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The cause of the wildland fire on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 in the Gaviota area, was determined to be a result of large bird contacting high-voltage power lines. The bird ignited after contacting the power lines and fell to the ground igniting the vegetation below.

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