

February 3, 2005

Marcel Uzegbu, P.E.
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**RE: Leona Quarry, Weekly Biological Summary Report
ER 01-33 SCH No. 1999042052**

Dear Mr. Uzegbu:

This report summarizes all construction monitoring activities and inspections conducted by the biological construction monitor at Leona Quarry for the period of January 28 through February 3, 2005 during ongoing construction activities. No grading work occurred outside the exclusion fence during this period.

The herp exclusion fence was inspected during the January 28 visit, at which time the following remediation activities were in progress: 1) installation of the fence in the North Slope area, 2) replacement of the collapsed portion of fence occurring across the culvert east of the North Slope, 3) extending the fence upslope near the former location of the rock outcrop, and 4) extending the fence along the emergency access road. Significant improvements in the effectiveness of the herp fence resulted from these activities. On January 31, the fence was again inspected, and the fence crew was instructed to create a lean in the fence where possible. On February 1, WRA attended a meeting with representatives from the City of Oakland, DeSilva Gates, and Essex to discuss compliance issues associated with the herp fence. Following this meeting, WRA and the Essex monitor worked with the fence crew to correct lean and trenching problems. On February 2, WRA inspected the work in progress and made adjustments to the lean where possible. The herp fence has been significantly improved and will continue to function as an effective barrier to wildlife movement into the construction area.

Other fencing that will be required prior to conducting initial ground disturbance will be installed along the disturbance footprint of the Ridgemont Basin, and along the property line adjacent to the Campus Drive habitat area. These fencing requirements were reported to the project manager/engineer on February 2.

In anticipation of vegetation removal and initial ground disturbance in the Ridgemont Basin, WRA conducted pre-construction surveys in this area for Alameda whipsnake and early-nesting special status bird species. Surveys were conducted on January 31, and February 1 and 2. No Alameda whipsnakes, or other nesting special status bird species, were observed in the project area.

Sincerely,

Michael Josselyn
President

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