



February 25, 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 February 18 through February 25, 2005 during ongoing construction activities. No grading work occurred outside the exclusion fence during this period. Due to rain, no construction activity occurred between February 18 and 21.

On February 24, WRA conducted a pre-construction breeding bird survey and Alameda whipsnake visual search in the northeast habitat area near Campus Drive. These surveys were conducted in anticipation of vegetation removal (hand-clearing) in accordance with the SSSMP. No special status or common birds were found to be nesting in the area of the proposed hand-clearing. Burrows were also inspected for evidence of whipsnake occupancy. No whipsnakes were observed in the area to be cleared of vegetation. On February 25, WRA monitored the hand-clearing of vegetation, and inspected newly-exposed areas for active whipsnakes. No whipsnakes were observed.

The herp exclusion fence was inspected during the February 24 and 25 visits. Repairs that required remediation were reported to the foreman following inspection. These repairs included stapling down the fence fabric on very steep slopes to improve integrity, improving fence angle along portions of the older fence, height, replacing duct tape, removing overhanging vegetation, and improving seam closure. Recent rains had washed out portions of the Ridgmont Basin fence. Repairs to this area were completed on February 24. On February 25, the north slope portion of the herp fence was being relocated to the bench upslope from its original location. The entire herp fence was inspected by WRA and Essex on February 25, and was found to be in compliance with SSSMP requirements. It is recommended that the herp fence located at the northeast corner near Campus Drive be modified to more closely follow the proposed project footprint.

No Alameda whipsnakes or nesting special status bird species were observed during the monitoring activities described above.

Sincerely,

Michael Josselyn
President

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