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CASE#: CDP_2019-0022 **DATE FILED**: 6/10/2019

OWNER/APPLICANT: NICKOLAI STEZ

REQUEST: Administrative Coastal Development Permit to construct a single family residence with covered entry and concrete patio, workshop, guest cottage, greenhouse, 8,000 gallon water tank and 120 sq. ft. pump house. Including the establishment of a gravel driveway, well, septic system and connections to utilities.

LOCATION: In the Coastal Zone, 3.5± miles north east of Anchor Bay town center, 3.0± miles east of the intersection of State Highway 1 (SH 1) and Iversen Road (CR 503), 0.4± miles south of Iversen Rd., on the east side of a private gravel road, located at 44035 Iversen Rd., Gualala (APN: 142-190-27).

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: Categorically Exempt

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT: 5
STAFF PLANNER: JESSIE WALDMAN
RESPONSE DUE DATE: August 20, 2020

PROJECT INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT:

https://www.mendocinocounty.org/government/planning-building-services/public-agency-referrals

Mendocino County Planning & Building Services is soliciting your input, which will be used in staff analysis and forwarded to the appropriate public hearing. You are invited to comment on any aspect of the proposed project(s). Please convey any requirements or conditions your agency requires for project compliance to the project coordinator at the above address, or submit your comments by email to pbs@mendocinocounty.org. Please note the case number and name of the project coordinator with all correspondence to this department.

We have reviewed the above application and recommend the following (please check one):				
☐ No comment at this time.				
☐ Recommend conditional approval (attached).			
☐ Applicant to submit additional inform Planning and Building Services in a				
Recommend denial (Attach reasons	s for recommending denial).			
☐ Recommend preparation of an Env	ironmental Impact Report (attach	reasons why an EIR should be required).		
Other comments (attach as necess	ary).			
REVIEWED BY:				
Signature	Department	Date		

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APN/S: 142-190-27

PARCEL SIZE: 1.9± Acres

GENERAL PLAN: Rural Residential: RR10

ZONING: Rural Residential: RR10

EXISTING USES: Vacant

DISTRICT: 5th Supervisorial District (Williams)

RELATED CASES: CDP_2006-0073 - SFR Development Approved with Conditions, Expired

	ADJACENT GENERAL PLAN	ADJACENT ZONING	ADJACENT LOT SIZES	ADJACENT USES
NORTH:	Rural Residential (RR10)	Rural Residential (RR10)	2.3± Acres	Residential
EAST:	Rural Residential (RR10)	Rural Residential (RR10)	5± Acres	Residential
SOUTH:	Rural Residential (RR10)	Rural Residential (RR10)	10± Acres	Residential
WEST:	Rural Residential (RR10)	Rural Residential (RR10)	10± Acres	Residential

REFERRAL AGENCIES

LOCAL

☑ Assessor's Office

☑ Building Division (Fort Bragg)

☑ Department of Transportation (DOT)

☑ Environmental Health (EH)

South Coast Fire Protection District

☑ Gualala MAC

☑ Planning Division (Fort Bragg)

☑ Sonoma State University

STATE

□ CALFIRE (Land Use)

□ CALFIRE (Resource Management)

□ California Coastal Commission

TRIBAL

☑ Cloverdale Rancheria

☑ Redwood Valley Rancheria

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

An Administrative Coastal Development Permit, CDP_2006-0073, for a single family residence and aperture structures
was approved with conditions on June 12, 2007. An Amendment Coastal Development Permit, CDPR/CDPM-732006(2010), was approved with conditions on July 12, 2010. The Coastal Development Permits have not been vested
and expired on June 13, 2013. Permits for a well (#12660F) and septic system (ST-23538) have been submitted to the
Department of Environmental Health.

STAFF PLANNER: JESSIE WALDMAN **DATE:** 7/28/2020

ENVIRONMENTAL DATA

1. MAC:

Gualala Municipal Advisory Council

2. FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE:

High Fire Hazard; CalFire # 327-19

3. FIRE RESPONSIBILITY AREA:

CalFire (State Responsible Agency)

South Coast Fire Protection District (Local Responsible Agency

4. FARMLAND CLASSIFICATION:

Rural Residential & Rural Commercial (R)

5. FLOOD ZONE CLASSIFICATION:

NO

6. COASTAL GROUNDWATER RESOURCE AREA:

Critical Water Resources Bedrock

7. SOIL CLASSIFICATION:

Bishop Pine

196-Quinliven-Ferncreek complex

199—Shinglemill-Gibney complex

8. PYGMY VEGETATION OR PYGMY CAPABLE SOIL:

199—Shinglemill-Gibney complex

9. WILLIAMSON ACT CONTRACT:

NO

10. TIMBER PRODUCTION ZONE:

NO

11. WETLANDS CLASSIFICATION:

NO

12. EARTHQUAKE FAULT ZONE:

13. AIRPORT LAND USE PLANNING AREA:

14. SUPERFUND/BROWNFIELD/HAZMAT SITE:

NO

15. NATURAL DIVERSITY DATABASE:

NO; Yet, Soils may support Bishop Pine

16. STATE FOREST/PARK/RECREATION AREA ADJACENT:

NO

17. LANDSLIDE HAZARD:

ESTIMATED SLOPES, NO Desginated Development Limitations

18. WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE REQUIRED:

NO

19. WILD AND SCENIC RIVER:

NO

20. SPECIFIC PLAN/SPECIAL PLAN AREA:

NO

21. STATE CLEARINGHOUSE REQUIRED:

NO

22. OAK WOODLAND AREA:

NO

23. HARBOR DISTRICT:

NO

FOR PROJECTS WITHIN THE COASTAL ZONE ONLY

24. LCP LAND USE CLASSIFICATION:

MAP 30: ANCHOR BAY; Pygmy Type Vegetaion

25. LCP LAND CAPABILITIES & NATURAL HAZARDS:

NATURAL HAZARDS; Bedrock (Zone 1)

26. LCP HABITATS & RESOURCES:

OTHER UPLAND HABITATS; Pygmy Type Forest

27. COASTAL COMMISSION APPEALABLE AREA:

NO

28. CDP EXCLUSION ZONE:

NO

29. HIGHLY SCENIC AREA:

NO

30. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES & NATURAL AREAS:

MAP 30: ANCHOR BAY; Pygmy Type Vegetaion

31. BLUFFTOP GEOLOGY:

NO

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COASTAL ZONE APPLICATION FORM

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PROPERTY OWNER			
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COASTAL ZONE - SITE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION QUESTIONNAIRE

The purpose of this questionnaire is to relate information concerning your application to the Planning and Building Services Department and other agencies who will be reviewing your project proposal. Please remember that the clearer picture that your give us of your project and the site, the easier it will be to promptly process your application. Please answer all questions. Those questions which do not pertain to your project, please indicate "Not Applicable" or "N/A".

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1.	Describe your project ar	nd include secondary	improvements such a	s wells, sept	ic systems,	grading,	vegetation
	removal, roads, etc.						
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THE PROJECT

NEW SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING, GUEST HOUSE, WORKSHOP BUILDING, GREEN HOUSE, NEW SEPTICSYSTEM AND WATER STORAGE TANK. EXTEND DRIVENAY LEXISTING) AND EXTEND POWERLINE.

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2.	If the project is <u>residential</u> , please complete the following:	
	TYPE OF UNIT NUMBER OF STRUCTURES	SQUARE FEET PER DWELLING UNIT
	Single Family Mobile Home	ZD17 5Q.FT.
	Duplex Multifamily	1.60 X 3 X
	If Multifamily, number of dwelling units per building:	H Wans
3.	If the project is <u>commercial</u> , <u>industrial</u> , or <u>institutional</u> , complete the following:	
	Total square footage of structures: Estimated employees per shift: Estimated shifts per day: Type of loading facilities proposed:	
4.	Will the proposed project be phased? Yes No If Yes, explain your plans for phasing.	
	PHASE I- MAIN HOUSE, SEPTIC FIELD, WATER AND DRIVEWAY	ER STORAGE TANK,
	PHASE 3- BREENHOUSE	
	PHASE 4- OUEST HOUSE	

5.	Are there existing structures on the property? Yes If yes, describe below and identify the use of each structure	No re on the plot plan.	
	PUMB BUILDING		
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6.	Will any existing structures be demolished? Yes	No	
0.		No	
(9).	If yes to either question, describe the type of development	to be demolished or removed, including the relocation	
9	site, if applicable.		
9			
7			
7.	Project Height. Maximum height of structure	ACHEHMENT ^{feet.}	
8.	Lot area (within property lines):	square feet acres	
9.	Lot Coverage:	NEW PROPOSED TOTAL	
	Building coverage EXISTING square feet	NEW PROPOSED TOTAL square feet square fee	et
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	Landscaped area square feet	square feet square fee	
	Paved area Landscaped area Unimproved area ATTACH Square feet square feet	square feet square fee	et
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		(Should equal gross area of pare	
10.	Gross floor area: SEE ACTACHMENT square fe	eet (including covered parking and accessory buildings)	
11.	Parking will be provided as follows:		
	Number of Spaces Existing Z	Proposed 7 Total 7	
20	Number of covered spaces	Size 💋	
	Number of uncovered spaces	Size 4	
	Number of standard spaces	Size 7	
	Number of handicapped spaces	Size <i>O</i>	

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12.	Utilities will be supplied to the site as follows:
	A. Electricity
	Utility Company (service exists to the parcel).
	Utility Company (requires extension of services to site: 150 feet miles
	On Site generation, Specify:
	None
	None
	B. Gas
	☐ Utility Company/Tank
	On Site generation, Specify:
	☐ None
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	C. Telephone: Yes No
13.	Will there by any exterior lighting?
	If yes, describe below and identify the location of all exterior lighting on the plot plan and building plans.
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14.	What will be the method of sewage disposal?
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	Community sewage system, specify supplier
	Sentic Tank
	Other, specify
15.	What will be the domestic water source?
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(2) W) (3)	Community water system, specify supplier
	☑ Well
	☐ Spring
	Other, specify
14	Ouler, specify
16	Is any grading or road construction planned? Yes No
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2	If yes, grading and drainage plans may be required. Also, describe the terrain to be traversed (e.g., steep, moderate
	slope, flat, etc.).
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	For grading and road construction, complete the following:
	A. Amount of cut: cubic yards
	B. Amount of fill: cubic yards
	C. Maximum height of fill slope: feet
	D. Mayimum height of out along.
	E. Amount of import or export: cubic yards
	F. Location of borrow or disposal site:
	r. Location of bottow of disposal site.
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17.	Will vegetation be removed on areas other than the building sites and roads? Yes No If yes, explain:
16	
18.	Does the project involve sand removal, mining or gravel extraction? Yes No
10.	If yes, detailed extraction, reclamation and monitoring may be required.
	y,
19.	Will the proposed development convert land currently or previously used for agriculture to
	another use? Yes No
	If yes, how many acres will be converted? acres (An agricultural economic feasibility
	study may be required.)
20.	Will the development provide public or private recreational opportunities? Yes No
	If yes, explain:
21.	Is the proposed development visible from:
	A. State Highway 1 or other scenic route? Yes No B. Park, beach or recreation area? Yes No
	B. Park, beach or recreation area?
22.	Will the project involve the use or disposal of potentially hazardous materials such as toxic substances, flammables, or explosives? Yes No
	If yes, explain:
	ii yes, explain.
e	
23.	Does the development involve diking, filling, dredging or placing structures in open coastal waters,
	wetlands, estuaries or lakes?
	A. Diking Yes No
	B. Filling Yes No C. Dredging Yes No
	D. Placement of structures in open coastal waters, wetlands, estuaries or lakes Yes No
	D. Tracement of structures in open coastal waters, wetlands, estuaries of lakes Tes 140
	Amount of material to be dredged or filled? cubic yards.
	Location of dredged material disposal site:
	Has a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit been applied for? Yes
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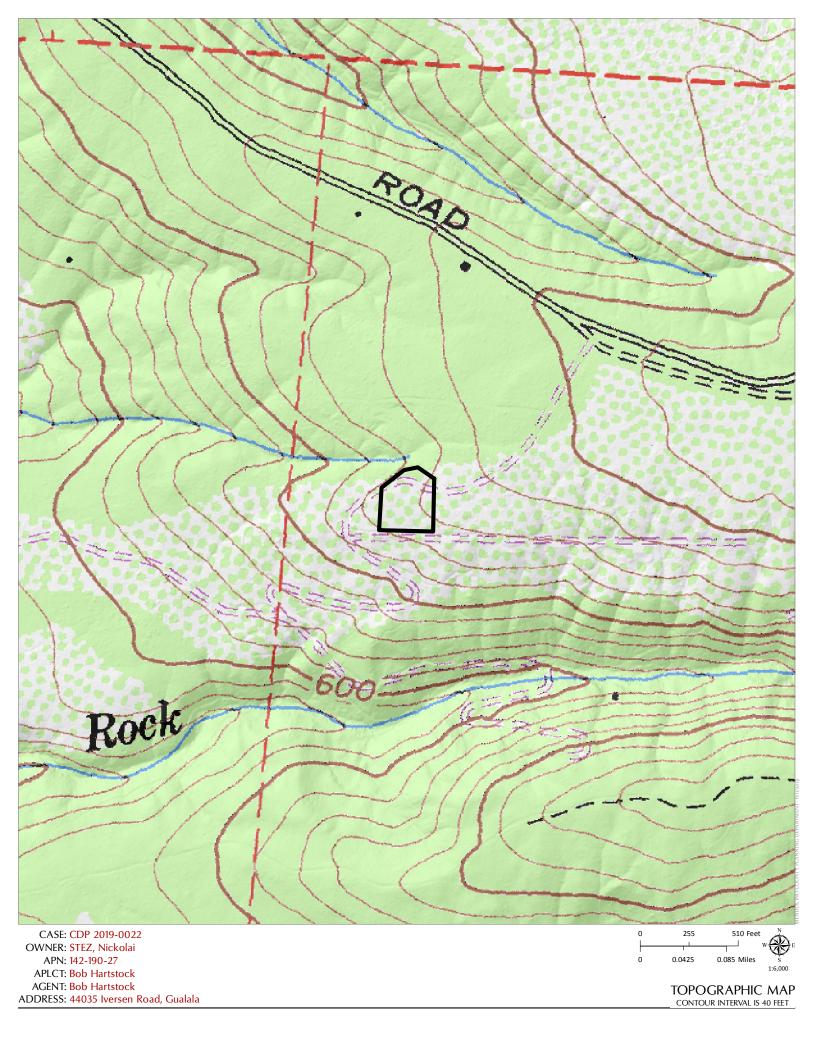


