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BEAUMONT SUMMIT STATION BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES AND MSHCP CONSISTENCY REPORT

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report presents the results of a biological resource assessment and Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) consistency analysis conducted by Rocks Biological Consulting (RBC) for the Beaumont Summit Station Project (project or proposed project) in the City of Beaumont, Riverside County, California. The approximately 191-acre project site has been historically used for agricultural purposes and is highly disturbed; the majority of the site supports non-native grassland or is developed. Limited native habitat, primarily within small drainages, occurs on the western portion of the site.

The site is not located within any MSHCP Cellgroups or Criteria Cells and is not subject to the Habitat Evaluation and Acquisition Negotiation Strategy (HANS) or Joint Project Review (JPR) processes. The project is identified as occurring within a regional MSHCP Survey Area for Marvin's onion (*Allium marvinii*), many-stemmed dudleya (*Dudleya multicaulis*), and burrowing owl. RBC conducted protocol presence/absence surveys for burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia*) and least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) in 2021. Habitat assessments and focused surveys were performed also for many-stemmed dudleya and Marvin's onion in 2021.

Survey results for burrowing owl were negative. For least Bell's vireo, one individual male was detected within a drainage in the southwestern portion of the project during surveys one and two of the eight focused surveys. No female vireo or nesting was observed and based on its absence in surveys three through eight, the male appears to have been moving through the area temporarily. The drainage where the vireo was observed is not within the project impact area; however, potential noise and adjacency impacts may occur if the species colonizes the drainage prior to construction. Mitigation is proposed in order to reduce potential least Bell's vireo impacts to less than significant. Survey results for many-stemmed dudleya and Marvin's onion were negative, and the site does not support suitable habitat for these species.

The project site supports drainages expected to be considered jurisdictional under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).

The project site supports riparian/riverine habitat and would be consistent with the goals/objectives of the MSHCP with the implementation of the proposed avoidance and mitigation measures included in this report, pending a Determination of Biologically Equivalent or Superior Preservation (DBESP).

Impacts to vegetation communities and potential impacts to special-status animal species will be mitigated to below a level of significance through payment of the MSHCP Local Development Mitigation Fees. Impacts to Corps-, RWQCB-, and CDFW-jurisdictional resources along with impacts to MSHCP riparian/riverine areas shall be mitigated through the purchase of 4.82 re-establishment and/or rehabilitation credits (a 2:1 mitigation ratio) from the Riverpark Mitigation Bank located within the San Jacinto watershed.

2 INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Biological Resources and MSHCP Consistency Report is to summarize the biological data for the proposed project and to document the project's consistency with the goals and objectives of the Western Riverside County MSHCP. The proposed project consists of the development of approximately 156 acres of e-commerce and commercial facilities on the 191-acre site. The project does not include any covered roads or covered public access activities under the MSHCP.

2.1 PROJECT AREA

The Beaumont Summit Station Specific Plan (a comprehensive amendment of the Sunny-Cal Specific Plan that includes the proposed project) site is in the northwestern portion of the City of Beaumont, California (Figure 1). The project site is approximately 191 acres located south of Cherry Valley Boulevard, north of Brookside Avenue, and east of Interstate 10 (I-10). The current zoning for the project site is Specific Plan. All proposed changes associated with the project are located within areas previously annexed to the City of Beaumont by Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). The following Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs) are associated with the project site: 407-230-22, -23, -24, -25, -26, -27, -28, 407-190-016, and 407-190-017.

The project site contains primarily vacant land within the western and southern portions of the project. The central and eastern portions of the project site are developed, including multiple concrete foundations and several outbuildings that supported former poultry and egg farm operations. The topography of the project site slopes gently downward to the west.

2.2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

2.2.1 PROJECT BACKGROUND

In August 2007, the City of Beaumont (City) adopted the Sunny-Cal Specific Plan (Specific Plan), which included the approval of 560 single-family residential dwelling units with lot sizes ranging from 7,000 to 20,000 square feet on approximately 200 acres in the City of Beaumont. The overall gross density of the Sunny-Cal Specific Plan was 2.8 dwelling units (du) per acre (ac). The Specific Plan included four planning areas, pocket parks, trails, open space, circulation, and a neighborhood park. The Specific Plan was accompanied by a General Plan Amendment, Pre-zoning, LAFCO Annexation, and a Development Agreement. The City also certified the Sunny-Cal Specific Plan EIR in August 2007. The Sunny-Cal Specific Plan EIR provided CEQA level analysis for the Specific Plan, General Plan Amendment, Pre-zoning, LAFCO Annexation, and the Development Agreement associated with the Sunny-Cal Specific Plan. The Sunny-Cal Specific Plan EIR was challenged in 2007 and was upheld by the California Court of Appeals in 2010.

The majority of the Specific Plan area was annexed from the County of Riverside to the City of Beaumont in 2017. Although the Specific Plan Project was approved by the City of Beaumont and LAFCO, no development has occurred on the project site. The Beaumont Summit Station Specific Plan represents the amendments to the original Specific Plan which are described

below in Section 2.2.2 and are the subject of the analysis of this Biological Resources and MSCHP Consistency Report.

2.2.2 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project includes a General Plan Amendment, Specific Plan Amendment, Tentative Parcel Map, Plot Plan Approval, and a Development Agreement. The project site is divided into five parcels, with Parcels 1, 2, and 3 (Specific Plan Planning Area 1) designated for e-commerce uses with supporting office; the project proposes to amend the existing General Plan designation from Single-Family Residential to Industrial to allow for these uses. Parcels 1, 2, and 3 are proposed to be developed with three separate e-commerce buildings, as follows:

• Building 1: 985,860 square feet

Building 2: 1,213,235 square feet

Building 3: 358,370 square feet

Parcel 4 (Specific Plan Planning Area 2) would include the development of up to 150,000 square feet of commercial uses; the project proposes to amend the existing General Plan designation from Single-Family Residential to General Commercial for Parcel 4 to allow for these uses:

• Four-story hotel: 100,000 square feet (220 hotel rooms)

Restaurant: 25,000 square feet

Retail: 25,000 square feet

Parcel 5 (Specific Plan Planning Area 3) would remain as open space. The existing General Plan designation of Single Family Residential would be amended to Open Space. The proposed project would also include various on-site and off-site improvements including roadway improvements, utility connections, and rights-of-way to support the project. The amendments to the Specific Plan are summarized in Table 1, below.

Table 1. Existing and Proposed Land Use within the Beaumont Summit Station Project

Land Use	Sunny-Cal Specific Plan (2007)		Beaumont Summ Plan (Specific Plan) (20	an amendments)
Low Density Residential	158.65 acres	560 dwelling units	15.09 acres	41 units
E-Commerce			138.63 acres	2,648,530 sf
Commercial Hotel Retail Restaurant			12.85 acres	24,217 sf 25,750 sf 10,954 sf
Open Space Park/Trail Buffer/Open Space Road	21.15 acres 8.71 acres 9.8 acres		0 ac 28.88 4.55	acres
Total	200 acres		200 a	acres

The project site is not included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 (California Department of Toxic Substances Control list of various hazardous sites).

2.3 GENERAL SETTING

The northern perimeter of the project site is bounded by Cherry Valley Boulevard, with active construction occurring immediately north of the roadway. To the east of the project site are rural residential buildings as well as agricultural land uses. The western portion of the project site is surrounded by undeveloped vacant land which is further bounded by I-10. The southern side of the project site is surrounded by Brookside Avenue; beyond Brookside Avenue is residential development in the form of single and multi-family home communities.

2.4 REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Federal, state, and local agencies have established several regulations to protect and conserve biological resources. The descriptions below provide a brief overview of agency regulations that may be applicable to the project. The regulating agencies make the final determination as to what types of permits are required.

Federal Regulations

Federal Endangered Species Act

The federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. § 1531 et seq.), as amended, provides for listing of endangered and threatened species of plants and animals and designation of critical habitat for listed species. The ESA regulates the "take" of any endangered fish or wildlife species, per Section 9. As development is proposed, the responsible agency or individual landowner is required to consult with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to assess potential impacts on listed species (including plants) or their critical habitat, pursuant to Sections 7 and 10 of the ESA. USFWS is required to make a determination as to the extent of impact a project would have on a particular species. If it is determined that potential impacts on a species would likely occur, measures to avoid or reduce such impacts must be identified. USFWS may issue an incidental take statement, following consultation and the issuance of a Biological Opinion. This allows for take of the species that is incidental to another authorized activity, provided that the action will not adversely affect the existence of the species. Section 10 of the ESA provides for issuance of incidental take permits to non-federal parties with the development of a habitat conservation plan (HCP); Section 7 provides for permitting of federal projects.

Migratory Bird Treaty Act

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA; 16 U.S.C. § 703 et seq.) is a federal statute that implements treaties with several countries on the conservation and protection of migratory birds. The number of bird species covered by the MBTA is extensive and listed at 50 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 10.13. The USFWS enforces the MBTA, which prohibits "by any means or in any manner, to pursue, hunt, take, capture, [or] kill" any migratory bird, or attempt such actions, except as permitted by regulation.

Clean Water Act

Pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act of 1972 (CWA; 33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq.), the Corps is authorized to regulate any activity that would result in the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S. (including wetlands), which include those waters listed in 33 CFR 328.3 (51 Federal Register [FR] 41217, November 13, 1986; 53 FR 20764, June 6, 1988) and further defined by the 2001 *Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County v. Army Corps of Engineers* (SWANCC; 531 U.S. 159) decision and the 2006 *Rapanos v. United States* (547 U.S. 715) decision. The Corps, with oversight from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), has the principal authority to issue CWA Section 404 permits. The Corps would require a Standard Individual Permit (SIP) for more than minimal impacts to waters of the U.S. as determined by the Corps. Projects with minimal individual and cumulative adverse effects on the environment may meet the conditions of an existing Nationwide Permit (NWP).

A Water Quality Certification or waiver pursuant to Section 401 of the CWA (33 U.S.C. § 1341) is required for all Section 404 permitted actions. The RWQCB, a division of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), provides oversight of the Section 401 certification process in California. The RWQCB must certify "that there is a reasonable assurance that the activity will be conducted in a manner which will not violate water quality standards" (40 CFR 121.2(a)(3)). Water Quality Certifications must be based on the findings that a proposed discharge will comply with applicable water quality standards.

The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) is the permitting program for discharge of pollutants into surface waters of the U.S. under Section 402 of the CWA (33 U.S.C. § 1342).

State Regulations

California Environmental Quality Act

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA; California Public Resources Code § 21000 et seq.) was established in 1970 as California's counterpart to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). CEQA requires state and local agencies to identify significant environmental impacts of their actions and to avoid or mitigate those impacts, where feasible.

CEQA applies to certain activities of state and local public agencies. A public agency must comply with CEQA when it undertakes an activity defined by CEQA as a "project." A project is an activity undertaken by a public agency or a private activity, which must receive some discretionary approval (meaning that the agency has the authority to deny the requested permit or approval) from a government agency that may cause either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect change in the environment.

California Endangered Species Act and Natural Community Conservation Planning Act

The California Endangered Species Act of 1984 (CESA; California Fish and Game Code [CFGC] § 2050 et seq.), in combination with the California Native Plant Protection Act of 1977 (CFGC § 1900 et seq.), regulates the listing and take of plant and animal species designated as endangered, threatened, or rare within the state. California also lists species of special concern based on limited distribution; declining populations; diminishing habitat; or unusual scientific,

recreational, or educational value. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is responsible for assessing development projects for their potential to impact listed species and their habitats. State-listed special-status species are addressed through the issuance of a 2081 permit (Memorandum of Understanding).

In 1991, the California Natural Community Conservation Planning (NCCP) Act (CFGC § 2800 et seq.) was approved and the NCCP Coastal Sage Scrub program was initiated in Southern California. The NCCP program was established "to provide for regional protection and perpetuation of natural wildlife diversity while allowing compatible land use and appropriate development and growth." The NCCP Act encourages preparation of plans that address habitat conservation and management on an ecosystem basis rather than one species or habitat at a time.

California Fish and Game Code Sections 1600-1602

Pursuant to Division 2, Chapter 6, Section 1602 of the CFGC, CDFW regulates all diversions, obstructions, or changes to the natural flow or bed, channel or bank of any river, stream or lake that supports fish or wildlife. A Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration must be submitted to CDFW for "any activity that may substantially divert or obstruct the natural flow or substantially change the bed, channel, or bank of any river, stream, or lake" (CFGC § 1602). CDFW has jurisdiction over riparian habitats associated with watercourses and wetland habitats supported by a river, lake, or stream. Jurisdictional waters are delineated by the outer edge of riparian vegetation (i.e., drip line) or at the top of the bank of streams or lakes, whichever is wider. CDFW jurisdiction does not include tidal areas or isolated resources (e.g., riparian or wetland areas not supported by a river, lake, or stream). CDFW reviews the proposed actions and, if necessary, submits (to the applicant) a proposal that includes measures to protect affected fish and wildlife resources. The final proposal that is mutually agreed upon by CDFW and the applicant is the Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement.

California Fish and Game Code Sections 3503, 3511, 3513, 3801, 4700, 5050, and 5515

CDFW protects and manages fish, wildlife, and native plant resources within California. The California Fish and Game Commission and/or CDFW are responsible for issuing permits for the take or possession of protected species. The following sections of the CFGC address protected species: Section 3511 (birds), Section 4700 (mammals), Section 5050 (reptiles and amphibians), and Section 5515 (fish). In addition, the protection of birds of prey is provided for in Sections 3503, 3513, and 3800 of the CFGC.

Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act

The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (California Water Code § 13000 et seq.) provides for statewide coordination of water quality regulations. The SWRCB was established as the statewide authority and nine separate RWQCBs were developed to oversee water quality on a day-to-day basis. The RWQCBs have primary responsibility for protecting water quality in California. As discussed above, the RWQCBs regulate discharges to surface waters under the CWA. In addition, the RWQCBs are responsible for administering the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.

Pursuant to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, the state is given authority to regulate waters of the State, which are defined as any surface water or groundwater, including saline waters. As such, any person proposing to discharge waste into a water body that could affect its water quality must first file a Report of Waste Discharge if a Section 404 permit is not required for the activity. "Waste" is partially defined as any waste substance associated with human habitation, including fill material discharged into water bodies.

Regional and Local Plans

Western Riverside MSHCP

The Western Riverside County MSHCP is a comprehensive habitat conservation/planning program for Western Riverside County. The intent of the MSHCP is to preserve native vegetation and meet the habitat needs of multiple species, rather than focusing preservation efforts on one species at a time. The MSHCP provides coverage (including take authorization for listed species) for special-status plant and animal species, as well as mitigation for impacts to special-status species and associated native habitats.

Through agreements with the USFWS and CDFW, the MSHCP designates 146 special-status animal and plant species as Covered Species, of which the majority have no project-specific survey/conservation requirements. The MSHCP provides mitigation for project-specific impacts to these species for projects that are compliant/consistent with MSHCP requirements, such that the impacts are reduced to below a level of significance pursuant to CEQA.

The Covered Species that are not yet adequately conserved have additional requirements for these species to ultimately be considered 'adequately conserved'. A number of these species have survey requirements based on a project's occurrence within a designated MSHCP survey area and/or based on the presence of suitable habitat. These include Narrow Endemic Plant Species (MSHCP Volume I, Section 6.1.3), as identified by the Narrow Endemic Plant Species Survey Areas (NEPSSA); Criteria Area Plant Species (MSHCP Volume I, Section 6.3.2) identified by the Criteria Area Plant Species Survey Areas (CAPSSA); animal species (burrowing owl, mammals, amphibians, and invertebrates) identified by survey areas (MSHCP Volume I, Section 6.3.2); and species associated with riparian/riverine areas and vernal pool habitats, including least Bell's vireo, southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*), western yellow-billed cuckoo (*Coccyzus americanus*), and three species of fairy shrimp (MSHCP Volume I, Section 6.1.2). An additional 28 species (MSHCP Volume I, Table 9.3) not yet adequately conserved have species-specific objectives for the species to become adequately conserved. However, these species do not have project-specific survey requirements.

The goal of the MSHCP is to have a total Conservation Area in excess of 500,000 acres, including approximately 347,000 acres on existing Public/Quasi-Public (PQP) Lands, and approximately 153,000 acres of Additional Reserve Lands targeted within the MSHCP Criteria Area. The MSHCP is divided into 16 separate Area Plans, each with its own conservation goals and objectives. Within each Area Plan, the Criteria Area is divided into Subunits, and further divided into Criteria Cells and Cell Groups (a group of criteria cells). Each Cell Group and ungrouped, independent Cell has designated "criteria" for the purpose of targeting additional conservation lands for acquisition. Projects located within the Criteria Area are subject to the

Habitat Evaluation and Acquisition Negotiation Strategy (HANS) process to determine if lands are targeted for inclusion in the MSHCP Reserve. In addition, all projects located within the Criteria Area are subject to the Joint Project Review (JPR) process, where the project is reviewed by the Regional Conservation Authority (RCA) to determine overall compliance/consistency with the biological requirements of the MSHCP.

3 METHODS

On April 22 and May 12, 2021, RBC biologists surveyed the project site and conducted vegetation mapping, a general biological survey, and habitat assessments for special-status plant and wildlife species, including species associated with MSHCP survey areas and MSHCP-designated riparian/riverine and vernal pool habitats.

Additionally, RBC regulatory specialists conducted an initial jurisdictional assessment of the project site including a 100-foot buffer on April 22, 2021 and a formal aquatic resources delineation on June 3 and 7, 2021 to identify any areas that may be considered jurisdictional under the Corps pursuant to Section 404 of the CWA; the RWQCB pursuant to Section 401 of the CWA and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act; and the CDFW pursuant to Division 2, Chapter 6, Section 1600 – 1602 of the CFGC to comply with CEQA and MSHCP requirements. RBC regulatory specialists also assessed the project site for MSHCP-designated riparian/riverine and vernal pool habitats, as defined by Section 6.1.2 of the MSHCP, during the formal aquatic resources delineation.

3.1 DATABASE SEARCH

Prior to conducting field surveys, existing information regarding biological resources present or potentially present within the project area was obtained through a review of pertinent literature and databases, including, but not limited to:

- CDFW California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB; CDFW 2021a)
- California Native Plant Society (CNPS) Electronic Inventory (CNPS 2021)
- USFWS Special-status Species Database (USFWS 2021a)
- USFWS IPaC Database (USFWS 2021b)
- National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) Database (USFWS 2021c)
- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Soils Survey Database (NRCS 2021)
- Regional Conservation Authority (RCA) MSHCP Information Map (RCA 2021a)
- USGS National Hydrography Dataset (NHD) (USGS 2020)

The CNDDB and USFWS database queries were conducted for the project site plus a 1-mile radius. The CNPS Electronic Inventory search was conducted for the USGS 7.5' El Casco quadrangle for an elevation range of approximately 2,400 to 2,600 feet above mean sea level (amsl). The potential for special-status species, including MSHCP covered species, to occur within the project site was refined by considering the habitat affinities of each species, field habitat assessments, vegetation mapping, and knowledge of local biological resources.

3.2 RCA MSHCP INFORMATION MAP QUERY

The RCA MSCHP Information Map was used to compare the project footprint against any mapped survey or conservation areas as established in the MSHCP. These areas include Narrow Endemic Plant Species Survey Areas (NEPSSA); Criteria Area Species Survey Areas (CASSA); Burrowing Owl, Mammals, Amphibians, and Invertebrate survey areas (MSHCP)

Volume I, Section 6.3.2); and Cellgroups and Criteria Cells. Per compliance with the MSHCP, the project would require habitat assessments and/or focused surveys according to this query and compliance with additional project review processes as prescribed by Criteria Cells.

3.3 VEGETATION MAPPING AND GENERAL BIOLOGICAL SURVEYS

RBC biologists conducted vegetation mapping in the field to provide a baseline of the biological resources that occur or have the potential to occur within the project site on April 22, 2021 (Figure 2). RBC conducted vegetation mapping by walking throughout the project site and mapping vegetation communities on aerial photographs at a 1:2400 scale (1 inch = 200 feet).

The extent of each habitat type (delineated as a habitat polygon on the vegetation maps) was calculated using the ArcGIS Collector Geographic Information System (GIS). Habitats were classified based on the dominant and characteristic plant species in accordance with vegetation community classifications outlined in Holland's Preliminary Descriptions of the Terrestrial Natural Communities of California (Holland 1986) and consistent with MSHCP vegetation mapping classification.

RBC biologists conducted a general biological survey for plants and wildlife concurrently with vegetation mapping on April 22, 2021. Photos taken during the general biological survey are provided in Appendix A. Plant species encountered during the field survey were identified and recorded in field notebooks. Plant species that could not be identified were brought to the laboratory for identification using the dichotomous keys in the Jepson Manual (Baldwin et al. 2012) and following the taxonomic treatment of the Jepson Manual with input from the Western Riverside County Annotated Checklist (Roberts 2004). A complete list of the vascular plant species observed during all site visits to the project site is presented in Appendix B.

Wildlife species were documented during the field survey by sight, calls, tracks, scat, or other signs, and were recorded in field notebooks. Binoculars (10X42 magnification) were used to aid in the identification of wildlife. In addition to species observed during the surveys, RBC assessed the expected wildlife use of the project site based on known habitat preferences of local species and knowledge of their biogeographic distribution in the region. A complete list of wildlife species observed during all visits to the project site is presented in Appendix B; scientific and common names of wildlife follow CDFW's Special Animals List (CDFW 2021b).

3.4 SPECIAL-STATUS SPECIES SURVEYS

The locations of observed biological resources designated as special-status by the USFWS, CDFW, CNPS, and/or the MSHCP, were recorded in field notebooks, on aerial maps, and/or using the geographic information system (GIS) application ArcGIS Collector.

MARVIN'S ONION AND MANY-STEMMED DUDLEYA HABITAT ASSESSMENT & SURVEYS

The RCA MSHCP Information Map revealed that the project is located within a NEPSSA for Marvin's onion and many-stemmed dudleya (RCA 2021a). On April 22 and May 12, 2021 RBC qualified botanists assessed the suitability of habitat within the project site to support MSHCP Narrow Endemic species Marvin's onion and many-stemmed dudleya and surveyed the site for

each species. The project site was walked and assessed for the presence of suitable habitat and species. The surrounding 100-foot buffer was surveyed via binoculars for the potential to support special-status floral species.

BURROWING OWL SURVEYS

The RCA MSHCP Information Map revealed that the project is located within a MSHCP Burrowing Owl Survey Area (RCA 2021a). RBC assessed the project site for suitable burrowing owl habitat on April 22, 2021 in accordance with the Western Riverside MSHCP Burrowing Owl Survey Instructions (RCA 2005). As a result, RBC conducted protocol burrowing owl surveys during the breeding season (March 1 to August 31). RBC biologists conducted four surveys between May 12, 2021 and July 6, 2021 (Appendix C). Surveys were not conducted during rain, dense fog, or when high winds were greater than 20 miles per hour.

RBC biologists walked transects spaced 7-20 meters (20-60 feet) apart through suitable burrowing owl habitat within the project site plus a 500-foot buffer. RBC biologists used binoculars (10x42) to scan the survey area for owls, active and potential burrows, and/or sign of owls. RBC examined all suitable burrows for sign, including feathers, pellets, excrement (e.g., scat and whitewash), and prey remains. RBC considered burrows to be active if a burrowing owl was observed at or near the entrance or if evidence of recent sign was present. Biologists documented all suitable burrows in ArcGIS Collector.

LEAST BELL'S VIREO SURVEYS

On April 22, 2021 RBC assessed the project site for species associated with riparian/riverine and vernal pool habitat as defined by Volume 1, Section 6.1.2 of the MSHCP; USFWS protocollevel surveys for least Bell's vireo were initiated on the same day following the observation of an individual least Bell's vireo male in the southwestern drainage. Based on this siting, protocol surveys for the species were conducted thereafter to determine the status of the species on-site (Appendix D). RBC conducted protocol surveys within suitable riparian habitat in the western portion of the project site, as well as a 500-foot buffer. Surveys were completed between April 22, 2021 and July 16, 2021. RBC conducted the surveys in accordance with the USFWS Least Bell's Vireo Survey Guidelines (USFWS 2001).

3.5 AQUATIC RESOURCES DELINEATION

RBC conducted a formal aquatic resources delineation per the Corps, RWQCB, and CDFW regulations, guidelines, and protocols on June 3 and 7, 2021 to identify any areas that may be considered jurisdictional under the Corps pursuant to Section 404 of the CWA, the RWQCB pursuant to Section 401 of the CWA and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, and the CDFW pursuant to Section 1602 of the CFGC (Appendix E).

Prior to the formal aquatic resources delineation, field maps were created using GIS and a color aerial photograph at a 1:150 scale. RBC also reviewed USGS NHD (USGS 2020) and topography data, USFWS NWI data (USFWS 2021c), and NRCS soils data (NRCS 2021; Appendix F) to further determine the potential locations of aquatic resources within the project site and the surrounding 100-foot buffer. RBC also utilized Google Earth Pro to assess current

and historic presence or absence of flows and/or ponding in the project site and buffer (Google Earth Pro 2021).

Staff evaluated all areas with depressions, drainage patterns, wetland vegetation, and/or riparian vegetation within the project site and buffer for potential jurisdictional status, with focus on the presence of defined channels and/or wetland vegetation, riparian vegetation, soils, and hydrology.

Lateral limits of potential non-wetland waters of the U.S. for the Corps and the RWQCB were identified using field indicators of an Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) as outlined in *A Field Guide to the Identification of the Ordinary High Water Mark in the Arid West Region of the Western United States* (Corps 2008a). Additionally, staff examined potential Corps and RWQCB jurisdictional wetland areas using the routine determination methods set forth in Part IV, Section D, Subsection 2 of the 1987 *Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual* (Environmental Laboratory 1987), the 2008 Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Arid West Region Version 2.0 (Corps 2008b), and The State Policy for Water Quality Control: State Wetland Definition and Procedures for Discharges of Dredged or Fill Material to Waters of the State (SWRCB 2021).

CDFW potential jurisdictional boundaries were determined based on the presence of lake and/or streambed and riparian habitat or wetland areas supported by (i.e., adjacent or connected to) a lake or streambed, based on the definition of streambed as outlined at 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR) § 1.72 and in the 1987 *Rutherford v. State of California* decision (188 Cal. App. 3d 1268).

Complete methods are presented in the *Beaumont Summit Station Aquatic Resources Delineation Report* (RBC 2021; Appendix E).

4 RESULTS

4.1 PHYSICAL SETTING

The project site is composed of nine parcels that support several upland and wetland vegetation communities. On-site elevations range from approximately 2,400 to 2,600 feet amsl. Seven soil types occur on-site varying in percent slopes (Appendix F).

The flat areas of the project site are primarily dominated non-native grassland and developed habitats. The canyons and drainages within the project site are composed primarily of mulefat thickets and non-native riparian, with some occurrences of Riversidean sage scrub. Surrounding land uses include open space, agriculture, and residential development. The non-native grassland in the northern and southern portions of the project appear to be regularly disked.

4.2 VEGETATION COMMUNITIES AND LAND USES

The project site supports ten vegetation communities and other land covers, as classified in accordance with Preliminary Descriptions of the Terrestrial Natural Communities of California (Holland 1986) and consistent with the MSHCP vegetation mapping classification (Table 2). Vegetation within the project site is predominantly comprised of non-native grassland.

Table 2. Summary of Vegetation within the Beaumont Summit Station Project Site

Vegetation Community/Land Use	Project Site (acres)
Upland	
Chamise Chaparral	>0.01
Developed	48.70
Disturbed	1.50
Eucalyptus Woodland	0.12
Non-native Grassland	134.54
Riversidean Sage Scrub	0.24
Torrey's Scrub Oak Stands	1.10
Riparian	
Blue Elderberry Stands	0.30
Mulefat Scrub	2.14
Non-native Riparian	2.32
Total	190.99 ¹

¹ Acreages summed using raw numbers provided during GIS analysis (available upon request) and thus the sum of the total rounded numbers may not directly add up in this table.

Upland Vegetation Communities

Chamise Chaparral

This chaparral vegetation community (>0.01 acre) is overwhelmingly dominated by chamise (*Adenostoma fasciculatum*). Within the project site, the chamise chaparral contains some

individuals of California buckwheat (*Eriogonum fasciculatum*) and it occurs along the northwestern project boundary. Chamise chaparral continues as patches within non-native grassland west of the project.

Developed

Developed land (48.70 acres) within the project site does not support native vegetation and includes human-made structures. Within the project site, developed habitat includes the buildings and paved surfaces associated with the former agricultural operations.

Disturbed

Disturbed land (1.50 acres) is typically classified as land on which the native vegetation has been significantly altered by agriculture, construction, or other land-clearing activities, and the species composition and site conditions are not characteristic of the disturbed phase of a plant association (e.g. disturbed Riversidean sage scrub). Disturbed habitat is typically found in vacant lots, along roadsides, within construction staging areas, and in abandoned fields. The habitat is typically dominated by non-native annual species and perennial broadleaf species. Disturbed habitat on the project site occurs within the gravel driveways and staging areas that support the sparse growth of non-native grasses and forbaceous species. A few Mexican fan palms (*Washingtonia robusta*) also occur within the driveway near the eastern entrance to the project site off of Cherry Valley Boulevard.

Eucalyptus Woodland

Eucalyptus woodland (*Eucalyptus* spp.) habitat (0.12 acre) ranges from single-species thickets with little or no shrubby understory to scattered trees over a well-developed herbaceous and shrubby understory. In most cases, eucalyptus forms a dense stand with a closed canopy. Eucalyptus species produces a large amount of leaf and bark litter, the chemical and physical characteristics of which limit the ability of other species to grow in the understory, decreasing floristic diversity. A large stand of eucalyptus woodland occurs west of the project site towards I-10; the eastern extent of the large stand occurs along the western border of the project site.

Non-native Grassland

The non-native grassland within the project site (134.54 acres) is dominated by ripgut grass (*Bromus diandrus*) but also contains occurrences of other non-native grass and forbaceous species such as red brome (*Bromus rubens*), Mediterranean barley (*Hordeum marinum*), and short-pod mustard (*Hirschfeldia incana*). Rigid fiddleneck (*Amsinckia menziesii*) was observed within the non-native grassland habitat growing out of the topographical depressions in the western portion of project site. The project site is frequently mowed and had been grazed in the past using cattle, keeping non-native grasses and ruderal species fairly low to the ground. Non-native grassland occurs throughout much of the project site.

Riversidean Sage Scrub

Riversidean sage scrub (0.24 acre) is a form of coastal sage scrub found in Riverside County consisting of low, soft shrubs. The project site supports small patches of Riversidean sage scrub that are dominated by California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*) and California

buckwheat and contain non-native grasses between shrubs. Riversidean sage scrub is found in the southwestern portion of the project site and off-site along the southern project boundary.

Torrey's Scrub Oak Stands

Mature individuals of Torrey's scrub oak (*Quercus x acutidens*) form distinct stands (1.10 acres) occurring along the upper banks of canyons and drainages within the western portion of the project. Torrey's scrub oak is a small oak tree and on-site Torrey's scrub oak do not exceed 25 feet in height. Non-native grasses occur as the understory between individual trees. The stands of Torrey's scrub oak within the project site do not represent a specific vegetation community (e.g., scrub oak chaparral), but are a monotypic stand of trees that are functionally distinct from the surrounding non-native grassland habitat.

Riparian Vegetation Communities

Blue Elderberry Stands

Individual stands of blue elderberry (Sambucus nigra ssp. caerulea) occur within the project site (0.30 acre). Blue elderberry is a tall woody shrub that can grow up to 25 feet tall. The blue elderberry trees within the project site do not represent a specific vegetation community, rather a monotypic stand of trees that are functionally distinct from the surrounding non-native grassland habitat. Blue elderberry is not a hydrophytic, or wetland-exclusive, plant species; it can be found growing in both upland and riparian habitats. However, this stand of trees is included in the riparian community discussion for the purposes of this analysis due to its location exclusively within the drainages in the project site.

Mulefat Scrub

Mulefat scrub (2.14 acres) consists of mulefat (*Baccharis salicifolia*) as the dominant or codominant species within a continuous shrub canopy or thicket. A few isolated, individual willows (*Salix* spp.) also occur within the continuous mulefat scrub. The herbaceous layer is typically sparse. The mulefat scrub within the project site is approximately 10-15 feet in height and cooccurs with the blue elderberry stands and non-native riparian vegetation within the canyons and drainages in the southwest.

Non-native Riparian

This habitat includes densely vegetated riparian thickets dominated by non-native, invasive species. Within the project site, non-native riparian habitat (2.32 acres) consists of a monotypic stands of tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*), occurring within the drainages in the southwestern portion of the project. Tree of heaven are large trees with some individuals exceeding 30 feet in height. Virtually no understory occurs within the stands of tree of heaven that occur within the project site.

4.3 PLANTS AND WILDLIFE

The project area supports a low diversity of vegetation communities and plant species diversity. A total of 29 plant species (46 percent native, 54 percent non-native) were observed during project biological surveys (Appendix B). A total of 43 bird species, one reptile species, two

mammal species, and one invertebrate species were observed or presumed present based on track and/or scat (Appendix B). Twilight/nighttime surveys were not conducted, therefore crepuscular and nocturnal animals are likely under-represented in the project species list; however, habitat assessments were performed for all special-status species to ensure that any potentially-present rare species are adequately addressed herein.

Special-status biological resources are those defined as follows:

- Species that have been given special recognition by federal, state, or local conservation agencies and organizations due to limited, declining, or threatened/endangered population sizes;
- 2) Species and habitat types recognized by local and regional resource agencies as sensitive;
- 3) Habitat areas or vegetation communities that are unique, are of relatively limited distribution, or are of particular value to wildlife;
- 4) Wildlife corridors and habitat linkages; and/or
- 5) Biological resources that may or may not be considered sensitive, but are regulated under local, state, and/or federal laws.

For the purposes of this report, species are considered to have special-status if they meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Listed or considered for listing or proposed for listing under the ESA or CESA (CDFW 2021b; USFWS 2021a)
- Included on the CDFW Special Animals List (CDFW 2021a)
- CDFW Species of Special Concern (CDFW 2021a)
- CDFW Fully Protected Species (CDFW 2021a)
- Listed as having a California Rare Plant Rank (CRPR; formerly CNPS List, CNPS 2021)
- Western Riverside MSHCP Section 9.2 Covered Species List (RCA 2003)

4.3.1 NARROW ENDEMIC AND FEDERALLY/STATE LISTED PLANT SPECIES

The project site occurs within the NEPSSA for Marvin's onion and many-stemmed dudleya, which are MSHCP narrow endemic plant species. A habitat assessment and focused survey for both Marvin's onion and many-stemmed dudleya was conducted on April 22, 2021 and a second focused survey was conducted on May 12, 2021. No suitable habitat for these species was observed within the project site and no occurrences of either species was observed. The potential for these plants to occur is further addressed in Table 3. No other MSCHP narrow endemic plant species were identified within or immediately adjacent to the project site or have the potential to occur within the project site.

No federally or state listed threatened or endangered plants were observed during general biological surveys and none have a moderate or high potential to occur on the project site

based on the lack of suitable habitats. Additionally, there are no records of federally or state listed species occurring within or immediately adjacent to the project site.

Table 3. Assessment of Narrow Endemic Plant Species Potential to Occur within the Project

Species	Status	Habitat Description	Potential to Occur
Many-stemmed dudleya (<i>Dudleya</i> multicaulis)	WRC, CRPR 1B.2	Perennial herb. Blooms Apr- July. Coastal sage scrub, chaparral, valley grassland. Elevation 50-855 ft.	No potential to occur. Sage scrub habitat on-site is minimal, and the site occurs outside the species' elevation range. Additionally, species was not observed during surveys (RBC 2021).
Yucaipa onion (Allium marvinii)	WRC, CRPR 1B.2	Perennial bulbiferous herb. Blooms Jan-July. Chaparral. 2,495-3,495 ft.	No potential to occur. No suitable chaparral habitat on-site and was not observed during surveys (RBC 2021).

California Rare Plant Rank (CRPR)

CRPR Threat Ranks

- 0.1: Seriously threatened in California (over 80% of occurrences threatened / high degree and immediacy of threat)
- 0.2: Moderately threatened in California (20-80% occurrences threatened / moderate degree and immediacy of threat)

FE: Endangered Species Act (ESA) Federally Endangered Species

FT: ESA Federally Threatened Species

SE: California Endangered Species Act (CESA) State Endangered Species

ST: CESA Federally Threatened Species

SSC: California Species of Special Concern

WRC: Western Riverside County MSHCP-covered species

4.3.2 NON-FEDERALLY/STATE LISTED SPECIAL-STATUS PLANT SPECIES

Other special-status plant species include those that are California Species of Special Concern (SSC) or are a CRPR List 1 or 2 (CNPS 2021). The CRPR system was created by the California Native Plant Society (CNPS), which is a statewide resource conservation organization that has developed an inventory of California's sensitive plant species. The CRPR system is recognized by the CDFW and essentially serves as an early warning list of potential candidate species for threatened or endangered status. The CRPR system is categorized as outlined in Table 4.

No non-federally/state listed plant species have a moderate or high potential to occur on the project site based on the lack of suitable habitats. Non-federally/state-listed special-status plants with the potential to occur on site are provided in Table 5. Additionally, there are no records of non-federally or state listed special status species occurring within or immediately adjacent to the project site.

¹B: rare, threatened, or endangered in California and elsewhere

Table 4. California Rare Plant Rank (CRPR) Definitions

	1A	presumed extirpated in California and rare or extinct elsewhere	
	1B	rare, threatened, or endangered in California and elsewhere	
California Rare Plant Rank (CRPR)	2A	presumed extirpated in California but more common elsewhere	
	2B	rare, threatened, or endangered in California but more common elsewhere	
	3	plants for which more information needed	
	4	plants of limited distribution	
	0.1	Seriously threatened in California (over 80% of occurrences threatened / high degree and immediacy of threat)	
CRPR Threat Ranks	0.2	Moderately threatened in California (20-80% occurrences threatened / moderate degree and immediacy of threat)	
	0.3	Not very threatened in California (<20% of occurrences threatened / low degree and immediacy of threat or no current threats known)	

Table 5. Assessment of Special-Status Plant Species Potential to Occur within the Project

Species	Status	Habitat Description	Potential to Occur
Coulter's goldfields (Lasthenia glabrata ssp. coulteri)	WRC, CRPR 1B.1	Annual herb. Blooms Feb- June. Marshes and swamps, playas, vernal pools. Elevation 5-4,005 ft.	No potential to occur. No suitable marsh or vernal pool habitat onsite.
Horn's milk-vetch (Astragalus hornii var. hornii)	CRPR 1B.1	Annual herb. Blooms May- Oct. Alkali sink, wetland- riparian.	No potential to occur. No alkali sink habitat on-site.
Jaeger's milk- vetch (Astragalus pachypus var. jaegeri)	WRC, CRPR 1B.1	Perennial shrub. Blooms Dec- June. Chaparral, cismontane woodland, coastal scrub, valley and foothill grassland. Elevation 1,200-3,200 ft.	Low. Grassland habitat on-site is highly disturbed and scrub habitat is minimal.
Parry's spineflower (Chorizanthe parryi var. parryi)	WRC, CRPR 1B.1	Annual herb. Blooms Apr- June. Chaparral, cismontane woodland, coastal scrub, valley and foothill grassland. Elevation 900-4,005 ft.	Low. Grassland habitat on-site is highly disturbed and scrub habitat is minimal.

Species	Status	Habitat Description	Potential to Occur
San Bernardino aster (Symphyotrichum defoliatum)	CRPR 1B.2	Perennial rhizomatous herb. Blooms July-Nov. Cismontane woodland, coastal scrub, lower montane coniferous forest, marshes and swamps, meadows and seeps, valley and foothill grasslands. Elevation 5-6,695 ft.	Low. Grassland habitat on-site is highly disturbed and scrub habitat is minimal.
Smooth tarplant (Centromadia pungens ssp. laevis)	WRC, CRPR 1B.1	Annual herb. Blooms Apr-Sep. Shadscale scrub, alkali sink, valley grassland. Elevation 330- 2,000 ft.	No potential to occur. Grassland habitat on-site is highly disturbed, and the site occurs outside the species elevation range.
Spiny-hair blazing star (<i>Mentzelia</i> <i>tricuspis</i>)	CRPR 2B.1	Annual herb. Blooms Mar-May. Creosote bush scrub.	No potential to occur. No creosote bush scrub on-site.

California Rare Plant Rank (CRPR)

CRPR Threat Ranks

- 0.1: Seriously threatened in California (over 80% of occurrences threatened / high degree and immediacy of threat)
- 0.2: Moderately threatened in California (20-80% occurrences threatened / moderate degree and immediacy of threat)
- FE: Endangered Species Act (ESA) Federally Endangered Species
- FT: ESA Federally Threatened Species
- SE: California Endangered Species Act (CESA) State Endangered Species
- ST: CESA Federally Threatened Species
- SSC: California Species of Special Concern
- WRC: Western Riverside County MSHCP-covered species

4.3.3 FEDERALLY/STATE LISTED WILDLIFE SPECIES

One federally and state endangered species, least bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*), was detected during protocol-level surveys the project site; the results of the protocol least Bell's vireo are discussed below (Figure 2). No other federally or state listed wildlife species were documented on or adjacent to the site during the various biological surveys or are expected to occur based on the disturbed nature of the site and limited native habitat. CNDDB and USFWS database results do not identify federally or state listed wildlife within or immediately adjacent to the project site. Historical occurrences of Stephens' kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys stephensi*), coastal Californica gnatcatcher (*Polioptila californica californica*), southwestern willow flycatcher, southern rubber boa (*Charina umbratica*), and crotch bumble bee (*Bombus crotchii*) have been recorded within one to three miles of the project site (Figure 4A and 4B; CDFW 2021a, USFWS 2021a) but none of these species are expected on site due to the lack of suitable habitat (Table 6). No other federally or state listed species have potential to occur on the project site.

No USFWS designated critical habitat occurs within or immediately adjacent the project site, or within three miles of the project site (Figure 4B).

