

PLN 2020-00369
Eucalyptus fuel reduction
on El Granada Blvd

28 July 2021
Midcoast Community Council

Slides presented:

Project drivers

Location of fuel abatement

Permitting

Before / current pics

Bidding

Financing

People

Project Drivers:

Fire Safety (defensible space)

Fall/crush hazard mitigation

Economy of property management

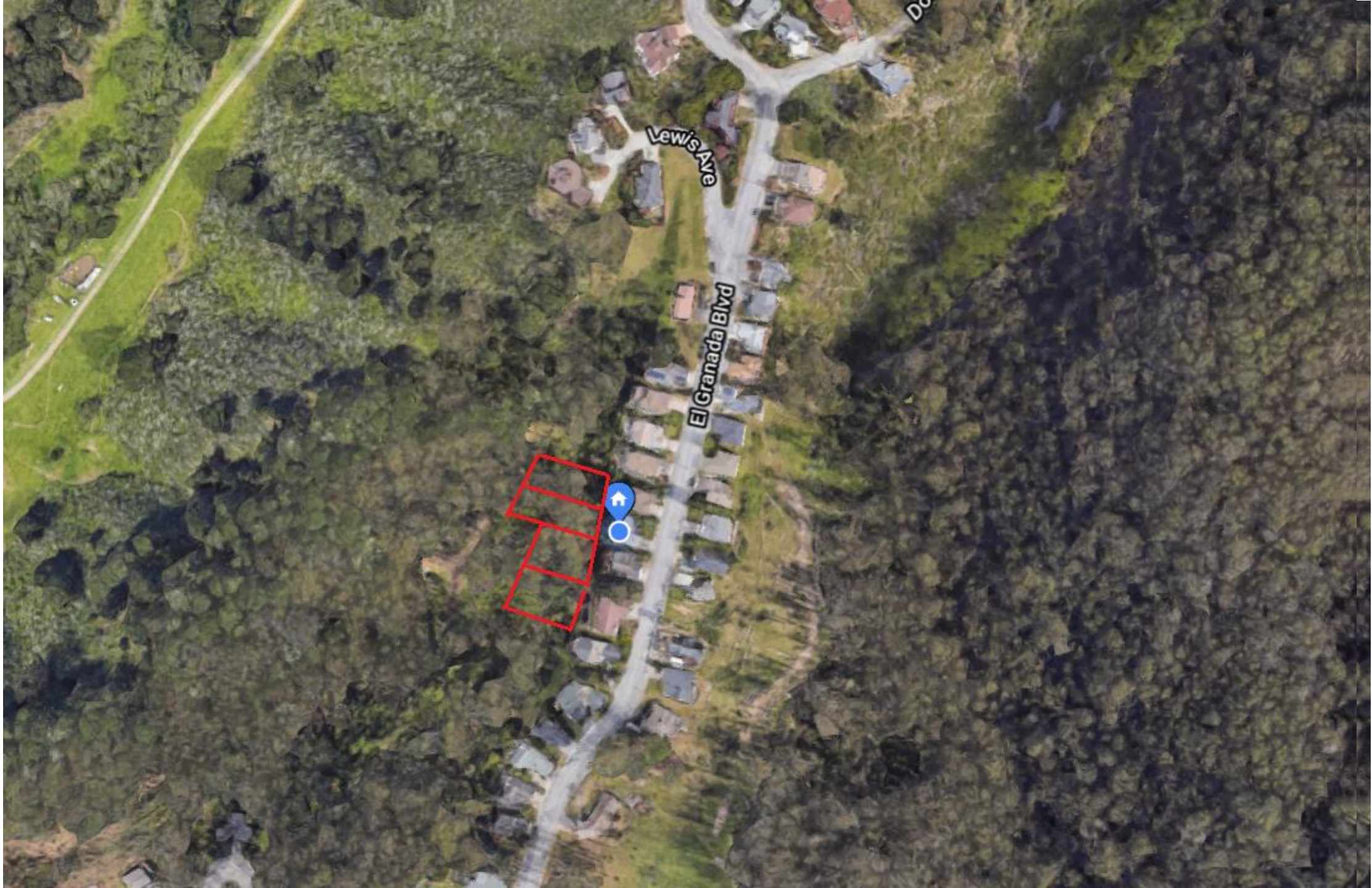
Environmental reclamation

Aesthetics

