#### STATUS KEY:

Federal	State	CNPS California Rare Plant Rank
FE - Federally Endangered	SE - State Endangered	Rank 1A - Plants Presumed Extinct in California
FT - Federally Threatened	ST - State Threatened	Rank 1B - Plants Rare, Threatened, or Endangered in California and Elsewhere
FC - Federal Candidate Species	SR - State Rare	Rank 2 - Plants Rare, Threatened, or Endangered in California, But More Common Elsewhere
	SC - State Candidate	Rank 3 - Plants About Which We Need More Information - A Review List
		Rank 4 - Plants of Limited Distribution - A Watch List

.1 - Seriously threatened in California (over 80% of occurrences threatened / high degree and immediacy of threat)

.2 - Fairly threatened in California (20-80% occurrences threatened / moderate degree and immediacy of threat)

.3 - Not very threatened in California (<20% of occurrences threatened / low degree and immediacy of threat or no current threats known)

Potential for Occurrence is based on professional experience, what is known about habitat associations and requirements of the species, and known occurrences in the region. Sources of information consisted of the California Natural Diversity Database and California Native Plant Society Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants.

Present = Detected during site visit, known to occur, or recently reported to occur

Expected = Suitable habitat is present and species known to occur in the immediate vicinity

High Potential = Suitable habitat is present and species is known to occur frequently in the region

Moderate Potential = Suitable habitat is limited and species occurs in the region infrequently

Low Potential = Species-specific survey negative or marginal habitat is present or temporary in nature and species known to occur in the immediate vicinity (potential for occurrence cannot be ruled out) Not Expected = Suitable habitat and substrate absent and/or area of interest is located outside known geographical and elevation ranges.

Global Rank (G Rank) is a reflection of the overall status of an element throughout its global range. Both Global and State ranks represent a letter and number score that reflects a combination of Rarity. Threat, and Trend factors, with weighting being heavier on Rarity than the other two. Taxa that are subspecies or varieties receive a taxon rank (T-rank) attached to their G-rank. Where the G-rank reflects the condition of the entire species, the T-rank reflects the global situation of just the subspecies.

GQ = Questionable Taxonomy - Denotes an element that is very rare, but there are taxonomic questions associated with it.

GX = Presumed Extinct - Species not located despite intensive searches and virtually no likelihood of rediscovery. Ecological community or system eliminated throughout its range, with no restoration potential.

GH = Possibly Extinct - Known from only historical occurrences but some hope of rediscovery. Evidence exists that species may be extinct or ecosystem eliminated throughout its range, but not enough to state this with certainty.

G1 = Critically Imperiled - At very high risk of extinction due to extreme rarity (often 5 or fewer populations), very steep declines, or other factors.

G2 = Imperiled - At high risk of extinction due to very restricted range, very few populations (often 20 or fewer), steep declines, or other factors.

G3 = Vulnerable - At moderate risk of extinction due to a restricted range, relatively few populations (often 80 or fewer), recent and widespread declines, or other factors.

G4 = Apparently Secure - Uncommon but not rare; some cause for long-term concern due to declines or other factors.

G5 = Secure - Common; widespread and abundant.

G? = Inexact Numeric Rank

GU = Unrankable

GNR = Unranked

GNA = Not Applicable

C = Captive or Cultivated Only

State Rank (S Rank) is assigned much the same way as the global rank, but state ranks refer to the imperilment status only within California's state boundaries.

SQ = Questionable Taxonomy - Denotes an element that is very rare, but there are taxonomic questions associated with it.

SX = Presumed Extirpated

SH = Possibly Extirpated

S1 = Critically Imperiled - Critically imperiled in the state because of extreme rarity (often 5 or fewer populations) or because of factor(s) such as very steep declines making it especially vulnerable to extirpation from the state.

S2 = Imperiled - Imperiled in the state because of rarity due to very restricted range, very few populations (often 20 or fewer), steep declines, or other factors making it very vulnerable to extirpation from the state.

S3 = Vulnerable - Vulnerable in the state due to a restricted range, relatively few populations (often 80 or fewer) recent and widespread declines, or other factors making it vulnerable to extirpation from the state.

S4 = Apparently Secure - Uncommon but not rare in the state; some cause for long-term concern due to declines or other factors.

S5 = Secure- Common, widespread, and abundant in the state.

S? = Inexact Numeric Rank

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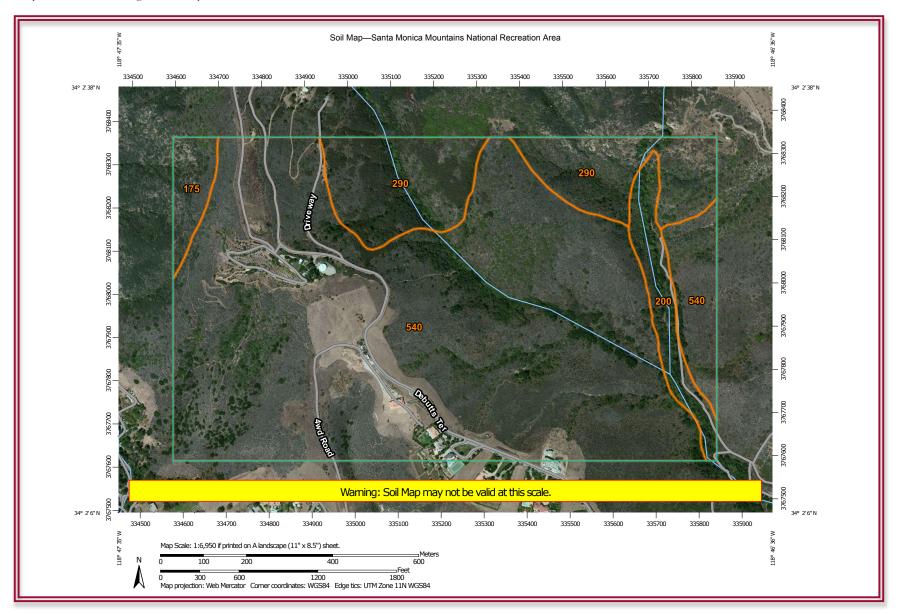


Exhibit K - Soil Map & Data



#### 175 - Cotharin-Talepop Association, 30 to 75 percent slopes

#### Map Unit Setting

General location: High-elevation inland hills and mountains Landform: Hills and mountains Elevation: 590 to 2,830 feet (180 to 864 meters) Mean annual precipitation: 18 to 24 inches (457 to 610 millimeters) Mean annual air temperature: 60 to 64 degrees F (16 to 18 degrees C) Frost-free period: 290 to 350 days

#### Map Unit Composition

Cotharin and similar soils - 70 percent Talepop and similar soils - 15 percent Minor components - 15 percent

#### **Major Components**

#### Cotharin

Slope: 30 to 75 percent Aspect (clockwise): Dominantly northeast to west Landform: Hills and mountains Parent material: Colluvium and/or residuum derived from andesite Typical vegetation: Bigpod chaparral

#### Selected properties and qualities

Surface pH: 6.0 Surface area covered with coarse fragments: None Depth to restrictive feature: Bedrock (paralithic) - 4 to 14 inches Slowest permeability class: Moderate above the bedrock Salinity: Nonsaline Sodicity: Nonsodic Available water capacity to a depth of 60 inches: About 1.2 inches (very low) Shrink-swell potential: Moderate (LEP 3 to less than 6) Soil slippage potential: High

#### Selected hydrologic properties

Present annual flooding: None Present annual ponding: None Surface runoff: Very high Current water table: Not present Natural drainage class: Well drained Hydrologic soil group: D

#### Typical profile

Oe - 0 to 1 inch; slightly decomposed plant material A - 1 to 9 inches; loam AC - 9 to 11 inches; loam Cr - 11 to 21 inches; soft, weathered bedrock

#### Talepop

Slope: 30 to 75 percent Aspect (clockwise): Dominantly northeast to west Landform: Hills and mountains Parent material: Colluvium and/or residuum derived from andesite Typical vegetation: Chamise



#### Selected properties and qualities

Surface pH: 7.2 Surface area covered with coarse fragments: None Depth to restrictive feature: Bedrock (paralithic) - 4 to 14 inches Slowest permeability class: Moderately slow above the bedrock Salinity: Nonsaline Sodicity: Nonsodic Available water capacity to a depth of 60 inches: About 0.6 inch (very low) Shrink-swell potential: Moderate (LEP 3 to less than 6) Soil slippage potential: High

#### Selected hydrologic properties

Present annual flooding: None Present annual ponding: None Surface runoff: Very high Current water table: Not present Natural drainage class: Somewhat excessively drained Hydrologic soil group: D

#### Typical profile

A - 0 to 1 inch; gravelly loam Bt - 1 to 5 inches; gravelly loam Cr - 5 to 15 inches; soft, weathered bedrock

#### **Minor Components**

#### **Pachic Argixerolls**

Percentage of map unit: About 7 percent Slope: 30 to 75 percent Landform: Hills

#### Rock outcrop

Percentage of map unit: About 5 percent Landform: Hills and mountains



#### 200 - Cumulic Haploxerolls, 0 to 9 percent slopes

#### Map Unit Setting

General location: Near rivers and streams Landform: Mountain valleys and canyons Elevation: 5 to 895 feet (3 to 274 meters) Mean annual precipitation: 14 to 24 inches (360 to 610 millimeters) Mean annual air temperature: 60 to 64 degrees F (16 to 18 degrees C) Frost-free period: 290 to 350 days

#### Map Unit Composition

Cumulic Haploxerolls - 85 percent Minor components - 15 percent

#### Major Component

#### **Cumulic Haploxerolls**

Slope: 0 to 9 percent Aspect (clockwise): Dominantly east to west Position on landform: Inset fans Parent material: Alluvium derived from volcanic and sedimentary rock Typical vegetation: Arroyo willow and California sycamore

#### Selected properties and qualities

Surface pH: 7.0 Surface area covered with coarse fragments: None Depth to restrictive feature: Abrupt textural change - 59 to 79 inches Slowest permeability class: Moderately slow Salinity: Nonsaline Sodicity: Nonsodic Available water capacity to a depth of 60 inches: About 8.5 inches (high) Shrink-swell potential: Moderate (LEP 3 to less than 6) Soil slippage potential: Low

#### Selected hydrologic properties

Present annual flooding: Frequent Present annual ponding: None Surface runoff: Medium Current water table: Not present Natural drainage class: Well drained Hydrologic soil group: B

#### Typical profile

A - 0 to 16 inches; stratified sandy loam 2Bk - 16 to 69 inches; stratified clay loam 3C - 69 to 83 inches; extremely gravelly coarse sand

#### **Minor Components**

#### Cumulic Haploxerolls, clayey

Percentage of map unit: About 6 percent Slope: 2 to 9 percent Position on landform: Inset fans

#### Riverwash

Percentage of map unit: About 5 percent

Exhibit K - Soil Map & Data



Position on landform: Drainageways

Danville, coastal Percentage of map unit: About 2 percent Slope: 2 to 9 percent Position on landform: Alluvial fans and fluvial terraces

# **Typic Argixerolls**

Percentage of map unit: About 2 percent Slope: 9 to 30 percent Landform: Hills and mountains



#### 290 - Topanga-Mipolomol-Sapwi Association (30% to 75% slopes)

#### Map Unit Setting

General location: Low-elevation coastal hills and mountains Landform: Hills and mountains Elevation: 400 to 2,505 feet (122 to 765 meters) Mean annual precipitation: 18 to 24 inches (457 to 610 millimeters) Mean annual air temperature: 60 to 64 degrees F (16 to 18 degrees C) Frost-free period: 290 to 350 days

#### Map Unit Composition

Topanga and similar soils - 40 percent Mipolomol and similar soils - 30 percent Sapwi and similar soils - 15 percent Minor components - 15 percent

#### **Major Components**

#### Topanga

Slope: 30 to 75 percent Landform: Hills and mountains Parent material: Colluvium and/or residuum derived from sandstone, shale, and slate Typical vegetation: Bigpod chaparral

