

**Historic Biological Reports
Scan Control Sheet**

County Project Number(s):

CWP - 52118

Report Type (check one):

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

Report Date (Month/Day/Year):

09/09/2002

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

6. Biological Resources	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		✓			✓			
b. Wetland habitat	✓				✓			
c. Coastal habitat	✓				✓			
d. Migration corridors	✓				✓			
e. Locally important species/ communities	✓				✓			

* N: No impact
 LS: Less than significant
 PS-M: Potentially significant, unless mitigated to a level of insignificance
 PS: Potentially significant, even after mitigation

SECTION C
DISCUSSION OF RESPONSES

- a. Several rare or endangered species have been reported within 5 miles of the project site and have the potential to be present at the site:

Santa Ana sucker (*Catostomus santaanae*), a federally threatened species of fish, occurs on rocky- or sandy-bottomed creeks and drainages. The property does not support creeks or waterways and it is unlikely the fish is present.

San Diego woodrat (*Neotoma lepida intermedia*), a state species of concern, inhabits coastal sage scrub and prefers rocky and sandy sites with scattered coyote bush and cactus. The northern end of the property supports a large amount of coastal scrub with coyote bush and beavertail cacti. The proposed project, however, is limited to the lower 35 acres of the 132-acre parcel. Because the 35 acres are already maintained as disturbed agricultural fields or for storage piles, it is unlikely the species occurs in that area. The northern portion of the site, however, likely supports the species.

Plummer's mariposa lily (*Calochortus plummerae*), listed as 1B by the California Native Plant Society, is usually found in coastal sage scrub or valley and foothill grassland. Soil is usually sandy or alluvial. The northern end of the property supports a large amount of coastal scrub on sandy soils. The proposed project, however, is limited to the lower 35 acres of the 132-acre parcel. Because the 35 acres are already maintained as disturbed agricultural fields or for storage piles, it is unlikely the species occurs in that area. The northern portion of the site, however, likely supports the species.

- b. There is no wetland habitat on the project site, so there should be no disturbance of such a site.
- c. The project site is not near the coast, so no impact on a coastal habitat should occur.
- d. The project site is located in an area primarily used for orchards and row crops. However, undeveloped areas that could be used as wildlife migration corridors are present on the northern portion of the property.
- e. Southern riparian scrub, a plant community monitored by the state, is found along depressions or along creek and stream banks. The property does not support creeks or waterways and it is unlikely the community is present.

SECTION D
MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Based on the information contained within Sections B and C:

	YES	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?		✓

SECTION E
DETERMINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

On the basis of this initial evaluation (*check one*):

✓	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.

Mitigation Measures

The proposed project includes use of only the southern 35 acres of the 132-acre parcel. The area where changes are requested is currently disturbed and provides little to no habitat for special status species. The northern portion of the property, however, provides decent habitat for both the San Diego desert woodrat and Plummer's mariposa lily. It is recommended that the applicant does not disturb the northern portion of the property unless special status surveys for these two species are completed.



Signature of Preparer



Date