

ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTION REPORT City of Oakland – Leona Quarry

Date:	September 3, 2004; 8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Inspector:	Matthew Weinand (Essex Environmental)
Weather:	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. Observed that the fence still requires 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.

Observed graders accessing the area behind the fence at the north slope repair area today. The graders were passing through one of the “gates” (refer to Environmental Inspection Report of August 26, 2004) and through a new break in the fence at the opposite end of the area.

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: Inspection of the Ridgemont Basin and Large Rocky Outcrop

COMMENTS: Observed flowing water in the creek within the Ridgemont Basin. Observed several white-throated swifts flying about the Ridgemont Basin and large rocky outcrop areas. None of the birds were observed entering any rock cracks and appeared to be foraging. 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).