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Con Fire begins next phase of shaded fuel break

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The Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (Con Fire) kicked off the next phase in its 11-mile shaded fuel break program with a presentation held Jan. 25 at the Rossmoor Event Center. Funded by a \$3 million California Climate Investments Wildfire Prevention Grant from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), the shaded fuel break across southern Lafayette and Walnut Creek will afford protection from wildfires in densely populated wildland-urban interface and hard to access grassland areas before they are able to threaten homes, businesses and other properties. The entire project area encompasses 268 acres of open space in the East Bay. The tentative completion date is late 2025. It builds on a \$6.3 million fuel break project that was completed in 2021 by the Moraga-Orinda Fire District.

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