

Brush Fire at Bolsa Chica

Huntington Beach, CA. (July 26, 2020) - At approximately 4pm on Sunday, July 26, 2020, a brush fire broke out at the Bolsa Chica Wetlands in an area commonly known as the Mesa. Firefighters from Huntington Beach, Fountain Valley and the County of Orange responded quickly to knock down the 62.5 acre blaze by 6:30pm.

The ignition point was located to the east of a popular trail above the Outer Bay which runs along Pacific Coast Highway just south of Warner Avenue. Prevailing on-shore winds fanned the flames which spread quickly to within 100 yards of homes in the Brightwater neighborhood. Firefighters, working from the trail behind the homes were able to stop the advancing flames while ground crews were deployed to protect the southern edge of the fire which threatened to consume an area where the Bolsa Chica Gun Club once stood. As containment was achieved to the east and south, flames erupted to the north in the direction of Warner Avenue. With repeated water drops from Orange County firefighting helicopters and a focused effort by crews on the ground, that situation was quickly controlled and the flames were extinguished by 6:30pm.

No structures were involved or lost and the Bolsa Chica Interpretive Center was never in danger. No injuries were reported.

ABOUT THE BOLSA CHICA CONSERVANCY

The [Bolsa Chica Conservancy](#), located in Huntington Beach, California, is a private nonprofit, nonpolitical organization established in 1990 to advocate education and public awareness, restoration and preservation of the Bolsa Chica Wetlands. Its principal mission is to inspire all generations through community involvement, leadership and hands-on science based education on coastal resources, watersheds and wetland science.

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