

**Berriman Ranch**  
***Delineation of Waters of the United States***  
***and State of California***

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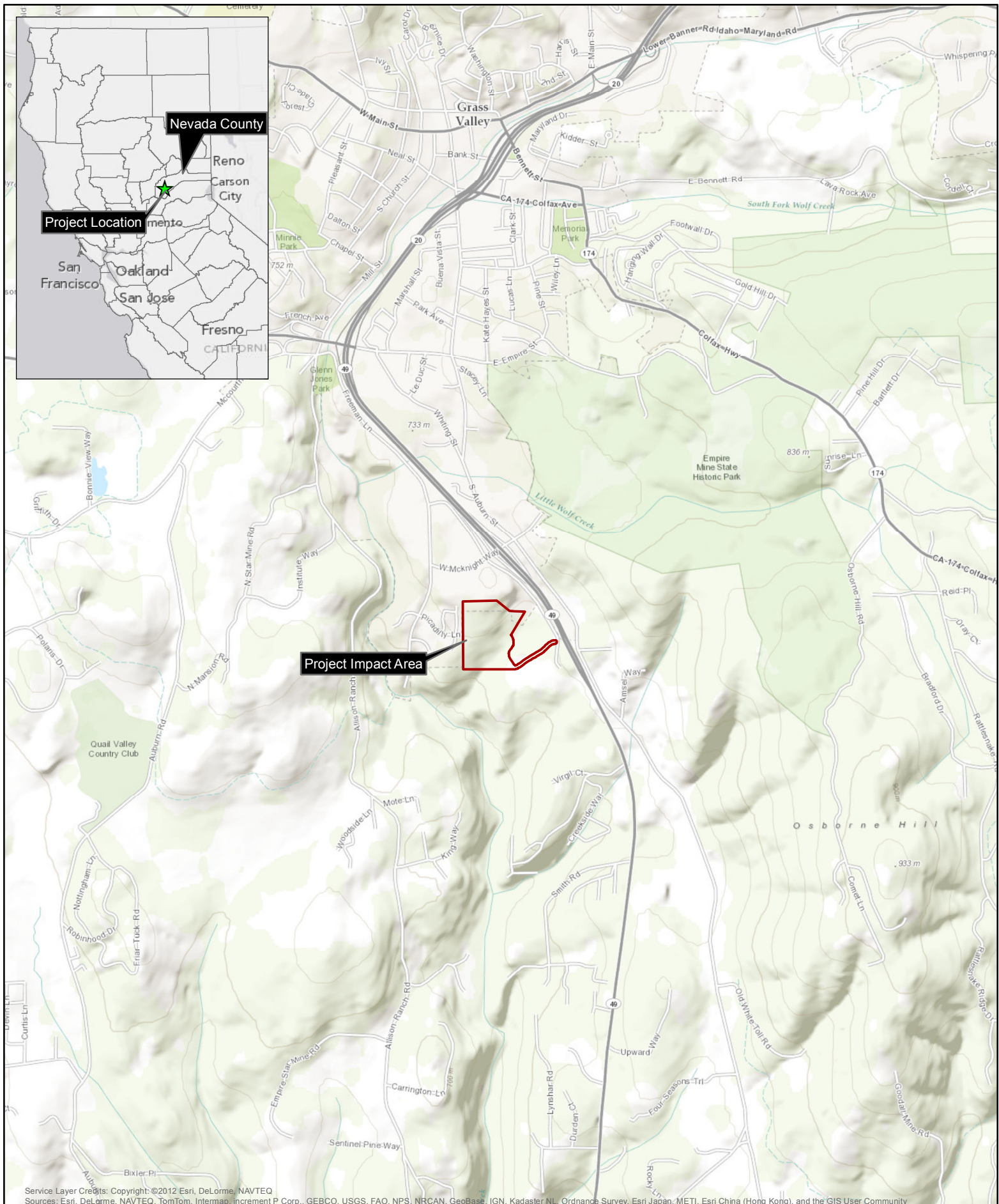
## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Greg Matuzak, a Wetlands Consultant, conducted a delineation of potential waters of the United States and State of California, as well as assessed California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) jurisdiction, within the Berriman Ranch residential development and fire road project area located within the City of Grass Valley in Nevada County, California (Figure 1). The site is located within APN 22-140-03 and 22-160-03 and within Section 2, Township 15 North, Range 8 East within the USGS Grass Valley Quadrangle. The proposed project includes the development of residential units and the upgrade of an existing road to meet City of Grass Valley and local fire code standards. The proposed project includes the development of residential units connecting just east of Picadilly Lane, an existing street within the City of Grass Valley. Additionally, the proposed project plan includes the upgrade and development of an existing road that would connect Picadilly Lane with the newly developed residential units, and then with Taylorville Road.

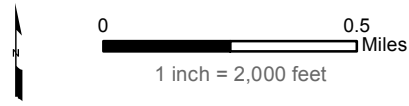
The project is located in the City of Grass Valley, immediately south of Nevada City, in Nevada County. The project area is generally bound by two roads: Picadilly Lane to the west and Taylorville Road to the east. An existing residential development along Picadilly Lane just west of the proposed residential unit development borders the project area to the west. The project area encompasses approximately 22 total acres. The project area includes vacant private land and it is surrounded by a mix of residential and retail uses. The area surrounding the proposed project area consists of several existing commercial and residential land uses, and to a lesser degree public and quasi-public land uses.

The site is covered mostly by Ponderosa Pine, Annual Grassland, and Abandoned Orchard habitats. The site also includes small amounts of Foothill Hardwood, Foothill Riparian, and Freshwater Emergent Wetland habitats. Significant portions of the old orchards are associated with facultative mesic meadow plants and characterize the delineated wetlands associated with the project site drainages and drainage patterns. Site topography slopes gradually to the west towards Wolf Creek, where onsite drainages connect to. The site is approximately 2,200 feet above mean sea level; elevations increase in east, north, and south directions as the terrain drains to the west (Figure 2). The study area supports Annual Grassland, Orchard, Orchard/Wet Meadow/Seasonal Wetland, Montane Hardwood Woodland, Foothill Riparian habitat, and Fresh Emergent Wetland habitat types. The Foothill Riparian habitat and much of the associated wetlands within the site occur along the main tributary systems to Wolf Creek that cross the property from the east to the west. There is one main unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek that crosses the existing access and fire road, which contains a large culvert to allow water passage under the road.

The purpose of the delineation of waters of the United States on the study area was to determine the location and extent of areas that meet the Corps' criteria as waters of the United States, including wetlands, pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (1972) to assist the SCO with development plans of the site. In addition, this delineation assessed the extent of RWQCB jurisdiction under the Clean Water Act and Porter-Cologne Water Quality Act, as well as CDFW jurisdiction, which are limited to rivers, lakes, and streams under the California Fish and Wildlife Code Section 1600 et. seq. This preliminary jurisdictional determination used methods accepted by the Corps as detailed in the Wetlands Delineation Manual (Environmental Laboratory, 1987) and more recently in the Interim Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Western Mountains, Valleys and Coast Regions (April 2008). Additionally, existing reporting for the site was reviewed, including a Biological Inventory and Habitat Management Plan (EcoSynthesis, 2006),



**Figure 1**  
**Project Vicinity**  
 Berriman Ranch







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**Figure 2**  
**Project Location**  
Berriman Ranch



Special-status Plant Survey Report (EcoSynthesis, 2008), and the Soil Survey for Nevada County, California ([www.websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov)) to better characterize the nature and extent of potential jurisdictional areas on the subject site. Any proposed development in areas identified as jurisdictional “waters” is subject to the permit requirements of the Corps, under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, and would also require a Section 401 water quality certification or waiver thereof. A Streambed Alteration Agreement from the CDFW would also be required for impacts within the jurisdiction covering such an Agreement with CDFW.

## **2.0 REGULATORY OVERVIEW AND DEFINITIONS**

The Corps, under provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act and Corps’ implementing regulations, has jurisdiction over the “waters of the United States.” “Waters” include all waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide, all interstate waters, all other waters (intrastate lakes, rivers, streams, mudflats, sandflats, playa lakes, natural ponds, seasonal drainage channels, etc.), all impoundments of waters otherwise defined as “waters of the U.S.”, tributaries of waters otherwise defined as “waters of the U.S.”, territorial seas, and wetlands adjacent to “waters of the U.S.”.