#### Selected Properties and Qualities

Surface pH: 6.5 Surface area covered with coarse fragments: None Depth to restrictive feature: Bedrock (paralithic) - 10 to 20 inches Slowest permeability class: Moderately slow above the bedrock Salinity: Nonsaline Sodicity: Nonsodic Available water capacity to a depth of 60 inches: About 2.1 inches (very low) Shrink-swell potential: Low (LEP less than 3) Soil slippage potential: High

#### Selected Hydrologic Properties

Present annual flooding: None Present annual ponding: None Surface runoff: Very high Current water table: Not present Natural drainage class: Well drained Hydrologic soil group: D

#### **Typical Profile**

A1 - 0 to 2 inches; gravelly loam A2 - 2 to 15 inches; gravelly loam Bt - 15 to 18 inches; gravelly clay loam Cr - 18 to 27 inches; soft, weathered bedrock

#### Mipolomol

Slope: 30 to 75 percent Landform: Hills and mountains Parent material: Colluvium and/or residuum derived from sandstone, shale, and slate Typical vegetation: Bigpod chaparral



#### Selected Properties and Qualities

Surface pH: 6.6 Surface area covered with coarse fragments: None Depth to restrictive feature: Bedrock (paralithic) - 4 to 14 inches Slowest permeability class: Moderate above the bedrock Salinity: Nonsaline Sodicity: Nonsodic Available water capacity to a depth of 60 inches: About 1.4 inches (very low) Shrink-swell potential: Moderate (LEP 3 to less than 6) Soil slippage potential: High

#### Selected Hydrologic Properties

Present annual flooding: None Present annual ponding: None Surface runoff: Very high Current water table: Not present Natural drainage class: Well drained Hydrologic soil group: D

#### **Typical Profile**

A - 0 to 12 inches; channery loam Cr - 12 to 22 inches; soft, weathered bedrock

#### Sapwi

Slope: 30 to 75 percent Landform: Hills and mountains Parent material: Colluvium and/or residuum derived from sandstone Typical vegetation: Coast live oak

#### Selected Properties and Qualities

Surface pH: 6.0 Surface area covered with coarse fragments: None Depth to restrictive feature: Bedrock (lithic) - 20 to 39 inches Slowest permeability class: Moderately slow above the bedrock Salinity: Nonsaline Sodicity: Nonsodic Available water capacity to a depth of 60 inches: About 5.2 inches (moderate) Shrink-swell potential: Moderate (LEP 3 to less than 6) Soil slippage potential: High

#### Selected Hydrologic Properties

Present annual flooding: None Present annual ponding: None Surface runoff: High Current water table: Not present Natural drainage class: Well drained Hydrologic soil group: C

#### **Typical Profile**

Oe - 0 to 1 inch; slightly decomposed plant material A - 1 to 4 inches; loam Bt1 - 4 to 24 inches; stony clay loam Bt2 - 24 to 38 inches; very stony clay loam R - 38 to 48 inches; unweathered bedrock



**Biological Assessment** 

Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority - Escondido Canyon Park to Murphy Way Connector Project City of Malibu, Los Angeles County, California

#### **Minor Components**

#### **Pachic Argixerolls**

Percentage of map unit: About 10 percent Slope: 30 to 75 percent Landform: Hills

# **Typic Argixerolls**

Percentage of map unit: About 3 percent Slope: 30 to 75 percent Landform: Hills

#### Rock outcrop

Percentage of map unit: About 2 percent Landform: Hills and mountains



#### 540 - Calcic Argixerolls (30 to 75 percent slopes)

#### Map Unit Setting

General location: Low-elevation coastal hills and mountains Landform: Hills Elevation: 45 to 590 feet (15 to 180 meters) Mean annual precipitation: 14 to 24 inches (360 to 610 millimeters) Mean annual air temperature: 60 to 64 degrees F (16 to 18 degrees C) Frost-free period: 290 to 350 days

#### Map Unit Composition

Calcic Argixerolls - 85 percent Minor components - 15 percent

#### Major Component

#### Calcic Argixerolls

Slope: 30 to 75 percent Aspect (clockwise): Dominantly northeast to southwest Landform: Hills Parent material: Colluvium and/or residuum derived from calcareous sandstone Typical vegetation: None assigned

#### Selected properties and qualities

Surface pH: 6.8 Surface area covered with coarse fragments: None Depth to restrictive feature: Bedrock (paralithic) 20 to 40 inches Slowest permeability class: Moderately slow above the bedrock Salinity: Nonsaline Sodicity: Nonsodic Available water capacity to a depth of 60 inches: About 6.3 inches (moderate) Shrink-swell potential: Moderate (LEP 3 to less than 6) Soil slippage potential: High

#### Selected hydrologic properties

Present annual flooding: None Present annual ponding: None Surface runoff: High Current water table: Not present Natural drainage class: Well drained Hydrologic soil group: C

#### Typical profile

A - 0 to 1 inch; silt loam Btk - 1 to 15 inches; silty clay loam Bk - 15 to 37 inches; silt loam Cr - 37 to 47 inches; soft, weathered bedrock



#### **Minor Components**

# Calcic Haploxerolls

Percentage of map unit: About 8 percent Slope: 30 to 75 percent Landform: Hills

### Calcic Pachic Haploxerolls

Percentage of map unit: About 7 percent Slope: 30 to 75 percent Landform: Hills



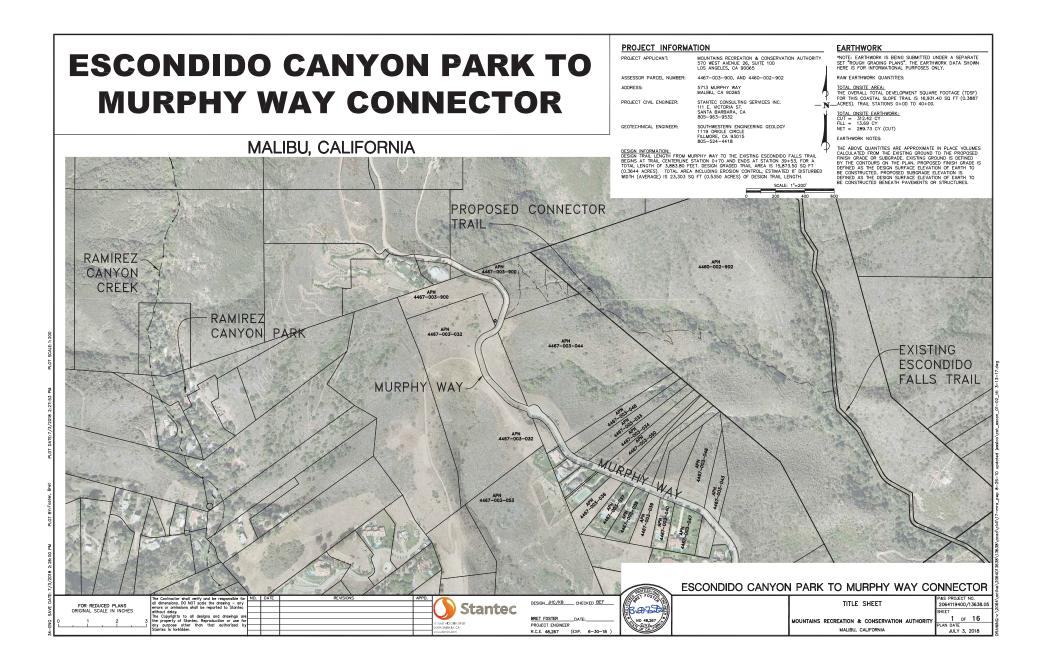


Exhibit L - City of Malibu GIS Biological Resources Overlay (ESHA)



Biological Assessment Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority - Coastal Slope Trail - Murphy Way to Escondido Falls City of Malibu, Los Angeles County, California

# Appendix



#### GENERAL CONSTRUCTION NOTES

- ALL OF THE IMPROVEMENTS PROPOSED IN THIS PLAN SET ARE AT CONCEPT LEVEL ONLY. THE DESIGN SHOWN HEREON IS FOR USE IN THE PERMIT PROCESS. UPON APPROVAL, A FINAL DESIGN SHALL BE PERPORTIONE. THE FINAL DESIGN SHALL BE ABED ON RISTING UTILITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE RESEARCH, FIELD SURVEY, FINAL ENGNEEMING AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE COBE, LINGS AND THE PROCECT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL.
- ALL REFERENCED SPECIFICATIONS, CODES, DRAWINGS AND DETAILS SHALL BE INCORPORATED INTO THESE FLANS AND MADE & PART HEREOF AS IF SPELLED OUT OR DELINEATED IN THEIR ENTIRETY HEREON. 2
- GRADING OR OTHER CONSTRUCTION WORK OFFSITE IS NOT PERMITTED WITHOUT PRIOR WRITTEN PERMISSION OF THE AFFECTED OFFSITE PROPERTY OWNERS.
- IT IS THE CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY TO REVIEW THE PROJECT'S CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL AND ABIDE BY THEIR REQUIREMENTS AS APPLICABLE.
- GEOTECHNICAL REPORTS AND ANY UPDATES SHALL BE INCORPORATED INTO THESE PLANS AND GEOTECHNICAL REPORTS AND ANY UPDATES SHALL BE INCORPORATED INTO THESE PLANS AND MARE A PART HERCEY AS IF SPELLED UT IN THER D'INTERTY HERCEN IT IS THE CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSEMENT TO REVER THE APPLICABLE REPORTS AND ABOLE BY THER RECOMMENDATIONS. HE SHALL PHOLE ADD NOTTS'IN WINDING DOTH THE REPORTS PLANS AND THESE REPORT PROBE TO PROCEEDING. HE WILL WAIT FOR A WRITTEN RESPONSE CLARFYING THE DISORDEMONT.
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- EXISTING PERMANENT SURVEY MONUMENTS SHOWN ON THE PLANS, INCLUDING PROPERTY CORNERS AND BENCHMARKS, SHALL BE PRESERVED BY THE CONTRACTOR OR SHALL BE TED-OUT PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION AND RE-SET AFTER CONSTRUCTION BY A LICENSED LAND SURVEYOR AT THE CONTRACTOR'S EXPENSE
- 9. THE ROUGH GRADING CONTRACTOR SHALL GRADE TO SUBGRADE.

#### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS OF CONTRACTOR

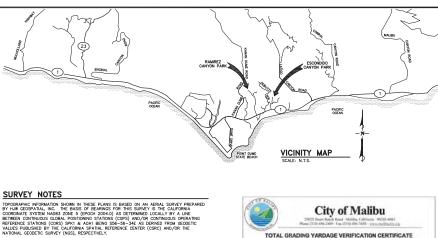
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- EXISTING BURIED CONDUITS AND STRUCTURES KNOWN TO THE ENGINEER ARE SHOWN ON TH PLANS, HOWEVER, ALL SUCH CONDUITS AND STRUCTURES MAY NOT BE SHOWN AND THE LOCATIONS OF THOSE SHOWN ARE APPROXIMATE ONLY AND HAVE NOT NECESSARILY BEEN INDEPENDENTLY VERIFIED BY THE PREPARER OF THESE PLANS.
- THE CONTRACTOR SHALL INDEPENDENTLY VERIFY THE PRESENCE OF BURIED CONDUITS AND STRUCTURES. BOTH ACTIVE AND ABANDONED-IM-FLACE AND, BEFORE COMMENCING WORK, CONTRACTOR SHALL DETERMINE THE EXACT LOCATION INCLULING DEPTHS OF ALL EUSTING UNDERROUND UTLITES, CONDUITS AND STRUCTURES, INCLUDING SERVICE CONNECTIONS, MHOL MAY AFFECT OF BE AFFECTED BY THIS OFFENTIONES, CONTRACTOR AGRES TO BE CONNECTIONS, MHOL MAIN AFFECT ON BE AFFECTED BT HIS OFENATIONS, CONTRACTOR ANGES TO BE POLLT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY AND ALL DANAGES WHICH OCCUR AS A RESULT OF CONTRACTOR'S FAILURE TO EXACTLY LOCATE AND PRESERVE ANY AND ALL UNDERGROUND UTILITIES, CONDUITS AND ETHLORINGES

#### GRADING AND BACKFILLING

- ALL GRADING AND BACKFILL MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE PLANS. 1.
- WATER ENCOUNTERED IN THE EXCAVATION SHALL BE REMOVED BY THE CONTRACTOR TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE SOILS ENGINEER TO PROVIDE DRY CONDITIONS DURING CONSTRUCTION. 3
- WET OR UNSTABLE SOIL ENCOUNTERED IN THE BOTTOM OF THE EXCAVATION AND DEEMED BY THE SOULS ENCOMEER TO BE INCAPABLE OF PROPERLY SUPPORTING THE FILL BEING CONSTRUCTED, SHALL BE REMOVED TO THE DEPTH RECOMMENDED BY THE SOILS ENGINEER AND BACKFILLED WITH SUITABLE MATERIAL RECOMMENDED BY THE SOILS ENGINEER. BACKFILL COMPACTION SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASTM STANDARD D-1557, LATEST 4.
- COMPACTION BY FLOODING OR JETTING IS NOT PERMITTED UNLESS SPECIFICALLY APPROVED BY THE SOILS ENGINEER.
- ALL MATERIALS AND CONSTRUCTION SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE HEALTH AND SAFETY LAWS, ORDINANCES, REGULATIONS, RULES, AND STANDARDS INCLUDING ALL REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DIVISION OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND OF CAL-OSHA. 6.

#### GENERAL GRADING & DRAINAGE NOTES

- UNDERGROUND SERVICE ALERT (U.S.A.) SHALL BE CONTACTED AT (800) 422-4133, FORTY-EIGHT (48) HOURS PRIOR TO START OF ANY GRADING OPERATIONS.
- NOISE GENERATING CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE HOURS OF 7:00 AM TO 5:00 PM, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY, CONSTRUCTION EQUIPAUNT MAINTENANCE SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE SAME HOURS, STATIONARY CONSTRUCTION COUPHENT THAT CHERAFETS NOISE WHICH EXCEEDS 65 dBA AT THE PROJECT BOUNDARES SHALL BE SHILDED AND SHALL BE LOCATED AT A MINIMUM OF OFTER TRAM COUPHEN RESIDENCES.
- ALL GRADING SHALL CONFORM TO THESE CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS, ANY CONSTRUCTION RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE PROJECT SOILS ENGINEER OR ENGINEERING GEOLOGIST, THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL AND THE PERMIT CONDITIONS. 3
- THE CONTRACTOR SHALL EMPLOY ALL LABOR, EQUIPMENT AND METHODS REQUIRED TO PREVENT HIS OPERATIONS FROM PRODUCING DUST IN AMOUNTS DAMAGING TO ADJACENT PROPERTY, CULTIVATED VEGETATION IAN DOMESTIC ANNUALS OR CAUSING A NURSINGC TO PREVENSIO SCULPTINGS BULDINGS IN THE VICINITY OF THE JOB STEL CONTRACTOR SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DAMAGE CAUSED BY UST RESULTING FROM GROUDS OPERATIONS.
- A THOROUGH SEARCH SHALL BE MADE FOR ALL ABANDONED MAN-MADE FACILITIES SUCH AS SEPTIC TAMK SYSTEMS, FUEL OR WATER STORAGE TAMES, AND PPELINES OR CONDUITS. ANY SUCH FACILITIES ENCOUNTERED SHALL BE REMOVED UNLESS OTHERWISE ALLOWED BY THE PROJECT ENONEER AND THE SOLIS ENGINEER.
- AREAS WITH EXISTING SLOPES WHICH ARE TO RECEIVE FILL MATERIAL SHALL BE KEYED AND BEINCHED. THE DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF THE KEYWAY SHALL BE PER THE DETAILS PROVIDED IN THESE PLANS AS MODIFIED BY THE GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER.
- ALL TREES NOT DESIGNATED TO BE REMOVED AND TO REMAIN ON SITE SHALL BE PROTECTED FROM DAMAGE BY TEMPORARY FENCING AROUND THE DRIPLINE DURING GRADING OPERATION.
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- 2. WHIN THE MOSTLIKE CONTENT OF THE FILL MATERIAL IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO ACHIEVE REQUIRED COMPACTION, WHITE SHALL BE ADDED UNTI THE SOLS ATTUM A MOSTLINE CONTENT SO THAT CONTENT OF THE FILL MITTERN IS DECISION. THE FILL MATERIAL SHALL BE REMED BY BADING CONTENT OF ACHIEVE REPORT CONTENT IS REDUCED TO AN ACCEPTABLE CONTENT OF SOLFICE FILL ROMETING LOWACTION. TO SHALL THE MOSTLINE CONTENT IS REDUCED TO AN ACCEPTABLE CONTENT OF SOLFICE FILL ROMETING LOWACTION.
- 13. THE COMPACTION STANDARD SHALL BE THE ASTM D 1557 METHOD OF COMPACTION.
- REMOVED SOIL, IF FREE FROM DELETERIOUS MATERIAL MAY BE PLACED IN LIFTS NOT EXCEEDING 8 INCHES IN DEPTH, BROUGHT TO NEAR OPTIMUM MOISTURE CONTENT AND COMPACTED TO A MINIMUM OF 90X RELATION.



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#### GRADING & DRAINAGE SUPERVISION NOTES

