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**2023-24 Annual Report
for the
Devil's Gate Reservoir Restoration Project**

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LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

Term	Definition
RWQCB	California Regional Water Quality Control Board
WQC	Water Quality Certification
Project	Devil's Gate Reservoir Restoration Project
ISRA	Initial Sediment Removal Area
DSOD	State Water Resources Division of Safety of Dams
EMA	Episodic maintenance areas
CSS	Coastal Sage Scrub
HRP	Final Habitat Restoration Plan

Los Angeles County Public Works prepared this annual report to comply with the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) Section 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC), File No. 15-053. This report describes the activities conducted for the Devil's Gate Reservoir Sediment Removal and Management Project and provides the information required by Part A - Project Reporting in the Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Order (WDID 4WQC401115053). Subsequent to the issuance of the WQC for the Project, the name of the project was changed to the Devil's Gate Reservoir Restoration Project (Project).

The previous annual report for the Project was submitted to the RWQCB in April of 2024 and it covered the activities from January 2022 through June 2023. This annual report covers the reporting period from July 2023 through June 2024. This annual report is the final report submitted under WQC File No. 15-053 (WDID 4WQC401115053). Effective January 31, 2024, maintenance activities for the Project are covered under a new permit, Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Order, File No. 23-100 (WDID 4WQC40123100).

1.0 CONSTRUCTION SUMMARY

The initial sediment removal phase of the Project included the planned removal of 1.7 million cubic yards of post-fire debris over a three- to four-year period. The initial sediment removal phase of the Project was started in November of 2018, and it was completed in August of 2021. The reservoir management phase started in 2022, after the completion of the sediment removal phase. The reservoir management phase will consist of vegetation maintenance and sediment removal. The purpose of the Project is to annually remove sediment from behind Devil's Gate Dam that could potentially threaten the dam outlet works and to comply with the standards as set for by the State Water Resources Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD).

Project construction activities in the form of routine annual maintenance activities began on August 14, 2023, with the removal of emergent vegetation. The construction crew started with clearing and removing vegetation from the staging area using skid steers, clearing vegetation along the road and water tank, and continued with removing booms using a forklift. On August 15, 2023, crew continued with removing containment booms and clearing of vegetation on ramp and road at the southern entrance of the reservoir in preparation for sediment removal. All vegetation removal was within the Project boundaries and monitored by the Designated Biologist on site.

Sediment hauling activities began August 17, 2023, with loading sediment into several haul trucks with one excavator. Water trucks were used to spray down the reservoir to keep dust under control. Sediment Removal hauling activities included bulldozer stockpiling sediment for removal. Sediment was loaded into Super10 end dump haul trucks using excavators and front loaders. On November 7, 2023, construction crews began creating channels along the base of the east and west side slopes of the reservoir to irrigate the sides of the episodic maintenance areas. The crew continued hauling sediment from the reservoir through November 15, 2023. Sediment removal activities during construction are shown in Photos 1-13 and location is shown in Figure 1. No construction activities occurred between November 16, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Figure 1
Location Map: Photos 1-13

Legend

- Devils Gate Reservoir
- Photo





Photo Number: 1

Location: Southeast Side Road

Description: Crew Removing/Clearing Vegetation



Photo Number: 2

Location: Staging Area

Description: Crew Removing/Clearing Vegetation



Photo Number: 3

Location: Staging Area

Description: Skid Steer Loading Vegetation into Truck



Photo Number: 4

Location: Middle East Entrance Ramp

Description: Removing Containment Booms



Photo Number: 5
Location: Middle East Entrance Ramp
Description: Clearing/Removing Vegetation



Photo Number: 6
Location: Middle East Entrance Ramp
Description: Road Clearing/Removing Vegetation



Photo Number: 7
Location: South Side Near Dam Wall and Gate
Description: Excavator Pilling Sediment near Dam



Photo Number: 8
Location: South Side of the Reservoir
Description: Front Loader Loading Sediment into Truck



Photo Number: 9
Location: South Side of the Reservoir
Description: Sediment Piles



Photo Number: 10
Location: West Side of the Reservoir
Description: Dump Trucks Lining up for Sediment Loading



Photo Number: 11
Location: South Side of the Reservoir
Description: Water Truck Spraying Reservoir to Prevent Dust



Photo Number: 12
Location: South Side of the Reservoir
Description: Grading and Shaping East Slopes



Photo Number: 13

Location: Along East Side Edge of Reservoir

Description: Channeling

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Approximately 90,000 cy of sediment was removed. Overview photographs of pre-construction, during construction, and post-construction annual maintenance of the Project are shown in Photos 14-23. During the annual maintenance phase, trucks hauling sediment accessed the reservoir from two alternative roads on the east side of Devil's Gate Reservoir, due to severe erosion that occurred at the original east access road located close to the dam. To facilitate egress for the annual sediment removal these access roads that were established during the initial sediment removal project were utilized because the areas had not yet been restored. They exited the reservoir via an upgraded access road on the western edge of Devil's Gate Dam. During all activities conducted during the maintenance sediment removal, Public Works' Standard Specifications and Construction Site Best Management Practices were implemented. The map in Figure 2 shows the project area and ramps used for the sediment removal phase of the Project.

Figure 2.

2023 Annual Maintenance Map
Devil's Gate Dam & Reservoir

Legend



Project Area



Access Ramp

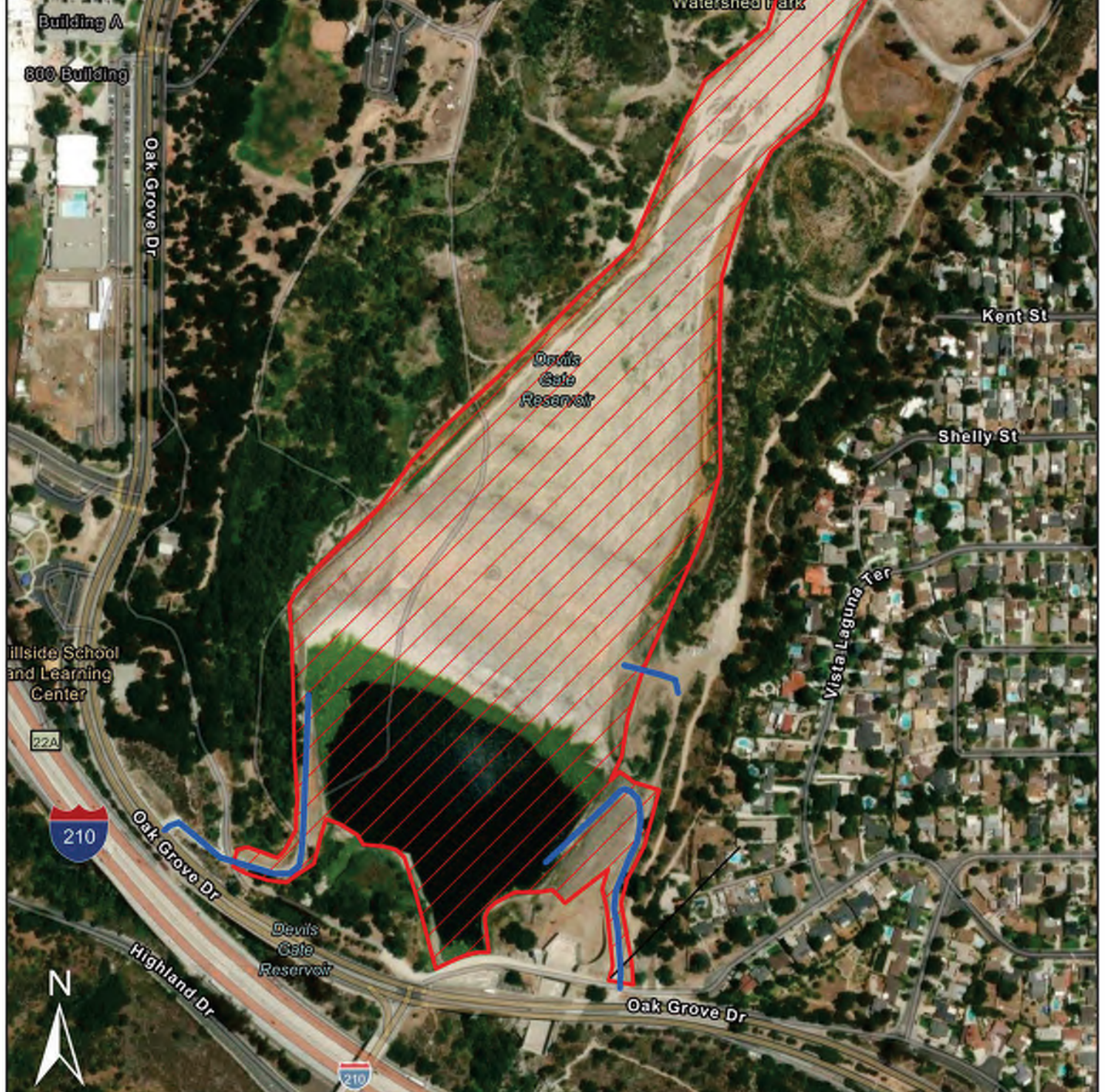




Photo Number: 14

Date: 8/14/2023

Description: Pre-Annual Maintenance Cleanout Overview



Photo Number: 15

Date: 8/14/2023

Description: Upstream Portion View Looking South



Photo Number: 16

Date: 8/23/2023

Description: Post Tropical Storm Hilary



Photo Number: 17

Date: 8/23/2023

Description: Post Tropical Storm Hilary

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Photo Number: 18

Date: 09/06/2023

Description: During Annual Maintenance Cleanout
Overview of Site



Photo Number: 19

Date: 09/06/2023

Description: Sediment Piles



Photo Number: 20

Date: 11/14/2023

Description: Post-Annual Maintenance Cleanout Overview
Project



Photo Number: 21

Date: 11/14/2023

Description: Post-Annual Maintenance Cleanout (Upstream
Portion View Looking South)



Photo Number: 22

Date: 12/28/2023

Description: Post-Storm Overview of Reservoir



Photo Number: 23

Date: 12/28/2023

Description: Post-Storm Overview of Reservoir

2.0 MITIGATION FOR TEMPORARY IMPACTS STATUS



Implementation of the initial vegetation clearing in the Initial Sediment Removal Area (ISRA) and within the clearing and grubbing limits began on November 27, 2018. The temporary impact areas include mitigation areas DG-3A, DG-7, and DG-8 plus the additional impacts that occurred around the perimeter of the ISRA (1.12 acres), at Altadena Drain (0.95 acre), and outside of the clearing and grubbing limits at Altadena Drain (0.12 acre). Mitigation area DG-9 (14.09 acres), which was originally included as a temporary impact area, was removed from the Project as a result of the legal settlement. In addition, the legal settlement required that some of the permanent impact areas be converted to temporary impact areas and episodic maintenance areas (EMA). The revised temporary impact areas include DG-3B (0.43 acre), DG-EMA West (2.00 acres), DG-EMA East (2.46 acres), and Flint Wash EMA (1.32 acres) and the details associated with these areas will be described in the permit amendment. The side slopes (7.87 acres) are also considered a temporary impact area because they will be seeded with native plant species and only impacted if large deposits of sediment cover portions of the side slopes or erosion of the side slopes occur due to storm high flows. In this case, the sediment will be removed from the side slope if needed and the native vegetation will be allowed to regrow; erosion on the side slope will be repaired and will be re-seeded. Figure 3 includes the mitigation area map and identifies the temporary impact areas.

Implementation of the restoration for the Project is scheduled to occur in four phases and these stem from the implementation schedule for the initial sediment removal phase of the Project. Figure 3, also shows the restoration phasing map, which identifies four phases of restoration. Phase 1 of the restoration was implemented in November of 2018 and was completed in February of 2020. The only temporary impact area included in Phase 1 was mitigation area DG-3A. The restoration of temporary impact areas DG-3B, DG-7, DG-8, Flint Wash EMA, side slopes, and the perimeter of the ISRA were initiated in 2022. The restoration of these areas except DG-3B, DG-7, and DG-8 took place from 2022 through June 30, 2023. However, temporary impact areas DG-3B, DG-7, and DG-8 have been included in the on-going weed abatement activities. DG-3B will be restored after the completion of West Altadena Drain Project. Temporary impact areas DG-EMA West and DG-EMA EAST will be allowed to naturally revegetate with native plant species.

The invasive plants were removed using a combination of hand-pulling, weed whips, shovels, hula hoes, and rakes. Species targeted during nonnative and invasive plant removal included, but were not limited to: perennial pepperweed (*Lepidium latifolium*), Italian thistle (*Carduus pycnocephalus*), lamb's quarters (*Chenopodium album*), curly dock (*Rumex crispus*), poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum*), black mustard (*Brassica nigra*), hairy bittercress (*Cardamine hirsute*), tocalote (*Centaurea melitensis*), riggut brome (*Bromus diandrus*), cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*), castor bean (*Ricinus communis*), scarlet pimpernel (*Lysimachia arbensis*), tree tobacco (*Nicotiana glauca*), white horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*), common stork's bill (*Erodium cicutarium*), puncture vine (*Tribulus terrestris*), tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*), Spanish broom (*Spartium junceum*), common mullein (*Verbascum thapsus*), petty spurge (*Euphorbia peplus*), short podded mustard (*Hirschfeldia incana*), prickly lettuce (*Lactuca serriola*), dwarf nettle (*Urtica urens*), barnyard grass (*Echinochloa crus-galli*), brome grass (*Bromus* sp.), and shattercane (*Sorghum* sp.). These species were removed from the DG-7, DG-8, and side slope onsite restoration areas. Photos and location of crew removing nonnative plants and weed abatement are shown in Photos 24-27 and Figure 4.

Figure 4
Location Map: Photos 24-27

Legend

-  Devils Gate Reservoir
-  Photo

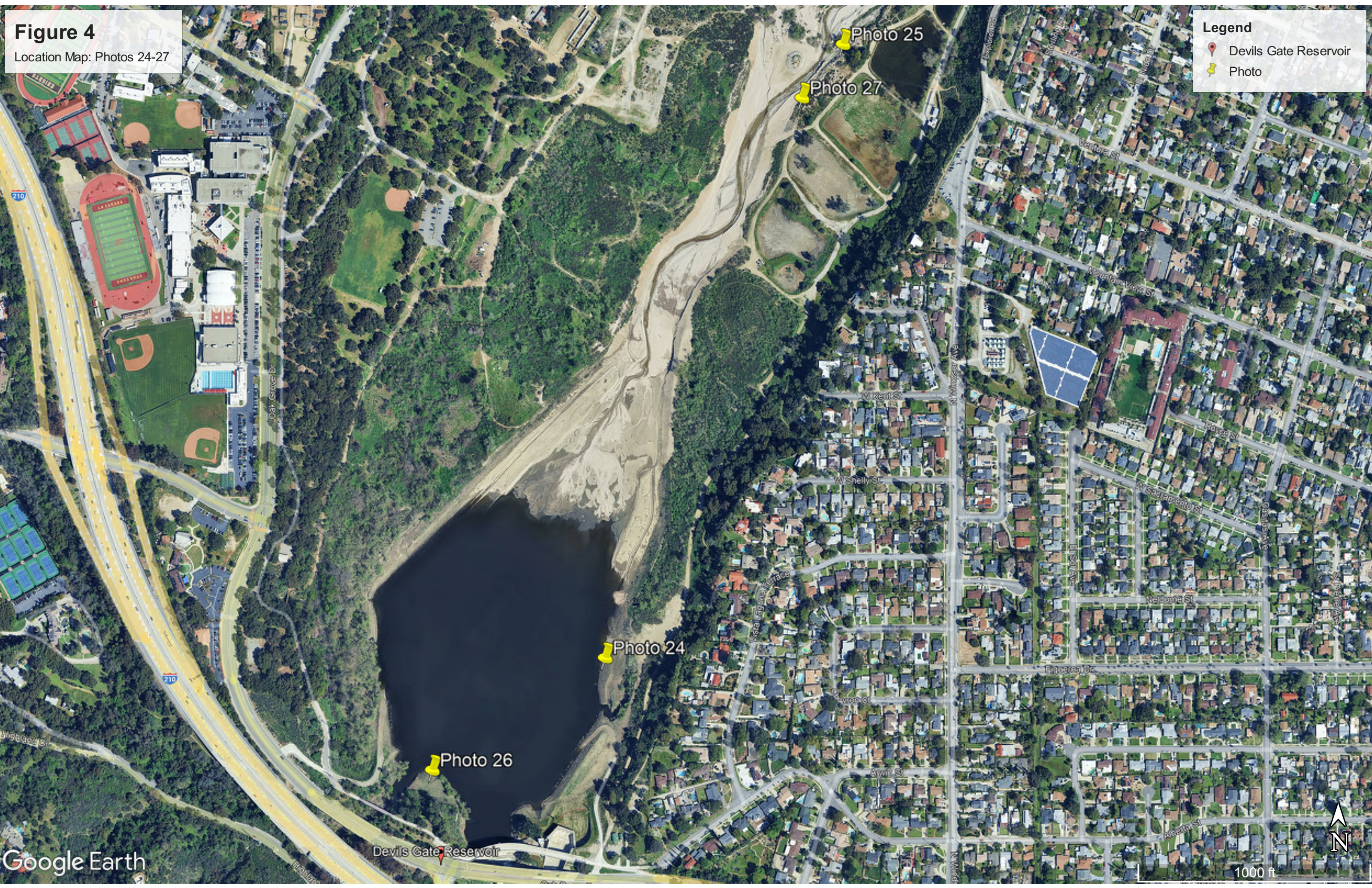




Photo Number: 24
Location: DG-3B
Description: Crew working on Weed Abatement



Photo Number: 25
Location: DG-8
Description: Crew working on Weed Abatement



Photo Number: 26
Location: Flint Wash Area
Description: Crew working on Weed Abatement



Photo Number: 27
Location: Side Slope Area
Description: Crew working on Weed Abatement

3.0 COMPENSATORY MITIGATION FOR PERMANENT IMPACTS STATUS

Part A. Permittee Responsible

Habitat restoration is being implemented to comply with the compensatory mitigation requirements in Sections X and XIV, items H and I in the Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification and Order (WDID 4WQC40115053) for the Project issued by the Los Angeles RWQCB (August 15, 2018). The 401 WQC requires the Permittee to provide 55.94 acres of onsite mitigation within Devil's Gate Reservoir and 32.2 acres of offsite mitigation (see Section 3.0, Part B of this annual report).

Implementation of the restoration for the Project is scheduled to occur in four phases and the timing of these correspond to the implementation schedule for the initial sediment removal phase of the Project.

Phase 1

Implementation of compensatory mitigation for Phase 1 of the restoration was conducted from November 2018 to February 2020 in mitigation areas DG-1, DG-1 WOUS, DG-2A, DG-2B, DG-3A, DG-4, DG-4B, DG-4C, and DG-5. Phase 1 habitat restoration area is in Year 4 (2024) of being monitored and maintained. Maintenance activities included nonnative weed abatement, supplemental planting, basin repair, and erosion control.

Nonnative plant species controlled during Year 5 included wild oat, black mustard, red brome, poison hemlock, red stemmed filaree, foxtail barely, perennial pepperweed, horehound, curly dock (*Rumex crispus*), and tamarisk (*Tamarix ramosissima*). Nonnative plant species encountered within the mitigation areas were removed using hand tools, including hula hoes, and weed whips; 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. Photos and location of crew removing nonnative plants and weed abatement progress are shown in Photos 28-36 and Figure 5.

Figure 5
Location Map: Photos 28-36

Legend

-  Devils Gate Reservoir
-  Photo





Photo Number: 28

Location: DG-1

Description: Crew working on Weed Abatement



Photo Number: 29

Location: DG-2A

Description: Crew working on Weed Abatement



Photo Number: 30

Location: DG-3A

Description: Crew working on Weed Abatement



Photo Number: 31

Location: DG-4

Description: Pre-Weeding



Photo Number: 32
Location: DG-4
Description: Post- Weeding



Photo Number: 33
Location: DG-4C
Description: Pre-Weeding



Photo Number: 34
Location: DG-4C
Description: Post- Weeding



Photo Number: 35
Location: DG-5
Description: Pre-Weeding



Photo Number: 36

Location: DG-5

Description: Post- Weeding

Native cover for the Phase 1 mitigation areas continued to show improvements during Year 4. Overall native cover (perennial plus annual) increased during Year 4 for the Coastal Sage Scrub (CSS), oak woodland, riparian, and LBVI mitigation areas. The overall native cover for the RAFSS mitigation area decreased from the Year 3 results, which was the result of heavy scouring in the channel caused by heavy storm flows during the 2022-2023 rainy season. Nonnative cover during Year 4 was higher than normal in the riparian habitat and likely a result of increased rainfall during the 2022-2023 rainy season. Table 1 summarizes native (perennial/annual) and nonnative cover data for the mitigation areas. Map showing transect lines are shown in Attachment A.