Areas not considered to be jurisdictional waters include non-tidal drainage and irrigation ditches excavated on dry land, artificially-irrigated areas, artificial lakes or ponds excavated on dry land used for irrigation or stock watering, small artificial water bodies such as swimming pools, and water filled depressions (51 Fed. Reg. 41, 217 1986). In addition, a Supreme Court ruling (SWANCC vs. Corps, January 9, 2001) determined that the Corps exceeded its statutory authority by asserting Clean Water Act jurisdiction over “an abandoned sand and gravel pit in northern Illinois, which provides habitat for migratory birds.” Based solely on the use of such waters by migratory birds, the Supreme Court’s holding was strictly limited to waters that are “non-navigable, isolated, and intrastate.”

The Supreme Court further addressed the extent of the Corps’ jurisdiction in *Rapanos v. U.S.* (June 19, 2006). There, a sharply divided Court issued multiple opinions, none of which garnered the support of a majority of Justices. This created substantial uncertainty as to which jurisdictional test should be used going forward. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal, which encompasses California, answered this in *Northern California River Watch v. City of Healdsburg* (August 11, 2006). There, the Court held that Justice Kennedy’s opinion in *Rapanos* provides the controlling rule of law. Under that rule, wetlands or other waters which are not navigable in fact are subject to the Corps jurisdiction if they have a “significant nexus” to a navigable-in-fact waterway. As Justice Kennedy explained, whether a “significant nexus” exists in any given situation will have to be decided on a case-by-case basis, depending on site-specific circumstances. Corps Headquarters in Washington, D.C. is working on substantive guidance to its District Offices as to how to apply these rulings. Pending issuance of that guidance, this report describes aquatic features on the property which meet the physical characteristics of wetlands or other waters. This represents the maximum amount of area on the property that may constitute “waters of the United States” which are subject to Corps jurisdiction. This information will be submitted to the Corps with a request that they verify this delineation. At that time, the Corps will determine whether all, a portion, or none of these aquatic features are subject to their jurisdiction in light of these court decisions. In any event, these rulings do not alter the extent of State jurisdiction over “waters of the State” (which are subject to RWQCB jurisdiction, or “rivers, lakes or streams” subject to CDFW jurisdiction.

CDFW has regulatory authority over any work within rivers, lakes and streams of the State of

California (California Fish and Wildlife Code Sections 1601-1603) on public, private and agricultural lands. Features that are regulated by CDFW include all rivers, streams, or lakes including man-made watercourses with or without wetlands, if they contain a definable bed and bank and have fish or wildlife habitat.

**Hydrophytic vegetation** dominates areas where frequency and duration of inundation or soil saturation exerts a controlling influence on the plant species present. Plant species are assigned wetland indicator status according to the probability of their occurring in wetlands. More than fifty percent of the dominant plant species must have a wetland indicator status to meet the hydrophytic vegetation criterion. The USFWS has published the *National List of Plant Species That Occur In Wetlands* (1988, revised draft 1997, Corps update of wetland ratings 2014), which separates vascular plants into the following basic categories based on plant species frequency of occurrence in wetlands:

- Obligate wetland (OBL). Occur almost always (estimated probability >99%) under natural conditions in wetlands.
- Facultative Wetland (FACW). Usually occur in wetlands (estimated probability 67%-99%), but occasionally found in non-wetlands.
- Facultative (FAC). Equally likely to occur in wetlands or non-wetlands (estimated probability 34%-66%).
- Facultative Upland (FACU). Usually occur in non-wetlands (estimated probability 67%-99%), but occasionally found in wetlands (estimated probability 1%-33%).
- Obligate Upland (UPL). May occur in wetlands in another region, but occur almost always (estimated probability >99%) under natural conditions in non-wetlands in the region specified.

The Corps considers OBL, FACW, and FAC species to be indicators of wetlands. An area is considered to have hydrophytic vegetation when greater than 50 percent of the dominant species in each vegetative stratum (tree, shrub, and herb) fall within these categories. Any species not appearing on the updated 2014 list is assumed to be an upland species, almost never occurring in wetlands.

**Hydric soils** are saturated or inundated for a sufficient duration during the growing season to develop anaerobic or reducing conditions that favor the growth and regeneration of hydrophytic vegetation. In Northern California, sufficient duration is defined as a minimum of two weeks during the growing season. Field indicators of wetland soils include observations of ponding, inundation, or saturation, dark (low chroma) soil colors, bright mottles (concentrations of oxidized minerals such as iron), or gleying, which indicates reducing conditions by a blue-grey color. Additional supporting information includes documentation of soil as hydric or reference to wet conditions in the local soils survey, both of which must be verified in the field.

**Wetland hydrology** is inundation or soil saturation with a frequency and duration long enough to cause the development of hydric soils and plant communities dominated by hydrophytic vegetation. If direct observation of wetland hydrology is not possible (as in seasonal wetlands), or records of wetland hydrology are not available (such as stream gauges), assessment of

wetland hydrology is frequently supported by indicators, such as water marks, drift lines, sediment deposits, or drainage patterns in wetlands.

**Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM)** is that line on the shore or banks of a water course established by the fluctuations of water and indicated by physical characteristics such as a clear, natural line impressed on the bank, shelving, changes in the character of soil, destruction of terrestrial vegetation, the presence of litter and debris, or other appropriate means that consider the characteristics of the surrounding area.

### 3.0 METHODS

The delineation of potential Section 404 “waters of the United States” and wetlands (as a subcategory of waters), RWQCB “waters of the State”, and CDFW jurisdictional areas on the property was conducted on June 24<sup>th</sup>, June 29<sup>th</sup>, and July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 using the routine methodology as detailed in the Corps’s 1987 *Wetlands Delineation Manual*. Reconnaissance-level site visits were conducted earlier in June 2014 that aided the characterization of the extent of potential jurisdictional areas. The entire project area was surveyed on foot by a wetlands ecologist and GPS/GIS specialist (Greg Matuzak and Kate Gross) for the presence of waters of the U.S. and State of California, including wetlands. The survey area included a 60 foot corridor centered on the existing access road that cuts through the project area. The existing access road is approximately 20 to 26 feet wide and an additional 17 to 20 feet was surveyed on each side of the access road for a total of a 60 foot corridor. In addition, several additional areas, including the existing unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek that crosses the project area, were included as part of the survey. The area surveyed is outlined in Figure 2.

Within the project area, normal circumstances exist because the site has been disturbed by historic farming practices and road maintenance operations, public access, and ongoing site management for many years and is now considered normal for the site. Dumping of soils, landscape materials and other miscellaneous items has also occurred for many years, and the current circumstances are now considered normal for the site. Areas not subject to this regular type of disturbance are dominated by native habitat and therefore, are also the normal circumstance. The presence of sandy and sandy loam soil mapping units on the property classifies the site as a potential problem area, and careful attention was paid while evaluating onsite soils.

The onsite unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek and adjacent topographic low areas dominated by native vegetation were the focus of the wetland delineation investigation given that the areas outside of this area were clearly upland, marked by the presence of non-native and native annual grassland species. The site visits in June and July 2014 followed no seasonal rain events and therefore, direct observation of hydrology in some areas of the project site was not possible. The potential waters of the U.S. were mapped based on the observable signs of wetland hydrology (i.e.: presence of drainage patterns and an observable ordinary high water mark within the onsite unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek). Areas containing a predominance of wetland and riparian vegetation within and adjacent to the unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek were mapped as wetland-waters of the U.S. because all three wetland parameters were met. In all of the areas surveyed, the extent of Corps and RWQCB jurisdiction were identical given that any area not showing hydric soils also did not meet the test for hydrophytic vegetation. Potential “waters” were delineated on an aerial photograph (see Figure 3 and Figure 4). Data observation points were collected in areas of the site that characterized potential “waters” which primarily consisted of areas that contained evidence of wetland hydrology (i.e. within or adjacent to the

unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek and in topographic low areas). The OHWM associated with the unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek was identified and areas containing sediment deposition, as well as the extent of hydrophytic vegetation, were used to identify the potential extent of Corps and RWQCB jurisdiction.

The unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek within the project area was determined to fall under CDFW jurisdiction based on the presence of a distinct bed and bank and its hydrologic connection to other natural drainage features in the region. The associated Foothill Riparian habitat connecting the unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek was considered a Foothill Riparian Wetland given the presence of hydric soils (from soil test pits), hydrophytic vegetation, and the connection to the tributary.