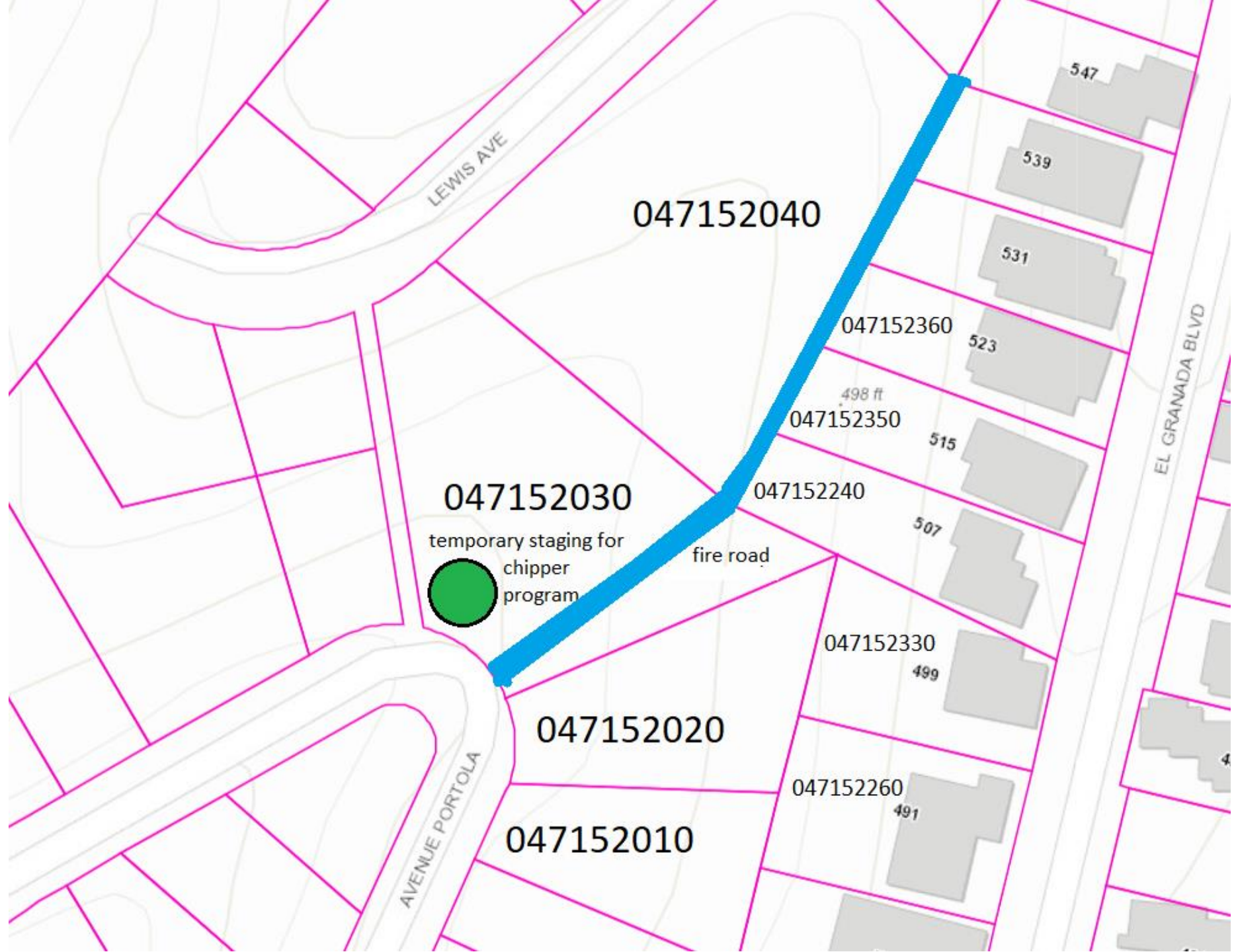


Quarry Park

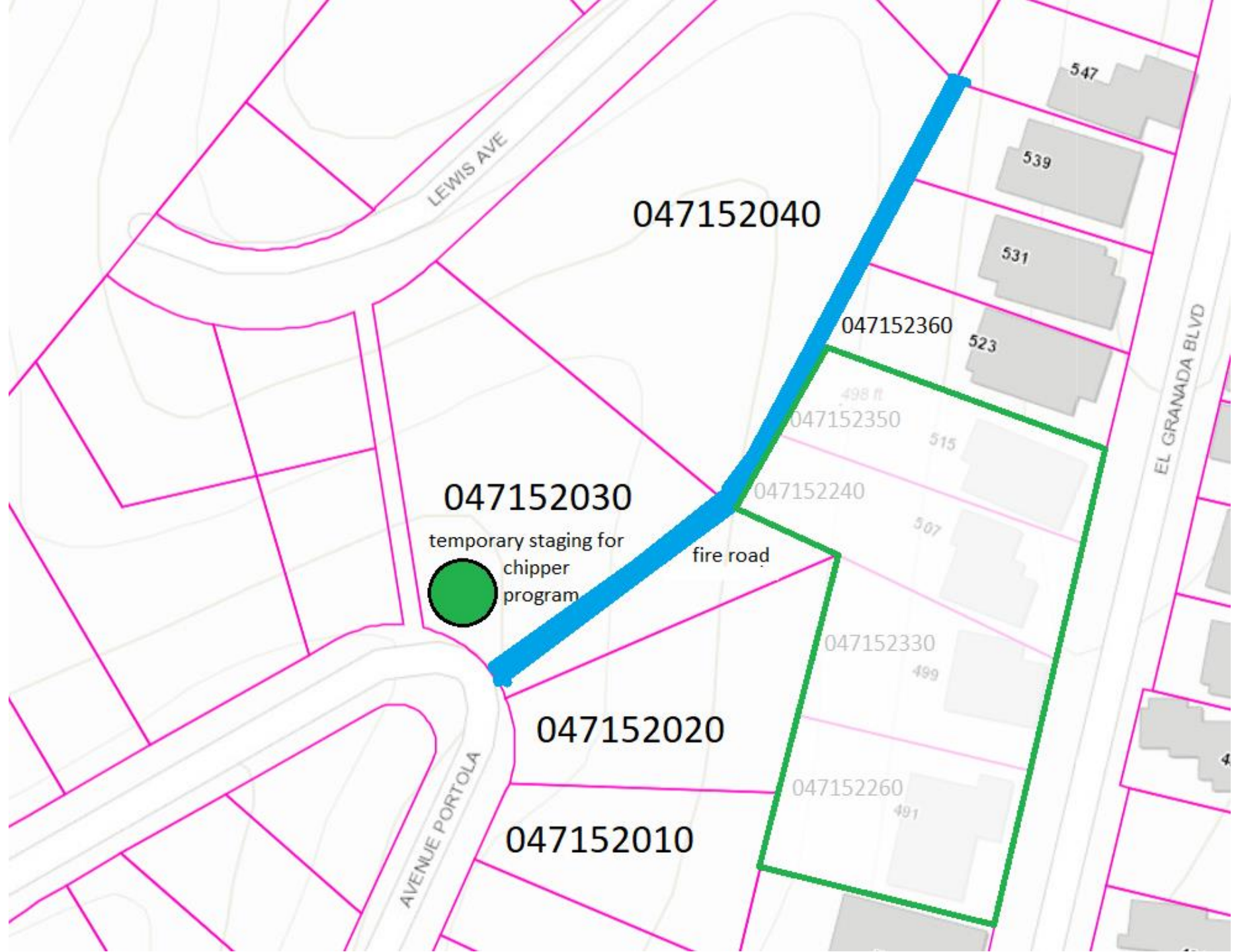




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Project Permitting and Execution Timeline

10/25/20

First permit application draft sent to SMC Planning

12/03/20

Decision to amend to include four properties (491, 499, 507, 515)

11/25/20

Second permit application draft sent to SMC Planning

04/28/21

Permit comment period closed

04/14/21

SMC Planning application hearing – 9AM
AND
MCC meeting for wildfire preparedness – 7PM

06/09/21

Pre-work Biologist site visit

06/12/21

Funding approved

06/15/21

Cutting start

07/28/21

MCC Presentation
Logs on ground
Cleanup in progress

<https://planning.smcgov.org/events/planning-commission-hearing-5>

Project delays included: Bird nest spotted by biologist, wet weather, and one eucalyptus with a beehive

