

## **Exhibit B-1**

# **Biological Resource Survey**

## **Laird Family Vineyards**

**200 Kirkland Ranch Road, American Canyon**

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**PROPERTY APPLICANT:**

Laird Family Vineyards  
Jamieson Vineyards

Parcel Total: 300.35-Acres  
Existing Vineyards: 125-Acres  
Project Size: 99.2+/- Acres Total Disturbed  
82.4+/- Acres Total Planted

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The project proposes to develop 99.2 gross acres/82.4 net acres of vineyard on land that has been used for decades as pastoral grassland. The 300.35-acre property consists of a residence with infrastructure, existing vineyards with infrastructure, pastoral grassland, reservoirs, winery, Sheeny Creek and riparian corridor of Fagan Creek. The property is located on the north side of State Highway 12 (Jamison Canyon Road) in hills above Jamison Canyon. The property is within the USGS Cordelia Quadrangle.

The purpose of this report is to identify biological resources that may be affected by the proposed project. The fieldwork studied the proposed project envelope and surrounding environment. The findings presented below are the results of fieldwork conducted in September 2016 and the spring of 2017 by Kjeldsen Biological Consulting:

- Floristic surveys were conducted to determine the presence of special-status species or habitat for special-status species that could be impacted by the proposed project;
- No special-status plants were identified on the project site or surrounding environment;
- **California Red-legged Frog (*Rana draytonii*)** A small portion of the property is with U.S.FWS California Red-Legged Frog (CRLF) Critical Habitat (Block 20E). No CRLF were observed on the property. The reservoir contains potential habitat, but open grassland on the project site contain low potential for CRLF. The potential for the project to impact this species is low;
- **Tricolored Blackbird (*Agelaius tricolor*)** This species was observed within reservoir. The project will not impact the reservoir. It is unknown if the reservoir is used as a breeding site. The potential is low for the project to impact this species;
- **Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*)** The Cordelia Quadrangle is listed as a sensitive Element Occurrence by the CDFW CNDDDB. The project site does not contain habitat for this species. The potential for the project to impact this species is low;

- **Northwestern Pond Turtle (*Emys marmorata*)** This species is recorded within a reservoir north of the property. This species is likely to occur within the reservoir on-site. We did not observe this species during our surveys. The potential for the project to impact this species is low;
- The habitat and or vegetation types found on the project site would be termed semi-natural annual grassland. The project site is surrounded by vineyards, seasonal drainages and the riparian corridor of Fagan Creek;
- The project site does not contain any Sensitive Communities, Critical Habitat or Biotic Communities of Limited Distribution listed by Napa County, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW);
- The project as proposed will not directly impact any Federal and State protected wetlands or “Waters of the U.S” as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act;
- No significant native wildlife species, wildlife corridors, and or native wildlife nursery sites were identified within the proposed project site. The new proposed vineyard area is within existing deer fencing;
- The proposed project will not significantly contribute to habitat loss or habitat fragmentation;
- No bat roosting habitat was identified within the proposed project site, the riparian corridor of Fagan Creek may support local bats;
- Two active raptor nests were observed adjacent to the project site; and
- A complete list of all plants and animals encountered on and near the project site is included in Appendix A.

### **Assessment of Impacts**

The proposed project will remove semi-natural grassland habitat. The loss of habitat for local wildlife is incremental but on a regional or local scale will be immeasurable. Portions of the property outside of the vineyard blocks will be retained in a natural state and continue to function as wildlife habitat, open space and watershed.

- A direct or indirect impact to local drainages has the potential to result in negative impacts to special-status species known or expected to occur downstream in the watershed.
- The mapped Critical Habitat for CRLF of Vineyard Block 20E is not likely to support this species based on grassland habitat.
- The Tricolored Blackbird (*Agelaius tricolor*) was observed in tule’s within the reservoir on the property. The project has the potential to disturb nesting birds if present. Breeding typically occurs between April and July.

## **Mitigation Considerations and Recommendations**

The following measures are recommended to reduce potential biological impacts by the proposed project to a less than significant level pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Best Management Practices including silt and erosion control measures included within the Erosion Control Plan must be implemented to prevent off-site movement of sediment and dust during and post construction.

Any impact to seasonal drainages will require agency consultation and permits (if agency consultation determines jurisdiction) from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Regional Water Quality Control Board for impacts to “Waters of the State”.

A preconstruction raptor survey will be necessary for the blocks adjacent to the recorded nests and the riparian corridor of Fagan Creek. The preconstruction survey shall consider all potential nesting habitat for birds within 500 feet of earthmoving activities and related project construction activities. A qualified wildlife biologist shall be hired to conduct the survey, which shall determine through field inspection whether occupied raptor nests are present within the proximity of the project site (i.e. within a minimum 500 feet of the areas disturbed).

We recommend a 100-foot buffer around the reservoir with the Tricolored Black Bird must be implemented. If ground disturbance near the buffer zone is proposed between April and July a preconstruction survey should be conducted to determine if the Tricolored Black Bird is nesting in the reservoir.

It is recommended that the project applicant review the PRESCRIBE Online Database. The PRESCRIBE online database application was developed to help pesticide applicators find out if they have any endangered species in the vicinity of their application site, and the use limitations applicable to the pesticide product(s) they intend to use. This site provides information consistent with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Interim Measures Bulletins for Protection of Endangered Species for user-selected sites and pesticides. This program is implemented by the Department of Pesticide Regulation on behalf of U.S. EPA under Section 7(a)(1) of the Endangered Species Act.

Deer fencing should be designed with exit gates and limited to vineyard blocks to allow wildlife movement around the project. Any new fencing should use a design that has 6-inch square gaps at the base instead of the typical 3” by 6” rectangular openings to allow small mammals to move through the fence.

Whenever possible Integrated Pest Management practices should be employed with minimally toxic pest control methods. Trapping or raptors should be used for rodent control. Sustainable Farming Practices should be used to insure that use of herbicides toxic to amphibians should be minimized.

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### **A.1 Introduction**

This biological assessment provides general information on the potential presence of sensitive species and habitats. This biological assessment is not an official protocol-level survey for listed species that may be required for project approval by local, state, or federal agencies. This assessment is based on information available at the time of the study and on site conditions that were observed on the date of the site visit.

The project site is located within close proximity to known occurrences for the California Red-legged Frog (CRLF). The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (FESA), 15 United States Code (U.S.C.) Section 1531 et seq., provides for the protection and conservation of various species of fish, wildlife, and plants that have been federally listed as threatened or endangered. Section 9 of the FESA prohibits the "take" of any fish or wildlife species that is listed as endangered under the FESA unless such take is otherwise specifically authorized pursuant to either Section 7 or Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act. Pursuant to the implementing regulations of the FESA, the take of fish or wildlife species listed as threatened is also prohibited unless otherwise authorized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

“Take” is defined in the FESA as "to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct." Federal regulation 50 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 17.3 further defines the term "harm" in the “take” definition to mean any act that actually kills or injures a federally listed species, including significant habitat modification or degradation. Activities otherwise prohibited under FESA Section 9 and subject to the civil and criminal enforcement provisions under FESA Section 11 may be authorized under FESA Section 7 for actions by federal agencies and under FESA Section 10 for non-federal entities.

## **A.2 Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to identify biological resources that may be affected by the proposed project as listed below:

- To determine the presence or potential for special-status plant and animal species that would be impacted by the proposed project, including habitat types that may have the potential for supporting special-status species (target species that are known for the region, habitat, the Quadrangle and surrounding Quadrangles);
- To identify if the project will have a substantial adverse effect on Sensitive Habitats or Communities regulated by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife;
- To identify and assess potential impacts to Federal or State protected Wetlands and Waters of the U.S. as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act;
- To determine if the project will substantially interfere with native wildlife species, wildlife corridors, and or native wildlife nursery sites;
- Identify any State or Federal biological permits required by the proposed project; and
- Recommend measures to reduce biological impacts to a less than significant level pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

## **B. SURVEY METHODOLOGY**

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Our seasonal spring survey of the project site follows California Department of Fish and Wildlife CDFW and California Native Plant Society CNPS protocols. The background for our work included a site introduction by Diane Willson, Valley Vineyard Engineering, Inc. and scoping available through CDFW California Natural Diversity Data Base CNDDDB records. The purpose of our survey is to identify habitat on the project site, provide a faunal and floristic study of the project site with emphasis on any potential habitat for special-status animals, plants, unique plant populations and or critical habitat associated with the proposed project.

### **B.1 Project Scoping**

The scoping for the project considered location and type of habitat and or vegetation types present on the property or associated with potential special-status species known for the Quadrangle, surrounding Quadrangles, the County or the region. Our scoping also considered records in the most recent version of the Department of Fish and Wildlife California Natural Diversity Data Base (CDFW CNDDDB Rare Find) and the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) Electronic Inventory of Rare or Endangered Plants. “Target” special-status species are those listed by the State, the Federal Government or the California Native Plant Society or considered threatened in the region. Our scoping is also a function of our familiarity with the local flora and fauna as well as previous projects on other properties in the area.

Section 15380 of the California Environmental Quality Act [CEQA (September, 1983)] has a discussion regarding non-listed (State) taxa. This section states that a plant (or animal) must be treated as Rare or Endangered even if it is not officially listed as such. If a person (or organization) provides information showing that a taxa meets the State’s definitions and criteria, then the taxa should be treated as such.

Tables II and III present target species from CDFW CNDDDB Rare Find species and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service listed species known for the Quadrangle and surrounding Quadrangles.

### **B.2 Field Survey Methodology**

Our studies were made by walking transects through and around the project site. Our fieldwork focused on locating suitable habitat for organisms or indications that such habitat exists on the proposed vineyard site. Digital photographs were taken during our studies to document conditions and selected photographs are included within this report. A floristic and seasonally appropriate survey was conducted in the field at the time of year when rare, threatened, or endangered species are both evident and identifiable for all the species expected to occur within the study areas.

Fieldwork was conducted on September 27, 2016, March 15, April 18, May 15 and June 13, 2017.

## **Plants**

Field surveys were conducted identifying and recording all species on the site and in the near proximity. Transects through the proposed project site were made methodically by foot. In some of the project site an Intuitive Controlled approach was used that calls for the qualified surveyor to conduct a survey of the area by walking through it and around its perimeters, and closely examining portions where target species are especially likely to occur.

The fieldwork for identifying special-status plant species is based on our knowledge and many years of experience in conducting special-status plant species surveys in the region. Plants were identified in the field or reference material was collected, when necessary, for verification using laboratory examination with a binocular microscope and reference materials. Herbarium specimens from plants collected on the project site were made when relevant. Voucher material for selected individuals is in the possession of the authors. All plants observed (living and/or remains from last season's growth) were recorded in field notes.

Typically, blooming examples are required for identification however it is not the only method for identifying the presence of or excluding the possibility of rare plants. Vegetative morphology and dried flower or fruit morphology, which may persist long after the blooming period, may also be used. Skeletal remains from previous season's growth can also be used for identification. Some species do not flower each year or only flower at maturity and therefore must be identified from vegetative characteristics. Algae, fungi, mosses, lichens, ferns, Lycophyta and Sphenophyta have no flowers and there are representatives from these groups that are now considered to be special-status species, that require non-blooming identification. For some plants unique features such as the aromatic oils present are key indicator. For some trees and shrubs with unique vegetative characteristics flowering is not needed for proper identification. The vegetative evaluation as a function of field experience can be used to identify species outside of the blooming period to verify or exclude the possibility of special-status plants in a study area.

Habitat is also a key characteristic for consideration of special-status species in a study area. Many special-status species are rare in nature because of their specific and often very narrow habitat or environmental requirements. Their presence is limited by specific environmental conditions such as: hydrology, microclimate, soils, nutrients, interspecific and intraspecific competition, and aspect or exposure. In some situations special-status species particularly annuals may not be present each year and in this case one has to rely on skeletal material from previous years. A site evaluation based on habitat or environmental conditions is therefore a reliable method for including or excluding the possibility of special-status species in an area.

## **Animals**

Wildlife was identified in the field by their sight, sign, or call. Our field techniques consisted of surveying the area with binoculars and walking the perimeter of the project site. Existing site conditions were used to identify habitat, which could potentially support special-status animal species. All animal life was recorded in field notes and is presented in Appendix A.

Trees were surveyed to determine whether occupied raptor nests were present within the proximity of the project site (i.e., within a minimum 500 feet of the areas to be disturbed). Surveys consisted of scanning the trees on the property (500 ft +) with binoculars searching for nest or bird activity. Our search was conducted from the property and by walking under existing

trees looking for droppings or nest scatter from nests that may be present that were not observable by binoculars.

### **Wildlife Movement**

Aerial photos were reviewed to evaluate at the habitat surrounding the site and the potential for wildlife movement, or wildlife corridors from adjoining properties onto or through the property. Our field methodology for identifying corridors for movement searched for game trails or habitat that would favor movement of wildlife or potential gene flow. We also looked for barriers that would prevent movement or direct movement to particular areas. No game cameras, track plates, or other field equipment were used.

These five functions were used to evaluate potential wildlife corridors on the property. Corridors are considered suitable for wildlife movements if they provide avenues along which:

1. Wide-ranging animals can travel, migrate and meet mates.
2. Plants can propagate.
3. Genetic interchange can occur.
4. Populations can move in response to environmental changes and natural disasters.
5. Individuals can re-colonize habitats from which populations have been locally extirpated.

### **Wetlands**

The project site was reviewed to determine from existing environmental conditions with a combination of vegetation, soils, and hydrologic information if seasonal wetlands were present. Wetlands were evaluated using the ACOE's three-parameter approach: Vegetation, Hydrology, and Soils.

### **Tributaries to Waters of the U.S. & Waters of the State**

Tributaries to Waters of the U.S. and waters of the State are determined by the evaluation of continuity and “ordinary high water mark.” The ordinary high water mark is determined based on the top of scour marks and high flow impacts on vegetation. Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) are defined as wetlands, ponds, lakes, creeks, streams, rivers, ephemeral drainages, ditches and seasonally ponded areas (EPA and ACOE Rule August 28, 2015). Seasonal stream channels with a definable bed and bank fall within the jurisdiction of EPA, ACOE and CDFW. Tributaries to Waters of the U.S. as well as “Waters of the State” are determined by the presence of a definable bed and bank, evidence of or ability to transport sediment and/or a blue line on USGS Quadrangle Map.

### **The Migratory Bird Treaty Act**

The Migratory Bird Act of 1918 makes it unlawful to take, possess, buy, sell, purchase, or barter any migratory bird listed in CFR Part 10, including feathers or other parts, nests, eggs, or products, except as allowed by implementing regulations (50 CFR 21). The MBTA also prohibits disturbance or harassment of nesting migratory birds at any time during their breeding season.

### **Special-status Species**

Special-status species are plants or animals that have been designated by Federal or State agencies as rare, endangered, or threatened. Listed Species are organisms that are recognized as rare, threatened or endangered by State or Federal agencies.

“Take” is defined in the ESA as "to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct." Federal regulation 50 CFR 17.3 further defines the term "harm" in the “take” definition to mean any act that actually kills or injures a federally listed species, including significant habitat modification or degradation. Activities otherwise prohibited under ESA Section 9 and subject to the civil and criminal enforcement provisions under ESA Section 11 may be authorized under ESA Section 7 for actions by federal agencies and under ESA Section 10 for non-federal entities.

### **Sensitive Communities**

CDFW CNDDDB identifies environmentally sensitive plant communities that are rare or threatened in nature. Sensitive habitat is defined as any area that meets one of the following criteria: (1) habitats containing or supporting "rare and endangered" species as defined by the State Fish and Wildlife Commission, (2) all perennial and intermittent streams and their tributaries, (3) coastal tide lands and marshes, (4) coastal and offshore areas containing breeding or nesting sites and coastal areas used by migratory and resident water-associated birds for resting areas and feeding, (5) areas used for scientific study and research concerning fish and wildlife, (6) lakes and ponds and adjacent shore habitat, (7) existing game and wildlife refuges and reserves, and (8) sand dunes.

### **Critical Habitat**

Critical Habitat is a specific geographic area(s) that contains features essential for the conservation of a threatened or endangered species and that may require special management and protection. Critical habitat may include an area that is not currently occupied by the species but that will be needed for its recovery.

The area surveyed is shown on Plate III.

## **C. RESULTS / FINDINGS**

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### **C.1 Site Description and Biological Resources Evaluation Area**

The property located south of Napa. The proposed vineyard is on south facing rolling grasslands. The habitat on the project site consists of Grassland Semi-natural Herbaceous stands with Herbaceous Layer.

The property is within the inner North Coast Range Mountains, a geographic subdivision of the larger California Floristic Province that is strongly influenced by the Pacific Ocean. The region is in climate Zone 14 “Ocean influenced Northern and Central California” characterized as an inland area with ocean or cold air influence. The climate of the region is characterized by hot, dry summers and cool, wet winters, with precipitation that varies regionally from less than 30 to more than 60 inches per year. This climate regime is referred to as a “Mediterranean Climate.” The average annual temperature ranges from 45 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit. The variations of abiotic conditions including geology results in a high level of biological diversity per unit area.

Our survey focused on the proposed project footprint and the nearby surrounding habitat. The aerial photo illustrates the survey area (Plate III) and the photographs that follow further document existing conditions of the project site.

The photographs below illustrate the existing conditions on the proposed vineyard site.

### **C.2 Habitat Types Present**

The habitat types and or vegetation alliances found on the project sites would be termed agricultural lands: Pastoral Grasslands, Seasonal Wetland Swale and Riparian Corridor. In general terms the project sites would be termed ruderal or annual pastoral grassland.