¹B: rare, threatened, or endangered in California and elsewhere

Table 6. Assessment of Federally/State Listed Wildlife Species Potential to Occur within the Project Site

Species	Status	Habitat Description	Potential to Occur		
INVERTEBRATES	INVERTEBRATES				
Crotch bumble SCE bee (Bombus crotchii)		Arid shrublands and grasslands in coastal and foothill areas of southern California. Nectar plants include milkweeds, buckwheat, and lupines.	Low to moderate potential to occur. Suitable arid grassland and shrubland present on site; however nectar plants limited.		
REPTILES					
Southern rubber boa (Charina umbratica)	WRC, ST	Found in oak and conifer forests at elevations between 5,00 and 8,00 feet.	Low. Suitable habitat and elevations not present.		
BIRDS					
Coastal California gnatcatcher (Polioptila californica californica)	WRC, FT, SSC	Found in sage scrub habitats, often on slopes. Nests in shrubs including sagebrush, buckwheat, and sage.	Low. Although Riversidean sage scrub is present on site, habitat is extremely limited and fragmented, and not of adequate size/quality to support this species.		
Least Bell's vireo (Vireo bellii pusillus)	WRC, FE (when nesting); SE (when nesting)	Riparian woodland with understory of dense young willows or mulefat and willow canopy. Nests often placed along internal or external edges of riparian thickets.	Individual male observed during early focused surveys during 2021 biological surveys (surveys 1 and 2 of 8 focused surveys). No females or nesting observed.		
Southwestern willow flycatcher (Empidonax traillii extimus)	WRC, FE, SE (when nesting)	Found in dense riparian woodlands and forests. Often nests on or near lakes, streams, and rivers.	Very low to no potential. Suitable dense riparian forest habitat not present.		
Western yellow- billed cuckoo (Coccyzus americanus)	WRC, FT, SE	Found in wooded riparian habitat with dense cover and water nearby, including woodlands with low, scrubby, vegetation, overgrown orchards, abandoned farmland, and dense thickets along streams and marshes. Nests in willows with deep understory foliage with nearby cottonwood forests for foraging.	Very low to no potential. Suitable dense riparian forest habitat not present.		

Species	Status	Habitat Description	Potential to Occur
MAMMALS			
Stephens' kangaroo rat (<i>Dipodomys</i> stephensi)	WRC, FE; ST	Habitats include annual grassland and coastal sage scrub with sparse shrub cover. Commonly in association with Eriogonum fasciculatum, Artemisia californica, and Erodium cicutarium, in areas with loose, friable, well-drained soil, and flat or gently rolling terrain.	Low potential to occur. Grassland habitat present; however, burrow consistent with this species not observed during 2021 biological surveys.

FE: Federally Endangered (FE) Species under the Endangered Species Act

FT: Federally Threatened (FT) Species under the Endangered Species Act

SE: State Endangered (SE) under the California Endangered Species Act

SCE: State candidate for Endangered under the California Endangered Species Act

ST: State Threatened (ST) under the California Endangered Species Act

FP: California Department of Fish and Wildlife Fully Protected (FP) Species

SSC: California Department of Fish and Wildlife Species of Special Concern (SSC)

WL: California Department of Fish and Wildlife Watch List (WL) Species

Least Bell's Vireo

Suitable habitat for least Bell's vireo within the project site is primarily composed of mulefat scrub and non-native riparian vegetation. An individual male least Bell's vireo was observed in mulefat scrub within a drainage in the southwestern portion of the site during the first two of eight focused surveys, on April 22 and May 6, 2021 (Figure 2). The individual was observed foraging and moving frequently along the mulefat canopy. The lack of observations following the first two least Bell's vireo surveys suggests that this bird was an early season migrant that did not establish a nesting territory within the project area. No female vireo or active nests were detected during protocol surveys. Complete results from the protocol least Bell's vireo survey are included as Appendix C.

Least bell's vireo is covered under the MSHCP as it is also associated with MSCHP riparian/riverine habitat.

4.3.4 NON-FEDERALLY/STATE LISTED SPECIAL-STATUS WILDLIFE SPECIES

The non-federally/state listed special-status wildlife species observed on site during biological surveys include coastal whiptail (*Aspidoscelis tigris stejnegeris*), California horned lark (*Eremophila alpestris actia*), cooper's hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*), yellow warbler (*Setophaga petechia*), and San Diego black-tailed jackrabbit (*Lepus californicus bennettii*); these species are also MSCHP-covered species. No other non-federally/state listed special-status wildlife species were observed during biological surveys. Wildlife species observed during the field survey are presented in Appendix B.

The non-federally/state listed special-status wildlife species with moderate to high potential to occur include orange-throated whiptail (*Aspidoscelis hyperythra*), southern California legless lizard (*Anniella stebbinsi*), burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia*), loggerhead shrike (*Lanius*)

ludovicianus), white-tailed kite (*Elanus leucurus*), and yellow-breasted chat (*Icteria virens*). All of these species are covered species under the MSHCP with the exception of southern California legless lizard. Special-status wildlife species with potential to occur on the project site are assessed in Table 7.

Table 7. Assessment of Special-Status Wildlife Species Potential to Occur within the Project Site

Species	Status	Habitat Description	Potential to Occur	
AMPHIBIANS				
Western spadefoot (Spea hammondii)	WRC, SSC	Temporary ponds, vernal pools, and backwaters of flowing creeks, as well as adjacent upland habitats such as grasslands and coastal sage scrub for burrowing.	Low to moderate potential to occur. Suitable riparian habitats and adjacent upland habitats are limited.	
REPTILES				
Coastal whiptail (Aspidoscelis tigris stejnegeri)	WRC, SSC	A variety of rocky, sandy, dry habitats including sage scrub, chaparral, woodlands on friable loose soil.	Present. Observed during 2021 biological surveys.	
Coast horned lizard (Phrynosoma blainvillii)	WRC, SSC	A variety of habitats including sage scrub, chaparral, and coniferous and broadleaf woodlands. Found on sandy or friable soils with open scrub. Requires open areas, bushes, and fine loose soil.	Low potential to occur. Suitable habitats are not present on site; and species is more common near the coast.	
Orange-throated whiptail (Aspidoscelis hyperythra)	WRC, WL	A variety of habitats including sage scrub, chaparral, and coniferous and broadleaf woodlands. Found on sandy or friable soils with open scrub.	Moderate potential to occur. Suitable scrub and woodland habitats present.	
Southern California legless lizard (Anniella stebbinsi)	SSC	A variety of habitats including scrublands, woodlands, and sandy washes. This species requires moisture near the ground surface and is often found under plant litter or debris.	Moderate potential to occur. Suitable woodland and sandy wash habitat present on site.	

Species	Status	Habitat Description	Potential to Occur
BIRDS			
Burrowing owl (Athene cunicularia)	WRC, SSC (at burrowing sites & some wintering sites)	Found in grasslands and open scrub from the coast to foothills. Strongly associated with California ground squirrel (Otospermophilus beecheyi) and other fossorial mammal burrows.	Not present. Species not observed during focused 2021 surveys, however suitable grasslands and open scrub habitat with ground squirrel burrows present on site.
California horned lark (<i>Eremophila</i> alpestris actia)	WRC, WL	Found from coastal deserts and grasslands to alpine dwarf-shrub habitat above treeline. Also seen in coniferous or chaparral habitats.	Present. Species observed on site during 2021 biological surveys.
Cooper's hawk (Accipiter cooperii)	WRC, WL (when nesting)	Usually in oak woodlands but occasionally in willow or eucalyptus woodlands.	Present. Species observed on site during 2021 biological surveys.
Golden eagle (Aquila chrysaetos)	WRC, FP, WL (when nesting and wintering)	Found in arid scrublands and grasslands. Requires cliffs to nest.	Low. Suitable cliff habitat required to nest or roost is not present on site or immediately adjacent.
Loggerhead shrike (Lanius Iudovicianus)	WRC, SSC (when nesting)	Found within grassland, chaparral, desert, and desert edge scrub, particularly near dense vegetation used for nesting.	Moderate potential to occur. Suitable foraging habitat is present on site.
Purple martin (Progne subis)	WRC, SSC (when nesting)	Found in forests and woodlands and desert areas. Requires nesting cavities.	Low potential to occur.
Southern California rufous-crowned sparrow (Aimophila ruficeps canescens)	WRC, WL	Found in arid, moderate to steep rocky terrain with scattered shrub and grass cover.	Low potential to occur. Suitable steep rocky terrain not present.
White-tailed kite (Elanus leucurus)	WRC, FP (when nesting)	Found in a variety of habitats including grasslands, marshes, and rangelands. Nests in large trees.	Moderate potential to occur. Suitable open grassland habitat with suitable nesting trees present on site.
Yellow warbler (Setophaga petechia)	WRC, SSC (when nesting)	Nests in riparian habitats and bordering habitats often containing willows, cottonwoods, and sycamore trees.	Present. Species observed on site during 2021 biological surveys.

Species	Status	Habitat Description	Potential to Occur
Yellow-breasted chat (Icteria virens)	WRC, SSC (when nesting)	Nests in dense riparian habitats and adjacent habitats often containing mulefat and willows.	Moderate potential to occur. Suitable mulefat scrub habitat present on site.
MAMMALS			
Los Angeles pocket mouse (Perognathus longimembris brevinasus)	WRC, SSC	Found in low elevation grassland, alluvial sage scrub, and coastal sage scrub. Requires friable soils for burrowing.	Low potential to occur. Alluvial sage scrub not present; however, grassland and Riversidean sage scrub habitat present. Sign was not observed during 2021 project biological surveys.
Northwestern San Diego pocket mouse (Chaetodipus fallax fallax)	WRC, SSC	Found in desert scrub and rocky areas with sandy soils suitable for burrowing. Forages on seeds of forbs, grasses, and shrubs.	Low potential to occur. Desert scrub and rocky habitat not present on site.
San Diego black- tailed jackrabbit (Lepus californicus bennettii)	WRC, SSC	Habitats include early stages of chaparral, open coastal sage scrub, and grasslands near the edges of brush. Uses open land but requires some shrubs for cover.	Present. Species observed on site during 2021 biological surveys.
Southern grasshopper mouse (Onychomys torridus ramona)	SSC	Occurs primarily in desert scrub habitats. Habitats with low open and semi-open scrubs habitats including coastal sage scrub, mixed chaparral, low sagebrush, riparian scrub, and annual grassland with scattered shrubs, are less frequently inhabited by this species.	Low potential to occur. Although grassland and scrub habitats are present on site, suitable desert habitat with friable soils are lacking.

FE: Federally Endangered (FE) Species under the Endangered Species Act

Burrowing Owl

The RCA MSHCP Information Map revealed that the project is located within the MSHCP Burrowing Owl Survey Area. Suitable burrowing owl habitat can be found in annual and perennial grasslands, deserts, and scrublands characterized by low-growing vegetation (Zarn 1974). Suitable burrowing owl habitat may also include trees and shrubs if the canopy covers

FT: Federally Threatened (FT) Species under the Endangered Species Act

SE: State Endangered (SE) under the California Endangered Species Act

SCE: State candidate for Endangered under the California Endangered Species Act

ST: State Threatened (ST) under the California Endangered Species Act

FP: California Department of Fish and Wildlife Fully Protected (FP) Species

SSC: California Department of Fish and Wildlife Species of Special Concern (SSC)

WL: California Department of Fish and Wildlife Watch List (WL) Species

less than 30 percent of the ground surface. Burrows are the essential component of burrowing owl habitat; both natural and artificial burrows provide protection, shelter, and nests for burrowing owl (Henny and Blus 1981). Burrowing owl typically use burrows made by rodents, such as ground squirrels or badgers, but may also use human-made structures, such as concrete culverts; concrete, asphalt, or wood debris piles; or openings beneath concrete or asphalt pavement.

Suitable habitat for burrowing owl was observed within the project site. California ground squirrels (*Otospermophilus beecheyi*), colonial burrows and burrows of a suitable size to support burrowing owl were observed throughout the non-native grassland within the project site. Therefore, protocol burrowing owl surveys were conducted during the breeding season (March 1 to August 31) in accordance with the MSHCP. California ground squirrels were active during all surveys, although increased activity was observed along the southern portion of the project site. Although the project site has moderate potential to support burrowing owl, no burrowing owl(s) or burrowing owl sign were observed on site during the protocol surveys. The results of the protocol burrowing owl surveys are included as Appendix D.

4.4 JURISDICTIONAL AQUATIC RESOURCES

Potential Corps-, RWQCB-, and CDFW-jurisdictional resources (Non-Wetland Water [NWW-]1, NWW-1A, NWW-2, NWW-2A, NWW-2B, NWW-2C, NWW-3, NWW-3A, NWW-3B, and NWW-3B1) occur on site (Figures 3A to 3C; Appendix E). The project site supports approximately 0.78 acre (7,026 linear feet) of potential non-wetland waters of the U.S./State jurisdictional by the Corps and RWQCB, respectively (Tables 8 and 9, Figures 3A and 3B), and approximately 7.51 acres (7,026 linear feet) of vegetated streambed and 0.97 acre of riparian habitat jurisdictional by the CDFW (Table 10, Figure 3C).

Table 8. Aquatic Resource Summary Table: Corps

Aquatic Resource Name	Cowardin Code	Active Channel Width Range (Feet)	Presence of OHWM/ Wetland	Dominant Vegetation ¹	Location (lat, long)	Acre(s) ²	Linear Feet
NWW-1	R6	4 – 6	Yes/No	Non-native Grassland	33.965908, -117.025153	0.01	71
NWW-1A	R6	6 – 6	Yes/No	Non-native Grassland	33.966006, -117.025084	0.01	73
NWW-2	R6	3 – 4	Yes/No	Non-native Grassland	33.964929, -117.023925	0.08	905
NWW-2A	R6	1 – 1	Yes/No	Mulefat Scrub	33.964977, -117.022656	<0.01	168
NWW-2B	R6	3 – 3	Yes/No	Non-native Grassland	33.965185, -117.022994	0.01	175
NWW-2C	R6	3-3	Yes/No	Non-native Grassland	33.964845, -117.023224	0.01	109

Aquatic Resource Name	Cowardin Code	Active Channel Width Range (Feet)	Presence of OHWM/ Wetland	Dominant Vegetation ¹	Location (lat, long)	Acre(s) ²	Linear Feet
NWW-3	R6	4 – 8	Yes/No	Non-native Grassland	33.962391, -117.021747	0.37	2,553
NWW-3A	R6	3-6	Yes/No	Non-native Grassland	33.962760, -117.018132	0.15	1,290
NWW-3B	R6	4 – 4	Yes/No	Mulefat Scrub	33.963540, -117.022834	0.12	1,273
NWW-3B1	R6	1 – 4	Yes/No	Non-native Grassland	33.964055, -117.021934	0.03	409
					Total	0.78	7,026

¹ See Figure 2 for all vegetation communities present within each aquatic resource.

Table 9. Aquatic Resource Summary Table: RWQCB

Aquatic Resource Name	Cowardin Code	Active Channel Width Range (Feet)	Presence of OHWM/ Wetland	Dominant Vegetation ¹	Location (lat, long)	Acre(s) ²	Linear Feet
NWW-1	R6	4 – 6	Yes/No	Non-native Grassland	33.965908, -117.025153	0.01	71
NWW-1A	R6	6 – 6	Yes/No	Non-native Grassland	33.966006, -117.025084	0.01	73
NWW-2	R6	3 – 4	Yes/No	Non-native Grassland	33.964929, -117.023925	0.08	905
NWW-2A	R6	1 – 1	Yes/No	Mulefat Scrub	33.964977, -117.022656	<0.01	168
NWW-2B	R6	3 – 3	Yes/No	Non-native Grassland	33.965185, -117.022994	0.01	175
NWW-2C	R6	3 – 3	Yes/No	Non-native Grassland	33.964845, -117.023224	0.01	109
NWW-3	R6	4 – 8	Yes/No	Non-native Grassland	33.962391, -117.021747	0.37	2,553
NWW-3A	R6	3 – 6	Yes/No	Non-native Grassland	33.962760, -117.018132	0.15	1,290
NWW-3B	R6	4 – 4	Yes/No	Mulefat Scrub	33.963540, -117.022834	0.12	1,273
NWW-3B1	R6	1 – 4	Yes/No	Non-native Grassland	33.964055, -117.021934	0.03	409
Total						0.78	7,026

¹ See Figure 2 for all vegetation communities present within each aquatic resource.

² Acreages summed using raw numbers provided during GIS analysis (available upon request) and thus the sum of the total rounded numbers may not directly add up in this table.

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Table 10. Aquatic Resource Summary Table: CDFW

Aquatic Resource Name	Aquatic Resource Type	Vegetation Community	Width Range ¹ (Feet)	Location (lat, long)	Acre(s)	Linear Feet ²
NWW-1	Vegetated Streambed	Non-native Grassland	10 – 22	33.965912, -117.025153	0.02	71
NWW-1A	Vegetated Streambed	Non-native Grassland	8 – 24	33.966014, -117.025085	0.03	73
	Vegetated	Non-native Grassland		33.964951, -117.023674	0.63	
NWW-2 Streambed	Torrey's Scrub Oak	14 – 56 33.964834, -117.024985	0.08	982		
	Vegetated	Mulefat Scrub		33.964966, -117.022542	<0.01	
NWW-2A	Streambed	Non-native Grassland	1-2	33.964970, -117.022752	<0.01	132
	Riparian Habitat ³	Mulefat Scrub	N/A	33.964966, -117.022542	0.02 0.03 0.63 0.08 <0.01	1
NWW-2B	Vegetated Streambed	Non-native Grassland	10 – 28	33.965173, -117.023011	0.08	150
NWW-2C	Vegetated Streambed	Non-native Grassland	19 – 40	33.964825, -117.023223	0.07	93
		Non-native Grassland	12 – 140	33.962547, -117.021943	2.35	
		Mulefat Scrub		33.963045, -117.023804	0.88	
	Vegetated Streambed	Eucalyptus Woodland		33.963695, -117.025272	<0.01	2,793
		Non-native Riparian		33.962377, - 117.022101	1.02	
NWW-3		Blue Elderberry Stands		33.962170, -117.020330	012, 0.02 014, 0.03 051, 0.63 051, 0.63 051, 0.63 066, 0.08 066, 0.01 070, 0.01 070, 0.01 0752 0.01 073, 0.08 0325, 0.07 047, 2.35 047, 2.35 045, 0.88 088, 0.01 070, 0.11 070, 0.11	
		Mulefat Scrub		33.961528, -117.018718	0.03	
	Riparian Habitat ³	Non-native Riparian	N/A	33.962322, -117.022037	0.65	_
		Blue Elderberry Stands		33.962269, -117.020283	0.04	
	Vegetated	Non-native Grassland		33.962783, -117.018163	0.87	1,261
NWW-3A	Streambed	Blue Elderberry Stands	7 – 62	33.962425, -117.019001	0.14	
	Riparian Habitat ³	Blue Elderberry Stands	N/A	33.962362, -117.019172	0.01	_
NWW-3B	Vegetated Streambed	Non-native Grassland	20 - 60	33.963562, -117.023254	0.36	1,106

Aquatic Resource Name	Aquatic Resource Type	Vegetation Community	Width Range ¹ (Feet)	Location (lat, long)	Acre(s)	Linear Feet ²
		Mulefat Scrub		33.963617, -117.022422	0.61	
		Riversidean Sage Scrub		33.963566, -117.022903	0.07	
	Riparian Habitat ³	Mulefat Scrub	N/A	33.963610, -117.020925	0.21	-
NWW-3B1	Vegetated Streambed	Non-native Grassland	6 – 34	33.964098, -117.021923	0.18	365
				Total ⁴	8.48	7,026

¹Corresponds with the approximate stream bank widths observed during delineation. Width range accounts for entirety of streambed delineated, not individual vegetation communities.

The project site supports five swales (Swale [S]-1 through S-5) that are not expected to be jurisdictional by the Corps, RWQCB, or CDFW since they did not display an observable OHWM, bed and bank, or other evidence of conveying regular flows on site. The project site also supports five basins (Basin [B]-1 through B-5) that are not expected to be jurisdictional by the Corps, RWQCB, or CDFW since they did not display an observable OHWM or bed and bank and did not meet the appropriate wetland parameters, and instead displayed cracked soils and some concavity within the otherwise flat landscape indicative of a basin. The project site supports eight severely incised erosional features (Erosional Feature [EF]-1 through EF-8) that are not expected to be jurisdictional by the Corps, RWQCB, or CDFW since they did not display an observable OHWM or defined bed and bank and do not convey flows downstream. The project site also supports one abandoned ditch (Ditch [D]-1) that is not expected to be jurisdictional by the Corps, RWQCB, or CDFW since it displayed a break in bank slope but did not exhibit a distinctive change in average sediment texture, change in vegetation species or cover, or any other OHWM indicators.

Complete results are presented under separate cover in the *Beaumont Summit Station Aquatic Resources Delineation Report* (RBC 2021; Appendix E).

4.5 MSHCP RIPARIAN/RIVERINE AREAS AND VERNAL POOLS

The project site supports several drainages and riparian areas that meet the MSHCP definition of riparian/riverine features; the project site does not support areas that meet the MHSCP definition of a vernal pool.

The on-site drainages and associated tributaries (NWW-1, NWW-1A, NWW-2, NWW-2A, NWW-2B, NWW-2C, NWW-3, NWW-3A, NWW-3B, and NWW-3B1; Figure 3C), further described as potentially CDFW-jurisdictional resources above in Section 4.4, meet the MSHCP definition of riparian/riverine features as they contain freshwater flow during "a portion of the year," specifically after rain events (RCA 2003). Based on the field observations in April and June

²Linear feet not calculated for individual aquatic resource type and vegetation community (including riparian habitat that occurs outside of delineated streambed) to avoid redundant linear foot calculation where such areas overlap.

³Occurs outside of delineated streambed.

⁴Acreages and linear feet totals were summed using raw numbers provided during GIS analysis (available upon request) and thus the sum of the total rounded numbers may not directly add up in this table.

2021, the on-site drainages and associated tributaries are expected to convey ephemeral flows (i.e., only in direct response to precipitation). NWW-3 also receives runoff from development south of the review area that is collected and conveyed on site through a culverted storm drain outlet. Note that previously, the on-site drainages and associated tributaries also received runoff from the former on-site agricultural operations (poultry and livestock farm). Based on field observations and a review of Google Earth aerial imagery, USGS NHD data, and USFWS NWI data, flows from NWW-1, NWW-2, and NWW-3 likely continue off site and downstream, flowing into a feature mapped by the USGS NHD as an ephemeral stream that continues for approximately 4 miles until transitioning to an unnamed tributary for approximately 7.5 miles, then connecting with the San Timoteo Wash. The San Timoteo Wash then continues for approximately 6.6 miles before outletting into the Santa Ana River, which ultimately discharges into the Pacific Ocean (USGS 2020).

Additionally, NWW-2A, NWW-3, NWW-3A, and NWW-3B support riparian habitat dominated by trees or shrubs "which occur close to or which depend upon soil moisture from a nearby fresh water source" (MSHCP 2003). Specifically, NWW-2A, NWW-3, and NWW-3B support mulefat scrub; NWW-3 supports non-native riparian habitat that is dominated by the invasive tree-of-heaven; and NWW-3 and NWW-3A support blue elderberry stands (Figure 3C). Therefore, the features which are described as CDFW-jurisdictional riparian habitat meet the definition of MSHCP riparian habitat. Additionally, the mulefat scrub within and adjacent to NWW-3 and NWW-3B provide suitable habitat for least Bell's vireo, an MSHCP riparian/riverine wildlife species.

The area of non-native riparian habitat located south of and not adjacent to NWW-3 (0.67 acre) and the small areas of mulefat scrub located south and east of and not adjacent to NWW-3B (0.38 acre) (Figure 5), do not receive "freshwater flow during all or a portion of the year" as they are not located within or directly adjacent to a drainage (RCA 2003). Additionally, these areas are dominated by tree-of-heaven (Facultative Upland [FACU]) and mulefat (Facultative [FAC]), respectively, which are not trees or shrubs that "depend upon soil moisture from a nearby fresh water source" (RCA 2003). Therefore, these areas do not fit the MSHCP definition of a riparian/riverine feature.

S-1 through S-5, EF-1 through EF-8, D-1, and B1 through B-5, further described above in Section 4.5, do not meet the MSHCP definition of a riparian/riverine feature, as they did not appear to convey or receive flows, and therefore do not receive "freshwater flow during all or a portion of the year" (RCA 2003). Additionally, they are dominated by non-native grassland vegetation and do not "contain habitat dominated by trees, shrubs, persistent emergents, or emergent mosses and lichens, which occur close to or which depend upon soil moisture from a nearby fresh water source" (RCA 2003).

No areas within the project site meet the MSHCP definition of a vernal pool. Although B-1 through B-5 are located within concave areas dominated by non-native grassland vegetation during the drier portion of the growing season, obligate hydrophytes and facultative wetland plant species do not dominate these basins during the wet season based on field surveys, the known history of the project site, and a review of historic aerial imagery. Specifically, no obligate hydrophytes were observed within the basins during the April 22, 2021 field survey. Although a

few mulefat (FAC) and tree tobacco (*Nicotiana glauca*; FAC) were observed within several of the basins, the vegetation was dominated by non-native grasses. Additionally, sometime between 1976 and 1996, a former poultry farm began developing B-1 through B-5 for use as settling basins to hold manure from chickens, pigs, and cattle, a use that would not support establishment of vernal pools. Based on the USDA NRCS, the basins are dominated by Ramona sandy loam, 5 to 8 percent slopes, eroded; terrace escarpments; and Ramona sandy loam, 2 to 5 percent slopes, eroded (Appendix F), soils that are not indicative of a vernal pool. RBC sampled soils within B-4 within an area exhibiting cracked soils and no hydric soil parameters (Appendix F) during the formal aquatic resources delineation on June 7, 2021, which was representative of the conditions within B-1, B-2, B-3, and B-5.

Additional details regarding the conditions on site are provided in the *Beaumont Summit Station Aquatic Resources Delineation Report* (RBC 2021; Appendix E).

5 IMPACTS

Direct impacts are caused by the project and occur at the same time and place as the project. Any alteration, disturbance, or destruction of biological resources that would result from project-related activities is considered a direct impact. Direct impacts would include direct losses to native habitats, potential jurisdictional waters, wetlands, and special-status species; and diverting natural surface water flows. Direct impacts on wildlife could include injury, death, and/or harassment of listed and/or special-status species. Direct impacts could also include the destruction of habitats necessary for species breeding, feeding, or sheltering. Direct impacts on plants can include crushing of adult plants, bulbs, or seeds.

Indirect impacts can result from project-related activities where biological resources are affected in a manner that is not direct. Indirect impacts may occur later in time or at a place that is farther removed in distance from the project than direct impacts, but indirect impacts are still reasonably foreseeable and attributable to project-related activities. Examples include habitat fragmentation; elevated noise, dust, and lighting levels; changes in hydrology, runoff, and sedimentation; decreased water quality; soil compaction; increased human activity; and the introduction of invasive wildlife (domestic cats and dogs) and plants (weeds).

Cumulative impacts refer to incremental individual environmental effects of two or more projects when considered together. Such impacts taken individually may be minor but are collectively significant in light of regional impacts.

CEQA Guidelines Form J thresholds of significance have been used to determine whether project implementation would result in a significant direct, indirect, and/or cumulative impact. These thresholds are based on Appendix G of the state CEQA Guidelines (CCR Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Sections 15000–15387). A significant biological resources impact would occur if the project would:

- 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 CDFW or USFWS;
- Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations or by CDFW or USFWS;
- Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites;
- Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy, or ordinance;
- Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan; Natural Community Conservation Plan; or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan.

5.1 IMPACTS ON NATIVE VEGETATION

The proposed project will primarily result in permanent impacts on upland vegetation communities and land uses, including 103.80 acres of non-native grassland and 48.37 acres of developed land (Figure 5, Table 11). Additional habitats will be directly affected by the project and include impacts on >0.01 acre of chamise chaparral, 1.50 acres of disturbed land, 0.10 acre of eucalyptus woodland, 1.14 acres of mulefat scrub, 0.23 acre of Riversidean sage scrub, and 1.09 acres of Torrey's scrub oak stands. Chamise chaparral and Riversidean sage scrub are native communities that are common, widespread, and abundant in the state. Mulefat scrub is not considered a sensitive vegetation community by CDFW; however, this habitat is part of jurisdictional resources on-site and is protected as outlined in section 5.7 below. Torrey's scrub oak is not identified by state or federal agencies as a sensitive species or habitat; however, because this vegetation is mapped unusually due to its monocultural characteristics, it is being treated as scrub oak chaparral for the purposes of this impact analysis.

Eucalyptus woodland and non-native grassland are common naturalized vegetation communities. Additionally, disturbed habitat will be impacted; this land cover type provides minimal biological value. The developed habitat provides minimal-to-no biological value.

Table 11. Beaumont Summit Station Project Site Vegetation Communities/Land Use Impacts

Vegetation Community/Land Use	Project Site Impacts (acres)
Upland	
Chamise Chaparral	>0.01
Developed	48.37
Disturbed	1.50
Eucalyptus Woodland	0.10
Non-native Grassland	103.80
Riversidean Sage Scrub	0.23
Torrey's Scrub Oak Stands	1.09
Riparian	
Mulefat Scrub	1.14
Total	156.23 ¹

Acreages summed using raw numbers provided during GIS analysis (available upon request) and thus the sum of the total rounded numbers may not directly add up in this table.

Although impacts on native vegetation communities will occur with project implementation, such impacts can be offset through payment of MSHCP Local Development Mitigation Fees (Section 6.1) that would be used to acquire and maintain high-quality habitat within the MSHCP Reserve. With payment of such fees, impacts on native vegetation communities would be less than significant.

5.2 IMPACTS ON MSHCP NARROW ENDEMIC OR FEDERALLY/STATE LISTED PLANT SPECIES

The proposed project will not impact federally and/or state listed or MSHCP Narrow Endemic Plant species as none are present or have moderate to high potential to occur within the project site.

5.3 IMPACTS ON NON-LISTED SPECIAL-STATUS PLANT SPECIES

The proposed project will not impact special-status plants as none are present or have a moderate to high potential to occur within the project site.

5.4 IMPACTS ON FEDERALLY/STATE LISTED WILDLIFE SPECIES

An individual male Least Bell's vireo was detected within the mulefat scrub in the western portion of the project site during early protocol-level surveys (i.e., surveys one and two of eight protocol surveys). However, least Bell's vireo was not detected during the remaining protocol-level surveys (Appendix C). This species still has moderate to high potential to occur within the project due to the presence of suitable habitat. This project would result in the removal of suitable mulefat scrub habitat (2.14 acres) which could result in significant impacts to least Bell's vireo. Additionally, suitable mulefat scrub and non-native riparian habitat occurs south of to the grading footprint (Figure 5). Project specific measure MM-3 details the strategy to avoid vegetation removal during the bird breeding season. With the implementation of this measure, impacts to least Bell's vireo would be less than significant.

The proposed project will not impact any other federally and/or state listed wildlife species as no other species are present or have potential to occur on site.

5.5 IMPACTS ON NON-LISTED SPECIAL-STATUS WILDLIFE SPECIES

The non-listed special status wildlife species detected on-site during all biological surveys includes coastal whiptail, California horned lark, cooper's hawk, yellow warbler, and San Diego black-tailed jackrabbit. The project also has moderate to high potential to support orange-throated whiptail, loggerhead shrike, white-tailed kite, and yellow-breasted chat. The project would result in habitat loss for each of this species. However, these species are considered adequately covered under the MSHCP and with payment of MSHCP Local Development Mitigation Fees (Section 6.1) to mitigate impacts on native vegetation, impacts on these species would be considered less than significant.

Southern California legless lizard is a California Species of Special concern that has moderate potential to occur within the project due to the presence of suitable habitat and is not covered under the MSHCP. A majority of the moderately suitable habitat for southern California legless lizard within the project site occurs within the drainage south of the grading footprint, which will be avoided during construction of the proposed project. However, the proposed project would result in removal of some suitable habitat within the smaller drainages in the northeast portion of the site, which would be adverse. Payment of MSHCP Local Development Mitigation Fees (Section 6.1) provides habitat-based mitigation within the plan area for all wildlife and plant species, including MSHCP-covered species and Species of Special Concern, impacted due to

the loss of suitable habitat from covered projects. As such, loss of habitat for Species of Special Concern will be offset through this habitat-based mitigation under the MSHCP such that the loss of habitat resulting from the proposed project would not constitute significant impacts. These species are considered adequately covered under the MSHCP; habitat-based impacts on non-listed special-status wildlife species would be less than significant, conditional upon satisfaction of previous mitigation requirements.

Although not detected during protocol surveys, the project site has moderate potential to support burrowing owl which is a California Species of Special Concern (Appendix D). To avoid impacts on burrowing owl, a pre-construction survey will be required pursuant to the MSHCP. Through compliance with the MSHCP guidelines and MM-1 (Section 6.2), impacts on burrowing owls would be less than significant.

5.6 IMPACTS ON NESTING BIRDS

The proposed project has the potential to impact active bird nests if vegetation is removed or ground disturbing activities are initiated during the nesting season (February 1 to August 31). All habitat and land cover within the project site has the potential to support nesting birds. The tree and shrub communities have the potential to support a variety of sensitive and non-sensitive avian species. The non-native grassland and disturbed habitats have the potential to support ground nesting species, such as western meadowlark (*Sturnella neglecta*) and California horned lark. Even the developed portions of the project still have the potential to support non-sensitive species such as house finch (*Haemorhous mexicanus*). Impacts on nesting birds are prohibited by the MBTA and California Fish and Game Code. Project-specific measure MM-2 which will avoid project impacts on nesting birds is identified in Section 6.3 of this report. With the implementation of this measure, impacts on nesting birds would be less than significant.

5.7 IMPACTS ON JURISDICTIONAL AQUATIC RESOURCES

Based upon the results of the *Beaumont Summit Station Aquatic Resources Delineation Report* (RBC 2021; Appendix E), the proposed project would permanently impact approximately 0.25 acre (3,072 linear feet) of non-wetland waters of the U.S./State that are potentially jurisdictional by the Corps and RWQCB, respectively (Tables 12 and 13; Figure 5), and 2.17 acres (3,072 linear feet) of vegetated streambed and 0.24 acre of associated riparian habitat that are potentially jurisdictional by the CDFW (Table 14; Figure 5).

Permitting through the Corps, RWQCB, and CDFW would be required for impacts on non-wetland waters of the U.S. jurisdictional by the Corps, non-wetland waters of the State jurisdictional by the RWQCB, and vegetated streambed and associated riparian habitat jurisdictional by the CDFW. The project applicant will be responsible for acquiring the necessary authorizations required by the regulatory agencies and associated compensatory mitigation requirements, if applicable.

Table 12. Potential Corps Aquatic Resource Impacts

Aquatic Resource Name	Project Site Impacts (acres) ¹	Project Site Impacts (linear feet) ¹
NWW-1	0.01	71
NWW-1A	0.01	73
NWW-2	0.08	905
NWW-2A	<0.01	168
NWW-2B	0.01	175
NWW-2C	0.01	109
NWW-3	0.00	0
NWW-3A	0.01	133
NWW-3B	0.09	1,030
NWW-3B1	0.03	409
Total	0.25	3,072

¹Acreages and linear feet summed using raw numbers provided during GIS analysis (available upon request) and thus the sum of the total rounded numbers may not directly add up in this table.

Table 13. Potential RWQCB Aquatic Resource Impacts

Aquatic Resource Name	Project Site Impacts (acres) ¹	Project Site Impacts (linear feet) ¹	
NWW-1	0.01	71	
NWW-1A	0.01	73	
NWW-2	0.08	905	
NWW-2A	<0.01	168	
NWW-2B	0.01	175	
NWW-2C	0.01	109	
NWW-3	0.00	0	
NWW-3A	0.01	133	
NWW-3B	0.09	1,030	
NWW-3B1	0.03	409	
Total	0.25	3,072	

¹Acreages and linear feet summed using raw numbers provided during GIS analysis (available upon request) and thus the sum of the total rounded numbers may not directly add up in this table.

Table 14. Potential CDFW Aquatic Resource Impacts

Aquatic Resource Name	Aquatic Resource Type	Project Site Impacts (acres) ¹	Project Site Impacts (linear feet) ^{1, 2}	
NWW-1	Vegetated Streambed	0.02	71	
NWW-1A	Vegetated Streambed	0.03	73	
NWW-2	Vegetated Streambed	0.71	982	
NINANA/ OA	Vegetated Streambed	<0.01	132	
NWW-2A	Riparian Habitat ³	0.03	-	
NWW-2B	Vegetated Streambed	0.08	150	
NWW-2C	Vegetated Streambed	0.07	93	
NINANA/ O	Vegetated Streambed	0.00	0	
NWW-3	Riparian Habitat ³	0.00	-	
NUMBER OF STREET	Vegetated Streambed	0.06	133	
NWW-3A	Riparian Habitat ³ 0.00		-	
NIMAAA OD	Vegetated Streambed	1.00	1,073	
NWW-3B	Riparian Habitat ³	0.21	_	
NWW-3B1	Vegetated Streambed 0.18		365	
Total 2.41 3,072				

¹ Acreages and linear feet summed using raw numbers provided during GIS analysis (available upon request) and thus the sum of the total rounded numbers may not directly add up in this table.

5.8 IMPACTS ON MSHCP RIPARIAN/RIVERINE AREAS AND VERNAL POOLS

MSHCP riparian/riverine areas, as defined by Section 4.5, occur on the project site. The project's CDFW-jurisdictional vegetated streambed meets the definition of MSHCP riverine and the CDFW-jurisdictional riparian habitat meets the definition of MSHCP riparian habitat; impacts on CDFW-jurisdictional resources are equal to impacts on MSHCP riparian/riverine. Therefore, the proposed project would permanently impact 2.17 acres of MSHCP riverine habitat and 0.24 acre of MSHCP riparian habitat. Per the MSHCP, If the proposed project cannot avoid riparian/riverine habitat, a DBESP Analysis would be required to propose mitigation to replace the lost functions and values of MSHCP riparian/riverine resources and demonstrate equivalent or superior function and value of the resources. A project DBESP will be prepared concurrent with aquatic resource permit applications.

² Linear feet not calculated for individual aquatic resource type and vegetation community (including riparian habitat that occurs outside of delineated streambed) to avoid redundant linear foot calculation where such areas overlap.

³Occurs outside of delineated streambed.

5.9 IMPACTS ON WILDLIFE CORRIDORS

The Project site is situated at the northern end of the City of Beaumont and occurs immediately north of a developed residential area. Though undeveloped land occurs to the north of the site, nearby areas to the west and immediately south are highly developed. The site is not identified as a wildlife corridor or criteria area in the MSHCP and does not serve as a regional wildlife corridor. The drainages in the southwest portion of the site likely serve as minor local wildlife corridors and avian 'stepping stone' corridors. The largest drainage (Planning Area 3) would not be developed as part of the Project so it would continue to function as a local wildlife corridor. Significant impacts on wildlife corridors are not anticipated with project implementation.

5.10 IMPACTS ON LOCAL POLICIES AND ORDINANCES

Implementation of the Project would be subject to all applicable Federal, State, regional, and local policies and regulations related to the protection of biological resources as outlined in herein. The project would be constructed in compliance with the requirements of the Beaumont General Plan and the Beaumont Municipal Code. The Beaumont General Plan provides goals and policies for the conservation of biological resources. Goal 8.5 calls for a City that preserves and enhances its natural resources and Policy 8.5.1 calls for the minimization of the loss of sensitive species and critical habitat areas in areas planned for future development.

Pursuant to Unincorporated Riverside County Ordinance No. 499 (as amended though 499.11), "No person, firm, corporation, public district, public agency or political subdivision shall remove or severely trim any tree <u>planted</u> in the right of way of any County highway without first obtaining a permit from the County Transportation Director to do so". No street trees occur within the project site that would be considered a County highway or County road tree. As such, no impacts on trees protected under Ordinance No. 499.11 are expected with project implementation.

Chapter 12.24 of the Riverside County Code of Ordinances also includes regulations related to tree removal (County of Riverside 2016). According to the Unincorporated Riverside County Ordinance No. 559 (as amended through 559.7), the removal of living native trees on parcels or property greater than 0.5 acre in size, located in the unincorporated Riverside County, and above 5,000 feet amsl requires a permit. The project site elevation is below 5,000 feet amsl; as such, this ordinance is not applicable and no impacts on trees protected under Riverside County Ordinance No. 559 would occur with project implementation.

The City does not have a tree preservation policy or ordinance; however, an application and approval from the City is required for any removal of front yard/street tree or trees. As described above, no street trees occur on site and no residential structures and associated front yards occur on site. There are occasional trees near the outbuildings at the east of the site; however, these do not appear to meet the definition of street or yard trees. As such, the project would comply with City of Beaumont requirements and no street tree approvals would be required, as no impacts to such resources would occur with project implementation.

Based on compliance with all local policies and ordinances, impacts are considered to be less than significant, and no mitigation is required.

5.11 INDIRECT IMPACTS ON BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

In the context of biological resources, indirect impacts are those effects associated with developing areas adjacent to native open space. Potential indirect effects associated with development include water quality impacts from site drainage into adjacent open space/downstream aquatic resources; lighting effects; noise effects; invasive plant species from landscaping; and effects from human access into adjacent open space, such as recreational activities (including off-road vehicles and hiking), pets, dumping, etc. Temporary, indirect effects may also occur as a result of construction-related activities.

Volume I, Section 6.1.4 of the MSHCP (Urban/Wildland Interface Guidelines) identifies guidelines that are intended to address indirect effects associated with locating projects (particularly development) in proximity to the MSHCP Conservation Area. To minimize potential edge effects, the guidelines are to be implemented in conjunction with review of individual public and private development projects in proximity to the MSHCP Conservation Area. The proposed project is not located in proximity to any MSHCP Conservation Areas. As such, the proposed project will not result in significant indirect effects on biological resources. Furthermore, the Urban/Wildland Interface Guidelines do not apply to the proposed project.

5.12 CUMULATIVE IMPACTS ON BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Cumulative impacts are defined as the direct and indirect effects of a proposed project which, when considered alone, would not be deemed a substantial impact, but when considered in addition to the impacts of related projects in the area, would be considered potentially significant. 'Related projects' refers to past, present, and reasonably foreseeable probable future projects, which would have similar impacts to the proposed project. The project site is relatively disturbed and does not support significant stands of native vegetation, with the possible exception of the riparian habitat in the southwestern portion of the site which will remain undeveloped. Further, the project will be fully compliant with the regional MSHCP which protects biological resources regionally such that cumulative impacts within the plan area are avoided. As such, the proposed project will not result in significant cumulative effects.

6 MITIGATION AND AVOIDANCE MEASURES

The following discussion provides project-specific mitigation/avoidance measures for actual or potential impacts on biological resources.

6.1 DEVELOPMENT FEES

Implementation of the proposed project will require payment of MSHCP Local Development Mitigation Fees. Based on the local development mitigation fee schedule for fiscal year 2022 (effective July 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021), fees would be \$11,982/acre for commercial and industrial development and \$2,935/acre for low-density residential (RCA 2021c).

6.2 BURROWING OWL

Because the project is located within the MSHCP Burrowing Owl Survey Area, focused surveys for burrowing owl were performed. Burrowing owls and/or burrowing owl sign were not observed at the project site during protocol-level surveys. However, due to the presence of suitable habitat on site, pre-construction surveys will be required.

