Year 2 Annual Monitoring Report for the Devil's Gate Reservoir Restoration Project (Phase 1) Onsite Habitat Mitigation

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LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Term	Description
CDFW	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
CSS	Coastal sage scrub
GPS	Global Positioning System
HRP	Habitat Restoration Plan
IPC	California Invasive Plant Council
JPL	Jet Propulsion Laboratory
LACPW	Los Angeles County Public Works (
LBVI	Least Bell's vireo
LSAA	Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement
PMA	Permanent Maintenance Area
RAFSS	Riversidean alluvial fan sage scrub
SWL	Static water level

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Los Angeles County Public Works (LACPW) completed Phase 1 of habitat restoration implementation for the Devil's Gate Reservoir Habitat Restoration Project (Project) on February 13, 2020. Habitat restoration is being implemented to comply with the compensatory mitigation requirements in Conditions 3.1, 3.2, and 3.5 of the Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA) (Notification No. 1600-2015-0263-R5 dated March 21, 2017) executed between the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and the Los Angeles County Flood Control District. Two amendments to the LSAA were issued by the CDFW in response to modifications to the boundaries of the Project (dated July 17, 2018) and to address the proposed offsite mitigation component (dated July 16, 2018). The LSAA and the LSAA amendment for the onsite mitigation are included in Appendix A. Implementation of habitat mitigation for Phase 1 was conducted in mitigation areas DG-1, DG-1 WOUS, DG-2A, DG-2B, DG-3A, DG-4, DG-4B, DG-4C, and DG-5. A small portion of Phase 1 mitigation areas DG-1, DG-3A, DG-3B, and DG-4 were included in the temporary impacts around the perimeter of the Project and will be restored following the completion of the side slopes configuration. A small portion of DG-3A is being used for staging construction equipment and will be restored following the completion of the Project. DG-3B is an additional mitigation area added as a result of the legal settlement. Implementation of habitat mitigation was conducted according to the Final Habitat Restoration Plan (HRP) for the Project (dated November 2018), which addresses the impact areas associated with the Project and the onsite compensatory mitigation areas at the Project site (ECORP 2018). According to the HRP, onsite compensatory mitigation will include the creation, restoration, and enhancement of native habitats with the purpose of providing quality habitat for an abundance of wildlife including the least Bell's vireo (Vireo bellii pusillus), which is listed as endangered under the federal and California Endangered Species Acts and (CDFW 2018).

The Project, which includes an estimated initial removal of 1.7 million cubic yards (cy) of sediment to establish a Permanent Maintenance Area (PMA), will restore flood capacity and establish a reservoir management system to maintain the flood control capacity of the reservoir. Subsequently, annual maintenance and episodic maintenance will be conducted in the established PMA to remove accumulated sediment and to ensure continued flood control capacity. Removal of sediment will not occur outside of the boundaries of the PMA.

This Year 2 Annual Monitoring Report has been prepared to address the onsite habitat mitigation requirements pursuant to the LSAA for the Project. This report documents the progress of onsite mitigation that the LACPW is responsible for implementing and maintaining for a period of five years for riparian habitats and ten years for upland habitat. Annual reports will be provided until established success criteria have been met and CDFW has deemed the mitigation successful.

1.1 Project Location

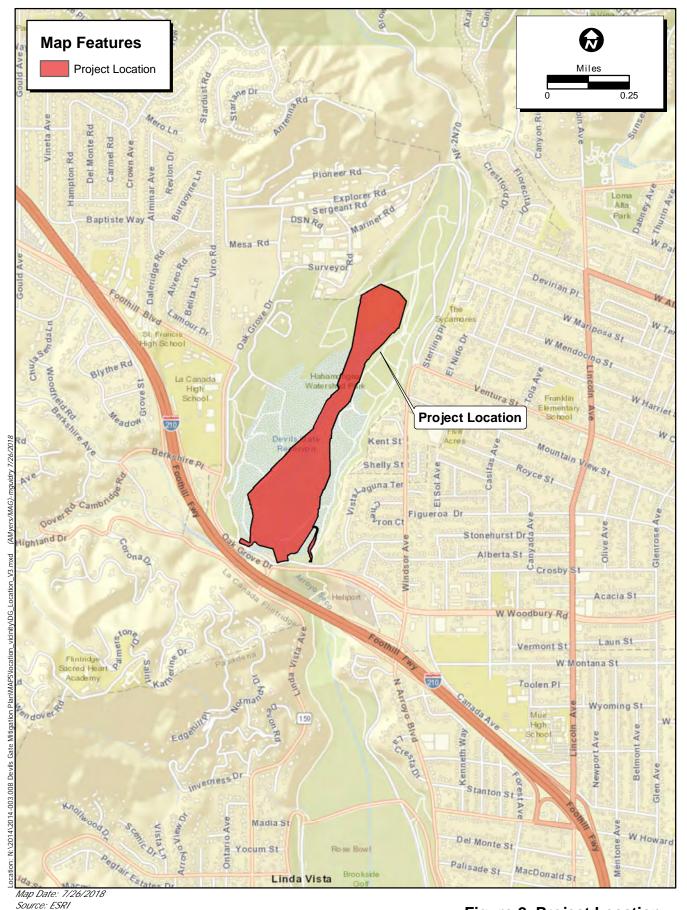
The Project is located in the City of Pasadena (City) in Los Angeles County on the Pasadena United States Geological Survey California 7.5' topographic quadrangle (Figure 1). More specifically, the Project is located within the upper portion of the Arroyo Seco Watershed within the City's Hahamongna Watershed Park (Figure 2).



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Figure 1. Project Vicinity





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Figure 2. Project Location

The Project site is located along an approximately 4,754-feet linear section of the Arroyo Seco drainage and alluvial fan, which is an area subject to change and disturbance due to erosion, runoff, and sediment movement resulting from runoff that flows south from the Angeles National Forest. The elevation of the Project site ranges from approximately 985-feet above mean sea level (msl) behind the dam, to approximately 1,100-feet above msl at the northern end.

2.0 ONSITE HABITAT MITIGATION OVERVIEW

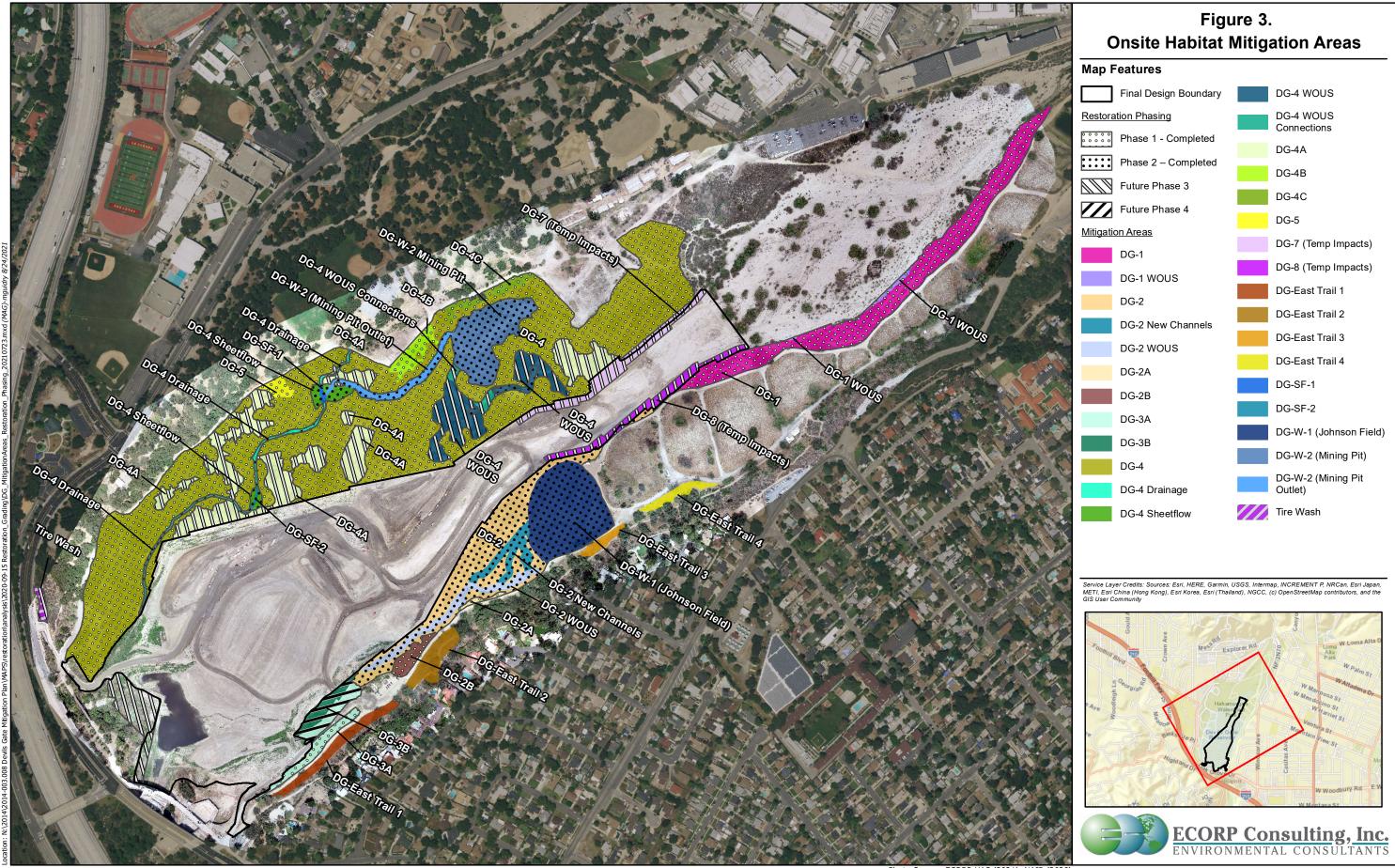
2.1 General Location of Mitigation Areas

The Phase 1 onsite habitat mitigation areas (hereafter referred to as mitigation areas) are located to the east and west of the Devil's Gate Reservoir (Reservoir) just outside of the PMA for the Project (Figure 3). Mitigation areas DG-1, DG-1 WOUS, DG-2A, DG-2B, and DG-3A are located on the east side of the Reservoir and mitigation areas DG-4, DG-4B, DG-4C, and DG-5 are located on the west side of the Reservoir. The mitigation areas are encompassed by the Hahamongna Watershed Park, which is heavily used for recreational activities, such as hiking, bird watching, horseback riding, and disc golf.

2.2 Mitigation Requirements

The LSAA issued by the CDFW for the Project on March 21, 2017 provided a breakdown of the required onsite and offsite compensatory mitigation for permanent impacts (Condition 3.1) as well as the mitigation required for the temporary impacts of the Project (Condition 3.2). The LSAA amendment issued on July 17, 2018 addressed a revision to the Project boundary that changed the overall impacts of the Project. In addition, the LSAA amendment included a revision to Condition 3.1, which addressed the changes in the required onsite mitigation. LACPW is currently in the process of preparing an LSAA amendment application that will account for changes to the permitted Project boundary resulting from clearing that occurred outside of the permitted Project boundary and in response to a legal settlement that was finalized. The conditions of the legal settlement resulted in minor changes to the Project boundary and a conversion of some permanent impact areas to temporary impacts. The HRP, which will be revised following the issuance of the amended LSAA, will incorporate all changes related to the legal settlement. Future annual reports will be based on the revised HRP requirements.

The original design of the onsite mitigation for the Project, which is what this annual report is based upon, included the creation, restoration, and enhancement of 69.94 acres subject to CDFW jurisdiction located outside of the PMA. The 69.94 acres of mitigation is required to compensate for permanent impacts to 41.98 acres of CDFW jurisdiction. The LSAA also requires mitigation for temporary impacts to 16.17 acres by delaying the impacts to these areas until the third year of sediment removal and replanting them within 24 months of the impacts. In addition, the Episodic Maintenance Area, or side slopes of the PMA, which encompasses 7.34 acres according to the original design, will be replanted with native vegetation, including shrub and annual species associated with riparian scrub and alluvial scrub vegetation communities. Allowing the side slopes of the Annual Maintenance Area to support native vegetation will provide additional compensatory mitigation by creating a riparian scrub buffer habitat between the areas that are actively managed in the annual maintenance area and the compensatory mitigation areas. The side slopes may be periodically affected by re-contouring if large



sediment deposits bury portions of the side slopes. In this case, the sediment will be removed, and the side slopes will be re-contoured and allowed to naturally revegetate.

Onsite compensatory mitigation will include invasive and nonnative weed abatement, planting with native container stock, planting pole cuttings for specific species, seeding with native seed material, and maintaining and monitoring each mitigation area for a period of five years for riparian areas and ten years for upland areas, or until all success criteria have been met.

2.3 Ownership Status

The mitigation areas are located on land owned by the City of Pasadena.

2.4 Mitigation for Impacts to Protected Trees

During the course of construction for the Project, unavoidable impacts to trees protected under the City of Pasadena City Trees and Tree Protection Ordinance and/or the County of Los Angeles Oak Tree Ordinance occurred. A total of 0.606 acre of direct and indirect impacts to native tree canopy protected under the City of Pasadena City Trees and Tree Protection Ordinance, including 0.025 acre of impacts to western sycamore (Platanus racemosa), 0.159 acre of impacts to Fremont's cottonwood (Populus fremontii), and 0.421 acre of impacts to coast live oak (Quercus agrifolia), occurred as a result of the clearing in the Initial Sediment Removal Area and access road construction. In addition, impacts to coast live oak canopy that occurred during construction activities are also protected under the County of Los Angeles Oak Tree Ordinance. Per Condition 2.11 of the LSAA and Mitigation Measure BIO-7 (MM-BIO-7) of the Revised Final Environmental Impact Report (ECORP 2017), protected trees impacted during construction activities will be replaced at a 1:1 ratio by canopy acreage. During Phase 1 of restoration activities, a total of 686 Fremont's cottonwoods (1-gal containers) and 474 coast live oaks (300 acorns and 174 1-gallon containers) were planted. Due to concerns with the polyphagous shot hole borer beetle (Euwallacea sp.) infestations in populations of western sycamore, this species was not planted during Phase 1 of restoration activities. If conditions allow, this species will be planted during future phases of restoration.

3.0 SUMMARY OF ONSITE HABITAT MITIGATION ACTIVITIES

Habitat restoration implementation was conducted by Natures Image, with oversight by Carley Lancaster (Restoration Ecologist, ECORP Consulting, Inc. [ECORP]), Josh Corona-Bennett (Senior Restoration Ecologist, ECORP), and Mari Quillman (Biological Resources Program Manager, ECORP). During habitat restoration implementation, Natures Image was a subcontractor to ECORP and ECORP was a contractor to LACPW. Implementation of habitat restoration for Phase 1 was conducted in mitigation areas DG-1 WOUS, DG-1, DG-2A, DG-2B, DG-3A, DG-4, DG-4B, DG-4C, and DG-5. A total of six vegetation communities were included in the Phase 1 habitat restoration effort including Mulefat Thickets (*Baccharis salicifolia* Shrubland Alliance), Black Willow Thickets (*Salix gooddingii* Woodland Alliance), Coast Live Oak Woodland (*Quercus agrifolia* Woodland Alliance), California Buckwheat Scrub (*Eriogonum fasciculatum* Shrubland Alliance), Scale Broom Scrub (*Lepidospartum squamatum* Shrubland Alliance), and California Sagebrush – California Buckwheat Scrub (*Artemisia californica-Eriogonum fasciculatum* Shrubland

Alliance). Habitat restoration implementation commenced on November 19, 2018 and included nonnative and invasive plant removal and follow-up weed abatement efforts. Following the weed abatement efforts, soil ripping was conducted for mitigation area DG-5 to decompact the soil and to prepare the area for container plant installation and seed application. Following initial weed abatement efforts and soil ripping, container plant installation and seed application commenced in all of the Phase 1 mitigation areas. Implementation for Phase 1 was completed on February 13, 2020. A brief description of the habitat restoration implementation is provided in the following sections.

3.1 Site Preparation

Site preparation activities primarily consisted of nonnative weed removal. Initial nonnative weed abatement activities commenced on November 19, 2018 and were completed on February 20, 2019. Follow-up weed abatement efforts commenced immediately following the completion of the initial weed abatement effort and have been ongoing for the Phase 1 mitigation areas. Pre-planting nonnative and invasive plant removal was conducted using a combination of hand-pulling, weed whips, and hula hoes. During the pre-planting weed removal efforts, all nonnative and invasive plant species that had gone to flower or seed were removed by hand or by using hand tools, placed on tarps, and disposed of in an onsite dumpster. Onsite dumpsters were picked up regularly and the nonnative and invasive plant materials were disposed of at an appropriate facility located outside of the Project site.

