Appendix C Wildlife Corridor Plan

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Irvine Wildlife Corridor Plan

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I. INTRODUCTION

Heritage Fields El Toro, LLC ("Heritage Fields") and the Orange County Great Park Corporation ("OCGPC") are redeveloping the former MCAS El Toro base property ("Property"). When complete, the Property will include a mixture of urban uses, being developed by Heritage Fields, and a regional park known as the Orange County Great Park ("OCGP"), being developed by OCGPC. The Property will also include a wildlife corridor feature to facilitate the connection of the Limestone-Whiting Wilderness Park in the north to the Laguna Coast Wilderness Park and Crystal Cove State Park to the south ("Irvine Wildlife Corridor Feature" or "WLCF").

This Wildlife Corridor Plan ("WLC Plan") was developed in consultation with Laguna Greenbelt, Inc., the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Endangered Habitats League and the Friends of Rivers, Harbors and Parks ("Conservation Groups"), with the benefit of peer review by wildlife corridor experts ("Peer Reviewers") as described in Appendix D. The WLCP takes into consideration concerns expressed in comments by the Conservation Groups and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife on the Second Supplemental EIR and the views and recommendations of the Peer Reviewers.

Prior planning exercises designated five segments of the WLCF. Segments 2, 3, and 4 were located within the Property. Segments 1 and 5 were located off the Property. One of these early planning exercises, the Irvine Wildlife Corridor Master Plan (Preliminary Draft) dated October 2001 ("2001 Corridor Plan"), located Segment 2 of the WLCF along the eastern edge of PA 51 between Irvine Boulevard and the Southern California Regional Rail Authority railway ("Railroad") and diverted flows from Borrego Canyon Channel downstream of Irvine Boulevard into the WLCF as shown on Figure 1. The 2003 OCGP EIR included a revised conceptual plan for the WLCF that diverted flows from Borrego Canyon Channel through Segment 1 via an undercrossing of Irvine Boulevard at Magazine Road and routed the corridor around thenexisting golf courses that are no longer in use or required to be operational as part of the Heritage Fields development. Figure 2 depicts the location of the corridor as proposed in 2003. This concept considered the adjacent golf courses as buffer areas. Further refinements of the WLCF were discussed in The Irvine Wildlife Corridor Plan (Cotton/Bridges/Associates 2004) ("2004 Corridor Plan"). The 2004 Corridor Plan identified four target species for the corridor: coyote (Canis latrans, "Coyote"), bobcat (Lynx rufus, "Bobcat"), coastal California gnatcatcher (Polioptila californica californica, "Gnatcatcher"), and least Bell's vireo (Vireo bellii pusillus, "Vireo"). The 2003/2004 plans also revised elements of Segments 3 and 4 and outlined other design criteria and special requirements for all segments.

Final plans for Segment 1 were approved by the Army Corps of Engineers, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (formerly the Department of Fish and Game) and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service in 2011 as part of the County of Orange's ("County") Alton Parkway mitigation project in the Alton Parkway Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (2011) ("Alton HMMP"), which is incorporated in this WLC Plan by reference. The Alton HMMP reduced previously planned, conceptual diversions of water in the ultimate condition from Borrego Channel into Segments 1 and 2. The County commenced construction of Segment 1 pursuant to the Alton HMMP in 2011 and completed construction in 2012.

In light of the change in the status of the golf courses, updated technical information including reductions to drainage flows from Segment 1 made as part of the Alton HMMP, as well as entitlements proposed by Heritage Fields, this WLC Plan presents refined design criteria and components for Segments 2 to 4. Figure 3 depicts the location of the corridor for the WLC Plan. While providing for the implementation of a corridor partially in a new location, the WLCF is consistent with the 2003 OCGP EIR (and subsequent eight Addenda, Supplemental EIR and Second Supplemental EIR) wildlife corridor planning goals of prior corridor plans, and with the goals, target species, and design concepts in the 2004 Corridor Plan.

As with the concept presented in the 2003 OCGP EIR and the subsequent Corridor Plans, Segments 2 and 3 of the WLCF consist of 132 acres to be owned by the City of Irvine and are depicted on Figure 4 (plan view) and Figures 5a & b (cross-sections). This WLC Plan restores the location of Segment 2 to the conceptual alignment adjacent to Borrego Canyon Channel shown in the 2001 Corridor Plan. Since no drainage feature currently exists below Irvine Boulevard, Segment 2, including the downstream connection to Borrego Channel, needs to be constructed before final modifications can be made to the Magazine Road undercrossing that conveys flows to Segment 2 in accordance with the Alton HMMP.

The objective of this WLC Plan is to establish a wildlife corridor that provides opportunity for movement from Irvine Boulevard to I-5 through the length of the Property for target species in a manner that allows demographic and genetic exchange between populations or subpopulations. Based on comments by the Peer Reviewers, the difficulty of wildlife crossing under the I-5 connection will likely prevent free flow of Bobcats and Coyotes from Segment 4 to the other side of I-5. Instead, more limited gene movement has been recognized as a more realistic target by the Peer Reviewers. This means enough dispersers each generation to transfer genes from one subregion to another: one Coyote about every 2-4 years, one Bobcat about every 3 years, and one Gnatcatcher every 2 years. Vireo gene flow will not be promoted by the corridor since the vireo is migratory and widely distributed in the vicinity. However, the corridor will provide live-in habitat for the Vireo and Gnatcatcher, contributing to their recovery within the subregion as well as range-wide, and the corridor may also provide intermittent live-in habitat for the Coyote and Bobcat.

The WLC Plan addresses Segments 2 and 3 as follows:

- Retains the previously planned upstream and downstream connections to Segments 1 and 3 South:
- Retains the previously identified target species;
- Provides site-appropriate vegetation for the target species;
- Allows for incorporation, in a natural low flow channel, of flows from the Magazine Road undercrossing at Irvine Boulevard consistent with the Alton HMMP;
- Minimizes light and noise intrusion from existing and proposed adjacent development through berms, screening vegetation, and other features;
- Retains road and/or trail crossings at Irvine Boulevard and Astor and provides for the
 opportunity for one other road/trail crossing location between Astor and the Southern
 California Regional Rail Authority railway ("Railroad") with appropriate wildlife
 movement undercrossings at the additional potential location;

- Provides for a wildlife impermeable fence along the interface with existing and proposed adjacent development;
- Changes an underground crossing at the Railroad to an at-grade crossing as suggested by the Peer Reviewers in light of design constraints;
- Provides dual covered wildlife crossings at Borrego Channel; and
- Allows for "permeable" fencing between development areas and the WLCF for Coyote and Bobcat movement should future monitoring determine that such fencing would be beneficial and safe.

Segments 3 South and 4 are depicted on Figure 6 in the same location as in the 2004 Corridor Plan. They will be vegetated with a similar plant palette as Segments 2 and 3, which is designed for the same target species. Segment 3 South (Figure 5a) incorporates the existing Serrano Creek Channel along its easterly edge with a berm along the western edge and will include an access ramp for wildlife into Serrano Creek. The remaining width of the WLCF in this segment will be vegetated with upland plants. A berm along the western edge will help minimize light and noise intrusion from adjacent development. No berm or screening vegetation is required on the eastern edge, as the existing grade separation will minimize light and noise intrusion. Screening vegetation will be used within Segments 3 South and 4 at the Alton/Barranca intersection only. Segment 4 (Figure 7a) includes an existing jurisdictional feature (Serrano Creek Channel) that will be reconstructed to serve as a storm drain and flood control facility in accordance with the Amendment to the PA 51 and PA 30 Watershed Flood Control Master Plan ("Master Plan of Drainage") and will also be designed to incorporate an area of the channel planted with native vegetation. Segment 4 will not incorporate berms, but grade separation between the channel and adjacent development on the east and west sides is planned and will protect the WLCF from light and noise intrusion.

Segment 4 will also include one vehicular crossing (Marine Way) and allow for a potential pedestrian crossing between the Alton/Barranca intersection and Interstate 5. The Marine Way undercrossing is anticipated to be a double-arch culvert (each 12 feet high and 32 feet wide). See Figure 11b. A potential pedestrian crossing with an appropriate wildlife undercrossing may also be located within Segment 4. The restored Serrano Creek Channel between Alton and Interstate 5 will require flowline stabilization (or bank stabilization similar to downstream reaches of Serrano Creek); however, this reach will have a soft bottom outside of stabilization areas. Regional storm water quality treatment facilities will be located within Segment 4, which would be planted with native vegetation consistent with the expected hydrological regime of the facilities and will be maintained in a manner that would be consistent with WLC Plan functions. Vegetation within the regional storm water quality treatment facilities would be site appropriate and would be conducive to the target species. Light and noise intrusion within this portion of the WLCF will be minimized through design features of the proposed adjacent development and grade separation between the corridor and adjacent development substantially as shown on Figures 7a and 7b. A wildlife impermeable fence along the interface with proposed adjacent development will be provided along the westerly side of Segment 3 South and along both sides of Segment 4. Figure 5c, 7a, and 7b depict the typical location of the fencing that will be incorporated into the design of the WLCF.

Once adopted, amendments to this WLC Plan must be approved by the City Council. The City Council will delegate to the Director of Community Development the authority to make non-material, technical amendments without City Council approval. Prior to actual construction, improvement plans, grading plans, and conceptual or precise fuel management plans will be submitted to, approved and permitted by the City.

II. HISTORY OF THE WILDLIFE CORRIDOR FEATURE

The WLCF has been the subject of several planning exercises.

In December of 2000, the Laguna Canyon Foundation developed a concept plan for the wildlife corridor connecting the two NCCP reserve areas, Limestone-Whiting Wilderness Park in the north and the Laguna Coast Wilderness Park and Crystal Cove State Park to the south, acknowledging the reuse of the Property as an opportunity to provide a critical corridor link.

Following Laguna Canyon Foundation's concept plan, the City of Irvine authorized preparation of the Irvine Wildlife Corridor Master Plan. A preliminary draft plan prepared by CBA, Inc., the 2001 Corridor Plan, located the portion of the wildlife corridor that runs through the Property adjacent to the Borrego Channel.

The 2003 OCGP EIR concluded that "no evidence of a wildlife corridor was found during the biological survey of PAs 51 and 30" (p. 5.9-17). The 2003 OCGP EIR went on to state that there were "no Existing Use Areas or Special Linkage Areas within the project area," that no significant impacts would result and that no mitigation measures were necessary. Even so, the 2003 OCGP EIR also noted that "a wildlife corridor is desired by several public agencies including the City of Irvine, County of Orange, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, USFWS, and CDFG." As such, it was agreed that a wildlife corridor feature would be included as part of the project. A feature is a part of the proposed project which creates benefits or positive environmental effects which would not otherwise be available. The 2003 OCGP EIR identified a different alignment for OCGP segments of the corridor. Consistent with the planning concepts at that time, the 2003 OCGP EIR located the portion of the proposed wildlife corridor through the Property between a proposed new golf course with residential overlay over the existing runways and an existing golf course adjacent to Borrego Channel. This corridor realignment facilitated keeping the existing golf courses open. Even though there were no impacts to wildlife movement associated with redevelopment of the Property, the 2003 OCGP EIR included a mitigation measure (BIO-3) for the City to work with the state and federal agencies regarding the wildlife corridor feature.

Following the certification of the 2003 OCGP EIR, the City of Irvine developed the 2004 Corridor Plan that showed the same alignment for the wildlife corridor as the 2003 OCGP Program EIR. For planning purposes, it divided the Wildlife Corridor into five segments. Segment 1 was offsite, north of Irvine Boulevard. Segments 2, 3, and 4 were within the Property. Segment 5 was also outside of the OCGP south of Interstate 5. The plan graphically

In the 2004 Corridor Plan, Segment 3 was bisected by the Railroad. In this WLC Plan, the portion of Segment 3 north of the Railroad has been realigned, while the alignment and configuration of the portion south of the

depicted a connection in Segment 2 to the proposed Agua Chinon restoration at its southerly end, but did not consider the grade changes and roadways planned for this area, the lack of hydrological connection between Agua Chinon and the proposed WLCF due to the fact that Agua Chinon drains into an Orange County Flood Control box culvert, or the lack of a northerly connection to open space areas under prior drafts of the plan or Heritage Field's project entitlements, all of which rendered the assumed connection of questionable biological value. The 2004 Corridor Plan identified four target species for the corridor (Bobcat, Coyote, Gnatcatcher, and Vireo), and designated four zones within the proposed corridor: a Core Zone that included a created channel for drainage conveyance which was to be the primary wildlife movement area; a Conservation Zone that was to buffer light and noise through screening vegetation; an Activity Zone that would allow for open space and recreational uses; and an Encroachment Zone that abutted the wildlife corridor and in which lighting and noise restrictions were deemed to be needed. The 2004 Corridor Plan also identified special development requirements ("SDRs") and a monitoring program.

As part of the ongoing OCGP master planning process, Fuscoe Engineering, in collaboration with Ecosystem Restoration Associates, produced the 2006 Wildlife Corridor Design Concept Plan ("2006 Concept Plan") for the OCGP. The 2006 Concept Plan used characteristics of the 2004 Corridor Plan and provided greater detail on design of the wildlife corridor feature. It was thought that sections of the existing Borrego Channel were inadequate for flood control purposes, and a diversion of up to 1,200 cfs was proposed. To accommodate these flows, the 2006 Concept Plan included a series of drop structures (up to 26) and flowline stabilization features. The 2006 Concept Plan incorporated the SDRs of the 2004 Irvine Wildlife Corridor Plan and advanced many of the physical design features necessary to complete the wildlife corridor feature. As the design of the WLCF becomes increasingly detailed, such detail could potentially render certain of the SDRs less important or superseded. On page 21 of the 2006 Concept Plan, this issue is specifically noted:

It should be noted that when the detailed design is done for the Wildlife Corridor, some of the SDRs may become less relevant or be supplanted by the final design. It is important to judge the final design against the purpose of the Wildlife Corridor and the intent of the SDRs.

In 2011, the OCGP prepared the Wildlife Corridor 2011 Design Concept Update ("2011 Design Concept Update"). The purpose of the report was to present design criteria and components for the proposed wildlife corridor, taking into account the prior planning efforts, new information, and studies, including changes to the entitlement that were approved by the City in 2009 and 2011 and changes in hydrology from the approval of the Alton HMMP covering Segment 1 that eliminated the need for grade control structures by substantially reducing the flows that would be diverted from Borrego Channel. (The 2011 Design Concept Update noted that further updates were anticipated.)

The Peer Reviewers reviewed all aspects of the WLC Plan including its location, width, plantings, internal crossings and features, fire control measures, edge effects and in-corridor

Railroad is unchanged. To distinguish between the different sections of Segment 3, this WLC Plan refers to the portion north of the Railroad as Segment 3 and the portion south of the Railroad as Segment 3 South.

maintenance of vegetation, channels, and storm water treatment facilities and concluded that the Plan would likely accommodate movement of all four focal species (Coyote, Bobcat, Gnatcatcher, and Vireo) from inland habitats southward through the entire length of the Property to the edge of I-5 and it is a biologically effective corridor between Irvine Boulevard and I-5. Two of the focal species (Coyotes and Bobcats) might be able to move beyond the project area (i.e., cross under I-5 to coastal natural areas) often enough (e.g., one Coyote every 2-4 years) to transfer genes from one region to another on either end of the corridor. The gnatcatcher could have passage over I-5 once every two years. The panel identified ongoing challenges for the long term success of the inland-to-coastal corridor (e.g., the I-5 crossing), but felt these challenges might be overcome with careful monitoring, innovation, and political will to find solutions by the various stakeholders.

In addition to serving the movement needs of specific target species, the Peer Reviewers identified numerous other biological values for the proposed corridor system. For example, native habitats restored within the corridor would serve as live-in habitat for native plants and animals, such as the Gnatcatcher, Vireo and coastal cactus wren and a suite of more common native avifauna, reptiles and small mammals. This could be a valuable environmental amenity and an educational opportunity for people in the City of Irvine.

The Peer Reviewers also emphasized the need for flexibility in addressing issues that may arise during and after implementation, which would depend on an effective corridor monitoring program. Monitoring use of the corridor by wildlife could be performed in part by local schools e.g., colleges and universities, citizen action groups, and local residents, thus presenting an educational opportunity and potentially imbuing the local community with a feeling of investment and ownership in this unique urban amenity. The proposed wildlife corridor plan could very well serve as a model for providing wildlife connectivity in a heavily urbanized landscape that will be emulated throughout California and elsewhere.

III. DESIGN CRITERIA AND BIOLOGICAL FUNCTION OF THE WLCF

In general, wildlife corridors provide a variety of functions: 1) corridors provide linkages where connectivity is desired; 2) corridors provide opportunities for animals to move through the linkage without excessive risk, including risk of movement into "mortality sinks" (i.e., unsuitable areas with high mortality risk) and facilitate such movement; and 3) corridors allow demographic and genetic exchange between populations or subpopulations (Lyren et al., 2008)². The Peer Reviewers, three of whom were authors of the above-referenced article, have determined that planning and conceptual design of the WLCF provides these corridor functions, while considering the surrounding existing and planned conditions.

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Lisa Lyren, R.S. Alonso, Kevin Crooks, and Erin Boydston. 2008. Evaluation of Functional Connectivity for Bobcats and Coyotes across the Former El Toro Marine Base, Orange County, California. Administrative Report, 179 pp. For additional information, contact: Center Director, Western Ecological Research Center, U.S. Geological Survey, 3020 State University Drive East, Modoc Hall, Room 3006, Sacramento, CA 95819.

A. Segments 2 & 3

The following interrelated components of Segments 2 and 3 of the WLCF are addressed in this Plan.

- General Description and Location;
- Wildlife Crossings;
- Fencing
- Hydrology;
- Target Species;
- Vegetation; and
- Edge Effects.

1. General Description and Location

Figures 3 and 4 depict the location of Segments 2 and 3 of the WLCF. Segment 2 starts at the Irvine Boulevard undercrossing at Magazine Road and continues south along the eastern side of the former MCAS El Toro, adjacent to Borrego Channel. Segment 3 starts where WLCF crosses over Borrego Channel and continues south until it reaches the Railroad. Segments 2 and 3 of the WLCF range in width from approximately 485 feet to over 1,100 feet, with an average width of more than 600 feet. While not part of the WLCF, the existing Borrego Canyon Channel along the east side of the WLCF provides an additional buffer of approximately 60 to 80 feet.

This alignment has the same upstream (Segment 1) and downstream (Segment 3 South) connections as in the 2004 Corridor Plan and provides for a shorter length between the two connection points.

To ensure that relocation of the WLCF closer to the Borrego Canyon Channel and the adjacent existing development would not diminish the functions for the target species, studies were conducted to evaluate potential light spillage and potential noise impacts into the WLCF from sources to the east of the Borrego Canyon Channel. See Appendices A and B. Other measures are proposed to minimize light and noise effects within the corridor from future proposed development along the western side, as detailed below under Section III.A.7 (Edge Effects). There is expected to be no measurable impact on the target species due to light spillage or ambient noise levels from existing and proposed development.

2. Wildlife Crossings

Segment 1 is located north of Irvine Boulevard. It will connect to Segment 2 through a wildlife undercrossing at Magazine Road designed in accordance with the Alton HMMP. Segment 2 will have a wildlife undercrossing at Astor Street and an additional crossing may also be located between Astor Boulevard and the Railroad. Movement from Segment 3 to Segment 3 South will be facilitated by the installation of wildlife permeable fencing along both sides of the railroad tracks to allow for passage of Bobcats and Coyotes using an at-grade crossing for the reasons recommended by Peer Reviewers, which are discussed below. The crossing is subject to OCTA/Metrolink approval.

a. Magazine Road (Segment 1 to Segment 2)

The existing undercrossing that allows vehicular traffic on the former Property to pass under Irvine Boulevard will be slightly reconfigured to maximize use by wildlife. The current undercrossing is depicted on Figure 8, Photographs 1 and 2. The current undercrossing has the following dimensions: approximately 128 feet long, 24 feet wide at the invert, and between 15 and 20 feet high. As depicted on the photograph, Coyotes and Bobcats would have unrestricted line of sight through the undercrossing making this feature ideal for Coyote and Bobcat movement. Following modification of Segment 1 in accordance with the Alton HMMP, native vegetation will be planted at the opening of the culvert at each end.

b. Astor Road (Within Segment 2)

An undercrossing at Astor will be constructed with the grading of the wildlife corridor feature as there is no undercrossing currently at this location. Astor is planned to be a local road for development within the Property and will be designed according to City standards. The total length of the undercrossing is estimated to be approximately 140 feet. The undercrossing is proposed to be constructed as an arch culvert approximately 24 feet wide by 8 feet high with a dry shoulder within the crossing to facilitate movement when the channel is flowing. This was done at the suggestion of the Peer Reviewers. A center portion of the culvert (approximately 8 feet wide) would remain hardened to adequately convey storm water flows and resist erosion, but would also be textured to convey a natural feel. The remaining areas along the center section can remain as a soft bottom and will be raised above the flow path. Native vegetation would be planted at the opening of the culvert at each end. The proposed crossing is depicted in Figure 9.

c. Potential Future Road/Trail Crossing (Within Segments 2 or 3)

Segments 2 or 3 may have an additional road/trail crossing between Astor and the Railroad, which will be designed to accommodate wildlife movement in a manner generally consistent with the design for Astor Road as depicted in Figure 9. The specific design of the wildlife movement elements of the road/trail crossing (height to width ratio, substrate and proximity to other crossings) will be reviewed by the City and Peer Reviewers.

d. Vegetated Cover over Borrego Canyon Channel (Segment 2 to Segment 3)

In order to provide for a crossing over the Borrego Canyon Channel, which is an existing concrete channel along the length of Segment 2 of the Wildlife Corridor Feature, two approximately 50-foot wide covers will be installed over the Borrego Canyon Channel. Soil will be placed on the cover to blend into the adjacent grades and will be planted with shallow rooted native grasses and shrubs from the coastal sage scrub plant palette listed below. Funnel fencing will be provided to direct movement into the covered areas. The proposed crossings are depicted in Figure 11a. These crossings will require coordination and approval from OCFCD. The dual crossings were added at the request of the Peer Reviewers to better use the land on the southeastern side of the Borrego Channel and to enhance connectivity

through redundancy. Artificial dens as shown on Figure 4 may be provided in Segment 2 to provide escape habitat for Coyotes and Bobcats at limited locations.

e. Railroad (Segment 3 to Segment 3 South)

A wildlife permeable fence would be installed along both sides of the Railroad tracks within the limits of the wildlife corridor feature that would allow passage of Bobcats and Coyotes while precluding human access. The proposed fencing is depicted in Figure 10. The specialized fencing will require coordination and approval from OCTA/Metrolink. A dirt path will be constructed through the scrub vegetation on either side of the Railroad to funnel Bobcats and Coyotes to the crossing areas. The at-grade Railroad crossing was added at the suggestion of the Peer Reviewers, who explained that Bobcats and Coyotes are both known to cross such features, that mortality risk was low, and that an at-ground crossing was preferable to a tunnel under the Railroad because it was more likely to be used.

3. Fencing

With the exception of the permeable fencing at the Railroad crossing noted above, a wildlife impermeable fence will be installed along the property line boundary between the development and the corridor to prevent Bobcats and Coyotes from entering adjacent residential areas or areas of the park, where they could be subject to vehicle collisions or other sources of harm. Existing fencing along Borrego Channel is expected to keep wildlife from entering the existing developed areas east of Segments 2 and 3. The fencing will also serve to restrict unauthorized public access and to prevent domestic animals from entering the corridor, where they could harm native avifauna, small mammals, amphibians, or reptiles. Wildlife impermeable fencing will be a minimum of 6 feet above ground and will extend a minimum of 18 inches below the surface. Because such wildlife impermeable fencing would also prevent Bobcats and/or Coyotes from entering the WLCF from development areas in the unlikely event that Bobcats and Coyotes would reach developed areas, it could be determined at a future date, based on biological monitoring, that focused areas of permeable fencing are desirable. The determination that wildlife permeable fencing be installed for the benefit of Bobcats and/or Coyotes, would be weighed against the potential adverse effects associated with allowing domestic cats into the corridor, which could have a substantial impact on native avifauna, small mammals, amphibians, or reptiles, and other urban/wildlife interface issues.

4. Hydrology

The hydrology for the Wildlife Corridor Feature will be consistent with the Master Plan of Drainage and the Alton HMMP approved by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. The Alton HMMP requires the County to construct a low-flow splitter in Borrego Canyon Channel that diverts to Segment 1 approximately 53 to 96 cfs in 10-year storm events and up to 112 cfs during a 100-year storm event. Before Segment 2 of the WLCF is constructed and ready to accept flows, the diverted flows in Segment 1 are being captured and returned to Borrego Canyon Channel.

When Segment 2 is constructed and ready to accept flows, the Alton HMMP describes the reconfiguration of Segment 1 into its ultimate condition. In the ultimate condition, Segment 1 is

to be reconfigured to deliver low flows under Irvine Boulevard via the Magazine Road underpass using a weir, open channel or piping. Additional runoff for the corridor is anticipated to come from rainfall within the corridor footprint itself and maybe further supplemented by treated stormwater from adjacent development.

The constructed low-flow drainage area within Segment 2 will be approximately 30-60 feet wide within an overall channel width of 150-200 feet. The width of the low flow drainage area is planned to be adequate to accommodate flows without the need for flow-line stabilization or armoring. See Figure 7a. The channel depicted in the WLC Plan supports native riparian habitat, described below, that is typically used by Vireo for foraging and breeding and is also used by the Gnatcatcher for foraging, particularly during the summer and fall, when the coastal sage scrub is in dormancy. See Figures 4 and 4a. Flows will be returned to the Borrego Canyon Channel near the wildlife crossing of the flood control channel in the lower portion of Segment 2.

The design has the flexibility to allow, at the option of the developer, discharge of treated storm water to Segments 2 and 3 of the WLCF. The additional water could benefit riparian vegetation. No water quality treatment facilities will be located in Segments 2 and 3 of the WLCF.

5. Target Species

The 2004 Corridor Plan identified four target species for the corridor: Bobcat, Coyote, Gnatcatcher, and Vireo. The planting scheme for Segments 2 and 3 of the WLCF provides vegetation for the target species. As set forth below, Segment 2 of the WLCF includes riparian vegetation associated with the low-flow channel, then Segment 2 transitions to upland vegetation such as coastal sage scrub and southern cactus scrub. Segment 2 also includes screening vegetation along the eastern boundary. Segment 3 will include a limited area of riparian vegetation, in a small constructed channel as depicted on Figures 4 and 4a.

6. Vegetation

The following vegetation associations will be used for Segments 2 and 3 of the WLCF. A description of each association is provided below including discussion of how each vegetation association supports the target species. A 25-foot wide unplanted area for various purposes (i.e., fire, maintenance) will be located adjacent to the property line along the Borrego Canyon Channel, as shown in Figures 5a and 5b. The access area will be inside the impermeable fencing and will be gated and locked to prevent public access. Except as provided below, fire safety issues in this WLC Plan are being addressed within the WLCF. Adjacent development will have a fuel management area and a set-back zone to mitigate for wildland interface fire hazards, as shown in Figure 12. Within the WLCF, fuel management, thinning and physical barriers in the 30-foot-wide Special Maintenance Area shown in Figure 12 will provide appropriate protections for adjacent areas that interface with the WLCF.

a. Riparian Vegetation

Mulefat scrub and southern willow scrub, combined, will comprise the riparian vegetation that makes up the central component of Segment 2 between Irvine Boulevard and the

Borrego Canyon Channel and will provide suitable vegetation for Vireo breeding as well as areas for movement and foraging for the Bobcat, Coyote and Gnatcatcher. See Figure 4.

The reach of Segment 2 extending from Irvine Boulevard to the Borrego Canyon Channel crossing will include a low-flow channel of approximately 30-60 feet within a 150- to 200-foot-wide channel that will carry flows originating within the watershed for Segment 2 as well as flows coming from north of Irvine Boulevard that are discharged through the Alton Parkway segment of the WLCF. Figure 5a is a typical cross-section. During peak events, the water surface is estimated to be approximately six inches deep across the 150- to 200-foot-wide channel. The wetter portions of the channel will be vegetated with two riparian types: mulefat scrub and southern willow scrub, ranging from about 30- to 60-foot in width as depicted on Figure 4. Segment 3 will include a limited area of riparian vegetation as depicted on Figure 4. The riparian vegetation would be used by all four of the target species. No defined channel would be included in Segment 3. Figure 5b is a typical cross-section.

The southern willow scrub is a slightly "wetter" association than the mulefat scrub; however, it is expected that the two associations will intergrade and as such, there are many species common to both. The proposed plant palettes are provided below in Tables 1 and 2. Vegetation maintenance would be limited to chaparral species that would be maintained at less than five-percent cover as discussed in Section III.A.9.³ Note, blue elderberry would not be subject to maintenance within the mulefat scrub as it is one of the target riparian species.

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Chaparral or large native shrubs that would be removed should they volunteer in the WLCF include, but are not limited to, laurel sumac (*Malosma laurina*), chamise (*Adenostoma fasciculata*), ceanothus (*Ceanothus* spp.), scrub oak (*Quercus berberidifolia*), mountain mahogany (*Cercocarpus betuloides*), manzanita (*Arctostaphylos* spp.), and the chaparral species listed in Table 6.

	Table 1: Southern	Willow Sc	rub		
Botanic Name	Common Name	Stock Type	Plant Spacing	No. per Acre	Percent
CANOPY			-		
Salix gooddingii	Black willow	1 gal	20' o.c.	50	14.3%
Salix lasiolepis	Arroyo willow	1 gal	10' o.c.	100	28.6%
Salix exigua	Sandbar willow	1 gal	10' o.c.	100	28.6%
Baccharis salicifolia	Mulefat	1 gal	10' o.c.	100	28.6%
Subtotal				350	100%
UNDERSTORY					
Juncus patens	Spreading rush	Liner	Clumped.	200	20%
Rubus ursinus	California blackberry	1 gal	8 o.c.	100	10%
Juncus textilis	Basket rush	1 gal	Clumped	150	15%
Leymus triticoides	Creeping wild rye	Liner	3' o.c.	200	20%
Rosa californica	California wild rose	1 gal.	8' o.c.	100	10%
Muhlenbergia rigens	Deergrass	1 gal	8 o.c.	100	10%
Artemisia douglasiana	Mugwort	1 gal	Clumped	150	15%
Subtotal				1000	100%
Total Container Stock				1350	
	Table 2: Mulef	at Scrub			
Botanic Name	Common Name	Stock Type	Plant Spacing	No. per Acre	Percent
CANOPY					
Sambucus nigra	Blue elderberry	1 gal	20' o.c.	50	14.3%
Baccharis salicifolia	Mulefat	1 gal	10' o.c.	100	28.6%
Salix exigua	Sandbar willow	1 gal	10' o.c.	100	28.6%
Baccharis emoryi	Emoryi's baccharis	1 gal	10' o.c.	100	28.6%
Subtotal				350	100%
UNDERSTORY					
Baccharis pilularis	Coyote Brush	1 gal	8' o.c	200	20%
Lepidospartum squamatum	Scalebroom	1 gal	8 o.c.	150	15%
Juncus patens	Spreading rush	liners	Clumped	250	25%
Leymus triticoides	Creeping wild rye	Liner	3' o.c.	150	15%
Muhlenbergia rigens	Deergrass	1 gal	8 o.c.	100	10%
Artemisia douglasiana	Mugwort	1 gal	Clumped	150	15%
Subtotal				1000	100%
Total Container Stock				1350	

b. Coastal Sage Scrub and Southern Cactus Scrub

Upland vegetation types include coastal sage scrub and southern cactus scrub. These are included in Tables 3-4.

