

COUNTY OF VENTURA BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES INITIAL STUDY

Date: March 27, 2001
Requestor: Janie King
Project: CUP-5177

Field Study: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Justification: Photos and site plans submitted by applicant indicate that the antenna, equipment shelter and pole will be located along the bike path parallel to the Hwy 101 on-ramp from Emma Wood State Beach, where disturbance to native plants and animal species will be minimal.

A. CHECKLIST

Biological Resources Issues	Project Impact Degree of Effect				Cumulative Impact Degree of Effect			
	N	LS	PS-M	PS	N	LS	PS-M	PS
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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 = No effect

LS = Less than significant effect

PS-M = Potentially Significant effect; Mitigation incorporated for a ND

PS = Potentially Significant effect; EIR required

B. DISCUSSION

No endangered, threatened, or rare plants or animals are present on the roadside and bike trail where the proposed antenna and equipment shelter would be located. Sensitive species known to occur within the area (California Fish & Game, 1999) would not occupy the habitat available for any appreciable time. No wetland is present at the site. The area is near coastal habitat, but most of the plant species present at the site based on the photographs and a brief site visit are indicative of disturbed areas. The dominant plants present are tumbleweed (*Salsola* sp.), tender fountain grass (*Pennisetum setaceum*), shad-scale (*Atriplex canescens*), purple nightshade (*Solanum xanthi*) and tree tobacco (*Nicotiana glauca*). Of these, the nightshade and the shad-scale are in the shrub community and native to Southern California. The tender fountain grass is considered invasive, and the tree tobacco and tumbleweed are common to disturbed areas. No significant impacts to the local habitat or plant community are anticipated.

The project site does not serve as a migration corridor given its limited extent and location adjacent to a freeway on-ramp. No locally important species or communities are present at the site.

C. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

- | | <u>Yes/Maybe</u> | <u>No</u> |
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| 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 that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

D. MITIGATION MEASURES

Recommended ☐

Required for Negative Declaration ☐

No mitigation measures necessary.

E. DETERMINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FROM A BIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE

Negative Declaration ☒ Mitigated Negative Declaration ☐ EIR Required ☐

Reviewer: _____


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F. REFERENCES

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