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CAL FIRE CZU to Conduct Prescribed Fire at San Andreas Dam on SFPUC Lands

CAL FIRE CZU in collaboration with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC), is scheduled to conduct a **prescribed fire operation at the San Andreas Dam face,** located within the Peninsula Watershed on June 12, 2026. This is a one-day operation that is contingent upon favorable weather conditions. Ignitions are expected to begin around 10:00a.m. and conclude by the late afternoon.

The burn will remove weeds from approximately 5 acres on the earthen face of the San Andreas Dam, at the south end of San Andreas Reservoir.

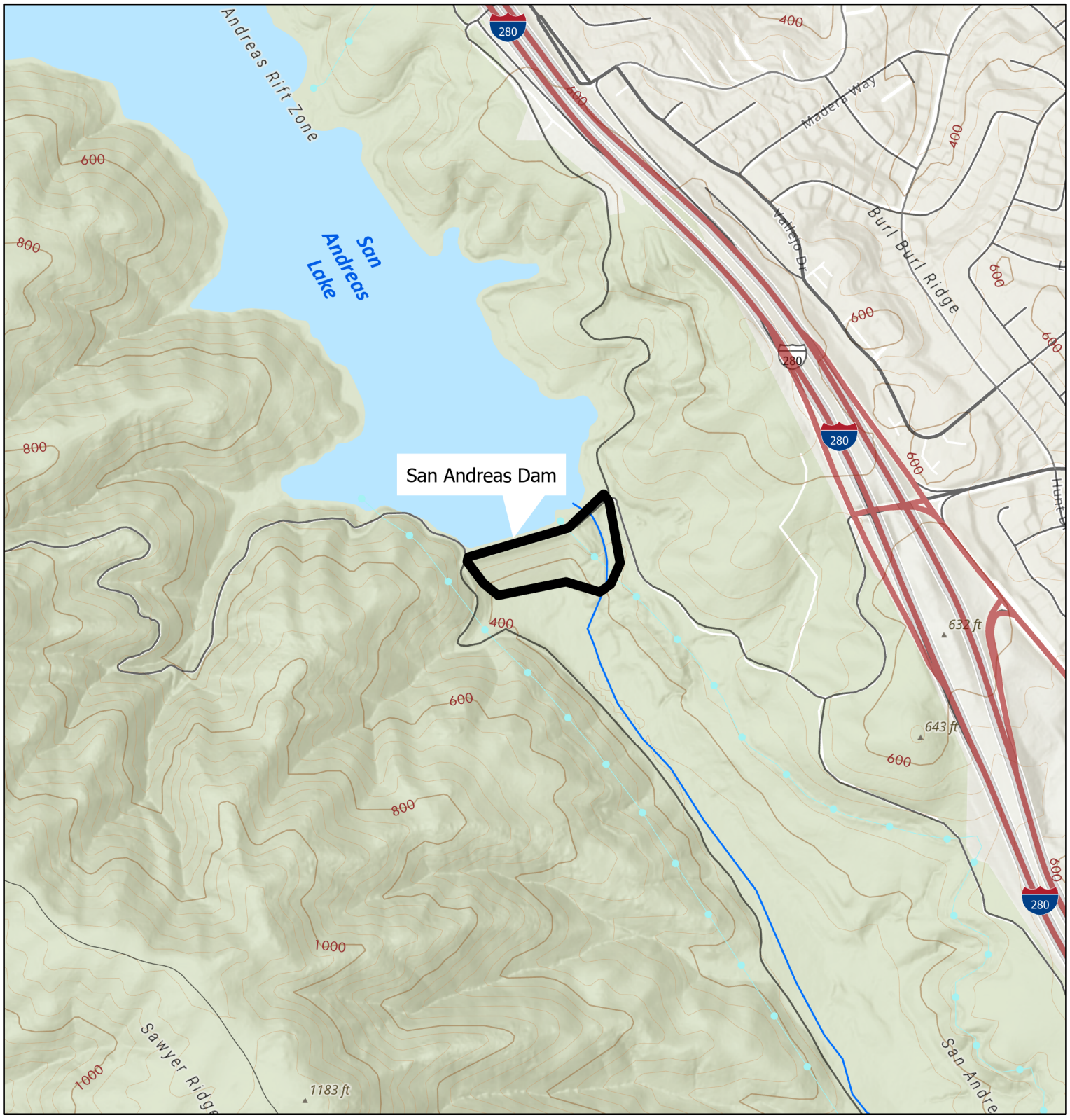
By removing overgrown grass in a controlled manner, crews can enhance dam safety by allowing engineers to inspect for potential issues. Earthen dams must be regularly inspected for signs of instability, such as cracking, slumping, sinkholes, or internal erosion. Dense, tall grass obscures the ground, making these early warning signs difficult to detect during routine walk-throughs by dam safety engineers.

These specific operations double as invaluable training grounds. They allow fire crews and SFPUC watershed staff to practice firing patterns and multi-agency coordination under controlled conditions as we head into the period of peak wildfire activity.

Smoke during the operation will be visible from I-280, Skyline Boulevard, and surrounding communities including Millbrae, San Bruno, and Hillsborough. Firefighters and engines will remain on-site throughout the day and into the evening to monitor the burn and ensure all hot spots are fully extinguished.

CAL FIRE CZU works closely with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to **minimize smoke impacts.** Please see a **map of the area on Page 2 and photos of previous prescribed burns at San Andreas Dam on Page 3.**

SFPUC Dam Burn Locations



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San Andreas Dam burn

0 0.1 0.2 0.4 0.6 Miles

0 500 1,000 2,000 3,000 Feet

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San Francisco Water Power Sewer

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CAL FIRE CZU partners with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) to execute prescribed fires on the face of the San Andreas Dam, removing dry grasses and clearing access for critical infrastructure inspections.











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