Table 3: Coastal Sage Scrub						
Botanic Name	Common Name	Stock Type	Plant Spacing	No. per Acre	Percent	
SHRUB LAYER						
Encelia californica	California encelia	1 gal	8' o.c.	200	20%	
Isocoma menziesii	Coast goldenbush	1 gal	8' o.c.	150	15%	
Baccharis pilularis	Coyote bush	1 gal	8' o.c	150	15%	
Artemisia californica	California sagebrush	1 gal	6' o.c	300	30%	
Eriogonum fasciculatum	California buckwheat	1-gal	8' o.c.	100	10%	
Salvia apiana	White sage	1-gal	8' o.c.	100	10%	
Subtotal				1,000	100%	
NATIVE GRASSES						
Stipa pulchra	Purple needlegrass	1 gal	Clumped	200	67%	
Melica imperfecta	Coast range melic	1 gal	10' o.c.	100	33%	
Subtotal				300	100%	
Total Container Stock				1300		
Encelia californica	California encelia	Seed	Scattered	2 lbs	10%	
Artemisia californica	California sagebrush	Seed	Scattered	3lbs	15%	
Isocoma menziesii	Coast goldenbush	Seed	Scattered	2 lbs	10%	
Lotus scoparius	Deerweed	Seed	Scattered	1 lbs	5%	
Phacelia circutaria	Caterpillar phacelia	Seed	Scattered	1 lbs	5%	
Vulpia microstachys	Small Fescue	Seed	Scattered	1 lbs	5%	
Lasthenia californica	California goldfields	Seed	Scattered	2 lbs	10%	
Lupinus bicolor	Miniature lupine	Seed	Scattered	2 lbs	10%	
Cryptantha intermedia	Intermediate cryptantha	Seed	Scattered	2 lbs	10%	
Plantago erecta	California plantain	Seed	Scattered	2 lbs	10%	
Deinandra fasciculata	Fascicled tarplant	Seed	Scattered	2 lbs	10%	
Total Seed Stock				20 LBS	100%	

Datania Nama	Common Nome	Stock	Plant	No. per	Davaget
Botanic Name	Common Name	Туре	Spacing	Acre	Percent
SHRUB LAYER					
Peritoma arborea	Bladderpod	1 gal	8' o.c.	100	10%
Artemisia californica	California sagebrush	1 gal	8' o.c.	100	10%
Encelia californica	California encelia	1 gal	6' o.c.	200	20%
Baccharis pilularis	Coyote bush	1 gal	6' o.c	100	10%
Sambucus nigra	Blue elderberry	1 gal	20' o.c.	50	5%
Opuntia littoralis	Prickly Pear	Pads	Clumped	250	25%
Cylindropuntia prolifera	Coastal cholla	Padsl	Clumped	200	20%
Subtotal				1,000	100%
NATIVE GRASSES					
Stipa pulchra	Purple needlegrass	1 gal	Clumped	300	75%
Melica imperfecta	Coast range melic	1 gal	10' o.c.	100	25%
Subtotal	•			400	100%
Total Container Stock				1400	
Encelia californica	California encelia	Seed	Scattered	2 lbs	10%
Artemisia californica	California sagebrush	Seed	Scattered	2 lbs	10%
Isocoma menziesii	Coast goldenbush	Seed	Scattered	2 lbs	10%
Eriogonum fasciculatum	Coast buckwheat	Seed	Scattered	1 lb	5%
Acmispon glaber	Deerweed	Seed	Scattered	1 lb	5%
Phacelia circutaria	Caterpillar phacelia	Seed	Scattered	1 lb	5%
Vulpia microstachys	Small Fescue	Seed	Scattered	1 lb	5%
Lasthenia californica	California goldfields	Seed	Scattered	2 lbs	10%
Lupinus bicolor	Miniature lupine	Seed	Scattered	2 lbs	10%
Cryptantha intermedia	Intermediate cryptantha	Seed	Scattered	2 lbs	10%
Plantago erecta	California plantain	Seed	Scattered	2 lbs	10%
Deinandra fasciculata	Fascicled tarplant	Seed	Scattered	2 lbs	10%
Total Seed Stock				20 LBS	100%

The coastal sage scrub described in Table 3 will provide breeding vegetation for the Gnatcatcher and will also be planted in areas within the WLCF (along with the southern cactus scrub) that will also provide stepping stones for Gnatcatchers dispersing through Segments 2 and 3. See Figures 4 and 4a. The southern cactus scrub described in Table 4 will provide suitable vegetation for the coastal cactus wren as well as the Gnatcatcher. Species such as the blue elderberry and bladderpod, will add additional structure to the habitat due to the larger size of these shrubs which will be scattered within this community. Both vegetation types will provide cover and foraging areas for the Bobcat and Coyote and areas immediately adjacent to the areas of riparian vegetation will provide foraging areas for the Vireo.

c. Open Southern Cactus Scrub Mosaic

The open southern cactus scrub mosaic described in Table 5 will be planted in a mosaic with the southern cactus scrub on areas of former Navy landfill areas that occupy portions of Segment 2 immediately south of Irvine Boulevard. See Figure 4. The former landfill areas

have a 5-foot thick cap and can accommodate shallow-rooted plants such as the native grasses and cactus. Planting these areas in a mosaic will accomplish three goals in addition to provision of breeding areas for the coastal cactus wren and movement areas for the Bobcat, Coyote and Gnatcatcher: it will: 1) provide a lower fuel source that would inhibit north to south moving fires (typical of strong Santa Ana wind conditions) as well as low fuel source in proximity to future development expected along the western boundary of the WLCF; 2) provide open areas for raptor foraging; and 3) provide sufficient cover by native shrubs and cactus to provide suitable foraging and breeding areas for the Gnatcatcher. Cactus will be planted to facilitate Bobcat movement (see, e.g. Figure 10, showing conceptual movement paths that will not be planted with cactus). While not included in the plant palette, colonization by native scrub components such as California sagebrush and California buckwheat accounting for up to 10-percent absolute cover (combined) would be acceptable in these areas based upon fire modeling for these areas (maintenance would be required to limit cover by these species to no more than 10-percent of the total open cactus scrub). The locations of the open southern cactus scrub mosaic are depicted on Figures 4 and 4a

5 4 4 N		Stock	Plant	No. per	
Botanic Name	Common Name	Type	Spacing	Acre	Percent
NATIVE GRASSES	- · · · · ·	4 .	0.	202	000/
Stipa pulchra	Purple needlegrass	1 gal	8' o.c.	300	30%
Melica imperfecta	Coast range melic	1 gal	8' o.c.	300	30%
Bothriochloa barbinodis	Beardgrass	1 gal	8' o.c	100	10%
Stipa lepida	Foothill needlegrass	1 gal	8' o.c	300	30%
Subtotal				1,000	100%
NATIVE SHRUBS					
Opuntia littoralis	Prickly Pear	Pads	Clumped	200	20%
Cylindropuntia prolifera	Coastal cholla	Padsl	Clumped	200	20%
Baccharis pilularis	Coyote bush	1 gal	8' o.c.	200	20%
Peritoma arborea	Bladderpod	1 gal	8' o.c.	100	10%
Encelia californica	California encelia	1 gal	8' o.c.	150	15%
Ericameria pachylepis	Grassland goldenbush	1 gal	Clumped	100	10%
Sambucus nigra	Blue elderberry	1 gal	20' o.c.	50	5%
Subtotal				1,000	100%
Total Container Stock				2,000	
SEED MIX					
Lasthenia californica	California goldfields	Seed	Scattered	4 lbs	26.7%
Cryptantha intermedia	Intermediate cryptantha	Seed	Scattered	2 lbs	13.3%
Salvia columbarae	Chia	Seed	Scattered	3 lbs	20%
Lupinus bicolor	Miniature lupine	Seed	Scattered	2 lbs	13.3%
Sisyrinchium bellum	Blue-eyed grass	Seed	Scattered	2 lbs	13.3%
Dichelostemma capitatum	Wild hyacinth	Seed	Scattered	2 lbs	13.3%
Total Seed Stock				15 LBS	100%

This was determined by fire models to be particularly important for the southerly portion of Segment 2 and Segment 3, where northwesterly winds pose the highest risk to adjacent development, thus the large area of open cactus scrub along the westerly boundary.

d. Screening Plantings

The screening planting will be located along the eastern edge of Segment 2, as shown on Figures 4 and 4a. The shrubs to be used vary in height from approximately 12 to 15 feet at maturity and have a canopy span of approximately 15 to 20 feet. With plantings at approximately 15 to 20-foot intervals, the trees will form an effective screen to reduce potential light spillage and potential effects from noise (see below for more details on light and noise impacts). Screening vegetation will be limited to an approximately 20-foot width, except, as shown in Figure 4, where additional vegetation is needed to screen adjacent development from the line of sight at the center of the WLCF. Additional plants can be added based on field inspection to fill in gaps within the areas of screening planting as needed to screen line of sight from the centerline of the WLCF. Screening vegetation will be consistent with the Irvine Wildlife Corridor - Preliminary Fuel Management Plan in Appendix E. Plantings will supplement other actions to reduce light and noise, which include berms, grade separation and setbacks. In order to prevent Bobcats from scaling the wildlife impermeable fence, screening plantings will be planted such that at maturity, the canopy of each species will be at least five feet from the fence.

Table 6: Screening Plantings							
Botanic Name	Common Name	Stock Type	Plant Spacing	No. per Acre	Percent		
CANOPY							
Sambucus nigra	Blue elderberry	1 gal	20' o.c.	TDB	25%		
Rhus ovata	Suger bush	1 gal	20' o.c.	TDB	25%		
Rhus integrifolia	Lemonade berry	1 gal	20' o.c.	TDB	25%		
Heteromeles arbutifola	Toyon	1 gal	20 ' o.c.	TBD	25%		
Subtotal				TBD	100%		
UNDERSTORY							
Baccharis pilularis	Coyote Brush	1 gal	8' o.c	TDB	25%		
Peritoma arborea	Bladderpod	1 gal	8' o.c.	TBD	25%		
Opuntia littoralis	Prickly Pear	Pads	Clumped	TBD	25%		
Cylindropuntia prolifera	Coastal cholla	Padsl	Clumped	TBD	25%		
Subtotal				TBD	100%		
Total Container Stock				TBD			

e. Vegetation Establishment And Monitoring

Subject to seed and container stock availability, planting may occur in multiple growing seasons to achieve the densities set forth above. The Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) will provide for use of appropriate native vegetation for stabilization until establishment. A goal of this WLC Plan is to establish suitable vegetation within the WLCF and establish use of the corridor by the target species. Container stock and seed will be locally sourced (generally from 15-mile radius) wherever possible. The target is for riparian scrub plantings to attain a minimum of 50-percent native shrub/tree cover after three years and 70-percent native shrub/tree cover after five years with less than ten -percent cover by non-native species and zero-percent cover by giant reed (*Arundo* donax), saltcedar (*Tamarix* ramosissima), and pampas grass (*Cortedaria*

spp.). The target for coastal sage scrub and cactus scrub plantings is to attain 40-percent native shrub cover after three years, and 60-percent native shrub cover after five years, with less than ten percent cover by non-native species (except annual grasses), less than five percent cover by chaparral species and 30-foot spacing between chaparral canopy species in Table 6 and Note 3 above (see discussion below under Section III.A.9.a for rationale for this requirement), and zero percent cover by non-native invasive species. The target for the open southern cactus scrub is 40-percent cover by native cactus, scrub/shrub and grassland species within three years and 60-percent cover of the same at five years. As for the other habitats, non-native cover would be maintained at ten percent or less with no invasive species. All values provided for percent cover, including those for target native species cover, non-native species thresholds, or maintenance thresholds, represent absolute cover and not relative cover.

Once the corridor, or any reach of it, is completely installed and mature native vegetation dominates the segment, periodic monitoring will be conducted to document wildlife use of the corridor

7. Edge Effects

The WLCF in this WLC Plan utilizes a variety of design measures to minimize potential edge effects from adjacent development such as light and noise intrusion, human intrusion into the wildlife corridor, and fuel management. Except for limited thinning as described below, fuel management will occur within the Special Maintenance Areas identified in Figure 4.

a. Lighting

Lighting studies conducted by The Planning Center (2012, see Appendix A) at eight locations along the eastern limits of the WLCF concluded that at the eastern limits of the WLCF, existing maximum light spillage ranges from 0.03 to 0.14 foot candles at the locations evaluated. Construction of Segment 2 of the WLCF includes creation of a berm along most of the length of both sides of Segment 2, which will reduce light spillage from existing and proposed development into the WLCF, as will the lowering of the riparian corridor relative to existing grades. It is expected there will be a minimum difference of approximately 10 feet in elevation between the bottom of the drainage channel and top of berm. As discussed above under "Screening Plantings," screening plantings will be located along the eastern edge of the WLCF (on the berm), as shown in Figures 4 and 4a, providing additional light shielding. Using a combination of the berm, added screening vegetation, and lowering the corridor relative to the elevation of adjacent existing and proposed development areas, light spillage is expected to be reduced to less than 0.10 foot candle along the entire length of Segment 2 when measured at the bottom of the riparian channel.

The configuration of Segment 3 as shown in Figure 5b also includes grade change between the corridor and the adjacent development on the eastern side of the corridor. This configuration limits light intrusion. In addition, berms will be incorporated into the design for the west side of Segment 3 as necessary to further reduce light spillage from future development on the western side of the corridor to less than 0.10 foot candle within Segment 3 when measured at base of center of the corridor.

Although a land development plan has not been developed for the area adjacent to the western side of the WLCF, project lighting will be designed and shielded to prevent spillage of light into adjacent preserved open space areas at levels that could affect wildlife movement. For the western edge of Segments 2 and 3, the following standard will be applied and achieved through a combination of shielding of lights near the western boundary of the WLCF, berming, and screening plantings.

PDF Lighting 1: The project lighting for new development adjacent to the western edge of Segments 2, 3, 3 South and 4 and the eastern edge of Segment 4 of the WLCF will be designed and shielded so that the nighttime lighting of the WLCF shall be no greater than 0.10 foot candles when measured at the centerline of the riparian channel for Segments 2 and 4 and the centerline of the corridor for Segments 3 and 3 South.

In order to confirm that lighting goals are achieved, the Project Biologist and City will review proposed project lighting for development directly adjacent to the WLCF.

b. Noise

Urban Crossroads conducted noise studies (2012, see Appendix B) at three locations determined to represent the areas of highest potential noise production from existing development at the proposed eastern edge of the WLCF. The findings of the noise study are summarized below:

- Observer Location L1 is located approximately 70 feet west of the property line fence opposite the FedEx Freight center located at 56 Fairbanks. The noise level meter recorded the ambient noise levels over 48 hours. Based on the noise level measurement results provided in Table 1, the average hourly noise levels range from 49.3 dBA Leq during the noise sensitive night time hours to 53.4 dBA Leq during the daytime hours. This results in an overall 24-hour CNEL noise level of 57.5 dBA CNEL.
- At Observer Location L2, the noise meter was placed approximately 54 feet west of the property line fence opposite the Albertsons distribution center employee parking lot. The noise level meter recorded the ambient noise levels over 48 hours. The average hourly Leq noise levels at Observer Location L2 ranged from 49.5 during the daytime hours and 51.7 during the nighttime hours. Due to the 10 dBA noise penalty for the noise sensitive nighttime hours, the higher nighttime noise levels results in a 24-hour CNEL of 58.8 dBA.
- For Observer Location L3, the noise meter was placed at the property line fence opposite the Albertsons distribution center loading dock area. A full 24-hour noise level measurement was collected at Observer Location L3. The measured hourly Leq noise levels ranged from 50.3 dBA during the daytime hours to 51.5 dBA during the evening hours. The measured CNEL at the Observer Location L3 was calculated at 57.4 dBA CNEL.

The noise study shows that potential noise effects from existing development on the target wildlife species associated with relocation of the Segment 2 would not be adverse. The addition of berms, screening vegetation, and the vertical offset from the flow line (approximately 10 feet) planned for Segments 2 and 3 would be expected to further reduce noise effects within the corridor

Although a land development plan has not been developed for the area adjacent to the western side of the WLCF, residential uses along the western edge of the WLCF would produce minimal levels of noise. The construction of a berm along the western edge and the vertical offset will further minimize noise effects. To reduce noise spillage to levels consistent with the goals of achieving a biologically effective wildlife corridor in the post-development condition along the western edge of Segments 2 and 3, the 2012 Modified Project will include the following PDF (with limited exceptions for roadways):

PDF Noise 1: Berms, other vertical offsets, or, in Segment 4, walls will reduce potential noise effects to less than a 24-hour CNEL of 60 dBA at the western boundary of Segments 2, 3, and 3 South of the WLCF when measured at the base of the interior berm and on the eastern and western boundaries of Segment 4 when measured at the base of the interior berms or walls.

In order to confirm that noise goals are achieved, the Project Biologist and City will review plans for proposed development directly adjacent to the WLCF.

8. Human Intrusion

To minimize effects to wildlife from human intrusion and reduce conflicts between wildlife and development, the boundaries of the WLCF will be fenced with a wildlife-impermeable fence as shown as a typical section in Figures 5 and 5b. Where existing fencing is already in place on the eastern side of the corridor, new fencing does not need to be installed.

The existing FAA site next to Astor will be adjacent to, but not within, the WLCF and is not included in the 132-acre total for the WLCF. The site is fenced and will not be accessible through any portion of the WLCF. Access to the FAA site is not expected to have any adverse effect on wildlife or wildlife movement.

Segment 2 of the WLCF will also contain a closed former Navy landfill. Upon construction of Segment 2, the fence surrounding this area will be removed. The Navy will continue non-invasive monitoring of vapor and groundwater wells and will inspect the integrity of the landfill cap. Monitoring will occur quarterly, but is expected to decrease in frequency over time. The monitoring activity is not anticipated to have any adverse effect on wildlife or wildlife movement.

9. Vegetation Management

The WLCF has been effectively designed topographically to support a plant palette that limits fuels in proximity to future development while still providing beneficial habitat for target species and to maintain the desired species through vegetation management ("Vegetation")

Management"). The plant palette for the interior of the corridor is designed with native plant materials such that combustible fuel loads within the WLCF are kept to a minimum and centralized to the middle of the corridor. The WLCF is divided into different zones for management purposes: Special Maintenance Areas 1 and 2 and the Interior Corridor Habitat Management Area. As shown in Figure 4, Special Maintenance Areas are located in adjacent to the edges of the WLCF, while the remainder of the WLCF falls within the Interior Corridor Habitat Management Area. Maintenance requirements in each area are described below. Unless otherwise provided in this Plan, volunteer growth other than the species listed in Table 6 and Note 3 will not be removed as part of maintenance within the WLCF. Vegetation outside the WLCF on the westerly side of the berm slope will be irrigated landscape with non-invasive plant material from the OCFA Approved Plant List.⁵

Vegetation Management will be done a) with hand held tools consistent with best management practices; b) outside of the avian nesting season, or if during the nesting season, only after a biological monitor confirms that there will be no effects to nesting birds; c) in a manner that will not reduce or eliminate any plants that are planned for the area; and d) in a manner that minimizes effects to either the target species (Gnatcatcher or Vireo) and to more common species that are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA). All removed plant species will be disposed of outside of the WLCF. See Irvine Wildlife Corridor Plan Preliminary Fuel Management Plan (Firesafe Planning Solutions 2013) included in Appendix E. In order to ensure both effective and cost-efficient maintenance for chaparral and undesirable coastal sage scrub species, as described below, the following additional measures are recommended: 1) a landscape specialist will review the appropriate areas each season prior to maintenance to identify and flag for removal (as necessary) chaparral species that exceed the 5-percent maximum within the riparian habitats, coastal sage/cactus scrub and open cactus scrub as well as flag undesirable coastal sage scrub species such as California sagebrush and California buckwheat that exceed 10-percent absolute cover in the open cactus scrub; 2) the landscape specialist should prepare a booklet showing photographs of the non-native invasive species, nonnative undesirable species, undesirable native species to be maintained at 10-percent cover in the open cactus scrub and chaparral species to be limited to 5-percent cover; 3) utilize landscape crews experienced in native habitat restoration and maintenance; and 4) the landscape specialist will review the appropriate areas to confirm that the maintenance has been adequately performed.

a. Special Maintenance Areas

Within the WLCF, vegetation management for fuel management purposes will be limited to the 30-foot wide Special Maintenance Areas as shown on Figure 12 and described and depicted in the Irvine Wildlife Corridor Plan Preliminary Fuel Management Plan (Firesafe Planning Solutions 2013) included in Appendix E. Native habitat plantings within the Special Maintenance Areas will include dense areas of native cactus, as summarized in Tables 8 and 9 below, interspersed with lower growing grasses, forbs, and shrubs acceptable to OCFA (e.g., bladderpod, California encelia, baccharis, coast goldenbush). Rock may also be added to these areas to maintain open areas, which also provide habitat for reptiles.

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OCFA Approved Plant List available at www.ocfa.org/_uploads/pdf/guidec06.pdf.

Maintenance in the Special Maintenance Areas will consist of removing undesirable species set forth in Table 7, removing chaparral species specified in Table 6 and Note 3 to maintain absolute cover of less the 5-percent with a minimum 30-foot spacing between chaparral individuals, and removing invasives. Such maintenance would be limited to up to twice per year, requiring a few days by small crews using only hand held tools, and using the protocols described above.

Table 7: Plant Removal List W	ithin Special Maintenance Areas
Botanic Name	Common Name
Cynara Cardunculus	Artichoke Thistle
Ricinus Communis	Castor Bean Plant
Cirsium Vulgare	Wild Artichoke
Brassica Nigra	Black Mustard
Silybum Marianum	Milk Thistle
Sacsola Austails	Russian Thistle/Tumblewood
Nicotiana Bigelevil	Indian Tobacco
Nicotiana Glauca	Tree Tobacco
Lactuca Serriola	Prickly Lettuce
Conyza Canadensis	Horseweed
Heterothaca Grandiflora	Telegraph Plant
Anthemix Cotula	Mayweed
Urtica Urens	Burning Nettle
Cardaria Draba	Noary Cress, Perennial Peppergrass
Brassica Rapa	Wild Turnip, Yellow Mustard, Field Mustard
Adenostoma Fasciculatum	Chamise
Adenostoma Sparsifolium	Red Shanks
Cortaderia Selloana	Pampas Grass
Artemisia Californica	California Sagebrush
Eriogonum Fasciculatum	Common Buckwheat
Salvia Mellifera	Black Sage
Ornamental:	
Cortaderia	Pampas Grass
Cupressus sp	Cypress
Eucalyptus sp	Eucalyptus
Juniperus sp	Juniper
Pinus sp	Pine

Along the interior edges of the corridor (Special Maintenance Area 1 as shown in Figure 4), the vegetation will be from the OCFA Approved Plant List and will be mostly comprised of cactus, totaling 50-percent of the vegetative cover, OCFA-Approved coastal sage scrub, and native grassland components as set forth in Table 8 below. Any changes to the plant palette would require approval by OCFA and Heritage Fields. At the end five years, the cactus is expected to account for a minimum 50-percent relative cover and in the long-term as it matures, will account for 50-percent absolute cover.

Botanic Name	Common Name	Stock Type	Plant Spacing	No. per Acre	Percent
NATIVE GRASSES		7.			
Stipa pulchra	Purple needlegrass	1 gal	Clumped.	100	10%
Stipa lepida	Foothill needlegrass	1 gal	Clumped	100	10%
NATIVE SHRUBS					
Opuntia littoralis	Prickly Pear	Pads	Clumped	350	35%
Cylindropuntia prolifera	Coastal cholla	Padsl	Clumped	350	35%
Peritoma arborea	Bladderpod	1 gal	8' o.c.	50	5%
Isocoma menziesii	Coast goldenbush	1 gal	8' o.c.	50	5%
Total Container Stock				1,000	100%
SEED MIX					
Lasthenia californica	California goldfields	Seed	Scattered	4 lbs	26.7%
Cryptantha intermedia	Intermediate cryptantha	Seed	Scattered	2 lbs	13.3%
Salvia columbarae	Chia	Seed	Scattered	3 lbs	20%
Lupinus bicolor	Miniature lupine	Seed	Scattered	2 lbs	13.3%
Sisyrinchium bellum	Blue-eyed grass	Seed	Scattered	2 lbs	13.3%
Dichelostemma capitatum	Wild hyacinth	Seed	Scattered	2 lbs	13.3%
Total Seed Stock				15 LBS	100%

In limited areas, designated as Special Maintenance Area 2 in Figure 4, the vegetation will be mostly comprised of cactus, totaling 70-percent of the vegetative cover, OCFA-Approved coastal sage scrub, and native grassland components as set forth in Table 9 below. Any changes to the plant palette would require approval by OCFA and Heritage Fields. At the end of five-years, the cactus is expected to account for a minimum 70-percent relative cover and in the long-term as it matures, will account for approximately 70-percent of the absolute cover or 50-percent cactus and 20-percent rock. For Special Maintenance Areas 1 and 2, OCFA-approved coastal sage scrub species will not be removed except when overall shrub cover exceeds 50-percent absolute cover.

Botanic Name	Common Name	Stock Type	Plant Spacing	No. per Acre	Percent
NATIVE GRASSES					
Stipa pulchra	Purple needlegrass	1 gal	Clumped.	100	10%
Stipa lepida	Foothill needlegrass	1 gal	Clumped	100	10%
NATIVE SHRUBS					
Opuntia littoralis	Prickly Pear	Pads	Clumped	250	25%
Cylindropuntia prolifera	Coastal cholla	Padsl	Clumped	250	25%
Peritoma arborea	Bladderpod	1 gal	8' o.c.	100	10%
Isocoma menziesii	Coast goldenbush	1 gal	8' o.c.	100	10%
Encelia californica	California encelia	1 gal	8' o.c.	100	10%
Total Container Stock				1,000	100%
SEED MIX					
Lasthenia californica	California goldfields	Seed	Scattered	4 lbs	26.7%
Cryptantha intermedia	Intermediate cryptantha	Seed	Scattered	2 lbs	13.3%
Salvia columbarae	Chia	Seed	Scattered	3 lbs	20%
Lupinus bicolor	Miniature lupine	Seed	Scattered	2 lbs	13.3%
Sisyrinchium bellum	Blue-eyed grass	Seed	Scattered	2 lbs	13.3%
Dichelostemma capitatum	Wild hyacinth	Seed	Scattered	2 lbs	13.3%
Total Seed Stock				15 LBS	100%

Based on the grading plan, plant palette, and weather patterns, a detailed fire modeling was conducted, as summarized in the Irvine Wildlife Corridor Feature Fire Related Program (Firesafe Planning Solutions 2013) attached as Appendix C, and reviewed and approved by the OCFA. Special Maintenance Areas on and adjacent to the berm along the westerly boundary of the WLCF are shown on Figure 4 and in the Irvine Wildlife Corridor Plan Preliminary Fuel Management Plan included in Appendix E.

b. Interior Corridor Habitat Management Area

Within the Interior Corridor Habitat Management Area, Vegetation Management will be even more limited than in the Special Management Areas, consisting of removal of invasives, removal of chaparral species, and limited removal of certain coastal sage scrub species within open southern cactus scrub areas.

In addition to the removing invasives within Interior Corridor Habitat Management Area, chaparral species listed in Table 6 and Note 3 will be removed to maintain absolute cover at less than 5 percent with a minimum of 30-foot spacing between chaparral individuals, from areas of riparian habitat, coastal sage scrub and cactus scrub. Such removal is important because the Gnatcatcher is an identified target species (blue elderberry will not be removed from areas of mulefat scrub as it is a habitat component of the mulefat scrub). Specifically, the Gnatcatcher is a coastal sage scrub/cactus scrub "obligate" species, and conversion from these preferred habitat types to chaparral would be detrimental to one of the four target species and would be inconsistent with the goals of the WLC. As such, it will be important to maintain the target

vegetation as summarized in Tables 1-5 above to ensure that the target species have optimal habitat conditions within the WLCF. Any removal would be conducted using the protocols described above. Any changes to the plant palette would require approval by OCFA and Heritage Fields. Maintaining optimal habitat for the Gnatcatcher by preventing conversion of areas of coastal sage scrub and cactus scrub to chaparral also minimizes fire risks.

Finally, while not included in the plant palette for areas of Open Southern Cactus Scrub Mosaic, other coastal sage scrub species such as California sagebrush and California buckwheat are likely to colonize these areas over time. Based on fire modeling, such species can, combined, reach 10-percent total cover within the open cactus scrub. Where it exceeds 10-percent cover, maintenance would be performed to maintain it at 10-percent cover or less. The need for this maintenance would be infrequent.

10. Analysis of Effect of Vegetation Management on Target Species

Vegetation Management will have minimal effects on target species as described below.

a. Least Bell's Vireo

The Vireo is a neotropical migrant that breeds in southern California and winters in southern Mexico and Central America. As such, it migrates long distances in spring and fall, returning to southern California from southern Mexico or Central America in late March or early April, traveling many hundreds of miles. Given that the Vireo is capable of long distance migration, Segments 2 and 3 of the WLCF will serve primarily as either a "stopover" for resting or foraging Vireos during migration or as an area for breeding. It will not be important in providing connectivity between the Central and Coastal portions of Orange County. The riparian habitat within Segments 2 and 3 will average approximately 100 feet in width, providing suitable habitat for Vireo during migration as well as potential breeding habitat. Vegetation Management will not affect the riparian corridor, will be conducted outside of the avian breeding season and would not measurably affect potential Vireo breeding or foraging areas outside of the riparian corridor.

b. California Gnatcatcher

Unlike Vireo, the Gnatcatcher is a resident species that spends its entire life near its natal territory. Gnatcatchers typically disperse short distances from their natal territories (typically no more than a few kilometers). Dispersal abilities are summarized on the Partner's in Flight Website:

California Gnatcatcher is non-migratory. Post-breeding dispersal by fledglings occurs during late summer and fall. Natal dispersal distance typically documented at less than 3 km. Longest documented dispersal distance by juvenile is 16 km (Braden 1992). Dispersal across highly man-modified landscapes, including major highways and residential development, occurs often (Bailey and Mock 1998, Gavin 1998, Lovio 1996, Haas and Campbell 2003, Atwood unpublished data). Many examples of occupied habitat patches isolated by extensive development (e.g., Dana Point Headlands, Oceanside; Bailey and Mock 1998). Extensive movements by breeding adults are relatively rare (Bailey and

Mock 1998). Longest documented dispersal distance by an adult is 9 km (Atwood and Bontrager 2001). Types of habitat used during dispersal are highly variable (Campbell et al. 1998).

Given Gnatcatcher dispersal abilities, and habitat requirements, Segments 2 and 3 will provide high quality live-in habitat for breeding Gnatcatchers as well as a dispersal corridor for Gnatcatchers moving between Central and Coastal areas of Orange County. Specifically, the combination of coastal sage scrub, southern cactus scrub and riparian scrub will provide an optimal habitat mosaic for both breeding and dispersing Gnatcatchers. It is important to note, that riparian corridors are often used by dispersing Gnatcatchers as well as providing important resources (insects) during the dry summer months when coastal sage scrub enters summer dormancy. The Special Management Area will be limited to the western edge of the WLCF, extending no more than 30 feet from the top of the berm into the WLCF. Within these areas, native cactus and scrub habitat would occur in sufficient densities (between 30 and 50-percent cover) which is optimal cover for the Gnatcatcher. Similarly, the potential need for removal of occasional volunteers of chaparral species would benefit the Gnatcatcher by preventing chaparral species from crowding out Gnatcatcher habitat and would be conducted outside the Gnatcatcher breeding season. Figure 4a depicts the size and distribution of eight potential gnatcatcher breeding territories and use areas within the WLCF based on the typical range for breeding territory size as well as non-breeding season use areas which can be twice the size of breeding territories.

c. Coyote

Coyotes are highly adapted to human landscapes and regularly move through urban areas. As such, Segments 2 and 3 will provide optimal conditions for Coyotes moving through the Wildlife Corridor. Segments 2 and 3 will provide foraging, resting, and movement opportunities and given the adaptability of Coyotes, there would be no constraints to Coyote movement and/or use of the segment. Vegetation Management would have no measurable affect either due to occasional human occupation or due to slightly reduced cover, on the Coyote.

d. Bobcat

While Bobcats exhibit fairly high levels of adaptability to human altered landscapes, they are less adaptable than Coyotes and are more likely to restrict movements (especially longer distance movements) to areas of natural habitat or areas with moderately dense vegetation. Segments 2 and 3 will provide more than sufficient space, optimal cover, and optimal habitat types for movement by Bobcats through this segment. As noted above for the Coyote, Vegetation Management would have no measurable affect either due to occasional human occupation or due to slightly reduced cover, on the Bobcat.