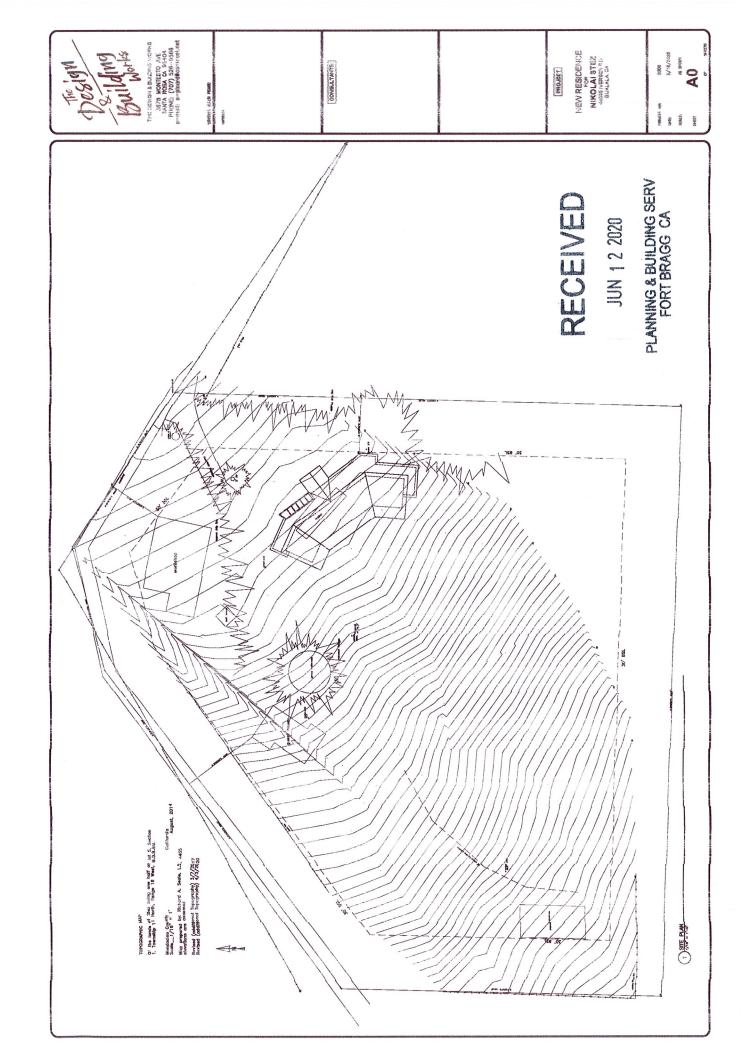


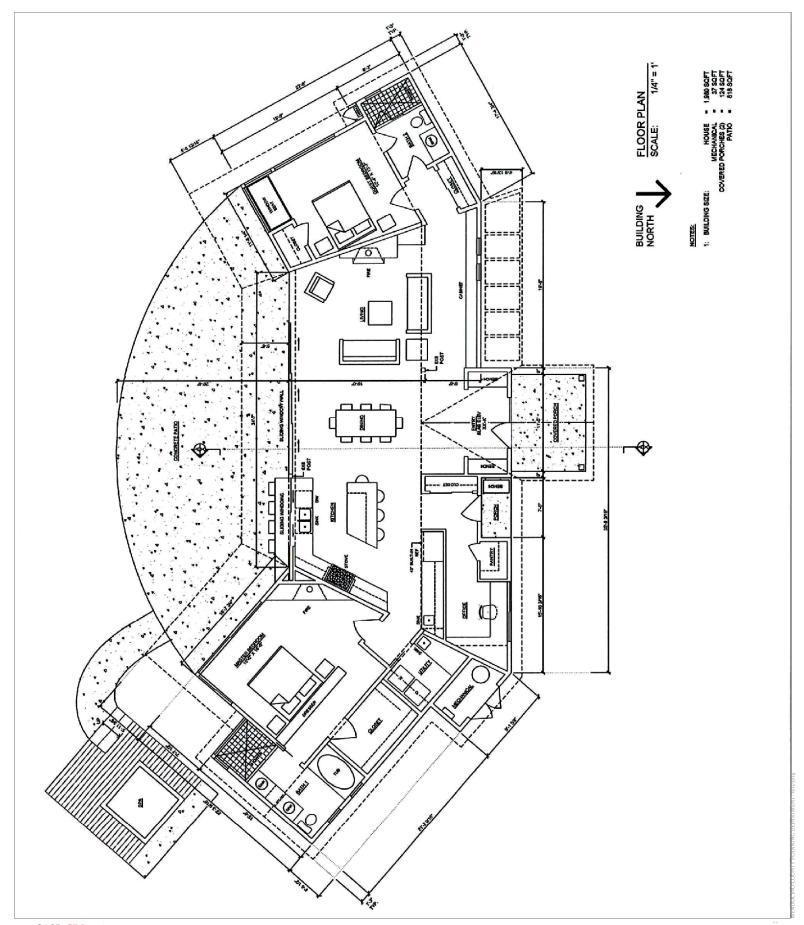


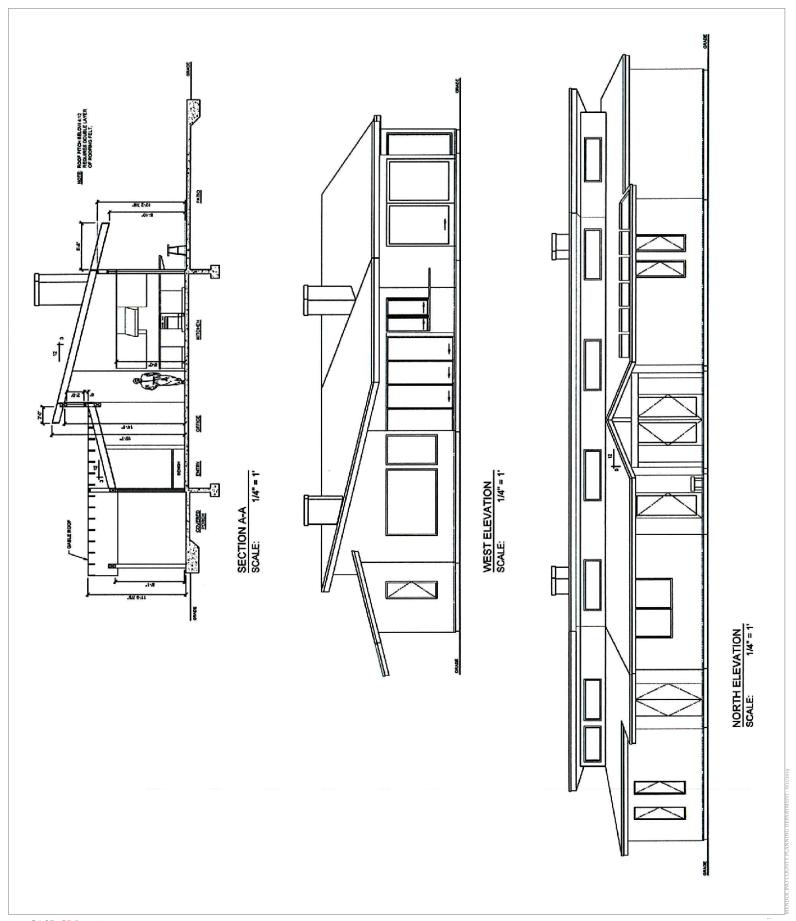
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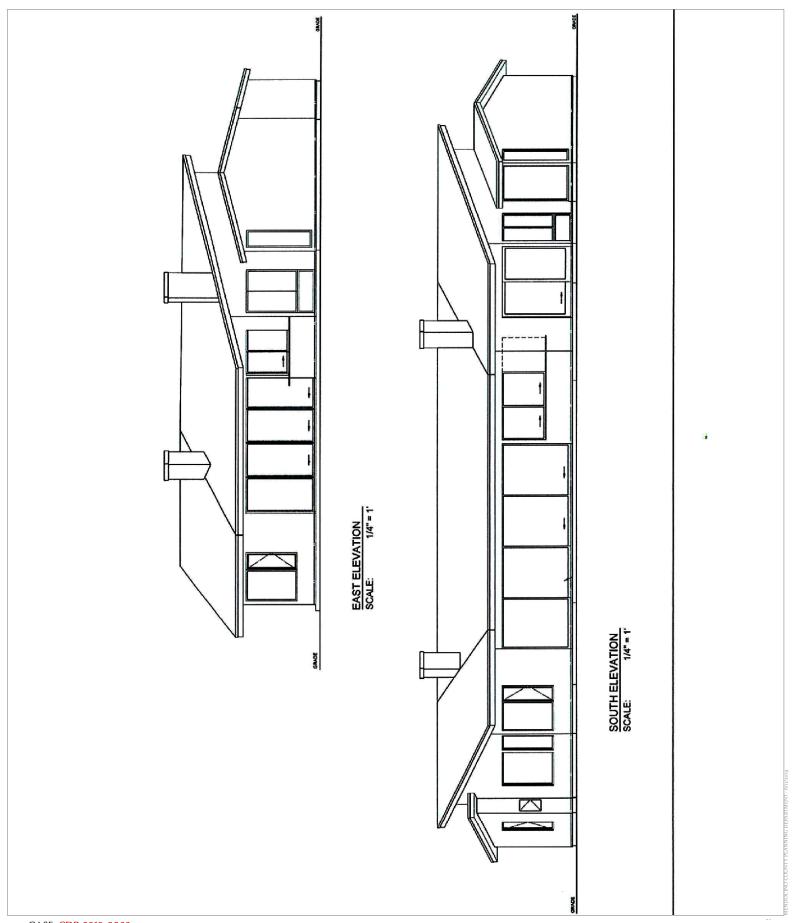
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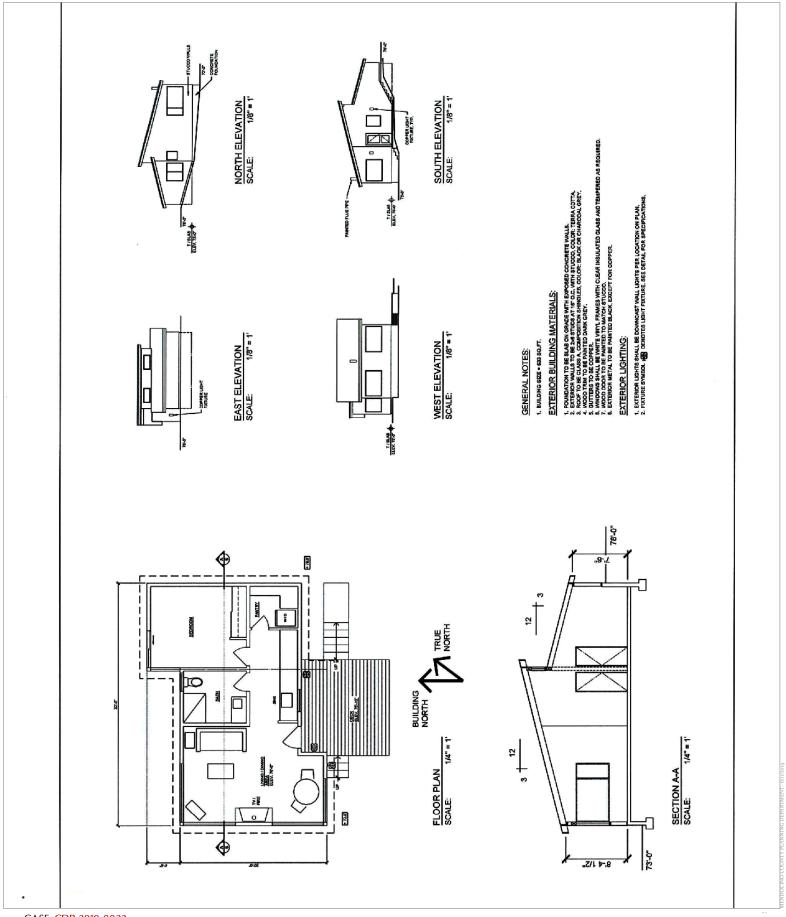


