SITE CONTEXT
WILDFIRE HISTORY

Guenoc Valley is located in a fire prone region of California. Although wildfire is a year-round possibility, risk increases during the late summer into the fall. During this time of the year, hot days with a lack of precipitation dry out vegetation, which increases the risk for wildfire, particularly during windy days. Climate change could further affect these risk factor patterns.

Wildfires have affected the site throughout its history. Since the 1950s, fires of varying size and intensity have burned parts of the project site. A few of the more recent fires, including the Butts Fire in 2014 and the Jerusalem and Valley Fires in 2015, were large-scale fires which spread from off-site and affected large portions of the site as well as nearby properties. In particular, the Valley Fire caused wide-spread damage to the southern portion of the site, including along Butts Canyon Road. These effects are still visible and present today.

The scale, severity, and effects of the most recent wildfires are all important considerations in developing a rigorous wildfire prevention strategy.