Pursuant to MSHCP Objective 6 for burrowing owls, projects are required to conduct preconstruction presence/absence surveys for burrowing owls within the MSHCP Burrowing Owl Survey Area where suitable habitat is present. As such, the following mitigation and avoidance measure (MM) is recommended to avoid direct impacts on burrowing owls:

MM-1 – A qualified biologist will conduct a pre-construction presence/absence survey for burrowing owls within 30 days prior to site disturbance. If burrowing owls are documented on site, the owls will be relocated/excluded from the site outside of the breeding season following accepted protocols, as specified in the MSHCP.

6.3 NESTING BIRDS

As noted above, the project site has the potential to support nesting birds in trees or on the ground. To avoid impacts on nesting birds, the following measure is recommended:

MM-2 – Vegetation clearing and ground disturbing activities should be conducted outside of the nesting season (February 1 through August 31). If avoidance of the nesting season is not feasible, then a qualified biologist will conduct a nesting bird survey within three days prior to any disturbance of the site, including disking, demolition activities, and grading. If active nests are identified, the biologist shall establish suitable buffers around the nests depending on the level of activity within the buffer and species observed, and the buffer areas shall be avoided until the nests are no longer occupied, and the juvenile birds can survive independently from the nests.

6.4 LEAST BELL'S VIREO

The project supports suitable riparian habitat for least Bell's vireo, a state and federally listed as endangered species and an MSHCP covered species. The breeding season for this species extends from about March 15 through August 31, with peak nesting activity occurring in April, although it can continue to the first week of July. An individual male least Bell's vireo male was

observed during 2021 surveys within a drainage in the southwestern portion of the project site; the observation site was immediately south of proposed project development.

To avoid potential project impacts on nesting least Bell's vireo, the following mitigation and avoidance measures are required:

MM-3 – Project activities shall not be initiated within 100 feet of any least Bell's vireo suitable habitat area(s) during the species' breeding season (March 15-August 31) unless a negative USFWS protocol survey has been conducted within one year of construction kickoff and findings were negative.

If groundbreaking activities occur outside the least Bell's vireo nesting season (i.e., September 16-March 14), a qualified biologist shall perform a presence/absence survey within suitable habitat on-site, and shall continue these surveys on a monthly basis, especially as breeding season commences.

If least Bell's vireo nesting is discovered, either during protocol surveys, monthly presence/absence surveys, or incidentally, no project activities shall occur within 300 feet of any least Bell's vireo nest site until it has been confirmed that the young have fledged, and the nest is no longer active. A qualified biologist shall always be present when construction crews are working within 1/8 mile surrounding an identified least Bell's vireo nest site to ensure that the birds do not react unfavorably to project activities. If the qualified biologist observes signs of agitation stemming from project activities, the activities shall cease and not resume until the birds' behavior normalizes. If the birds continue to exhibit signs of agitation, project activities shall be adjusted to avoid impacts on nesting least Bell's vireo. Additionally, in the presence of least Bell's vireo nests, noise level from project activities shall not to exceed 65 dBA at the edge of occupied habitat. If this is not possible, a noise barrier shall be constructed to avoid adverse impacts to any least Bell's vireo nest/s.

During the least Bell's vireo breeding season, artificial light shall not be cast into suitable habitat when night work is occurring.

A qualified biologist shall conduct a training session for project personnel prior to grading in conformance with MSCHP best management practices requirements. The training shall include a description of least Bells vireo and its habitats, the general provisions of the Endangered Species Act (Act) and the MSHCP, the need to adhere to the provisions of the Act and the MSHCP, the penalties associated with violating the provisions of the Act, the general measures that are being implemented to conserve the species of concern as they relate to the project, and the access routes to and project site boundaries within which the project activities must be accomplished.

6.5 JURISDICTIONAL AQUATIC RESOURCES MITIGATION

As noted above, the proposed project would permanently impact 0.25 acre of non-wetland waters of the U.S./State jurisdictional by the Corps and RWQCB, respectively, and 2.17 acres of vegetated streambed and 0.24 acre of riparian habitat jurisdictional by the CDFW. Impacts on Corps-, RWQCB-, and CDFW-jurisdictional aquatic resources would require Section 404 authorization from the Corps, a Section 401 Water Quality Certification from the RWQCB, and a Streambed Alteration Agreement from the CDFW. Additionally, compensatory mitigation may be required by the regulatory agencies to offset the proposed project impacts. With implementation of the following mitigation measure, impacts on Corps-, RWQCB-, and CDFW-jurisdictional

waters would be reduced to less than significant. The following mitigation for jurisdictional aquatic resources is required:

MM-4 – Prior to any ground-disturbing activity near jurisdictional features, applicable permits shall be obtained through the Corps, RWQCB, and CDFW for impacts on jurisdictional features. Based on the results of the aquatic resources delineation for the proposed project, the proposed project would permanently impact 0.25 acre of Corpsjurisdictional non-wetland waters of the U.S. and RWQCB-jurisdictional non-wetland waters of the State (i.e., NWW-1, NWW-1A, NWW-2, NWW-2A, NWW-2B, NWW-2C, NWW-3A, NWW-3B, and NWW-3B1). Additionally, the proposed project would permanently impact 2.17 acres of CDFW-jurisdictional vegetated streambed (i.e., NWW-1, NWW-1A, NWW-2, NWW-2A, NWW-2B, NWW-2C, NWW-3A, NWW-3B, and NWW-3B1) and 0.24 acre of CDFW-jurisdictional riparian habitat (i.e., NWW-2A and NWW-3B). The Applicant shall be obligated to implement/comply with the permit conditions and mitigation measures required by the resource agencies regarding impacts on their respective jurisdictions.

A minimum 1:1 mitigation ratio (0.25 acre Corps/0.25 acre RWQCB/2.41 acres CDFW) is typically required, though ratios may be higher. Compensatory mitigation to offset impacts to jurisdictional aquatic resources may be implemented through off-site, permittee-responsible mitigation, in-lieu fee program or mitigation bank credit purchase (e.g., Riverpark Mitigation Bank), or a combination of these options depending on availability. The proposed mitigation strategy is the purchase of 4.82 re-establishment and/or rehabilitation credits (2:1 mitigation ratio) from the Riverpark Mitigation Bank. The regulatory agencies will make the final determination of the final compensatory mitigation requirements during the permit evaluation process.

In addition, preparation of a project-specific DBESP is required for conformance with MSHCP riparian/riverine requirements.

7 MSHCP CONSISTENCY ANALYSIS

The purpose of this section is to provide an analysis of the proposed project's compliance with biological aspects of the Western Riverside County MSHCP. Specifically, this analysis evaluates the proposed project's consistency with MSHCP Reserve assembly requirements, Section 7.3 (Protection of Species Associated with Riparian/Riverine Areas and Vernal Pools), Section 7.4 (Protection of Narrow Endemic Plant Species), Section 7.5 (Guidelines Pertaining to the Urban/Wildlands Interface), and Section 7.6 (Additional Survey Needs and Procedures).

7.1 RELATIONSHIP OF THE PROJECT SITE TO THE MSHCP

The project site is not located within a Cellgroup or Criteria Area. As such, the project is not subject to the HANS or JPR processes. The project site is located within the NEPSSA for Marvin's onion and multi-stemmed dudleya, as well as the MSHCP Burrowing Owl Survey Area but is not located within the Criteria Area Plant Species Survey Areas, Mammal, Invertebrate, or Amphibian Survey Areas.

Within the designated Survey Areas, the MSHCP requires habitat assessments and focused surveys within areas of suitable habitat. For locations with positive survey results, the MSHCP requires that 90 percent of those portions of the property that provide for long-term

conservation value for the identified species be avoided until it is demonstrated that conservation goals for the particular species have been met throughout the MSHCP. Findings of equivalency shall be made demonstrating that the 90 percent standard has been met, if applicable. If equivalency findings cannot be demonstrated, then 'biologically equivalent or superior preservation' must be provided.

7.2 PROJECT RELATIONSHIP TO RESERVE ASSEMBLY

The project site is not located within the MSHCP Criteria Area. As such, the project site is not targeted for conservation by the MSHCP to meet Reserve Assembly goals. The proposed project is not subject to the HANS or JPR processes.

7.3 PROTECTION OF RIPARIAN/RIVERINE AREAS AND VERNAL POOLS AND ASSOCIATED SPECIES

Riparian/riverine areas are defined by the MSHCP as "lands which contain habitat dominated by trees, shrubs, persistent emergents, or emergent mosses and lichens, which occur close to or which depend upon soil moisture from a nearby fresh water source; or areas with freshwater flow during all or a portion of the year (RCA 2003)."

Based on the formal aquatic resources delineation conducted on June 3 and June 7, 2021, the project site supports approximately 7.51 acres of MSHCP riverine features in NWW-1, NWW-1A, NWW-2A, NWW-2B, NWW-2C, NWW-3, NWW-3A, NWW-3B, and NWW-3B1, and approximately 0.97 acre of MSHCP riparian habitat associated with NWW-2A, NWW-3, NWW-3A, and NWW-3B (Section 5.8). Because the CDFW jurisdictional resources within the project site meet the definition of MSHCP riparian/riverine, impacts to CDFW jurisdictional resources are equal to impacts to MSHCP riparian/riverine. Therefore, the proposed project would permanently impact 2.17 acres (3,072 linear feet) of MSHCP riverine and 0.24 acre of MSHCP riparian habitat.

Per the MSHCP, if the proposed project cannot avoid riparian/riverine habitat, a DBESP Analysis would be required to propose mitigation to replace the lost functions and values of MSHCP riparian/riverine resources and demonstrate equivalent or superior function and value of the resources. If the proposed project will impact MSHCP riparian/riverine resources, a complete DBESP Analysis is required to be consistent with the MSHCP. This analysis will be prepared concurrent with project regulatory applications.

Please note that a male least Bell's vireo was observed during protocol vireo surveys one and two (of eight surveys) in an area of habitat that meets the definition of an MSCHP riverine resource; however, no females or nesting were observed. The riparian habitat within the project site lacks a dense understory and canopy suitable for the MSHCP riparian/riverine wildlife species southwestern willow flycatcher and western yellow-billed cuckoo; there is very low to no potential for the project site to support these species. The project site does not support vernal pools and therefore does not support vernal pool species. No other riparian/riverine or vernal pool associated species are anticipated on-site based on lack of suitable habitat; please refer to Tables 5-7 for detailed species analyses.

7.4 PROTECTION OF NARROW ENDEMIC PLANTS

Volume I, Section 6.1.3 of the MSHCP requires that within identified Narrow Endemic Plant Species Survey Area, site-specific focused surveys for Narrow Endemic Plant Species will be required for all public and private projects where appropriate soils and habitat are present.

The project site is located within a NEPSSA, which identifies the target species Marvin's onion and many-stemmed dudleya. The project site does not contain appropriate soils or suitable habitat for these species, and therefore the project will not impact Narrow Endemic Plants; please refer to Table 5 for detailed species analyses.

The proposed project will be consistent with Volume I, Section 6.1.3 of the MSHCP.

7.5 GUIDELINES PERTAINING TO THE URBAN/WILDLAND INTERFACE

The MSHCP Urban/Wildland Interface Guidelines are intended to address indirect impacts associated with locating development in proximity to the MSHCP Conservation Area. The proposed project is not located in proximity to the MSHCP Conservation Area, and therefore the Urban/Wildland Guidelines do not apply to the project.

7.6 ADDITIONAL SURVEY NEEDS AND PROCEDURES

Volume I, Section 6.3.2 of the MSHCP requires habitat assessments and focused surveys for projects located within the Criteria Area Plant Species Survey Areas, Burrowing Owl, Mammal, Amphibian, and Invertebrate Survey Areas. The project site is located with the MSHCP Burrowing Owl Survey Area, and NEPSSA for Marvin's onion and many-stemmed dudleya, but not the Criteria Area Plant Species Survey Areas, Mammal, Amphibian, or Invertebrate Survey Areas. As described in Section 4, the site does not support suitable habitat for Narrow Endemic Plant Species Marvin's onion or many-stemmed dudleya, and these species were not detected during 2021 surveys. A focused burrowing owl survey was conducted in 2021 and was negative; however, suitable habitat for this species occurs on the project site. As noted above in Section 6.1 of this report, pre-construction burrowing owl surveys will be required to comply with MSHCP Objective 6 for burrowing owls. With the implementation of this measure, the proposed project will be consistent with Volume I, Section 6.3.2 of the MSHCP. As described in Section 6.5, a project DBESP is also required in order to conform with MSHCP riparian/riverine requirements. This analysis will be performed concurrent with project regulatory applications.

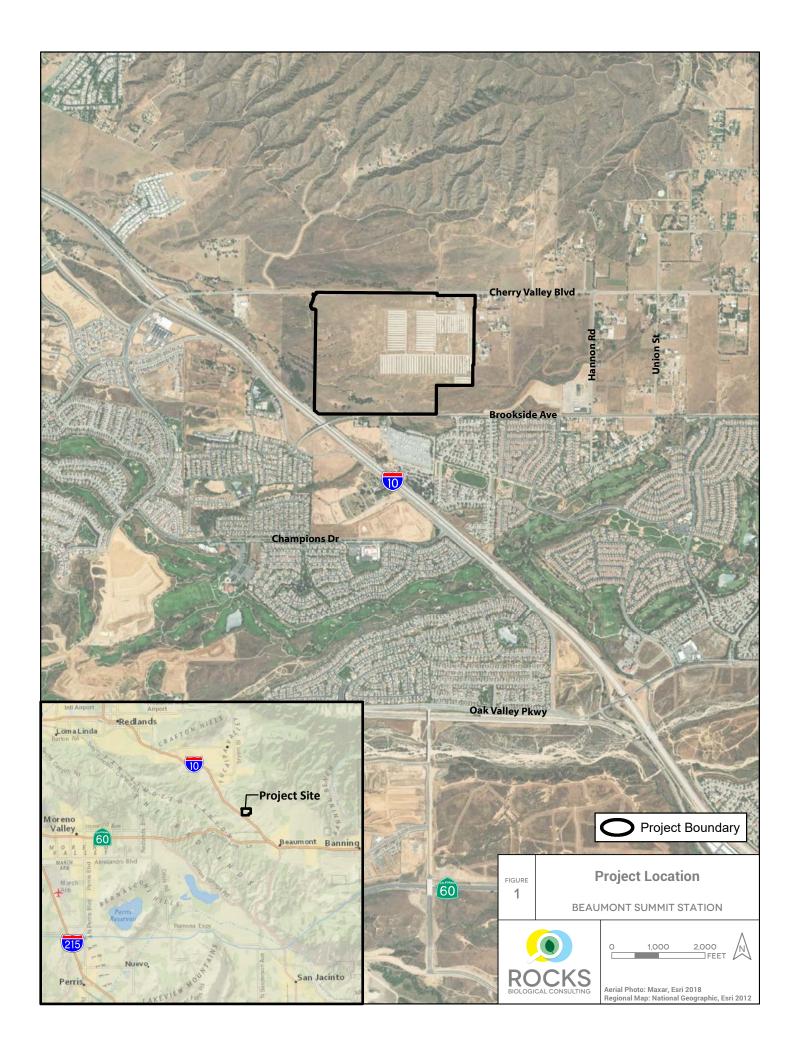
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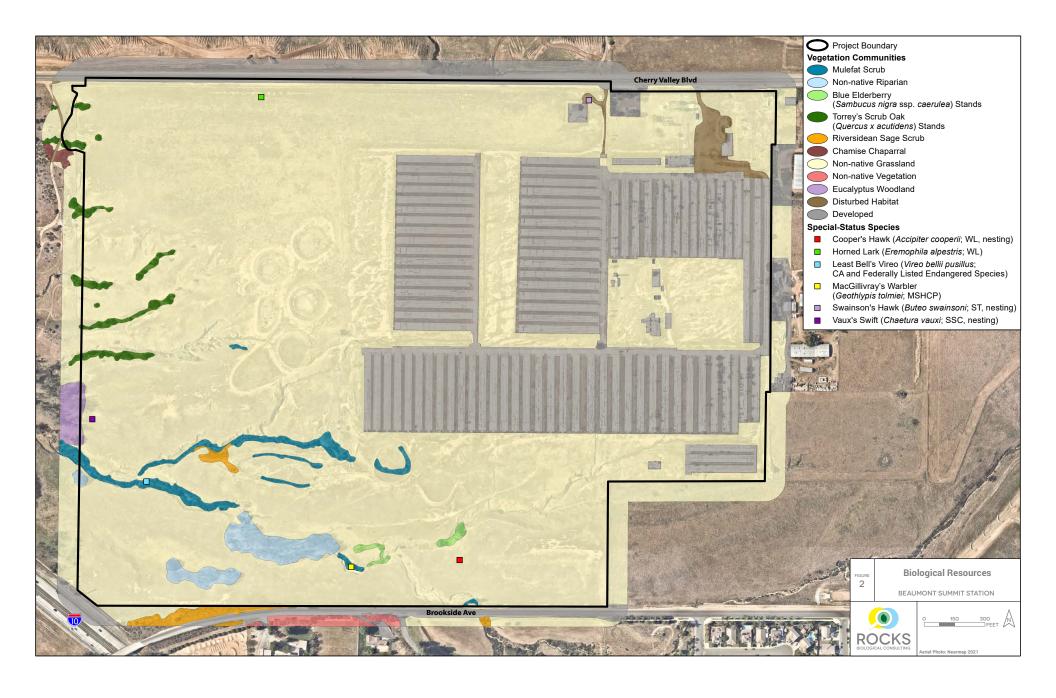
The proposed project will be consistent with the biological requirements of Section 6.1.2 (Protection of Species Associated with Riparian/Riverine Areas and Vernal Pools), Section 6.1.3 (Protection of Narrow Endemic Plant Species), Section 6.1.4 (Guidelines Pertaining to the Urban/Wildlands Interface), Section 6.3.2 (Additional Survey Needs and Procedures), and MSHCP Reserve assembly requirements. The proposed project will be consistent with the goals/objectives of the MSHCP with the implementation of the proposed mitigation and avoidance measures described in Section 6 of this report.

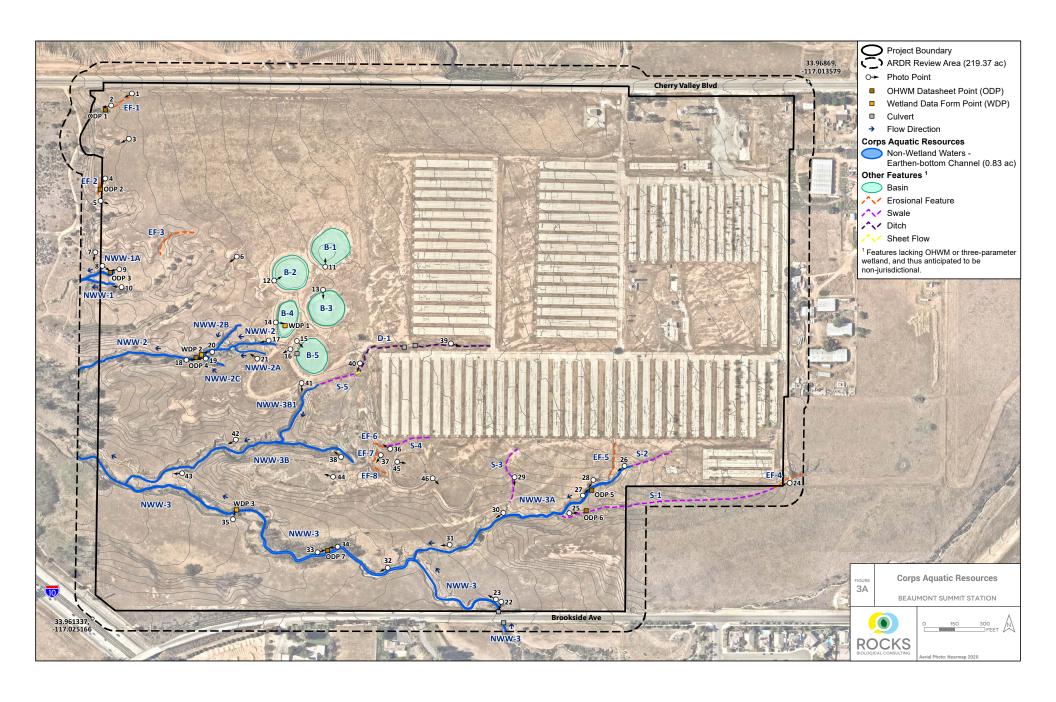
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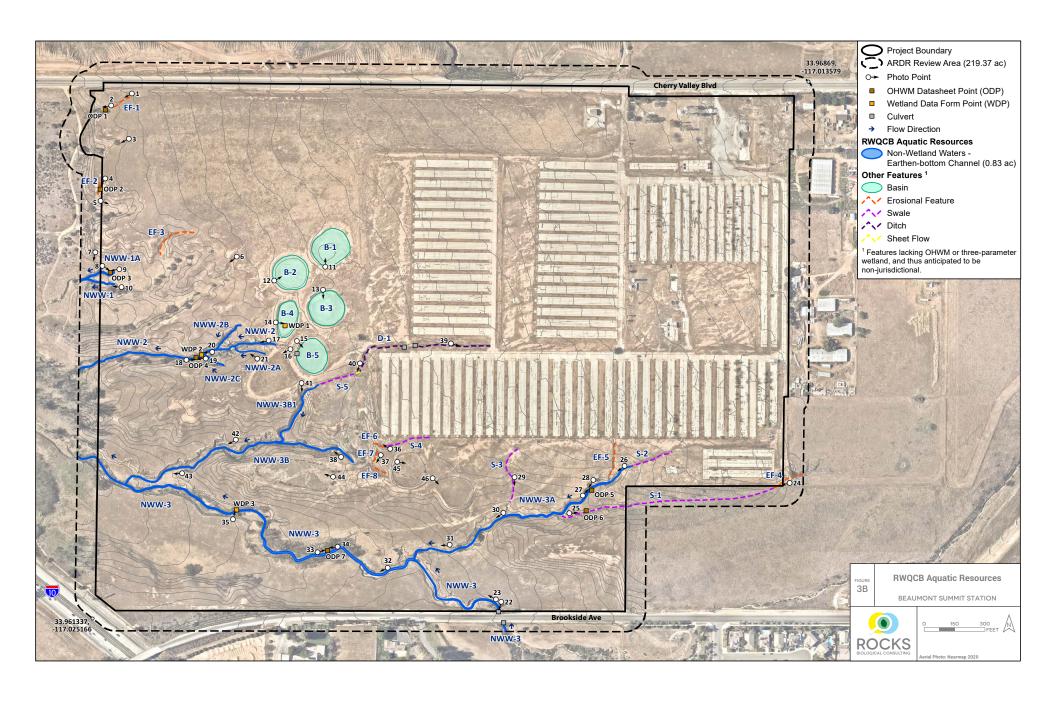
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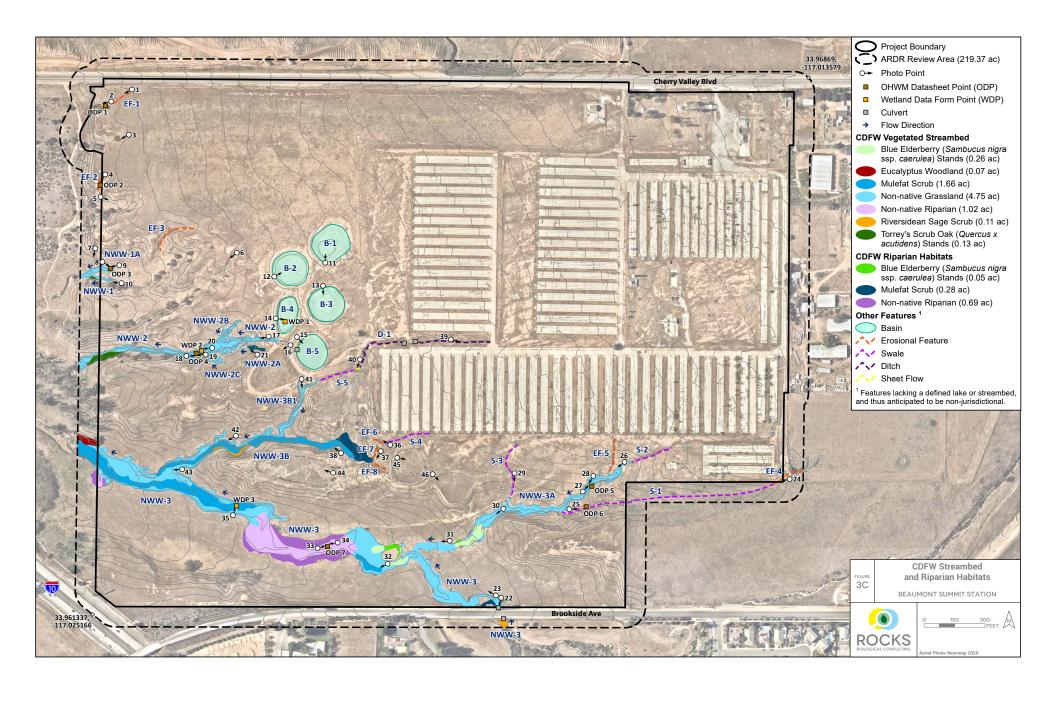
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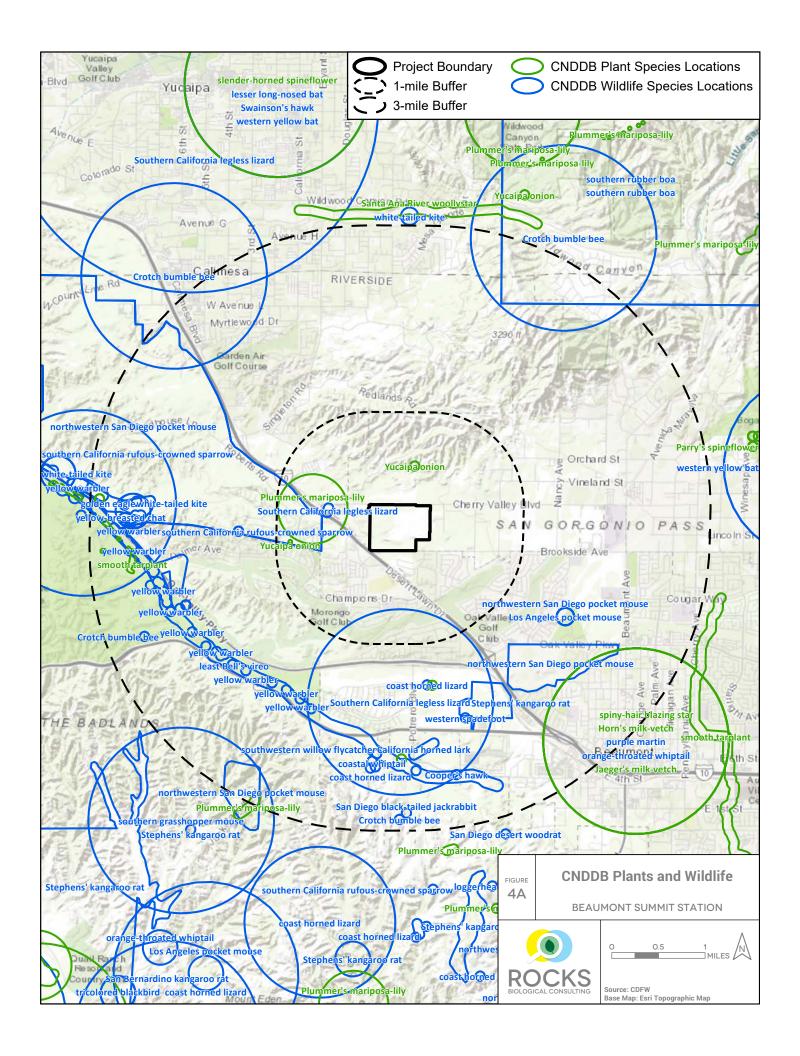


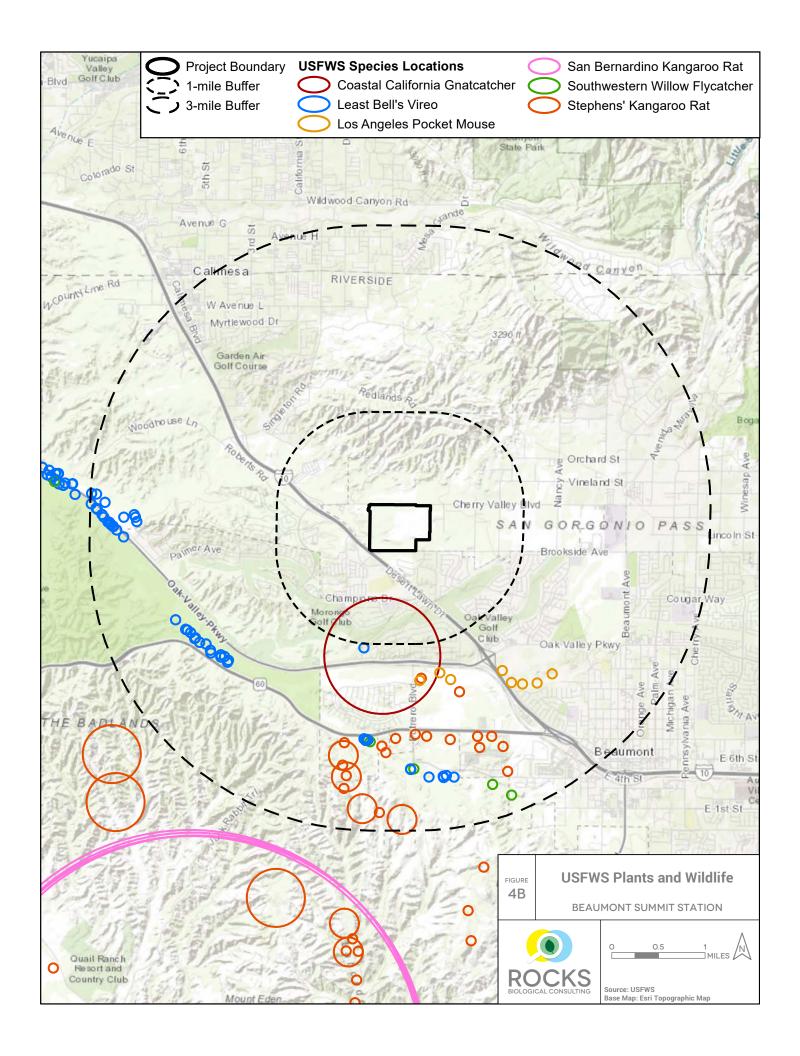


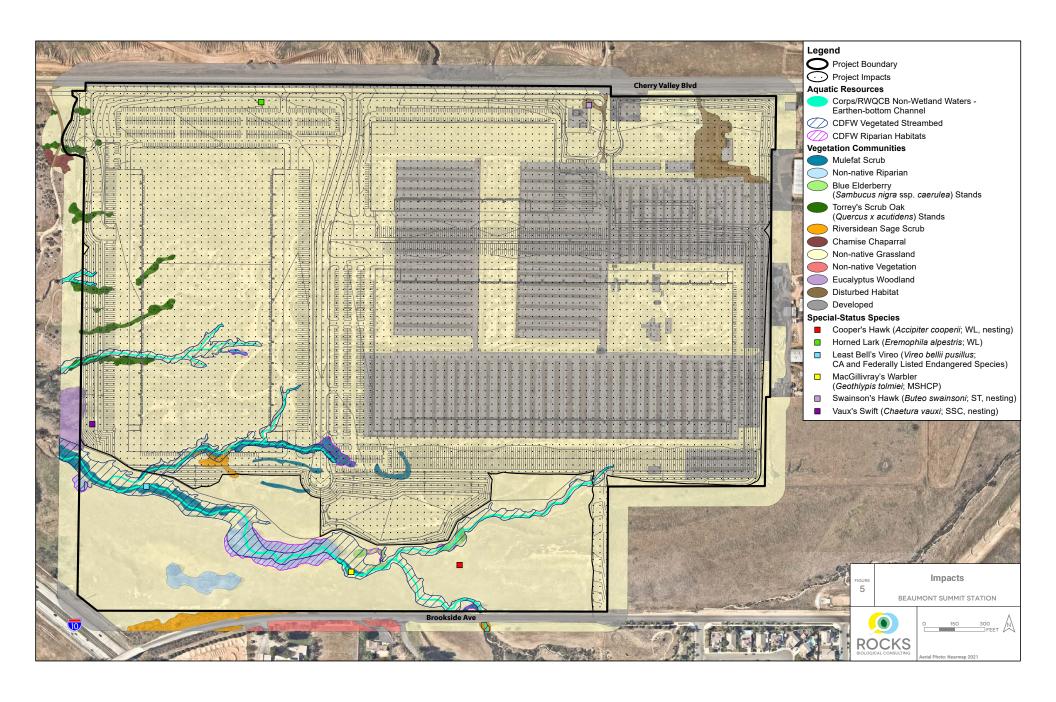












APPENDIX A

SITE PHOTOGRAPHS

Appendix A Site Photographs April 22 and May 27, 2021



Photo 1. Overview of project site from the western site boundary, showing drainages running through non-native grassland, facing northeast.



Photo 2. View of non-native grassland in the western portion of the project site, showing oaks and drainages containing mulefat, facing west.



Photo 3. View of non-native grassland within central portion of the project, facing east.



Photo 4. Picture of concrete pads within the central portion of the project, facing south.



Picture 5. Representative photos of the non-native riparian (*Ailanthus altissima*) within the drainages in the southwestern portion of the site; stands have a height of up to approximately 25 feet.



Photo 6. South-facing view of mulefat scrub within the drainages in the southwestern portion of the site, facing west.



Photo 7. Representative picture of the drainages within the southwestern portion of the project site, facing east.



Photo 8. Representative picture of the drainages within the southwestern portion of the project site, facing north.



Photo 9. Representative photo of the small-mammal burrows throughout the non-native grassland within the project site.

APPENDIX B

PLANT AND WILDLIFE SPECIES OBSERVED

Appendix B Plant and Wildlife Species Observed

Family	Common Name	Scientific Name			
Plants					
Adoxaceae	Blue elderberry	Sambucus nigra ssp. caerulea			
Asteraceae	California sagebrush	Artemisia californica			
Asteraceae	Mulefat	Baccharis salicifolia			
Asteraceae	Bristly ox-tongue*	Helminthotheca echioides			
Asteraceae	Stinknet*	Oncosiphon piluliferum			
Asteraceae	Milk thistle*	Silybum marianum			
Boraginaceae	Rigid fiddleneck	Amsinckia menziesii			
Boraginaceae	Slender combseed	Pectocarya linearis			
Brassicaceae	Short-pod mustard*	Hirschfeldia incana			
Convolvulaceae	Field bindweed*	Convolvulus arvensis			
Euphorbiaceae	Doveweed	Croton setiger			
Fabaceae	Blue palo verde	Parkinsonia florida			
Fagaceae	Torrey's scrub oak	Quercus Xacutidens			
Geraniaceae	Short-beak filaree*	Erodium brachycarpum			
Geraniaceae	Red-stem filaree*	Erodium cicutarium			
Lamiaceae	Horehound*	Marrubium vulgare			
Poaceae	Wild oat*	Avena fatua			
Poaceae	Purple false brome*	Brachypodium distachyon			
Poaceae	Ripgut grass*	Bromus diandrus			
Poaceae	Red brome*	Bromus rubens			
Poaceae	Mediterranean barley*	Hordeum murinum			
Poaceae	Golden-top*	Lamarckia aurea			
Polygonaceae	California buckwheat	Eriogonum fasciculatum			
Polygonaceae	Common knotweed*	Polygonum aviculare			
Rhamnaceae	Spiny redberry	Rhamnus crocea			
Rosaceae	Chamise	Adenostoma fasciculatum			
Salicaceae	Goodding's willow	Salix gooddingii			
Solanaceae	Western jimsonweed	Datura wrightii			
Solanaceae	Tree tobacco*	Nicotiana glauca			
Invertebrates	Invertebrates				
Nymphalidae	painted lady	Vanessa cardui			
Reptiles					

Colubridae	gopher snake	Pituophis catenifer		
Birds				
Accipitridae	Cooper's hawk (WL; nesting)	Accipiter cooperii		
Accipitridae	red-tailed hawk	Buteo jamaicensis		
Accipitridae	Swainson's hawk (ST; nesting)	Buteo swainsoni		
Aegithalidae	bushtit	Psaltriparus minimus		
Alaudidae	California horned lark (WL) •	Eremophila alpestris actia		
Apodidae	Vaux's swift (SSC; nesting) ‡	Chaetura vauxi		
Cardinalidae	black-headed grosbeak	Pheucticus melanocephalus		
Cardinalidae	lazuli bunting	Passerina amoena		
Cardinalidae	Western tanager	Piranga ludoviciana		
Charadriidae	killdeer	Charadrius vociferus		
Columbidae	Eurasian collared-dove*	Streptopelia decaocto		
Columbidae	mourning dove	Zenaida macroura		
Columbidae	rock pigeon*	Columba livia		
Corvidae	American crow	Corvus brachyrhynchos		
Corvidae	common raven	Corvus corax		
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Fringillidae	Lawrence's goldfinch	Spinus lawrencei		
Fringillidae	lesser goldfinch	Spinus psaltria		
Hirundinidae	cliff swallow	Petrochelidon pyrrhonota		
Icteridae	hooded oriole	Icterus cucullatus		
Icteridae	western meadowlark	Sturnella neglecta		
Mimidae	northern mockingbird	Mimus polyglottos		
Parulidae	MacGillivray's warbler ●	Geothlypis tolmiei		
Parulidae	yellow-rumped warbler	Setophaga coronata		
Passerellidae	California towhee	Melozone crissalis		
Passerellidae	lark sparrow	Chondestes grammacus		
Passerellidae	song sparrow	Melospiza melodia		
Passerellidae	savannah sparrow (savannah group)	Passerculus sandwichensis		
Passeridae	house sparrow*	Passer domesticus		
Picidae	Nuttall's woodpecker	Picoides nuttallii		
Sturnidae	European starling*	Sturnus vulgaris		
Trochilidae	Anna's hummingbird	Calypte anna		
Trochilidae	Costa's hummingbird	Calypte costae		
Troglodytidae	Bewick's wren	Thryomanes bewickii		
Troglodytidae	house wren	Troglodytes aedon		

Turdidae	western bluebird	Sialia mexicana	
Tyrannidae	black phoebe	Sayronis nigricans	
Tyrannidae	Cassin's kingbird	Tyrannus vociferans	
Tyrannidae	Say's phoebe	Sayornis saya	
Tyrannidae	western kingbird	Tyrannus verticalis	
Tyrannidae	western wood-pewee	Contopus sordidulus	
Vireonidae	Hutton's vireo	Vireo huttoni	
Vireonidae	least Bell's vireo (FE, SE; nesting) ● ‡	Vireo bellii pusillus	
Mammals			
Leporidae	Audubon's cottontail	Sylvilagus audubonii	
Sciuridae	California ground squirrel Otospermophilus beecheyi		

FT: Federally threatened under USFWS
SSC: California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Species of Special Concern
ST: State Threatened under the CDFW
WL: CDFW Watch List

* Introduced Species

APPENDIX C

BEAUMONT SUMMIT STATION LEAST BELL'S VIREO PROTOCOL SURVEY REPORT



August 30, 2021

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Attn: Ms. Stacey Love Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office 2177 Salk Ave., Ste. 250 Carlsbad, CA 92008

Subject: 45-Day Report for Least Bell's Vireo Surveys for the Beaumont Summit Station Project, City of Beaumont, Riverside County, California

Ms. Love:

This letter is a summary of the least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*; LBVI) protocol presence/absence surveys conducted by Rocks Biological Consulting (RBC) for the Beaumont Summit Station Project (project) in the City of Beaumont, Riverside County, California. Survey results were positive for LBVI.

INTRODUCTION

The proposed project consists of developing approximately 156 acres of industrial and commercial facilities on the approximately 191-acre site, located in the northwestern portion of the City of Beaumont, California (Figure 1). The project is south of Cherry Valley Boulevard, north of Brookside Avenue, and east of Interstate 10 (I-10). The on-site vegetation primarily consists of non-native grassland and developed land, although suitable habitat for LBVI occurs within the drainages and canyons located in the southwest portion of the project site.

LIFE HISTORY

LBVI is a small, gray, migrant songbird that is federally and state-listed as endangered. LBVI breeds in northern Baja California and California (March 15 – August 31), and winters in southern Baja California. Historical LBVI breeding grounds stretched from northwestern Baja California, north to Tehama County, California (Franzreb 1989).

Habitat loss caused LBVI populations to drastically decline throughout the late 1900s, reducing breeding populations to 300 pairs restricted to the counties south of Santa Barbara County (Allen et al. 2018; Kus, 2002). Since being listed as federally endangered in 1986, U.S. populations of LBVI have increased from 291 to 2,968 known territories (USFWS 2006).

LBVI typically nest in dense willow-dominated riparian vegetation communities and will occasionally nest in upland transitional habitats. LBVI-occupied vegetation communities include mixed willow riparian, willow-cottonwood, willow-sycamore, sycamore-oak, riparian scrub,

upland scrub, and non-native dominated habitats. Typical plant species of LBVI-occupied habitats include willows (*Salix* spp.), wild roses, mule fat (*Baccharis salicifolia*), Fremont's cottonwood (*Populus fremontii*), California sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*), and coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*) (Allen et al. 2018).

LBVI nests are typically built within three feet of the ground, suspended in the horizontal fork of a branch, surrounded by dense understory. Although LBVI are commonly associated with riparian habitat, small numbers of nesting pairs have been documented using transitional upland scrub habitats (coastal sage scrub and chaparral habitats near floodplains) (Kus 1989) which may be used based on availability of suitable nesting habitat and other various nest-site factors.

The breeding season of LBVI extends from approximately March 15 through August 31, with peak nesting activity typically occurring from April through July. Egg incubation lasts approximately 14 days and most young fledge at 10 to 12 days after hatching. Young are altricial (no feathers) at hatching and are fed by parents until 20-30 days after fledging (Kus 2010).

Brood parasitism by brown-headed cowbird (*Molothrus ater*; BHCO), is another factor leading to LBVI population decline. Studies conducted from the late 1920s through the mid-1980s revealed that one-third of LBVI nests contained cowbird eggs (Goldwasser 1981). Data suggests that BHCO parasitism consistently influences the seasonal productivity of young in LBVI, and that BHCO control efforts are contributing to the recovery of LBVI in recent decades (Kus & Whitfield 2005). Therefore, BHCO occurrences are documented during LBVI surveys, if observed.