Data observation points were taken in the drainage feature and in areas dominated by hydrophytic plant species, as well as adjacent upland areas to characterize the extent of potential Federal and State jurisdiction. Soil pits were excavated to a depth of approximately 12 to 16 inches during the delineation. Given the dry nature of the site at the time of the survey, soils in general were very dry, dusty on the surface, and difficult to reach below 12 to 16 inches. Soils were not investigated in all areas of the site given most of the western section of the project area contained upland plant species and no indicators of wetland hydrology. Hydric soils were presumed absent in these locations as the areas were devoid of wetland vegetation and contained no positive indicators of wetland hydrology. Information recorded at each data point location included plant species composition (to determine the presence/absence of hydrophytic vegetation), presence/absence of indicators of wetland hydrology, and in areas containing potential wetland habitat, indicators of hydric soils.

Our final determination of potential waters of the U.S. and state of California within the subject property was based on the dominance of wetland vegetation, the presence of hydric soils, and the presence of an observable OHWM within the unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek.

## **4.0 RESULTS**

### **4.1 Summary**

A total of eight (8) data observation points were used to delineate potential waters of the U.S. and State of California on the property. The majority of the property is upland habitat composed of Ponderosa Pine, Annual Grassland, and abandoned orchard habitats. However, much of the abandoned orchards are located within the drainage patterns associated with the unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek. Classification of the onsite habitat types corresponds to the descriptions of natural terrestrial communities identified within the Nevada County Natural Resources Report (NCNRR; Nevada County, 2002). Appendix A includes a list of plant species observed during the surveys and Appendix B illustrates the USDA soil mapping units that occur on the property. Appendix C includes the wetland determination data forms and Appendix D includes a photo log of the site.

The majority of areas identified as potential waters of the U.S. within the project area are wetland waters as they contained a predominance of hydrophytic plant species, an observable drainage pattern or secondary indicator of wetland hydrology, and had hydric soil indicators. Wetlands were generally associated with the unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek and associated riparian habitat along both sides of the access and fire road. A small patch of seasonal wetland was identified and mapped observed onsite adjacent to the unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek in a wet meadow/seasonal wetland area. The unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek is considered a



stream with a clear OHWM and positive indicators of wetland hydrology given the drainage was dry during the surveys. In total, the delineation of waters of the U. S. identified approximately 1.72 acres of potential Foothill Riparian Wetland, 0.03 acres of Seasonal Wetland, and approximately 0.06 acres of Seasonal Streams. The mapped features are included in Figure 3 and Figure 4. As previously stated, our investigation determined that the entire reach of the unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek and associated riparian habitat within the project area is a CDFW jurisdictional area.

Potential waters of the U.S. consist of the unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek, which is seasonal stream since it contains a clear bed and bank and OHWM but was dry during the surveys. The unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek and associated riparian habitat and seasonal wetland onsite are hydrologically connected to Wolf Creek, the Bear River, the Feather River, the Sacramento River, the San Francisco Delta, and ultimately the Pacific Ocean. One area in the northern section of the project area contained marginal hydrophytic vegetation, non-hydric soils, and is hydrologically isolated from the unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek and was determined to not fall within the Corps' jurisdiction. The unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek and associated riparian and seasonal wetland areas (identified in Figure 3 and Figure 4 Wetland Delineation Maps) were also determined to fall under RWQCB jurisdiction based on the dominance of hydrophytic vegetation.

#### **4.2 Site Drainage**

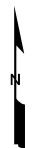
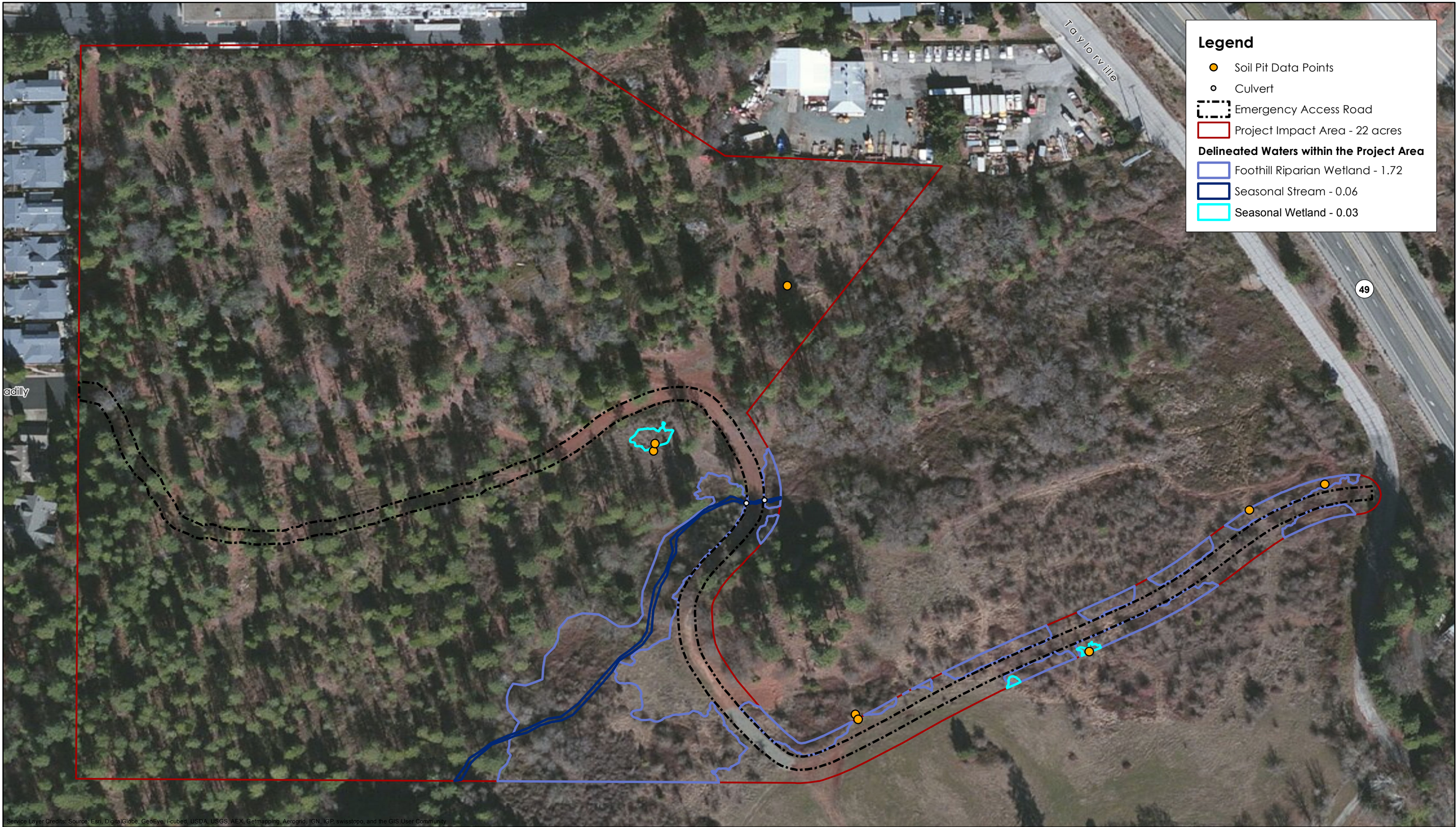
The site drainage runs from the east towards the west, with most of the site drainage crossing the project area within the unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek. The unnamed drainage crosses the existing site access and fire road through a large culvert. Associated riparian habitats in the eastern area of the project area contain hydric soils and hydrophytic vegetation; therefore, the unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek and associated riparian habitats have been identified as waters of the U.S. and waters of the State of California. The only feature within the project area that contains an OHWM and defined bed and bank is the unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek, which has been identified as a Seasonal Stream in the project area given the stream was dry during the surveys.

#### **4.3 Vegetation**

The project area is composed primarily of Ponderosa Pine, Annual Grassland, and abandoned orchard habitats. However, the abandoned orchard habitats are associated generally with the riparian habitats adjacent to the unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek and are considered Foothill Riparian Wetlands. The Ponderosa Pine habitats also include incense cedar (*Calocedrus decurrens*) and California black oak (*Quercus kelloggii*). The Annual Grassland habitats contain bromes (*Bromus diandrus* and *B. hordeaceus*), wild oats (*Avena* sp.), orchard grass (*Dactylis glomerata*), tall fescue (*Festuca arundinacea*), among other native and non-native grasses. The abandoned orchard areas, which are primarily associated with Foothill Riparian Wetlands, include white alders (*Alnus rhombifolia*) and willows (*Salix laevigata* and *S. lasiolepis*) in addition to Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*), Baltic rush (*Juncus balticus*), and iris-leaved rush (*Juncus xiphioides*).

