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Subj: Biological Resources Technical Report Update

Moorpark 67 / North Ranch Residential Development Project, City of Moorpark

#### Dear Ms. Rasmussen:

This letter report provides an update to the Biological Resources Technical Report prepared for the Baher Property: A.P.N. 5110-190-285 & - 305 (prepared by LDC Environmental, dated March 2009). In accordance with the peer review comments provided by the City of Moorpark in October 2020, this letter report provides updates associated with the current onsite vegetation communities and focused surveys for specific special-status plant and wildlife species, as well as an evaluation of potential impacts of the project on biological resources based on **Attachment 1**, **Conceptual Grading, Drainage, & Utility Plan** (prepared by Delane Engineering, dated May 31, 2020). Information that has not changed since the 2009 report will not be discussed in this report, including project location, project description, regional overview, non-biotic characteristics of the site, and wildlife movement corridors and habitat linkages. Reports addressing protected trees, jurisdictional waters and habitat, and coastal California Gnatcatcher surveys will be provided under separate cover.

#### **METHODS**

A literature review was performed that included information available in standard references and relevant lists and databases pertaining to the status and known occurrences of sensitive and special-status biological resources. Other sources of information included aerial photographs, topographic maps, soil survey maps, climatic data, relevant policy and planning documents, and previous biological studies of the site, if available. The following sources were among those reviewed in preparation for field surveys, or that were consulted during preparation of this report. For a complete list, please refer to the References section of this report.

- Biogeographic Information and Observation System ("BIOS"), California Department of Fish and Wildlife ("CDFW"), data accessed on June 14, 2021;
- California Natural Diversity Database ("CNDDB") Rarefind 5 report for the 7.5' USGS Moorpark quadrangle and the eight surrounding quadrangles, CDFW, data accessed on June 14, 2021;
- California Native Plant Society ("CNPS") Inventory of Rare and Endangered Vascular Plants of California for the 7.5' USGS Moorpark quadrangle and the eight surrounding quadrangles, CDFW, data accessed on June 14, 2021;
- Protocols for Surveying and Evaluating Impacts to Special-Status Native Plant Populations and Natural Communities, CDFW, March 10, 2018

















- FWS Critical Habitat Mapper for Threatened and Endangered Species, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("USFWS"), data accessed on June 14, 2021.
- Special Vascular Plants, Bryophytes, and Lichens List, CDFW, January 2021;
- Vegetation Classification of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and Environs in Ventura and Los Angeles Counties, CNPS & CDFW, January 2006; and
- Special Animals List, CDFW, November 2020.

Lists generated from the CNDDB and the CNPS literature searches are provided as **Attachment 2**, **CNDDB and CNPS Database Results - June 14, 2021**.

Envicom Corporation biologist Erin Roberts conducted the biological survey and vegetation community mapping of the property boundary and those areas outside the property boundary where grading activities will occur ("Study Area") over the course of three (3) days between June 16, 2021 and July 14, 2021. These surveys were conducted per the following times and conditions:

- June 16, 2021 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in warm conditions (mid-60s to mid-80s °F) with partially cloudy to clear skies and light winds (1-7 m.p.h.);
- June 17, 2021 between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in in warm conditions (mid-60s to high-80s °F) with clear skies and light winds (1-3 m.p.h.);
- July 14, 2021 between the hours 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in warm conditions (mid-60s to high-70s °F) with clear skies and light wind (2-5 m.p.h.).

Data collected during the June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> surveys included an inventory of all vascular plants, vertebrate wildlife species, plant communities. Vascular plants were identified to the taxonomic level necessary to determine applicable protection status and species determinations were made using the *Jepson Manual: Vascular Plants of California, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition* (Baldwin B. et al. 2012). Vertebrate wildlife species were identified by direct observation, sign, (e.g. tracks, scat, or burrows), or vocalization and species identification relied upon Reid (2006), Sibley (2016), and Stebbins (2003). Plant communities were mapped using orthorectified, high-resolution aerial imagery from 2020 which was representative of the current conditions of those areas within Survey Area. The surveys were performed by slowly walking transects across the Survey Area and investigating particular areas as thoroughly as necessary. As all these areas were accessible by foot, this survey methodology resulted in an investigation of all plant communities and habitats growing within the Study Area.

Per the City of Moorpark's peer review comments, the June 17<sup>th</sup> and July 14<sup>th</sup> surveys included focused surveys for white rabbit-tobacco (*Pseudognaphalium leucocephalum*), Plummer's mariposa lily (*Calochortus plummerae*), coast horned lizard (*Phrynosoma blainvillii*)<sup>1</sup> and coastal whiptail (*Aspidoscelis tigris stejnegeri*). The surveys were performed by slowly walking transects across the Study Area and investigating particular areas that support the habitat requirements specific to these species.

Since the preparation of the 2009 report, the standardized naming for the *Phrynosoma coronatum* complex has been updated, resulting in *Phrynosoma blainvillii* as the only coast horn lizard identified in the current CNDDB Rarefind 5 report.



#### RESULTS

#### **Vegetation Communities**

The vegetation growing within the Study Area generally consists of ruderal grassland habitat, coastal scrub habitat, mulefat scrub habitat, and landscaping. The vegetation within the Study Area was correlated with the *Vegetation Classification of the Santa Monica Mountains Natural Recreation Area and Environs in Ventura and Los Angeles Counties, California* (CDFW/CNPS, January 2006) and the *California Natural Communities List* (CDFW, September 9, 2020). These documents provide lists of plant communities occurring in the Santa Monica Mountains and the environs and in the State of California, respectively. The latter provides the current conservation status rank (also known as "rarity rank"), which is used to determine the sensitivity of the plant community. Plant communities with global or state status ranks of G1 through G3, or S1 through S3 respectively, are sensitive and are referred to as "natural communities of special concern." Plant communities are classified based on plant species composition and abundance, as well as the underlying abiotic conditions of the stand, such as slope, aspect, or soil type.

All nine (9) of the vegetation communities mapped and described in the 2009 report were recorded within the project site. For consistency purposes, the community descriptions provided in the prior report for Ruderal Grasslands, Landscaping, Ruderal Grasslands with CSS, Ruderal Grasslands with Landscaping, CSS with Ruderal Grassland, and Developed have not been updated and will not be reiterated in this report. However, the total acreages of each of these communities within the Study Area have been updated and are provided below in Table 1, Vegetation Communities and Other Land Cover within the Study Area. Further, one (1) additional coastal scrub vegetation community predominately comprising California Brittle Bush (Encelia californica) was mapped in the northwestern portion of the Study Area. The description of this community is provided below. The map of the vegetation communities recorded within the Study Area is provided as **Attachment** 3, Biological Resources & Project Impacts Map and representative photographs of these vegetation communities are provided as Attachment 4A and 4B, Representative Photos of Onsite Vegetation Communities. No Sensitive Plant Communities/Habitats identified in the CNDDB Rarefind 5 application generated for the Moorpark quadrangle and the eight surrounding quadrangles were observed within the Study Area. A list of these communities is provided in Attachment 2.



Table 1
Vegetation Communities and Other Land Cover within the Study Area

Habitat Class	Vegetation Community or Land Cover <sup>2</sup>	Conservation Status Rank <sup>3</sup>	Acres
Coastal Scrub	California Brittle Bush ( <i>Encelia californica</i> ) Scrub Alliance [32.050.00]	G3S3	2.18
Coastai Scrub	California Sagebrush (Artemisia californica) Scrub Association G4S4 [32.010.01]		3.98
	Ruderal Grassland	Not ranked	11.21
	Landscaping	Not ranked	1.81
Herbaceous	Ruderal Grassland with CSS & Landscaping	Not ranked	3.43
	CSS with Ruderal Grassland	Not ranked	4.03
	Ruderal Grassland with CSS	Not ranked	40.55
	Mulefat Scrub ( <i>Baccharis salicifolia</i> ) [63.510.01]	G5S5	0.83
Scrub Shrubland	Scalebroom Scrub ( <i>Lepidospartum</i> squamatum) [32.070.00]	G3S3	0.20
Other Landcover	Developed	Not ranked	3.63
		TOTAL ACREAGE	71.85
*Number is approximate du	e to rounding	_	

#### Coastal Scrub

Coastal scrub comprises approximately 6.16 acres (8.58 percent) of the vegetation within the Study Area. Vegetation mapping per the State Vegetation Classification yields two (2) types of coastal scrub vegetation communities within the Study Area, including California Brittle Bush (*Encelia californica*) Scrub Alliance and California Sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*) Scrub Association.

#### California Brittle Bush Scrub Alliance [G3S3]

This scrub alliance is found in the northwestern portion of the Study Area, on a gentle to moderate southwest-facing slope, comprising approximately 2.18 acres (3.03 percent) of the Study Area. The shrub layer is predominately continuous and is characterized by a strong dominance of California brittle bush (greater than 70 percent relative cover) with a scattered distribution of giant wild rye (*Elymus codensatus*), California sagebrush, and coastal prickly pear (*Opuntia littoralis*), as well as

A conservation status rank (also known as "rarity rank") or a "high inventory priority" designation is used to determine the significance of project impacts to plant communities. The conservation status ranking system consists of a geographic scale (G=Global; S=State) and a degree of threat (1=critically imperiled; 2=imperiled; 3=vulnerable to extirpation or extinction; 4=apparently secure; and 5=demonstrably widespread, abundant, or secure). Plant community alliances with global or state conservation status ranks of G1 through G3, or S1 through S3, respectively, are rare or sensitive and are considered to be "natural communities of special concern."



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Numbers in brackets are unique codes for each plant community, as provided in the *California Natural Communities List* (CDFW, November 8, 2019).

scattered non-native brome grasses and hoary mustard (*Hirschfeldia incana*) in the herbaceous layer. In addition, blue elderberry (*Sambucus nig*ra ssp. *caerulea*) are sparsely distributed throughout the emergent layer. The California Brittle Bush Scrub Alliance is considered rare or sensitive by the State of California.

#### California Sagebrush (Artemisia californica) Scrub Association [G4S4]

This scrub association is found in the northwestern and eastern edge of the Study Area, on gentle to moderate slopes of variable aspect, comprising approximately 3.98 acres (5.54 percent) of the Study Area. The shrub layer is relatively continuous and is characterized by a strong dominance of California sagebrush (greater than 60 percent relative cover) and a scattered, mostly non-native herbaceous layer. Also present in varying covers are purple sage (Salvia leucophylla), deerweed (Acmispon glaber), California buckwheat (Eriogonum fasciculatum), and coyote bush (Baccharis pilularis). The California Sagebrush Association is not considered rare or sensitive by the State of California.