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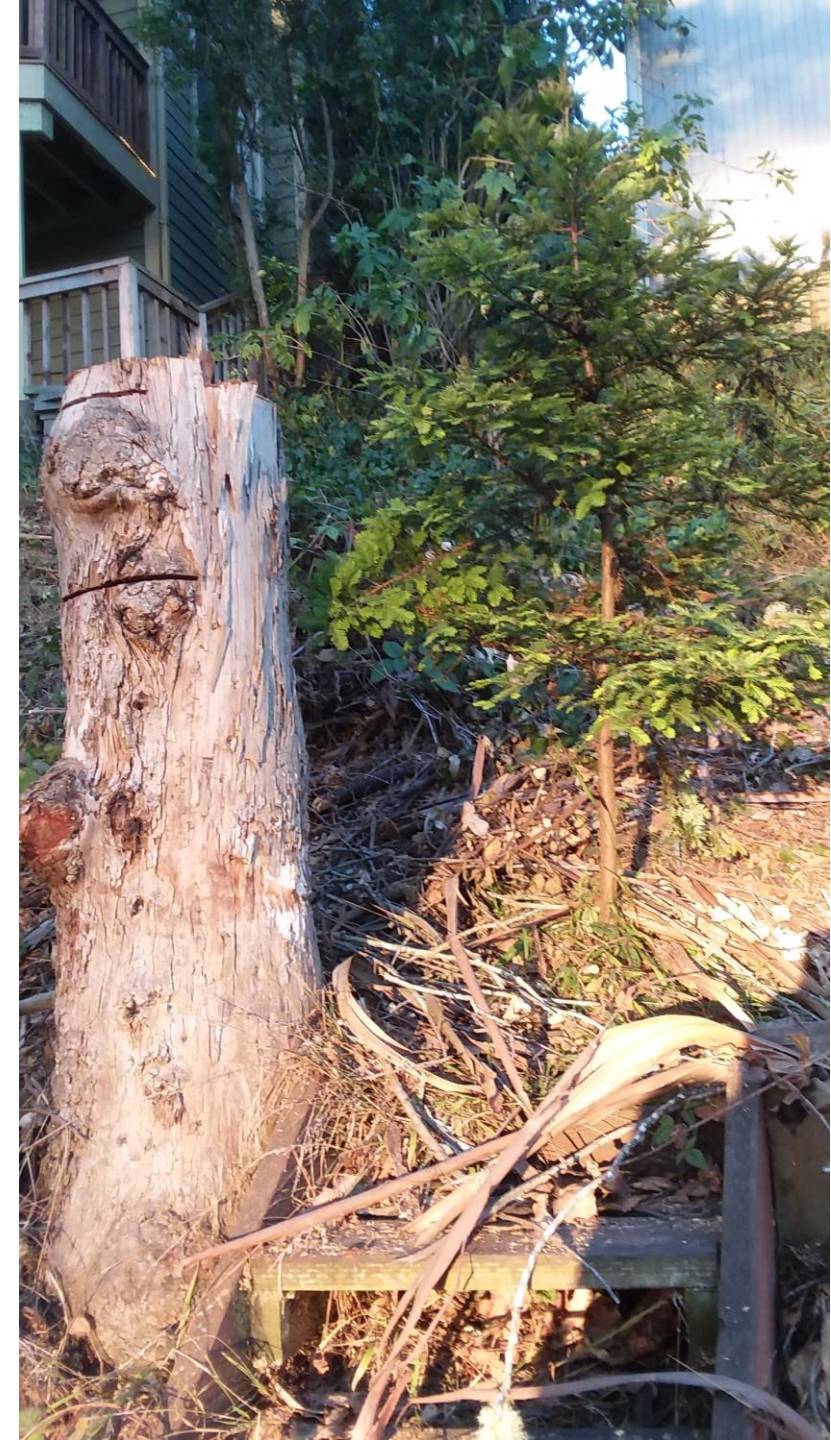
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Bidding Process:

Bids accepted from all responding arborists, keep accepting until feasible

Final costs: ~\$1500/tree up to 16", with easy access, site mulching in bulk

Extra costs for large log removal or any site with poor access



Financing Process:

Blind contributions

Game theory? Considered a five-way game of chicken

Neighbors have taken advantage of the permit exemption and the presence of New Sky equipment in the valley to do work adjacent to the work site.

Suggestions to San Mateo County:

Consider funding a per-home or per-property credit for green waste disposal to offset cost of tree removal. Dumping fees for logs too large to shred are a ~15% of total.

People

Name	Organization
Fred Isaak and Annette Merriman	523 el granada blvd
David Oliphant and Christopher Childs	515 el granada blvd
Danny Terwey and Heidi Terwey	507 el granada blvd
Colby Williamson and Kristy Jordan	499 el granada blvd
Richard Brady and Nancy Brady	491 el granada blvd
Camille Leung	SMC Project Planner
Cleopatra Tuday	SMC RCD Biologist
Erica Harris	SMC RCD
Sheena Sidhu	SMC RCD
Austin Seely	Calfire
Denise Enea	Fire Safe San Mateo
Carlos DiazSanmiguel (arborist)	New Sky Tree Service
Walter Wilson (team leader)	New Sky Tree Service