Areas identified as seasonal wetlands and wetlands associated with the unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek contain a diverse palette of native herbaceous wetland species, such as clustered field sedge (*Carex praegracilis*), umbrella sedge (*Cyperus eragrostis*), Baltic rush (*Juncus balticus*), and iris-leaved rush (*Juncus xiphioides*). In addition, an obligate wetland species,





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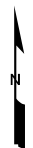


**Figure 3**  
**Delineated Water of the United States**  
Berriman Ranch





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**Figure 4**  
**Delineated Water of the United States**  
Berriman Ranch



cattail (*Typha* sp.) is also present in the topographic low areas adjacent to the unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek.

#### 4.4 Soils

The USDA identifies three soil mapping units within the project survey area and include: (1) Musick sandy loam, 15-50% slopes; 2) Musick sandy loam, 5-15% slopes; and 3) Alluvia land, clayey (See Appendix B for Soils Map). The Alluvial land, clayey soil mapping unit is associated with the unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek and associated Foothill Riparian habitat and wetlands. The other two soil mapping units, which include the Musick sandy loam, 15-50% slopes and Musick sandy loam, 5-15% slopes occur within the upland portions of the study area that generally contain native and non-native grasslands and ponderosa pines. The following provides a brief overview of these soil mapping units:

**Musick sandy loam, 15-50% slopes (MrE)** is a well drained soil underlain by weathered granodiorite. Permeability is moderately slow in the subsoil. Runoff from this soil is medium to rapid on this soil. This soil is associated with areas used mostly for timber production. This soil is found in the western and northern areas of the project area adjacent to Picadilly Lane where stands of ponderosa occur within the site.

**Musick sandy loam, 5-15% slopes (MrC)** is a well drained soil underlain by weathered granodiorite. Permeability is moderately slow in the subsoil. Runoff from this soil is medium and the hazard of erosion is moderate. This soil is associated with areas used mostly for timber production. Some areas are used for limited grazing and irrigated pasture. This soil is found in the eastern area of the project area adjacent to Taylorville Road.

**Alluvial land, clayey (Ao)** is a miscellaneous land type consisting of narrow areas of alluvial material deposited along small stream channels and drainage ways. This is a moderately well drained to poorly drained material formed in fine textured alluvium derived dominantly from metabasic and granite rock. Permeability is moderately slow to very slow in this land type and it is used for winter and spring pasture and for range. This soil mapping unit is associated with the unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek and associated riparian and wetland habitat.

#### 4.5 Hydrology

The project site has been identified as being located within the Grass Valley watershed as defined by the NCNRR. The main hydrological feature associated with the project area includes an unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek, located just west of the project area. Given the project area generally slopes from east to west, a majority of the project area drains into the unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek and eventually into Wolf Creek itself. Each data observation point was examined for positive field indicators of wetland hydrology. Indicators of wetland hydrology on the site were determined if there was an observation of a drainage pattern, water marks, cracking of the soil at the surface, and/or sediment deposits within and adjacent to the natural drainage features on site and associated riparian habitat. The preliminary Corps and RWQCB jurisdictional determination was based primarily on the presence of an observable ordinary high water mark within the unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek, but also included topographic low areas adjacent to this drainage feature that contained a predominance of wetland vegetation.

#### **4.6 Delineation of Waters of the U.S. and State of California**

This investigation within the project study area identified approximately 1.81 acres of potential wetland waters of the U.S., including 1.72 acres of Foothill Riparian Wetland, 0.03 acres of Seasonal Wetland, and 0.06 acres of Seasonal Stream. These are also considered wetland-waters of the State of California and the site does not contain any additional waters of the State of California. CDFW jurisdictional area was identified within and along the unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek. The location, extent and determining factors are detailed below.

The majority of the wetlands delineated within the project site were associated with the unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek and adjacent riparian habitats. The unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek contains a defined bed and bank and OHWM; therefore, it was identified as a Seasonal Stream and is considered a waters of the U.S. and State of California. These wetland areas are associated with the southern and eastern areas of the project area and are mostly associated with the Alluvial land, clayey (Ao) mapped soil unit, which is associated with floodplains and small streams, and where not associated with the Ao mapped soil unit, they are associated directly within and adjacent to the unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek. The unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek and associated riparian habitat and seasonal wetland onsite are hydrologically connected to Wolf Creek, the Bear River, the Feather River, the Sacramento River, the San Francisco Delta, and ultimately the Pacific Ocean and therefore, meet the definition of a waters of the U.S. and State of California.

No wetlands were identified within the access and fire road intended to be upgraded with gravel in order to meet the City of Grass Valley and local fire codes. The wetlands identified in some areas lie adjacent to the existing roads and beyond; however, if the upgrades to the existing road are contained within the existing roadway and not within any of the mapped wetland areas detailed in Figure 3 and Figure 4 then no waters of the U.S. and State of California, including wetlands should be impacted by the proposed housing development or upgrade to the existing road. The proposed housing development is located in the northwest corner of the project area in an area that does not contain any waters of the U.S. and State of California, including wetlands given it is located in an upland area containing mostly Ponderosa Pine habitat.

Areas containing a predominance of hydrophytic vegetation and hydric soils adjacent to the unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek were identified as wetland waters as all three parameters that define a Corps jurisdictional wetland were met. The entire portion of the unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek that lies within the project area falls under Corps jurisdiction pursuant to Section 404 of the CWA. In addition to the above described Corps jurisdictional areas, there are no additional features that would fall under the RWQCB jurisdiction pursuant to the Clean Water Act and Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act.

#### **5.0 CONCLUSION**

The existing access road is 20 to 26 feet wide where it crosses the project area. In order to upgrade the access road to local City of Grass Valley and fire code standards, the access road must include a gravel base of 18 feet wide with a foot of shoulder on each side of the road for a total width of 20 feet. Therefore, waters of the U.S. and waters of the State of California delineated adjacent to the existing access road within the project area are located outside of the existing road area to be upgraded and the other areas to be developed within the 22 acre project area. Therefore, the upgrades to the existing access road and other areas within the project area lie outside the mapped features potentially regulated by the Corps pursuant to Section 404 of the CWA and regulated by the RWQCB pursuant to Section 401 of the CWA.



Through the survey of waters of the U.S. and waters of the State of California, it was determined that approximately 1.72 acres in the project area are designated as Foothill Riparian Wetland associated with the unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek. In addition, adjacent to the unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek, approximately 0.03 acres of Seasonal Wetland was identified in the project area and approximately 0.06 acres of Seasonal Stream (unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek) was identified in the project study area and contains a defined bed and bank and OHWM. A total of 1.81 acres of waters of the U.S. and waters of the State of California were identified within the 22 acre project area that would potentially fall under the Corps jurisdiction pursuant to Section 404 of the CWA.

The RWQCB pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act also has jurisdiction over these areas. As detailed in the CWA, any proposed construction that would place fill within areas identified as Corps jurisdictional waters would require a Department of the Army Section 404 permit and Section 401 Water Quality Certification, or waiver thereof, prior to construction. This investigation determined that the unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek and associated riparian habitat would likely fall under CDFW jurisdiction as this area contains a bed and bank with associated wildlife habitat. Any proposed alteration of this area on the subject property may require a Streambed Alteration Agreement from the CDFW pursuant to Section 1600 *et. seq.* of the California Fish and Wildlife Code prior to construction.