Table 1. Phase 1 - Percent Native/Nonnative Cover Mitigation Areas						
Transect and Transect Length	Vegetation Type	Year 1 (%)	Year 2 (%)	Year 3 (%)	Year 4 (%)	Year 5 (%)
Riversidean Alluvial Fan Sage Scrub (RAFSS)						
DG-1 WOUS Transect 1 (35 m)	Perennial	45.0	46.4	25.0	0.0	
	Annual	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	
	Nonnative	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	Invasive ²	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	
RAFSS Overall³	Perennial	45.0	46.4	25.0	0.0	
	Annual	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0	
	Nonnative	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	Invasive²	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	
Coastal Sage Scrub (CSS)						
DG-1 Transect 1 (45 m)	Perennial	55.6	54.4	49.4	55.6	
	Annual	0.0	0.0	5.0	6.7	
	Nonnative	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	Invasive ²	3.3	2.2	0.0	0.0	
DG-1 Transect 2 (50 m)	Perennial	35.5	57.0	44.7	39.7	
	Annual	14.1	2.5	11.3	16.8	
	Nonnative	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	Invasive ²	7.7	3.5	0.0	2.5	
DG-1 Transect 3 (50 m)	Perennial	64.1	55.5	59.5	58.3	
	Annual	0.0	3.0	6.5	7.2	
	Nonnative	1.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	
	Invasive ²	7.9	1.4	0.0	1.5	
DG-4 Transect 1 (50 m)	Perennial	39.0	61.8	88.2	98.7	
	Annual	5.0	16.8	8.8	0.8	
	Nonnative	1.5	0.0	2.0	1.0	
	Invasive ²	5.5	4.3	0.0	1.0	

Table 1. Percent Native/Nonnative Cover Mitigation Areas						
Transect and Transect Length	Vegetation Type	Year 1 (%)	Year 2 (%)	Year 3 (%)	Year 4 (%)	Year 5 (%)
DG-4 Transect 2 (40 m)	Perennial	10.0	44.4	53.8	54.1	
	Annual	0.0	0.0	1.3	16.3	
	Nonnative	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	Invasive ²	5.0	1.9	0.0	1.9	
CSS Overall³	Perennial	40.8	54.6	59.1	61.3	
	Annual	3.8	4.5	6.6	9.5	
	Nonnative	0.9	0.1	0.4	0.2	
	Invasive²	5.9	3.0	0.0	1.3	
Coast Live Oak Woodland						
DG-3A Transect 1 (20 m)	Perennial	26.7	48.3	61.3	70.4	
	Annual	26.3	13.0	11.3	7.0	
	Nonnative	11.0	2.7	0.0	0.0	
	Invasive ²	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.0	
DG-3A Transect 2 (25 m)	Perennial	18.3	51.3	52.3	81.8	
	Annual	24.7	16.7	19.7	8.1	
	Nonnative	17.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	
	Invasive ²	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	
Coast Live Oak Woodland Overall³	Perennial	22.5	49.8	56.8	76.1	
	Annual	25.5	14.8	15.5	7.6	
	Nonnative	14.0	1.8	0.0	0.0	
	Invasive²	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	
Riparian						
DG-3A Transect 3 (20 m)	Perennial	15.0	25.0	31.3	40.0	
	Annual	15.0	27.5	16.3	5.0	
	Nonnative	10.0	2.5	0.0	0.0	
	Invasive ²	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
DG-3A Transect 4 ⁴ (10 m)	Perennial	57.5	90.9	NA	NA	
	Annual	7.5	0.0	NA	NA	
	Nonnative	5.0	0.0	NA	NA	
	Invasive ²	0.0	9.2	NA	NA	
DG-4 Transect 4 (30 m)	Perennial	33.3	70.8	76.4	79.1	
	Annual	19.2	4.2	20.3	6.6	
	Nonnative	0.0	0.0	2.5	0.0	
	Invasive ²	4.2	3.3	2.5	4.1	
DG-4 Transect 8 (30 m)	Perennial	21.9	35.0	46.4	58.3	
	Annual	5.8	0.0	18.6	23.6	
	Nonnative	10.6	1.7	1.4	10.0	
	Invasive ²	0.0	0.0	0.6	1.3	
Riparian Overall³	Perennial	31.9	55.4	51.3	59.1	
	Annual	11.9	7.9	18.4	11.7	

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Table 1. Percent Native/Nonnative Cover Mitigation Areas						
Transect and Transect Length	Vegetation Type	Year 1 (%)	Year 2 (%)	Year 3 (%)	Year 4 (%)	Year 5 (%)
	Nonnative	6.4	1.0	1.3	3.3	
	Invasive ²	1.1	3.1	1.0	1.8	
Least Bell's Vireo (LBVI)						
DG-2A Transect 1 (20 m)	Perennial	32.5	35.0	65.0	89.5	
	Annual	35.0	20.0	7.5	10.4	
	Nonnative	0.0	1.25	1.3	0.0	
	Invasive ²	5.0	6.25	1.3	0.0	
DG-2A Transect 2 (20 m)	Perennial	7.5	22.5	50.0	61.3	
	Annual	42.5	27.5	2.5	11.6	
	Nonnative	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	Invasive ²	7.5	2.5	0.0	2.0	
DG-2B Transect 1 (20 m)	Perennial	9.2	46.3	86.3	83.7	
	Annual	60	18.8	1.3	5.0	
	Nonnative	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	Invasive ²	5.0	0.0	0.0	3.7	
DG-2B Transect 2 (20 m)	Perennial	15.7	31.7	54.6	89.1	
	Annual	55.0	42.1	35.4	3.3	
	Nonnative	0.7	0.0	0.0	2.5	
	Invasive ²	6.7	3.8	0.0	0.0	
DG-4 Transect 3 (25 m)	Perennial	33.0	52.0	69.4	83.7	
	Annual	0.0	0.0	4.6	6.2	
	Nonnative	0.0	0.0	3.7	0.0	
	Invasive ²	13.0	8.0	3.7	2.5	
DG-4 Transect 5 (40 m)	Perennial	25.6	30.0	53.8	52.7	
	Annual	8.8	0.0	0.0	1.0	
	Nonnative	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	Invasive ²	4.4	1.3	0.0	3.7	
DG-4 Transect 6 (25 m)	Perennial	49.0	64.0	87.0	92.0	
	Annual	3.0	1.0	5.0	7.0	
	Nonnative	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	Invasive ²	2.0	5.0	0.0	1.0	
DG-4 Transect 7 (30 m)	Perennial	22.8	48.9	77.8	89.4	
	Annual	13.9	11.1	7.2	6.9	
	Nonnative	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	Invasive ²	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	
DG-4B Transect 1 (25 m)	Perennial	34.0	55.7	72.0	72.0	
	Annual	6.0	9.3	4.0	3.3	
	Nonnative	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	
	Invasive ²	2.0	4.0	0.0	2.6	
DG-4B Transect 2 (25 m)	Perennial	39.0	54.3	69.3	91.3	
	Annual	5.0	13.7	10.7	5.0	

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	Nonnative	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	
	Invasive ²	4.0	1.0	0.0	1.6	
DG-4C Transect 1 (25 m)	Perennial	12.0	15.0	27.3	57.3	
	Annual	39.0	51.0	54.7	32.6	
	Nonnative	13.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	
	Invasive ²	2.0	0.0	3.0	0.0	
DG-4C Transect 2 (25 m)	Perennial	29.0	30.0	54.0	61.2	
	Annual	21.0	10.0	12.0	23.0	
	Nonnative	0.0	0.0	5.0	0.0	
	Invasive ²	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6	
DG-5 Transect 1 (25 m)	Perennial	27.0	47.8	88.3	92.9	
	Annual	5.0	45.6	1.7	0.8	
	Nonnative	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
	Invasive ²	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.9	
LBVI Overall³	Perennial	25.9	41.0	65.8	78.1	
	Annual	22.6	19.2	11.3	8.9	
	Nonnative	1.1	0.3	1.2	0.1	
	Invasive²	4.0	2.4	0.7	1.9	

¹To be determined.

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.

⁴Could not be assessed due to inaccessibility around Altadena Drain

As native cover increases and nonnative seed banks are depleted from continual weed abatement, it is expected that nonnative weed cover will continue to decrease during future monitoring years. It should be noted that due to inaccessibility at Altadena Drain, Transect 4 for DG-3A could not be assessed during the Year 4 monitoring event. Permanent photo points were established during the Year 1 botanical monitoring and have been used for subsequent monitoring years to document the progress of the mitigation areas. Photo documentation completed during botanical monitoring in 2023 is included in Attachment B.

Container plants installed in Phase 1 mitigation areas DG-2A, DG-2B, DG-3A, DG-4, DG-4B, DG-4C, and DG-5 are healthy and are becoming well established. Out of the 13,542 container plants installed during Phase 1 of restoration activities and during supplemental planting, approximately 12,601 container plants were noted as still alive during Year 4. This is a 93.1 percent survivorship, which is approximately 13.1 percent higher than the performance standard. In addition, additional supplemental planting is anticipated to occur during the fall/winter of 2023/2024. Table 2 presents the container plants planted, mortalities, and survivorship percentage for the mitigation area.

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Table 2. Phase 1 - Container Plant Survivorship						
Mitigation Area	Container Plants	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
DG-2A	Number Planted	120	120 ²	120 ²	120 ²	
	Number of Mortalities	8	0	0	0	
	Survivorship (%) ¹	93.3	93.3	93.3	93.3	
DG-2B	Number Planted	456	456 ²	456 ²	456 ²	
	Number of Mortalities	24	0	0	2	
	Survivorship (%) ¹	94.7	94.7	94.7	94.3	
DG-3A	Number Planted	687	687 ²	687 ²	687 ²	
	Number of Mortalities	172	12	4	6	
	Survivorship (%) ¹	74.9	73.2	72.6	71.8	
DG-4	Number Planted	10,581	10,581 ²	10,581 ²	10,753 ²	
	Number of Mortalities	514	51	6	8	
	Survivorship (%) ¹	95.1	94.7	94.6	94.6	
DG-4B	Number Planted	648	648 ²	648 ²	648 ²	
	Number of Mortalities	22	0	3	0	
	Survivorship (%) ¹	96.6	96.6	96.1	96.1	
DG-4C	Number Planted	542	542 ²	542 ²	566 ²	
	Number of Mortalities	44	10	3	0	
	Survivorship (%) ¹	91.9	90.0	89.5	89.9	
DG-5	Number Planted	312	312 ²	312 ²	312 ²	
	Number of Mortalities	46	0	0	6	
	Survivorship (%) ¹	85.3	85.3	85.3	83.3	
Overall	Number Planted	13,346	13,346²	13,346²	13,542²	
	Number of Mortalities	830	73	16	22	
	Survivorship (%)¹	93.7	93.2	93.1	93.1	

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.

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Formal mortality counts were taken during the Year 1 botanical monitoring event and supplemental planting for the Phase 1 mitigation areas occurred for select locations during the Phase 3 implementation effort in the spring of 2023. During the supplemental planting effort, a total of 107 container plants and 65 stakes were installed in the DG-4 mitigation area and a total of 11 container plants and 13 stakes were installed in the DG-4C mitigation area. All the other Phase 1 mitigation areas had sufficient survival rates and did not require supplemental planting. Container plant survivorship for 2023 (Year 4) is 93.1%.

The irrigation for the Phase 1 areas was terminated in February of 2023 according to Section 4.6 in the Final Habitat Restoration Plan (HRP) and therefore irrigation maintenance was not performed for the Phase 1 areas during Year 4.

Only minor erosion control for the mitigation areas was implemented during 2023 and has continued through 2024. Erosion of plant basins was addressed during regular maintenance activities. LACPW is working on design plans to redirect high intensity flows to the Reservoir and repair the erosion in DG-3A; however, this work is still in the planning stage and was not implemented during Year 4.

Phase 2

Implementation of habitat mitigation for Phase 2 was conducted between December 2020 and May 2021 in mitigation areas DG-W-1 (Johnson Field), DG-2, DG-2 New Channels, DG-2 WOUS, DG-W-2 (Mining Pit), DG-W-2 Outlet, DG-4 Sheet Flow (northern), and DG-SF-1. Other areas that were initially included in Phase 2 include DG-4 Sheet Flow (southern), DG-4 WOUS, DG-4 Drainage, and DG-SF-2; however, due to the dynamic nature of these areas and/or uncertainty of hydrologic conditions prior to the completion of sediment removal for the Project, these areas were not planted or seeded during Phase 2. These areas were included in the Phase 2 weed abatement activities and a portion of DG-4 WOUS was included in the Phase 2 grading and recontouring effort. Implementation of habitat mitigation is being conducted according to the (HRP) for the Project, which addresses the impact areas associated with the Project and the on-site compensatory mitigation areas at the Project site.

Phase 2 – Year 3 (2023) habitat restoration maintenance activities 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.

Nonnative plant species controlled included wild oat, black mustard, red brome, poison hemlock, red stemmed filaree, foxtail barely, perennial pepperweed, and horehound. Nonnative plant species encountered within the mitigation areas during 2023 were removed using hand tools, including hula hoes, and weed whips. All planting basins were hand-weeded to avoid damage from mechanical tools. 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. If weeds had formed flowers or seeds prior to removal, the maintenance crew carefully contained the removed material to reduce the spread of seeds. Crew removing nonnative plants and weed abatement progress are shown in Photos 37-42 and location in Figure 6.

Location Map: Photos 37-42

Devils Gate Reservoir

Photo 37

1000 ft





Photo Number: 37
Location: DG-W-1 (Johnson Field)
Description: Crew working on non-native vegetation removal



Photo Number: 38
Location: Johnson Field
Description: Crew working on non-native vegetation removal



Photo Number: 39
Location: DG-2
Description: Pre- Weed Abatement



Photo Number: 40
Location: DG-2
Description: Post-Weed Abatement



Photo Number: 41

Location: DG-W-2 mining pit

Description: Pre- Weed Abatement



Photo Number: 42

Location: DG-W-2 mining pit

Description: Post-Weed Abatement

Native cover for the Phase 2 mitigation areas showed improvements during 2023 (Year 3). Nonnative cover increased in Year 3 and was result of increased rain during the 2022-2023 rainy season that promoted nonnative cover. Even with the increase in nonnative cover during Year 3, nonnative cover still remained low throughout the year. Table 3 summarizes native (perennial/annual) and nonnative cover data for the mitigation areas. Map showing transect lines are shown in Attachment C.

Table 3. Phase 2 - Percent Native/Nonnative Cover Mitigation Areas						
Transect and Transect Length	Vegetation Type	Year (%)				
		1	2	3	4 ¹	5 ¹
Least Bell's Vireo (LBVI)						
DG-W-1 (Johnson Field) Transect 1 (100 m)	Perennial	6.5	53.0	73.2		
	Annual	3.5	24.4	18.3		
	Nonnative	1.5	0.0	2.1		
	Invasive ²	0.0	0.0	0.0		
DG-W-1 (Johnson Field) Transect 2 (100 m)	Perennial	8.8	98.0	81.5		
	Annual	1.0	9.0	12.0		
	Nonnative	2.7	0.0	0.5		
	Invasive ²	0.0	0.0	1.3		
DG-W-1 (Johnson Field) Transect 3 (100 m)	Perennial	8.5	63.5	86.0		
	Annual	5.5	3.0	9.0		
	Nonnative	2.0	0.0	1.8		
	Invasive ²	0.0	0.0	1.3		
DG-2 Transect 1 (25 m)	Perennial	8.3	54.2	67.3		
	Annual	0.0	13.7	16.6		
	Nonnative	1.7	1.8	0.0		
	Invasive ²	3.3	1.8	0.0		
DG-2 Transect 2 (20 m)	Perennial	99.3	98.3	75.0		
	Annual	0.0	0.0	1.6		
	Nonnative	0.0	0.0	0.0		
	Invasive ²	0.7	0.0	0.8		
DG-2 Transect 3 (40 m)	Perennial	5.6	58.8	92.5		
	Annual	11.9	18.8	4.3		
	Nonnative	1.2	0.0	0.0		
	Invasive ²	6.2	0.0	3.1		
DG-2 New Channels Transect 1 (30 m)	Perennial	24.3	89.6	80.4		
	Annual	7.1	5.4	11.2		
	Nonnative	0.0	0.8	0.0		
	Invasive ²	2.9	0.8	0.5		

Table 3. Percent Native/Nonnative Cover Mitigation Areas						
Transect and Transect Length	Vegetation Type	Year (%)				
		1	2	3	4	5
DG-2 New Channels Transect 2 (25 m)	Perennial	15.3	97.2	98.3		
	Annual	12.0	2.0	1.0		
	Nonnative	2.7	0.0	0.0		
	Invasive ²	0.0	0.0	0.6		
DG-2 WOUS Transect 1 (25 m)	Perennial	17.0	62.1	89.3		
	Annual	41.0	22.9	9.0		
	Nonnative	0.0	3.6	0.0		
	Invasive ²	8.0	0.7	1.6		
DG-2 WOUS Transect 2 (25 m)	Perennial	11.0	87.0	100.0		
	Annual	9.0	7.0	0.0		
	Nonnative	0.0	0.0	0.0		
	Invasive ²	4.0	4.0	0.0		
DG-W-2 (Mining Pit) Transect 1 (70 m)	Perennial	49.7	68.1	42.7		
	Annual	0.0	10.0	30.0		
	Nonnative	0.0	0.6	1.7		
	Invasive ²	0.9	0.6	2.5		
DG-W-2 (Mining Pit) Transect 2 (75 m)	Perennial	29.3	63.3	66.0		
	Annual	4.0	4.7	22.0		
	Nonnative	0.0	0.0	0.0		
	Invasive ²	0.0	0.0	0.3		
DG-W-2 Outlet Transect 1 (20 m)	Perennial	42.0	65.8	36.6		
	Annual	0.0	24.2	40.0		
	Nonnative	0.0	0.0	0.0		
	Invasive ²	0.0	0.0	0.8		
DG-W-2 Outlet Transect 2 (20 m)	Perennial	23.0	63.8	63.7		
	Annual	0.0	11.3	26.2		
	Nonnative	0.0	2.5	0.0		
	Invasive ²	1.0	2.5	0.0		
LBVI Overall³	Perennial	24.9	69.6	75.2		
	Annual	6.8	9.9	14.4		
	Nonnative	0.8	0.6	0.4		
	Invasive²	1.9	0.8	0.9		

¹To be determined.²Invasive designation refers to nonnative plant species that have a Cal-IPC invasive plant rating of Moderate or High threat to wildlands.³Average of all transects.

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As native cover increases and nonnative seed banks are depleted from continual weed abatement, it is expected that nonnative weed cover will continue to decrease during future monitoring years. Photo documentation completed during botanical monitoring in 2023 is included in Attachment D.

Container plants installed in Phase 2 mitigation areas DG-2, DG-2 Waters of the U.S., DG-2 New Channels, DG-W-1 (Johnson Field), DG-W-2 (Mining Pit), DG-W-2 Outlet, DG-4 Sheet Flow and DG-SF-1 are healthy and was noted as being mostly good throughout the year. Out of the 11,440 container plants installed during Phase 2 of restoration activities, approximately 11,238 container plants survived during 2023 (Year 3). The overall survivorship percentage for container plants in the Phase 2 restoration areas was 98.2 percent. Table 4 presents the container plants planted, mortalities, and survivorship percentage for the mitigation area.

Table 4. Phase 2 - Container Plant Survivorship						
Mitigation Area	Container Plants	Year				
		1	2	3	4	5
DG-2/DG-2 Waters of the U.S./DG-2 New Channels	Number Planted	4,646	4,646	4,646		
	Number of Mortalities	65	13	0		
	Survivorship (%) ¹	98.7	98.3	98.3		
DG-W-1 (Johnson Field)	Number Planted	3,989	3,989	3,989		
	Number of Mortalities	22	21	7		
	Survivorship (%) ¹	99.4	98.9	98.7		
DG-W-2 (Mining Pit)	Number Planted	1,958	1,958	1,958		
	Number of Mortalities	25	29	5		
	Survivorship (%) ¹	98.7	97.2	96.9		
DG-W-2 Outlet	Number Planted	525	525	525		
	Number of Mortalities	4	2	9		
	Survivorship (%) ¹	99.2	98.9	97.1		
DG-4 Sheet Flow/ DG-SF-1	Number Planted	322	322	322		
	Number of Mortalities	0	0	0		
	Survivorship (%) ¹	100	100	100		
Overall	Number Planted	11,440	11,440	11,440		
	Number of Mortalities	116	65	21		
	Survivorship (%) ¹	99.0	98.4	98.2		

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.

Supplemental planting for the mitigation areas did not occur during 2023 of restoration activities. Formal mortality counts were taken during the 2023 botanical monitoring event and supplemental planting is anticipated to occur during the fall/winter of 2023/2024 in select locations.

During Year 3, the irrigation system was inspected for functionality on a regular basis 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. The present irrigation system and planting basin being maintained by the restoration crew are shown in Photos 43-44 and location in Figure 7.

During Phase 2, only minor erosion control for the mitigation areas was necessary during 2023. Moderate to significant erosion occurred in the DG-2 mitigation area due to heavy rainfall that occurred between October 2022 and February 2023. Repairs to the side slopes below DG-2 were conducted in the fall of 2023 and these areas will be replanted and/or reseeded during the fall/winter of 2023/2024. Maintenance of the container plant basins was conducted on an as-needed basis.

Figure 7
Location Map: Photos 42-43

Legend

-  Devils Gate Reservoir
-  Photo





Photo Number: 43
Location: DG-W-2 (Mining Pit)
Description: Irrigation System Maintenance



Photo Number: 44
Location: DG-W-1 (Johnson Field)
Description: Irrigation System Maintenance

Phase 3

Implementation of habitat mitigation for Phase 3 was conducted between December 2020 and January 2024. Phase 3 of the restoration implementation included portions of DG-4 WOUS, DG-4 WOUS Connections, DG-4A, Tire Wash, Flint Wash, and Side Slopes. Several of the Phase 3 mitigation areas required surface grading and recontouring prior to planting and seeding. A total of four vegetation communities were included in the Phase 3 habitat restoration effort including Mulefat Thickets (*Baccharis salicifolia* Shrubland Alliance), Black Willow Thickets (*Salix gooddingii* Woodland Alliance), California Sagebrush – California Buckwheat Scrub (*Artemisia californica* – *Eriogonum fasciculatum* Shrubland Alliance), and Scale Broom Scrub (*Lepidospartum squamatum* Shrubland Alliance).

Phase 3 habitat restoration area is currently in Year 1 (2024) of being monitored and maintained. Ongoing maintenance activities include nonnative weed abatement, native plant survival, and irrigation system maintenance. In addition, maintenance has been performed for minor pest control, erosion control, and vandalism.

Nonnative plant species currently being controlled include black mustard, red, poison hemlock, red-stemmed filaree, foxtail barely, perennial pepperweed, and horehound. Nonnative plant species encountered within the mitigation areas are currently being removed using hand-pulling, weed whips, and hula hoes. 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. Crew removing nonnative plants and weed abatement are shown in Photos 45-54 and location in Figure 8. Native cover percentage for the Phase 3 mitigation areas during 2024 (Year 1) are still pending the Phase 3 Year 1 Annual Monitoring Report.

Phase 3 plant installation effort was commenced on August 10, 2022 and was completed on April 28, 2023 a total of 4,124 four-inch container plants and a total of 4,967 cuttings were installed in the DG-4 WOUS, DG-4 WOUS Connections, and DG-4A mitigation areas. In addition, a total of 81 1-gallon container plants were installed in the Tire Wash mitigation area. Container plants and stakes were not installed in the Side Slopes or Flint Wash mitigation areas; however, these areas were included in the weed removal effort and seeding effort. The container plants planted, mortalities, and survivorship percentage for the mitigation area results are still pending the Phase 3 Year 1 Annual Monitoring Report.

A temporary aboveground poly-tube irrigation system with drip emitters was installed in the Phase 3 mitigation areas. 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. The present irrigation system and planting basin being maintained by the restoration crew are shown in Photos 55-58 and location in Figure 9.

Upon completion of the initial weed abatement effort, the initial seeding process, which consisted of broadcast seeding and hydroseeding, commenced on March 31, 2022. Due to timing and access constraints, all of the Phase 3 mitigation areas could not be seeded during the initial effort. The follow-up seeding for the Phase 3 areas began on November 21, 2023, and covered DG-4 WOUS, DG-4 WOUS Connections, DG-4A, the Tire Wash, Flint Wash, and the remaining Side Slopes. Follow up seeding in 2023 for Phase 3 are shown in Photos 59-64 and location in Figure 10.

As of June 17, 2024, portions of the Side Slopes that were previously noted as having significant erosion that occurred as a result of heavy rainfall during the 2023 wet season and following the tropical storm that occurred in late August 2023 were noted as having been repaired and were included in the supplemental seeding effort which was completed in November of 2023. As more perennial plants become established on the Side Slopes, erosion should become less of an issue.

