# PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PLAN EMERALD MOUNTAIN FARMS, INC.



Project Location 1850 Ogulin Canyon Road Clearlake, CA 95422

Project Property Lake County APNs 010-053-03 & 010-011-01

> Project Parcel Lake County APN 010-053-03

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# **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Emerald Mountain Farms, Inc. (EMF) is seeking a Major Use Permit from the County of Lake for a proposed Outdoor Commercial Cannabis Cultivation Operation at 1850 Ogulin Canyon Road near Clearlake, CA on Lake County APN 010-053-03 (Project Parcel). EMF's proposed cultivation operation would be composed of a 34,316 ft<sup>2</sup> outdoor cultivation/canopy area, a 15,000 ft<sup>2</sup> outdoor cultivation/canopy area, a 10,000 ft<sup>2</sup> outdoor cultivation/canopy area, a 6,862 ft<sup>2</sup> outdoor cultivation/canopy area, a 2,384 ft<sup>2</sup> outdoor cultivation/canopy area, a 120 ft<sup>2</sup> Pesticides and Agricultural Chemicals Storage Area (existing wooden shed), a 120 ft<sup>2</sup> Security Center (proposed wooden shed), and nine 5,000-gallon water storage tanks. The total cultivation area of the proposed cannabis cultivation operation (as defined in Chapter 21, Article 27 of the Lake County Code), including the combined cultivation/canopy areas and ancillary facilities would be 68,802 ft<sup>2</sup>.

The 118-acre, Rural Lands-zoned, two parcel, Project Property (Lake County APNs 010-053-03 & 010-011-01) is located approximately 1.5 miles east of Clearlake, CA in eastern Lake County. The Project Parcel is accessed via Ogulin Canyon Road, a shared private gravel access road that connect to Highway 53 approximately 1.5 miles east of the Project Property. A metal gate across Ogulin Canyon Road controls access to the Project Property (main entrance). Existing improvements on the Project Parcel include a groundwater well, a man-made off stream water storage reservoir, a private residence, and a shop (metal building). The Project Parcel has been enrolled for coverage under the State Water Resource Control Board's Cannabis General Order since March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 (WDID: 5S17CC400707).

The Project Parcel consists of a series of low hills bisected by Blackeye Canyon, with elevations ranging from 1,556 to 1,790 feet above mean sea level, and 10 and 40 percent slopes. The proposed cultivation operation would be located on a low ridge that divides the Burns Valley-Frontal Clear Lake watershed (HUC12) from the Grizzly Creek-North Fork Cache Creek watershed (HUC12). An unnamed intermittent Class II watercourse at the bottom of Blackeye Canyon flows from south to west through western half of the Project Parcel. Multiple ephemeral Class III watercourses form on the Project Property, and either flow south into Blackeye Canyon or north into Phipps Creek (offsite). There are two existing culverted ephemeral Class III watercourse crossings in the western half of the Project Parcel on Ogulin Canyon Road. All proposed project disturbance will occur more than 100 feet from all surface water bodies.