Species targeted during the initial nonnative and invasive plant removal included wild oat (*Avena fatua*), black mustard (*Brassica nigra*), red brome (*Bromus madritensis* ssp. *rubens*), poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum*), red-stemmed filaree (*Erodium cicutarium*), eucalyptus (*Eucalyptus sp.*), foxtail barely (*Hordeum murinum*), perennial pepperweed (*Lepidium latifolium*), and horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*). Even though these plant species were targeted for removal, all species of nonnative or invasive plants listed in the HRP were removed if they were encountered.

In addition to nonnative weed removal, jute netting was installed on the slopes of DG-3A in preparation for planting. The jute netting was installed to help stabilize the soil and prevent erosion in this mitigation area.

3.2 Irrigation Strategy

A temporary aboveground poly-tube irrigation system with drip emitters was installed for mitigation areas DG-2A, DG-2B, DG-3A, DG-4, DG-4B, DB-4C, and DG-5. Because container plants and pole cuttings were not installed in mitigation areas DG-1 or DG-1 WOUS, an irrigation system was not installed for these areas. The irrigation system was installed and inspected prior to the planting of container plants and pole cuttings. The irrigation system is currently connected to a municipal water source and was fitted with a meter, pressure regulator, and back-flow preventer. Emitters were positioned within the planting basins of each container plant and pole cutting and according to the HRP, supplemental irrigation will continue to be applied for a period of no more than three years. However, if the mitigation areas need to be irrigated for a longer period of time to meet the success standards, then irrigation will continue. Irrigation and irrigation maintenance have been occurring at the rate specified in Table 8 of the HRP.

3.3 Seeding

Upon completion of the initial weed abatement effort, the seeding process, which consisted of broadcast seeding, commenced on April 4, 2019. Seed used for the Project was procured from S&S Seeds Inc. and only seed materials collected within the acceptable geographic regions described in Section 4.9 of the HRP was used. Broadcast seeding was completed using hand-crank spreaders or it was simply spread byhand. Seed was applied evenly throughout each mitigation area and incorporated into the soil to a depth of approximately 0.5 inch using bow rakes. To the extent possible, seed was applied during the fall, winter, or other periods when sufficient rainfall was expected to occur. In addition to the seed procured from S&S seeds, a total of 300 coast live oak acorns were installed by ECORP in mitigation area DG-3A. The coast live oak acorns were procured from Psomas and were collected within the Lower Arroyo Seco (between State Route-134 and South Pasadena) and public rights-of-way (i.e., streets/swales) in the cities of Arcadia, Monrovia, Pasadena, and Sierra Madre.

3.4 Container Plant Installation

The container plant installation process commenced on August 8, 2019 after completion of the initial weed abatement effort. Container plants used for the Project were procured from Tree of Life Nursery and Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden and only container plants grown from seed collected within the acceptable geographic regions described in Section 4.9 of the HRP were used. Prior to installation, all plant material was inspected by the Restoration Ecologist (RE) to ensure that container stock was healthy and did not show signs of having pests or disease. Container stock determined to be in poor condition was rejected by the RE.

Container plant installation followed the methods described in Section 4.11 of the HRP. Container plants were planted using standard horticultural practices. Planting holes for all container plants, except oak trees, were dug to a width twice the size of the root ball and to a depth slightly deeper than the depth of root ball so that the root crown was one inch below grade following installation. Oak trees were planted in a manner that the root crown was 0.5 to one inch above grade following installation (after soil settled following watering). Prior to installation, all plants were thoroughly watered in their containers and the soil in each of the planting holes was wetted with a minimum of one gallon of water. Planting holes were backfilled with native soil and irrigation basins were formed around the base of each planting. Basins were constructed to be a minimum of two feet wide and with a ridge no less than four inches. Rocks greater than two inches in diameter were removed to the extent possible from the backfill soil. Fertilizer was not added to backfill. Soil was tamped-in by hand to collapse air pockets in the backfill. All container plants were irrigated with a minimum of one gallon of water immediately following installation and basin creation. Container plants were planted in ecologically appropriate locations throughout the site and as directed by the RE.

In addition to container plants being installed in the Phase 1 areas, willow and mulefat stakes were also collected and installed in DG-3A and DG-4. Willow and mulefat stakes were collected from suitable donor sites in the Arroyo Seco north of the Project site. Additional willow and mulefat stakes were collected from the mitigation areas where existing vegetation was dense enough to withstand stake collection. Willow and mulefat stake collection followed the methods described in Section 4.10 of the HRP. To ensure

establishment success, cuttings were harvested from live, dormant plants (i.e., willows) in late fall and early winter before the buds started to break. Willow and mulefat stakes were approximately three to four feet long and from one to two-inch diameter at their base. A diagonal cut was made at the base of each stake and the top was cut horizontally to differentiate the rooting end from the above ground end to aid in installation. Lateral branches were also removed during harvesting. The willow stakes were stored (no longer than two weeks) in buckets filled with water and in a cool shaded location until they were ready for planting. Immediately prior to installation, the stakes were dipped in a rooting hormone and then installed in pre-watered holes approximately two feet deep or with more than half of the cutting underground. The holes were backfilled and the soil around the stake tamped-in to ensure good soil to stem contact and no air pockets. The willow stakes were watered immediately following installation. All cuttings were provided with a drip emitter from the irrigation system

3.5 Site Protection

To delineate the site and deter trespassers from entering the mitigation areas, Environmentally Sensitive Area signs were installed and in 2021, wooden post fencing connected with cables was installed along the boundaries of the mitigation areas (Figure 4). In addition, public outreach to recreational users of the area was conducted to educate the public on the restoration efforts. Lastly, stinging and thorny vegetation, including California blackberry (*Rubus ursinus*), California wild rose (*Rosa californica*), and stinging nettle (*Urtica dioica*), were planted in the mitigation areas to further deter entry.

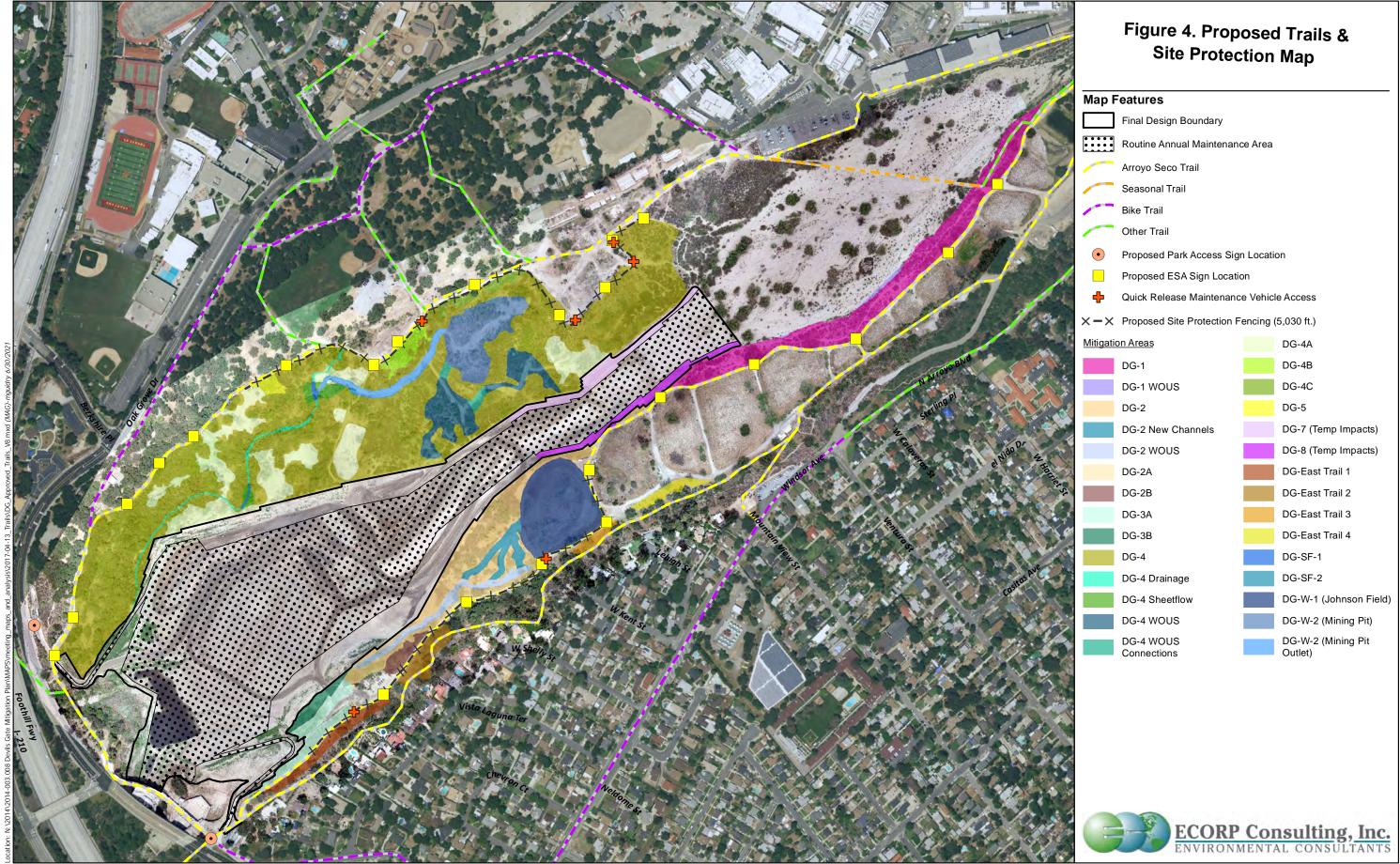
4.0 SUMMARY OF YEAR 2 MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

4.1 Maintenance of Onsite Habitat Mitigation Areas

Maintenance for the onsite habitat mitigation areas was conducted by Natures Image, with oversight by Carley Lancaster (Restoration Ecologist, ECORP Consulting, Inc. [ECORP]), Josh Corona-Bennett (Senior Restoration Ecologist, ECORP), Mari Quillman (Biological Resources Program Manager, ECORP), Margie Pfeffer (Biologist, Stillwater Sciences) and Wendy Katagi (Senior Manager, Watershed and Ecosystem Restoration Services, Stillwater Sciences). Currently, Natures Image is a subcontractor to Stillwater Sciences who is a contractor to LACPW, with ECORP continuing to provide oversight of the entire restoration project. Maintenance activities during Year 2 focused mainly on nonnative weed abatement, native plant survival, and irrigation system maintenance. In addition, maintenance was performed for minor pest control, erosion control, and vandalism during Year 2.

4.1.1 Nonnative Weed Abatement

Prior to the commencement of restoration activities, many of the mitigation areas showed high levels of nonnative weed infestation (e.g., DG-4). Maintenance in the form of nonnative weed abatement commenced immediately following the initial weed abatement effort and has been ongoing for all of Years 1 and Year 2. Nonnative plant species controlled during Year 2 included wild oat, black mustard, red brome, poison hemlock, red-stemmed filaree, foxtail barely, perennial pepperweed, horehound, and tamarisk (*Tamarix ramosissima*).



In addition, the stumps of the eucalyptus trees that were felled during the initial nonnative weed abatement effort and treated with copper nails during Year 1 were cut back on a regular basis when observed to be re-sprouting. Nonnative weed cover, especially perennial pepperweed, is a significant problem in portions of the mitigation areas. Because perennial pepperweed can produce dense colonies through seed germination and underground rhizomes (rhizomatous roots), removal of this species without the use of systemic herbicide is very difficult. A full list of nonnative plant species that have been detected within the mitigation areas is included in Appendix B.

During the Year 2 maintenance period, nonnative plant species were removed from mitigation areas with hand tools. If weeds had formed flowers or seeds prior to removal, the maintenance crew carefully contained the removed material to reduce the spread of seeds. During Year 1, herbicide application was employed for a brief period from February 22, 2019 to March 18, 2019; however, herbicide application was suspended due to public concerns and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors subsequently placed a moratorium on use of glyphosate at all County facilities until further notice. During the brief period of herbicide application, only herbicide registered for aquatic use and approved for use in wetland habitat restoration by the regulatory agencies (i.e. Roundup CustomTM) was used. A blue marking dye was added to allow for the identification of areas sprayed. In addition, following the suspension of herbicide use, a hot water vapor machine was used to treat nonnative weeds in areas where native growth was minimal.

4.1.2 Supplemental Planting

Supplemental planting for the mitigation areas did not occur during Year 2 of restoration activities. Formal mortality counts were taken during the Year 1 botanical monitoring event and supplemental planting will occur during Phase 3 of restoration.

4.1.3 Irrigation Maintenance

During Year 2, the irrigation system was inspected for functionality on a regular basis by Natures Image during routine maintenance activities to ensure the system was operating efficiently and that container plants were receiving adequate water. During the irrigation system inspections, the soil around the container plants was inspected to ensure proper saturation was occurring and emitters were inspected to maintain proper placement within the planting basins. Wildlife damage to irrigation lines was repaired on an as-needed basis.

4.1.4 Pest Control

Minor herbivory of container plants was observed in the mitigation areas during Year 2. Metal cages were installed around plant species that were most targeted for herbivory.

4.1.5 Erosion Control

Only minor erosion control for the mitigation areas was necessary during Year 2. Maintenance of the jute netting installed in DG-3A during site preparation was conducted on an as-needed basis. In addition, erosion of plant basins was addressed during regular maintenance activities.

4.1.6 Vandalism

Vandalism to the mitigation areas and the irrigation system was observed during Year 2. The vandalism observed consisted mostly of stolen parts of the irrigation system and intentionally damaged container plants. Stolen parts of the irrigation system were replaced on an as-needed basis and public outreach was conducted to educate the public about the mitigation areas. Container plants lost due to vandalism will be replaced during Phase 3 of restoration.

5.0 SUMMARY OF YEAR 2 MONITORING ACTIVITIES

5.1 Monitoring of Onsite Habitat Mitigation areas

Monitoring activities during Year 2 included both horticultural monitoring and botanical monitoring. Horticultural monitoring was performed monthly during the remainder of Year 1 and quarterly during Year 2. Horticultural monitoring included monitoring soil moisture, irrigation system function, native plant germination, container plant health, nonnative plant species presence, invasive plant species presence, herbivory/pests/disease, erosion issues, and site damage. Photodocumentation of the mitigation areas occurred as necessary. In addition to horticultural monitoring, botanical monitoring was conducted in the spring and summer of Year 2. Monitoring events that occurred during Year 2 and the remainder of Year 1 (following the Year 1 botanical monitoring event) are listed in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Onsite	Table 1. Onsite Habitat Mitigation Site Monitoring Events							
Date	Monitoring Type							
10/7/20	Monthly Horticultural Monitoring							
11/24/20	Monthly Horticultural Monitoring							
12/16/20	Monthly Horticultural Monitoring							
1/13/21	Monthly Horticultural Monitoring							
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6/3/21	Botanical Monitoring							
6/8/21	Botanical Monitoring							
6/17/21	Botanical Monitoring							
7/13/21	Botanical Monitoring							
7/16/21	Botanical Monitoring							
7/30/21	Botanical Monitoring							
8/26/21	Quarterly Horticultural Monitoring							

5.2 Horticultural Monitoring Summary

5.2.1 Soil Moisture and Irrigation Functionality

Soil moisture levels were assessed throughout the mitigation areas during the horticultural monitoring visits. Soil moisture depth was typically determined using a handheld garden trowel to dig below the surface. In addition to assessing soil moisture, irrigation lines were inspected for functionality. Minor issues with the irrigation system, including misplaced emitters, animal damage to the irrigation line, and vandalism were observed during Year 2. These issues were immediately brought to the attention of Natures Image and were resolved in a timely manner. Soil moisture depth varied throughout the year and provided insight into the water-holding capacity of the soil. Soils at the mitigation areas were draining sufficiently, but some areas drained more slowly than others.

5.2.2 Native Plant Germination

Multiple native plant species were observed to be germinating in the mitigation areas during Year 2. Native plant germination appeared to be from both the seed mix and natural recruitment. Native plant species observed germinating in the mitigation areas during the Year 1 monitoring included common yarrow (Achillea millefolium), annual bursage (Ambrosia acanthicarpa), California sagebrush (Artemisia californica), mugwort (Artemisia douglasiana), mulefat (Baccharis salicifolia), California brome grass (Bromus carinatus), common sandaster (Corethrogyne filaginifolia), tall flatsedge (Cyperus eragrostis), jimsonweed (Datura wrightii), Canada horseweed (Erigeron canadensis), California buckwheat (Eriogonum fasciculatum), California poppy (Eschscholzia californica), telegraph weed (Heterotheca grandiflora), evening primrose (Oenothera elata), caterpillar phacelia (Phacelia cicutaria), California bluebells (Phacelia minor), California everlasting (Pseudognaphalium californicum), poison oak (Toxicodendron diversilobum), stinging nettle (Urtica dioica), and rough cocklebur (Xanthium strumarium).

5.2.3 Container Plant Health

Container plant health varied throughout the year, with spring showing the most prolific growth. Seasonal dieback of the willow species (*Salix* sp.) was observed during both the horticultural monitoring visits during the fall and winter months. Drought stress was observed during the Year 2 monitoring, typically during the summer months.