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The future phase will include a redesign of the Altadena Drain outlet, which will result in some changes to the restoration of mitigation areas DG-3A and DG-3B. Implementation of future phases is scheduled for 2026 and separate as-built reports will be prepared for those phases.

Figure 8
Location Map: Photos 45-54

Legend

-  Devils Gate Reservoir
-  Photo





Photo Number: 45

Location: Flint Wash Area

Description: Crew working on Weed Abatement



Photo Number: 46

Location: Flint Wash Area

Description: Crew working on Weed Abatement



Photo Number: 47

Location: Tire Wash Area

Description: Pre-Weeding



Photo Number: 48

Location: Tire Wash Area

Description: Post-Weeding



Photo Number: 49
Location: Side Slope Area
Description: Invasive Species Removal

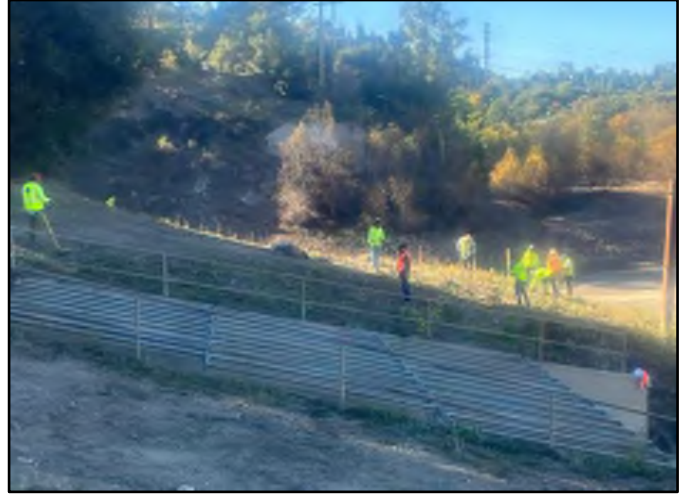


Photo Number: 50
Location: Side Slope Area
Description: Invasive Species Removal



Photo Number: 51
Location: Side Slope Area
Description: Invasive Species Removal



Photo Number: 52
Location: Side Slope Area
Description: Invasive Species Removal



Photo Number: 53
Location: DG-4 WOUS
Description: Pre-Weeding



Photo Number: 54
Location: DG-4 WOUS
Description: Post-Weeding

Figure 9
Location Map: Photos 55-58

Legend



-  Devils Gate Reservoir
-  Photo





Photo Number: 55

Location: DG-4A Area

Description: Crew working on irrigation Maintenance



Photo Number: 56

Location: DG-4 WOUS Connections Area

Description: Crew Working on Vegetation Removal



Photo Number: 57

Location: DG-4A Area

Description: Crew Working on Vegetation Removal



Photo Number: 58

Location: DG-4A Area

Description: Vegetation Removal Along Irrigation

Figure 10
Location Map: Photos 59-64

Legend

-  Devils Gate Reservoir
-  Photo





Photo Number: 59
Location: Flint Wash Area
Description: Crew Hydroseeding Area



Photo Number: 60
Location: Side Slope Area
Description: Crew Hydroseeding Area



Photo Number: 61
Location: Side Slope Area
Description: Hydroseeding



Photo Number: 62
Location: DG-4A Area
Description: Crew Hand seeding Area



Photo Number: 63
Location: DG-4A Area
Description: Crew Hand Seeding Area



Photo Number: 64
Location: DG-4A
Description: Crew Seeding and Raking in Seed

Part B. Mitigation Bank or In-Lieu Fee

A purchase agreement was signed with Land Veritas Corp, the bank Sponsor of Petersen Ranch Mitigation Bank. Proof of purchase of credit types and quantities is included in Attachment E – Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Mitigation Values.

The Mitigation Site is located approximately 32 miles north of the Impact Site within the agency approved Petersen Ranch Mitigation Bank shown in Figure 11. Habitat restoration and enhancement activities were completed in April 2019 and included the planting of over 10,000 willow and mulefat live stakes and installation of cattle exclusion fencing.

The offsite mitigation site was monitored and maintained by WRA. The mitigation site is in Year 5 of being monitored and maintained, it is in its final year. Maintenance includes inspecting the following: signs of erosion, condition of cattle exclusion fencing, irrigation, and non-native invasive plants. Results from the 2024 annual monitoring reports are completed and finalized at the end of the year, therefore it will not be included in this reporting period.

In 2023 (Year 4), there was no indications of erosion observed in the mitigation site. The fence remains intact, and no major repairs were required, and cattle have been successfully excluded from the mitigation site. Continuous irrigation of the Mitigation Site ended in the Fall of 2022. Maintenance of the irrigation system will continue as needed, which includes system flushes and vegetation management in the immediate vicinity of control mechanisms. Irrigation will not be renewed during the interim management period unless there is major risk of mass mortality among the planted mulefat and willow. During the Long-Term Management Period, irrigation will continue on an as-needed basis.

Several non-native invasive plant species of concern were observed and were rapidly treated, removed, and a management plan was created to prevent their establishment and spread. The species observed within the mitigation site were three California Invasive Plant Council (Cal-IPC) high grasses (red brome, cheatgrass, and medusahead [*Elmys caputmedusae*]), and Broad-leaved species (Perennial pepperweed). In addition, other non-native invasive plant species of regional or local concern were also present within the Mitigation Site, which included three Cal-IPC Moderate species (ripgut brome, bull thistle [*Cirsium vulgare*] and short-pod mustard [*Hirschfeldia incana*]), one Cal-IPC Limited species (horehound [*Marrubium vulgare*]), and one unrated broad-leaved species (annual yellow sweetclover [*Melilotus indicus*]).

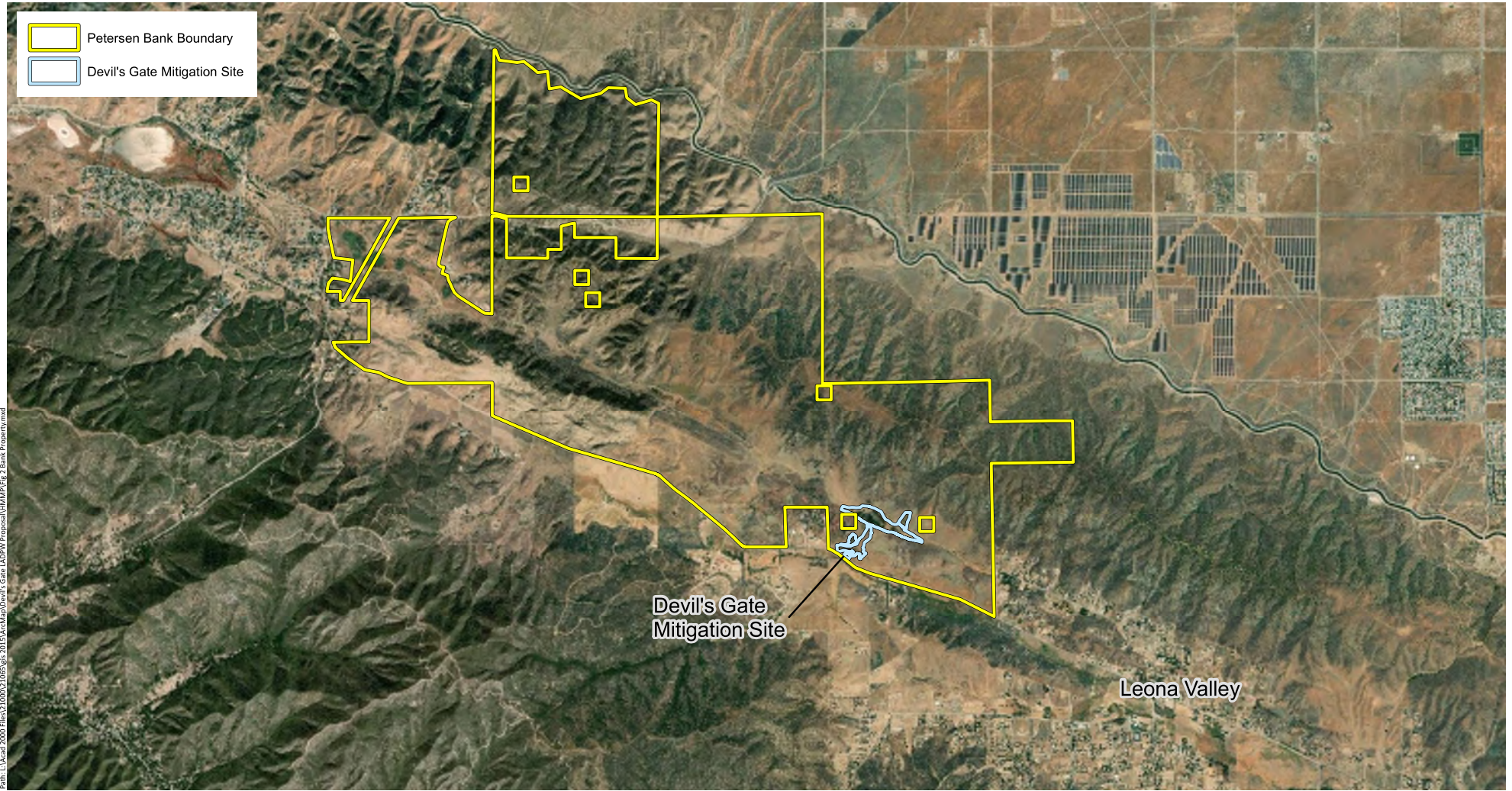
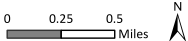


Figure 11. Bank Property Map

Petersen Ranch Mitigation Bank
 Los Angeles County, California



Year 4 monitoring activities were completed at the Mitigation Site in July 2023. The Mitigation Site planting areas were monitored using four permanent transects. The permanent 50-meter transects established within planting areas; DG1, DG2, DG3, and DG4 are shown in Figure 12. Planting areas were monitored for cover and survivorship of willow and mulefat plantings and cover of Cal-IPC High-rated broad-leaved invasive species ("invasive weeds"). The performance monitoring results for the absolute cover and survivorship within the mitigation site are shown in Table 5 and 6.

Table 5. Off-Site - Year 4 Performance Monitoring Results – Absolute Cover of Mulefat & Willow and Absolute Cover of Non-Native Invasive Broad-Leaved Plant Species within the Mitigation Site

Performance Metric	DG1	DG2	DG3	DG4	Average	Year 4 Performance	Year 4 Performance Standard met?
Mulefat and Willow Total Absolute Cover	79%	24%	50%	20%	43%	>40%	Yes
Cal-IPC High Cover*	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	<10%	Yes
*Broad-leaved plant species rated High per Cal-IPC (grasses excluded)							

Table 6. Off-Site - Year 4 UAV Multispectral Analysis Results – Vegetation Absolute Cover of Mulefat & Willow

Cover Type	Acres of Vegetation Absolute Cover	Percent of Absolute Cover
Native Wetland and Riparian Vegetation and Waters	19.70	86%
Native Wetland Vegetation	1.85	8%
California bullrush (<i>Schoenoplectus californicus</i>)	1.39	6%
Mexican Rush (<i>Juncus mexicanus</i>)	0.46	2%
Native Riparian Vegetation	17.85	77%
Desert olive (<i>Forestiera pubescens</i>)	0.18	1%
Fremont cottonwood (<i>Populus fremontii</i>)	1.97	8%
Mulefat (<i>Baccharis salicifolia</i>)	14.91	64%
Willow (<i>Salix</i> spp.)	0.79	3%
Waters	0.23	1%
Open Water	0.23	1%
Other	3.33	14%

The Year 4 performance standard states, "The planting areas must contain 40% or more absolute cover of mulefat and willow". Year 4 annual monitoring revealed the average combined cover of mulefat and willow across the Mitigation Site is 43% (Table 5) and 67% using the UAV multispectral analysis (Table 6), which both surpass the Year 4 performance standard. The Mitigation Site is meeting the Year 4 performance standard for absolute cover of mulefat and willow.

Photos 65-72 show the progress observed at the mitigation site both prior to and following the habitat restoration and enhancement efforts. Attachment F includes more details and information regarding the performance

monitoring and species list observed at the offsite mitigation site.

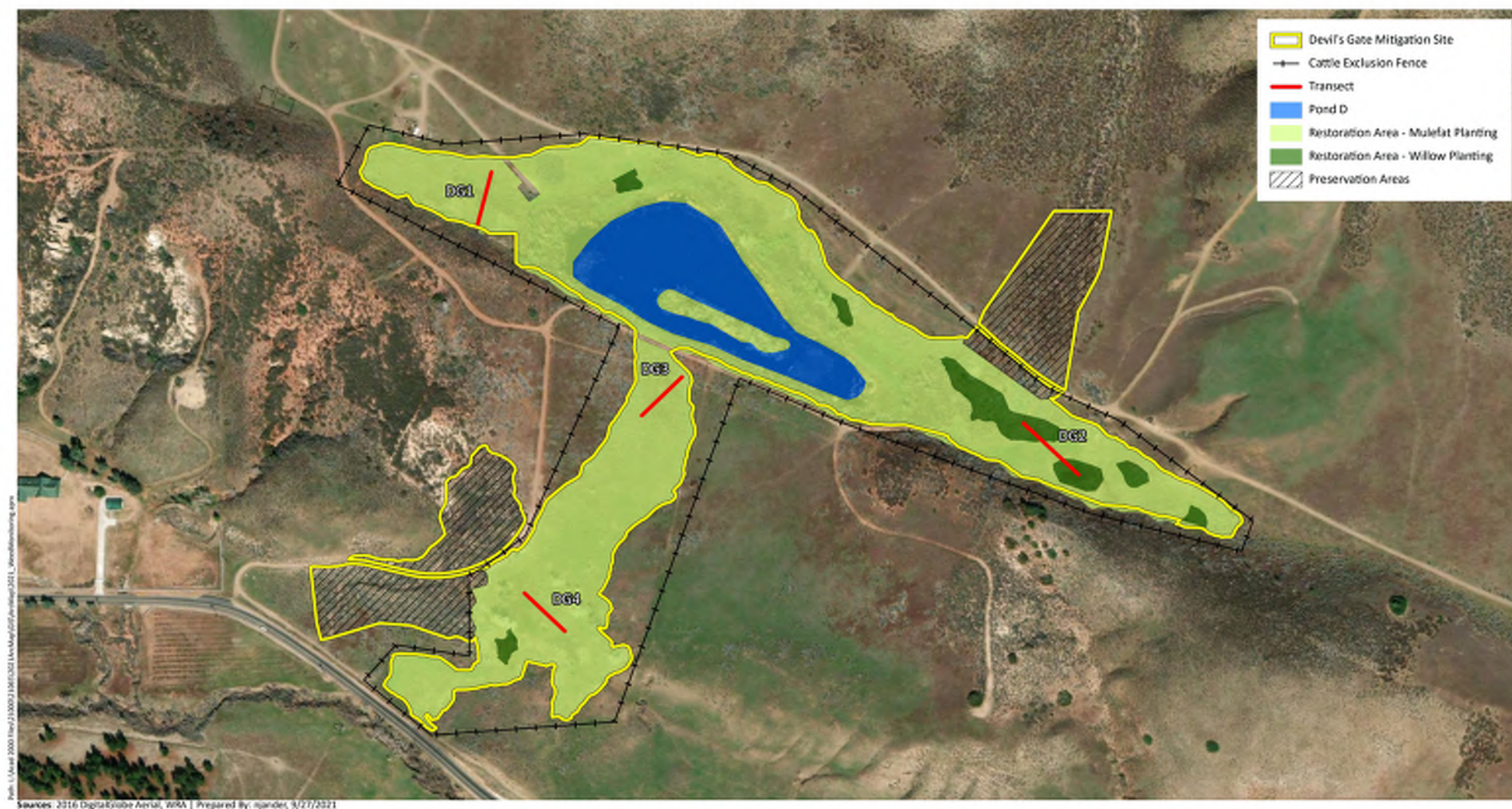


Figure 12. Mitigation Site Monitoring Locations

Petersen Ranch Mitigation Bank
Los Angeles County, California

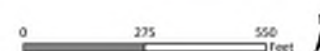




Photo Number: 65

Date: 7/29/2022

Description: Western lobe of Mitigation Site looking to the Northwest.



Photo Number: 66

Date: 7/26/2023

Description: Western lobe of Mitigation Site looking to the Northwest.



Photo Number: 67

Date: 7/29/2022

Description: Northern section of the Mitigation Site looking to the Northeast.



Photo Number: 68

Date: 7/26/2023

Description: Northern section of the Mitigation Site looking to the Northeast.



Photo Number: 69

Date: 7/29/2022

Description: Southern section of the Mitigation Site looking to the Southeast.



Photo Number: 70

Date: 7/26/2023

Description: Southern section of the Mitigation Site looking to the Southeast.



Photo Number: 71

Date: 7/29/2022

Description: Mitigation Site taken from the Northeastern lobe looking to the Northwest.



Photo Number: 72

Date: 7/26/2023

Description: Mitigation Site taken from the Northeastern lobe looking to the Northwest.

ATTACHMENT A

Devil's Gate Phase 1 Transect Locations Map



**Figure 5. Transect Locations
Onsite Mitigation Areas
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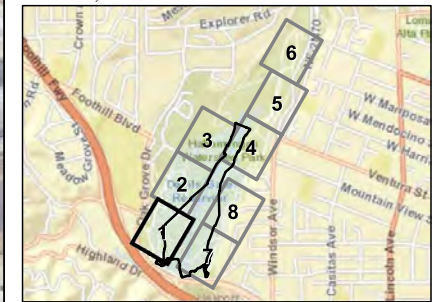
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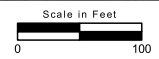
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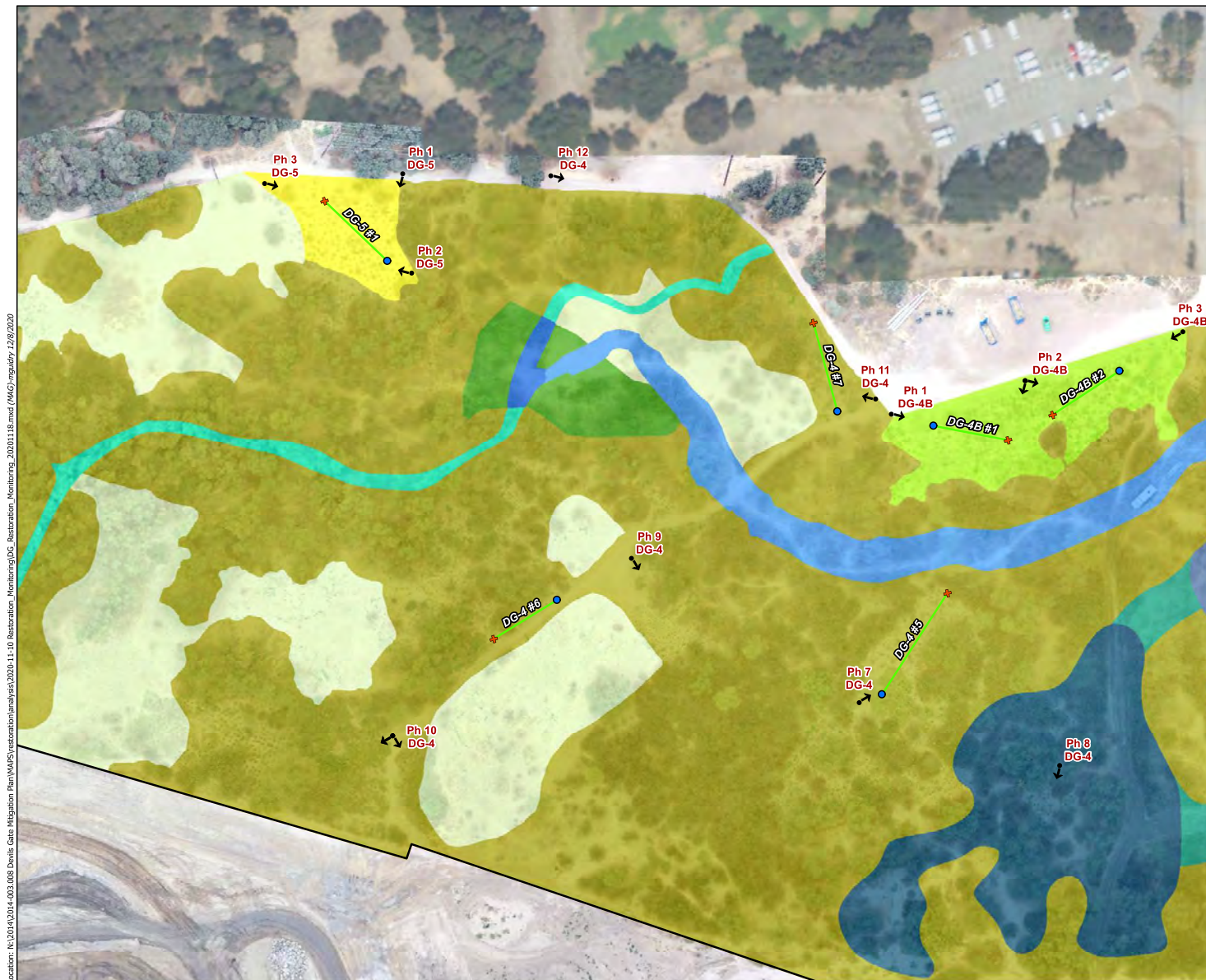
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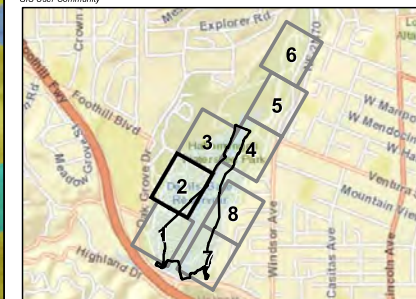
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Mitigation Areas

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- DG-4 Drainage
- DG-4 Sheetflow
- DG-4 WOUS
- DG-4 WOUS Connections
- DG-4A
- DG-4B
- DG-5
- DG-SF-1
- DG-W-2 (Mining Pit)
- DG-W-2 (Mining Pit Outlet)

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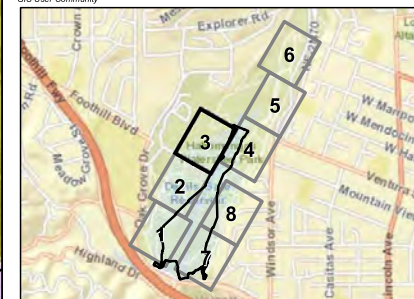
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Mitigation Areas

- DG-4
- DG-4 WOUS
- DG-4 WOUS Connections
- DG-4A
- DG-4C
- DG-7 (Temp Impacts)
- DG-W-2 (Mining Pit)
- DG-W-2 (Mining Pit Outlet)