B. Segments 3 South & 4

Planning and conceptual design of Segments 3 South and 4 have also taken into account prior corridor plans and studies. Segments 3 South and 4 are substantially similar in terms of

⁶ Available at www.prbo.org/calpif/htmldocs/species/scrub/california gnatcatcher.html.

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functionality and have the same location as described in the 2003 OCGP EIR, 2004 Corridor Plan and the 2011 Design Update. They are included herein to provide a unified conceptual plan for the WLCF. The following interrelated components of Segments 3 South and 4 of the WLCF and the resulting biological functions of the corridor provided are addressed in this Plan:

- General Description, Location, and Fencing;
- Wildlife Crossings;
- Hydrology;
- Target Species;
- Vegetation;
- Edge Effects;
- Human Intrusion;
- Vegetation Management; and
- Analysis of Effect of Vegetation Management on Target Species.

1. General Description, Location, and Fencing

Figure 6 depicts the proposed location of Segments 3 South and 4 of the WLCF, which are in the same alignment, location and configuration as in the 2003 OCGP EIR and 2004 Corridor Plan.

Segment 3 South will connect to Segment 3 with an at-grade crossing of the Railroad tracks, as described above. Segment 3 South extends southerly to the intersection of Barranca Parkway and Alton Parkway, and is proposed to include a ramp into Serrano Creek subject to OCFCD coordination and approval. Segment 3 South connects to Segment 4 through an existing undercrossing under the Barranca/Alton intersection. Segment 4 extends south to Interstate 5 and surrounds the existing Serrano Creek. See description of the Serrano Creek Channel and Marine Way undercrossings in Hydrology, Section 2, below. It will be crossed by Marine Way. IRWD currently owns and maintains an existing 21-inch sewer line in Segment 4. Per the IRWD Sub-Area Master Plan, IRWD anticipates relocating this line out of Segment 4. Segment 4 will include regional water quality facilities at the downstream end just before Interstate 5. Facilities will be maintained in accordance with procedures to avoid impacts to nesting species and with IRWD's maintenance schedule. The maintenance will not hinder Bobcat or Coyote movement. The regional water quality facilities may be located on either side of Serrano Creek.

Subject to future development planning, Segment 4 may also include a pedestrian crossing to facilitate trail and pedestrian movement in the area at a location to be determined between the Barranca/Alton Intersection and I-5.

Segment 3 South will be bordered by Serrano Creek Channel and the embankment of Alton Parkway on the east side and a minimum 10-foot high berm along the west side. These features and the implementation of PDF Lighting 1 and PDF Noise 1 are expected to minimize potential light and noise effects within Segment 3 South. Wildlife impermeable fencing will be installed along the western boundary of the WLCF. Existing fencing along the Serrano Creek Channel will keep wildlife within the corridor. See Figure 5c.

Segment 4 will not have berms, but will have a wildlife impermeable fence on both sides and the depth of the channel provides separation from future proposed adjacent development. Land uses adjacent to the Segment 4 are to be developed in accordance with the noise and light limitations in PDF Lighting 1 and PDF Noise 1. Parking and building lighting should not be directly aimed toward the WLCF. Further, reflectors are to be placed on lights limiting the amount of artificial light entering the WLCF.

Segments 3 South and 4 range in width from approximately 440 to 790 feet (with the exception of the undercrossing between Segments 3 South and 4), with an average width of approximately 530 feet.

2. Wildlife Crossings

Segments 3 South and 4 will use the existing undercrossing at the Barranca/Alton intersection.

Segment 4 will have a new crossing to be constructed at future Marine Way. The crossing of future Marine Way will be a double arch culvert (each 12-feet high x 32-feet wide). See Figure 11b. The bottom of the arch system will be hardened to adequately convey storm water flows and resist erosion, but will be textured to provide a natural feel.

In addition, a potential pedestrian crossing will be constructed in Segment 4 at future location between The Barranca/Alton intersection and I-5. The pedestrian crossing will be grade-separated from the corridor at least ten feet above the channel bottom. The wildlife undercrossing will be at least 18 feet wide to provide for wildlife movement. Lighting, if any, will be directed away from the corridor. The specific design of the wildlife movement elements of the pedestrian crossing (height to width ratio, substrate and proximity to other crossings) will be reviewed by the City and Peer Reviewers.

3. Hydrology

In 2011, the County and the City of Irvine approved the Master Plan of Drainage. Based upon this analysis, Segment 3 South will only collect runoff from the Segment 3 South footprint. Segment 3 South will be graded to capture these flows in a natural swale feature, and localized flows will be conveyed from an appropriate collection point within Segment 3 South to Serrano Creek, which is consistent with current drainage patterns.

The drainage area within Segment 4 average width will be approximately 140 - 220 feet based on hydrological analysis. Since this portion of Serrano Creek Channel's watershed is approximately 4,200 acres and is mostly developed, channel flows are significant. Due to upstream development, this segment of the WLCF will receive flows during the dry weather season. This segment of the WLCF will be designed to safely convey peak storm events and reduce degradation of the Serrano Creek Channel in accordance with the Master Plan of Drainage and the WLC Plan. The channel between Alton and Interstate 5 will require flowline stabilization or bank stabilization similar to downstream reaches of Serrano Creek. The drainage area of Segment 4 from Alton Parkway to Marine Way is anticipated to be approximately 140 - 220 feet in width based on hydrological analysis. This segment will be soft bottom with a series of Gabion Drop Structures (1.5-foot step height) and natural vegetation subject to Orange County

Public Works and City of Irvine design criteria, as shown in Figure 6. The crossing of future Marine Way will be a double arch culvert (each 12-feet high x 32-feet wide). See Figure 11b. The bottom of the arch system will be hardened to adequately convey storm water flows and resist erosion, but will be textured to provide a natural feel. For the portion of Segment 4 from Marine Way to the connection to the I-5 culvert, the drainage area will be an approximate bottom width of 60 feet with stabilized side walls. This is similar to portions of Serrano Creek downstream of the project site. Maintenance of the channel and related flood control facilities would be consistent with WLC Plan functions.

Although a land plan has not been developed for the areas adjacent Segment 4 of the WLCF, treated storm water will be discharged to Segment 4 of the WLCF from regional water quality facilities located within Segment 4 of the WLCF. The regional storm water quality facilities would be planted with native riparian understory species that would be fully consistent with the goals of the WLCF. Effectively, the regional water quality facilities would function as open meadow areas within the larger area of riparian vegetation; creating greater diversity within the vegetation structure associated with Segment 4. Maintenance of the regional water quality treatment facilities would be consistent with WLC Plan functions.

4. Target Species

The 2004 Corridor Plan identified four target species for the corridor: Bobcat, Coyote, Gnatcatcher, and Vireo. The proposed planting scheme for Segments 3 South and 4 as shown on Figure 6 of the WLCF provides vegetation for the target species.

5. Vegetation

The same vegetation associations that are to be used in Segments 2 and 3 are proposed for Segments 3 South and 4 of the WLCF, as shown in Figure 6. Subject to availability, planting may occur in multiple growing seasons to achieve the specified densities.

Within Segment 4, design features will be incorporated into Serrano Creek Channel to allow for conveyance of storm flows, as well as establishment of areas of mulefat scrub and southern willow scrub described in Tables 1 and 2 above to provide suitable vegetation for foraging and occupation by Vireo, as well as areas cover for movement of other target species.

The open southern cactus scrub mosaic described in Table 5 above will also be incorporated into Segments 3 South and 4. The grass species will be planted in a mosaic with the southern cactus scrub. Planting these areas in an open southern cactus scrub mosaic will provide breeding areas for the coastal cactus wren and Gnatcatcher (see Figure 4a); cover and movement areas for the Bobcat, and Coyote; and open areas for raptor foraging, while limiting flame lengths and protecting adjacent development areas from fire at the wildland interface. Except as provided below, fire safety issues in this WLC Plan are being addressed by design of the WLCF, considering channels, grade separation, and vegetation. As shown on Figure 13, adjacent development will have a 30-foot fuel management area and a 20-foot set-back zone to mitigate for wildland interface fire hazards. As an option, the 30-foot fuel management area with adjacent development can be replaced with a 6 foot high radiant heat fence. Vegetation will be thinned for fire management purposes only within the 30-foot Special Maintenance Area shown

on Figure 13. Within the remainder of the WLCF, only chaparral and non-CSS species would be removed for the benefit of the Gnatcatcher, as described in Section III.A.9.b (Interior Corridor Habitat Management Area). These actions will provide appropriate protections for adjacent areas that interface with the WLCF.

Screening vegetation will be used in Segment 3 South and 4 north and south of the Alton/Barranca intersection, as shown in Figure 6. Screening planting will be done in accordance with the criteria set forth in Section III.A.6.d (Screening Plantings). Additional plants can be added based on field inspection within the areas of screening planting as needed to screen line of sight from the centerline of the WLCF. Screening vegetation will be consistent with the Irvine Willdife Corridor - Preliminary Fuel Management Plan in Appendix E.

Segment 4 will also include riparian vegetation consisting of mulefat scrub and southern willow scrub, as summarized in Tables 1 and 2 above, within the Serrano Channel and on adjacent slopes and terraces as depicted on Figure 6, ultimately transitioning to open cactus scrub along the margins as summarized in Table 6. Regional water quality features will also be included within the envelope of areas with open cactus scrub and riparian habitat that will be planted with riparian understory components with the adjacent mulefat scrub and southern willow scrub that will be fully consistent with goals of the WLCF. The regional water quality and flood control facilities will be maintained from an unpaved access area in a manner that would be consistent with WLC Plan functions. The plant palette for the regional water quality facilities is provided in Table 10.

Table 10: Regional Water Quality Facilities Plant Palette							
Botanic Name	Common Name	Stock Type	Plant Spacing	No. per Acre	Percent		
Juncus patens	Spreading rush	Liner	Clumped.	200	20%		
Carex praegracilis	Clustered field sedge	1 gal	8 o.c.	200	20%		
Juncus textilis	Basket rush	1 gal	Clumped	100	10%		
Leymus triticoides	Creeping wild rye	Liner	3' o.c.	100	10%		
Distichlis spicata	Saltgrass	Liner.	Clumped	200	20%		
Muhlenbergia rigens	Deergrass	1 gal	8 o.c.	100	10%		
Artemisia douglasiana	Mugwort	1 gal	Clumped	100	10%		
Subtotal				1000	100%		

Finally, while not included in the plant palette for areas of Open Southern Cactus Scrub Mosaic, other coastal sage scrub species such as California sagebrush and California buckwheat are likely to colonize these areas over time. Based on fire modeling, such species can, combined, reach 10-percent total cover within the open cactus scrub. Where it exceeds 10-percent cover, maintenance would be performed to maintain it at 10-percent cover or less. The need for this maintenance would be infrequent.

6. Edge Effects

Edge effects in Segments 3 South and 4 will be addressed with the same PDFs that applied to Segments 2 and 3.

a. Lighting

See discussion for Segments 2 and 3. Similar site specific light and noise measures will be implemented for these segments as described for Segments 2 and 3.

PDF Lighting 1: The project lighting for new development adjacent to the western edge of Segments 2, 3, 3 South and 4 and the eastern edge of Segment 4 of the WLCF will be designed and shielded so that the nighttime lighting of the WLCF shall be no greater than 0.10 foot candles when measured at the centerline of the riparian channel for Segments 2 and 4 and the centerline of the corridor for Segments 3 and 3 South.

In order to confirm that lighting goals are achieved, the Project Biologist and City will review proposed project lighting for development directly adjacent to the WLCF.

b. Noise

To reduce noise spillage to levels consistent with the goals of achieving a biologically effective wildlife corridor in the post-development condition along the edges of Segments 3 South and 4, the following PDF (with limited exceptions for roadways and crossings such as Marine Way) will apply:

PDF Noise 1: Berms, other vertical offsets, or, in Segment 4, walls will reduce potential noise effects to less than a 24-hour CNEL of 60 dBA at the western boundary of Segments 2, 3, and 3 South of the WLCF when measured at the base of the interior berm and on the eastern and western boundaries of Segment 4 when measured at the base of the interior berms or walls.

In order to confirm that noise goals are achieved, the Project Biologist and City will review plans for proposed development directly adjacent to the WLCF.

7. Human Intrusion

To reduce effects to wildlife from human intrusion and reduce conflicts between wildlife and development, the boundaries of the WLCF will be fenced with wildlife impermeable fence in the locations shown in Figures 5c, 7a, and 7b.

8. Vegetation Management

Vegetation Management within Segments 3 South and 4 will be conducted in the same manner as Segments 2 and 3. A 30-foot wide Special Maintenance Area 1 is planned for Segments 3 South and 4, in the locations depicted on Figures 6 and 13. The remainder of Segments 3 South and 4 will be managed as Interior Corridor Habitat Management Areas as described above for Segments 2 and 3.

9. Analysis of Effect of Vegetation Management on Target Species

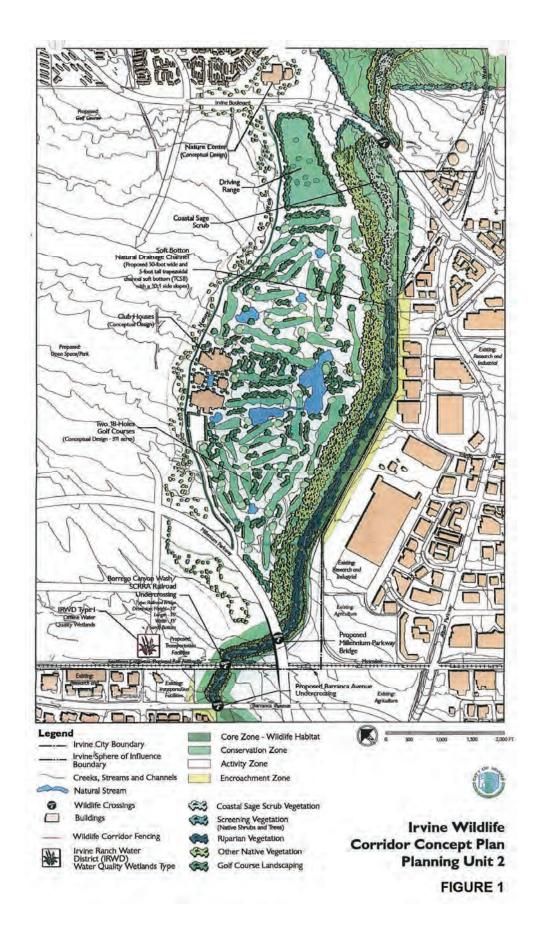
The effects of Vegetation Management in Segments 3 South and 4 will be similar to those described in detail for Segments 2 and 3 and are expected to have minimal effects on target species.

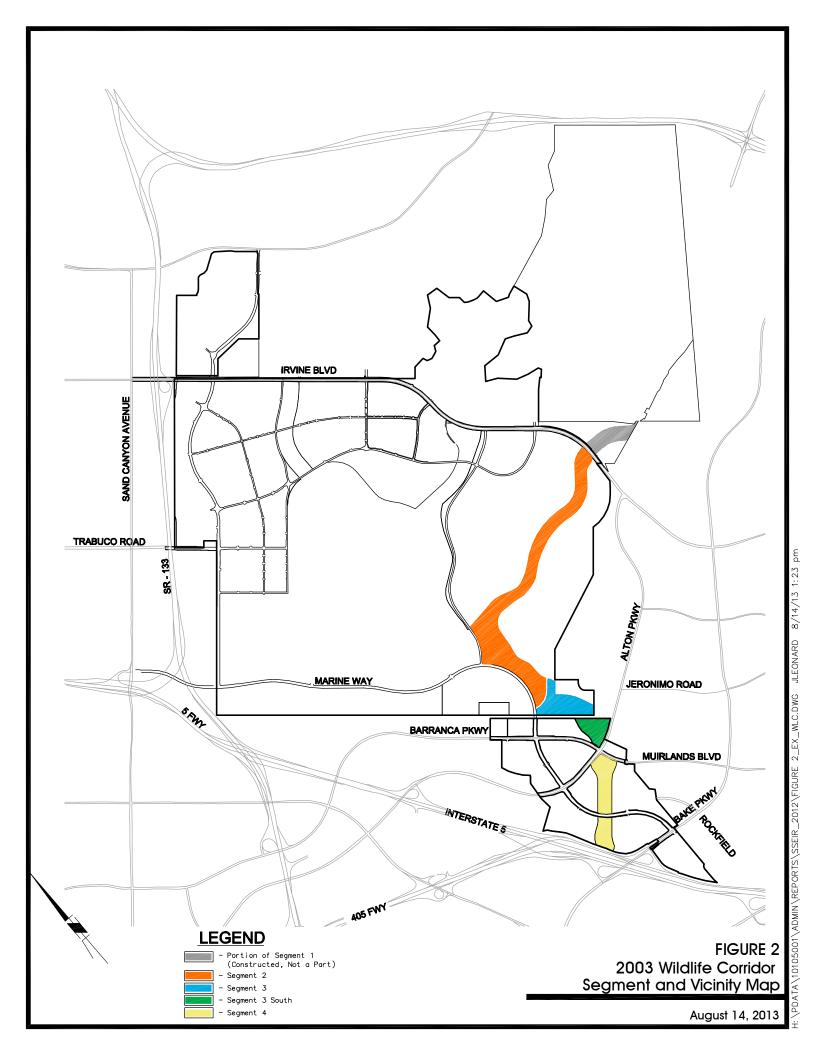
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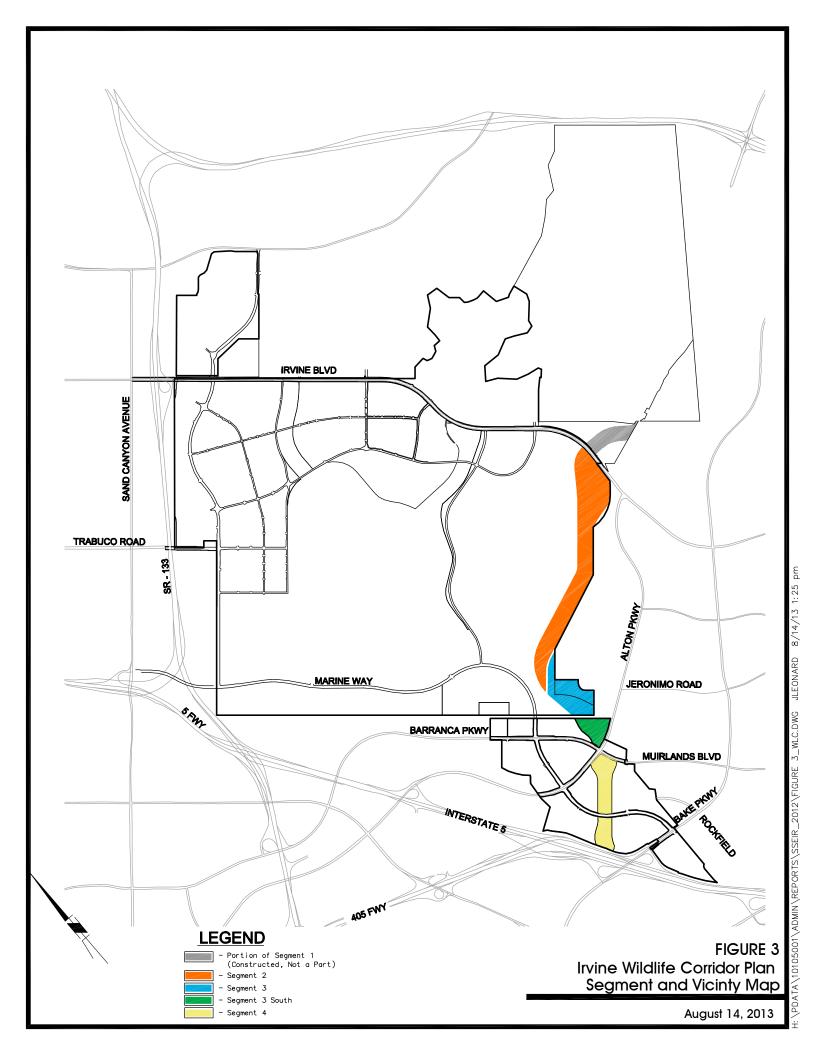
The WLC Plan provides for development of a biologically effective corridor between Irvine Boulevard and I-5. The WLC Plan will accommodate movement of all four target species (Coyote, Bobcat, Gnatcatcher, and Vireo) from inland habitats southward through the entire WLCF. Two of the target species (Coyotes and Bobcats) might be able to move beyond the project area (i.e., cross under I-5 to coastal natural areas) often enough (e.g., one Coyote/Bobcat every 2-4 years) to transfer genes from one region to another on either end of the corridor. The Gnatcatcher could be expected to cross I-5 approximately once every two years. The Vireo is a migratory bird and I-5 is not expected to present any significant movement barrier for the speices.

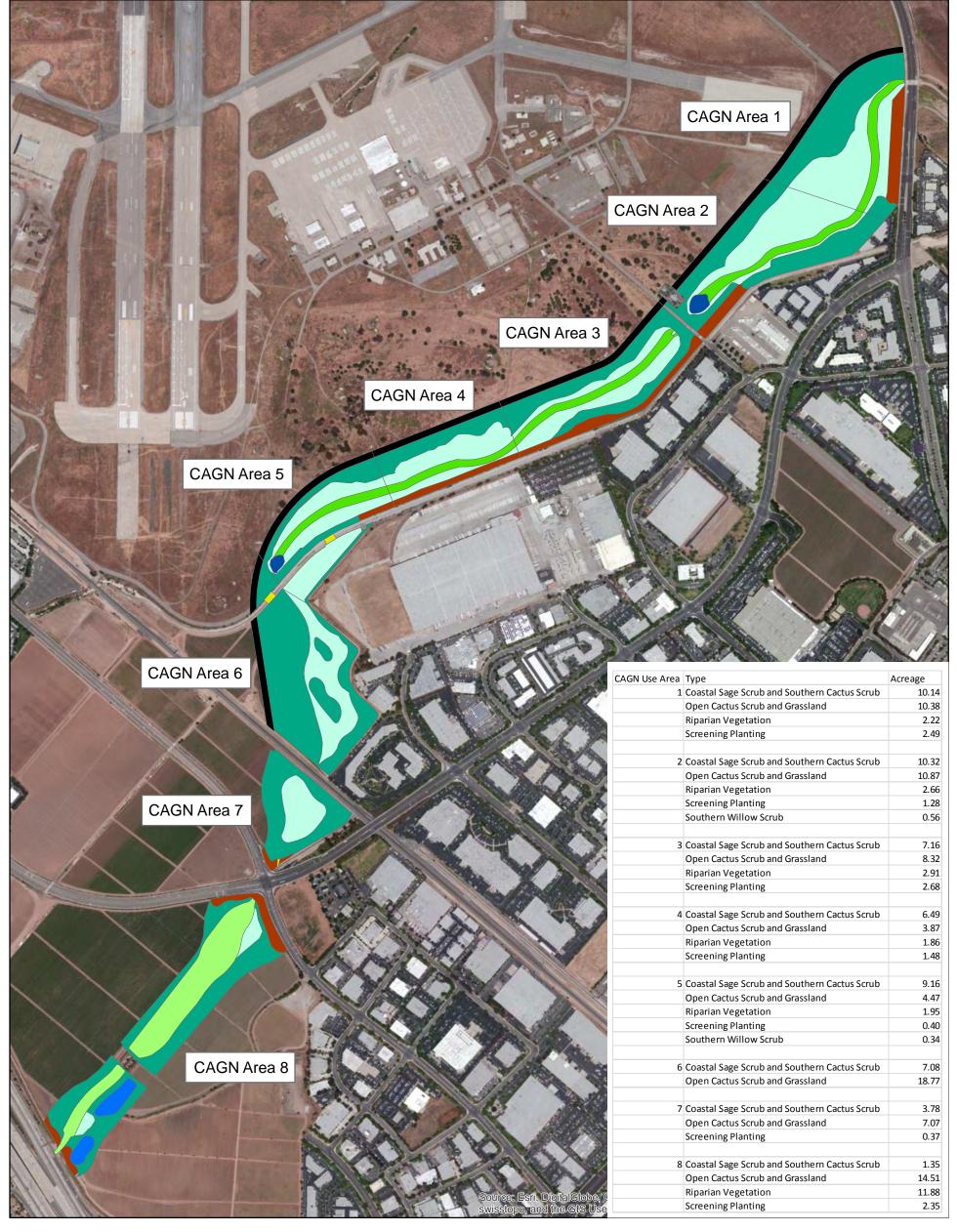
In addition to serving the movement needs of specific target species, the WLCF will provide numerous other biological values. Native habitats restored within the corridor would serve as live-in habitat for native plants and animals, such as the Gnatcatcher, the Vireo and coastal cactus wren. This will be a valuable environmental amenity and an educational opportunity for people in the City of Irvine.

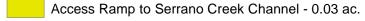
The WLC Plan allows for flexibility in addressing issues that may arise during and after implementation, including the development of a corridor monitoring program. Monitoring use of the corridor by wildlife could be performed in part by local schools, citizen action groups, and local residents, thus presenting an educational opportunity and potentially imbuing the local community with a feeling of investment and ownership in this unique urban amenity. The proposed wildlife corridor plan could very well serve as a model for providing wildlife connectivity in an urbanized landscape that will be emulated throughout California and elsewhere.











Borrego Channel Crossings - 0.26 ac.

Coastal Sage Scrub and Southern Cactus Scrub - 55.48 ac.

Drainage Course/Riparian Vegetation - 11.88 ac.

Special Maintenance Area - 12.49 ac.

Open Cactus Scrub and Grassland - 78.26 ac.

Riparian Vegetation - 11.60 ac.

Screening Planting - 11.05 ac.

Southern Willow Scrub - 0.90 ac.

Regional Water Quality Facilities - TBD



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Potential Gnatcatcher Use Areas

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Exhibit 4A

FIGURE 5a Irvine Wildlife Corridor Plan Segment 2 Cross Section (Typical)

FIGURE 5b Irvine Wildlife Corridor Plan Segment 3 Cross Section (Typical)

FIGURE 5c Irvine Wildlife Corridor Plan Segment 3 South Cross Section (Typical)

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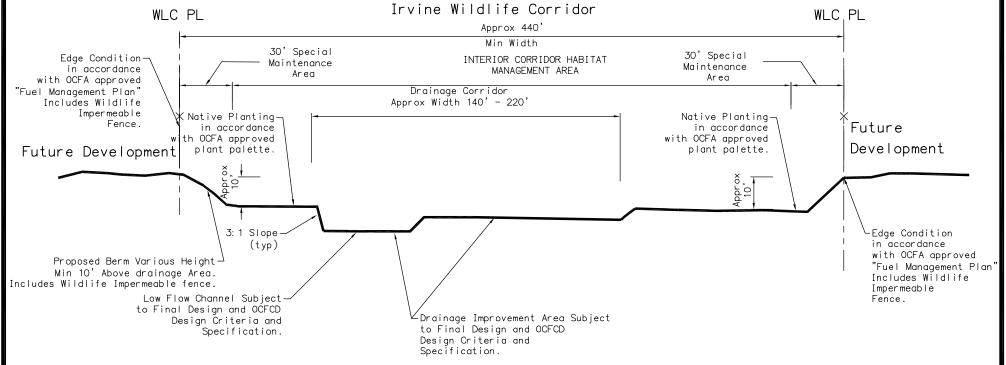


FIGURE 7a
Irvine Wildlife Corridor Plan
Segment 4 Cross Section (Typical)
(from Barranca Pkwy to Marine Way)

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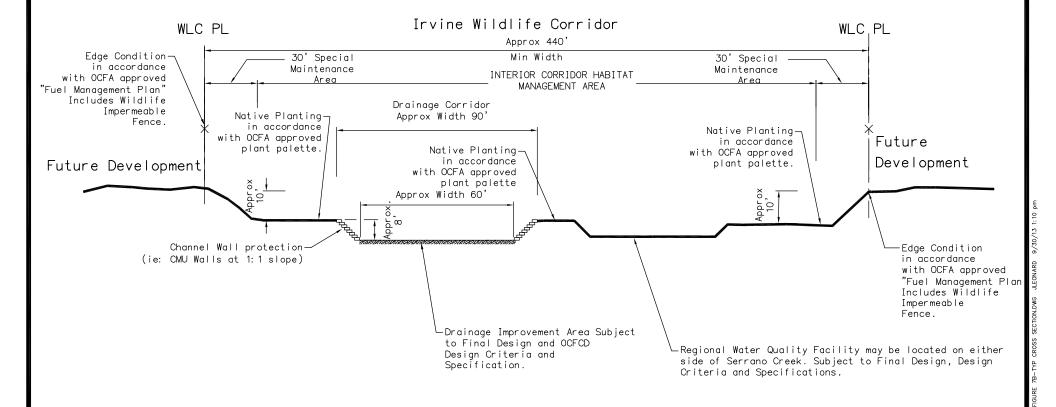
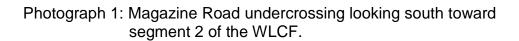


FIGURE 7b Irvine Wildlife Corridor Plan Segment 4 Cross Section (Typical) (from Marine Way to I-5)



Figure 8



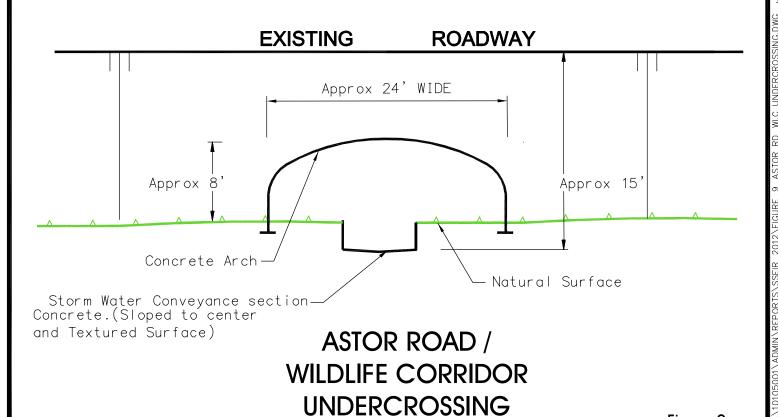


Photograph 2: Magazine Road undercrossing looking north toward segment 1 of the WLCF.