GRADING SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS SHALL BE COMPLIED WITH AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. THE PROJECT ENGINEER SHALL BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF STANTEC.
- LINE AND GRADE STAKES SHALL BE SET BY SURVEYORS UNDER THE GENERAL SUPERVISION OF THE PROJECT ENGINEER. THE PROJECT ENGINEER SHALL PROVIDE GENERAL CONSTRUCTION REVIEW.
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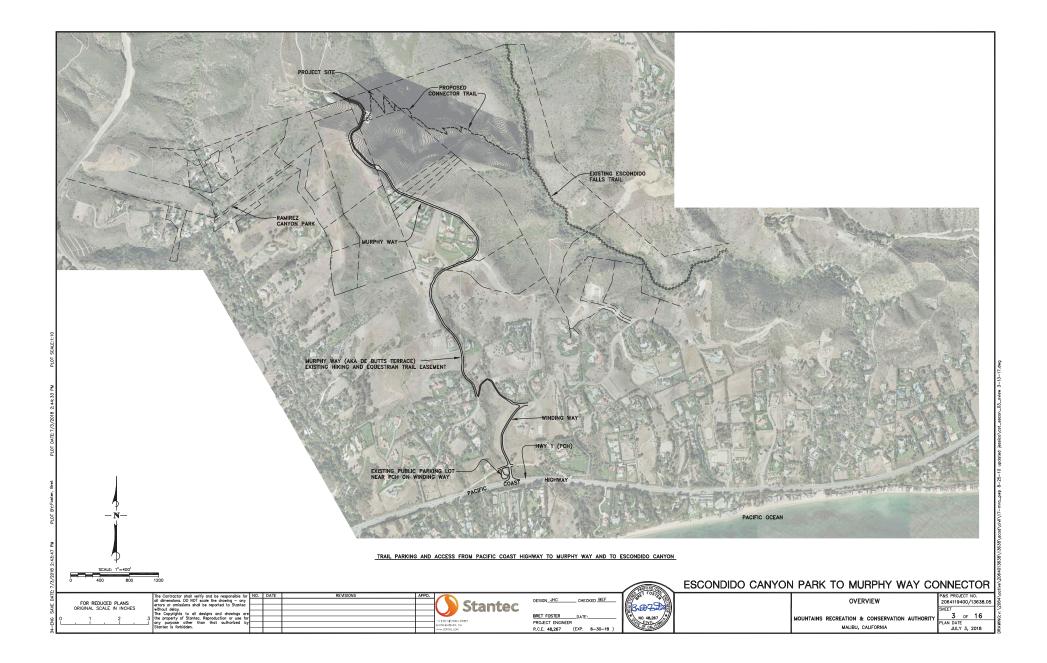
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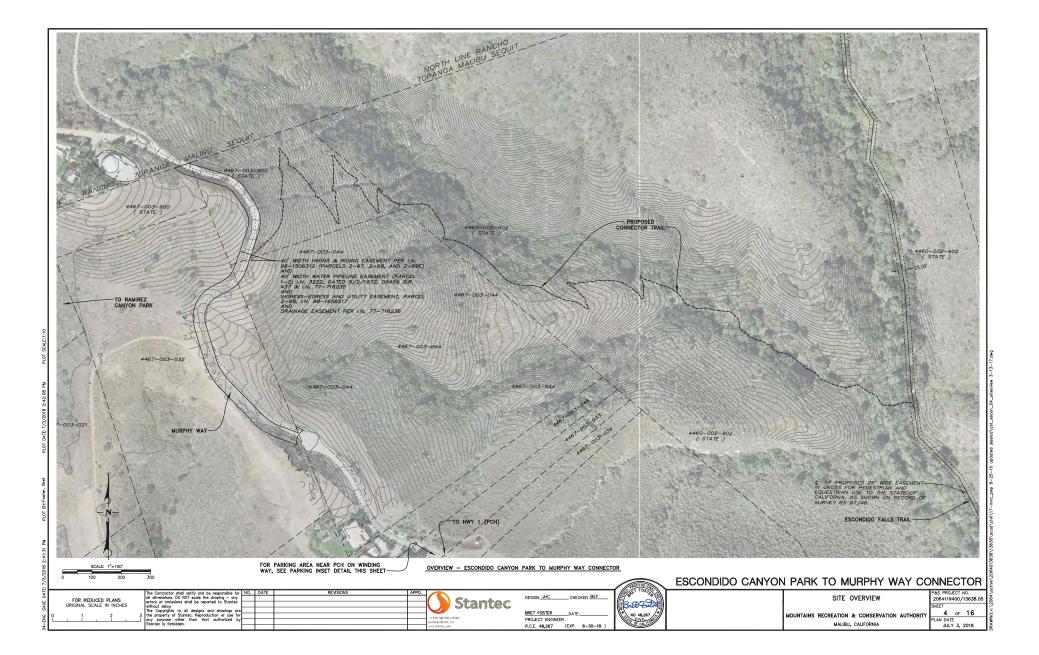
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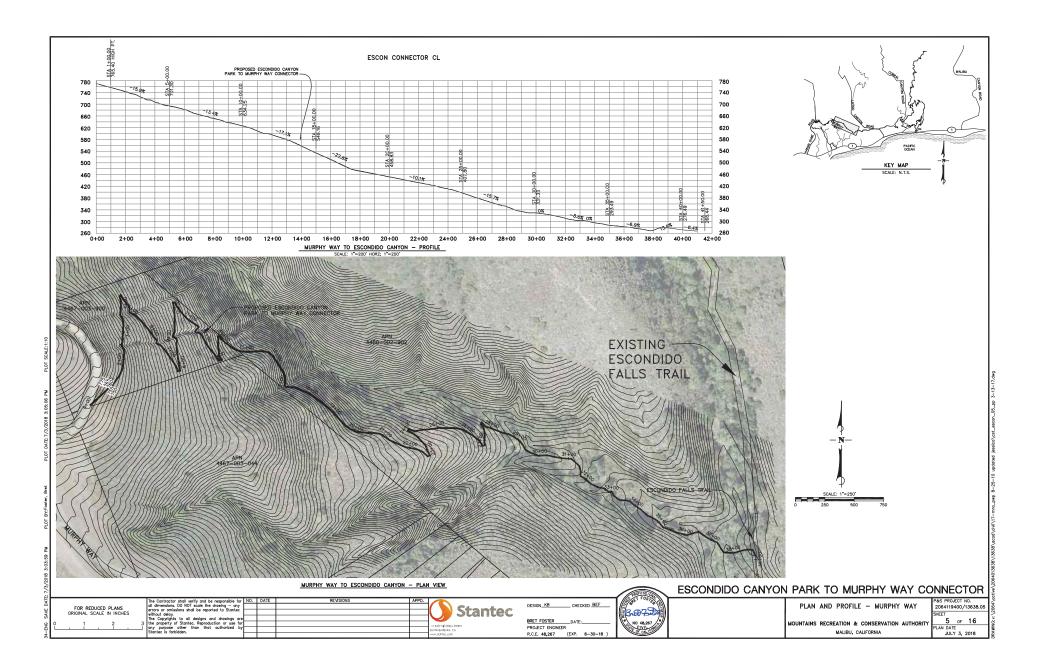
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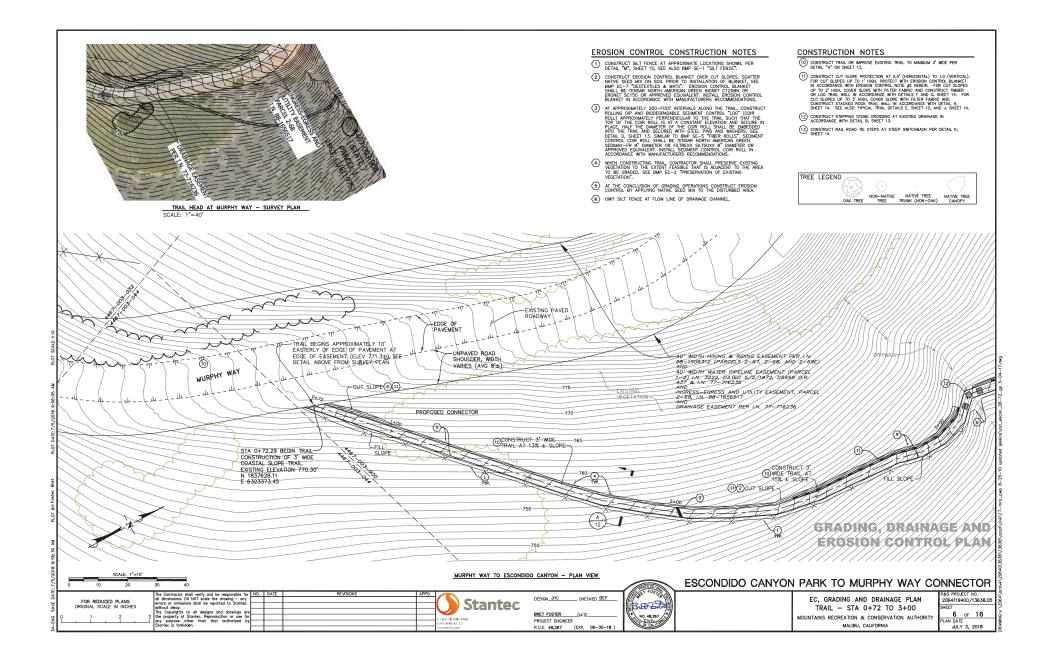
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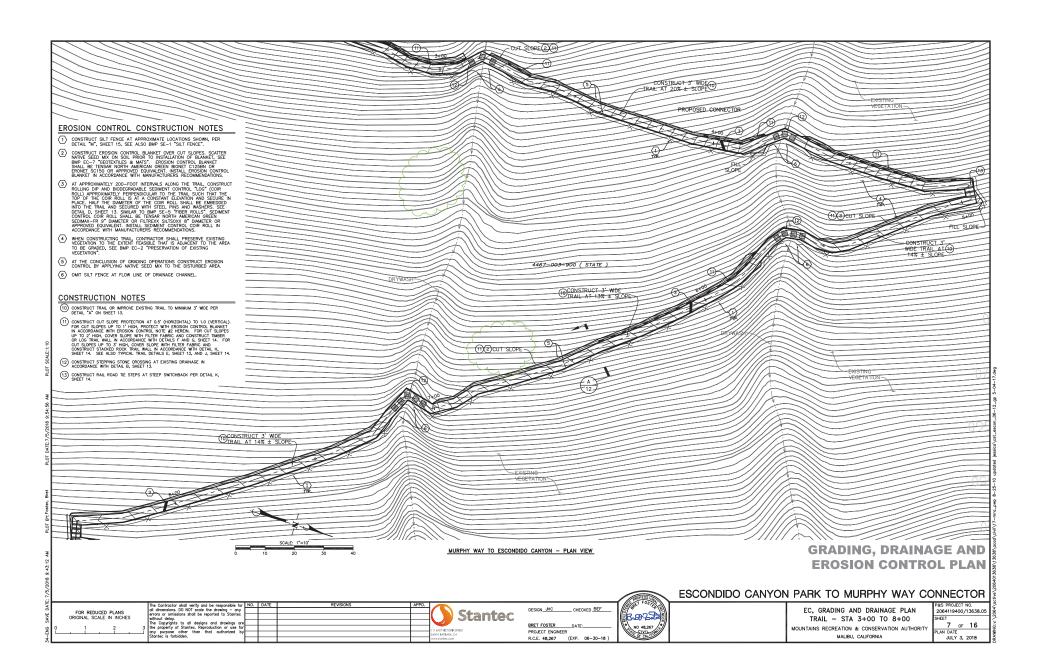
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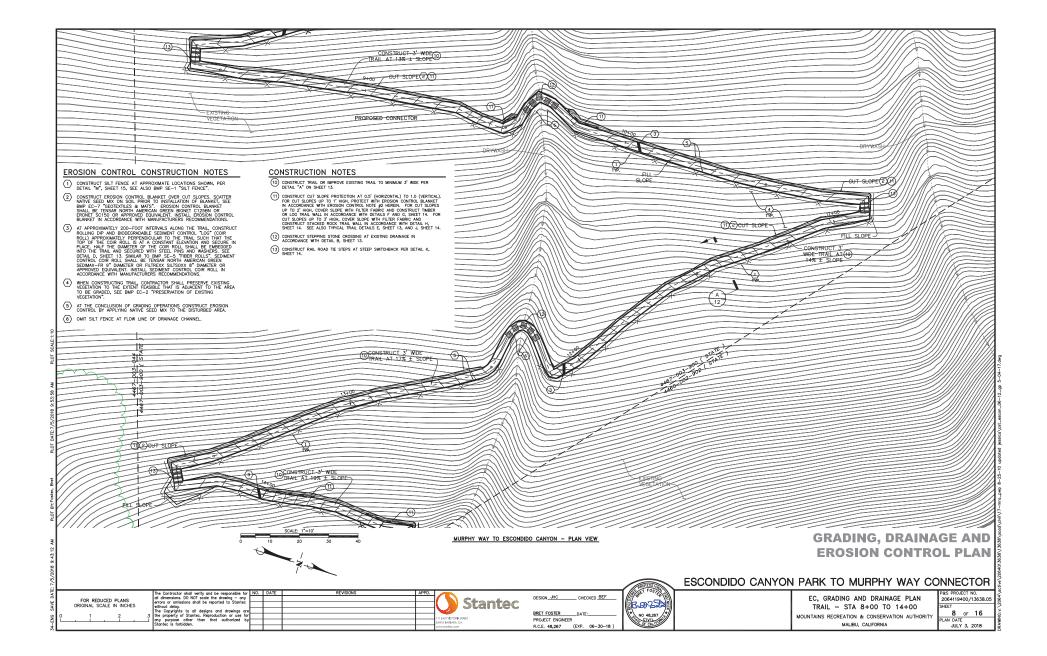