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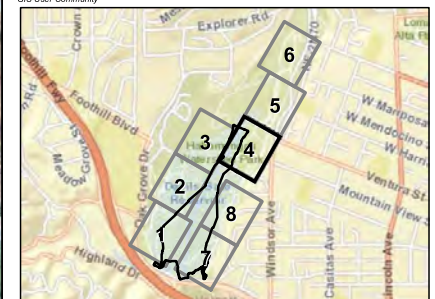
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- DG-2
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- DG-7 (Temp Impacts)
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- DG-East Trail 4

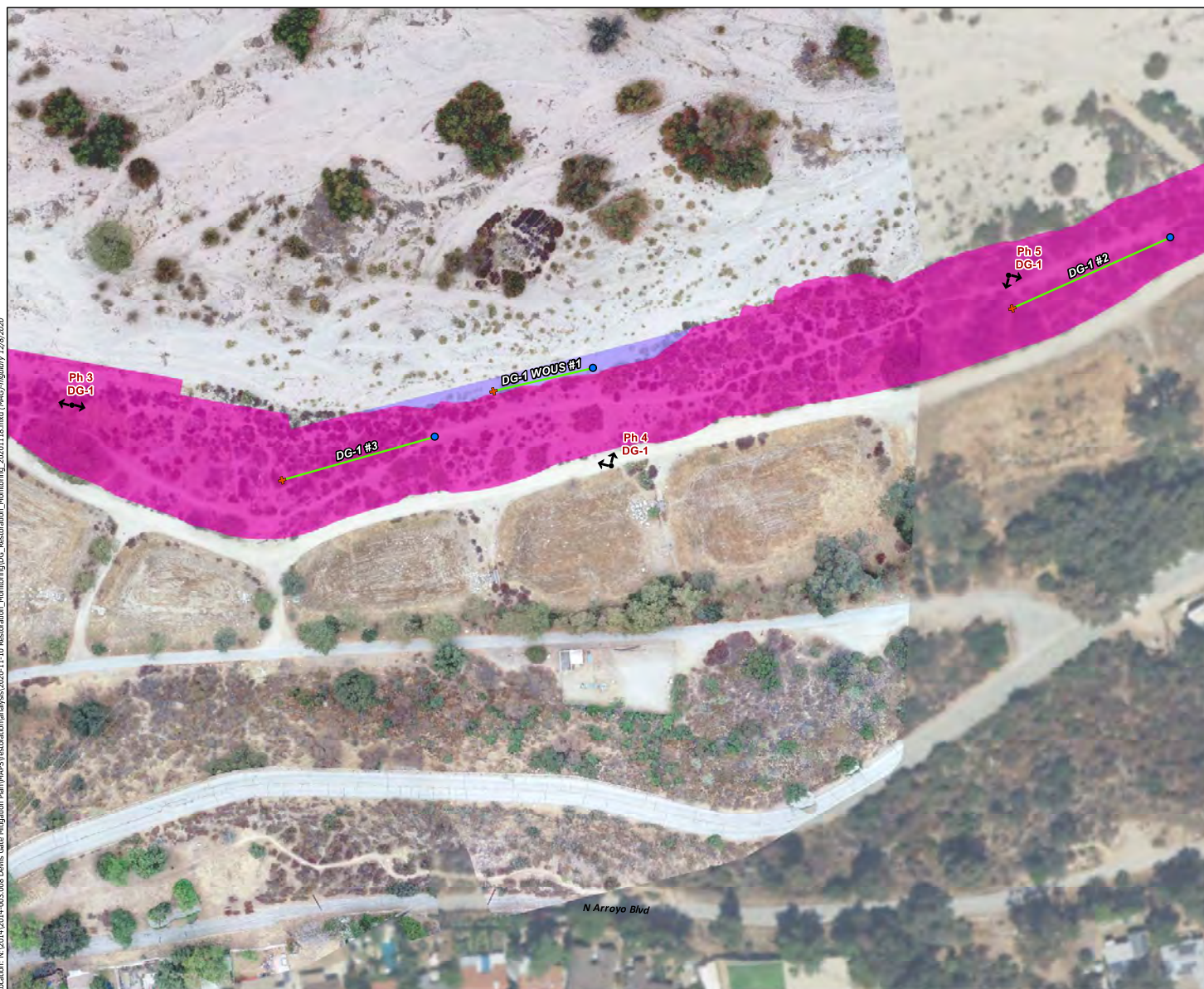
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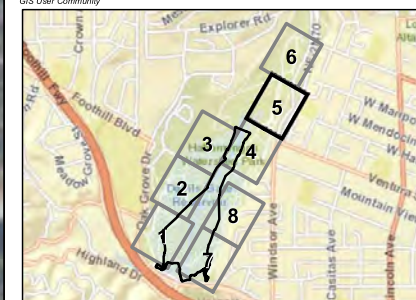
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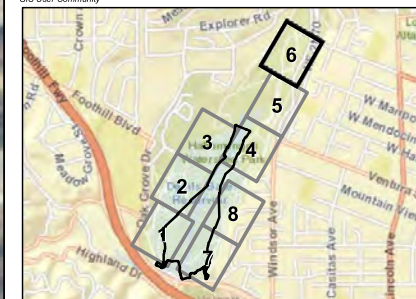
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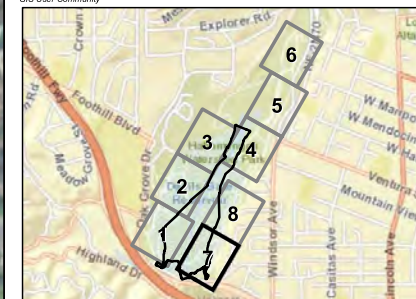
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Mitigation Areas

- DG-2
- DG-2 WOUS
- DG-3A
- DG-3B
- DG-East Trail 1

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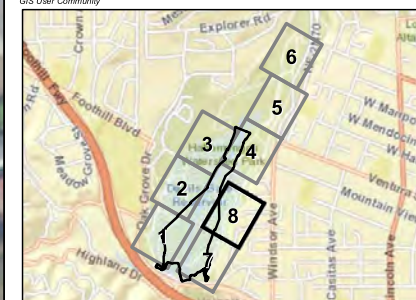
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Mitigation Areas

- DG-2
- DG-2 New Channels
- DG-2 WOUS
- DG-2A
- DG-2B
- DG-East Trail 1
- DG-East Trail 2
- DG-East Trail 3
- DG-W-1 (Johnson Field)

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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-1 WOUS Transect #1 Start



Photo 8: Mitigation Area DG-1 WOUS Transect #1 End



Photo 9: Mitigation Area DG-2A Transect #1 Start



Photo 10: Mitigation Area DG-2A Transect #1 End



Photo 11: Mitigation Area DG-2A Transect #2 Start



Photo 12: Mitigation Area DG-2A Transect #2 End



Photo 13: Mitigation Area DG-2B Transect #1 Start



Photo 14: Mitigation Area DG-2B Transect #1 End



Photo 15: Mitigation Area DG-2B Transect #2 Start



Photo 16: Mitigation Area DG-2B Transect #2 End



Photo 17: Mitigation Area DG-3A Transect #1 Start



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Photo 19: Mitigation Area DG-3A Transect #2 Start



Photo 20: Mitigation Area DG-3A Transect #2 End



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



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



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



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



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



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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



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



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



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



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



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



Photo 54: Mitigation Area DG-1 Photo Point #4, Facing NW



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



Photo 56: Mitigation Area DG-1 Photo Point #5, Facing SE



Photo 57: Mitigation Area DG-1 Photo Point #6, Facing SW



Photo 58: Mitigation Area DG-2A Photo Point #1, Facing SW



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



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Photo 61: Mitigation Area DG-2A Photo Point #4, Facing NW



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



Photo 63: Mitigation Area DG-2B Photo Point #1, Facing SE



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



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



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Photo 67: Mitigation Area DG-2B Photo Point #3, Facing SW



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



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



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



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Photo 78: Mitigation Area DG-3A Photo Point #5, Facing SW



Photo 79: Mitigation Area DG-3A Photo Point #6, Facing NW



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



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Photo 85: Mitigation Area DG-4 Photo Point #3, Facing SW



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



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



Photo 88: Mitigation Area DG-4 Photo Point #5, Facing S



Photo 89: Mitigation Area DG-4 Photo Point #6, Facing NE



Photo 90: Mitigation Area DG-4 Photo Point #7, Facing NW



Photo 91: Mitigation Area DG-4 Point #8, Facing SE



Photo 92: Mitigation Area DG-4 Photo Point #9, Facing E



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



Photo 94: Mitigation Area DG-4 Photo Point #10, Facing S



Photo 95: Mitigation Area DG-4 Photo Point #11, Facing SW



Photo 96: Mitigation Area DG-4 Photo Point #12, Facing N



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Photo 98: Mitigation Area DG-4 Photo Point #14, Facing S



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Photo 106: Mitigation Area DG-4C Photo Point #3, Facing NE



Photo 107: Mitigation Area DG-4C Photo Point #4, Facing S



Photo 108: Mitigation Area DG-5 Photo Point #1, Facing S



Photo 109: Mitigation Area DG-5 Photo Point #2, Facing SW



Photo 110: Mitigation Area DG-5 Photo Point #3, Facing NE



Photo 111: RAFSS Reference Transect Start



Photo 112: RAFSS Reference Transect End



Photo 113: CSS Reference Transect Start



Photo 114: CSS Reference Transect End



Photo 115: Coast Live Oak Woodland Reference Transect Start



Photo 116: Coast Live Oak Woodland Reference Transect End



Photo 117: Riparian Scrub Reference Transect Start



Photo 118: Riparian Scrub Reference Transect End



Photo 119: Riparian Woodland Reference Transect Start



Photo 120: Riparian Woodland Reference Transect End



Photo 121: LBVI Reference Transect #1 Start



Photo 122: LBVI Reference Transect #1 End



Photo 123: LBVI Reference Transect #2 Start



Photo 124: LBVI Reference Transect #2 End



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



Photo 130: Overview LBVI Reference Site

ATTACHMENT C

Devil's Gate Phase 2 Transect Locations Map

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Areas**

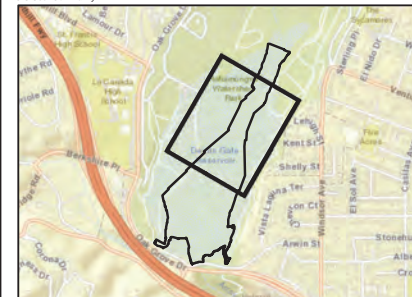
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DG-2 New Channels	DG-4C
DG-2 WOUS	DG-7 (Temp Impacts)
DG-2A	DG-8 (Temp Impacts)
DG-2B	DG-East Trail 2
DG-4	DG-East Trail 3
DG-4 Drainage	DG-East Trail 4
DG-4 Sheetflow	DG-SF-1
DG-4 WOUS	DG-W-1 (Johnson Field)
DG-4 WOUS Connections	DG-W-2 (Mining Pit)
DG-4A	DG-W-2 (Mining Pit Outlet)

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ATTACHMENT D

Devil's Gate Phase 2 Year 3 Photo Documentation



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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Photo 11: Mitigation Area DG-2 Transect #3 Start



Photo 12: Mitigation Area DG-2 Transect #3 End



Photo 13: Mitigation Area DG-2 New Channels Transect #1 Start



Photo 14: Mitigation Area DG-2 New Channels Transect #1 End



Photo 15: Mitigation Area DG-2 New Channels Transect #2 Start



Photo 16: Mitigation Area DG-2 New Channels Transect #2 End



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Photo 19: Mitigation Area DG-2 WOUS Transect #2 Start



Photo 20: Mitigation Area DG-2 WOUS Transect #2 End



Photo 21: Mitigation Area DG-W-2 Transect #1 Start



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Photo 28: Mitigation Area DG-W-2 Outlet Transect #2 End



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Photo 33: Mitigation Area DG-2 Photo Point #2, Facing NE



Photo 34: Mitigation Area DG-2 Photo Point #3, Facing S



Photo 35: Mitigation Area DG-2 Photo Point #4, Facing W



Photo 36: Mitigation Area DG-2 Photo Point #5, Facing N



Photo 37: Mitigation Area DG-2 Photo Point #6, Facing N



Photo 38: Mitigation Area DG-2 New Channels Photo Point #1, Facing E



Photo 39: Mitigation Area DG-2 New Channels Photo Point #1, Facing N



Photo 40: Mitigation Area DG-2 New Channels Photo Point #1, Facing S



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Photo 49: Mitigation Area DG-W-2 Photo Point #3, Facing W



Photo 50: Mitigation Area DG-W-2 Photo Point #4, Facing SW



Photo 51: Mitigation Area DG-W-2 Outlet Photo Point #1, Facing N



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Photo 55: Mitigation Area DG-4 Sheet flow Photo Point #1, Facing S



Photo 56: Riparian Scrub Reference Transect Start



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Photo 58: Riparian Woodland Reference Transect Start



Photo 59: Riparian Woodland Reference Transect End



Photo 60: LBVI Reference Transect #1 Start



Photo 61: LBVI Reference Transect #1 End



Photo 62: LBVI Reference Transect #2 Start



Photo 63: LBVI Reference Transect #2 End



Photo 64: Overview LBVI Reference Site



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Photo 66: Overview LBVI Reference Site



Photo 67: Overview LBVI Reference Site

ATTACHMENT E

Agreement to Purchase and Sale of Mitigation Values

**AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASE AND SALE OF MITIGATION VALUES
(Devil's Gate Dam Sediment Removal and Management Project,
Los Angeles County, California)**

This Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Mitigation Values ("**Agreement**"), dated for reference purposes only, August 2, 2018, is entered into by and between **LV-BP INVESTORS RANCH, LLC**, a Delaware limited liability company ("**Seller**") and **Los Angeles County Flood Control District** ("**Project Proponent**"). Seller and Project Proponent are sometimes individually referred to herein as a "**Party**" and collectively as the "**Parties**."

Recitals

A. Project. Project Proponent is seeking to implement the Devil's Gate Reservoir Sediment Removal and Management Project, in Southern California which involves the restoration of a public facility through excavation of approximately 1.7 million cubic yards of sediment ("**Project**").

B. Project Approval. Project Proponent has obtained approval from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife ("**CDFW**"), in the form of a Final Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement, Notification No. 1600-2015-0263-R5 and is also seeking approval from the United States Army Corps of Engineers ("**ACOE**") and the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board ("**Regional Board**") (collectively, the "**Project Approvals**").

C. Project Impacts. The Project Approvals obtained by Project Proponent identify permanent impacts that the Project will have ("**Project Impacts**") on certain species and habitat, including black willow thickets, scalebroom scrub, mulefat thickets and California live oak trees, all as more particularly described in the Project Approvals ("**Impacted Species**").

D. Compensatory Mitigation Requirements. In connection with issuance of the Project Approvals by the CDFW, the ACOE and the Regional Board, certain compensatory mitigation requirements will be imposed on the Project with respect to Impacted Species, which consist of the creation of willow and mulefat thickets and alluvial shrub land, all as more particularly described in the Project Approvals (the "**Compensatory Mitigation Requirements**").

E. Compensation for Project Impacts. Project Proponent desires to compensate for the Project Impacts by purchasing sufficient Mitigation Values (as hereinafter defined) to satisfy the Compensatory Mitigation requirements. Project Proponent wishes to purchase a minimum of 31.82 acres of Mitigation Values from Seller. The parties acknowledge that Project Proponent will also need to acquire other mitigation values for its Project and that Seller is not responsible for fulfilling any of Project Proponent's mitigation obligations other than those expressly provided in this Agreement.

F. Mitigation Site. Seller's land includes land located in Los Angeles County, California, within portions of Assessor's Parcel Numbers 3215-004-003, 3215-018-021 and 3215-

018-022 ("**Mitigation Site**"). The Mitigation Site is more particularly described in Exhibit A. The Mitigation Site will contain restored and/or created habitats, including open water habitat, wetland riparian habitat and seasonal wetland habitat.

G. Suitable Mitigation. Project Proponent has confirmed that the Mitigation Site, as restored and/or created in accordance with the HMMP (described below), will meet the Compensatory Mitigation Requirements.

H. HMMP. Seller, in coordination with Project Proponent, intends to prepare and process for approval by the CDFW, the ACOE and the Regional Board, a Habitat Management and Mitigation Plan ("**HMMP**"), that will address how the habitats at the Mitigation Site will be restored and created to meet the Compensatory Mitigation Requirements. The HMMP will include, among other things, design goals and objectives, generalized mapping of habitats, a long-term management plan based on the Petersen Ranch Mitigation Bank Long-Term Management Plan, monitoring requirements based on the Petersen Ranch Mitigation Bank Development Plan and a description and calculation of a long term funding mechanism for the Mitigation Site, in order to allow for the preservation, enhancement and management of the habitat at the Mitigation Site. In addition, Seller, in coordination with Project Proponent, intends to prepare and process for approval by the Regional Board, the CDFW and the ACOE, a conservation easement (as hereinafter defined) that will encumber the Mitigation Site and may also encumber adjacent land owned by Seller ("**Seller's Remaining Land**").

I. Creation of Mitigation Values. Implementation of the HMMP is intended to create Mitigation Values that will benefit Project Proponent by enabling Project Proponent to meet its Compensatory Mitigation Requirements (the "**The Mitigation Values**").

J. Purchase of Mitigation Values. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Project Proponent wishes to purchase up to 34.4 acres of Mitigation Values at the Mitigation Site, for the purpose of satisfying the Compensatory Mitigation Requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals, and the mutual covenants contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

Agreement

1. Effective Date. For the purposes of this Agreement, the date on which the last Party executes this Agreement and delivers it to the other Party shall be referred to herein as the "**Effective Date**."

2. Sale of Mitigation Values. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Seller agrees to sell for the benefit of Project Proponent and Project Proponent agrees to purchase from Seller, up to 34.4 acres of Mitigation Values at the Mitigation Site; provided, however, that Project Proponent agrees to purchase a minimum of 31.82 acres of Mitigation Values. Project Proponent understands and agrees that it is acquiring the Mitigation Values, subject to Seller's reservation of rights to existing uses of the Mitigation Site and Seller's remaining land ("**Seller's Remaining Land**"), so long as such uses do not conflict with the

HMMP or impair compliance with or the implementation of the HMMP.

3. Purchase Price. The purchase price for the Mitigation Values shall be the Base Purchase Price plus the Additional Purchase Price (each as defined below), subject to adjustment pursuant to Section 8(d) below (collectively, the “**Purchase Price**”):

(a) Base Purchase Price. The base purchase price for a guaranteed minimum purchase of 31.82 acres of Mitigation Values, shall be [REDACTED] (the “**Base Purchase Price**”); and

(b) Additional Purchase Price. The additional purchase price for up to a guaranteed maximum of 2.58 additional acres of Mitigation Values, shall be either (i) [REDACTED] multiplied by the number of additional whole and partial acres of Mitigation Values purchased, on the condition that the additional acreage shall be subject to preservation only, and shall not be subject to restoration pursuant to the requirements of any agency, including the ACOE; or (ii) in the event that any agency requires restoration of the additional acreage, then the additional purchase price for up to 2.58 additional acres of Mitigation Values, shall be [REDACTED] multiplied by the number of additional whole and partial acres of Mitigation Values purchased (the “**Additional Purchase Price**”).

(c) Adjustment of Purchase Price. The Purchase Price shall be subject to adjustment pursuant to Sections 8(a) and 8(d) below.

4. Payment of Purchase Price.

(a) Initial Deposit. Within twenty-one (21) days after the Effective Date of this Agreement, Project Proponent shall pay to Seller the amount of [REDACTED] (the “**Initial Deposit**”).

(b) Progress Deposits. Project Proponent shall pay to Seller additional progress deposits (collectively, the “**Progress Deposits**”), as follows:

(i) Draft HMMP Approval Deposit. Within three (3) days after Project Proponent’s approval of the Draft HMMP (as set forth in Section 8(a) of this Agreement), Project Proponent shall pay to Seller the additional sum of [REDACTED] (the “**Draft HMMP Approval Deposit**”).

(ii) Final HMMP Approval Deposit. Within three (3) days after approval of the Final HMMP by the Regional Board, the CDFW and the ACOE (as set forth in Section 8(a) of this Agreement), Project Proponent shall pay to Seller the additional sum of [REDACTED] (the “**Final HMMP Approval Deposit**”).

All payments made to Seller pursuant to this Section 4 (i) shall be made in immediately available funds, (ii) shall be nonrefundable to Project Proponent, (iii) shall be deemed fully earned by Seller; and (iv) shall be credited toward the Purchase Price.

(c) Application of Initial Deposit and Progress Deposits. The Initial Deposit and the Progress Deposits shall be applied to the Purchase Price at the Closing (as hereinafter defined).

(d) Balance of Purchase Price. On or before the Closing, the balance of the Purchase Price shall be paid by Project Proponent to Seller, in immediately available funds.

5. Closing. The terms "Closing" and "Closing Date" shall be used interchangeably herein. The Closing shall occur on or before October 1, 2018 (the "**Closing Date**"). If the Project Approvals have not been issued by the Regional Board, the CDFW and the ACOE by the Closing Date, then the following alternative courses of action shall be available:

(a) Project Proponent shall have the right to extend the Closing Date for three periods of thirty (30) days each (it also being agreed that Project Proponent must exercise the first extension in order to be entitled to exercise the second extension, and must exercise the second extension in order to be entitled to exercise the third extension). Project Proponent shall exercise each extension by giving notice to Seller along with payment to Seller of [REDACTED] for each thirty (30) day extension (each an "**Extension Deposit**"), in immediately available funds, in which event the Extension Deposit shall thereafter be nonrefundable and be deemed fully earned by Seller but shall be credited toward the Purchase Price; or

(b) Project proponent shall have the right to pay Seller the balance of the Purchase Price and the Excess Endowment Reimbursement (as defined in Section 6(b)) in immediately available funds, subject only to the respective obligation of the Parties to diligently seek the issuance of all pending Project Approvals so that the Closing can occur no later than December 31, 2018 (the "**Outside Closing Date**"); or

(c) Project Proponent shall have the right to terminate this Agreement, in which event the Parties shall thereafter have no further rights, duties or obligations under this Agreement and in that event, Seller shall retain the Initial Deposit, the Progress Deposits, and any Extension Deposit, which shall be deemed fully earned by Seller.

6. Closing Documents.

(a) Seller's Closing Documents. Upon Closing, Seller shall deliver to Project Proponent the following documents:

(i) Bill of Sale. A Bill of Sale in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by this reference (the "**Bill of Sale**"), executed by Seller, evidencing the sale of the Mitigation Values to Project Proponent; and

(ii) Conservation Easement. If the Conservation Easement (defined in Section 8(a) below) has not already been recorded prior to the Closing, Seller shall record or

cause to be recorded, the Conservation Easement, executed and acknowledged by the parties thereto, for recordation in the Official Records of Los Angeles County, California.