HERITAGE FIELDS/GREAT PARK Site Photographs

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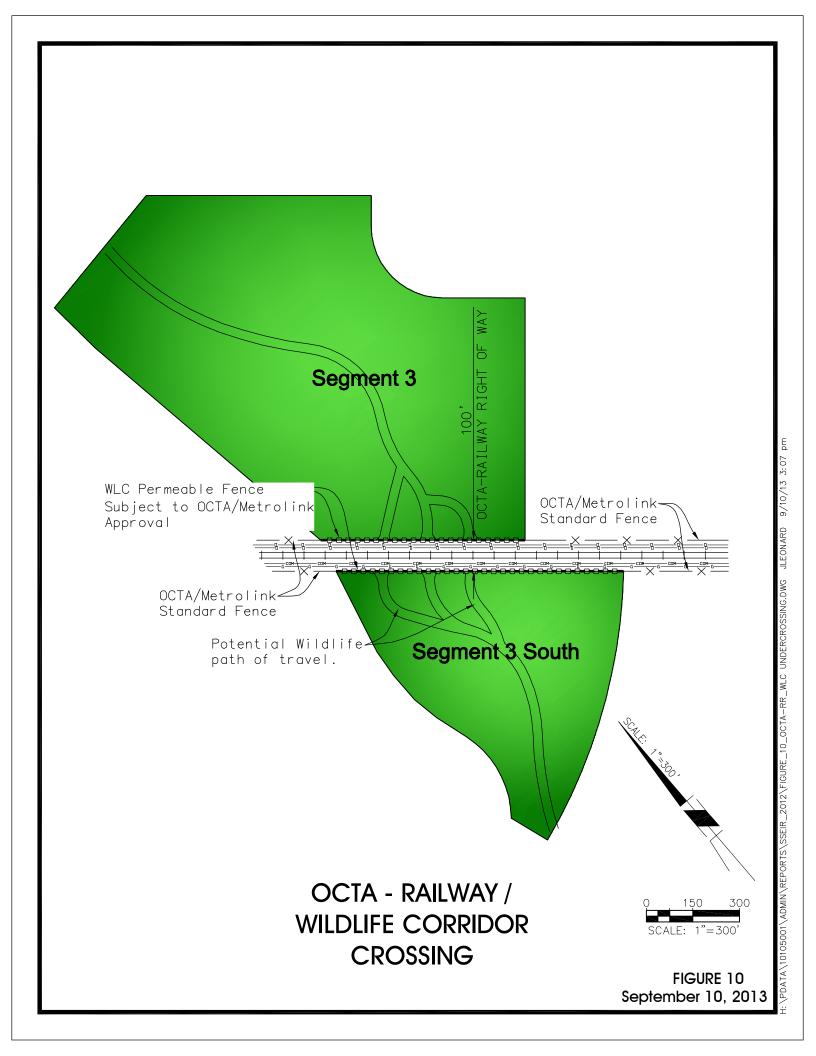
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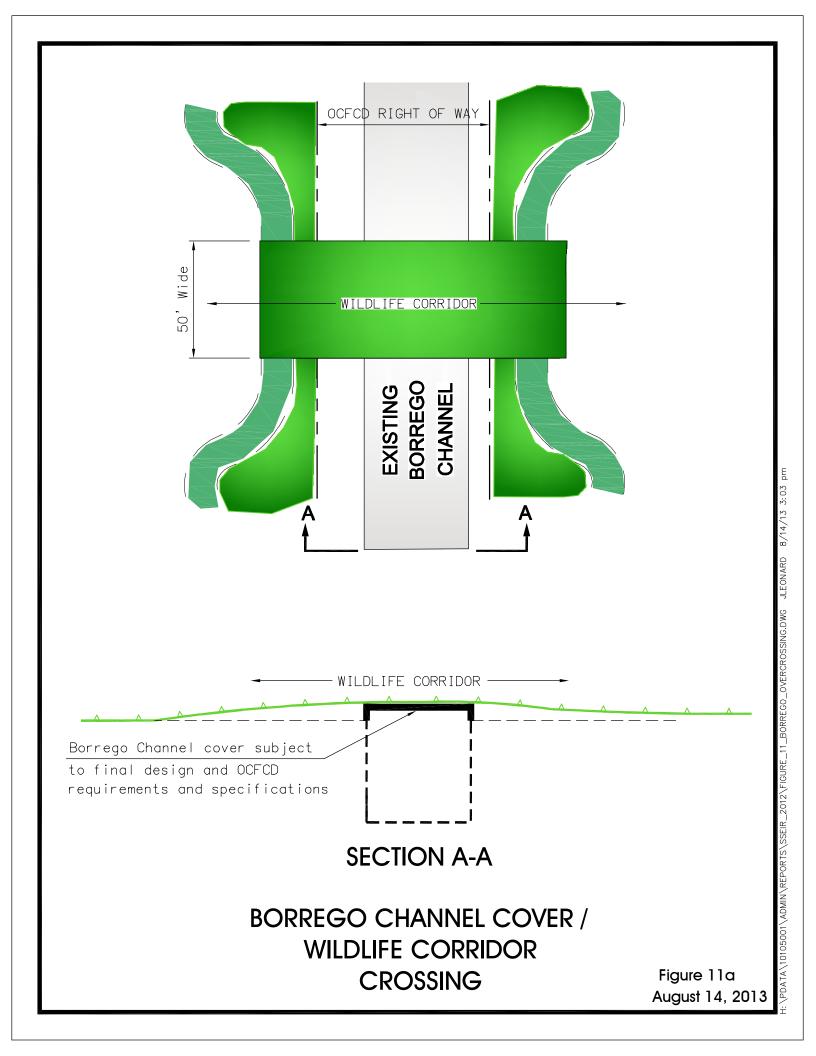


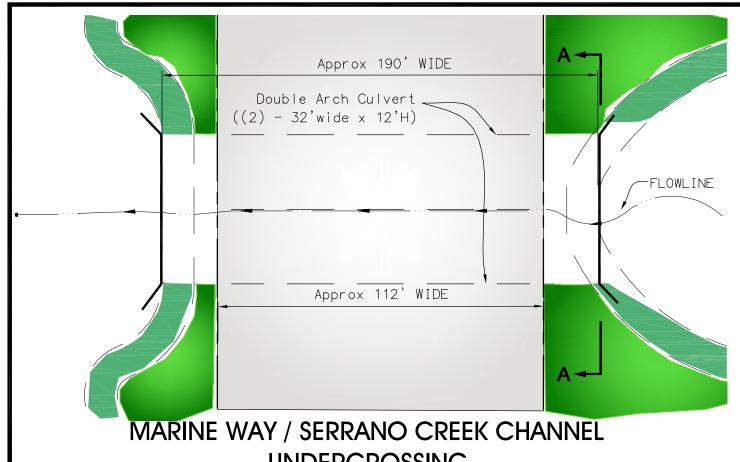
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Figure 9

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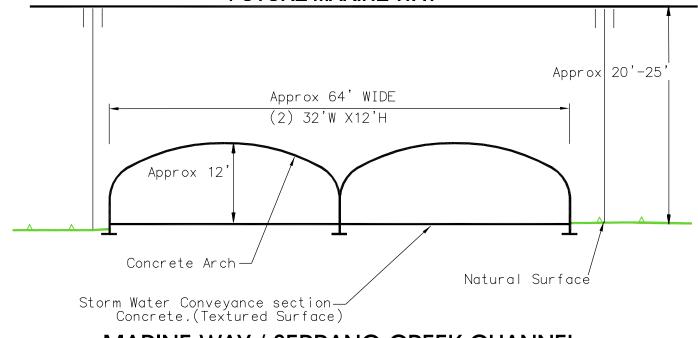




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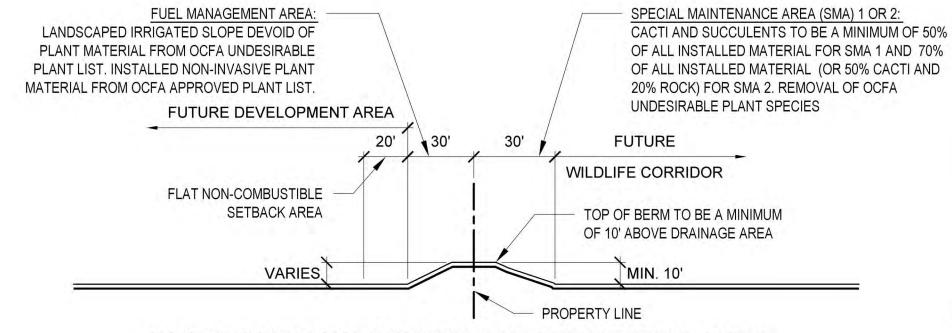
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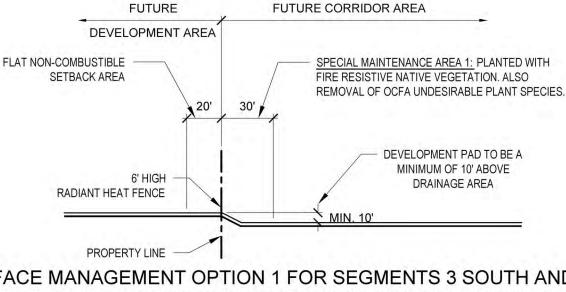


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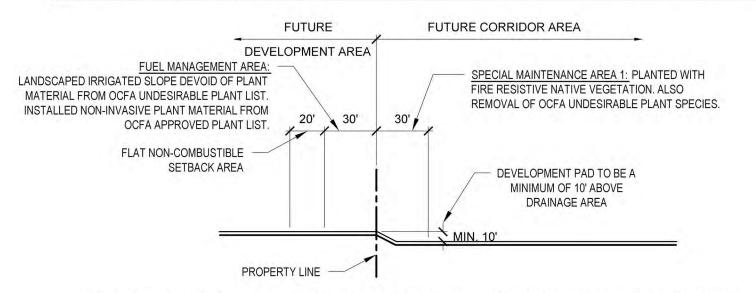
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INTERFACE MANAGEMENT FOR SEGMENTS 2 AND 3
PER THE IRVINE WILDLIFE CORRIDOR FEATURE FIRE RELATED PROGRAM







INTERFACE MANAGEMENT OPTION 2 FOR SEGMENTS 3 SOUTH AND 4 PER THE IRVINE WILDLIFE CORRIDOR FEATURE FIRE RELATED PROGRAM

FIGURE 13

Appendix ALighting Study (The Planning Center 2012)

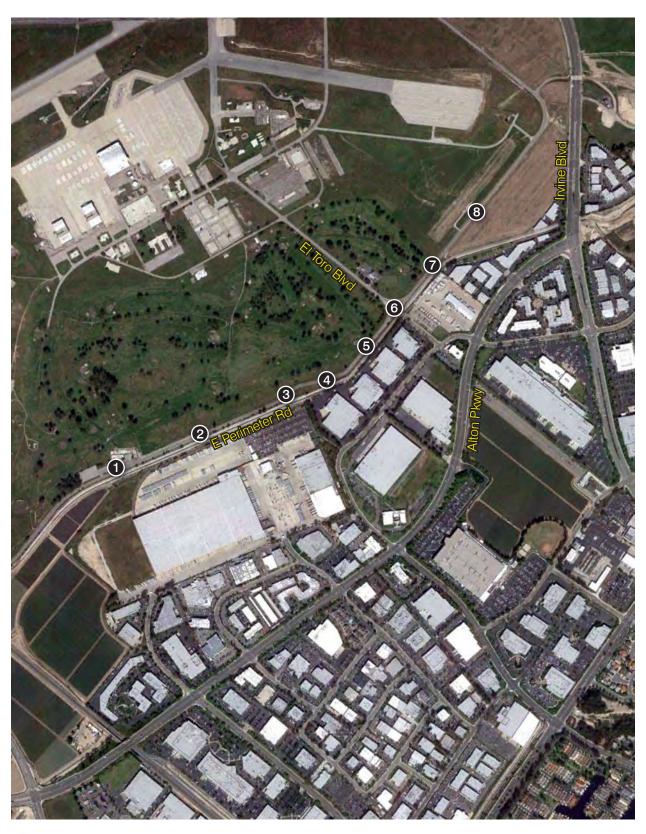
Light Measurements Heritage Fields Site East Perimeter Road May 17, 2012 Michael Milroy

Meter reading before 1st measurement with sensor cover on: 0.00 Meter range: 20.00 ft.-cd Meter source: Normal (tung.)

First measurement time: 8:20 pm Visible moon: none Sky condition: cloudy

Last measurement time: 9:15 pm Visible moon: none Sky condition: cloudy

Location	Approximate distance and direction from intersection of El Toro Blvd. and East Perimeter Road	Measurement (foot-candles)		Visible lights				
		Meter aimed at light	Meter aimed straight up	Building lights		Parking lot	Street	Vehicle
				Exterior	Interior	lights	lights	lights
1	3,360 feet southwest	0.04	0.04	Х		Х	Х	
2	2,480 feet southwest	0.04	0.04	Х		Х		
3	1,480 feet southwest	0.03	0.04	Х		X		
4	1,040 feet southwest	0.12	0.05	Х		X		
5	470 feet southwest	0.14	0.05	Х				
6	At intersection	0.14	0.05	Х		X	Х	X (few)
7	540 feet northeast	0.10	0.06	Х		X	X (distant)	
8	1,440 feet northeast	0.06	0.04	X			X (distant)	X (distant)





Appendix BNoise Study (Urban Crossroads 2012)



May 21, 2012

Ms. Jennifer Bohen Heritage Fields El Toro, LLC 25 Enterprise, Suite 400 Aliso Viejo, CA 92656

Subject: Heritage Fields Project 2012 Wildlife Corridor Ambient Noise Conditions

Dear Ms. Bohen:

Urban Crossroads, Inc. is pleased to submit this review of the ambient noise conditions associated with the proposed Heritage Fields Project 2012 Wildlife Corridor. To evaluate the existing noise level environment near the proposed wildlife corridor, three (3) long-term noise level measurements were taken near the eastern project boundary. Exhibit 1-A shows the Project boundaries and the noise level measurement locations. The long-term 24-hour noise level measurements were positioned at the fence or at distances ranging from 54 feet to 70 feet west of the existing concrete channel. The noise level measurements were recorded during typical weekday conditions by Urban Crossroads, Inc. on Wednesday, May 9th, 2012 and Thursday May 10th, 2012. Appendix 1.1 includes a photo index of the project study area.

1.1 Measurement Procedure and Criteria

The long-term noise level measurements were recorded using a Quest DL Pro data logging Type 2 noise dosimeter. All noise meters were programmed in "fast" mode to record noise levels in "A" weighted form. The Quest DL noise dosimeters were calibrated using a Quest QC-10 calibrator. All noise level measurement equipment meets American National Standards Institute (ANSI) specifications for sound level meters (Standard S1.4-1983).

1.2 Noise Measurement Locations and Results

To assess the existing ambient noise level conditions opposite the warehouse and distributions center located east of the project site, long-term ambient noise level measurements were collected. The noise level measurements represent the typical weekday noise conditions with full operation of the neighboring FedEx Freight and Albertson's distribution centers. Currently, noise barriers do not exist between the project site and the neighboring distribution centers. Therefore, the following long-term ambient noise measurements reflect the unmitigated exterior noise conditions. The results for each measurement location are provided in Table 1. Noise measurements data printouts are presented in Appendix 1.2. A detailed description for each noise level measurement location is provided below:

 Observer Location L1 is located approximately 70 feet west of the property line fence opposite the FedEx Freight center located at 56 Fairbanks. The noise level meter recorded the ambient noise levels over 48 hours. Based on the noise level measurement results provided in Table 1, the average hourly noise levels range from



Ms. Jennifer Bohen Heritage Fields El Toro, LLC May 21, 2012 Page 2

49.3 dBA Leq during the noise sensitive night time hours to 53.4 dBA Leq during the daytime hours. This results in an overall 24-hour CNEL noise level of 57.5 dBA CNEL.

- At Observer Location L2, the noise meter was placed approximately 54 feet west of the property line fence opposite the Albertsons distribution center employee parking lot. The noise level meter recorded the ambient noise levels over 48 hours. The average hourly Leq noise levels at Observer Location L2 ranged from 49.5 during the daytime hours and 51.7 during the nighttime hours. Due to the 10 dBA noise penalty for the noise sensitive nighttime hours, the higher nighttime noise levels results in a 24-hour CNEL of 58.8 dBA.
- For Observer Location L3, the noise meter was placed at the property line fence opposite the Albertsons distribution center loading dock area. A full 24-hour noise level measurement was collected at Observer Location L3. The measured hourly Leq noise levels ranged from 50.3 dBA during the daytime hours to 51.5 dBA during the evening hours. The measured CNEL at the Observer Location L3 was calculated at 57.4 dBA CNEL.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at (949) 660-1994 ext. 203.

Respectfully submitted,

URBAN CROSSROADS, INC.

Bill Lawson, P.E., INCE

Principal

JN: 08141-06 Measurements.docx



NOISE MEASUREMENT LOCATIONS 95 BUSINESS PARK BUILDINGS FED EX FREIGHT ASTOR SANUK USA BUSINESS PARK BUILDING ANCHEN SANUK USA TOLEDO WAY MORGAN 560. **ALBERTSONS** BUSINESS PARK BUILDINGS **LEGEND:** = OBSERVER LOCATION JEROMINO RD



Table 1

Long-Term (Ambient) Noise Level Measurements

			Hourly Noise Level (Leq dBA) ²			
Observer Location ¹	Dates	Description	Daytime (7am to 7pm)	Evening (7pm to 10pm)	Nighttime (10pm to 7am)	CNEL
L1	5/9/2012 5/10/2012	Noise meter was placed approximately 70 feet west of the property line fence opposite the FedEx Freight center located at 56 Fairbanks.	53.4	52.9	49.3	57.5
L2	5/9/2012 5/10/2012	Noise meter was placed approximately 54 feet west of the property line fence opposite the Albertsons distribution center employee parking lot.	49.5	50.7	51.7	58.8
L3	5/9/2012	Noise meter was placed at the property line fence opposite the Albertsons distribution center loading dock area.	50.3	51.5	50.4	57.4

¹ See Exhibit 1-A for the location of the monitoring sites, and Appendix 1.1 for Study Area Photos.



² Average hourly noise levels. The long-term noise level measurements printouts are included in Appendix 1.2.

APPENDIX 1.1

Study Area Photos





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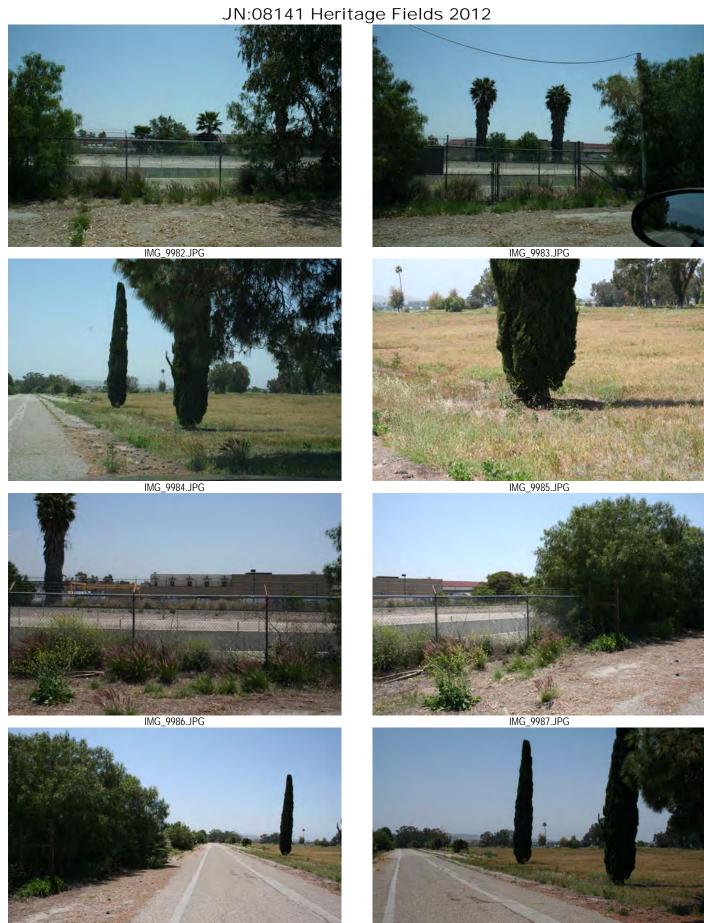
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APPENDIX 1.2

Noise Monitoring Data Printouts



24-Hour Noise Level Measurement Summary

Project Name: Heritage Fields Project 2012

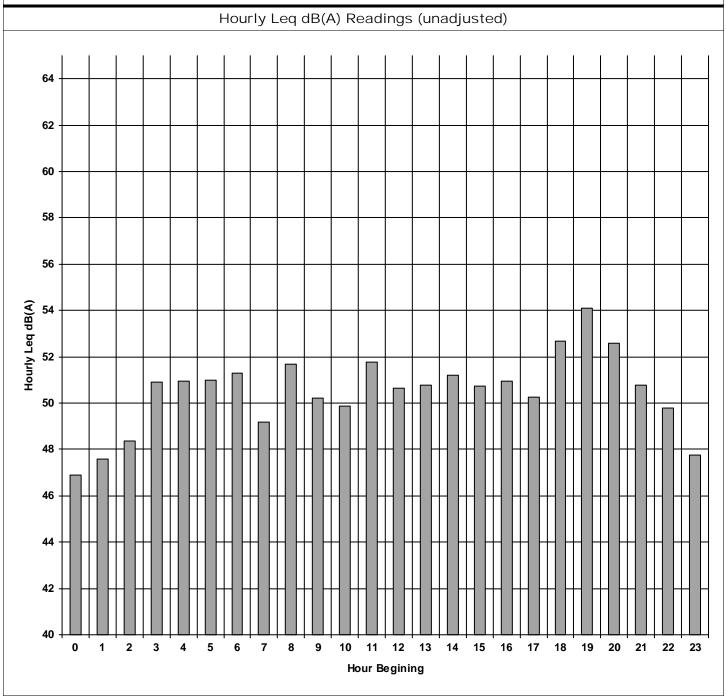
Location #: L1

Job Number: 08141

Analyst: B. Lawson

Description: 70' west of the fence opposite FedEx Freight

Start Date: Wednesday, May 09, 2012



Measured Peak Noise Hour: 19
Measured Peak Hour dBA Leq: 54.1

Project Name: Heritage Fields Project 2012

Location #: L1

Job Number: 08141

Analyst: B. Lawson

47.7

Description: 70' west of the fence opposite FedEx Freight

Start Date: Wednesday, May 09, 2012

Leq To CNEL Noise Calculations				
Noise Hour	Hourly Leq	CNEL Penalty	Adjusted Hourly Lea	
0	46.9	10	56.9	
1	47.6	10	57.6	
2	48.3	10	58.3	
3	50.9	10	60.9	
4	51.0	10	61.0	
5	51.0	10	61.0	
6	51.3	10	61.3	
7	49.2	0	49.2	
8	51.7	0	51.7	
9	50.2	0	50.2	
10	49.9	0	49.9	
11	51.8	0	51.8	
12	50.7	0	50.7	
13	50.8	0	50.8	
14	51.2	0	51.2	
15	50.7	0	50.7	
16	51.0	0	51.0	
17	50.3	0	50.3	
18	52.7	0	52.7	
19	54.1	5	59.1	
20	52.6	5	57.6	
21	50.8	5	55.8	
22	49.8	10	59.8	

10

Calculated CNEL: 56.9

57.7

Evening Hours

23

Nighttime Hours

Project Name: Heritage Fields Project 2012

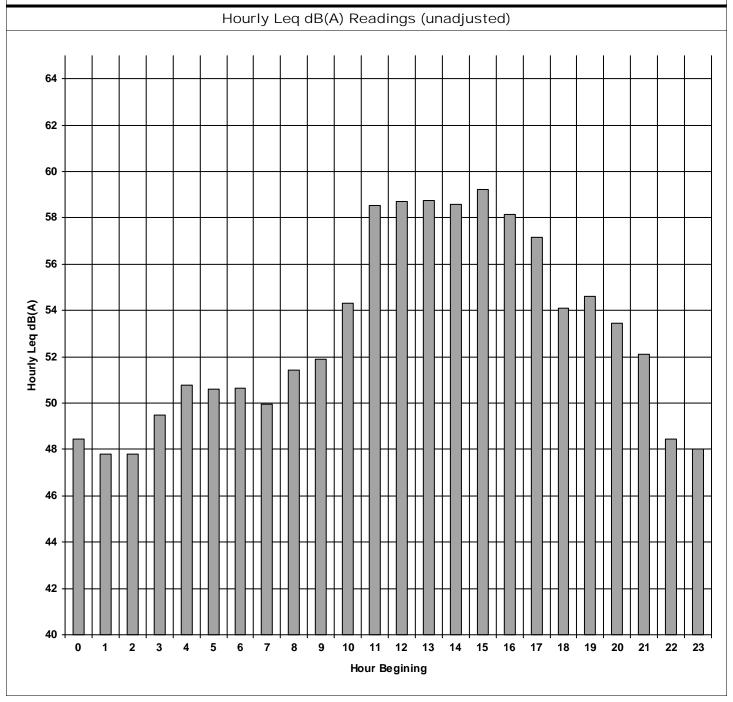
Location #: L1

Job Number: 08141

Analyst: B. Lawson

Description: 70' west of the fence opposite FedEx Freight

Start Date: Thursday, May 10, 2012



Measured Peak Noise Hour: 15

Measured Peak Hour dBA Leq: 59.2

Project Name: Heritage Fields Project 2012

Location #: L1

Job Number: 08141

Analyst: B. Lawson

48.0

Description: 70' west of the fence opposite FedEx Freight

Start Date: Thursday, May 10, 2012

Leq To CNEL Noise Calculations				
Noise Hour	Hourly Leq	CNEL Penalty	Adjusted Hourly Led	
0	48.4	10	58.4	
1	47.8	10	57.8	
2	47.8	10	57.8	
3	49.5	10	59.5	
4	50.8	10	60.8	
5	50.6	10	60.6	
6	50.7	10	60.7	
7	50.0	0	50.0	
8	51.4	0	51.4	
9	51.9	0	51.9	
10	54.3	0	54.3	
11	58.6	0	58.6	
12	58.7	0	58.7	
13	58.7	0	58.7	
14	58.6	0	58.6	
15	59.2	0	59.2	
16	58.1	0	58.1	
17	57.2	0	57.2	
18	54.1	0	54.1	
19	54.6	5	59.6	
20	53.5	5	58.5	
21	52.1	5	57.1	
22	48.4	10	58.4	

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Calculated CNEL: 58.1

58.0

Evening Hours

Nighttime Hours

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Project Name: Heritage Fields Project 2012

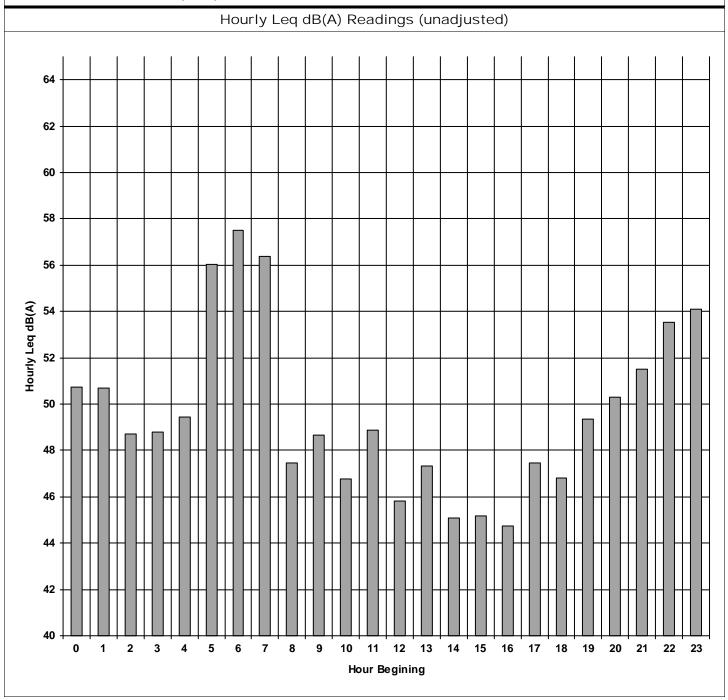
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Job Number: 08141

Analyst: B. Lawson

Description: 54' west of the fence opposite the Albertsons Distribution Center

Start Date: Wednesday, May 09, 2012



Measured Peak Noise Hour: 6
Measured Peak Hour dBA Leq: 57.5

Project Name: Heritage Fields Project 2012

Location #: L2

Job Number: 08141

Analyst: B. Lawson

Description: 54' west of the fence opposite the Albertsons Distribution Center

54.1

Start Date: Wednesday, May 09, 2012

	Leq To CNEL Noise Calculations						
Noise Hour	Hourly Leq	CNEL Penalty	Adjusted Hourly Leq				
0	50.7	10	60.7				
1	50.7	10	60.7				
2	48.7	10	58.7				
3	48.8	10	58.8				
4	49.5	10	59.5				
5	56.0	10	66.0				
6	57.5	10	67.5				
7	56.4	0	56.4				
8	47.5	0	47.5				
9	48.7	0	48.7				
10	46.8	0	46.8				
11	48.9	0	48.9				
12	45.8	0	45.8				
13	47.3	0	47.3				
14	45.1	0	45.1				
15	45.2	0	45.2				
16	44.7	0	44.7				
17	47.5	0	47.5				
18	46.8	0	46.8				
19	49.4	5	54.4				
20	50.3	5	55.3				
21	51.5	5	56.5				
22	53.5	10	63.5				

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Calculated CNEL: 59.5

64.1

Evening Hours

Nighttime Hours

23

Project Name: Heritage Fields Project 2012

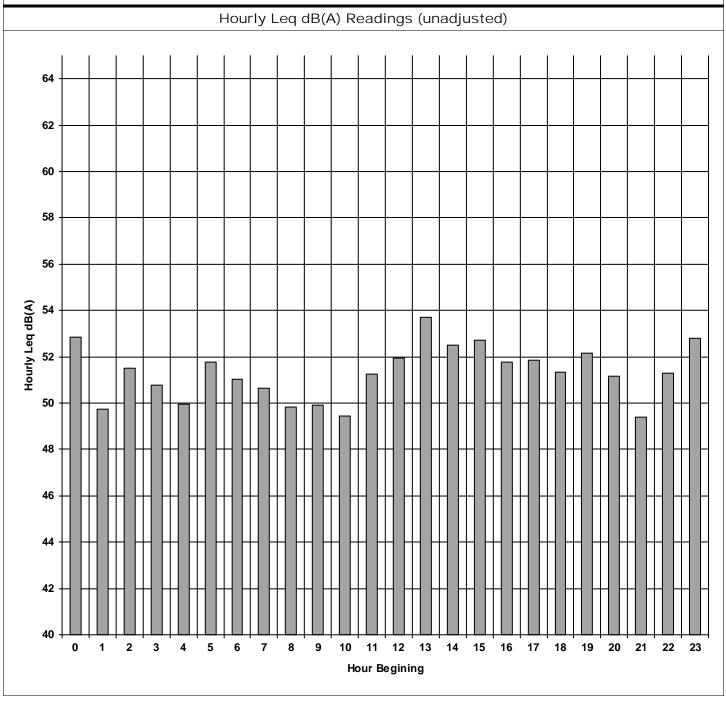
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Job Number: 08141

Analyst: B. Lawson

Description: 54' west of the fence opposite the Albertsons Distribution Center

Start Date: Thursday, May 10, 2012



Measured Peak Noise Hour: 13

Measured Peak Hour dBA Leq: 53.7

Project Name: Heritage Fields Project 2012

Location #: L2

Job Number: 08141

Analyst: B. Lawson

Description: 54' west of the fence opposite the Albertsons Distribution Center

52.8

Start Date: Thursday, May 10, 2012

	Leq To CNEL Noise Calculations						
Noise Hour	Hourly Leq	CNEL Penalty	Adjusted Hourly Leq				
0	52.8	10	62.8				
1	49.7	10	59.7				
2	51.5	10	61.5				
3	50.8	10	60.8				
4	49.9	10	59.9				
5	51.8	10	61.8				
6	51.0	10	61.0				
7	50.6	0	50.6				
8	49.8	0	49.8				
9	49.9	0	49.9				
10	49.4	0	49.4				
11	51.3	0	51.3				
12	51.9	0	51.9				
13	53.7	0	53.7				
14	52.5	0	52.5				
15	52.7	0	52.7				
16	51.8	0	51.8				
17	51.9	0	51.9				
18	51.3	0	51.3				
19	52.2	5	57.2				
20	51.2	5	56.2				
21	49.4	5	54.4				
22	51.3	10	61.3				