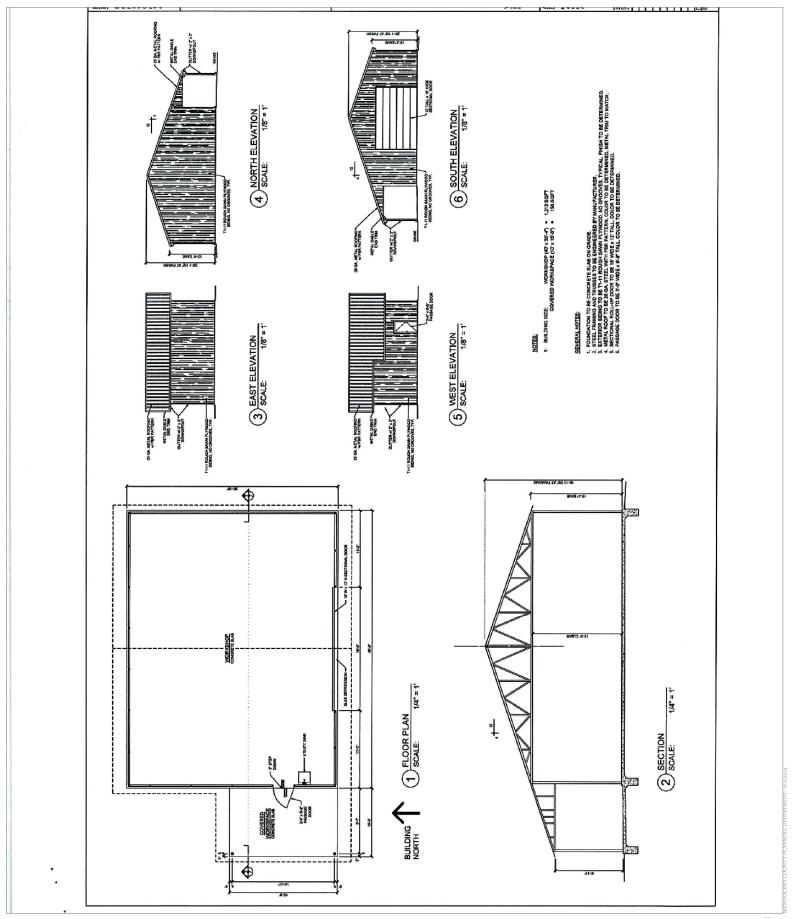


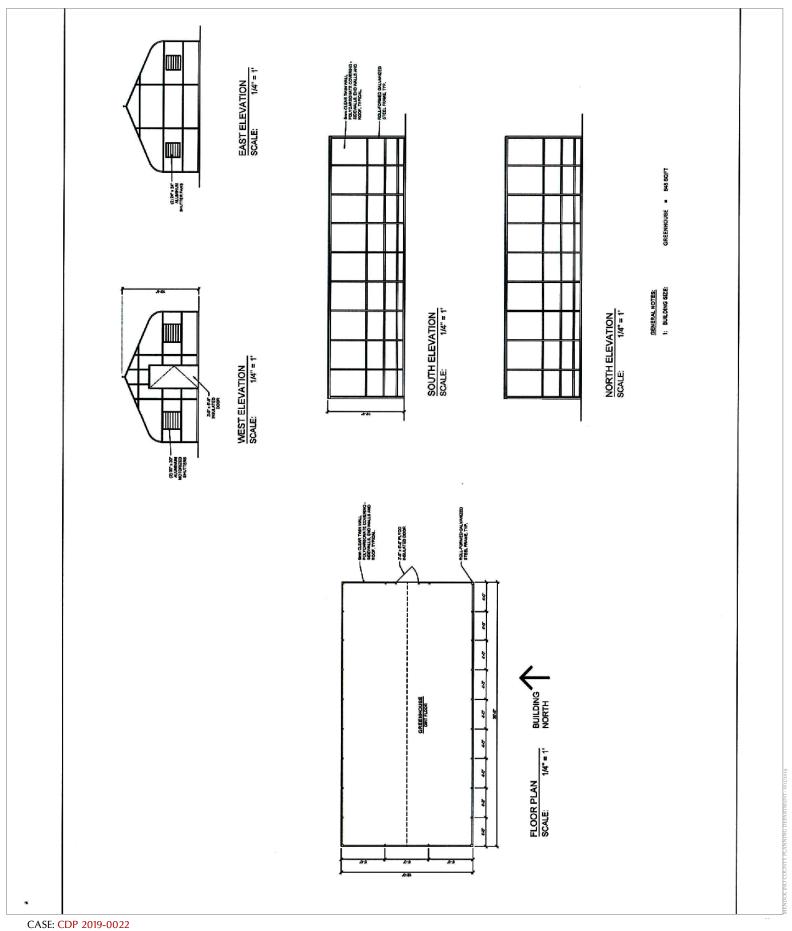


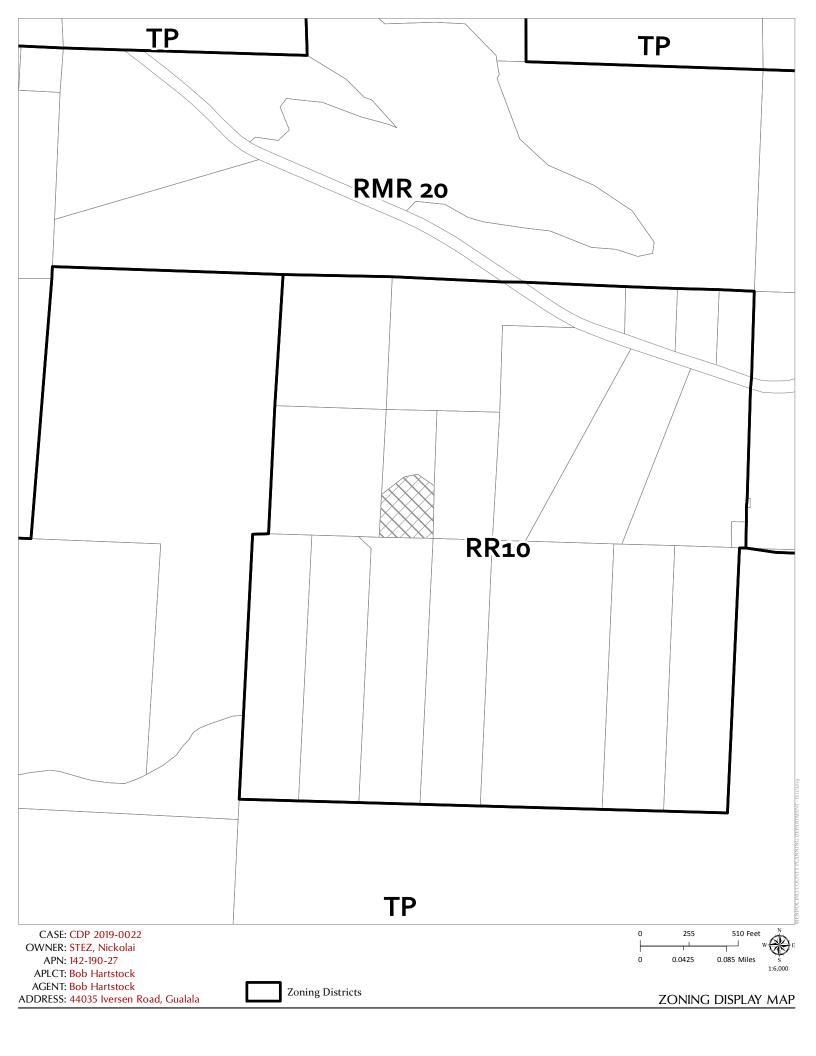




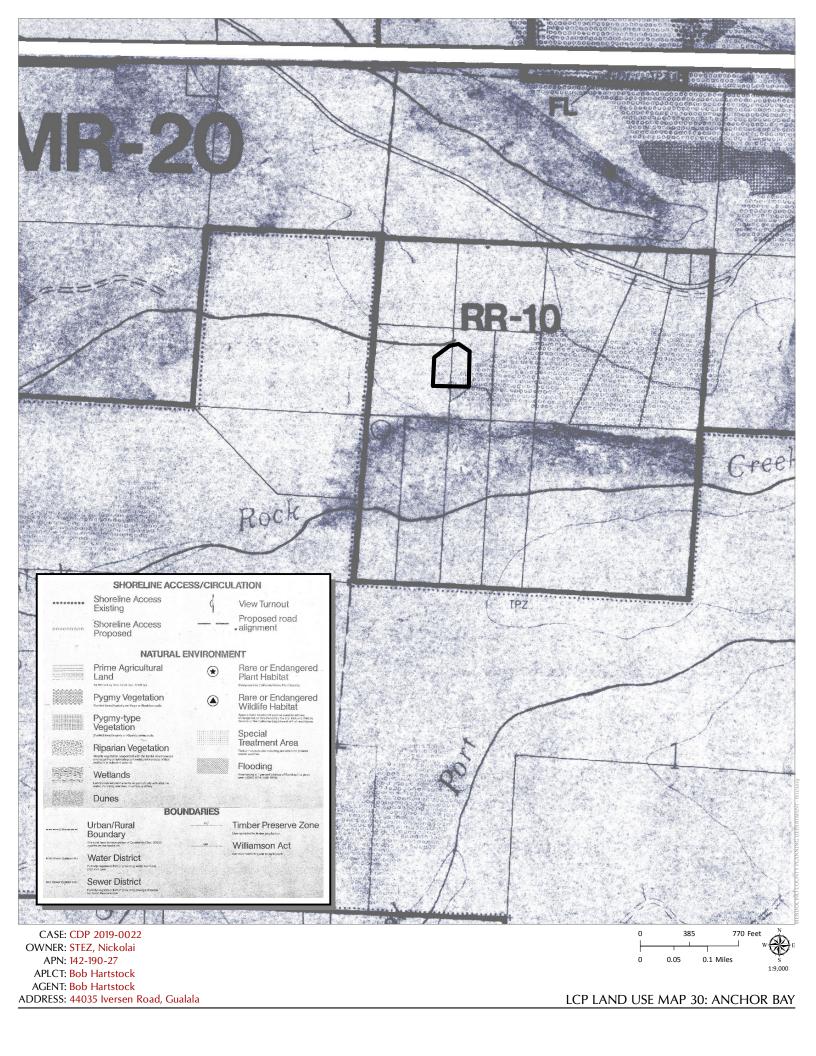


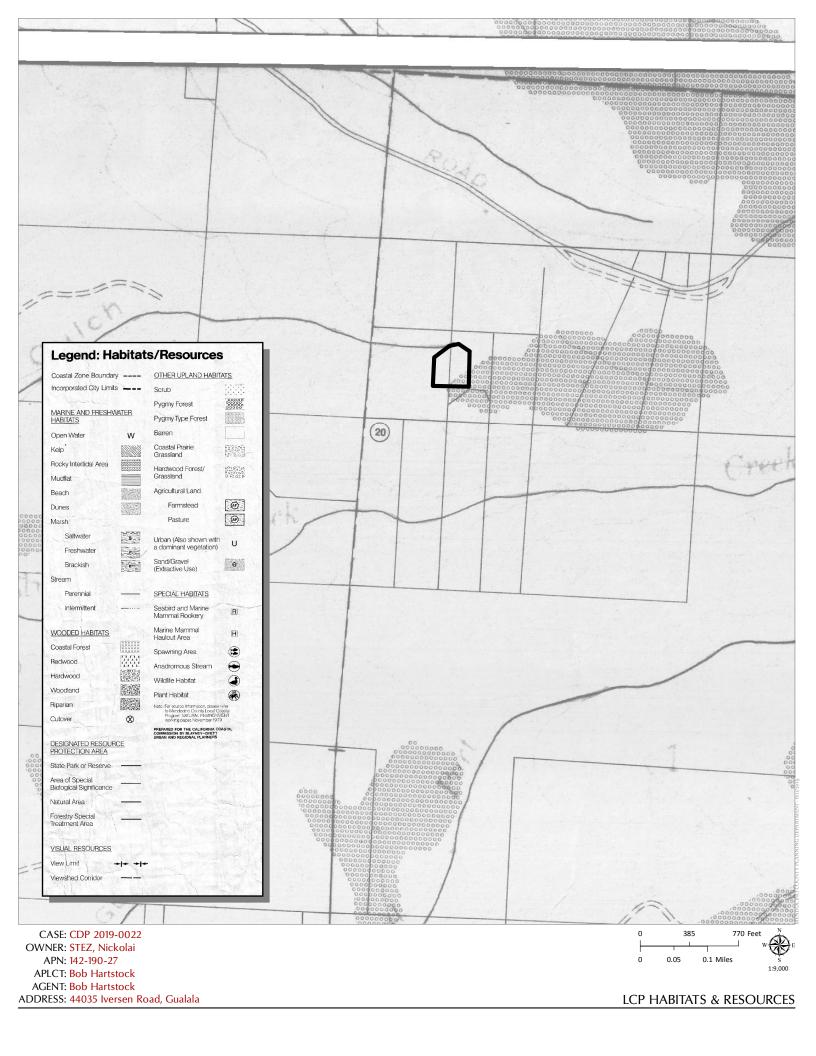


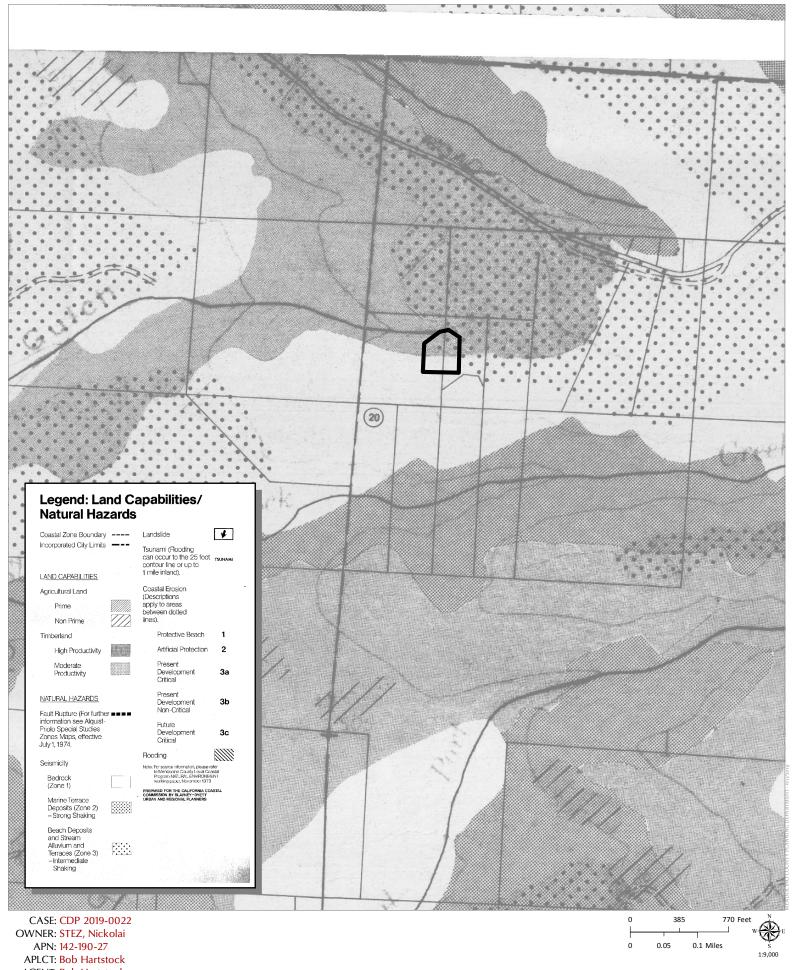






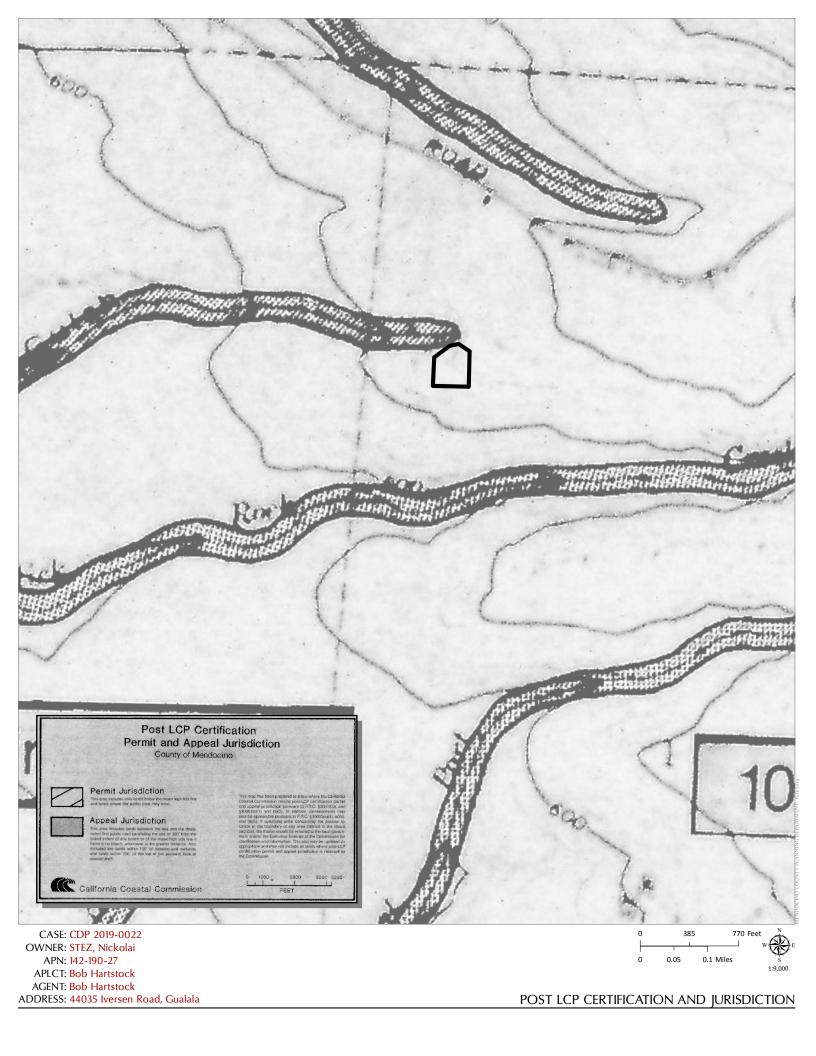