The vegetation of California has been considered to be a mosaic with major changes present from one area to another often with distinct vegetation changes within short distances. It is generally convenient to refer to the vegetation associates on a site as a plant community or alliance. Typically plant communities or vegetation alliances are identified or characterized by the dominant vegetation form or plant species present. There have been numerous community classification schemes proposed by different authors using different systems for the classification of vegetation. A basic premise for the designation of plant communities, associations or alliances is that in nature there are distinct plant populations occupying a site that are stable at any one time (climax community is a biotic association, that in the absence of disturbance maintains a stable assemblage over long periods of time).

The CNPS Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants of California associates the rare and endangered species with “Habitat Types.” The Habitat Type for the study area according to the classification of CNPS and CDFW would be considered to be Valley and Foothill Grassland.

The vegetation on the project site is specifically classified according to Sawyer 2009 in A Manual of California Vegetation as Semi-natural Herbaceous Stands. This vegetation alliances that are part of the Semi-natural Stands are described below. Associated with these alliances but not within the proposed project footprint are Seasonal Wetlands, Seasonal Drainages, Reservoir and Riparian Corridor. The vegetation alliances associated with the non-project habitats on the property are also described below.

### **Grassland Semi-natural Herbaceous Stands with Herbaceous Layer**

Semi-Natural Herbaceous Grasslands are a result of decades of grazing and the introduction of non-native grasses and herbs. Sawyer uses the term “Semi-natural Stands to refer to non-native introduced plants that have become established and coexist with native species. Semi-natural stands are those dominated by non-native species that have become naturalized primarily as a result of historic agricultural practices and fire suppression or management practices for weed abatement and fire suppression. This includes what can be termed weeds, aliens, exotics or invasive plants in agricultural and nonagricultural settings. The Semi-natural Herbaceous Stands present within the proposed project are described below.

Experts conclude that native grasslands in California are among the most endangered ecosystem in the United States. This is due to historical land use, the introduction of naturalized non-native species of grasses and herbs and introduced disease. It is estimated that less than 1% of our state’s original grasslands remain. The grasslands on the project site are dominated by non-native species as described below.

#### **Non-Native Grassland**

This community is typically found on fine-textured soils, which may range from moist, possibly even waterlogged during the rainy season, to very dry during the dry season. It is primarily composed of non-native annual grasses although native annual forbs (“wildflowers”) may also be present during years of favorable precipitation. Non-native grassland communities are found in the valleys and foothills throughout much of California. Characteristic species include wild oats (*Avena* spp.), bromes (*Bromus* spp.), Ryegrass (*Festuca perennis*), California poppy (*Eschscholzia californica*), lupine (*Lupinus* spp.), and baby blue-eyes (*Nemophila menziesii*).

#### **Annual Grassland (California Annual Grassland Alliance)**

This habitat is composed of many introduced non-native species with relict native annual species within the stands. The common taxa include non-native: wild oat (*Avena* spp.), ripgut brome (*Bromus didandrus*), soft chess (*Bromus hordordaceus*), wild barley (*Hordium murinum*), Mediterranean barley (*Hordium murinum* ssp. *gusoneanum*), rattlesnake grass (*Briza maxima*), little quaking grass (*Briza minor*), dogtail grass (*Cynosurus echinatus*), cultivated timothy (*Phleum pretense*), annual hairgrass (*Deschampsia danthooides*), hood canarygrss (*Phalaris paradoxa*), fescue (*Festuca arundinacea*), Medusa ahead-grass (*Taenianherium caput-medusae*) rattail fescue (*Vulpia myuros*). Often this alliance is invaded by star thistle (*Centaurea solstitialis*). Common forbs include filaree (*Erodium cicutarium*), smooth cat’s ear (*Hypochoeris glabra*), rough cat’s ear (*Hypochoeris radicata*), bur clover (*Medicago polymorpha*), California poppy (*Eschoscholzia californica*), clover (*Trifolium* spp.), vetch (*Viccia* spp.) and plantain (*Plantago lanceolata*). For a complete list of species observed in this plant habitat see Appendix A.

Indicators of native grassland are purple needle grass (*Nassella pulchra*), bluegrass (*Poa secunda*), wildrye (*Leymus triticoides*), and blue wild rye (*Elymus glauca*) and creeping wild rye (*Leymus triticoides*). High densities/abundance/cover of any of these indicate significant persistent native grassland. The non-native grassland Alliances present as per Sawyer 2009 are described below.

***Avena (barbata, fatua)*** Semi-Natural Herbaceous Stands Wild oats grasslands. *Avena barbata* or *A. fatua* is dominant or co-dominant in the herbaceous layer. Herbs <1.2 m; cover is open to continuous. Stands are present in waste places, rangelands, and openings in woodlands. The membership rules require *Avena ssp.* to be > 75% relative cover; other non-native <5% absolute cover, if present, in the herbaceous layer. *Avena* species are cool-season, annual grasses from Eurasia. These annual grasslands are common in the region.

***Bromus diandrus*** Semi-Natural Herbaceous Stands Annual brome grassland; (Membership Rules *Bromus diandrus* >60% relative cover with other non-natives in the herbaceous layer). *Bromus diandrus* is dominant or co-dominant with non-native in the herbaceous layer. Emergent trees and shrubs may be present at low cover Herbs <75 cm tall are intermittent to continuous. Ripgut brome is an annual grass from Eurasia. This alliance accounts for the largest acreage of grassland vegetation in cismontane California. Stands in our area contain *Aria caryophylla*, *Cynosurus echinatus*, *Dichelostemma multiflorum*, *Erodium botrys*, *Limnanthes douglasii*, *Taeniantherum caput-medusae*, and *Baccharis pilularis* shrubs.

***Festuca perennis* = *Lolium perenne*** Semi-Natural Herbaceous Stands Perennial Rye Grass Field; *Festuca perenne* is dominant or co-dominant with other non-natives in the herbaceous layer with *Agrostis stolonifera*, *Alopecurus aequalis*, *Asclepias fascicularis*, *Avena fatua*, *Brassica nigra*, *Bromus didandrus*, *B. hordeaceus*, *Centaureum muhlenbergii*, *Cirsium vulgare*, *Cryptantha flaccida*, *Euphorbia sptulata*, *Festuca arundinacea*, *Holcus lanatus*, *Hordeum brachyantherum*, *Hordeum marinum*, *Lentodon taraxacoides*, *Leymus triticoides*, *Lotus corniculatus*, *Microseris douglasii*, *Stipa pulchra*, *Phalaris aquatica*, *Plantago erecta*, *Poa pratensis*, *Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum*, *Rumex crispus* and *Trifolium ssp.* Emergent Trees and shrubs may be present at low cover. Herbs < 1 m tall; canopy is intermittent to continuous. (Membership Rules *Festuca perenne* >50% relative cover, native plants < 15% relative cover). *Festuca perenne* is a non-native grass from Europe introduced into temperate regions throughout the world. It is an annual or a perennial, cool-season bunch grass. Stands are found on lowlands with periodic flooding and uplands including serpentine substrates.

***Phalaris aquatica*** Semi-Natural Herbaceous Stands Harding grass swards, *Phalaris aquatica* is dominant in the herbaceous layer. Scatterd emergent shrubs such as *Baccharis pilularis* may be present. Herbs <1.5m; canopy is intermittent to continuous. (Membership Rules *Phalaris aquatica* >50% relative cover in the herbaceous layer or *Phalaris aquatica* > 15% absolute cover and 75% relative cover when compared to native species in the herbaceous layer. *Phalaris aquatica* is an erect, tufted perennial grass from Mediterranean Europe. Stands of *P. aquatica* forms dense patches that prevent the germination of other species. Native species richness drops because of a thick surface of litter and thatch build-up.

### **Seasonal Wetland Swale**

Wetlands with more seasonal water supply support sedges (*Carex* spp.) and rushes (*Juncus phaeocephalus*, *J. effusus*, *J. balticus*, and others). Associated species include other bulrush species, creeping spikerush (*Eleocharis macrostachya*), mannagrass (*Glyceria* spp.), floating water-primrose

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(*Ludwigia palustris*), water-plantain (*Alisma plantago-aquatica*), umbrella flatsedge (*Cyperus eragrostis*), mint (*Mentha* spp.), buttercup, and smartweeds (*Polygonum* spp.) in perennial wetlands, and Mediterranean barley (*Hordeum marinum* ssp. *gussoneanum*), Italian ryegrass, curly dock (*Rumex crispus*), and hyssop loosestrife (*Lythrum hyssopifolia*) in more seasonal wetlands.

***Juncus (oxymiris, xiphioides)* Provisional Herbaceous Alliance** Iris-leaf rush seeps. *Juncus xiphioides* is dominant in the herbaceous layer with *Carex serratodens*, *Cirsium fontinale*, *Eleocharis macrostachya*, *Equisetum arvense*, *Hordeum brachyantherum*, *J. artcticus*, *J. effusus*, *J. patens*, *Festuca perennis* (= *Lolium multiflorum*, *L. perenne*), *Acmispon americanus*. var. *americanus* (= *Lotus purshianus*), *Lythrum hyssopifolia*, *Mimulus guttatus*, *Polypogon monspeliensis*, *Rumex acetosella*, *R. crispus*, *Sisyrinchium bellum*, *Veronica americana*, and *Festuca* (= *Vulpia*) ssp. Emergent shrubs such as *Rubus* ssp. may be present at low cover. Herbs < 1m; cover is intermittent to continuous This alliance is found on seeps, mainly on metamorphic, serpentine and volcanic substrates. *Juncus xiphioides* is a perennial rhizomatous rush.

### **Reservoir**

The reservoir associated with the project sites is lined with Tule and Cattails around the perimeter. This Alliance is described below.

***Typha (angustifolia, domingensis, latifolia)* Herbaceous Alliance Cattail Marshes.** *Typha angustifolia*, *T. domingensis*, or *T. latifolia* is dominant or co-dominant in the herbaceous layer with *Agrostis stolonifera*, *Argentina egedii*, *Cyperus* ssp. *Distichlis spicata*, *Echinochloa crus-galli*, *Eleocharis macrostachya*, *Equisetum telmateia*, *Juncus* ssp., *Lemna minuscula*, *Lepidium latifolium*, *Oenanthe sarmentosa*, *Persicaria lapathifolia*, *P. punctata*, *Phragmites australis*, *Schoenoplectus americanus*, *S. californicus* and *Xanthium strumarium*. Emergent trees such as *Salix* ssp. may be present at low cover. Herbs < 1.5 M; canopy is intermittent to continuous (Membership Rules *Typha angustifolia*, *T. domingensis* and/or *T. latifolia* > 50% relative cover in the herbaceous layer) *Typha angustifolia*, *T. domingensis* and/or *T. latifolia* is dominant or co-dominant in the herbaceous layer. This alliance is typical for semi-permanently flooded freshwater or brackish marshes. *T. latifolia* is an emergent perennial hydrophyte with shallow, branched rhizomes that terminate in additional leafy shoots. Plants die after fruiting in the second year. Hybridization is common between the three species of *Typha*.

***Schoenoplectus acutus* Herbaceous Alliance Hardstem bulrush marsh;** (Membership Rules *Schoenoplectus acutus* ≤ 10% absolute cover in the herbaceous layer, *S. californicus*, if present, < 30% relative cover, *Typha* ssp., if present, can be > 30%-60% relative cover. *Schoenoplectus acutus* is dominant or co-dominant in the herbaceous layer with *Azolla filiculoides*, *Calystegia sepium*, *Echinornia crassipes*, *Hibiscus lasiocarpus*, *Hydrocotyle ranunculoides*, *Leersia oryzoides*, *Ludwigia peploides*, *Lycopus americanus*, *Sparganium eurycarpus*, *Triglochin* ssp. *Typha angustifolia*, *T. latifolia*, and *Urtica dioica*. Emergent *Alnus rhombifolia*, *Populus fremontii*, and *Salix Goodingii* trees or *Cephalanthus accidentalis*, *Hoita macrostachya*, *Rubus armeniacus*, *S. exigua* and *S. lasiolepis* shrubs may be present at low cover. Herbs < 4 m; cover is intermittent to continuous. *Schoenoplectus acutus* is a robust tile that attains 3 M in height. The culms are winter deciduous, arising from long, stout, underground rhizomes. This alliance is associated with ponds and lake shores, freshwater marshes and brackish marshes.

### **Riparian Vegetation (Riparian Corridors) or Riparian Zone**

Riparian vegetation is associated with streams and is a function or result of soils, location and hydrology. Riparian vegetation is primarily a result of the availability of water for growth and local herbivory. The width of riparian vegetation varies. The extant riparian zone along Sheeny Creek is relatively narrow as a result of agricultural practices and steep incised banks resulting from cattle grazing. Riparian vegetation is characterized by tree layer, shrub/vine layer and groundcover. The scale and scope of this habitat is limited in the county depending on location and there are great differences associated with location, soils, biotic factors and rain shadow. In the area the riparian tree cover is characterized by the presence of broadleaved, deciduous trees such as *Salix*, *Alnus*, *Quercus* and *Populus*, which are found along the banks and floodplains of waterways. Common shrubs include *Toxicodendron diversilobum*, *Baccharis pilularis*, *Rubus armeniacus* and *Vitis californica*. The understory consists of torrent sedge, mule fat, ninebark, spicebush, California polypody and dogwood. Sawyer (2009) does not recognize Riparian Woodland as a separate Alliance but includes it as a component of woodland alliances. Riparian vegetation is usually transitional between wetland and upland.

Riparian Vegetation is by all standards considered sensitive. Riparian Vegetation functions to control water temperature, regulate nutrient supply (biofilters), bank stabilization, rate of runoff, wildlife habitat (shelter and food), release of allochthonous material, release of woody debris which functions as habitat and slow nutrient release, and protection for aquatic organisms. Riparian vegetation is also a moderator of water temperature has a cascade effect in that it relates to oxygen availability. Riparian vegetation is also a moderator of water temperature has a cascade effect in that it relates to oxygen availability. The beneficial uses of areas in and along streams, including: providing food, water, and breeding, egg deposition and nesting areas for fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, insects, and mammals; providing protective cover, shade and woody debris to stream channels as habitat for coho salmon, steelhead, freshwater shrimp, and other protected and common aquatic-dependent species; providing movement opportunities, protective cover, and breeding, roosting, and resting habitat for terrestrial wildlife; filtering sediment and pollutants in runoff into streams; providing erosion protection for stream banks; and facilitating groundwater recharge.

Plate III provided an aerial photograph illustrating the survey area. Plate IV illustrates the vegetation on the study area and Plate V shows the location of Biological Resources associated with the proposed project.

**Table I. Estimated acreage of Plant Communities or Alliances on the Property**

<b>Plant Community or Vegetation Alliance</b>	<b>Acreage of Property (300-acres)</b>	<b>Proposed Vineyard</b>	<b>Estimated Percentage to be removed</b>	<b>Estimated Percentage to Remain</b>
Proposed Vineyard	<b>NA</b>	<b>82.4-acres net</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>
Grassland Semi-Natural Herbaceous Stands with Herbaceous Layer (includes Seasonal Drainages)	<b>162-ac</b>	<b>99.2 -acres</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>40%</b>
Riparian Woodland Alliance	<b>6-ac</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>100%</b>
Seasonal Freshwater Wetland	<b>2.0 ac</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>100%</b>
Existing Vineyards	<b>125-ac</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>100%</b>
Developed Landscape, Residence, Roads and Winery	<b>5-ac</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>NA</b>

**Table II. Respective Characteristics of Plant Communities on the Property.**

<b>Plant Community or Vegetation Alliance</b>	<b>Respective Characteristics Approximate tree density (Average trees and species per acre)</b>
Grassland Semi-Natural Herbaceous Stands	The project area has been used agriculturally for decades. The site has grassland dominated by annual species most of which are non-natives. The use as pasture has eliminated shrubs and has resulted in the establishment of invasive “weed” species some of which are noxious weeds.
Riparian Woodland Alliance	This is found on the southern parcel associated with the banks of Sheeny Creek. The vegetation consists of a diverse tree canopy and shrub layer. This area is outside of the footprint of the project and will be provided with a setback.
Reservoir	The reservoir on the property has a shoreline of Tules and Cattails. There are trees above the reservoir associated with a freshwater marsh. This area is outside of the footprint of the project and will be provided with a setback.
Freshwater Marsh	There is a freshwater marsh associated with the reservoir, a seasonal wetland on the south side and another associated with an unnamed tributary. These areas are outside of the footprint of the project and will be provided with standard buffer zone setbacks.



**Figure 1.** View upslope of the proposed vineyard semi-natural grassland that has been grazed.



**Figure 2.** View of the study area illustrating the habitat on the project site.



**Figure 3.** Reservoir on the property.



**Figure 4.** Seasonal wetland that has been avoided along the south side of the project site.

The aerial photograph Plate III illustrates the site and the surrounding environment. The environmental setting of the project site consists of:

- North side of the project – Vineyard;
- East side of the project –Seasonal Drainage, Grasslands;
- South side of the project – Vineyards; and
- West side of the project – Vineyards.

The project site drains by sheet flow into unnamed tributaries of Sheeny Creek and Fagan Creek thence the Napa River.

Napa County Definition for a Defined Drainage is a watercourse designated by a solid line or dash and three dots symbol on the largest scale of the United States Geological Survey maps most recently published, or any replacement to that symbol, and or any watercourse that has a well-defined channel with a depth greater than four feet and banks steeper than 3:1 and contains hydrophilic vegetation, riparian vegetation or woody-vegetation including tree species greater than ten feet in height.

There are no Napa County Defined Drainages within the proposed vineyard blocks. All drainages on the property have been provided with standard setbacks.

### **C.3 Special-Status Species**

Special-status organisms are plants or animals that have been designated by Federal or State agencies as rare, threatened, or endangered. Section 15380 of the California Environmental Quality Act [CEQA (September, 1983)] has a discussion regarding non-listed (State) taxa. This section states that a plant (or animal) must be treated as Rare or Endangered even if it is not officially listed as such. If a person (or organization) provides information showing that taxa meets the State's definitions and criteria, then the taxa should be treated as such.

