

## ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTION REPORT City of Oakland – Leona Quarry

<b>Date:</b>	August 26, 2004; 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
<b>Inspector:</b>	Matthew Weinand (Essex Environmental)
<b>Weather:</b>	Sunny, approximately 70 degrees 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 ongoing repairs 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 and I repaired a 10-foot long section of fence where the fabric had pulled out of the ground due to an upslope buildup of soil against the fence and the steep slope in the area. In addition to repairing sections of the fence, Eric has continued to communicate the need for ongoing maintenance and fence repairs to the Foreman with the Contractor (DeSilva Gates).

Fence repairs were observed at the north slope repair area at two locations. New fence supports had been crafted out of cinder blocks and a section of metal pole fixed with concrete. These supports were utilized to both anchor and support the fence where construction traffic has been crossing to the other side of the fence. These two “gates” were previously slumped over sections of fence that were anchored with rocks and debris. Although these repairs are an improvement, the condition of the fence at the north slope repair area could still allow entry of sensitive species into the general work area. At multiple locations the fence is not buried correctly 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.

**ACTIVITY:** Discussion of Ridgemont Basin

**COMMENTS:** Construction Monitor Eric Vance and I discussed the construction schedule for the Ridgemont Basin area. Eric communicated to me that the Contractor has not started any work at this location.

**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 were previously observed. No swifts were observed. Although 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).