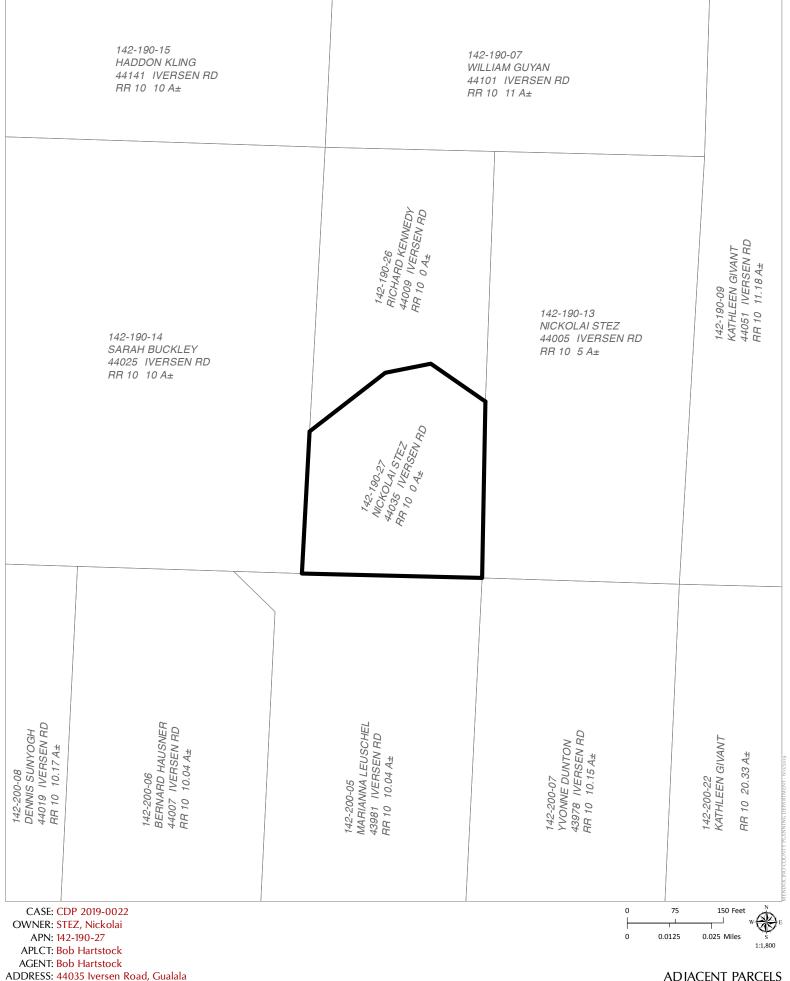


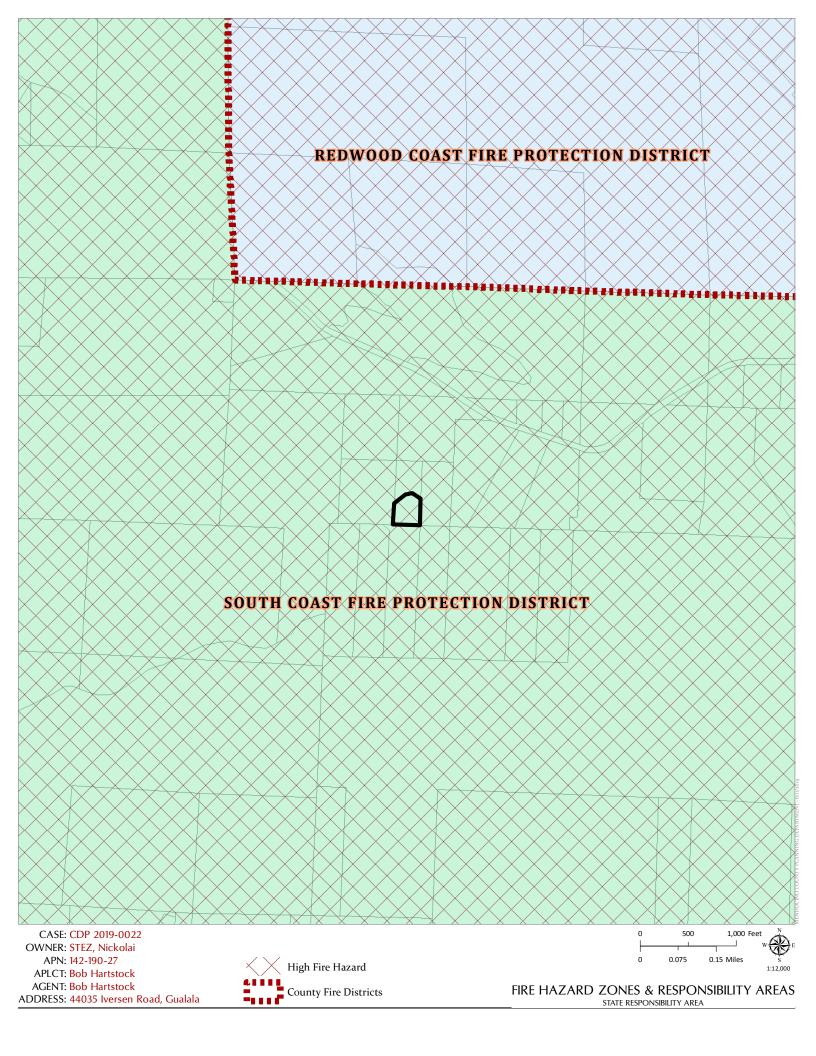


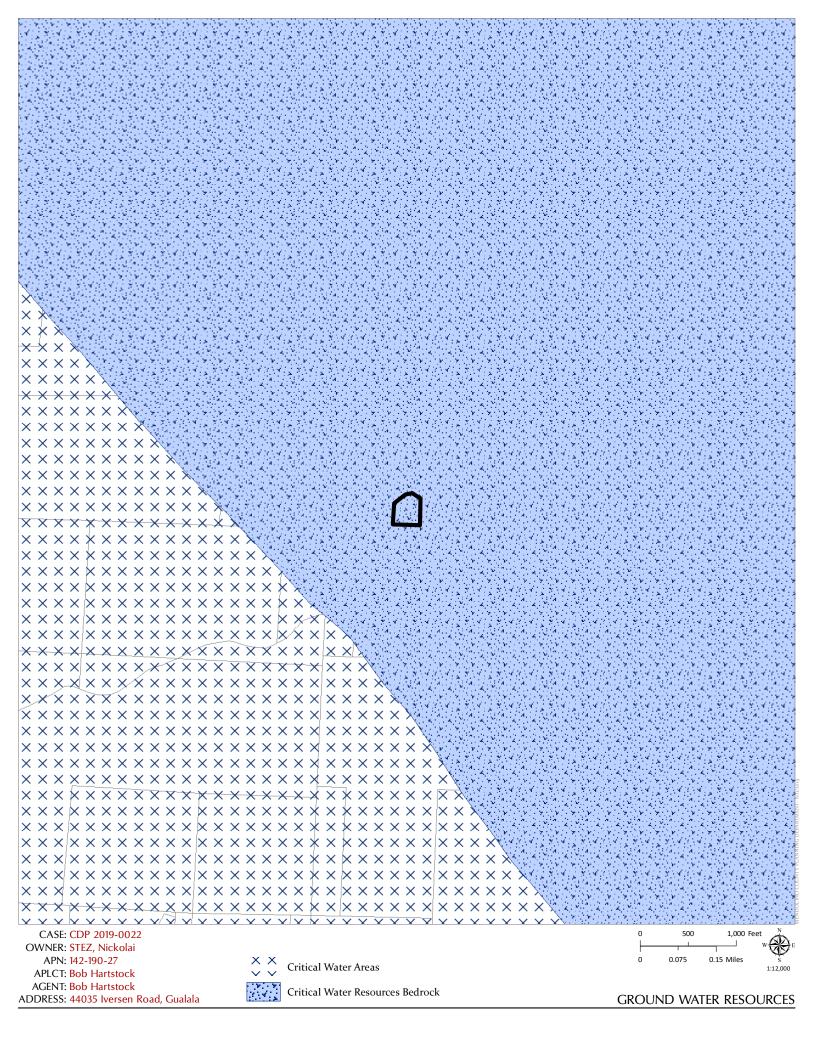
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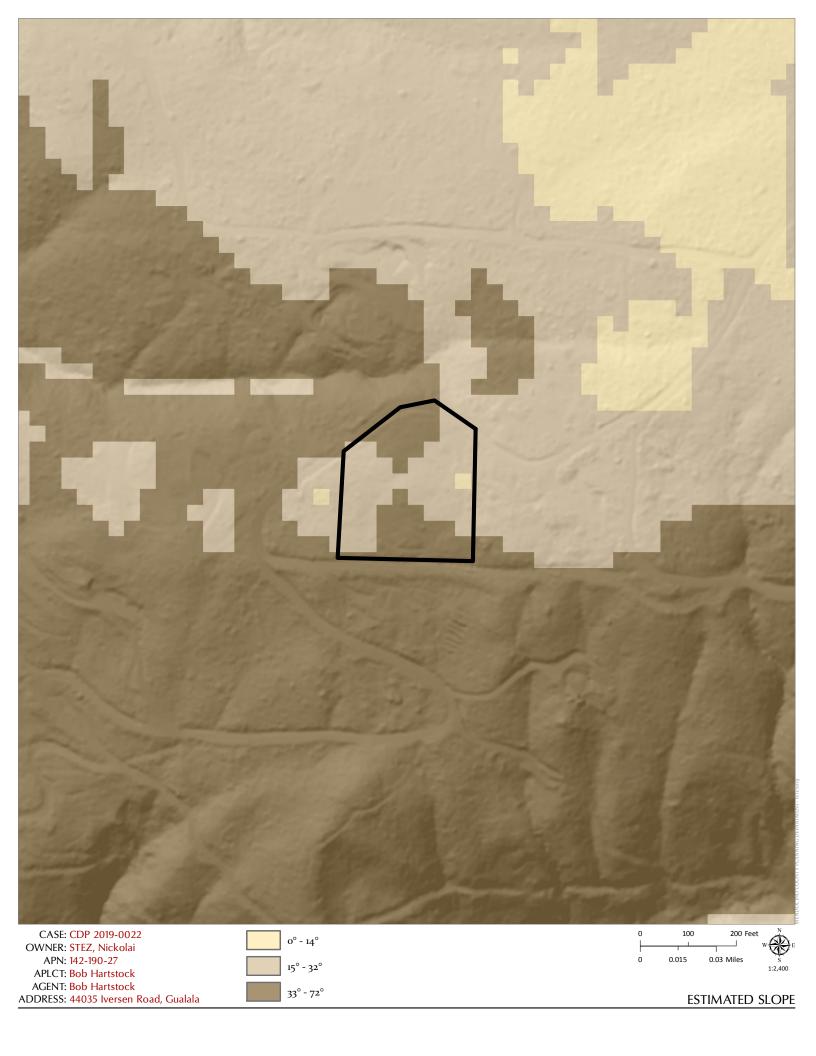
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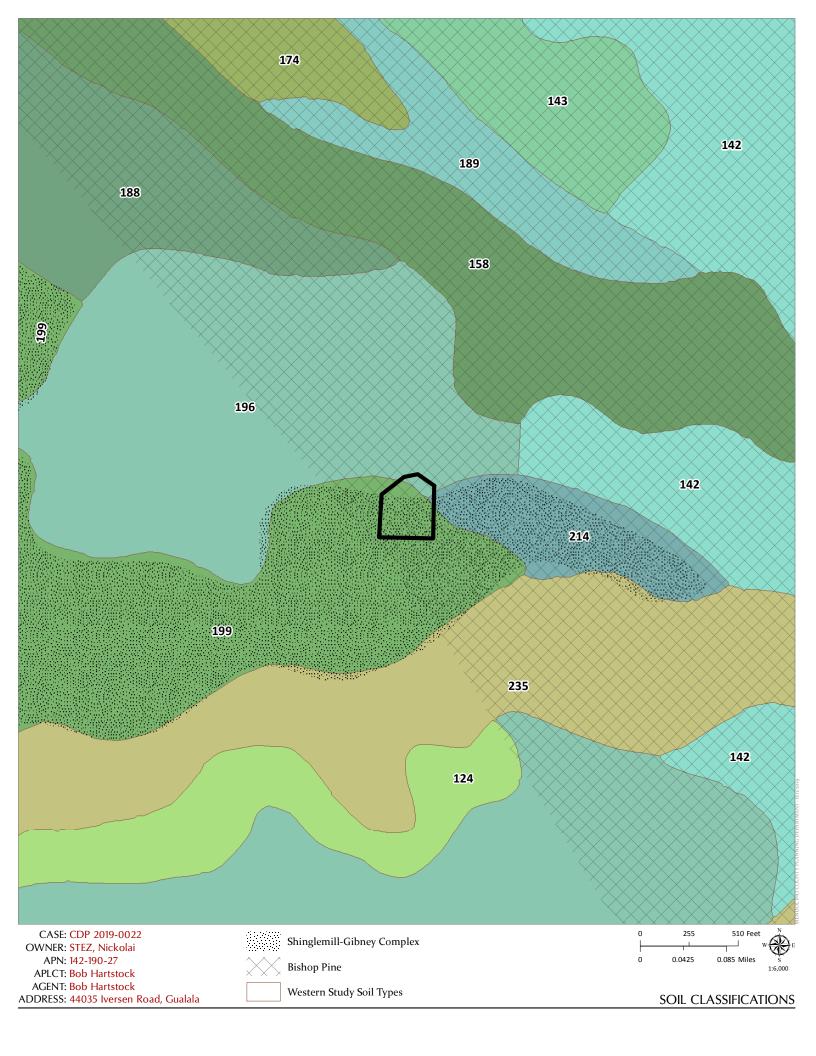