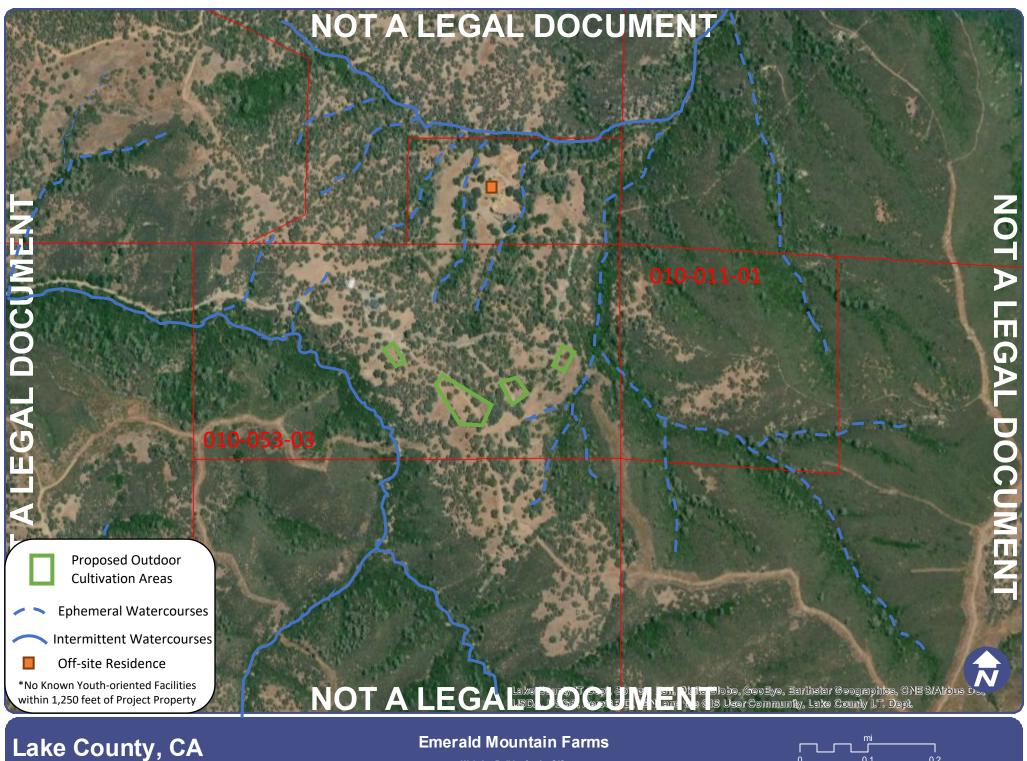
The proposed outdoor cannabis cultivation areas and associated facilities are/will be accessed via an existing private gravel access road off of Ogulin Canyon Road. 6-foot tall woven wire fences will be erected around the proposed cultivation area(s), and privacy screen/cloth will be installed on the fences where necessary to screen the cultivation areas from public view. The growing medium of the proposed outdoor cultivation/canopy areas will be an imported organic soilless growing medium (composed mostly of composted forest material) in aboveground fabric pots, with drip irrigation systems. All cannabis waste generated from the proposed cultivation operation will be incorporated into the soils of the cultivation areas each year as a soil amendment. Fertilizers/nutrients, pesticides, and petroleum products will be securely stored inside the proposed Pesticides and Agricultural Chemicals Storage Area (existing 120 ft<sup>2</sup> wooden shed). An existing

onsite groundwater well located at Latitude 38.980376° and Longitude -122.577846°, will serve as the water source for the proposed cultivation operation.

EMF is alos seeking to obtain a Type 13 Cannabis Distributor Transport Only, Self-Distribution license, so that they may transport raw cannabis material from their cultivation operation to licensed cannabis processing, distribution and manufacturing facilities throughout the State of California. EMF will utilize an unmarked, registered, and insured enclosed trailer to transport/distribute cannabis from their operation. The distribution trailer will only travel from the Project Property to the premises of licensed cannabis processing, manufacturing and distribution facilities, and back to the Project Property. The trailer will be locked and secured whenever it is not being loaded or unloaded, and it will never be left unattended while transporting cannabis. EMF will adhere to the reporting requirements of the California Cannabis Track-and-Trace system at all times, to record and report all cannabis transfers and movements.