METHODS

RBC biologist Chris Thomson conducted LBVI surveys within the survey area in accordance with survey methods outlined in the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) *Least Bell's Vireo Survey Guidelines* (USFWS 2001). The survey area included approximately 4.5 acres of suitable habitat within the project site; buffer areas were not included within the survey area due to lack of suitable habitat. RBC conducted eight surveys between April 22 and July 16, 2021. Surveys were conducted at least 10 days apart between dawn and 1100 during suitable weather conditions. Surveys were not conducted during periods of excessive cold, heat, wind, rain, or other inclement weather. RBC surveyed all suitable LBVI habitat within the survey area and surveyors did not survey more than 3 linear kilometers or 50 hectares of suitable LBVI during any survey.

Mr. Thomson is familiar with the songs, whisper songs, calls, scolds, and plumage characteristics of adult and juvenile LBVI. RBC biologists used binoculars (10x42) to identify LBVI and other sympatric bird species during each survey. LBVI and BHCO observations (if observed) were recorded in the Geographic Information System (GIS) application ArcGIS Collector. Table 1 presents the survey dates and conditions of the protocol surveys.

Table 1. Protocol LBVI Survey Dates and Conditions for the Project

Survey Round	Dates	Survey Time	Temp (°F) Start-End	Sky Cover (%)	Wind Speed (mph)	Surveyors
1	4/22/21	0730-1100	47-52	100-100	2-5; 2-5	СТ
2	5/6/21	0710-1055	57-78	100-0	0-2; 2-4	СТ
3	5/17/21	0715-1050	49-53	100-100	1-3; 1-3	СТ
4	5/27/21	0705-1055	54-66	100-25	1-3; 2-4	СТ
5	6/7/21	0740-1050	51-62	100-100	3-6; 2-4	СТ
6	6/17/21	0705-1010	72-86	70-10	0-2; 1-3	СТ
7	7/6/20	0710-0930	71-81	0-0	0-2; 1-3	CT, HS
8	7/16/20	0730-1035	72-84	0-0	1-3; 2-4	СТ
Surveyors: CT=0	Surveyors: CT=Chris Thomson; HS=Hannah Swarthout (trainee)					

RESULTS

Suitable habitat is present within the canyons and drainages in the western and southwestern portions of the project site and is composed of mulefat scrub and non-native riparian habitats dominated by tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*). Unsuitable habitat within the survey area includes non-native grassland, developed land, chamise chaparral, disturbed land, eucalyptus woodland, Riversidean sage scrub, Torrey's scrub oak stands, and blue elderberry stands, which were excluded from the survey area.

RBC observed a single LBVI individual in mulefat scrub within a drainage in the southwestern portion of the project site during only the first two (of eight) surveys on April 22 and May 6, 2021 (Figure 2). The individual LBVI was observed foraging and moving frequently along the mulefat canopy. LBVI was not observed after the second survey which suggests that the bird was an early season migrant that did not establish a nesting territory within the survey area. Results from the protocol surveys are summarized below in Table 2.

Table 2. Summary of Protocol Surveys for LBVI

Survey Round	Date	Results
1	4/22/21	1 LBVI individual documented
2	5/6/21	1 LBVI individual documented
3	5/17/21	No LBVI detected
4	5/27/21	No LBVI detected
5	6/7/21	No LBVI detected
6	6/17/21	No LBVI detected

Survey Round	Date	Results
7	7/6/20	No LBVI detected
8	7/16/20	No LBVI detected

A list of the 53 bird species observed during the surveys is included as Attachment A.

CONCLUSION

RBC observed one individual LBVI during the first two of eight protocol surveys, which is considered early in the nesting season (Figure 2). No LBVI nests or nesting behavior was observed.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at (619) 701-6798 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this report.

We certify that the information in this survey report and attached exhibits fully and accurately represent our work.

Chris Thomson Associate Biologist

Jim Rocks

Principal Biologist

Enclosures: Figure 1 – Project Location

Figure 2 – USGS 7.5' El Casco Quadrangle Map

Attachment A - Bird Species Observed During Least Bell's Vireo Surveys for the

Beaumont Summit Station Project

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APPENDIX D

BEAUMONT SUMMIT STATION BURROWING OWL PROTOCOL SURVEY REPORT









BEAUMONT SUMMIT STATION PROJECT

PROTOCOL PRESENCE/ABSENCE 2021 SURVEY REPORT FOR BURROWING OWL (Athene cunicularia)

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1 SUMMARY

This report is a summary of focused burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia*; BUOW) surveys Rocks Biological Consulting (RBC) conducted for the Beaumont Summit Station Project (project) in the City of Beaumont, Riverside County, California. The project is located within the Western Riverside Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP) Burrowing Owl Survey Area (RCA 2021). RBC conducted a habitat assessment for BUOW on April 22, 2021 in accordance with the Western Riverside MSHCP Burrowing Owl Survey Instructions (RCA 2006.

Based on the presence of suitable habitat, RBC conducted breeding season BUOW surveys between May 12, 2021 and July 6, 2021 in accordance with the *Burrowing Owl Survey Instructions for the Western Riverside Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Area* (RCA 2006 and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) *Staff Report on Burrowing Owl Mitigation* (CDFW 2012). No BUOW, active burrows, or sign were documented within the survey area.

2 INTRODUCTION

2.1 PROJECT LOCATION & PROPOSED ACTIVITY

The project is in the northwestern portion of the City of Beaumont, California (Figure 1). The project site is approximately 191 acres, located south of Cherry Valley Boulevard, north of Brookside Avenue, and east of Interstate 10 (I-10). The project would amend the approved Sunny-Cal Specific Plan (2007) and would include development of the site for an e-commerce center, commercial development, open space (parks/trails and buffer), and roads. Development start time will be dependent on processing time but is scheduled to begin in fall 2022 with an estimated construction time of approximately one year.

2.2 BURROWING OWL NATURAL HISTORY

Within California, BUOW is listed by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) as a Species of Special Concern (SSC). Suitable habitat for BUOW is generally typified by short, sparse vegetation with few shrubs, level to gentle topography, and well-drained soils, such as naturally occurring grassland, shrub steppe, and desert habitats (Haug et al. 1993). Additionally, BUOW may occur in agricultural areas, ruderal grassy fields, vacant lots and pastures containing suitable vegetation structure and useable burrows and foraging habitat in proximity (Gervais et al. 2008). Typically, BUOW use burrows that have been dug by other species, termed host burrowers. In California, BUOW frequently use burrows dug by California ground squirrel (*Otospermophilus beecheyi*) and round-tailed ground squirrel (*Citellus tereticaudus*) and dens or holes dug by other fossorial species, including badger (*Taxidea taxus*), coyote (*Canis latrans*), and fox (e.g., San Joaquin kit fox [*Vulpes macrotis mutica*]) (Ronan 2002). In addition, BUOW also frequently use natural rock cavities, debris piles, culverts, and pipes for nesting and roosting (Rosenberg et al. 1998) and have been documented using artificial burrows for nesting and cover (Belthoff and Smith 2003). Occupancy of burrowing owl habitat is confirmed at a site when at least one burrowing owl, or its sign at or near a burrow entrance, is observed within the last three years (Rich 1984).

3 METHODS

RBC biologists conducted a habitat assessment for BUOW on April 22, 2021 in accordance with the *Burrowing Owl Survey Instructions for the Western Riverside Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Area* (RCA 2006). Based on the presence of suitable habitat on-site, RBC avian biologists Ian Hirschler and Chris Thomson conducted focused burrow surveys and focused breeding season BUOW surveys between May 12 and July 6, 2021 in accordance with the *Burrowing Owl Survey Instructions for the Western Riverside Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Area* (RCA 2006) and the CDFW *Staff Report on Burrowing Owl Mitigation* (CDFW 2012). Mr. Hirschler is a wildlife biologist with over six years of professional experience and a Bachelor of Science degree in field and wildlife biology. Mr. Thomson is a wildlife biologist with over three years of professional experience and a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental science with a focus on ornithology. Both biologists have extensive experience performing burrowing owl surveys.

The survey area included the project site, as well as all suitable habitat within a 500-foot buffer per CDFW guidance (Figure 2). Survey timing followed MSHCP Instructions which calls for focused burrowing owl surveys consisting of site visits on four separate days; however, survey methodologies followed those presented in the CDFW Staff Report on Burrowing Owl Mitigation (CDFW 2012).

Two visits were required for each survey 'pass' due to the size of the site and survey timing restrictions. During each survey, RBC avian biologists walked through suitable BUOW habitat within the survey area via straight-line transects spaced 10 meters (m) to 30 m apart, adjusting for vegetation height and density, and used binoculars to scan the survey area at least every 100 m for BUOW, active burrows, and/or sign of BUOW. No calls were used. Care was taken to minimize disturbance near suitable burrows to avoid flushing any burrowing owls. All observed burrows were examined for sign, including feathers, pellets, whitewash, and prey remains. Burrows were considered active if a BUOW was observed at or near the entrance or if recent sign was present. All BUOW, active burrows, and BUOW sign were mapped in the geographic information system (GIS) program ArcGIS Collector. Survey dates, times, and weather conditions are presented in Table 1, below. Climatic and temporal conditions did not affect BUOW detection or survey scope.

Time Temp Cloud Wind Precip. Visibility Survey (Lo, Med, High) Cover Range (Start; (Start; End) Date Surveyor(s) Number End) (Start; End) (%) (mph) (Start: End) (Start; End) (Start; End) I. Hirschler. 1730-1 (dusk) 5/12/21 81-70 0-0 3-7: 3-7 0-0 High; High C. Thomson 1930 I. Hirschler, 0715-5/13/21 60-70 0-00-01 (dawn) 0-2; 1-4 High; High C. Thomson 0930 I. Hirschler. 1730-2 (dusk) 6/6/21 77-67 0-0 5-8: 5-8 0-0 High; High C. Thomson 1945 0730-I. Hirschler, 2 (dawn) 6/7/21 52-75 100-100 0-2; 1-3 0-0High; High C. Thomson 1000 1745-6/23/21 76-74 3 (dusk) I. Hirschler 80-60 2-5; 0-2 0-0 High; High 1930 0715-6/24/21 I. Hirschler 64-69 15-5 0-2; 0-2 0-0 3 (dawn) High; High 1000 I. Hirschler, 1715-7/5/21 88-82 0-2; 1-4 4 (dusk) 0-0 0-0 High; High H. Swarthout¹ 1945 1715-4 (dawn) 7/6/21 I. Hirschler 88-82 0-0 0-2; 1-4 0-0 High; High 1945

Table 1. Burrowing Owl Survey Dates and Conditions

4 RESULTS

4.1 EXISTING CONDITIONS & HABITAT ASSESSMENT

The project site is composed primarily of non-native grassland dominated by red brome (*Bromus rubens*) and goldentop grass (*Lamarckia aurea*) as well as developed land. The developed land on-site consists of multiple concrete foundations and several abandoned outbuildings that supported former poultry and egg farm operations. The project site also supports several canyons and drainages composed of non-native grassland, mulefat thickets, non-native riparian habitat and Riversidian sage scrub.

During the initial BUOW habitat assessment, most of the survey area was determined to be suitable BUOW habitat based on the presence of open grassland and several observations of California ground squirrel activity at suitable burrows throughout the project site. Photographs of site conditions are presented in Appendix A.

4.2 BURROWING OWL SURVEY RESULTS

RBC conducted four focused BUOW surveys during the breeding season (February 1 to August 31) between May 12, 2021 and July 6, 2021. No BUOW, sign, or active burrows were observed during focused surveys.

¹Hannah Swarthout participated in survey 4 (dusk) as a trainee

No evidence of owl predation was observed; however, common predators in the area include coyote, gray fox (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*), and raccoon (*Procyon lotor*). Additionally, 34 bird species were observed during protocol surveys as listed in Appendix B.

5 BURROWING OWL MITIGATION

Pursuant to the MSHCP, all project sites containing burrows or suitable habitat require preconstruction surveys (RCA 2006). The pre-construction surveys will be conducted in accordance with MSHCP Objective 6 for BUOW. As such, the following minimization and avoidance measure is required in order to avoid direct impacts on BUOW:

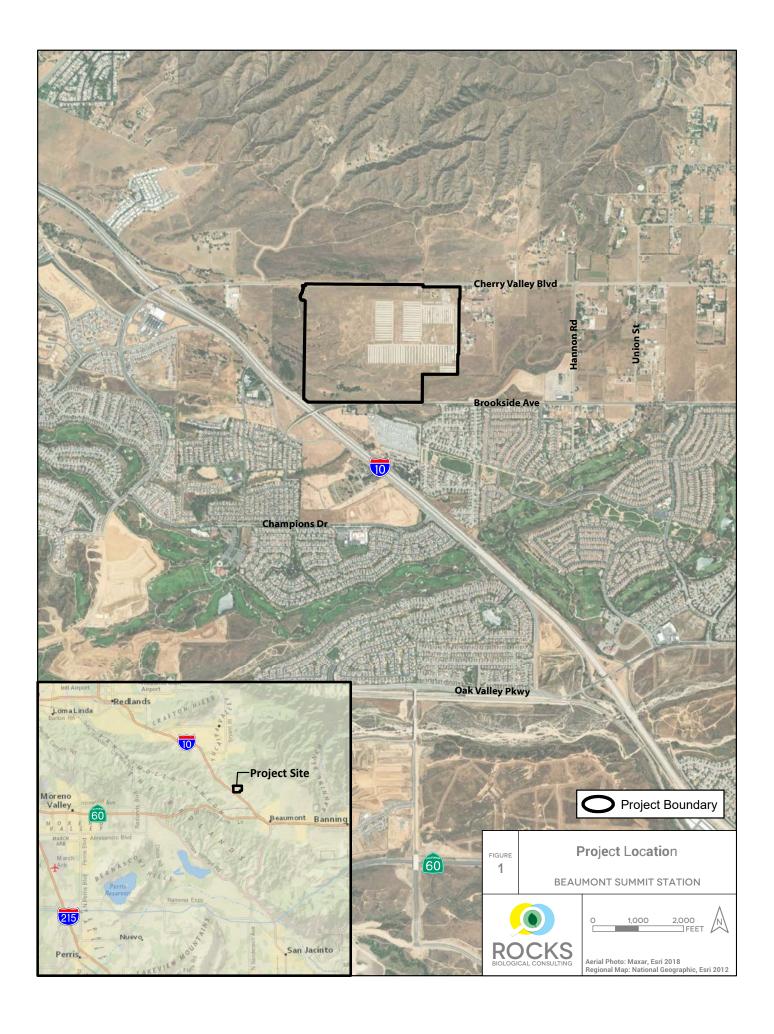
A qualified biologist will conduct a pre-construction presence/absence survey for burrowing owls within 30 days prior to site disturbance. If burrowing owls are documented on site, the owls will be relocated/excluded from the site outside of the breeding season following accepted protocols, as specified in the MSHCP.

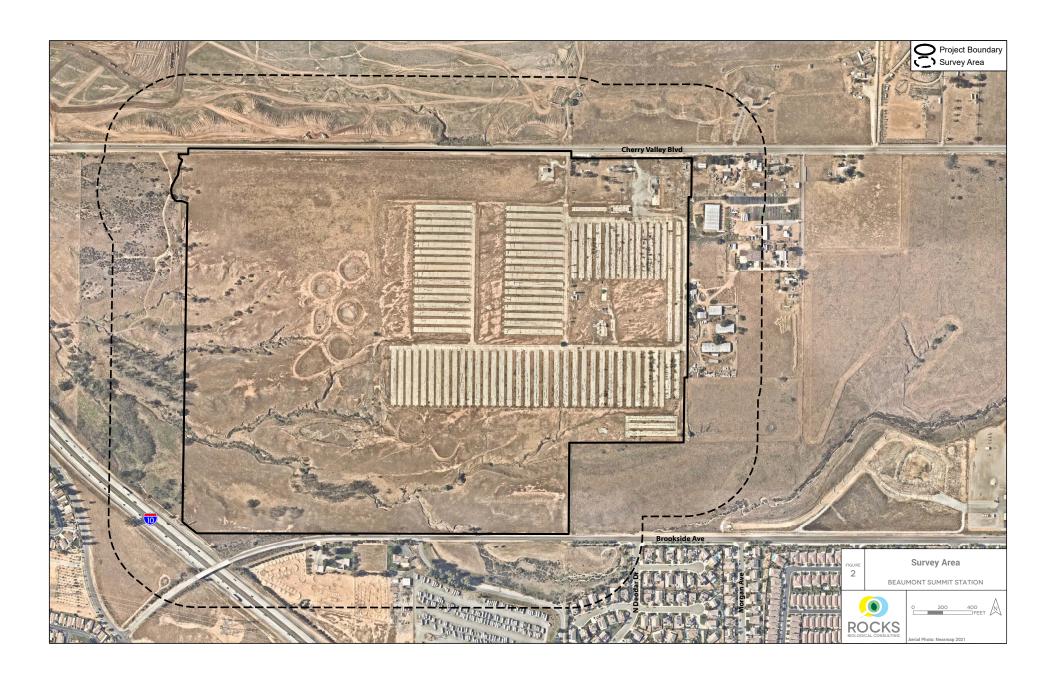
6 CONCLUSIONS

No BUOW, active burrows, or BUOW sign were documented within the project site during the focused BUOW surveys conducted between May 12, 2021 and July 6, 2021. However, due to the presence of suitable habitat on site and the potential for future occupation of the site, preconstruction surveys will be required to avoid potential direct impacts on BUOW resulting from the project in conformance with the MSHCP.

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APPENDIX A

SITE PHOTOGRAPHS

Appendix A Site Photographs



Photo 1. Overview of project site from the western site boundary, showing drainages running through non-native grassland, facing northeast on April 22, 2021.



Photo 2. View of non-native grassland in the western portion of the project site, showing oaks and drainages containing mulefat, facing west on April 22, 2021.



Photo 3. View of non-native grassland within central portion of the project, facing east on April 22, 2021.



Photo 4. Picture of concrete pads within the central portion of the project, facing south on April 22, 2021.



Photo 5. Representative photos from April 22, 2021 of the non-native riparian (*Ailanthus altissima*) within the drainages in the southwestern portion of the site; stands have a height of up to approximately 25 feet.



Photo 6. South-facing view of mulefat scrub within the drainages in the southwestern portion of the site, facing west on May 27, 2021.



Photo 7. Representative picture of the drainages within the southwestern portion of the project site, facing east on April 22, 2021.



Photo 8. Representative picture of the drainages within the southwestern portion of the project site, facing north on April 22, 2021.



Photo 9. Representative photo of the small-mammal burrows throughout the non-native grassland within the survey area.



Photo 10. Representative photo of the adjacent chamise chaparral habitat northwest of project boundary on July 20, 2021.

APPENDIX B

BIRD SPECIES OBSERVED DURING FOCUSED BURROWING OWL SURVEYS

Appendix B Bird Species Observed During Burrowing Owl Focused Surveys

Family	Common Name	Scientific Name
Accipitridae	red-tailed hawk	Buteo jamaicensis
Alaudidae	horned lark	Eremophila alpestris
Charadriidae	killdeer	Charadrius vociferus
Columbidae	rock pigeon	Columba livia
Columbidae	Eurasian collared-dove	Streptopelia decaocto
Columbidae	mourning dove	Zenaida macroura
Corvidae	American crow	Corvus brachyrhynchos
Corvidae	common raven	Corvus corax
Falconidae	American kestrel	Falco sparverius
Fringillidae	house finch	Haemorhous mexicanus
Fringillidae	Lawrence's goldfinch	Spinus lawrencei
Fringillidae	lesser goldfinch	Spinus psaltria
Hirundinidae	barn swallow	Hirundo rustics
Hirundinidae	cliff swallow	Petrochelidon pyrrhonota
Hirundinidae	northern rough-winged swallow	Stelgidopteryx serripennis
Icteridae	Brewer's blackbird	Euphagus cyanocephalus
Icteridae	Bullock's oriole	Icterus bullockii
Icteridae	hooded oriole	Icterus cucullatus
Icteridae	western meadowlark	Sturnella neglecta
Mimidae	northern mockingbird	Mimus polyglottos
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Passerellidae	California towhee	Melozone crissalis
Passeridae	house sparrow	Passer domesticus
Picidae	Nuttall's woodpecker	Dryobates nuttallii
Ptiliogonatidae	phainopepla	Phainopepla nitens
Sturnidae	European starling	Sturnus vulgaris
Trochilidae	Anna's hummingbird	Calypte anna
Troglodytidae	Bewick's wren	Thryomanes bewickii
Turdidae	western bluebird	Sialia mexicana
Tyrannidae	black phoebe	Sayornis nigricans
Tyrannidae	Say's phoebe	Sayornis saya
Tyrannidae	western kingbird	Tyrannus verticalis
Tyrannidae	Cassin's kingbird	Tyrannus vociferans

APPENDIX E

BEAUMONT SUMMIT STATION AQUATIC RESOURCES DELINEATION REPORT (ARDR)









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1 INTRODUCTION

On behalf of Exeter Cherry Valley Land, LLC, Rocks Biological Consulting (RBC) conducted a formal aquatic resources delineation for the Beaumont Summit Station review area, composed of 219.37 acres (Figure 1), to identify areas that may be considered jurisdictional under the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act; the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act; and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) pursuant to Section 1602 of the California Fish and Game Code. The information provided in this aquatic resources delineation report (ARDR) is necessary to define the presence or absence of aquatic resources within the review area. This ARDR can also be used by the agencies to inform the jurisidictional status of delineated aquatic resources and by the applicant and agencies to assess conformance with state and federal regulations and to estimate potential impacts and associated permitting requirements. Furthermore, the information contained in this report is in compliance with the Corps Los Angeles District's *Minimum Standards for Acceptance of Aquatic Resources Delineation Reports* (Minimum Standards; Corps 2017). Appendix A provides a checklist to ensure compliance with the Minimum Standards.

2 SITE DESCRIPTION, LANDSCAPE SETTING

2.1 LOCATION

The review area is located south of Cherry Valley Boulevard, north of Brookside Avenue, and east/northeast of Interstate (I)-10, within the City of Beaumont, Riverside County, California (Figure 1). The review area is bounded by undeveloped land to the north and west, rural residences with livestock pens to the east, and residential development to the south. The latitude and longitude of the approximate center of the review area is 33.965141, -117.019732. The review area sits on Township 2 South, Range 1 West, and Section 30 within the El Casco 7.5-minute quadrangle, as mapped by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS; Figure 2).

2.2 TOPOGRAPHY

The review area is primarily flat with elevations ranging from approximately 2,403 to 2,584 feet above mean sea level (amsl), with areas of lower topography within the drainages on the south and southwestern portions of the review area and between rolling hills along the northwestern boundary of the review area (Figure 2). Drainage patterns on site trend east to west following a gradual decrease in elevation in the same direction.

2.3 WATERSHED

The review area is within the Santa Ana Hydrologic Unit Code (HUC) 8 (18070203), San Timoteo Wash HUC 10 (1807020304), and San Timoteo Canyon-San Timoteo Wash HUC 12 (180702030403) watersheds (Figure 3). In addition to the watersheds defined by the USGS and commonly used by the Corps, the RWQCB also defines watershed boundaries by Hydrologic Units (HUs). The majority of the review area is within the Santa Ana Basin, the Santa Ana River HU, and the Beaumont Hydrologic Subarea (Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board [SARWQCB] 1986; SARWQCB 2019).

3 METHODS

3.1 PRE-FIELD REVIEW

Prior to the on-site delineation, field maps were created using a Geographic Information System (GIS) and a color aerial photograph at a 1:150 scale. RBC staff also reviewed USGS National Hydrography Dataset (NHD) and topography data (Figure 2), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) data (Figure 4), and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) soils data (Figure 4) to further determine the potential locations of aquatic resources within the review area. RBC also utilized Google Earth to assess current and historic presence or absence of flows and/or ponding in the review area (Google Earth Pro 2021). RBC also reviewed the 2004 *Delineation of Jurisdictional Waters and Wetlands Sunny-Cal Specific Plan Project, City of Beaumont, Riverside County, California* (Sunny-Cal JD Report; Michael Brandman Associates 2004) and the 2006 *Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report Sunny-Cal Specific Plan, Annexation, And Sphere of Influence Amendment, SCH# 2004121092* (Sunny-Cal Specific Plan Draft EIR; Michael Brandman Associates 2006).

3.2 ON-SITE DELINEATION AND MAPPING

RBC regulatory specialists Sarah Krejca and Chelsea Polevy conducted an initial jurisdictional assessment field visit on April 22, 2021 and an aquatic resources delineation field visit on June 3, 2021. RBC regulatory specialist Sarah Krejca and Shanti Santulli conducted an additional aquatic resources delineation field visit on June 7, 2021. Field conditions during these field visits are provided below in Table 1.

Date	Survey Time Start – End	, , ,		Cloud Cover (%) Start – End
4/22/2021	0745 – 1315	48 – 61	0 to 5 – 5 to 8	100 – 100
6/03/2021	0730 – 1500	67 – 92	0 to 1 – 10 to 15	0 – 0
6/07/2021	0815 – 1245	52 – 62	2 to 5 – 5 to 10	100 – 90

Table 1. Field Conditions

Figure 1 and Figures 5A-5C depict the 219.37-acre review area. RBC regulatory specialist Sarah Krejca also completed a Streamflow Duration Assessment Method (SDAM) survey during the June 3 and June 7, 2021 field visits.

Areas with depressions, drainage patterns, and/or wetland vegetation within the review area were evaluated, with focus on the presence of defined channels and/or wetland vegetation, soils, and hydrology.

While in the field, potential aquatic resources were recorded using a hand-held Global Positioning System (GPS) unit with a level of accuracy ranging from 8 to 24 feet. RBC staff refined the data using aerial photographs and topographic maps with one-foot contours to ensure accuracy.

All figures generated for this ARDR follow the Corps' Updated Map and Drawing Standards for the South Pacific Division Regulatory Program (Corps 2016).

The below subsections provide the aquatic resources delineation methods used per agency; Appendix B provides additional details regarding the agencies' applicable regulations and guidance associated with this ARDR.

3.2.1 CORPS

Ordinary High Water Mark Delineation

Aquatic resources with a defined ordinary high water mark (OHWM) would be considered potential non-wetland waters of the U.S. Corps regulations at 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 329.11 define an OHWM as "the line on the shore established by the fluctuations of water and indicated by physical characteristics such as a clear, natural line impressed on the bank; shelving; changes in the character of soil; destruction of terrestrial vegetation; the presence of litter or debris; or other appropriate means that consider the characteristics of the surrounding areas" (51 Federal Register [FR] 41251, November 13, 1986). RBC staff used guidance provided in A Field Guide to the Identification of the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) in the Arid West Region of the Western United States (OHWM Field Guide; Corps 2008a) and Regulatory Guidance Letter (RGL) 05-05 to estimate the extent of an OHWM in the field. For each feature exhibiting the potential presence of an OHWM, RBC completed a 2010 Arid West Ephemeral and Intermittent Streams OHWM Datasheet following the guidance provided in the Updated Datasheet for the Identification of the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) in the Arid West Region of the Western United States (OHWM Datasheet; Corps 2010). Per the 2010 OHWM Datasheet, common indicators of an OHWM include a break in slope (i.e., abrupt cut in bank slope created by hydrogeomorphic processes across the landscape), changes in average sediment texture between floodplain units (i.e., lowflow, active floodplain, low terrace), and changes in vegetation species and/or cover between floodplain units.

Wetland Delineation

Field staff examined potential wetland waters of the U.S. using the routine determination methods set forth in Part IV, Section D, Subsection 2 of the Corps 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual (Wetland Manual; Environmental Laboratory 1987) and the 2008 Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Arid West Region Version 2.0 (Arid West Supplement; Corps 2008b). Areas that met the three parameters per the Arid West Supplement (i.e., hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and wetland hydrology, following methods set forth in the Wetland Manual and Arid West Supplement) were considered wetland waters of the U.S. RBC staff based wetland plant indicator status (i.e., Obligate [OBL], occurs 99+% in wetlands; Facultative Wetland [FACW], occurs 67-99% in wetlands; Facultative [FAC], occurs 34-66% in wetlands; Facultative Upland [FACU], occurs 1-33% in wetlands; Upland [UPL], occurs 99+% in uplands; and Not Listed [NL], considered UPL for wetland delineation purposes) on the National Wetland Plant List (NWPL; Corps 2018) and hydric soils indicators on Field Indicators of Hydric Soils in the United States, Version 8.2 (NRCS 2018a). Soil chromas were identified in the field according to Munsell Soil-Color Charts with Genuine Munsell Color Chips (Munsell Color 2015) and per the Wetland Manual and Arid West Supplement. Plants were identified according to *The Jepson Manual*: Vascular Plants of California, 2nd edition (Baldwin et al. 2012) and nomenclature follows Jepson eFlora (Jepson Flora Project 2019).

3.2.2 RWOCB

Ordinary High Water Mark Delineation

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and RWQCBs do not have regulations or guidance on defining the extent of non-wetland waters of the State. As such, field staff identified the lateral limits of potential non-wetland waters of the State using the same methods for determining an OHWM per the Corps as described in Section 3.2.1. as they have generally been considered coincident.

Wetland Delineation

The State Policy for Water Quality Control: State Wetland Definition and Procedures for Discharges of Dredged or Fill Material to Waters of the State (the Procedures; SWRCB 2021) defines wetland waters of the State. The Procedures were adopted on April 2, 2019; went into effect on May 28, 2020; and were revised on April 6, 2021. As detailed in the Procedures, the SWRCB and RWQCBs define a wetland as follows: "An area is wetland if, under normal circumstances, (1) the area has continuous or recurrent saturation of the upper substrate caused by groundwater, or shallow surface water, or both; (2) the duration of such saturation is sufficient to cause anaerobic conditions in the upper substrate; and (3) the area's vegetation is dominated by hydrophytes or the area lacks vegetation" (SWRCB 2021).

The Procedures provide that RWQCBs shall rely on a wetland delineation from a final ARDR verified by the Corps to determine the extent of wetland waters of the State. If any potential wetland areas have not been delineated in a final ARDR verified by the Corps, the limits of such potential wetland waters of the State shall be identified using the same wetland delineation methods per the Corps as described in Section 3.2.1, except that a lack of vegetation (i.e., less than 5 percent areal coverage of plants during the peak of the growing season) does not preclude an area from meeting the definition of a wetland waters of the State (SWRCB 2021).

3.2.3 CDFW

Lake, Streambed, and Associated Riparian and Wetland Habitat Delineation

CDFW jurisdiction relies on the presence of a lake and/or streambed and associated riparian or wetland habitat. Lakes include "natural lakes or man-made reservoirs" (14 California Code of Regulations [CCR] § 1.56). CDFW regulations define a streambed as "a body of water that flows at least periodically or intermittently through a bed or channel having banks and supporting fish or other aquatic life. This includes watercourses having a surface or subsurface flow that supports riparian vegetation" (14 CCR § 1.72). The 1987 *Rutherford v. State of California* (188 Cal. App. 3d 1268) decision further provided that a streambed is the "channel of a water course; the depression between the banks worn by the regular and usual flow of the water." A streambed includes the "[a]rea extending between the opposing banks measured from the foot of the banks from the top of the water at its ordinary stage, including sand bars which may exist between the foot of said banks...." (188 Cal. App. 3d 1268). The bank is defined as "the slope or elevation of land that bounds the bed of the stream in a permanent or long-standing way, and that confines the stream water up to its highest level" (*The People v. Phillip Wright Osborn*, 116 Cal. App. 4th 764).

Riparian habitat refers to vegetation and habitat associated with a stream. CDFW-jurisdictional habitat includes all riparian shrub or tree canopy that may extend beyond the banks of a stream. Isolated riparian habitat (i.e., where riparian vegetation does not appear associated with an ephemeral wash) is not considered CDFW-jurisdictional.

CDFW follows the USFWS wetland definition and classification system, which defines a wetland as transitional land between terrestrial and aquatic systems having one or more of the following attributes: "(1) at least periodically, the land supports predominantly hydrophytes; (2) the substrate is predominantly undrained hydric soil; and (3) the substrate is non-soil and is saturated with water or covered by shallow water at some time during the growing season of each year" (USFWS 1979). A wetland is presumed when all three attributes are present; if less than three attributes are present the presumption of a wetland must be supported by "the demonstrable use of wetland areas by wetland associated fish or wildlife resources, related biological activity, and wetland habitat values" (California Fish and Game Commission [CFGC] 1994).

Potential CDFW-jurisdictional wetland boundaries were determined based on the presence of wetland areas supported by a lake or streambed. Wetland delineation methods to determine the presence of one or more wetland attributes included the same methods per the Corps as described in Section 3.2.1.

Based on the above, potential CDFW-jurisdictional aquatic resources delineated included lakes and/or streambeds and their associated riparian and wetland habitats. Field staff delineated the lateral extent of potential CDFW jurisdiction to be "bank to bank" for a streambed or to the "dripline" of riparian habitat and/or wetland boundary, if present.

4 SITE ALTERATIONS, CURRENT AND PAST LAND USE

RBC staff reviewed Google Earth Pro (Google Earth 2021), the University of California – Santa Barbara (UCSB; UCSB n.d.) database, the 2006 *Sunny-Cal Specific Plan Draft EIR* (Michael Brandman Associates 2006), and the 2004 *Sunny-Cal JD Report* (Michael Brandman Associates 2004) to assess historic and ongoing land uses within the review area.

Based on a review of Google Earth Pro and the UCSB database, various potentially jurisdictional features (e.g., Non-Wetland Water [NWW]-2, NWW-2B, NWW-2C, NWW-3, NWW-3A, NWW-3B, and NWW-3B1 per Section 6 below) occurred within their current locations in the review area at least as far back as May 1938 (i.e., the earliest aerial image available; Appendix C). Agriculture fields or farming operations are also visible on historic aerials as far back as May 1938 and are primarily concentrated in the northeastern portion of the review area until around June 1980 (UCSB n.d.; Appendix C). By September 1996, farming operations were expanded further into the center of the review area through the construction of several large poultry sheds (UCSB n.d.; Appendix C). Based on a review of the 2004 Sunny-Cal JD Report, the review area encompasses the previously active Sunny-Cal Poultry Farm, which contained operations buildings, employee housing, and poultry sheds, and housed other livestock such as pigs and cattle (Michael Brandman Associates 2004). Per historic aerials, runoff from these developments may have resulted in the creation of various ditches, erosional features, and swales (further described in Section 6 below; Appendix C). Remains of these developments, such as shed and building foundations, exist to this day. Furthermore, per the 2004 Sunny-Cal JD Report, the former poultry

farm developed various human-made settling basins throughout the review area which were utilized as manure holding areas (e.g., Basin (B)-1, B-2, B-3, B-4, and B-5, per Section 6 below; Michael Brandman Associates 2004). These basins were established between September 1996 and December 2003 (UCSB n.d.; Appendix C). Normal circumstances were assumed to be present within the review area.

The Sunny-Cal Specific Plan Draft EIR determined four drainages within the review area to be Corps- and CDFW-jurisdictional (Michael Brandman Associates 2006) within the general locations of NWW-2, NWW-2B, NWW-3, NWW-3B, NWW-3B1, and portions of NWW-3A, further discussed in Section 6 below. Furthermore, the associated Sunny Cal Egg Ranch Specific Plan (Tract 36583) Project was previously permitted and mitigated under various regulatory approvals in 2015-2016 (CWA Section 404 Nationwide Permit 29 and 43 [File No. SPL-2014-00601-JEM]; CWA Section 401 Water Quality Certification [SARWQCB Project No. 332014-20]; and CDFW SAA No. 1600-2014-0180-R6 [Revision 2]) and included permanent impacts to waters of the U.S./State and streambed/riparian habitat; however, the Sunny Cal Egg Ranch Specific Plan (Tract 36583) Project did not move forward and the previously permitted impacts did not occur. Furthermore, site ownership and project design has changed. As such, this ARDR supercedes previous delineations for review area and will be used to support future permitting associated with the Beaumont Summit Station Project.

The following sections provide additional details regarding site alterations and land use specific to on-site soils, hydrology, and vegetation based on available data and the site visit.

4.1 SOILS

Based on the NRCS soils data map (Figure 4), seven soil map units, outlined below in Table 2, occur within the review area:

Soil Map Unit	Soil Series/Unit	Geomorphic Surface	Taxonomic Class	NRCS Hydric Status
Greenfield sandy loam, 2 to 8 percent slopes, eroded	Greenfield	Alluvial fans, terraces	Coarse-loamy, mixed, active, thermic Typic Haploxeralfs	No
Greenfield sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, eroded	Greenfield	Alluvial fans, terraces	Coarse-loamy, mixed, active, thermic Typic Haploxeralfs	No
Ramona sandy loam, 2 to 5 percent slopes, eroded	Ramona	Alluvial fans, terraces	Fine-loamy, mixed, superactive, thermic Typic Haploxeralfs	No
Ramona sandy loam, 5 to 8 percent slopes, eroded	Ramona	Alluvial fans, terraces	Fine-loamy, mixed, superactive, thermic Typic Haploxeralfs	No
Ramona sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, severely eroded	Ramona	Alluvial fans, terraces	Fine-loamy, mixed, superactive, thermic Typic Haploxeralfs	No

Table 2. Soil Mapped within Review Area

Soil Map Unit	Soil Series/Unit	Geomorphic Surface	Taxonomic Class	NRCS Hydric Status
Ramona sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, severely eroded	Ramona	Alluvial fans, terraces	Fine-loamy, mixed, superactive, thermic Typic Haploxeralfs	No
Terrace escarpments	N/A	Terraces	N/A	No

The National Technical Committee for Hydric Soils defines hydric soils; *Changes in Hydric Soils Database Selection Criteria* (77 FR 12234) outlines the current four hydric soil criteria. The NRCS does not list any of the soil map units within the review area as hydric.

The soils outlined above in Table 2 are further described below per the USDA's NRCS Official Soil Series Description and Series Classification database (NRCS 2018b) and the USDA's Soil Survey of Western Riverside Area, California (1971):

Greenfield sandy loam, 2 to 8 percent slopes, eroded – The Greenfield series consists of deep, well-drained soils that formed in moderately coarse and coarse alluvium derived from granitic rock and other mixed rock sources. Greenfield soils have slow to medium runoff, moderately rapid permeability, and slopes ranging from 0 to 30 percent. These soils occur on alluvial fans and terraces at elevations of 100 to 3,500 feet amsl. Greenfield soil is used for production of field, forage, and fruit crops and also for growing grain and pasture. Uncultivated areas consist of annual grasses, forbs, some shrubs, and some oak trees. The NRCS does not list Greenfield sandy loam, 2 to 8 percent slopes, eroded, which occurs on site, as hydric.

Greenfield sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, eroded – The Greenfield series consists of deep, well-drained soils that formed in moderately coarse and coarse alluvium derived from granitic rock and other mixed rock sources. Greenfield soils have slow to medium runoff, moderately rapid permeability, and slopes ranging from 0 to 30 percent. These soils occur on alluvial fans and terraces at elevations of 100 to 3,500 feet amsl. Greenfield soil is used for production of field, forage, and fruit crops and also for growing grain and pasture. Uncultivated areas consist of annual grasses, forbs, some shrubs, and some oak trees. The NRCS does not list Greenfield sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, eroded, which occurs on site, as hydric.

Ramona sandy loam, 2 to 5 percent slopes, eroded – The Ramona series consists of well-drained soils that formed in alluvium derived from granitic rock and related rock sources. Ramona soils have slow to rapid runoff and moderately slow permeability. These soils are nearly level to moderately steep and occur on terraces and fans at elevations of 250 to 3,500 feet amsl. Ramona soil is used for production of grain, hay, pasture, irrigated citrus, olives, truck crops, and seasonal fruits. Uncultivated areas are primarily annual grasses, forbs, chamise, or chaparral. The NRCS does not list Ramona sandy loam, 2 to 5 percent slopes, eroded, which occurs on site, as hydric.

Ramona sandy loam, 5 to 8 percent slopes, eroded – The Ramona series consists of well-drained soils that formed in alluvium derived from granitic rock and related rock sources. Ramona soils have slow to rapid runoff and moderately slow permeability. These soils are nearly level to moderately steep and occur on terraces and fans at elevations of 250 to 3,500 feet amsl. Ramona soil is used for production of grain, hay, pasture, irrigated citrus, olives, truck crops, and seasonal fruits. Uncultivated areas are primarily annual grasses, forbs, chamise, or chaparral. The NRCS does not list Ramona sandy loam, 5 to 8 percent slopes, eroded, which occurs on site, as hydric.

Ramona sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, severely eroded – The Ramona series consists of well-drained soils that formed in alluvium derived from granitic rock and related rock sources. Ramona soils have slow to rapid runoff and moderately slow permeability. These soils are nearly level to moderately steep and occur on terraces and fans at elevations of 250 to 3,500 feet amsl. Ramona soil is used for production of grain, hay, pasture, irrigated citrus, olives, truck crops, and seasonal fruits. Uncultivated areas are primarily annual grasses, forbs, chamise, or chaparral. The NRCS does not list Ramona sandy loam, 8 to 15 percent slopes, severely eroded, which occurs on site, as hydric.

Ramona sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, severely eroded – The Ramona series consists of well-drained soils that formed in alluvium derived from granitic rock and related rock sources. Ramona soils have slow to rapid runoff and moderately slow permeability. These soils are nearly level to moderately steep and occur on terraces and fans at elevations of 250 to 3,500 feet amsl. Ramona soil is used for production of grain, hay, pasture, irrigated citrus, olives, truck crops, and seasonal fruits. Uncultivated areas are primarily annual grasses, forbs, chamise, or chaparral. The NRCS does not list Ramona sandy loam, 15 to 25 percent slopes, severely eroded, which occurs on site, as hydric.

Terrace escarpments – Terrace escarpments consist of variable alluvium on terraces or gullies derived from granite, gabbro, metamorphosed sandstone, sandstone, or mica-schist. Slopes range from 30 to 75 percent. Vegetation is sparse and includes annual grasses, salvia (*Salvia* sp.), flat-top buckwheat (*Eriogonum fasciculatum*), and chamise (*Adenostoma fasciculatum*). Areas of terrace escarpments are used primarily for watershed and as wildlife habitat. The NRCS does not list terrace escarpments, which occurs on site, as hydric.

As stated in the Arid West Supplement, RBC used the hydric soils list as a tool and made final hydric soils determinations based on field-collected data at representative wetland delineation sample points deemed appropriate on site as recorded on the attached Arid West Wetland Determination Data Forms (Appendix D) discussed further in Section 6.1.

4.2 HYDROLOGY

Per the review of on-line data sources, USGS NHD maps one "Stream/River" (ephemeral) in the western portion of the review area, one "Stream/River" (ephemeral) in the southern portion of the review area, and six "Reservoirs" in the central and western portions of the review area (Figure 2; USGS 2020). USFWS NWI maps one feature with a designation of "Riverine" in the southern portion of the review area (Figure 4; USFWS 2019). USFWS NWI classifies the onsite feature as Riverine, R4SBA, indicating that the feature is an intermittent (R4) streambed (SB) that temporarily floods (A). However, based on field observations in April and June 2021, the on-site features are expected to convey ephemeral flows (i.e., only in direct response to precipitation).