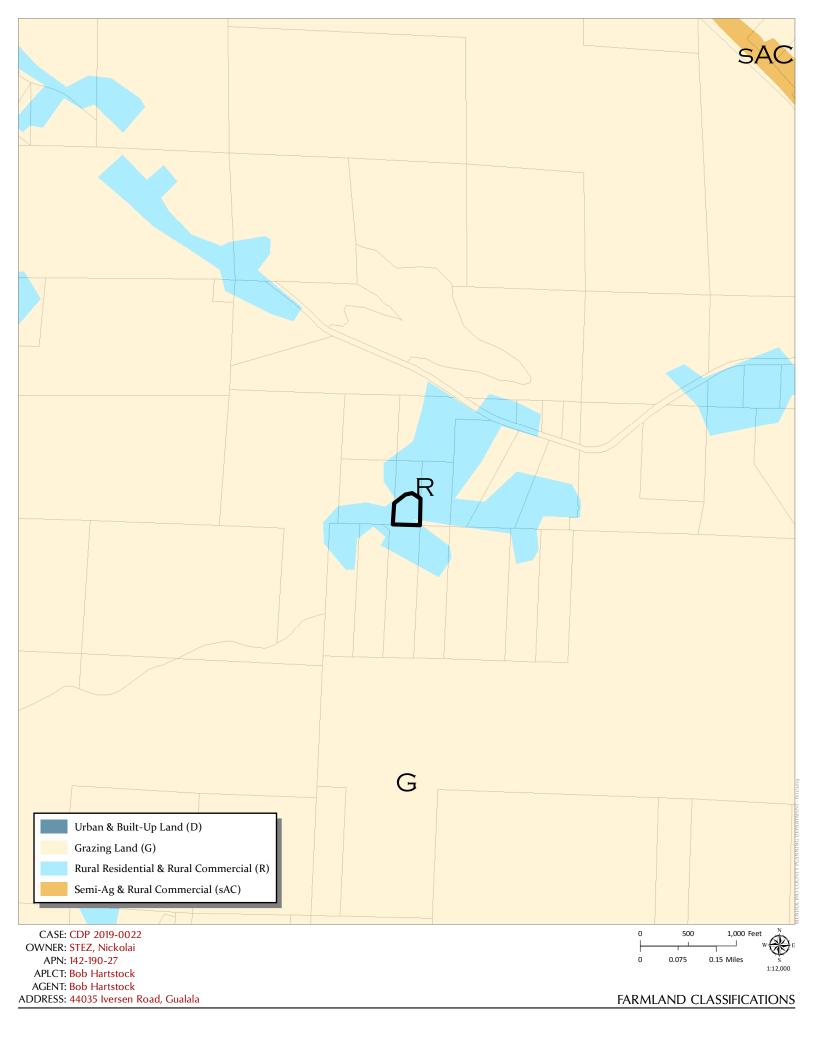


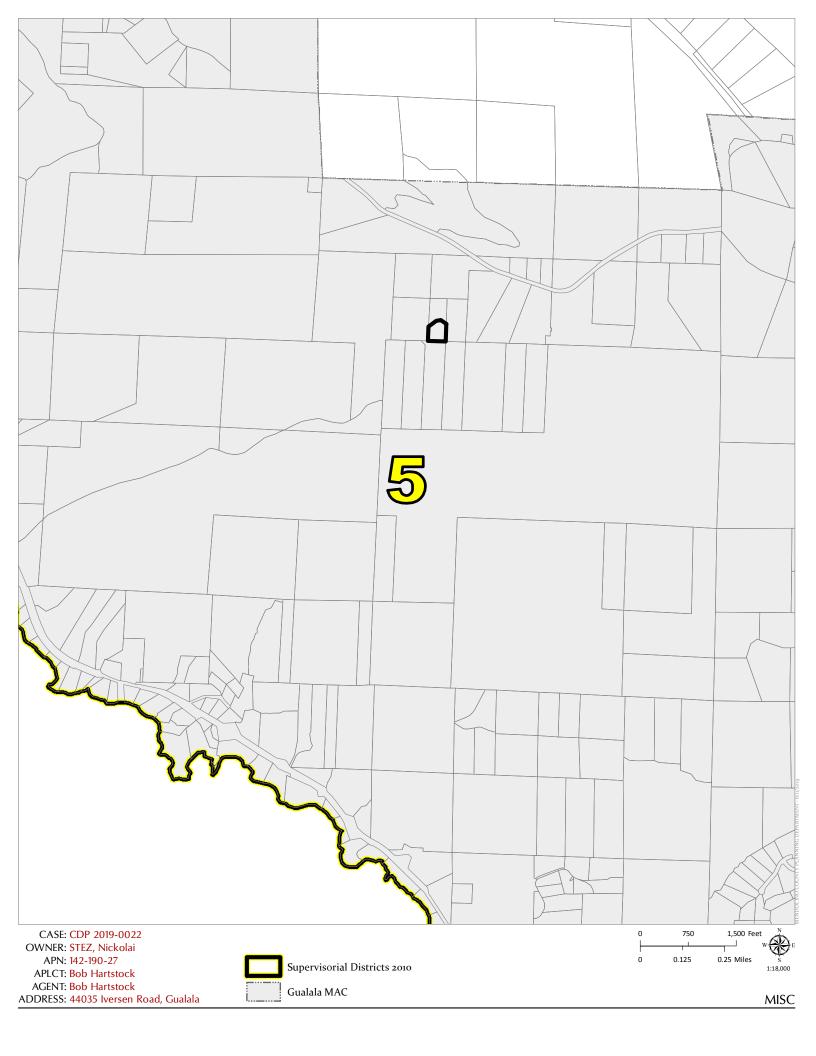












BIOLOGICAL SCOPING SURVEY REPORT

FOR

44035 IVERSEN ROAD (APN 142-190-27) GUALALA, CA MENDOCINO COUNTY



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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A limited scope summary is presented, following the Mendocino County Guidelines for Biological Scoping Surveys. The summary is intended to inform the county of the presence of any special status vegetation alliances, wetlands, streams or riparian areas observed, to provide recommendations for follow-up studies if warranted, and to provide recommendations for minimizing impacts during demolition and removal if those are to occur. The effort does not constitute a full floristic botanical survey.

In the professional opinion of Spade Natural Resources Consulting, the project area contains one special status plant, thin-lobed horkelia (*Horkelia tenuiloba*), and one watch list species, glory brush (*Ceanothus gloriosus* ssp. *exaltatus*).

The site visit occurred only once, and not all special status species with the potential to occur were in bloom during that site visit. There is a low potential for presence of marsh microseris (*Microseris paludosa*), and Monterey clover (*Trifolium trichocalyx*), which may be found in this range, in habitat types found on the property. Marsh microseris and Montery clover both bloom from April through June. If a follow up survey during this time period is feasible, one is recommended.

Avoidance measures are recommended to protect potentially present wildlife as outlined in Section 6 of this study.

This study outlines the professional opinion of Spade Natural Resources Consulting. County Planning Division, California Department of Fish and Wildlife and other agencies as applicable may have differing opinions and will need to be consulted to obtain concurrence.

2 STUDY AREA DESCRIPTION

2.1 General Site Description

The Project Site is a parcel approximately 2.5 miles east of the ocean and Highway One, within the Coastal Zone. It is located at 44035 Iversen Road, Gualala, California. The cleared building area is relatively flat, with the terrain sloping gently to moderately downward generally to the south. The parcel occurs within a residentially zoned forested hillslope. The elevation is approximately 850 to 920 feet above sea level. Soils are mapped as Shinglemill-Gibney complex, 2-9% slopes, with Quinliven-Ferncreek complex, 2-15% slopes, and Tropaquepts, 0-15% slopes on the northern boundary (Natural Resource Conservation Service, 2019).

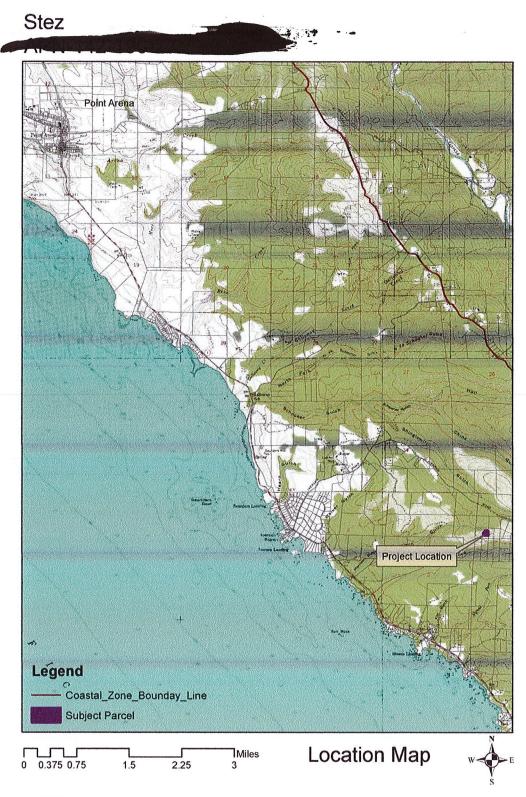


Figure 1. Location Map.

2.1 Vegetation

The survey area is a mowed non-native grassland area of manzanita chaparral surrounded by second or third growth Redwood Forest (Sequoia sempervirens Vegetation Alliance, G3 S3.2).

2.2 Site Hydrology

No wetlands or drainages were observed in the study area.

3 METHODS

A two-hour site visit occurred on July 26, 2019. The surveyor was Teresa Spade. The survey consisted of walking throughout the property, and recording observations of vegetation alliances and plant species observed, also taking note of any potential special status wildlife habitat, wetlands, riparian areas, or streams.

3.1 Literature Review

Existing records of special-status plant and animal species occurrences were reviewed to determine which special-status species have the potential to occur in the project vicinity. The following sources were consulted:

- California Native Plant Society (CNPS) Electronic Inventory occurrence records for the Saunders Reef, Gualala, Point Arena, and Eureka Hill USGS 7.5 minute quadrangles.
- California Natural Diversity Data Base (CNDDB) occurrence records for the Saunders Reef USGS 7.5 minute quadrangle.
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife's 2018 Sensitive Natural Communities list.
- Aerial imagery and topographic maps analysis, to gather baseline info regarding habitat in the project area.

3.2 Field Methods

The two-hour field survey was conducted on July 26, 2019. The survey covered the entire parcel and accessible areas within 100 feet of the parcel boundaries.

The survey consisted of a one-time limited scope survey, to determine the existing vegetation alliances and the potential for presence of Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas, such as special status plants and wildlife, streams, wetlands and riparian areas.

Special status species listed on scoping lists for the project were specifically searched for.



Figure 2. Aerial photo of property (parcel boundaries are approximate).

4 RESULTS

4.1 Special Status Plants

One special status species, thin lobed horkelia (*Horkelia tenuiloba*) was found. One watch list species, glory brush (*Ceanothus gloriosus* ssp. *exaltatus*) was also found. The scoping surveys occurred when many, but not all of the potentially present special status plants would have been in bloom or otherwise identifiable on site. Glory bush (*Ceanothus gloriosus* ssp. *exaltatus*) and Pt Reyes ceanothus (*Ceanothus gloriosus* ssp *gloriosus*) were not in bloom at the time of surveys but are identifiable by leaves. Oregon goldthread (*Coptis laciniata*) would not have been in bloom during the survey but is a watch list species (CRPR 4.2) and is generally found near water – the site does not contain habitat for this species. The habitat is appropriate for both marsh microseris (*Microseris paludosa*), and Monterey clover (*Trifolium trichocalyx*), which would not have been in bloom at the time of survey. They both have a low potential for presence at the site.

Scoping lists are included in Appendix A.

Thin-Lobed Horkelia

Thin-lobed horkelia (*Horkelia tenuiloba*) was observed at the bottom of the property, near the edge of the woodlands, in the hairy manzanita scrub vegetation. Thin-lobed horkelia is listed as a CRPR 1B.2 species that is endemic to California and is generally found along the coast from Point Arena to Marin County.



Figure 3. Thin-lobed horkelia found on the property.

Glory Brush

Glory brush (*Ceanothus gloriosus* ssp. *exaltatus*) was observed in the center of the property. Glory brush is a 4.3 watch list species that is endemic to California and is generally found along the coast from Humboldt to Marin County.



Figure 4. Glory brush found on the property.

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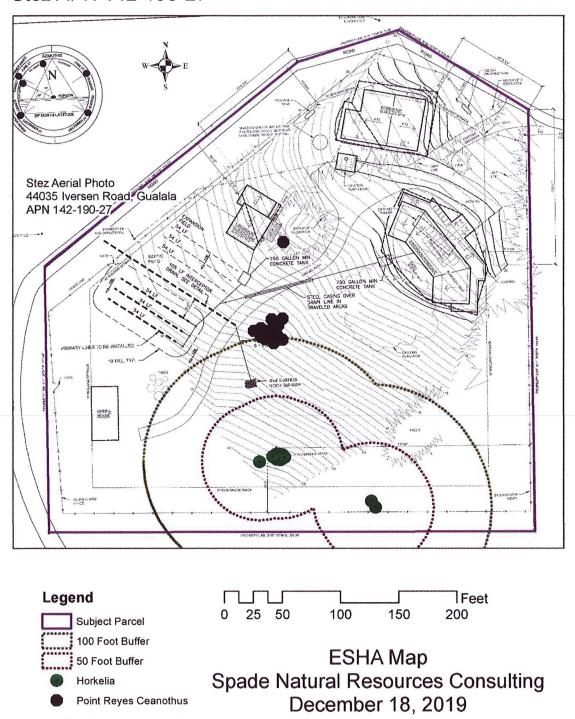


Figure 5. Special status plant map with 50 and 100 foot buffer areas shown.

4.2 Special Status Wildlife

4.2.1 Invertebrates

Behren's silverspot butterfly

Endangered, listed December 5, 1997. The known historic range is along the coast from near the Town

🐧 (Speyeria zerene behrensii) is

of Mendocino in Mendocino County to Salt Point State

Park in Sonoma County.

