

ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTION REPORT City of Oakland – Leona Quarry

Date:	August 19, 2004; 8:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Inspector:	Matthew Weinand (Essex Environmental)
Weather:	Overcast, approximately 67degrees Fahrenheit, and approximately 2 to 5 mph wind.

ACTIVITY: Whipsnake Fence Inspection

COMMENTS: Inspected the entire length of the Alameda whipsnake protection fence with Construction Monitor Eric Vance (Wetlands Research Associates). Observed that the fence had been repaired at some locations. Other sections of the fence still require repairs mentioned in last weeks report including some locations where it is not buried correctly or has pulled out of the ground, has slumped below the minimum height requirement of 24 inches, or is in need of having holes patched. Eric has started to repair the fence himself in addition to communicating the need for ongoing maintenance and fence repairs to the Foreman with the Contractor (DeSilva Gates).

Observed that approximately 200 feet of new Alameda whipsnake protection fencing has been reinstalled above the area of slope collapse that occurred four weeks ago below the large rocky outcrop between the north slope and the upper bowl (refer to Environmental Inspection Report of July 21, 2004). Inspected the new section of fence and pointed out to Eric a few areas that needed to be adjusted to meet the conditions of the project's Special Status Species Mitigation and Monitoring Plan. Other than these small issues and the ongoing project-wide problem of fencing being angled outward away from the construction zone, the fence was properly installed.

At the north slope repair area some portions of the fence have now been repaired, although the fence still has portions that are not installed correctly. At multiple locations this section of fence is not buried correctly, has slumped below the minimum height requirement of 24 inches, or is in need of having holes patched. The contractor should diligently continue repairs to the fence as a precaution to species entering into work areas. Eric stated that the Contractor (DeSilva Gates) did not conduct any earthmoving activities within the north slope work area this week.

ACTIVITY: Inspection of Ridgemont Basin

COMMENTS: Construction Monitor Eric Vance and I inspected and discussed the Ridgemont Basin area. Observed that the creek located in the basin continued to have running water present (refer to Environmental Inspection Report of August 6, 2004). Eric communicated to me that the Contractor has not started any work at this location and has not determined a specific date to start work.

ACTIVITY: Nesting Bird Inspection

COMMENTS: Construction Monitor Eric Vance and I observed the rock crevices in the large rocky outcrop between the north slope and the upper bowl where nesting white-throated swifts have been observed. No swifts were observed. Even though it appears that the swifts have concluded nesting activities, this should be confirmed and documented by Wetland Research Associates prior to the removal of the rocky outcrop.

OUTSTANDING ITEMS:

1. The Contractor needs to make the repairs/reinstallation noted above to the Alameda whipsnake protection fence so that the fence meets the specifications of the project's Special Status Species Mitigation and Monitoring Plan.
2. The City of Oakland and the Contractor need to determine if the Alameda whipsnake fence should be reconstructed to provide an outward lean, per the Special Status Species Plan and Conditions of Approval (refer to Environmental Inspection Report of June 24, 2004).