

Laguna Beach Goat Grazing Program — Municipal Fuel-Break Maintenance by Contracted Herds

PES & Nature-Based Solutions · Good practice · United States of America

Quality score: 40/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Since the early 1990s, and expanded with a 1995 FEMA hazard-mitigation grant, Laguna Beach's fire department has paid contractors to graze goats on roughly 276 of the city's 363 acres of fuel breaks each year; the programme now costs about \$185,000 annually.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Carbon — sequestration / storage, evidenced	0/3
Biodiversity — conservation / improvement, evidenced	0/3
Water & soil — retention, infiltration, erosion control	0/3
Fire resilience — risk reduction, evidenced	3/3
Governance, certification & transferability	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-07

[City of Laguna Beach Fire Department](#) — accessed 2026-08-07

[City of Laguna Beach — Goat Grazing Program](#) — accessed 2026-08-07

[IBTimes UK — How Goat Grazing and Smart Reforms Helped Slow the Rancho Fire](#) — accessed 2026-08-07

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