## **Appendix A**

### **Plant List**

## Appendix A. Species observed within the project area during the wetland delineation

### Scientific Name

### Common Name

#### CRYPTOGAMS

#### FERNS AND SPIKE-MOSSES

##### Blechnaceae

*Woodwardia fimbriata*

chain fern

##### Dennstaedtiaceae

*Pteridium aquilinum*

##### Bracken Family

bracken fern

##### Equisetaceae

*Equisetum arvense*

##### Horsetail Family

common horsetail

#### GYMNOSPERMS

#### CONIFERS

##### Cupressaceae

*Calocedrus decurrens*

##### Cypress Family

incense cedar

#### DICOTYLEDONS

#### FLOWERING PLANTS

##### Aceraceae

*Acer macrophyllum*

##### Maple Family

big-leaf maple

##### Anacardiaceae

*Toxicodendron diversilobum*

##### Cashew Family

poison oak

##### Apiaceae (Umbelliferae)

*Daucus carota*

*Torilis arvensis*

##### Carrot Family

wild carrot

hedge-parsley

##### Asteraceae (Compositae)

*Artemisia douglasiana*

*Aster eatonii*

*Calycadenia spicata*

*Carduus pycnocephala*

*Centaurea solstitialis*

*Cichorium intybus*

*Cirsium occidentale*

##### Sunflower Family

mugwort

Eaton's aster

white tarweed

Italian thistle

yellow star-thistle

chicory

western thistle

*Cirsium vulgare*

*Grindelia hirsutula*

*Leucanthemum* sp.

*Madia elegans* ssp. *vernalis*

*Madia gracilis*

*Solidago canadensis*

*Sonchus* sp.

*Taraxacum officinale*

common thistle

gum plant

ox-eye daisy

common madia

slender tarweed

goldenrod

sow thistle

common dandelion

### **Betulaceae**

*Alnus rhombifolia*

### **Birch Family**

white alder

### **Brassicaceae (Cruciferae)**

*Brassica nigra*

*Lepidium nitidum*

*Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum*

### **Mustard Family**

black mustard

pepper grass

water cress

### **Caprifoliaceae**

*Lonicera hispidula*

### **Honeysuckle Family**

honeysuckle

### **Cornaceae**

*Cornus nuttallii*

### **Dogwood Family**

California dogwood

### **Ericaceae**

*Arctostaphylos viscida*

### **Heath Family**

whiteleaf manzanita

### **Fabaceae**

*Lathyrus latifolius*

*Lotus humistratus*

### **Legume Family**

sweet pea

lotus

### **Hypericaceae**

*Hypericum perforatum*

### **St. John's Wort Family**

Klamath weed

### **Juglandaceae**

*Juglans californica*

### **Walnut Family**

California black walnut

**Lamiaceae**

*Prunella vulgaris* var. *lanceolatus*

*Stachys ajugoides*

*Trichostema lanceolatum*

**Mint Family**

self-heal

hedge nettle

vinegar weed

**Plantaginaceae**

*Plantago lanceolata*

**Plantain Family**

common plantain

**Polemoniaceae**

*Navarretia* sp.

**Phlox Family**

navarretia

**Polygonaceae**

*Rumex crispus*

Rosaceae

*Malus* spp.

*Oemleria cerasiformis*

*Prunus virginiana*

*Rosa californica*

*Rubus armeniacus*

*Rubus laciniatus*

*Rubus leucodermis*

**Buckwheat Family**

curly dock

Rose Family

pear and apple Several cultivars

oso berry

choke cherry

wild rose

Armenian blackberry

cut-leaved blackberry

blackcap raspberry

**Salicaceae**

*Salix laevigata*

*Salix lasiolepis*

**Willow Family**

red willow

arroyo willow

**Scrophulariaceae**

*Mimulus guttatus*

*Verbascum blattaria*

*Verbascum thapsus*

**Figwort Family**

seep-spring monkeyflower

moth mullein

woolly mullein

**Cyperaceae**

*Carex densa* (*dudleyi*)

*Carex feta*

*Carex praegracilis*

*Cyperus eragrostis*

**Sedge Family**

sedge

sedge

clustered field sedge

umbrella sedge



**Iridaceae**

*Iris* sp.

**Iris Family**

iris

**Juncaceae**

*Juncus balticus*

*Juncus bufonius*

*Juncus effusus*

*Juncus tenuis*

*Juncus xiphioides*

**Rush Family**

Baltic rush

toad rush

soft rush

rush

iris-leaved rush

**Lemnaceae**

*Lemna* sp.

**Duckweed Family**

duckweed

**Liliaceae**

*Chlorogalum pomeridianum*

**Lily Family**

soap plant

**Poaceae**

*Avena* sp.

*Briza minor*

*Bromus diandrus*

*Bromus hordeaceus*

*Cynosurus echinata*

*Dactylis glomerata*

*Elymus glaucus*

*Festuca arundinacea*

*Holcus lanatus*

*Hordeum marinum* ssp. *gussoneanum*

*Lolium perenne* perennial

*Muhlenbergia rigens*

*Phalaris aquatica*

*Poa pratensis*

*Taeniatherum caput-medusae*

**Grass Family**

wild oats

tiny rattlesnake grass

ripgut brome

soft brome

dog-tail grass

orchard grass

blue wild-rye

tall fescue

velvet grass

Mediterranean barley

rye grass

deer grass

Harding grass

Kentucky bluegrass

medusa-head grass

## **Appendix B**

### **Soils Map**





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Service Layer Credits: Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar, USDA, USGS, AEX, Getmapping, Aerogrid, IGN, IGP, swisstopo, and the GIS User Community

Legend

- Emergency Access Road
- Soil Map Units
- Wetland Type
- Freshwater Pond

Soil Units and  
National Wetland Inventory

Berriman Ranch Development Project



## **Appendix C**

### **Wetland Data Sheets**

# WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region

Project/Site: Berriman Ranch City/County: Grass Valley/Nevada Sampling Date: 7/10/2014  
 Applicant/Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ State: CA Sampling Point: Seasonal Wetland 1  
 Investigator(s): Greg Matuzak/Kate Gross Section, Township, Range: Section 2, T15N, R8E  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): terrace Local relief (concave, convex, none): none Slope (%): 5%  
 Subregion (LRR): \_\_\_\_\_ Lat: \_\_\_\_\_ Long: \_\_\_\_\_ Datum: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Soil Map Unit Name: MrE Musick sandy loam 15-50% slope NWI classification: none  
 Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes _____ No <u>X</u>	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes _____ No <u>X</u>
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes _____ No <u>X</u>	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes _____ No <u>X</u>	
Remarks:		

## VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	<b>Dominance Test worksheet:</b> Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>2</u> (A) Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>2</u> (B) Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>00%</u> (A/B)
1. _____				
2. _____				
3. _____				
4. _____				
_____ = Total Cover				<b>Prevalence Index worksheet:</b> Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____ OBL species _____ x 1 = _____ FACW species _____ x 2 = _____ FAC species _____ x 3 = _____ FACU species _____ x 4 = _____ UPL species _____ x 5 = _____ Column Totals: _____ (A) _____ (B) Prevalence Index = B/A = _____
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: _____)				
1. _____				
2. _____				
3. _____				
4. _____				
5. _____				
_____ = Total Cover				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b> ___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation ___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50% ___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup> ___ 4 - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet) ___ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants <sup>1</sup> ___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain) <sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
Herb Stratum (Plot size: _____)				
1. _____				
2. <u>Rubus armeniacus</u>	<u>200%</u>	<u>yes</u>	<u>FACU</u>	
3. <u>Tachiatrum caput-medusae</u>	<u>300%</u>	<u>yes</u>	<u>UPL</u>	
4. <u>Chlorogalum pomeridianum</u>	<u>10%</u>		<u>UPL</u>	
5. <u>Daucus carota</u>	<u>10%</u>		<u>FACU</u>	
6. <u>Hypericum perforatum</u>	<u>5%</u>		<u>FACU</u>	
7. <u>Taraxacum officinale</u>	<u>5%</u>		<u>FACU</u>	
8. <u>Aster patens</u>	<u>100%</u>		<u>FAC</u>	
9. _____				
10. _____				
11. _____				
_____ = Total Cover				
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: _____)				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b> Yes _____ No <u>X</u>
1. _____				
2. _____				
_____ = Total Cover				
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum _____				
Remarks: <u>upland vegetation present</u>				



Sampling Point:

Seasonal wetland #1

[illegible]<sup>2</sup>Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

### Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils<sup>3</sup>:

- ☐ 2 cm Muck (A10)  
☐ Red Parent Material (TF2)  
☐ Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)  
☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

<sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☐ No ☒

Remarks:

hydric soils not identified at this point

### Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water (A1)<br><input type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Saturation (A3)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks (B1)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits (B2)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Drift Deposits (B3)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Algal Mat or Crust (B4)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Iron Deposits (B5)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Surface Soil Cracks (B6)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8) | <input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9) <b>(except MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B)</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Salt Crust (B11)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Rhizospheres along Living Roots (C3)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) <b>(LRR A)</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks) | <u>Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)</u><br><input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9) <b>(MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B)</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns (B10)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Dry-Season Water Table (C2)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Geomorphic Position (D2)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Shallow Aquitard (D3)<br><input type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test (D5)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Raised Ant Mounds (D6) <b>(LRR A)</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7) |
|---|---|--|