A map from the CDFW CNDDDB Rare Find shows known special-status species in the proximity of the project as shown on Plate II. These taxa as well as those listed in Appendix B Special-status Species known for the Quadrangle and Surrounding Quadrangles were considered and reviewed as part of our scoping for the project site and property. Reference sites were reviewed as part of our scoping for some of the species.

Tables III and IV below provides a list of species that are known to occur (CDFW CNDDDB Rare Find search in the quadrangle and surrounding quadrangles and U.S Fish and Wildlife Service). The tables include habitat associated with each special-status species, the potential for presence on project site and justification for absence.

**Table III.** Analysis of CDFW CNDDDB and USFWS target special-status plant species. Columns are arranged alphabetically by scientific name.

<b>Scientific Name Common Name</b>	<b>Species Habitat Association or Plant Community</b>	<b>Habitat present</b>	<b>Potential to occur on site</b>	<b>Bloom Time</b>	<b>Obs. on or Near Site</b>	<b>Analysis of habitat on study area for presence or absence</b>
<i>Agrostis hendersonii</i> Henderson's Bent Grass	Vernal Pools	No	No	May- July	No	Lack of mesic habitat.
<i>Atriplex persistens</i> Vernal Pool Smallscale	Alkali Vernal Pools	No	No	June- Sept.	No	Lack of Alkali Vernal Pools.
<i>Astragalus claranus</i> Clara Hunt's Milk-vetch	Chaparral, Cismontane Woodland, Valley & Foothill Grassland	Yes	No	March- May	No	Absence of requisite micro-habitat and historic grazing.
<i>Astragalus tener</i> var. <i>tener</i> Alkali Milk-vetch	Valley and Foothill Grassland, Vernal Pools /Alkaline	No	No	March -June	No	Absence of requisite mesic habitat or substrate on project site precludes presence.
<i>Balsamorhiza macrolepis</i> var. <i>macrolepis</i> Big-scale Balsamroot	Chaparral, Cismontane Woodland, Valley and Foothill Grassland	Yes	No	March- June	No	Historic use of site precludes presence.
<i>Blepharizonia plumose</i> Big Tarplant	Dry Slopes In Grasslands	Yes	No	July- Dec.	No	Historic grazing of site precludes presence.
<i>Brodiaea leptandra</i> Narrow-anthered California Brodiaea	Cismontane Woodland	No	No	May- June	No	Absence of typical habitat and historic agricultural use of study area.
<i>Downingia pusilla</i> Dwarf Downingia	Wetlands	No	No	Marc- May	No	Requisite mesic habitat absent on the project site.
<i>Calochortus pulchellus</i> Mt. Diablo Fairy-lantern	Chaparral, Cismontane Woodland, Riparian Woodland, Valley and Foothill Grassland	Yes	No	April- June	No	Historic land use precludes presence.
<i>Carex lyngbyei</i> Lyngbey's Sedge	Brackish Waters	No	No	May- July	No	Lack of brackish waters.

Scientific Name Common Name	Species Habitat Association or Plant Community	Habitat present	Potential to occur on site	Bloom Time	Obs. on or Near Site	Analysis of habitat on study area for presence or absence
<i>Castilleja affinis</i> ssp. <i>neglecta</i> Tiburon Indian Paintbrush	Valley and Foothill Grassland, Serpentine	No	No	April- June	No	Absence of requisite edaphic habitat on the site or in the immediate vicinity precludes presence.
<i>Ceanothus purpureus</i> Holly-leaved Ceanothus	Chaparral	No	No	Feb. April	No	Absence of typical habitat and vegetation associates.
<i>Centromadia parryi</i> ssp. <i>congdonii</i> Congdon's Tarplant	Terraces, Swales, Floodplains Grasslands Disturbed Sites	Yes	No	June- Oct.	No	Historic agricultural use precludes presence.
<i>Centromadia parryi</i> ssp. <i>parryi</i> Pappose Tarplant	Grassland salt or alkaline Marshes	No	No	March- June	No	Requisite mesic conditions absent.
<i>Chloropyron</i> ( <i>Cordylanthus</i> ) <i>molle</i> ssp. <i>molle</i> Soft Salty Bird's-beak	Marshes Swamps (Coastal Salt)	No	No	May- Aug.	No	Absence of requisite habitat.
<i>Cicuta maculata</i> var. <i>bolanderi</i> Bolander's Water- hemlock	Coastal Wetlands	No	No	July- Sept.	No	Lack of suitable habitat.
<i>Cirsium hydrophilum</i> var. <i>hydrophilum</i> Suisun Thistle	Tidal Marsh Suisun Delta	No	No	Jun- Sept.	No	Lack of suitable habitat.
<i>Downingia pusilla</i> Dwarf Downingia	Wetlands	No	No	March- May	No	Requisite mesic habitat absent on the project site.
<i>Eriogonum truncatum</i> Mt. Diablo Buckwheat	Sand	No	No	April- Aug.	No	Absence of edaphic conditions required for presence.
<i>Eryngium jepsonii</i> Jepson's Coyote Thistle	Moist Clay Soils	No	No	April- Aug.	No	Absence of mesic conditions required for presence.
<i>Extriplex joaquiniana</i> (= <i>Atriplex</i> ) San Joaquin Spearscale	Valley and Foothill Grassland, Alkali	No	No	April- Oct.	No	Absence of requisite edaphic habitat on the site or in the immediate vicinity precludes presence.

Scientific Name Common Name	Species Habitat Association or Plant Community	Habitat present	Potential to occur on site	Bloom Time	Obs. on or Near Site	Analysis of habitat on study area for presence or absence
<i>Fritillaria liliacea</i> Fragrant Fritillary	Heavy Soil, Open Grasslands, Fields near Coast	No	No	Feb.- April	No	Absence of edaphic conditions required for presence.
<i>Helianthella castanea</i> Diablo Helianthella	Open Grassy sites	Yes	No	April- June	No	Extensive cattle grazing for decades precludes presence.
<i>Hesperolinon breweri</i> Brewer's Western Flax	Cismontane Woodland, Valley and Foothill Grassland, Serpentine	No	No	May- July	No	Absence of requisite edaphic habitat on the site or in the immediate vicinity precludes presence.
<i>Isocoma arguta</i> Carquinez Goldenbush	Valley and Foothill Grassland, Alkali	No	No	Aug- Dec.	No	Absence of requisite edaphic habitat on the site or in the immediate vicinity precludes presence.
<i>Juglans hindsii</i> California Black Walnut	Riparian Woodland	No	No	April- May	No	Project footprint does not include any riparian habitat
<i>Lasthenia conjugens</i> Contra Costa Goldfields	Wet Meadows, Vernal Pools	No	No	May- June	No	Lack of suitable mesic habitat.
<i>Lathyrus jepsonii</i> var. <i>jepsonii</i> Delta Tule Pea	Marshes and Swamps (Fresh Water Brackish)	No	No	May- Sep.	No	Requisite mesic habitat absent on the project site.
<i>Legenere limosa</i> Legenere	Vernal Pools	No	No	April- June	No	Was not observed. Vernal wet areas may show presence upon removal of intensive horse grazing.
<i>Lilaeopsis masonii</i> Mason's Lilaeopsis	Mud Flats of Tidal Waters	No	No	April- July	No	Lack of requisite habitat.
<i>Limosella australis</i> Delta Mudwort	Muddy or Sandy Intertidal Mud Flats, Brackish Water	No	No	May- Aug.	No	Lack of mesic habitat.
<i>Navarretia leucocephala</i> ssp. <i>bakeri</i> Baker's Navarretia	Meadows and Seeps Cismontane Woodland, Valley and Foothill Grassland, Vernal Pools	No	No	May- July	No	Absence of typical habitat and vegetation associates.

Scientific Name Common Name	Species Habitat Association or Plant Community	Habitat present	Potential to occur on site	Bloom Time	Obs. on or Near Site	Analysis of habitat on study area for presence or absence
<i>Polygonum marinensis</i> Marin Knotweed	Marshes and Swamps/ brackish	No	No	April- Oct.	No	Absence of mesic habitat.
<i>Puccinella simplex</i> California Alkali Grass	Saline Flats, Mineral Springs	No	No	March- May	No	Lack of habitat.
<i>Rhynchospora californica</i> California Beaked-rush	Bogs and Fens, Lower Montane Coniferous Forest	No	No	May- July	No	Absence of requisite mesic edaphic habitat on the site.
<i>Stuckenia filiformis</i> var. <i>alpina</i> Slender-leaved Pondweed	Marshes and Swamps, Fresh Water	No	No	May- July	No	Requisite mesic habitat absent on the project site.
<i>Symphotrichum lentum</i> Suisun Marsh Aster	Marshes and Swamps (Brackish and Freshwater)	No	No	May, Nov.	No	Requisite habitat absent on the project site.
<i>Trichostema ruygtii</i> Napa Bluecurls, Vinegar Weed	Open areas with thin clay soils seasonally saturated	No	No	June- Oct.	No	Requisite habitat absent on the site.
<i>Trifolium amoenum</i> Two-fork Clover	Coastal Bluff Scrub, Valley and Foothill Grassland (Sometimes Serpentine)	No	No	April- June	No	Historic use of the site precludes presence. This species is vulnerable to disturbance and livestock grazing.
<i>Trifolium hydrophilum</i> Saline Clover	Marshes and Swamps Grassland	No	No	April- June	No	Absence of mesic habitat required for presence.
<i>Viburnum ellipticum</i> Oval-leaved Viburnum	Chaparral, Cismontane Woodland, Lower Coniferous Forest	No	No	May- June	No	Requisite habitat absent on the site or in the immediate vicinity.

**Table IV.** Analysis of special-status target animals for the area. The taxa included in the table are selected based on the habitat present and the CDFW CNDDDB records for the area of the project (see also Appendix B and Plate II).

Scientific Name Common Name	Habitat	Potential for Study area	Obs. on or Near Study area	Analysis of Habitat on study area for presence or absence
<i>Agelaius tricolor</i> Tricolored Blackbird	Tule Marshes	No	Yes	Observed within reservoir. Unknown breeding site.
<i>Antrozous pallidus</i> Pallid Bat	Roosts in Buildings & Overhangs	May fly over	No	Lack of suitable roosting habitat.
<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i> Golden Eagle	Nests near water	No	No	Lack of habitat.
<i>Ardea alba</i> Great Egret	Feeds in open areas. Nests in colonies.	No May fly over	No	Lack of suitable habitat for nesting.
<i>Asio flammeus</i> Short-eared Owl	Nests on the ground. Feeds in Grasslands	Yes	No	Species not observed.
<i>Athene cunicularia</i> Burrowing Owl	Low lying grasslands.	Yes	No	Species not observed.
<i>Branchinecta lynchi</i> Vernal Pool Shrimp	Vernal Pools	No	No	Lack of habitat.
<i>Buteo regalis</i> Ferruginous Hawk	Hunts from perches in arid grasslands, Migrates through area	No	No	Potential foraging habitat. Species not observed.
<i>Buteo swainsoni</i> Swainson's Hawk	Open areas with riparian influence	No	No	Potential foraging habitat. Species not observed.
<i>Calasellus californicus</i> An Isopod	Freshwater Wells and Springs	No	No	Lack of habitat.
<i>Callophrys mossii</i> <i>bayensis</i> San Bruno Elfin Butterfly	Host plant stonecrop ( <i>Sedum</i> <i>spathulifolium</i> )	No	No	Lack of host plant

Scientific Name Common Name	Habitat	Potential for Study area	Obs. on or Near Study area	Analysis of Habitat on study area for presence or absence
<i>Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus</i> Western Snowy Plover	A shore bird of ocean beaches.	No	No	Lack of suitable habitat.
<i>Circus cyaneus</i> Northern Harrier	Preference for Wetlands and Marshes both Salt and Freshwater	Yes	No	Potential foraging habitat. Species not observed.
<i>Corynorhinus townsendii</i> Townsend's Big-eared Bat	Caves, also in Buildings	No	No	Lack of suitable roosting habitat.
<i>Egretta thula</i> Snowy Egret	Nests in tall trees near water	Yes	No	Potential foraging habitat. Species not observed.
<i>Elanus leucurus</i> White-tailed Kite	Nests in tall trees near water	Yes	No	Potential foraging habitat. Species not observed.
<i>Emys marmorata</i> Western Pond Turtle	Slow moving water or ponds	Yes	No	Potential within reservoir. Species not observed.
<i>Geothlypis trichas sinuosa</i> Saltmarsh Common Yellowthroat	Salt Marsh Tule Habitat	No	No	Lack of habitat.
<i>Helminthoglypta nickiniana bridgesi</i> Bridges' Coast Range Shoulderband	Open hillsides; lives in rock piles surrounded by grass and herbaceous vegetation	No	No	Lack or requisite habitat.
<i>Laterallus jamaicensis coturniculus</i> California Black Rail	Tidal Tule Marshes	No	No	Lack of suitable habitat.
<i>Masticophis lateralis euryxanthus</i> Alameda Whipsnake or Striped Racer	Open areas Canyons Rocky Hillsides, Chaparral, Open Woodlands, Pond Edges.	No	No	Lack of Habitat.

Scientific Name Common Name	Habitat	Potential for Study area	Obs. on or Near Study area	Analysis of Habitat on study area for presence or absence
<i>Melospiza melodia maxillaries</i> Suisun Song Sparrow	Salt Marshes	No	No	Requisite habitat absent. Not associated with project.
<i>Melospiza melodia samueliss</i> San Pablo Sparrow	Salt Marshes	No	No	Requisite habitat absent. Not associated with project.
<i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i> Black-crowned Night Heron	Nests in reeds or trees near water	Yes	No	Potential habitat around reservoir. Species not observed.
<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss irideus</i> Steelhead-central California Coast	Aquatic	No	No	Not recorded for presence within five miles of the property.
<i>Rallus longirostris obsoletus</i> California Clapper Rail	Salt Marshes	No	No	Lack of habitat.
<i>Rallus obsoletus obsoletus</i> California Ridgway's Rail	Salt Marshes	No	No	Lack of habitat.
<i>Rana draytonii</i> California Red-legged Frog	Creeks, Rivers, Permanent flowing water.	No	No	Potential habitat in reservoir and surrounding wetlands. Species not observed.
<i>Reithrodontomys raviventis</i> Salt-marsh Harvest Mouse	Pickleweed Salt Marsh	No	No	Lack of habitat.
<i>Sorex ornats sinuousus</i> Suisun Shrew	Salt Marsh	No	No	Requisite habitat absent. Not associated with project.
<i>Spirinchus thaleichthys</i> Longfin Smelt	Coastal Rivers Estuaries	No	No	Lack of suitable habitat.
<i>Speyeria callippe callippe</i> Callippe Silverspot Butterfly	Native Grasslands of SF Bay	No	No	Requisite habitat required for presence lacking.
<i>Sterna antillarum browni</i> California Least Tern	Coastal	No	No	Lack of suitable habitat

Scientific Name Common Name	Habitat	Potential for Study area	Obs. on or Near Study area	Analysis of Habitat on study area for presence or absence
<i>Strix occidentalis caurina</i> Northern Spotted Owl	Old Growth Forests	No	No	Lack of nesting habitat.
<i>Syncaris pacifica</i> California Freshwater Shrimp	Creeks and Estuaries below 300 ft.	No	No	Requisite habitat required for presence lacking.
<i>Thamnophis gigas</i> Giant Garter Snake	Marshes, Sloughs, Drainage Canals, Irrigation Ditches	Yes	No	Not known for the area.
<i>Taxidea taxus</i> American Badger	Grasslands with food source.	No	No	Lack of suitable soils on property.
<i>Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus</i> Yellow-headed Blackbird	Cattail Marshes	Yes	No	Potential habitat around reservoir. Species not observed.

Our fieldwork did not find any special-status plant or animal species known for the Quadrangle, surrounding Quadrangles within the proposed project footprint. The present conditions of the study area and historic land use are such that there is little reason to expect the occurrence of any special-status animal species within the study area. The Tricolored Blackbird was present within the reservoir near the proposed new vineyard blocks.

California Red-legged Frog CRLF surveys were not conducted as part of this assessment. The project site is located outside Critical Habitat (See Plate IV) and review of occurrences within a one-mile radius, as required by the *Revised Guidance on Site Assessments and Field Surveys for the California Red-legged Frog* (USFWS 2005), reveals no known occurrences within one mile of the property.

A map from the CDFW CNDDDB Rare Find shows known special-status species in the proximity of the study area as shown on Plate II. The CDFW CNDDDB does not record any special-status plants for the property.

The special-status plant species known for the region are reasonably precluded from presence based on the absence of findings during our spring/summer surveys, the history of the property use, the absence of any records for the site, the absence of hydrologic conditions, lack of serpentinite, and the vegetation associates. It is apparent that the site has been in agriculture use for a number of years.

The study area conditions are such that there is no reason to expect any impacts to special-status species on-site or off-site provided standard best management practices are utilized and the erosion control plan is implemented.

Habitat impacted by the proposed project is such that it will not substantially reduce or restrict the range of listed animals.

#### **C.4 Discussion of Sensitive Habitat Types**

The Napa County Baseline Data Report defines Biotic communities as the characteristic assemblages of plants and animals that are found in a given range of soil, climate, and topographic conditions across a region. Sensitive biotic communities in the County were identified using a two-step process for the Napa County Baseline Data Report.

The Napa County Baseline Data Report as well as the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Natural Diversity Data Base (CDFW CNDDDB) lists recognized Sensitive Biotic Communities. The Napa County Baseline Data Report lists twenty-three communities which are considered sensitive by CDFW due to their rarity, high biological diversity, and/or susceptibility to disturbance or destruction.