5.2.4 Nonnative and Invasive Plant Species

Nonnative plant species presence within the mitigation areas varied during Year 2 and was most abundant during the spring. Perennial pepperweed is very dense and established in some of the mitigation areas, especially portions of DG-4. Because perennial pepperweed can produce dense colonies through seed germination and underground rhizomes (rhizomatous roots), removal of this species without the use of systemic herbicide is very difficult. Nonnative plant species encountered within the mitigation areas during Year 2 were removed using hand tools, including hula hoes and weed whips. In addition, a hot water vapor machine was used to treat nonnative weeds in areas where native growth was minimal. All planting basins were hand-weeded to avoid damage from hand tools and/or hot water vapor.

5.2.5 Herbivory, Plant Pests, and Plant Disease

Herbivory of container plants was observed within the mitigation areas during Year 2. The species most affected by herbivory was California rose. Following observations of herbivory, protective cages were installed around affected plants. Gopher herbivory was also observed to be an issue in the DG-5 mitigation area and may warrant eradication efforts of this species; however, as the plants in this mitigation areas become more established, gopher herbivory is less of a concern.

In addition to herbivory, dodder (*Cuscuta* sp.) was observed to be an issue in several of the mitigation areas. Species most affected by dodder included willows and blue elderberry (*Sambucus nigra* ssp. *caerulea*). Although many species of dodder are native, this parasitic plant can be harmful to younger shrubs and trees that are not yet established and can even cause mortality. Following observations of dodder within the mitigation areas, removal of this species from affected plants was implemented during weed abatement efforts.

5.2.6 Erosion Issues

Only minor erosion issues were observed within the mitigation areas during Year 2. The steeper slopes in DG-3A were observed to be most affected by erosion. In addition, erosion at Alta Dena drain and within mitigation area DG-3A occurred during the rainy season. Repairs to jute netting, irrigation lines, and plant basins were conducted during Year 2 on an as-needed basis.

5.2.7 Photo Documentation

Photo documentation occurred throughout Year 2 during the horticultural monitoring, and botanical monitoring. Permanent photo points were established during the Year 1 botanical monitoring and will be used during subsequent monitoring years to document to progress of the mitigation areas. Photo documentation completed during botanical monitoring is included as Appendix C.

5.3 Botanical Monitoring Summary

5.3.1 Botanical Monitoring Methods

Botanical monitoring for Year 2 was conducted during the spring and summer. Container plant survival was determined by counting all container plants that were dead, missing, or in a condition unlikely to survive. If a volunteer or recruit of the same species originally planted was determined to be growing within the planting basin (or within one meter of that basin) of a dead container plant, then that plant was counted toward the survival total. Native and nonnative plant cover was determined using a modified point-line intercept method along established transect lines (Elzinga et al. 2001). During Year 1, a total of 25 transect lines were established randomly throughout the mitigation areas (Figures 5a through 5h). In addition, a total of 7 transect lines were established in undisturbed reference sites with similar vegetation communities as the mitigation areas (Figure 6). The start and end of each transect line was marked with steel rebar and a plastic orange cap and Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates were recorded using an iPad equipped with ArcGIS software to document the start and end locations of each transect. The

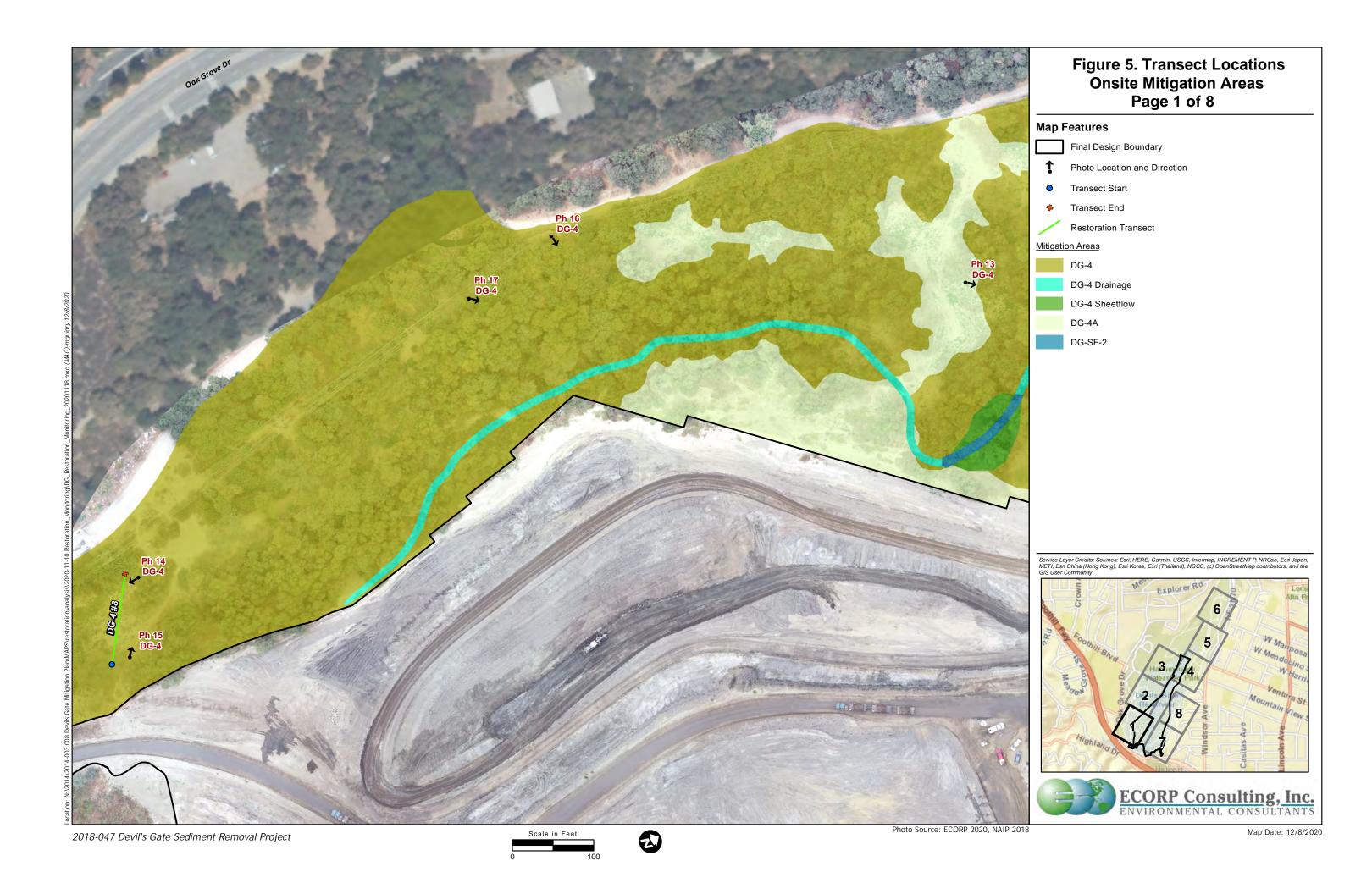
number of transects and the length of transects established in each mitigation area followed the guidance provided in Section 7.1.2 of the HRP.

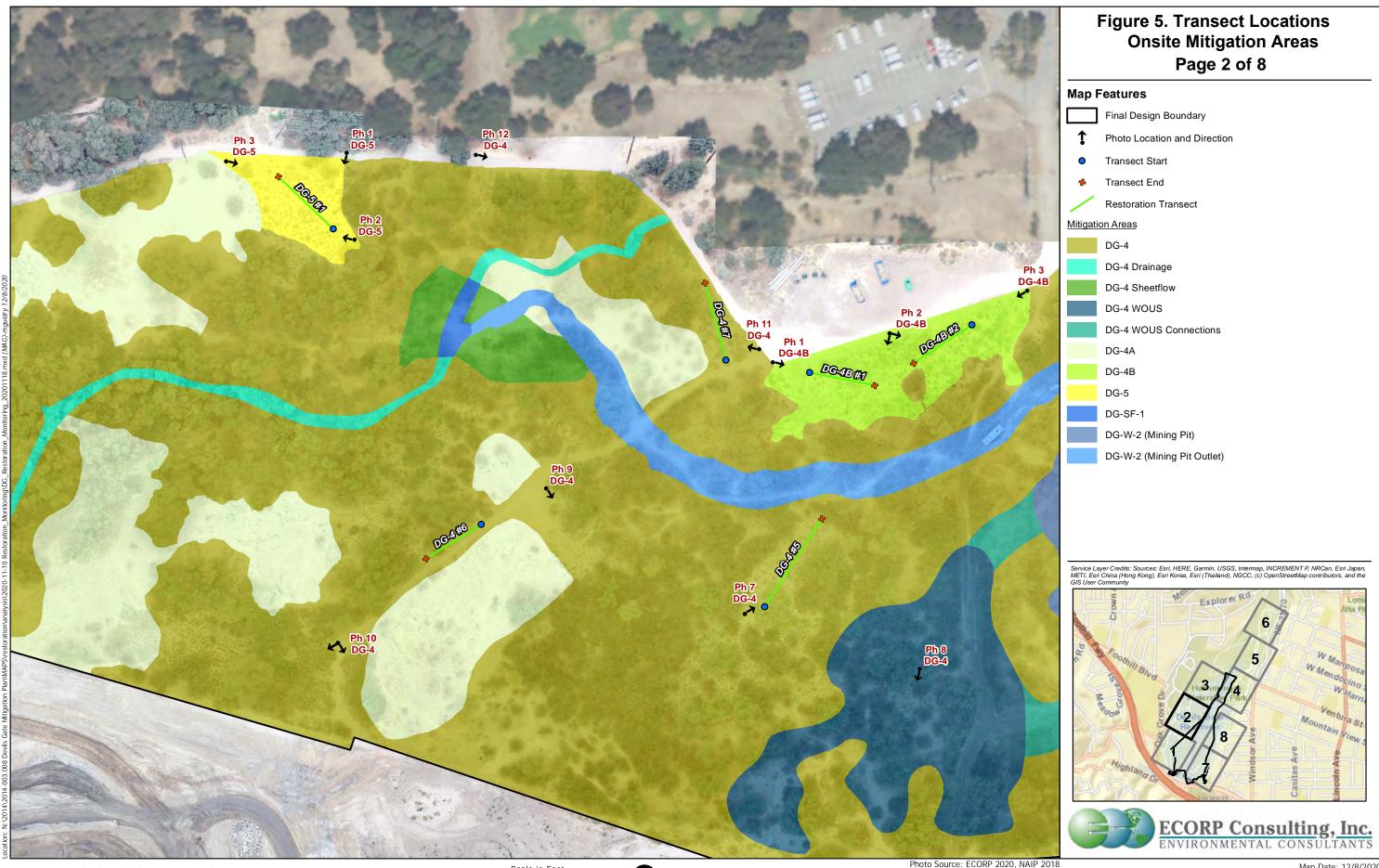
Reference sites were established during Year 1 for Riversidean alluvial fan sage scrub (RAFSS), coastal sage scrub (CSS), oak woodland, riparian scrub, riparian woodland, and least Bell's vireo (LBVI) habitats. Reference sites were relatively undisturbed and had vegetation composition similar to the goal vegetation communities for the mitigation areas. The reference site for the LBVI habitat was selected in undisturbed riparian habitat with mature riparian trees and a well-established understory. In addition, the reference site for LBVI habitat was selected in occupied habitat where the species has been known to be present for the past several years. Data for the reference sites was not collected during Year 2 and the data from Year 1 will be used for comparison.

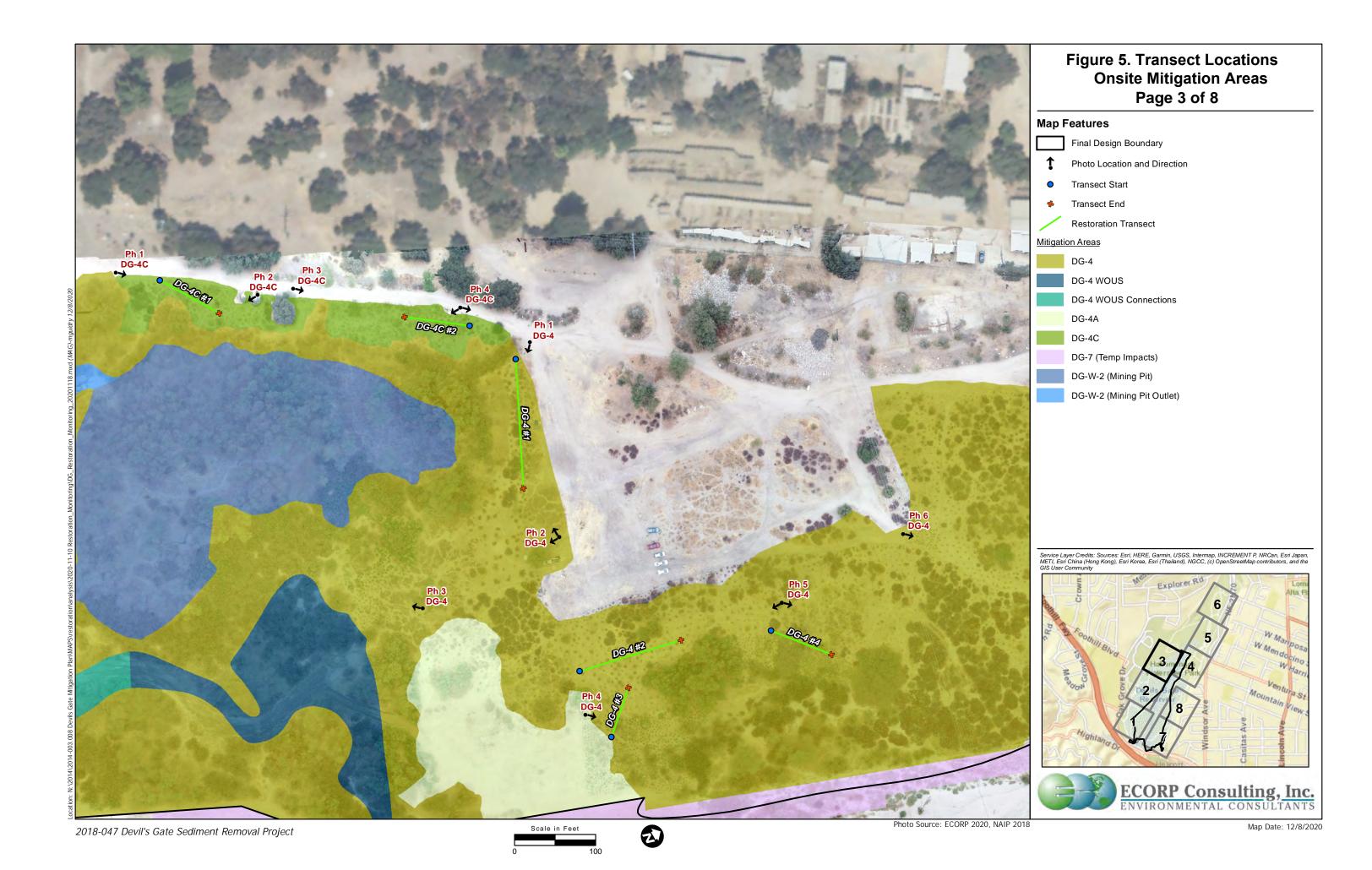
Data was collected along each transect at every 0.5 m (sampling location), starting at 0.5 m. Each plant species that intersected the transect tape at each sampling location was recorded. A sampling dowel was used to assist in determining which plant species intersected the transect tape at each sampling location. In situations where the canopy of a plant intersected the transect tape at a sampling location, that species was also recorded; this included tree species with an overhead canopy. If only one plant species intersected the transect tape at any sampling location, that species received one tally mark. In situations where multiple plant species intersected the transect tape at a sampling location, those plant species received a fraction of a tally mark dependent on the number of species that intersected the transect tape at that sampling location.