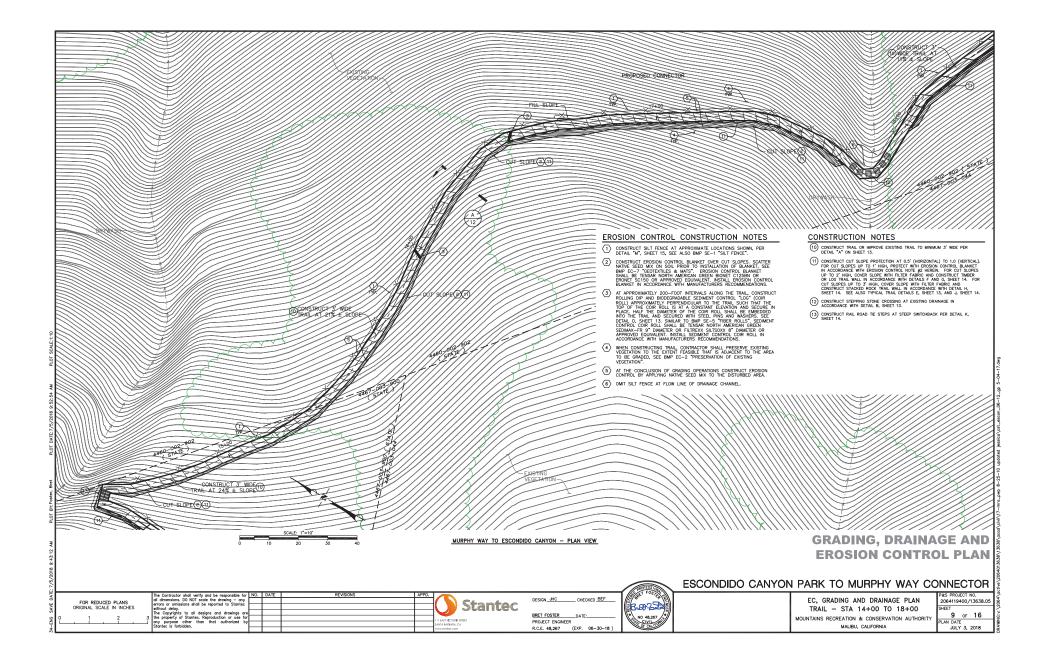


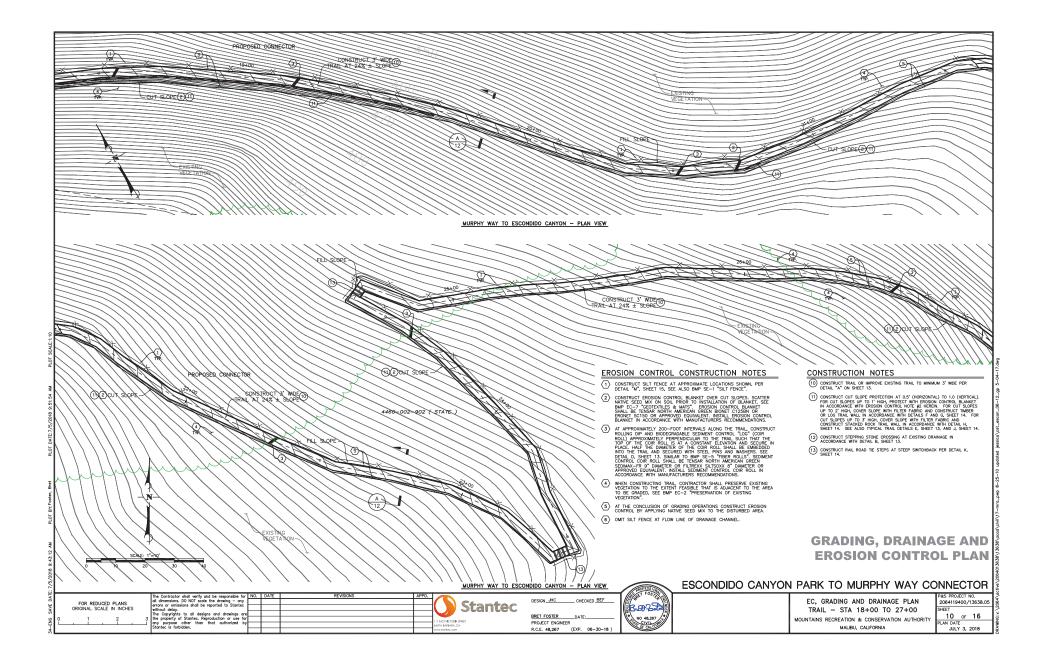


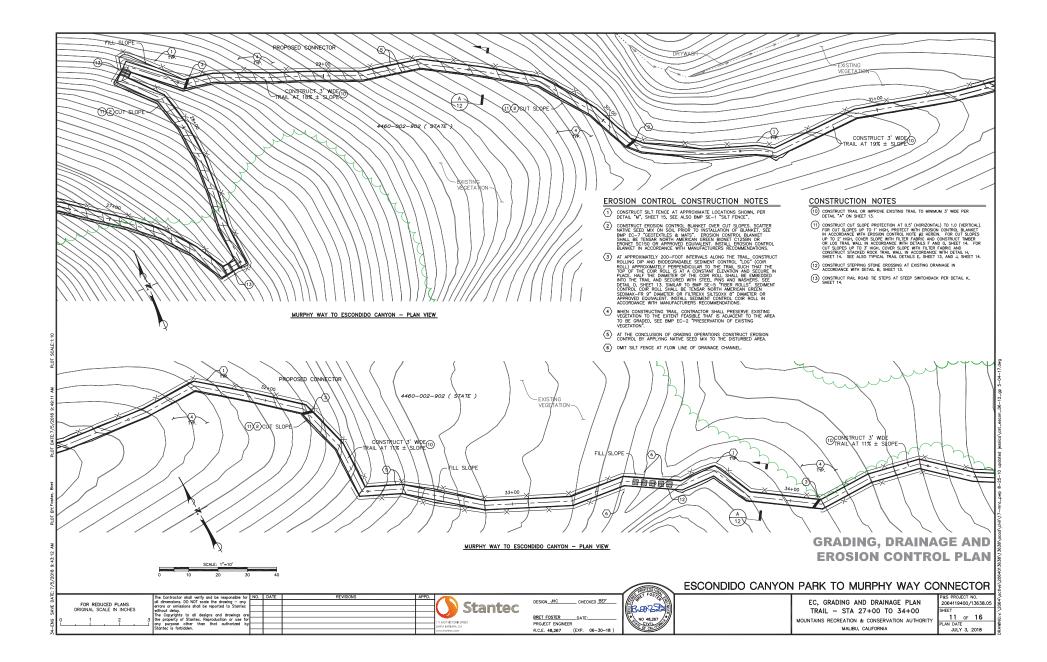


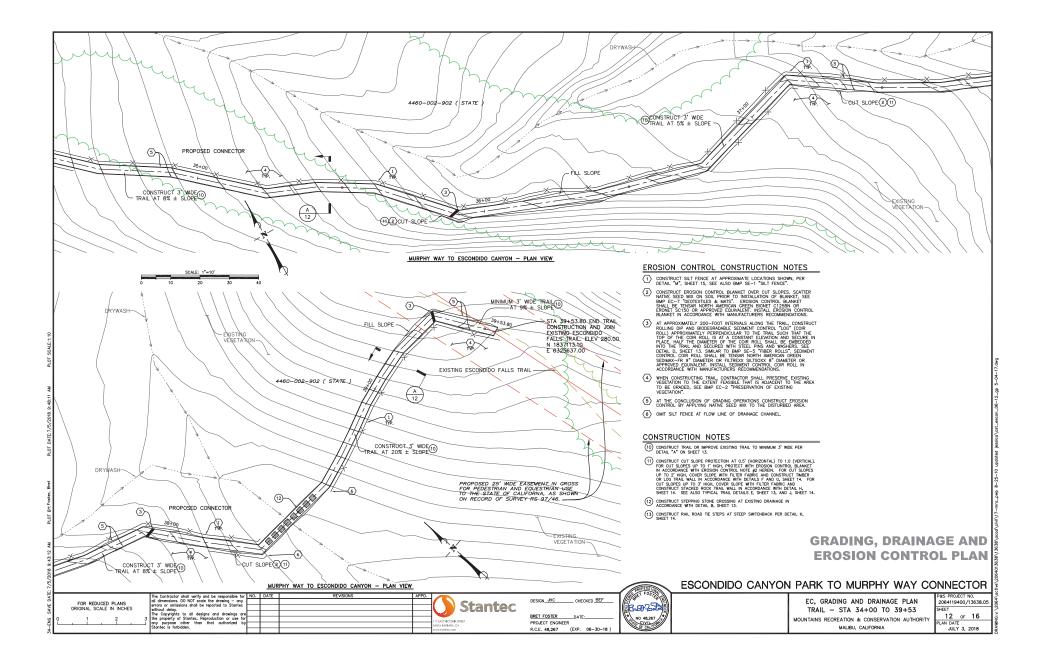


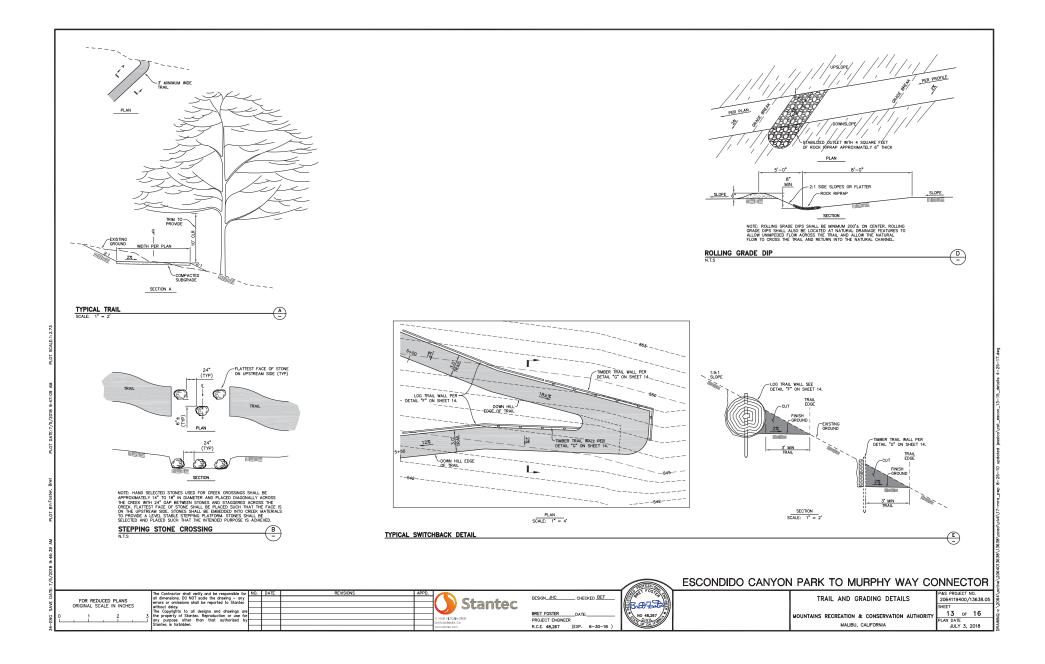


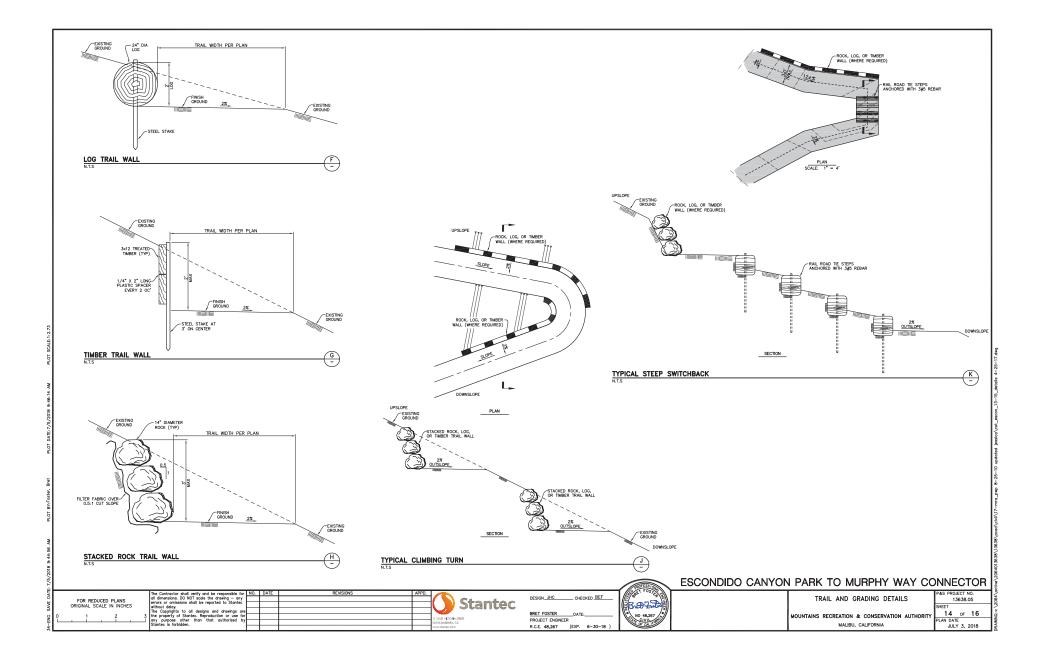


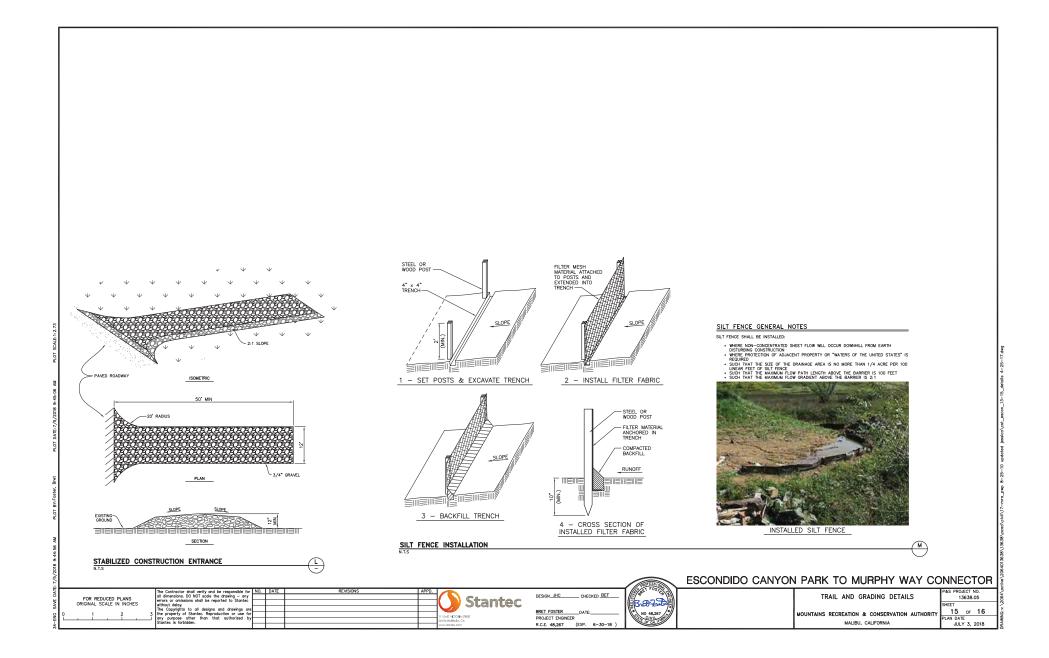


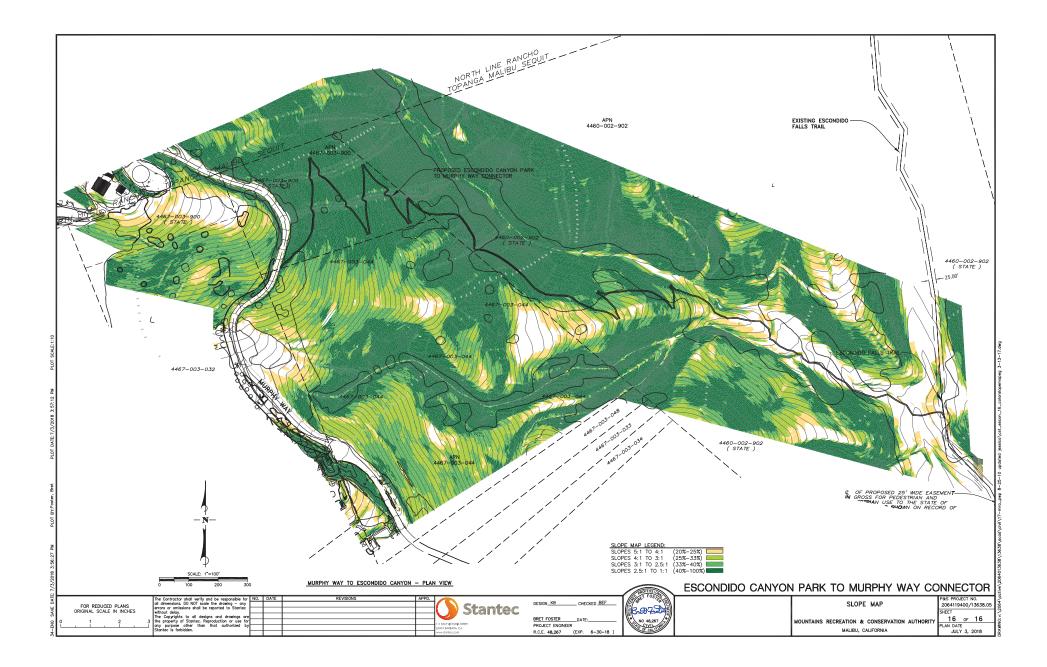












# Andrew Forde

# Wildlife Biologist

Mr. Forde has a research degree in wildlife biology read for at the University of St Andrews, Scotland and has a higher national certificate in biology read for at Stow College, Scotland. He has more than 14 years consulting experience in southern California primarily as a wildlife biologist. He has participated in research projects with the United States Geological Service, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and has worked at University of California, Davis, Raptor Center. He has conducted countless surveys for special-status, threatened, and endangered species, written numerous biological reports and assessments, prepared and reviewed sections for CEQA documents, edited scientific papers for the United States Geological Survey, and has written communications for press release. He has also conducted botanical surveys, delineated wetlands, prepared reports, Section 404 and 401 applications, and Section 1600 Streambed Alteration Agreements.

He has held permits authorizing take of more than 10 threatened and endangered species. His current 10(a)(1)(A) Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit, TE-062907-8, authorizes take of quino checkerspot butterfly, southwestern willow flycatcher, least Bells vireo, and California gnatcatcher throughout their range. Federal Bird Marking Permit 23529 authorizes capture, banding, and marking of willow flycatcher. CDFW Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) 3-6-2012 and Scientific Collectors Permit (SCP) SCP-3750 authorize the above activities and authorization to take willow flycatcher and trap and sacrifice brownheaded cowbirds for the purpose of enhancing the survival of threatened and endangered species. CDFW SCP-3750 also authorizes survey and capture of invertebrates, reptiles, amphibians, birds, and mammals using a variety of techniques, including pitfall. CDFW MOU also authorizes capture of bats using mist nets, hand-held nets, and harp traps. He also uses acoustical equipment and sophisticated software to identify bats.



#### Education

Bachelor of Science, Honors, Biology, St Andrews University, Scotland, 1997

Higher National Certificate, Biology, Stow College, Scotland, 1993

#### Permits

10(a)(1)(A) Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit, TE-062907-6, authorizes take of quino checkerspot, southwestern willow flycatcher, least Bells vireo, and California gnatcatcher throughout their ranges.

CDFW Memoranda of Understanding, dated March 2012, authorizes take of willow flycatcher, least Bells vireo, and California gnatcatcher throughout the state.

Federal Bird Marking Permit, 23529, authorizes capture, banding, and marking of southwestern willow flycatcher.

CDFW Memoranda of Understanding, dated March 2012, authorizes take of bats throughout California.

CDFW Memorandum of Understanding, dated March 2012, authorizes trapping and sacrifice of brown-headed cowbirds.

CDFW Scientific Collectors Permit, SCP-3750, authorizes activities listed in the above permits and MOU and includes authorizations to survey and capture invertebrates, reptiles, amphibians, and mammals for the purpose of identification. Special Training

Flat-tailed Horned Lizard, Bureau of Land Management, 2014

Bat Capture & Handling, National Trust Scotland, August 2012

Bat Ecology, Survey Techniques, & Guidelines, National Trust Scotland, Augus 2012

Yellow-Billed Cuckoo, Southern Sierra Research Station, June 2012

Bat Conservation and Management, Bat Conservation International, May 2012

Raptor Research Conference (Scotland), Raptor Research Foundation, October 2009

Bat Ecology & Identification, The Wildlife Society, August 2004

Bat Ecology, Identification, & ANABAT, Michael O'Farrell & Chris Corben, June 2004

Ecology of Vernal Pool Grasslands, University of California, Davis, 2004

Southwestern Willow Flycatcher, The Southern Sierra Research Group, May 2004

Sensitive Butterflies of San Diego County. Faulkner & Klein, 2003

California Branchiopod, Mary Belk, 2003

Sensitive Reptiles & Amphibians, The Wildlife Society, 2003

#### Invertebrates

Mr. Forde has held permits authorizing take of at least 8 threatened and endangered invertebrates. His primary focus is butterflies. He has attended workshops hosted by the San Diego Natural History Museum and by Faulkner and Klein, studied specimens at museums, and has taken and passed the US Fish and Wildlife Service quino checkerspot butterfly exam on all three occasions that he has taken it. The exam requires the taker to be able to identify approximately 40 species of co-occurring butterfly. He has also passed the services branchiopod exam on multiple occasions, which requires the taker to be able to identify all 27 species that occur in California. He has conducted surveys for threatened and endangered invertebrates in San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura counties, and has assisted the USFWS in support of their long-term monitoring efforts of endangered and threatened species.

#### Reptiles & Amphibians

Mr. Forde has attended several workshops that focused upon ecology, life history, and distribution of reptiles and amphibians. His SCP authorizes take of numerous reptiles and amphibians for the purpose of identification. He has conducted surveys for reptiles in Imperial, San Diego, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura, Los Angeles, Santa Barbra, Kern, and other counties. He has detected numerous special-status species during these surveys including southwestern pond turtle, San Diegan tiger whiptail (100s of individuals), southern California legless lizard (100 of individuals), coast-horned lizard, San Bernardino ringneck snake, San Diego Mountain kingsnake, two-striped garter snake, south coast garter snake, western spadefoot, arroyo toad, and California red-legged frog.