The larval food plant is currently thought to be western dog

violet (*Viola adunca*), based on studies of the closely related coastal subspecies, Oregon silverspot butterfly (*Speyeria zerene hoppolyta*). It inhabits coastal terrace



prairie habitat in areas with a strong ocean influence.

Although the property contains a grassland with nectar plant species, the project area does not contain habitat for Behren's silverspot butterfly. The property is located inland far enough that there is not an ocean influence, and the larval food plant, western dog violet, was not found during survey efforts.

Lotis blue butterfly

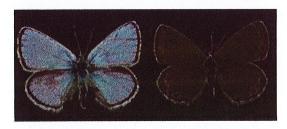


Figure 7. Male and female lotis blue butterflies

(photo credit USFWS File Photograph)

The Lotis blue (Lycaeides argyrognomon lotis [aka Lycaeides idas lotis]) was first recognized as a Federally Endangered species in 1976. At that time, it was sighted at a single location in a sphagnum bog, approximately two miles north of the town of Mendocino. It was last observed there in 1983.

Little is known of the Lotis blue butterfly's habitat requirements and ecology, however other northern California *Lycaeides idas* typically occur in wet meadows, bogs, seeps, springs, and along the shorelines of streams. Harlequin lotus (*Hosackia gracilis*) is a presumed larval food plant.

The property does not contain wet meadows, bogs, seeps, springs or streams for habitat, and no Harlequin lotus was observed during survey efforts. The project does not contain habitat for Lotis blue butterfly.

Monarch butterfly

Monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*) overwinters in redwood and other forests. The Gualala area is the northernmost point of the monarch overwintering range on the Mendocino Coast. The property is over four miles north of the northernmost overwintering site for this species. The property is not within the range of monarch butterfly overwintering areas.

Obscure bumblebee

Obscure bumblebee (*Bombus caliginosus*) is an IUCN vulnerable ranked species in decline along the west coast of the United States, which is its native range. This species is very similar to the common yellow-faced bumblebee (*Bombus vosnesenskii*), differentiated by the structure of the male genitalia. The obscure bumblebee tends to have longer hairs, however, and yellow hairs are found on the underside of the abdomen. Habitat includes open, coastal prairies and coast range meadows. Food plants include Ceanothus, Cirsium, Clarkia, Keckiella, Lathyrus, Lotus, Lupinus, Rhododendron, Rubus, Trifolium, and Vaccinium (IUCN 2019).

Habitat for this species is present.

4.2.2 Amphibians, Reptiles and Fish

California red-legged frog

California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*) is listed as Federally Threatened. Their known range extends from central Mendocino County southward to Riverside County. California red legged frogs can be found in many habitat types during wet weather but require ponds or pools within slow moving streams in which to lay their eggs. Suitable breeding habitat must include vegetation on which to anchor their egg masses and must hold water long enough for tadpoles to develop. There is no breeding habitat on the property. California red-legged frogs are known to travel over land up to a mile between breeding locations. For this reason, northern red-legged frog may be present on the property during dispersal periods.

Foothill Yellow-Legged Frog

Foothill yellow-legged frog (*Rana boylii*) is listed as a candidate species under the California Endangered Species Act. This frog species is present year-round along most of the coast of California, in northwestern California, and in the western Sierra Foothills. This frog species is found in or near rocky streams in many habitat types, including but not limited to mixed coniferous forest, coastal scrub,

and wet meadows. Foothill yellow-legged frog is rarely found away from permanent water. The property does not contain stream habitat for this species.

Pacific tailed frog

Pacific tailed frog (*Ascaphus truei*) is not a Federal or State protected species but is a California State Species of Concern. Their known range is coastal from Anchor Bay, Mendocino County, north to the Oregon border. They inhabit cold, clear, rocky streams in wet forests. They do not inhabit ponds or lakes. A rocky streambed is necessary for cover for adults, eggs, and larvae. After heavy rains, adults may be found in the woods away from the stream. The property does not contain a stream habitat for this species.

Southern torrent salamander

Southern torrent salamander (*Rhyacotriton variegatus*) is a California State Species of Special Concern. This salamander is found in permanent cold forest streams and seeps among rocks and pebbles. They are found in northwestern California south to Point Arena, and are found within water and in the splash zone of water. The property is south of the range for this species and no stream habitat is found on or adjacent to the property.

California giant salamander

California giant salamander (*Dicamptodon ensatus*) is present in cool, damp redwood forests, near streams, on the south coast. The study area is likely too dry for the California giant salamander. There is a low potential for presence in the project area.

Red-bellied newt

Red-bellied newts (*Taricha rivularis*) are found in cool, damp redwood forests. The study area is likely too dry for red-bellied newts. There is a low potential for presence in the project area.

Western Pond Turtle

The western pond turtle is present year-round throughout Mendocino County. They are normally associated with permanent ponds, lakes, streams, irrigation ditches, or permanent pools along intermittent streams. Basking sites include partially submerged logs, rocks, mats of floating vegetation, or open mud banks. Nests are generally along sandy banks but have been reported as far away as 325 feet from water, in many soil types, from sandy to hard. Nests must have a relatively high internal humidity in order for eggs to develop and hatch properly. There are no ponds or other water bodies or streams on or directly adjacent to the property.

4.2.3 Birds

Special status and nesting birds protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act may be present on or near the property. Nesting habitats can include trees, brush, grassy areas, and sometimes man-made structures, burrows, or on the ground.

While no nests or nesting activity was observed during the limited survey effort, there is a potential for presence of nesting birds in the study area.

Northern spotted owl



Figure 8. Northern spotted owl (photo credit USFWS File Photograph).

The northern spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*)(Fig. 8) is listed as Federally Threatened under the Endangered Species Act, since June 26, 1990. The range for this subspecies is from southwestern British Columbia to Marin County. The eastern boundary is the Pit River area of Shasta County.

Several spotted owl sightings have been documented near the project area. The closest documented nesting location according to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife BIOS Spotted Owl observations map (v5.80.281), is about a two miles north at Hall Gulch.

Northern spotted owls nest in forests with a multi-layered, multi-species canopy with moderate to high canopy closure. Features generally found within appropriate habitat include large cavities and other types of deformities, large snags, an abundance of dead wood on the forest floor, and open areas within and below the upper canopy of sufficient size for flying.

The trees in the vicinity of the project area appear to be second or third growth redwood, and the forest surrounding the subject clearing on the property does not contain the features of appropriate habitat for this species.

Marbled murrelet



Figure 9. Marbled murrelet (photo credit Thomas Hamer, Hamer Environmental LP).

The marbled murrelet (*Branchyramphus marmoratus*)(Fig. 9) has been listed as Federally Threatened since September 28, 1992. The range extends along the coast from Alaska to Northern Monterey Bay in Central California. Marbled murrelets forage on the coast and nest in old growth forests.

The trees in the vicinity of the project area appear to be second or third growth redwood, and the forest surrounding the subject clearing on the property does not contain the features of appropriate habitat for this species.

4.2.4 Mammals

Bats

Many species of bats roost in hollowed areas, crevices, or under bark of trees in forested areas near water, and, several special status species require a nearby fresh water source for feeding over and for drinking, because they do not have a good urine concentrating ability. There is a potential for presence of special status bats in the forested areas of the property.

Point Arena Mountain Beaver

Point Arena mountain beaver (*Aplodontia rufa nigra*) is listed as Endangered under the Federal Endangered Species Act, as of December 12, 1991. Habitat is generally moist, steep, north facing slopes with well drained and friable soil. They are generally found in riparian areas, wet coastal scrub, northern dune scrub and at the edges of coniferous forests. The US Fish and Wildlife Service considers the range to be between a point two miles north of Bridgeport Landing, south to a point five miles south of the town of Point Arena, and inland as far as five miles. The property is not within the range of Point Arena mountain beaver as it is located about six miles south of the town of Point Arena and is therefore a mile south of the range (USFWS 2018).

Sonoma Tree Vole

According to the April 2018 Department of Fish and Wildlife Special Animals List, Sonoma tree vole (*Arborimus pomo*) is listed as a G3 S3 Species of Special Concern. The state listing indicates the species is considered vulnerable in its range due to a restricted range, relatively few populations, recent and widespread declines or other factors.

The Sonoma tree vole range is located along the coast from Sonoma County through Mendocino, Humboldt, and Trinity County. The total population is unknown but is estimated at over 10,000. Preferred habitat is considered mesic old growth Douglas Fir Forest, however Sonoma tree voles are known to live in other coniferous forests. They are known to eat primarily Douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*) needles, but eat other conifer needles as well. They may also eat the inner bark of twigs. Sonoma tree voles live in the tree canopy and are thought to have limited dispersal capabilities, and so are threatened by canopy removal and fragmentation (Blois and Natureserve 2008).

The property contains marginal habitat for Sonoma tree vole including Douglas fir and bishop pine trees.

North American Porcupine

North American porcupine (*Erethizon dorsatum*) is found year round throughout Mendocino County, according to the <u>California Department of Fish and Wildlife Habitat Relationship System range map</u>. In spring and summer it is found in meadows, riparian areas and brushy areas as well as forests. In winter it is restricted to forests, and prefers conifers. Habitat quality at the site is low, as firs, pines, oaks, maples, cottonwoods, willow, and elderberry are preferred and the site is dominated by redwoods.

4.3 Vegetation Alliances

4.3.1 Redwood Forest (Sequoia sempervirens Forest Alliance)

Coast Redwood Forest (*Sequoia sempervirens* Forest Alliance) is listed by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife as a G3 S3.2 forest alliance, an indication that 21-80 element occurrences, 3,000-10,000 individuals or 10,000-50,000 acres are present. According to Wikipedia, "in California, 899,000 acres of redwood forest are logged, virtually all of it second growth." Accordingly, it is possible that the G3 ranking applies only to the restricted high-quality examples of redwood forest, which would be old growth or closed canopy, late successional mesic forests with complex physical structure near the ground. SpadeNRC contacted Diana Hickson at the California Department of Fish and Wildlife in October of 2014 to gain clarification on how this Alliance is defined. Ms. Hickman responded by indicating that California Department of Fish and Wildlife Service is working with Save the Redwoods League to obtain better data on the distribution of the redwood alliance.

On site, the forest is characterized by the presence of coast redwood dominant in the overstory, with Douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*) and tanoak (*Notholithocarpus densiflorus*) also characteristic in the overstory. The shrub layer is dominated by black huckleberry (*Vaccinium ovatum*), hairy leaf manzanita (*Arctostaphylos columbiana*), and salal (*Gaultheria shallon*). The understory is sparse and characterized by the presence of bracken (*Pteridium aquilinum*).

4.3.2 Hairy manzanita chaparral (Manzanita columbiana Shrubland Alliance)

A patch dominated by hairy manzanita is present in the lower center of the property. This area was likely part of the redwood forest, was cleared, and is now growing back. Although a common type of manzanita, hairy manzanita chaparral is not a vegetation alliance listed in the Manual of California Vegetation, likely because this is a disturbed area just growing back. Other vegetation observed characterizing the chaparral includes black huckleberry (*Vaccinium ovatum*), tanoak seedlings, wavyleaf ceanothus (*Ceanothus foliosus*), sticky monkeyflower (*Mimulus aurantiacus*), coast range fescue (*Festuca subuliflora*), and bracken.

4.3.3 Common velvet grass – sweet vernal grass meadows (Holcus lanatus - Anthoxanthum odoratum Herbaceous Semi-Natural Alliance)

The non-native grassland is vegetated by grasses and forbs, with tree seedlings and brush sprouting. Grasses noted include purple velvet grass (*Holcus lanatus*), sweet vernal grass (*Anthoxanthum odoratum*), bull thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*), hairy cat's ear (*Hypochaeris radicata*), salal (*Gaultheria shallon*), wood rush (*Luzula comosa*), and common rush (*Juncus effusus*).

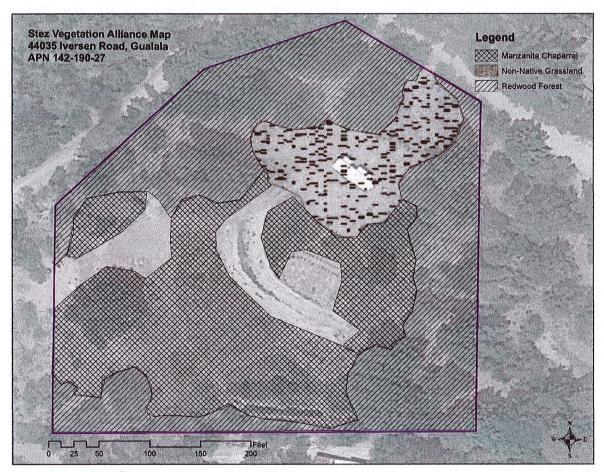


Figure 10. Vegetation alliance map.

5 DISCUSSION

The proposed project involves construction of a residence on a property that was cleared in the past in conjunction with an approved coastal development permit. The proposed project components would occur within the existing cleared area and within the forested area. The southern portion of the site contains special status thin-lobed horkelia. It is possible that a buffer area of between 50 and 100 feet would be sufficient to protect this species. The County and Department of Fish and Wildlife would need to be consulted, and if they are agreeable, a reduced buffer analysis per 20.496.020 of the

Mendocino County Coastal Zoning Code would need to be conducted to determine the appropriate buffer width.

The site visit occurred only once, and not all special status species with the potential to occur were in bloom during that site visit. There is a low potential for presence of marsh microseris (*Microseris paludosa*), and Monterey clover (*Trifolium trichocalyx*), which may be found in this range, in habitat types found on the property. Marsh microseris and Montery clover both bloom from April through June. If a follow up survey during this time period is feasible, one is recommended.

6 Recommended Avoidance Measures

6.1.1 Follow Up Botanical Visit

If reasonably feasible, a follow-up botanical visit is recommended between April and June in order to search for March Microseris and Monterey clover during the bloom window for these species. There is a low potential for presence.

6.1.2 California Department of Fish and Wildlife Consultation

If a buffer area of less than 50 feet is proposed for development to the location of the observed horkelia, the project botanist and California Department of Fish and Wildlife should be consulted regarding an appropriate buffer width. For any buffer width under 100 feet, a reduced buffer analysis per Mendocino County Coastal Zoning Code, Section 20.496.020 will need to be conducted by the project botanist.