The primary known hydrologic source for the observed on-site drainages and "reservoirs," discussed further below, is direct precipitation only. The southern USGS NHD and USFWS NWI feature also receives runoff from development south of the review area that is collected and conveyed on site through a culverted storm drain outlet that flows north under Brookside Avenue. Previously, on-site drainages also received runoff from the former on-site agricultural operations (poultry and livestock farm) and the on-site "reservoirs" were used as settling basins to hold

manure from chicken, pigs, and cows.

Based on field observations, the on-site USGS NHD feature within the western portion of the review area travels west, then continues off site. The USGS NHD and USFWS NWI feature within the southern portion of the review area enters the review area then drains through two culvert outlets under Brookside Avenue, travels northwest, then continues off site. The USGS NHD maps the two features as converging just west of the review area and continuing as an ephemeral stream for approximately 4 miles until transitioning to an intermittent stream for approximately 7.5 miles, then connecting with the San Timoteo Wash. The San Timoteo Wash then continues for approximately 6.6 miles before outletting into the Santa Ana River, which ultimately discharges into the Pacific Ocean (USGS 2020).

4.3 VEGETATION

Table 3 provides vegetation community acreages within the review area based on vegetation mapping conducted by RBC biologists on April 22, 2021 (Figure 6). The review area primarily consists of non-native grassland. The vegetation community classifications generally follow Holland's *Preliminary Descriptions of the Terrestrial Natural Communities of California* (Holland 1986) and are consistent with the *Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan* (MSHCP; Dudek & Associates, Inc. 2003) vegetation mapping classification.

Vegetation Community/Land Cover Type	Acre(s) ¹
Blue Elderberry (Sambucus nigra ssp. caerulea) Stands	0.31
Chamise Chaparral	0.19
Developed	61.66
Disturbed Habitat	1.59
Eucalyptus Woodland	0.80
Mulefat Scrub	2.32
Non-native Grassland	146.83
Non-native Riparian	2.37
Non-native Vegetation	0.81
Riversidean Sage Scrub	1.12
Torrey's Scrub Oak (<i>Quercus x acutidens</i>) Stands	1.37
Total	219.37

¹ Acreages summed using raw numbers provided during GIS analysis (available upon request) and thus the sum of the total rounded numbers may not directly add up in this table.

Blue Elderberry Stands

Individual stands of blue elderberry (Sambucus nigra ssp. caerulea) occur within the review area (0.31 acre). Blue elderberry is a tall woody shrub that can grow up to 25 feet tall. The blue elderberry trees within the review area do not represent a specific vegetation community, rather a monotypic stand of trees that are functionally distinct from the surrounding non-native grassland habitat.

Chamise Chaparral

Chamise chaparral is overwhelmingly dominated by chamise. Chamise chaparral within the review area (0.19 acre) contains some individuals of California buckwheat and occurs along the northwestern review area boundary. Chamise chaparral continues as patches within non-native grassland west of the review area.

Developed

Developed land does not support native vegetation and includes human-made structures. Developed land within the review area (61.66 acres) includes buildings and paved surfaces associated with the former agricultural operations.

Disturbed Habitat

Disturbed habitat is typically classified as land on which the native vegetation has been significantly altered by agriculture, construction, or other land-clearing activities, and the species composition and site conditions are not characteristic of the disturbed phase of a plant association (e.g. disturbed Riversidean sage scrub). Disturbed habitat is typically found in vacant lots, along roadsides, within construction staging areas, and in abandoned fields. The habitat is typically dominated by non-native annual species and perennial broadleaf species. Disturbed habitat within the review area (1.59 acres) occurs within the gravel driveways and staging areas that support the sparse growth of non-native grasses and forbaceous species.

Eucalyptus Woodland

Eucalyptus woodland (*Eucalyptus* spp.) habitat ranges from single-species thickets with little or no shrubby understory to scattered trees over a well-developed herbaceous and shrubby understory. In most cases, eucalyptus forms a dense stand with a closed canopy. Eucalyptus species produce a large amount of leaf and bark litter, the chemical and physical characteristics of which limit the ability of other species to grow in the understory, decreasing floristic diversity. A large stand of eucalyptus woodland occurs along the western border of the review area (0.80 acre).

Mulefat Scrub

Mulefat scrub consists of mulefat (*Baccharis salicifolia*) as the dominant or co-dominant species within a continuous shrub canopy or thicket. A few isolated, individual willows (*Salix* spp.) also occur within the continuous mulefat scrub. The herbaceous layer is typically sparse. Mulefat scrub within the review area (2.32 acres) is approximately 10-15 feet in height and co-occurs with the blue elderberry stands and non-native riparian vegetation within the canyons and drainages in the southwest.

Non-native Grassland

Non-native grassland within the review area is dominated by ripgut brome (*Bromus diandrus*) but also contains occurrences of other non-native grass and forbaceous species such as red brome (*Bromus rubens*), Mediterranean barley (*Hordeum marinum*), and short-pod mustard (*Hirschfeldia incana*). Rigid fiddleneck (*Amsinckia menziesii*) was observed within the non-native grassland habitat growing out of the topographical depressions in the western portion of review area. The review area is frequently mowed and was previously grazed using cattle, keeping non-native grasses and ruderal species fairly low to the ground. Non-native grassland (146.83 acres) occurs throughout much of the review area.

Non-native Riparian

Non-native riparian habitat includes densely vegetated riparian thickets dominated by non-native, invasive species. Non-native riparian habitat within the review area (2.37 acres) consists of monotypic stands of tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*), occurring within the drainages in the southwestern portion of the review area. Tree of heaven are large trees with some individuals exceeding 30 feet in height. Virtually no understory occurs within the stands of tree of heaven that occur within the review area.

Non-native Vegetation

Non-native vegetation refers to areas where non-native ornamentals and landscaping have been installed. Non-native vegetation within the review area (0.81 acre) occurs just south of Brookside Avenue and is dominated by tree of heaven and pine trees (*Pinus* sp.)

Riversidean Sage Scrub

Riversidean sage scrub (1.12 acres) is a form of coastal sage scrub found in Riverside County consisting of low, soft shrubs. The review area supports small patches of Riversidean sage scrub that are dominated by California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*) and California buckwheat and contain non-native grasses between shrubs. Riversidean sage scrub is found in the southwestern portion of the review area and along the southern review area boundary.

Torrey's Scrub Oak Stands

Mature individuals of Torrey's scrub oak (*Quercus x acutidens*) form distinct stands (1.37 acres) occurring along the upper banks of canyons and drainages within the western portion of the review area. Torrey's scrub oak is a small oak tree and on-site Torrey's scrub oak do not exceed 25 feet in height. Non-native grasses occur as the understory between individual trees. The stands of Torrey's scrub oak within the review area do not represent a specific vegetation community (e.g., scrub oak chaparral), but are a monotypic stand of trees that are functionally distinct from the surrounding non-native grassland habitat.

5 PRECIPITATION DATA AND ANALYSIS

RBC utilized the NRCS Agricultural Applied Climate Information System (AgACIS) database for the Beaumont 2.5 NW station (approximately 0.7 mile southeast) to access pre-site visit precipitation data (NRCS 2021), as shown in Table 4.

RBC also utilized the Corps' Antecedent Precipitation Tool (APT) to assess whether or not the

delineation date occurred in a drier, average, or wetter than normal period for the review area (Corps 2020). The Corps created the APT to assist with determining "typical year" precipitation conditions for a review area (i.e., the normal periodic range of precipitation and other climate variables for the waterbody). Additionally, the APT can also generally inform the regulatory agencies whether or not normal hydrologic/climatic conditions were on site at the time of the site visit and assist with completion of the Wetland Determination Data Forms (Appendix D).

5.1 PRECIPITATION SUMMARY

Table 4 describes the estimated monthly total precipitation for the review area from June 2020 to May 2021 to provide the pertinent pre-site visit precipitation data from the NRCS database for the Beaumont 2.5 NW, California NWS station (NRCS 2021).

	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
Monthly Total Precip. (inch[es])	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	T*	0.70	1.26	2.48	0.15	1.94	0.13	M*

Table 4. Precipitation Data for June 2020 to May 2021

5.2 ANTECEDENT PRECIPITATION TOOL DATA

The APT provides three climatological parameters: Palmer Drought Severity Index (PDSI), season, and antecedent precipitation condition. The PDSI is a standardized index calculated on a monthly basis with PDSI value outputs ranging from -10 (extremely dry) to +10 (extremely wet) (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration [NOAA] 2020) to assess drought conditions (i.e., PDSI Class). The APT determines wet vs. dry season based on related procedures provided in the applicable regional supplement for the review area (i.e., Arid West Supplement). The antecedent precipitation condition is classified as drier than normal with an antecedent runoff condition (ARC) score less than 10; normal with an ARC score between 10 to 14; or wetter than normal with an ARC score greater than 14 (Corps 2000).

Table 5 summarizes the key data extrapolated from the APT output to compare the current year 30-day rolling total to the averaged 30-year normal for the weather stations with comprehensive historical data within 30 miles of the review area: estimated drought conditions, wet or dry season determination, ARC score, and antecedent precipitation condition. The APT output provided in Appendix E and summarized in Table 5, noted a PDSI Class of "severe drought" on April 22, 2021 and "extreme drought" on June 3, 2021 and June 7, 2021 for the review area; the precipitation and climatic conditions were classified as "drier than normal" on April 22, 2021 and "normal" on June 3, 2021 and June 7, 2021 for the review area based on the 30-day rolling totals for the three months preceding the field survey dates. Field staff considered the drought conditions during the field delineation, evaluated how the drought conditions could affect the data collected on the Arid West Wetland Determination Data Forms and Ephemeral and Intermittent Streams OHWM Datasheets (Appendix D), and used recent and historic aerials to ensure appropriate representation of the extent of the on-site aquatic features for this ARDR despite 2021 drought conditions.

^{*}Per AgACIS database: "Values of 'M' indicate missing data and 'T' indicates a trace."

Field Survey Date	PDSI Value	PDSI Class	Season	ARC Score	Antecedent Precipitation Condition
4/22/2021	-3.99	Severe drought	Dry season	9	Drier than normal
6/03/2021	-4.98	Extreme drought	Dry season	10	Normal conditions
6/07/2021	-4.98	Extreme drought	Dry season	11	Normal conditions

Table 5. Antecedent Precipitation Tool Data for the Review Area

6 DESCRIPTION OF OBSERVED POTENTIAL AQUATIC RESOURCES

The following descriptions of observed potential aquatic resources within the review area document the presence or absence of aquatic resource indicators per the methods discussed in Section 3. The subsections below are intended to be reviewed independently under each agency's purview unless otherwise directed in the text (i.e., the aquatic resource description is the same between two or more agencies) given the various regulatory definitions and standards per each agency.

Appendix F provides site photographs of the features within the review area; all figures in the Figure 5 series display representative photo points.

6.1 CORPS/RWQCB WETLAND WATERS OF THE U.S./STATE

RBC collected data at three representative Wetland Data Form Points (WDP) within the review area, one within NWW-2 (see *Non-Wetland Water 2* in Section 6.2 below), one within NWW-3 (see *Non-Wetland Water 3* in Section 6.2 below), and one within B-4 (see *Basins 1 – 5* in Section 6.4 below), to determine the presence or absence of jurisdictional wetland waters of the U.S./State (Figures 5A and 5B; Appendix D). The delineated aquatic features on site did not meet the appropriate wetland parameters to qualify as wetland waters of the U.S./State based on the data collected during the field delineation, as discussed further in Section 6.2.

6.2 CORPS/RWQCB NON-WETLAND WATERS OF THE U.S./STATE

Non-Wetland Water 1

NWW-1 is a vegetated, earthen-bottom drainage that occurs within the far western portion of the review area (Figures 5A and 5B). Specifically, NWW-1 is an approximately 175-linear foot feature within an area of non-native grassland, the upstream extent of which appeared severely incised and erosional. After approximately 145 linear feet, NWW-1 converges with NWW-1A (see *Non-Wetland Water 1A* below) before continuing off site and downstream, and exhibiting a more defined bed and bank with established vegetation along the banks.

OHWM Datasheet Point (ODP) 3 (see *Non-Wetland Water 1A* below) represents the OHWM within NWW-1 given the similar conditions observed within NWW-1A; similarily, WDP 2 (see *Non-Wetland Water 2* below) provides representative wetland delineation data for NWW-1 given the similar conditions observed within NWW 2. The estimated OHWM within NWW-1 measured approximately 4 feet wide until NWW-1 converged with NWW-1A, at which point the OHWM

increased to approximately 6 feet wide.

Non-Wetland Water 1A

NWW-1A is a vegetated, earthen-bottom drainage that occurs within the far western portion of the review area and is a tributary of NWW-1 (Figures 5A and 5B). Specifically, NWW-1A is an approximately 156-linear foot feature within an area of non-native grassland that, similar to NWW-1, originates as a severely incised and erosional feature.

An OHWM delineation was conducted within the drainage to confirm the presence or absence of OHWM indicators. ODP 3 confirmed the presence of the following OHWM indicators within NWW-1A: a faint break in bank slope and change in vegetation cover between the active floodplain and adjacent uplands (Figures 5A and 5B; Appendix D, ODP 3). WDP 2 (see *Non-Wetland Water 2* below) was representative of the conditions in NWW-1A. Based on the data collected, the estimated OHWM measured approximately 6 feet wide throughout the extent of NWW-1A.

Non-Wetland Water 2

NWW-2 is a vegetated, earthen-bottom drainage that travels through the western portion of the review area, south of NWW-1 (Figures 5A and 5B). Specifically, NWW-2 is an approximately 1,018-linear foot feature within an area of non-native grassland that initiates just west of B-4 (see *Basin 4* below). After approximately 200 linear feet, NWW-2 converges with NWW-2A (see *Non-Wetland Water 2A* below), then flows approximately 90 linear feet before converging with NWW-2B (see *Non-Wetland Water 2B* below) after which NWW-2 continues an additional 70 linear feet before converging with NWW-2C (see *Non-Wetland Water 2C* below). After converging with NWW-2C, NWW-2 flows approximately 658 linear feet before continuing off site and downstream.

A wetland and OHWM delineation were conducted within NWW-2 to confirm the presence or absence of wetland parameters and/or OHWM indicators. ODP 4 confirmed the presence of the following OHWM indicators within NWW-2: a break in bank slope and change in vegetation cover between the active floodplain and adjacent uplands (Figures 5A and 5B; Appendix D, ODP 4). Based on the data collected, the estimated OHWM ranged from 3 feet to 4 feet wide throughout the extent of NWW-2.

WDP 2 was taken within a vegetated area dominated by blue elderberry (FACU), mulefat (FAC), false brome (*Brachypodium distachyon*; NL/UPL), and ripgut brome (NL/UPL). WDP 2 did not meet the hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soil, or wetland hydrology parameters (Figures 5A and 5B; Appendix D, WDP 2).

Non-Wetland Water 2A

NWW-2A is a vegetated, earthen-bottom drainage that occurs within the western portion of the review area and is a tributary to NWW-2 (Figures 5A and 5B). Specifically, NWW-2A displays a faint OHWM and flows for approximately 168 linear feet through a small area dominated by mulefat and non-native grasses before converging with NWW-2 (see *Non-Wetland Water 2* above).

ODP 4 (see *Non-Wetland Water 2* above) was representative of the OHWM in NWW-2A. WDP 2 (see *Non-Wetland Water 2* above) was representative of the conditions in NWW-2A. Based on the data collected, the estimated OHWM measured approximately 1 foot wide.

Non-Wetland Water 2B

NWW-2B is a vegetated, earthen-bottom drainage that occurs within the western portion of the review area and is a tributary to NWW-2 (Figures 5A and 5B). Specifically, NWW-2B travels for approximately 175 linear feet through an area of non-native grassland before converging with NWW-2 (see *Non-Wetland Water 2* above).

ODP 4 (see *Non-Wetland Water 2* above) represents the OHWM within NWW-2B given the similar conditions observed within NWW-2; similarly, WDP 2 (see *Non-Wetland Water 2* above) provides representative wetland delineation data for NWW-2B given the similar conditions observed within NWW 2. Based on the data collected, the estimated OHWM measured approximately 3 feet wide.

Non-Wetland Water 2C

NWW-2C is a vegetated, earthen-bottom drainage that occurs within the western portion of the review area and is a tributary to NWW-2 (Figures 5A and 5B). Specifically, NWW-2C flows for approximately 109 linear feet through a small area of non-native grassland before converging with NWW-2 (see *Non-Wetland Water 2* above).

ODP 4 (see *Non-Wetland Water 2* above) represents the OHWM within NWW-2C given the similar conditions observed within NWW-2; WDP 2 (see *Non-Wetland Water 2* above) also provides representative wetland delineation data for NWW-2C. Based on the data collected, the estimated OHWM measured approximately 3 feet wide.

Non-Wetland Water 3

NWW-3 is a vegetated, earthen-bottom drainage that flows through the southern portion of the review area (Figures 5A and 5B). Specifically, NWW-3 is an approximately 2,710-linear foot feature that enters the southern boundary of the review area then immediately flows through two culvert outlets under Brookside Avenue. After exiting the culverts, NWW-3 continues northwest for approximately 600 linear feet through an area of non-native grassland, before converging with NWW-3A (see *Non-Wetland Water 3A* below). NWW-3 then flows northwest for approximately 1,740 linear feet through areas of non-native grassland, mulefat scrub, blue elderberry stands, and non-native riparian, until converging with NWW-3B (see *Non-Wetland Water 3B* below). After converging with NWW-3B, NWW-3 flows west approximately 370 linear feet before continuing off site and downstream.

A wetland and OHWM delineation were conducted within NWW-3 to confirm the presence or absence of wetland parameters and/or OHWM indicators. ODP 7 confirmed the presence of the following OHWM indicators within NWW-3: a faint break in slope, change in average sediment texture, change in vegetation cover, and change in vegetation species between the active floodplain and adjacent uplands (Figures 5A and 5B; Appendix D, ODP 7). Based on the data collected, the estimated OHWM ranged from 4 feet to 8 feet wide throughout the extent of NWW-3.

WDP 3 was taken within a sparsely vegetated area dominated by mulefat (FAC). WDP 3 met the hydrophytic vegetation parameter; however, WDP 3 did not meet the hydric soil or wetland hydrology parameters (Figures 5A and 5B; Appendix D, WDP 3).

Non-Wetland Water 3A

NWW-3A is a vegetated, earthen-bottom drainage that occurs within the southern portion of the review area, east of NWW-3, and is a tributary to NWW-3 (Figures 5A and 5B). NWW-3A likely resulted from runoff from former agricultural fields in the northeast corner of the review area and adjacent fields to the east of the review area, based on a review of historic aerials (Appendix C). Furthermore, NWW-3A appeared to have previously convey surface flows/runoff downslope from the former farming operations within the review area, based on its location just south of the former poultry sheds and a review of historic aerials (Appendix C). Specifically, NWW-3A is an approximately 1,290-linear foot feature that originates at the western extent of Swale (S)-1 (see Swales 1-5 below) and eventually converges with converging with NWW-3 (see Non-Wetland Water 3 above).

An OHWM delineation was conducted within the drainage to confirm the presence or absence of OHWM indicators. ODP 5 confirmed the presence of the following OHWM indicators within NWW-3A: a break in bank slope, change in average sediment texture, and change in vegetation cover between the active floodplain and adjacent uplands (Figures 5A and 5B; Appendix D, ODP 5). WDP 3 (see *Non-Wetland Water 3* above) was representative of the conditions in NWW-3A.

Based on the data collected, the estimated OHWM ranged from approximately 3 feet to 6 feet wide throughout the extent of NWW-3A.

Non-Wetland Water 3B

NWW-3B is a vegetated, earthen-bottom drainage that occurs within the western portion of the review area, directly west of what remains of the former poultry sheds (Figures 5A and 5B). NWW-3B is a tributary to NWW-3 that likely resulted from runoff from former agricultural fields in the northeast corner of the review area, based on a review of historic aerials (Appendix C). Furthermore, based on a review of historic aerials and field observations, NWW-3B appeared to previously convey surface flows/runoff from the former farming operations within the review area (Appendix C). Specifically, NWW-3B is an approximately 1,273-linear foot feature that originates just west of the western extent of Erosional Feature (EF)-8 (see *Erosional Features 1-8* below), then travels approximately 393 linear feet before converging with NWW-3B1 (see *Non-Wetland Water 3B1* below), then continues another 880 linear feet before converging with NWW-3 (see *Non-Wetland Water 3* above).

ODP 5 (see *Non-Wetland Water 3A* above) provides representative data for the OHWM in NWW-3B given similar conditions within the two features. WDP 3 (see *Non-Wetland Water 3* above) provides representative wetland delineation data in NWW-3B. Based on the data collected, the estimated OHWM measured approximately 4 feet wide throughout the extent of NWW-3B.

Non-Wetland Water 3B1

NWW-3B1 is a vegetated, earthen-bottom drainage that occurs within the western portion of the review area and is a tributary to NWW-3B (Figures 5A and 5B). NWW-3B1 likely also resulted from runoff from former agricultural fields in the northeast corner of the review area, based a review of historic aerials (Appendix C). Furthermore, based on a review of historic aerials and field observations, NWW-3B1 appeared to previously convey surface flows/runoff from the former farming operations within the review area. Specifically, NWW-3B1 is an approximately 409-linear

foot feature that originates at the western extent of S-5 (see *Swales 1-5* below), then drains south/southwest as it gradually widens before converging with NWW-3B (see *Non-Wetland Water 3B* above).

Data collected at ODP 5 (see *Non-Wetland Water 3A* above) represents of the OHWM observed within NWW-3B1. WDP 3 (see *Non-Wetland Water 3* above) also provides wetland delineation data in NWW-3B1. Based on the data collected, the estimated OHWM ranged from approximately 1 foot to 4 feet wide.

6.3 CDFW STREAMBED AND ASSOCIATED RIPARIAN AND WETLAND HABITATS

Figure 5C displays the estimated extent of streambed within the review area, delineated based on the top of the channel banks.

Non-Wetland Water 1: Vegetated Streambed

NWW-1 is a heavily vegetated, earthen-bottom drainage that occurs within the far western portion of the review area (Figure 5C). Specifically, NWW-1 is an approximately 175-linear foot feature ranging from approximately ten feet wide to 22 feet wide from bank to bank, within an area of non-native grassland, the upstream extent of which appeared severly incised and erosional. After approximately 145 linear feet, NWW-1 converges with NWW-1A (see *Non-Wetland Water 1A: Vegetated Streambed* below) before continuing off site and downstream, and exhibiting a more defined bed and bank with established vegetation along the banks. The streambed and earthen banks are generally dominated by non-native grassland plant species such as ripgut brome (NL/UPL), false brome (NL/UPL), and shortpod mustard (NL/UPL).

Non-Wetland Water 1A: Vegetated Streambed

NWW-1A is a heavily vegetated, earthen-bottom drainage that occurs within the far western portion of the review area and is a tributary of NWW-1 (Figure 5C). Specifically, NWW-1A is an approximately 156-linear foot feature ranging from approximately eight feet wide to 24 feet wide from bank to bank, within an area of non-native grassland that, similar to NWW-1, originates as a severely incised and erosional feature. The streambed and earthen banks are generally dominated by non-native grassland plant species such as ripgut brome (NL/UPL), false brome (NL/UPL), and shortpod mustard (NL/UPL).

Non-Wetland Water 2: Vegetated Streambed

NWW-2 is a vegetated, earthen-bottom drainage that travels through the western portion of the review area, south of NWW-1 (Figure 5C). Specifically, NWW-2 is an approximately 1,018-linear foot feature ranging from approximately 14 feet wide to 56 feet wide from bank to bank, within an area of non-native grassland that initiates just west of B-4 (see *Basin 4* below). After approximately 200 linear feet, NWW-2 converges with NWW-2A (see *Non-Wetland Water 2A: Vegetated Streambed* below), then continues approximately 90 linear feet before converging with NWW-2B (see *Non-Wetland Water 2B: Vegetated Streambed* below), and travels an additional 70 linear feet before converging with NWW-2C (see *Non-Wetland Water 2C: Vegetated Streambed* below). After converging with NWW-2C, NWW-2 flows west approximately 658 linear feet before continuing off site and downstream. The streambed and earthen banks are generally dominated by non-native

grassland plant species such as ripgut brome (NL/UPL), false brome (NL/UPL), and shortpod mustard (NL/UPL).

Non-Wetland Water 2A: Vegetated Streambed

NWW-2A is a vegetated, earthen-bottom drainage that occurs within the western portion of the review area and is a tributary to NWW-2 (Figure 5C). NWW-2A likely resulted from runoff from the former agricultural operations, based on field observations and a review of historic aerials (Appendix C). Specifically, NWW-2A displays a faint streambed measuring approximately one to two feet wide from bank to bank, and flows for approximately 168 linear feet through a small area dominated by mulefat and non-native grasses before converging with NWW-2 (see *Non-Wetland Water 2: Vegetated Streambed* above). The streambed and earthen banks are generally dominated by non-native grassland plant species such as ripgut brome (NL/UPL), false brome (NL/UPL), and shortpod mustard (NL/UPL), as well as mulefat (FAC).

Non-Wetland Water 2A: Riparian Habitat

Riparian habitat observed as directly associated with the delineated NWW-2A streambed includes mulefat scrub (Figure 5C).

Non-Wetland Water 2B: Vegetated Streambed

NWW-2B is a vegetated, earthen-bottom drainage that occurs within the western portion of the review area and is a tributary to NWW-2 (Figure 5C). Specifically, NWW-2B ranges from approximately ten feet wide to 28 feet wide from bank to bank and travels for approximately 175 linear feet through an area of non-native grassland before converging with NWW-2 (see *Non-Wetland Water 2: Vegetated Streambed* above). The streambed and earthen banks are generally dominated by non-native grassland plant species such as ripgut brome (NL/UPL), false brome (NL/UPL), and shortpod mustard (NL/UPL), as well as mulefat (FAC).

Non-Wetland Water 2C: Vegetated Streambed

NWW-2C is a vegetated earthen-bottom drainage that occurs within the western portion of the review area and is a tributary to NWW-2 (Figure 5C). Specifically, NWW-2C ranges from approximately 19 feet wide to 40 feet wide from bank to bank and flows northwest for approximately 109 linear feet through a small area of non-native grassland before converging with NWW-2 (see *Non-Wetland Water 2: Vegetated Streambed* above). The streambed and earthen banks are generally dominated by non-native grassland plant species such as ripgut brome (NL/UPL), false brome (NL/UPL), and shortpod mustard (NL/UPL), as well as mulefat (FAC).

Non-Wetland Water 3: Vegetated Streambed

NWW-3 is a vegetated, earthen-bottom drainage that flows through the southern portion of the review area (Figure 5C). Specifically, NWW-3 is an approximately 2,710-linear foot that ranges from approximately 12 feet wide to 140 feet wide from bank to bank. NWW-3 enters the southern boundary of the review area then immediately drains through two culvert outlets under Brookside Avenue. After exiting the culverts, NWW-3 travels northwest for approximately 600 linear feet through an area of non-native grassland, before converging with NWW-3A (see *Non-Wetland Water 3A* below). NWW-3 then continues northwest for approximately 1,740 linear feet through areas of non-native grassland, mulefat scrub, blue elderberry stands, and non-native riparian, until

converging with NWW-3B (see *Non-Wetland Water 3B: Vegetated Streambed* below). After converging with NWW-3B, NWW-3 flows west approximately 370 linear feet before continuing off site and downstream. The streambed is generally dominated by dominated by non-native grassland plant species such as ripgut brome (NL/UPL), false brome (NL/UPL), shortpod mustard (NL/UPL), and horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*; FACU).

Non-Wetland Water 3: Riparian Habitat

Riparian habitat observed as directly associated with the delineated NWW-3 streambed includes mulefat scrub, non-native riparian (dominated by tree of heaven [FACU]), and blue elderberry stands (Figure 5C).

Non-Wetland Water 3A: Vegetated Streambed

NWW-3A is a vegetated, earthen-bottom drainage that occurs within the southern portion of the review area, east of NWW-3, and is a tributary to NWW-3 (Figure 5C). NWW-3A likely resulted from runoff from former agricultural fields within the northeast corner of the review area and adjacent fields to the east of the review area, based on a review of historic aerials (Appendix C). Furthermore, NWW-3A appeared to have previously convey surface flows/runoff downslope from the former farming operations within the review area, based on its location just south of the former poultry sheds and a review of historic aerials (Appendix C). Specifically, NWW-3A is an approximately 1,290-linear foot feature ranging from approximately seven feet wide to 62 feet wide from bank to bank that originates at the western extent of S-1 (see *Swales 1-5* below) and eventually flows into NWW-3 (see *Non-Wetland Water 3: Vegetated Streambed* above). The streambed is generally dominated by ripgut brome (NL/UPL), false brome (NL/UPL), shortpod mustard (NL/UPL), and horehound (FACU).

Non-Wetland Water 3B: Vegetated Streambed

NWW-3B is a vegetated earthen-bottom drainage that occurs within the western portion of the review area, directly west of what remains of the former poultry sheds (Figure 5C). NWW-3B is a tributary to NWW-3 that likely resulted from runoff from former agricultural fields in the northeast corner of the review area, based on a review of historic aerials (Appendix C). Furthermore, based on a review of historic aerials and field observations, NWW-3B appeared to previously convey surface flows/runoff from the former farming operations within the review area. Specifically, NWW-3B is an approximately 1,273-linear foot feature ranging from approximately 20 feet wide to 60 feet wide from bank to bank that originates just west of the western extent of EF-8 (see *Erosional Features 1-8* below), then flows west approximately 393 linear feet before converging with NWW-3B1 (see *Non-Wetland Water 3B1: Vegetated Streambed* below), then travels another 880 linear feet before converging with NWW-3 (see *Non-Wetland Water 3: Vegetated Streambed* above). The streambed is generally dominated by ripgut brome (NL/UPL), false brome (NL/UPL), and shortpod mustard (NL/UPL).

Non-Wetland Water 3B1: Vegetated Streambed

NWW-3B1 is a vegetated earthen-bottom drainage that occurs within the western portion of the review area and is a tributary to NWW-3B (Figure 5C). NWW-3B1 likely resulted from runoff from former agricultural fields in the northeast corner of the review area, based on a review of historic aerials (Appendix C). Furthermore, based on a review of historic aerials and field observations,

NWW-3B1 appeared to previously convey surface flows/runoff from the former farming operations within the review area. Specifically, NWW-3B1 is an approximately 409-linear foot feature ranging from approximately six feet wide to 34 feet wide from bank to bank that originates at the western extent of S-5 (see *Swales 1-5* below), then continues south/southwest as it gradually widens before converging with NWW-3B (see *Non-Wetland Water 3B: Vegetated Streambed* above). The streambed is generally dominated by ripgut brome (NL/UPL), false brome (NL/UPL), and shortpod mustard (NL/UPL).

6.4 OTHER FEATURES

Field staff further investigated several areas with potential aquatic resource indicators, including basins, swales, erosional features, and an abandoned ditch as described below. Additionally, ODP 1 was taken within a lower topographic area between two gentle slopes (Figures 5A – 5C; Appendix D, ODP 1). This lower topographic area and other similar areas within the review area (See Appendix F, Photos 2, 3, 5, and 6) did not display an OHWM or exhibit bed and bank indicators, and did not appear to convey surface flows. As discussed in Section 4, the review area has been heavily manipulated and disturbed since at least 1938 based on review of historic aerials (Appendix C); many of the features discussed below are expected to be a result of the consistent manipulation of the review area.

Furthermore, the features discussed in this section are not discussed further in this ARDR as they are not anticipated to be jurisdictional under the Corps, RWQCB, or CDFW regulations, policy, and/or guidance based on the information provided in this section. An approved jurisdictional determination (AJD) can be provided under separate cover if required to confirm the features discussed below are not waters of the U.S.

Swales 1-5

Five swales (S-1 through S-5; Figures 5A – 5C) were observed during the field delineation that did not display an observable OHWM, bed and bank, or other evidence of conveying regular flows on site. These disturbed swale features also did not appear to convey flows to downstream aquatic resources via observed flow patterns, culverts, or other flow paths. A summary of the observed swales are provided below.

S-1 is a slightly concave drainage area located in the southeastern corner of the review area that eventually converges with NWW-3A at its western extent. S-1 did not display an observable OHWM or bed and bank and instead appeared to convey surface flows from EF-4, which historically conveyed runoff from former agricultural fields in the neighboring properties east of the review area (Appendix C). ODP 6, taken in an area of non-native grassland, did not show evidence of a break in slope or a defined bed and bank between the swale and adjacent uplands. Additionally, ODP 6 did not contain a change in sediment texture, change in vegetation species or cover, or any other OHWM indicators between the swale and the adjacent upland area (Figures 5A – 5C; Appendix D, ODP 6). Thus, this swale was determined to not have an OHWM or defined bed and bank.

S-2 is a slightly concave drainage area located in the southeastern portion of the review area, north of S-1, that converges with NWW-3A at its western extent. S-2 likely resulted from runoff from former agricultural fields in the northeast corner of the review area, based on a review of historic

aerials (Appendix C). Furthermore, S-2 appeared to have previously conveyed surface flows/runoff from the former farming operations within the review area based on its location just south of the former locations of the poultry sheds and a review of historic aerials (Appendix C). The conditions and vegetation observed at S-1 were similar to and representative of the conditions and vegetation observed at S-2. Thus, this swale was determined to not have an OHWM or defined bed and bank.

S-3 is a slightly concave drainage area located in the southeastern portion of the review area, west of S-1 and S-2, that converges with NWW-3A at its southern extent. S-3 appeared to have previously conveyed surface flows/runoff downslope from the former farming operations, based on its location just south of the former locations of the poultry sheds and a review of historic aerials (Appendix C). The conditions and vegetation observed at S-1 were similar to and representative of the conditions and vegetation observed at S-3. Thus, this swale was determined to not have an OHWM or defined bed and bank.

S-4 is a slightly concave drainage area located in the central portion of the review area, east of NWW-3B, that converges with EF-6 at its western extent. S-4 appeared to have previously conveyed surface flows/runoff from the former farming operations, based on its location just south of the former locations of the poultry sheds and a review of historic aerials (Appendix C). The conditions and vegetation observed at S-1 were similar to and representative of the conditions and vegetation observed at S-4. Thus, this swale was determined to not have an OHWM or defined bed and bank.

S-5 is a concave drainage area located in the central portion of the review area, just west of Ditch (D)-1 (see *Ditch 1* below), that converges with NWW-3B1 at its western extent. S-5 appeared to have previously conveyed surface flows/runoff from an abandoned ditch (D-1) associated with the former agricultural operations. The conditions and vegetation observed at S-1 were similar to and representative of the conditions and vegetation observed at S-5. Thus, this swale was determined to not have an OHWM or defined bed and bank.

Basins 1 - 5

Five basins (B-1 through B-5; Figures 5A – 5C) that occur within the western portion of the review area did not display an observable OHWM or bed and bank and instead displayed cracked soils and some concavity within the otherwise flat landscape indicative of a basin. As discussed previously in Section 4, the former poultry farm developed B-1 through B-5 for use as settling basins to hold manure from chicken, pigs, and cows. Four additional areas were investigated as potential basins, based on the appearance of ponding water and/or possible concavity during a review of recent and historic aerials (Appendix C). These areas (see Appendix F, Photos 16, 37, 44, 45, and 46) were determined to not qualify as basins, based on a lack of cracked soils and concavity.

Wetland delineation data was collected within B-4 within a small stand of mulefat (FAC) to confirm the presence or absence of wetland parameters. WDP 1 met the wetland hydrology parameter based on the presence of surface soil cracks; however, WDP 1 did not meet the hydrophytic vegetation or hydric soil parameters (Figures 5A-5C; Appendix D, WDP 1). WDP 1 was representative of the wetland conditions for B-1, B-2, B-3, and B-5.

Erosional Features 1-8

Eight erosional features (EF-1 through EF-8; Figures 5A to 5C) were observed during the field delineation that did not display an observable OHWM or defined bed and bank, and were severely incised. A summary of the observed erosional features are provided below.

EF-1 is an incised erosional feature located in the northwestern corner of the review area. EF-1 abruptly starts and stops within the otherwise flat landscape. EF-1 exhibited a slight break in slope, but did not exhibit a distinctive change in average sediment texture, change in vegetation species or cover, or any other OHWM indicators. Thus, this erosional feature was determined to not have an OHWM or defined bed and bank.

EF-2 and EF-3 are deeply incised gullies/erosional features located south of EF-1, in the northwestern portion of the review area. Similar to EF-1, EF-2 and EF-3 also abruptly start and stop within the review area. ODP 2, taken in an area of non-native grassland within EF-2, exhibited a slight break in bank slope, but did not exhibit a distinctive change in average sediment texture, change in vegetation species or cover, or any other OHWM indicators (Figures 5A – 5C; Appendix D, ODP 2). The conditions and vegetation observed at EF-2 were similar to and representative of the conditions and vegetation observed at EF-3. Thus, these erosional features wer determined to not have an OHWM or defined bed and bank. Additionally, based on the established vegetation within the gullies and the abrupt stop to the features, EF-2 and EF-3 appear to no longer receive flows and do not convey flows downstream.

EF-4 is a gully/erosional feature located in the southeastern corner of the review area. EF-4 appears to initiate just to the east of the review area and appeared to previously convey runoff from former agricultural fields in the neighboring properties east of the review area (Appendix C). EF-4 continues for a short distance before dissipating and becoming swale-like (see *Swales 1 – 5* above). EF-4 exhibited a slight break in slope, but did not exhibit a distinctive change in average sediment texture, change in vegetation species or cover, or any other other OHWM indicators. Thus, this erosional feature was determined to not have an OHWM or defined bed and bank. Additionally, based on the established vegetation within EF-4 and the quick transition into S-1, EF-4 appears to no longer receive flows or receive flows very infrequently, and does not convey flows downstream.

EF-5 is a slightly incised erosional feature located in the southeastern portion of the review area. EF-5 appears to have conveyed runoff downslope from the previous poultry farm operations, due to its location just south of the former locations of the poultry sheds. EF-5 exhibited a slight break in slope, but did not exhibit a distinctive change in average sediment texture, change in vegetation species or cover, or any other other OHWM indicators. Thus, this erosional feature was determined to not have an OHWM or defined bed and bank. Additionally, based on the established vegetation within EF-5, EF-5 appears to no longer receive flows.

EF-6 is a sharply incised gully/erosional feature located in the central portion of the review area, just west of S-4 (see *Swales 1 – 5* above). EF-6 appears to have conveyed runoff from the previous poultry farm operations, due to its location just south of the former locations of the poultry sheds and the presence of a black pipe where EF-6 initiates, that is assumed to have outletted discharge from the former farming operations. EF-6 exhibited a slight break in slope, but did not exhibit a distinctive change in average sediment texture, change in vegetation species or cover, or any other

other OHWM indicators. Thus, this erosional feature was determined to not have an OHWM or defined bed and bank. Additionally, based on the established vegetation within EF-6, EF-6 appears to no longer receive flows and does not convey flows downstream into NWW-3B.

EF-7 is a gully/erosional feature located in the central portion of the review area, just south of EF-6, that connects to EF-8. Similar to EF-6, EF-7 appears to have conveyed runoff from the previous poultry farm operations, due to its location just south of the former locations of the poultry sheds and the presence of a black pipe where EF-7 initiates, that is assumed to have outletted discharge from the former farming operations. It appeared that EF-7 previously discharged into EF-8, which was a slightly less incised erosional feature. EF-7 and EF-8 exhibited a slight break in slope, but did not exhibit a distinctive change in average sediment texture, change in vegetation species or cover, or any other other OHWM indicators. Thus, these erosional features were determined to not have an OHWM or defined bed and bank. Additionally, based on the established vegetation within EF-7 and EF-8, these erosional features appear to no longer receive flows and do not convey flows downstream into NWW-3B.

Ditch 1

D-1 (Figures 5A to 5C) is an earthen-bottom ditch that is located in the center of the review area, within the former locations of the poultry sheds. D-1, which is located within an area of non-native grassland, appears to have initiated as runoff from underneath a concrete slab associated with the poultry sheds, then continues west before traveling through a culverted pipe and becoming more incised at several points before abruptly terminating (see Appendix F, Photo 40). Based on the established vegetation and a review of historic aerials (Appendix C), D-1 is an abandoned ditch that was created between May 2002 and June 2003 to convey runoff away from the poultry sheds. D-1 displayed a break in bank slope but did not exhibit a distinctive change in average sediment texture, change in vegetation species or cover, or any other other OHWM indicators. Vegetation within the ditch was well established and contained some refuse from the former agricultural operations, indicating that this ditch likely no longer receives flows and does not convey flows downstream into NWW-3BA.

7 DEVIATION FROM NWI AND NHD

The delineated extent of NWW-3 generally occurs within the area mapped by the USFWS NWI as "Riverine" and the area mapped by the NRCS NHD as an ephemeral "Stream/River" in the southern portion of the review area. However, although the NWI designates this aquatic resource as intermittent (R4), based on field observations in April and June 2021, NWW-3 is expected to convey ephemeral flows (i.e., only in direct response to precipitation). The delineated extent of NWW-2 generally occurs within the area mapped by the NRCS NHD as an ephemeral "Stream/River" in the western portion of the review area. The delienated extent of B-1, B-2, B-3, B-4, and B-5 generally occur within five of the areas mapped by the NRCS NHD as "Reservoir"; two additional areas mapped by the NRCS NHD as "Reservoir" were inspected but were determined to not qualify as reservoirs based on a lack of cracked soils and concavity (see *Basins 1 – 5* above). USGS NHD and USFWS NWI do not map any additional aquatic resources within the review area.

8 RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

The results provided in this section include the extent of delineated aquatic resources within the review area based on observed field indicators of potential waters of the U.S., waters of the State, and CDFW streambed and associated wetland and/or riparian habitat per the methodologies discussed in Section 3.

This section, however, does not analyze the Corps' jurisdictional status of the delineated features per the current regulations, guidance, and standard operating procedures. A jurisdictional analysis for an AJD, along with the applicable JD request forms, will be provided under separate cover to the Corps.

8.1 CORPS

NWW-1, NWW-1A, NWW-2, NWW-2A, NWW-2B, NWW-2C, NWW-3, NWW-3A, NWW-3B, and NWW-3B1 displayed clear indicators of an OHWM, such as a break in bank slope, change in average sediment texture, and change in vegetation species and cover between the drainage and adjacent uplands (Figure 5A). However, these features did not meet the three wetland parameters.