#### Scrub Shubland

#### Mulefat Scrub [G5S5]

Mulefat (*Baccharis salicifolia*) Scrub is growing in the central portion of the Study Area and appears to be associated with an ephemeral drainage/ditch that traverses the property in a north to south direction. This vegetation community comprises approximately 0.83 acre (1.16 percent) of the site and supports an open to intermittent shrub layer dominated by a mix of mulefat and blue elderberry. The herbaceous layer is disturbed and comprises a mix of non-native grasses and herbaceous species, including red brome (*Bromus madritensis*), ripgut (*Bromus diandrus*), tocalote (*Centaurea melitensis*), and black mustard (*Brassica nigra*). This vegetation community is not considered rare or sensitive by the State of California.

#### Scalebroom Scrub [G3S3]

Scalebroom Scrub (*Lepidospartum squamatum*) is growing within the portion of the unnamed blueline stream that passes through the northwesternmost corner of the Study Area. This vegetation community comprises 0.20 acre (0.28 percent) of the site and primarily consists of two (2) large patches of giant reed (*Arundo donax*) surrounded by patches of scalebroom, mulefat, and coyote bush. Scalebroom Scrub is considered rare or sensitive by the State of California.

#### Plant Communities / Habitats Listed in CNDDB

A review of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Natural Diversity Database ("CNDDB") Rarefind 5 application reported that 11 Sensitive Plant Communities/Habitats have been recorded by other observers in the Moorpark Quadrangle, or within the adjacent quadrangles, including:

- California Walnut Woodland;
- Southern Coast Live Oak Riparian Forest;
- Southern Cottonwood Willow Riparian Forest;
- Southern Mixed Riparian Forest;



- Southern Riparian Forest;
- Southern Riparian Scrub;
- Southern Sycamore Alder Riparian Woodland;
- Southern Willow Scrub;
- Valley Needlegrass Grassland;
- Valley Oak Woodland; and
- Walnut Forest.

None of these CNDDB-listed communities were observed within the Study Area during the June 2021 surveys.

#### **Plant Species Observed**

A total of 66 vascular plant taxa were identified within the Study Area, including three (3) gymnosperms, 55 dicots and eight (8) monocots. A total of 32 plants were native species and 34 were non-native or introduced, representing a relatively equal proportion of natives to non-natives. A complete list of vascular plant species observed within the Study Area is provided as **Attachment 5**, **Vascular Plants Observed - June 16 & 17**, **2021 and July 14**, **2021**.

#### Special-Status Plant Species

An evaluation of the potential for occurrence at the site for special-status plant species known to occur in the region was undertaken through a search of the CNPS Online Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants, 8th ed. (CNPS 2021) and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Natural Diversity Data Base (CNDDB) Rarefind 5 application (CDFW 2021) for sensitive "elements" reported within the Moorpark quadrangle, and eight (8) others that surround it, namely Thousand Oaks, Santa Paula, Simi, Camarillo, Santa Paula Peak, Fillmore, Piru, and Newbury Park. The CNDDB/CNPS derived lists are provided as Attachment 2. Plants with a CRPR of 4 were not included in this analysis as they are not rare, but rather are on a "watch list" of species with limited distribution and cannot be called "rare" from a statewide perspective.

Most special-status plant species known to occur in the region were precluded from occurring at the site due to the lack of suitable habitat and the disturbed nature of the site. Further, given the intensity and timing of the field surveys, several species for which the site provides suitable habitat can be confirmed as absent or the potential for occurrence of these species has been reduced. See **Attachment 6, Potential for Occurrence of Special-Status Plant Species** for additional information.

Per the peer review comments provided by the City of Moorpark in October 2020, focused surveys were conducted on June 17, 2021 and July 14, 2021 for white rabbit-tobacco (*Pseudognaphalium leucocephalum*) and Plummer's mariposa lily (*Calochortus plummerae*), as well as for those species with low potential for occurrence, namely Gerry's curly-leaved monardella and Ojai navarretia. Two (2) individual white rabbit-tobacco plants were found adjacent to the alluvial wash that runs through the northwest corner of the Study Area, outside the development footprint. The location of this small population is provided on Attachment 3. No Plummer's mariposa lily's,



Gerry's curly-leaved monardella, or Ojai navarretia were found within the Study Area. Based on no recorded CNDDB Rarefind 5 occurrences within the site and the intensity and correct timing of the June and July surveys to allow reliable detection, these species can be confirmed as absent. Further, it should be noted that since the March 2009 report was written, Plummer's mariposa lily is no longer a rare or sensitive species, as it has been down-listed from a CRPR of 1B.2 to a CRPR listing of 4.2.

#### **Wildlife Species Observed**

Wildlife observed during the biological surveys were primarily species that are common or relatively common to the region. A list of wildlife species observed during the field surveys is provided as Attachment 7, Wildlife Species Observed - June 16 & 17, 2021 and July 14, 2021. The species observed represent only a fraction of the wildlife species that can be expected to utilize the site for cover, foraging, and reproduction. Furthermore, species observed include those that are more easily detected during daytime surveys. Several species (e.g. reptiles, birds, small mammals) likely occur at the site, and a wide range of larger mobile species can be expected to utilize the site's resources routinely, such as foraging raptors, and medium- to large-sized mammals, such as coyotes, deer, bobcats, and skunks. Several holes that appear to be potential coyote dens were found at the site. Bird species observed during the surveys consisted primarily of year-round and summer residents, and potential migrants. Several species of birds can be expected to nest at the site in any given year.

#### Special-Status Wildlife Species

No special-status wildlife species considered to be rare, threatened, or endangered were observed during the 2021 surveys, although there is potential for some special-status wildlife species that were not observed to occur at the site and the vicinity of the site, even if in some cases only infrequently, in transit, or on a temporary basis. An analysis of the potential for occurrence of special-status wildlife at the site is provided as **Attachment 8**, **Potential for Occurrence of Special-Status Plant Species**. The potential for occurrence analysis was undertaken through research of the CDFW Natural Diversity Database (CDFW 2021) using the Rarefind 5 application for special-status "elements" on the USGS 7.5' Moorpark quadrangle and the eight (8) adjacent quadrangles. The potential for occurrence analysis provides a assessment of the potential for the occurrence of special-status animals based on their known distribution and habitat requirements. The following 10 special-status animals, including one (1) amphibian, four (4) reptiles, three (3) birds, and two (2) mammals were determined to have at least some probability to occur at the site with varying probabilities ranging from low to high:

#### **Amphibians**

• Western spadefoot (Spea hammondii) [SSC]

#### Reptiles

- California glossy snake (*Arizona elegans occidentalis*) [SSC]
- Coast horned lizard (*Phrynosoma blainvillii*) [SSC]



- Coast patch-nosed snake (Salvadora hexalepis virgultea) [SSC]
- Coastal whiptail (Aspidoscelis tigris stejnegeri) [SSC]

#### **Birds**

- Coastal California Gnatcatcher (*Polioptila californica californica*) [FT/SSC]
- Golden eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*) [FP]
- White-tailed kite (*Elanus leucurus*) [CFP]

#### **Mammals**

- Pallid bat (Antrozous pallidus) [SSC]
- Western mastiff bat (Eumops perotis californicus) [SSC]

The potential presence of these species was ranked from low potential (western spadefoot, coast patch-nosed snake, golden eagle, and the bat species), to moderate potential (California glossy snake, coastal California gnatcatcher, white-tailed kite), to high potential (coastal California gnatcatcher, coast horned lizard, coastal whiptail). The golden eagle, white-tailed kite, and all the bat species would only potentially forage at the site and would not roost and/or reproduce at the site. These species are highly mobile and able to escape capture or trampling.

The site contains potentially suitable habitat for the coastal California Gnatcatcher and CNDDB database reports several observations within close proximity of the Study Area. For this reason and given the relatively large project footprint, protocol surveys for the coastal California gnatcatcher are recommended.

Per the peer review comments provided by the City of Moorpark in October 2020, focused surveys for coastal whiptail and coast horned lizard were performed on July 14, 2021. Also, due to the presence of suitable habitat, the focused survey was expanded to include the California glossy snake and the coast patch-nosed snake. This survey focused on recording the presence and absence of these species as determined by visual observation and potential burrows, as well as the availability of the food and microhabitat requirements of these four (4) special-status species. During this survey habitat and food resources required by these species was documented; however, none of these special-status species were observed.

#### **IMPACTS ANALYSIS**

The project proposes development of 138 residential lots within a relatively undeveloped site. To determine impacts to biological resources related to this development, this impact analysis relies on the Conceptual Grading, Drainage, & Utility Plan prepared by Delane Engineering, dated May 31, 2020 (Attachment 1). The proposed limits of grading and anticipated fuel modification activities based on the standard Ventura County requirements of at least 100-feet from structures (Ventura County Fire Protection District Fire Prevention Bureau, Standard 515, Chapter 1.4) are shown overlaid on the site's biological resources on Figure 3. Based on this requirement, it is anticipated that most of the potential fuel modification clearing activities will occur within the limits of grading, with only a small 0.06 acre section in the northwest portion of the Study Area that could be potentially impacted by fuel modification activities. The plant communities that



would be impacted by project grading and potential fuel modification activities are summarized below in Table 2, Impacts to Plant Communities.

Table 2
Impacts to Vegetation Communities

Habitat	Vegetation Status Onsite		Grading	Grading Impacts		Additional Impacts from Fuel Modification		Total Percent	
Class Commu	Community	Rank	(Acres)	Acres Impacted	Percent Impacted	Acres Impacted	Percent Impacted	Acres	Impacted
	California Brittle Bush (Encelia californica) Scrub Alliance [32.050.00]	G3S3	2.18	0.71	32.57%	0.03	1.38%	0.74	33.94%
Scrub	Coastal Scrub California Sagebrush (Artemisia	G4S4	3.98	0.45	11.31%	0.00	0.00%	0.45	11.31%
	Ruderal Grassland	Not ranked	11.21	8.07	72.00%	0.00	0.00%	8.07	72.00%
	Landscaping	Not ranked	1.81	0.66	36.46%	0.00	0.00%	0.66	36.46%
Herbaceous	Ruderal Grassland with CSS & Landscaping	Not ranked	3.43	3.43	100.00%	0.00	0.00%	3.43	100.00%
	CSS with Ruderal Grassland	Not ranked	4.03	2.04	50.62%	0.03	0.74%	2.07	51.36%
	Ruderal Grassland with CSS	Not ranked	40.55	36.97	91.17%	0.00	0.00%	36.97	91.17%



Habitat		Status	Total Onsite	Grading	Impacts	Additiona from Modifi	Fuel	Total Impacted	Total Percent
Class		Rank	(Acres)	Acres Impacted	Percent Impacted	Acres Impacted	Percent Impacted	Acres	Impacted
Scrub	Mulefat Scrub (Baccharis salicifolia) [63.510.01]	G5S5	0.83	0.60	72.29%	0.00	0.00%	0.60	72.29%
Shrubland	Scalebroom Scrub (Lepidospartum squamatum) [32.070.00]	G3S3	0.20	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%	0.00	0.00%
Other Landcover	Developed	Not ranked	3.63	2.43	66.94%	0.00	0.00%	2.43	66.94%
							TOTALS	55.42	77.05%

#### **Impacts to Sensitive Natural Plant Communities**

#### Impacts to California Brittlebush Coastal Scrub

Grading for the proposed project would result in the removal of approximately 0.71 acre of California Brittle Bush Scrub Alliance, which is considered a sensitive natural community by CDFW. Also, fuel modification for the proposed project would potentially impact approximately 0.03 acre of the California Brittle Bush Scrub Alliance, depending on site-specific fuel modification requirements, which are to the discretion of the Ventura County Fire Department ("VCFD"). Grading of the California Brittle Bush Scrub Alliance would be a significant, but mitigable impact. No additional impacts to onsite natural sensitive plant communities are anticipated as a result of this project.