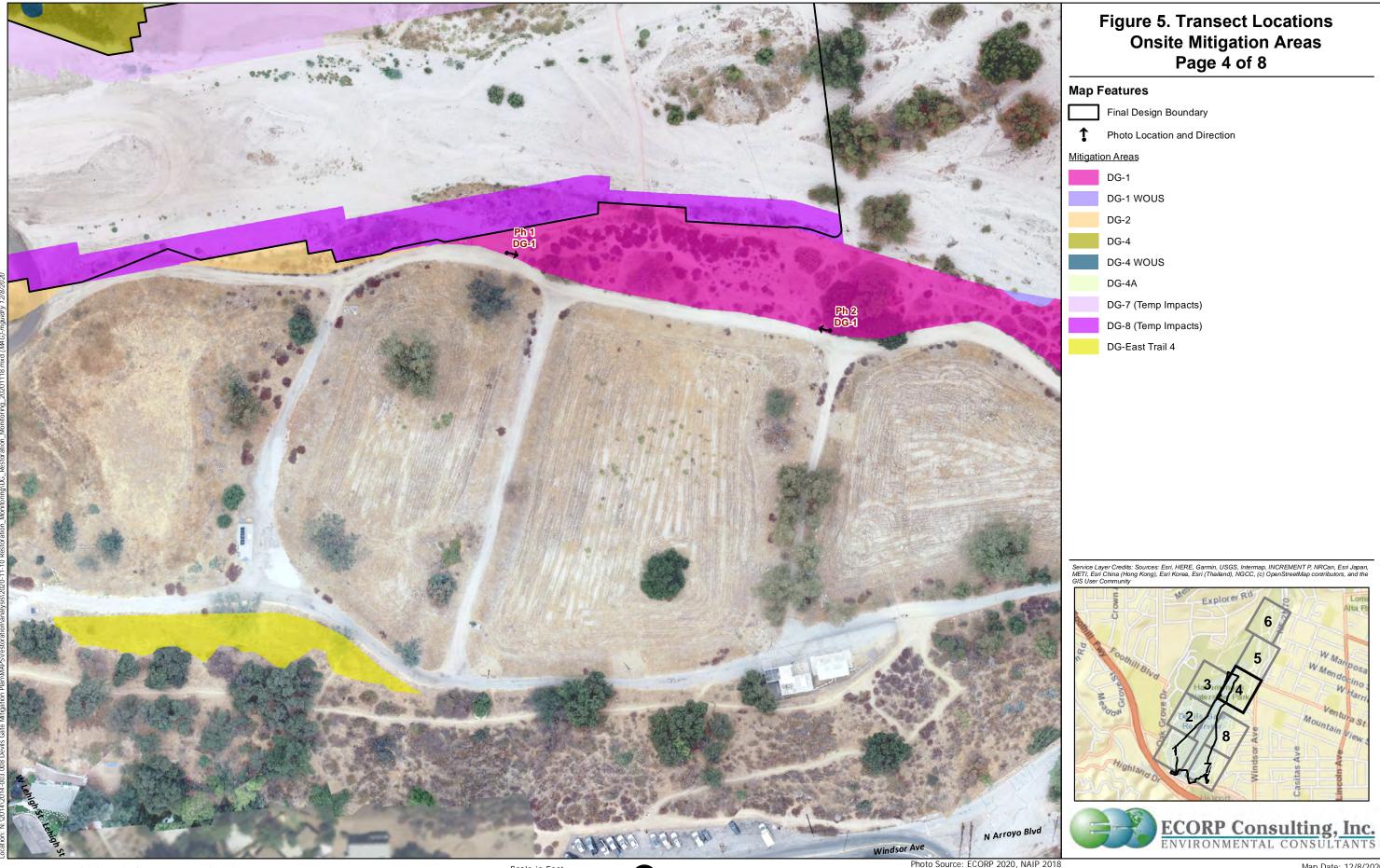
Bare ground, rock, and litter were also recorded along each transect in areas that had no plant overlap. Species occurrence along each transect line was totaled and divided by the number of sampling points and multiplied by 100 to derive the percent cover (total cover) along each transect. Species richness was determined for each mitigation area and reference site by documenting all of the native species that occurred within a belt transect. The belt transects extended one-meter to the left and right of each of the 25 transects within the mitigation areas, and the 7 transects within the reference sites.

Per the requirements of Section 7.1.4 in the HRP, groundwater data collected by the City of Pasadena and the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) was provided to ECORP for the 2020 and 2021 monitoring years. Data provided by the City of Pasadena was collected at three wells on the east side of the Devil's Gate Reservoir towards the northern portion of the Project area. This data was collected during the fall of 2020 (Year 1) and on October 12, 2021 (Year 2) and includes the depth in feet from the reference elevation to the static water surface (i.e., static water level [SWL]). Data provided by JPL was collected at 26 wells to the north, east, and west of the Devil's Gate Reservoir. This data was collected on February 14, 2020, June 8, 2020, and August 14, 2020 for Year 1 and March 19, 2021, May 17, 2021, and July 16, 2021 for Year 2 and includes water level data in feet above msl.









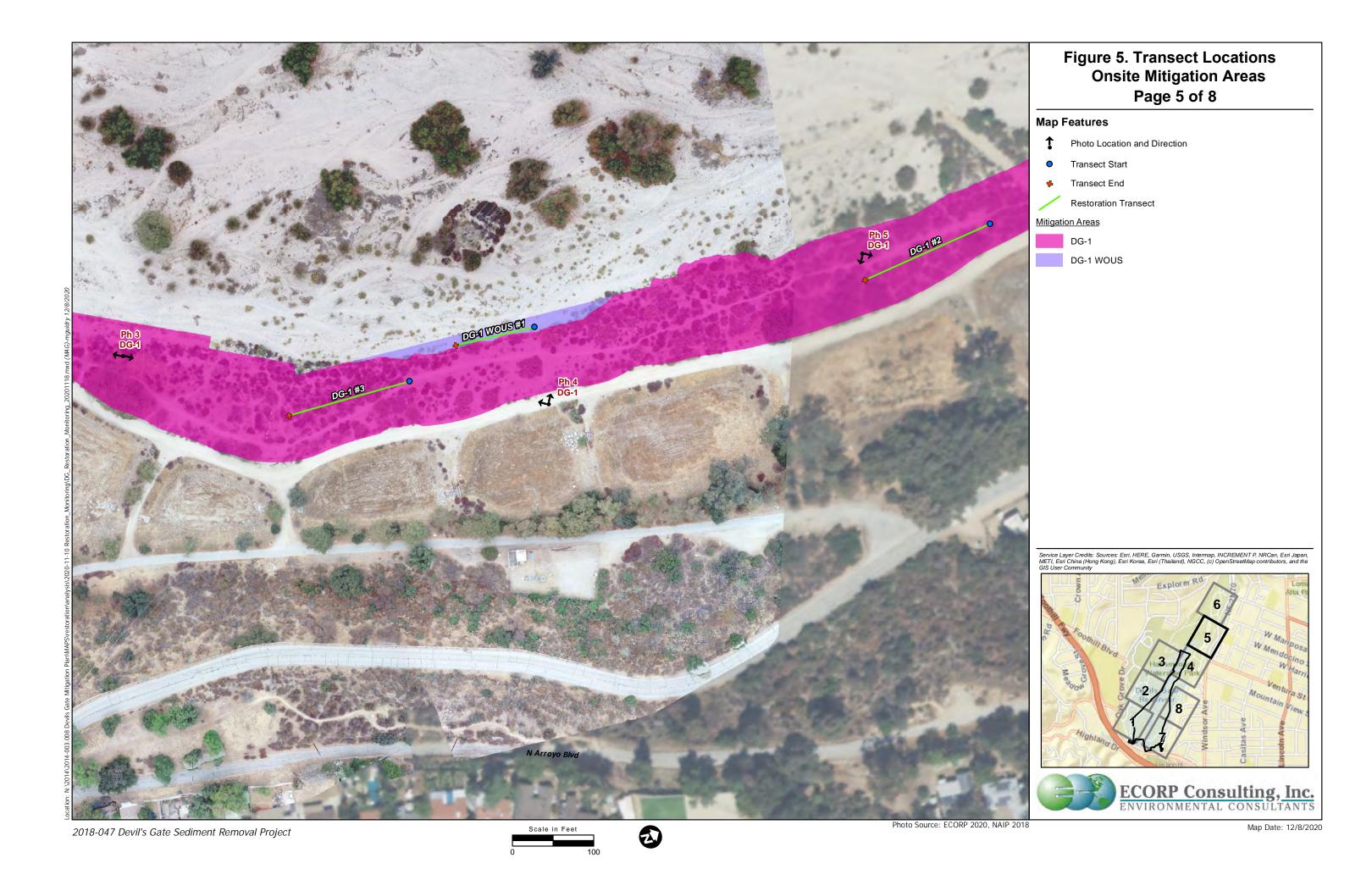




Figure 5. Transect Locations Onsite Mitigation Areas Page 6 of 8

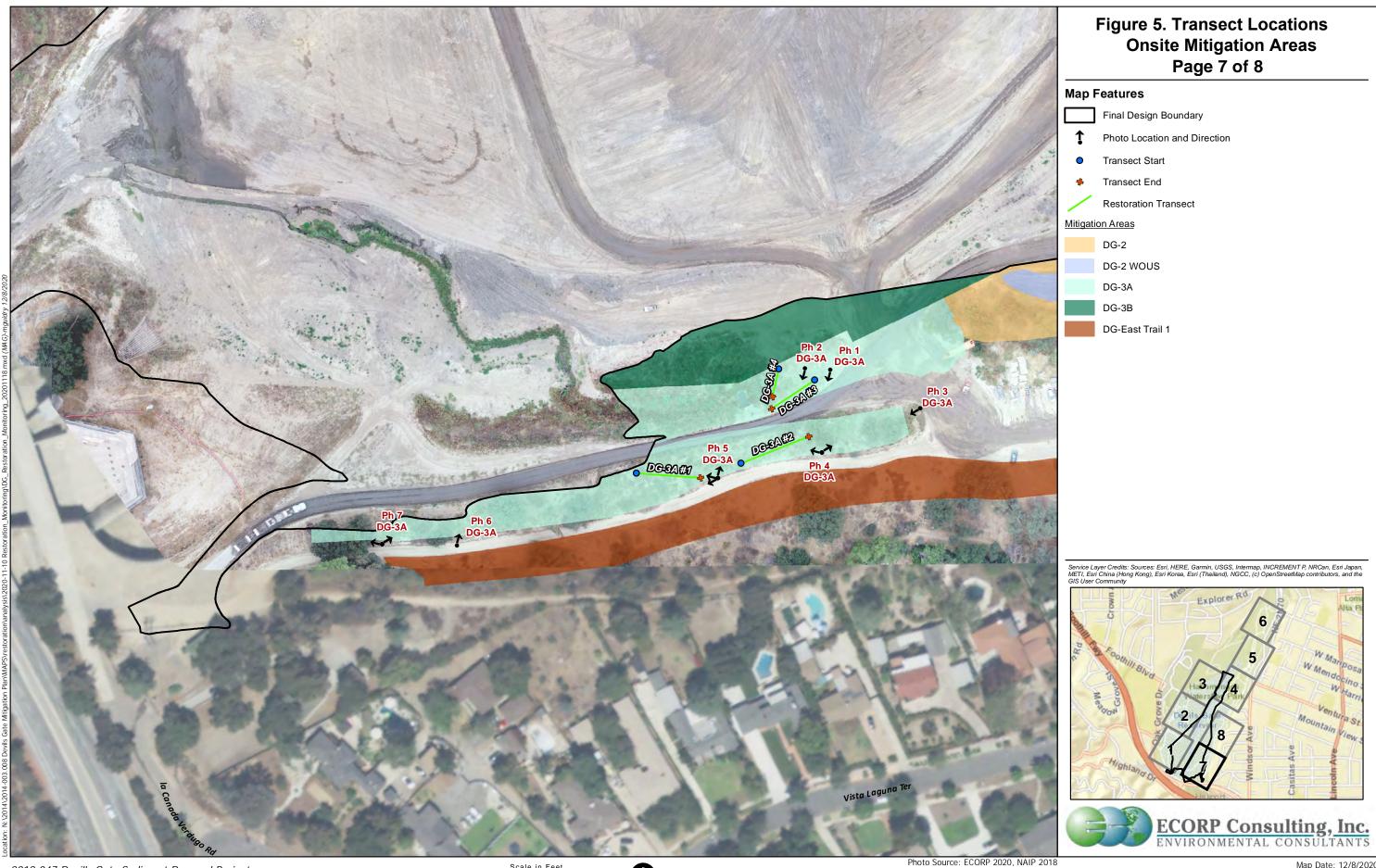
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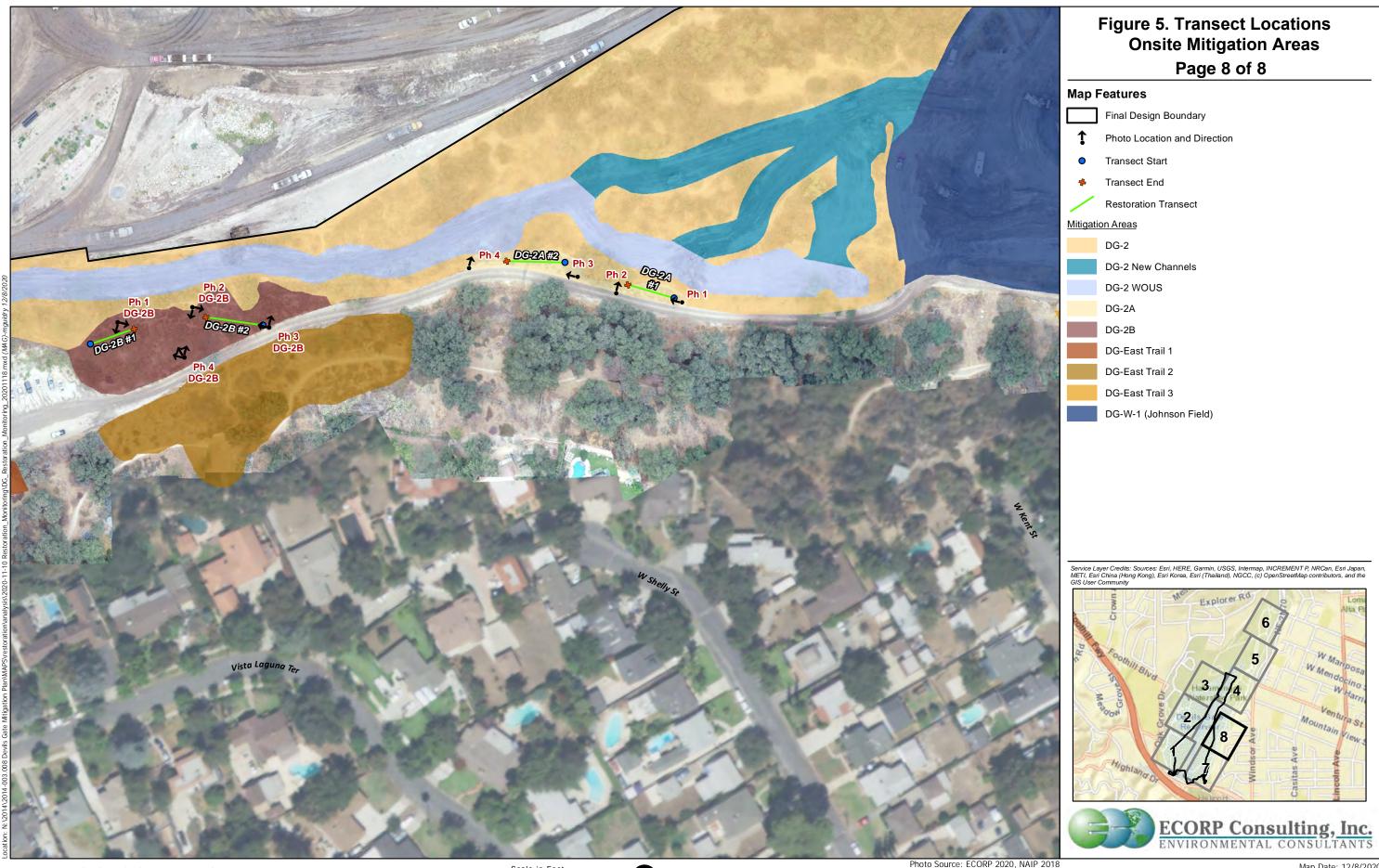
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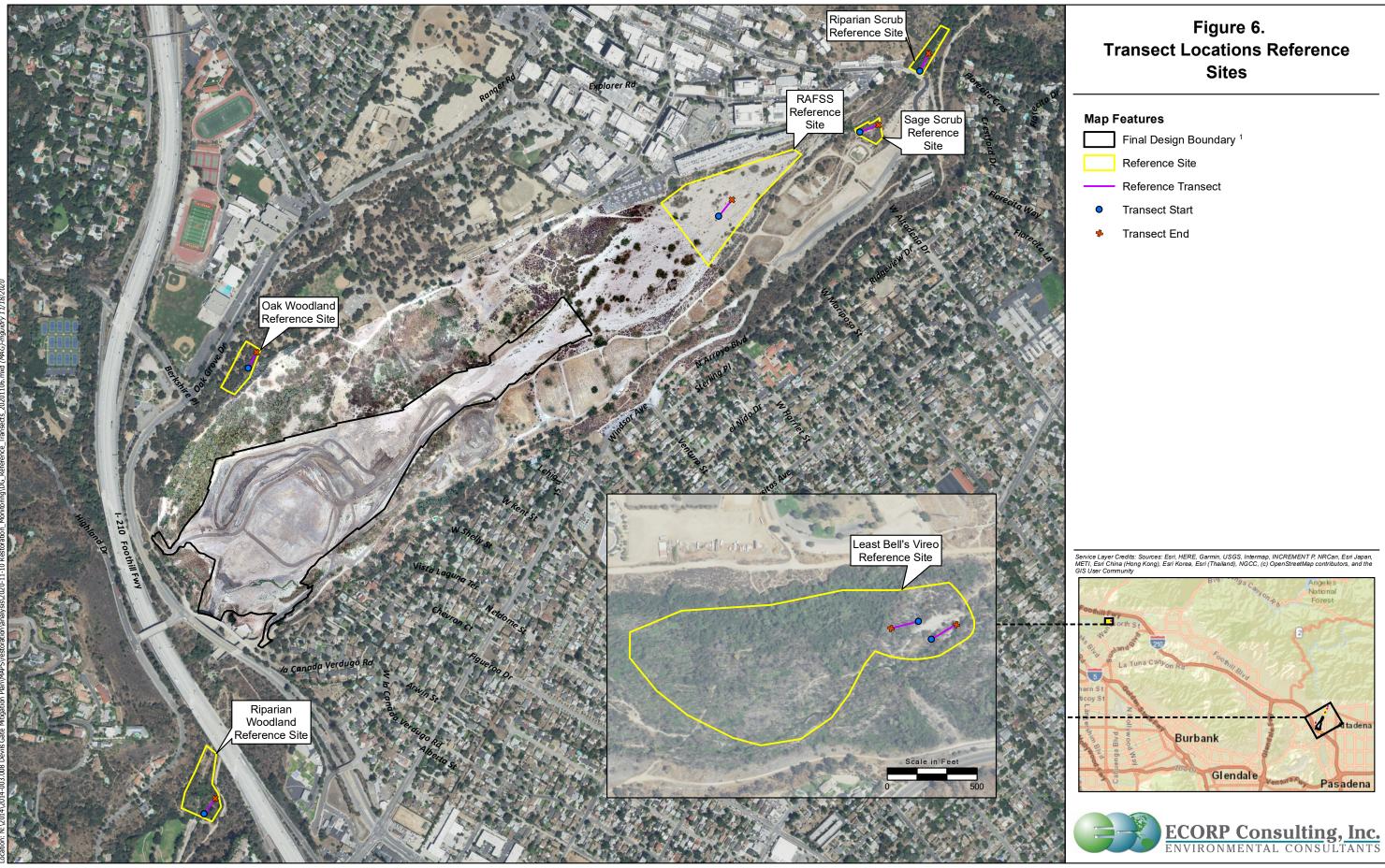
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5.3.2 Botanical Monitoring Results

The botanical monitoring included determining results for survivorship of the container plantings, percent native and nonnative cover, and species richness of the vegetation communities in the mitigation areas, the vegetation communities in the LBVI areas, and at the reference sites. In addition, groundwater data was obtained from the City of Pasadena. The results are included in the following sections.