Napa County biotic communities of limited distribution that are sensitive include: Native grassland; Tanbark oak alliance; Brewer willow alliance; Ponderosa pine alliance; Riverine, lacustrine, and tidal mudflats; and Wet meadow grasses super alliance.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife Natural Diversity lists: Coastal Brackish Marsh, Northern Coastal Salt Marsh, Northern Vernal Pool, Northern Claypan Vernal Pool, Serpentine Bunchgrass, Valley Needlegrass Grassland and Wildflower Grassland within 5 miles of the project site or associated with the Quadrangles around the Project site. These sensitive habitat types are not present on or near the project footprint.

There are no vernal pools, marshes or wetlands associated with the project footprint.

## **D. POTENTIAL BIOLOGICAL IMPACTS**

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The project's effect to onsite or regional biological resources is considered to be significant if the project results in:

- Alteration of unique characteristics of the area, such as sensitive plant communities and habitats (i.e. serpentine habitat, wetlands, riparian habitat);
- Adverse impacts to special-status plant and animal species;
- Adverse impacts to important or vulnerable resources as determined by scientific opinion or resource agency concerns (i.e. sensitive biotic communities, special-status habitats; e.g. wetlands);
- Loss of critical breeding, feeding or roosting habitat; and
- Interference with migratory routes or habitat connectivity.

In the sections below a discussion of potential impacts of the project on the biological resources is presented.

### **D.1 Analysis of Potential Impacts to Special-status Species**

Our fieldwork did not find any special-status plant or animal species known for the Quadrangle, surrounding Quadrangles or for the region that would be impacted by the proposed project provided mitigation measures recommended below are followed.

The present conditions of the project site and historic land use are such that there is little reason to expect the occurrence of any special-status plant or animal species within the footprint of the project.

**California Red-legged Frog (*Rana draytonii*)** is listed as threatened by USFWS. The riparian corridor of Fagan Creek, the reservoir, and seasonal wetlands surrounding the project contains potential habitat for this species. The California Red-legged Frog (CRLF) inhabits permanent or nearly permanent water sources (quiet streams, marshes, and reservoirs). They are highly aquatic and prefer shorelines with extensive vegetation.

The CRLF is recorded to be within 2.8-miles from the project site. The project is subject to the "take prohibitions" for CRLF under the Federal Endangered Species Act (FESA) and the California Endangered Species Act (CESA). If frogs were present it is likely they would stay with in the vegetated areas adjacent to the reservoir or seasonal wetlands and would unlikely use upland habitat on the project site.

California Red-legged Frog (CRLF) is a federally threatened species. USFWS can assume presence of CRLF at a site based on suitable habitats and proximity of a site from known CRLF breeding sites and require mitigation for loss of upland habitat. For CRLF suitable habitat, USFWS requires a 3:1 mitigation ratio for permanent losses of upland and stream habitat and a 1:1 mitigation ratio for temporary losses of upland and stream habitat. Temporary impacts are impacts to habitats that can be restored to pre-project or better condition within 12-18 months. Other mitigation options could be to purchase land and set aside as CRLF mitigation, or provide adequate funds to an environmental group, such as the California Wildlife Foundation, who are

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performing stream restoration in the area. The details of these options would need to be identified and approved by the USFWS.

Marginal aquatic habitat for this species is present on the property, and USFWS critical habitat is mapped in the north east corner of the property.

**Tricolored Blackbird (*Agelaius tricolor*)** listing status is under review by USFWS This species was observed in the reservoir on the property. This is highly colonial species, most numerous in Central Valley and vicinity. It is largely endemic to California. They require open water, protected nesting substrate, and foraging area with insect prey within a few kilometers of the colony. Breeding typically occurs between April and July, when individuals congregate to form breeding colonies. The female builds an open cup nest woven out of vegetation. Typically, four eggs are laid during a first nesting; second nest attempts, with clutches of three or more eggs, are fairly common. Nest sites were not documented

**Peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*)** This species has been delisted by USFWS. Quadrangle is listed, as a sensitive Element Occurrence Peregrines prefer dry, open terrain, either level or hilly. Forages far afield, even to marshlands and ocean shores. Nests near wetlands, lakes, rivers, or other water; on cliffs, banks, dunes, mounds; also, human-made structures. Nest consists of a scrape on a depression or ledge in an open site

Nesting habitat suitable for peregrine nesting is absent on the property, in the immediate area and within the Project Area

**Northwestern Pond Turtle (*Emys marmorata*)** Is listed as a species of special concern CDFW. This species recorded on parcels north of the property. This species is likely to occur within the reservoir on site. We did not observe this species during our surveys. The potential for the project to impact this species is low;

Water extraction linked to agricultural development (direct stream diversions) may have a negative impact on listed species. Adequate analysis of the water demands of the proposed vineyard and potential stream flow impacts should be analyzed if direct water diversions are used to irrigate vineyards or for frost protection.

The special-status plant species known for the region are reasonably precluded from presence based on the absence of findings during our spring/summer surveys, the history of the property use, the absence of any records for the site, the absence of hydrologic conditions, lack of serpentinite, and the vegetation associates.

The project site conditions are such that there is no reason to expect any impacts to special-status species on-site or off-site provided standard best management practices are utilized and the erosion control plan is implemented.

Habitat impacted by the proposed project is such that it will not substantially reduce or restrict the range of listed animals.

## **D.2 Analysis of Potential Impacts on Sensitive Habitat**

Kjeldsen Biological Consulting did not identify any Sensitive Biotic Communities and or Biotic Communities of Limited Distribution as defined in the County Baseline Data Report or listed by CDFW on the property.

### **Sensitive Communities**

The CDFW CNDDDB lists Serpentine Bunchgrass, Valley Needlegrass Grassland and Wildflower Field as Sensitive Communities in the region. There are no CDFW Sensitive Communities or Napa County Sensitive Biotic Communities present on project site.

### **Native Grassland**

The grasslands within the footprint of the project do not consist of any of the sensitive grassland communities listed by the County Baseline Data Report or CDFW. Native grasses on the project site do not meet the definition of Native Grass Grassland and would not be considered a species with limited distribution or a sensitive natural plant community. The project will not impact any populations of native grasslands.

### **Seasonal Wetland**

Seasonal wetland generally denotes areas where the soil is seasonally saturated and/or inundated by fresh water for a significant portion of the wet season, and then seasonally dry during the dry season. To be classified as “Wetland,” the duration of saturation and/or inundation must be long enough to cause the soils and vegetation to become altered and adapted to the wetland conditions. Varying degrees of pooling or ponding, and saturation will produce different edaphic and vegetative responses. These soil and vegetative clues, as well as hydrological features, are used to define the wetland type. Seasonal wetlands typically take the form of shallow depressions and swales that may be intermixed with a variety of upland habitat types. Seasonal wetlands fall under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Several seasonal wetlands and seeps were identified and avoided within the project site. Seasonal wetland have been avoided and provided with setbacks. There are no seasonal wetlands or vernal pools associated with the project footprint.

### **Waters of the State**

Waters of the State include drainages that are characterized by the presence of definable bed and bank that meet ACOE, and RWQCB definitions and or jurisdiction. Any direct discharge of storm water into “Waters of the State” will require ACOE, DFW, and RWQCB permits.

Napa County Definition for a Defined Drainage is a watercourse designated by a solid line or dash and three dots symbol on the largest scale of the United States Geological Survey maps most recently published, or any replacement to that symbol, and or any watercourse that has a well-defined channel with a depth greater than four feet and banks steeper than 3:1 and contains hydrophilic vegetation, riparian vegetation or woody-vegetation including tree species greater than ten feet in height. There is drainage on the property that would be considered a Napa County Definition for a Defined Drainage appropriate setbacks have been established from this feature. There are no Napa County Defined Drainages on the project site.

### **Riparian Vegetation**

Riparian vegetation is by all standards considered sensitive. Riparian Vegetation functions to control water temperature, regulate nutrient supply (biofilters), bank stabilization, rate of runoff, wildlife habitat (shelter and food), release of allochthonous material, release of woody debris which function as habitat and provide slow nutrient release as well as protection for aquatic organisms. Riparian vegetation is also a moderator of water temperature has a cascade effect in that it relates to oxygen availability. Riparian vegetation exists in the drainage south of the site. The project will not impact any riparian vegetation.

### **Trees**

The project will not remove any trees. Eucalyptus trees on the property have been previously removed.

### **Wildlife Habitat and Wildlife Corridors**

Wildlife corridors are natural areas interspersed with developed areas that are important for animal movement, increasing genetic variation in plant and animal populations, reduction of population fluctuations, and retention of predators of agricultural pests and for movement of wildlife and plant populations. Wildlife corridors have been demonstrated to not only increase the range of vertebrates including avifauna between patches of habitat but also facilitate two key plant-animal interactions: pollination and seed dispersal. Corridors also preserve watershed connectivity. Corridor users can be grouped into two types: passage species and corridor dwellers. The data from various studies indicate that corridors should be at least 100 feet wide to provide adequate movement for passage species and corridor dwellers in the landscape. Game trails are present but there was no evidence for distinct corridors passing through the property. Fagan Creek and its riparian corridor would be considered a wildlife corridor. There are no identifiable wildlife corridors or unique wildlife habitat that will be impacted by the project.

### **Raptor Nests, Bird Rookeries, Bat Roosts, Wildlife Dens or Burrows**

No raptor nests were identified during our survey. We found no indications of nesting raptors on the property or in the near vicinity of the project site. We did not observe any nests, whitewash or nest droppings, or perching associated with the project site. No bird rookeries were present on the property or within the project footprint. Trees on the property are mature and have potential suitable nesting habitat for raptors. No raptor nests, whitewash from nests on the project site was observed. Two raptor nests were observed adjacent to the project site Plate IV.

### **Bat Seasonal Roosts and Maternal Roosts**

Trees on the project site do not contain potential roosting habitat for bats. Foliage and bark with small cavities in any tree could provide suitable temporary habitat for solitary tree-roosting bat species. Based on the lack of habitat, (i.e. thick bark, deep fissures and cracks, or hollow cavities), trees on the site would not be considered suitable habitat. No suitable habitat for bats was identified on the project site.

Very few burrows were observed, but small mammals and songbirds likely utilize habitats on the project site for foraging and cover. No significant wildlife dens or burrows were observed.

### **Unique Species that are Endemic, Rare or Atypical for the Area**

The flora and fauna present are typical for the vegetation and habitat of the region. There were no unique species, endemic populations of plants or animals or species that are rare or atypical for the area present on the project site. No unique or unusual populations of plants or animals were present on the property or the project site.

### **Habitat Fragmentation**

Habitat fragmentation can result in a net-loss in overall habitat, an increase in edge habitat, and isolation effects, including genetic isolation. Due to these and other factors, small and isolated patches of habitat generally support lower species diversity than do large undeveloped areas. As a consequence of habitat fragmentation, abundance and diversity of species originally present often decline, and losses are most noticeable in small fragments. Loss of habitat, including habitat fragmentation, is the single most important factor affecting the long-term survival of rare, threatened and endangered species.

Vineyards provide limited foraging, cover and breeding habitat, they may support a reduced number of species, and may be incompatible with surrounding wildlife habitat. Conversion of the habitat to vineyard may adversely affect bird communities by enhancing favorable conditions for predators.

Habitat fragmentation is a local and global concern. The project will incrementally reduce a small amount of habitat in the area. The proposed change in land use will result in less than significant changes in avifauna and rodent utilization in the area. The proposed project will not lead to significant impacts to habitat fragmentation in the region, significant species exclusion, or significant change in species composition in the region.

## **D.3 Potential Off-site Impacts of the Project**

There are no expected off-site impacts local biological resources by the proposed project provided recommendations, Standard Erosion Control, Best Management Practices are implemented during development of the site.

## **D.4 Potential Cumulative Impacts**

Cumulative biological effects are the result of incremental losses of biological resources within a region. Removal of vegetation can reduce the abundance and diversity of species in an area. Vineyards provide limited foraging, cover, and breeding habitat for native wildlife species. Vineyards can be used by wildlife but the diversity is low within vineyards and foraging may be difficult. Loss of habitat can also be an important factor affecting the long-term survival of rare, threatened and endangered species.

Factors that were considered in the evaluation of cumulative biological impacts include:

1. Any known rare, threatened, or endangered species or sensitive species that may be directly or indirectly affected by project activities.

Significant cumulative effects on listed species may be expected from the results of activities over time, which combine to have a substantial effect on the species or on the habitat of the species.

2. Any significant, known wildlife or fisheries resource concerns within the immediate project area and the biological assessment area (e.g. loss of oaks creating forage problems for a local deer herd, species requiring special elements, sensitive species, and significant natural areas).

Significant cumulative effects may be expected where there is a substantial reduction in required habitat or the project will result in substantial interference with the movement of resident or migratory species. The significance of cumulative impacts on non-listed species viability was determined relative to the benefits to other non-listed species.

3. The aquatic and near-water habitat conditions on the site and immediate surrounding area. Habitat conditions of major concern are: Pools and riffles, large woody material in the stream, and near-water vegetation.

No cumulative impacts to wildlife populations are expected by the proposed project. The loss of habitat is considered to be less than significant.

The project is limited to historic agricultural lands. Portions of the property not suitable for vineyard and setback buffer zones will protect biological resources (i.e. steep hillsides, seasonal wetlands, creeks, seasonal drainages, reservoir and riparian corridor). Conversion of grasslands to vineyards by this project will reduce the available foraging, nesting and habitat for wildlife in the area.

There are no potential impacts to migratory corridors or wildlife nursery site associated with the proposed project. The potential biological impacts of the project include the incremental loss of semi-natural grasslands. The impact to local wildlife will be undetectable on a regional scale.

A potential impact is the movement of silt, dust and the creation of noise during site construction. This can be mitigated for by implementation of the erosion control plan and best management construction practices.

## **D.5 State and Federal Permits**

Based on our site visit and available information State and Federal permits may be required for planting within CRLF Critical Habitat. The project is subject to the “take prohibitions” of the California Red-legged Frog under the Federal Endangered Species Act (FESA) and the California Endangered Species Act (CESA).

If presence/absence surveys are not performed the USFWS could assume presence and require consultation through either Section 7 or Section 10 of the Endangered Species Act. The project applicant is required to consult with USFWS prior to any development activities and obtain appropriate permits if “take” of the species is likely to occur.

There are no wetlands, vernal pools or drainages within the project footprint. Any impact to unnamed seasonal drainages or “Waters of the U.S.” will require agency consultation and permits

from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Regional Water Quality Control Board for impacts to “Waters of the State”.

Water extraction linked to agricultural development must comply with State and Federal laws and permits.

## **E. RECOMMENDATIONS TO AVOID IMPACTS**

### **E.1 Significance**

The significance of potential impacts is a function of the scope and scale of the proposed project within the existing Federal, State and Local regulations and management practices. The determination of significance of impacts to biological resources consists of an understanding of the project as proposed and an evaluation of the context in which the impact may occur. The extent and degree of any impact on-site or offsite must be evaluated consistent with known or expected site conditions. Therefore, the significance of potential impacts is assessed relevant to a site-specific scale and the larger regional context.

### **E.2 Recommendations**

The project must comply with Napa County Conservation Regulations to ensure that Best Management Practices (BMPs) including the Erosion Control Plan (EMP) are adopted in order to minimize the amount of sediment and other pollutants leaving the site during construction activities.

A direct or indirect impact to local drainages has the potential to result in negative impacts to special-status species known or expected to occur downstream in the watershed.

*Recommendation - Best Management Practices including silt and erosion control measures must be implemented to prevent off-site movement of sediment and dust during and post construction. All project construction activities must be limited to the project footprint.*

The reservoir on the property supports a colony of the Tricolored Blackbird.

*Recommendation – We recommend a 100-foot buffer around the reservoir with the Tricolored Black Bird must be implemented. If ground disturbance near the buffer zone is proposed between April and July a preconstruction survey should be conducted to determine if the Tricolored Black Bird is nesting in the reservoir.*

Two raptor nests were observed near the project sites. Raptors may also occur within the riparian zone of Fagan Creek.

*Recommendation – A preconstruction raptor survey will be necessary for the blocks adjacent to the recorded nests and the riparian corridor of Fagan Creek (Blocks 21 and 22). The preconstruction survey shall consider all potential nesting habitat for birds within 500 feet of earthmoving activities and related project construction activities. A qualified wildlife biologist shall be hired to conduct the survey, which shall determine through field inspection whether occupied raptor nests are present within the proximity of the project site (i.e. within a minimum 500 feet of the areas disturbed).*

Wetlands mapped on the property have the potential to be impacted by ground disturbing activities.

*Recommendation – Construction fencing or flagging around the setback zone must be installed to prevent inadvertent intrusion.*

Any impacts to seasonal drainages will require agency consultation and permits (if agency consultation determines jurisdiction) from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and Regional Water Quality Control Board for impacts to “Waters of the State”.

It is recommended that the project applicant review the PRESCRIBE Online Database. The PRESCRIBE online database application was developed to help pesticide applicators find out if they have any endangered species in the vicinity of their application site, and the use limitations applicable to the pesticide product(s) they intend to use. This site provides information consistent with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Interim Measures Bulletins for Protection of Endangered Species for user-selected sites and pesticides. This program is implemented by the Department of Pesticide Regulation on behalf of U.S. EPA under Section 7(a)(1) of the Endangered Species Act.

Deer fencing should be designed with exit gates and limited to vineyard blocks to allow wildlife movement around the project. Any new fencing should use a design that has 6-inch square gaps at the base instead of the typical 3” by 6” rectangular openings to allow small mammals to move through the fence.