#### **Impacts to Special-Status Plants**

The white rabbit-tobacco is growing in the northwestern corner of the Study Area, approximately 300 feet outside the anticipated development footprint. No other special-status plant species were found within the Study Area. As previously discussed in the potential for occurrence analysis for special-status plant species, many of the special-status species known to occur in the region are presumed to be absent from the site due to lack of suitable habitat or confirmation via appropriately timed springtime rare plant surveys. Therefore, Project impacts to special-status wildlife species are considered less than significant.

#### **Impacts to Special-Status Wildlife**

Many of the special-status wildlife species that may potentially occur at the site are capable of escaping harm during project development (e.g. non-nesting birds and foraging bats), while others are vulnerable to direct impacts, including injury and mortality. In this case, the special-status



species that could be directly impacted include potentially occurring land dwelling animals, including the California glossy snake (*Arizona elegans occidentalis*) [SSC], coast horned lizard (*Phrynosoma blainvillii*) [SSC], coast patch-nosed snake (*Salvadora hexalepis virgultea*) [SSC], and the coastal whiptail (*Aspidoscelis tigris stejnegeri*) [SSC]; the burrowing western spadefoot (*Spea hammondii*) [SSC] species; and the two (2) bat species, pallid bat (*Antrozous pallidus*) [SSC], and western mastiff bat (*Eumops perotis californicus*) [SSC], which could roost in trees at the site. DFirect loss or injury to individuals of a special-status wildlife species would be a significant but mitigable impact. Although there is potential that several individuals of these species could be impacted, if present, the habitat loss associated with the project would not significantly impact a population of these species, given the acreage of habitat that would be affected and the amount of remaining suitable habitat in the surrounding area. Impacts to nesting birds, including nesting special-status bird species, are addressed under the Impacts to Nesting Birds section below.

#### **Impacts to Nesting Birds**

Ground and vegetation disturbing activities including but not limited to grading and fuel modification, if conducted during the nesting bird season (February 1 to August 31), would have the potential to result in removal or disturbance to trees and shrubs that could contain active bird nests. In addition, these activities would also affect herbaceous vegetation that could support and conceal ground-nesting species. Project activities that result in the loss of bird nests, eggs, and young would be in violation of one or more of California Fish and Game Code sections 3503 (any bird nest), 3503.5 (birds-of-prey), or 3511 (Fully Protected birds). In addition, removal or destruction of one or more active nests of any other birds listed by the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 (MBTA), whether nest damage was due to vegetation removal or to other construction activities, would be considered a violation of the MBTA and California Fish and Game Code Section 3511. The potential for loss of protected bird nests, eggs, or young due to project activities would be a significant but mitigable impact.

#### **MITIGATION MEASURES**

The 2009 report provided several mitigation measures addressing potential significant impacts resulting from project development. Several of these measures are still applicable, while others have been updated to account for current CEQA guidelines, current site conditions, and updates to the sensitivity of species. These are discussed in detail below. The mitigation measures provided in the 2009 report that remain relevant and have not been updated are as follows:

- Mitigation Measure 1a
- Mitigation Measure 1b
- Mitigation Measure 1d
- Mitigation Measure 2
- Mitigation Measure 3a
- Mitigation Measure 3b
- Mitigation Measure 3c
- Mitigation Measure 5a
- Mitigation Measure 5b



- Mitigation Measure 5c
- Mitigation Measure 6a
- Mitigation Measure 6b
- Mitigation Measure 7a
- Mitigation Measure 7b
- Mitigation Measure 9a
- Mitigation Measure 9b
- Mitigation Measure 10a
- Mitigation Measure 10b
- Mitigation Measure 11

It is our recommendation that Mitigation Measure 1c not be a requirement of the project because it is not necessary to offset a sensitive vegetation and those protections provided under this measure are encapsulated in Mitigation 1a. Mitigation Measure 1a and 1c reads as follows:

#### MM 1a

In order for any remaining unmodified natural open space within or adjacent to the project site to continue to function as a natural part of the regional ecosystem to the greatest extent possible, the applicant shall develop a management plan for the protection and maintenance of remaining onsite open space areas. The plan shall be incorporated into the CC & R's for the tract and shall contain at least the following elements:

- Goals and Objectives
- Permitted and Prohibited Uses
- Exotic Plant and Animal Management
- Litter Management
- Responsible Parties
- Funding
- Enforcement and Penalties
- Trespass Remediation
- Contingencies

The project's Homeowners Association is expected to be the long-term owner of the any remaining unmodified natural open space and would be responsible for any necessary maintenance.

#### MM 1c

Any coastal sage scrub that is remaining after full project development will be preserved and enhanced. Any natural open space areas (excluding areas of mule fat scrub and southern alluvial fan scrub) and not affected by fuel modification requirements will be used for the creation of coastal sage scrub. Details of the proposed restoration and creation efforts and success criteria shall be described in a Mitigation and Monitoring Plan that is to be approved by CDFG prior to implementation.



#### **Mitigation Measure Updates**

The following mitigation measure has been added to the prior measures required to mitigate for "Impacts to Vegetation Communities & Habitats":

#### MM 1(e) Restoration of California Brittle Bush Scrub

Grading and fuel modification impacts to the California brittle bush scrub plant community shall be compensated by restoration of in-kind habitat in an area(s) to be preserved as permanent open space. To the extent possible, this shall be accomplished by the on-site restoration of disturbed habitats (e.g., non-native grassland) in-kind habitats. Restoration should be implemented only where suitable conditions exist to support viable in-kind habitats. If on-site restoration is not possible, compensation for the loss or modification of the California brittle bush scrub communities may be accomplished by off-site restoration of in-kind habitat or by a contribution to an in-lieu fee program approved by the City of Moorpark.

A Mitigation and Monitoring Plan shall be developed by a qualified biologist, restoration ecologist, or resource specialist, and approved by the City of Moorpark prior to issuance of the grading permit for the Project. In broad terms, the plan shall at a minimum include:

- Description of the project/impact and mitigation sites
- Specific objectives
- Success criteria
- Plant palettes
- Implementation plan
- Maintenance activities
- Monitoring plan
- Contingency measures/adaptive management

Success criteria shall at a minimum be evaluated based on percent cover of planted native species, as well as control of invasive plant species within the restoration area.

The performance standards for the Mitigation and Monitoring Plan shall be at a minimum the following:

- Within five years after introducing the native plants to the mitigation site, the acreage of restored California brittle bush scrub shall be no less than the acreage lost to project construction.
- Within five years after introducing the native plants to the mitigation site, the absolute cover of native species shall be no less than 80% within the restoration area.



- Non-native species in the treated area shall be less than 15% relative cover by the end of the third year of treatment and less than 5% relative cover by the end of the fifth year of treatment; and,
- Restoration will be considered successful after the success criteria have been met for a period of at least 2 years without any maintenance or remediation activities other than invasive species control.

The restoration project shall be initiated prior to development of the project, and shall be implemented over a five-year period. The restoration project shall incorporate an iterative process of annual monitoring and evaluation of progress, and allow for adjustments to the restoration plan, as necessary, to achieve desired outcomes and meet success criteria. Annual reports discussing the implementation, monitoring, and management of the restoration project shall be submitted to the City of Moorpark. Five years after Project start, a final report shall be submitted to the City, which shall at a minimum discuss the implementation, monitoring, and management of the restoration project over the five-year period, and indicate whether the restoration project has been successful based on established success criteria. The annual reports and the final report shall include as-built plans submitted as an appendix to the report. The project shall be extended if success criteria have not been met at the end of the five-year period to the satisfaction of the City.

If impacts to the California brittle bush scrub are to be mitigated by a contribution of an in-lieu fee, the applicant shall provide evidence of payment of the in-lieu fee prior to issuance of the grading permit. The fee shall be based on the cost per acre to restore or create in-kind habitat and the acreage of the plant community impacted. In-lieu fees shall be used for the restoration of in-kind habitat.

The following mitigation measure has been updated to address changes in the nomenclature of the horned lizard (Phrynosoma sp.) and current special-status species, as well to account for the preproject focused surveys that were conducted in 2021:

#### MM 8(a) Pre-construction Survey for Special-Status Wildlife Species

Prior to the commencement of ground disturbance or vegetation removal activities, including but not limited to grubbing, grading, and fuel modification, two (2) preconstruction surveys for special-status wildlife species, including coast horned lizard (*Phrynosoma blainvillii*), coastal western whiptail, California glossy snake (*Arizona elegans occidentalis*), Coast patch-nosed snake (*Salvadora hexalepis virgultea*), and western spadefoot (Spea hammondii), by a qualified biologist(s) to determine presence/absence of these species at the site. The first survey shall be conducted within 14 days and the second survey shall be conducted within three (3) days of commencement of ground or vegetation disturbing activities. These surveys should coincide with weather conditions that are conducive for each species; sunny late-spring or summer days with above-average temperatures for,



coast horned lizard (*Phrynosoma blainvillii*), coastal western whiptail (Stebbins 2003) California glossy snake (*Arizona elegans occidentalis*) and the Coast patchnosed snake (*Salvadora hexalepis virgultea*) and after substantial rainfall events in the winter and spring for western spadefoot (Ervin and Cass 2007). If the any of the four (4) species are found to occur onsite during the additional, then Mitigation Measure–8b shall be instituted.