#### Birds

Mr. Forde's Federal Fish and Wildlife Permit, CDFW MOU, and SCP authorize take (survey, locate nests, monitor nests, and remove brown-headed cowbird eggs and chicks from parasitized nests) of southwestern willow flycatcher, least Bell's vireo, and California gnatcatcher. Federal Bird Marking Permit, 23259, authorizes him to capture, band, and mark southwestern willow flycatcher. He has conducted surveys for flycatcher on Castaic Creek, Santa Clara River, San Francisquito Creek, San Gabriel River, Santa Ana River, Rio Hondo, Whittier Narrows, Salinas River,

Lower Colorado River, the Bill Williams River, the Gila River, the All American Canal, Imperial National Wildlife Area, Mittry Lake Wildlife Area, Bill Williams River National Wildlife Refuge, and Havasu National Wildlife Refuge among numerous smaller rivers, creeks, and wetlands. He has monitored their nests to determine reproductive success and collect other pertinent data and has captured individuals using calls and mist nets for the purpose of banding them, and collecting blood and feather samples for DNA analysis. He has conducted surveys for least Bell's vireo on Castaic Creek, the Santa Clara River, San Francisquito Creek, San Gabriel River, Santa Ana River, Rio Hondo, Whiitier Narrows, and Salinas River among numerous smaller rivers and creeks. He has conducted surveys for California gnatcatcher throughout San Diego, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura, and Los Angeles counties. He has found at least one nest in every territory established by these species in the areas that he has surveyed. His SCP also authorizes take (survey, locate nests, monitor nests) of burrowing owl. He has conducted surveys for burrowing owl in Imperial, San Diego, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura, and Los Angeles counties. He has observed hundreds of individuals and nest burrows.

#### Small Mammals

Mr. Forde has attended workshops hosted by Bat Conservation International, Michael O'Farrell, Chris Corben, The Wildlife Society, The Desert Institute, and the National Trust for Scotland that focused upon the ecology and identification of small mammals. He has conducted surveys for small mammals throughout southern California using a variety of methods to identify them including trapping, spotlighting, scent/track stations, and camera stations. He has also conducted surveys in Arizona, Nevada, Utah, and the west coast of Scotland using mist-nets, hand-held nets, harp traps, to capture and identify bats. He has captured and identified numerous specialstatus species including western small-footed myotis, long-eared myotis, fringed myotis, long-legged myotis, silver-haired bat, western red bat, pallid bat, greater bonneted bat, and state candidate, Townsend's big-eared bat. He also uses acoustical equipment and analytical software to identify bats using full spectrum, heterodyne, frequency-division, and time-expansion, and conducts emergence surveys using spotlights, infrared lights (IRLamp6), and night-vision cameras (Sony Night Shot, Samsung Nite Lite).

Special Training

Giant Garter Snake, The Wildlife Society, 2003

Blunt-Nosed Leopard Lizard Survey Technique & Identification, The Wildlife Society, 2003

Owl Survey Techniques, Kern River Preserve, 2002

Desert Tortoise Survey and Handling Workshop, The Desert Tortoise Council, November 2002

Desert Mammals, The Desert Institute, 2002

Desert Birds, The Desert Institute, 2002

Desert Reptiles & Amphibians, The Desert Institute, 2002

Springtime Desert Butterflies, San Diego Natural History Museum, 2002

Flat-tailed Horned Lizard, Bureau of Land Management, 2001

Arroyo Toad Handling Techniques, Authorized by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2001

Burrowing Owl Ecology, University California Davis, Raptor Center, 1999

Raptor Capture & Handling Techniques, University California Davis, Raptor Center, 1999

Bird Banding & Species Identification, Ventana Wilderness Sanctuary, 1998

#### Special Training

Environmental Law Conference, The State Bar of California, October 2014

Environmental Law Conference, The State Bar of California, October 2006

Advanced Wetland Delineation, Richard Chinn Environmental, 2003

Navigating Federal & State Permits for Developments in Waters of California, University of California Los Angeles, 2002

Wetland Delineation & Management, Richard Chinn Environmental, 2002

The Basics of the California Environmental Quality Act, Association of Environmental Professionals, 2002

#### **Botanical Surveys**

Mr. Forde has held CDFW State-Listed Plant Collection Permits authorizing him to collect state listed endangered, threatened, and rare plants in California. He has conducted botanical surveys in Imperial, San Diego, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Los Angeles, Ventura, and Santa Barbra counties. He has observed numerous special-status, rare, threatened, and endangered species including Catalina mariposa lily, slender mariposa lily, Plummer's mariposa lily, Lewis's evening primrose, southern tarplant, San Fernando spineflower, Parry's spine-flower, Santa Susana tarplant, Agoura Hills dudleya, Santa Monica Mountains dudleya, Conejo dudleya, Conejo buckwheat, and Lyon's pentachaeta,

#### Wetland Delineation

Mr. Forde has attended basic and advanced wetland delineation workshops and attended courses hosted by the University of California, Los Angeles that focused on federal and state permitting for development in waters of California. The workshops focused on the application of the 1987 Wetland Delineation Manual and Regional Supplements used by the Army Corps of Engineers. During the workshops and courses, he gained valuable knowledge and experience of technical guidelines for wetland delineation, regional supplement field indicators for hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and wetland hydrology, methods for making jurisdictional determinations, and the permitting process. Since that time, he has delineated streams and wetlands in Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura, and Los Angeles counties including major portions of the Santa Clara River and the Ballona Wetlands. He has also prepared Section 404 (US Army Corp of Engineers), Section 401 (Regional Water Quality Control Board), and Section 1600 Streambed Alteration Agreement (CDFW) applications.

