




Essex Environmental, Inc.

ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTION REPORT

City of Oakland – Leona Quarry

Date:	February 25, 2005; 8:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	
Inspector:	Matthew Weinand (Essex Environmental)	
Weather:	Overcast, approximately 56 degrees Fahrenheit, and approximately 0 to 5 mph wind.	

ACTIVITY: Project Meeting

Met briefly with Jun Osalbo (City of Oakland), DeSilva Gates' contracted biologist Jeff Dreier (WRA), and Peter Helseth (DeSilva Gates). We discussed adding a spur extension of new Alameda whipsnake exclusion fence to the previously installed fencing in the eastern area of the project near Campus Drive. This addition will exclude potential Alameda whipsnake habitat from future construction areas. The addition to the fence was agreed upon and will be installed between potential habitat and the construction footprint prior to the entry of equipment into the area.

Also discussed the importance of clearing vegetation from areas of planned construction within the project footprint as soon as possible. Jeff and I reiterated that as we move further into the breeding season for birds, the greater the potential of nesting occurring within an uncleared area. Jeff stated that breeding bird and Alameda whipsnake surveys will continue to be performed prior to clearing activities as needed by WRA. In addition Jeff also stated that monitoring of clearing activities in potential Alameda whipsnake habitat would continue as required.

ACTIVITY: Whipsnake Fence and General Site Inspection

I inspected the entire length of the Alameda whipsnake protection fence with Jeff Dreier. Overall, the fence was in very good shape and compliant with the requirements of the project's Special Status Species Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (SSSMMP). Jeff and I performed some routine fence maintenance in areas where recent rains had impacted the fence. Jeff took notes detailing further maintenance-level repairs needed, which he will provide to the contractor. Multiple areas noted last week (See report from February 16, 2005) along the fence requiring minor adjustments and maintenance-level repairs, had been repaired. Due to recent rains and general environmental exposure, duct tape used to patch the fence in many areas continues to peel. Replacement or application of additional tape should continue as part of routine fence maintenance.

A section of fence approximately 100-feet long in the Ridgemont basin area that was damaged in a storm last week has been repaired and meets all requirements in the SSSMMP. No work was noted in the area.