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Calculated CNEL: 58.1

62.8

Evening Hours
Nighttime Hours

23

Project Name: Heritage Fields Project 2012

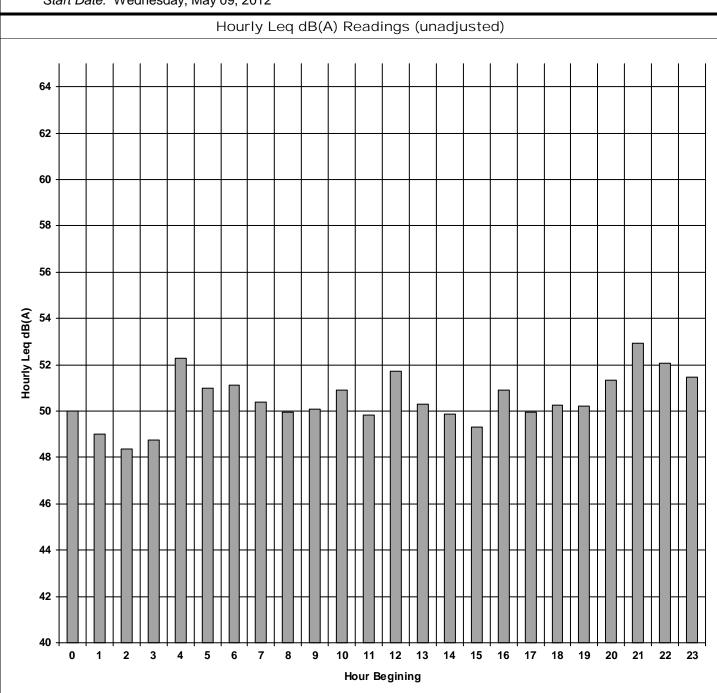
Location #: L3

Job Number: 08141

Analyst: B. Lawson

Description: At the property line fence opposite the Albertsons Distribution Center

Start Date: Wednesday, May 09, 2012



Measured Peak Noise Hour: 21

Measured Peak Hour dBA Leg: 52.9

Project Name: Heritage Fields Project 2012

Location #: L3

Job Number: 08141

Analyst: B. Lawson

Description: At the property line fence opposite the Albertsons Distribution Center

51.4

Start Date: Wednesday, May 09, 2012

Leq To CNEL Noise Calculations				
Noise Hour	Hourly Leq	CNEL Penalty	Adjusted Hourly Lea	
0	50.0	10	60.0	
1	49.0	10	59.0	
2	48.3	10	58.3	
3	48.7	10	58.7	
4	52.3	10	62.3	
5	51.0	10	61.0	
6	51.1	10	61.1	
7	50.4	0	50.4	
8	50.0	0	50.0	
9	50.1	0	50.1	
10	50.9	0	50.9	
11	49.8	0	49.8	
12	51.7	0	51.7	
13	50.3	0	50.3	
14	49.9	0	49.9	
15	49.3	0	49.3	
16	50.9	0	50.9	
17	50.0	0	50.0	
18	50.3	0	50.3	
19	50.2	5	55.2	
20	51.3	5	56.3	
21	52.9	5	57.9	

10

Calculated CNEL: 57.4

61.4

Evening Hours

Nighttime Hours

23

Appendix CIrvine Wildlife Corridor Feature Fire Related Program (Firesafe Planning Solutions 2013)

Irvine Wildlife Corridor Feature Fire Related Program

Developer:

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Prepared for:

Orange County Fire Authority

Fire Prevention Bureau OCFA Service Request No. 176729

Prepared By:



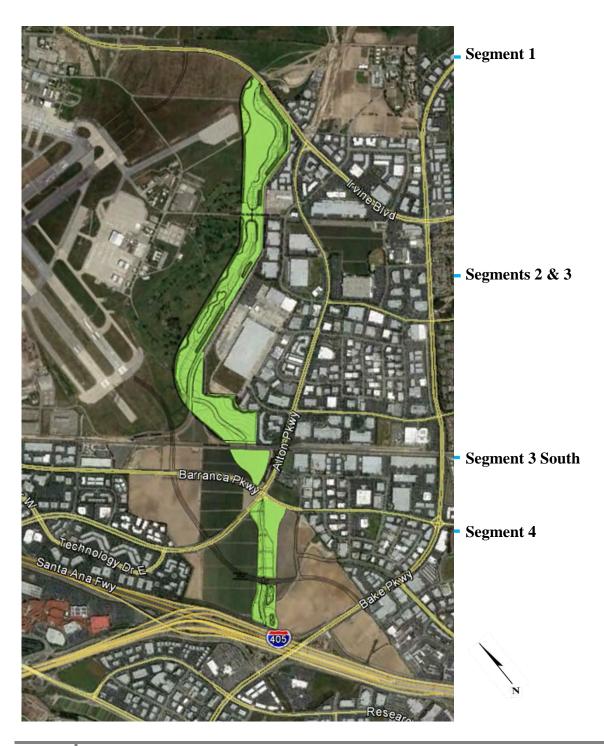
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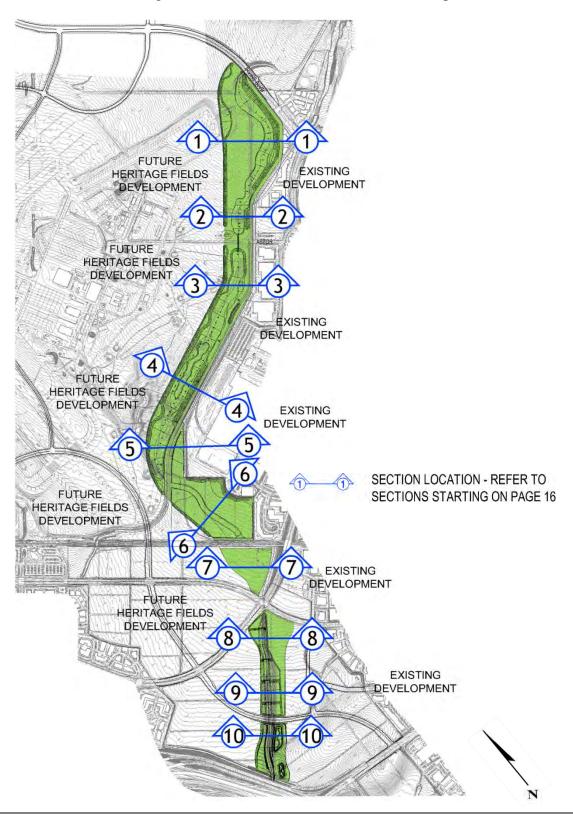
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Wildlife Corridor - Specific Future and Existing Development Areas

Provided below is an aerial of the proposed Irvine Wildlife Corridor (light green areas). The portion of the Corridor within the project is separated into 4 Segments (Segments 2-4). Segment 1 was approved in 2011 as part of the County of Orange's Alton Parkway mitigation project.



The Great Park and Heritage Fields interface will be varied and complex. We have examined features within and along the immediate edge of the Wildlife Corridor to protect future and existing structures. Numbered section locations are provided below.



Basis for Modeling

Fire modeling is based on topography, fuel and weather. Modeling was completed for this project using BehavePlus 5.0.5. BehavePlus fire modeling system is a computer program based on mathematical models that describe wildland fire behavior and effects and the fire environment. It is a flexible system that produces tables, graphs, and simple diagrams. It can be used for a host of fire management applications including projecting the behavior of an ongoing fire, planning prescribed fire, fuel hazard assessment, and training. The BehavePlus program automatically creates a worksheet that requests the required input variables based on the modules, output variables, and options selected by the user.

The overall **topography** for this interface is relatively flat in and adjacent to the wildlife corridor. With little to no difference in elevation, slope is nearly nonexistent for the overall interface; however an earthen berm a minimum of 10' high above the drainage area will be placed between the wildlife corridor and the future development areas which will help slow an impending wildfire and provide a buffer to the interface.