(b) Project Proponent's Closing Documents. Upon Closing, Project Proponent shall pay to Seller the following:

(i) Balance of Purchase Price. Project Proponent shall pay to Seller the balance of the Purchase Price, in immediately available funds; and

(ii) Excess Endowment Reimbursement. An amount equal to any endowment required by any of the Project Approvals in excess of [REDACTED] ("Excess Endowment") pursuant to Section 8(d) below ("Endowment Reimbursement").

(c) Prior to the Closing Date, the parties shall agree on the procedures for carrying out the steps necessary to complete the Closing.

7. Costs and Expenses. Project Proponent and Seller shall each pay their own legal and professional fees and fees of other consultants engaged by them.

8. Seller's Pre-Closing Obligations.

(a) HMMP. Seller, in coordination with Project Proponent, shall prepare a draft HMMP for the Mitigation Site and submit it to Project Proponent for Project Proponent's review and approval, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. Project Proponent shall have ten (10) days in which to review and approve the draft HMMP. Project Proponent's failure to provide Seller written notice of Project Proponent's disapproval of the draft HMMP within such ten (10)-day period, shall be deemed to constitute Project Proponent's approval of the draft HMMP. In the event that Project Proponent disapproves the draft HMMP, Project Proponent and Seller shall use their good faith, commercially reasonable efforts to promptly resolve Project Proponent's reasonable concerns. If Project Proponent and Seller are unable to resolve Project Proponent's reasonable concerns regarding the draft HMMP, within thirty (30) days, then either Party may terminate this Agreement by providing written notice to the other Party, in which event the Parties shall have no further rights, duties or obligations under this Agreement and in that event, Seller shall retain the Initial Deposit, the Progress Deposits, and any released Extension Deposit. The HMMP that is approved by Project Proponent pursuant to the foregoing provisions is referred to herein as the "**Draft HMMP.**" Upon obtaining such approval from Project Proponent, Seller shall process the Draft HMMP with the Regional Board, the CDFW and the ACOE and shall use its good faith, commercially reasonable efforts to obtain the Regional Board, the CDFW and ACOE approval of the Draft HMMP, as soon as reasonably practicable. Project Proponent shall reasonably support Seller's efforts to obtain approval of the Draft HMMP and shall have the right to participate in discussions with the Regional Board, the CDFW and/or the ACOE regarding the Draft HMMP. The HMMP that is actually approved by the CDFW and the ACOE is referred to herein as the "**Final HMMP.**" All conditions imposed by the CDFW, the ACOE or the Regional Board (and associated costs to comply with such conditions) on Seller under the Final HMMP, shall be subject to Seller's approval, which may be

given or withheld in Seller's sole and absolute discretion. If conditions of approval of the Final HMMP increase the cost of implementing the HMMP beyond the currently estimated cost of any line items shown on the HMMP Cost Budget attached hereto as Exhibit "C" ("**HMMP Cost Budget**"), the Parties agree to increase the purchase price on a dollar-for-dollar basis (in which event this agreement shall be deemed automatically amended to account for the same) to account for such cost increase. However, notwithstanding the foregoing, the aggregate amount of any such cost increase, together with any increase described in Section 8(d), below, shall not exceed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Seller makes no representations or warranties concerning whether the Draft HMMP will be approved by Regional Board, the CDFW or the ACOE or concerning the timing for such approval. In no event shall refusal by the Regional Board, the CDFW or the ACOE to approve the Draft HMMP by the Outside Closing Date, or at all, constitute a default by Seller or Project Proponent under this Agreement.

The HMMP shall provide for preparation of a conservation easement ("**Conservation Easement**") for the Mitigation Site and at Seller's election adjacent land owned by Seller, which conforms to legal requirements imposed by the CDFW and the ACOE. Seller shall use its good faith, commercially reasonable efforts to obtain approval by the Regional Board, the CDFW and the ACOE of the Conservation Easement as soon as reasonably practicable and in conjunction with obtaining approval by the Regional Board, the CDFW and the ACOE of the Draft HMMP. Seller shall cause the Conservation Easement to be recorded in the Official Records of Los Angeles County, California, on or before the Closing and concurrently with funding of the endowment. The terms and conditions of the Conservation Easement shall be subject to Seller's approval, which may be given or withheld in Seller's sole and absolute discretion.

(b) Seller's Disapproval of Final HMMP. In the event that the conditions imposed by the CDFW and/or the ACOE and/or the Regional Board in connection with its/their approval of the Final HMMP are not acceptable to Seller (which approval may be given or withheld in Seller's sole and absolute discretion), and Seller and Project Proponent are unable to resolve Seller's concerns to the satisfaction of Seller, in its sole and absolute discretion, then Seller shall have the right to terminate this Agreement, and the Parties shall thereafter have no further rights, duties or obligations under this Agreement and in that event, Seller shall retain the Initial Deposit, the Progress Deposits, and any released Extension Deposit.

(c) Protection and Habitat Improvement. In the event that the Closing occurs, Seller shall at its cost and expense implement all protection and habitat conservation activities and all long-term maintenance, monitoring and other management activities, as described in the Final HMMP. However, notwithstanding the foregoing, Project Proponent shall post all financial assurances required by the CDFW and/or the ACOE and/or the Regional Board in connection with its/their approval of the Final HMMP other than the endowment described below.

(d) Endowment. Seller shall fully fund any and all endowments or other security required by the CDFW and/or the ACOE and/or the Regional Board to be funded in connection with the recordation of the Conservation Easement and for the monitoring and maintenance of the Mitigation Site in accordance with the requirements of the Final HMMP. However, in the event that the total endowment exceeds [REDACTED]

██████████, the Purchase Price shall be increased on a dollar-for-dollar basis for each dollar that the total endowment exceeds ██████████, subject to the limit on the Purchase Price described in Section 8(a), above. In the event that the total endowment is less than ██████████, the Purchase Price shall be decreased on a dollar-for-dollar basis for each dollar that the total endowment is less than ██████████.

9. Limitation of Obligations; Project Approvals.

(a) Limitation of Obligations. Project Proponent's obligations shall be limited to the payments and other undertakings expressly provided in this Agreement. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, Project Proponent shall have no obligation by reason of the taking the benefit of the Mitigation Site and the Mitigation Values, to support, pay for, monitor, report on, sustain, continue in perpetuity or otherwise be obligated or liable for the success or continued expense, monitoring, management or maintenance in perpetuity of the Mitigation Site.

(b) Limitation of Rights to Mitigation Site. Nothing in this Agreement shall result in Project Proponent having any right, title or interest in the Mitigation Site. Project Proponent's sole right shall be to have the Mitigation Values serve as the required mitigation for the Project approved by the Regional Board, the CDFW and/or the ACOE, provided that Project Proponent satisfies all of its obligations under this Agreement. Project Proponent acknowledges and agrees that Seller intends to reserve for itself and/or to allocate for use by one or more third parties, those mitigation values associated with the Mitigation Site and Seller's Remaining Property which do not conflict with the Final HMMP or impair compliance with or the implementation of the Final HMMP. In no event shall Project Proponent have any right, title or interest in any mitigation values other than the Mitigation Values that are created on the Mitigation Site. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Seller specifically reserves the right to translocate amphibian species (including, without limitation, California red legged frog,) to the Mitigation Site and to sell mitigation credits outside the Mitigation Site. Further without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Seller reserves the right to sell Mitigation credits related to avian species in and around the Mitigation Site on Seller's Remaining Land.

(c) Project Approvals. Project Proponent shall be solely responsible to the CDFW and the ACOE for obtaining the approval to use the Mitigation Values to meet the Compensatory Mitigation requirements. In that regard, Seller has made and makes no representation, warranty or guaranty that the Regional Board, the CDFW or the ACOE will approve the Mitigation Site as meeting the Compensatory Mitigation requirements or that the Mitigation Values will be sufficient to fully mitigate the impacts of the Project.

The Parties expressly agree that any mitigation or activities of Project Proponent not covered by this Agreement and any other mitigation set forth in the Project Approvals, other Project permits or any Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan for the Project approved by any regulatory agency other than the HMMP, remain solely and entirely Project Proponent's responsibility. The Parties further agree that Seller shall not be liable, in law or equity, if the Mitigation Values are determined in any way, by any person or agency, to be insufficient for mitigation or regulatory compliance purposes under applicable statutes, laws and regulations. If

any court or regulatory agency later determines that the Mitigation Values are insufficient to meet the Compensatory Mitigation Requirements, Project Proponent shall be entirely responsible for satisfying any and all further obligations that may be imposed upon such determination. In that event, no responsibility or liability shall accrue to Seller.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Seller shall reasonably cooperate with Project Proponent's efforts to obtain approval by the CDFW, the ACOE and the Regional Board of the use of the Mitigation Values to meet the Compensatory Mitigation requirements by providing information and executing documents reasonably required by the Regional Board, the CDFW and the ACOE. Other than Seller's obligations in Section 8, above, Seller shall not be obligated to bear any third party cost or to incur any additional liability in connection with such cooperation.

(d) Other Project Impacts. Project Proponent acknowledges and agrees that:

(i) Seller is only providing the Mitigation Values required to satisfy the Compensatory Mitigation Requirements;

(ii) The Mitigation Values described in this Agreement are limited to the Mitigation Site;

(iii) The Mitigation Values described in this Agreement are not intended to offset the Project's impacts to any type of species or habitat not described herein; and

(iv) Project Proponent shall be solely responsible for mitigating the Project's impacts to such other types of species and habitat.

10. Default by Project Proponent; Liquidated Damages. PROJECT PROPONENT RECOGNIZES THAT THE MITIGATION VALUES WILL BE REMOVED BY SELLER FROM THE MARKET DURING THE TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT, AND THAT IF THE CLOSING DOES NOT OCCUR BECAUSE OF PROJECT PROPONENT'S DEFAULT, IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT AND IMPRACTICAL TO ASCERTAIN THE EXTENT OF THE DETRIMENT TO SELLER. THE PARTIES HAVE DETERMINED AND AGREED THAT THE ACTUAL AMOUNT OF DAMAGES THAT WOULD BE SUFFERED BY SELLER AS A RESULT OF ANY SUCH DEFAULT IS DIFFICULT OR IMPRACTICABLE TO DETERMINE AS OF THE DATE OF THIS AGREEMENT AND THAT THE AMOUNT OF THE INITIAL DEPOSIT, THE PROGRESS DEPOSITS, AND ANY RELEASED EXTENSION DEPOSIT IS A REASONABLE ESTIMATE OF THE AMOUNT OF SUCH DAMAGES. FOR THESE REASONS, THE PARTIES AGREE THAT, IF THE CLOSING DOES NOT OCCUR BECAUSE OF PROJECT PROPONENT'S DEFAULT, THAT AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE INITIAL DEPOSIT, THE PROGRESS DEPOSITS, AND ANY RELEASED EXTENSION DEPOSIT SHALL BE RETAINED BY SELLER AS LIQUIDATED DAMAGES. UPON ANY SUCH BREACH OR DEFAULT BY PROJECT PROPONENT HEREUNDER, THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE TERMINATED AND NEITHER PARTY SHALL HAVE ANY FURTHER RIGHTS OR OBLIGATIONS HEREUNDER, EACH TO THE OTHER, EXCEPT FOR THE RIGHT OF SELLER TO RETAIN SUCH LIQUIDATED DAMAGES; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NOTHING

CONTAINED HEREIN SHALL IN ANY MANNER LIMIT THE ATTORNEYS' FEES RECOVERABLE PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT. DELIVERY TO AND RETENTION OF THE INITIAL DEPOSIT, THE PROGRESS DEPOSITS, AND ANY RELEASED EXTENSION DEPOSIT SHALL BE SELLER'S SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY AGAINST PROJECT PROPONENT, IN THE EVENT OF A DEFAULT OR BREACH BY PROJECT PROPONENT RESULTING IN THE FAILURE TO CLOSE, AND SELLER WAIVES ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO SEEK OTHER RIGHTS OR REMEDIES AGAINST PROJECT PROPONENT, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE. THE PAYMENT AND RETENTION OF SUCH AMOUNT AS LIQUIDATED DAMAGES IS NOT INTENDED AS A FORFEITURE OR PENALTY WITHIN THE MEANING OF CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 3275 OR 3369, BUT IS INTENDED TO CONSTITUTE LIQUIDATED DAMAGES TO SELLER PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTIONS 1671, 1676 AND 1677. SELLER HEREBY WAIVES THE PROVISIONS OF CALIFORNIA CIVIL CODE SECTION 3389.

Seller 

Project Proponent _____

11. Default by Seller. In the event of a material default by Seller prior to the Closing, and provided that Seller fails to cure such default a reasonable period of time after Project Proponent's delivery of written notice to Seller stating the nature of the default, Project Proponent sole and exclusive remedy shall be to terminate this agreement and recover the Deposit and all released Extension Deposits from Seller.

12. Waiver of Damages. Each Party waives all claims against each other Party hereto, and all of their respective affiliates, contractors and agents, together with all those persons acting through or on behalf of any and all such parties, for special or punitive damages of any kind allegedly suffered by such Party or any related parties.

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hereunder.

(b) Notices. All notices, demands, consents, requests or other communications required to or permitted to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing, shall be given only in accordance with the provisions of this Section, shall be addressed to the parties in the manner set forth below, and shall be conclusively deemed to have been properly delivered: (i) upon receipt or rejection, when hand delivered during normal business hours (provided that notices which are hand delivered shall not be effective unless the sending party obtains evidence that the notice has been received); (ii) upon receipt when sent electronically prior to 5:00 p.m. on a given business day (otherwise such receipt is deemed as of the following business day) to the e-mail address set forth below (provided, however, that notices given electronically shall not be effective unless the notice has also been deposited in an authorized receptacle of the United States Postal Service as first-class, registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, with a return receipt requested (provided that the sender has in its possession the return receipt to prove actual delivery); (iii) upon the day of delivery or rejection on the day of receipt or rejection, if the notice has been deposited in an authorized receptacle of the United States Postal Service as first-class, registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, with a return receipt requested (provided that the sender has in its possession the return receipt to prove actual delivery); or (iv) one (1) Business Day after the notice has been deposited with either FedEx or United Parcel Service to be delivered by overnight delivery (provided that the sending party receives a confirmation of actual delivery from the courier). The addresses of the parties to receive notices are as follows:

To Seller: LV-BP Investors Ranch, LLC
1001 Bridgeway, Suite 246
Sausalito, CA 94965
Attn: Tracey Brownfield
E-Mail: tracey@landveritas.com
Telephone: (415) 729-3734

With a Copy To: Gresham Savage Nolan & Tilden
500 Hospitality Lane, Suite 300
San Bernardino, CA 92408
Attn: Mark A. Ostoich, Esq.
E-Mail: mark.ostoich@greshamsavage.com
Telephone: (909) 890-4499

To Project Proponent: Los Angeles County Flood Control District
900 South Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, CA 91803
Attn: Christopher Stone
E-Mail: cstone@dpw.lacounty.ca.gov
Telephone: (626) 458-6100

Any party may change its address for purposes of this section by giving the other party written notice of the new address in the manner set forth above.

(c) Partial Invalidity. If any term or provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall, to any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such term or provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby, and each such term and provision of this Agreement shall be valid, and shall be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

(d) Waivers. No waiver of any breach of any covenant or provision herein contained shall be deemed a waiver of any preceding or succeeding breach thereof, or of any other covenant or provision herein contained. No extension of time for performance of any obligation or act shall be deemed an extension of time for performance of any other obligation or act except those of the waiving party, which shall be extended by a period of time equal to the period of the delay.

(e) Successors and Assigns. Subject to the restrictions on assignment set forth herein, this Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the permitted successors and assigns of the parties hereto.

(f) Entire Agreement. This Agreement (including all Exhibits attached hereto) is the final expression of, and contains the entire agreement between, the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior understandings with respect thereto. This Agreement may not be modified, changed, supplemented, superseded, canceled or terminated, nor may any obligations hereunder be waived, except by written instrument signed by the party to be charged or by its agent duly authorized in writing or as otherwise expressly permitted herein. The parties do not intend to confer any benefit hereunder on any person, firm or corporation other than the parties hereto and lawful assignees.

(g) Time of Essence. Seller and Project Proponent hereby acknowledge and agree that time is strictly of the essence with respect to each and every term, condition, obligation and provision under this Agreement and that failure to timely perform any of the terms, conditions, obligations or provisions hereof by either party shall constitute a material breach of and a non-curable (but waivable) default under this Agreement by the party so failing to perform.

(h) Relationship of Parties. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed or construed by the parties to create the relationship of principal and agent, a partnership, joint venture or any other association between Project Proponent and Seller, except as provided in this Agreement.

(i) Construction. Headings at the beginning of each paragraph and subparagraph are solely for the convenience of the parties and are not a part of the Agreement. Whenever required by the context of this Agreement, the singular shall include the plural and the masculine shall include the feminine and vice versa. This Agreement shall not be construed as if it had been prepared by one of the parties, but rather as if both parties had prepared the same.

Unless otherwise indicated, all references to paragraphs, sections, subparagraphs and subsections are to this Agreement.

(j) Recitals/Exhibits. The Recitals set forth in this Agreement and the exhibits referenced herein are incorporated herein by this reference.

(k) Choice of Law; Venue. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California. Any suit, action or proceeding brought under the scope of this Agreement shall be brought and maintained to the extent allowed by law in the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles, California.

(l) Counterpart Originals, Facsimile and Electronic Signatures. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which is deemed to be an original, but all of which, together, shall constitute one and the same instrument. Facsimile or electronic signatures may be used in place of original signatures on this Agreement. The parties intend to be bound by the signatures on any facsimile or electronic document and hereby waive any defenses to the enforcement of the terms of this Agreement based on the use of a facsimile or electronic signature; provided, however, that the Parties hereby agree to execute and provide to each other original signatures, upon request made by either Party to the other.

(m) Representation by Counsel. Notwithstanding any rule or maxim of construction to the contrary, any ambiguity or uncertainty shall not be construed against either Project Proponent or Seller based upon authorship of any of the provisions hereof. Project Proponent and Seller each hereby warrant, represent and certify to the other as follows: (i) that the contents of this Agreement have been completely and carefully read by the representing party and counsel for the representing party; (ii) that the representing party has been separately represented by counsel and the representing party is satisfied with such representation; (iii) that the representing party's counsel has advised the representing party of, and the representing party fully understands, the legal consequences of this Agreement; and (iv) that no other person (whether a party to this Agreement or not) has made any threats, promises or representations of any kind whatsoever to induce the execution hereof, other than the performance of the terms and provisions hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the dates set forth below.

[SIGNATURES FOLLOW]

SELLER:

LV-BP Investors Ranch, LLC

By: LV Petersen Ranch, LLC
Its: Manager

Date: August 2, 2018

By: Land Veritas Corp.

Hs: Manager

By: H. Tracey Brownfield

Hs: President

PROJECT PROPONENT

Los Angeles County Flood Control District

By: _____
Its: _____

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARY C. WICKHAM
County Counsel

By: _____
Deputy

SELLER:

LV-BP Investors Ranch, LLC

By: _____

Its: _____

Date: _____

PROJECT PROPONENT

Los Angeles County Flood Control District

By: Amphill George-Moody

Its: Deputy Director

Date: 8/1/18

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

MARY C. WICKHAM

County Counsel

By: _____

Deputy

Exhibit B

BILL OF SALE

In consideration of _____, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, **LV-BP INVESTORS RANCH, LLC**, a Delaware limited liability company ("**Seller**"), does hereby bargain, sell and transfer to the **LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT** ("**Project Proponent**"), the following mitigation values ("**Mitigation Values**"):

Habitat Type	Acreage of Allocated Mitigation	Total Price
Compensatory Mitigation Values	<u>32.20</u> acres	\$ _____
	TOTAL:	\$ _____

Seller represents and warrants that it has good title to the Compensatory Mitigation Values, has good right to sell the same, and they are free and clear of all claims, liens, or encumbrances.

Seller covenants and agrees with Project Proponent to warrant and defend the sale of the Compensatory Mitigation Values against all and every person and persons whomsoever lawfully claiming the same.

SELLER:

LV-BP Investors Ranch, LLC

By: _____

Its: Manager

Date: December 3, 2018

Devil's Gate Payments

Deposit Date	Check #	Amount
8/24/2018		\$
10/10/2018		\$
11/1/2018		\$
11/9/2018		\$
11/30/2018		\$

Total \$

Exhibit C

HMMP Cost Budget

	Item	Budgeted Amount
(1)	WRA Draft & Final HMMP Report and Design, Restoration Planning & Implementation Oversight	
(2)	Fencing Cost (10,500 LF @ /LF)	
(3)	Additional Material Sourcing & Planting	TBD
(4)	Additional Irrigation (To be determined based upon # of additional plants required)	TBD
(5)	CDFW Amendment Resubmittal Fee	
(6)	WRA Reporting/Monitoring for Five Years	
(7)	Irrigation for 3 years	

NOTES:

- (1) Per executed contract with WRA.
- (2) 10,500 LF provides fencing around perimeter of entire restoration/creation area. Additional fencing not included. If the agencies require additional fencing, the cost will be passed through to County.
- (3) We are harvesting live stakes onsite and hand planting with Petersen Ranch staff; the HMMP assumes 8,000 plants; the cost of any plants required over this amount will be passed through to County at /plant.
- (4) If the Agencies require over 8,000, plants additional irrigation lines will be required; cost TBD on open book basis and passed through to County.
- (5) We submitted an amendment to CDFW already and expect the revisions to the Bank ledger and development plan associated with the Devils Gate PRM project to be covered by a re-submittal fee. Any amount over this will be passed through to County.
- (6) WRA will have to provide separate monitoring and reporting on the PRM project for five years; after five years, we plan to fold the reporting requirements into the Bank's monitoring and reporting.
- (7) 50 Acre Feet per year at /AF (includes pumping costs) for 3 years; if Agencies require 5 years of irrigation in the HMMP, costs for up to 2 additional years will be passed through to County (after 5 years, irrigation costs covered by the endowment).



Photo 68: Overview LBVI Reference Site



Photo 69: Overview LBVI Reference Site

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List of Acronyms

BEI	Bank Enabling Instrument
Cal-IPC	California Invasive Plant Council
CDFW	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
CIR	Colour-infrared
GIS	Geographic Information System
GPS	Global Positioning System
HMMP	Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring
LACFCD	Los Angeles County Flood Control District
NNIP	Non-Native Invasive Plant
NDVI	Normalized Difference Vegetation Index
RWQCB	Regional Water Quality Control Board
UAV	Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
WOUS	Waters of the United States
WRA	WRA, Inc.