As such, NWW-1, NWW-1A, NWW-2, NWW-2A, NWW-2B, NWW-2C, NWW-3, NWW-3A, NWW-3B, and NWW-3B1 may be considered non-wetland waters of the U.S. given the presence of an OHWM. Approximately 0.83 acre (7,483 linear feet) of potential non-wetland waters of the U.S. associated with NWW-1, NWW-1A, NWW-2, NWW-2A, NWW-2B, NWW-2C, NWW-3, NWW-3A, NWW-3B, and NWW-3B1 occur within the review area, as further detailed in Table 6 and as shown on Figure 5A. The ORM Bulk Upload Aquatic Resources or Consolidated Excel spreadsheet is included as Appendix I.

Active Presence Channel Observed Observed Aquatic Cowardin of Dominant Location Linear Resource Width OHWM Wetland Acre(s)4 OHWM/ Vegetation³ Code (lat, long) Feet Name Range Indicators1 Parameters² Wetland (Feet) CVC, BBS; Non-native None; see 33.965908, NWW-1 R6 Yes/No Grassland; See 0.02 175 4 - 6see NWW-2⁶ -117.025153 NWW-1A⁵ WDP 2 Non-native None; see 33.966006, NWW-1A R6 6 - 6CVC, BBS Yes/No Grassland; See 0.02 156 NWW-2⁶ -117.025084 WDP 2 Non-native 33.964929. NWW-2 0.09 R6 3 - 4CVC, BBS None Yes/No Grassland; See 1,018 -117.023925 WDP 2 CVC, BBS; None: see Mulefat Scrub: 33.964977. NWW-2A R6 Yes/No < 0.01 168 1 - 2see NWW-2⁶ See WDP 3 -117.022656 NWW-2⁵ CVC, BBS; Non-native None: see 33.965185, NWW-2B 0.01 R6 3 - 3Yes/No Grassland; See 175 see $NWW-2^6$ -117.022994 NWW-2⁵ WDP 2 CVC, BBS; Non-native

Yes/No

Grassland; See

WDP 2

None; see

NWW-2⁶

Table 6. Aquatic Resource Summary Table: Corps

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Aquatic Resource Name	Cowardin Code	Active Channel Width Range (Feet)	Observed OHWM Indicators ¹	Observed Wetland Parameters ²	Presence of OHWM/ Wetland	Dominant Vegetation ³	Location (lat, long)	Acre(s) ⁴	Linear Feet
NWW-3	R6	4 – 8	CAST, CVS, CVC, BBS	HV	Yes/No	Mulefat Scrub; See WDP 3	33.962391, -117.021747	0.39	2,710
NWW-3A	R6	3-6	CAST, CVS, BBS	HV; see NWW-3 ⁶	Yes/No	Non-native Grassland; See WDP 2	33.962760, -117.018132	0.15	1,290
NWW-3B	R6	4 – 4	CAST, CVS, BBS; see NWW-3A ⁵	HV; see NWW-3 ⁶	Yes/No	Mulefat Scrub; See WDP 3	33.963540, -117.022834	0.12	1,273
NWW- 3B1	R6	1 – 4	CAST, CVS, BBS; see NWW-3A ⁵	HV; see NWW-3 ⁶	Yes/No	Non-native Grassland; See WDP 2	33.964055, -117.021934	0.03	409
		•		_			Total	0.83	7,483

¹ OHWM Indicators: CAST = Change in average sediment texture; CVS = Change in vegetation species; CVC = Change in vegetation cover; BBS = Break in bank slope

8.2 RWOCB

NWW-1, NWW-1A, NWW-2, NWW-2A, NWW-2B, NWW-2C, NWW-3, NWW-3A, NWW-3B, and NWW-3B1 displayed clear indicators of an OHWM, such as a break in bank slope, change in average sediment texture, and change in vegetation species and cover between the drainage and adjacent uplands (Figure 5B). However, these features did not meet the three wetland parameters.

As such, NWW-1, NWW-1A, NWW-2, NWW-2A, NWW-2B, NWW-2C, NWW-3, NWW-3A, NWW-3B, and NWW-3B1 may be considered non-wetland waters of the State given the presence of an OHWM. Approximately 0.83 acre (7,483 linear feet) of potential non-wetland waters of the State associated with NWW-1, NWW-1A, NWW-2, NWW-2A, NWW-2B, NWW-2C, NWW-3, NWW-3A, NWW-3B, and NWW-3B1 occur within the review area, as further detailed in Table 7 and as shown on Figure 5B.

Aquatic Resource Name	Cowardin Code	Active Channel Width Range (Feet)	Observed OHWM Indicators ¹	Observed Wetland Parameters ²	Presence of OHWM/ Wetland	Dominant Vegetation ³	Location (lat, long)	Acre(s) ⁴	Linear Feet
NWW-1	R6	4 – 6	CVC, BBS; see NWW-1A ⁵	None; see NWW-2 ⁶	Yes/No	Non-native Grassland; See WDP 2	33.965908, -117.025153	0.02	175

Table 7. Aquatic Resource Summary Table: RWQCB

² Wetland Indicators: HV = Hydrophytic vegetation

³ See Figure 6 for all vegetation communities present within each aquatic resource.

⁴ Acreages summed using raw numbers provided during GIS analysis (available upon request) and thus the sum of the total rounded numbers may not directly add up in this table.

⁵ Based on a representative ODP taken within an aquatic resource with similar conditions.

⁶ Based on a representative WDP taken within an aquatic resource with similar conditions.

Aquatic Resource Name	Cowardin Code	Active Channel Width Range (Feet)	Observed OHWM Indicators ¹	Observed Wetland Parameters ²	Presence of OHWM/ Wetland	Dominant Vegetation ³	Location (lat, long)	Acre(s) ⁴	Linear Feet
NWW-1A	R6	6-6	CVC, BBS	None; see NWW-2 ⁶	Yes/No	Non-native Grassland; See WDP 2	33.966006, -117.025084	0.02	156
NWW-2	R6	3 – 4	CVC, BBS	None	Yes/No	Non-native Grassland; See WDP 2	33.964929, -117.023925	0.09	1,018
NWW-2A	R6	1 – 1	CVC, BBS; see NWW-2 ⁵	None; see NWW-2 ⁶	Yes/No	Mulefat Scrub; See WDP 3	33.964977, -117.022656	<0.01	168
NWW-2B	R6	3-3	CVC, BBS; see NWW-2 ⁵	None; see NWW-2 ⁶	Yes/No	Non-native Grassland; See WDP 2	33.965185, -117.022994	0.01	175
NWW-2C	R6	3-3	CVC, BBS; see NWW-2 ⁵	None; see NWW-2 ⁶	Yes/No	Non-native Grassland; See WDP 2	33.964845, -117.023224	0.01	109
NWW-3	R6	4 – 8	CAST, CVS, CVC, BBS	HV	Yes/No	Mulefat Scrub; See WDP 3	33.962391, -117.021747	0.39	2,710
NWW-3A	R6	3-6	CAST, CVS, BBS	HV; see NWW-3 ⁶	Yes/No	Non-native Grassland; See WDP 2	33.962760, -117.018132	0.15	1,290
NWW-3B	R6	4 – 4	CAST, CVS, BBS; see NWW-3A ⁵	HV; see NWW-3 ⁶	Yes/No	Mulefat Scrub; See WDP 3	33.963540, -117.022834	0.12	1,273
NWW- 3B1	R6	1 – 4	CAST, CVS, BBS; see NWW-3A ⁵	HV; see NWW-3 ⁶	Yes/No	Non-native Grassland; See WDP 2	33.964055, -117.021934	0.03	409
							Total	0.83	7,483

¹OHWM Indicators: CAST = Change in average sediment texture; CVS = Change in vegetation species; CVC = Change in vegetation cover; BBS = Break in bank slope

² Wetland Indicators: HV = Hydrophytic vegetation

³ See Figure 6 for all vegetation communities present within each aquatic resource.

⁴ Acreages summed using raw numbers provided during GIS analysis (available upon request) and thus the sum of the total rounded numbers may not directly add up in this table.

⁵ Based on a representative ODP taken within an aquatic resource with similar conditions.

⁶ Based on a representative WDP taken within an aquatic resource with similar conditions.

8.3 CDFW

NWW-1, NWW-1A, NWW-2, NWW-2A, NWW-2B, NWW-2C, NWW-3, NWW-3A, NWW-3B, and NWW-3B1 qualify as CDFW streambed with associated riparian habitat.

Approximately 8.00 acres (7,483 linear feet) of vegetated streambed and 1.01 acres of riparian habitat occur within the review area, as further detailed in Table 8 and as shown on Figure 5C.

Table 8. Aquatic Resource Summary Table: CDFW

Aquatic Resource Name	Aquatic Resource Type	Vegetation Community	Width Range ¹ (Feet)	Location (lat, long)	Acre(s)	Linear Feet ²	
NWW-1	Vegetated	Non-native Grassland	10 – 22	33.965912, -117.025153	0.06	191	
	Streambed	Tarrey de Corrub Cold		33.965905, -117.025193	0.01	101	
NWW-1A	Vegetated Streambed	Non-native Grassland	8 – 24	33.966014, -117.025085	0.07	139	
NWW-2	Vegetated	Non-native Grassland	14 – 56	33.964951, -117.023674	0.71	1,095	
	Streambed	Torrey's Scrub Oak	11 00	33.964834, -117.024985	0.12	1,000	
	WW-2A Vegetated Streambed Riparian Habitat ³	Non-native Grassland	1 – 2	33.964970, -117.022752	<0.01	132	
NWW-2A		Mulefat Scrub	. 1	33.964971, - 117.022536	<0.01	102	
		Mulefat Scrub	N/A	33.964966, -117.022542	0.03	_	
NWW-2B	Vegetated Streambed	Non-native Grassland	10 – 28	33.965173, -117.023011	0.08	150	
NWW-2C	Vegetated Streambed	Non-native Grassland	19 – 40	33.964825, -117.023223	0.07	93	
		Non-native Grassland	-117.0219 33.96304 -117.0238 33.96369 -117.0252 33.96237 117.0221 33.96217	33.962547, -117.021943	2.37		
	Vegetated Streambed	Mulefat Scrub		33.963045, -117.023804	1.05		
		Eucalyptus Woodland		33.963695, -117.025272	0.07	2,950	
		Non-native Riparian		33.962377, - 117.022101	1.02	2,500	
NWW-3		Blue Elderberry		33.962170, -117.020330	0.11		
		Riversidean Sage Scrub		33.961267, -117.018481	0.03		
		Mulefat Scrub		33.961528, -117.018718	0.03	_	
	Riparian Habitat ³	Non-native Riparian	N/A	33.962322, -117.022037	0.69		
		Blue Elderberry		33.962269, -117.020283	0.04		

Aquatic Resource Name	Aquatic Resource Type	Vegetation Community	Width Range ¹ (Feet)	Location (lat, long)	Acre(s)	Linear Feet ²
	Vegetated Streambed	Non-native Grassland	7 – 62	33.962783, -117.018163	0.87	1,261
NWW-3A		Blue Elderberry	, 02	33.962425, -117.019001	0.14	.,201
	Riparian Habitat ³	Blue Elderberry	N/A	33.962362, -117.019172	0.01	
	Vegetated Streambed	Non-native Grassland	20 – 60	33.963562, -117.023254	0.36	
NWW-3B		Mulefat Scrub		33.963617, -117.022422	0.61	1,106
144444-315		Riversidean Sage Scrub		33.963566, -117.022903	0.07	
	Riparian Habitat ³	Mulefat Scrub	N/A	33.963610, -117.020925	0.21	_
NWW-3B1	Vegetated Streambed	Non-native Grassland	6 – 34	33.964098, -117.021923	0.18	365
				Total ⁴	9.01	7,483

¹ Corresponds with the approximate stream bank widths observed during delineation. Width range accounts for entirety of streambed delineated, not individual vegetation communities.

8.4 DISCLAIMER STATEMENT

The aquatic resources acreages and linear feet estimated in this section represent the existing conditions during the time of the field surveys. Please note that the applicable agencies will make final jurisdictional determinations. RBC recommends early coordination with the resource agencies to determine the final jurisdictional boundaries, applicable permitting processes, compensatory mitigation requirements, and other potential permitting issues specific to the proposed work within the review area. Agency representatives may request to access the site to field-verify the results of this ARDR with the applicant, or a designated representative.

The information provided in this report should remain valid for up to five years from the date of the field effort for the jurisdictional delineation unless site conditions change substantially, or a regulatory agency requires an updated report.

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² Linear feet not calculated for individual aquatic resource type and vegetation community (including riparian habitat that occurs outside of delineated streambed) to avoid redundant linear foot calculation where such areas overlap.

³Occurs outside of delineated streambed.

⁴ Acreages and linear feet totals were summed using raw numbers provided during GIS analysis (available upon request) and thus the sum of the total rounded numbers may not directly add up in this table.

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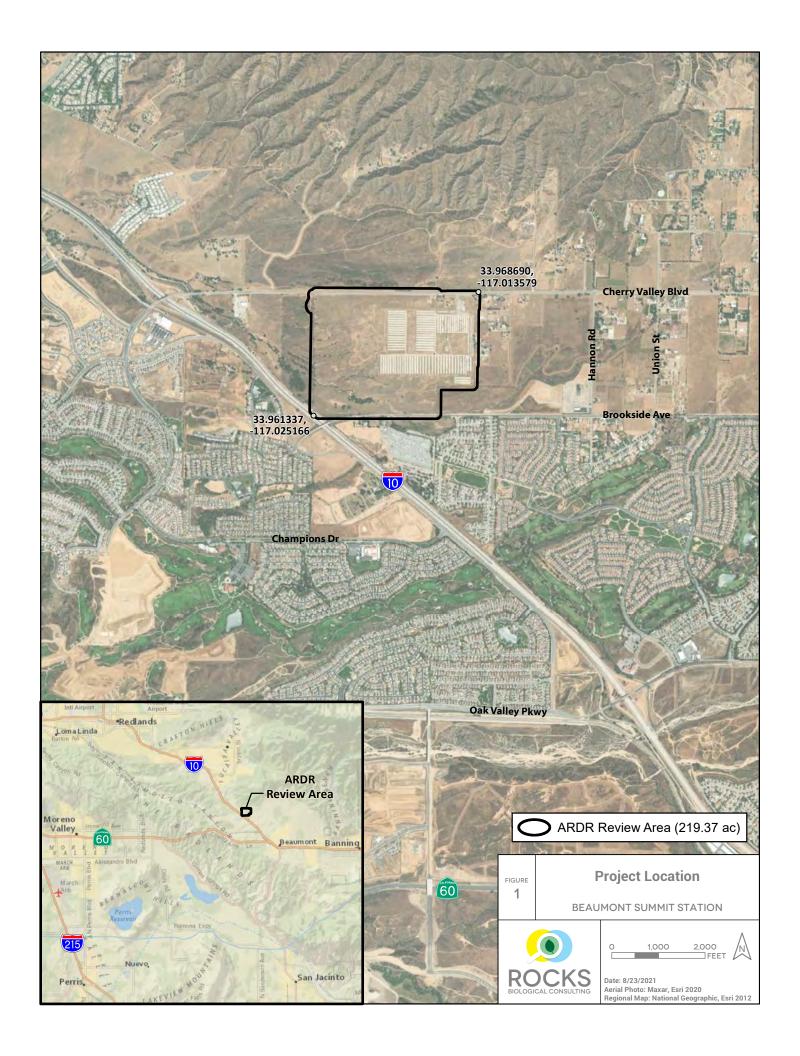
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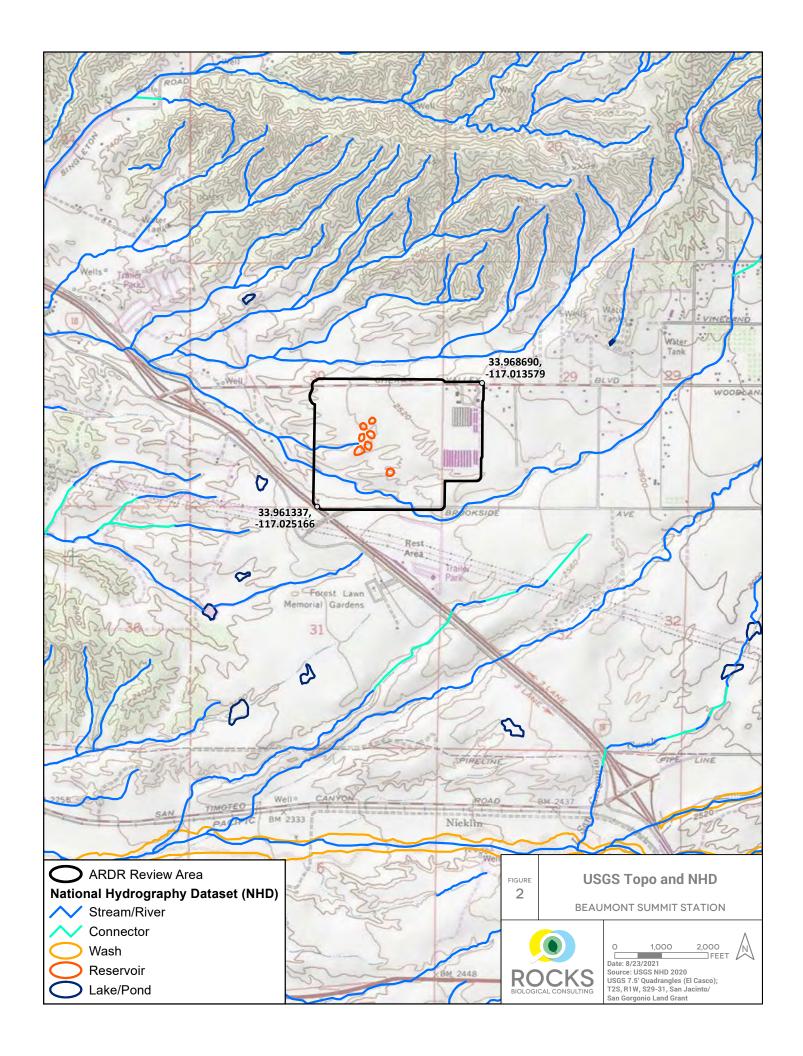
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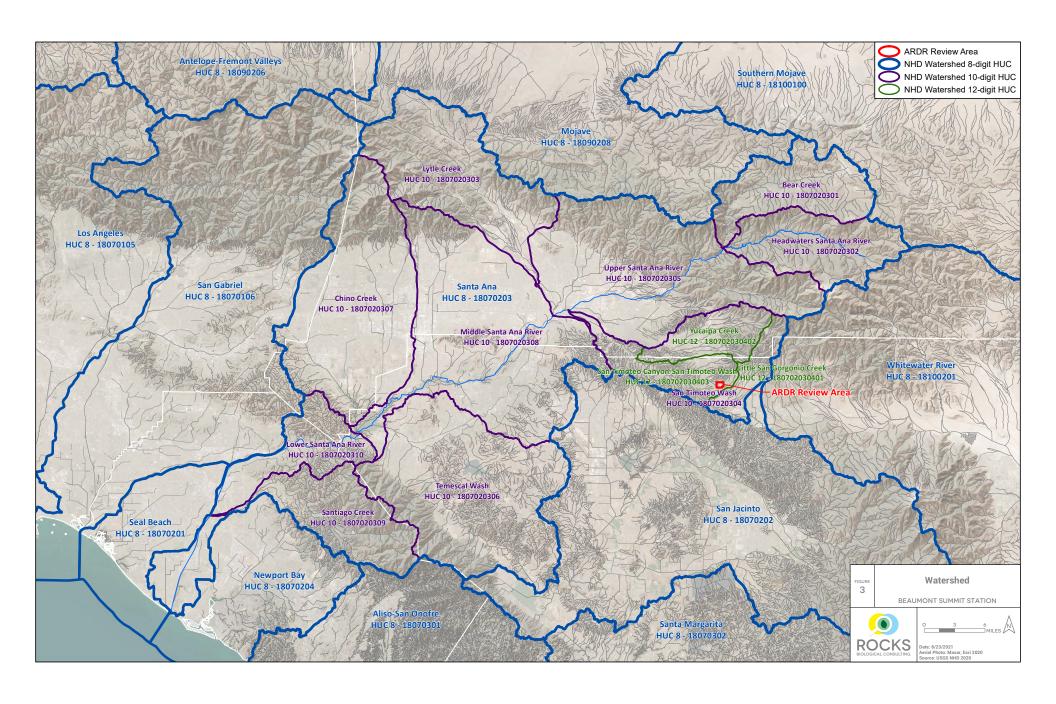
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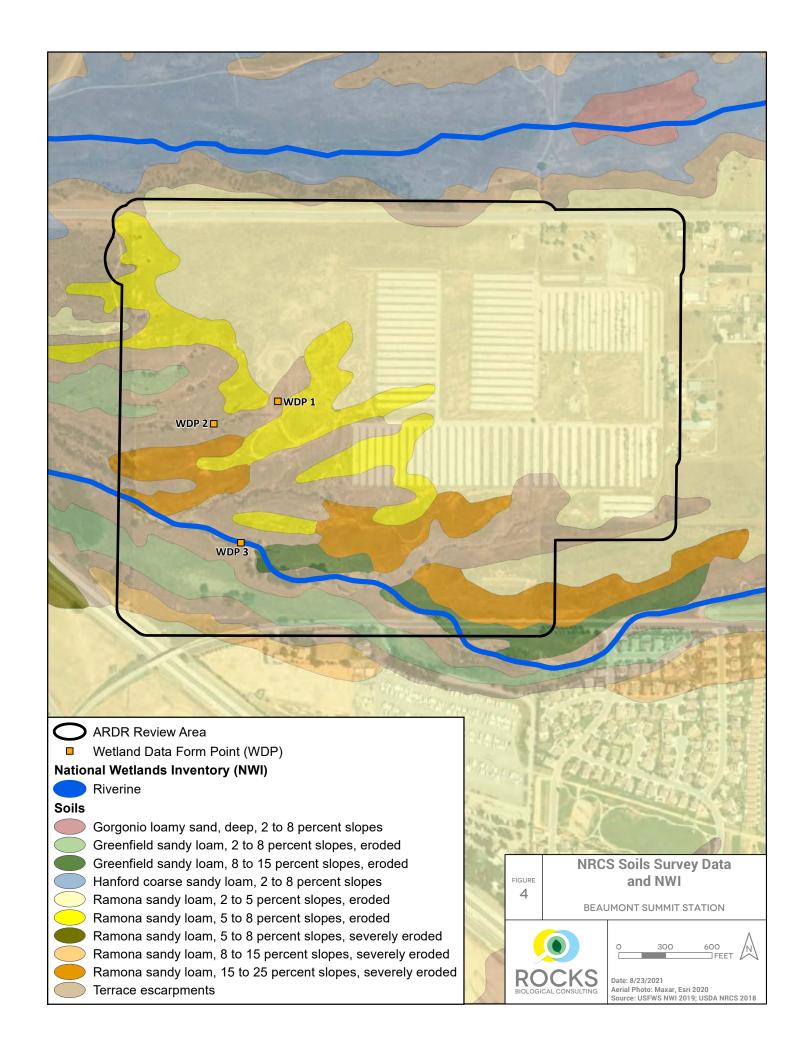
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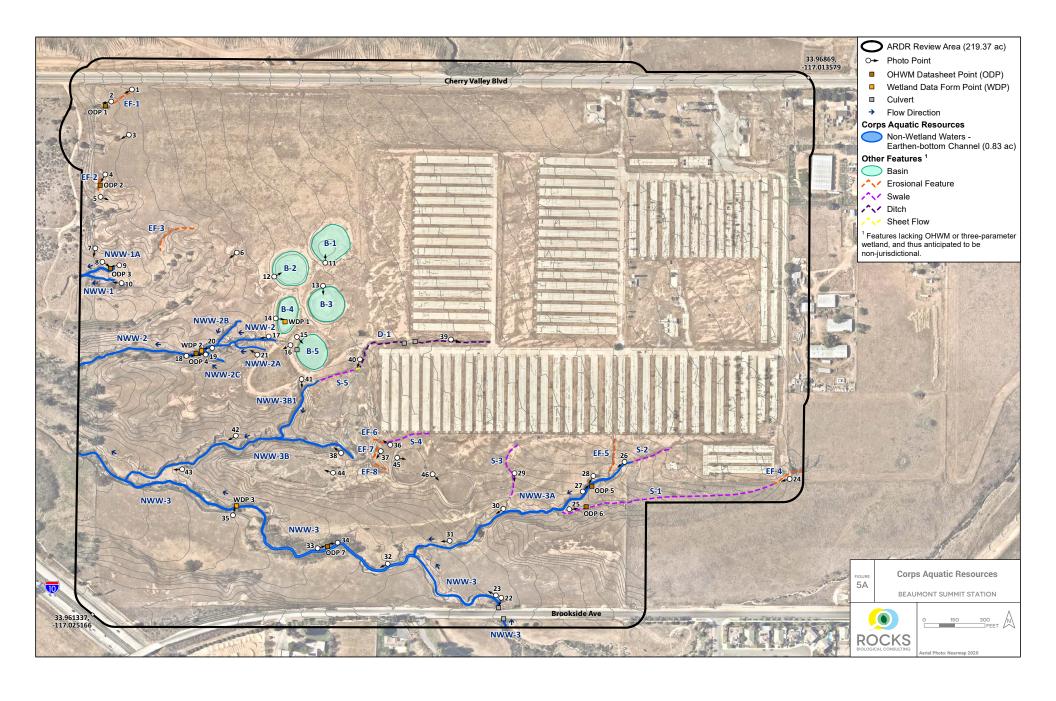
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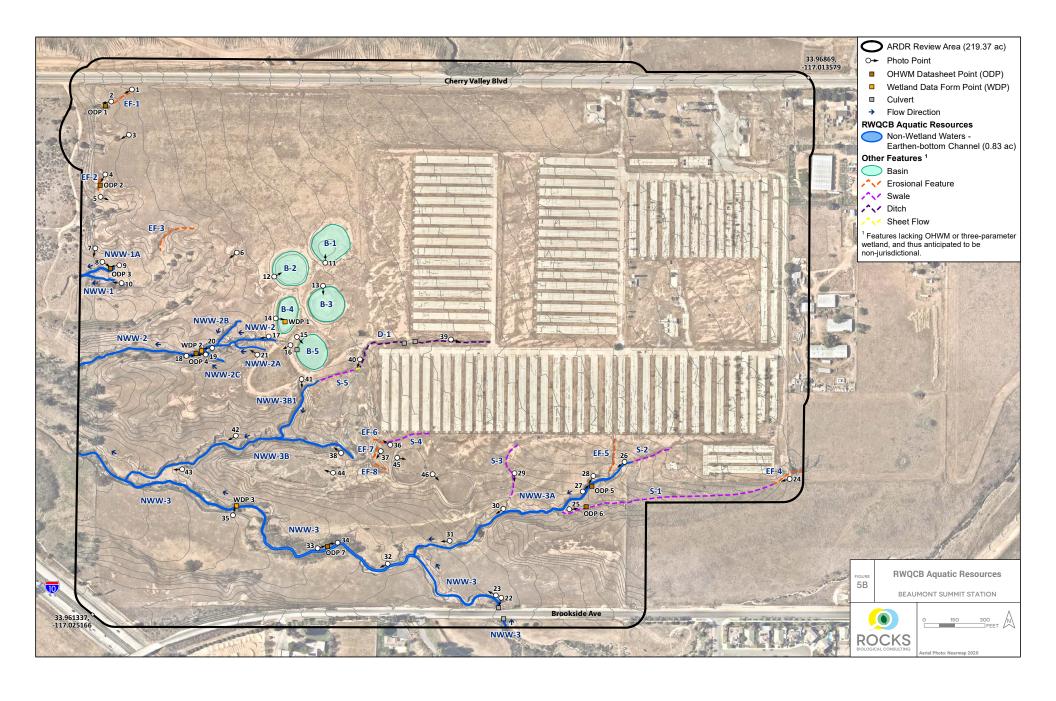


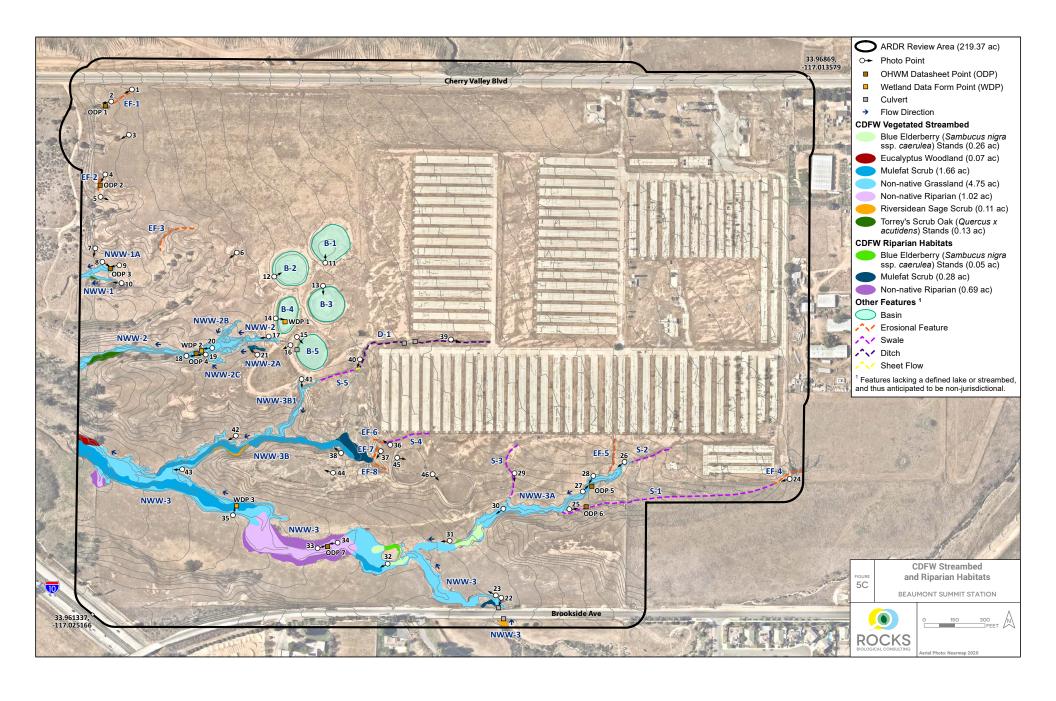


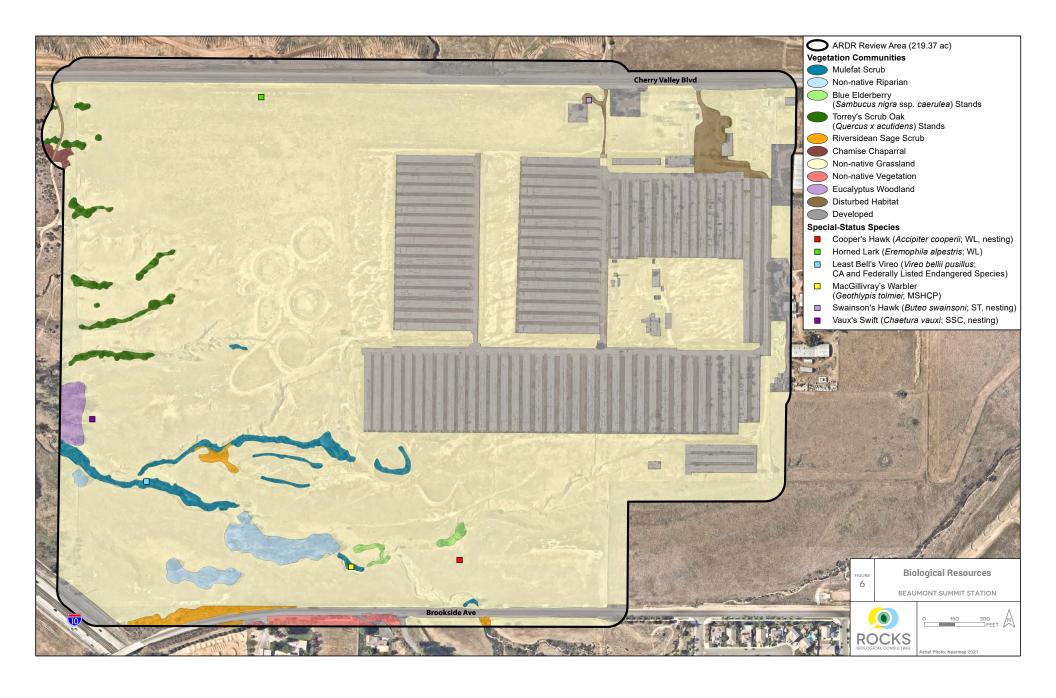












APPENDIX A

CHECKLIST: MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF AQUATIC RESOURCES DELINEATION REPORTS

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REPORT SECTION/ PAGE NUMBER	MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR ACCEPTANCE OF AQUATIC RESOURCES DELINEATION REPORTS	ADDITIONAL NOTES
Section 1; Appendix G	1. JD REQUEST AND FORMS: ☑ A cover letter indicating whether you are requesting a jurisdictional determination (JD)*. ☑ If you are requesting a JD, you must complete, sign, and return the Request for Corps Jurisdictional Determination (JD) sheet. ☐ For preliminary jurisdictional determinations the Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination Form must be signed and submitted.	AJD Form and cover letter to be provided under separate cover.
Section 9	2. CONTACT INFORMATION: Contact information for the applicant(s), property owner(s), and agent(s).	
N/A	3. SITE ACCESS: If the property owner or their representatives will not accompany the Corps to the site, a signed statement from the property owner(s) allowing Corps personnel to enter the property and to collect samples during normal business hours. If the property lacks direct access by public roads (in other words, access requires passage through private property not owned by the applicant), the owner or proponent must obtain permission from the adjacent property owner(s) to provide access for Corps personnel.	Property owner and/or representatives will accompany the Corps for a site visit upon request.
Section 2.1	4. LOCATION: ☑ Directions to the survey area, ☐ an address (if available) and ☑ one or more set of geographic coordinates expressed in decimal degrees.	·
Section 3.2.1	5. DELINEATION MANUAL CONFIRMATION: ☑ A statement confirming the delineation has been conducted in accordance with the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual and applicable regional supplement(s). ☑ The regional supplement(s) used must be identified. ☑ For OHWM delineations, a statement must be included confirming the use of the OHWM field guide or that it is not applicable.	
Section 6	6. AQUATIC RESOURCE(S) DESCRIPTION: ☑ A narrative describing all aquatic resources on-site and an explanation of the mapped boundaries and any complex transition zones. ☑ If the site contains resources that only meet one or two of the three wetland criteria or do not exhibit a clear OHWM, describe the rationale for their inclusion or exclusion from the delineation. ☑ Also explain if any erosional features, upland swales, ditches and other potential aquatic features were considered but not included in the delineation.	
Figures 1 and 5A; Section 6; Table 6	7. AQUATIC RESOURCE MAPPING AND ACREAGE: ☑ Map of the outside survey boundary, ☑ total extent of aquatic and proposed non-aquatic features, ☑ type of feature(s) (waters of the United States or wetland), and include ☑ the total acreage for each polygon.	
Section 3.2; Table 1	8. FIELD WORK DATES: ☑ Date(s) field work was completed.	
Table 6	9. AQUATIC RESOURCE TABLE: A table listing all aquatic resources. The table must include ☑ the name of each aquatic resource (actual or arbitrary), ☑ its Cowardin type, ☑ acreage, ☑ summary of OHWM/wetland presence, ☑ dominant vegetation for each, and ☑ location (latitude/longitude in decimal degrees). ☑ For linear features, the table must show both acreage and linear feet as well as channel measurements (active channel width).	
Section 4; Tables 1, 4, and 5; Appendices E and F	10. FIELD CONDITIONS: A description of existing field conditions, including ☑ current land use, ☑ normal conditions, ☑ flood/drought conditions, ☐ irrigation practices, ☑ past or recent manipulation to the site, and ☐	N/A for unchecked; APT data provided in

	characteristics considered atypical (for criteria see OHWM and wetland supplement guides). ☑ Include WETS	lieu of WETS
	tables or pre-site visit precipitation data as appropriate: https://www.wcc.nrcs.usda.gov/climate/wets_doc.html.*	tables
	11. HYDROLOGY: ☑ A discussion of the hydrology at the site, including ☑ all known surface or subsurface	
Section 4.2	sources, ☑ drainage gradients, ☑ downstream connections to the nearest traditional navigable waterway or	
	interstate water, and ☑ any influence from manmade water sources such as irrigation.	
N/A	12. REMOTE SENSING: ☐ If remote sensing was used in the delineation, provide an explanation of how it was	N/A
IV/A	used and include the name, date and source of the tools and data used and copies of the maps/photographs.	IN/A
Section 4.1; Table 2;	13. SOILS: ☑ Soil descriptions, ☑ soil map(s), ☑ soil photos, and ☑ a discussion of hydric soils (for wetland	
Figure 4; Appendix F	delineations only).	
	14. USGS QUADRANGLE: ☑ A site location map on a 7.5-minute USGS quadrangle. The map must provide ☑	
Figure 2	the name of the USGS quadrangle, ☑ Section, ☑ Township, ☑ Range, and ☑ the latitude and longitude in	
	decimal degree format.	
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Appendix I	Bulk Upload Aquatic Resources or Consolidated Excel spreadsheet must be submitted.	
Cian mar Cian mia a	16. FIGURES: Map(s) of all delineated aquatic resources in accordance with the Final Map and Drawing	
Figure 5 series	Standards for the South Pacific Division Regulatory Program.	
Figure F agrice and	17. SITE PHOTOGRAPHS: ☑ Ground photographs showing representative aquatic resource sites (or lack of), ☑	
Figure 5 series and	as well as an accompanying map of photo-points and table of photographic information (see Final Map and	
Appendix F	Drawing Standards for the South Pacific Division Regulatory Program item no. 8 a-c).	
	18. DATA FORMS: ☑ Completed data forms including all essential information to make a jurisdictional	
Appendix D	determination [e.g. 2006 Wetland Determination Data Form Arid West Supplement; 2010 Arid West Ephemeral	
	and Intermittent Streams OHWM Datasheet].	
	19. METHODS: ☑ A description of the methods used to survey the aquatic resource boundaries. ☑ If GPS data is	
Section 3	used, the level of accuracy must be included. Ideally, the GPS equipment should have the capability of sub-meter	
	(<=1 meter) level horizontal accuracy.	
	20. GIS DATA: ☑ Digital data for the site, aquatic resource boundaries, and data point locations must be	
	provided in a geographic information system (GIS) format, preferably either ESRI shapefiles or Geodatabase	
	format, but GoogleEarth KMZ or KML files may be acceptable non-complex projects. Each GIS data file must be	
Appendix J	accompanied by a metadata file containing the appropriate geographic coordinate system, projection, datum,	
	and labeling description. If GIS data is unavailable or otherwise cannot be produced and the Corps determines a	
	site visit is necessary, the aquatic resource boundaries should be physically marked with numbered flags or	
	stakes to facilitate verification by the Corps.	

APPENDIX B

APPLICABLE AQUATIC RESOURCE PROTECTION REGULATIONS

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Several regulations have been established by federal, state, and local agencies to protect and conserve aquatic resources. The descriptions below provide a brief overview of agency regulations that may be applicable to the project.

Executive Order 11990

Executive Order 11990 aims to avoid direct or indirect impacts on wetlands from federal or federally approved projects when a practicable alternative is available. If wetland impacts cannot be avoided, all practicable measures to minimize harm must be included.

Clean Water Act

Pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S. Code [USC] § 1251 et seq.; CWA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is authorized to regulate any activity that would result in the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the U.S. (including wetlands), which include those waters listed in 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 328.3 (51 Federal Register [FR] 41217, November 13, 1986; 53 FR 20764, June 6, 1988) and further defined by the 2001 *Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County v. Army Corps of Engineers* (SWANCC; 531 U.S. 159) decision and the 2006 *Rapanos v. United States* (547 U.S. 715) decision. The Corps, with oversight from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), has the principal authority to issue CWA Section 404 permits. The Corps would require a Standard Individual Permit (SIP) for more than minimal impacts to waters of the U.S. as determined by the Corps. Projects with minimal individual and cumulative adverse effects on the environment may meet the conditions of an existing Nationwide Permit (NWP).

A Water Quality Certification or waiver pursuant to Section 401 of the CWA is required for all Section 404 permitted actions. The Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), a division of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), provides oversight of the Section 401 certification process in California. The RWQCB must certify "that there is a reasonable assurance that the activity will be conducted in a manner which will not violate water quality standards" (40 CFR 121.2(a)(3)). Water Quality Certification's must be based on the findings that a proposed discharge will comply with applicable water quality standards.

The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) is the permitting program for discharge of pollutants into surface waters of the U.S. under Section 402 of the CWA.

Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act

The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Water Code Section 13000 et seq.) provides for statewide coordination of water quality regulations. The SWRCB was established as the statewide authority and nine separate RWQCBs were developed to oversee water quality on a day-to-day basis. The RWQCBs have primary responsibility for protecting water quality in California. As discussed above, the RWQCBs regulate discharges to surface waters under the CWA. In addition, the RWQCBs are responsible for administering the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.

Pursuant to the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, the state is given authority to regulate waters of the State, which are defined as any surface water or groundwater, including saline waters. As such, any person proposing to discharge waste into a water body that could

affect its water quality must first file a Report of Waste Discharge if a Section 404 permit is not required for the activity. "Waste" is partially defined as any waste substance associated with human habitation, including fill material discharged into water bodies.

California Fish and Game Code Section 1600-1602

Pursuant to Division 2, Chapter 6, Section 1602 of the California Fish and Game Code (CFGC), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) regulates all diversions, obstructions, or changes to the natural flow or bed, channel or bank of any river, stream or lake that supports fish or wildlife. A Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration must be submitted to CDFW for "any activity that may substantially divert or obstruct the natural flow or substantially change the bed, channel, or bank of any river, stream, or lake." CDFW has jurisdiction over riparian habitats associated with watercourses and wetland habitats supported by a river, lake, or stream. Jurisdictional waters are delineated by the outer edge of riparian vegetation (i.e., drip line) or at the top of the bank of streams or lakes, whichever is wider. CDFW jurisdiction does not include tidal areas or isolated resources (e.g., riparian or wetland areas not supported by a river, lake, or stream). CDFW reviews the proposed actions and, if necessary, submits (to the applicant) a proposal that includes measures to protect affected fish and wildlife resources. The final proposal that is mutually agreed upon by CDFW and applicant is the Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement.

