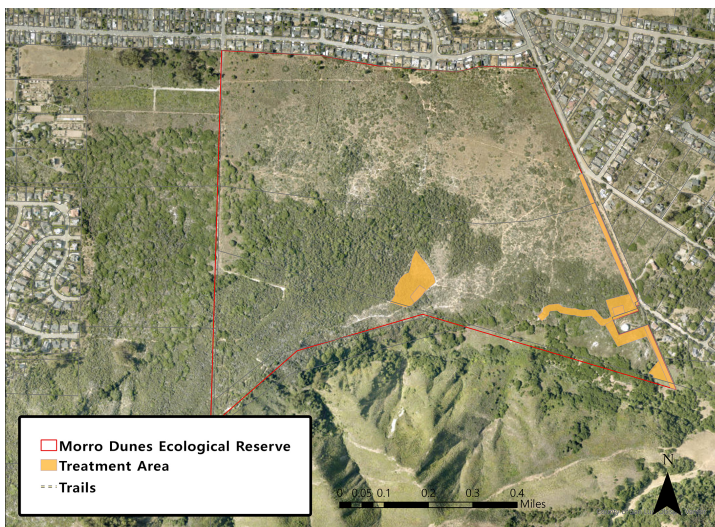




Morro Dunes ECOLOGICAL RESERVE

Restoration Project



The Morro Dunes Ecological Reserve is a California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) property that protects and conserves plants and wildlife, including several rare, threatened and endangered species endemic to the Los Osos area. Morro Bay kangaroo rats, Morro shoulderband snails, Morro manzanita and Indian Knob mountainbalm are some of the species protected by conserving this land. The property has a history of agricultural and grazing use but no fire history of record.

CDFW is working with CALFIRE, Cal Poly and the yak titʷu titʷu yak tiłhini (YTT) Northern Chumash Tribe to implement a habitat restoration project on the Bayview Unit of the Morro Dunes Ecological Reserve. The project will involve vegetation thinning and prescribed burns to restore Indian Knob mountainbalm habitat, and Morro Manzanita and Bishop pine stands, by reducing canopy cover to promote new growth, facilitate recruitment of new plants, enhance fire resiliency and improve the vigor of existing plants. For more information on these species, scan the QR codes below:



**Morro
manzanita**



**Indian Knob
mountainbalm**



**Bishop
pine**

Prescribed burning conducted in collaboration with CDFW, San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District and the CAL FIRE San Luis Obispo Unit is scheduled to begin July 14, weather permitting. Due to the amount of fuel being removed, this will be an ongoing project with several burn days taking place when weather permits.

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