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1 PROJECT OVERVIEW

This is the fourth annual report for the Devil's Gate Off-Site Mitigation Project as required under the terms of the approved Devil's Gate Off-Site Mitigation Project Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (HMMP; WRA 2018). The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) permit authorizing the HMMP requires the annual reports be submitted to the USACE, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) (Permitting Agencies) by October 1st throughout the five-year maintenance and monitoring period.

Restoration activities at the Devil's Gate Off-Site Mitigation Project Site were completed as outlined in the as-built memo submitted to the Permitting Agencies and dated April 23, 2019 (WRA 2019). This report includes information on the site conditions, continued restoration activities, performance monitoring, and management recommendations.

1.1 Permit File Numbers

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 (File No. SPL-2014-00591)
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife Section 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement (Notification No. 1600-2015-0263-R5)
- Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board Section 401 Water Quality Certification (File No. 15-053)

This annual report is prepared pursuant to the above permits, as set forth by the HMMP prepared by WRA, Inc. (WRA), dated October 17, 2018.

1.2 Project Description

The Devil's Gate Off-Site Mitigation Project (Project) serves as an off-site mitigation project for the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD) Devil's Gate Sediment Removal and Maintenance Project, which was proposed to remove vegetation and 1.7 million cubic yards (cy) of sediment from a 65.56-acre area within the reservoir above the Devil's Gate Dam (Impact Site). The Sediment Removal Project will directly impact 1.52 acres of USACE jurisdictional wetlands and 32.54 acres of USACE non-wetland Waters of the United States (WOUS). LACFCD proposed to compensate for these temporary and permanent impacts through a combination of on-site and off-site mitigation projects, as required by the USACE Section 404 Permit (SPL-2014-00591), the CDFW Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (1600-2015-0263-R5), and the RWQCB Section 401 Certification (15-053). On-site mitigation objectives are described in the Devil's Gate Sediment Removal and Management Project Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (ECORP 2018).

LACFCD satisfied the off-site mitigation requirement by engaging Land Veritas Corp (Bank Sponsor) to implement the Project in a 31.55-acre portion of the Petersen Ranch Mitigation Bank (Bank). The Bank is in northern Los Angeles County near Leona Valley, California (Figure 1). The Project took place at and surrounding a large sag pond (Pond D) on the east end of the Bank (Mitigation Site; Figure 2). Mitigation actions focused on enhancing existing seasonal wetlands that support mulefat (*Baccharis salicifolia*) and willow (*Salix* sp.) populations, creating new mulefat/willow dominated habitats, and preserving alluvial scrub areas around Pond D. The created, restored, and preserved communities are of a similar type and provide similar or greater functions to those affected at the Impact Site.



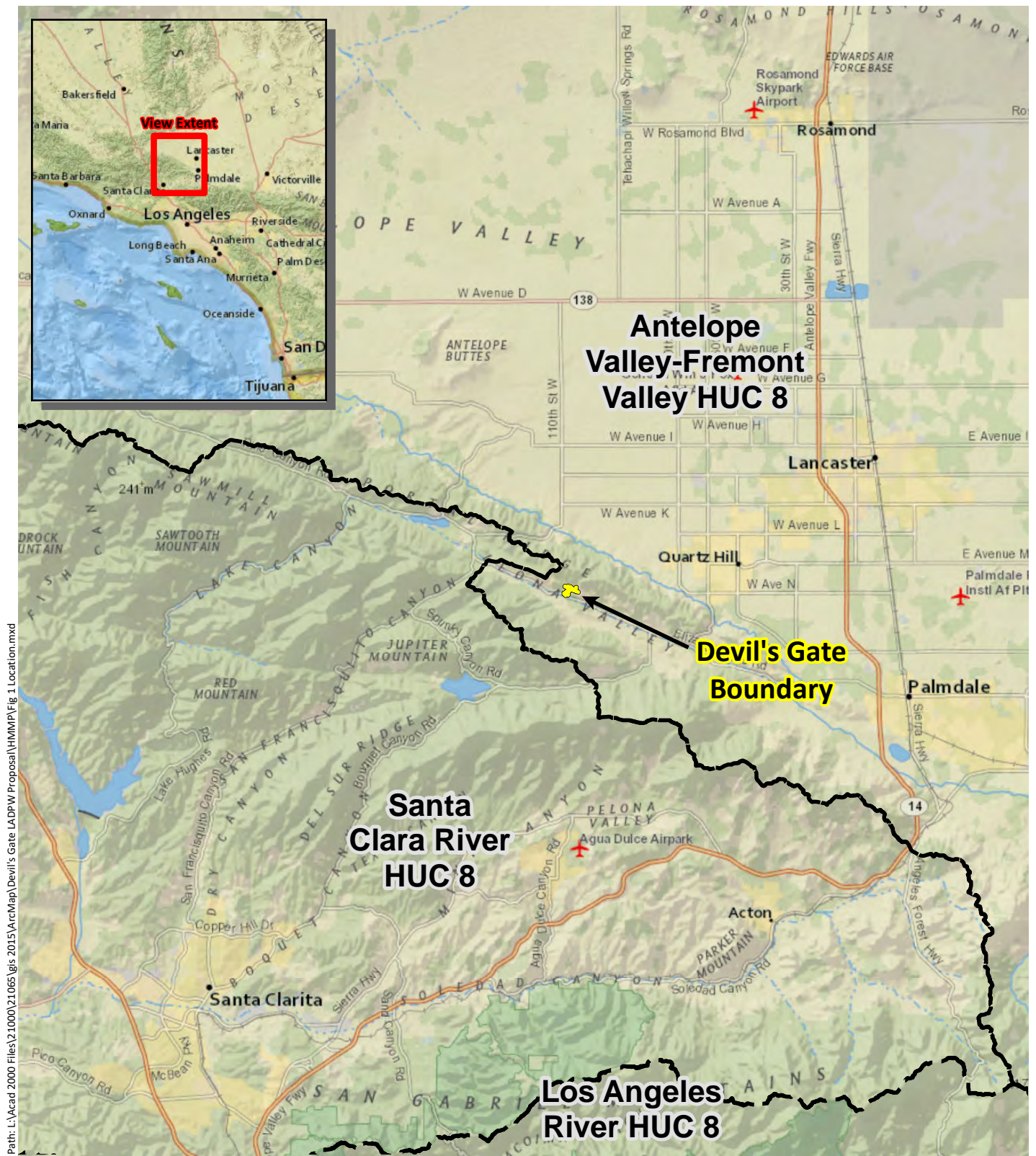


Figure 1. Petersen Ranch Mitigation Bank Location Map

Petersen Ranch Mitigation Bank
Los Angeles County, California

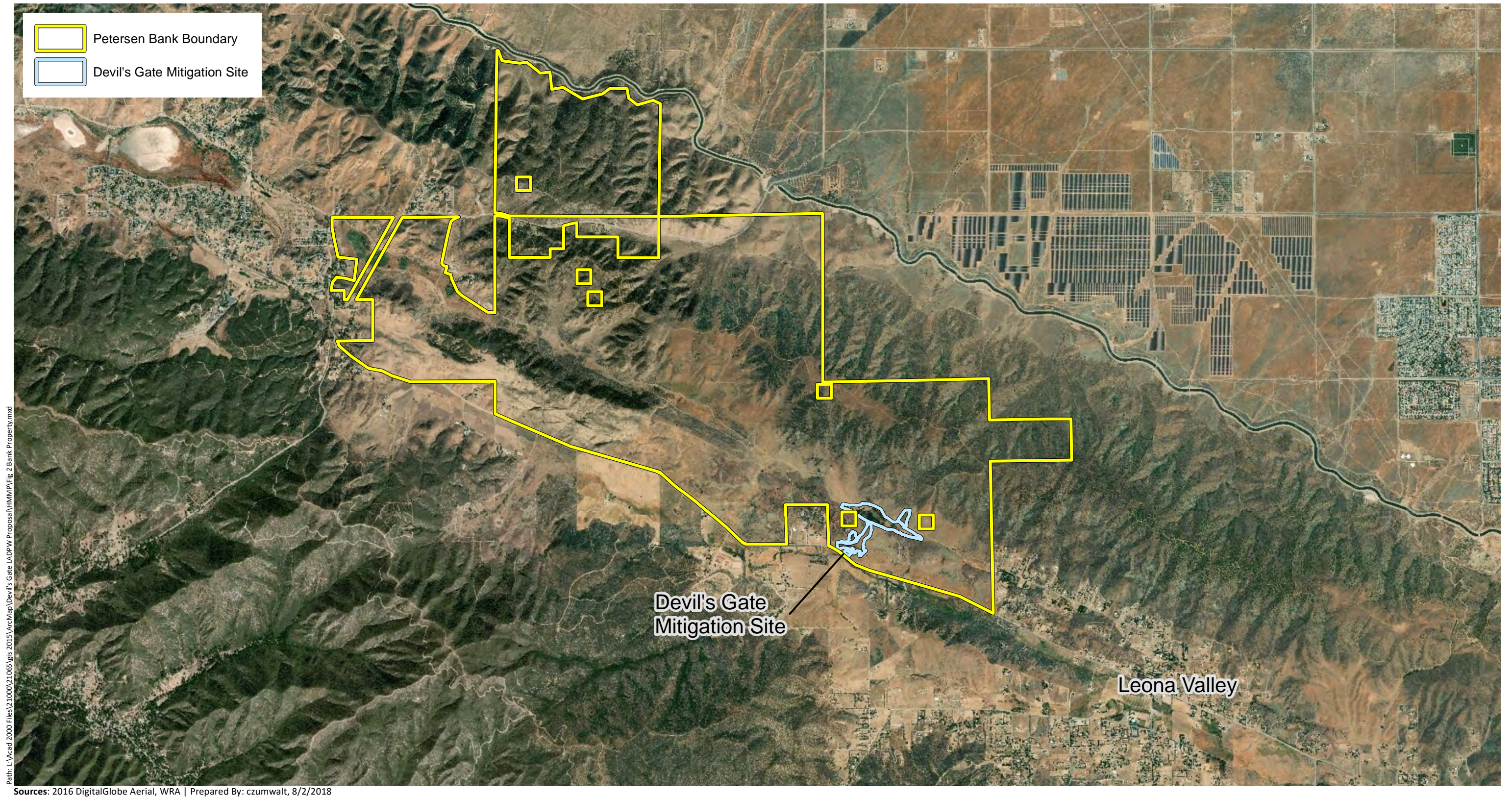


Figure 2. Mitigation Site Location Map

1.3 Monitoring and Reporting Tasks

This report addresses the Year 4 monitoring and reporting requirements of the Mitigation Site outlined in the HMMP, including the management and maintenance tasks completed this year, a description of the overall condition of the Mitigation Site, and the status of maintenance activities; performance monitoring activities and results; and management and maintenance activities proposed for the upcoming year, including proposed remedial actions.

1.4 Status Summary

Habitat restoration and enhancement activities were completed in April 2019, as described in the as-built report letter dated April 23, 2019. This includes planting of over 10,000 willow and mulefat live stakes and installation of cattle exclusion fencing. The mitigation site is now in Year 4 of the management and monitoring period, which will continue until the final (Year 5) performance standards have been met. As presented in this report, the Mitigation Site is meeting all Year 4 performance standards.



2 MITIGATION SITE EXISTING CONDITIONS

2.1 Location

The Mitigation Site is located approximately 32 miles north of the Impact Site within the agency approved Petersen Ranch Mitigation Bank. The 31.55-acre Mitigation Site is located within the eastern portion of the Bank (Figure 2). The Mitigation Site lies within Phase D of the Bank Property, which is part of the larger, 4,103-acre Bank. Within Phase D, a large sag pond (Pond D) and associated wetland complex had been identified as having opportunities for improvement of existing habitat. Opportunities included establishment and enhancement of wetlands, non-wetland WOUS, and associated buffer habitats. The buffer habitats were restored and enhanced to not only provide protection for the on-site aquatic resources but also to improve the overall function of the watershed. Additional details describing the mitigation bank can be found in the Bank Enabling Instrument (BEI) (Land Veritas Corp. 2016) and in the Biological Resource Inventory (BRI; BEI Exhibit H).

2.2 Existing Habitat

A BRI was conducted by WRA at the Bank Property in January and February of 2013 (WRA 2013). In total, 11 biological communities were identified within the Mitigation Site: two wetlands and waters communities, four riparian communities, two sensitive terrestrial communities, and three non-sensitive terrestrial communities. Descriptions of the two communities targeted for restoration at the Mitigation Site are included below. In addition, Appendix A presents a list of observed plant species at the Mitigation Site.

Mulefat thickets (*Baccharis salicifolia* Shrubland Alliance, G5 S4, 1602 and Porter Cologne jurisdictional habitat). The Mulefat Thickets Alliance is widespread in canyon bottoms, floodplains, irrigation ditches, lake margins, and stream channels (Sawyer *et al.*, 2009). This alliance covered 6.21 acres of the Mitigation Site. Mulefat thickets integrate with Fremont cottonwood (*Populus fremontii*) forest, arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*) thickets, stretchberry (*Forestiera pubescens*) thickets, and Mexican rush (*Juncus mexicanus*) marshes. Mulefat comprised greater than 50 percent relative cover in the shrub layer. Typically, mulefat was the only species in the shrub layer. In rare instances, other shrub species included arroyo willow, elderberry (*Sambucus nigra* ssp. *caerulea*), and stretchberry. Herbaceous groundcover was composed of Mexican rush, clustered field sedge (*Carex praegracilis*), stinging nettle (*Urtica dioica*), ripgut brome (*Bromus diandrus*), and ruderal weeds.

Red willow thickets (*Salix laevigata* Woodland Alliance, G3 S3, 1602 and Porter Cologne jurisdictional habitat). Red willow thickets are widespread and occur in ditches, floodplains, lake edges, and low gradient depositions along streams (Sawyer *et al.*, 2009). This alliance covered 0.65 acres of the Mitigation Site. Red willow comprised greater than 50 percent relative cover in the tree canopy, or greater than 30 percent relative cover in the tree canopy if arroyo willow was in the subcanopy. The understory shrub layer often contained mulefat. Herbaceous groundcover was composed of Mexican rush, clustered field sedge, stinging nettle, water smartweed (*Persicaria amphibia*), ripgut brome, and ruderal weeds.



3 MITIGATION ACTIVITIES

The Project involved installing cattle exclusion fencing, removing and managing invasive plant species, planting mulefat and willow, and supplementing hydrology when necessary to sustain the restored habitat, as well as guaranteeing the long-term legal protection of the Mitigation Site with a conservation easement.

Figure 3 presents the locations of the cattle exclusion fencing, planting areas, and preservation areas.

3.1 Cattle Exclusion Fencing

A wildlife-friendly cattle exclusion fence was installed around the designated planting areas to prevent livestock from grazing on riparian plants. Alignment of the cattle exclusion fencing was adjusted during installation to avoid sensitive habitat while providing full constructability.

3.2 Invasive Species Management and Considerations

Initial weed eradication efforts included targeted grow kill cycles, and control of any non-grass invasive species present within the designated planting areas (including CAL-IPC moderate and limited species).

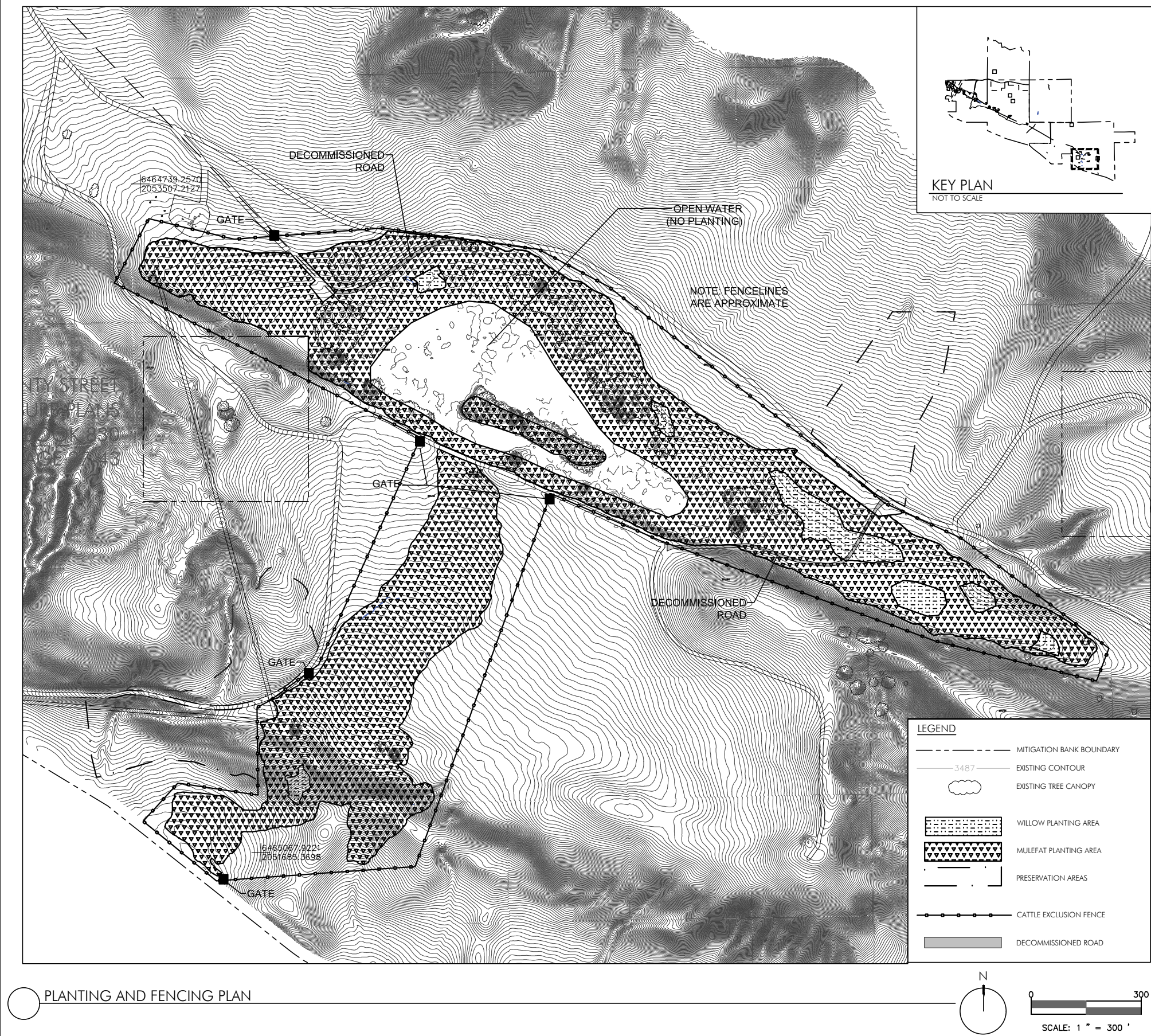
3.3 Planting Areas

Planting areas are within and immediately surrounding areas that previously supported sparse or scattered stands of mulefat, willow, and other riparian species. These areas were planted with 9,338 mulefat live stakes and 1,106 mixed red and arroyo willow live stake plantings to achieve an average density of 500-stems per acre, similar to existing high density mulefat and willow stands within the Mitigation Site. All plantings were live pole cuttings harvested from plants within the Bank to preserve local genetics. Willow plantings were focused only in the wettest portion of the Mitigation Site, primarily around Pond D, as well as a few other locations where groundwater seeps were sufficient to support the species; mulefat plantings are therefore more widespread throughout the Mitigation Site. In total, 27.67 acres were planted.

3.4 Preservation Areas

Two distinct preservation areas are located in the northeast and southwest of the Mitigation Site. They are dominated by California buckwheat (*Eriogonum fasciculatum*) in the northeast, and Parish's sagebrush (*Artemisia tridentata* ssp. *parishii*), thick leafed yerba santa (*Eriodictyon crassifolium*), and California buckwheat in the southwest. In total, 6.60 acres were preserved. These areas are located on alluvial fans and ephemeral drainages that receive periodic sediment and surface flows and support high quality habitat for xeric riparian communities.



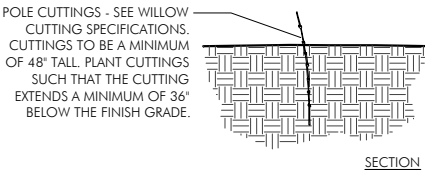


MULEFAT AREA PLANT SCHEDULE

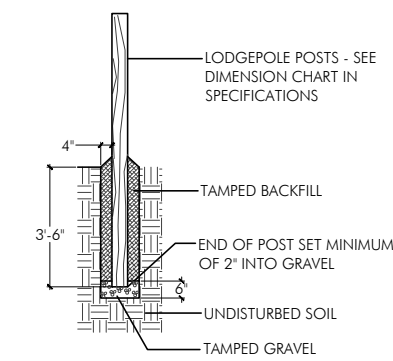
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BACCHARIS SALICIFOLIA	MULEFAT	4' LIVE STAKE	9,338

WILLOW AREA PLANT SCHEDULE

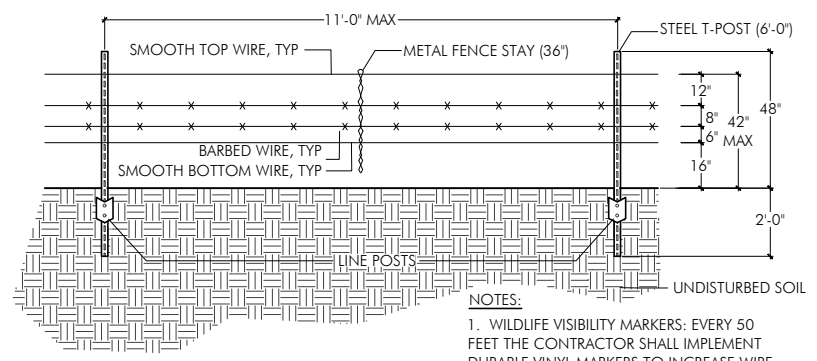
BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	CONTAINER SIZE	QUANTITY
SALIX LAEVIGATA	RED WILLOW	4' LIVE STAKE	885
SALIX LASIOLEPIS	ARROYO WILLOW	4' LIVE STAKE	221



1 POLE CUTTING DETAIL
NOT TO SCALE



3 BRACE POST INSTALLATION
NOT TO SCALE



2 FENCE LINE SECTION
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NOTES:
1. WILDLIFE VISIBILITY MARKERS: EVERY 50 FEET THE CONTRACTOR SHALL IMPLEMENT DURABLE VINYL MARKERS TO INCREASE WIRE VISIBILITY.

PLANTING AND FENCING PLAN



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DRAWN BY: RFP				
CHECKED BY: RBB	NO.	DATE	BY	REVISIONS

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MITIGATION BANK
LEONA VALLEY, LOS ANGELES COUNTY CA

FIGURE 3: DEVIL'S GATE
OFFSITE MITIGATION
AS-BUILT PLAN

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4 MONITORING AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

This section details annual performance standards and monitoring methods. Monitoring is conducted annually throughout the monitoring and maintenance period to demonstrate success of the mitigation activities. Monitoring is conducted in spring or early summer and is timed to follow the blooming periods of target weed species, so that any necessary control measures are implemented prior to the invasive species setting seed. Percent cover of mulefat and willow species within the Mitigation Site is assessed using plots spaced along four permanent 50-meter transects. Target invasive plant species is mapped annually and treated on an as-needed basis. Success is evaluated based on achieving the target standards presented below.

