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Mr. Richard Bagley
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Re: Restoration of Off-site Cleared Area

Dear Mr. Bagley,

At the request of Martin Nilsen I have reviewed the project issues checklist issued by the County dated 4/6/2015, Item 3-1 of which requires a Biological Resources Letter Report and a Restoration Plan, including a Revegetation Plan.

As you are aware I prepared the original Biological Resources Report for Major Grading Permit L-15684 in December 2012. As part of that report I provided a Biological Resources Map (dated 12/11/2012). The area in question for the current issue, a strip contiguous with the western boundary of the southernmost lot, was mapped as Non-Native Grassland.

After the off-site clearing was conducted, I visited the site in September 2014 (Photographs attached). At that time, the cleared area consisted of bare mineral earth. I again visited the site on 10 April 2015.

As can be seen in the attached comparative photographs, the cleared area is now vegetated with mostly native plant species, especially tarweed *Deinandra fasciculata*, known for its propensity to colonize recently disturbed areas. Non-native grasses (*e.g.*, wild oats *Avena* sp. have also self-established, as well as several Coastal Sage Scrub species such as California sagebrush *Artemisia californica* and flat-top buckwheat *Eriogonum fasciculatum*.

Because Coastal Sage Scrub is far more rare and sensitive than Non-Native Grassland, it seems inappropriate to me to remove it with a goal of reestablishing the previous vegetation community, Non-Native Grassland. The area is well into the process of natural plant community succession towards Coastal Sage Scrub, and should need no further restoration, revegetation, or augmentation to enhance that process.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to conduct this work and prepare this report. Please contact me if you need any additional information or clarification.

Sincerely,



William T. Everett
San Diego County Approved Biological Consultant



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