

Historic Biological Reports
Scan Control Sheet

County Project Number(s):

CUP-5135

Report Type (check one):

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

Report Date (Month/Day/Year):

10/02/1999

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

COUNTY OF VENTURA BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES INITIAL STUDY

Date: October 2, 1999

Requestor: Debbie Morrisset

Project: CUP-5135 Sprint Communications Wireless Communication Facility

Field Study: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Justification: Need to determine whether vegetation, and thus wildlife habitat, would be impacted onsite

A. CHECKLIST

Biological Resources Issues	Project Impact Degree of Effect				Cumulative Impact Degree of Effect			
	N	LS	S	U	N	LS	S	U
a. endangered, threatened, or rare species	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. wetland habitat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. coastal habitat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. migration corridors	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. locally important species/communities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Degree of Effect Explanation

N= None

LS = Less than significant effect

S = Significant effect; MND or EIR required

U = Unknown; EIR required

B. DISCUSSION

C. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

The project consists of the installation of a wireless communications storage facility adjacent to an above ground oil storage tank at 18000 South Mountain Road, Santa Paula, Ventura County, California. Project components to be installed on site consist of the following: one 35-foot monopole with three sectors of four panel antennas, seven equipment cabinets, and one three-foot GPS antenna. Project installation involves removal of ruderal vegetation (primarily grasses) that has grown up through a layer of gravel onsite. As currently outlined in the site plans, the surrounding coastal sage scrub and oak woodland would not be impacted through project construction. A single laurel sumac shrub located onsite would need to be trimmed, however, in order to allow construction equipment access to the site.

A September 2000 search of the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) via the RAREFIND2 software listed no special-status species likely to be present onsite. No sign of special-status species were observed during the September 13, 2000 site visit, and none would be expected due to the disturbed nature of the site.

No significant impacts to biological resources are expected due to development of this project, as outlined above. However, if construction activities were to extend into the adjacent native vegetation, significant impacts could occur.

- | | <u>Yes/Maybe</u> | <u>No</u> |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 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? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term, to the disadvantage of long-term, environmental goals? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Does the project have impacts, which are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

D. MITIGATION MEASURES

Recommended ☐

Required for Negative Declaration ☐

No mitigation is required.

E. DETERMINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FROM A BIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE

Negative Declaration ☒ Mitigated Negative Declaration ☐ EIR Required ☐

Reviewer: _____

Date: _____

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October 2, 2000

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