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Maintenance Matters

Over the past four years the Scripps Ranch Fire Safe Council (SRFSC) has assisted 23 neighborhoods in preparing 100-foot fuel breaks. In addition, many other homeowners, neighborhoods, and homeowners associations have taken steps to protect their property from wildfires. Finally, the city has had three crews working in Scripps Ranch this summer that have provided defensible space protection for an additional 750 homes.

We are better prepared than ever. However, eucalyptus ladder fuel has been growing at a foot a month, and chaparral and sage areas have been untouched since March. Have a look. The Santa Ana winds are coming. You can determine if your Zone 2 area--behind your fence--needs a trim. For more on fire preparedness, please see pages 42-43 in this Newsletter.

Chimney Canyon Creek Restoration: For the past 2 years we have been working with the Federal Fish and Wildlife Service, the California Fish and Game Department, and the city of San Diego to prepare a project to clean up the creek that runs through Chimney Canyon. We have the plan, biological studies, permits, funding, and now, at last, we have the start date: Monday, Sept. 14.

The project will be done on city open space and will be conducted by the California Conservation Corps, well trained for this work. All permits require that the project be monitored by a biologist and an arborist. More details are on our website at [www.srfiresafecouncil.org]. To reach the SRFSC, please call 945-6303.

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