#### **Research Experience**

# Central Valley Habitat Joint Venture, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Sacramento County, CA, 1999-2001

Participated in research that sought to identify habitat use by a range of waterfowl species including northern pintail, green-winged teal, mallard, and white-fronted geese. Responsibilities included capture using rocket-fired nets and box traps, age and sex classification, attaching transmitters, and tracking movements using aerial and land based telemetry techniques.

# United States Geological Survey, Yolo County, CA and California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Sacramento County, CA 1999 - 2001

Participated in research specifically aimed at developing a reliable methodology to index the Pacific Coast population of band-tailed pigeons and to document behavior associated with mineral gravelling and its relationship to nest site selection and nest success. Responsibilities included capture using rocket-fired nets and box traps, age and sex classification, attaching transmitters, tracking movements, and locating nests using aerial and land based telemetry techniques. Location data was determined by triangulation and by the use of Remote Data Systems, Global Positioning Systems, and Geographic Information Systems.

# Big Sur Ornithology Laboratory & California Condor Recovery Program, Monterey County, CA, 1997-1998

Collected data related to demographic parameters, reproductive success, survival, and migration of riparian birds. Responsibilities included capture using mist-nets, species identification, age and sex classification, measuring morphological characteristics, behavioral observations, point counts, territory mapping, and habitat assessment. Responsibilities to the condor program included pre-release conditioning, release, tracking movements using land based telemetry techniques, trapping and handling for replacement of radio transmitters, and collecting blood samples, and assisting with the supplemental feeding program.



Jessica Nguyen Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority 5810 Ramirez Canyon Road Malibu, California 90265

May 10, 2016

#### RE - Raptor Survey - Ramirez Canyon Park to Escondido Falls Trail, Malibu, California

Andrew McGinn Forde of Forde Biological Consultants conducted a raptor survey along the proposed Ramirez Canyon Park to Escondido Falls Trail (see Exhibit A) on April 28, 2016 between 7:00 am and 1:00 pm. Amy Plesetz conducted a follow up survey on April 29, 2016 between 8:00 am and 2:00 pm. The biologists conducted the raptor survey using binocular and spotting scopes from vantage points along Murphy Way and then by dropping down into Ramirez Canyon Park and into Escondido Canyon Park. The vantage points along Murphy Way provided the best opportunities to observe raptors flying in the vicinity of the trail and their behaviors. The biologists observed 4 large stick nests during the survey (see table and narrative below).

On April 28, 2016, Andrew McGinn Forde observed a pair of red-tailed hawks (*Buteo jamaicensis*) flying approximately 1500 feet north of the trail near three transmission towers owned by Southern California Edison. The biologist observed a large stick nest and two ravens (*Corrus corax*) on one of the towers. Both ravens took flight and chased the hawks to the north and then returned to the tower. One of the individuals landed on the edge of the nest, entered it, and assumed a posture indicative of incubating eggs or brooding nestlings. Amy Plesetz conducted additional observations on April 29, 2016 and confirmed that the ravens were either incubating or brooding. It is likely that red-tailed hawks have occupied this nest in previous years. The nest is located approximately 1800 feet from the proposed trail at UTM 334985E, 3768746N. On April 28, 2016, Andrew McGinn Forde also observed a red-tailed hawk land on a wooden power pole on Murphy Way, approximately 1000 feet from the proposed trail. The hawk carried nest material. After approximately 5 minutes the hawk took flight, heading northwest. It flew over the proposed trail and then turned northeast directly toward Escondido Falls; however, the biologist lost sight of the individual due to being distracted by inquisitive hikers. The hawk returned some time later and landed on the same power pole. After about 30

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minutes it took flight and headed straight toward Escondido Falls. Based on the observations and the availability of suitable ledges located at the falls, the biologist predicted that the individual was either building a nest or adding fresh material to an existing nest at or near the falls. On April 28, 2016, Amy Plesetz descended from Murphy Way into Escondido Canyon and followed Escondido Falls Trail to the falls. The biologist observed a red-tailed hawk sitting on a large stick nest on the west side of the falls and appeared to be either incubating eggs or brooding nestlings. The nest is located approximately 1750 feet from the proposed trails intersection with Escondido Falls Trail at UTM 335684E, 3768359N. On April 28, 2016, Andrew McGinn Forde also observed an old stick nest within Ramirez Canyon Park in a pine tree that appears to be dead. Based on location, position, size of the nest, and the materials used in its construction, it is likely that hawks built it. The nest appeared disheveled. Given the presence of duff, cobwebs, lack of fresh nest materials, and other indicators, it is likely that it has not been used for some time. The nest is located approximately 150 feet from the proposed trail at UTM 334384E, 3767864N. The biologist also observed a red-tailed hawk near the entrance of the park; ravens were chasing it. It is likely that at least one pair of red-tailed hawks nest in the lower parts of Ramirez Canyon. On April 29, 2016, Amy Plesetz also observed a large stick nest near the proposed trails intersection with Escondido Falls Trail. Based on location, position, and size of the nest, and materials used in its construction, it was likely built by Cooper's hawk (Accipiter cooperia); however, the biologist did not observe any activity at the nest after a 30-minute period of observation. The nest is located approximately 100 feet from the proposed trail at UTM 335783E, 3767782N.

Date	Species	Easting	Northing	Observers
April 28, 2016	Common Raven	334985E	3768746N	Andrew McGinn Forde, Amy Plesetz
April 28, 2016	Old & Abandoned (?)	334384E	3767864N	Andrew McGinn Forde
April 29, 2016	Cooper's hawk (?)	335783E	3767782N	Amy Plesetz
April 29, 2016	Red-Tailed Hawk	335684E	3768359N	Amy Plesetz

It is unlikely that cutting of the proposed trail would have a direct affect upon raptors or their nests; however, its construction and use of the trail could indirectly affect them. Cooper's hawks are very territorial and will attack humans within 100 feet of their nests (personal experience) keeping them from their normal duties, which could ultimately affect the outcome of a nest. It is our opinion that a biologist should monitor the proposed trail cutting activities occurring near the woodland areas particularly in areas with known raptor nests. Monitoring should be conducted regardless of the timing of the proposed trail cutting activities. Increased traffic along Escondido Falls Trail may also affect raptor nests including the red-tailed hawk nest located on the west side of the falls particularly by hikers that like to climb. A fence should be installed at he base of the falls that reduces/limits the potential for hikers to climb them and disturb the nest. It is likely that red-tailed hawks have a historical use of the falls. The biologists also observed numerous passerines carrying nest material, food items, fecal sacs, and behaviors indicative of nesting along the majority of the proposed trail. The proposed project has potential to directly affect passerine nests.

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act protects the majority of migratory birds breeding in the US. The Act specifically states that it is illegal "... for anyone to take ... any migratory bird ... nests, or eggs."<sup>1</sup> "Take" means to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct.<sup>2</sup> The California Fish & Game Code protects the nest or eggs of all birds and specifically states, "that it is unlawful to take, possess, or needlessly destroy the nest or eggs of any bird."<sup>3</sup> The Code defines "take" as "hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill, or attempt to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill."<sup>4</sup>

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife recognizes the breeding season in southern California as generally occurring between February and September; however, a number of species can nest outside this timeframe.<sup>5</sup> For example, Anna's hummingbird (*Calypte anna*) nests mid-December to mid-August, barn owl (*Tyto alba*) nests from January through November, great-horned owl (*Bubo virginianus*) nests mid-January through June, and mourning dove (*Zenaida macroura*) typically nests February to September but can nest year round.<sup>6</sup> These species were detected by the biologists during the survey or are expected to occur. In addition to Cooper's hawk, other special-status species detected during the survey with potential to nest along the proposed trail include Allan's hummingbird (*Selasphorus sasin*), which typically nests February - August, oak titmouse (*Baeolophus inornatus*), which typically nests March to July, Nuttall's woodpecker (*Picoides nuttallii*), which typically nests March - July, and southern California rufous-crowned sparrow (*Aimophila ruficeps*), which typically nests March - July also has potential to occur.

It is the biologist's opinions that the trail should be cut between October and January when the potential for nesting birds is much less likely. Cutting the trail at any other time will undoubtedly affect the outcome of nests because it is highly likely that even a repetitive pre-construction nesting bird survey by the most qualified of biologists would fail to detect all nests; the habitat is just to dense.

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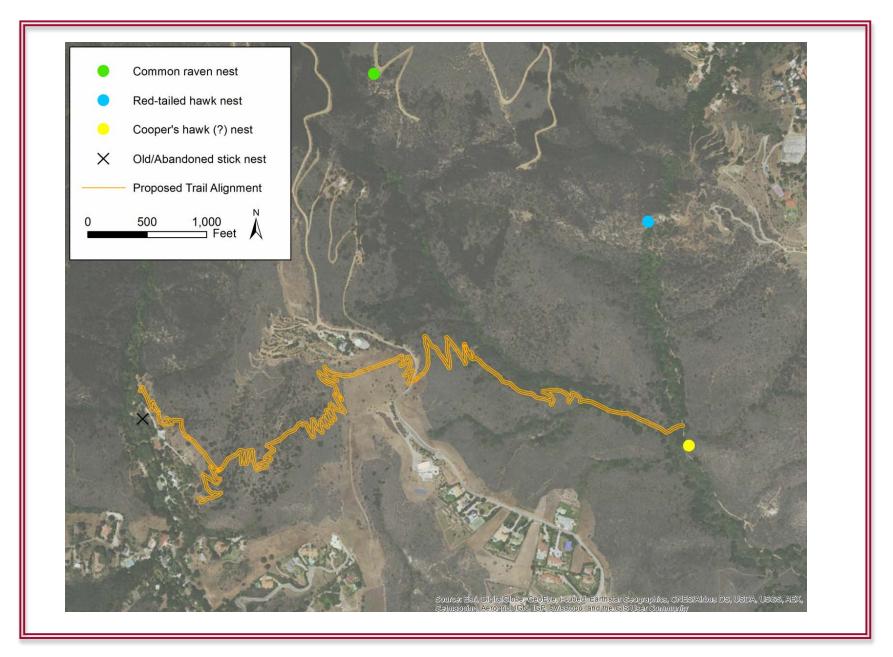
<sup>1 16</sup> U.S.C. §§ 703-712, Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 as amended 1936, 1960, 1968, 1969, 1974, 1978, 1986 and 1989 2 50 C.F.R. § 10.12

<sup>3</sup> CAL. Fish & Game Code § 3503

<sup>4</sup> CAL. Fish & Game Code § 86

<sup>5</sup> CAL Fish & Wildlife, Personal Communication, 2012

<sup>6</sup> CAL Fish & Game, Wildlife & Habitat Data Analysis Branch, California's Wildlife, Volume II: Birds, 1988 – 1990, Paul J. Baicich and J. O. Harrison. A Guide to the Nests, Eggs, and Nestlings of North American Birds, 1997. Harrison, C. A Field Guide to the Nests, Eggs and Nestlings of North American Birds, 1997.







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June 3, 2016

#### RE - Rare Plant Survey - Ramirez Canyon Park to Escondido Falls Trail, Malibu, California

### LOCATION

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Agency (MRCA) proposes construction of a recreational trail between Ramirez Canyon Park and Escondido Falls Trail and requested that Forde Biological Consultants conduct a rare plant survey. Exhibit A depicts the location of the proposed trail.

