

Embarcadero Municipal Improvement District (EMID)

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Hello Rancho Embarcadero Resident:

The *EMID Wildfire Fuel Reduction Rebate Program* provides financial assistance and incentives not to exceed \$5,000 per parcel to Rancho Embarcadero residents to reduce hazards that fuel wildfires in our high-risk community. Rebates are limited to one rebate per parcel per fiscal year (ending June 30) and limited to 25 households per year. Applications will be considered based on the following criteria:

- 1) Completed application.
- 2) Priority order received based on receipt of application date/time.
- 3) Proposed exterior preventative fire remediation costs to address risks identified on a complimentary home evaluation report obtained through a Santa Barbara County Fire Safe Council (SBFSC) home inspection. To schedule an inspection, go to this website:

<https://sbfiresafecouncil.org/cp-wildfire-preparedness-evaluations/>

Additional considerations:

- Remediation must specifically reduce fire risk around the residence as identified in the SBFSC inspection report. Aesthetic improvements are not eligible.
- Tree removal and trimming must comply with applicable laws and permitting requirements (residents are responsible for obtaining permits/compliance).

- Residents must obtain a free SBFSC home evaluation and submit a scope of work proposal to EMID for approval prior to beginning work.
- Before and after photo documentation showing SBFSC recommendations were addressed are required for a rebate to be issued.
- The program is not retroactive.
- Sales receipts and/or contractor invoices are required for all rebates.
- Labor performed by the homeowner or occupant does not qualify as a reimbursable expense.

Rebates are offered until the allocated funding limit is reached during the fiscal year. This program is evaluated annually and may be discontinued at any time.

How It Works

1. Prior to beginning work:

Email the following items to emid@emidsb.org with the subject “EMID SBFSC Rebate – *project street address*”

- a) The completed EMID Wildfire Fuel Reduction Rebate Program Application (page 3 of this mailing).
- b) SBFSC Home Inspection report.
- c) Estimate(s) for work to be performed.
- d) “Before” pictures of work that will reduce fire risk and meet the recommendations set forth in the SBFSC home inspection report for that address.

No reimbursable work may be performed until a dated **Authorization to Proceed** is issued by EMID.

2. Once pre-approved work is completed (within 60 days of the “Authorization to Proceed” date):

- a) Submit receipts to EMID for completed work. Final date to submit receipts for reimbursement is June 1, 2026.
- b) Submit “after” pictures of work performed.

Note: Items not cited in the SBFSC inspection report will not be eligible for reimbursement. EMID reserves the right to conduct a physical post-inspection and/or request additional photos or videos of the project to confirm eligible items.

Please direct all inquiries to emid@emidsb.org

**EMID Wildfire Fuel Reduction Rebate Program
Application**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ (Mobile? Yes No Text o.k.? Yes No)

Please attach a copy of your Official SBFSC Home Assessment Report and “Before”
photos of any planned work.

Summary of proposed work:

Estimated Cost: _____

Work to be performed by (name of contractor/supplier): _____

Authorization To Proceed

Application received date: _____

EMID Authorization To Proceed: _____
Initial/Date