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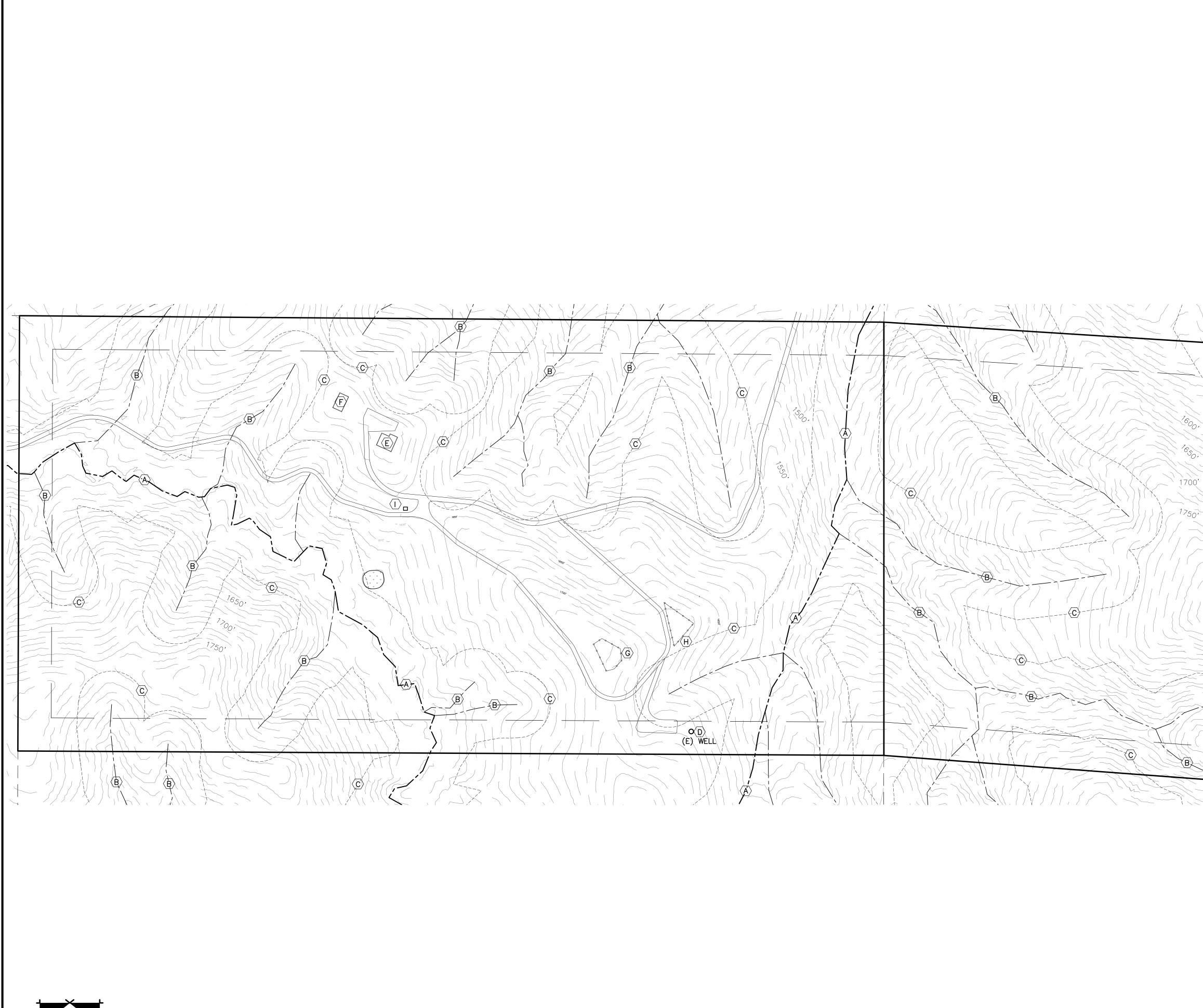
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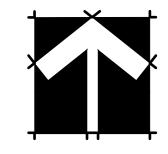
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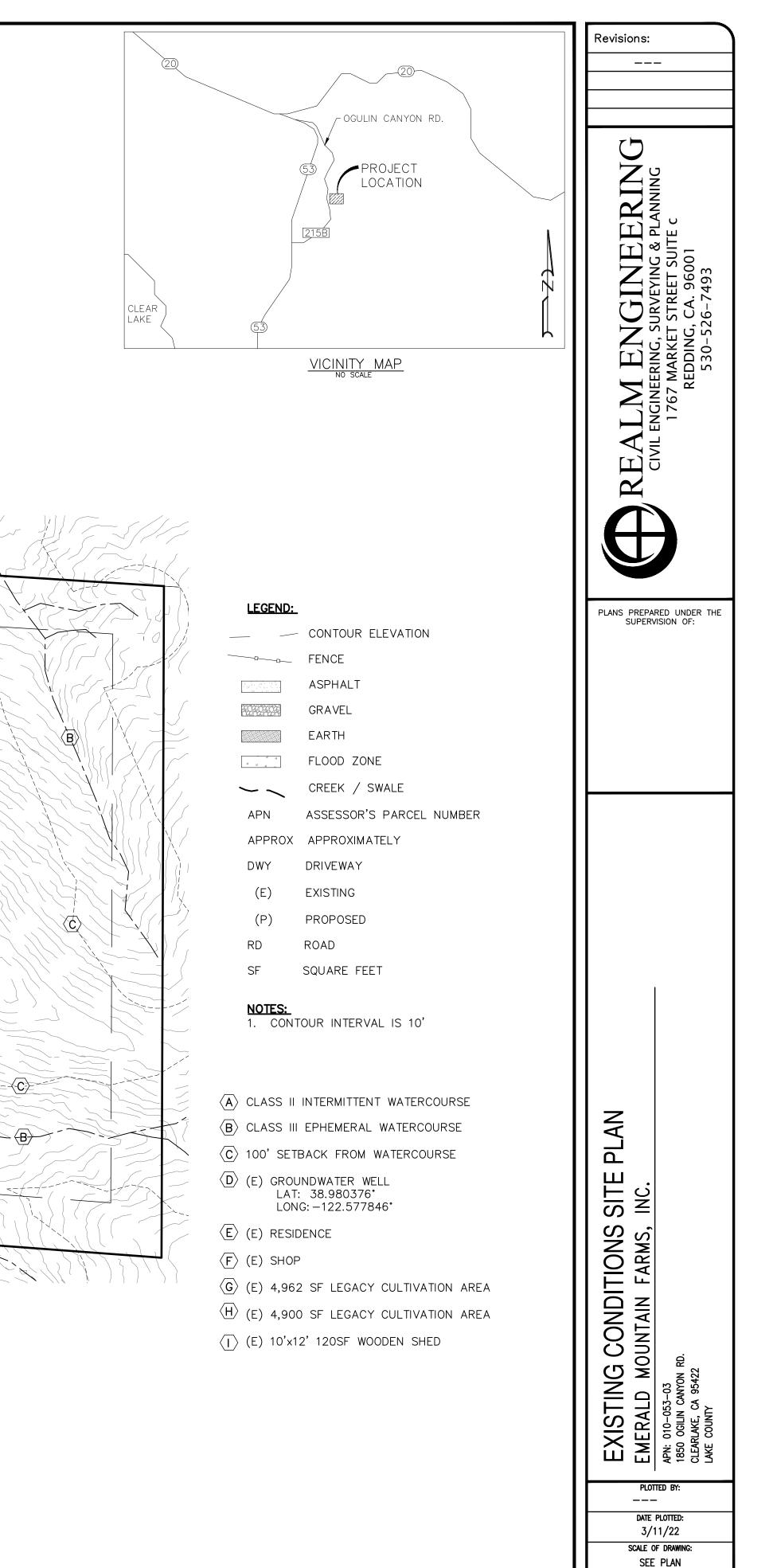