Surface Water Present? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No ~~X~~ Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Water Table Present? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No ~~X~~ Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Saturation Present? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No ~~X~~ Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_  
(includes capillary fringe)

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

wetland hydrology indicators not identified at this point

# WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region

Project/Site: Berriman Ranch City/County: Grass Valley/Nevada Sampling Date: 7/10/2014  
 Applicant/Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ State: CA Sampling Point: Seasonal Wetland 1  
 Investigator(s): Greg Matczak/Kate Gross Section, Township, Range: Section 2, T15N, R0E  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): terrace Local relief (concave, convex, none): None Slope (%): 5%  
 Subregion (LRR): \_\_\_\_\_ Lat: \_\_\_\_\_ Long: \_\_\_\_\_ Datum: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Soil Map Unit Name: MRE Musick sandy loam 15-50% slopes NWI classification: none  
 Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes <u>X</u> No _____
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____	
Remarks: <u>Seasonal wetland datapoint in central area of project site</u>			

## VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	<b>Dominance Test worksheet:</b> Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>4</u> (A) Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>5</u> (B) Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>85%</u> (A/B)
1. _____				
2. _____				
3. _____				
4. _____				
_____ = Total Cover				<b>Prevalence Index worksheet:</b> Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: OBL species <u>20</u> x 1 = <u>20</u> FACW species <u>65</u> x 2 = <u>130</u> FAC species <u>15</u> x 3 = <u>45</u> FACU species <u>15</u> x 4 = <u>60</u> UPL species _____ x 5 = _____ Column Totals: <u>100</u> (A) <u>210</u> (B) Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>2.1</u>
_____ = Total Cover				
_____ = Total Cover				
_____ = Total Cover				
_____ = Total Cover				
<b>Herb Stratum (Plot size: _____)</b> 1. _____ 2. <u>Carex flacca</u> 30% Yes FACW 3. <u>Juncus balticus</u> 15% Yes FACW 4. <u>Juncus xiphioides</u> 20% Yes OBL 5. <u>Carex praegracilllis</u> 20% Yes FACW 6. <u>Potamogeton amplifolius</u> 15% Yes FACU 7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____ 10. _____ 11. _____ _____ = Total Cover				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b> 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation 2 - Dominance Test is >50% 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup> 4 - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet) 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants <sup>1</sup> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain) <sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
_____ = Total Cover				
_____ = Total Cover				
_____ = Total Cover				
_____ = Total Cover				
<b>Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: _____)</b> 1. _____ 2. _____ _____ = Total Cover % Bare Ground in Herb Stratum _____ Remarks: _____				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b> Yes <u>X</u> No _____



Sampling Point: Seasonal Wetland #1

## HYDROLOGY

## Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

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# WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region

Project/Site: Berriman Ranch City/County: Grass Valley / Nevada Sampling Date: Point Non Wetland #2  
 Applicant/Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ State: CA Sampling Point: Box 7/10/2014  
 Investigator(s): Gregmutzick / Kate Gross Section, Township, Range: Section 2, T15N, R8E  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): hillslope Local relief (concave, convex, none): none Slope (%): 15%  
 Subregion (LRR): \_\_\_\_\_ Lat: \_\_\_\_\_ Long: \_\_\_\_\_ Datum: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Soil Map Unit Name: MrE Musick Sandy loam 15-50% slopes NWI classification: none  
 Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes _____ No <u>X</u>	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?	Yes _____ No <u>X</u>
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes _____ No <u>X</u>		
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes _____ No <u>X</u>		
Remarks:			

## VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	<b>Dominance Test worksheet:</b> Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>0</u> (A) Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>1</u> (B) Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>0%</u> (A/B) <b>Prevalence Index worksheet:</b> Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____ OBL species _____ x 1 = _____ FACW species _____ x 2 = _____ FAC species _____ x 3 = _____ FACU species _____ x 4 = _____ UPL species _____ x 5 = _____ Column Totals: _____ (A) _____ (B) Prevalence Index = B/A = _____
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				
<b>Sapling/Shrub Stratum</b> (Plot size: _____)				
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				
<b>Herb Stratum</b> (Plot size: _____)				
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. <u>Juncus balticus</u>	<u>10%</u>	_____	<u>FACW</u>	
3. <u>Rubus armeniacus</u>	<u>55%</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FACU</u>	
4. <u>Aster patonii</u>	<u>15%</u>	_____	<u>FAC</u>	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	
6. _____	_____	_____	_____	
7. _____	_____	_____	_____	
8. _____	_____	_____	_____	
9. _____	_____	_____	_____	
10. _____	_____	_____	_____	
11. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				
<b>Woody Vine Stratum</b> (Plot size: _____)				
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum _____				
Remarks:				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b> Yes _____ No <u>X</u>



Sampling Point:

Non-wetzel #2

[illegible]<sup>2</sup>Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

### Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils<sup>3</sup>:

- \_\_\_ 2 cm Muck (A10)  
 \_\_\_ Red Parent Material (TF2)  
 \_\_\_ Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)  
 \_\_\_ Other (Explain in Remarks)

<sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Hydric Soil Present? Yes No ☒

Remarks:

no hydric soils present

### Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water (A1)<br><input type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Saturation (A3)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks (B1)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits (B2)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Drift Deposits (B3)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Algal Mat or Crust (B4)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Iron Deposits (B5)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Surface Soil Cracks (B6)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8) | <input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9) <b>(except MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B)</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Salt Crust (B11)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Rhizospheres along Living Roots (C3)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) <b>(LRR A)</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks) | <input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9) <b>(MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B)</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns (B10)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Dry-Season Water Table (C2)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Geomorphic Position (D2)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Shallow Aquitard (D3)<br><input type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test (D5)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Raised Ant Mounds (D6) <b>(LRR A)</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7) |
|---|---|--|

Surface Water Present? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No ~~X~~ Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Water Table Present? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No ~~X~~ Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Saturation Present? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No ~~X~~ Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_  
(includes capillary fringe)

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

no wetland hydrology indicators present

# WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region

Project/Site: Periman Ranch City/County: Grass Valley/Neuma Sampling Date: 8/29/2014  
 Applicant/Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ State: CA Sampling Point: Riparian wetland  
 Investigator(s): Greg Matczak / Kate Cross Section, Township, Range: Section 2, T15N, R8E  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): hillslope Local relief (concave, convex, none): none Slope (%): 5%  
 Subregion (LRR): \_\_\_\_\_ Lat: \_\_\_\_\_ Long: \_\_\_\_\_ Datum: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Soil Map Unit Name: Alluvial land, clayey NWI classification: none  
 Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes <u>X</u> No _____	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?	Yes <u>X</u> No _____
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes <u>X</u> No _____		
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes <u>X</u> No _____		
Remarks:			

## VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	<b>Dominance Test worksheet:</b> Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>2</u> (A) Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>3</u> (B) Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>67%</u> (A/B)
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				<b>Prevalence Index worksheet:</b> Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____ OBL species _____ x 1 = _____ FACW species <u>25</u> x 2 = <u>50</u> FAC species <u>20</u> x 3 = <u>60</u> FACU species <u>25</u> x 4 = <u>100</u> UPL species _____ x 5 = _____ Column Totals: <u>70</u> (A) <u>210</u> (B) Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>3.0</u>
<b>Sapling/Shrub Stratum</b> (Plot size: _____)	_____	_____	_____	
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b> 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <u>X</u> 2 - Dominance Test is >50% <u>X</u> 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup> <u>X</u> 4 - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet) _____ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants <sup>1</sup> _____ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain) _____ <sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
<b>Herb Stratum</b> (Plot size: _____)	_____	_____	_____	
1. <u>Aster patens</u>	<u>20%</u>	<u>yes</u>	<u>FAC</u>	
2. <u>Sanicula latifolia</u>	<u>15%</u>	<u>yes</u>	<u>FACW</u>	
3. <u>Rubus armeniacus</u>	<u>25%</u>	<u>yes</u>	<u>FACU</u>	
4. <u>Carex feta</u>	<u>10%</u>	<u>yes</u>	<u>FACW</u>	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	
6. _____	_____	_____	_____	
7. _____	_____	_____	_____	
8. _____	_____	_____	_____	
9. _____	_____	_____	_____	
10. _____	_____	_____	_____	
11. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				
<b>Woody Vine Stratum</b> (Plot size: _____)	_____	_____	_____	<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b> Yes <u>X</u> No _____
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum _____	_____ = Total Cover			
Remarks: <u>hydrophytic vegetation present</u>				