5.3.2.1 Container Plant Survivorship

Year 2 survival counts were conducted during the annual botanical monitoring. Overall, plant mortality for Year 2 was found to be low with survivorship ranging from 73.2 to 96.6 percent in the mitigation areas. The overall survivorship percentage for container plants in the Phase 1 restoration areas was 93.2 percent. The container plant survival data is listed in Table 2.

Mitigation Area	Container Plants	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3³	Year 4³	Year 5 ³
	Number Planted	120	120 ²			
DG-2A	Number of Mortalities	8	0			
	Survivorship (%) ¹	93.3	93.3			
	Number Planted	456	456 ²			
DG-2B	Number of Mortalities	24	0			
	Survivorship (%) ¹	94.7	94.7			
	Number Planted	687	687 ²			
DG-3A	Number of Mortalities	172	12			
	Survivorship (%) ¹	74.9	73.2			
DG-4	Number Planted	10,581	10,581 ²			
	Number of Mortalities	514	51			
	Survivorship (%) ¹	95.1	94.7			
	Number Planted	648	648 ²			
DG-4B	Number of Mortalities	22	0			
	Survivorship (%) ¹	96.6	96.6			
	Number Planted	542	542 ²			
DG-4C	Number of Mortalities	44	10			
	Survivorship (%) ¹	91.9	90.0			
	Number Planted	312	312 ²			
DG-5	Number of Mortalities	46	0			
	Survivorship (%) ¹	85.3	85.3			
	Number Planted	13,346	13,346 ²			
Overall	Number of Mortalities	830	73	_		
	Survivorship (%) ¹	93.7	93.2			

¹If a volunteer or recruit of the same species originally planted was determined to be growing within the planting basin (or within one meter of that basin) of a dead container plant, then that plant was counted toward the survival total.

²Cumulative number of plants installed.

³To be determined.

5.3.2.2 Percent Native and Nonnative Cover – Mitigation Areas

Native cover for the Phase 1 mitigation areas showed great improvements during Year 2; however, due to drought conditions in 2021, annual cover declined in the oak woodland, riparian, and LBVI mitigation areas. Nonnative cover during Year 2 tended to be low from late summer to late winter; however, certain mitigation areas that were heavily infested with nonnative weeds prior to restoration implementation showed higher levels of nonnative infestation during Year 2 and some mitigation areas showed high levels of weed infestation in the early spring. As native cover increases and nonnative seed banks are depleted from continual weed abatement, it is expected that nonnative weed cover will decrease during future monitoring years.

Table 3 presents a summary of Year 2 native (perennial/annual) and nonnative cover data for the mitigation areas. The average overall native perennial cover in the RAFSS mitigation areas was 46.4 percent with 0.7 percent cover of native annuals, zero percent cover for nonnatives, and 1.4 precent cover of invasive plants. For the CSS mitigation areas, the average overall native perennial cover was 54.6 percent, the native annual cover was 4.5 percent, and the percent cover of nonnative/invasive plants species was 0.1 and 3.0 percent, respectively. For the oak woodland mitigation areas, the average overall native perennial cover was 49.8 percent, the native annual cover was14.8 percent, and the percent cover of nonnative/invasive plants species was 1.8 and 1.5 percent, respectively. For the riparian mitigation areas, the average overall native perennial cover was 55.4 percent, the native annual cover was 7.9 percent, and the percent cover of nonnative/invasive plants was 1.0 and 3.1 percent, respectively. Finally, in the LBVI mitigation areas, the average overall native perennial cover of 41.0 percent, the native annual cover was 19.2 percent, and the percent cover of nonnative/invasive plants was 0.3 and 2.4 percent, respectively.

Transect and Transect		Year 1	Year 2			
Length	Vegetation Type	(%)	(%)	Year 3 ¹	Year 4 ¹	Year 5 ¹
	Riversidean Alluvial Fa	n Sage Scri	ub (RAFSS)		
	Perennial	45.0	46.4			
DG-1 WOUS Transect 1 (35 m)	Annual	0.0	0.7			
	Nonnative	0.0	0.0			
	Invasive ²	0.0	1.4			
	Perennial	45.0	46.4			
DAECC O II3	Annual	0.0	0.7			
RAFSS Overall ³	Nonnative	0.0	0.0			
	Invasive ²	0.0	1.4			
	Coastal Sage	Scrub (CSS	5)			
	Perennial	55.6	54.4			
DG-1 Transect 1	Annual	0.0	0.0			
(45 m)	Nonnative	0.0	0.0			
	Invasive ²	3.3	2.2			
DG-1 Transect 2	Perennial	35.5	57.0			

Transect and Transect		Year 1	Year 2			
Length	Vegetation Type	(%)	(%)	Year 3 ¹	Year 4 ¹	Year
(55 m)	Annual	14.1	2.5			
	Nonnative	1.8	0.0			
	Invasive ²	7.7	3.5			
	Perennial	64.1	55.5			
DG-1 Transect 3	Annual	0.0	3.0			
(50 m)	Nonnative	1.0	0.5			
	Invasive ²	7.9	1.4			
	Perennial	39.0	61.8			
DG-4 Transect 1	Annual	5.0	16.8			
(50 m)	Nonnative	1.5	0.0			
	Invasive ²	5.5	4.3			
	Perennial	10.0	44.4			
DG-4 Transect 2	Annual	0.0	0.0			
(40 m)	Nonnative	0.0	0.0			
	Invasive ²	5.0	1.9			
	Perennial	40.8	54.6			
"	Annual	3.8	4.5			
CSS Overall ³	Nonnative	0.9	0.1			
	Invasive ²	5.9	3.0			
	Coast Live Oa	k Woodlan	d			
	Perennial	26.7	48.3			
DG-3A Transect 1	Annual	26.3	13.0			
(25 m)	Nonnative	11.0	2.7			
	Invasive ²	0.0	2.0			
	Perennial	18.3	51.3			
DG-3A Transect 2	Annual	24.7	16.7			
(25 m)	Nonnative	17.0	1.0			
	Invasive ²	0.0	1.0			
	Perennial	22.5	49.8			
Coast Live Oak Woodland	Annual	25.5	14.8			
Overall ³	Nonnative	14.0	1.8			
	Invasive ²	0.0	1.5			
	Ripai					
	Perennial	15.0	25.0			
DG-3A Transect 3	Annual	15.0	27.5			
(20 m)	Nonnative	10.0	2.5	1		
·	Invasive ²	0.0	0.0	1		
	Perennial	57.5	90.9			
DG-3A Transect 4	Annual	7.5	0.0			
(10 m)	Nonnative	5.0	0.0	 	1	}

Fransect and Transect Length	Vegetation Type	Year 1 (%)	Year 2 (%)	Year 3 ¹	Year 4 ¹	Year 5
	Invasive ²	0.0	9.2			
	Perennial	33.3	70.8			
DG-4 Transect 4	Annual	19.2	4.2			
(30 m)	Nonnative	0.0	0.0			
	Invasive ²	4.2	3.3			
	Perennial	21.9	35.0			
DG-4 Transect 8	Annual	5.8	0.0			
(30 m)	Nonnative	10.6	1.7			
	Invasive ²	0.0	0.0			
	Perennial	31.9	55.4			
D' 113	Annual	11.9	7.9			
Riparian Overall ³	Nonnative	6.4	1.0			
	Invasive ²	1.1	3.1			
	Least Bell's V	/ireo (LBVI))			
	Perennial	32.5	35.0			
DG-2A Transect 1	Annual	35.0	20.0			
(20 m)	Nonnative	0.0	1.25			
	Invasive ²	5.0	6.25			
	Perennial	7.5	22.5			
DG-2A Transect 2	Annual	42.5	27.5			
(20 m)	Nonnative	0.0	0.0			
	Invasive ²	7.5	2.5			
	Perennial	9.2	46.3			
DG-2B Transect 1	Annual	60	18.8			
(20 m)	Nonnative	0.8	0.0			
	Invasive ²	5.0	0.0			
	Perennial	15.7	31.7			
DG-2B Transect 2	Annual	55.0	42.1			
(20 m)	Nonnative	0.7	0.0			
	Invasive ²	6.7	3.8			
	Perennial	33.0	52.0			
DG-4 Transect 3	Annual	0.0	0.0			
(25 m)	Nonnative	0.0	0.0			
	Invasive ²	13.0	8.0			
	Perennial	25.6	30.0			
DG-4 Transect 5	Annual	8.8	0.0			
(40 m)	Nonnative	0.0	0.0			
	Invasive ²	4.4	1.3	1		
	Perennial	49.0	64.0			
DG-4 Transect 6	Annual	3.0	1.0			
(25 m)	Nonnative	0.0	0.0			

Transect and Transect		Year 1	Year 2			
Length	Vegetation Type	(%)	(%)	Year 3 ¹	Year 4 ¹	Year 5 ¹
	Invasive ²	2.0	5.0			
	Perennial	22.8	48.9			
DG-4 Transect 7	Annual	13.9	11.1			
(30 m)	Nonnative	0.0	0.0			
	Invasive ²	0.0	0.0			
	Perennial	34.0	55.7			
DG-4B Transect 1	Annual	6.0	9.3			
(25 m)	Nonnative	0.0	1.0			
	Invasive ²	2.0	4.0			
	Perennial	39.0	54.3			
DG-4B Transect 2	Annual	5.0	13.7			
(25 m)	Nonnative	0.0	1.0			
	Invasive ²	4.0	1.0			
	Perennial	12.0	15.0			
DG-4C Transect 1	Annual	39.0	51.0			
(25 m)	Nonnative	13.0	0.0			
	Invasive ²	2.0	0.0			
	Perennial	29.0	30.0			
DG-4C Transect 2	Annual	21.0	10.0			
(25 m)	Nonnative	0.0	0.0			
	Invasive ²	0.0	0.0			
	Perennial	27.0	47.8			
DG-5 Transect 1	Annual	5.0	45.6			
(25 m)	Nonnative	0.0	0.0			
	Invasive ²	0.0	0.0			
	Perennial	25.9	41.0			
LDV/LO113	Annual	22.6	19.2			
LBVI Overall ³	Nonnative	1.1	0.3			
	Invasive ²	4.0	2.4			

¹To be determined.

5.3.2.3 Percent Native and Nonnative Cover – Reference Sites

Reference site data was not obtained during Year 2 due to the extreme drought conditions. For the purposes of this report, the Year 1 data for the reference sites will be used. The established reference sites will be assessed again during Year 3. Table 4 presents a summary of Year 1 native and nonnative cover data for the reference sites. The average overall perennial cover in the RAFSS reference site was 24.0 percent with zero percent cover of native annuals and 2.0 percent cover of nonnative/invasive annual plants. For the CSS reference sites, the average overall native perennial cover was 70.3 percent, the native

²Invasive designation refers to nonnative plant species that have a California Invasive Plant Council (Cal-IPC) invasive plant rating of Moderate or High threat to wildlands.

³Average of all transects. Some minor discrepancies due to rounding error.

annual cover was zero percent, and the percent cover of nonnative/invasive plants species was 14.7. For the oak woodland reference site, the average overall native perennial cover was 99.0 percent with zero percent cover of native annuals and nonnative/invasive plants. For the riparian reference sites, the average overall native perennial cover was 75.4 percent, the native annual cover was 1.5 percent, and the percent cover of nonnative/invasive plants was 19.0. Finally, for the LBVI reference sites, the average overall native perennial cover of 93.9 percent, the native annual cover was 1.9 percent, and the percent cover of nonnative/invasive plants was 1.3 percent.

		Year 1				
Transect	Vegetation Type	(%)	Year 2 ²	Year 3 ²	Year 4 ²	Year 5 ²
F	Riversidean Alluvial Fa	n Sage Scr	ub (RAFSS)		
	Perennial	24.0	NA			
RAFSS Reference	Annual	0.0	NA			
	Nonnative	2.0	NA			
	Perennial	24.0	NA			
RAFSS Overall ¹	Annual	0.0	NA			
	Nonnative	2.0	NA			
	Coastal Sage	Scrub (CSS	5)			•
	Perennial	70.3	NA			
CSS Reference	Annual	0.0	NA			
	Nonnative	14.7	NA			
CSS Overall ¹	Perennial	70.3	NA			
	Annual	0.0	NA			
	Nonnative	14.7	NA			
	Coast Live Oa	k Woodlar	nd			
	Perennial	99.0	NA			
Coast Live Oak Woodland Reference	Annual	0.0	NA			
Reference	Nonnative	0.0	NA			
	Perennial	99.0	NA			
Coast Live Oak Woodland Overall ¹	Annual	0.0	NA			
Overall	Nonnative	0.0	NA			
	Ripa	rian				
	Perennial	92.0	NA			
Riparian Scrub Reference	Annual	2.5	NA			
	Nonnative	3.5	NA			
	Perennial	58.8	NA			
Riparian Woodland Reference	Annual	0.5	NA			
	Nonnative	34.4	NA			
	Perennial	75.4	NA			
Riparian Overall ¹	Annual	1.5	NA			
	Nonnative	19.0	NA			

Table 4. Percent Native/No	able 4. Percent Native/Nonnative Cover Reference Sites							
		Year 1						
Transect	Vegetation Type	(%)	Year 2 ²	Year 3 ²	Year 4 ²	Year 5 ²		
	Least Bell's V	ireo (LBVI))					
	Perennial	96.5	NA					
LBVI Reference 1	Annual	1.5	NA					
	Nonnative	1.0	NA					
	Perennial	91.3	NA					
LBVI Reference 2	Annual	2.3	NA					
	Nonnative	1.5	NA					
	Perennial	93.9	NA					
LBVI Overall ¹	Annual	1.9	NA					
	Nonnative	1.3	NA					

¹Average of all transects.

5.3.2.4 Native Species Richness – Mitigation Areas

Native species richness was determined for each mitigation area during the Year 2 botanical monitoring event and included all germinating native plants and natural recruits. Native species richness was relatively high for the mitigation areas during Year 2 due to a high diversity of germination and natural recruitment. Table 5 shows the native species richness for the mitigation areas. Native species richness was found to be 9 for the RAFSS mitigations areas, 34 for the CSS mitigation areas, 22 for the oak woodland mitigation areas, 33 for the riparian mitigation areas, and 39 for the LBVI mitigation areas.

