

Historic Biological Reports
Scan Control Sheet

County Project Number(s):

Cup-4913

Report Type (check one):

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

Report Date (Month/Day/Year):

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

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September 12, 1995
Project No. 95-61-0031

Ventura County Resource Management Agency
Planning Division
800 S. Victoria Avenue
Ventura, California 93009

Attention: Ms. Judith Ward

Subject: Biological Resources Initial Study Checklist for CUP-4913 (Santa Clara Ag.
Dev. Corp.)

We are sending 1 copy of the subject checklist for your use.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service.

Sincerely,

FUGRO WEST, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Ingamells".
Matt Ingamells
Project Biologist

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- ☐ Overnight p.m.
- ☒ First Class Mail

SECTION B INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST

Job: CUP-4913

Requestor: Judith Ward

Applicant: Santa Clara Ag Dev. Corp.

Date: September 12, 1995

Survey Type: Field

Rationale: Magnitude of project

Site Description: A brief field visit of the proposed grading area was conducted on August 25, 1995. Excavation was in progress along the northern boundary of the grading area and along Old Grimes Canyon Road. Most of the Grimes Canyon drainage within the grading area had been recently excavated. Most of the grading area consists of an old orchard with mostly dead avocado trees, but coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*) appears to be colonizing disturbed slopes. Other native plants occur on slopes which have not been substantially disturbed including giant wild-rye (*Leymus condensatus*), purple sage (*Salvia leucophylla*) and California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*).

PROJECT IMPACT DEGREE OF EFFECT*

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CUMULATIVE IMPACT DEGREE OF EFFECT*

N LS S U

6. Biological Resources

a. endangered, threatened, or rare species	<u>X</u> — — —	<u>X</u> — — —	
b. wetland habitat	<u>X</u> — — —	<u>X</u> — — —	
c. coastal habitat	<u>X</u> — — —	<u>X</u> — — —	
d. migration corridors	<u>X</u> — — —	<u>X</u> — — —	
e. locally important species/communities	<u>X</u> — — —	<u>X</u> — — —	

SECTION C

DISCUSSION OF RESPONSES

- a. Based upon the California Natural Diversity Data Base, sensitive species have not been reported within three miles of the proposed grading area. The proposed project is not expected to adversely impact rare, threatened or endangered species.
- b. Wetlands of the Grimes Canyon drainage (if any) have been excavated under the approved County grading permit, Army Corps of Engineers permit No. 94-50842-TS, and California Department of Fish and Game Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 5-268-94. Landslides have created a small depression in the central portion of the grading area. This depression is not dominated by wetland plant species (facultative or obligate) and does not support wetlands. This area is planned as a de-silting basin under the approved County grading permit. The project is not expected to result in additional adverse impacts to wetlands.
- c. Coastal resources do not occur in the vicinity of the parcels. Project implementation is not expected to adversely impact coastal resources.
- d. Regional wildlife movement is expected to occur along the Santa Clara River. The project would not impact this regional wildlife migration corridor. Local wildlife movement may occur along the Grimes Canyon drainage. Currently, the drainage has been excavated in most areas within the grading area, but has been filled in two locations to provide roadway crossings. The proposed project is not expected to further degrade this potential wildlife movement corridor.
- e. Coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*) occurs within and immediately west of the proposed permit area. The coast live oak is considered a protected tree under Section 8107-25 of the Ventura County Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance. Only one coast live oak is located within the proposed permit area. This tree is located outside the proposed grading area and would be preserved.

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? _____ X

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). _____ X


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). _____ X

4. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly? _____ X

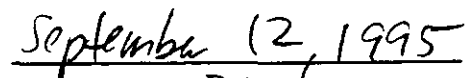
SECTION E
DETERMINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

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