Whenever possible Integrated Pest Management practices should be employed with minimally toxic pest control methods. Trapping or raptors should be used for rodent control. Sustainable Farming Practices should be used to insure that use of herbicides toxic to amphibians should be minimized.

## **F. SUMMARY**

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This study is provided as background information necessary for evaluating potential impacts of the project on local Biological Resources.

The proposed vineyard sites are on hillsides with Semi-natural Grassland that have been grazed for many years. The absence of serpentinite and wetlands reasonably preclude the presence of any special-status plant or animal species on the project site.

We find that the proposed project following recommendations included in this report will not have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the County of Napa, California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

We find that the project as proposed will not have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or US Fish and Wildlife Service.

We find that the project as proposed will not have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands and “Waters of the State” as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means. No wetlands or vernal pools are within the proposed project footprint.

We find that the proposed project will not interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident wildlife species or migratory fish. It is unlikely that the project as proposed will impact migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites.

We conclude that the proposed project with the implementation of Best Management practices, recommendations above and compliance with the Erosion Control Plan will not result in any significant adverse biological impacts to the environment.

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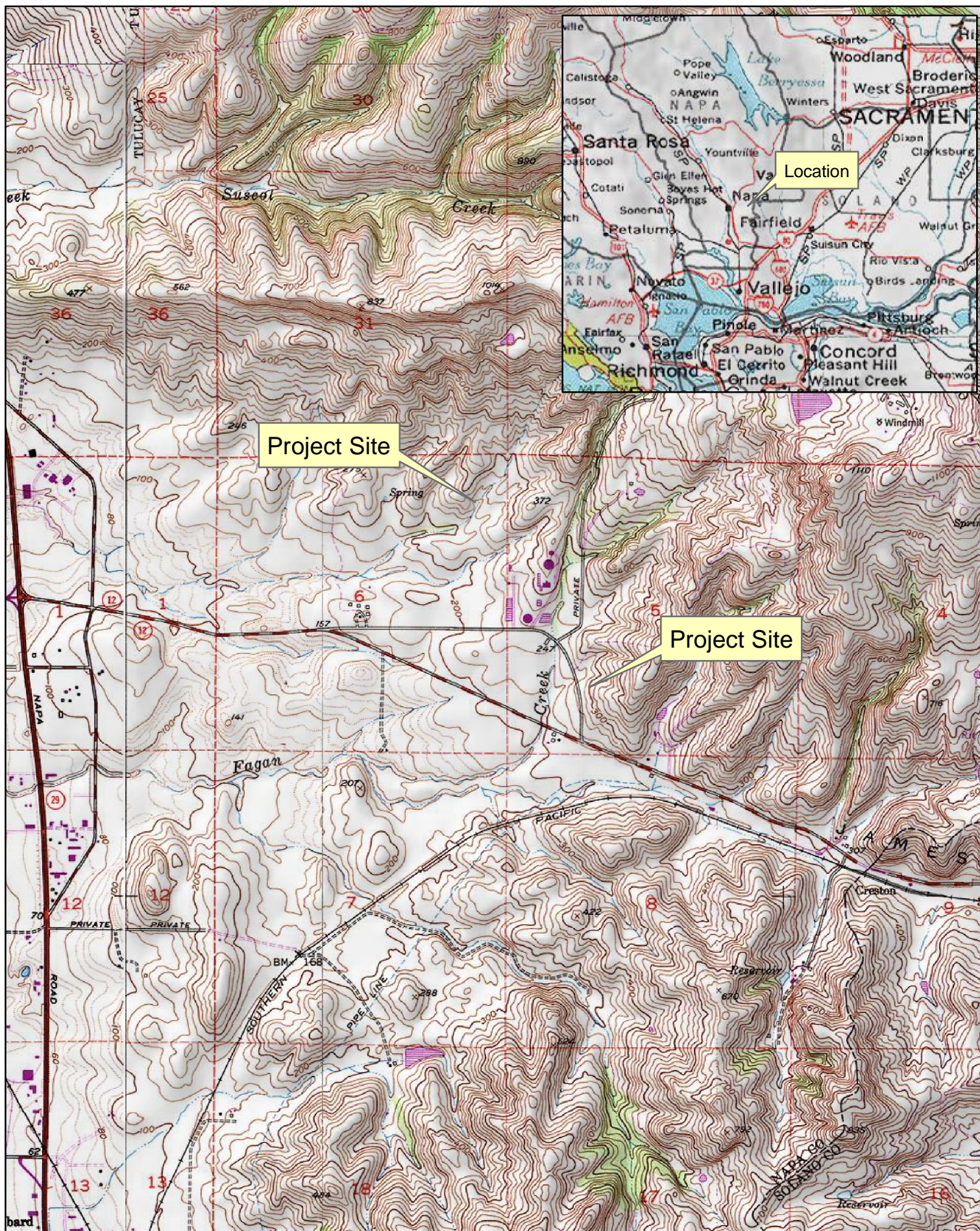
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## **G.2 Qualifications of Field Investigators**

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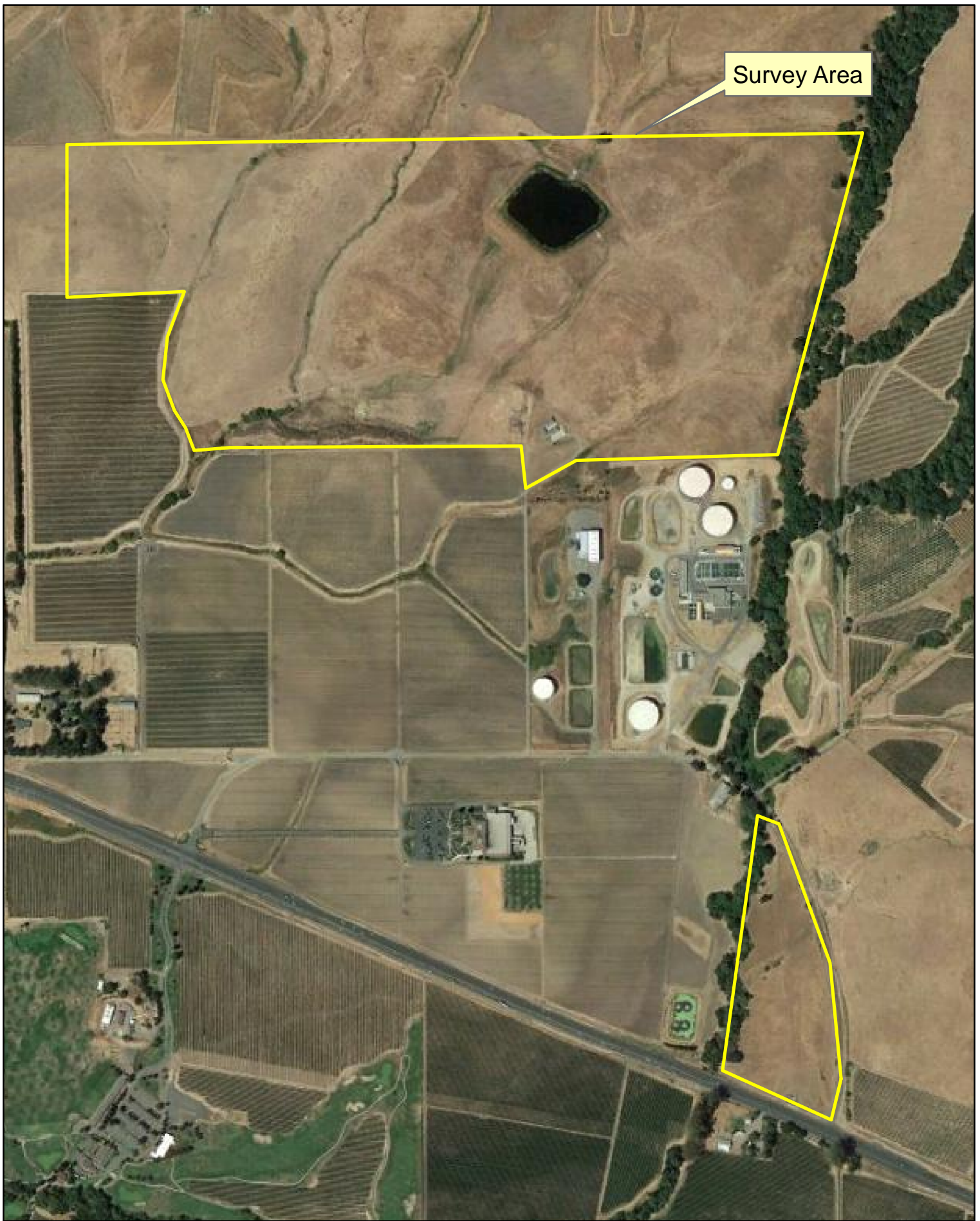
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**Plate I. Location and Site Map**

(Cordelia USGS Quadrangle)

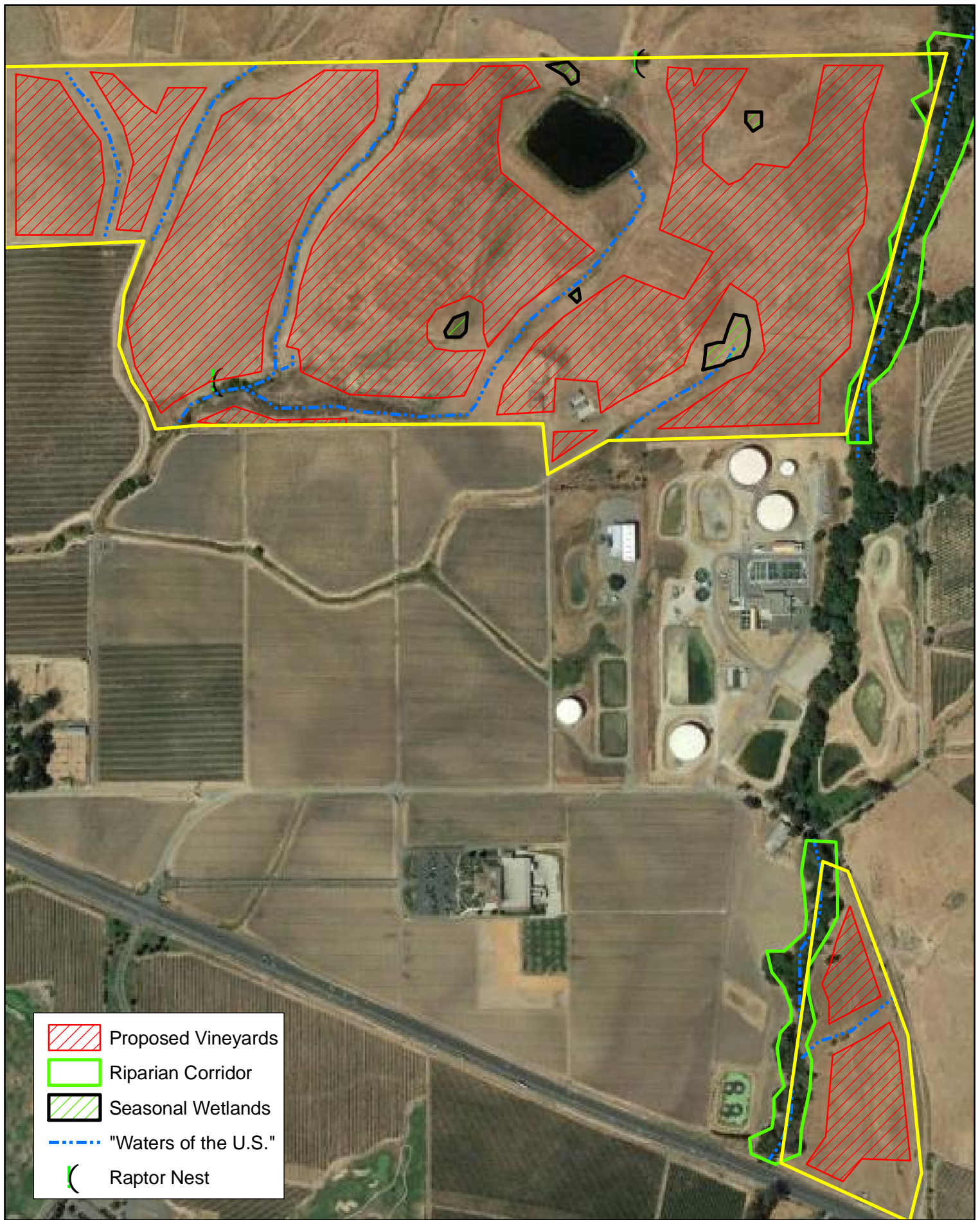









**Plate III. Aerial Photo**

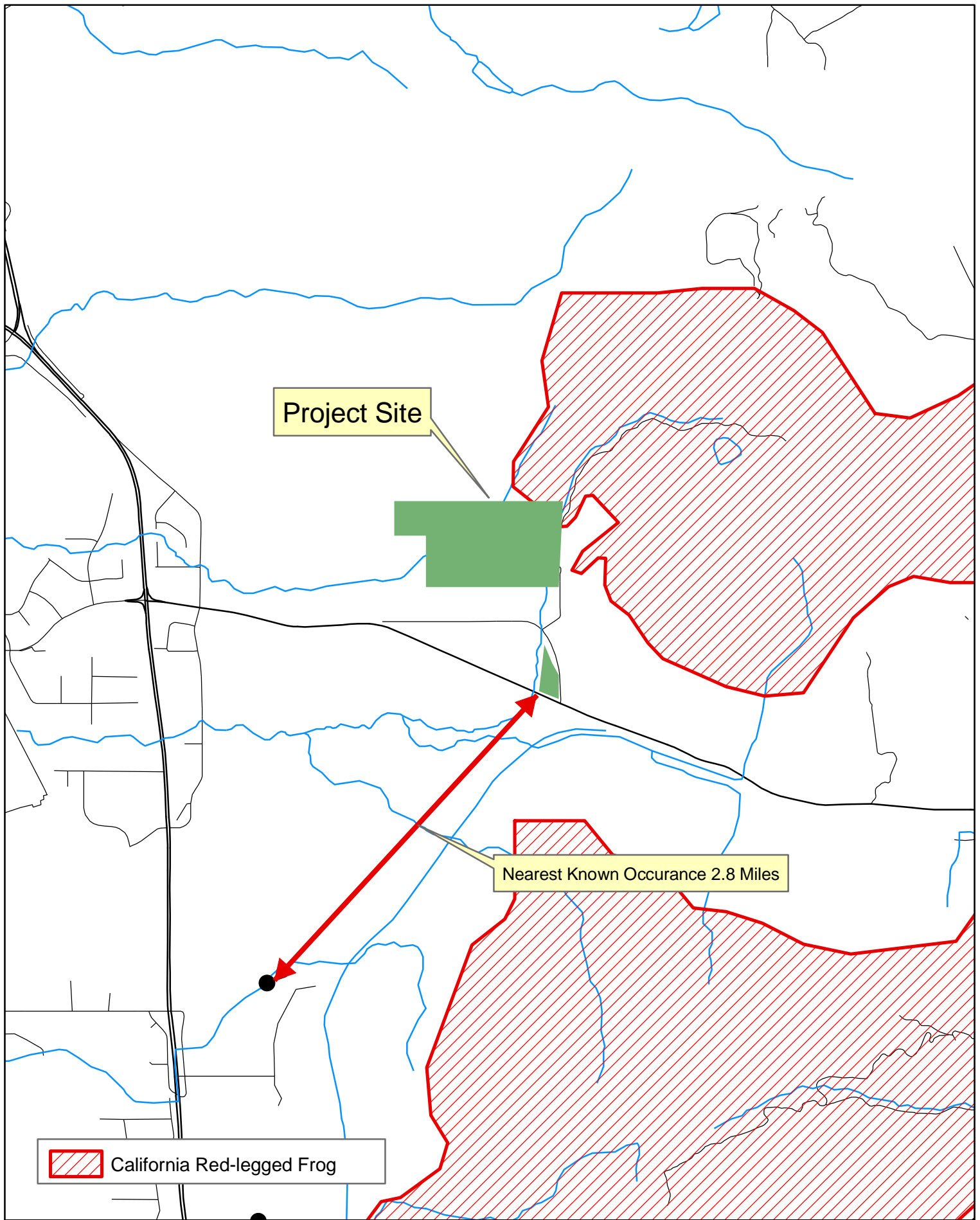


**Plate IV. Vegetation Map**



	Proposed Vineyards
	Riparian Corridor
	Seasonal Wetlands
	"Waters of the U.S."
	Raptor Nest

**Plate V. Location of Biological Resources**



**Plate VI. U.S. FWS Critical Habitat Map**

# APPENDIX A

## Plants and Animals Observed Associated With The Project Site

### PLANTS

The nomenclature for the list of plants found on the project site and the immediate vicinity follows: Brodo, Irwin M., Sylvia Duran Sharnoff and Stephen Sharnoff, 2001, for the lichens; S Norris and Shevrock - 2004, for the mosses; and Baldwin, Goldman, Keil, Patterson, Rosati, and Wilkens, editors, 2012 - for the vascular plants. The plant list is organized by major plant group.

