

# Action 18:

## Encourage Examination and Management of Fire Hazard and Flammable Vegetation in Adjoining Hill Areas

### Description:

Encourage concerned residents, agencies, and community groups to evaluate vegetation management, ignition risks, and other fire-related issues in areas adjacent to the Caldecott Corridor which could transmit fire to the Corridor area. Caltrans land above Highway 24 along the western approach to the Caldecott Tunnel, the area surrounding the North Oakland Sports Complex, Temescal Canyon, and Claremont Canyon are among the areas which could be considered.

### Implementation:

Carry this recommendation to relevant agencies and organizations, including Caltrans, the City of Oakland, Alameda County Transportation Authority, UC Berkeley, and the North Hills Landscape Committee. Support existing programs and initiatives. Suggest convening a public/private coalition, such as has occurred for the Caldecott Area, to develop management plans.

### Fiscal Impacts:

Agency staff expenses; volunteer time. Modifying existing actions could either raise or lower management

costs, though more efficient management would likely be a goal of the process. Implementing new actions would require new funding and could, depending on the action, require substantial sums of money from a variety of sources including private grants. CDF administers a Forest Stewardship Program which awards grants for forest management and pre-fire fuels treatment, with emphasis on projects with established collaborative community partnerships.



Hills east of Siesta Valley with a typical vegetation mosaic, oaks, and scrub in swales, grassland in drier, more exposed areas (J. Kopchik)

### Anticipated results:

Help reduce the risk of fire spreading into the Caldecott area from adjacent areas.

### Cautions:

Significant time commitments from those involved will be required.