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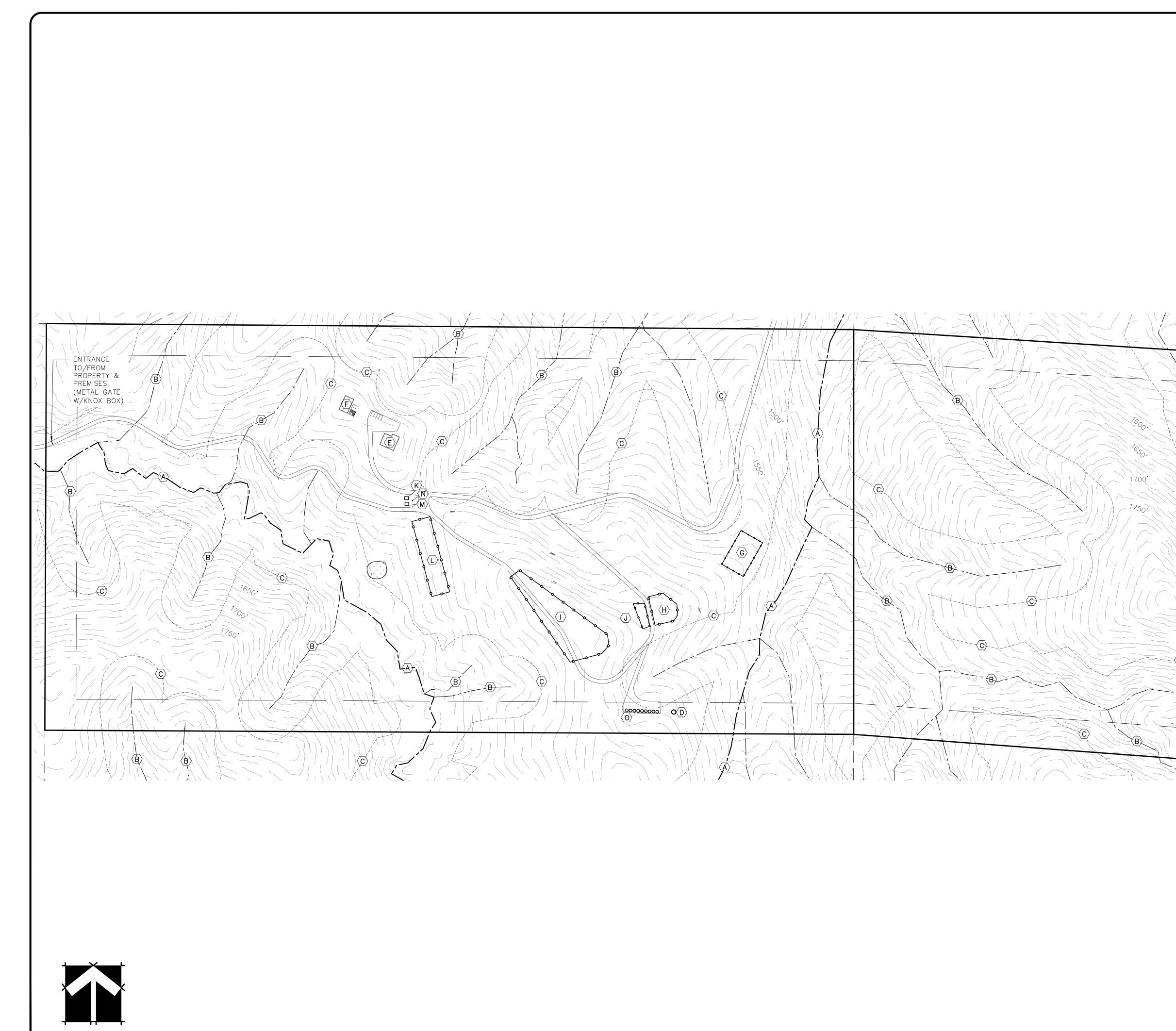