Sincerely,

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Biologist / Restoration Ecologist

#### **ATTACHMENTS:**

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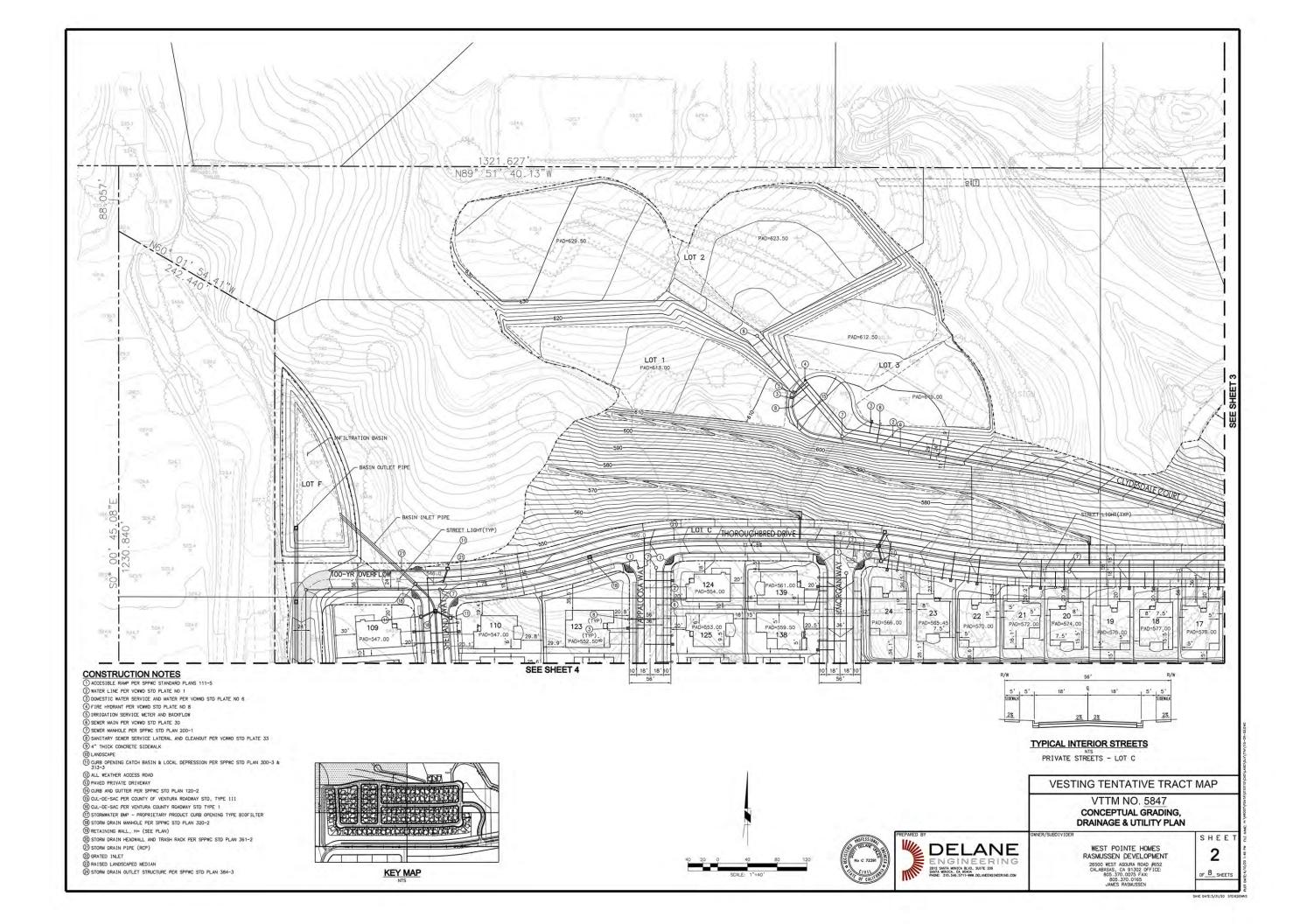
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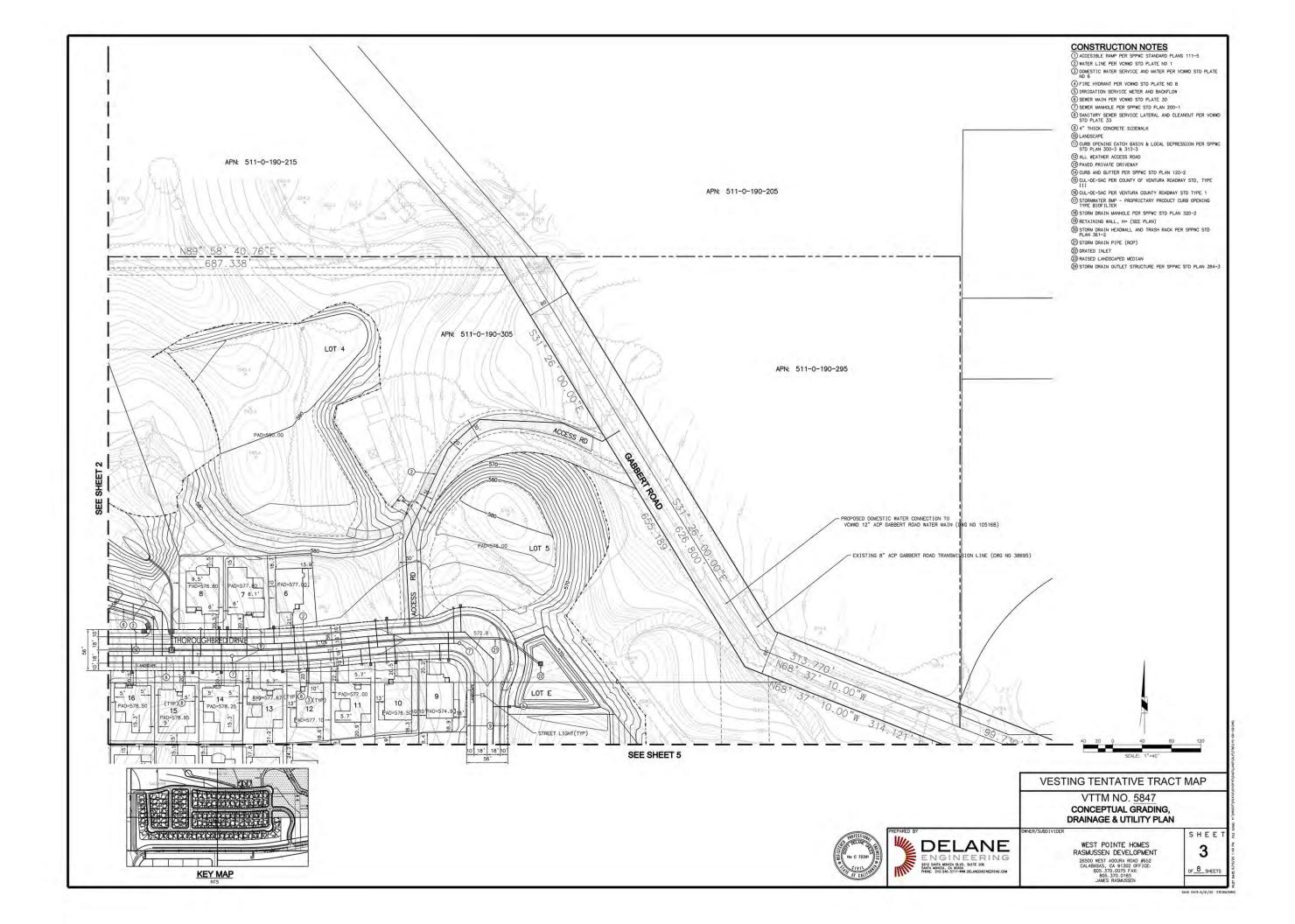
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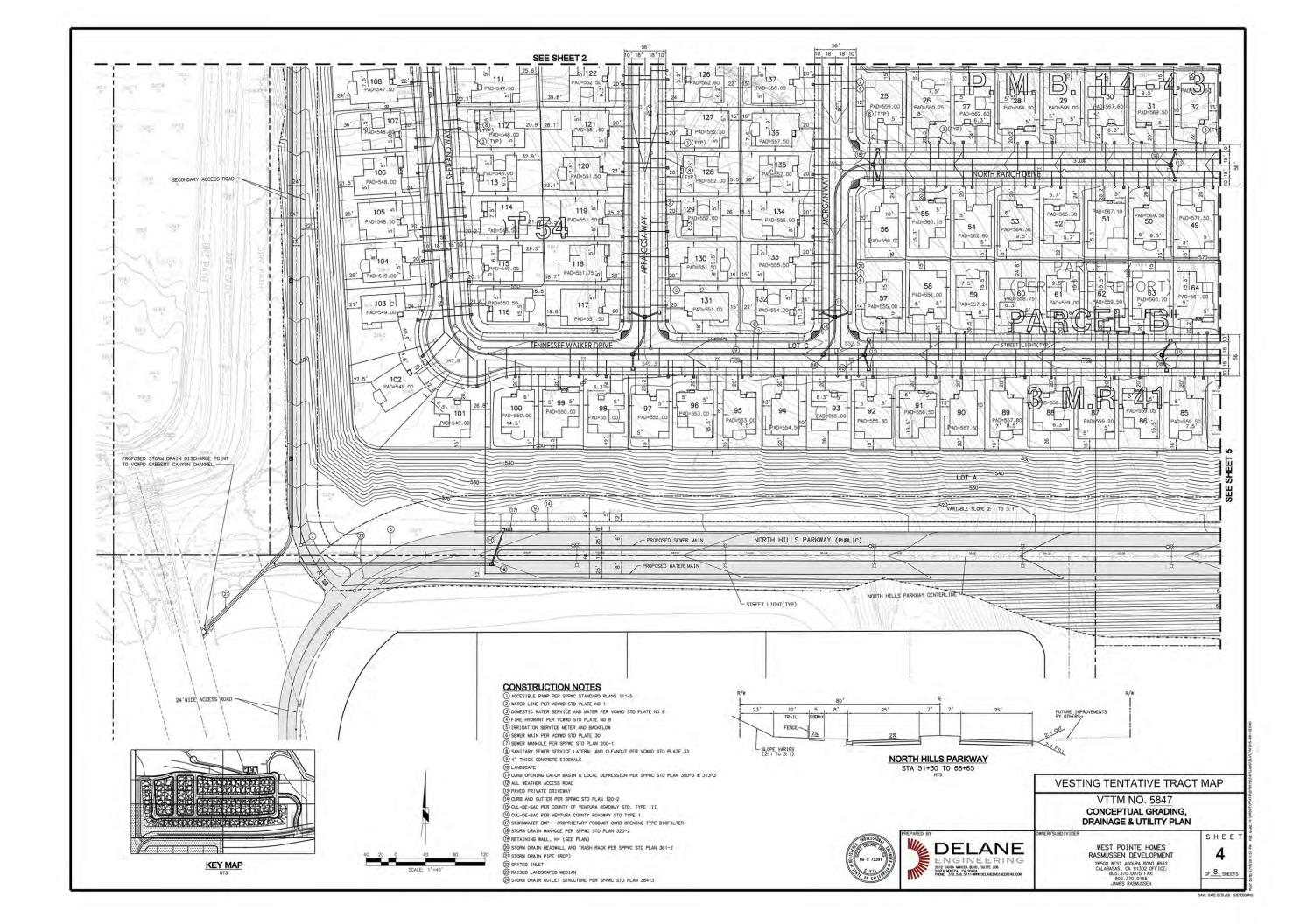
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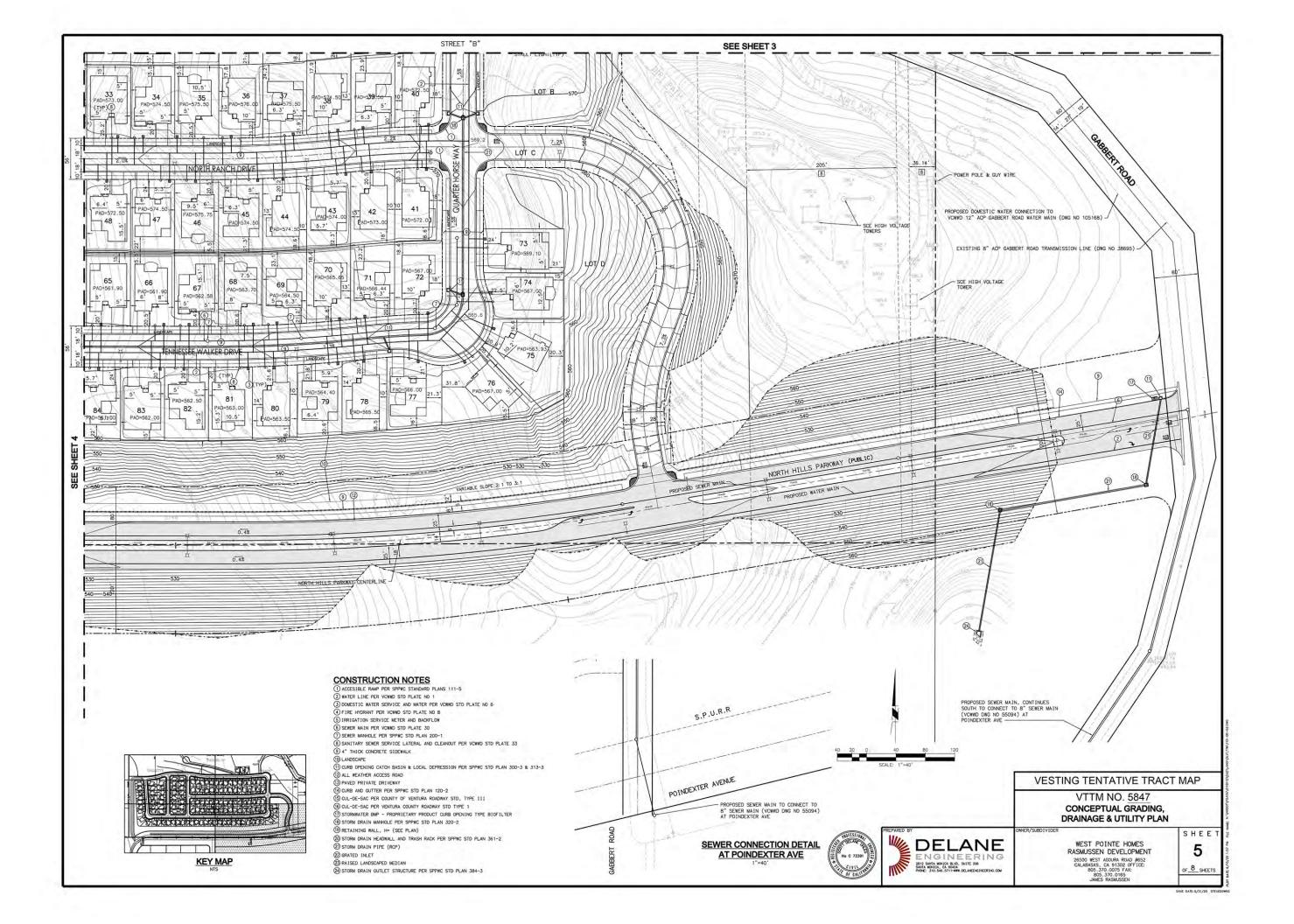


