulated for public review and subsequently approved by the Board of Supervisors on September 27.

The Northridge parking area was opened for public use on September 29, providing access to approximately four miles of designated trails.

Trail building work began by the Volunteer Trail Stewards (VTS) and Delta Force. A total of 233 volunteers logging 998 crew hours over four months, with coordination and guidance by Robert Vogt and Dennis Houghton.

The Non-industrial Timber Management Plan (NTMP) was submitted to CAL-FIRE for review and approval. BBW was the lead forester with assistance from SHN and Stantec.

Planning efforts began with RCAA for an off-channel habitat restoration project along the Cutten Branch of Ryan Creek.

2023 Goals

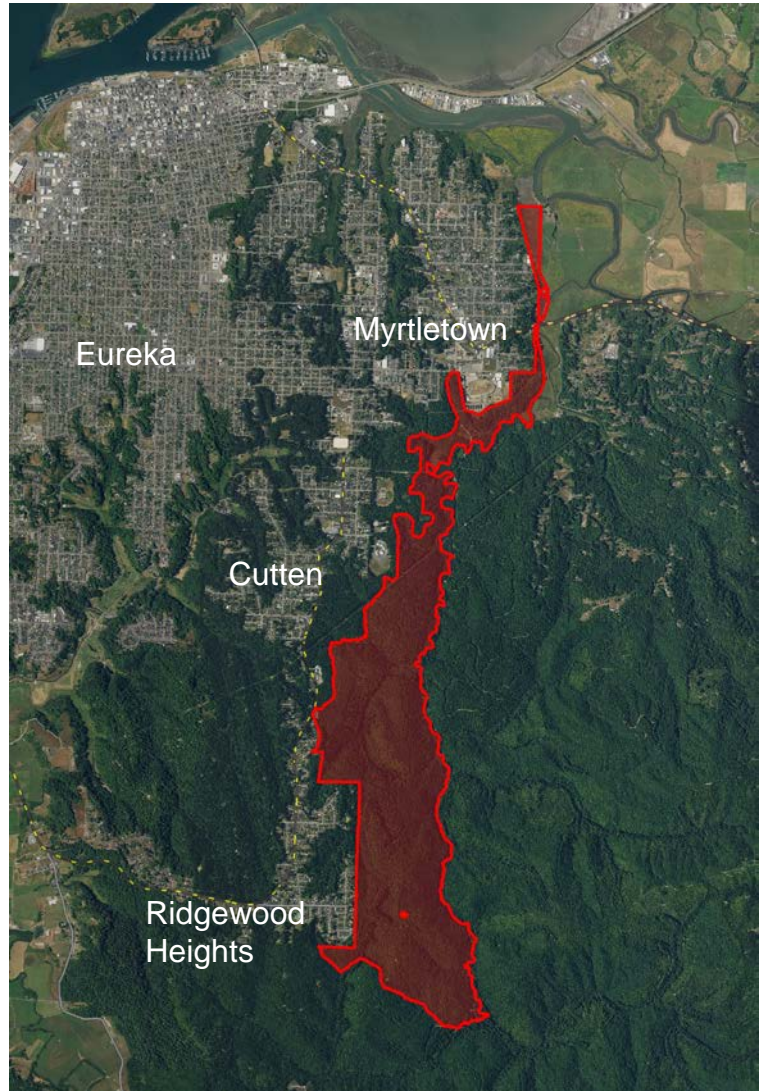
1. Approval of the NTMP and completion of timber harvest operations in the Mid-McKay management unit east of Winship School.
2. Improvements on the access road easement through Winship school property.
3. Treatment of sediment discharge sites on the R-6 road.
4. Continued trail-building (VTS & Delta Force).
5. Trailhead development and trail signs within the Redwood Acres trail unit.
6. Installation of bridges on Upper and Lower Bob Hill Gulch, Harris Street trail, and Ryan Creek (R-4).
7. Development of a draft ordinance.
8. Start-up of community-based Advisory Group.

2023 Advisory Group Meetings

Dates: January 24, April 25, July 25, October 24

Time: 3:30-5:00 pm

Location: Adorni Center Conference Room



Planning Documents

Forest Stewardship Plan (Sept. 13, 2022): This plan addresses how silviculture, fire risk reduction, habitat restoration, carbon sequestration, monitoring, and adaptive management will be implemented through the next 10 to 15 years.

Trail Plan (Dec. 16, 2020): The Trail Plan provides a blueprint for development of trails, access points, and amenities to support recreational and educational activities.

Non-Industrial Timber Management Plan (NTMP) (In prep.): The NTMP demonstrates compliance with the California Forest Practice Rules.