**Habitat type** indicates the general associated occurrence of the taxon on the project site or in nature.

**Abundance** refers to the relative number of individuals on the project site or in the region.

<u>MAJOR PLANT GROUP</u>		
Family		
Genus	Habitat Type	Abundance
Common Name		

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### MOSSES

#### MINACEAE

<i>Homalothecium nuttallii</i> (Wilson) Jaeger	Epiphytic on Trees Near Coast-Inland	Common
NCN		
<i>Orthotrichum lyellii</i> Hook & Tayl.	Woodlands, Upper Canopy	Common
NCN		
<i>Scleropodium touretii</i> (Brid.) L Koch.	Woodlands	Common
NCN		

### LICHENS

#### FOLIOSE

<i>Flavoparmelia caperata</i> (L.) Hale	On Oaks	Common
Common Green Shield		
<i>Flavopunctilia flaventor</i> (Stirt.) Hale	On Oaks, Occasional on Rocks	Common
Speckled Green Shield		
<i>Xanthoria polycarpa</i> (Hoffm.) Rieber	On Oaks Young Twigs	Common
Pin-cushion Sunburst Lichen		

#### FRUTICOSE

<i>Evernia prunastri</i> (L.) Ach.	On Oaks	Common
NCN		
<i>Ramalina farinacea</i> (L.) Ach.	On Oaks	Common
NCN		

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<i>Usnea intermedia</i> = <i>U. arizonica</i>	On Oaks	Common
NCN		

### **VASCULAR PLANTS FERNS**

#### **POLYPODIACEAE**

<i>Polypodium californicum</i> Kaulf.	Woodlands or Riparian	Common
Common Polypody		

#### **PTERIDACEAE**

<i>Pentagramma triangularis</i> (Kaulf.)G.Yatsk. subsp. <i>triangularis</i>	Woodlands	Common
Goldback Fern		

### **VASCULAR PLANTS DIVISION ANTHOPHYTA --ANGIOSPERMS**

#### **CLASS--DICOTYLEDONAE- TREES**

##### **MAGNOLIIDS**

##### **LAURACEAE**

<i>Umbellularia californica</i> (Hook.&Arn.) Nutt.	Conifer&Oak Woodlands	Occasional
California Laurel, Sweet Bay, Pepperwood, California Bay		

##### **EUDICOTS**

##### **ANACARDIACEAE Pepper Tree Family**

* <i>Schinus molle</i> L.	Domestic Introduction	Occasional
Pepper Tree		

##### **FABACEAE Legume Family**

* <i>Acacia dealbata</i> Link	Naturalized Ruderal	Common
Silver Wattle-Acacia		

##### **FAGACEAE Oak Family**

<i>Quercus agrifolia</i> Nee	Woodlands	Common
Live Oak		

##### **JUGLANDACEAE Walnut Family**

* <i>Juglans nigra</i> L.	Ruderal Escape	Common
Black Walnut		

##### **MYRTACEAE Myrtle family**

* <i>Eucalyptus globulus</i> Labill	Ruderal Escape	Occasional
Blue Gum		

##### **ROSACEAE Rose Family**

* <i>Prunus domestica</i> L.	Escape, Ruderal	Occasional
Prune		

##### **SALICACEAE Willow Family**

<i>Populus fremontii</i> S.Watson ssp. <i>fremontii</i>	Riparian	Occasional
Fremont Cottonwood		
<i>Salix gooddingii</i> C.Ball	Riparian	Common
Goodding's Black Willow		

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SAPINDACEAE Soapberry Family

*Acer macrophyllum* Prush      Riparian, Stream Banks, Canyons      Common  
Big-leaf Maple

ULMACEAE Elm Family

*Ulmus americana*      Domestic Escape      Occasional  
Elm

**VASCULAR PLANTS DIVISION ANTHOPHYTA --ANGIOSPERMS**

**CLASS--DICOTYLEDONAE-SHRUBS AND WOODY VINES**

**EUDICOTS**

ADOXACEAE Muskroot Family

*Sambucus nigra* subsp *caerulea* (Raf.) Bolli Shrub/Scrub      Occasional  
Blue Elderberry (= *S. mexicana*, *S. caerulea*)

ANACARDIACEAE Sumac Family

*Toxicodendron diversilobum* (Torry&Gray) E.Green Woodlands      Common  
Poison Oak

APOCYANACEAE Dogbane Family

\**Vinca major* L.      Woodlands, Riparian, Ruderal      Common  
Periwinkle

ASTERACEAE (Compositae) Sunflower Family

*Baccharis pilularis* deCandolle      Woodlands, Grasslands      Common  
Coyote Brush

CAPRIFOLIACEAE Honeysuckle Family

*Symphoricarpos albus* (L.) SF Blake var. *laevigatus* Riparian, Shrub/Scrub Common  
Snowberry      Woodlands

ROSACEAE Rose Family

\**Rubus armeniacus* Focke      Ruderal      Common  
Himalayan Blackberry

**VASCULAR PLANTS DIVISION ANTHOPHYTA --ANGIOSPERMS**

**CLASS--DICOTYLEDONAE-HERBS**

**EUDICOTS**

APIACEAE (Umbelliferae) Carrot Family

\**Conicum maculatum* L.      Riparian      Common  
Poison Hemlock

\**Dacus carota* L.      Ruderal Grasslands      Common  
Wild Carrot, Queen Anne's Lace

\**Foeniculum vulgare* Mill.      Ruderal      Common  
Fennel

\**Torilis arvensis* (Huds.) Link      Grasslands Woodlands      Common  
Hedge-parsley

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ASTERACEAE (Compositae) Sunflower Family

<i>Artemesia douglasiana</i> Besser	Riparian	Common
Mugwort		
* <i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i> L.subsp. <i>pycnocephalus</i>	Woodlands	Common
Italian Thistle		
* <i>Centarea calcitrapa</i> L.	Grasslands	Common
Purple Star Thistle		
* <i>Centaurea melitensis</i> L.	Grasslands, Ruderal	Common
Tocalote, Napa Star Thistle		
* <i>Centaurea solstitialis</i> L.	Grasslands, Ruderal	Common
Yellow Star Thistle		
* <i>Cichorium intybus</i> L.	Ruderal	Occasional
Chicory		
<i>Circium occidentale</i> (Nutt.) Jeps. var. <i>occidentale</i>	Grasslands, Oak Woodland	Common
Cobwebby Thistle		
* <i>Circium vulgare</i> (Savi) Ten.	Grasslands, Ruderal	Common
Bull Thistle		
* <i>Cynara cardunculus</i> L,	Ruderal	Occasional
Cardoon, Artichoke Thistle		
* <i>Helminthotheca echioides</i> (L.) Holub	Ruderal	Common
Ox-tongue (= <i>Picris echioides</i> )		
<i>Hemizonia congesta</i> DC. ssp. <i>clevelandii</i>	Grasslands	Common
Hayfield Tarweed		
* <i>Hypochaeris glabra</i> L.	Ruderal	Common
Cat's Ear		
* <i>Lactuca serriola</i> L.	Ruderal	Occasional
Prickly Lettuce		
* <i>Senecio vulgaris</i> L.	Ruderal	Occasional
NCN		
* <i>Silybum marianum</i> (L.) Gaertn.	Ruderal	Common
Milk Thistle		
* <i>Sonchus asper</i> (L.) Hill var. <i>asper</i>	Ruderal	Common
Prickly Sow Thistle		
* <i>Sonchus oleraceus</i> L.	Ruderal	Common
Common Sow Thistle		
* <i>Taraxacum officinale</i> F.H.Wigg	Ruderal	Common
Dandelion		
<i>Xanthium strumarium</i> L.	Ruderal	Occasional
Cocklebur		

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**BORAGINACEAE** Borage or Waterleaf Family

*Amsinckia menziesii* (Lehm) Nelson&Macbr. Grasslands Occasional  
Rancher's Fireweed

**BRASSICACEAE** Mustard Family

\**Brassica nigra* (L.) Koch Ruderal Common  
Black Mustard

\**Brassica rapa* L. Grasslands, Ruderal Common  
Field Mustard

\**Capsella bursa-pastoris* L. Ruderal Common  
Shepherd's Purse

\**Cardamine hirsuta* L. Ruderal Common  
Bitter-cress

\**Raphanus sativus* L. Ruderal Common  
Wild Radish

\**Sisymbrium officinalis* L. Ruderal, Grasslands Common  
Hedge Mustard

**CARYOPHYLLACEAE** Pink Family

\**Cerastium fontanum* Baumg. subsp. *vulgare* Ruderal Common  
Mouse-ear-chickweed

\**Silene gallica* L. Ruderal/Grasslands/oak Woodlands Common  
Small Flower Catchfly Windmill Pink

**CONVOLVULACEAE** Morning-glory Family

*Convolvulus arvensis* L. Grasslands Common  
Morning-glory, Bindweed

**EUPHORBIACEAE** Spurge Family

*Croton setigerus* Hook. Ruderal Common  
Turkey Mullein, Dove Weed (= *Eremocarpus setigerus*)

**FABACEAE** (Leguminosae) Legume Family

*Acmispon brachycarpus* (Benth.) Sokoloff Grasslands, Ruderal Common  
NCN (= *Lotus humistratus*)

*Acmispon micranthus* (Torr. & A. Gray) Grasslands, Ruderal Common  
Small Flowered Lotus (= *Lotus micranthus*)

\**Lotus corniculatus* L. Grasslands, Ruderal Common  
Bird's-foot Trefoil

\**Medicago polymorpha* L. Ruderal, Grasslands Common  
Bur Clover

\**Melilotus albus* L. Grasslands Common  
White Sweetclover

\**Trifolium angustifolium* L. Ruderal, Grassland Common  
Narrow-leaved Clover

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* <i>Trifolium hirtum</i> All.	Ruderal	Common
Rose Clover		
* <i>Trifolium incarnatum</i> L.	Grasslands, Ruderal	Common
Crimson Clover		
* <i>Vicia sativa</i> L. subsp. <i>nigra</i>	Grasslands, Ruderal	Common
Narrow Leaved-vetch		
* <i>Vicia villosa</i> Roth. subsp. <i>villosa</i>	Ruderal	Common
Hairy Vetch, Winter Vetch		
GERANIACEAE Geranium Family		
* <i>Erodium botrys</i> (Cav.) Bertol.	Grasslands	Common
Broadleaf Filaree, Long-beaked Filaree		
* <i>Geranium dissectum</i> L.	Grasslands	Common
Common Geranium		
* <i>Geranium molle</i> L.	Grasslands	Common
Dove's Foot Geranium		
* <i>Geranium potentilloides</i> DC.	Ruderal, Shady Areas	Common
NCN		
LYTHRACEAE Loostripe Family		
* <i>Lythrum salicaria</i> L.	Grasslands, Ruderal	Common
Purple Loosestrife		
MALVACEAE Mallow Family		
* <i>Malva parviflora</i> L.	Ruderal	Common
Cheeseweed, Mallow		
ONAGRACEAE Evening-primrose Family		
<i>Taraxia ovata</i> (Torr.& A. Grau) Small Grasslands		Common
Sun Cup (=Camissonia, Oenothera)		
OROBANCHACEAE Broomrape Family		
* <i>Bellardia trixago</i> (L.) All.	Grasslands	Common
Mediterranean Lindseed		
* <i>Parentucellia viscosa</i> (L.) Caruel	Grasslands	Common
Yellow Parentucellia		
PAPAVERACEAE Poppy Family		
<i>Eschscholzia californica</i> Cahm.	Grasslands	Common
California Poppy		
PLANTAGINACEAE Plantain Family		
* <i>Plantago lanceolata</i> L.	Ruderal	Common
English Plantain		
POLYGONACEAE Buckwheat Family		
* <i>Rumex acetosella</i> L.	Ruderal	Common
Sheep Sorrel		

<b>MAJOR PLANT GROUP</b>		
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* <i>Rumex crispus</i> L.	Ruderal	Common
Curly Dock		
* <i>Rumex pulcher</i> L.	Ruderal	Common
Fiddle Dock		
RANUNCULACEAE Buttercup Family		
* <i>Ranunculus muricatus</i> L.	Grasslands, Ruderal	Occasional
Pickle-fruited Buttercup		
RUBIACEAE Madder Family		
<i>Galium aparine</i> L.	Woodlands, Riparian, Ruderal	Common
Goose Grass		
URTICACEAE		
<i>Urtica dioica</i> L. subsp. <i>holosericea</i>	Riparian	Common
Stinging Nettle		
VALERIANACEAE Valerian Family		
<i>Plectritis congesta</i> (Lindl.) subsp. <i>congesta</i>	Grassland	Occasional
NCN		

## **VASCULAR PLANTS DIVISION ANTHOPHYTA --ANGIOSPERMS**

### **CLASS--MONOCOTYLEDONAE-GRASSES**

POACEAE Grass Family		
* <i>Avena barbata</i> Link.	Grasslands	Common
Slender Wild Oat		
* <i>Avena sativa</i> L.	Grasslands, Ruderal	Common
Cultivated Oat		
* <i>Briza minor</i> L.	Grasslands, Ruderal	Common
Small Quaking Grass		
* <i>Bromus diandrus</i> Roth	Ruderal, Grasslands	Common
Ripgut Grass		
* <i>Bromus hordeaceus</i> L.	Grasslands	Common
Soft Chess, Blando Brome ( <i>B. mollis</i> )		
* <i>Cynosurus echinatus</i> L.	Ruderal	Common
Hedgehog, Dogtail		
* <i>Dactylis glomerata</i> L.	Grasslands	Occasional
Orchard Grass		
* <i>Echinochloa crus-galli</i> (L.) Beauv.	Ruderal	Common
Barnyard Grass		
* <i>Elymus caput-medusae</i> L.	Grasslands	Common
Medusahead (= <i>Taeniantherum caput-medusae</i> )		
<i>Elymus triticoides</i> Buckley	Grasslands, Moist	Occasional
Beardless Ryegrass (= <i>Leymus triticoides</i> )		

**MAJOR PLANT GROUP****Family**

<b>Genus</b>	<b>Habitat Type</b>	<b>Abundance</b>
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* <i>Festuca bromoides</i> L.	Ruderal, Moist Flats become Dry	Common
Six-weeks Fescue (= <i>Vulpia bromoides</i> )		
<i>Festuca microstachys</i> Nutt.	Grasslands, Ruderal	Common
NCN (= <i>Vulpia microstachys</i> )		
* <i>Festuca myuros</i> L.	Grasslands	Common
Rattail Fescue, Zorro Annual Fescue (= <i>Vulpia myuros</i> )		
* <i>Festuca perennis</i> (L.) Columubus & Sm.	Grasslands	Common
Perennial Rye Grass (= <i>Lolium multiflorum</i> , <i>L. perenne</i> )		
<i>Hordeum brachyantherum</i> Nevski subsp. <i>brachyantherum</i>	Grasslands	Occasional
Meadow Barley		
<i>Hordeum depressum</i> (Scribn.&Sm.) Rydb	Grasslands	Occasional
Low Barley		
* <i>Hordeum marinum</i> Huds. subsp. <i>gusoneanum</i>	Grasslands	Common
Mediterranean Barley		
* <i>Hordeum murinum</i> Huds. subsp. <i>leporinum</i>	Grasslands	Common
Farmers Foxtail		
* <i>Phalaris aquatica</i> L.	Grasslands	Common
Harding Grass		
* <i>Polypogon monspeliensis</i> (L.) Desf.	Wetlands	Common
Rabbitfoot Grass, Annual Beard Grass		
<i>Stipa pulchra</i> Hitchc.	Oak Woodland, Grasslands, Chaparral	Common
Purple Needle Grass (= <i>Nassella pulchra</i> )		

**VASCULAR PLANTS DIVISION ANTHOPHYTA --ANGIOSPERMS****CLASS--MONOCOTYLEDONAE--SEDGES AND RUSHES****CYPERACEAE Sedge Family**

<i>Cyperus eragrostis</i> Lam.	Ruderal Moist Areas	Common
Nut-grass		
<i>Schoenoplectus americanus</i> (Pers.) Schiz&Keller	Palustrine	Occasional
Olney's Three-square Bulrush	American Bullrush (= <i>Scirpus</i> )	

**JUNCACEAE Juncus Family**

<i>Juncus acuminatus</i> Michx.	Palustrine	Common
Wire Rush		
<i>Juncus bufonius</i> L. var. <i>bufonius</i>	Ruderal Moist Areas, Grasslands	Common
Toad Rush		
<i>Juncus xiphioides</i> Mey	Grasslands, Seeps	Common
Flat Leafed Rush		

**MAJOR PLANT GROUP****Family****Genus****Habitat Type****Abundance****Common Name**

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**VASCULAR PLANTS DIVISION ANTHOPHYTA --ANGIOSPERMS****CLASS--MONOCOTYLEDONAE-HERBS****IRIDACEAE Iris Family**

*Sisyrinchium bellum* Watson

Grasslands

Common

Blue-eyed Grass

**TYPHACEAE Cat-tail Family**

*Typha angustifolium* L.

Riparian

Common

Narrow-leaved Cattail

## Fauna Species Observed in the Vicinity of the Project Site

The nomenclature for the animals found on the project site and in the immediate vicinity follows: Mc Ginnis–1984, for the fresh water fishes; Stebbins-1985, for the reptiles and amphibians; Udvardy and Farrand–1998, for the birds; and Jameson and Peeters -1988 for the mammals.

