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Vallemar looking East, early 1920s. Note: no trees along hillsides . Hillsides were covered with grass and light coastal chaparral.

Vallemar. Photo, looking East, taken near where the "Y" along Reina Del Mar Ave. is today. Farm house no longer exists. A cypress tree in foreground . The hillsides are treeless.

Photo taken January 2021 in Vallemar at North end of Hiawatha Ave., looking East. At left side of photo is the North boundary of Vespero Ave., a paper street (City property). Tree at right is South boundary of paper street. Dense 10 to 15 ft. tall brush includes scotch broom and non-native vegetation. A private residence is located on right side of photo.

Another photo taken at same spot looking towards Northeast . The yellow rake in center of photo marks approx. boundary of undeveloped private property on right and paper street to the left. The undeveloped lot and paper street, both with dense shrubbery, extends about a quarter mile to the East, bordering many private homes.

Photos taken in Vallemar and Linda Mar Neighborhoods

Photo taken January 2021 in Vallemar at North end of Nataqua Ave., looking North. Rosy the Lab is standing near the border of Mariposa Walk (a City-owned paper street) and the boundary of the U.S. Park's GGNRA property covered with dense dried coyote brush and assorted vegetation.

Looking towards the Northeast at boundary between GGNRA property and the City's paper street. Similar conditions exist in East Spark Park, East Rockaway, Pedro Point and parts of Linda Mar. Many homes are located along the GGNRA boundary. Two years ago GGNRA cleared a firebreak along their park boundary and the town of El Granada.

A dense eucalyptus forest located along Higgins Road in the south part of Linda Mar District. The eucalyptus trees are prone to wildfire and was the chief fuel for the Oakland Hills of the 1990s. Similar eucalyptus groves exist in East Sharp Park, Vallemar, and Pedro Point.   The City had an eradication program to eliminate the eucalyptus trees several years ago but is no longer being carried out .

A close-up view of the dense eucalyptus foliage and dead tree branches that serve as fuel for wildfires .