# Attachment 1 Conceptual Grading, Drainage, & Utility Plan









## Attachment 2 CNDDB and CNPS Database Results



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**Query Criteria:** 

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Species	Element Code	Federal Status	State Status	Global Rank	State Rank	Rare Plant Rank/CDFW SSC or FP
Agoura Hills dudleya	PDCRA040A7	Threatened	None	G5T1	S1	1B.2
Dudleya cymosa ssp. agourensis						
American badger	AMAJF04010	None	None	G5	S3	SSC
Taxidea taxus						
arroyo chub	AFCJB13120	None	None	G2	S2	SSC
Gila orcuttii						
bank swallow Riparia riparia	ABPAU08010	None	Threatened	G5	S2	
Bell's sage sparrow  Artemisiospiza belli belli	ABPBX97021	None	None	G5T2T3	S3	WL
Blochman's dudleya  Dudleya blochmaniae ssp. blochmaniae	PDCRA04051	None	None	G3T2	S2	1B.1
Braunton's milk-vetch	PDFAB0F1G0	Endangered	None	G2	S2	1B.1
Astragalus brauntonii						
burrowing owl	ABNSB10010	None	None	G4	S3	SSC
Athene cunicularia						
California condor	ABNKA03010	Endangered	Endangered	G1	S1	FP
Gymnogyps californianus						
California glossy snake Arizona elegans occidentalis	ARADB01017	None	None	G5T2	S2	SSC
California horned lark	ABPAT02011	None	None	G5T4Q	S4	WL
Eremophila alpestris actia						
California legless lizard	ARACC01070	None	None	G3G4	S3S4	SSC
Anniella spp.						
California linderiella	ICBRA06010	None	None	G2G3	S2S3	
Linderiella occidentalis						
California Orcutt grass	PMPOA4G010	Endangered	Endangered	G1	S1	1B.1
Orcuttia californica						
California Walnut Woodland California Walnut Woodland	CTT71210CA	None	None	G2	S2.1	
chaparral nolina	PMAGA080E0	None	None	G3	S3	1B.2
Nolina cismontana						
chaparral ragwort	PDAST8H060	None	None	G3	S2	2B.2
Senecio aphanactis						
coast horned lizard  Phrynosoma blainvillii	ARACF12100	None	None	G3G4	S3S4	SSC



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Species	Element Code	Federal Status	State Status	Global Rank	State Rank	Rare Plant Rank/CDFW SSC or FP
coast patch-nosed snake	ARADB30033	None	None	G5T4	S2S3	SSC
Salvadora hexalepis virgultea	, t. 12200000			<b>3</b> 01.	0200	
coastal California gnatcatcher	ABPBJ08081	Threatened	None	G4G5T3Q	S2	SSC
Polioptila californica californica						
coastal whiptail	ARACJ02143	None	None	G5T5	S3	SSC
Aspidoscelis tigris stejnegeri						
conejo buckwheat	PDPGN081G0	None	Rare	G1	S1	1B.2
Eriogonum crocatum						
Conejo dudleya	PDCRA04016	Threatened	None	G1	S1	1B.2
Dudleya parva						
Crotch bumble bee	IIHYM24480	None	Candidate	G3G4	S1S2	
Bombus crotchii			Endangered			
dune larkspur	PDRAN0B1B1	None	None	G4T2	S2	1B.2
Delphinium parryi ssp. blochmaniae						
foothill yellow-legged frog	AAABH01050	None	Endangered	G3	S3	SSC
Rana boylii						
Gerry's curly-leaved monardella	PDLAM18163	None	None	G3T1	S1	1B.1
Monardella sinuata ssp. gerryi						
golden eagle	ABNKC22010	None	None	G5	S3	FP
Aquila chrysaetos						
Greata's aster	PDASTE80U0	None	None	G2	S2	1B.3
Symphyotrichum greatae						
hoary bat	AMACC05030	None	None	G3G4	S4	
Lasiurus cinereus						
late-flowered mariposa-lily	PMLIL0D1J2	None	None	G3	S3	1B.3
Calochortus fimbriatus						
least Bell's vireo	ABPBW01114	Endangered	Endangered	G5T2	S2	
Vireo bellii pusillus						
Lyon's pentachaeta	PDAST6X060	Endangered	Endangered	G1	S1	1B.1
Pentachaeta Iyonii						
Malibu baccharis	PDAST0W0W0	None	None	G1	S1	1B.1
Baccharis malibuensis			_			
marcescent dudleya	PDCRA040A3	Threatened	Rare	G5T2	S2	1B.2
Dudleya cymosa ssp. marcescens	DDD 0.001410.45			0.171	0.4	
mesa horkelia	PDROS0W045	None	None	G4T1	S1	1B.1
Horkelia cuneata var. puberula Nuttall's scrub oak	DDE4.0050D0	Nama	Nama	00	00	4D.4
Quercus dumosa	PDFAG050D0	None	None	G3	S3	1B.1
	DMI II OVONO	Nama	Nama	00	00	4D 0
Ojai fritillary  Fritillaria ojaiensis	PMLIL0V0N0	None	None	G3	S3	1B.2
Ojai navarretia	PDPLM0C130	None	None	G2	S2	1B.1
Ojai navarretia Navarretia ojaiensis	FDFLIVIUC 130	INUTIE	None	G2	<b>3</b> 2	ו.ט.ו
Havairoua ojaiorisis						