### AMPHIBIA AND REPTILIA

#### ORDER

Common Name	Genus	Observed
<b>ANURA</b>		
Bullfrog	<i>Rana catesbeiana</i>	X
Western Toad	<i>Bufo boreas</i>	X
<b>SQUAMATA</b>		
Western Aquatic Garter Snake	<i>Thamnophis couchii</i>	X
Western Fence Lizard	<i>Sceloporus occidentalis</i>	X

### AVES

#### ORDER

Common Name	Genus	Observed
<b>AVES</b>		
Brandt's Cormorant	<i>Phalacrocerax penicillaus</i>	X
California Quail	<i>Callipepla californica</i>	X
Canada Goose	<i>Branta canadensis</i>	X
Golden-crowned Sparrow	<i>Zonotrichia atricapilla</i>	X
Great Blue Heron	<i>Ardea herodias</i>	
Mallard	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	X
Mourning Dove	<i>Zenaida macroura</i>	X
Red-tailed Hawk	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	
Tricolored Blackbird	<i>Agelaius tricolor</i>	X
Tree Swallow	<i>Tachycineta Bicolor</i>	
Turkey Vulture	<i>Cathartes aura</i>	X

### MAMMALS

#### ORDER

Common Name	Genus	Observed
<b>RODENTIA</b>		
Pocket Gopher	<i>Thomomys bottae</i>	Sight
Deer Mouse	<i>Peromyscus maniculatus</i>	Trails

# **APPENDIX B**

**CNPS Special Status-species Listed for the Project  
Quadrangle and Surrounding Quadrangles**

**California Department of Fish and Wildlife Rare Find 5**

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Trust Resources List-Listed  
Species for the Quadrangle**



## Plant List

## Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants

32 matches found. *Click on scientific name for details*

### Search Criteria

Found in Quads 3812233, 3812232, 3812231, 3812223, 3812222, 3812221, 3812213, 3812212 and 3812211; Community = Valley and foothill grassland

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Scientific Name	Common Name	Family	Lifeform	Blooming Period	CA Rare Plant Rank	State Rank	Global Rank
<a href="#">Agrostis hendersonii</a>	Henderson's bent grass	Poaceae	annual herb	Apr-Jun	3.2	S2	G2Q
<a href="#">Astragalus tener</a> <a href="#">var. tener</a>	alkali milk-vetch	Fabaceae	annual herb	Mar-Jun	1B.2	S2	G2T2
<a href="#">Atriplex coronata</a> <a href="#">var. coronata</a>	crownscale	Chenopodiaceae	annual herb	Mar-Oct	4.2	S3	G4T3
<a href="#">Balsamorhiza macrolepis</a>	big-scale balsamroot	Asteraceae	perennial herb	Mar-Jun	1B.2	S2	G2
<a href="#">Blepharizonia plumosa</a>	big tarplant	Asteraceae	annual herb	Jul-Oct	1B.1	S2	G2
<a href="#">Brodiaea leptandra</a>	narrow-anthered brodiaea	Themidaceae	perennial bulbiferous herb	May-Jul	1B.2	S3?	G3?
<a href="#">Calochortus pulchellus</a>	Mt. Diablo fairy-lantern	Liliaceae	perennial bulbiferous herb	Apr-Jun	1B.2	S2	G2
<a href="#">Castilleja affinis</a> <a href="#">var. neglecta</a>	Tiburon paintbrush	Orobanchaceae	perennial herb (hemiparasitic)	Apr-Jun	1B.2	S1S2	G4G5T1T2
<a href="#">Castilleja ambigua</a> <a href="#">var. ambigua</a>	johnny-nip	Orobanchaceae	annual herb (hemiparasitic)	Mar-Aug	4.2	S4	G4T5
<a href="#">Centromadia parryi</a> <a href="#">ssp. congdonii</a>	Congdon's tarplant	Asteraceae	annual herb	May-Oct (Nov)	1B.1	S2	G3T2
<a href="#">Centromadia parryi</a> <a href="#">ssp. parryi</a>	pappose tarplant	Asteraceae	annual herb	May-Nov	1B.2	S2	G3T2
<a href="#">Centromadia parryi</a> <a href="#">ssp. rudis</a>	Parry's rough tarplant	Asteraceae	annual herb	May-Oct	4.2	S3	G3T3
<a href="#">Downingia pusilla</a>	dwarf downingia	Campanulaceae	annual herb	Mar-May	2B.2	S2	GU
<a href="#">Eriogonum luteolum</a> <a href="#">var. caninum</a>	Tiburon buckwheat	Polygonaceae	annual herb	May-Sep	1B.2	S2	G5T2

<a href="#"><u>Eriogonum truncatum</u></a>	Mt. Diablo buckwheat	Polygonaceae	annual herb	Apr-Sep (Nov-Dec)	1B.1	S2	G2
<a href="#"><u>Eryngium jepsonii</u></a>	Jepson's coyote thistle	Apiaceae	perennial herb	Apr-Aug	1B.2	S2?	G2?
<a href="#"><u>Extriplex joaquinana</u></a>	San Joaquin spearscale	Chenopodiaceae	annual herb	Apr-Oct	1B.2	S2	G2
<a href="#"><u>Fritillaria liliacea</u></a>	fragrant fritillary	Liliaceae	perennial bulbiferous herb	Feb-Apr	1B.2	S2	G2
<a href="#"><u>Gilia capitata ssp. tomentosa</u></a>	woolly-headed gilia	Polemoniaceae	annual herb	May-Jul	1B.1	S1	G5T1
<a href="#"><u>Helianthella castanea</u></a>	Diablo helianthella	Asteraceae	perennial herb	Mar-Jun	1B.2	S2	G2
<a href="#"><u>Hesperolinon breweri</u></a>	Brewer's western flax	Linaceae	annual herb	May-Jul	1B.2	S2?	G2?
<a href="#"><u>Holocarpha macradenia</u></a>	Santa Cruz tarplant	Asteraceae	annual herb	Jun-Oct	1B.1	S1	G1
<a href="#"><u>Isocoma arguta</u></a>	Carquinez goldenbush	Asteraceae	perennial shrub	Aug-Dec	1B.1	S1	G1
<a href="#"><u>Lasthenia conjugens</u></a>	Contra Costa goldfields	Asteraceae	annual herb	Mar-Jun	1B.1	S1	G1
<a href="#"><u>Leptosiphon jepsonii</u></a>	Jepson's leptosiphon	Polemoniaceae	annual herb	Mar-May	1B.2	S3	G3
<a href="#"><u>Lessingia hololeuca</u></a>	woolly-headed lessingia	Asteraceae	annual herb	Jun-Oct	3	S3?	G3?
<a href="#"><u>Micropus amphibolus</u></a>	Mt. Diablo cottonweed	Asteraceae	annual herb	Mar-May	3.2	S3S4	G3G4
<a href="#"><u>Puccinellia simplex</u></a>	California alkali grass	Poaceae	annual herb	Mar-May	1B.2	S2	G3
<a href="#"><u>Ranunculus lobbii</u></a>	Lobb's aquatic buttercup	Ranunculaceae	annual herb (aquatic)	Feb-May	4.2	S3	G4
<a href="#"><u>Trichostema ruygtii</u></a>	Napa bluecurls	Lamiaceae	annual herb	Jun-Oct	1B.2	S1S2	G1G2
<a href="#"><u>Trifolium amoenum</u></a>	two-fork clover	Fabaceae	annual herb	Apr-Jun	1B.1	S1	G1
<a href="#"><u>Trifolium hydrophilum</u></a>	saline clover	Fabaceae	annual herb	Apr-Jun	1B.2	S2	G2

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**Query Summary:**

Quad **IS** (Napa (3812233) **OR** Mt. George (3812232) **OR** Fairfield North (3812231) **OR** Fairfield South (3812221) **OR** Cordelia (3812222) **OR** Cuttings Wharf (3812223) **OR** Mare Island (3812213) **OR** Benicia (3812212) **OR** Vine Hill (3812211))

**AND** Habitat **IS** (Valley & foothill grassland **OR** Wetland)

**CNDDDB Element Query Results**

Scientific Name	Common Name	Federal Status	State Status	Global Rank	State Rank	Habitats
Agelaius tricolor	tricolored blackbird	None	Candidate Endangered	G2G3	S1S2	Freshwater marsh, Marsh & swamp, Swamp, Wetland
Agrostis hendersonii	Henderson's bent grass	None	None	G2Q	S2	Valley & foothill grassland, Vernal pool, Wetland
Antrozous pallidus	pallid bat	None	None	G5	S3	Chaparral, Coastal scrub, Desert wash, Great Basin grassland, Great Basin scrub, Mojavean desert scrub, Riparian woodland, Sonoran desert scrub, Upper montane coniferous forest, Valley & foothill grassland
Aquila chrysaetos	golden eagle	None	None	G5	S3	Broadleaved upland forest, Cismontane woodland, Coastal prairie, Great Basin grassland, Great Basin scrub, Lower montane coniferous forest, Pinon & juniper woodlands, Upper montane coniferous forest, Valley & foothill grassland
Ardea herodias	great blue heron	None	None	G5	S4	Brackish marsh, Estuary, Freshwater marsh, Marsh & swamp, Riparian forest, Wetland
Asio flammeus	short-eared owl	None	None	G5	S3	Great Basin grassland, Marsh &

						swamp, Meadow & seep, Valley & foothill grassland, Wetland
<i>Astragalus tener</i> var. <i>tener</i>	alkali milk-vetch	None	None	G2T2	S2	Alkali playa, Valley & foothill grassland, Vernal pool, Wetland
<i>Athene cunicularia</i>	burrowing owl	None	None	G4	S3	Coastal prairie, Coastal scrub, Great Basin grassland, Great Basin scrub, Mojavean desert scrub, Sonoran desert scrub, Valley & foothill grassland
<i>Atriplex persistens</i>	vernal pool smallscale	None	None	G2	S2	Vernal pool, Wetland
<i>Balsamorhiza macrolepis</i>	big-scale balsamroot	None	None	G2	S2	Chaparral, Cismontane woodland, Ultramafic, Valley & foothill grassland
<i>Blepharizonia plumosa</i>	big tarplant	None	None	G2	S2	Valley & foothill grassland
<i>Branchinecta lynchi</i>	vernal pool fairy shrimp	Threatened	None	G3	S3	Valley & foothill grassland, Vernal pool, Wetland
<i>Brodiaea leptandra</i>	narrow-anthered brodiaea	None	None	G3?	S3?	Broadleaved upland forest, Chaparral, Cismontane woodland, Lower montane coniferous forest, Valley & foothill grassland
<i>Buteo regalis</i>	ferruginous hawk	None	None	G4	S3S4	Great Basin grassland, Great Basin scrub, Pinon & juniper woodlands, Valley & foothill grassland
<i>Buteo swainsoni</i>	Swainson's hawk	None	Threatened	G5	S3	Great Basin grassland, Riparian forest, Riparian woodland, Valley & foothill grassland
<i>Calochortus pulchellus</i>	Mt. Diablo fairy-lantern	None	None	G2	S2	Chaparral, Cismontane woodland, Riparian woodland, Valley & foothill grassland

Carex lyngbyei	Lyngbye's sedge	None	None	G5	S3	Marsh & swamp, Wetland
Castilleja affinis var. neglecta	Tiburon paintbrush	Endangered	Threatened	G4G5T1T2	S1S2	Ultramafic, Valley & foothill grassland
Centromadia parryi ssp. congdonii	Congdon's tarplant	None	None	G3T2	S2	Valley & foothill grassland
Centromadia parryi ssp. parryi	pappose tarplant	None	None	G3T2	S2	Chaparral, Coastal prairie, Marsh & swamp, Meadow & seep, Valley & foothill grassland
Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus	western snowy plover	Threatened	None	G3T3	S2S3	Great Basin standing waters, Sand shore, Wetland
Chloropyron molle ssp. molle	soft salty bird's-beak	Endangered	Rare	G2T1	S1	Marsh & swamp, Salt marsh, Wetland
Cicuta maculata var. bolanderi	Bolander's water-hemlock	None	None	G5T4	S2	Marsh & swamp, Salt marsh, Wetland
Circus cyaneus	northern harrier	None	None	G5	S3	Coastal scrub, Great Basin grassland, Marsh & swamp, Riparian scrub, Valley & foothill grassland, Wetland
Cirsium hydrophilum var. hydrophilum	Suisun thistle	Endangered	None	G2T1	S1	Marsh & swamp, Salt marsh, Wetland
Coastal Brackish Marsh	Coastal Brackish Marsh	None	None	G2	S2.1	Marsh & swamp, Wetland
Corynorhinus townsendii	Townsend's big-eared bat	None	None	G3G4	S2	Broadleaved upland forest, Chaparral, Chenopod scrub, Great Basin grassland, Great Basin scrub, Joshua tree woodland, Lower montane coniferous forest, Meadow & seep, Mojavean desert scrub, Riparian forest, Riparian woodland, Sonoran desert scrub, Sonoran thorn woodland, Upper montane coniferous

						forest, Valley & foothill grassland
Downingia pusilla	dwarf downingia	None	None	GU	S2	Valley & foothill grassland, Vernal pool, Wetland
Egretta thula	snowy egret	None	None	G5	S4	Marsh & swamp, Meadow & seep, Riparian forest, Riparian woodland, Wetland
Elanus leucurus	white-tailed kite	None	None	G5	S3S4	Cismontane woodland, Marsh & swamp, Riparian woodland, Valley & foothill grassland, Wetland
Emys marmorata	western pond turtle	None	None	G3G4	S3	Aquatic, Artificial flowing waters, Klamath/North coast flowing waters, Klamath/North coast standing waters, Marsh & swamp, Sacramento/San Joaquin flowing waters, Sacramento/San Joaquin standing waters, South coast flowing waters, South coast standing waters, Wetland
Eriogonum truncatum	Mt. Diablo buckwheat	None	None	G2	S2	Chaparral, Coastal scrub, Valley & foothill grassland
Eryngium jepsonii	Jepson's coyote-thistle	None	None	G2	S2	Valley & foothill grassland, Vernal pool
Extriplex joaquinana	San Joaquin spearscale	None	None	G2	S2	Alkali playa, Chenopod scrub, Meadow & seep, Valley & foothill grassland
Fritillaria liliacea	fragrant fritillary	None	None	G2	S2	Cismontane woodland, Coastal prairie, Coastal scrub, Ultramafic, Valley & foothill grassland
Helianthella castanea	Diablo helianthella	None	None	G2	S2	Broadleaved upland forest, Chaparral, Cismontane

						woodland, Coastal scrub, Valley & foothill grassland
<i>Helminthoglypta nickliniana bridgesi</i>	Bridges' coast range shoulderband	None	None	G3T1	S1S2	Valley & foothill grassland
<i>Hesperolinon breweri</i>	Brewer's western flax	None	None	G2?	S2?	Chaparral, Cismontane woodland, Ultramafic, Valley & foothill grassland
<i>Isocoma arguta</i>	Carquinez goldenbush	None	None	G1	S1	Valley & foothill grassland
<i>Lasthenia conjugens</i>	Contra Costa goldfields	Endangered	None	G1	S1	Alkali playa, Cismontane woodland, Valley & foothill grassland, Vernal pool, Wetland
<i>Laterallus jamaicensis coturniculus</i>	California black rail	None	Threatened	G3G4T1	S1	Brackish marsh, Freshwater marsh, Marsh & swamp, Salt marsh, Wetland
<i>Lathyrus jepsonii</i> var. <i>jepsonii</i>	Delta tule pea	None	None	G5T2	S2	Freshwater marsh, Marsh & swamp, Wetland
<i>Legenere limosa</i>	legenere	None	None	G2	S2	Vernal pool, Wetland
<i>Lilaeopsis masonii</i>	Mason's lilaeopsis	None	Rare	G2	S2	Freshwater marsh, Marsh & swamp, Riparian scrub, Wetland
<i>Limosella australis</i>	Delta mudwort	None	None	G4G5	S2	Brackish marsh, Freshwater marsh, Marsh & swamp, Riparian scrub, Wetland
<i>Masticophis lateralis euryxanthus</i>	Alameda whipsnake	Threatened	Threatened	G4T2	S2	Chaparral, Cismontane woodland, Coastal scrub, Valley & foothill grassland
<i>Melospiza melodia maxillaris</i>	Suisun song sparrow	None	None	G5T3	S3	Marsh & swamp, Wetland
<i>Navarretia leucocephala</i> ssp. <i>bakeri</i>	Baker's navarretia	None	None	G4T2	S2	Cismontane woodland, Lower montane coniferous forest, Meadow & seep, Valley & foothill

						grassland, Vernal pool, Wetland
Northern Claypan Vernal Pool	Northern Claypan Vernal Pool	None	None	G1	S1.1	Vernal pool, Wetland
Northern Coastal Salt Marsh	Northern Coastal Salt Marsh	None	None	G3	S3.2	Marsh & swamp, Wetland
Northern Vernal Pool	Northern Vernal Pool	None	None	G2	S2.1	Vernal pool, Wetland
Nycticorax nycticorax	black-crowned night heron	None	None	G5	S4	Marsh & swamp, Riparian forest, Riparian woodland, Wetland
Polygonum marinense	Marin knotweed	None	None	G2Q	S2	Brackish marsh, Marsh & swamp, Salt marsh, Wetland
Puccinellia simplex	California alkali grass	None	None	G3	S2	Chenopod scrub, Meadow & seep, Valley & foothill grassland, Vernal pool
Rallus obsoletus obsoletus	California Ridgway's rail	Endangered	Endangered	G5T1	S1	Brackish marsh, Marsh & swamp, Salt marsh, Wetland
Rana draytonii	California red-legged frog	Threatened	None	G2G3	S2S3	Aquatic, Artificial flowing waters, Artificial standing waters, Freshwater marsh, Marsh & swamp, Riparian forest, Riparian scrub, Riparian woodland, Sacramento/San Joaquin flowing waters, Sacramento/San Joaquin standing waters, South coast flowing waters, South coast standing waters, Wetland
Reithrodontomys raviventris	salt-marsh harvest mouse	Endangered	Endangered	G1G2	S1S2	Marsh & swamp, Wetland
Rhynchospora californica	California beaked-rush	None	None	G1	S1	Freshwater marsh, Lower montane coniferous forest, Marsh & swamp,