Fuels are light to medium and will be discussed specifically for each of the ten interface areas. Overall, four fuels have been modeled for all areas. Two of these are dynamic fuels (gr4 and gs2) and two (model sh7 and SCAL18) are not (See Appendix A for discussion on Dynamic Fuels). Dynamic fuel models would shift fuel load from the live to the dead component depending on the fuel moisture within the plants. Models used are as follows:

```
Fuel Model
      gr4
                    Moderate load, dry climate grass (D) (104)
                    Moderate load, dry climate grass-shrub (D) (122)
      qs2
                    Very high load, dry climate shrub (S) (147)
       sh7
       SCAL18
                    Sage / Buckwheat
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The final variables for the discussion of fuels are the configuration, continuity and arrangement of the fuels. In the case of the Wildlife Corridor, the fuels are aligned with the prevailing and extreme (Foehn) winds. Since the length of the corridor aligns with the wind, wind driven (extreme) fire would necessarily travel the length of the corridor rather than crossing it. Further discussion of this will follow within this program. The amount of fuel and its relationship to the development areas will play an important role in the performance based fire defense system that has been designed into this interface.

Weather can be identified by several key inputs: wind, temperature, relative humidity and cloud cover. Two wind events are normal in the interface between the Irvine Wildlife Corridor and the future Great Park Neighborhoods. First is an onshore (SW wind) which is created by heating in the inland areas which causes low pressure. Air from over the ocean which is cooler flows in to fill the low pressure areas. This onshore flow is predominant most of the time. The second wind event is the Santa Ana wind event which is a North to Northeast wind caused by high pressure systems. pressure builds over the Great Basin (e.g., Nevada) and the cold air there begins to sink.

However, this air is forced downslope which compresses and warms it at a rate of about 29 degrees Fahrenheit per mile of descent. As its temperature rises, the relative humidity drops; the air starts out dry and winds up at sea level (Orange County) much drier still.



The onshore flow (SW) is normally light but can be brisk, especially when transitioning from an offshore/ Santa Ana event. For analysis purposes, a 30 mile per hour onshore wind was used for the Wildlife Corridor/Great Park Neighborhoods interface. The Santa Ana event is much stronger. Modeling for the Santa Ana (NE) was completed with a 60 mile per hour wind. All areas where considered to be unsheltered and eye level winds computed at 50% of the 20 foot winds.

For the analysis of this interface, temperatures were considered to be in the high 90's and relative humidity was in the 5% to 9% for the most extreme conditions. Fine dead fuels are impacted by relative humidity more than any others. One hour fuels have been assumed to be 4% fine dead fuel moisture; ten hour and hundred hour fuels at 5% and 6% respectively. All calculations assume un-shaded fuel beds (no clouds).

Fire Behavior

Using the factors established for the modeling (shown below), the modeling outputs are simplified into four basic factors. First is the **Flame Length**, a very good indication of fire behavior as it is influenced by all of the relevant factors of extreme fire behavior (fuel moisture, winds, HR, slope, aspect and available fuel surface ratios). Second is the **rate of spread**. The speed at which a fire travels is import in both the timing of when a fire will impact a particular area and in the intensity of the flame front with faster moving fires having more energy than slower moving ones. The third aspect is **fireline intensity** or how hot the fire is burning and finally is the **residence time** or how long the fire will burn at any one location in the flaming front of the fire.

Inputs: SURFACE Description		Eastern Corridor NE Wind at 60 mph
Fuel/Vegetation, Surface/Under	story	
Fuel Model		gr4, gs2, sh7, SCAL18
Fuel Moisture		
1-h Moisture	%	4
10-h Moisture	%	5
100-h Moisture	%	6
Live Herbaceous Moisture	%	30
Live Woody Moisture	%	60
Weather		
Midflame Wind Speed	mi/h	30
Wind Direction (from north)	deg	45
Terrain		
Slope Steepness	%	0
Aspect	deg	0
Fire		
Spread Direction (from north)	deg	15, 30, 45, 60, 75, 90, 105, 120

Flame lengths for the "worst case" fire scenario are extreme at the head of the fire but relatively small on the flanks and heal of the fire, mostly due to the wind. The tip of the

Eastern Corridor No Wind Flame Length (ft)

but only fifteen degrees out of t 50% (now 10 to 20 feet) and s.

Spread		Fuel Mo	del	
Dir				
deg	gr4	gs2	sh7	SCAL18
15	2.4	1.6	4.0	4.7
30	2.4	1.6	4.0	4.7
45	2.4	1.6	4.0	4.7
60	2.4	1.6	4.0	4.7
75	2.4	1.6	4.0	4.7
90	2.4	1.6	4.0	4.7
	12.1		1 4	

It should be noted that without wind the flame lengths would be under five feet in all directions. (shown to the left)

ogram

Below are the flame lengths for the four fuels that have been used for the analysis. It should be noted that the sh7 and SCAL18 are very extreme scenarios. These fuel models require fuel bed depth of 6 feet which is a very unlikely event within the wildlife corridor except in a few isolated areas. There will be no large continuous shrub fuel beds in the corridor.

Eastern Corridor NE Wind at 60 mph Flame Length (ft)

Spread		Fuel Mo	odel	
Dir deg	gr4	gs2	sh7	SCAL18
35		100	-	
15	2.8	1.7	3.3	3.1
30	2.7	1.7	3.2	3.1
45	2.7	1.6	3.2	3.1
60	2.7	1.7	3.2	3.1
75	2.8	1.7	3.3	3.1
90	2.9	1.8	3.4	3.3
105	3.1	1.9	3.6	3.5
120	3.3	2.0	3.9	3.8
135	3.7	2.3	4.3	4.2
150	4.2	2.6	5.0	4.8
165	5.1	3.1	5.9	5.7
180	6.4	3.9	7.6	7.3
195	9.1	5.6	10.7	10.4
210	15.4	9.6	18.9	18.3
225	29.1	19.7	42.6	41.2
240	15.4	9.6	18.9	18,3
255	9.1	5.6	10.7	10.4
270	6.4	3.9	7.6	7.3
285	5.1	3.1	5.9	5.7
300	4.2	2.6	5.0	4.8
315	3.7	2.3	4.3	4.2
330	3.3	2.0	3.9	3.8
345	3.1	1.9	3.6	3.5
360	2.9	1.8	3.4	3.3

The rate of spread shows the same pattern with extreme head fire that diminishes rapidly only a few degrees off of the full alignment with the wind. The maximum rate of spread without wind is under 5 ch/hr. (a chain is 66 feet). The rate of spread within the gr4 (moderate grass/dry climate) is approximately 12.64 mph (1,112 ft/min or 18 ft/sec). There is simply not enough fuel within the corridor to achieve this level of fire spread.

Eastern Corridor NE Wind at 60 mph Surface Rate of Spread (ch/h)

Spread Dir		Fuel Mo	ode1	
deg	gr4	gs2	sh7	SCAL18
15	6.2	1.9	1.7	1.0
30	5.9	1.8	1.6	0.9
45	5.8	1.7	1.6	0.9
60	5.9	1.8	1.6	0.9
75	6.2	1.9	1.7	1.0
90	6.8	2.0	1.8	1.1
105	7.7	2.3	2.1	1.2
120	9.2	2.8	2.5	1.4
135	11.5	3.5	3.1	1.8
150	15.5	4.6	4.2	2.4
165	22.8	6.8	6.1	3.6
180	38.2	11.5	10.4	6.1
195	80.0	24.4	22.1	12.9
210	255.4	80.6	75.9	44.5
225	1011.5	380.2	445.7	261.0
240	255.4	80.6	75.9	44.5
255	80.0	24.4	22.1	12.9
270	38.2	11.5	10.4	6.1
285	22.8	6.8	6.1	3.6
300	15.5	4.6	4.2	2.4
315	11.5	3.5	3.1	1.8
330	9.2	2.8	2.5	1.4
345	7.7	2.3	2.1	1.2
360	6.8	2.0	1.8	1.1

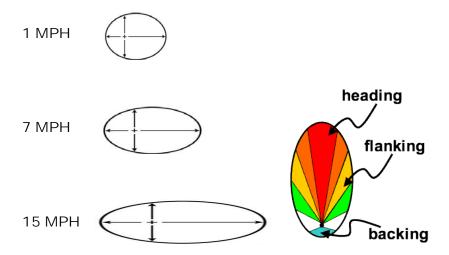
It should also be noted that the rate drops by a factor of 4 (25% of the head fire value) with fifteen degrees of offset from the wind and drops another third (now 8% of the head fire value) at thirty degrees.

Fireline intensity shows the same relationship and characteristics but now the woody shrub fuels are the highest rather than the light flashy grass fuels.

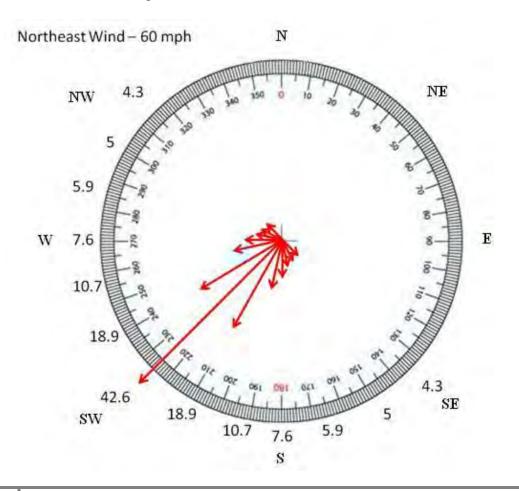
Eastern Corridor NE Wind at 60 mph Fireline Intensity (Btu/ft/s)

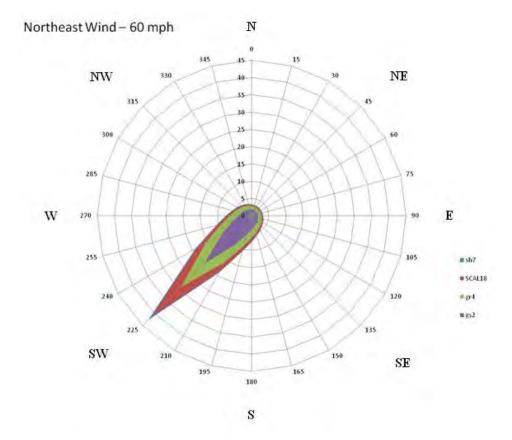
Spread		Fuel Mo	odel	
Dir				
deg	gr4	gs2	sh7	SCAL18
15	53	18	74	69
30	50	17	70	65
45	49	17	69	64
60	50	17	70	65
75	53	18	74	69
90	58	20	81	75
105	66	22	92	85
120	78	27	109	102
135	98	33	137	128
150	132	45	185	172
165	194	66	272	254
180	326	112	460	429
195	682	236	980	913
210	2176	782	3363	3133
225	8617	3685	19747	18399
240	2176	782	3363	3133
255	682	236	980	913
270	326	112	460	429
285	194	66	272	254
300	132	45	185	172
315	98	33	137	128
330	78	27	109	102
345	66	22	92	85
360	58	20	81	75

As the wind speed increases, the fire becomes longer and narrower. With wind speeds of 15 mph plus, the fire perimeter would look like the ellipse on the bottom of the graphic below, area of impact will be small and isolated.



Shown another way, the actual flame lengths for this project have been plotted on the following two graphics to show the relationship of the flame lengths to the wind. Wind in cover from the NE (45 degrees)





As can be seen in the graphics, the fire spread is primarily in a single direction with nearly all of the intensity and rate of spread focused on a single point. This is important to this project especially because of the alignment of the corridor and winds. The fire will, for the most part, stay within the wildlife corridor if one occurs.

The final factor, flame residence time is also important. The fire will not last very long. The residence time for these fuels is all less than a minute. The grass fuels are less than 13 seconds and the more woody fuels a little over twice that. These are shown on the next page.

One additional factor that needs to be addressed is fire acceleration. The outputs from the fire models are for fire which has reached equilibrium in a self sustaining state. This takes from 6 to 20 minutes depending on the fuel configuration and the surface to area ratios. In this area, all fire would start out as point source fires. They would grow and extend but would not have the fuelbed configuration or arrangements to have a "line of fire" enter the next fuel compartment. The longest run within the corridor without a roadway or noncombustible surface to inhibit the firefront is less than a half a mile in full alignment and three quarters of mile out of alignment (longest run total). It is important to view all of the results of the modeling with this in mind. Appendix B has more information on fire acceleration.

Eastern Corridor NE Wind at 60 mph Flame Residence Time (s)

Spread Dir		Fuel M	odel	
deg	gr4	gs2	sh7	SCAL18
15	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
30	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
45	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
60	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
75	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
90	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
105	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
120	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
135	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
150	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
165	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
180	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
195	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
210	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
225	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
240	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
255	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
270	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
285	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
300	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
315	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
330	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
345	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
360	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35

The second wind scenario is a SW wind (onshore) that occurs at the transition of the NE wind event. The dry air that has been pushed out over the ocean is drawn back onto the land for a few hours before more moist air replaced it in the normal onshore flow. In this case the wind speed is about half of the NE wind event. The physics behind this flow are related to the head inland which creates a low pressure due to the rising air mass. The low pressure is filled from the higher pressure over the ocean creating an onshore flow. The fire model has assumed that the first few hours of this flow will have the hot dry air that was pushed out by the NE wind event and the fuel moisture that would be in place at the end of the NE wind event. For this reason, the flame lengths are reduced but not as much as might be found once the fuel moistures recover from the NE wind event. Below

is the output for flame length on the SW onshore wind event. The flame length run from 13 to 30 feet at the head and drop off in a similar manner as the NE wind event as the fire gets out of alignment with the wind. Full fire modeling outputs are provided in Appendix D.

Eastern Corridor SW Wind at 30 Flame Length (ft)

Spread	Fuel Model			
Dir				
deg	gr4	gs2	sh7	SCAL18
15	9.1	5.7	12.1	12.7
30	14.6	9.0	19.3	20.3
45	22.1	13.7	29.3	30.8
60	14.6	9.0	19.3	20.3
75	9.1	5.7	12.1	12.7
90	6.6	4.1	8.8	9.2
105	5.3	3.3	7.0	7.3
120	4.4	2.7	5.8	6.1
135	3.9	2.4	5.1	5.4
150	3.5	2.2	4.6	4.8
165	3.2	2.0	4.3	4.5
180	3.0	1.9	4.0	4.2
195	2.9	1.8	3.9	4.0
210	2.8	1.8	3.8	4.0
225	2.8	1.7	3.7	3.9
240	2.8	1.8	3.8	4.0
255	2.9	1.8	3.9	4.0
270	3.0	1.9	4.0	4.2
285	3.2	2.0	4.3	4.5
300	3.5	2.2	4.6	4.8
315	3.9	2.4	5.1	5.4
330	4.4	2.7	5.8	6.1
345	5.3	3.3	7.0	7.3
360	6.6	4.1	8.8	9.2

Fire Behavior Summary

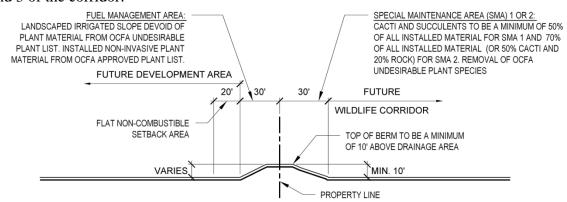
From a modeling standpoint for the lack fuel continuity, position of the fuelbeds, lack of slope and position relative to future development shows that a fire within the wildlife corridor is expected to have little to no impact on adjacent areas with a few minor protection features which are described later in this report. Fire cannot travel from one compartment to the next by simply burning the fuels. It must spot over the noncombustible areas and into new receptive fuel beds. This means that fire within the new compartment would be a point source fire as opposed to a line of fire. The second factor is the diminished role that radiant and convected heat would play in the role of fire propagation. These sites are relatively flat; topography would not play a role in the fire progression. Heat rises and would move up and away from fuel beds on open flat land. Fuel breaks of this size (30+ feet) would significantly reduce if not eliminate any possible preheating of fuels ahead of the flame front.

Worst case for this interface would be for tall grass or a grass shrub mix with a moderate load. Maximum flame length at the head of the fire would be just under 30 feet from the Santa Ana wind and about 22 feet from the onshore wind. Both of these would be from a fuel model gr4 which is very unlikely in this area. As grass/shrub mix would have smaller flame lengths (19 feet and 13 feet respectively) and fireline intensities of less than ½ of the gr4 model. Keep in mind that this is only at the head of the fire and that this fire would be very narrow and long. If you look at the spread rates to the flanks, you see that they diminish rapidly as did the flame lengths and fireline intensity.

The wildlife corridor will have large fuel beds and have a greater potential for maximum fire behavior in a few areas but these areas are not in alignment with the wind where it would carry fire to the development areas. Again the fire would still be narrow and only the head fire would have these flame lengths but they should be anticipated and appropriate mitigations have been taken. It should also be noted that sh7 which is represented by the heaviest loading chaparral fuels 6' in depth is extremely unlikely to become naturally sustaining at this elevation, annual rainfall amount and in this soil type. "A California Flora" by Phillip Munz lists Redberry, Toyon, Elderberry and Mountain mahogany as thriving between 3000-6000' above sea level. Environmental conditions in the Great Park are not conducive to the establishment of these "hard chaparral" species. This is also true for the SCAL18 model but they have been provided for the small areas near the center of the corridor where some of these fuel beds may be able to establish themselves and grow in small segments.

Maintenance Requirements

As will be demonstrated below within the Specific Interface Sections there are established areas with maintenance and planting requirements that would help protect future developments areas from an impending wildfire. Below is a typical section of the western interface of the future corridor and future development areas along Segments 2 and 3 of the corridor:



As illustrated in the typical section above there would be a flat Non-Combustible Construction Area adjoining the berm, followed by a Fuel Management Area on the Heritage Fields side of the berm then a Special Maintenance Area 1 or 2 immediately into the corridor. Within the middle corridor limited maintenance will be performed to ensure that any chaparral species do not overtake the coastal sage scrub and cactus scrub species for the Gnatcatcher habitation. Refer to Appendix C for Plant Spacing Exhibits. An excerpt from the Irvine Wildlife Corridor Plan (2013) is provided below describing the maintenance allowed within the central portion of the corridor:

6. Vegetation

e. Vegetation Establishment and Monitoring

Subject to seed and container stock availability, planting may occur in multiple growing seasons to achieve the densities set forth above. The Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) will provide for use of appropriate native vegetation for stabilization until establishment. A goal of this WLC Plan is to establish suitable vegetation within the WLCF and establish use of the corridor by the target species. Container stock and seed will be locally sourced (generally from 15-mile radius) wherever possible. The target is for riparian scrub plantings to attain a minimum of 50-percent native shrub/tree cover after 3 years and 70-percent native shrub/tree cover after 5 years with less than ten -percent cover by nonnative species and zero-percent cover by giant reed (Arundo donax), saltcedar (Tamarix ramosissima), and pampas grass (Cortedaria spp.). The target for coastal sage scrub and cactus scrub plantings is to attain 40-percent native shrub cover after three years, and 60-percent native shrub cover after 5 years, with less than ten percent cover by non-native species (except annual grasses), less than five percent cover by chaparral species and 30-foot spacing between chaparral canopy species in Table 6

and Note 3 above (see discussion below under Section III.A.9.a for rationale for this requirement), and zero percent cover by non-native invasive species. The target for the open southern cactus scrub is 40percent cover by native cactus, scrub/shrub and grassland species within three years and 60-percent cover of the same at five years. As for the other habitats, non-native cover would be maintained at ten percent or less with no invasive species. All values provided for percent cover, including those for target native species cover, non-native species thresholds, or maintenance thresholds, represent absolute cover and not relative cover.

Once the corridor, or any reach of it, is completely installed and mature native vegetation dominates the segment, periodic monitoring will be conducted to document wildlife use of the corridor.

Vegetation management will be limited to Special Maintenance Areas 1 and 2 within the WLCF, and have been effectively designed topographically to support a plant palette that limits fuels in proximity to future development while still providing beneficial habitat for target species. Specifically, the use of berms for screening and noise reduction reduces fire risk, thereby limiting the distance from structures to areas where special maintenance would be required. Vegetation outside the WLCF on the westerly side of the berm slope will be irrigated landscape with non-invasive plant material from the OCFA Approved Plant List. The plant palette for the interior of the corridor is designed with native plant materials such that combustible fuel loads within the WLCF are kept to a minimum and centralized to the middle of the corridor. Along the edges of the corridor, the vegetation will be from the OCFA Approved Plant List and will be mostly comprised of cacti, succulents or non-combustible coastal sage scrub and native grassland components.

Beyond, and within, the Special Maintenance Areas 1 and 2, there will be the Interior Corridor Habitat Management Area with removal of chaparral species should such species volunteer within areas of coastal sage scrub and cactus scrub, for the purpose of maintaining habitat suitable for the California gnatcatcher. Native habitat plantings within areas that could be affected by vegetation management will include dense areas of native cactus interspersed with lower growing grasses, forbs, and shrubs acceptable to OCFA (e.g., bladderpod, California encelia, coast goldenbush, etc.). With such plantings, maintenance would be limited to removal of non-native invasive species that volunteer and occasionally "undesirable" species such as California sagebrush or chaparral including laurel sumac (Malosma laurina), chamise (Adenostoma fasciculata), ceanothus (Ceanothus spp.), mountain mahogany (Cercocarpus betuloides), (Arctostaphylos spp.), and Scrub Oadk (Quercus berberidifolia). Note Blue Elderberry (Sambucus nigra) is a component of the Mulefat Scrub and shall not be treated as the other Chaparral species. Such maintenance would be limited to twice per year, requiring a few days by small crews using only hand held tools. Vegetation management will be done (a) with hand held tools consistent with best management practices; b) outside of the avian nesting season, or if during the nesting season, only after a biological monitor confirms that there will be no effects to nesting birds; c) in a manner that will not reduce

or eliminate any plants that are planned for the area; and d) in a manner that minimizes effects to either the target species (California gnatcatcher or least Bell's vireo) and to more common species that are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA). The removal of chaparral species, to maintain absolute cover at less than 5 percent with a minimum of 30-foot spacing between chaparral individuals, from areas of riparian habitat, coastal sage scrub and cactus scrub is important because the California gnatcatcher is an identified target species. Specifically, the coastal California gnatcatcher is a coastal sage scrub/cactus scrub "obligate" species, and conversion from these preferred habitat types to chaparral would be detrimental to one of the four target species and would be inconsistent with the goals of the WLC. As such, it will be important to maintain the target vegetation as summarized in Tables 1-5 above to ensure that the target species have optimal habitat conditions within the WLCF. Any changes to the plant palette would require approval by OCFA. As a secondary benefit of this maintenance, the fire modeling set forth in Appendix C is based on the suites of species provided in Tables 1-5. Maintaining optimal habitat for the gnatcatcher by preventing conversion of areas of coastal sage scrub and cactus scrub to chaparral would also eliminate potentially dangerous conditions.

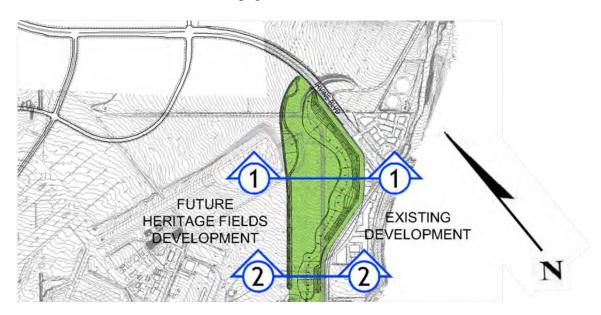
Additionally, within the Interior Corridor Habitat Management Area, while not included in the plant palette for areas of Open Southern Cactus Scrub Mosaic, other coastal sage scrub species such as California sagebrush and California buckwheat are likely to colonize these areas over time. Such species can, combined, reach 10-percent total cover within the open cactus scrub. Where it exceeds 10-percent cover, maintenance would be performed to maintain it at 10-percent cover or less, however, the need for this maintenance would be infrequent.

The Fuel Management Area on the western portion of the berm will be irrigated and planted with non-invasive plant material from the OCFA Approved Plant Palette. This area will be maintained on a regular basis as a landscaped area which includes removal of OCFA Undesirable Plant Species as well as dead and dying plant material. From there as shown in the typical section for Segments 2 and 3 above there will be a twenty foot flat Non-Combustible Construction Area. From the Non-Combustible Construction Area there would also be a Radiant Heat Construction Zone, requiring all proposed inhabitable structures within 100' of the Non-Combustible Construction Area to comply with all portions of the 2010 California Building Code Chapter 7A or 2010 California Residential Code Section R327 except for windows and doors. What follows are specific section locations within the corridor.

Specific Interface Sections

Interface Sections 1 and 2

Within Segments 2 and 3 are six specific sections that have been analyzed and modeled for the fire defense system. Section 1is located just south of the intersection of the wildlife corridor and Irvine Blvd and Section 2 is located approximately 0.25 miles southwest, as shown below and on page 4.



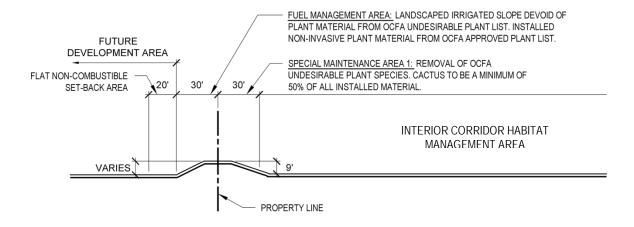


Section 1 is one of the wider areas for the corridor. As shown above, the wind does not run in the same direction as the wind area but rather across it. Fire in this area would impact the roadway below section 2 (Astor Crossing) but not the adjacent existing structures or the future development areas.

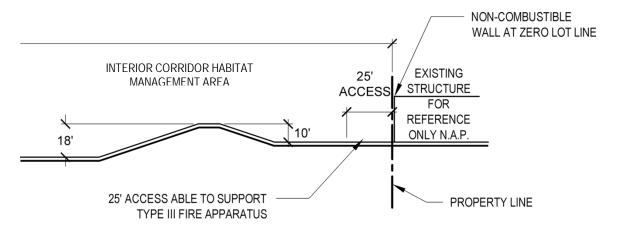
As can be seen on the section below (shown for reference here and larger in Appendix D), an earthen berm will be placed on each side of the wildlife corridor and would increase the effectiveness of the interface protection.

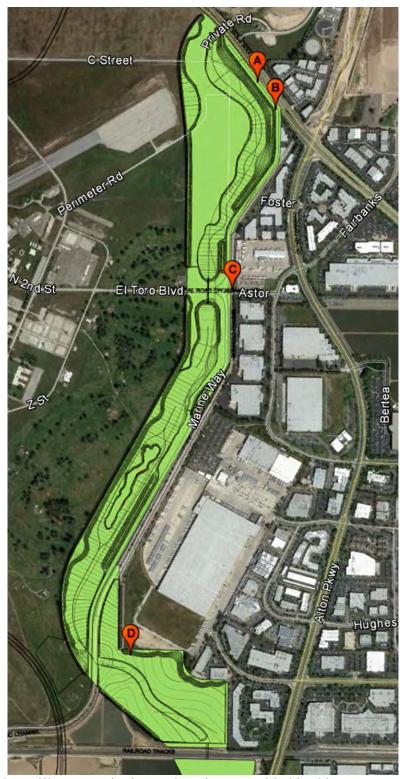


This berm will vary but for the most part it will be approximately ten feet in height and will be planted with fire resistive vegetation in the 30' Special Maintenance Area 1 on the corridor side which will be devoid of plant material from the Attachment 7 OCFA Undesirable Plant List, additional Chaparral species will be removed to maintain absolute cover of less the 5-percent with a minimum 30-foot spacing between chaparral individuals maintenance. This would be limited to removal of non-native invasive species that volunteer and occasionally "undesirable" species such as California sagebrush or chaparral including laurel sumac (Malosma laurina), chamise (Adenostoma fasciculata), ceanothus (Ceanothus spp.), mountain mahogany (Cercocarpus betuloides), and manzanita (*Arctostaphylos* spp.), and Scrub Oadk (*Quercus berberidifolia*). Note Blue Elderberry (*Sambucus* nigra) is a component of the Mulefat Scrub and shall not be treated as the other Chaparral species. On the development side of the berm there will be an irrigated Fuel Management Area (adjoining the future development) with non-invasive plants from the OCFA approved plant palette. See Appendix C for details.



The east side of Section 1:1 has additional protection for the interface with the distance from the berm to the property line having a 25' access between the berm and the existing structures which will provide another noncombustible break. The existing structures on the east side of this interface have been constructed with non-combustible walls as they are built directly on the property line.





The graphic above illustrates site image locations provided in this program.



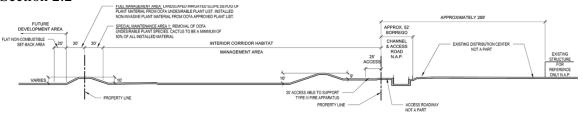
This image was taken from Location 'A' as shown on the graphic on page 18 along Irvine Blvd facing southwest. As can be seen in this image the future corridor location is a mowed flat area with existing structures. An enlargement of the structures on the left of this image above is provided below.



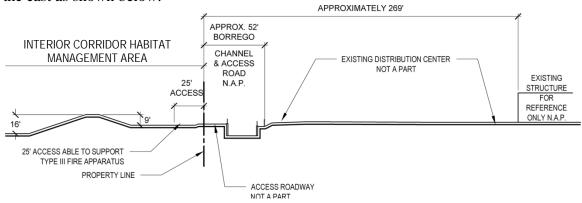
This image was taken from Location 'B' as shown on the graphic on page 18 adjoining the eastern property line facing southwest towards the existing structures. As can be seen in this mage the existing structures in this area are directly adjoining the property line.

Section 2:2 as located on page 4 is in a less wide portion of the corridor. The section is shown below for reference.

Section 2:2



The west side will have the same berm as Section 1:1 but the east side will also have the Borrego Channel for protection. In addition to the berm and access roadway, a concrete box channel and maintenance road exists between the corridor and the developed areas to the east as shown below.



The combination of the berm, access roadway, and maintenance roadway and box channel provide over 100 feet of interface protection in a areas that would not see flame length over 10 feet. Existing development to the east is roughly over 260 feet from the corridor property line.



The image above and below were taken from Location 'C' as shown on the graphic on page 18 on Astor road facing north along the existing Borrego Channel. As can be seen in this image there is a maintenance access road directly adjoining the Borrego Channel which would act as a fire break outside of the future corridor for the existing structures.



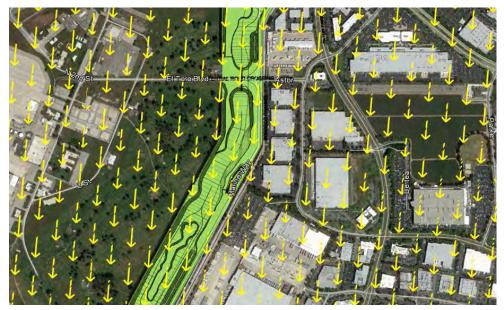


The image above was taken from Location 'C' as shown on the graphic on page 18 Astor Road facing south along the eastern project boundary. This image captures the existing Borrego Channel and maintenance road that would act as a fire break for the existing structures in the event of a wildfire.

Interface Section 3

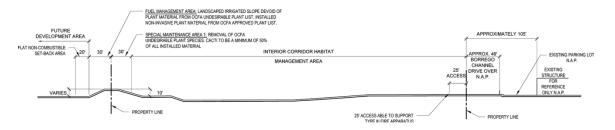
Section 3 is southwest from section 2 by about a quarter of a mile. This section is similar to section 2:2 in its orientation to the wind.



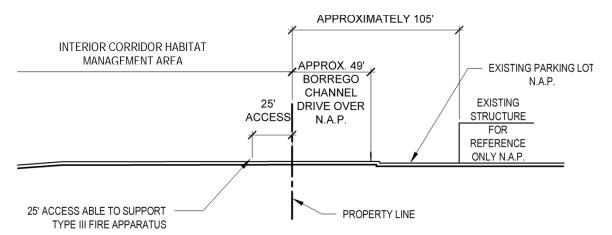


At section 3, the berm on the west side is still 10' above the drainage area.

Section 3:3

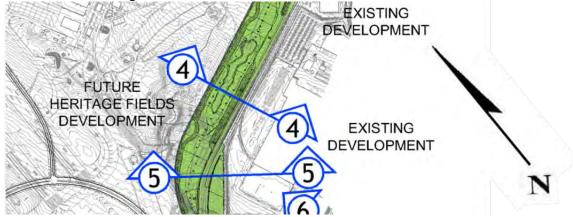


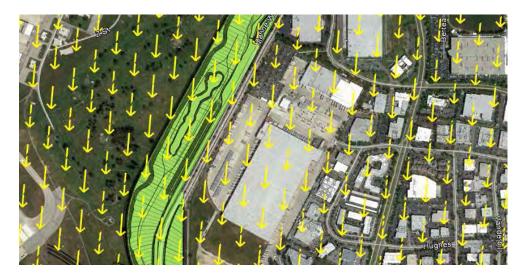
An enlargement of the east interface exactly at Section 3 facing north shows approximately 74' of non-combustible surface and an additional approximately 56 foot setback on the development side.



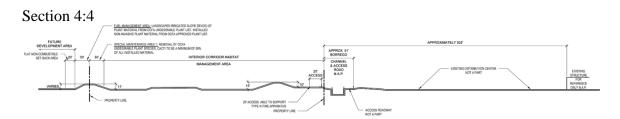
Interface Sections 4 and 5

Interface Section 4 is another third of mile southwest from section 3. This section of the corridor is not in alignment with the NE wind for an extended area.

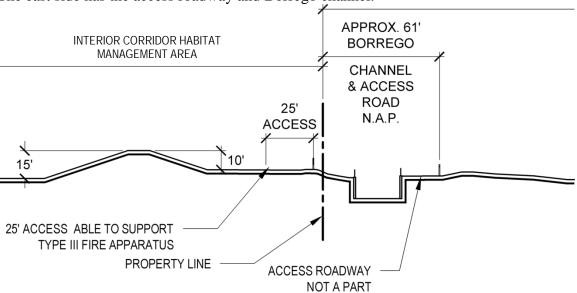




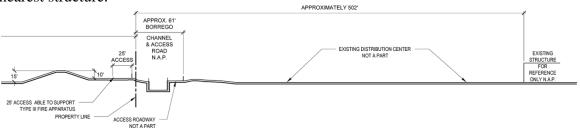
Site 4 is similar to the sections 1 and 2. Berms have been provided at both west and east interfaces.



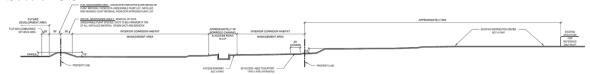
The east side has the access roadway and Borrego channel.



Additionally, the adjacent property has an approximately 500 foot plus set back to the nearest structure.



Section 5:5



The future development area at Section 5 has more of a perpendicular alignment with the wind, especially the development area to the south of section 5.