Restoration and enhancement activities were completed at the Mitigation Site in April 2019, so this report summarizes the fourth year of annual monitoring.

4.1 Planting Area Performance Standards

Performance standards for mulefat and willow installed in the planting areas are based on absolute cover assessed by visual estimation during the five-year monitoring period. Absolute cover of mulefat and willow is assessed in planting areas using the methods outlined in Section 4.2. Additionally, absolute cover of California Invasive Plant Council (Cal-IPC) rated High broad-leaved plant species is assessed in conjunction with mulefat and willow cover. The performance standards that are used to assess the success of the Mitigation Site are shown in Table 1.



Table 1. Performance Standards for Planting Areas

PERFORMANCE STANDARD	MONITORING YEAR					MONITORING FREQUENCY
	1	2	3	4	5	
By year 2, the planting areas must contain 10% or more absolute cover of mulefat or willow, or demonstrate 80% survivorship.		X				Annually
By year 3, the planting areas must contain 25% or more absolute cover of mulefat or willow, or demonstrate 80% survivorship.			X			Annually
By year 4, planting areas must contain 40% or more absolute cover of mulefat or willow.				X		Annually
By year 5, planting areas must contain 68% or more absolute cover of mulefat or willow.					X	Annually
Percent cover of Cal-IPC rated high broad-leaved invasive plant species must cover no more than 10% absolute cover of the Mitigation Site.		X	X	X	X	Annually



4.2 Performance Monitoring Methods

The Mitigation Site planting areas were monitored for cover of willow and mulefat plantings, and cover of Cal-IPC High-rated broad-leaved invasive species (“invasive weeds”). Absolute cover of willow, mulefat, and invasive weeds was monitored in planting areas using four permanent transects. In addition to transect monitoring, a drone was used to assess site-wide cover of mulefat and willow plantings.

4.2.1 Transect Monitoring

Permanent 50-meter transects were established within planting areas (Figure 4). Transects were permanently marked in the field using T-posts. Global Positioning System (GPS) points were recorded to repeat transect monitoring in future years, and photos were taken at the start and end of each transect. Each 50-meter transect was surveyed by walking a 2.5-meter-wide belt transect and recording species and species cover class¹ every 5 meters, resulting in 10 sampling plots per transect. Species and species cover class were recorded within each plot to assess the performance standards outlined in Table 1. A photograph was taken at the beginning and end of each transect (Appendix C). The cover of mulefat and willow was then calculated by averaging the sums of the cover of mulefat and willow for each transect.

4.2.2 Drone Monitoring

A WRA licensed pilot flew the entire Mitigation Site with a Phantom 4 Multispectral Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) collecting data from 5 wavelength bands: Red, Green, Blue, Red-Edge, and Near Infrared. The data was then stitched together using Pix4D photogrammetry software. The output datasets included an RGB and Color-Infrared (CIR) photomosaics. Using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software, a Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) analysis was performed on the CIR imagery using the individual bands collected by the UAV. Utilizing the NDVI, data vegetation types were classified in GIS and exported into vector format. The vector format data was then used to calculate site-wide absolute vegetation cover. Additionally, Pix4D software was used to create a Digital Surface Model (DSM) from the UAV data. The DSM was used in concert with publicly available lidar data to create a vegetation height profile for the entire Mitigation Site, which utilized three height classes (< 3 ft., 3 - 10 ft., and > 12 ft.).

4.3 Inspections for Mitigation Maintenance

Maintenance inspections and activities during the five-year plant establishment period in the created and enhanced riparian areas are required to facilitate the restoration (Table 2). Conditions are evaluated multiple times per year and if deficiencies are noted, they are assessed, documented, and remedied as quickly as necessary to prevent further damage, per the corresponding maintenance action described in Table 2.

¹ Cover classes are as follows: 0=<1%, 1=1-5%, 2=5-25%, 3=25-50%, 4=50-75%, 5=75-95%, 6=95-100%



Table 2. Maintenance Inspection Types and Actions

INSPECTION TYPE	CORRESPONDING MAINTENANCE ACTION
Signs of erosion	Repair of slopes and installation of erosion protections
Non-native invasive plants (NNIPs) mapping	Plant removal or management to control establishment and spread
Condition of cattle exclusion fencing	Fence repair
Proper hydrologic conditions	Adjust water augmentation

Mapping of non-native, invasive plant (NNIP) species targeted for management was conducted regularly throughout the year. WRA biologists traversed the planting area on foot, focusing on locations where target NNIPs had been observed in past years, and mapped each target NNIP species occurrence that was encountered. The targets of the surveys were NNIP species rated Cal-IPC High, and species rated Cal-IPC Moderate, or Limited that are specifically known to be nuisance species either regionally or locally. Mapping was not conducted within preservation areas.

Other species that are not of regional or local concern were not mapped, but their presence was recorded in the Mitigation Site Species List (Appendix A).



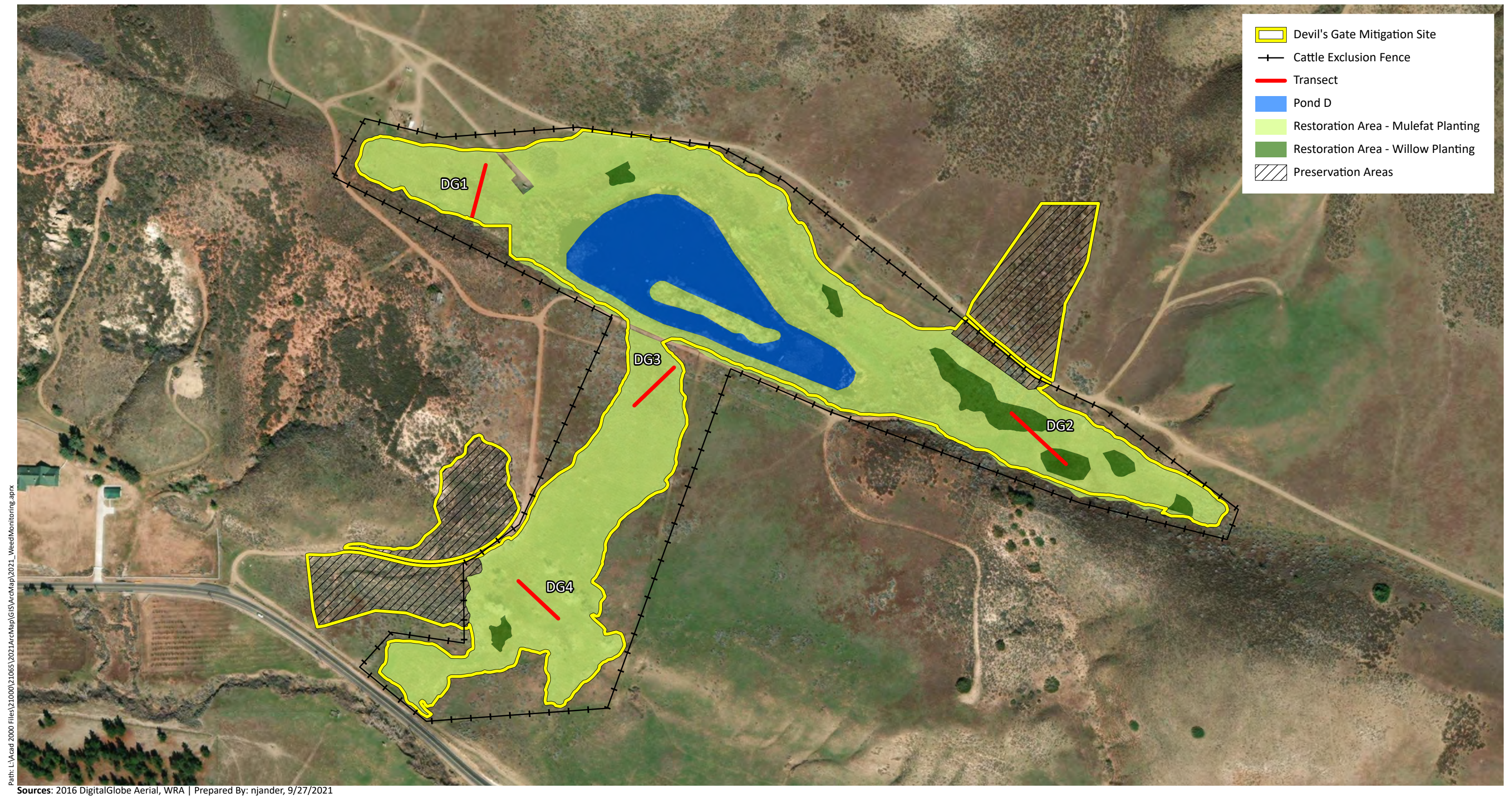


Figure 4. Mitigation Site Monitoring Locations

Petersen Ranch Mitigation Bank
Los Angeles County, California



5 RESULTS

5.1 Performance Monitoring

Year 4 monitoring activities were completed at the Mitigation Site in July 2023. Currently the Mitigation Site is meeting all Year 4 performance standards (Table 3). The complete annual monitoring data for the four monitoring transects is included in Appendix A. UAV multispectral analysis results are summarized below in Table 4 and depicted below in Figure 5. Appendix B presents all species observed within the Mitigation Site during both transect and site-wide surveys. Photo monitoring photos and transect photos are included in Appendix C.

5.1.1 Mulefat and Willow Cover

Cover of mulefat and willow was variable at the four monitoring transects, averaging 43% absolute cover (Table 3). Mulefat was more abundant than willow within the monitoring transects and was the dominant woody riparian species. Other native species with notable absolute cover within transects included field sedge (15%), beardless wild rye (*Elymus triticoides*; 14%), Mexican rush (9%), and rubber rabbitbrush (*Ericameria nauseosa*) (8%).

The UAV multispectral analysis indicated that there was a total of 14.91 acres of mulefat cover and 0.79 acres of willow cover across the 23.26-acre planting area, which equates to a combined mulefat and willow cover of 67%. The focus of this analysis was mulefat and willow cover. When possible, other vegetation cover was mapped; however, it was beyond the scope of this analysis to assess all the vegetation cover throughout the planting area. As a result, 3.33 acres of the planting area was not assigned a cover species. Based on site knowledge and transect data, we know that this 3.33 acres of cover was comprised of native, non-native, wetland, and upland species.

5.1.2 Cal-IPC High Broad-Leaved Invasive Species Cover

Percent cover of Cal-IPC rated high broad-leaved invasive plant species averaged less than 1% across all transects (Table 3). Only one Cal-IPC High-rated broad-leaved invasive species, perennial pepperweed (*Lepidium latifolium*), was observed in the Mitigation Site (see Section 5.2.2).



Table 3. Year 4 Performance Monitoring Results – Absolute Cover of Mulefat & Willow and Absolute Cover of Non-Native Invasive Broad-Leaved Plant Species within the Mitigation Site

PERFORMANCE METRIC	DG1	DG2	DG3	DG4	AVERAGE	YEAR 4 PERFORMANCE STANDARD	YEAR 4 PERFORMANCE STANDARD MET?
Native Plant Cover							
Native Wetland and Riparian Cover	137	89	61	67	89	N/A	N/A
Native Wetland Cover	59	65	11	47	45	N/A	N/A
Native Riparian Cover	79	24	50	20	43	>40%	Yes
Mulefat	79	16	50	20	41	N/A	N/A
Willow	0	8	0	0	2	N/A	N/A
Invasive Plant Cover							
Cal-IPC High Cover*	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	<10%	Yes
*Broad-leaved plant species rated High per Cal-IPC (grasses excluded)							

Table 4. Year 4 UAV Multispectral Analysis Results – Vegetation Absolute Cover of Mulefat & Willow

Cover Type	Acres of Vegetation Absolute Cover	Percent Absolute Cover
Native Wetland and Riparian Vegetation and Waters	19.70	86%
Native Wetland Vegetation	1.85	8%
California bullrush (<i>Schoenoplectus californicus</i>)	1.39	6%
Mexican Rush (<i>Juncus mexicanus</i>)	0.46	2%
Native Riparian Vegetation	17.85	77%
Desert olive (<i>Forestiera pubescens</i>)	0.18	1%
Fremont cottonwood (<i>Populus fremontii</i>)	1.97	8%
Mulefat (<i>Baccharis salicifolia</i>)	14.91	64%
Willow (<i>Salix</i> spp.)	0.79	3%
Waters	0.23	1%
Open Water	0.23	1%
Other	3.33	14%



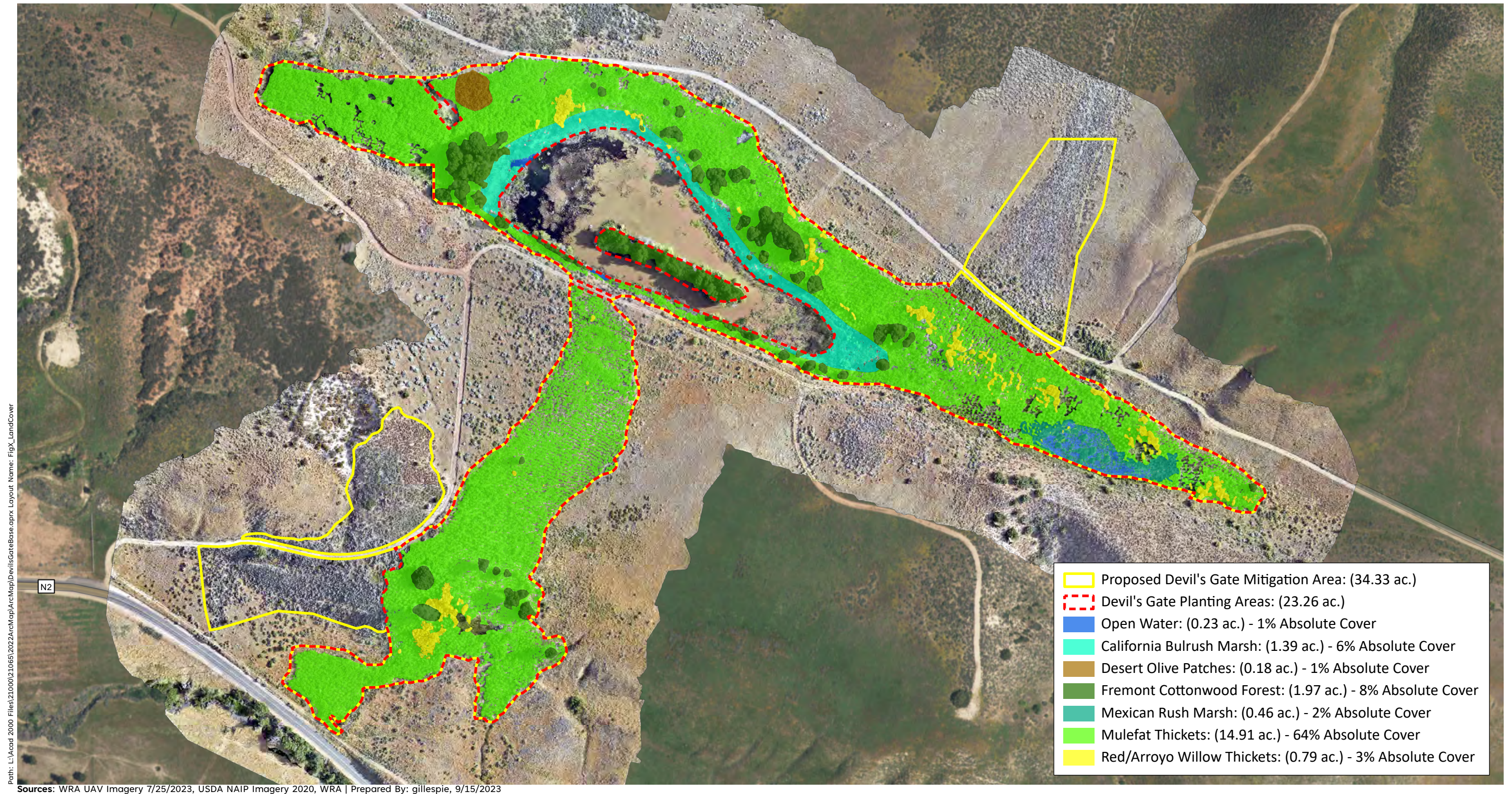


Figure 5. Year 4 UAV Multispectral Analysis Results – Vegetation Absolute Cover

Devil's Gate Planting Areas
Petersen Ranch
Los Angeles County, CA

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5.2 Mitigation Maintenance Inspections

5.2.1 Erosion

There were no indications of erosion observed at the Mitigation Site this year. Therefore, no maintenance activities were implemented to address erosion issues.

5.2.2 Target Non-Native Invasive Plant Species Mapping

Several NNIP species of concern were observed within the Mitigation Site and were targeted for management. Management actions were rapidly deployed to control the spread of these species and are detailed below.

Three Cal-IPC High grasses are present: red brome, cheatgrass, and medusahead (*Elymus caput-medusae*). Red brome and cheatgrass were the most abundant of the Cal-IPC High species present at the Mitigation Site, and both are locally abundant in the region and within the Bank property. These species are managed within the Mitigation Site to promote the establishment of native species. In previous years, only one medusahead skeleton occurrence was observed within the Mitigation Site. This small population was monitored several times throughout the year to ensure that treatment was properly timed and that any surviving individuals were treated during follow-up treatments. In addition to the previously documented population, a new population was observed at the southern end of the Mitigation Site, next to Elizabeth Lake Road. This medusahead population flowered and set seed between maintenance inspection visits. Additional maintenance inspections targeting medusahead will be implemented in 2024.

Perennial pepperweed, a broad-leaved plant species ranked High by Cal-IPC, observed for the first time at the Mitigation Site in 2021, continues to be treated in the areas it was observed. One population has expanded and is now present in low densities at the DG4 monitoring transect (Figure 4). Land Veritas staff have been trained or retrained on the identification of this species and best practices for controlling perennial pepperweed, and efforts to control populations of perennial pepperweed are ongoing.

The results of the Year 4 target NNIP species mapping are shown on Figure 6.

In addition to the NNIPs targeted for management, other NNIPs of regional or local concern are also present within the Mitigation Site, including:

- Three Cal-IPC Moderate species: one non-native grass (ripgut brome) and two broad-leaved species (bull thistle [*Cirsium vulgare*] and short-pod mustard [*Hirschfeldia incana*]);
- One Cal-IPC Limited species: horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*); and
- One unrated broad-leaved species: annual yellow sweetclover (*Melilotus indicus*).

Land Veritas staff have been trained on the identification of these species and appropriate control strategies to facilitate rapid weed management efforts upon observation during regular surveys of the Mitigation Site throughout the year.



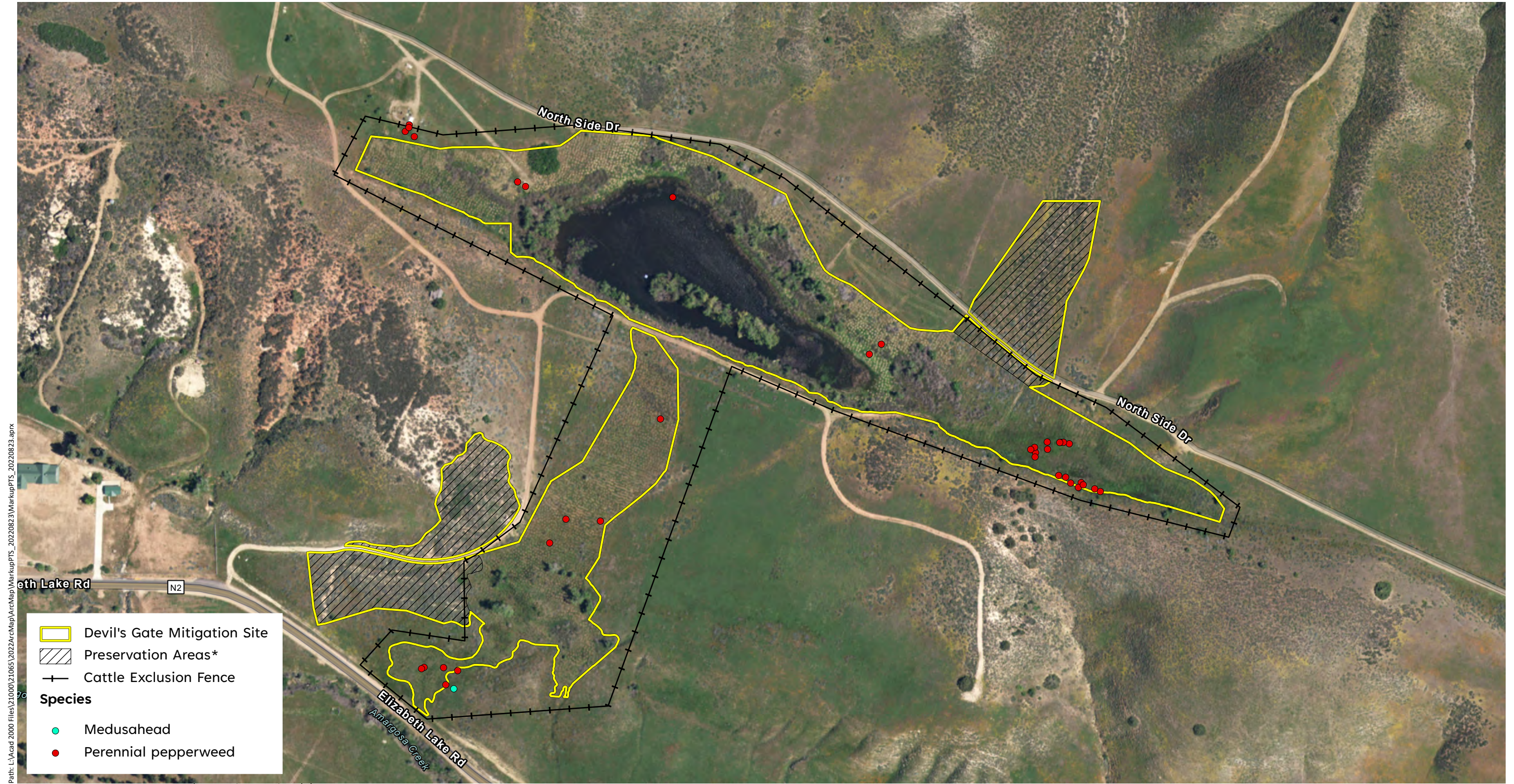
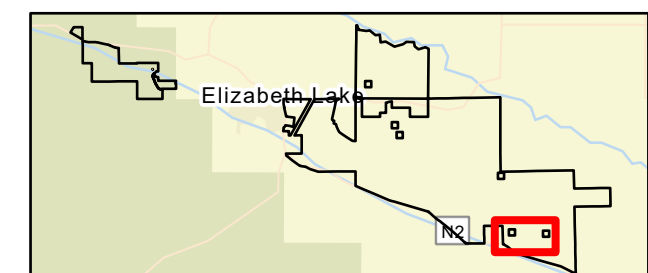
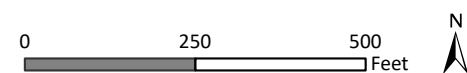


Figure 6. Target Non-Native Invasive Plants within Mitigation Site Planting Areas

*Not surveyed for NNIPs.