Table 5. Native Species Richness Mitigation Areas								
Mitigation Area	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3 ²	Year 4 ²	Year 5 ²			
Riversidean Alluvial Fan Sa	ge Scrub (RAFSS)						
DG-1 WOUS (RAFSS)	5	9						
RAFSS Overall ¹	5	9						
Coastal Sage Scrub (CSS)								
DG-1 (CSS)	16	17						
DG-4 (CSS)	14	22						
CSS Overall ¹	25	34						
Coast Live Oak Woodland								
DG-3A (Coast Live Oak Woodland)	17	22						
Coast Live Oak Woodland Overall ¹	17	22						

²To be determined.

Table 5. Native Species Richness Mitigation Areas										
Mitigation Area	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3 ²	Year 4 ²	Year 5 ²					
Riparian										
DG-3A (Riparian)	13	19								
DG-4 (Riparian)	15	23								
Riparian Overall ¹	22	33								
Least Bell's Vireo (LBVI)										
DG-2A (LBVI)	17	26								
DG-2B (LBVI)	18	18								
DG-4 (LBVI)	19	26								
DG-4B (LBVI)	19	18								
DG-4C (LBVI)	16	19								
DG-5 (LBVI)	13	17								
LBVI Overall ¹	31	39								

¹Total native species observed across all mitigation areas.

5.3.2.5 Native Species Richness - Reference Sites

Reference site data was not obtained during Year 2 due to the extreme drought conditions. For the purposes of this report, the Year 1 data for the reference sites will be used. The established reference sites will be assessed again during Year 3. Table 6 shows the native species richness for the reference sites. Native species richness was found to be 10 for the RAFSS reference site, 5 for the CSS reference site, 3 for the oak woodland reference site, 20 for the riparian reference site, and 22 in the LBVI reference sites.

Table 6. Native Species Richness Reference Sites									
Reference Site	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3 ¹	Year 4 ¹	Year 5 ¹				
Riversidean Alluvial Fan Sage Scrub (RAFSS)	10	NA							
Coastal Sage Scrub (CSS)	5	NA							
Coast Live Oak Woodland	3	NA							
Riparian	20	NA							
Least Bell's Vireo (LBVI)	22	NA							

^{*}To be determined

²To be determined.

5.3.2.6 Groundwater Data

Groundwater data collected by the City of Pasadena in the fall of 2020 (Year 1) and October 12, 2021 (Year 2) is presented in Table 7 below. Groundwater data collected by JPL on February 14, 2020, June 8, 2020, and August 14, 2020 (Year 1) is present in Table 8 and groundwater data collected by JPL on March 19, 2021, May 17, 2021, and July 16, 2021 (Year 2) is presented in Table 9.

Table 7. City of Pasadena Groundwater Monitoring Results						
Well Name	Reference Elevation (ft)	Year 1 SWL (ft)	Year 2 SWL (ft)	Year 3 ¹ SWL (ft)	Year 4 ¹ SWL (ft)	Year 5 ¹ SWL (ft)
Arroyo	1,092.71	169	182			
52	1,076.76	152	165			
Ventura	1,069.82	143	163			

¹Years 3 through 5 to be determined.

Table 8. JPL Groundwater Monitoring Results					
			Year 1 ¹		
Well Name	Datum (ft above msl)	February 2020	June 2020	August 2020	
MW-1	1116.70	1092.03	1091.80	1083.58	
MW-3	1100.34	960.45	970.56	946.20	
MW-4	1082.84	965.65	979.46	950.56	
MW-5	1071.60	963.69	974.37	948.78	
MW-6	1188.52	962.69	966.67	952.45	
MW-7	1212.88	962.24	975.87	952.27	
MW-8	1139.53	963.98	978.19		
MW-9	1106.02	1087.80	1087.40	1079.83	
MW-10	1087.71	957.90	967.70	948.10	
MW-11	1139.30	1016.25	1020.36	1013.12	
MW-12	1102.14	977.90	989.15	941.94	
MW-13	1183.47	959.76	967.18	DRY	
MW-14	1173.47	964.53	966.72	953.29	
MW-15	1120.66	1090.32	1090.15	1082.40	
MW-16	1236.27	961.98	972.56	DRY	

Table 8. JPL Ground	Table 8. JPL Groundwater Monitoring Results					
		Year 1 ¹				
Well Name	Datum (ft above msl)	February 2020	June 2020	August 2020		
MW-17	1191.21	955.58	974.41	951.73		
MW-18	1225.41	944.00	956.03	937.93		
MW-19	1142.94	944.06	950.70	936.26		
MW-20	1165.05	928.22	925.20	917.31		
MW-21	1059.10	961.29	965.35	951.16		
MW-22	1176.98	960.54	966.26	950.97		
MW-23	1108.84	958.76	967.95	949.47		
MW-24	1200.94	961.85	974.08	952.76		
MW-25	934.52	684.23	682.80	685.32		
MW-26	1059.08	939.08	939.35	934.48		

¹Years 3 through 5 to be determined.

Table 9. JPL Groundwater Monitoring Results					
			Year 2 ¹		
Well Name	Datum (ft above msl)	March 2021	May 2021	July 2021	
MW-1	1116.70	1091.48	1091.74	1084.42	
MW-3	1100.34	933.83	933.44	932.15	
MW-4	1082.84	924.74	923.19	919.32	
MW-5	1071.60	DRY	DRY	DRY	
MW-6	1188.52	DRY	DRY	DRY	
MW-7	1212.88	DRY	DRY	DRY	
MW-8	1139.53	DRY	DRY	DRY	
MW-9	1106.02	1086.57	1086.80	1079.67	
MW-10	1087.71	DRY	DRY	DRY	
MW-11	1139.30	1007.51	1011.25	1007.35	
MW-12	1102.14	925.77	925.47	921.78	

ole 9. JPL Groundwater Monitoring Results						
			Year 2 ¹			
Well Name	Datum (ft above msl)	March 2021	May 2021	July 2021		
MW-13	1183.47	DRY	DRY	DRY		
MW-14	1173.47	944.73	941.71	935.85		
MW-15	1120.66	1089.72	1089.82	1083.16		
MW-16	1236.27	952.63	DRY	DRY		
MW-17	1191.21	917.07	914.21	912.98		
MW-18	1225.41	955.73	918.25	916.10		
MW-19	1142.94	920.50	918.91	916.30		
MW-20	1165.05	904.13	902.45	903.60		
MW-21	1059.10	940.55	937.64	932.73		
MW-22	1176.98	936.76	934.70	932.62		
MW-23	1108.84	932.70	930.81	926.47		
MW-24	1200.94	931.08	933.77	930.11		
MW-25	934.52	688.73	689.29	689.86		
MW-26	1059.08	924.38	915.78	914.17		

¹Years 3 through 5 to be determined.

6.0 ACHIEVEMENT OF PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

The performance standards for the Phase 1 mitigation areas, as listed in the approved HRP, are provided in Table 8 for reference. Based on the results of the botanical monitoring, the Year 2 performance standards for survivorship and native plant cover have been met. The Year 2 performance standard for nonnative cover was met for the LBVI, RAFSS, CSS, and Coast Live Oak Woodland habitats; however, this standard was not achieved for the Riparian habitat. There is no Year 2 performance standard for native plant species richness; however, all communities have either met the Year 5 performance standard or are trending towards meeting the standard. The performance standards for structural patch richness, sediment/topographic stability, and wildlife use monitoring were not required to be assessed during Year 2.

Category	Performance Standard	Description (Year 2)	Achieved
Flora-1	Survivorship	Tree, shrub, and herb strata container plants will have the following survival requirements: • Year 2: 85% Survival	YES ¹
Flora-2	Native Plant Cover	Combined tree, shrub, and herb strata container plants will have the following native plant cover requirements: Least Bell's Vireo (LBVI) Habitat • Year 2: 30% Other Riparian Habitat • Year 2: 30% RAFSS & CSS Habitat: • Year 2: 30% Coast Live Oak Woodland Habitat: • Year 2: 20%	LBVI Habitat: YES Other Riparian Habitat: YES RAFSS & CSS Habitat: YES Coast Live Oak Woodland: YES
Flora-3	Nonnative Plant Cover	Combined tree, shrub, and herb strata container plants will have the following native plant cover requirements: LBVI Habitat: Year 2: Not more than 5% All Other Habitat Mitigation Areas: Year 2: Not more than 15% annual herbaceous species/grasses; 10% woody species/perennial herbs; 3% Cal-IPC moderate or high threat invasive species.	LBVI Habitat: YES Other Riparian Habitat: NO RAFSS: YES CSS: YES Coast Live Oak Woodland: YES
Flora-4	Native Plant Species Richness	By Year 5 mitigation areas must have 100% of the species richness present in the respective reference sites.	LBVI Habitat: YES Other Riparian Habitat: YES RAFSS: TRENDING CSS: YES Coast Live Oak Woodland: YES

¹ If including volunteer or recruits of the same species growing within the dead plant's basin (or within one meter of that basin), this criterion has been achieved.

6.1 Container Plant Survivorship

Container plant survival is required to be a minimum of 85 percent at the end of Year 2. Out of the 13,346 container plants installed during Phase 1 of restoration activities, approximately 12,443 container plants were noted as still being alive during Year 2. This is a 93.2 percent survivorship, which is approximately 8.2 percent higher than the performance standard. In addition, container plants lost during Years 1 and 2 will be replaced during Phase 3 of restoration activities.

6.2 Native Plant Cover

At the end of Year 2, native plant cover is required to be at least 30 percent for LBVI, Riparian, RAFSS, and CSS habitats, and 20 percent for Coast Live Oak Woodland habitat. The Year 2 performance standard for native plant cover was achieved for all habitat types with 60.2 percent native cover for LBVI habitat, 63.3 percent native cover for Riparian habitat, 47.1 percent native cover for RAFSS habitat, 59.1 percent native cover for CSS, and 64.6 percent for Coast Live Oak Woodland.

6.3 Nonnative Plant Cover

Nonnative plant cover during Year 2 is required to be less than 5 percent in LBVI habitat. In all other habitat types, nonnative plant cover has the following Year 2 performance standards: no more than 15 percent annual herbaceous species/grasses, no more than 10 percent woody species/perennial herbs, and no more than 3 percent Cal-IPC Moderate or High threat invasive species. The Year 2 performance standard for nonnative plant cover was achieved for the LBVI, RAFSS, CSS and Coast Live Oak Woodland habitats. While the Riparian habitat met the Year 2 nonnative plant cover performance standard for annual herbaceous species/grasses and woody species/perennial herbs, it had 3.1 percent cover of Cal-IPC Moderate or High threat invasive species, which is only 0.1 percent above the performance standard. Ongoing weed abatement efforts in the mitigation areas continues to decrease the level of nonnative and invasive plant species; however, eradication of problematic invasive weeds, such as perennial pepperweed, over large areas can be very difficult without the use of systemic herbicides.

6.4 Native Plant Species Richness

Native plant species richness is required to be 100 percent of the species richness present in the respective reference sites by the end of Year 5. While there is no Year 2 performance standard, this criterion is required to be assessed every year to ensure the mitigation areas are trending towards meeting the Year 5 performance standard. The Year 5 performance standard for native plant species richness has already been met for the LBVI, Riparian, CSS, and Coast Live Oak Woodland habitats and the RAFSS habitat is trending towards meeting this standard.

7.0 DISCUSSION

The habitat mitigation areas have performed well during Year 2. Minor issues with the irrigation system, vandalism, pests, and herbivory were observed during the Year 2 monitoring efforts; however, these issues were minor and should not impeded the success of the mitigation areas. Maintenance activities including weed abatement, irrigation repair, basin repair, and erosion control were conducted on a regular basis during Year 2. Replacement of dead container plants in the Phase 1 mitigation areas will occur during the Phase 3 planting effort (fall/winter 2021/2022) and will help to increase the level of native cover in the mitigation areas. In addition, continued weed abatement efforts will continue to reduce competition from nonnative and invasive weeds.

The Phase 1 mitigation areas have met the success criteria for container plant survivorship and native plant cover. In addition, the Year 2 performance standard for nonnative cover was met for the LBVI,

RAFSS, CSS, and Coast Live Oak Woodland habitats; however, this standard was not achieved for the Riparian community. There is no Year 2 performance standard for native plant species richness; however, all communities have either met the Year 5 performance standard or are trending towards meeting the standard. The performance standards for structural patch richness, sediment/topographic stability, and wildlife use monitoring were not required to be assessed during Year 2 and these standards will be assessed during future monitoring events.

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LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A - Streambed Alteration Agreement Notification No. 1600-2015-0263-

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Appendix C - Year 2 Photo Documentation

APPENDIX A

Streambed Alteration Agreement Notification No. 1600-2015-0263-R5



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Attention Ms. Erinn Wilson

Dear Mr. Pert:

DEVIL'S GATE RESERVOIR SEDIMENT REMOVAL AND MANAGEMENT PROJECT AMENDMENT OF STREAMBED ALTERATION AGREEMENT NOTIFICATION NO. 1600-2015-0263-R5

Enclosed are two original signed copies of the Amendment of Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement We appreciate your collaboration on this important project and look forward to continued work with you.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. George De La O at (626) 458-7155 or gdelao@dpw.lacounty.gov.

Very truly yours,

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Dear Mr. Stone:

Amendment of Lake or Streambed Alteration, Notification No. 1600-2015-0263-R5, Devil's Gate Dam Sediment Removal and Management Project

On March 21, 2017 the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) executed the Final Streambed Alteration Agreement 1600-2015-0263-R5 (Agreement) for the Devil's Gate Sediment Removal and Management Project (Project). On May 17, 2017 a Peremptory Writ of Mandate was issued by the California Superior Court (Los Angeles County) regarding the environmental impact report relied upon by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (Lead Agency) under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, SCH 2011091084) and a Recirculated Final Environmental Impact Report (RFEIR) was required by the court. CDFW, as a CEQA responsible agency, relied on the Lead Agency's environmental impact report to issue the Agreement. The Recirculated portions of the RFEIR was circulated for public and agency review and comment from July 24, 2017 to September 18, 2017 and recertified by Lead Agency on November 7, 2017. The CDFW received notice on December 6, 2017 of the Order Discharging Peremptory Writ of Mandate (Discharged Writ) for the matters before the Los Angeles County Superior Court related to the RFEIR.

The Discharged Writ was issued because the Court found that the RFEIR disclosure, analysis, and revision of mitigation measures complied with the Peremptory Writ of Mandate that the Final EIR for the Project, for Alternative 3, Configuration D (Approved Project), and for Alternative 5 (Haul Route Alternative) related to: 1) the 1:1 mitigation ratios in Mitigation Measures BIO-6, -7, and -8; 2) the imposition of Mitigation Measures BIO-1 through 8 on the proposed Devil's Gate Water Conservation Project, should such a project go forward, to reduce potential cumulative impacts for this Project; and 3) the requirement, in Mitigation Measure AQ-1, that sediment removal dump trucks meet Environmental Protection Agency's emission standards for Model Year 2010 or later.

The CDFW under its sole discretion has decided to amend the Agreement (see page 39 "Amendment") to reflect changes to the environmental impact report that appear in the RFEIR. CDFW hereby amends the Agreement with addition and revision of the

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following conditions (insertions in **bold underline**, deletions in **red strikeout** type face). All other conditions in the Agreement remain in effect unless otherwise noted herein

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<u>Initial Sediment Removal Area.</u> The 68.63 65.56 acre area where the initial excavation of sediment and debris will occur.

Permanent Maintenance Area. The 51.78 49.39 acre area to be maintained for flood capacity. This includes the Routine Annual Maintenance Area and the Episodic Maintenance Area.

Routine Annual Maintenance Area. The 40 80 42.05 acre area where annual maintenance of the facility will occur (see Exhibit B).

Episodic Maintenance Area. The 10 98 7 34 acre area side slope proposed at 3:1 (V:H) grade (see Exhibit B). where occasional maintenance will occur. This area is within the Permanent Maintenance Area, abuts Routine Annual Maintenance Area and forms transitional habitat with Habitat Restoration Area.

<u>Habitat Restoration Area</u>. The 77.01 acre area in the reservoir subject to minor land alteration, vegetation management, and planting of native plants. This area is outside the Permanent Maintenance Area (See Exhibit E).

Sediment Removal Program

This phase of project is limited to the restoration of a public facility, through excavation within the 68 63 65.56-acre Initial Sediment Removal Area (see Exhibit B. Work Plan Map) and transition to long term Permanent Maintenance Area, composed of a total of 51.78 49.39 acres that consists of 40.8 42.05 acres for Routine Annual Maintenance. and 10 987 34 acres for Episodic Maintenance Areas for the term of this Agreement. Sediment removal will not involve expansion of use beyond that of the designed facility. The proposed initial excavation is to mechanically remove 2 41 7 Million Cubic Yards (MCY) of post-fire debris from the Initial Sediment Removal Area within Devil's Gate Reservoir. The location of the Initial Sediment Removal Area was selected to maximize the efficient removal of post-fire debris while at the same time, avoid and minimize sensitive habitats and sensitive species impacts. Sediment levels behind Devil's Gate Dam will be brought down to 986 feet above mean sea level (msl) to eliminate the threat to the dam outlet works and comply with standards as set by the State Water Resources Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD). The Initial Sediment Removal Area will then slope upwards to 9951,000 feet above msl where the basin will constrict and increase in elevation to 1,040 feet above msl, and widen again to meet final elevation of 1,060 feet above msl approximately 4,7004,788 linear feet upstream from the dam. Devil's Gate Reservoir is routinely drained after every storm; therefore, it will not be

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necessary to drain the facility for non-routine activities.