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Species	Element Code	Federal Status	State Status	Global Rank	State Rank	SSC or FP
Pallid bat	AMACC10010	None	None	G4	S3	SSC
Antrozous pallidus	DDEADADEON	None	None	C10	S1	4D 4
Payne's bush lupine Lupinus paynei	PDFAB2B580	None	None	G1Q	51	1B.1
	PMLIL0D150	None	None	G4	S4	4.2
Plummer's mariposa-lily  Calochortus plummerae	PIVILILOD 150	None	None	G4	34	4.2
Riverside fairy shrimp	ICBRA07010	Endangered	None	G1G2	S1S2	
Streptocephalus woottoni	IODICAOTOTO	Lildarigered	None	0102	3132	
Ross' pitcher sage	PDLAM0V060	None	None	G1	S1	1B.2
Lepechinia rossii	1 DEAMO VOOO	None	None	O1	31	10.2
San Bernardino ringneck snake	ARADB10015	None	None	G5T2T3	S2?	
Diadophis punctatus modestus	711712210010	None	140110	001210	02.	
San Diego desert woodrat	AMAFF08041	None	None	G5T3T4	S3S4	SSC
Neotoma lepida intermedia	7 1177 11 1 000 11	110110	140.10	30.0	0001	000
Santa Ana sucker	AFCJC02190	Threatened	None	G1	S1	
Catostomus santaanae						
Santa Monica grasshopper	IIORT36300	None	None	G1G2	S1S2	
Trimerotropis occidentiloides						
Santa Susana tarplant	PDAST4R0J0	None	Rare	G2	S2	1B.2
Deinandra minthornii						
slender mariposa-lily	PMLIL0D096	None	None	G4T2T3	S2S3	1B.2
Calochortus clavatus var. gracilis						
south coast gartersnake	ARADB3613F	None	None	G5T1T2	S1S2	SSC
Thamnophis sirtalis pop. 1						
Southern California legless lizard	ARACC01060	None	None	G3	S3	SSC
Anniella stebbinsi						
southern California rufous-crowned sparrow	ABPBX91091	None	None	G5T3	S3	WL
Aimophila ruficeps canescens						
Southern Coast Live Oak Riparian Forest	CTT61310CA	None	None	G4	S4	
Southern Coast Live Oak Riparian Forest						
Southern Cottonwood Willow Riparian Forest Southern Cottonwood Willow Riparian Forest	CTT61330CA	None	None	G3	S3.2	
Southern Mixed Riparian Forest	CTT61340CA	None	None	G2	S2.1	
Southern Mixed Riparian Forest						
Southern Riparian Forest Southern Riparian Forest	CTT61300CA	None	None	G4	S4	
Southern Riparian Scrub	CTT63300CA	None	None	G3	S3.2	
Southern Riparian Scrub	21.30000.1					
Southern Sycamore Alder Riparian Woodland	CTT62400CA	None	None	G4	S4	
Southern Sycamore Alder Riparian Woodland			-			
southern tarplant	PDAST4R0P4	None	None	G3T2	S2	1B.1
Centromadia parryi ssp. australis			-			
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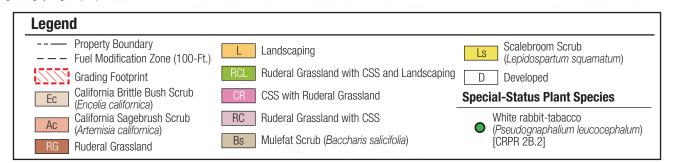


Species	Element Code	Federal Status	State Status	Global Rank	State Rank	Rare Plant Rank/CDFW SSC or FP
Southern Willow Scrub	CTT63320CA	None	None	G3	S2.1	
Southern Willow Scrub						
southwestern willow flycatcher	ABPAE33043	Endangered	Endangered	G5T2	S1	
Empidonax traillii extimus		-	_			
steelhead - southern California DPS	AFCHA0209J	Endangered	None	G5T1Q	S1	
Oncorhynchus mykiss irideus pop. 10		_				
ricolored blackbird	ABPBXB0020	None	Threatened	G1G2	S1S2	SSC
Agelaius tricolor						
wo-striped gartersnake	ARADB36160	None	None	G4	S3S4	SSC
Thamnophis hammondii						
ımbrella larkspur	PDRAN0B1W0	None	None	G3	S3	1B.3
Delphinium umbraculorum						
unarmored threespine stickleback	AFCPA03011	Endangered	Endangered	G5T1	S1	FP
Gasterosteus aculeatus williamsoni		-	_			
Valley Needlegrass Grassland	CTT42110CA	None	None	G3	S3.1	
Valley Needlegrass Grassland						
Valley Oak Woodland	CTT71130CA	None	None	G3	S2.1	
Valley Oak Woodland						
Verity's dudleya	PDCRA040U0	Threatened	None	G1	S1	1B.1
Dudleya verityi						
Walnut Forest	CTT81600CA	None	None	G1	S1.1	
Walnut Forest						
western mastiff bat	AMACD02011	None	None	G4G5T4	S3S4	SSC
Eumops perotis californicus						
western pond turtle	ARAAD02030	None	None	G3G4	S3	SSC
Emys marmorata						
western small-footed myotis	AMACC01140	None	None	G5	S3	
Myotis ciliolabrum						
western spadefoot	AAABF02020	None	None	G2G3	S3	SSC
Spea hammondii						
western yellow-billed cuckoo	ABNRB02022	Threatened	Endangered	G5T2T3	S1	
Coccyzus americanus occidentalis						
white rabbit-tobacco	PDAST440C0	None	None	G4	S2	2B.2
Pseudognaphalium leucocephalum						
white-tailed kite	ABNKC06010	None	None	G5	S3S4	FP
Elanus leucurus						
white-veined monardella	PDLAM180A5	None	None	G4T3	S3	1B.3
Monardella hypoleuca ssp. hypoleuca						
woven-spored lichen	NLTEST7980	None	None	G3	S2	3
Texosporium sancti-jacobi						
yellow warbler	ABPBX03010	None	None	G5	S3S4	SSC
Setophaga petechia						

# Attachment 3 Biological Resources & Project Impacts Map



Aerial Source: Valtus Imagery Services: Hexagon Imagery Program (HxIP), 2020.



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# Attachment 4 Representative Photos of the Study Area



**Photo 1:** Representative photo of the California Brittle Bush Shrubland Alliance growing in the northwestern portion of the Survey Area.



**Photo 2:** Representative photo of the California Sagebrush Shrubland Alliance growing in the eastern portion of the Survey Area.



**Photo 3:** Representative photo of the California Sagebrush Shrubland Alliance growing in the eastern portion of the Survey Area.



**Photo 4:** Representative photo of the Landscaping within the Survey Area.



**Photo 5:** Representative photo of the Ruderal Grassland with CSS and Landscaping growing around the developed portions of the Survey Area.





**Photo 6:** Representative photo of the CSS with Ruderal Grassland growing within the Survey Area.



**Photo 7:** Representative photo of the Ruderal Grassland with CSS growing within the Survey Area.



**Photo 8:** Representative photo of the Mulefat scrub growing in the central portion of the Survey Area.



**Photo 9:** Representative photo of the Scalebroom Scrub growing in the northeasternmost edge of the Survey Area.



Attachment 5 Vascular Plants Observed - June 16 & 17, 2021 and July 14, 2021

GROUP	
Family	Common Name
Scientific Name	
GYMNOSPERMS	
Pinaceae	
*Pinus canariensis	Canary Island pine
*Pinus halpensis	Aleppo pine
*Pinus pinea	stone pine
FLOWERING PLANTS - DICOTS	
Adoxaceae	
Sambucus nigra ssp. caerulea	blue elderberry
Aizoaceae	
*Carpobrotus sp.	sea fig
Anacardiaceae	
*Schinus molle	Peruvian pepper tree
Malosma laurina	laurel sumac
Apiaceae	
*Foeniculum vulgare	sweet fennel
Apocynaceae	
Asclepias fascicularis	narrowleaf milkweed
Asclepias californica	California milkweed
Asteraceae	
Ambrosia psilostachya	western ragweed
Artemisia californica	California sagebrush
Artemisia douglasiana	mugwort
Baccharis pilularis	coyote bush
Baccharis salicifolia	mulefat
*Centaurea melitensis	tocalote
Corethrogyne filaginifolia	woolly aster
Encelia californica	California brittlebush
Ericameria linearifolia	slender-leaved goldenbush
Ericameria palmeri	Palmer's goldenbush
Hazardia squarrosa	sawtooth goldenbush
Heterotheca grandiflora	telegraph weed
*Lactuca serriola	prickly lettuce
*Hypochaeris glabra	annual cat's ear
Pseudognaphalium californicum	California everlasting
*Sonchus asper	prickly sowthistle
Stephanomeria exigua	whiteplume wirelettuce
Boraginaceae	
Phacelia cicutaria	caterpillar phacelia
Brassicaceae	
*Brassica nigra	black mustard
*Hirschfeldia incana	hoary mustard
Cactaceae	
Opuntia littoralis	coastal prickly pear
Chenopodiaceae	
*Atriplex semibaccata	creeping saltbush
*Salsola sp.	Russian thistle

GROUP	
Family	Common Name
Scientific Name	Common 1 tunic
Cucurbitaceae	
Cucurbita foetidissima	coyote gourd
Marah macrocarpa	wild cucumber
Euphorbiaceae	
Croton setigerus	dove weed
Euphorbia polycarpa	prostrate spurge
*Ricinus communis	castor bean
Fabaceae	oustor out
Acmispon glaber	deerweed
*Melilotus indicus	yellow sweet clover
Fagaceae	yenow sweet elever
Quercus agrifolia	coast live oak
Geraniaceae	coust nvc our
*Erodium botrys	longbeak stork's bill filaree
*Erodium cicutarium	red-stemmed filaree
Lamiaceae	rea-stemmed marce
*Marrubium vulgare	white horehound
Salvia apiana	white sage
Salvia apiana Salvia leucophylla	purple sage
Oleaceae	purple sage
*Fraxinus uhdei	evergreen ash
Polygonaceae	evergreen asn
Eriognum fasciculatum	California buckwheat
Phrymaceae	Camonia buckwiicat
Mimulus aurantiacus	bush monkey flower
	bush monkey nower
Proteaceae *Grevillea robusta	silk oak
	SIIK Oak
Sapindaceae **Curanionaia anggardio des	assumetry and trace
*Cupaniopsis anacardiodes Solanaceae	carrotwood tree
Datura wrightii	western jimsonweed tobacco tree
*Nicotiana glauca	tobacco tree
Scrophulariaceae	
*Myoporum lateum	myoporum
FLOWERING PLANTS-MONOCOTS	
Agavaceae	
*Agave americana	century plant
Hesperoyucca whipplei	chaparral yucca
Arecaceae	1
*Syagrus romanzoffiana	queen palm
*Washingtonia robusta	Mexican fan palm
Poaceae	1
*Arundo donax	giant reed
*Avena barbata	slender oat grass
*Avena fatua	common wild oat grass
*Bromus diandrus	ripgut grass
*Bromus hordeaceus	soft brome
*Bromus madritensis ssp. rubens	red brome

GROUP Family Scientific Name	Common Name
Elymus codensatus	giant wild rye
*Stipa miliacea	smilo grass

# Attachment 6 Potential for Occurrence of Special-Status Plant Species

Common Name (Scientific Name)	Form	Common Blooming Period	Primary Habitat Association	Status (Federal/State/CNPS)	Potential to Occur (Observed, High, Moderate, Low, None)
Agoura Hills dudleya (Dudleya cymosa ssp. agourensis)	perennial herb	May - June	Rocky, volcanic breccia in chaparral and cismontane woodland at elevations between 260 to 460 meter.	FT/1B.2	None. Suitable habitats are absent.
Blochman's dudleya (Dudleya blochmaniae ssp. blochmaniae)	perennial herb	April - June	Open, rocky slopes, often in shallow clays over serpentine or rocky areas with little soils in coastal sage scrub, coastal bluff scrub, chaparral, valley and foothill grassland at elevations between 5 to 290 meters.	1B.1	None. Suitable habitats are absent.
Braunton's milk vetch (Astragalus brauntonii)	perennial herb	January - August	Recent burn or disturbed areas, usually on sandstone with carbonate layers in chaparral, coastal scrub, valley and foothill grassland at elevations between 3 and 640 meters. A soil specialist in saline, somewhat alkaline soils high in calcium, manganese, with some potassium.	FE/1B.1	None. Absence of live or dead plants. Also, suitable calcareous soils appear to be absent, so unlikely to occur as dormant seedbank.
California Orcutt grass (Orcuttia californica)	annual herb	April - August	Vernal pools at elevations between 10 and 660 meters.	FE /CE/ 1B.1	<b>None</b> . Suitable vernal pool habitats are absent.