#### **DESKTOP REVIEW**

Before conducting the survey, biologist, Dr. Edith Read reviewed maps, documents, and a number of other resources including -

- 1. Aerial photographs, topographic maps, and excerpts from reports documenting biological resources within the general area that were provided by the MRCA,
- 2. The California Native Plant Society's (CNPS) Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants (IREP) to identify special-status plant species known to occur at, adjacent, or near the trail and to identify those that could potentially occur,<sup>1</sup>
- 3. The California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB), Rarefind 5, and the Biogeographic and Observation System (BIOS) to identify special-status species known to occur at or near the property and to identify those that could potentially occur.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> California Native Plant Society, 2016, Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants

<sup>2</sup> CAL. Fish & Wildlife, Wildlife & Habitat Data Analysis Branch, California Natural Diversity Database, Accessed April 2016

- 4. The list of "Special Vascular Plants, Bryophytes, and Lichens",<sup>3</sup>
- 5. The list of "State and Federally Listed Endangered, Threatened, and Rare Plants of California",<sup>4</sup> and
- 6. The USFWS, Sacramento Office's "Proposed and Candidate Species" system.<sup>5</sup>

The CNPS IREP tracks the status of hundreds of plant species and includes information on the distribution, ecology, and conservation status of California's rare, threatened, and endangered plants. The CNPS data are widely accepted as the standard for information on the status of the flora of California. The CNPS recognizes more than 1600 plant taxa (species, subspecies and varieties) as rare, threatened, or endangered in California, more than 500 additional species that have limited distribution, and approximately 55 additional species for which the CNPS needs more information.

The IREP also contains information on approximately 25 species presumed to have become extinct in California in the last 100 years. The CNDDB is part of a nationwide network overseen by NatureServe. The CNDDB includes Rarefind 5 and BIOS, which include locations and natural history information on special-status plants species and natural communities throughout California. The data help drive conservation decisions, aid in the environmental review of projects and land use changes, and provide baseline data helpful in recovering rare, threatened, and endangered species. The goal of the CNDDB is to provide the most current information available on the state's most imperiled elements of natural diversity and to provide tools to analyze these data.

The species included on the CNPS IREP, CNDDB, and the above referenced lists are considered to be those of greatest conservation need and are commonly referred to as special-status species and include those protected by the State Endangered Species Act,<sup>6</sup> the Federal Endangered Species Act,<sup>7</sup> the California Fish and Game Code,<sup>8</sup> and fully protected species.<sup>9</sup> The biologist conducted the CNDDB, Rarefind 5, BIOS, and IREP reviews by searching the U.S. Geological Service's 7.5-minute quadrangles of Beverly Hills, Calabasas, Camarillo, Canoga Park, Malibu Beach, Moorpark, Newbury Park, Oak Mountain, Point Dume, Point Mugu, San Fernando, Santa Paula, Santa Susana, Simi, Thousand Oaks, Topanga, Triunfo Pass, and Van Nuys to determine special-status species known to occur in the region. These 16 quadrangles cover the entire Santa Monica Mountains and areas well to the north, east, and west of the mountain range.

8 CAL. Fish & Game Code §§ 3511, 4700, 5050, & 5515

<sup>3</sup> CAL. Fish & Wildlife, Special Vascular Plants, Bryophytes, & Lichens, October 2015

<sup>4</sup> CAL. Fish & Wildlife, State & Federally Listed Endangered, Threatened, & Rare Plants of California, April 2016

<sup>5</sup> US Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Fish & Wildlife Office, Proposed & Candidate Species, Threatened & Endangered Species System, Accessed April 2016

<sup>6</sup> CAL. Fish & Game Code §§ 2050-2097

<sup>7 16</sup> U.S.C. §§ 1531-1544

<sup>9</sup> CAL. Fish & Game Code §§ 3511, 4700, 5050, & 5515

#### **METHODS**

The MRCA provided the biologists a shapefile containing data location for the proposed trail. Using Trimble Positions software in GIS, the biologists transferred the shapefile to the ArcGIS mobile platform on a Trimble Geo7x hand-held GPS. This provided real-time position of the biologist relative to the proposed trail route.

Dr Edith Read conducted surveys on April 28 and May 2, 2016. Some sections of trail were not accessible due to steep terrain, dense vegetation, or extensive understory of poison oak (Escondido Canyon). In these sections, the trail route was observed using binocular for indicators of unique habitat features with potential to support special status taxa (e.g. stands of ferns or moss). The spring season of 2016 followed a relatively dry winter and therefore it was expected that rare plants, if present, could be either vegetative or past flowering when the surveys were conducted. Therefore the surveys were conducted with an expectation that plants could be found at any stage of growth, not just the flowering stage. A buffer zone of about 20 feet from both sides of the proposed trail route was surveyed in order to provide full coverage in the event that changes in the route occur.

#### RESULTS

The database reviews revealed that there are no known occurrences of special-status plant species along or immediately adjacent to the trail route; however, there is a population of Parry's spineflower (*Chorizanthe parryi* var. *parryi*) approximately one air mile from the proposed trail route. Exhibit B includes a CNDDB overlay depicting the nearest known occurrence of a special-status plant species.

Plant communities observed by the biologist along the proposed trail route consisted of Non-Native Annual Grassland adjacent to Murphy Way, which is subject to routine fuel modification and weed abatement, Purple Sage Scrub on the slopes below the weed abated areas and fuel modification zones of the single-family residencies located along Murphy Way, and Oak-Sycamore Woodland in Escondido and Ramirez canyons. No rare plants were observed during the surveys. Table 1 provides a list of plant species observed during the surveys.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Although the biologist did not observe special-status plant species during the surveys, negative survey results do not necessarily mean that they are absent from the survey area particularly given that a number of areas were inaccessible. This calendar year was also relatively poor for detecting rare plants.

 The biologist observed several non-native weed species along and adjacent the proposed trail route including thistle (*Centaurea melitensis*) and carnation weed (*Euphorbia terracina*) in the more open, fuelmodified and weed abated areas on either side of Murphy Way. English ivy (*Hedera helix*) also occurs in Escondido Canyon and castor bean (*Ricinis communis*) and garden nasturtium (*Tropaeolum majus*) occur in Ramirez Canyon Park. The California Invasive Plant Council (Cal-IPC) recognizes some of these species to be highly invasive.

- a. The highly invasive species should be removed before, where possible, and during construction of the proposed trail.
- b. The highly invasive species should be removed by cutting them at their base, placing the parts immediately in bags or other suitable container, and then by removing their roots.
- c. If thistle or castor bean are in seed, the seed shall be removed first and bagged, and then the remainder of the plant. Seed that has fallen on the ground shall also be collected and bagged.
- d. Care should be taken to thoroughly clean all tools, equipment, and clothing of personnel working in these areas to avoid carrying propagules (seeds, stem pieces) of these weeds into undisturbed scrub and woodland habitats.
- e. All plant parts and seed shall be taken to an appropriate landfill site.
- f. The completed trail will likely require ongoing maintenance to keep these and other weeds from expanding across these canyons. Trail maintenance activities should include a focus on the removal of highly invasive non-native species.
- 2. Some special-status species respond favorably when shrub overstory is removed by disturbance or fire.
  - a. After the trail is constructed, but before the trail is opened to the public, a qualified botanist should survey the trail during spring to re-evaluate the probability that rare plants could be impacted by recreational use of the trail.
  - b. If rare plants are found and determined to be vulnerable by the botanist they should recommend suitable avoidance and/or mitigation measures. These measures could include re-routing of a trail section or salvage/relocation of the population to an area that is protected from future disturbance.
- California sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*), California black walnut (*Juglans californica*), and California live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*) are located in Ramirez Canyon Park and Escondido Canyon. The County of Los Angeles and the City of Malibu protect these species.

- a. The proposed trail shall be routed so that it avoids the removal of trees and trimming of major limbs.
- b. A qualified arborist should conduct a tree survey to determine the exact locations of protected trees in relation to the proposed trail route, make recommendations for avoidance, and for any necessary work to ensure the health and safety of any trees that are encroached, and any measures necessary to reduce and/or remove potential safety hazards posed by any trees.

Sincerely,

Andrew McGinn Forde

# Table 1. Plant Species Observed

Latin Name	Common Name
DICOTS	FLOWERING PLANTS
Adoxaceae	Muskroot Family
Sambucus nigra L.subsp. caerulea (Raf.) Bolli	blue elderberry
Anacardiaceae	Sumac Family
Malosma laurina (Nutt.) Abrams	laurel sumac
Toxicodendron diversilobum (Torrey & A. Gray) E. Greene	poison oak
Apiaceae	Carrot Family
Foeniculum vulgare Mill.*	fennel
Araliaceae	Ginseng Family
Hedera helix*	English ivy
Asteraceae	Sunflower Family
Artemisia californica Less.	California sagebrush
Artemisia douglasiana Besser	mugwort
Baccharis pilularis DC.	coyote brush
Centaurea melitensis L.*	Maltese star thistle
Deinandra fasciculata(DC.) Greene	common tarplant
Encelia californica Nutt.	coast sunflower
Hazardia squarrosa (Hook. & Arn.) Greene var. grindelioides (DC)	
W.D. Clark	saw-toothed goldenbush
Malacothrix saxatilis (Nutt.) Torrey & A. Gray	cliff aster
Bignoniaceae	Bignonia Family
Campsis radicans (L.) Bureau*	trumpet creeper
Brassicaceae	Mustard Family
Hirschfeldia incana (L.) LagrFossat*	wild mustard, shortpod mustard
Chenopodiaceae	Goosefoot Family
Salsola tragus L.*	Russian thistle, tumbleweed
Convolvulaceae	Morning Glory Family
Calystegia macrostegia (Greene) Brummitt ssp. cyclostegia (House)	
Brummit	wild morning glory
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family
Euphorbia terracina L.*	Geraldton carnation weed
Ricinis communis L.*	castor bean
Lupinus sp.	unidentified lupine
Fagaceae	Oak Family
Quercus agrifolia Nee	live oak
Quercus berberidifolia Liebm.	scrub oak
Juglandaceae	Walnut Family
Juglans californica S. Watson	California black walnut

## Asterisk (\*) indicates taxon not native to California

Lamiaceae	Mint Family
Salvia leucophylla Greene	purple sage
Salvia mellifera E. Greene	black sage
Malvaceae	Mallow Family
Malva parviflora L.*	cheeseweed
Nyctaginaceae	Four-O'Clock Family
Mirabilis laevis (Benth.) Curran var. crassifolia (Choisy) Spellenb.	California wishbone bush
Phyrmaceae	Lopseed Family
Mimulus aurantiacus Curtis	bush monkeyflower
Platanaceae	Sycamore Family
Platanus racemosa Nutt.	western sycamore
Polygonaceae	Buckwheat Family
Eriogonum cinereum Benth.	ashy-leaved buckwheat
Rhamnaceae	Buckthorn Family
<i>Frangula californica (=Rhamnus c.)</i> Eschsch.	California coffeeberry
Rosaceae	Rose Family
Heteromeles arbutifolia (Lindley) Roemer	toyon
Prunus ilicifolia (Nutt.) Walp. ssp. ilicifolia	holly-leaved cherry
Salicaceae	Willow Family
Salix lasiolepisBenth.	arroyo willow
Scrophulariaceae	Figwort Family
Keckiella cordifolia (Benth.) Straw	climbing penstemon
Tropaeolaceae	Nasturtium Family
Tropaeolum majus L.*	garden nasturtium
MONOCOTS	GRASSES AND ALLIES
Agavaceae	Century Plant Family
Hesperoyucca whipplei (Torr.) Trel.	chaparral yucca
Liliaceae	Lily Family
Dichelostemma capitatum (Benth.) A.W. Wood	blue dicks
Poaceae	Grass Family
Avena fatua L.*	common wild oats
Avena sativa L.*	cultivated oats
Bromus diandrus Roth*	ripgut brome
Bromus madritensis L. ssp. rubens (L.) Husnot*	red brome
Elymus condensatus J. Presl	giant wild rye
Horeum vulgare L.*	common barley
Stipa lepida Hitchc.	foothill needlegrass



Exhibit A - Proposed Trail Alignment & Survey Area