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The 24 17 MCY of sediment and debris in the 68 6365.56-acres Initial Sediment Removal Area includes established native and non-native vegetation that will be removed. Vegetation and organic debris will be separated from the sediment and hauled to Scholl Canyon Landfill in the City of Glendale. Project Start is estimated to take place in the Fall of 20172018. In subsequent years of sediment removal, vegetation and organic debris will be hauled to Scholl Canyon Landfill.

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Permanent Maintenance Program

Once excavation is complete for this project, annual maintenance of the facility will occur within the 40-80 42.05 acre Routine Annual Maintenance Area (see Exhibit B). Vegetation management and sediment removal within the 40-80 42.05 acre Routine Annual Maintenance Area will occur for the life of this Agreement. Excavation over the lifetime of the project within the 40-80 42.05 acre Routine Annual Maintenance Area will be hauled to disposal sites previously authorized by Permittee (see Figures 2.5-2,-3-4 from Final Environmental Impact Report). Trucks hauling sediment will access the reservoir from an existing maintenance road east of Devil's Gate Dam and exit via a proposed upgraded access road on the western edge of Devil's Gate Dam that will exit on to Oak Grove Drive (see Exhibit A). Vegetation within the Routine Annual Maintenance Area will be mowed or grubbed annually over a 2 to 12 week period in late summer or early fall.

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Episodic Maintenance within the 10.98 7 34 acre (horizontal projection) Episodic Maintenance Area will initially include planting with appropriate native plants and thereafter annual undesirable plant control (using herbicides, hand tools, and mechanically operated hand tools (i.e., chainsaws and motor powered winches). In the event of a large debris flow or hyper concentrated flood³ Episodic Maintenance would involve the need for sediment excavation/trucking off site. The types of equipment involved in excavation may include those similar to the initial sediment removal phase including, but not limited to, front loaders with four-yard buckets, bulldozers, excavator, grader, water truck, and tender trucks. Vehicles expected to be used for sediment

³ **Debris flow:** A mix of water and debris, which may include particles ranging in size from clay to boulders and may contain woody debris and other materials, that flows down a stream channel or steep slope, sometimes at great velocity, and contains more than 60 percent debris (less than 40 percent water) by volume. **Hyper-concentrated flood:** A moving mixture of sediment and water containing between 20 and 60 percent sediment by volume.

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hauling include double dump trucks with an 18 cubic yard (CY) capacity or equivalent.

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After Episodic Maintenance the side slopes would be returned to the proposed 3:1 (V:H) grade, and the 10.98 7 34 acre area will be subject to the continuing annual undesirable plant control. Because this area is restricted from a general right of public access, and will be subject to undesirable plant control, it is anticipated to be revegetated naturally after periodic large debris flow or hyper concentrated floods.

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Native Plants: Nevin's barberry (Berberis nevinii), Plummer's mariposa lily (Calochortus plummerae), Greata's aster (Symphyotrichum gretae), Parry's spineflower (Chorizanthe parryi var. parryi), slenderhorned spineflower (Dodecahema ieptoceras), mesa horkelia (Horkelia cuneata ssp. puberula), white rabbit-tobacco (Pseudognaphalium leucocephalum), Parish's gooseberry (Ribes divaricatum var. parishii), black willow thickets, mulefat thickets, riparian herbaceous, coast live oak woodland, scale broom scrub, and all other aquatic and wildlife resources in the area. including the riparian vegetation which provides habitat for such species in the area. These resources are further detailed and more particularly described in the document(s): "Devil's Gate Reservoir Sediment Removal and Management Project Final Environmental Impact Report "dated October 2014, prepared for Los Angeles County of Department of Public Works by Chambers Group; Biological Technical Report (November 2010), Final Sediment Transport Capacity Analysis (January 2013), and the Noise and Traffic Reports (September & October 2013, respectively), Recirculated EIR for the Project and response to comments (July and October 2017, respectively), Revised Board Motion (November 7, 2017). Notice of Determination for Recirculated Final Environmental Impact Report, Order Discharging Peremptory Writ of Mandate (December 5, 2017), "Lake and Streambed Alteration Notification Package - Devil's Gate Dam and Reservoir Sediment Removal Project" dated December 11, 2015, prepared for CDFW by Permittee complete with all attachments and exhibits, Revised vegetation mapping and impact analysis for Devil's Gate Dam and Sediment Removal Project dated May 19, 2016 by ECORP Consulting, Inc., revised assessment of temporary impact areas and incorporation of Episodic Maintenance area dated May 5, 2016.

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Project Impacts

The adverse effects the project could have on the fish or wildlife resources identified above include a total of 68 63 65.56 acres subject to Department jurisdiction to implement the Initial Sediment Removal After Initial Sediment Removal 51 78 49.39 acres will be maintained for flood capacity through Routine Annual Maintenance and Episodic Maintenance (see above). Additionally, in order to implement compensatory

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mitigation for the project, 77.01 acres subject to the Department's jurisdiction outside the Permanent Maintenance Area, will be subject to minor surface alteration of the land, vegetation management, and application of herbicides. The following impacts would occur to vegetation communities within the 68.63 65.56 acres necessary for Initial Sediment Removal.

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Total Permanent Project Impacts

Permanent impacts to 40 80 42.05 acres of vegetation communities and land cover classifications from initial sediment removal include the removal of 16-2715.64 acres of Salix gooddingii Alliance (black willow thickets), 1.821 97 acres Lepidospartum squamatum Alliance (Scalebroom scrub), 8.039 71 acres Baccharis salicifolia shrubland Alliance (mulefat thickets), 9.8810.24 acre Lepidium latifolium-Conium maculatum herbaceous semi-natural stand, 2.452 61 acre Conium maculatum herbaceous seminatural stand, 2.331 80 acres non-native or disturbed (including 4-00.67 acre Xanthium strumarium herbaceous stand, 4.331 13 acres disturbed (trails/barren/IMP Area)), 0.020 01 acre Artemisia californica-Eriogonum fasciculatum California sagebrush-California buckwheat scrub. Additionally, there are expected permanent impacts to individual California live oak trees (Quercus agrifolia) in an area of approximately 0.06 acre. The impacts that vary from direct impacts, resulting in complete removal to a limited number of individual trees, and indirect impacts to individual trees that are located in close proximity to areas where direct impacts will occur. The indirect impacts are undetermined at this time because the area's hilly topography may not result in any significant effect or project disturbances may be avoided all-together based on project design modifications. made from incorporating Measures to avoidance impacts toef oak trees will be identified following the completion of the in three monitoring reportsurvey that is required prior to the start of the Projectstart

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Total Temporary Project Impacts

Temporary impacts to 27.83 23.52 acres subject to Department jurisdiction consisting of vegetation communities and land cover classifications will occur from Initial Sediment Removal, worksite access, and installation of side-slopes in Episodic Maintenance Area. These areas contain 12.70 13.16 acres Lepidospartum squamatum Alliance (Scalebroom scrub), 5.89 4.65 acres of Salix gooddingii Alliance (black willow thickets), 3.41 2.11 acres Baccharis salicifolia shrubland Alliance (mulefat thickets), 1.97 0.06 acres disturbed (trails/barren/IMP Area), 1.24 0.72 acre Lepidium latifolium-Conium maculatum herbaceous semi-natural stand, 1.70 1.19 acres Conium maculatum herbaceous semi-natural stand, 0.507 acre Xanthium strumarium herbaceous stand, 0.207 acre Quercus agrifolia coast live oak (trees), 0.07 acre Eucalyptus (globulus, camaldulensis) Semi-natural stand, 0.0812 acre Artemisia californica- Eriogonum fasciculatum California sagebrush-California buckwheat scrub.

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The following Conditions have been added or amended:

- 1.11 The Permittee shall fully implement all mitigation measures identified in the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) and as revised by Recirculated FEIR (RFEIR). All Conditions, Studies, and mitigation measures relating to biological resources identified in the FEIR and RFEIR shall be enforceable by CDFW as terms of this Agreement.
- 2.1 <u>Work Period</u>. Initial Vegetation Removal work within the Initial Sediment Removal Area shall be confined to the period starting September 15 to February 1, in the year(s) of 20172018 to 2019 2020, unless otherwise requested by Permittee and approved by CDFW in writing. Excavation shall be confined to April 15 to December 31 Monday through Friday from 0700 to 1800 hours Standard Time (1900 hours during Daylight Savings Time), and on Saturday between 0800 to 1700 hours during Standard and Daylight Savings Time. Routine Annual Maintenance or Episodic Maintenance work involving vegetation management and/or excavation is specifically addressed in Conditions 2.40 to 2.72 below.
- 2.41 Permittee shall implement Routine Annual and Episodic Maintenance in conformance with the Project Description and the following Conditions in this Agreement. The Permittee shall remove all human generated debris, such as cuttings, garbage and trash. The Permittee shall remove washed out culverts, and other construction materials, that the Permittee places within, or where they may enter the stream. Routine Annual Maintenance activities shall be limited to the inspection, routine maintenance (e.g., fence repair, minor maintenance of access roads, graffiti removal, trash removal, weed abatement, etc.) sediment removal. and vegetation management (annually) within the approved Routine Annual Maintenance Area (40.80 42.05 acres) footprint. Vegetation may be mowed annually and when necessary for capacity reasons the root zone may be grubbed. Sediment removal may be implemented by: 1) sediment excavation and hauling off site; and 2) Flow-Assisted Sediment Transport (FAST). Episodic Maintenance within the 10.98 7 34 acre (horizontal projection) side slope area may include annual undesirable plant control (including herbicides, hand tools, and mechanically operated hand tools (e.g., chainsaws and motor powered winches). and in the event of a large debris flow or hyper concentrated flood sediment excavation/trucking off site. If additional major maintenance/repair work is required a separate Agreement is required for said repairs.
- 2.42 Work Period. Vegetation Management work shall be confined to September 15 to February 1 starting approximately in 20232024 until 2037 2038. The general days and hours of the week that Permittee should conduct Routine Annual Maintenance is Monday through Friday from 0700 to 1800 hours Standard Time (1900 hours during Daylight Savings Time), and on Saturday between 0800 to 1700 hours during Standard and Daylight Savings Time.

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Table 3.0 Compensatory Mitigation [Permanent] Requirements for Creation and Restoration

IMPACTS TO VEGETATION COMMUNITIES	COMPENSATORY MITIGATION REQUIREMENT			
	PERMANENT IMPACTS	Creation	Restoration	Total
Salix gooddingii Woodland Alliance	16.27 15.64	16.27 15.64	22.31 21.44	38.58 37.08
Baccharis saltifolia Shrubland Alliance	8.039 71	8.039 71	4.835 84	12.86 15.55
Lepidospartum squamatum Shrubland Alliance	1.82 1 97	1.82 1 97	7.28 7 88	9.1 9 85
Artemisia californica -Eriogonum fasciculatum Shrubland Alliance	0.02 0 01	0.02 0 01	0.04 <u>0.02</u>	0.06 <u>0.03</u>
Conium maculatum Herbaceous Semi-Natural Alliance*	2.45 2 61	0.00	1.23 1.31	1.23 1 31
Lepidium latifolium - Conium maculatum Herbaceous Semi- Natural Alliance*	9.88 10.24	0.00	4.94 <u>5 12</u>	4.945 12
Xanthium strumarium Herbaceous Alliance (Unofficial Alliance)	1.00 0 67	0.00	1.50 1 00	1.50 1 00
Disturbed/Developed	1.33 <u>1 13</u>	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL COMPENSATORY MITIGATION REQUIRE		26.14 27.33	42.13 42.61	68.27 69.94
TOTAL PERMANENT IMPACTS	4 0.80 41.98			

- 3.2 <u>Mitigation for Temporary Impacts.</u> The total of <u>27-83</u> <u>23.52</u> acres of temporary impacts, described in detail in the Project Description, shall be established and maintained pursuant to the following requirements:
 - a. The Permittee shall mitigate the temporary impacts to 16.8517 acres of vegetation and habitat communities located in restoration areas designated (DG3B, DG 7, DG 8, DG 9, See Exhibit E) by delaying impacts to temporary impact areas until 3rd year of sediment removal project and implement restoration pursuant to Habitat Restoration Plan (see Condition 3.9, below) with 24 months of impacts (see Condition 3.5), and maintained pursuant to Habitat Management Plan (see Condition 3.10).
 - b. The 10.98 7 34 acre (horizontal projection, see Exhibit B) Episodic Maintenance Area will include initially planting with appropriate native plants and thereafter annual undesirable plant control (including herbicides, hand tools, and mechanically operated hand tools (i.e., chainsaws and motor powered winches), and in the event of a large debris flow or hyper concentrated flood Episodic Maintenance would involve the need for sediment excavation/trucking offsite. After Episodic Maintenance the side slopes would be returned to proposed 3:1 (V:H) grade, and the 10.98 7 34 acre area will be subject to the continuing annual undesirable plant control.
- 3.4 Establish Permanent Cross-Section. Permittee shall establish single cross section, established by monument, at upstream limit of Permanent Maintenance Area to document condition and be comparable overtime. The annual monitoring of cross section should be conducted immediately following the high flow season

and include the physical measurements of the site, photos from a fixed photographic station, and if applicable results from interviews with local persons, Permittee, or Permittee's assignees that had important observations. The cross-section and photographic station shall be monitored and reported to CDFW according to the following sub-measures.

- a. Initial Monitoring. Permittee shall monitor cross section annually for the first 5 years following Initial Sediment Removal, estimated at 2-4 1 7 mcy plus any additional annual deposits, and as soon as feasible after the first major high flow event. If major high flow event occurs in the first 5 years of monitoring then frequency of future monitoring will be adjusted by CDFW based on consultation with Permittee. Monitoring frequency adjustments shall be based on results of annual monitoring and high flow observations.
- b. Long-term Monitoring. Permittee shall monitor cross section every once every 5 years and immediately after a major high flow event for the duration of this Agreement.

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This Agreement shall expire on March 31, 2037 June 31, 2038, unless it is terminated or extended before then. All provisions in the Agreement shall remain in force throughout its term. Permittee shall remain responsible for implementing any provisions specified herein to protect fish and wildlife resources after the Agreement expires or is terminated, as FGC section 1605(a)(2) requires.

Please sign and return two copies of this letter to acknowledge the amendment. The amendment becomes valid once the letter is signed by CDFW. Copies of the Agreement and this amendment must be readily available at project worksites and must be presented when requested by a CDFW representative or agency with inspection authority.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Steve Gibson, Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist) at (562) 342-2106 or by email at steve.gibson@wildlife.ca.gov.

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Sincerely,

Erinn Wilson, Environmental Program Manager

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I hereby agree to the above-referenced amendment.