6.1.3 Special Status Birds and Bats

The bird breeding season typically extends from February to August. Ideally, the clearing of vegetation and the initiation of construction can be done in the non-breeding season between September and January. If these activities cannot be done in the non-breeding season, a qualified biologist shall perform preconstruction breeding bird surveys within 14 days of the onset of construction or clearing of vegetation. If active breeding bird nests are observed, no ground disturbance activities shall occur within a minimum 100-foot exclusion zone. These exclusion zones may vary depending on species, habitat and level of disturbance. The exclusion zone shall remain in place around the active nest until all young are no longer dependent upon the nest. A biologist should monitor the nest site weekly during the breeding season to ensure the buffer is sufficient to protect the nest site from potential disturbances.

As with birds, bat roost sites can change from year to year, so pre-construction surveys are usually necessary to determine the presence or absence of bat roost sites in a given area. Pre-

construction bat surveys do not need to be performed if work or vegetation removal is conducted between September 1 and October 31, after young have matured and prior to the bat hibernation period. However, if it is necessary to disturb potential bat roost sites between November 1 and August 31, pre-construction surveys should be conducted. Pre-construction bat surveys involve surveying trees, rock outcrops, and buildings subject to removal or demolition for evidence of bat use (guano accumulation, or acoustic or visual detections). If evidence of bat use is found, then biologists shall conduct acoustic surveys under appropriate conditions using an acoustic detector, to determine whether a site is occupied. If bats are found, a minimum 50 foot buffer should be implemented around the roost tree. Removal of roost trees should occur in September and October, or after the bats have left the roost. In summary, no impacts would be expected and therefore no preconstruction surveys would be required for the species above if vegetation removal (including standing dead trees) is scheduled for the months of September or October. The months of November through August would require a bird and/or bat survey dependent on the time of year.

6.1.4 California Red-Legged Frog Avoidance

Within two weeks prior to construction or demolition, project contractors will be trained by a qualified biologist in the identification of the California red-legged frog. Construction crews will begin each day with a visual search around all stacked or stored materials, as well as along any silt fences to detect the presence of frogs. If a California red-legged frog is detected, construction or demolition crews will contact the US Fish and Wildlife Service or a qualified biologist, and gain clearance prior to re-initiating work.

If a rain event occurs during the construction period, all construction-related activities will cease for a period of 48 hours after the rain stops. Prior to resuming construction or demolition activities, trained construction crew member(s) will examine the site for the presence of frogs. If no special status frogs are found, construction activities may resume.

6.1.5 Sonoma Tree Vole Avoidance

A Sonoma tree vole survey shall occur within two weeks of tree removal activities. If tree vole nests are found in trees to be removed, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife shall be immediately notified and steps shall be taken to protect Sonoma tree voles present per California Department of Fish and Wildlife requirements. Should tree voles be found, project commencement shall not occur until California Department of Fish and Wildlife gives clearance.

6.1.6 Erosion Control

Standard Best Management Practices shall be employed to assure minimization of erosion resulting from construction or demolition. Ground disturbance shall be limited to the minimum necessary and disturbed soil areas shall be stabilized as soon as feasible. Any soil stockpiles will need to be covered or otherwise stabilized to prevent dust impacts. Any bare soil created by the construction phase of the project should be re-vegetated with native vegetation and/or native seed mixes for soil stabilization.

6.1.7 Native Landscaping and Avoidance of Invasive Introduction

Landscaping on the parcel should not include any invasive plants. Heavy equipment undercarriages and tires should be washed prior to entering the site in order to remove any invasive plant seed.

APPENDIX A. PLANT SPECIES OBSERVED

	Family	Latin Name	Common Name	Native Status
GYMNOSPERMS				
	Pinaceae			
			Bishop pine; prickle-cone	
		Pinus muricata	pine; bull pine	Y
		Pseudotsuga menziesii var. menziesii	Douglas fir	Y
	Taxodiaceae	menziesii	Douglas III	11
	Taxouraceae	Sequoia sempervirens	coast redwood	Y
DICOTS		Sequota semper virens	coast reawood	
Dicors	Asteraceae			
	1 Isteraceae	Baccharis pilularis	coyote brush	Y
		Cirsium vulgare	bull thistle	N
		Hypochaeris radicata	rough cat's ear, hairy cat's ear	N
	Caprifoliaceae			11
	Сиргионассис	Lonicera involucrata var.	coast twinberry, Twinberry	
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	Ericaceae			
		Arctostaphylos columbiana	redwood manzanita, hairy manzanita	Y
		Gaultheria shallon	salal	Y
		Vaccinium ovatum	California huckleberry	Y
	Fagaceae		***************************************	
		Notholithocarpus densiflorus var. densiflorus	tanoak	Y
	Philadelphaceae			
		Whipplea modesta	yerba de selva, modesty	Y
		Mimulus aurantiacus	sticky monkeyflower	Y
	Rhamnaceae			
		Ceanothus foliosus	indigo bush	Y
		Ceanothus gloriosus var. exaltatus		Y
	Rosaceae	- Constitution		1
	110540040	Horkelia tenuiloba	thin lobed horkelia	Y
MONOCOTS		110, Neith termittou	umi 1000a noravita	1
	Juncaceae			
	Juneaceae	Juncus patens	common rush	Y
		Luzula comosa	hairy wood rush	Y
***************************************	Poaceae	ZIMMI COMODA	mod tudii	1
	1 000000	Agrostis capillaris	colonial bentgrass	N
			silver European hairgrass,	
		Aira caryophyllea	hairgrass	N
		Anthoxanthum odoratum	sweet vernal grass	N
	<u> </u>	Cortaderia jubata	Andes grass	N

Family	Latin Name	Common Name	Native Status
	Festuca subuliflora	crinckle-awn fescue, north coast fescue	Y
	Holcus lanatus	common velvetgrass	N
	Rytidosperma penicillatum	purple awned wallaby grass; hairy oat grass	N



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Plant List

24 matches found. Click on scientific name for details

Search Criteria

California Rare Plant Rank is one of [1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3, 4], Found in Quads 3812386, 3812385, 3812384, 3812376, 3812375, 3812374 and 3812364; Elevation is above 900 or below 1000 feet, Community is one of [Closed-cone coniferous forest, Chaparral, North Coast coniferous forest]

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Scientific Name	Common Name	Family	Lifeform	Blooming Period	CA Rare Plant Rank	State Rank	Global Rank
Astragalus agnicidus	Humboldt County milk-vetch	Fabaceae	perennial herb	Apr-Sep	1B.1	S2	G2
Astragalus rattanii var. rattanii	Rattan's milk- vetch	Fabaceae	perennial herb	Apr-Jul	4.3	S4	G4T4
Calamagrostis bolanderi	Bolander's reed grass	Poaceae	perennial rhizomatous herb	May-Aug	4.2	S4	G4
Campanula californica	swamp harebell	Campanulaceae	perennial rhizomatous herb	Jun-Oct	1B.2	83	G3
Carex californica	California sedge	Cyperaceae	perennial rhizomatous herb	May-Aug	2B.3	S2	G5
Ceanothus gloriosus var. exaltatus	glory brush	Rhamnaceae	perennial evergreen shrub	Mar-Jun(Aug)	4.3	84	G4T4
Ceanothus gloriosus var. gloriosus	Point Reyes ceanothus	Rhamnaceae	perennial evergreen shrub	Mar-May	4.3	S4	G4T4
Coptis laciniata	Oregon goldthread	Ranunculaceae	perennial rhizomatous herb	(Feb)Mar- May(Sep-Nov)	4.2	83?	G4?
Erigeron biolettii	streamside daisy	Asteraceae	perennial herb	Jun-Oct	3	83?	G3?
Gilia capitata ssp. pacifica	Pacific gilia	Polemoniaceae	annual herb	Apr-Aug	1B.2	82	G5T3
Hesperocyparis pygmaea	pygmy cypress	Cupressaceae	perennial evergreen tree		1B.2	81	G1
Horkella tenuiloba	thin-lobed horkelia	Rosaceae	perennial herb	May-Jul(Aug)	1B.2	S2	G2
Hosackia gracilis	harlequin lotus	Fabaceae	perennial rhizomatous herb	Mar-Jul	4.2	83	G3G4

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Kopsiopsis hookeri	small groundcone	Orobanchaceae	perennial rhizomatous herb (parasitic)	Apr-Aug	2B.3	S1S2	G4?
Lasthenia californica ssp. bakeri	Baker's goldfields	Asteraceae	perennial herb	Apr-Oct	1B.2	S1	G3T1
Lilium maritimum	coast lily	Liliaceae	perennial bulbiferous herb	May-Aug	1B.1	S2	G2
Lycopodium clavatum	running-pine	Lycopodiaceae	perennial rhizomatous herb	Jun-Aug(Sep)	4.1	S3	G5
Microseris paludosa	marsh microseris	Asteraceae	perennial herb	Apr-Jun(Jul)	1B.2	S2	G2
Perideridia gairdneri ssp. gairdneri	Gairdner's yampah	Apiaceae	perennial herb	Jun-Oct	4.2	S3S4	G5T3T4
Piperia candida	white-flowered rein orchid	Orchidaceae	perennial herb	(Mar)May-Sep	1B.2	S3	G3
Sidalcea malachroides	maple-leaved checkerbloom	Malvaceae	perennial herb	(Mar)Apr-Aug	4.2	S3	G3
Trifolium trichocalyx	Monterey clover	Fabaceae	annual herb	Apr-Jun	1B.1	S1	G1
Usnea longissima	Methuselah's beard lichen	Parmeliaceae	fruticose lichen (epiphytic)		4.2	S4	G4
Veratrum fimbriatum	fringed false- hellebore	Melanthiaceae	perennial herb	Jul-Sep	4.3	S3	G3

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Table 2. CNDDB Scoping Table for Saunders Reef Quad

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SciName	ComName	TaxonGroup	FedList	CalList	GRank	SRank	RPlantRank
Agrostis blasdalei	Blasdale's bent grass	Monocots	None	None	G2	52	1B.2
Calystegia purpurata ssp. saxicola	coastal bluff morning-glory	Dicots	None	None	G4T2T3	5253	18.2
Campanula californica	swamp harebell	Dicots	None	None	63	53	1B.2
Carex californica	California sedge	Monocots	None	None	G5	52	2B.2
Castilleja mendocinensis	Mendocino Coast paintbrush	Dicots	None	None	G2	52	18.2
Erigeron supplex	supple daisy	Dicots	None	None	G2	52	1B.2
Fritillaria roderickii	Roderick's fritillary	Monocots	None	Endangered	G1Q	51	18.1
Gilia capitata ssp. pacifica	Pacific gilia	Dicots	None	None	G5T3	52	1B.2
Hesperevax sparsiflora var. brevifolia	short-leaved evax	Dicots	None	None	G4T3	52	1B.2
Hesperocyparis pygmaea	pygmy cypress	Gymnosperms	None	None	G1	51	1B.2
Lasthenia californica ssp. bakeri	Baker's goldfields	Dicots	None	None	G3T1	S1	1B.2
Lasthenia californica ssp. macrantha	perennial goldfields	Dicots	None	None	G3T2	S2	18.2
Lilium maritimum	coast lily	Monocots	None	None	G2	S2	18.1
Oenothera wolfii	Wolf's evening-primrose	Dicots	None	None	G 2	S1	18.1
Sidalcea calycosa ssp. rhizomata	Point Reyes checkerbloom	Dicots	None	None	G5T2	52	1B.2
Sidalcea malviflora ssp. purpurea	purple-stemmed checkerbloom	Dicots	None	None	G5T1	S1	1B.2
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Table 3. California Sensitive Natural Communities A partial list of vegetation alliances, those occurring in coastal Mendocino County, is derived from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's "Sensitive Natural Communities," (2018) (https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=153609&inline).

Scientific Name	Common Name	Global & State Rank
Woodland and Forest Alliances and Stands		
Abies grandis Alliance	Grand fir forest	G4 S2
Acer macrophyllum Alliance	Bigleaf maple forest	G4 S3
Alnus rubra Alliance	Red alder forest	G5 S4
Arbutus menziesii Alliance	Madrone forest	G4 S3
Hesperocyparis pigmaea Alliance	Mendocino pygmy cypress woodland	G2 S2
Hesperocyparis sargentii Alliance	Sargent cypress woodland	G3 S3
Notholithocarpus densiflorus Alliance	Tanoak forest	G4 S3
Picea sitchensis Alliance	Sitka spruce forest	G5 S2
Pinus attenuata Alliance	Knobcone pine forest	G4 S4
Pinus contorta ssp. contorta Alliance	Beach pine forest	G5 S3
Pinus muricata -Pinus radiata Alliance	Bishop pine – Monterey pine forest	G3 S3
Pseudotsuga menziesii Alliance	Douglas fir forest	G5 S4
Pseudotsuga menziesii - Lithocarpus densiflorus Alliance	Douglas fir - tanoak forest	G4 S4
Salix laevigata Alliance	Red willow thickets	G3 S3
Salix lucida Alliance	Shining willow groves	G4 S3
Sequoia sempervirens Alliance	Redwood forest	G3 S3
Tsuga heterophylla Alliance	Western hemlock forest	G5 S2
Umbellularia californica Alliance	California bay forest	G4 S3
Shrubland Alliances and Stands		
Arctostaphylos (canescens, manzanita, stanfordiana) Alliance	Hoary, common and Stanford manzanita chaparral	G3 S3
Arctostaphylos glandulosa Alliance	Eastwood manzanita chaparral	G4 S4
Arctostaphylos (nummularia, sensitiva) Alliance	Glossy leaf manzanita chaparral	G2 S2
Baccharis pilularis Alliance	Coyote brush scrub	G5 S5
Broom (Cytisus scoparius and Others)	Broom patches	
Ceanothus cuneatus Alliance	Wedge leaf ceanothus chaparral; Buck brush chaparral	G4 S4
Ceanothus thyrsiflorus Alliance	Blue blossom chaparral	G4 S4
Chrysolepis chrysophylla	Gloden chinquapin thickets	G2 S2
Corylus cornuta var. californica Alliance	Hazelnut scrub	G3 S2?
Frangula californica Alliance	California coffee berry scrub	G4 S4
Garrya elliptica Provisional Alliance	Coastal silk tassel scrub	G3? S3?
Diplacas aurantiacus Alliance	Bush monkeyflower scrub	G3 S3?
Holodiscus discolor Alliance	Ocean spray brush	G4 S3
Lupinus arboreus scrub	Yellow bush lupine scrub	G4 S4
Morella californica Alliance	Wax myrtle scrub	G3 S3
Rhododendron columbianum Alliance	Western Labrador-tea thickets	G4 S2?
Rhododendron occidentale Provisional Alliance	Western azalea patches	G3 S2?
Rosa californica Alliance	California rose briar patches	G3 S3
Rubus (parviflorus, spectabilis, ursinus) Alliance	Coastal brambles	G4 S3
Salix hookeriana Alliance	Coastal dune willow thickets	G4 S3
Salix lasiolepis Alliance	Arroyo willow thickets	G4 S4
Salix sitchensis Alliance	Sitka willow thickets	G4 S3?