Common Name (Scientific Name)	Form	Common Blooming Period	Primary Habitat Association	Status (Federal/State/CNPS)	Potential to Occur (Observed, High, Moderate, Low, None)
chaparral nolina (Nolina cismontane)	perennial evergreen shrub	May - July	Primarily on sandstone, shale, and gabbro substrate in chaparral and coastal scrub at elevations between 140 and 1100 meters.	1B.2	None. Suitable sandstone, shale, and gabbro substrates are absent. Also, absence of this perennial species confirmed by field survey.
chaparral ragwort (Senecio aphanactis)	annual herb	January – April	Drying alkaline flats in chaparral, cismontane woodland and coastal scrub at elevations between 20-1020 meters.	2B.2	None. Drying alkaline flats are absent at the site.
conejo buckwheat (Eriogonum crocatum)	perennial herb	April - July	Conejo volcanic outcrops and rocky sites in chaparral, coastal scrub, valley and foothill grassland at elevations between 90 and 580 meters.	CR/1B.2	None. Conejo volcanic outcrops and rocky sites absent. Also, absence of this perennial species confirmed by field survey.
conejo dudleya (Dudleya parva)	perennial herb	May - June	Clay or volcanic soils on rocky slopes and grassy hillsides at elevations between 90 and 380 meters.	FT/1B.2	None. Suitable volcanic rock outcrops are absent.
dune larkspur (Delphinium parryi ssp. blochmaniae)	perennial herb	April - June	Rocky areas and dunes in chaparral (maritime) and coastal dunes at elevations between 0 to 200 meters.	1B.2	None. Site lacks suitable habitats.

Common Name (Scientific Name)	Form	Common Blooming Period	Primary Habitat Association	Status (Federal/State/CNPS)	Potential to Occur (Observed, High, Moderate, Low, None)
Gerry's curly-leaved monardella (Monardella sinuata ssp. gerryi)	annual herb	April - June	Sandy openings in coastal scrub at elevations between 150 to 245 meters.	1B.1	Low. Suitable habitat is potentially present within the site. However, this species was not observed during surveys performed in during blooming season.
Greata's aster (Symphyotrichum greatae)	perennial rhizomato us herb	June - October	Mesic canyons in chaparral, cismontane woodland, broadleaved upland forest, lower montane coniferous forest, and riparian woodlands at elevations between 335 to 2,015 meters.	1B.3	None. Site lacks suitable habitats.
late-flowered mariposa-lily (Calochortus fimbriatus)	perennial bulbifero us herb	June - August	Serpentine soils in dry, open coastal woodland, chaparral, cismontane woodland, and riparian woodland at elevations between 275 and 1,905 meters.	1B.3	None. Site lacks suitable serpentine soils.
Lyon's pentachaeta (Pentachaeta lyonii)	annual herb	March - August	Rocky, clay substrates in coastal scrub, valley and foothill grassland, and openings in chaparral, usually at the ecotone between grassland and chaparral or edges of firebreaks,	FE / CE / 1B.1	None. Suitable habitats absent.

Common Name (Scientific Name)	Form	Common Blooming Period	Primary Habitat Association	Status (Federal/State/CNPS)	Potential to Occur (Observed, High, Moderate, Low, None)
			at elevations between		
			30 and 690 meters.		
Malibu baccharis (Baccharis malibuensis)	perennial deciduous	August	Chaparral, Cismontane woodland, Coastal	1B.1	<b>None.</b> Absence of perennial species confirmed by field
(Buccharts mattouensis)	shrub		scrub, Riparian		survey.
			woodland at elevations		survey.
			between 150 to 305		
			meters.		
marcescent duleya	perennial	April - July	On sheer rock surfaces	FT/CR/1B.2	None. Suitable habitat not
(Dudleya cymosa ssp. marcescens)	herb		and rocky volcanic		present. Also, absence of
			cliffs in chaparral at		perennial species confirmed by
			elevations between 150 and 520 meters.		field survey.
mesa horkelia	perennial	February –	Sandy or gravelly sites	1B.1	None. Absence of perennial
(Horkelia cuneata var. puberula)	herb	July	in maritime chaparral,	1D.1	species confirmed by field
(Horkeita cancata var. puberata)	nero	July	cismontane woodland,		survey.
			and coastal scrub at		
			elevations between 70		
			and 810 meters.		
Nuttall's scrub oak	perennial	February -	Sandy, clay, loam soils	1B.1	None. Absence of perennial
(Quercus dumosa)	evergreen	April	in closed-cone		species confirmed by field
	shrub		coniferous forest,		survey.
			chaparral, and coastal		
			scrub at elevations between 15 and 400		
			meters.		
Ojai fritillary	perennial	February -	Rocky sites, as well as	1B.2	None. Suitable habitats absent.
(Fritillaria ojaiensis)	bulbifero	May	sometimes on	_ == <b></b>	a series a series a series a series
	us		serpentine and		
	herb		roadsides, in		
			broadleaved upland		

Common Name (Scientific Name)	Form	Common Blooming Period	Primary Habitat Association	Status (Federal/State/CNPS)	Potential to Occur (Observed, High, Moderate, Low, None)
			forests, chaparral, cismontane woodland, and lower montane coniferous forests at elevations between 95 and 1,140 meters.		
Ojai navarretia (Navarretia ojaiensis)	annual herb	May - July	Valley and foothill grassland and openings in chaparral and coastal scrub at elevations between 275 and 620 meters.	1B.1	Low. Not observed during field survey performed during blooming season. Potentially occurring in the less disturbed portions of the onsite coastal sage communities.
Payne's bush lupine (Lupinus paynei)	perennial shrub	March – April	Sandy areas within coastal scrub, riparian scrub, and valley and foothill grassland at elevations between 220 and 420 meters.	1B.1	None. Perennial shrub confirmed absent with field survey.
Ross' pitcher sage (Lepechinia rossii)	perennial shrub	May - September	Chaparral habitats in soil derived from fine-grained, reddish sedimentary rock at elevations between 670 and 915 meters.	1B.2	None. Suitable habitat absent. Absence confirmed by field survey.
Santa Monica dudleya (Dudleya cymosa ssp. ovatifolia)	perennial herb	March - June	In canyons on north- facing slopes on volcanic or sedimentary substrates in chaparral and coastal scrub at elevations between 150 and 1675 meters.	FT/1B.1	None. Suitable habitat absent. Absence confirmed by field survey.

Common Name (Scientific Name)	Form	Common Blooming Period	Primary Habitat Association	Status (Federal/State/CNPS)	Potential to Occur (Observed, High, Moderate, Low, None)
Santa Susana tarplant (Deinandra minthornii)	perennial deciduous shrub	July - November	Rocky sites in chaparral and coastal scrub.	CR/1B.2	<b>None</b> . Suitable rocky sites absent. Absence confirmed by field survey.
slender mariposa-lily (Calochortus clavatus var. gracilis)	perennial bulbifero us herb	March – June	Shaded foothill canyons in chaparral, coastal scrub, and valley and foothill grassland at elevations between 320 and 1,000 meters.	1B.2	None. Shaded foothill canyons are absent at site.
southern tarplant (Centromadia parryi ssp. australis)	annual herb	May - November	Marsh and swamp margins, vernally mesic valley and foothill grasslands, and vernal pools at elevations between 0 and 480 meters.	1B.1	None. Suitable habitats absent.
umbrella larkspur (Delphinium umbraculorum)	perennial herb	April - June	Mesic sites in cismontane woodland and chaparral habitats at elevations between 215 and 2,075 meters.	1B.3	None. Suitable habitats absent. Absence confirmed by field survey.
Verity's dudleya (Dudleya verityi)	perennial herb	May - June	Rocky, volcanic sites in chaparral, cismontane woodland, and coastal scrub.	FT/1B.1	None. Suitable habitats absent. Absence confirmed by field survey.
vernal barley (Hordeum intercedens)	annual herb	March - June	Coastal dunes, coastal scrub, vernal pools, and saline flats and depressions at elevations between 5 and 1,000 meters.	CRPR 3.2	None. Suitable habitats absent.

Common Name (Scientific Name)	Form	Common Blooming Period	Primary Habitat Association	Status (Federal/State/CNPS)	Potential to Occur (Observed, High, Moderate, Low, None)
white rabbit-tobacco (Pseudognaphalium leucocephalum)	perennial herb	August - November	Sandy, gravelly sites in chaparral, cismontane woodland, coastal scrub, and riparian woodland habitats at elevations between 35 and 515 meters.	2B.2	Observed. Two (2) individual plants were found growing in the alluvial wash in the northwestern edge of the Survey Area, outside the anticipated limits of grading.
white-veined monardella (Monardella hypoleuca ssp. hypoleuca)	perennial herb	May – August	Dry slopes in chaparral and cismontane woodland at elevations between 50 and 1,525 meters.	1B.3	None. Suitable habitats absent. Absence confirmed by field survey.
woven-spored lichen (Texosporium sancti-jacobi)	crustose lichen	N/A	Open sites in chaparral with Adenostoma faciculatum, Eriogonum, Selaginella found on soil, small mammal pellets, and dead twigs at elevations between 60 and 870 meters.	3	None. Suitable habitats absent. Absence confirmed by field survey.