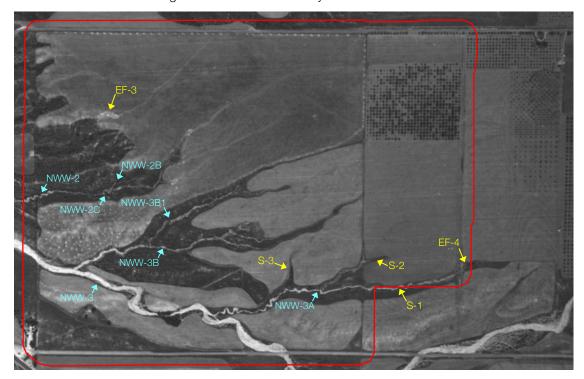
APPENDIX C

RECENT AND HISTORIC AERIALS ANALYSIS

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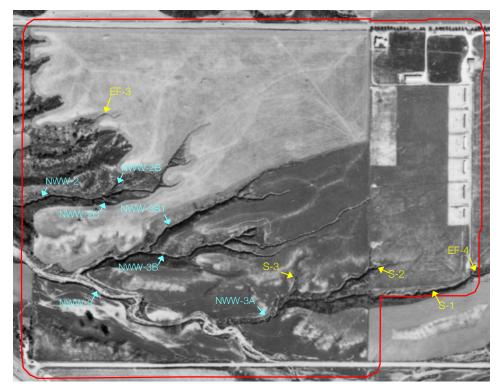
Recent and Historic Aerials Analysis

Source: Google Earth Pro and University of California - Santa Barbara



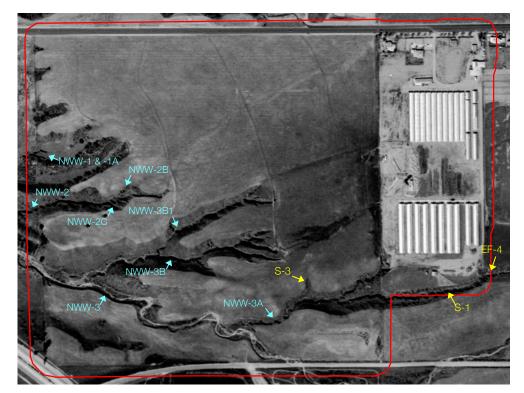
May 1938 – Agriculture fields are present on the northeast corner of the review area. The review area appears to be regularly mowed as distinguishable by the contrast in color between areas of higher elevation and lower topographical areas between hill slopes and along drainage features (see northwest corner and southern segment of the review area). Non-Wetland Water (NWW)-2B, NWW-2C, NWW-3, and NWW-3A are visible on the May 1938 aerial in their current locations. NWW-2, NWW-3B, and NWW-3B1 are also visible on the aerial in their current locations; however, each feature extends further east/northeast across the review area. NWW-3A, NWW-3B, and NWW-3B1 appear to receive runoff from the agriculture fields in the northeast corner of the review area. NWW-1A, and NWW-2A are not distinguishable in the May 1938 aerial.

Erosional Feature (EF)-1 and EF-2 are not apparent. EF-3 is evident and appears to receive some runoff from Cherry Valley Boulevard. Some potential inundation or vegetation is visible in the current location of EF-4. The area appears to receive runoff from agricultural fields in the adjacent properties east of the review area. EF-5 through EF-8 are not yet present. Basin (B)-1 through B-5 are not yet present and evidence of potential ponding in their present-day locations is not visible. Swale (S)-1 is evident and more defined on the May 1938 aerial. Some potential inundation or vegetation appears in the current extent of S-2 and S-3. Ditch (D)-1, S-4, and S-5 are not yet present.



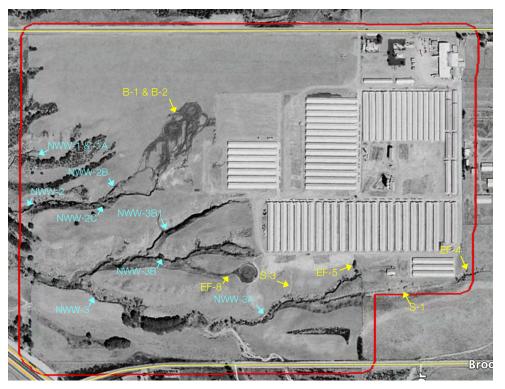
February 1953 – The agriculture fields were removed from the northeast corner and some structures were constructed along the eastern review area boundary between May 1938 and February 1953. The review area continues to appear to be regularly mowed (see northern segment and northwest corner of the review area). NWW-2B, NWW-2C, NWW-3, and NWW-3A are visible on the February 1953 aerial in their current locations. NWW-2, NWW-3B, and NWW-3B1 are also visible on the aerial in their current locations; however, each feature extends further east/northeast across the review area. NWW-1, NWW-1A, and NWW-2A are not distinguishable in the February 1953 aerial.

EF-1 and EF-2 are not apparent. EF-3 and EF-4 are evident and visible on the February 1953 aerial. EF-5 through EF-8 are not yet present. B-1 through B-5 are not yet present and evidence of potential ponding in their present-day locations is not visible. S-1 through S-3 are evident and more defined on the February 1953 aerial. D-1, S-4, and S-5 are not yet present.



February 1976 – Farming operations within the review area began sometime between February 1953 and February 1976 with the construction of various poultry sheds in the northeast portion of the review area. Remains of these developments, such as the shed concrete foundations, exist to this day. NWW-1, NWW-1A, NWW-2C, and NWW-3 are visible on the aerial in their current locations. NWW-2B is evident but less distinguishable in the February 1976 aerial. The review area continues to appear to be regularly mowed and, along with the initiation of farming operations, likely resulted in the significant reduction of the furthermost east/northeast extents of NWW-2, NWW-3A, NWW-3B, and NWW-3B1 between February 1953 and 1976. NWW-2A is not distinguishable in the February 1976 aerial.

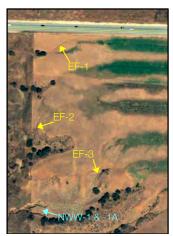
EF-1 and EF-2 are not apparent. EF-3 is no longer evident in the February 1976 aerial and was likely mowed between February 1953 and 1976. EF-4 is evident while EF-5 through EF-8 are still not yet present. B-1 through B-5 are not yet present and evidence of potential ponding in their present-day locations is not visible. S-1 is evident in the February 1976 aerial; however, S-1 is becoming less distinguishable. S-2 is no longer present as the new farming operations extend into S-2's previous location. Some evidence of S-3 is visible; however, the feature is less defined. D-1, S-4, and S-5 are not yet present.



September 1996 – Farming operations within the review area continue to expand between February 1976 and September 1996 with the development of more poultry sheds in the center of the review area. Additionally, various ponding basins (i.e., B-1 and B-2) were developed within the review area during this time. Remains of these developments and site modifications exist to this day. B-1 and B-2 appear to drain runoff into NWW-2 and NWW-2B. Furthermore, an unnamed basin in the center of the review area drains into NWW-3B. The drainage between the unnamed basin and NWW-3B accounts for a portion of present-day NWW-3B and EF-8. NWW-1, NWW-1A, NWW-3, and NWW-3A are visible on the aerial in their current locations and extents. NWW-2C is evident but less distinguishable in the September 1996 aerial. The review area still appears to be regularly mowed. The expanding farming operations contribute to further reduction of NWW-3B and NWW-3B1. NWW-2A is not distinguishable in the September 1996 aerial.

EF-1 through EF-3 are not apparent. EF-4 is still defined and visible. EF-5 is now visible and appears to receive runoff from the newly constructed poultry sheds. B-3 through B-5 are not visible/present in September 1996. S-1 is evident in the September 1996 aerial but appears to be losing further definition. Some evidence of S-3 is visible; however, the feature is less distinguishable. D-1, S-4, and S-5 are not visible.



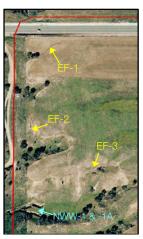




October 2003 – Farming operations within the review area continue to expand between September 1996 and October 2003 with the construction of more poultry sheds in the center of the review area. Additionally, more ponding basins (i.e., B-3 through B-5 and various other unnamed basins) were developed during this time. Remains of these developments and site modifications exist to this day. B-1 and B-2 are still present; however, no longer appear to drain runoff into NWW-2 and NWW-2B. Furthermore, NWW-3B no longer appears to receive flows from the unnamed basin in the center of the review area. NWW-1, NWW-1A, NWW-2, NWW-2B, NWW-2C, NWW-3, and NWW-3A are visible on the aerial in their current locations. The expanding farming operations continue to contribute to further reductions of NWW-3B and NWW-3B1. By October 2003, NWW-3B and NWW-3B1 were reduced to their current extents. NWW-2A is primarily only visible near its convergence with NWW-2.

EF-1 through EF-3 are visible and appear to receive runoff from a new irrigation system within the review area. EF-4 is evident, and EF-5 still appears to receive runoff from the poultry sheds. S-1 is further indistinguishable and appears to likely contain the same characteristics as those observed present-day (i.e., no break in slope or a defined bed and bank between the swale and adjacent uplands). S-2 has reemerged and appears to receive runoff from farming operation buildings. The expansion of the poultry sheds appears to result in S-4 and EF-6 becoming slightly apparent and S-5, EF-7, and EF-8 being visible in their current locations and extents. S-3 and D-1 are not yet apparent.







January 2006 – Various poultry sheds throughout the review area were demolished sometime between October 2003 and January 2006. The remaining shed concrete foundations visible in the January 2006 aerial exist to this day. NWW-1A, NWW-1A, NWW-2B, NWW-2B, NWW-2C, NWW-3, NWW-3A, NWW-3B, and NWW-3B1 are visible in their current locations and extents. NWW-2A is primarily only visible near its convergence with NWW-2.

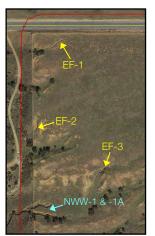
B-1 through B5 and EF-1 through EF-4 are visible in their current locations. EF-5 and S-2 continue to receive runoff downslope from the farming operations. S-1 is still only defined by the slight concave topography and lacks any other distinguishable features. S-3 has reemerged and is slightly visible in the January 2006 aerial. Active farming activities between October 2003 and January 2006 likely resulted in further defining S-4, S-5, and EF-6 through EF-8. D-1 is now fully evident in the January 2006 aerial. The northernmost poultry sheds appear to create downslope runoff which defined and created D-1 between October 2003 and January 2006.



March 2011 – Based on GoogleEarth aerials, the last remaining poultry sheds throughout the review area were removed between January 2006 and August 2006. By March 2011, NWW-1, NWW-1A, NWW-2, NWW-2B, NWW-2C, NWW-3, NWW-3A, NWW-3B, and NWW-3B1 are visible in their current locations and extents. NWW-2A is primarily only visible near its convergence with NWW-2.

B-1 through B5 and EF-1 through EF-4 are visible in their current locations. EF-5 and S-2 are less distinguishable in the May 2011 aerial, likely a result from the total removal of farming operations within the review area. S-1 is still only apparent by the slight concave topography and lacks any other distinguishable features. The end of farming operations also likely contributed to the significant reduction of S-3 between January 2006 and March 2011. S-3 is only slightly evident near its convergence with NWW-3A. EF-6 through EF-8 and S-4 are also less distinguishable in the March 2011 aerial. S-5 and D-1 are still evident in the March 2011 aerial.







February 2018 – Based on GoogleEarth aerials, the last remaining farming operation buildings located in the northeastern corner were removed between October 2016 and February 2018. By February 2018, NWW-1, NWW-1A, NWW-2B, NWW-2C, NWW-3, NWW-3A, NWW-3B, and NWW-3B1 are visible in their current locations and extents. NWW-2A is primarily only visible near its convergence with NWW-2.

B-1 through B5 and EF-1 through EF-4 are visible in their current locations. EF-5 and S-2 are less distinguishable in the February 2018 aerial. S-1 is still only defined by the slight concave topography and lacks any other distinguishable features. S-3 is still only slightly evident near its convergence with NWW-3A. EF-6 through EF-8 and S-4 are also less distinguishable. S-5 and D-1 are still evident in the March 2011 aerial.

APPENDIX D

ARID WEST WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORMS AND EPHEMERAL AND INTERMITTENT STREAMS OHWM DATASHEETS

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Arid West Region

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Surface Wat			No <u> </u>			- [
Water Table Saturation P			No <u> </u>			— NA/641	land Hudrala	y Present? Yes ✓ No
(includes car	oillary fringe)		onitoring well, aerial p			_	, ,	y Present: Tes NO
N/A								
Remarks:								
Abandon	ed farm/stock p	ond tha	at may still colle	ct wat	er durii	ng rains	but no oth	ner wetland hydrology

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indicators observed beyond soil surface cracks. Did not meet FAC-Neutral Test.

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Arid West Region

Project/Site: Beaumont Summit Station		City/Co	ounty:	Beaumont			Sampling	Date:	06/07/2021
Applicant/Owner: Exeter Cherry Valley Land, LLC					State: _	CA	Sampling I	Point:	WDP 2
Investigator(s): Sarah Krejca, Shanti Santulli		Sectio	n, To	wnship, Ra	nge: T2S, R1W, S3	0			
Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): In channel		Local	relief	(concave,	convex, none):	Slightly conc	ave	Slope	(%):1-3%
Subregion (LRR): LRR C - Mediterranean California	Lat: 32.96	64923			_ Long: -117.023	427		Datum:	WGS 84
Soil Map Unit Name: Terrace escarpments					NV	VI classific	cation: None		
Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for	r this time of yea	ar? Ye	es						
Are Vegetation, Soil, or Hydrology					"Normal Circum			es 🗸	No
Are Vegetation, Soil, or Hydrology					eeded, explain a				
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site ma						-			tures, etc.
Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes	No 🗸		ls th	e Sampled	I Area				
Hydric Soil Present? Yes	_ No			in a Wetlar		Yes	No _	•	
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes	No								
Sample point taken within earthen channel. Drought condit observed. However, sampling point within ephemeral channel. VEGETATION – Use scientific names of p	nel not anticipate								
	Absolute	Dom	inant	Indicator	Dominance 1	Test work	sheet:		
Tree Stratum (Plot size: 10-foot radius)	% Cover				Number of D				
1. Sambucus nigra	5%	Ye	es	FACU	That Are OBI	_, FACW,	or FAC: _	1	(A)
2					Total Numbe			4	(D)
3 4					Species Acro	ss All Stra	ata: _	4	(B)
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 10-foot radius)		= Tot	al Co	ver	Percent of Do That Are OBI			25%	(A/B)
1. Baccharis salicifolia	25%	Υe	es	FAC	Prevalence I	ndex wor	rksheet:		
2.								Multiply b	oy:
3.					OBL species		x 1	=)
4					FACW specie	es	x 2	=)
5					FAC species				5
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5-foot radius)	25%	= Tot	al Co	ver	FACU specie				0
Herb Stratum (Plot size: 5-foot radius) 1. Brachypodium distachyon	35%	Ye	es	NL/UPL	UPL species				
2. Bromus diandrus	25%	Ye		NL/UPL	Column Tota	IS:1	10 (A)	49	90 (B)
3. Hirschfeldia incana	15%	N	lo	NL/UPL	Prevale	nce Index	c = B/A = _	4.45	
4. Marrubium vulgare	5%	N	lo	FACU	Hydrophytic	Vegetati	on Indicato	rs:	
5					Dominar				
6					Prevalen				
7 8.							aptations ¹ (P s or on a se		
·		= Tot	al Co	ver	Problema	atic Hydro	phytic Vege	tation¹ (E	Explain)
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: N/A) 1. N/A		-			¹ Indicators of be present, u				
2					· · · · · ·		urbed or pro	Diemanc	•
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 20% % Co	N/A cover of Biotic C	='			Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?		es	No 🗸	
Remarks:	2.0. 51 510110 01								
Sample point taken within area mapped	d as non-na	tive {	gras	sland.					

SOIL Sampling Point: WDP 2

Profile Desc	cription: (Describe	to the dep	th needed to docu	ment the i	ndicator	or confirm	the absence	of indicators.)
Depth	Matrix			x Feature				
(inches)	Color (moist)	%	Color (moist)	<u>%</u>	Type ¹	Loc ²	Texture	Remarks
0-11	10 YR 3/3	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Loam	No evidence of redox observed.
				_				
				-				
	-							
¹ Type: C=C	oncentration D=De	oletion RM:	=Reduced Matrix, C	S=Covered	d or Coate	ed Sand Gr	rains ² Lo	cation: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.
			LRRs, unless othe			od Odila Ol		for Problematic Hydric Soils ³ :
Histosol			Sandy Red				1 cm N	Muck (A9) (LRR C)
	pipedon (A2)		Stripped Ma					Muck (A10) (LRR B)
	istic (A3)		Loamy Mud		l (F1)			ed Vertic (F18)
Hydroge	en Sulfide (A4)		Loamy Gle	yed Matrix	(F2)		Red P	arent Material (TF2)
	d Layers (A5) (LRR	C)	Depleted M				Other	(Explain in Remarks)
	uck (A9) (LRR D)		Redox Darl					
-	d Below Dark Surfac	ce (A11)	Depleted D				31	af hudaankutia waastatiaa aad
	ark Surface (A12) Mucky Mineral (S1)		Redox Dep Vernal Poo		ro)			of hydrophytic vegetation and hydrology must be present,
	Gleyed Matrix (S4)		vernari oo	13 (1 3)				listurbed or problematic.
	Layer (if present):						1	
	ovel refusal - compact soils							
, , <u> </u>	ches): 11 inches						Hydric Soil	Present? Yes No
Remarks:							, ,	
	•	ay bottle	e to record soil	color. l	Jniform	soil thr	oughout. I	No hydric soil indicators
observed								
HYDROLO								
Wetland Hy	drology Indicators	:						
Primary Indi	cators (minimum of	one require	d; check all that appl	y)			Seco	ndary Indicators (2 or more required)
	Water (A1)		Salt Crust	(B11)			v	Vater Marks (B1) (Riverine)
High Wa	ater Table (A2)		Biotic Cru	st (B12)			s	sediment Deposits (B2) (Riverine)
Saturati	on (A3)		Aquatic In	vertebrate	s (B13)		0	orift Deposits (B3) (Riverine)
	larks (B1) (Nonrive		Hydrogen		. ,		·	Prainage Patterns (B10)
	nt Deposits (B2) (No		·	•	-	-		Ory-Season Water Table (C2)
	posits (B3) (Nonrive	erine)	Presence		•	•		Crayfish Burrows (C8)
	Soil Cracks (B6)		Recent Iro			d Soils (C6	· —	Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
	on Visible on Aerial	Imagery (B	<i>,</i> —				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Shallow Aquitard (D3)
	stained Leaves (B9)		Other (Ex	olain in Re	emarks)	1		AC-Neutral Test (D5)
Field Obser								
Surface Wat			No Pepth (in		N/A	_		
Water Table			No V Depth (in					
	pillary fringe)		No Depth (in					y Present? Yes No
	corded Data (strean	ı gauge, mo	onitoring well, aerial	pnotos, pr	evious ins	pections),	ii avaiiabie:	
N/A								
Remarks:								
Did not m	neet FAC-Neuti	ral Test.	No wetland hy	drology	indicat	tors obs	erved.	

WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM - Arid West Region

Project/Site: Beaumont Summit Station	City/0	County: Beaumont		Sampling Date:06/07/2021
Applicant/Owner: Exeter Cherry Valley Land, LLC			State: CA	Sampling Point: WDP 3
Investigator(s): Sarah Krejca, Shanti Santulli, Ian Hirschler	Secti	on, Township, Ra	inge: T2S, R1W, S30	
Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): In channel	Loca	al relief (concave,	convex, none): Slightly conc	ave Slope (%): <u>1-2%</u>
Subregion (LRR): LRR C - Mediterranean California	Lat: 33.962825		Long: -117.022836	Datum: WGS 84
			NWI classific	
Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for				
Are Vegetation, Soil, or Hydrology				
Are Vegetation, Soil, or Hydrology	-			
SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site ma	p showing sar	npling point I	ocations, transects	s, important features, etc.
Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Yes <u>✓</u>	No	la tha Camada d		
Hydric Soil Present? Yes	No	Is the Sampled within a Wetlan		No <u> </u>
Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes	No	within a vvetial	iu: les	NO <u> </u>
Remarks:				
Sample point taken within earthen channel. Drought condition parameter still met at sampling point, but no hydric soils or undespite presence of mulefat (FAC).	wetland hydrology. Sa			
VEGETATION – Use scientific names of pl		minant Indicator	Dominance Test work	rohooti
Tree Stratum (Plot size:N/A) 1. N/A	% Cover Spe	ninant Indicator ecies? Status	Number of Dominant S	
3.			Total Number of Domir Species Across All Stra	
4	= To		Percent of Dominant S That Are OBL, FACW,	
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: 5-foot radius)				
1. Baccharis salicifolia		Yes FAC	Prevalence Index wor	
2				Multiply by: x 1 =
3				x 2 =
5				x 3 =
0	10% = To			x 4 =
Herb Stratum (Plot size:N/A)		, a	· ·	x 5 =
1. <u>N/A</u>				(A) (B)
2				
3				x = B/A =
4			Hydrophytic Vegetation ✓ Dominance Test is	
5			Prevalence Index i	
6				ptations ¹ (Provide supporting
7			data in Remark	s or on a separate sheet)
8		etal Cavar	Problematic Hydro	phytic Vegetation ¹ (Explain)
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size:N/A)	= 10	olai Covei		
1. <u>N/A</u>			¹ Indicators of hydric so be present, unless dist	il and wetland hydrology must
2			· ·	urbed of problematic.
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum 97% % Co	N/A = To		Hydrophytic Vegetation Present? Ye	esNo
Remarks:			1.000	
Sample point taken within area mapped 3%), therefore, per AW manual, no herb				
only account for vegetation within area		•	•	<u> </u>

	Matrix		x Feature				e of indicators.)	
nches) Color (ı		Color (moist)	<u> %</u>	Type ¹	Loc ²	Texture	Remarks	
16 10 YR 4/3	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Sand	No evidence of redox observed.	
				_				
<u> </u>								
pe: C=Concentration	n, D=Depletion, RN	M=Reduced Matrix, C	S=Covere	d or Coate	ed Sand G	rains. ² Lo	ocation: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.	
		II LRRs, unless othe					s for Problematic Hydric Soils ³ :	
Histosol (A1)		Sandy Red	ox (S5)				Muck (A9) (LRR C)	
Histic Epipedon (A2	.)	Stripped Ma					Muck (A10) (LRR B)	
Black Histic (A3)		Loamy Muc					ced Vertic (F18)	
Hydrogen Sulfide (A	•	Loamy Gle					Parent Material (TF2)	
Stratified Layers (AS)	, ,	Depleted M	, ,			Otner	(Explain in Remarks)	
1 cm Muck (A9) (LF Depleted Below Dar		Redox Dark Depleted D		` ,				
Thick Dark Surface		Redox Dep				3Indicators	s of hydrophytic vegetation and	
Sandy Mucky Miner	. ,	Vernal Poo		(10)			I hydrology must be present,	
Sandy Gleyed Matri			(. 0)				disturbed or problematic.	
strictive Layer (if pr								
Type: Shovel refusal - con	npact soils							
Depth (inches): 16 inc	hes					Hydric Soi	l Present? Yes No 🕑	
marks:								
	th snray hott	e to record soil	color I	Uniform	soil th	roughout	No hydric soil indicators	
il moistened wi	th spray bott	le to record soil	color. l	Uniforn	soil th	roughout.	No hydric soil indicators	
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il moistened wi served. DROLOGY Itland Hydrology Inc mary Indicators (mini Surface Water (A1) High Water Table (A Saturation (A3)	dicators: mum of one requir A2)	ed; check all that app Salt Crust Biotic Cru Aquatic In	ly) : (B11) st (B12) vertebrate	es (B13)	n soil th	<u>Secc</u> \	ondary Indicators (2 or more required) Water Marks (B1) (Riverine) Sediment Deposits (B2) (Riverine) Drift Deposits (B3) (Riverine)	
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Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Yes _____ No _ Depth (inches): _____N/A

N/A

Remarks:

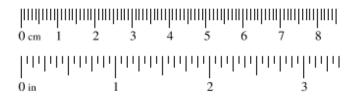
Saturation Present? (includes capillary fringe)

Did not meet FAC-Neutral Test. No wetland hydrology indicators observed.

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes _____ No _

Project: Beaumont Summit Station	Date: 06/03/2021
Project Number: N/A	Town: Beaumont State: CA
Stream: ODP 1	Photo begin file#: 2 Photo end file#: 2
Investigator(s): Chelsea Polevy, Sarah Krejca	8
Y ✓ / N ☐ Do normal circumstances exist on the site?	Location Details: Beaumont Summit Station Aquatic Resource Delineation Report Review Area
Y ✓ / N ☐ Is the site significantly disturbed?	Projection: WGS 84 Datum: NAD 83 Coordinates: 33.968238, -117.025022
Potential anthropogenic influences on the channel syst Surrounding area has been recently mowed; area is undevelop	em: ed but site was formerly used as a ranch/poultry farm.
Brief site description: Disturbed site formerly used as ranch/poultry farm. Lower topog developed road (Cherry Valley Boulevard).	graphic area between two gentle slopes, just south of
✓ Vegetation maps ☐ Result ✓ Soils maps ☐ Most r ✓ Rainfall/precipitation maps ☐ Gage l	ber:
Hydrogeomorphic F	
Active Floodplain Low-Flow Channels	OHWM Paleo Channel
Procedure for identifying and characterizing the flood	plain units to assist in identifying the OHWM:
 Walk the channel and floodplain within the study area vegetation present at the site. Select a representative cross section across the channel. Determine a point on the cross section that is character a) Record the floodplain unit and GPS position. Describe the sediment texture (using the Wentworth floodplain unit. Identify any indicators present at the location. Repeat for other points in different hydrogeomorphic for Identify the OHWM and record the indicators. Record Mapping on aerial photograph 	to get an impression of the geomorphology and Draw the cross section and label the floodplain units. istic of one of the hydrogeomorphic floodplain units. class size) and the vegetation characteristics of the loodplain units across the cross section.

Inche	es (in)			Mil	limeters (m	m)	Wentworth size class
	10.08			_	256		Boulder
	2.56	_		_	64		Cobble S
	0.157	Ц	Ę	_	4		Pebble C
	0.079				2.00		Granule
	0.039	_	_	_	1.00		Very coarse sand
	0.020			_	0.50		Coarse sand
1/2	0.0098		_	_	0.25		Medium sand
1/4	0.005	_	Ц	_	0.125		Fine sand
1/8 —	0.0025	-		_	0.0625	_	Very fine sand
1/16	0.0012	_	_	4	0.031		Coarse silt
1/32	0.00061	-	_	-	0.0156		Medium silt
1/64	0.00031	_	=	-	0.0078	- 5	Fine silt
1/128 -	0.00015			_	0.0039		Very fine silt
					2,575		Clay

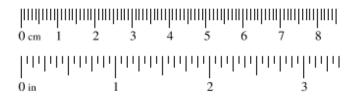


Project ID: Beaumont Summit Station Cross section ID: OD	P 1 Date: 06/03/2021	Time: 0815
Cross section drawing:		
Facing west		
	Gentle slope	
	Certile slope	
Lowers	opographic area	
Lower	opograpnic area	
OHWM		
<u>OHWIN</u>		
GPS point: 33.968238, -117.025022		
Indicators:	Dragt in hout slone	
☐ Change in average sediment texture☐ Change in vegetation species	Break in bank slope Other:	
Change in vegetation cover	Other:	_
		
Comments:		
Lower topographic area did not exhibit bed and bank indic	ators; no change in sediment texture o	r break in slope;
vegetation did not differ from lower topographic area to ad	acent slopes (dominated by non-native	grassland and scrub
oak). Data was collected during a drought year; however, conditions.	nistoric aerials and previous delineatior	n note consistent
Conditions.		
Floodplain unit:	A stive Fleedaleia	Low Terrace/Upland
Low-Flow Channel	☐ Active Floodplain ☐	Low Terrace/Optand
GPS point: N/A		
Characteristics of the floodplain unit:		
Average sediment texture:	L. 0/ IIL. 0/	
Total veg cover: % Tree: % Shru Community successional stage:	b:% Herb:%	
NA	☐ Mid (herbaceous, shrubs, sapl	ings)
Early (herbaceous & seedlings)	Late (herbaceous, shrubs, mat	
		,
Indicators:		
Mudcracks	Soil development	
Ripples	Surface relief	
Drift and/or debris	Other:	
Presence of bed and bank Benches	Other:	<u> </u>
	Other:	<u> </u>
Comments:		

Project ID: Beaumont Summit Station Cross section ID	: ODP 1	Date: 06/03/2021	Time: 0815
Floodplain unit: Low-Flow Channel		Active Floodplain	Low Terrace/Upland
GPS point: N/A		•	
Characteristics of the floodplain unit: Average sediment texture: Total veg cover: % Tree: % Community successional stage: NA Early (herbaceous & seedlings)	Shrub: _	% Herb:% Mid (herbaceous, shrubs, Late (herbaceous, shrubs,	
Indicators: Mudcracks Ripples Drift and/or debris Presence of bed and bank Benches Comments:		Soil development Surface relief Other: Other: Other:	
Comments.			
Floodplain unit:		Active Floodplain	Low Terrace/Upland
GPS point: N/A		•	-
Characteristics of the floodplain unit: Average sediment texture: Total veg cover: % Tree: % Community successional stage: NA Early (herbaceous & seedlings)	Shrub:	% Herb:% Mid (herbaceous, shrubs, Late (herbaceous, shrubs,	
Indicators: Mudcracks Ripples Drift and/or debris Presence of bed and bank Benches Comments:		Soil development Surface relief Other: Other: Other:	 _

Project: Beaumont Summit Station	Date: 06/03/2021	Time: 0830
Project Number: N/A	Town: Beaumont	State: CA
Stream: ODP 2	Photo begin file#: 4	Photo end file#: 4
Investigator(s): Chelsea Polevy, Sarah Krejca	i noto begin me#. 4	i noto ena me#. 4
Y ✓ / N ☐ Do normal circumstances exist on the site?	Location Details: Beaumont Summit Station Aquatic F	Resource Delineation Report Review Area
Y ✓ / N ☐ Is the site significantly disturbed?	Projection: WGS 84 Coordinates: 33.967162,	Datum: NAD 83
Potential anthropogenic influences on the channel system Area has been recently mowed; area is undeveloped but site w	tem:	
Brief site description: Disturbed site formerly used as ranch/poultry farm; gully/erosionincised area.	nal feature adjacent to weste	ern site boundary. Highly
✓ Vegetation maps ☐ Result ✓ Soils maps ☐ Most r ✓ Rainfall/precipitation maps ☐ Gage l	ber:	ysis 3 25-year events and the
Hydrogeomorphic F	Floodplain Units	
Active Floodplain Low-Flow Channels	OHWM Paleo Cha	nnel
Procedure for identifying and characterizing the flood	Inlain units to assist in id	lentifying the OHWM:
 Walk the channel and floodplain within the study area vegetation present at the site. Select a representative cross section across the channel. Determine a point on the cross section that is character a) Record the floodplain unit and GPS position. Describe the sediment texture (using the Wentworth floodplain unit. Identify any indicators present at the location. Repeat for other points in different hydrogeomorphic forms. Identify the OHWM and record the indicators. Record Mapping on aerial photograph Digitized on computer 	to get an impression of the Draw the cross section and istic of one of the hydrogoclass size) and the vegeta loodplain units across the	d label the floodplain units. eomorphic floodplain units.

Inche	es (in)			Mil	limeters (m	m)	Wentworth size class
	10.08			_	256		Boulder
	2.56	_		_	64		Cobble S
	0.157	Ц	Ę	_	4		Pebble C
	0.079				2.00		Granule
	0.039	_	_	_	1.00		Very coarse sand
	0.020			_	0.50		Coarse sand
1/2	0.0098		_	_	0.25		Medium sand
1/4	0.005	_	닏	_	0.125		Fine sand
1/8 —	0.0025	-		_	0.0625	_	Very fine sand
1/16	0.0012	_	_	4	0.031		Coarse silt
1/32	0.00061	-	_	-	0.0156		Medium silt
1/64	0.00031	_	=	-	0.0078	- 5	Fine silt
1/128 -	0.00015			_	0.0039		Very fine silt
					2,575		Clay



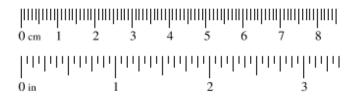
Project ID: Beaumont Summit Station Cross section ID: ODP 2 **Date:** 06/03/2021 **Time:** 0830 **Cross section drawing:** Upland Upland Facing downstream (southwest) gully/incised area **OHWM GPS point:** 33.967162, -117.025097 **Indicators:** Change in average sediment texture ✓ Break in bank slope Other: _____ Change in vegetation species Change in vegetation cover **Comments:** Gully/erosional feature that exhibited a slight break in bank slope, but did not exhibit a distinctive change in average sediment texture, change in vegetation species or cover, or any other OHWM indicators. Gully and surrounding upland were both heavily vegetated with non-native grasses. GPS point: N/A Characteristics of the floodplain unit: Average sediment texture:

Total veg cover: _____% Tree: ____% Shrub: ____% Herb: ____% Community successional stage: Mid (herbaceous, shrubs, saplings) Early (herbaceous & seedlings) Late (herbaceous, shrubs, mature trees) **Indicators:** Soil development Mudcracks Surface relief Ripples Other: _____ Drift and/or debris Presence of bed and bank Benches Other: **Comments:**

Project ID: Beaumont Summit Station Cross section ID	: ODP 2	Date: 06/03/2021	Time: 0830
Floodplain unit:		Active Floodplain	Low Terrace/Upland
GPS point: N/A		•	
Characteristics of the floodplain unit: Average sediment texture: Total veg cover: % Tree: % Community successional stage: NA Early (herbaceous & seedlings)	Shrub:	Mid (herbaceous, shrubs, Late (herbaceous, shrubs,	
Indicators: Mudcracks Ripples Drift and/or debris Presence of bed and bank Benches		Soil development Surface relief Other: Other: Other:	
Comments:			
Floodplain unit:		Active Floodplain	Low Terrace/Upland
Characteristics of the floodplain unit: Average sediment texture: Total veg cover: % Tree: % Community successional stage: NA Early (herbaceous & seedlings)	Shrub:	Mid (herbaceous, shrubs, Late (herbaceous, shrubs,	
Indicators: Mudcracks Ripples Drift and/or debris Presence of bed and bank Benches		Soil development Surface relief Other: Other:	_
Comments:			

Project: Beaumont Summit Station	Date: 06/03/2021	Time: 0915
Project Number: N/A	Town: Beaumont	State: CA
Stream: ODP3	Photo begin file#: 8	Photo end file#: 9
Investigator(s): Chelsea Polevy, Sarah Krejca	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Y ✓ / N ☐ Do normal circumstances exist on the site?	Location Details: Beaumont Summit Station Aquatic I	Resource Delineation Report Review Area
Y ✓ / N ☐ Is the site significantly disturbed?	Projection: WGS 84 Coordinates: 33.966030,	Datum: NAD 83 -117.024921
Potential anthropogenic influences on the channel syst Surrounding area has been recently mowed; area is undevelop	tem: ed but site was formerly use	ed as a ranch/poultry farm.
Brief site description: Disturbed site formerly used as ranch/poultry farm; north and so western site boundary.	outh leg of feature within lov	ver topographic area adjacent to
✓ Vegetation maps ☐ Result ✓ Soils maps ☐ Most r ✓ Rainfall/precipitation maps ☐ Gage l	ber:	ysis g I 25-year events and the
Hydrogeomorphic F	-loodplain Units	
Active Floodplain Low-Flow Channels	OHWM Paleo Cha	annel
Procedure for identifying and characterizing the flood		
 Walk the channel and floodplain within the study area vegetation present at the site. Select a representative cross section across the channel. Determine a point on the cross section that is character a) Record the floodplain unit and GPS position. Describe the sediment texture (using the Wentworth floodplain unit. Identify any indicators present at the location. Repeat for other points in different hydrogeomorphic for the indicators. Record Mapping on aerial photograph Digitized on computer 	to get an impression of the Draw the cross section an istic of one of the hydrog class size) and the vegeta loodplain units across the	d label the floodplain units. eomorphic floodplain units. ation characteristics of the ecross section.

Inche	Inches (in)			Millimeters (mm)		eters (mm) Wentworth size class	
	10.08			_	256		Boulder
	2.56	_		_	64		Cobble S
	0.157	Ц	Ę	_	4		Pebble C
	0.079				2.00		Granule
	0.039	_	_	_	1.00		Very coarse sand
	0.020			_	0.50		Coarse sand
1/2	0.0098		_	_	0.25		Medium sand
1/4	0.005	_	닏	_	0.125		Fine sand
1/8 —	0.0025	-		_	0.0625	_	Very fine sand
1/16	0.0012	_	_	4	0.031		Coarse silt
1/32	0.00061	-	_	-	0.0156		Medium silt
1/64	0.00031	_	=	-	0.0078	- 5	Fine silt
1/128 -	0.00015			_	0.0039		Very fine silt
					2,575		Clay

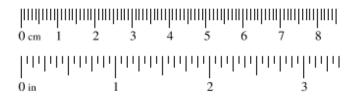


Project ID: Beaumont Summit Station Cross section ID: ODP 3 **Date:** 06/03/2021 **Time:** 0915 **Cross section drawing:** Upland Upland Northern leg of 25' Top of bank feature; facing downstream (west) 6' LF/AF/OHWM **OHWM GPS point:** 33.966030, -117.024921 **Indicators:** Change in average sediment texture ✓ Break in bank slope Other: _____ ☐ Change in vegetation species Change in vegetation cover **Comments:** Approximately 6-foot wide OHWM defined by a faint break in slope and change in vegetation cover. Data was taken during a drought year. No distinguishable difference in sediment texture from active floodplain (AF) to upland. More defined bed and bank occurs downstream, but off site. Floodplain unit: Low-Flow Channel Active Floodplain Low Terrace/Upland **GPS** point: N/A Characteristics of the floodplain unit: Community successional stage: Mid (herbaceous, shrubs, saplings) Early (herbaceous & seedlings) Late (herbaceous, shrubs, mature trees) **Indicators:** Soil development Mudcracks Surface relief Ripples Drift and/or debris Other: _____ Other: Presence of bed and bank Other: Benches Low-flow channel (LF) is indistinguishable/cannot be determined from AF/OHWM.

Project ID: Beaumont Summit Station Cross section II	Date: 06/03/2021 Time: 0915
Floodplain unit: Low-Flow Channel	Active Floodplain
GPS point: Same as OHWM	
GFS point: Same as Onwin	
Characteristics of the floodplain unit:	
Average sediment texture: Medium silt	
Total veg cover: 80 % Tree: 0 %	Shrub: 0 % Herb: 80 %
Community successional stage: NA	Mid (harba accus, abruba, canlings)
Early (herbaceous & seedlings)	☐ Mid (herbaceous, shrubs, saplings)☐ Late (herbaceous, shrubs, mature trees)
Early (neroaccous & securings)	Luce (nerodeceous, sin dos, mature dees)
Indicators:	_
Muderacks	Soil development
☐ Ripples	Surface relief
Drift and/or debris	Other:
Presence of bed and bank Benches	Other:
	Other:
Comments:	vegetated with non-native graces
AF defined by faint break in bank slope; AF heavily	vegetated with hori-mative grasses.
Floodplain unit: Low-Flow Channel	☐ Active Floodplain ✓ Low Terrace/Upland
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GPS point: Just above AF/OHWM	
Characteristics of the floodplain unit:	
Average sediment texture: Medium silt Total veg cover: 50 % Tree: 0 %	Shrub: 0 % Herb: 50 %
Community successional stage:	Siliuo. <u>9</u> /6 Hero. <u>90</u> /6
NA	☐ Mid (herbaceous, shrubs, saplings)
Early (herbaceous & seedlings)	Late (herbaceous, shrubs, mature trees)
E zarry (nerodecoda ce securings)	
Indicators:	
☐ Mudcracks	☐ Soil development
Ripples	✓ Surface relief
☐ Drift and/or debris	Other:
Presence of bed and bank	Other:
Benches	Other:
Comments:	
	ef. Uplands partially vegetated with non-native grasses.
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Project: Beaumont Summit Station	Date: 06/07/2021 Time: 0900
Project Number: N/A	Town: Beaumont State: CA
Stream: ODP 4	Photo begin file#: 18 Photo end file#: 19
Investigator(s): Shanti Santulli, Sarah Krejca	-
Y ✓ / N ☐ Do normal circumstances exist on the site?	Location Details: Beaumont Summit Station Aquatic Resource Delineation Report Review Area
Y ✓ / N ☐ Is the site significantly disturbed?	Projection: WGS 84 Datum: NAD 83 Coordinates: 33.964891, -117.023514
Potential anthropogenic influences on the channel syst Area has been recently mowed; area is undeveloped but site w	tem: as formerly used as a ranch/poultry farm.
Brief site description: Disturbed site formerly used as ranch/poultry farm; north and so to western site boundary.	outh leg of drainage within lower topographic area adjacent
✓ Vegetation maps ☐ Result ✓ Soils maps ☐ Most r ✓ Rainfall/precipitation maps ☐ Gage h	ber:
Hydrogeomorphic F	Floodplain Units
Active Floodplain Low-Flow Channels	OHWM Paleo Channel
Procedure for identifying and characterizing the flood	lplain units to assist in identifying the OHWM:
 Walk the channel and floodplain within the study area vegetation present at the site. Select a representative cross section across the channel. Determine a point on the cross section that is character a) Record the floodplain unit and GPS position. Describe the sediment texture (using the Wentworth floodplain unit. Identify any indicators present at the location. Repeat for other points in different hydrogeomorphic for the companient of the companient	Draw the cross section and label the floodplain units. istic of one of the hydrogeomorphic floodplain units. class size) and the vegetation characteristics of the loodplain units across the cross section.