Sphagnum Bog	Sphagnum bog	G3 S1.2
Toxicodendron diversilobum Alliance	Poison oak scrub	G4 S4
Herbaceous Alliances and Stands		
Abronia latifolia–Ambrosia chamissonis Alliance	Dune mat	G3 S3
Argentina egedii Alliance	Pacific silverweed marshes	G4 S2
Bolboschoenus maritimus Alliance	Salt marsh bulrush marshes	G4 S3
Bromus carinatus –Elymus glaucus Alliance	California brome – blue wildrye prairie	G3 S3
Calamagrostis nutkaensis Alliance	Pacific reed grass meadows	G4 S2
Camassia quamash Alliance	Small camas meadows	G4? \$3?
Carex obnupta Alliance	Slough sedge swards	G4 S3
Carex pansa Alliance	Sand dune sedge swaths	G4? S3?
Danthonia californica Alliance	California oat grass prairie	G4 S3
Deschampsia caespitosa Alliance	Tufted hair grass meadows	G5 S4?
Distichlis spicata Alliance	Salt grass flats	G5 S4
Eleocharis macrostachya Alliance	Pale spike rush marshes	G4 S4
Elymus glaucus Alliance	Blue wild rye meadows	G3? S3?
Festuca rubra Alliance	Red fescue grassland	G4 S3?
Festuca idahoensis Alliance	Idaho fescue grassland	G4 S3?
Glyceria xoccidentalis	Northwest manna grass marshes	G3? S3?
Grindelia (stricta) Provisional Alliance	Gum plant patches	G3? S3?
Heterotheca (sessiflora) Alliance	Goldenaster patches	G3 S3
Hordeum brachyantherum Alliance	Meadow barley patches	G4 S3?
Juncus articus (var. balticus, mexicanus)	Baltic and Mexican rush marshes	G5 S4
Juncus effusus Alliance	Soft rush marshes	G4 S4?
Juncus (oxymeris, xiphioides) Provisional Alliance	Iris-leaf rush seeps	G2? S2?
Juncus lescurii Alliance	Salt rush swales	G3 S2?
Juncus patens Provisional Alliance	Western rush marshes	G4? S4?
Lasthenia californica – Plantage erecta – Vulpia	California goldfields – dwarf plantain –	G4 S4
microstachys Alliance	small fescue flower fields	
Leymus mollis Alliance	Sea lyme grass patches	G4 S2
Leymus triticoides Alliance	Creeping rye grass turfs	G5 S3
Mimulus (guttatus) Alliance	Common monkey flower seeps	G4? S3?
Nassella pulchra Alliance	Purple needle grass grassland	G4 S3?
Poa secunda Alliance	Curley bluegrass grassland	G4 S3?
Schoenoplectus acutus Alliance	Hardstem bulrush marsh	G5 S4
Schoenoplectus californicus Alliance	California bulrush marsh	G5 S4?
Scirpus microcarpus Alliance	Small-fruited bulrush marsh	G4 S2
Solidago canadensis Provisional Alliance	Canada goldenrod patches	G4? S4?
Woodwardia fimbriata	Woodwardia thicket	G3 S3.2
Aquatic Vegetation		
Azolla (filiculoides, mexicana) Provisional Alliance	Mosquito fern mats	G4 S4
Hydrocotyle (ranunculoides, umbellata) Alliance	Mats of floating pennywort	G4 S3?
Lemna (minor) and Relatives Provisional Alliance	Duckweed blooms	G5 S4?
Nuphar lutea Provisional Alliance	Yellow pond-lily mats	G5 S3?
Oenanthe sarmentosa Alliance	Water-parsley marsh	G4 S2?
Sarcocornia pacifica (Salicornia depressa) Alliance	Pickleweed mats	G4 S3
Sparganium (angustifolium) Alliance	Mats of bur-reed leaves	G4 S3?
Typha (angustifolia, domingensis, latifolia) Alliance	Cattail marshes	G5 S5

ABC: American Bird Conservancy – The United States WatchList is a joint project between the American Bird Conservancy and the National Audubon Society, it reflects a comprehensive analysis of all the bird species in the United States, it reveals those in greatest need of immediate conservation attention to survive a convergence of environmental challenges, including habitate loss, invasive species, and global warming. The list builds on the species assessments conducted for many years by Partners in Flight (PIF) for land birds, it uses those same PIF standards but it is expanded to cover all bird species, not just land birds. The list is based on the latest available research and assessments from the bird conservation community, along with data from the Christmas Bird Count and Breeding Bird Survey. More Information is available at:

http://www.abcbirds.org/abcprograms/science/watchlist/index.html

WLBCC - United States WatchList of Birds of Conservation Concern

AFS: American Fisheries Society – Designations for freshwater and diadromous species were taken from the paper: Jelks, H.L. S.J. Walsh, N.M. Burkhead, S.Contreras-Balderas, E. Díaz-Pardo, D.A. Hendrickson, J. Lyons, N.E. Mandrak, F. McComick, J.S. Nelson, S.P. Platania, B.A. Porter, C.B. Renaud, J.J. Schmitter-Socie, E.B. Taylor, and M.L. Warren, Jr. 2008. Conservation status of imperiled North American freshwater and diadromous fishes. Fisheries 33(8):372-407. Available at:

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EN - Endangered

T - Threatened VU - Vulnerable BLMs. Bureau of Land Management — BLM Manual §6840 defines sensitive species as"...those species that are (1) under status review by the PWS/NMFS; or (2) with several moderal listing may become necessary, or (3) with typically small and widely dispersed populations; or (4) those inhabiting ecological refugia or other specialized or unique habitats." Existing California-BLM policy concerning the designation of sensitive species identifies two conditions that must be met before a species may be considered as BLMs ensitive: (1) a significant population of the species must occur on BLM-administered lands, and (2) the potential must exist for improvement of the species' condition through BLM management. The "Sensitive Species" designation is not meant to include federally listed species, proposed species, candidate species or State-listed species. It is BLM policy to provide sensitive species with the same level of protection that is given federal candidate species. Sensitive hist is available at: https://www.blm.gov/ca/fodis/pa_pdis/biology_pdis/SensitiveAnimals.pdf

CDFW: California Department of Fish and Wildlife – The name California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG, or DFG) was changed to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife in 2013 and the changes are reflected here. It is the goal and responsibility of the Department of Fish and Wildlife in 2013 and the changes are reflected here. It is the goal and responsibility of the Department and Game to maintain viable populations of all native species. To this end, the Department has designated certain vertebrate species as "Species of Special Concern" because declining population levels, ilmited ranges, and/or continuing threats have made them vulnerable to extinction. The goal of designating species as "Special Concern" is to halt or reverse their decline by calling attention to their plight and addressing the issues of concern early enough to secure their long term viability. Not all "Species of Special Concern" have declined evallely; some species may he just starting to decline, while others may have already reached the point where they meet the criteria for listing as a "Threatened" or "Endangered" species under the State and/or Federal Endangered Species Asts. More information is available at:

http://www.nrm.dfg.ca.gov/fileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=3778 The 1995 report for fish, the 1994 report for amphibians and

reptiles and the 1986 & 1998 reports for mammals are available on-line.

Fish: http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/nongame/publications/docs/fish_ssc.pdf

Amphibians & Reptiles: http://www.dfx.ca.gov/wildlife/nongame/publications/docs/herp_ssc.pdf
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Updates of all three reports are in preparation. Information on the Amphibian and Reptile Species of Special Concern report is available at: http://arssc.ucdavis.edu

Information on the mammal report is available at: http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/nongame/ssc/mammals.html and http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/nongame/ssc/docs/mammal/MSSCProjectTimeline.pdf

A new California Bird Species of Special Concern report was completed in 2008. More information is available at: http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/Species/Ssc/birds.html

A new category of "Taxa to Watch" was created in the new California Bird Species of Special Concern report. The birds on this Watch List are 1) not on the current Special Concern list but were on previous lists and they have not been state listed under

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CESA; 2) were previously state or federally listed and now are on neither list; or 3) are on the list of "Fully Protected" species. More information and brief accounts for each species is available in the report. DFG (CDFW): Fully Protected: The classification of Fully Protected was the State's initial effort to identify and provide additional protection to those animals that were rare or faced possible extinction. Lists were created for fish, amphiblans and reptiles, birds and mammals. Most of the species on these lists have subsequently been listed under the state and/or federal endangered species acts; white-tailed kite, golden eagle, trumpeter swan, northern elephant seal and ring-tailed cat are the exceptions. The white-tailed kite and the golden eagle are tracked in the CNDDB; the trumpeter swan, northern elephant seal and ring-tailed cat are the exceptions. The white-tailed kite and the golden eagle are tracked in the CNDDB; the trumpeter swan, northern elephant seal and ring-tailed cat are the exceptions.

The Fish and Game Code sections dealing with Fully Protected species state that these species "....may not be taken or possessed at any time and no provision of this code or any other law shall be construed to authorize the issuance of permits on licenses to take any fully protected" species, although take may be authorized for necessary scientific research. This language arguably makes the "Fully Protected" feetigeath take may be authorized for necessary scientific research. This language arguably makes the "Fully Protected" designation the strongest and most restrictive regarding the "take" of these species. In 2003 the code sections dealing with fully protected species were amended to allow the Department to authorize take resulting from recovery activities for state-listed species. More information on Fully Protected species and the take provisions can be found in free fish and Game Code, (birds at §535.11, mammals at §4700, reptiles and amphibians at §5050, and fish at §551.51, Additional information on Fully Protected Amphibians and Berlines in Tifle 14 has been repealed. The Fish and Game Code is available online at: http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/calawquery/codesection-fgc&codebocy-&hits=20. Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations is available at: http://ccr.oal.ca.gov/linkedsilce/default_asp?5P=CCR-10008Action-Welcome

California Code of Regulations is availai

FP - Fully Protected

SSC - Species of Special Concern

WL - Watch List

CDF: California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection – The Board of Forestry classifies as "sensitive species" those species that warrant special protection during timber operations. The list of "sensitive species" is given in §895.1 (Definitions) of the California Forest Practice Rules. The 2010 Forest Practice Rules are available at:

http://www.fire.ca.gov/resource mgt/downloads/2010 FP Rulebook w-Diagrams wo-TechRule No1.pdf

S - Sensitive

UCN: International Union for Conservation of Nature – provides objective, scientifically-based information on the current status of globally threatened biodiversity. More information at <a href="http://www.rediist.org/cethical-documents/categories-and-criteria-detailed information on the IUCN and the Red List is available at: http://www.rediist.org/.

CD - Conservation Dependent

CR - Critically Endangered DD - Data Deficient

EN - Endangered

LC - Least Concern

NT - Near Threatened

VU - Vuinerable

MMC: Marine Mammal Commission – Section 202 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act directs the Marine Mammal Commission, in consultation with its Committee of Sclentific Advisors, to make recommendations to the Department of Commerce, the Department of Hornical Internations Intellectual Commerce, the Department of Hornical Intellectual Commerce, the Department of Hornical Intellectual Commerce, the Department of Hornical Intellectual Commerce, the Commission of Revotes special attention to particular species and populations that are vulnerable to various types of human-related activities, impacts, and contaminants. Such species and populations that are vulnerable to various types of human-related activities, impacts, and contaminants. Such species may include marine ammmals listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act or as depleted under the Marine Mammal Protection Act. In addition, the Commission often directs special attention to other species or populations of marine mammals not so listed wherever special conservation challenges arise that may affect them. More information on the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the Species of Special Concern list is available at: https://www.mmc.gov/species
SSC: Species of Special Concern

NMFS: National Marine Fisheries Service – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA): The Office of Protected Resources (OPR) is a headquarters program office of NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries Service, or NMFS), under the U.S. Department of Commerce, with responsibility for protecting marine mammals and endangered marine life. NOAA's Office of Protected Resources works to conserve, protect, and recover species under the Endangered Species Act

which insufficient information is available to indicate a need to list the species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Proactive partners. The category Species of Concern was established by the (NMFS) effective 15 April 2004. Species of Concern are those species about which NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has some concerns regarding status and threats, but for (ESA) and the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) in conjunction with our Regional offices, Science Centers, and various attention and conservation action is drawn to these species. "Species of concern" status does not carry any procedural or substantive protections under the ESA. More information is available at: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/concern SC: Species of Concern

significant current or predicted downward trends in habitat capability that would reduce a species' existing distribution. Regional Foresters shall identify sensitive species occurring within the region. California is the Pacific Southwest Region (Region S). The list of sensitive animals for Region 5 is undergoing revision. The anticipated completion date was spring 2009, however it still has not been updated in spring 2010. The sensitive designation on this list is based on the previous list. More information is available at: USFS: United States Forest Service - USDA Forest Service defines sensitive species as those plant and animal species identified by a viability is a concern, as evidenced by significant current or predicted downward trends in population numbers or density, or regional forester that are not listed or proposed for listing under the federal Endangered Species Act for which population http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/projects/sensitive-species/

JSFWS: United States Fish and Wildlife Service – The goal of the Birds of Conservation Concern 2008 report is to accurately identify focusing attention on these highest priority species, this report will promote greater study and protection of the habitats and the migratory and nonmigratory bird species (beyond those already designated as Federally threatened or endangered) that represent our highest conservation priorities and draw attention to species in need of conservation action. We hope that by ecological communities upon which these species depend, thereby ensuring the future of healthy avian populations and communities. This report is available at: http://library.fws.gov/Bird Publications/BCC2008.pdf **BCC** - Birds of Conservation Concern WBWG: Western Bat Working Group - comprised of agencies, organizations and individuals interested in bat research, management and conservation from the 13 western states and provinces. Species designated as "High Priority" are imperiled or are at high risk of imperilment based on available information on distribution, status, ecology and known threats. More information is available at: http://www.wbwg.org

H - High Priority

LM - Low-Medium

M - Medium Priority

MM - Medium-High Priority

invertebrate conservation. Their core programs focus on endangered species, native pollinators, and watershed health. More KERCES: The Xerces Society is an international non-profit organization dedicated to protecting biological diversity through information on the Red list is available at: http://www.xerces.org/

CI - Critically Imperiled

DD - Data Deficient

VU - Vuinerable

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