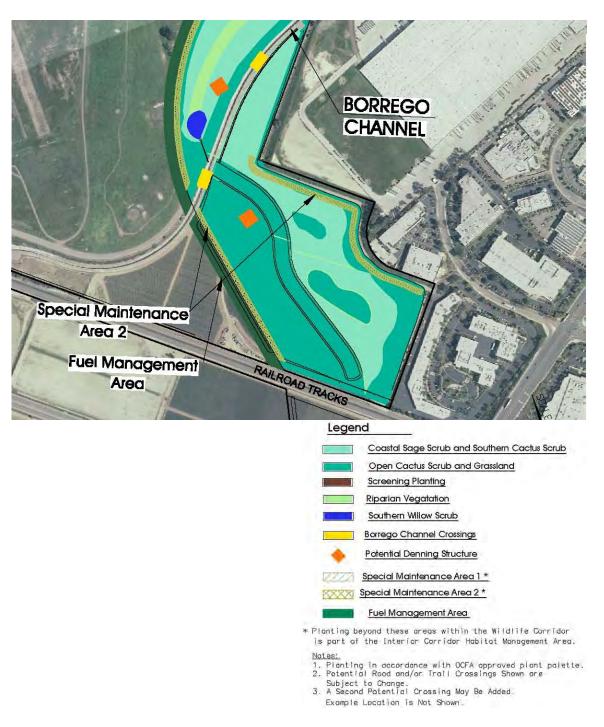
Section 5 like Section 4 has a very large setback on the existing development side (east) with over 660 feet between the property line and the first structures.

Interface Sections 6 and 7

Section 6 has several factors which need to be addressed. Section 6 will have a larger fuelbed. This section is the largest undivided fuelbed in the corridor. The alignment of the corridor with the wind is such that fire would run across this segment rather than its length. This orientation would reduce the available fuels. A NE wind would take fire away from the existing development but onto the future Great Park and SW wind would do the opposite. Section 7 is similar but smaller and is located on page 36.



Section 6 will have development with head fire impacts, having a development edge that lie perpendicular to the wind alignment. The NE wind will take fire directly at the future development areas. For this reason, the entire area between the channel bottom and the future development areas to the south will be planted with a cactus grassland mix to reduce flame heights.



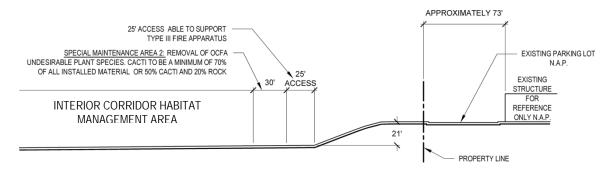
Additionally, as shown below, the corridor will have a berm on the west side and an existing manufactured slope on the eastern edge of the corridor. As on previous sections, the berm on the western side of the corridor will have the slope within the interior of the corridor planted with native habitat, mostly cacti, succulents or comprised of mostly non-combustible material to reduce the fuel load within this area on a continuing basis. The slope along the western berm facing the future development will be fully irrigated landscape with non-invasive plant material from the OCFA Approved Plant List.

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The NE exposure (in a SW wind) will have the access roadway at the bottom and the slope will be covered with 50% cactus, 20% rock and 30% would be native grasses. This would reduce the fuel model to a gr1 or worst case a gr2. As is shown on the following page, the gr2 would achieve its maximum rate of spread and flame length with less than the 30 mph SW wind. The flame lengths would remain at 10 feet or less under all conditions as this is the point at which 100% of the fuel is being consumed. Current conditions without the rock or cactus show a low volume fuel bed.



This image was taken from Location 'E' as shown on the graphic on page 18 facing east along the existing manufactured slope with a southwest exposure. This image captures the existing vegetation on the manufactured slope which demonstrates the low grass shrub mix that would exist if it was not maintained.



The access road (shown above in its current condition) will remain at the toe of the slope and would provide a fire break or control line from a fire coming out of the channel bottom. Fire on the slope would be point source fire from spotting if it crossed the roadway at all. A point source fire on this slope would not reach equilibrium due to lack of fuel.

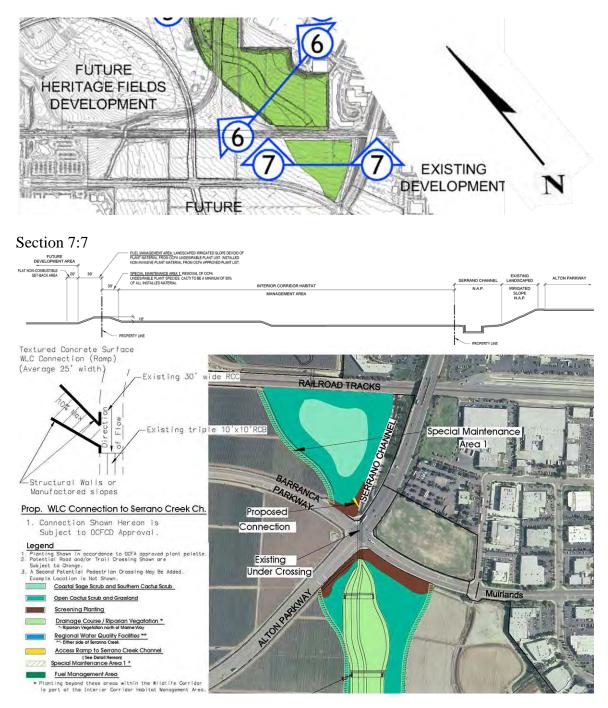
Eastern Corridor SW Wind at 30 Flame Length (ft)

Spread Dir	F	uel Model	
deg	gr1	gr2	gr4
15	1.6	4.8	9.1
30	2.0	7.3	14.7
45	2.2	10.0	22.9
60	2.0	7.3	14.7
75	1.6	4.8	9.1
90	1.3	3.5	6.6
105	1.1	2.8	5.2
120	0.9	2.4	4.4
135	0.8	2.1	3.8
150	0.8	1.9	3.5
165	0.7	1.7	3.2
180	0.7	1.6	3.0
195	0.6	1.6	2.9
210	0.6	1.5	2.8
225	0.6	1.5	2.8
240	0.6	1.5	2.8
255	0.6	1.6	2.9
270	0.7	1.6	3.0
285	0.7	1.7	3.2
300	0.8	1.9	3.5
315	0.8	2.1	3.8
330	0.9	2.4	4.4
345	1.1	2.8	5.2
360	1.3	3.5	6.6

Eastern Corridor gr2 Wind Analysis Flame Length (ft)

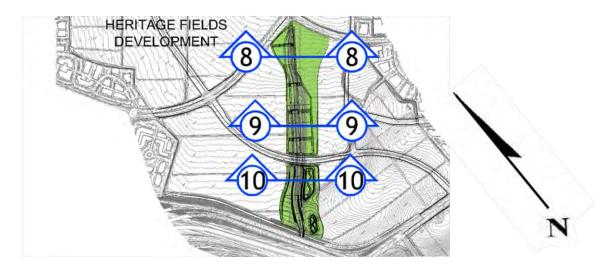
Spread		Midflan	ne Wind Spe	ed	
Dir			mi/h		
deg	0.0	5.0	7.5	15.0	30.0
15	3.1	4.3	4.6	4.8	4.8
30	3.6	5.7	6.5	7.3	7.3
45	3.8	6.6	8.2	10.0	10.0
60	3,6	5.7	6.5	7,3	7.3
75	3.1	4.3	4.6	4.8	4.8
90	2.7	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5
105	2.3	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
120	2.0	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4
135	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
150	1.7	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
165	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7
180	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.6
195	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
210	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.5
225	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
240	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.5
255	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
270	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.6
285	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7
300	1.7	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
315	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
330	2.0	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4
345	2.3	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
360	2.7	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5

Section 7 is in the next segment, Segment 3 South, south of Section 6. This section will be bounded on all sides by roadway and/or concrete channel except for the west side. The west side will be bermed and planted in a similar manner as section 6. The development interface to the SW will be the same and the same level of protection would be provided. The NW interface (SW wind) will not be needed as the only exposure is Alton Parkway.

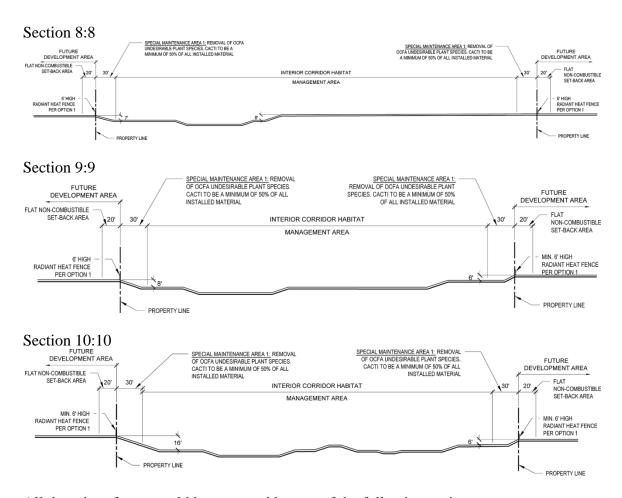


Interface Sections 8, 9 and 10

Sections 8, 9 and 10 are all essentially the same from an interface standpoint. The wind runs parallel with the drainage channel. Fuels would range from upland grasses to riparian areas in the bottom of the channel. The lack of wind alignment and arrangement of the fuels relative to the development sites make this interface a low risk.



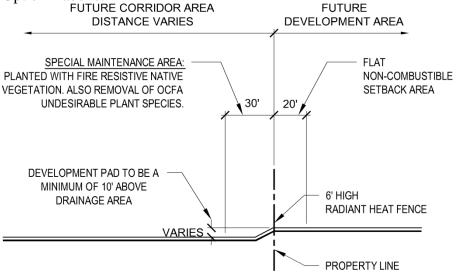




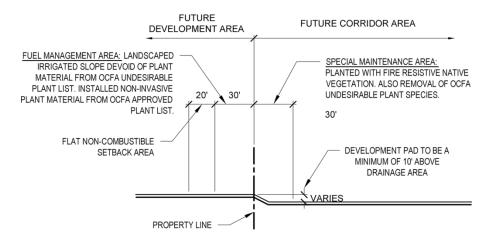
All three interfaces would be managed by one of the following options:

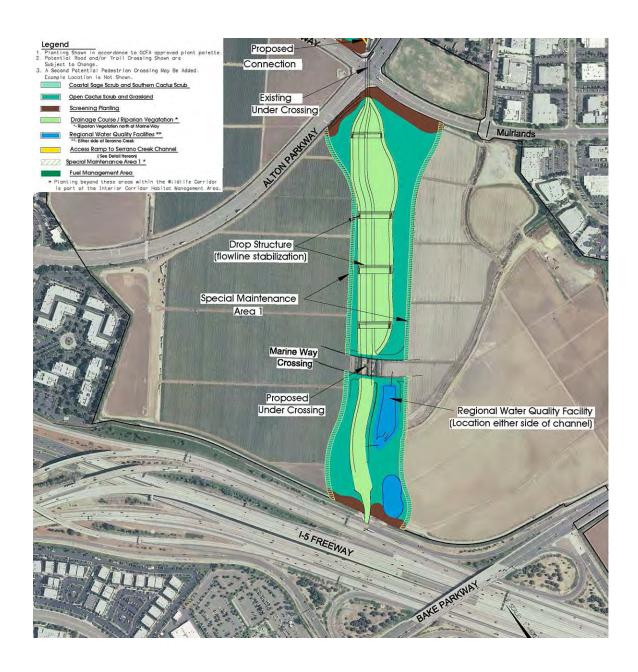
- 1. A thirty foot Special Maintenance Area within the Corridor planted with fire resistive native vegetation as well as removal of OCFA Undesirable Plant species, a six foot high radiant heat fence (block wall or combination tempered glass and block view fence) and a twenty foot flat non-combustible set back zone.
- 2. A thirty foot Special Maintenance Area within the Corridor planted with fire resistive native vegetation as well as removal of OCFA Undesirable Plant species, a thirty foot Fuel Management Zone on the development side followed by a twenty foot non-combustible setback zone.

Shown below is a typical section for the interface within Segments 3 South and 4 per Option 1 above:



Shown below is a typical section for the interface within Segments 3 South and 4 per Option 2 above:





Summary

The relocated Wildlife Corridor Feature would be constructed in an area that is currently in use as agriculture, a former golf course and managed grasslands (flail mowed for weed abatement and fire safety). The corridor would be constructed in a manner that would not allow a fire from within the corridor to threaten structures along the corridor's interface. This would be accomplished using several methods. First, the eastern portions of the corridor where there are existing adjacent developments will have the fire safety features retained or enhanced. For example, the box channel and maintenance road between the corridor and the existing development will remain and will act as a buffer and a fuel break along this edge, and within the corridor towards the southern portion of Segment 3. The box channel and roadway provide an approximately 50' plus noncombustible partition that runs the majority of the northern portion of Segments 2 and 3 of the corridor along the eastern interface.

Second, the corridor would have an earthen berm that would assist in keeping a fire within the corridor on the development edges. This berm is a minimum of ten feet high from the drainage area. The berm would have increased cactus and/or succulent planting or reduced vegetation on the corridor side and irrigated non-invasive species fron the OCFA approved plant palette on the development side when used as the interface buffer.

Third, the vegetation within the corridor has been selected to keep flame lengths and energy generation within the corridor to a minimum while still providing acceptable habitat for the corridor. This has been done by avoiding use of plant species which are on the OCFA Undesirable Plant list within the Special Maintenance Areas 1 and 2, and by reducing the fuel loading in critical areas by introducing succulents such as cactus and by using rock to keep the average fuel depth down to the level modeled in the system native habitat design. Additional, as described above and within the Irvine Wildlife Corridor Plan, vegetation management will occur within the Interior Corridor Habitat Management Area for removal of invasives, removal of chaparral species and limited removal of certain coastal sage scrub species within the open southern cactus scrub areas.

Finally, the corridor configuration avoids alignment with the worst case wind scenarios in most cases. The corridor segments are further divided by roadways, channels and storm drain facilities which would keep a "line of fire" from progressing down the corridor for long stretches. This means that fire would have to spot into the next compartment and reestablish its momentum in order to have flame length at the equilibrium rates shown in the fire modeling (worst case). In all cases, the corridor design of the corridor has taken all aspects of this fire modeling into account and developed a performance based protection system so that a fire would remain within the corridor and not spread to adjacent areas.

Appendix A: Dynamic Fuel Models

Dynamic Fuel Models

Dynamic Fuel Models

In this new set, all fuel models that have a live herbaceous component are "dynamic", meaning that their herbaceous load shifts between live and dead depending on the specified live herbaceous moisture content. See the model parameters list ("fuel model type" column) to see which models contain live herbaceous load and are therefore dynamic.

The dynamic fuel model process is described by Burgan (1979); the method is outlined and illustrated below.

- If live herbaceous moisture content is 120 percent or higher, the herbaceous fuels are green and all herbaceous load stays in the live category at the given moisture content.
- If live herbaceous moisture content is 30 percent or lower the herbaceous fuels considered fully cured and all herbaceous load is transferred to dead herbaceous.
- If live herbaceous moisture content is between 30 and 120 percent, then part of the herb load is transferred to dead. For example, if live herb moisture content is 75 percent (halfway between 30 and 120 percent), then half of the herbaceous load is transferred to dead herbaceous, the remainder stays in the live herbaceous class.

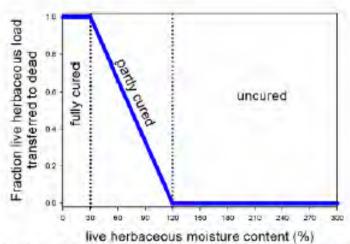


Figure 1 -- Graphical representation of the dynamic fuel model process.

Appendix B: Fire Acceleration

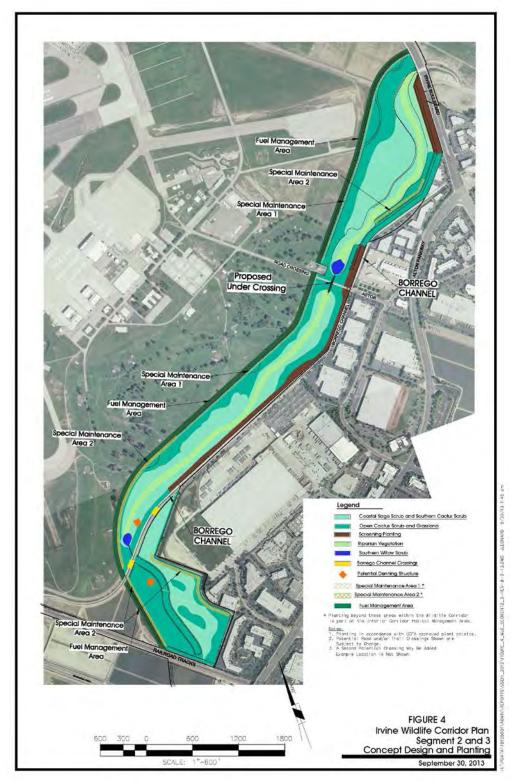
Fire Acceleration

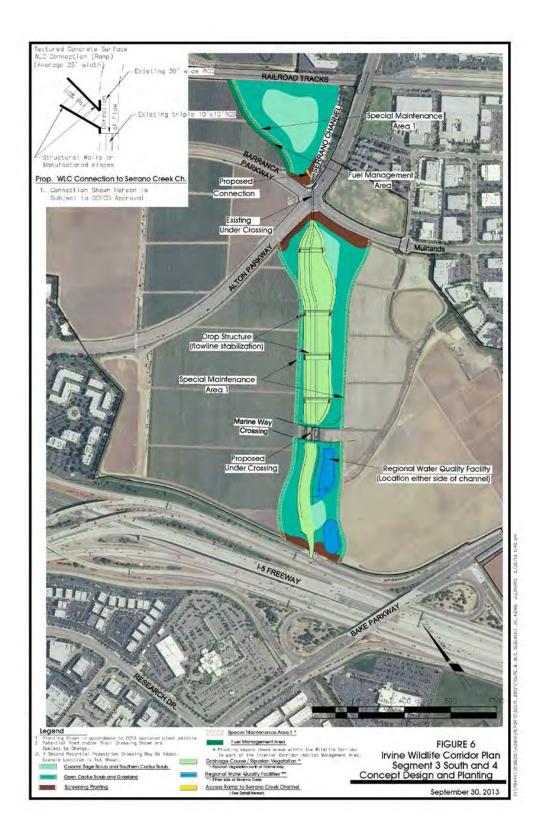
Fire acceleration is defined as the rate of increase in spread rate/fire line intensity from a given source. It is also defined as the rate of increase in spread rate from the current rate to an equilibrium spread rate under constant environmental conditions. Fire acceleration measures the amount of time required for a fire spread rate to achieve the theoretical steady state spread rate given 1) its existing spread rate, and 2) constant environmental conditions. Fire acceleration is fuel dependent but independent of fire behavior. The incorporation of acceleration means that fire spread rates will not immediately adjust to the equilibrium spread rates when conditions change.

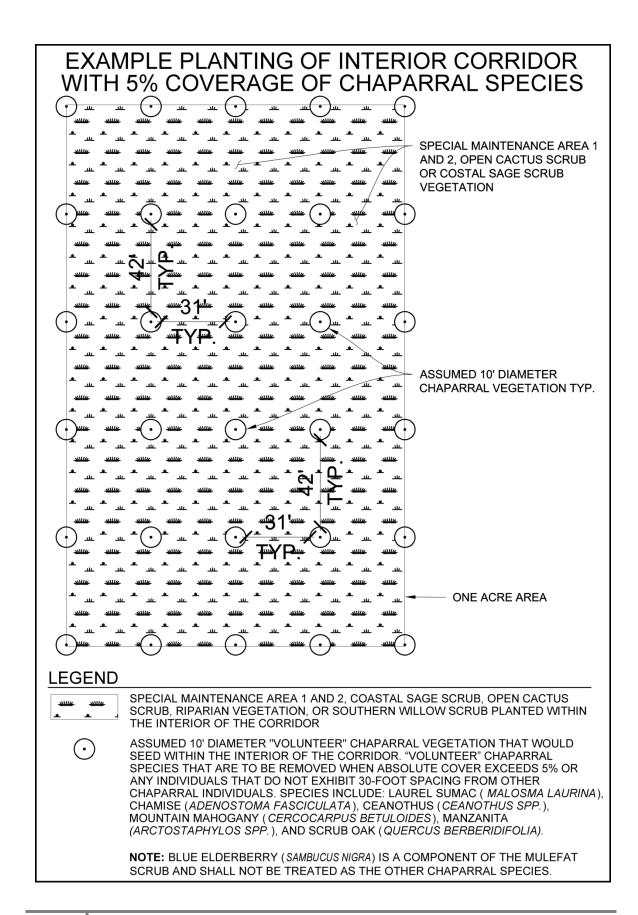
The rate of fire acceleration is dependent on a rate factor. The default rate for acceleration to 90% of equilibrium rates after 20 minutes from a point source fire. Line source fires are known to accelerate much faster (Johansen 1987) than point source fires. Although the equilibrium spread rate is dependent on fuel conditions, the buildup or acceleration rate has been found to be fuel independent for a variety of fuel types (excelsior, pine needles, conifer understories).

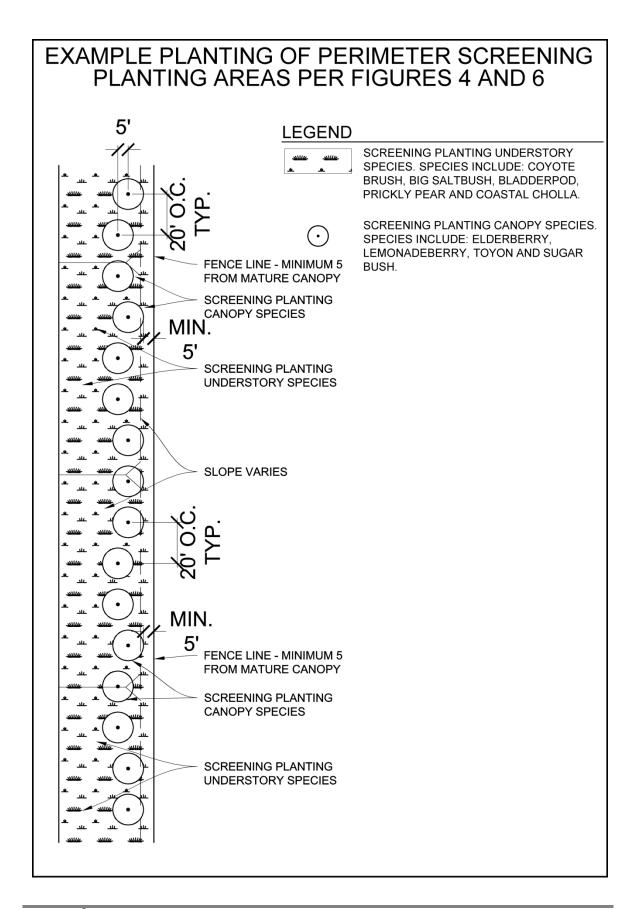
A single acceleration rate may not be accurate for all fuel types (McAlpine and Wakimoto 1991), especially between very different fuel types. Fire in grass fuels is expected to accelerate more rapidly than in slash fuels, but there is little data to guide these settings. Acceleration is presumed to be independent of the fire behavior or eventual spread rate.

Appendix C: Concept Design and Planting Exhibits









Appendix D: Behave Reports

Behave Reports

Appendix D-1: NE wind event Appendix D-2: SW wind event Appendix D-3: No wind event Appendix D-4: SW grasses analysis Appendix D-5: gr2 wind analysis



Description		Eastern Corridor NE Wind at 60 mph
Fuel/Vegetation, Surface/Under	story	
Fuel Model		gr4, gs2, sh7, SCAL18
Fuel Moisture		
1-h Moisture	%	4
10-h Moisture	%	5
100-h Moisture	%	6
Live Herbaceous Moisture	%	30
Live Woody Moisture	%	60
Weather		
Midflame Wind Speed	mi/h	30
Wind Direction (from north)	deg	45
Terrain		
Slope Steepness	%	0
Aspect	deg	0
Fire		
Spread Direction (from north)	deg	15, 30, 45, 60, 75, 90, 105, 120

Run Option Notes

Maximum reliable effective wind speed limit IS imposed [SURFACE].

Calculations are for the specified spread directions [SURFACE].

Fireline intensity, flame length, and spread distance are always for the direction of the spread calculations [SURFACE].

Wind and spread directions are degrees clockwise from north [SURFACE].

Wind direction is the direction from which the wind is blowing [SURFACE].

Output Variables

Surface Rate of Spread (ch/h) [SURFACE]

Fireline Intensity (Btu/ft/s) [SURFACE]

Flame Length (ft) [SURFACE]

Direction of Maximum Spread (from north) (deg) [SURFACE]

Flame Residence Time (s) [SURFACE]

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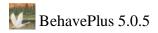
Eastern Corridor NE Wind at 60 mph Surface Rate of Spread (ch/h)

Spread		Fuel M	Iodel	
Dir				
deg	gr4	gs2	sh7	SCAL18
15	6.2	1.9	1.7	1.0
30	5.9	1.8	1.6	0.9
45	5.8	1.7	1.6	0.9
60	5.9	1.8	1.6	0.9
75	6.2	1.9	1.7	1.0
90	6.8	2.0	1.8	1.1
105	7.7	2.3	2.1	1.2
120	9.2	2.8	2.5	1.4
135	11.5	3.5	3.1	1.8
150	15.5	4.6	4.2	2.4
165	22.8	6.8	6.1	3.6
180	38.2	11.5	10.4	6.1
195	80.0	24.4	22.1	12.9
210	255.4	80.6	75.9	44.5
225	1011.5	380.2	445.7	261.0
240	255.4	80.6	75.9	44.5
255	80.0	24.4	22.1	12.9
270	38.2	11.5	10.4	6.1
285	22.8	6.8	6.1	3.6
300	15.5	4.6	4.2	2.4
315	11.5	3.5	3.1	1.8
330	9.2	2.8	2.5	1.4
345	7.7	2.3	2.1	1.2
360	6.8	2.0	1.8	1.1



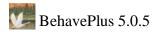
Eastern Corridor NE Wind at 60 mph Fireline Intensity (Btu/ft/s)

Spread	Fuel Model				
Dir					
deg	gr4	gs2	sh7	SCAL18	
15	53	18	74	69	
30	50	17	70	65	
45	49	17	69	64	
60	50	17	70	65	
75	53	18	74	69	
90	58	20	81	75	
105	66	22	92	85	
120	78	27	109	102	
135	98	33	137	128	
150	132	45	185	172	
165	194	66	272	254	
180	326	112	460	429	
195	682	236	980	913	
210	2176	782	3363	3133	
225	8617	3685	19747	18399	
240	2176	782	3363	3133	
255	682	236	980	913	
270	326	112	460	429	
285	194	66	272	254	
300	132	45	185	172	
315	98	33	137	128	
330	78	27	109	102	
345	66	22	92	85	
360	58	20	81	75	



Eastern Corridor NE Wind at 60 mph Flame Length (ft)

Spread		Fuel Mo	del	
Dir				
deg	gr4	gs2	sh7	SCAL18
15	2.8	1.7	3.3	3.1
30	2.7	1.7	3.2	3.1
45	2.7	1.6	3.2	3.1
60	2.7	1.7	3.2	3.1
75	2.8	1.7	3.3	3.1
90	2.9	1.8	3.4	3.3
105	3.1	1.9	3.6	3.5
120	3.3	2.0	3.9	3.8
135	3.7	2.3	4.3	4.2
150	4.2	2.6	5.0	4.8
165	5.1	3.1	5.9	5.7
180	6.4	3.9	7.6	7.3
195	9.1	5.6	10.7	10.4
210	15.4	9.6	18.9	18.3
225	29.1	19.7	42.6	41.2
240	15.4	9.6	18.9	18.3
255	9.1	5.6	10.7	10.4
270	6.4	3.9	7.6	7.3
285	5.1	3.1	5.9	5.7
300	4.2	2.6	5.0	4.8
315	3.7	2.3	4.3	4.2
330	3.3	2.0	3.9	3.8
345	3.1	1.9	3.6	3.5
360	2.9	1.8	3.4	3.3



Eastern Corridor NE Wind at 60 mph Direction of Maximum Spread (from north) (deg)

Spread		Fuel Mod	del	
Dir				
deg	gr4	gs2	sh7	SCAL18
15	225	225	225	225
30	225	225	225	225
45	225	225	225	225
60	225	225	225	225
75	225	225	225	225
90	225	225	225	225
105	225	225	225	225
120	225	225	225	225
135	225	225	225	225
150	225	225	225	225
165	225	225	225	225
180	225	225	225	225
195	225	225	225	225
210	225	225	225	225
225	225	225	225	225
240	225	225	225	225
255	225	225	225	225
270	225	225	225	225
285	225	225	225	225
300	225	225	225	225
315	225	225	225	225
330	225	225	225	225
345	225	225	225	225
360	225	225	225	225



Eastern Corridor NE Wind at 60 mph Flame Residence Time (s)

Spread	Fuel Model					
Dir						
deg	gr4	gs2	sh7	SCAL18		
15	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35		
30	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35		
45	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35		
60	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35		
75	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35		
90	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35		
105	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35		
120	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35		
135	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35		
150	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35		
165	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35		
180	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35		
195	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35		
210	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35		
225	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35		
240	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35		
255	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35		
270	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35		
285	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35		
300	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35		
315	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35		
330	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35		
345	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35		
360	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35		



Discrete Variable Codes Used Eastern Corridor NE Wind at 60 mph

Fuel Model

9r4 Moderate load, dry climate grass (D) (104)

9s2 Moderate load, dry climate grass-shrub (D) (122) sh7 Very high load, dry climate shrub (S) (147)

SCAL18 Sage / Buckwheat



Description		Eastern Corridor SW Wind at 30
Fuel/Vegetation, Surface/Under	story	
Fuel Model		gr4, gs2, sh7, SCAL18
Fuel Moisture		
1-h Moisture	%	4
10-h Moisture	%	5
100-h Moisture	%	6
Live Herbaceous Moisture	%	30
Live Woody Moisture	%	60
Weather		
Midflame Wind Speed	mi/h	15
Wind Direction (from north)	deg	225
Terrain		
Slope Steepness	%	0
Aspect	deg	0
Fire		
Spread Direction (from north)	deg	15, 30, 45, 60, 75, 90, 105, 120

Run Option Notes

Maximum reliable effective wind speed limit IS imposed [SURFACE].

Calculations are for the specified spread directions [SURFACE].

Fireline intensity, flame length, and spread distance are always for the direction of the spread calculations [SURFACE].

Wind and spread directions are degrees clockwise from north [SURFACE].

Wind direction is the direction from which the wind is blowing [SURFACE].

Output Variables

Surface Rate of Spread (ch/h) [SURFACE]

Fireline Intensity (Btu/ft/s) [SURFACE]

Flame Length (ft) [SURFACE]

Direction of Maximum Spread (from north) (deg) [SURFACE]

Flame Residence Time (s) [SURFACE]

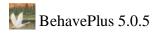
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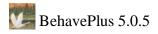
Eastern Corridor SW Wind at 30 Surface Rate of Spread (ch/h)

Spread	Fuel Model				
Dir					
deg	gr4	gs2	sh7	SCAL18	
15	81.7	25.4	29.0	20.3	
30	224.8	70.0	79.8	55.8	
45	559.0	174.0	198.3	138.7	
60	224.8	70.0	79.8	55.8	
75	81.7	25.4	29.0	20.3	
90	40.6	12.6	14.4	10.1	
105	24.5	7.6	8.7	6.1	
120	16.8	5.2	5.9	4.2	
135	12.5	3.9	4.4	3.1	
150	10.0	3.1	3.5	2.5	
165	8.4	2.6	3.0	2.1	
180	7.4	2.3	2.6	1.8	
195	6.8	2.1	2.4	1.7	
210	6.4	2.0	2.3	1.6	
225	6.3	2.0	2.2	1.6	
240	6.4	2.0	2.3	1.6	
255	6.8	2.1	2.4	1.7	
270	7.4	2.3	2.6	1.8	
285	8.4	2.6	3.0	2.1	
300	10.0	3.1	3.5	2.5	
315	12.5	3.9	4.4	3.1	
330	16.8	5.2	5.9	4.2	
345	24.5	7.6	8.7	6.1	
360	40.6	12.6	14.4	10.1	



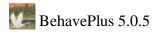
Eastern Corridor SW Wind at 30 Fireline Intensity (Btu/ft/s)

Spread	Fuel Model					
Dir						
deg	gr4	gs2	sh7	SCAL18		
15	696	246	1284	1428		
30	1915	678	3534	3932		
45	4762	1687	8787	9775		
60	1915	678	3534	3932		
75	696	246	1284	1428		
90	346	122	638	710		
105	209	74	385	429		
120	143	51	264	293		
135	107	38	197	219		
150	85	30	157	175		
165	72	25	132	147		
180	63	22	116	130		
195	58	20	107	119		
210	55	19	101	113		
225	54	19	100	111		
240	55	19	101	113		
255	58	20	107	119		
270	63	22	116	130		
285	72	25	132	147		
300	85	30	157	175		
315	107	38	197	219		
330	143	51	264	293		
345	209	74	385	429		
360	346	122	638	710		



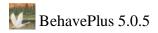
Eastern Corridor SW Wind at 30 Flame Length (ft)

Spread	Fuel Model					
Dir						
deg	gr4	gs2	sh7	SCAL18		
15	9.1	5.7	12.1	12.7		
30	14.6	9.0	19.3	20.3		
45	22.1	13.7	29.3	30.8		
60	14.6	9.0	19.3	20.3		
75	9.1	5.7	12.1	12.7		
90	6.6	4.1	8.8	9.2		
105	5.3	3.3	7.0	7.3		
120	4.4	2.7	5.8	6.1		
135	3.9	2.4	5.1	5.4		
150	3.5	2.2	4.6	4.8		
165	3.2	2.0	4.3	4.5		
180	3.0	1.9	4.0	4.2		
195	2.9	1.8	3.9	4.0		
210	2.8	1.8	3.8	4.0		
225	2.8	1.7	3.7	3.9		
240	2.8	1.8	3.8	4.0		
255	2.9	1.8	3.9	4.0		
270	3.0	1.9	4.0	4.2		
285	3.2	2.0	4.3	4.5		
300	3.5	2.2	4.6	4.8		
315	3.9	2.4	5.1	5.4		
330	4.4	2.7	5.8	6.1		
345	5.3	3.3	7.0	7.3		
360	6.6	4.1	8.8	9.2		



Eastern Corridor SW Wind at 30 Direction of Maximum Spread (from north) (deg)

Spread		Fuel Mod	lel	
Dir				
deg	gr4	gs2	sh7	SCAL18
15	45	45	45	45
30	45	45	45	45
45	45	45	45	45
60	45	45	45	45
75	45	45	45	45
90	45	45	45	45
105	45	45	45	45
120	45	45	45	45
135	45	45	45	45
150	45	45	45	45
165	45	45	45	45
180	45	45	45	45
195	45	45	45	45
210	45	45	45	45
225	45	45	45	45
240	45	45	45	45
255	45	45	45	45
270	45	45	45	45
285	45	45	45	45
300	45	45	45	45
315	45	45	45	45
330	45	45	45	45
345	45	45	45	45
360	45	45	45	45



Eastern Corridor SW Wind at 30 Flame Residence Time (s)

Spread		Fuel Mo	odel	
Dir				
deg	gr4	gs2	sh7	SCAL18
15	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
30	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
45	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
60	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
75	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
90	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
105	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
120	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
135	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
150	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
165	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
180	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
195	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
210	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
225	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
240	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
255	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
270	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
285	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
300	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
315	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
330	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
345	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
360	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35



Discrete Variable Codes Used Eastern Corridor SW Wind at 30

Fuel Model

Moderate load, dry climate grass (D) (104) gs2 Moderate load, dry climate grass-shrub (D) (122) sh7 Very high load, dry climate shrub (S) (147)

SCAL18 Sage / Buckwheat



Inputs: SURFACE		
Description		Eastern Corridor No Wind
Fuel/Vegetation, Surface/Under	rstory	
Fuel Model		gr4, gs2, sh7, SCAL18
Fuel Moisture		
1-h Moisture	%	4
10-h Moisture	%	5
100-h Moisture	%	6
Live Herbaceous Moisture	%	30
Live Woody Moisture	%	60
Weather		
Midflame Wind Speed	mi/h	0
Wind Direction (from north)	deg	45
Terrain		
Slope Steepness	%	0
Aspect	deg	0
Fire		
Spread Direction (from north)	deg	15, 30, 45, 60, 75, 90, 105, 120,

Run Option Notes

Maximum reliable effective wind speed limit IS imposed [SURFACE].

Calculations are for the specified spread directions [SURFACE].

Fireline intensity, flame length, and spread distance are always for the direction of the spread calculations [SURFACE].

Wind and spread directions are degrees clockwise from north [SURFACE].

Wind direction is the direction from which the wind is blowing [SURFACE].

Output Variables

Surface Rate of Spread (ch/h) [SURFACE]

Fireline Intensity (Btu/ft/s) [SURFACE]

Flame Length (ft) [SURFACE]

Direction of Maximum Spread (from north) (deg) [SURFACE]

Flame Residence Time (s) [SURFACE]

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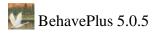


Eastern Corridor No Wind Surface Rate of Spread (ch/h)

Spread		Fuel Mod	del	
Dir				
deg	gr4	gs2	sh7	SCAL18
15	4.7	1.7	2.7	2.4
30	4.7	1.7	2.7	2.4
45	4.7	1.7	2.7	2.4
60	4.7	1.7	2.7	2.4
75	4.7	1.7	2.7	2.4
90	4.7	1.7	2.7	2.4
105	4.7	1.7	2.7	2.4
120	4.7	1.7	2.7	2.4
135	4.7	1.7	2.7	2.4
150	4.7	1.7	2.7	2.4
165	4.7	1.7	2.7	2.4
180	4.7	1.7	2.7	2.4
195	4.7	1.7	2.7	2.4
210	4.7	1.7	2.7	2.4
225	4.7	1.7	2.7	2.4
240	4.7	1.7	2.7	2.4
255	4.7	1.7	2.7	2.4
270	4.7	1.7	2.7	2.4
285	4.7	1.7	2.7	2.4
300	4.7	1.7	2.7	2.4
315	4.7	1.7	2.7	2.4
330	4.7	1.7	2.7	2.4
345	4.7	1.7	2.7	2.4
360	4.7	1.7	2.7	2.4

Eastern Corridor No Wind Fireline Intensity (Btu/ft/s)

Spread		Fuel Mod	del	
Dir				
deg	gr4	gs2	sh7	SCAL18
15	40	17	118	166
30	40	17	118	166
45	40	17	118	166
60	40	17	118	166
75	40	17	118	166
90	40	17	118	166
105	40	17	118	166
120	40	17	118	166
135	40	17	118	166
150	40	17	118	166
165	40	17	118	166
180	40	17	118	166
195	40	17	118	166
210	40	17	118	166
225	40	17	118	166
240	40	17	118	166
255	40	17	118	166
270	40	17	118	166
285	40	17	118	166
300	40	17	118	166
315	40	17	118	166
330	40	17	118	166
345	40	17	118	166
360	40	17	118	166



Eastern Corridor No Wind Flame Length (ft)

Spread		Fuel Mo	del	
Dir				
deg	gr4	gs2	sh7	SCAL18
15	2.4	1.6	4.0	4.7
30	2.4	1.6	4.0	4.7
45	2.4	1.6	4.0	4.7
60	2.4	1.6	4.0	4.7
75	2.4	1.6	4.0	4.7
90	2.4	1.6	4.0	4.7
105	2.4	1.6	4.0	4.7
120	2.4	1.6	4.0	4.7
135	2.4	1.6	4.0	4.7
150	2.4	1.6	4.0	4.7
165	2.4	1.6	4.0	4.7
180	2.4	1.6	4.0	4.7
195	2.4	1.6	4.0	4.7
210	2.4	1.6	4.0	4.7
225	2.4	1.6	4.0	4.7
240	2.4	1.6	4.0	4.7
255	2.4	1.6	4.0	4.7
270	2.4	1.6	4.0	4.7
285	2.4	1.6	4.0	4.7
300	2.4	1.6	4.0	4.7
315	2.4	1.6	4.0	4.7
330	2.4	1.6	4.0	4.7
345	2.4	1.6	4.0	4.7
360	2.4	1.6	4.0	4.7

Eastern Corridor No Wind Direction of Maximum Spread (from north) (deg)

Spread		Fuel Mod	del	
Dir				
deg	gr4	gs2	sh7	SCAL18
15	180	180	180	180
30	180	180	180	180
45	180	180	180	180
60	180	180	180	180
75	180	180	180	180
90	180	180	180	180
105	180	180	180	180
120	180	180	180	180
135	180	180	180	180
150	180	180	180	180
165	180	180	180	180
180	180	180	180	180
195	180	180	180	180
210	180	180	180	180
225	180	180	180	180
240	180	180	180	180
255	180	180	180	180
270	180	180	180	180
285	180	180	180	180
300	180	180	180	180
315	180	180	180	180
330	180	180	180	180
345	180	180	180	180
360	180	180	180	180

Eastern Corridor No Wind Flame Residence Time (s)

Spread		Fuel Mo	odel	
Dir				
deg	gr4	gs2	sh7	SCAL18
15	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
30	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
45	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
60	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
75	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
90	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
105	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
120	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
135	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
150	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
165	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
180	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
195	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
210	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
225	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
240	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
255	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
270	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
285	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
300	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
315	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
330	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
345	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35
360	12.62	12.61	18.69	29.35

Discrete Variable Codes Used Eastern Corridor No Wind

Fuel Model

Moderate load, dry climate grass (D) (104)

gs2 Moderate load, dry climate grass-shrub (D) (122) sh7 Very high load, dry climate shrub (S) (147)

SCAL18 Sage / Buckwheat



Inputs: SURFACE		
Description		Eastern Corridor SW Wind at 30
Fuel/Vegetation, Surface/Under	story	
Fuel Model		gr1, gr2, gr4
Fuel Moisture		
1-h Moisture	%	4
10-h Moisture	%	5
100-h Moisture	%	6
Live Herbaceous Moisture	%	30
Live Woody Moisture	%	60
Weather		
Midflame Wind Speed	mi/h	15
Wind Direction (from north)	deg	225
Terrain		
Slope Steepness	%	50
Aspect	deg	225
Fire		
Spread Direction (from north)	deg	15, 30, 45, 60, 75, 90, 105, 120,

Run Option Notes

Maximum reliable effective wind speed limit IS imposed [SURFACE].

Calculations are for the specified spread directions [SURFACE].

Fireline intensity, flame length, and spread distance are always for the direction of the spread calculations [SURFACE].

Wind and spread directions are degrees clockwise from north [SURFACE].

Wind direction is the direction from which the wind is blowing [SURFACE].

Output Variables

Surface Rate of Spread (ch/h) [SURFACE]

Fireline Intensity (Btu/ft/s) [SURFACE]

Flame Length (ft) [SURFACE]

Direction of Maximum Spread (from north) (deg) [SURFACE]

Flame Residence Time (s) [SURFACE]

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Eastern Corridor SW Wind at 30 Surface Rate of Spread (ch/h)

Spread		Fuel Model	
Dir			
deg	gr1	gr2	gr4
15	10.8	39.4	81.8
30	17.1	96.7	230.0
45	21.4	192.1	601.8
60	17.1	96.7	230.0
75	10.8	39.4	81.8
90	6.8	20.3	40.4
105	4.6	12.4	24.3
120	3.3	8.6	16.6
135	2.6	6.4	12.4
150	2.1	5.1	9.9
165	1.8	4.3	8.3
180	1.6	3.8	7.3
195	1.5	3.5	6.7
210	1.4	3.3	6.4
225	1.4	3.3	6.3
240	1.4	3.3	6.4
255	1.5	3.5	6.7
270	1.6	3.8	7.3
285	1.8	4.3	8.3
300	2.1	5.1	9.9
315	2.6	6.4	12.4
330	3.3	8.6	16.6