Print Name: Mristopher Stone Date: July 17, 2018
Signature: Munipher Stone

APPENDIX B

Year 2 Plant Species Compendium

Devil's Gate Reservoir Restoration Project

LACPW/ECORP

2021 PLANT SPECIES COMPENDIUM

Scientific Name	Common Name	Mitigation Areas	Reference Sites ¹
VASCUL	AR PLANTS		
PTERID	OPHYTES		
EQUISETACEAE	HORSETAIL FAMILY		
Equisetum ssp.	horsetail		Х
	MS (EUDICOTS)		
ADOXACEAE	MUSKROOT FAMILY		
Sambucus nigra ssp. caerulea	blue elderberry	Х	Х
ANACARDIACEA	CASHEW AND SUMAC FAMILY		
Malosma laurina	laurel sumac	Х	
Toxicodendron diversilobum	poison oak	Х	Х
APIACEAE	CARROT FAMILY		
Conium maculatum*	poison hemlock	Х	
ASTERACEAE	SUNFLOWER FAMILY		
Achillea millefolium	common yarrow	Х	
Ambrosia acanthicarpa	annual bursage	Х	
Artemisia californica	California sagebrush	Х	Х
Artemisia douglasiana	mugwort	Х	Х
Artemisia dracunculus	taragon	Х	
Baccharis pilularis	coyote brush	Х	
Baccharis salicifolia	mulefat	Х	Х
Brickellia californica	brickell bush	Х	
Carduus pycnocephalus*	Italian thistle	Х	Х
Centaurea melitensis*	tocalote	Х	Х
Cirsium occidentale var. californicum	California thistle	Х	
Corethrogyne filaginifolia	common sand aster	Х	Х
Encelia californica	California brittlebush	Х	
Erigeron canadensis	Canada horseweed	Х	Х
Eriophyllum confertiflorum	golden yarrow		Х
Heterotheca grandiflora	telegraph weed	Х	Х
socoma menziesii	Menzies' goldenbush	Х	Х
Lactuca serriola*	prickly lettuce	Х	Х
Lepidospartum squamatum	scalebroom	Х	Х
Malacothrix saxatilis	cliff aster	Х	
Matricaria chamomilla*	German chamomile	Х	
Pseudognaphalium bioletti	two-colored rabbit-tobacco	Х	
Pseudognaphalium californicum	ladie's tobacco	Х	Х
Sonchus asper*	prickly sow-thistle	Х	Х
Xanthium strumarium	rought cockleburr	Х	
BETULACEAE	BIRCH FAMILY		
Alnus rhombifolia	white alder		Х

		Mitigation	Reference
Scientific Name	Common Name	Areas	Sites ¹
BORAGINACEAE	BORAGE FAMILY		
Eriodictyon crassifolium	thick leaved yerba santa	Х	Х
Heliotropium curassavicum	salt heliotrope	Х	
Phacelia cicutaria	caterpillar phacelia	Х	Х
Phacelia minor	California bluebells	Х	
Phacelia parryi	Parry's phacelia	Х	
BRASSICACEAE	MUSTARD FAMILY		
Brassica nigra*	black mustard	Х	Х
Lepidium latifolium*	perennial pepperweed	Х	
Raphanus sativus*	wild radish	Х	
CACTACEAE	CACTUS FAMILY		
Opuntia littoralis	coastal prickly pear	Х	
CHENOPODIACEAE	GOOSEFOOT FAMILY		
Chenopodium album*	lamb's quarters	Х	
CONVOLVULACEAE	MORNING GLORY FAMILY	_	1
Calystegia macrostegia	island morning glory	Х	
Cuscuta californica	dodder	Х	
CUCURBITACEAE	GOURD FAMILY		
Marah macrocarpa	wild cucumber	Х	
EUPHORBIACEAE	SPURGE FAMILY		
Euphorbia albomarginata	rattlesnake spurge	Х	
Euphorbia peplus*	petty spurbe	Х	
Euphorbia ssp.	spurge	X	
Ricinus communis*	castor bean		Х
FABACEAE	LEGUME FAMILY		
Acmispon americanus	Spanish lotus	Х	
Acmispon glaber	deerweed	X	Х
Spartium junceum*	Spanish broom		X
Melilotus indicus*	Annual yellow sweetclover	Х	
FAGACEAE	OAK FAMILY		
Quercus agrifolia	coast live oak	Х	Х
GERANIACEAE	GERANIUM FAMILY		1
Erodium cicutarium*	red-stemmed filaree	Х	
Geranium molle*	crane's bill geranium		Х
GROSSULARIACEAE	GOOSEBERRY FAMILY		
Ribes aureum	golden currant	Х	
Ribes californicum	California gooseberry	X	
LAMIACEAE	MINT FAMILY		
Marrubium vulgare*	white horehound	Х	Х
Salvia columbariae	chia	X	
Salvia mellifera	black sage	X	Х
MORACEAE	FIG FAMILY		
Ficus carica*	common fig		Х
MYRTACEAE	MYRTLE FAMILY		
Eucalyptus ssp.*	eucalyptus	Х	1
OLEACEAE	OLIVE FAMILY		†
Fraxinus uhdei*	Shamel ash	Х	Х

		Mitigation	Reference
Scientific Name	Common Name	Areas	Sites ¹
ORNAGRACEAE	EVENING PRIMROSE FAMILY		
Camissoniopsis micrantha	Spencer primrose	Х	
Epilobium ssp.	willow herb	Х	
Denothera elata	evening primrose	Х	Х
PAPAVERACEAE	POPPY FAMILY		
Eschscholzia californica	California poppy	Х	
PLANTAGINACEAE	PLANTAIN FAMILY		
Plantago arenaria*	Indian plantain	Х	
PLATANACEAE	PLANE-TREE FAMILY		
Platanus racemosa	western sycamore	X	Х
POLYGONACEAE	BUCKWHEAT FAMILY		
Eriogonum fasciculatum	California buckwheat	X	X
Friogonum gracile	slender buckwheat	X	
Rumex crispus*	curly dock	X	
RHAMNACEA	BUCKTHORN FAMILY		
Rhamnus crocea	redberry buckthorn		Х
ROSACEAE	ROSE FAMILY		
Prunus ilicifolia	hollyleaf cherry		Х
Rosa californica	California rose	X	
Rubus americanus*	Himalayan blackberry		Х
Rubus ursinus	California blackberry	Х	Х
RUBIACEAE	BEDSTRAW FAMILY		
Galium aparine	common bedstraw		Х
SALICACEAE	WILLOW FAMILY		
Populus fremontii	Fremont's cottonwood	X	X
Salix exigua	narrow leaved willow		Х
Salix gooddingii	black willow	X	X
Salix laevigata	red willow	Х	Х
Salix lasiolepis	arroyo willow	Х	Х
SAPINDACEAE	SOAPBERRY FAMILY		
Acer negundo	boxelder		Х
SOLANACEAE	NIGHTSHADE FAMILY		
Datura wrightii	jimson weed	X	Х
Solanum douglasii	Douglas' nightshade	Х	
Solanum nigrum*	black nightshade	Х	
ULMACEAE	ELM FAMILY		
∃lm ssp.*	elm		Х
URTICACEAE	NETTLE FAMILY		
Irtica dioica	stinging nettle	Х	
VITACEAE	GRAPE FAMILY		
/itis californica	California grape	Х	Х
ANGIOSPE	RMS (MONOCOTS)		
AGAVACEAE	CENTURY PLANT FAMILY		
Hesperoyucca whipplei	chaparral yucca	Х	Х
CYPERACEAE	SEDGE FAMILY		
Cyperus eragrostis	tall flatsedge	Х	

Scientific Name	Common Name	Mitigation Areas	Reference Sites ¹
JUNCACEAE	RUSH FAMILY		
Juncus textilis	basket rush	Х	
POACEAE	GRASS FAMILY		
Arundo donax*	giant reed		Х
Avena fatua*	wild oat		Х
Bromus carinatus	California brome	Х	
Bromus madritensis ssp. rubens*	red brome	Х	Х
Elymus triticoides	beardless wild rye	Х	
Hordeum vulgare*	common barley	Х	
Polypogon monspeliensis*	rabbitsfoot grass	Х	
Schismus barbatus*	Mediterranean grass		Х
TYPHACEAE	CATTAIL FAMILY		
Typha ssp.	cattail	Х	Х

^{*} Nonnative species.

CNPS Rare Plant Listing Status:

List 1B.1 Rare, threatened, or endangered in California and elsewhere. Seriously

List 1B.2 Rare, threatened, or endangered in California and elsewhere.

List 2B.2 Rare, threatened or endangered in California, but more common

List 4.2 Limited distribution (Watch List). Moderately endangered in California

¹Reference site data is from 2020.

APPENDIX C

Year 2 Photo Documentation



Photo 1: Mitigation Area DG-1 Transect #1 Start



Photo 2: Mitigation Area DG-1 Transect #1 End



Photo 3: Mitigation Area DG-1 Transect #2 Start



Photo 4: Mitigation Area DG-1 Transect #2 End



Photo 5: Mitigation Area DG-1 Transect #3 Start

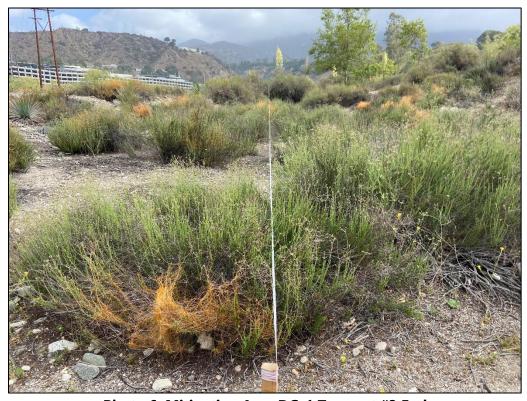


Photo 6: Mitigation Area DG-1 Transect #3 End



Photo 7: Mitigation Area DG-2A Transect #1 Start



Photo 8: Mitigation Area DG-2A Transect #1 End



Photo 9: Mitigation Area DG-2A Transect #2 Start



Photo 10: Mitigation Area DG-2A Transect #2 End



Photo 11: Mitigation Area DG-2B Transect #1 Start



Photo 12: Mitigation Area DG-2B Transect #1 End



Photo 13: Mitigation Area DG-2B Transect #2 Start



Photo 14: Mitigation Area DG-2B Transect #2 End



Photo 15: Mitigation Area DG-3A Transect #1 Start



Photo 16: Mitigation Area DG-3A Transect #1 End



Photo 17: Mitigation Area DG-3A Transect #2 Start



Photo 18: Mitigation Area DG-3A Transect #2 End



Photo 19: Mitigation Area DG-3A Transect #3 Start



Photo 20: Mitigation Area DG-3A Transect #3 End



Photo 21: Mitigation Area DG-3A Transect #4 Start



Photo 22: Mitigation Area DG-3A Transect #4 End



Photo 23: Mitigation Area DG-4 Transect #1 Start



Photo 24: Mitigation Area DG-4 Transect #1 End



Photo 25: Mitigation Area DG-4 Transect #2 Start



Photo 26: Mitigation Area DG-4 Transect #2 End



Photo 27: Mitigation Area DG-4 Transect #3 Start



Photo 28: Mitigation Area DG-4 Transect #3 End



Photo 29: Mitigation Area DG-4 Transect #4 Start



Photo 30: Mitigation Area DG-4 Transect #4 End



Photo 31: Mitigation Area DG-4 Transect #5 Start



Photo 32: Mitigation Area DG-4 Transect #5 End



Photo 33: Mitigation Area DG-4 Transect #6 Start



Photo 34: Mitigation Area DG-4 Transect #6 End



Photo 35: Mitigation Area DG-4 Transect #7 Start



Photo 36: Mitigation Area DG-4 Transect #7 End



Photo 37: Mitigation Area DG-4 Transect #8 Start



Photo 38: Mitigation Area DG-4 Transect #8 End



Photo 39: Mitigation Area DG-4B Transect #1 Start



Photo 40: Mitigation Area DG-4B Transect #1 End



Photo 41: Mitigation Area DG-4B Transect #2 Start



Photo 42: Mitigation Area DG-4B Transect #2 End



Photo 43: Mitigation Area DG-4C Transect #1 Start



Photo 44: Mitigation Area DG-4C Transect #1 End



Photo 45: Mitigation Area DG-4C Transect #2 Start



Photo 46: Mitigation Area DG-4C Transect #2 End



Photo 47: Mitigation Area DG-5 Transect #1 Start



Photo 48: Mitigation Area DG-5 Transect #1 End



Photo 49: Mitigation Area DG-1 Photo Point #1, Facing NE



Photo 50: Mitigation Area DG-1 Photo Point #2, Facing SW



Photo 51: Mitigation Area DG-1 Photo Point #3, Facing NE



Photo 52: Mitigation Area DG-1 Photo Point #3, Facing SW



Photo 53: Mitigation Area DG-1 Photo Point #4, Facing SW



Photo 54: Mitigation Area DG-1 Photo Point #5, Facing NE



Photo 55: Mitigation Area DG-1 Photo Point #5, Facing SE



Photo 56: Mitigation Area DG-1 Photo Point #6, Facing SW



Photo 57: Mitigation Area DG-2A Photo Point #1, Facing SW



Photo 58: Mitigation Area DG-2A Photo Point #2, Facing NW



Photo 59: Mitigation Area DG-2A Photo Point #3, Facing SW



Photo 60: Mitigation Area DG-2A Photo Point #4, Facing NW



Photo 61: Mitigation Area DG-2B Photo Point #1, Facing NE



Photo 62: Mitigation Area DG-2B Photo Point #1, Facing SE



Photo 63: Mitigation Area DG-2B Photo Point #2, Facing NE



Photo 64: Mitigation Area DG-2B Photo Point #2, Facing SE



Photo 65: Mitigation Area DG-2B Photo Point #3, Facing NW



Photo 66: Mitigation Area DG-2B Photo Point #3, Facing SW



Photo 67: Mitigation Area DG-2B Photo Point #4, Facing NW



Photo 68: Mitigation Area DG-2B Photo Point #4, Facing W



Photo 69: Mitigation Area DG-2B Photo Point #4, Facing SW



Photo 70: Mitigation Area DG-3A Photo Point #1, Facing SE



Photo 71: Mitigation Area DG-3A Photo Point #2, Facing SE



Photo 72: Mitigation Area DG-3A Photo Point #3, Facing S



Photo 73: Mitigation Area DG-3A Photo Point #4, Facing N



Photo 74: Mitigation Area DG-3A Photo Point #4, Facing SW



Photo 75: Mitigation Area DG-3A Photo Point #5, Facing NW



Photo 76: Mitigation Area DG-3A Photo Point #5, Facing W



Photo 77: Mitigation Area DG-3A Photo Point #5, Facing SW



Photo 78: Mitigation Area DG-3A Photo Point #6, Facing NW



Photo 79: Mitigation Area DG-3A Photo Point #7, Facing NW

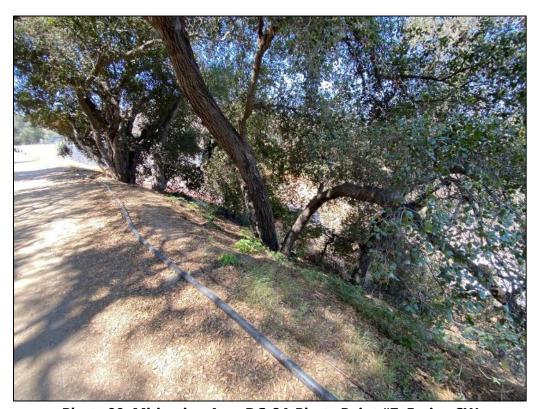


Photo 80: Mitigation Area DG-3A Photo Point #7, Facing SW



Photo 81: Mitigation Area DG-4 Photo Point #1, Facing SE



Photo 82: Mitigation Area DG-4 Photo Point #2, Facing S



Photo 83: Mitigation Area DG-4 Photo Point #2, Facing W



Photo 84: Mitigation Area DG-4 Photo Point #3, Facing SW



Photo 85: Mitigation Area DG-4 Photo Point #4, Facing NE



Photo 86: Mitigation Area DG-4 Photo Point #5, Facing NE



Photo 87: Mitigation Area DG-4 Photo Point #5, Facing S



Photo 88: Mitigation Area DG-4 Photo Point #6, Facing NE



Photo 89: Mitigation Area DG-4 Photo Point #7, Facing NW



Photo 90: Mitigation Area DG-4 Point #8, Facing SE



Photo 91: Mitigation Area DG-4 Photo Point #9, Facing E



Photo 92: Mitigation Area DG-4 Photo Point #10, Facing E



Photo 93: Mitigation Area DG-4 Photo Point #10, Facing S



Photo 94: Mitigation Area DG-4 Photo Point #11, Facing SW



Photo 95: Mitigation Area DG-4 Photo Point #12, Facing N



Photo 96: Mitigation Area DG-4 Photo Point #13, Facing NE



Photo 97: Mitigation Area DG-4 Photo Point #14, Facing S



Photo 98: Mitigation Area DG-4 Photo Point #15, Facing NE



Photo 99: Mitigation Area DG-4B Photo Point #1, Facing NE



Photo 100: Mitigation Area DG-4B Photo Point #2, Facing NE



Photo 101: Mitigation Area DG-4B Photo Point #2, Facing SE



Photo 102: Mitigation Area DG-4B Photo Point #3, Facing S



Photo 103: Mitigation Area DG-4C Photo Point #1, Facing NE



Photo 104: Mitigation Area DG-4C Photo Point #2, Facing S



Photo 105: Mitigation Area DG-4C Photo Point #3, Facing NE



Photo 106: Mitigation Area DG-4C Photo Point #4, Facing S



Photo 107: Mitigation Area DG-5 Photo Point #1, Facing S



Photo 108: Mitigation Area DG-5 Photo Point #2, Facing SW



Photo 109: Mitigation Area DG-5 Photo Point #3, Facing NE



Photo 110: RAFSS Reference Transect Start



Photo 111: RAFSS Reference Transect End



Photo 112: CSS Reference Transect Start



Photo 113: CSS Reference Transect End



Photo 114: Coast Live Oak Woodland Reference Transect Start



Photo 115: Coast Live Oak Woodland Reference Transect End



Photo 116: Riparian Scrub Reference Transect Start



Photo 117: Riparian Scrub Reference Transect End



Photo 118: Riparian Woodland Reference Transect Start



Photo 119: Riparian Woodland Reference Transect End



Photo 120: LBVI Reference Transect #1 Start



Photo 121: LBVI Reference Transect #1 End



Photo 122: LBVI Reference Transect #2 Start



Photo 123: LBVI Reference Transect #2 End



Photo 124: Overview LBVI Reference Site



Photo 125: Overview LBVI Reference Site



Photo 126: Overview LBVI Reference Site



Photo 127: Overview LBVI Reference Site



Photo 128: Overview LBVI Reference Site



Photo 129: Overview LBVI Reference Site