## Attachment 7 Wildlife Species Observed - June 16 & 17, 2021

Common Name	Scientific Name			
REPTILES				
side-blotched lizard	Uta stansburiana elegans			
western fence lizard	Sceloporus occidentalis			
BIRDS				
Allen's hummingbird	Selasphorus sasin			
American crow	Corvus brachyrhynchos			
barn owl	Tyto alba			
black phoebe	Sayornis nigricans			
bushtit	Psaltriparus minimus			
California quail	Callipepla californica			
California scrubjay	Aphelocoma californica			
California thrasher	Toxostoma redivivum			
California towhee	Melozone crissalis			
common raven	Corvus corax			
Cooper's hawk	Accipiter cooperii			
greater roadrunner	Geococcyx californianus			
hooded oriole	Icterus cucullatus			
house finch	Haemorhous mexicanus			
Hutton's vireo	Vireo huttoni			
lesser goldfinch	Spinus psaltria			
mourning dove	Zenaida macroura			
northern flicker	Colaptes auratus			
northern mockingbird	Mimus polyglottos			
northern rough-winged swallow	Stelgidopteryx serripennis			
phainopepla	Phainopepla nitens			
red-tailed hawk	Buteo jamaicensis			
rock pigeon	Columba livia			
spotted towhee	Pipilo maculatus			
turkey vulture	Cathartes aura			
western kingbird	Tyrannus verticalis			
MAMMALS				
Botta's pocket gopher	Thomomys bottae			
California ground squirrel	Spermophilus beecheyi			
coyote	Canis latrans			
desert cottontail	Sylvilagus audubonii			
mule deer	Odocoileus hemionus			
*Virginia opossum	Didelphis virginiana			

## <u>Attachment 8</u> Potential for Occurrence of Special-Status Wildlife Species

Common Name	Status		Potential to Occur
(Scientific Name)	(Federal / State)	Primary Habitat Associations	(Observed, Potentially Present, Presumed Absent, Absent)
Invertebrates			
There is no potential for occurrence	ce of special-	status invertebrates due to lack of suitable habitat.	
Fish			
No species of fish have potential t	o occur due 1	to lack of permanent water at the site.	
Amphibians			
western spadefoot (Spea hammondii)	/SSC	Almost completely terrestrial, entering water only to breed. Occurs primarily in grassland habitats, but can be found in valley-foothill hardwood woodlands. Vernal pools are essential for breeding and egglaying.	Potentially Present. The unnamed wash traveling through the northwest corner of the site could provide breeding habitat.
Reptiles	<b>-</b>		
California glossy snake (Arizona elegans occidentalis)	/SSC	Patchily distributed from the eastern portion of San Francisco Bay, southern San Joaquin Valley, and the Coast, Transverse, and Peninsular ranges, south to Baja California. Generalist reported from a range of scrub and grassland habitats, often with loose or sandy soils.	Potentially Present.
coast horned lizard (Phrynosoma blainvillii)	/SSC	Frequents a wide variety of habitats, most common in lowlands along sandy washes with scattered low bushes. Open areas for sunning, bushes for cover, patches of loose soil for burial, and abundant supply of ants and other insects.	Potentially Present. Suitable habitat and food resources exist within the Study Area.
coast patch-nosed snake (Salvadora hexalepis virgultea)	/SSC	Requires small animal burrows for refuge and overwintering sites in brushy or shrubby vegetation in coastal Southern California.	<b>Potentially Present.</b> Suitable habitat exists within the Study Area.

Common Name (Scientific Name)	Status (Federal / State)	Primary Habitat Associations	Potential to Occur (Observed, Potentially Present, Presumed Absent, Absent)
coastal whiptail (Aspidoscelis tigris stejnegeri)	/SSC	Found in deserts and semi-arid areas with sparse vegetation and open areas. Also found in woodland & riparian areas. Ground may be firm soil, sandy, or rocky.	<b>Potentially Present.</b> Suitable habitat exists within the Study Area. Species is highly mobile and easily escapes capture or trampling.
foothill yellow-legged frog (Rana boylii)	CE/SSC	Partly shaded, shallow streams and riffles with a rocky substrate in a variety of habitats.	<b>Presumed Absent.</b> No shallow streams within Study Area.
Southern California legless lizard / California legless lizard (Anniella stebbinsi / Anniella sp.)	/SSC	Sandy areas within other habitats; also in litter under live oaks. Soil moisture is essential.	<b>Presumed Absent.</b> No suitable habitat within Study Area.
south coast garter snake (Thamnophis sirtalis)	/SSC	Marsh and upland habitats near permanent water with good strips of vegetation.	<b>Presumed Absent.</b> No permanent water within Study Area.
two-striped gartersnake (Thamnophis hammondii)	/SSC	Coastal California from vicinity of Salinas to northwest Baja California. From sea to about 7,000 ft elevation. Highly aquatic, found in or near permanent fresh water. Often along streams with rocky beds and riparian growth.	<b>Presumed Absent.</b> No suitable habitat within Study Area.
western pond turtle (Emys marmorata)	/SSC	Inhabits permanently or nearly permanent bodies of water in may habitat types, below 6000 ft elevation. Requires basking sites, such as partially submerged logs, vegetation mats, or open mud banks. Needs suitable nesting sites with a proper thermal and hydric environment for incubation of the eggs. Nest sites are typically located on relatively dry, exposed slopes.	<b>Presumed Absent.</b> No suitable habitat within Study Area.

Common Name	Status (Federal	Primary Habitat Associations	Potential to Occur (Observed, Potentially Present, Presumed
(Scientific Name)	/ State)		Absent, Absent)
Birds			
bank swallow ( <i>Riparia riparia</i> )	/CT	Colonial nester; nests primarily in riparian and other lowland habitats west of the desert. Requires vertical banks/cliffs with fine-textured/sandy soils near streams, rivers, lakes, ocean to dig nesting hole.	Presumed Absent. Study Area lacks suitable habitat.
burrowing owl (Athene cunicularia)	/SSC	Open, dry annual or perennial grasslands, deserts, and scrublands characterized by low-growing vegetation. Subterranean nester, dependent upon burrowing mammals, most notably, the California ground squirrel.	<b>Presumed Absent.</b> Species was not observed in Study Area and nesting habitat that is typically associated with this species does not occur onsite.
California condor (Gymnogyps californianus)	FP	Requires vast expanses of open savannah, grasslands, and foothill chaparral in mountain ranges of moderate altitude. Nests are built in deep canyons containing clefts in the rocky walls.	<b>Presumed Absent.</b> Species was not observed in Study Area and nesting habitat that is typically associated with this species does not occur onsite.
coastal California gnatcatcher (Polioptila californica californica)	FT/SSC	Obligate, permanent resident of coastal scrub below 2,500 ft in southern California. Low, coastal scrub in arid washes, on mesas and slopes.	Potentially Present. Study Area provides suitable habitat and this species has been recorded within close proximity of the Study Area.
golden eagle (Aquila chrysaetos)	None / CFP	Rolling foothills, mountain areas, sage-juniper flats, and desert. Cliff-walled canyons provide nesting habitat in most parts of range; also, large trees in open areas.	Potentially Present. Potentially foraging occasionally over Study Area, but no potential to nest at this site.
least Bell's vireo (Vireo bellii pusillus) (nesting)	FE/CE	Rare and local summer resident in lowland riparian woodlands, breeding in willow thickets and other dense, low riparian growth in lowlands and the lower portions of the canyons, generally along permanent or semi-permanent streams.	<b>Presumed Absent.</b> No suitable habitat within the Study Area.

Common Name	Status		Potential to Occur
(Scientific Name)	(Federal / State)	Primary Habitat Associations	(Observed, Potentially Present, Presumed Absent, Absent)
southwestern willow flycatcher (Empidonax traillii extimus)	FE/CE	Fairly common and widespread migrant from mid-May to early June, and again from August to early October. Formerly bred in wet willow thickets, but breeders are virtually gone from the L.A region and endangered over most of the southwest. Most often occurs in broad, open river valleys or large mountain meadows with lush growth of shrubby willows (Zeiner et al., 1990b).	Presumed Absent. No suitable habitat within Study Area.
tricolored blackbird (Agelaius tricolor)	/SSC	Highly colonial species, most numerous in Central Valley & vicinity. Largely endemic to California. Requires open water, protected nesting substrate, and foraging area with insect prey within a few km of the colony.	<b>Presumed Absent.</b> No suitable habitat within Study Area.
western yellow-billed cuckoo (Coccyzus americanus occidentalis)	FT/CE	Riparian forest nester, along broad, lower flood-bottoms of larger river systems. Nests in riparian jungles of willow, often mixed with cottonwoods, with understory of blackberry, nettles, or wild grape. Presumed extirpated throughout much of the L.A County region.	<b>Presumed Absent.</b> No suitable habitat within Study Area.
white-tailed kite (Elanus leucurus)	/CFP	Rolling foothills and valley margins with scattered oaks & river bottomlands or marshes next to deciduous woodland. Open grasslands, meadows, or marshes for foraging close to isolated, dense-topped trees for nesting and perching.	Potentially Present. Potentially foraging occasionally over Study Area, but no potential to nest at this site.
yellow warbler (Setophaga petechia)	/SSC	Riparian plant associations near water. Frequently found nesting and foraging in willow shrubs and thickets, and in other riparian plants.	<b>Presumed Absent.</b> Study Area lacks suitable habitat.

Common Name (Scientific Name)	Status (Federal / State)	Primary Habitat Associations	Potential to Occur (Observed, Potentially Present, Presumed Absent, Absent)			
Mammals	Mammals					
American badger (Taxidea taxus)	/SSC	Most abundant in drier open stages of most shrub, forest, and herbaceous habitats, with friable soils.	<b>Presumed Absent.</b> The species and its diagnostic signs (e.g. burrows and dugout			
(Tamaea tamas)		Needs sufficient food, friable soils and open, uncultivated ground. Preys on burrowing rodents. Digs burrows.	rodent burrows) were not observed in the Study Area.			
pallid bat (Antrozous pallidus)	/SSC	Deserts, grasslands, shrublands, woodlands and forests. Most common in open, dry habitats with rocky areas for roosting. Roosts must protect bats from high temperatures. Very sensitive to disturbance of roosting sites.	<b>Potentially Present.</b> Limited potential to forage within the Study Area, but no potential to roost, reproduce or hibernate.			
San Diego desert woodrat (Neotoma lepida intermedia)	/SSC	Coastal scrub of Southern California from San Diego County to San Luis Obispo County. Moderate to dense canopies preferred. They are particularly abundant in rock outcrops, rocky cliffs, and slopes.	<b>Presumed Absent.</b> The species commonly builds their nests among rocky areas, which were not found within the Study Area.			
western mastiff bat (Eumops perotis californicus)	None / SSC	Many open, semi-arid to arid habitats, including conifer & deciduous woodlands, coastal scrub, grasslands, chaparral, etc. Roosts in crevices in cliff faces, high buildings, trees and tunnels.	<b>Potentially Present.</b> Potential to forage over the Study Area, and low potential to roost, reproduce or hibernate within the trees at the site.			