

**Historic Biological Reports
Scan Control Sheet**

County Project Number(s):

IT-5155

Report Type (check one):

- ☒ Initial Study
- ☐ Species Inventory/Survey
- ☐ Focused Study
- ☐ EIR
- ☐ Draft EIR
- ☐ EIS
- ☐ ND
- ☐ MND
- ☐ Other

Report Date (Month/Day/Year):

08/26/1998

Check if the following apply to the report:

- ☐ Wetland and/or aquatic habitat
- ☐ Within designated Coastal Zone
- ☐ Potential movement corridor for fish and/or wildlife

SECTION B
INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST

Job: TT-5155

Requester: Scott Ellison

Applicant: Colmer Development Corporation

Date: August 26, 1998

Survey Type: Field

Rationale: Heritage Trees

Site Description: A field visit of the site (Parcel no. 505-08-070) was conducted on August 26, 1998. The parcel is located on the northern slopes of the Las Posas Hills, near Little Simi Valley. The parcel supports one single-family residence with associated mature landscaping trees and a blue gum (*Eucalyptus globulus*) windrow along Ternez Drive. The balance of the parcel was disked in the past few months and supports only non-native, weedy species, primarily prickly lettuce (*Lactuca serriola*).

	Project Impact Degree of Effect*				Cumulative Impact Degree of Effect*			
	N	LS	S	U	N	LS	S	U
6. <u>Biological Resources</u>								
a. endangered, threatened, or rare species	X				X			
b. wetland habitat	X				X			
c. coastal habitat	X				X			
d. migration corridors	X				X			
e. locally important species/communities		X				X		

*N No impact

LS Less than significant impact

S Significant impact

U Impact unknown

SECTION C
DISCUSSION OF RESPONSES

- a. Plant or animal species listed under either the Federal or California Endangered Species Acts reported by the California Natural Diversity Data Base (RAREFIND 2 Output for the Moorpark and Newbury Park 7.5' Quadrangle maps) within 10 miles of the parcel include:
- Least Bell's vireo (*Vireo belli pusillus*, Federal and State Endangered)- reported from the Santa Clara River, 8 miles to the north.
 - Conejo buckwheat (*Eriogonum crocatum*, State Rare) – reported from west Santa Rosa Valley, 3 miles to the southwest.
 - Lyon's pentachaeta (*Pentachaeta lyonii*, Federal and State Endangered) - reported from Montclef Ridge, 3 miles to the southeast.
 - Conejo dudleya (*Dudleya abramsii* ssp. *parva*, Federal Threatened) - reported from Hill Canyon, 4 miles to the south.

The parcel does not provide suitable habitat for these or other rare, threatened, or endangered species known from the region and the proposed development of the parcel would not adversely affect rare, threatened or endangered species.

- b. The parcel does not support wetlands. The development of the parcel would not adversely affect wetlands.
- c. The parcel is located approximately 14 miles northeast of the coastal zone and coastal resources do not occur in the vicinity of the parcel. Coastal resources are not expected to be adversely affected by development of the parcel.
- d. Arroyo Las Posas may be used as a local wildlife movement corridor. The parcel is located at least 2,500 feet away from Arroyo Las Posas; therefore, the project is not expected to reduce the value of this potential local wildlife movement corridor.
- e. Special-status species reported from within 3 miles of the parcel include San Diego woodrat (*Neotoma lepida intermedia*), Plummer's mariposa lily (*Calochortus plummerae*), southwestern pond turtle (*Clemmys marmorata pallida*), two-striped garter snake (*Thamnophis hammondi*), Coastal western whiptail (*Cnemidophorus tigris multiscutatus*), coastal cactus wren (*Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus couesi*) and Cooper's hawk (*Accipiter cooperi*). Development of the parcel would not result in any loss of habitat for these species or other indirect effects (noise, dust, lighting, pets, invasive landscaping). Therefore, no impacts are expected.

The parcel supports 12 heritage trees, defined as any tree species with a girth of 90 or more inches, or if multiple trunked, two limbs with a collective girth of 72 inches or more. These heritage trees include one Aleppo pine, one Arizona ash, seven blue gum, one white iron bark, and two Peruvian pepper. Based on current grading plans, one Aleppo pine, one Arizona ash, and two Peruvian pepper would be removed. The seven blue gum and one white iron bark form a windrow along Ternez Drive that appears to be outside the area to be graded. This windrow appears to concentrate bird activity, with 10 species observed during the field visit. However, this windrow does not offer any unique foraging or nesting habitat not readily available from numerous similar trees in the vicinity. Provided the applicant complies with the Tree Protection Regulations (Section 8107-25 of the Zoning Code), loss of heritage trees is considered a less than significant impact.

SECTION D
MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Based on the information contained within Sections B and C:

YES/MAYBE

NO

1. Does the project have the potential to significantly degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?
2. Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term, to the disadvantage of long-term, environmental goals? (A short-term impact on the environment is one which occurs in a relatively brief, definitive period of time while long-term impacts will endure well into the future).
3. Does the project have impacts which are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (Several projects may have relatively small individual impacts on two or more resources, but the total of those impacts on the environment is significant).
4. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?

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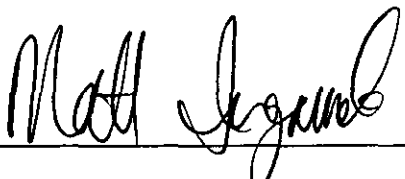
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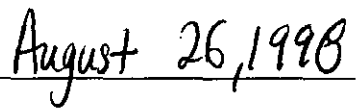
SECTION E
DETERMINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- ☒ I find the proposed project **COULD NOT** have a significant effect on the environment, and a **NEGATIVE DECLARATION** should be prepared.
- ☐ I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because the mitigation measure(s) described below will be applied to the project. A **MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION** should be prepared.
- ☐ I find the proposed project, individually and/or cumulatively **MAY** have a significant effect on the environment and an **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT** is required.



Signature of Preparer



Date