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5.2.3 Cattle Exclusion Fencing

Installation of the cattle exclusion fencing and associated gates was completed concurrent with restoration activities in early 2019. The fence remains intact, cattle have been successfully excluded from the Mitigation Site, and no major repairs to the fence have been required.

5.2.4 Hydrologic Conditions

Continuous irrigation of the Mitigation Site ended in the Fall of 2022. Maintenance of the irrigation system will continue as needed, which includes system flushes and vegetation management in the immediate vicinity of control mechanisms. Irrigation will not be renewed during the interim management period unless there is major risk of mass mortality among the planted mulefat and willow. During the Long-Term Management Period, irrigation will continue on an as-needed basis.



6 SUMMARY AND MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 Performance Monitoring Summary

6.1.1 Mulefat and Willows Cover and Survivorship

The Year 4 performance standard states, “The planting areas must contain 40% or more absolute cover of mulefat and willow”. Year 4 annual performance monitoring results indicate that the average combined cover of mulefat and willow is 43% using the monitoring transects (Table 3) and 67% using the UAV multispectral analysis (Table 4), which both surpass the Year 4 performance standard.

Although the Mitigation Site is meeting the Year 4 performance standards, the annual monitoring data indicates relatively low cover of mulefat and willow at transect DG2 and DG4. The likely reason for the relatively low cover at DG2 is prolonged ponding and heavy soils, and DG4 contains heavy soils. Despite the low mulefat and willow cover, these transects are dominated by native wetland species. Year 4 annual monitoring at DG2 revealed the total absolute cover of native species is 101%, with the dominant native species consisting of beardless wild rye (41% absolute cover), mulefat (16% absolute cover), Mexican rush (12% absolute cover), tarragon (9% absolute cover), and red willow (*Salix laevigata*; 8% absolute cover). Year 4 annual monitoring at DG4 revealed the total absolute cover of native species is 77%, with the dominant native species consisting of mulefat (20% absolute cover), field sedge (20% absolute cover), gumweed (*Grindelia camporum*; 14% absolute cover), and Mexican rush (8% absolute cover). While there is relatively low cover of mulefat and willow at these transects, the prevalence of native wetland species and the presence of a mixture of open canopy and closed canopy habitat types is consistent with the objective seeking to improve the riparian habitat structure and increase the riparian habitat diversity (Section 1.2, WRA 2018). As such, no management actions are recommended.

In addition to required transect monitoring, UAV multispectral analysis was conducted to supplement transect monitoring data. The results of this analysis indicate that the absolute cover of native wetland and riparian vegetation within the planting areas is 85%, including 76% native riparian vegetation of which 67% is comprised of mulefat and willow. (Table 4). These results support direct observations that the actual cover of mulefat and willow is higher than the cover observed at the monitoring transects, and that across the planting areas the mitigation actions have resulted in more than 85% cover of native riparian and wetland habitats, which is consistent with the goal of the HMMP. We recommend the use of UAV multispectral analysis for Year 5 performance monitoring. We also recommend that the performance monitoring results for absolute cover of all native wetland and riparian species be included in determining whether the performance standard is being met.

Finally, the primary goal of the Project is to create mitigation areas that could provide suitable habitat for federally and state-listed species, including least Bell’s vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*; WRA 2018). The total riparian cover across the entire planting area is 77%, which is greater than the mean riparian vegetation required for least Bell’s vireo habitat as determined by the habitat suitability model developed by the United States Geological Survey Wildlife Program (Preston *et al.* 2021). This includes cover from mulefat (64% absolute cover), willow (3% absolute cover), Fremont cottonwood (8% absolute cover), and desert olive (*Forestiera pubescens*; 1% absolute cover).

The Mitigation Site is meeting the Year 4 performance standard for absolute cover of mulefat and willow.



6.1.2 Cal-IPC High Broad-Leaved Invasive Species Cover

The Year 4 performance standard for non-native invasive cover at the Mitigation Site is, “Percent cover of Cal-IPC rated High broad-leaved invasive plant species must cover no more than 10% absolute cover of the Mitigation Site”. Year 4 annual monitoring revealed no cover of Cal-IPC High broad-leaved invasive plant species at the monitoring transects (Table 3); however, one Cal-IPC High rated broad-leaved invasive species individual is known to occur at the Mitigation Site, perennial pepperweed. The distribution of perennial pepperweed throughout the Mitigation Site is known and has been documented for multiple years (Figure 6). Treatment for this species is underway; however, some occurrences are more established and will take several years to eradicate.

The Mitigation Site is meeting the Year 4 performance standard for percent absolute cover of Cal-IPC rated High broad-leaved invasive plant species.

6.2 Management Recommendations

6.2.1 Biological Resources

NNIPs surrounding each planted stake are cleared in the spring and managed throughout the growing season. It is recommended that NNIP treatment within the Mitigation Site continue in conjunction with invasive species treatments across the rest of the Bank Property.

Specific NNIP management actions may include:

- Regular qualitative surveys for target NNIP species by Land Veritas staff;
- Implementation of best management practices for individual NNIP species as issues arise;
- Focused eradication efforts of target NNIP species documented in the Mitigation Site, such as perennial pepperweed and medusahead; and
- Regular training of Land Veritas staff on identification of target and other NNIP species of concern.

6.2.2 Infrastructure and Facilities

The Mitigation Site’s infrastructure and facilities will be subject to regular standard maintenance to ensure proper function. Land Veritas staff will complete regular and frequent walk-throughs of the Mitigation Site to identify potential maintenance needs, including the condition of the cattle exclusion fencing. Issues will be immediately addressed and repaired. Land Veritas staff will also survey the Mitigation Site for evidence of erosion following large rain events and implement erosion mitigation strategies as appropriate.



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APPENDIX A. ANNUAL MONITORING DATA



Scientific Name	Common Name	Origin	Form	Rarity Status	CAL-IPC Status	Wetland Status (AW 2016)
Bare ground	Bare ground					
Litter	Litter					
<i>Acmispion americanus</i> var. <i>americanus</i>	Spanish lotus	native	annual herb	-	-	UPL
<i>Artemisia dracuncululus</i>	Tarragon	native	perennial herb	-	-	FACU
<i>Asclepias fascicularis</i>	Milkweed	native	perennial herb	-	-	FAC
<i>Baccharis salicifolia</i> ssp. <i>salicifolia</i>	Mule fat	native	shrub	-	-	FAC
<i>Bromus diandrus</i>	Rigput brome	non-native (invasive)	annual grass	-	Moderate	-
<i>Bromus hordeaceus</i>	Soft chess	non-native (invasive)	annual grass	-	Limited	FACU
<i>Bromus tectorum</i>	Cheat grass	non-native (invasive)	annual grass	-	High	-
<i>Carex praegracilis</i>	Field sedge	native	perennial grasslike herb	-	-	FACW
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Bullthistle	non-native (invasive)	perennial herb	-	Moderate	FACU
<i>Croton setiger</i>	Turkey-mullein	native	perennial herb	-	-	-
<i>Cucurbita foetidissima</i>	Missouri gourd	native	perennial herb, vine	-	-	-
<i>Descurainia sophia</i>	Herb sophia	non-native (invasive)	annual herb	-	Limited	-
<i>Distichlis spicata</i>	Salt grass	native	perennial grass	-	-	FAC
<i>Elymus triticoides</i>	Beardless wild rye	native	perennial grass	-	-	FAC
<i>Ericameria nauseosa</i>	Rubber rabbitbrush	native	shrub	-	-	-
<i>Festuca myuros</i>	Rattail sixweeks grass	non-native (invasive)	annual grass	-	Moderate	FACU
<i>Heliotropium curassavicum</i> var. <i>oculatum</i>	Seaside heliotrope	native	perennial herb	-	-	FACU
<i>Hirschfeldia incana</i>	Short-podded mustard	non-native (invasive)	perennial herb	-	Moderate	-
<i>Juncus mexicanus</i>	Mexican rush	native	perennial grasslike herb	-	-	FACW
<i>Lactuca serriola</i>	Prickly lettuce	non-native	annual herb	-	-	FACU
<i>Malvella leprosa</i>	Alkali mallow	native	perennial herb	-	-	FACU
<i>Marrubium vulgare</i>	White horehound	non-native (invasive)	perennial herb	-	Limited	FACU
<i>Salix laevigata</i>	Red willow	native	tree	-	-	FACW
<i>Senecio flaccidus</i> var. <i>douglasii</i>	Bush groundsel	native	shrub	-	-	-
<i>Verbena lasiostachys</i>	Western vervain	native	perennial herb	-	-	FAC

Class	
0 (0.5) <1	4 (62.5) 50-75%
1 (2.5) 1-5%	5 (85) 75-95%
2 (15) 5-25%	6 (97.5) >95%
3 (37.5) 25-50%	

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Site and Transect:	DG4	
Date:		7/26/2023
Staff:	TH & MS	
Transect length:	50m	
Starting Point:	0m	
Data Entry:	PJ	
Data QC:	SG	

Quadrat Size:	5m x 2.5m		
Photo #:			

(start, finish)

Class	
0 (0.5) <1	4 (62.5) 50-75%
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Bare ground		Bare ground					
Litter		Litter					
Artemisia dracunculus		Tarragon	native	perennial herb	-	-	FACU
Asclepias fascicularis		Milkweed	native	perennial herb	-	-	FAC
Baccharis salicifolia ssp. salicifolia		Mule fat	native	shrub	-	-	FAC
Bromus diandrus		Rigput brome	non-native (invasive)	annual grass	-	Moderate	-
Bromus hordeaceus		Soft chess	non-native (invasive)	annual grass	-	Limited	FACU
Carex praegracilis		Field sedge	native	perennial grasslike herb	-	-	FACW
Cirsium vulgare		Bullthistle	non-native (invasive)	perennial herb	-	Moderate	FACU
Croton setiger		Turkey-mullein	native	perennial herb	-	-	-
Cucurbita foetidissima		Missouri gourd	native	perennial herb, vine	-	-	-
Datura wrightii		Jimsonweed	native	perennial herb	-	-	UPL
Distichlis spicata		Salt grass	native	perennial grass	-	-	FAC
Elymus triticoides		Beardless wild rye	native	perennial grass	-	-	FAC
Ericameria nauseosa		Rubber rabbitbrush	native	shrub	-	-	-
Euthamia occidentalis		Western goldenrod	native	perennial herb	-	-	FACW
Festuca myuros		Rattail sixweeks grass	non-native (invasive)	annual grass	-	Moderate	FACU
Grindelia camporum		Gumweed	native	perennial herb	-	-	FACW
Heliotropium curassavicum var. oculatum		Seaside heliotrope	native	perennial herb	-	-	FACU
Hirschfeldia incana		Short-podded mustard	non-native (invasive)	perennial herb	-	Moderate	-
Juncus mexicanus		Mexican rush	native	perennial grasslike herb	-	-	FACW
Lactuca serriola		Prickly lettuce	non-native	annual herb	-	-	FACU
Malvella leprosa		Alkali mallow	native	perennial herb	-	-	FACU
Marrubium vulgare		White horehound	non-native (invasive)	perennial herb	-	Limited	FACU
Mellilotus indicus		Annual yellow sweetclover	non-native	annual herb	-	-	FACU
Sonchus asper ssp. asper		Prickly sow thistle	non-native	annual herb	-	-	FAC
Stachys albens		Cobwebby hedge nettle	native	perennial herb	-	-	OBL
Stipa pulchra		Purple needle grass	native	perennial grass	-	-	-
Tragopogon dubius		Goat's beard	non-native	perennial herb	-	-	-
Artemisia tridentata		Common sagebrush	native	shrub	-	-	-
Sidalcea sparsiflora		Southern checkerbloom	native	perennial herb (rhizomatous)	-	-	-
Rumex crispus		Curly dock	non-native (invasive)	perennial herb	-	Limited	FAC
Pseudognaphalium biolettii		Two-color rabbit-tobacco	native	perennial herb	-	-	-
Lupinus bicolor		Miniature lupine	native	annual, perennial herb	-	-	-
Sporobolus airoides		Alkali sacaton	native	perennial grass	-	-	FAC

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APPENDIX B. MITIGATION SITE OBSERVED SPECIES LIST



Scientific Name	Common Name	Origin	Form	Rarity Status ¹	CAL-IPC Status ²	Wetland Status ³
<i>Acmispon americanus</i> var. <i>americanus</i>	Spanish lotus	native	annual herb	-	-	UPL
<i>Artemisia dracunculus</i>	Tarragon	native	perennial herb	-	-	FACU
<i>Asclepias fascicularis</i>	Milkweed	native	perennial herb	-	-	FAC
<i>Astragalus douglasii</i>	Douglas's milkvetch	native	perennial herb	-	-	-
<i>Baccharis salicifolia</i> ssp. <i>salicifolia</i>	Mule fat	native	shrub	-	-	FAC
<i>Bromus diandrus</i>	Ripgut brome	non-native (invasive)	annual grass	-	Moderate	-
<i>Bromus hordeaceus</i>	Soft chess	non-native (invasive)	annual grass	-	Limited	FACU
<i>Bromus rubens</i>	Red brome	non-native (invasive)	annual grass	-	High	UPL
<i>Bromus tectorum</i>	Cheat grass	non-native (invasive)	annual grass	-	High	-
<i>Carex praegracilis</i>	Field sedge	native	perennial grasslike herb	-	-	FACW
<i>Castilleja affinis</i> ssp. <i>affinis</i>	Coast Indian paint brush	native	perennial herb	-	-	-
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Bullthistle	non-native (invasive)	perennial herb	-	Moderate	FACU
<i>Corethrogyne filaginifolia</i>	Common sandaster	native	perennial herb	-	-	-
<i>Croton setiger</i>	Turkey-mullein	native	perennial herb	-	-	-

Scientific Name	Common Name	Origin	Form	Rarity Status ¹	CAL-IPC Status ²	Wetland Status ³
<i>Cucurbita foetidissima</i>	Missouri gourd	native	perennial herb, vine	-	-	-
<i>Datura wrightii</i>	Jimsonweed	native	perennial herb	-	-	UPL
<i>Descurainia sophia</i>	Herb sophia	non-native (invasive)	annual herb	-	Limited	-
<i>Distichlis spicata</i>	Salt grass	native	perennial grass	-	-	FAC
<i>Elymus triticoides</i>	Beardless wild rye	native	perennial grass	-	-	FAC
<i>Ericameria linearifolia</i>	Interior goldenbush	native	shrub	-	-	-
<i>Ericameria nauseosa</i>	Rubber rabbitbrush	native	shrub	-	-	-
<i>Erigeron canadensis</i>	Canada horseweed	native	annual herb	-	-	FACU
<i>Eriogonum davidsonii</i>	Davidson buckwheat	native	annual herb	-	-	-
<i>Eriogonum elongatum</i> var. <i>elongatum</i>	Long stemmed buckwheat	native	perennial herb	-	-	-
<i>Euthamia occidentalis</i>	Western goldenrod	native	perennial herb	-	-	FACW
<i>Festuca myuros</i>	Rattail sixweeks grass	non-native (invasive)	annual grass	-	Moderate	FACU
<i>Grindelia camporum</i>	Gumweed	native	perennial herb	-	-	FACW
<i>Helianthus annuus</i>	Hairy leaved sunflower	native	annual herb	-	-	FACU

Scientific Name	Common Name	Origin	Form	Rarity Status ¹	CAL-IPC Status ²	Wetland Status ³
<i>Heliotropium curassavicum</i> var. <i>oculatum</i>	Seaside heliotrope	native	perennial herb	-	-	FACU
<i>Hirschfeldia incana</i>	Short-podded mustard	non-native (invasive)	perennial herb	-	Moderate	-
<i>Hordeum murinum</i>	Foxtail barley	non-native (invasive)	annual grass	-	Moderate	FACU
<i>Juncus mexicanus</i>	Mexican rush	native	perennial grasslike herb	-	-	FACW
<i>Juncus orthophyllus</i>	Straight leaved rush	native	perennial grasslike herb	-	-	FACW
<i>Lactuca serriola</i>	Prickly lettuce	non-native	annual herb	-	-	FACU
<i>Lepidium appelianum</i>	Hairy whitetop	non-native (invasive)	perennial herb	-	Limited	UPL
<i>Malvella leprosa</i>	Alkali mallow	native	perennial herb	-	-	FACU
<i>Marrubium vulgare</i>	White horehound	non-native (invasive)	perennial herb	-	Limited	FACU
<i>Melilotus albus</i>	White sweetclover	non-native	annual, biennial herb	-	-	-
<i>Melilotus indicus</i>	Annual yellow sweetclover	non-native	annual herb	-	-	FACU
<i>Polypogon monspeliensis</i>	Annual beard grass	non-native (invasive)	annual grass	-	Limited	FACW
<i>Pseudognaphalium californicum</i>	Ladies' tobacco	native	annual, perennial herb	-	-	-

Scientific Name	Common Name	Origin	Form	Rarity Status ¹	CAL-IPC Status ²	Wetland Status ³
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	Curly dock	non-native (invasive)	perennial herb	-	Limited	FAC
<i>Salix laevigata</i>	Red willow	native	tree	-	-	FACW
<i>Senecio flaccidus</i>	Shrubby ragwort	native	shrub	-	-	-
<i>Sidalcea malviflora</i>	Wild hollyhock	native	perennial herb	-	-	FACW
<i>Solanum xanti</i>	Nightshade	native	perennial herb, shrub	-	-	-
<i>Sonchus asper</i> ssp. <i>asper</i>	Prickly sow thistle	non-native	annual herb	-	-	FAC
<i>Stachys albens</i>	Cobwebby hedge nettle	native	perennial herb	-	-	OBL
<i>Stipa lepida</i>	Foothill needle grass	native	perennial grass	-	-	-
<i>Stipa pulchra</i>	Purple needle grass	native	perennial grass	-	-	-
<i>Tragopogon dubius</i>	Goat's beard	non-native	perennial herb	-	-	-
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Stinging nettle	native	perennial herb	-	-	FAC
<i>Verbena lasiostachys</i>	Western vervain	native	perennial herb	-	-	FAC

All species identified using the *Jepson eFlora* [Jepson Flora Project (eds.) 2023]; nomenclature follows *Jepson eFlora* [Jepson Flora Project (eds.) 2023] or Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants (CNPS 2023). Sp.: "species", intended to indicate that the observer was confident in the identity of the genus but uncertain which species.

¹ **California Native Plant Society. 2019. Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants (online edition, v9-01 1.5). Sacramento, California. Online at: <http://rareplants.cnps.org/>; most recently accessed: September 2023.**

FE:	Federal Endangered
FT:	Federal Threatened
SE:	State Endangered
ST:	State Threatened
SR:	State Rare
Rank 1A:	Plants presumed extinct in California
Rank 1B:	Plants rare, threatened, or endangered in California and elsewhere
Rank 2:	Plants rare, threatened, or endangered in California, but more common elsewhere
Rank 3:	Plants about which we need more information – a review list
Rank 4:	Plants of limited distribution – a watch list

² **California Invasive Plant Council. 2019. California Invasive Plant Inventory Database. California Invasive Plant Council, Berkeley, CA. Online at: <http://www.cal-ipc.org/paf/>; most recently accessed: September 2023.**

High:	Severe ecological impacts; high rates of dispersal and establishment; most are widely distributed ecologically.
Moderate:	Substantial and apparent ecological impacts; moderate-high rates of dispersal, establishment dependent on disturbance; limited-moderate distribution ecologically
Limited:	Minor or not well documented ecological impacts; low-moderate rate of invasiveness; limited distribution ecologically
Assessed:	Assessed by Cal-IPC and determined to not be an existing current threat

³ **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. 2020. National Wetland Plant List, version 3.5. Engineer Research and Development Center. Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory, Hanover, NH. Online at: <http://wetland-plants.usace.army.mil/>; most recently accessed: September 2023**

OBL:	Almost always found in wetlands
FACW:	Usually found in wetlands
FAC:	Equally found in wetlands and uplands
FACU:	Usually not found in wetlands
UPL:	Almost never found in wetlands
NL:	Not listed, assumed almost never found in wetlands
NI:	No information; not factored during wetland delineation

APPENDIX C. PHOTO MONITORING AND TRANSECT PHOTO





Pre-restoration photo of western lobe of Mitigation Site looking to the northwest.



Western lobe of Mitigation Site looking to the northwest. Taken September 10, 2020.



Western lobe of Mitigation Site looking to the northwest. Taken June 24, 2021.



Western lobe of Mitigation Site looking to the northwest. Taken July 29, 2022.



Western lobe of Mitigation Site looking to the northwest. Taken July 26, 2023.



Pre-restoration photo of the northern section of the Mitigation Site looking to the northeast.



Northern section of the Mitigation Site looking to the northeast. Taken September 10, 2020.



Northern section of the Mitigation Site looking to the northeast. Taken June 24, 2021.



Northern section of the Mitigation Site looking to the northeast. Taken July 29, 2022.



Northern section of the Mitigation Site looking to the northeast. Taken July 26, 2023.



Pre-restoration photo of southern section of Mitigation Site looking to the southeast.



Southern section of the Mitigation Site looking to the southeast. Taken September 10, 2020.



Southern section of the Mitigation Site looking to the southeast. Taken June 24, 2021.



Southern section of the Mitigation Site looking to the southeast. Taken July 29, 2022.



Southern section of the Mitigation Site looking to the southeast. Taken July 26, 2023.



Pre restoration photo of the Mitigation Site taken from the northeastern lobe looking to the northwest.



Mitigation Site taken from the northeastern lobe looking to the northwest.
Taken September 11, 2020.



Mitigation Site taken from the northeastern lobe looking to the northwest.
Taken June 24, 2021.



Mitigation Site taken from the northeastern lobe looking to the northwest.
Taken July 29, 2022.



Mitigation Site taken from the northeastern lobe looking to the northwest.
Taken July 26, 2023.



Transect DG1 Start. Taken July 27, 2023.



Transect DG1 End. Taken July 27, 2023.



Transect DG2 Start. Taken July 26, 2023.



Transect DG2 End. Taken July 26, 2023



Transect DG3 Start. Taken July 26, 2023.



Transect DG3 End. Taken July 26, 2023.



Transect DG4 Start. Taken July 26, 2023.



Transect DG4 End. Taken July 26, 2023.