345	4.6	12.4	24.3
360	6.8	20.3	40.4

Eastern Corridor SW Wind at 30 Fireline Intensity (Btu/ft/s)

Spread		Fuel Model	
Dir			
deg	gr1	gr2	gr4
15	16	173	697
30	25	425	1960
45	31	844	5126
60	25	425	1960
75	16	173	697
90	10	89	344
105	7	55	207
120	5	38	142
135	4	28	106
150	3	23	84
165	3	19	71
180	2	17	63
195	2	15	57
210	2	15	54
225	2	14	53
240	2	15	54
255	2	15	57
270	2	17	63
285	3	19	71
300	3	23	84
315	4	28	106
330	5	38	142
345	7	55	207
360	10	89	344

Eastern Corridor SW Wind at 30 Flame Length (ft)

Spread	F	Fuel Model	
Dir			
deg	gr1	gr2	gr4
15	1.6	4.8	9.1
30	2.0	7.3	14.7
45	2.2	10.0	22.9
60	2.0	7.3	14.7
75	1.6	4.8	9.1
90	1.3	3.5	6.6
105	1.1	2.8	5.2
120	0.9	2.4	4.4
135	0.8	2.1	3.8
150	0.8	1.9	3.5
165	0.7	1.7	3.2
180	0.7	1.6	3.0
195	0.6	1.6	2.9
210	0.6	1.5	2.8
225	0.6	1.5	2.8
240	0.6	1.5	2.8
255	0.6	1.6	2.9
270	0.7	1.6	3.0
285	0.7	1.7	3.2
300	0.8	1.9	3.5
315	0.8	2.1	3.8
330	0.9	2.4	4.4
345	1.1	2.8	5.2
360	1.3	3.5	6.6



Eastern Corridor SW Wind at 30 Direction of Maximum Spread (from north) (deg)

Spread	Fuel Model			
Dir				
deg	gr1	gr2	gr4	
15	45	45	45	
30	45	45	45	
45	45	45	45	
60	45	45	45	
75	45	45	45	
90	45	45	45	
105	45	45	45	
120	45	45	45	
135	45	45	45	
150	45	45	45	
165	45	45	45	
180	45	45	45	
195	45	45	45	
210	45	45	45	
225	45	45	45	
240	45	45	45	
255	45	45	45	
270	45	45	45	
285	45	45	45	
300	45	45	45	
315	45	45	45	
330	45	45	45	
345	45	45	45	
360	45	45	45	



Eastern Corridor SW Wind at 30 Flame Residence Time (s)

Spread		Fuel Model	
Dir			
deg	gr1	gr2	gr4
15	11.22	12.66	12.62
30	11.22	12.66	12.62
45	11.22	12.66	12.62
60	11.22	12.66	12.62
75	11.22	12.66	12.62
90	11.22	12.66	12.62
105	11.22	12.66	12.62
120	11.22	12.66	12.62
135	11.22	12.66	12.62
150	11.22	12.66	12.62
165	11.22	12.66	12.62
180	11.22	12.66	12.62
195	11.22	12.66	12.62
210	11.22	12.66	12.62
225	11.22	12.66	12.62
240	11.22	12.66	12.62
255	11.22	12.66	12.62
270	11.22	12.66	12.62
285	11.22	12.66	12.62
300	11.22	12.66	12.62
315	11.22	12.66	12.62
330	11.22	12.66	12.62
345	11.22	12.66	12.62
360	11.22	12.66	12.62

Discrete Variable Codes Used Eastern Corridor SW Wind at 30

Fuel Model

gr1	Short, sparse, dry climate grass (D) (101)
gr2	Low load, dry climate grass (D) (102)
gr4	Moderate load, dry climate grass (D) (104)



Inputs: SURFACE		
Description		Eastern Corridor gr2 Wind Analysis
Fuel/Vegetation, Surface/Unders	story	
Fuel Model		gr2
Fuel Moisture		
1-h Moisture	%	4
10-h Moisture	%	5
100-h Moisture	%	6
Live Herbaceous Moisture	%	30
Live Woody Moisture	%	60
Weather		
Midflame Wind Speed	mi/h	0, 5, 7.5, 15, 30
Wind Direction (from north)	deg	225
Terrain		
Slope Steepness	%	50
Aspect	deg	225
Fire		
Spread Direction (from north)	deg	15, 30, 45, 60, 75, 90, 105, 120,

Run Option Notes

Maximum reliable effective wind speed limit IS imposed [SURFACE].

Calculations are for the specified spread directions [SURFACE].

Fireline intensity, flame length, and spread distance are always for the direction of the spread calculations [SURFACE].

Wind and spread directions are degrees clockwise from north [SURFACE].

Wind direction is the direction from which the wind is blowing [SURFACE].

Output Variables

Surface Rate of Spread (ch/h) [SURFACE]

Fireline Intensity (Btu/ft/s) [SURFACE]

Flame Length (ft) [SURFACE]

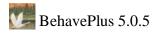
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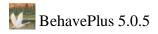
Eastern Corridor gr2 Wind Analysis Surface Rate of Spread (ch/h)

Spread	Midflame Wind Speed				
Dir	mi/h				
deg	0.0	5.0	7.5	15.0	30.0
15	15.6	31.1	36.1	39.4	39.4
30	20.9	56.9	76.6	96.7	96.7
45	23.7	79.4	124.1	192.1	192.1
60	20.9	56.9	76.6	96.7	96.7
75	15.6	31.1	36.1	39.4	39.4
90	11.1	18.0	19.6	20.3	20.3
105	8.1	11.7	12.3	12.4	12.4
120	6.1	8.3	8.6	8.6	8.6
135	4.9	6.3	6.5	6.4	6.4
150	4.0	5.1	5.2	5.1	5.1
165	3.5	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.3
180	3.1	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.8
195	2.9	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
210	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.3
225	2.7	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
240	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.3	3.3
255	2.9	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
270	3.1	3.8	3.9	3.8	3.8
285	3.5	4.3	4.4	4.3	4.3
300	4.0	5.1	5.2	5.1	5.1
315	4.9	6.3	6.5	6.4	6.4
330	6.1	8.3	8.6	8.6	8.6
345	8.1	11.7	12.3	12.4	12.4
360	11.1	18.0	19.6	20.3	20.3



Eastern Corridor gr2 Wind Analysis Fireline Intensity (Btu/ft/s)

Spread	Midflame Wind Speed				
Dir			mi/h		
deg	0.0	5.0	7.5	15.0	30.0
15	68	136	158	173	173
30	92	250	336	425	425
45	104	348	545	844	844
60	92	250	336	425	425
75	68	136	158	173	173
90	49	79	86	89	89
105	35	51	54	55	55
120	27	36	38	38	38
135	21	28	28	28	28
150	18	22	23	23	23
165	15	19	19	19	19
180	14	17	17	17	17
195	13	15	16	15	15
210	12	15	15	15	15
225	12	14	15	14	14
240	12	15	15	15	15
255	13	15	16	15	15
270	14	17	17	17	17
285	15	19	19	19	19
300	18	22	23	23	23
315	21	28	28	28	28
330	27	36	38	38	38
345	35	51	54	55	55
360	49	79	86	89	89



Eastern Corridor gr2 Wind Analysis Flame Length (ft)

Spread	Midflame Wind Speed				
Dir			mi/h		
deg	0.0	5.0	7.5	15.0	30.0
15	3.1	4.3	4.6	4.8	4.8
30	3.6	5.7	6.5	7.3	7.3
45	3.8	6.6	8.2	10.0	10.0
60	3.6	5.7	6.5	7.3	7.3
75	3.1	4.3	4.6	4.8	4.8
90	2.7	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5
105	2.3	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
120	2.0	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4
135	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
150	1.7	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
165	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7
180	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.6
195	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
210	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.5
225	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
240	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.5
255	1.4	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
270	1.5	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.6
285	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7
300	1.7	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
315	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
330	2.0	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4
345	2.3	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
360	2.7	3.4	3.5	3.5	3.5



Discrete Variable Codes Used Eastern Corridor gr2 Wind Analysis

Fuel Model

gr2 Low load, dry climate grass (D) (102)

Appendix D

Peer Review Report (Conservation Biology Institute 2013)

This wildlife corridor design was finalized following intensive review and input by an independent panel of top experts in wildlife movements, corridor design, restoration ecology, and fire management. The panel included the following experts:

- Dr. Kevin Crooks, Colorado State University, is a wildlife conservation biologist with extensive experience researching wildlife movements in urbanizing areas, including studies of bobcats, mountain lions, and other carnivores in southern California. He has published numerous journal articles and books on wildlife movements and habitat connectivity.
- Dr. Paul Beier, Northern Arizona University, is a professor of wildlife biology who is widely recognized as one of the nation's leading experts on habitat connectivity and the design of wildlife corridors. He has studied the movements of mountain lions in southern California, has published numerous journal articles on designing, conserving, and managing functional corridors in urbanizing areas, and is the founder of CorridorDesign.org.
- Dr. Wayne Spencer, Conservation Biology Institute, is a wildlife conservation biologist
 with extensive experience studying wildlife movements and the design of functional
 wildlife corridors. He was the Principal Investigator of the California Essential Habitat
 Connectivity Project, and has authored or coauthored numerous articles on wildlife
 movements, corridor design, and adaptive management in California and the western US.
- Dr. James Strittholt is the Executive Director of the Conservation Biology Institute and a leader in the development of GIS-based methods for designing and assessing wildlife reserve systems.
- Dr. Erin Boydston is a Research Ecologist with the USGS who specializes in carnivore behavior, wildlife movements, and mitigation of road effects on wildlife. She has conducted or managed numerous studies of carnivore movements in southern California, including Orange County.
- Lisa Lyren, also with USGS, has conducted numerous field studies on wildlife distribution and movements in southern California, including assessments of wildlife movements, roadkill, and the design of effective wildlife road-crossing structures and fencing to keep wildlife off of roads.
- Trish Smith of The Nature Conservancy is a plant ecologist and habitat restoration expert with extensive experience designing and implementing vegetation restoration projects in southern California and is a specialist in California gnatcatcher habitat restoration.
- Dr. CJ Fotheringham is a fire ecologist with a deep understanding and numerous publications on fire ecology, fire management, and restoration ecology in southern California. A focus of her research is on methods of reducing the risks of fires to human communities and minimizing mitigation impacts in fire-prone ecosystems.

Overall, the panelists were impressed with the attention to details by the Heritage Field representatives and consultants, and their willingness to refine the corridor design in response to recommendations of scientific experts. The panelists reviewed several drafts of the corridor design and supporting documents, walked the corridor system in the field with Heritage Fields representatives and consultants (November 4, 2012), and participated in a corridor review workshop (November 5, 2012) and a follow-up webinar to discuss and refine the corridor plan. The Peer Reviewers also reviewed this revised version of the WLC Plan, which reflects comments by The City of Irvine and the comments of the Fish and Wildlife Service and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife on the draft Second Supplemental EIR. They examined all scientific and technical aspects of the Heritage Fields wildlife corridor plan and reviewed all aspects of the Wildlife Corridor Plan including its:

- -location and width,
- plantings,
- -internal crossings and features, including at-grade Railroad crossing and crossings for Astor and Marine Way,
- -fire control measures,
- -edge effects,
- -adaptive management, and
- -all types of in-corridor maintenance for fire suppression, flood control, and storm water treament BMPs.

Additional potential crossings were included in the draft WLC Plan reviewed for the corridor review workshop, but were not reviewed in detail. Subsequent revisions of the WLC Plan further refined the locations and design criteria for a potential road/trail crossing between Astor and the Railroad and a potential pedestrian crossing between Barranca and I-5. The specific design of the wildlife movement elements of the road/trail crossing and pedestrian crossing (height to width ratio, substrate and proximity to other crossings) will be reviewed by the City and Peer Reviewers.

The Peer Reviewers concluded that the plan presented in this document is reasonably designed given the setting and various constraints on planning and it provides for development of a biologically effective corridor between Irvine Boulevard and I-5. They also concluded that the plan would likely accommodate movement of all 4 focal species (coyote, bobcat, coastal California gnatcatcher, and least Bell's vireo) from inland habitats southward through the entire length of the Heritage Fields project area to the edge of I-5. Two of the focal species (coyotes and bobcats) might be able to move beyond the project area (i.e., cross under I-5 to coastal natural areas) often enough (e.g., one coyote/bobcat every 2-4 years) to transfer genes from one

region to another on either end of the corridor. The gnatcatcher could be expected to cross I-5 approximately once every two years. The panel identified ongoing challenges for the long term success of the inland-to-coastal corridor (e.g., the I-5 crossing), but felt these challenges might be overcome with careful monitoring, innovation, and political will to find solutions by the various stakeholders.

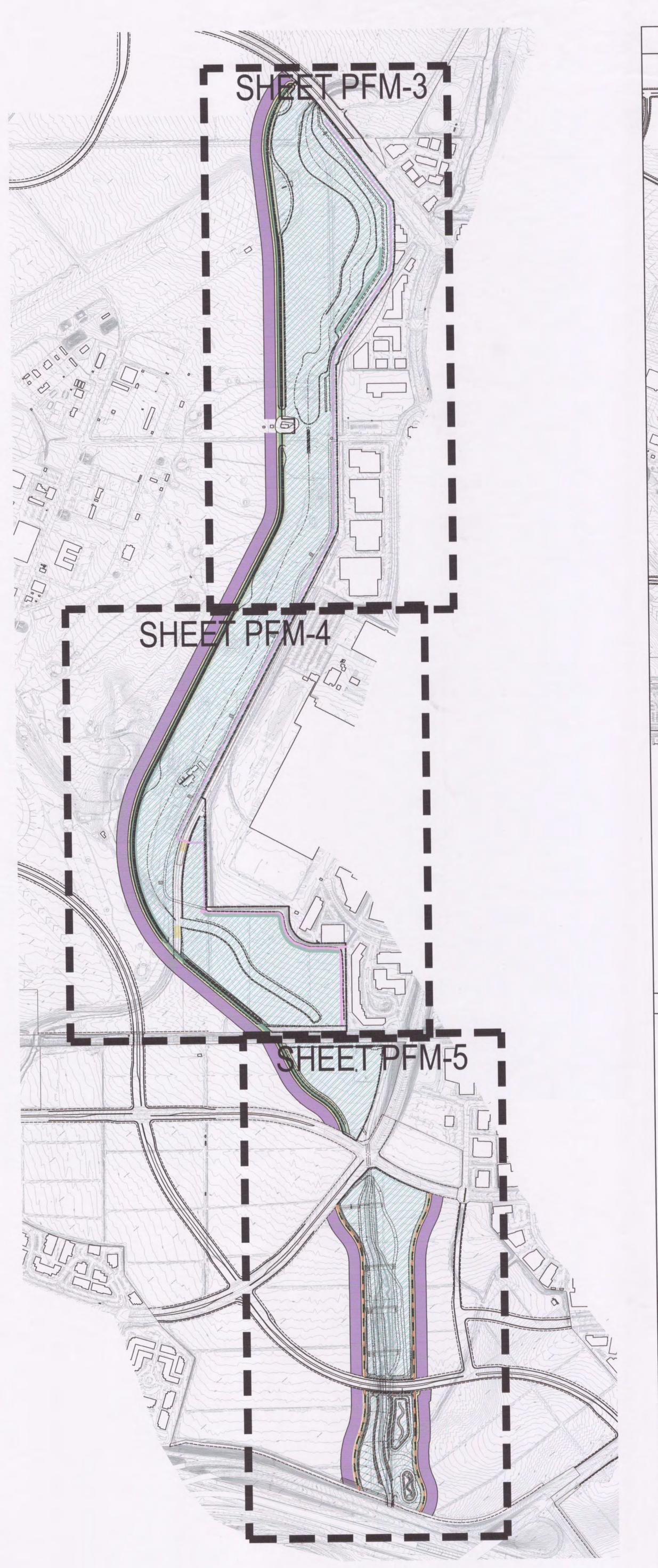
In addition to serving the movement needs of specific target species, the science panel identified numerous other biological values for the proposed corridor system. For example, native habitats restored within the corridor would serve as live-in habitat for native plants and animals, such as the California gnatcatcher, the Least Bell's Vireo and coastal cactus wren. This could be a valuable environmental amenity and an educational opportunity for people in the City of Irvine.

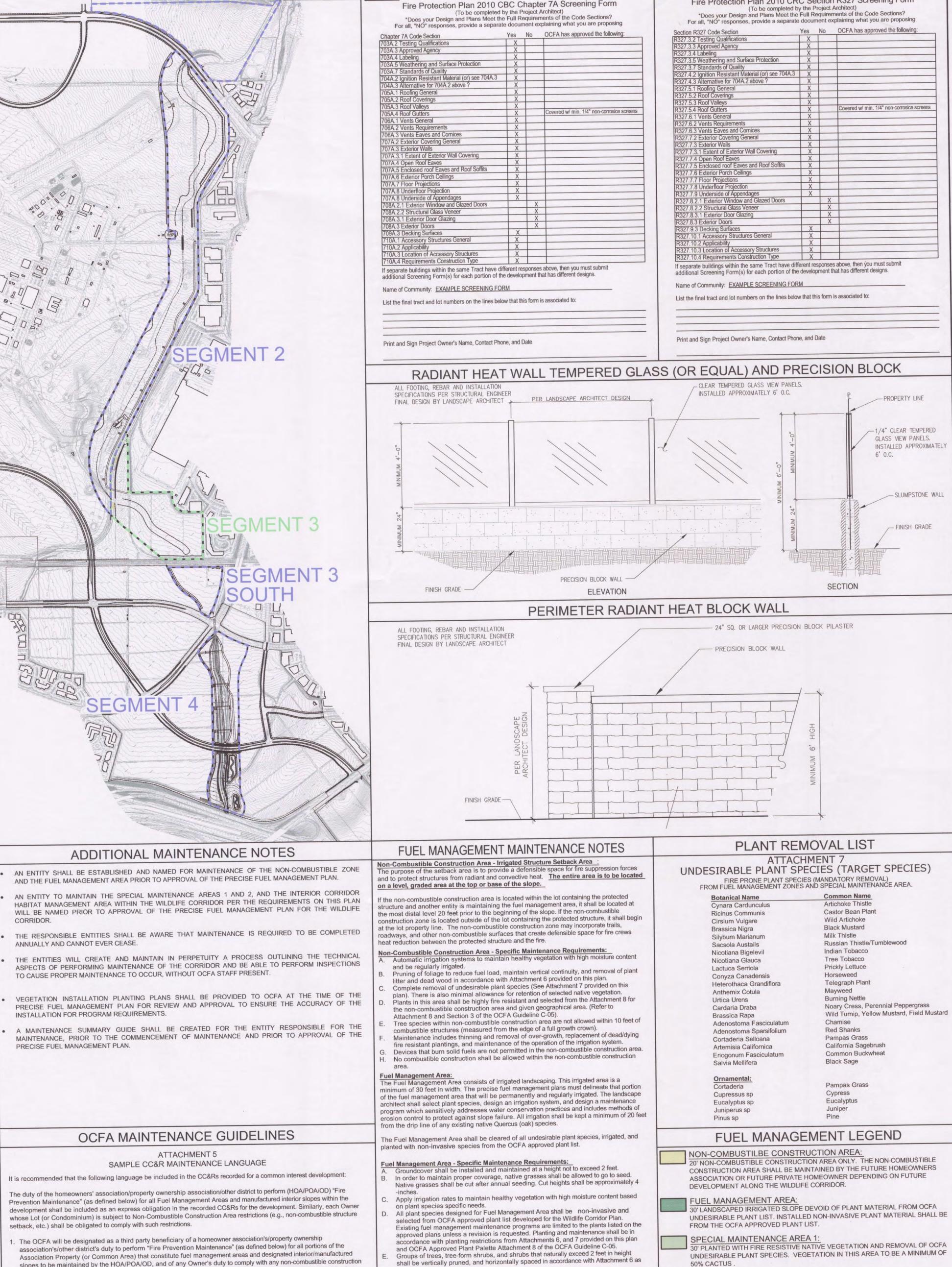
The science panel also emphasized the need for flexibility in addressing issues that may arise during and after implementation, which would depend on an effective corridor monitoring program. Monitoring use of the corridor by wildlife could be performed in part by local schools, citizen action groups, and local residents, thus presenting an educational opportunity and potentially imbuing the local community with a feeling of investment and ownership in this unique urban amenity. The proposed wildlife corridor plan could very well serve as a model for providing wildlife connectivity in a heavily urbanized landscape that will be emulated throughout California and elsewhere.

Wayne Spencer, Ph.D., Conservation Biology Institute, San Diego, CA James Strittholt, Ph.D., Conservation Biology Institute, Corvallis, OR

Appendix E

Irvine Wildlife Corridor Plan - Preliminary Fuel Management Plan
(Firesafe Planning Solutions 2013)





provided on this plan.

7 as provided on this plan.

Removal of dead and dying vegetation and undesirable plant species from Attachment

Both Special Maintenance Area 1 and Special Maintenance Area 2 shall be planted with fire

provided on this plan. Vegetation in this area to be a minimum of 50% cactus for Special Maintenance Area 1 and a minimum of 70 % cactus (or 50% cactus and 20% rock) for Special

A.C. Chaparral species, including laurel sumac (Malosma laurina), chamise

C.A. With hand held tools consistent with best management practices;

biological monitor confirms that there will be no effects to nesting birds;

(Adenostoma fasciculata), ceanothus (Ceanothus spp.), mountain mahogany

(Cercocarpus betuloides), manzanita (Arctostaphylos spp.), and Scrub oak (Quercus

A.D. Blue Elderberry (Sambucus nigra) is a component of the Mulefat scrub and shall not

Maintenance would be limited to up to twice per year, requiring a few days by small

C.B. Outside of the avian nesting season, or if during the nesting season, only after a

C.C. In a manner that will not reduce or eliminate any plants that are planned for the

C.D. In a manner that minimizes effects to either the target species (Gnatcatcher or

Vireo) and to more common species that are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty

Removal of chaparral species, to maintain absolute cover at less than 5 percent with a

habitat, coastal sage scrub and cactus scrub is important because the Gnatcatcher is

Any changes to the plant palette would require approval by OCFA and Heritage Fields. Devices that burn solid fuels are not permitted in any Special Maintenance Area.

Requirements will be removed in the remainder of the Wildlife Corridor (i.e., outside of

Special Maintenance Areas) to maintain absolute cover at less than 5 percent with a

It will be important to maintain the target vegetation as summarized in Tables 1 - 5 of

have optimal habitat conditions within the WLCF. Any changes to the plant palette

Maintaining optimal habitat for the Gnatcatcher by preventing conversion of areas of

Mosaic, other coastal sage scrub species such as California sagebrush and California

buckwheat are likely to colonize these areas over time. Such species can, combined,

10-percent cover, maintenance would be performed to maintain it at 10-percent cover or less and in accordance with specific vegetation maintenance standards for Special

Maintenance Areas, as set forth in "C.A." - "C.D." under Special Maintenance Areas -

Prior to Rough Grading Permit Issuance : A Conceptual Fuel Management Plan shall

Prior to Precise Grading Permit Issuance : A Precise Fuel Management Plan shall be obtained, with applicable note stating maintenance language will be provided in CC&Rs and reviewed prior to issuance of certificate of occupancy (Refer to Attachment 5

Prior to Building Permit Issuance: Prior to dropping lumber, the developer/builder

shall implement those portions of the approved fuel management plan determined to be

necessary by the OCFA prior to the introduction of any combustible materials into the

or a separation of combustible vegetation for a minimum distance of 100 feet from the location of the structure and lumber stock-pile. This generally involves removal and

area shall be implemented. Removal of undesirable species may meet this requirement

thinning of plant materials indicated on the approved plan. An inspection and/or release

adjacent to structures must be installed, irrigated, and inspected. This includes physical

Prior to Issuance of Certification of Occupancy: The fuel management areas

installation of features identified in the approved precise fuel management plan

(including, but not limited to, plant establishment, thinning, irrigation, zone markers, access easements, etc). An OCFA Inspector will provide written approval of completion at the time of this final inspection. A written disclosure may be requested by the OCFA

Inspector indicating that the homeowner is aware of the non-combustible construction

Copies of buyer or builder signed emergency and maintenance access easements shall

ASSOCIATION/OTHER DISTRICT (HOA/POA/OD) Maintenance Acceptance from

Developer: This inspection/meeting must include the Fire Inspector and the following

The fuel management areas shall be maintained as originally installed and approved,

the HOA/POA/OD representatives at this time. Landscape professionals must convey

language for maintenance must also be provided and approved by the OCFA (Refer to

maintenance of the fuel management area. All areas must be maintained indefinitely in

areas each year, and outside of nesting season for special maintenance areas. Perform

to mid fall. Other activities include maintenance of irrigation systems, replacement of

ntenance sometime within time periods of mid to late spring and once again in early

ongoing maintenance requirements to HOA/POA/OD representatives. The CC&R

Annual Inspection and Maintenance: The property owner is responsible for all

accordance with notes on the approved fuel management plans. This includes a minimum of two growth reduction maintenance activities throughout all fuel management

unless otherwise approved by OCFA. A copy of the approved plans must be provided to

area on their land and that they are aware of the associated restrictions of the area.

Specific Maintenance Requirements. The need for this maintenance would be

reach 10-percent total cover within the open cactus scrub areas. Where it exceeds

While not included in the plant palette for areas of Open Southern Cactus Scrub

coastal sage scrub and cactus scrub to chaparral also minimizes fire risks.

minimum of 30-foot spacing between chaparral individuals in order to maintain optimal

the Irvine Wildlife Corridor Plan to ensure that the Gnatcatcher and other target species

minimum of 30-foot spacing between chaparral individuals, from areas of riparian

Combustible construction is not allowed within any Special Maintenance Area.

species listed in "A" under Special Maintenance Areas - Specific Maintenance

resistive native vegetation and removal of OCFA Undesirable Plant Species per Attachment 7

Maintenance Area 2. Subject to availability, planting may occur in multiple growing seasons to

Devices that burn solid fuels are not permitted in the fuel management area.

Combustible construction is not allowed within the Fuel Management Area.

achieve the densities set for the plant palette for both Special Maintenance Areas.

Special Maintenance Area - Specific Maintenance Requirements:

A.B. "Undesirable" species listed in Attachment 7, and

A. Maintenance would be limited to removal of:

berberidifolia) as described below in "D".

be treated as the other Chaparral species.

crews using only hand held tools.

an identified target species.

habitat conditions for the Gnatcatcher.

provided on this plan).

would require approval by OCFA and Heritage Fields.

uel Management Implementation & Required Inspections

letter to the building department is required.

be presented upon occupancy final (See Section 1G).

- HOA/POA/OD management representative

HOA/POA/OD landscape maintenance contractor

Landscape design professional

Installing landscape contractor

Attachment 5 on this plan).

Prior to HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION/PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

area: and

Vegetation management will be done

A.A. Non-native invasive species that volunteer,

CBC CHAPTER 7A SCREENING FORM

RADIANT HEAT ZONE

Association Property (or Common Area) that constitute fuel management areas and designated interior/manufactured slopes to be maintained by the HOA/POA/OD, and of any Owner's duty to comply with any non-combustible construction area restrictions applicable to their lot (or condominium). Additionally, OCFA shall have the right, but not the obligation, to enforce the homeowners' association's duty to perform such Fire Prevention Maintenance, and to enforce compliance by any owner with any non-combustible construction area restrictions applicable to their lot (or Condominium). In furtherance of such right the OCFA shall be entitled to recover its costs of suit, including its actual attorneys' fees, if it prevails in an enforcement action against a HOA/POA/OD and/or an individual owner. (A sample third party beneficiary provision to be incorporated into the CC&Rs is attached hereto as Addendum "1").

As used herein, "Fire Prevention Maintenance" shall mean the following:

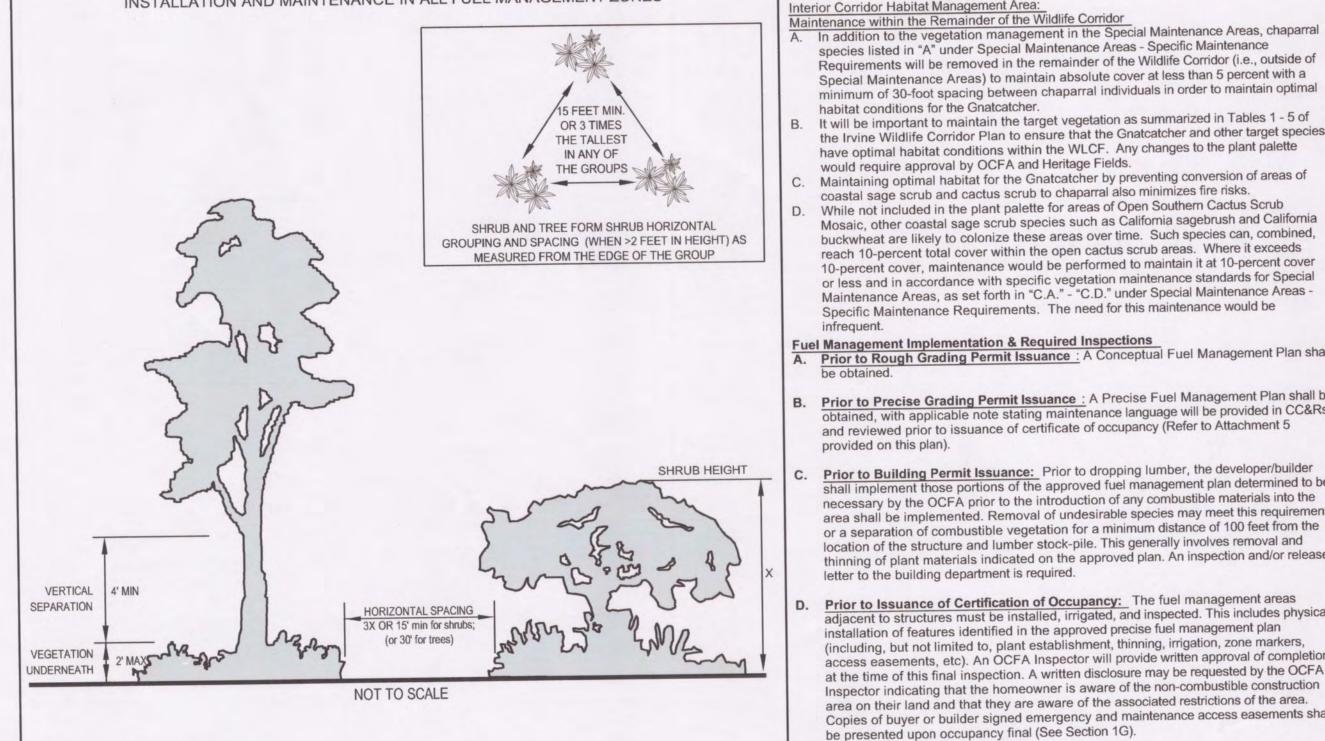
SEGMENT MAP

SEGMENT

(i) All portions of the Association Property (or Common Area) that constitute fuel management area or designated interior/manufactured slopes shall be regularly maintained by the HOA/POA/OD on a year-round basis in accordance with the fuel management plan on file with the property manager for the development. (ii) The irrigation system for fuel management area or designated interior/manufactured slopes shall be kept in good condition and proper working order at all times. The irrigation system shall not be turned off except for necessary

ADDENDUM "1" Enforcement by the OCFA: The OCFA is hereby designated as an intended third party beneficiary of the HOA/POA/OD duties to perform "Fire Prevention Maintenance" for all portions of the Association Property (or Common Areas) consisting of fuel management areas or designated interior/manufactured slopes in accordance with the fuel management plan, and of each Owner's duty to comply with any non-combustible construction area or designated interior/manufactured slopes restrictions applicable to his Lot (or condominium) as set forth in the fuel management plan. In furtherance thereof, the OCFA shall have the right, but not the obligation, to enforce the performance by the HOA/POA/OD of its duties and any other fire prevention requirements which were imposed by the OCFA or other public agency as a condition of approval for the development (e.g., prohibition of parking in fire lanes, maintenance of the blue reflective markers indicating the location of fire hydrants, etc.) and shall also have the right, but not the obligation, to enforce compliance by any owner with any non-combustible construction area or designated interior/manufactured slopes restrictions applicable to his lot (or condominium) as set forth in the fuel management plan. If in its sole discretion, the OCFA shall deem it necessary to take legal action against the HOA/POA/OD or any owner to enforce such duties or other requirements, and prevails in such action, the OCFA shall be entitled to recover the full costs of said action including its actual attorneys' fees, and to impose a lien against the association property, or an owner's lot (or condominium), as the case may be, until said costs are paid in full.

> ATTACHMENT 6 HORIZONTAL SPACING AND VERTICAL SEPARATION REQUIREMENTS FOR INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE IN ALL FUEL MANAGEMENT ZONES



Less than 2 Feet in Height (Ground Cover / Grasses): No horizontal spacing or vertical separation is required. Ground cover / Grasses should cover the entire ground

between groups of shrubs or trees. Ground cover shall not exceed 2 feet in height. Feet in Height or Greater: Shrub and Tree Group Size: All Shrubs and Trees can be in groups of 3 specimens or less. No horizontal spacing is required inside the group. Shrub / Tree-form Shrub Group Spacing:

 Groups of shrubs shall be spaced by the greater of the following two measurements: A distance of 15 feet minimum (or) 3 times the height of the tallest specimen in any of the groups. No vegetation over 2 feet in height is allowed within 15 feet from the edge of tree canopy(s). Tree Group Spacing: Groups of Trees shall be spaced by a distance of 30 feet minimum regardless of height.

Vertical Separation Less than 10 Feet in Height:

 When the fuel management zone is within 30 feet of the structure, a vertical separation of 2 feet minimum is required from the vegetation below 10 Feet in Height or Greater: A vertical separation of 4 feet minimum is required to be maintained from the vegetation below.

dead or dying vegetation with approved species, removal of dead plant material, removal of trees and shrubs not on the approved plans, and removal of undesirable highly Trees only: All vegetation located underneath trees, shall be a maximum of 2 feet in height. combustible species. The OCFA may conduct inspections of established fuel modification areas. Ongoing maintenance shall be conducted a minimum of twice each year regardless of the dates of these inspections. The property owner shall retain all approved fuel management plans. The plans should be used to perform the

CRC SECTION R327 SCREENING FORM

Fire Protection Plan 2010 CRC Section R327 Screening Form

RADIANT HEAT ZONE

UNDESIRABLE PLANT LIST. INSTALLED NON-INVASIVE PLANT MATERIAL SHALL BE 30' PLANTED WITH FIRE RESISTIVE NATIVE VEGETATION AND REMOVAL OF OCFA

50% CACTUS SPECIAL MAINTENANCE AREA 2: INDICATED 30' PLANTED AREA WITH FIRE RESISTIVE NATIVE VEGETATION AND REMOVAL OF OCFA UNDESIRABLE PLANT SPECIES. VEGETATION IN THIS AREA TO BE A MINIMUM OF 70% CACTUS OR 50% CACTUS AND 20% ROCK.

SYMBOL LEGEND RADIANT HEAT CONSTRUCTION ZONE:
ANY STRUCTURE WITHIN 100' OF THE NON-COMBUSTIBLE CONSTRUCTION AREA AS INDICATED ON PLAN SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL SECTIONS OF THE 2010 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE CHAPTER 7A OR 2010 CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL CODE SECTION R327 EXCEPT FOR WINDOWS AND DOORS. REFER TO EXAMPLE SCREENING FORMS

PROVIDED ON THIS PLAN.

RADIANT HEAT WALL CONSTRUCTED PER THE REQUIREMENTS ON THE DETAIL PROVIDED ON THIS PLAN SHEET PFM-5. FINAL DESIGN TO BE PROVIDED BY A LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT. FUEL MANAGEMENT SECTION LOCATIONS: REFER TO THIS SHEET FOR FUEL MANAGEMENT SECTIONS ON PAGE 25' WIDE ACCESS SHALL BE ABLE TO SUPPORT TYPE III

FIRE APPARATUS TURN AROUND PROVIDED AT END OF 25' ACCESS BORREGO CHANNEL CROSSING

INTERIOR CORRIDOR HABITAT MANAGEMENT AREA VEGETATION MANAGEMENT LIMITED TO REMOVAL OF INVASIVES. REMOVAL OF CHAPARRAL SPECIES AND LIMITED REMOVAL OF CERTAIN COSTAL SAGE SCRUB SPECIES WITHIN OPEN SOUTHERN CACTUS SCRUB AREAS AS DESCRIBED WITHIN THE IRVINE WILDLIFE CORRIDOR

SHEET INDEX DESCRIPTION TITLE SHEET WILDLIFE CORRIDOR PLAN CONCEPT DESIGN AND PLANTING PFM-2

FUEL MANAGEMENT LAYOUT SEGMENT 2 PFM-3 FUEL MANAGEMENT LAYOUT SEGMENT 2 AND 3 PFM-4 FUEL MANAGEMENT LAYOUT SEGMENT 3S AND 4 PFM-5 FUEL MANAGEMENT SECTIONS PFM-6 ADDITIONAL OCFA NOTES THERE IS NO EXISTING FEDERALLY PROTECTED ANIMAL OR BIRD HABITAT WITHIN THE

FUEL MANAGEMENT AREAS WE ARE PROPOSING WITHIN THE HERITAGE FIELDS, LLC DEVELOPMENT AREA. THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO THE INTERIOR OF THE WILDLIFE THERE IS NO RESTRICTION REGARDING THE DATES OF PLANT DENSITY THINNING THROUGHOUT THE YEAR WITHIN THE FUEL MANAGEMENT AREAS WE ARE PROPOSING

WITHIN THE HERITAGE FIELDS, LLC DEVELOPMENT AREA. THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO THE INTERIOR OF THE WILDLIFE CORRIDOR. MAINTENANCE IS REQUIRED IN THE LATE SPRING AND EARLY FALL EACH YEAR WITHIN THE FUEL MANAGEMENT AREAS WE ARE PROPOSING WITHIN THE HERITAGE FIELDS, LLC DEVELOPMENT AREA. THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO THE INTERIOR OF THE WILDLIFE

A 20' WIDE, 13'-6" VERTICAL CLEARANCE SHALL BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES ON

THE PRECISE FUEL MANAGEMENT PLAN SHALL USE THE SAME NON-COMBUSTIBLE CONSTRUCTION SET-BACK ZONE, FUEL MANAGEMENT ZONES AND SPECIAL MAINTENANCE AREAS DISTANCES AS APPROVED ON THIS PLAN.

OCFA APPROVAL

NOTE: PRIOR TO THE ISSUANCE OF A PRECISE GRADING PERMIT FOR THE WILDLIFE CORRIDOR, A PRECISE FUEL MANAGEMENT PLAN SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO OCFA FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL.

Nor A CONCERTUR FUEL MOD DUAR ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY REVIEWED by Planning & Developmen Approval subject to field inspection and required test, notations hereon, conditions in correspondence and conformance with applicable regulations. The stamping of these plans shall not be held to permit or approve the violation of any law. OCFA Service Request #__ Fee Codes:_ Plan Type: WA Date: 0-15-(Employee # 9770 ONLY STAMPED SHEETS REVIEWED BY ORANGE COUNTY FIRE AUTHORITY

Call 48 hrs. in advance

to schedule inspections:

714-573-6150

SCALE: 1" = 450'-0" NORTH PLAN SET: IRVINE WILDLIFE CORRIDOR PLAN

PLAN CONTROL

HERITAGE FIELDS EL TORO, LLC

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maintenance. As property is transferred, property owners shall disclose the location and regulations of fuel management area or non-combustible construction area to the new PRELIMINARY FUEL MANAGEMENT PLAN IRVINE WILDLIFE CORRIDOR PLAN TITLE SHEET

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