Sampling Point:

Riparian wetland

[illegible]<sup>2</sup>Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

### Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils<sup>3</sup>:

\_\_\_ 2 cm Muck (A10)  
 \_\_\_ Red Parent Material (TF2)  
 \_\_\_ Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)  
 \_\_\_ Other (Explain in Remarks)

<sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ~~Yes~~ No

Remarks:

low chroma hydric soils present

### Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- ☐ Water-Stained Leaves (B9) (**MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B**)
- ☒ Drainage Patterns (B10)
- ☐ Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- ☐ Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
- ☐ Geomorphic Position (D2)
- ☐ Shallow Aquitard (D3)
- ☒ FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
- ☐ Raised Ant Mounds (D6) (**LRR A**)
- ☐ Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7)

(includes capillary fringe)

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes ☒ No ☐

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

wetland hydrology present

# WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region

Project/Site: Berriman Ranch City/County: Groves Valley / Nevada Sampling Date: 6/29/2014  
 Applicant/Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ State: CA Sampling Point: Riparian wetland  
 Investigator(s): Greg Martzok / Kate Gross Section, Township, Range: Section 2, T15N, R8E  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): hill slope Local relief (concave, convex, none): none Slope (%): 5%  
 Subregion (LRR): \_\_\_\_\_ Lat: \_\_\_\_\_ Long: \_\_\_\_\_ Datum: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Soil Map Unit Name: Alluvial land, clays NWI classification: none  
 Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes _____ No <u>X</u>	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes _____ No <u>X</u>
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes _____ No <u>X</u>	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes _____ No <u>X</u>	
Remarks:		

## VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	<b>Dominance Test worksheet:</b> Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>0</u> (A) Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>1</u> (B) Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>0%</u> (A/B)
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				<b>Prevalence Index worksheet:</b> Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: OBL species _____ x 1 = _____ FACW species _____ x 2 = _____ FAC species _____ x 3 = _____ FACU species _____ x 4 = _____ UPL species _____ x 5 = _____ Column Totals: _____ (A) _____ (B) Prevalence Index = B/A = _____
<b>Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: _____)</b> 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ _____ = Total Cover				
<b>Herb Stratum (Plot size: _____)</b> 1. <u>Taeniatherum caput-medusae</u> <u>85%</u> <u>YES</u> <u>UPL</u> 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____ 10. _____ 11. _____ _____ = Total Cover				
<b>Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: _____)</b> 1. _____ 2. _____ _____ = Total Cover				
<b>% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum</b> _____ = Total Cover				
Remarks:				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b> ___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation ___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50% ___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup> ___ 4 - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet) ___ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants <sup>1</sup> ___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain) <sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b> Yes _____ No <u>X</u>				



Riparian wetland

## HYDROLOGY

## Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

US Army Corps of Engineers

# WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region

Project/Site: Perriman Ranch City/County: Grass Valley Sampling Date: Point Riparian wetland East  
 Applicant/Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ State: CA Sampling Point: Box 6/24/2014  
 Investigator(s): Greg Medvick / Kat Gross Section, Township, Range: Section 2, T15N, R0E  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): hillslope Local relief (concave, convex, none): none Slope (%): 10%  
 Subregion (LRR): \_\_\_\_\_ Lat: \_\_\_\_\_ Long: \_\_\_\_\_ Datum: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Soil Map Unit Name: MnC Musick sandy loam 5-15% slopes NWI classification: none  
 Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland?	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____			
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes <u>X</u>	No _____			
Remarks:					

## VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	<b>Dominance Test worksheet:</b> Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>2</u> (A) Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>3</u> (B) Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>67%</u> (A/B)
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				<b>Prevalence Index worksheet:</b> Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: OBL species <u>✓</u> x 1 = <u>1</u> FACW species <u>40</u> x 2 = <u>80</u> FAC species <u>20</u> x 3 = <u>60</u> FACU species <u>20</u> x 4 = <u>80</u> UPL species _____ x 5 = _____ Column Totals: <u>80</u> (A) <u>220</u> (B) Prevalence Index = B/A = <u>2.75</u>
_____ = Total Cover				
_____ = Total Cover				
_____ = Total Cover				
_____ = Total Cover				
<b>Herb Stratum (Plot size: _____)</b> 1. <u>Juncus balticus</u> <u>40%</u> <u>yes</u> <u>FACU</u> 2. <u>Aster patonii</u> <u>20%</u> <u>yes</u> <u>FAC</u> 3. <u>Rubus armeniacus</u> <u>20%</u> <u>yes</u> <u>FACU</u> 4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____ 10. _____ 11. _____				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b> 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <u>X</u> 2 - Dominance Test is >50% <u>X</u> 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup> <u>X</u> 4 - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet) 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants <sup>1</sup> Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain) <sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
_____ = Total Cover				
_____ = Total Cover				
_____ = Total Cover				
_____ = Total Cover				
<b>Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: _____)</b> 1. _____ 2. _____ _____ = Total Cover % Bare Ground in Herb Stratum _____ Remarks:				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b> Yes <u>X</u> No _____



Sampling Point:

Riparian wetland east side

[illegible]<sup>2</sup>Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

### Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils<sup>3</sup>:

- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Histosol (A1)                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Redox (S5)                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 cm Muck (A10)                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Histic Epipedon (A2)              | <input type="checkbox"/> Stripped Matrix (S6)                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Red Parent Material (TF2)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black Histic (A3)                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Mucky Mineral (F1) ( <b>except MLRA 1</b> ) | <input type="checkbox"/> Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide (A4)             | <input type="checkbox"/> Loamy Gleyed Matrix (F2)                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Below Dark Surface (A11) | <input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Matrix (F3)                              |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thick Dark Surface (A12)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Redox Dark Surface (F6)                           |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Mucky Mineral (S1)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Depleted Dark Surface (F7)                        |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sandy Gleyed Matrix (S4)          | <input type="checkbox"/> Redox Depressions (F8)                            |   |
- <sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic

<sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐

Remarks:

dark brown = hydric soils

### Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water (A1)<br><input type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Saturation (A3)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks (B1)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits (B2)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Drift Deposits (B3)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Algal Mat or Crust (B4)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Iron Deposits (B5)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Surface Soil Cracks (B6)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8) | <input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9) <b>(except MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B)</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Salt Crust (B11)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Rhizospheres along Living Roots (C3)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) <b>(LRR A)</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks) | <input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9) <b>(MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B)</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns (B10)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Dry-Season Water Table (C2)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Geomorphic Position (D2)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Shallow Aquitard (D3)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test (D5)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Raised Ant Mounds (D6) <b>(LRR A)</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7) |
|---|---|--|

Surface Water Present? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No ~~X~~ Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Water Table Present? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No ~~X~~ Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturation Present? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No ~~X~~ Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_  
 (includes capillary fringe)

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes X No       

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

wetland hydrology indicators present

# WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region

Project/Site: Bennett Ranch City/County: Gross Valley / Nevada Sampling Date: 6/29/2014  
 Applicant/Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ State: CA Sampling Point: Pipera wetland  
 Investigator(s): Greg Matczak / Kat Goss Section, Township, Range: Section 2, T15N, R12E, Coastal  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): hillslope Local relief (concave, convex, none): none Slope (%): 10%  
 Subregion (LRR): \_\_\_\_\_ Lat: \_\_\_\_\_ Long: \_\_\_\_\_ Datum: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Soil Map Unit Name: MRC Musick sandy loam 5-15% slopes NWI classification: none  
 Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes _____ No <u>X</u>	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes _____ No <u>X</u>
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes _____ No <u>X</u>	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes _____ No <u>X</u>	
Remarks:		

## VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	<b>Dominance Test worksheet:</b> Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>0</u> (A) Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>1</u> (B) Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>0%</u> (A/B)
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				<b>Prevalence Index worksheet:</b> Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____ OBL species _____ x 1 = _____ FACW species _____ x 2 = _____ FAC species _____ x 3 = _____ FACU species _____ x 4 = _____ UPL species _____ x 5 = _____ Column Totals: _____ (A) _____ (B) Prevalence Index = B/A = _____
Sapling/Shrub Stratum (Plot size: _____)				
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b> ___ 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation ___ 2 - Dominance Test is >50% ___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup> ___ 4 - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet) ___ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants <sup>1</sup> ___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain) <sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
Herb Stratum (Plot size: _____)				
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. <u>Rubus armeniacus</u>	<u>85%</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>FACU</u>	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	
6. _____	_____	_____	_____	
7. _____	_____	_____	_____	
8. _____	_____	_____	_____	
9. _____	_____	_____	_____	
10. _____	_____	_____	_____	
11. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b> Yes _____ No <u>X</u>
Woody Vine Stratum (Plot size: _____)				
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b> Yes _____ No <u>X</u>
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum	_____	_____ = Total Cover		
Remarks: <u>upland vegetation present</u>				



Sampling Point:

Pipeweed East end

[illegible]

<sup>2</sup>Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

### Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils<sup>3</sup>:

☐ 2 cm Muck (A10)  
☐ Red Parent Material (TF2)  
☐ Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)  
☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

<sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Hydric Soil Present? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No ☒

## non-hydric soils

### Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

- \_\_\_ Water-Stained Leaves (B9) (**MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B**)
- \_\_\_ Drainage Patterns (B10)
- \_\_\_ Dry-Season Water Table (C2)
- \_\_\_ Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)
- \_\_\_ Geomorphic Position (D2)
- \_\_\_ Shallow Aquitard (D3)
- \_\_\_ FAC-Neutral Test (D5)
- \_\_\_ Raised Ant Mounds (D6) (**LRR A**)
- \_\_\_ Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7)

Surface Water Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Water Table Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Saturation Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_  
(includes capillary fringe)

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No ☒

Remarks:

no wetland hydrology indicators present



# WETLAND DETERMINATION DATA FORM – Western Mountains, Valleys, and Coast Region

Project/Site: Berriman Ranch City/County: Grass Valley/ Nevada Sampling Date: 6/29/2014  
 Applicant/Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ State: CA Sampling Point: Seasonal wetland #2  
 Investigator(s): Greg Matvzak Section, Township, Range: Section 2, T15N, R8E  
 Landform (hillslope, terrace, etc.): depression Local relief (concave, convex, none): none Slope (%): 2%  
 Subregion (LRR): \_\_\_\_\_ Lat: \_\_\_\_\_ Long: \_\_\_\_\_ Datum: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Soil Map Unit Name: Alluvial land, clayey NWI classification: none  
 Are climatic / hydrologic conditions on the site typical for this time of year? Yes ☒ No \_\_\_\_\_ (If no, explain in Remarks.)  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ significantly disturbed? Are "Normal Circumstances" present? Yes ☒ No \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are Vegetation \_\_\_\_\_, Soil \_\_\_\_\_, or Hydrology \_\_\_\_\_ naturally problematic? (If needed, explain any answers in Remarks.)

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS – Attach site map showing sampling point locations, transects, important features, etc.

Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	Is the Sampled Area within a Wetland? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____
Hydric Soil Present?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	
Wetland Hydrology Present?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____	
Remarks:		

## VEGETATION – Use scientific names of plants.

Tree Stratum (Plot size: _____)	Absolute % Cover	Dominant Species?	Indicator Status	<b>Dominance Test worksheet:</b> Number of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>2</u> (A) Total Number of Dominant Species Across All Strata: <u>2</u> (B) Percent of Dominant Species That Are OBL, FACW, or FAC: <u>100%</u> (A/B)
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				<b>Prevalence Index worksheet:</b> Total % Cover of: _____ Multiply by: _____ OBL species _____ x 1 = _____ FACW species _____ x 2 = _____ FAC species _____ x 3 = _____ FACU species _____ x 4 = _____ UPL species _____ x 5 = _____ Column Totals: _____ (A) _____ (B) Prevalence Index = B/A = _____
<b>Sapling/Shrub Stratum</b> (Plot size: _____)	_____	_____	_____	
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Indicators:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 - Rapid Test for Hydrophytic Vegetation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 - Dominance Test is >50% ___ 3 - Prevalence Index is ≤3.0 <sup>1</sup> ___ 4 - Morphological Adaptations <sup>1</sup> (Provide supporting data in Remarks or on a separate sheet) ___ 5 - Wetland Non-Vascular Plants <sup>1</sup> ___ Problematic Hydrophytic Vegetation <sup>1</sup> (Explain) <sup>1</sup> Indicators of hydric soil and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.
<b>Herb Stratum</b> (Plot size: _____)	_____	_____	_____	
1. <u>Aster patonii</u>	<u>25%</u>	<u>yes</u>	<u>FAC</u>	
2. <u>Silene latifolia</u>	<u>45%</u>	<u>yes</u>	<u>FACW</u>	
3. <u>Rubus armeniacus</u>	<u>15%</u>	<u>yes</u>	<u>FACU</u>	
4. _____	_____	_____	_____	
5. _____	_____	_____	_____	
6. _____	_____	_____	_____	
7. _____	_____	_____	_____	
8. _____	_____	_____	_____	
9. _____	_____	_____	_____	
10. _____	_____	_____	_____	
11. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				
<b>Woody Vine Stratum</b> (Plot size: _____)	_____	_____	_____	<b>Hydrophytic Vegetation Present?</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No _____
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	
_____ = Total Cover				
% Bare Ground in Herb Stratum _____				
Remarks: <u>Hydrophytic vegetation present</u>				

Sampling Point:

Sasural well #2

[illegible]<sup>2</sup>Location: PL=Pore Lining, M=Matrix.

### Indicators for Problematic Hydric Soils<sup>3</sup>:

- ☐ 2 cm Muck (A10)  
☐ Red Parent Material (TF2)  
☐ Very Shallow Dark Surface (TF12)  
☐ Other (Explain in Remarks)

<sup>3</sup>Indicators of hydrophytic vegetation and wetland hydrology must be present, unless disturbed or problematic.

Type: \_\_\_\_\_  
Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Hydric Soil Present? Yes ☒ No ☐

Remarks:

dark chroma soils = hydric soils

### Wetland Hydrology Indicators:

Secondary Indicators (2 or more required)

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|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water (A1)<br><input type="checkbox"/> High Water Table (A2)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Saturation (A3)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Water Marks (B1)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Sediment Deposits (B2)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Drift Deposits (B3)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Algal Mat or Crust (B4)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Iron Deposits (B5)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surface Soil Cracks (B6)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Inundation Visible on Aerial Imagery (B7)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Sparsely Vegetated Concave Surface (B8) | <input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9) <b>(except MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B)</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Salt Crust (B11)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Aquatic Invertebrates (B13)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen Sulfide Odor (C1)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Oxidized Rhizospheres along Living Roots (C3)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Presence of Reduced Iron (C4)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Recent Iron Reduction in Tilled Soils (C6)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Stunted or Stressed Plants (D1) <b>(LRR A)</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (Explain in Remarks) | <input type="checkbox"/> Water-Stained Leaves (B9) <b>(MLRA 1, 2, 4A, and 4B)</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drainage Patterns (B10)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Dry-Season Water Table (C2)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Saturation Visible on Aerial Imagery (C9)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Geomorphic Position (D2)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Shallow Aquitard (D3)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAC-Neutral Test (D5)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Raised Ant Mounds (D6) <b>(LRR A)</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Frost-Heave Hummocks (D7) |
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Surface Water Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Water Table Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_

Saturation Present? Yes ☐ No ☒ Depth (inches): \_\_\_\_\_  
(includes capillary fringe)

Wetland Hydrology Present? Yes X No       

Describe Recorded Data (stream gauge, monitoring well, aerial photos, previous inspections), if available:

Remarks:

wetland hydrology indicators present



## **Appendix D**

### **Photo Log**



**Photo 1: Seasonal wetland adjacent to the unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek.**



**Photo 2: Seasonal wetland adjacent to the unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek.**





**Photo 3: Seasonal wetland in the eastern portion of the project area on the south side of access road.**



**Photo 4: Freshwater emergent wetland adjacent to unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek.**





**Photo 5: Freshwater emergent wetland and riparian habitat adjacent to unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek.**



**Photo 6: Western forested and non-wetland area of project area.**





**Photo 7: Entrance to western portion of project area from Picadilly Lane.**



**Photo 8: Western forested and non-wetland area of project area.**





**Photo 9: Unnamed tributary to Wolf Creek with associated riparian habitat vegetation.**



**Photo 10: Eastern portion of the project area with abandoned orchards and associated riparian habitat vegetation.**