						Meadow & seep, Wetland
Serpentine Bunchgrass	Serpentine Bunchgrass	None	None	G2	S2.2	Valley & foothill grassland
Sorex ornatus sinuosus	Suisun shrew	None	None	G5T1T2Q	S1S2	Marsh & swamp, Wetland
Stuckenia filiformis ssp. alpina	slender-leaved pondweed	None	None	G5T5	S3	Marsh & swamp, Wetland
Symphyotrichum lentum	Suisun Marsh aster	None	None	G2	S2	Brackish marsh, Freshwater marsh, Marsh & swamp, Wetland
Taxidea taxus	American badger	None	None	G5	S3	Alkali marsh, Alkali playa, Alpine, Alpine dwarf scrub, Bog & fen, Brackish marsh, Broadleaved upland forest, Chaparral, Chenopod scrub, Cismontane woodland, Closed-cone coniferous forest, Coastal bluff scrub, Coastal dunes, Coastal prairie, Coastal scrub, Desert dunes, Desert wash, Freshwater marsh, Great Basin grassland, Great Basin scrub, Interior dunes, Lone formation, Joshua tree woodland, Limestone, Lower montane coniferous forest, Marsh & swamp, Meadow & seep, Mojavean desert scrub, Montane dwarf scrub, North coast coniferous forest, Oldgrowth, Pavement plain, Redwood, Riparian forest, Riparian scrub, Riparian woodland, Salt marsh, Sonoran desert scrub, Sonoran thorn woodland, Ultramafic, Upper montane coniferous

						forest, Upper Sonoran scrub, Valley & foothill grassland
Trichostema ruygtii	Napa bluecurls	None	None	G1G2	S1S2	Chaparral, Cismontane woodland, Lower montane coniferous forest, Valley & foothill grassland, Vernal pool, Wetland
Trifolium amoenum	two-fork clover	Endangered	None	G1	S1	Coastal bluff scrub, Ultramafic, Valley & foothill grassland
Trifolium hydrophilum	saline clover	None	None	G2	S2	Marsh & swamp, Valley & foothill grassland, Vernal pool, Wetland
Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus	yellow-headed blackbird	None	None	G5	S3	Marsh & swamp, Wetland

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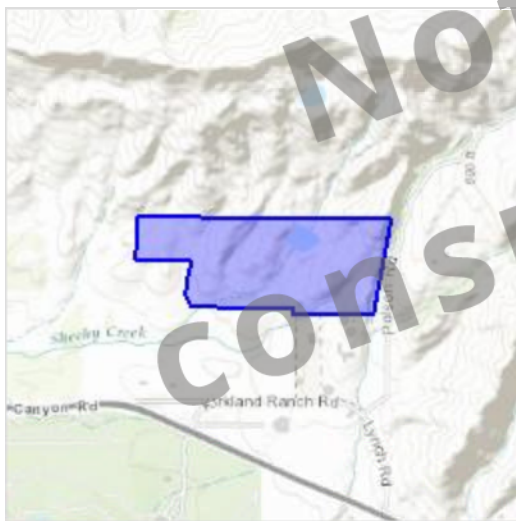
# IPaC resource list

This report is an automatically generated list of species and other resources such as critical habitat (collectively referred to as *trust resources*) under the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (USFWS) jurisdiction that are known or expected to be on or near the project area referenced below. The list may also include trust resources that occur outside of the project area, but that could potentially be directly or indirectly affected by activities in the project area. However, determining the likelihood and extent of effects a project may have on trust resources typically requires gathering additional site-specific (e.g., vegetation/species surveys) and project-specific (e.g., magnitude and timing of proposed activities) information.

Below is a summary of the project information you provided and contact information for the USFWS office(s) with jurisdiction in the defined project area. Please read the introduction to each section that follows (Endangered Species, Migratory Birds, USFWS Facilities, and NWI Wetlands) for additional information applicable to the trust resources addressed in that section.

## Location

Napa County, California



## Local office

## Sacramento Fish And Wildlife Office

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Federal Building

2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2605

Sacramento, CA 95825-1846

# Endangered species

**This resource list is for informational purposes only and does not constitute an analysis of project level impacts.**

The primary information used to generate this list is the known or expected range of each species. Additional areas of influence (AOI) for species are also considered. An AOI includes areas outside of the species range if the species could be indirectly affected by activities in that area (e.g., placing a dam upstream of a fish population, even if that fish does not occur at the dam site, may indirectly impact the species by reducing or eliminating water flow downstream). Because species can move, and site conditions can change, the species on this list are not guaranteed to be found on or near the project area. To fully determine any potential effects to species, additional site-specific and project-specific information is often required.

Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act **requires** Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of such proposed action" for any project that is conducted, permitted, funded, or licensed by any Federal agency. A letter from the local office and a species list which fulfills this requirement can **only** be obtained by requesting an official species list from either the Regulatory Review section in IPaC (see directions below) or from the local field office directly.

For project evaluations that require USFWS concurrence/review, please return to the IPaC website and request an official species list by doing the following:

1. Draw the project location and click CONTINUE.
2. Click DEFINE PROJECT.
3. Log in (if directed to do so).
4. Provide a name and description for your project.
5. Click REQUEST SPECIES LIST.

## Listed species

<sup>1</sup> are managed by the [Ecological Services Program](#) of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

1. Species listed under the [Endangered Species Act](#) are threatened or endangered; IPaC also shows species that are candidates, or proposed, for listing. See the [listing status page](#) for more information.

The following species are potentially affected by activities in this location:

## Mammals

NAME	STATUS
Salt Marsh Harvest Mouse <i>Reithrodontomys raviventris</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/613">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/613</a>	Endangered

## Birds

NAME	STATUS
California Clapper Rail <i>Rallus longirostris obsoletus</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4240">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4240</a>	Endangered
California Least Tern <i>Sterna antillarum browni</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8104">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8104</a>	Endangered
Western Snowy Plover <i>Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus</i> There is a <b>final critical habitat</b> designated for this species. Your location is outside the designated critical habitat. <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8035">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8035</a>	Threatened

## Reptiles

NAME	STATUS
Giant Garter Snake <i>Thamnophis gigas</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4482">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4482</a>	Threatened

## Amphibians

NAME	STATUS
California Red-legged Frog <i>Rana draytonii</i> There is a <b>final critical habitat</b> designated for this species. Your location overlaps the designated critical habitat. <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2891">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2891</a>	Threatened

## Fishes

NAME	STATUS
Delta Smelt <i>Hypomesus transpacificus</i> There is a <b>final critical habitat</b> designated for this species. Your location is outside the designated critical habitat. <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/321">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/321</a>	Threatened
Steelhead <i>Oncorhynchus (=Salmo) mykiss</i> There is a <b>final critical habitat</b> designated for this species. Your location is outside the designated critical habitat. <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1007">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1007</a>	Threatened

## Insects

NAME	STATUS
Callippe Silverspot Butterfly <i>Speyeria callippe callippe</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3779">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3779</a>	Endangered
San Bruno Elfin Butterfly <i>Callophrys mossii bayensis</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3394">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3394</a>	Endangered

## Crustaceans

NAME	STATUS
California Freshwater Shrimp <i>Syncaris pacifica</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7903">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7903</a>	Endangered
Vernal Pool Fairy Shrimp <i>Branchinecta lynchi</i> There is a <b>final critical habitat</b> designated for this species. Your location is outside the designated critical habitat. <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/498">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/498</a>	Threatened

## Flowering Plants

NAME	STATUS
Showy Indian Clover <i>Trifolium amoenum</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6459">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6459</a>	Endangered
Tiburon Paintbrush <i>Castilleja affinis</i> ssp. <i>neglecta</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2687">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2687</a>	Endangered

## Critical habitats

Potential effects to critical habitat(s) in this location must be analyzed along with the endangered species themselves.

This location overlaps the critical habitat for the following species:

NAME	TYPE
California Red-legged Frog <i>Rana draytonii</i> <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2891#crithab">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2891#crithab</a>	Final designated

## Migratory birds

Certain birds are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act

<sup>1</sup> and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act<sup>2</sup>.

Any activity that results in the take (to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct) of migratory birds or eagles is prohibited unless authorized by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

<sup>3</sup>. There are no provisions for allowing the take of migratory birds that are unintentionally killed or injured.

Any person or organization who plans or conducts activities that may result in the take of migratory birds is responsible for complying with the appropriate regulations and implementing appropriate conservation measures.

1. The [Migratory Birds Treaty Act](#) of 1918.
2. The [Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act](#) of 1940.
3. 50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)

Additional information can be found using the following links:

- Birds of Conservation Concern <http://www.fws.gov/birds/management/managed-species/birds-of-conservation-concern.php>
- Conservation measures for birds <http://www.fws.gov/birds/management/project-assessment-tools-and-guidance/conservation-measures.php>
- Year-round bird occurrence data <http://www.birdscanada.org/birdmon/default/datasummaries.jsp>

The migratory birds species listed below are species of particular conservation concern (e.g. [Birds of Conservation Concern](#)) that may be potentially affected by activities in this location. It is not a list of every bird species you may find in this location, nor a guarantee that all of the bird species on this list will be found on or near this location. Although it is important to try to avoid and minimize impacts to all birds, special attention should be made to avoid and minimize impacts to birds of priority concern. To view available data on other bird species that may occur in your project area, please visit the [AKN Histogram Tools](#) and [Other Bird Data Resources](#). To fully determine any potential effects to species, additional site-specific and project-specific information is often required.

NAME	SEASON(S)
Allen's Hummingbird <i>Selasphorus sasin</i> <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9637">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9637</a>	Breeding

Bald Eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i> <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1626">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1626</a>	Year-round
Bell's Sparrow	<i>Amphispiza belli</i> <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9303">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9303</a>	Year-round
Black Oystercatcher	<i>Haematopus bachmani</i> <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9591">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9591</a>	Year-round
Black Rail	<i>Laterallus jamaicensis</i> <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7717">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7717</a>	Breeding
Black Skimmer	<i>Rynchops niger</i> <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5234">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5234</a>	Breeding
Burrowing Owl	<i>Athene cunicularia</i> <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9737">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9737</a>	Year-round
Common Yellowthroat	<i>Geothlypis trichas sinuosa</i> <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2084">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2084</a>	Breeding
Costa's Hummingbird	<i>Calypte costae</i> <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9470">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9470</a>	Year-round
Fox Sparrow	<i>Passerella iliaca</i>	Wintering
Lawrence's Goldfinch	<i>Carduelis lawrencei</i> <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9464">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9464</a>	Breeding
Least Bittern	<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i> <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6175">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6175</a>	Breeding
Lesser Yellowlegs	<i>Tringa flavipes</i> <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9679">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9679</a>	Wintering

Lewis's Woodpecker	<i>Melanerpes lewis</i> <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9408">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9408</a>	Wintering
Long-billed Curlew	<i>Numenius americanus</i> <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5511">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5511</a>	Wintering
Marbled Godwit	<i>Limosa fedoa</i> <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9481">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9481</a>	Wintering
Mountain Plover	<i>Charadrius montanus</i> <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3638">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3638</a>	Wintering
Nuttall's Woodpecker	<i>Picoides nuttallii</i> <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9410">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9410</a>	Year-round
Oak Titmouse	<i>Baeolophus inornatus</i> <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9656">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9656</a>	Year-round
Olive-sided Flycatcher	<i>Contopus cooperi</i> <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3914">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3914</a>	Breeding
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i> <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8831">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8831</a>	Year-round
Rufous Hummingbird	<i>Selasphorus rufus</i> <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8002">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8002</a>	Migrating
Rufous-crowned Sparrow	<i>Aimophila ruficeps</i> <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9718">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9718</a>	Year-round
Short-billed Dowitcher	<i>Limnodromus griseus</i> <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9480">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9480</a>	Wintering
Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i> <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9295">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9295</a>	Wintering

Snowy Plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus</i>	Breeding
Swainson's Hawk	<i>Buteo swainsoni</i> <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1098">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1098</a>	Breeding
Tricolored Blackbird	<i>Agelaius tricolor</i> <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3910">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3910</a>	Year-round
Western Grebe	<i>aechmophorus occidentalis</i> <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6743">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6743</a>	Year-round
Whimbrel	<i>Numenius phaeopus</i> <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9483">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9483</a>	Wintering
Yellow Rail	<i>Coturnicops noveboracensis</i> <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9476">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9476</a>	Wintering

**What does IPaC use to generate the list of migratory bird species potentially occurring in my specified location?**

#### **Landbirds:**

Migratory birds that are displayed on the IPaC species list are based on ranges in the latest edition of the National Geographic Guide, Birds of North America (6th Edition, 2011 by Jon L. Dunn, and Jonathan Alderfer). Although these ranges are coarse in nature, a number of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service migratory bird biologists agree that these maps are some of the best range maps to date. These ranges were clipped to a specific Bird Conservation Region (BCR) or USFWS Region/Regions, if it was indicated in the 2008 list of Birds of Conservation Concern (BCC) that a species was a BCC species only in a particular Region/Regions. Additional modifications have been made to some ranges based on more local or refined range information and/or information provided by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologists with species expertise. All migratory birds that show in areas on land in IPaC are those that appear in the 2008 Birds of Conservation Concern report.

#### **Atlantic Seabirds:**

Ranges in IPaC for birds off the Atlantic coast are derived from species distribution models developed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NCCOS) using the best available seabird survey data for the offshore Atlantic Coastal region to date. NOAA/NCCOS assisted USFWS in developing seasonal species ranges from their models for specific use in IPaC. Some of these birds are not BCC species but were of interest for inclusion because they may occur in high abundance off the coast at different times throughout the year, which potentially makes them more susceptible to certain types of development and activities taking place in that area. For more refined details about the abundance

and richness of bird species within your project area off the Atlantic Coast, see the [Northeast Ocean Data Portal](#). The Portal also offers data and information about other types of taxa that may be helpful in your project review.

About the NOAANCCOS models: the models were developed as part of the NOAANCCOS project: [Integrative Statistical Modeling and Predictive Mapping of Marine Bird Distributions and Abundance on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf](#). The models resulting from this project are being used in a number of decision-support/mapping products in order to help guide decision-making on activities off the Atlantic Coast with the goal of reducing impacts to migratory birds. One such product is the [Northeast Ocean Data Portal](#), which can be used to explore details about the relative occurrence and abundance of bird species in a particular area off the Atlantic Coast.

All migratory bird range maps within IPaC are continuously being updated as new and better information becomes available.

### **Can I get additional information about the levels of occurrence in my project area of specific birds or groups of birds listed in IPaC?**

#### **Landbirds:**

The [Avian Knowledge Network \(AKN\)](#) provides a tool currently called the "Histogram Tool", which draws from the data within the AKN (latest, survey, point count, citizen science datasets) to create a view of relative abundance of species within a particular location over the course of the year. The results of the tool depict the frequency of detection of a species in survey events, averaged between multiple datasets within AKN in a particular week of the year. You may access the histogram tools through the [Migratory Bird Programs AKN Histogram Tools](#) webpage.

The tool is currently available for 4 regions (California, Northeast U.S., Southeast U.S. and Midwest), which encompasses the following 32 states: Alabama, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.

In the near future, there are plans to expand this tool nationwide within the AKN, and allow the graphs produced to appear with the list of trust resources generated by IPaC, providing you with an additional level of detail about the level of occurrence of the species of particular concern potentially occurring in your project area throughout the course of the year.

#### **Atlantic Seabirds:**

For additional details about the relative occurrence and abundance of both individual bird species and groups of bird species within your project area off the Atlantic Coast, please visit the [Northeast Ocean Data Portal](#). The Portal also offers data and information about other taxa besides birds that may be helpful to you in your project review. Alternately, you may download the bird model results files underlying the portal maps through the NOAANCCOS [Integrative Statistical Modeling and Predictive Mapping of Marine Bird Distributions and Abundance on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf project](#) webpage.

# Facilities

## Wildlife refuges

Any activity proposed on [National Wildlife Refuge](#) lands must undergo a 'Compatibility Determination' conducted by the Refuge. Please contact the individual Refuges to discuss any questions or concerns.

THERE ARE NO REFUGES AT THIS LOCATION.

## Fish hatcheries

THERE ARE NO FISH HATCHERIES AT THIS LOCATION.

## Wetlands in the National Wetlands Inventory

Impacts to [NWI wetlands](#) and other aquatic habitats may be subject to regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, or other State/Federal statutes.

For more information please contact the Regulatory Program of the local [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District](#).

This location overlaps the following wetlands:

FRESHWATER POND

[PUBHh](#)

RIVERINE

[R4SBA](#)

[R4SBC](#)

[R4SBAx](#)

A full description for each wetland code can be found at the National Wetlands

Inventory website: <https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/wetlands/decoder>

### Data limitations

The Service's objective of mapping wetlands and deepwater habitats is to produce reconnaissance level information on the location, type and size of these resources. The maps are prepared from the analysis of high altitude imagery. Wetlands are identified based on vegetation, visible hydrology and geography. A margin of error is inherent in the use of imagery; thus, detailed on-the-ground inspection of any particular site may result in revision of the wetland boundaries or classification established through image analysis.

The accuracy of image interpretation depends on the quality of the imagery, the experience of the image analysts, the amount and quality of the collateral data and the amount of ground truth verification work conducted. Metadata should be consulted to determine the date of the source imagery used and any mapping problems.

Wetlands or other mapped features may have changed since the date of the imagery or field work. There may be occasional differences in polygon boundaries or classifications between the information depicted on the map and the actual conditions on site.

### Data exclusions

Certain wetland habitats are excluded from the National mapping program because of the limitations of aerial imagery as the primary data source used to detect wetlands. These habitats include seagrasses or submerged aquatic vegetation that are found in the intertidal and subtidal zones of estuaries and nearshore coastal waters. Some deepwater reef communities (coral or tubercid worm reefs) have also been excluded from the inventory. These habitats, because of their depth, go undetected by aerial imagery.

### Data precautions

Federal, state, and local regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over wetlands may define and describe wetlands in a different manner than that used in this inventory. There is no attempt, in either the design or products of this inventory, to define the limits of proprietary jurisdiction of any Federal, state, or local government or to establish the geographical scope of the regulatory programs of government agencies. Persons intending to engage in activities involving modifications within or adjacent to wetland areas should seek the advice of appropriate federal, state, or local agencies concerning specified agency regulatory programs and proprietary jurisdictions that may affect such activities.