Inche	Inches (in)			Millimeters (mm)		eters (mm) Wentworth size class	
	10.08			_	256		Boulder
	2.56	_		_	64		Cobble S
	0.157	Ц	Ę	_	4		Pebble C
	0.079				2.00		Granule
	0.039	_	_	_	1.00		Very coarse sand
	0.020			_	0.50		Coarse sand
1/2	0.0098		_	_	0.25		Medium sand
1/4	0.005	_	닏	_	0.125		Fine sand
1/8 —	0.0025	-		_	0.0625	_	Very fine sand
1/16	0.0012	_	_	4	0.031		Coarse silt
1/32	0.00061	-	_	-	0.0156		Medium silt
1/64	0.00031	_	=	-	0.0078	- 5-	Fine silt
1/128 -	0.00015			_	0.0039		Very fine silt
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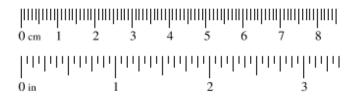


Project ID: Beaumont Summit Station Cross section ID:	ODP 4	Date: 06/07/2021	Time: 0900
Cross section drawing:			
Facing downstream (west)	Top of bank		_
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Upland		pland	
4'	LF/AF/OHWM		
OHWM			
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GPS point: 33.964891, -117.023514			
I. P. A			
Indicators:	■ Break	in bank slone	
Change in average sediment textureChange in vegetation species		in bank slope	
Change in vegetation species Change in vegetation cover	Other:	` <u></u>	
enunge in vogetation cover	3 tile1.	·	
Comments:			
pproximately 4-foot wide OHWM defined by a break in	n slope and a cha	ange in vegetation co	ver. Data was taken during a
lrought year; however, indicators still observed and cor	nsistent with anti	cipated extent of OH	WM based on review of aerial
and site conditions/topography. No distinguishable diffe	rence in sedime	nt texture from active	floodplain (AF) to upland.
Floodplain unit: Low-Flow Channel	☐ Active	e Floodplain	Low Terrace/Upland
GPS point: N/A			
Characteristics of the floodplain unit:			
Average sediment texture:		111	
Total veg cover:% Tree:% S	nrub:%	Herb:%	
Community successional stage:	□ M: 1/1		1i)
☐ NA ☐ Early (herbaceous & seedlings)		herbaceous, shrubs,	1 0 /
Early (neroaceous & seedings)		herbaceous, shrubs,	mature trees)
Indicators:			
Mudcracks	☐ Soil de	evelopment	
Ripples		ce relief	
Drift and/or debris			
Presence of bed and bank	Other:		
Benches	Other:	·	
Comments:			
Comments: .ow-flow channel (LF) is indistinguishable/cannot be de	etermined from A	F/OHWM.	
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Project ID: Beaumont Summit Station Cross section II	Date: 06/07/2021 Time: 0900
Floodplain unit:	Active Floodplain
GPS point: Same as OHWM	
of 5 point. Same as Grivini	
Characteristics of the floodplain unit:	
Average sediment texture: Coarse silt	Charles 0 0/ Heats 30 0/
Total veg cover: 30 % Tree: 0 % Community successional stage:	Shrub: <u>0</u> % Herb: <u>30</u> %
NA	☐ Mid (herbaceous, shrubs, saplings)
Early (herbaceous & seedlings)	Late (herbaceous, shrubs, mature trees)
Indicators: Mudcracks	Soil development
Ripples	Surface relief
Drift and/or debris	Other:
Presence of bed and bank	Other:
Benches	Other:
Comments:	
	vegetated, becoming less vegetated downstream. Vegetation od mustard (Hirschfeldia incana), ripgut brome (Bromus diandrus), and
false brome (Brachypodium distachyon).	od mustaru (mirschieldia incana), ripgut brome (bromus diandrus), and
, , ,	
Floodplain unit: Low-Flow Channel	☐ Active Floodplain ☐ Low Terrace/Upland
GPS point: Just above AF/OHWM	
of 5 point.	
Characteristics of the floodplain unit:	
Average sediment texture: Coarse silt	
Total veg cover: 65 % Tree: 0 %	Shrub: <u>0</u> % Herb: <u>65</u> %
Community successional stage:	Mid (harde accuse abrode accelions)
NA✓ Early (herbaceous & seedlings)	☐ Mid (herbaceous, shrubs, saplings)☐ Late (herbaceous, shrubs, mature trees)
Larry (herbaccous & securings)	Late (nerbaccous, silitos, mature trees)
Indicators:	
☐ Mudcracks	☐ Soil development
Ripples	Surface relief
Drift and/or debris	Other:
Presence of bed and bank	Other:
Benches	Other:
Comments:	A Halanda danibasi akad kuman makhir
	ef. Uplands dominated by non-native grasses, including short-pod s diandrus), and false brome (Brachypodium distachyon).
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Project: Beaumont Summit Station	Date: 06/03/2021	Time: 1200
Project Number: N/A	Town: Beaumont	State: CA
Stream: ODP 5	Photo begin file#: 27	Photo end file#: 28
Investigator(s): Chelsea Polevy, Sarah Krejca	T	
Y ✓ / N ☐ Do normal circumstances exist on the site?	Location Details: Beaumont Summit Station Aquatic Res	source Delineation Report Review Area
Y ✓ / N ☐ Is the site significantly disturbed?	Projection: WGS 84 Coordinates: 33.963128, -1	Datum: NAD 83
Potential anthropogenic influences on the channel syst Area has been recently mowed; area is undeveloped but site w	tem:	
Brief site description: Disturbed site formerly used as ranch/poultry farm; drainage feasoutheast site boundary.	ature adjacent to/south of deve	eloped concrete slabs near
✓ Vegetation maps ☐ Result ✓ Soils maps ☐ Most r ✓ Rainfall/precipitation maps ☐ Gage l	ber:	is 5-year events and the
Hydrogeomorphic F	Floodplain Units	
Active Floodplain Low-Flow Channels	OHWM Paleo Chann	
 Procedure for identifying and characterizing the flood Walk the channel and floodplain within the study area vegetation present at the site. Select a representative cross section across the channel. Determine a point on the cross section that is character a) Record the floodplain unit and GPS position. Describe the sediment texture (using the Wentworth floodplain unit. Identify any indicators present at the location. Repeat for other points in different hydrogeomorphic for Identify the OHWM and record the indicators. Record 	to get an impression of the government of the government of the government of the hydrogeo class size) and the vegetation of the class size and the vegetation of the government of the governme	geomorphology and label the floodplain units. omorphic floodplain units. on characteristics of the
✓ Mapping on aerial photograph ✓ Digitized on computer	GPS Other:	

Inche	Inches (in)			Millimeters (mm)		eters (mm) Wentworth size class	
	10.08			_	256		Boulder
	2.56	_		_	64		Cobble S
	0.157	Ц	Ę	_	4		Pebble C
	0.079				2.00		Granule
	0.039	_	_	_	1.00		Very coarse sand
	0.020			_	0.50		Coarse sand
1/2	0.0098		_	_	0.25		Medium sand
1/4	0.005	_	닏	_	0.125		Fine sand
1/8 —	0.0025	-		_	0.0625	_	Very fine sand
1/16	0.0012	_	_	4	0.031		Coarse silt
1/32	0.00061	-	_	-	0.0156		Medium silt
1/64	0.00031	_	=	-	0.0078	- 5-	Fine silt
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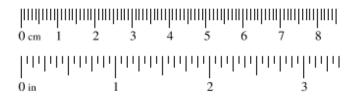
Project ID: Beaumont Summit Station Cross section ID: ODP 5 **Date:** 06/03/2021 **Time:** 1200 **Cross section drawing:** Upland 30' Top of bank Facing upstream (northeast) Upland 6' LF/AF/OHWM **OHWM GPS point:** 33.963128, -117.017059 **Indicators:** ✓ Change in average sediment texture ✓ Break in bank slope Change in vegetation species Other: _____ Change in vegetation cover **Comments:** Approximately 6-foot wide OHWM defined by a break in slope, change in sediment texture, and change in vegetation species. Data was taken during a drought year; however, indicators still observed and consistent with anticipated extent of OHWM based on review of aerials and site conditions/topography. GPS point: N/A Characteristics of the floodplain unit: Average sediment texture:

Total veg cover: _____% Tree: ____% Shrub: ____% Herb: ____% Community successional stage: Mid (herbaceous, shrubs, saplings) Early (herbaceous & seedlings) Late (herbaceous, shrubs, mature trees) **Indicators:** Soil development Mudcracks Surface relief Ripples Other: _____ Drift and/or debris Presence of bed and bank Benches Other: Low-flow channel (LF) is indistinguishable/cannot be determined from AF/OHWM.

Project ID: Beaumont Summit Station Cross section II	D: ODP 5 Date: 06/03/2021 Time: 1200
Floodplain unit: Low-Flow Channel	Active Floodplain Low Terrace/Upland
CDS point, Same as OHWM	
GPS point: Same as OHWM	
Characteristics of the floodplain unit:	
Average sediment texture: Medium silt with cobbles Total veg cover: 80 % Tree: 0 %	
Community successional stage:	Shrub: <u>15</u> % Herb: <u>65</u> %
NA	✓ Mid (herbaceous, shrubs, saplings)
☐ Early (herbaceous & seedlings)	Late (herbaceous, shrubs, mature trees)
Indicators:	
Muderacks	Soil development
Ripples	Surface relief
Drift and/or debris	Other:
Presence of bed and bank Benches	☐ Other: Other:
Comments:	
	tated with non-native grasses, including shortpod mustard (Hirschfeldia
incana).	
Floodplain unit: Low-Flow Channel	☐ Active Floodplain ☐ Low Terrace/Upland
GPS point: Just above AF/OHWM	
G1 5 point.	
Characteristics of the floodplain unit:	
Average sediment texture: Medium silt	
Total veg cover: 80 % Tree: 5 % Community successional stage:	Shrub: <u>10</u> % Herb: <u>65</u> %
NA	☐ Mid (herbaceous, shrubs, saplings)
Early (herbaceous & seedlings)	Late (herbaceous, shrubs, mature trees)
In the state of	
Indicators: Mudcracks	Soil development
Ripples	Surface relief
Drift and/or debris	Other:
Presence of bed and bank	Other:
Benches	Other:
Comments:	
	ef. Uplands heavily vegetated with non-native grasses, including cluded horehound (Marrubium vulgare) and a black elder (Sambucus

Project: Beaumont Summit Station	Date: 06/03/2021	Time: 1130
Project Number: N/A	Town: Beaumont	State: CA
Stream: ODP 6	Photo begin file#: 25	Photo end file#: 25
Investigator(s): Sarah Krejca, Chelsea Polevy	1 11000 209111 1110 120	1 110 00 011 1110 11 20
Y ✓ / N ☐ Do normal circumstances exist on the site?	Location Details: Exeter Cherry Valley Aquatic Reso	ource Delineation Report Review Area
Y ✓ / N ☐ Is the site significantly disturbed?	Projection: WGS 84 Coordinates: 33.962849, -	Datum: NAD 83 117.017148
Potential anthropogenic influences on the channel system Area has been recently mowed; area is undeveloped but site w	tem: as formerly used as a ranch/	poultry farm.
Brief site description: Disturbed site formerly used as ranch/poultry farm; swale-like fe	eature within area of non-nati	ve grassland
✓ Vegetation maps ☐ Result ✓ Soils maps ☐ Most r ✓ Rainfall/precipitation maps ☐ Gage l	ber:	sis 25-year events and the
Hydrogeomorphic F	Floodplain Units	
Active Floodplain	Low Terrace	*
Low-Flow Channels	OHWM Paleo Chan	inel
Procedure for identifying and characterizing the flood	Inlain units to assist in ide	entifying the OHWM:
 Walk the channel and floodplain within the study area vegetation present at the site. Select a representative cross section across the channel. Determine a point on the cross section that is character a) Record the floodplain unit and GPS position. Describe the sediment texture (using the Wentworth floodplain unit. 	to get an impression of the Draw the cross section and istic of one of the hydrogen	geomorphology and label the floodplain units. omorphic floodplain units.
c) Identify any indicators present at the location. 4. Repeat for other points in different hydrogeomorphic f 5. Identify the OHWM and record the indicators. Record Mapping on aerial photograph Digitized on computer		cross section.

Inches (in)			Millimeters (mm)				Wentworth size class	
	10.08			_	256		Boulder	
	2.56	_		_	64		Cobble S	
	0.157	Ц	Ę	_	4		Pebble C	
	0.079				2.00		Granule	
	0.039	_	_	_	1.00		Very coarse sand	
	0.020			_	0.50		Coarse sand	
1/2	0.0098		_	_	0.25		Medium sand	
1/4	0.005	_	Ц	_	0.125		Fine sand	
1/8 —	0.0025	-		_	0.0625	_	Very fine sand	
1/16	0.0012	_	_	4	0.031		Coarse silt	
1/32	0.00061	-	_	-	0.0156		Medium silt	
1/64	0.00031	_	_	-	0.0078	- 5-	Fine silt	
1/128 -	0.00015			_	0.0039		Very fine silt	
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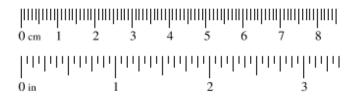
Project ID: Beaumont Summit Station Cross section	n ID: ODP6	Date: 06/03/2021	Time: 1130
Cross section drawing:			
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Gentle slope			
	Swale		
<u>OHWM</u>			
GPS point: 33.962849, -117.017148			
Of 5 point.			
Indicators:			
Change in average sediment textor Change in vegetation species		in bank slope	
Change in vegetation species Change in vegetation cover	Other:		
	<u> </u>		
Comments:			
Area did not contain clear bed and bank indicate			
and adjacent upland area did not differ (both he during a drought year; however, historic aerials			
duffing a drought year, nowever, motorio acriais	and previous demiedation	THOLE CONSISTENT CONTAIL	iioris.
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Floodplain unit: Low-Flow Char	nnel Active	Floodplain	Low Terrace/Upland
GPS point: N/A			
Characteristics of the floodplain unit:			
Average sediment texture:			
Total veg cover: % Tree:	_% Shrub:%	Herb:%	
Community successional stage: NA	☐ Mid (h	erbaceous, shrubs, sa	nlings)
Early (herbaceous & seedlings)		erbaceous, shrubs, sa nerbaceous, shrubs, m	1 0 /
		101 040 040, 511 402,	attare trees,
Indicators:			
Mudcracks		evelopment	
☐ Ripples ☐ Drift and/or debris		e relief	
Presence of bed and bank			
Benches	Other:		
Comments:			
Comments.			

Project ID: Beaumont Summit Station Cross section ID	: ODP6	Date: 06/03/2021	Time: 1130
Floodplain unit:		Active Floodplain	Low Terrace/Upland
GPS point: N/A		-	
Characteristics of the floodplain unit: Average sediment texture: Total veg cover: % Tree: % Community successional stage: NA Early (herbaceous & seedlings)	Shrub:	Mid (herbaceous, shrubs, Late (herbaceous, shrubs,	
Indicators: Mudcracks Ripples Drift and/or debris Presence of bed and bank Benches		Soil development Surface relief Other: Other:	
Comments:			
Floodplain unit:		Active Floodplain	Low Terrace/Upland
Characteristics of the floodulein suite			
Characteristics of the floodplain unit: Average sediment texture: Total veg cover: % Tree: % Community successional stage: NA Early (herbaceous & seedlings)	Shrub:	% Herb:% Mid (herbaceous, shrubs, Late (herbaceous, shrubs,	
Indicators: Mudcracks Ripples Drift and/or debris Presence of bed and bank Benches		Soil development Surface relief Other: Other:	
Comments:			
2 3 3 - 1 3 3			

Project: Beaumont Summit Station	Date: 06/03/2021	Time: 1415			
Project Number: N/A	Town: Beaumont State: CA				
Stream: ODP 7	Photo begin file#: 33	Photo end file#: 34			
Investigator(s): Chelsea Polevy, Sarah Krejca					
Y ✓ / N ☐ Do normal circumstances exist on the site?	Location Details: Exeter Cherry Valley Aquatic Resource Delineation Report Review Area				
Y ✓ / N ☐ Is the site significantly disturbed?	Projection: WGS 84 Datum: NAD 83 Coordinates: 33.962282, -117.021353				
Potential anthropogenic influences on the channel syst Area receives upstream flows from runoff from developed road Brookside Avenue; site was formerly used as a ranch/poultry fa	tem: (Brookside Avenue) and fron				
Brief site description: Disturbed site formerly used as ranch/poultry farm; large draina tree of heaven.	ge feature in southern portio	n of site within area mapped as			
✓ Vegetation maps Result ✓ Soils maps Most r ✓ Rainfall/precipitation maps Gage l	ber:	sis 25-year events and the			
Hydrogeomorphic F	Floodplain Units				
Active Floodplain Low-Flow Channels	OHWM Paleo Char	nnel			
Procedure for identifying and characterizing the floodplain units to assist in identifying the OHWM:					
 Walk the channel and floodplain within the study area vegetation present at the site. Select a representative cross section across the channel. Determine a point on the cross section that is character a) Record the floodplain unit and GPS position. Describe the sediment texture (using the Wentworth floodplain unit. Identify any indicators present at the location. Repeat for other points in different hydrogeomorphic from the control of the control of	to get an impression of the Draw the cross section and istic of one of the hydroge class size) and the vegetat	e geomorphology and a label the floodplain units. comorphic floodplain units. tion characteristics of the			
5. Identify the OHWM and record the indicators. Record the OHWM position via: Mapping on aerial photograph Other:					

Wentworth Size Classes

Inche	es (in)		Millimeters (mm)				Wentworth size class
	10.08			_	256		Boulder
	2.56	_		_	64		Cobble S
	0.157	Ц	Ę	_	4		Pebble C
	0.079				2.00		Granule
	0.039	_	_	_	1.00		Very coarse sand
	0.020			_	0.50		Coarse sand
1/2	0.0098		_	_	0.25		Medium sand
1/4	0.005	_	Ц	_	0.125		Fine sand
1/8 —	0.0025	-		_	0.0625	_	Very fine sand
1/16	0.0012	_	_	4	0.031		Coarse silt
1/32	0.00061	-	_	-	0.0156		Medium silt
1/64	0.00031	_	=	-	0.0078	- 5	Fine silt
1/128 -	0.00015			_	0.0039		Very fine silt
					2,575		Clay



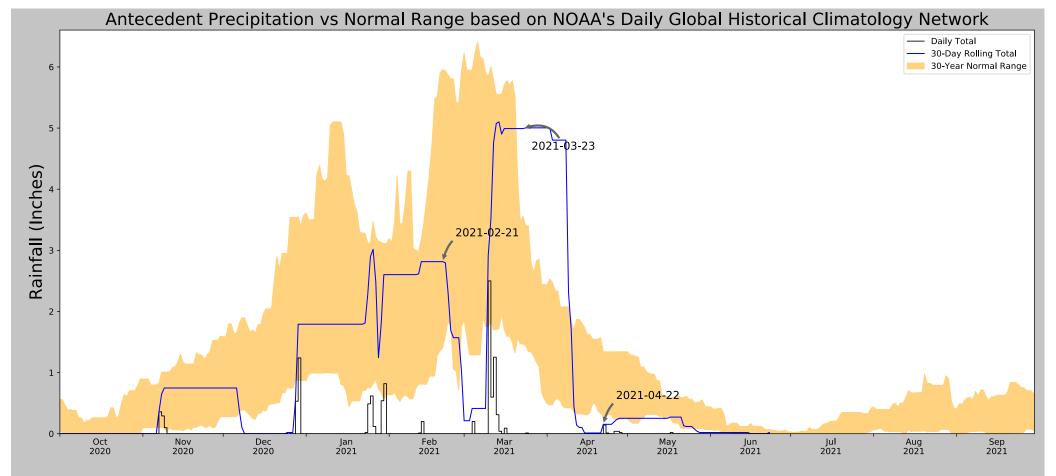
Project ID: Beaumont Summit Station Cross section ID: ODP 7 **Date:** 06/03/2021 **Time:** 1415 **Cross section drawing:** Facing upstream (east) Upland Upland 55' Top of bank 8' LF/AF/OHWM **OHWM GPS point:** 33.962282, -117.021353 **Indicators:** ✓ Change in average sediment texture ✓ Break in bank slope Change in average security

Change in vegetation species Other: _____ Change in vegetation cover **Comments:** Approximately 8-foot wide OHWM primarily defined by a change in average sediment texture, change in vegetation species and cover, and faint break in bank slope. Data was collected during a drought year; however, indicators still observed and consistent with anticipated extent of OHWM based on review of aerials and site conditions/topography. Floodplain unit: Low-Flow Channel Active Floodplain Low Terrace/Upland GPS point: N/A Characteristics of the floodplain unit: Community successional stage: Mid (herbaceous, shrubs, saplings) Early (herbaceous & seedlings) Late (herbaceous, shrubs, mature trees) **Indicators:** Soil development Mudcracks Surface relief Ripples Other: _____ Drift and/or debris Presence of bed and bank Other: Benches Low-flow channel (LF) is indistinguishable/cannot be determined from AF/OHWM.

Project ID: Beaumont Summit Station Cross section II			Date: 06/0	3/2021	Time: 1415
Floodplain unit: Low-Flow Channel	/	Active 1	Floodplain		Low Terrace/Upland
GPS point: Same as OHWM					
of 5 point.					
Characteristics of the floodplain unit:					
Average sediment texture: Medium sand Total veg cover: 0 % Tree: 0 %	Shrub: 0	0/.	Herb: ⁰	0/.	
Community successional stage:	Siliuo. •	/0	11610.		
NA NA		Mid (he	erbaceous, sl	hriihe e	anlings)
Early (herbaceous & seedlings)					mature trees)
Indicators:					
Muderacks	Ц		velopment		
Ripples		Surface			
Drift and/or debris	닏	Other: _			
Presence of bed and bank	닏	Other: _			
Benches		Other: _			
Comments:					
AF defined by faint break in bank slope; AF unveget	ated.				
Floodplain unit: Low-Flow Channel		Active 1	Floodplain		✓ Low Terrace/Upland
GPS point: Just above AF/OHWM					
Characteristics of the floodplain unit:					
Average sediment texture: Medium silt		0.7	** 1 05	0./	
Total veg cover: 100 % Tree: 10 %	Shrub: 5	%	Herb: <u>85</u>	_%	
Community successional stage:		3 C 1 /1	1 1	. 1	1.
□ NA			erbaceous, sl		
☐ Early (herbaceous & seedlings)		Late (ne	erbaceous, s	nrubs, n	mature trees)
Indiana.					
Indicators:		C = :1 .1 ==	1		
Mudcracks		Surface	velopment		
☐ Ripples ☐ Drift and/or debris					
Presence of bed and bank	H	Other:			
Benches	H	Other:			
		Ouiei			
Comments:					
No true low terrace; uplands defined by soil develop	ment and su	urface reli	ef; uplands v	vere dom	ninated with non-native
grasses and tree of heaven (Ailanthus altissima).					

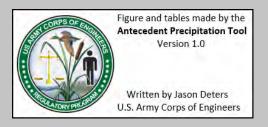
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ANTECEDENT PRECIPITATION TOOL OUTPUT

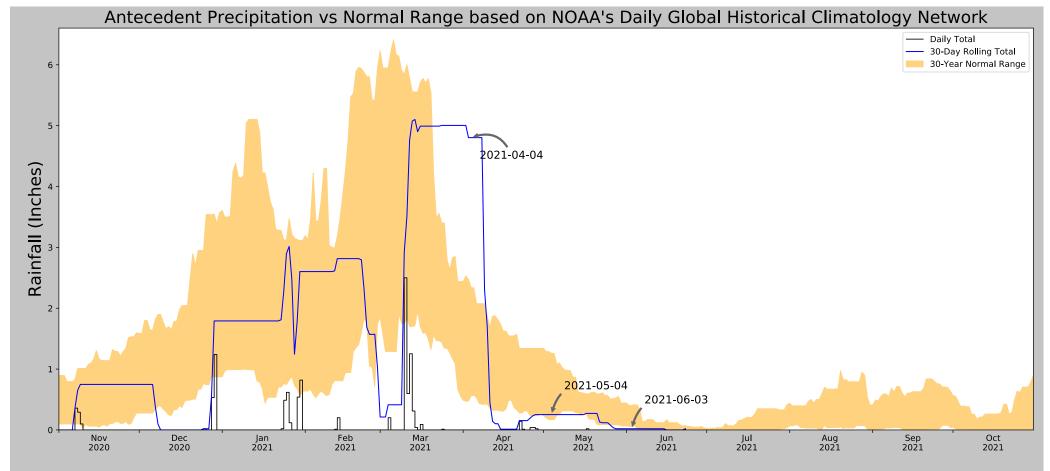


Coordinates	33.965141, -117.019732
Observation Date	2021-04-22
Elevation (ft)	2485.7
Drought Index (PDSI)	Severe drought
WebWIMP H₂O Balance	Dry Season

30 Days Ending	30 th %ile (in)	70 th %ile (in)	Observed (in)	Wetness Condition	Condition Value	Month Weight	Product
2021-04-22	0.279528	1.340945	0.153543	Dry	1	3	3
2021-03-23	1.466535	3.561024	4.992126	Wet	3	2	6
2021-02-21	1,404331	5.958268	2,814961	Normal	2	1	2
Result							Normal Conditions - 11

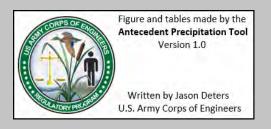


Weather Station Name	Coordinates	Elevation (ft)	Distance (mi)	Elevation Δ	Weighted Δ	Days Normal	Days Antecedent
CORONA 12.5 SE	33.7346, -117.4315	1301.837	28.496	1183.863	46.559	149	0
DESERT HOT SPRINGS 3.0 NW	33.9855, -116.5415	1338.911	27.438	1146.789	43.813	1581	0
HOMELAND 1.7 NNE	33.769, -117.0923	2248.032	14.177	237.668	9.749	10	3
IDYLLWILD 1.8 NW	33.7631, -116.735	6325.131	21.488	3839.431	92.171	1557	0
HEMET 4.1 ENE	33.7527, -116.9196	1698,163	15,763	787,537	19,507	1076	87
CORONA 12.8 SE	33.7307, -117.4276	1403.871	28.463	1081.829	43.6	102	0
BIG BEAR LAKE	34.2431, -116.9169	6752.953	20.086	4267.253	94.751	6722	0
ELSINORE	33.6861, -117.3458	1268.045	26.87	1217.655	44.81	135	0
HEMET	33.7381, -116.8939	1811.024	17.269	674.676	19.422	21	0

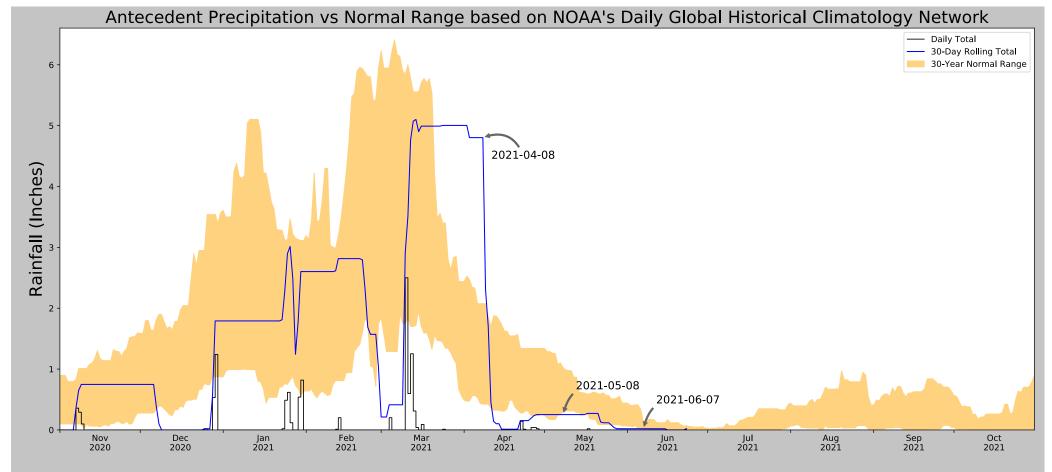


Coordinates	33.965141, -117.019732
Observation Date	2021-06-03
Elevation (ft)	2485.7
Drought Index (PDSI)	Extreme drought (2021-05)
WebWIMP H ₂ O Balance	Dry Season

30 Days Ending	30 th %ile (in)	70 th %ile (in)	Observed (in)	Wetness Condition	Condition Value	Month Weight	Product
2021-06-03	0.054331	0.403937	0.019685	Dry	1	3	3
2021-05-04	0.170079	1.26063	0.251969	Normal	2	2	4
2021-04-04	0.558661	2.34252	4.80315	Wet	3	1	3
Result							Normal Conditions - 10

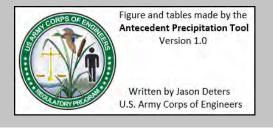


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CORONA 12,8 SE	33.7307, -117.4276	1403.871	28.463	1081.829	43.6	102	0
BEAUMONT 2.5 NW	33.9543, -117.012	2532.152	0.87	46.452	0.432	0	1
BIG BEAR LAKE	34.2431, -116.9169	6752,953	20,086	4267.253	94.751	6722	0
ELSINORE	33.6861, -117.3458	1268.045	26.87	1217.655	44.81	135	0
HEMET	33.7381, -116.8939	1811.024	17,269	674.676	19,422	21	0



Coordinates	33.965141, -117.019732
Observation Date	2021-06-07
Elevation (ft)	2485.7
Drought Index (PDSI)	Extreme drought (2021-05)
WebWIMP H ₂ O Balance	Dry Season

30 Days Ending	30 th %ile (in)	70 th %ile (in)	Observed (in)	Wetness Condition	Condition Value	Month Weight	Product
2021-06-07	0.017323	0.124409	0.019685	Normal	2	3	6
2021-05-08	0.314173	1.022047	0.251969	Dry	1	2	2
2021-04-08	0.422441	2.075591	4.80315	Wet	3	1	3
Result							Normal Conditions - 11



Weather Station Name	Coordinates	Elevation (ft)	Distance (mi)	Elevation Δ	Weighted Δ	Days Normal	Days Antecedent
CORONA 12.5 SE	33.7346, -117.4315	1301.837	28.496	1183.863	46.559	149	0
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APPENDIX F

SITE PHOTOGRAPHS

Appendix F. Site Photographs¹

Beaumont Summit Station Aguatic Resources Delineation - April 22, 2021; June 3 and 7, 2021



Photo 1. Looking southwest towards Erosional Feature (EF)-1 (yellow line). Vegetation surrounding EF-1 had been recently mowed. EF-1 exhibited a slight break in bank slope, but did not exhibit a distinctive change in average sediment texture, change in vegetation species or cover, or any other Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) indicators. (33.968462, -117.024590). June 3, 2021.



Photo 3. View of area of low topography between EF-1 and EF-2, facing southwest (33.967847, -117.024635). June 3, 2021.



Photo 2. View of OHWM Datasheet Point (ODP) 1, facing west, within the lower topographic area between two gentle slopes just west of EF-1. The lower topographic area did not exhibit any bed and bank indicators, there was no break in slope, and the sediment texture and vegetation did not differ from the lower topographic area to the adjacent slopes (33.968296, -117.024925). June 3, 2021.



Photo 4. View of ODP 2, facing southwest, within EF-2. The gully/erosional feature exhibited a slight break in bank slope but did not exhibit a distinctive change in average sediment texture, change in vegetation species or cover, or any other OHWM indicators, and did not continue downstream (33.967305, -117.025013). June 3, 2021.

¹ See corresponding Figure 5 series for Photo Point Locations. See Aquatic Resource Delineation Report Sections 6 through 8 for a discussion of each feature.



Photo 5. Overview of area of lower topography located east of EF-2, facing east (33.967002, -117.025087). June 3, 2021.



Photo 7. Overview of Non-Wetland Water (NWW)-1A and NWW-1, facing south. NWW-1A and NWW-1 converge just before continuing off site and downstream and exhibiting a more defined bed and bank (33.966304, -117.025167). June 3, 2021.



Photo 6. Overview of area of lower topography located west of Basin (B)-2, facing southwest (33.966258, -117.022864). June 3, 2021.



Photo 8. Upstream view of ODP 3, facing southeast, within NWW-1A. The OHWM was defined by a faint break in bank slope and a change in vegetation cover. NWW-1A and NWW-1 continue downstream where OHWM indicators become more prominent (33.966120, -117.025049). June 3, 2021.



Photo 9. Downstream view of ODP 3, facing west, within NWW-1A. As NWW-1A continues downstream, OHWM indicators become more prominent (33.966076, -117.024773). June 3, 2021.



Photo 11. View of B-1, which contained several mulefat (*Baccharis salicifolia*), facing north. B-1 was previously used as a settling basin to hold manure (33.966130, -117.021422). June 3, 2021.



Photo 10. Downstream view of NWW-1 from upstream extent, facing west. As NWW-1 continues downstream, OHWM indicators become more prominent (33.965835, -117.024734). June 3, 2021.



Photo 12. View of B-2, which contained some mulefat and tree tobacco (*Nicotiana glauca*), facing northeast. B-2 was previously used as a settling basin to hold manure (33.966130, -117.021422). June 3, 2021.



Photo 13. View of B-3, facing south. B-3 was previously used as a settling basin to hold manure (33.965818, -117.021455). June 3, 2021.



Photo 15. View of B-5 facing southeast. B-5 was previously used as a settling basin to hold manure (33.965122 -117.021874). June 3, 2021.



Photo 14. View of Wetland Data Form Point (WDP) 1 (white arrow) within small stand of mule fat, facing east, within B-4. WDP 1 met the wetland hydrology parameter; however, hydrophytic vegetation and hydric soil parameters were not met at WDP 1. B-4 was previously used as a settling basin to hold manure (33.965370, -117.022221). June 3, 2021.



Photo 16. View of area mapped by U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) National Hydrography Dataset (NHD) as a "Reservoir," facing west. No evidence of hydrology was observed (33.965010, -117.021979). June 3, 2021.



Photo 17. Downstream view of NWW-2, facing west. (33.965125, -117.022334). June 7, 2021.



Photo 19. Downstream view of ODP 4, facing west, within NWW-2. Vegetation was dominated by non-native grasses, including short-pod mustard (*Hirschfeldia incana*), ripgut brome (*Bromus diandrus*), and false brome (*Brachypodium distachyon*) (33.964874, -117.023356). June 7, 2021.



Photo 18. Upstream view of ODP 4, facing east, within NWW-2. The OHWM was defined by a faint break in bank slope and a change in vegetation cover (33.964853, -117.023670). June 7, 2021.



Photo 20. View of WDP 2 (white arrow), facing west, within NWW-2. WDP 2 did not meet the hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soil, or wetland hydrology parameters (33.964962, -117.023251). June 7, 2021.



Photo 21. View of NWW-2A (yellow line), which showed faint indicators of an OHWM, as it continues into NWW-2, facing northwest (33.964876, -117.022516). June 7, 2021.



Photo 23. Downstream view of NWW-3, facing northwest, located just north of the two culvert outlets under Brookside Avenue before NWW-3 converges with NWW-3A (33.961636, -117.018604). June 3, 2021.



Photo 22. View of culvert outlets located along the southern extent of the review area under Brookside Avenue, facing south. Flows from the culvert outlets continue into NWW-3 (33.961603, -117.018517). June 3, 2021.



Photo 24. View of EF-4 within the review area, facing west. EF-4 continues west into Swale (S)-1, which ultimately converges with NWW-3A (33.963245, -117.013837). April 22, 2021.



Photo 25. View of ODP 6, facing east, within S-1. S-1 did not exhibit any bed and bank indicators, there was no change in sediment texture or break in slope, and vegetation did not differ between the swale and the adjacent upland area (33.962812, -117.017420). June 3, 2021.



Photo 27. Upstream view of ODP 5, facing northeast, within NWW-3A. The OHWM was primarily defined by a a break in bank slope, change in average sediment texture, and change in vegetation species (33.963053, -117.017202). June 3, 2021.



Photo 26. View at upstream extent of NWW-3A, facing southwest, just west of S-2 (33.963458, -117.016526). June 3, 2021.

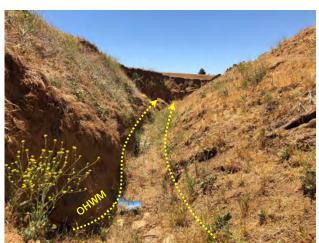


Photo 28. Downstream view of ODP 5, facing southwest, within NWW-3A (33.963266, -117.017032). June 3, 2021.



Photo 29. View of S-3, facing south, as it travels towards NWW-3A (33.9632961, -117.018316). April 22, 2021.



Photo 31. Downstream view of area of NWW-3A exhibiting a faint OHWM, facing west (33.962373, -117.019364). June 3, 2021.



Photo 30. Downstream view of NWW-3A, facing southwest (33.962811, -117.018492). June 3, 2021.



Photo 32. Downstream view of NWW-3, located west of the convergence of NWW-3 and NWW-3A, facing southwest (33.962054, -117.02037). June 3, 2021.



Photo 33. Upstream view of ODP 7, facing east, within NWW-3. The OHWM was primarily defined by a change in average sediment texture, change in vegetation species and cover, and faint break in bank slope (33.962257, -117.021513).



Photo 35. View of WDP 3, facing north, within NWW-3. WDP 3 met the hydrophytic vegetation parameter; however, hydric soil and wetland hydrology parameters were not met within WDP 3 (33.962696, -117.022892). June 7, 2021.



Photo 34. Downstream view of ODP 7, facing west, within NWW-3 (33.962335, -117.021187). June 3, 2021.



Photo 36. View of EF-6 (yellow line), facing northwest, which travels into area with some mulefat and tree tobacco, just east of NWW-3B. EF-6 did not appear to contribute flows to NWW-3B (33.963667, -117.020341). June 3, 2021.



Photo 37. View of EF-7 (yellow arrow), just south of EF-6, facing south/southwest. EF-7 converges with EF-8 (white arrow), neither of which appeared to contribute flows to NWW-3B (33.963581, -117.020494). June 3, 2021.



Photo 39. View of D-1, facing east (33.965103, -117.019365). April 22, 2021.



Photo 38. Looking downstream from the south side of the upstream extent of NWW-3B, facing northwest (33.963553, -117.021142). June 3, 2021.



Photo 40. View of area where D-1 abruptly stops, facing south. Flows likely continue as sheet flow into S-5, before continuing into NWW-3B1 (33.964824, -117.020845). June 3, 2021.



Photo 41. View of NWW-3B1, facing south. Flows continue south/southwest into NWW-3B (white arrow) (33.964550, -117.021793). June 3, 2021.



Photo 43. Downstream view of the convergence of NWW-3 and NWW-3B, facing west, before NWW-3 continues off site (33.963316, -117.023726). June 3, 2021.



Photo 42. Downstream view of NWW-3B, facing west (33.963775, -117.022856). April 22, 2021.



Photo 44. View of slight depressional area surrounded by mulefat scrub, located south of NWW-3B, facing west. No evidence of hydrology was observed (33.963283, -117.021269). June 3, 2021.



Photo 45. East facing view of area mapped by USGS NHD as a "Reservoir" and where a basin was previously located east of EF-8. No evidence of hydrology was observed (33.963493, -117.020227). June 3, 2021.



Photo 46. Southeast facing view of area where a basin was previously located west of S-3. No evidence of hydrology was observed (33.963274, -117.019648). June 3, 2021.

APPENDIX G

JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION REQUEST FORMS

Appendix 1 - REQUEST FOR CORPS JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION (JD)

To: District Name Here

I am requesting a JD or	n property located	at: South of Cherry V	alley Blvd., no	orth of Brookside	Ave., and east/northeast of I-10
City/Township/Parish: E	Reaumont		Address)	State: CA	
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Section: 30 To	wnship: 2 S	Range: 1 W			
Latitude (decimal degre					
(For linear projects, ple					4b - 1D
Please attach a survey. Laurrantly own this					or the JD.
 I currently own this I am an agent/cons 	- property. sultant acting on h	l plan to pu	archase inis for	property.	
Other (please expl	ain):	enall of the reques	ior.		
 Reason for request: (ch 		pplicable)			
I intend to construc			es on this p	arcel which wo	uld be designed to
avoid all aquatic resour		ě			
I intend to construc				arcel which wo	uld be designed to
avoid all jurisdictional a				araal which was	
I intend to construct authorization from the 0					
aquatic resources and				mmze mpaca	s to jurisdictional
				arcel which ma	ay require authorization from
the Corps; this request	is accompanied by	y my permit applica	ation and the	JD is to be us	sed in the permitting process
I intend to construc					the U.S. which is
included on the district					
A Corps JD is requ					corns confirm that
jurisdiction does/does r				request the C	orps commit that
I believe that the si					
Other:					
 Type of determination b 					
I am requesting an					
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By signing below, you are in person or entity with such a site if needed to perform the rights to request a JD on the	outhority, to and do e JD. Your signato	hereby grant Corp ure shall be an affir	s personne	right of entry	to legally access the
*Signature:			Date:		
Typed or printed name:	Andrew Greybar				
Company name:	Exeter Cherry Val	lley Land, LLC			
Address:	5060 North 40th S	Street, Suite 108			
	Phoenix, AZ 850	18			
Daytime phone no.:	708-341-9821				
Email address:	andrew.greybar@	eqtexeter.com			
orities: Rivers and Harbors Act, Section n 103, 33 USC 1413; Regulatory Progra					ch, and Sanctuaries Act,

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Section 103, 33 USC 1413; Regulatory Program of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Final Rule for 33 CFR Parts 320-332.

Principal Purpose: The information that you provide will be used in evaluating your request to determine whether there are any aquatic resources within the project area subject to federal jurisdiction under the regulatory authorities referenced above.

Routine Uses: This information may be shared with the Department of Justice and other federal, state, and local government agencies, and the public, and may be made available as part of a public notice as required by federal law. Your name and property location where federal jurisdiction is to be determined will be included in the approved jurisdictional determination (AJD), which will be made available to the public on the District's website and on the Headquarters USACE website.

Disclosure: Submission of requested information is voluntary; however, if Information is not provided, the request for an AJD cannot be evaluated nor can an AJD be issued.

APPENDIX H

LITERATURE CITATIONS AND REFERENCES

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APPENDIX I



ORM BULK UPLOAD AQUATIC RESOURCES OR CONSOLIDATED EXCEL SPREADSHEET

Waters_Name	State	Cowardin_	<mark>_Code</mark> HGM_Code <mark>Meas_Type</mark>	Amount	Units	Waters_Type	Latitude	Longitude
NWW-1	CALIFORNIA	R6	Area	0.018	ACRE	DELINEATE	33.965908	-117.025153
NWW-1A	CALIFORNIA	R6	Area	0.021	ACRE	DELINEATE	33.966006	-117.025084
NWW-2	CALIFORNIA	R6	Area	0.087	ACRE	DELINEATE	33.964929	-117.023925
NWW-2A	CALIFORNIA	R6	Area	0.004	ACRE	DELINEATE	33.964977	-117.022656
NWW-2B	CALIFORNIA	R6	Area	0.012	ACRE	DELINEATE	33.965185	-117.022994
NWW-2C	CALIFORNIA	R6	Area	0.007	ACRE	DELINEATE	33.964845	-117.023224
NWW-3	CALIFORNIA	R6	Area	0.385	ACRE	DELINEATE	33.962391	-117.021747
NWW-3A	CALIFORNIA	R6	Area	0.146	ACRE	DELINEATE	33.962760	-117.018132
NWW-3B	CALIFORNIA	R6	Area	0.117	ACRE	DELINEATE	33.963540	-117.022834
NWW-3B1	CALIFORNIA	R6	Area	0.0301001	ACRE	DELINEATE	33.964055	-117.021934

APPENDIX J

GIS DATA (PROVIDED ELECTRONICALLY TO AGENCIES)

APPENDIX F

SITE SOILS MAP

