



March 11, 2005

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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 March 4 through March 11, 2005 during ongoing construction activities. No grading work occurred outside the exclusion fence during this period.

On March 4 and 11, WRA continued a pre-construction breeding bird survey and Alameda whipsnake visual search in the northeast habitat area near Campus Drive, along the proposed north slope herp fence route, and in the Ridgemont basin area. These surveys were conducted during hand-clearing of vegetation and in anticipation of April vegetation removal in accordance with the SSSMP. No special status or common birds were found to be nesting in the area of the ongoing and proposed vegetation clearing; however, it is important to remove slash piles as soon as possible to preclude their use by nesting birds. If the slash piles are not removed within two days of hand-clearing, the biological monitor will inspect them prior to removal. Burrows and open ground were inspected for evidence of whipsnake occupancy. No whipsnakes were observed in the area being cleared of vegetation.

On March 11, four oak trees within the project footprint that are scheduled for removal were inspected for evidence of active bird nests and bat roost habitat. No nest structures or breeding behavior were observed, and the small trees had not developed hollows that would provide suitable bat roost habitat.

The herp exclusion fence was inspected on March 4 and 11. During this period, new sections were constructed at the Campus Drive area, and major repairs were completed in the Ridgemont Basin following storm damage. Repairs requiring remediation that were reported to the foreman on March 4 were nearly completed by March 11. Minor repairs remaining from last week include replacing peeling duct tape and improving seam closure; these maintenance needs were reported to the foreman. The entire herp fence was inspected by WRA and Essex on March 11, and was found to be in compliance with SSSMP requirements.

On March 11, the existing north slope section of fence was being modified by installing new vertical sections and removing the horizontal section. The foreman was reminded that a biological monitor must be present during the removal of the black plastic erosion control material on the north slope bench. In addition, proposed improvements to the emergency vehicle access road will require relocation and extension of the herp fence in that area.

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

Sincerely,

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