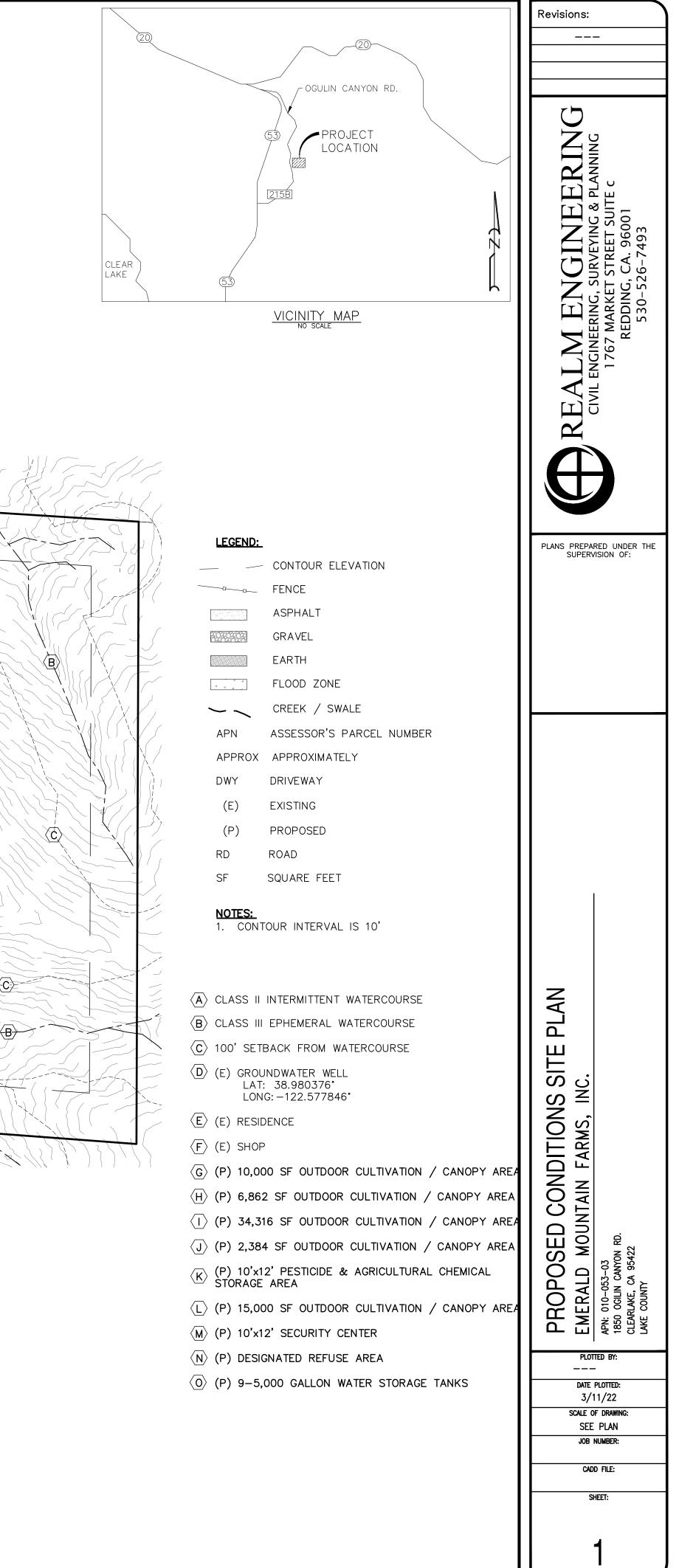


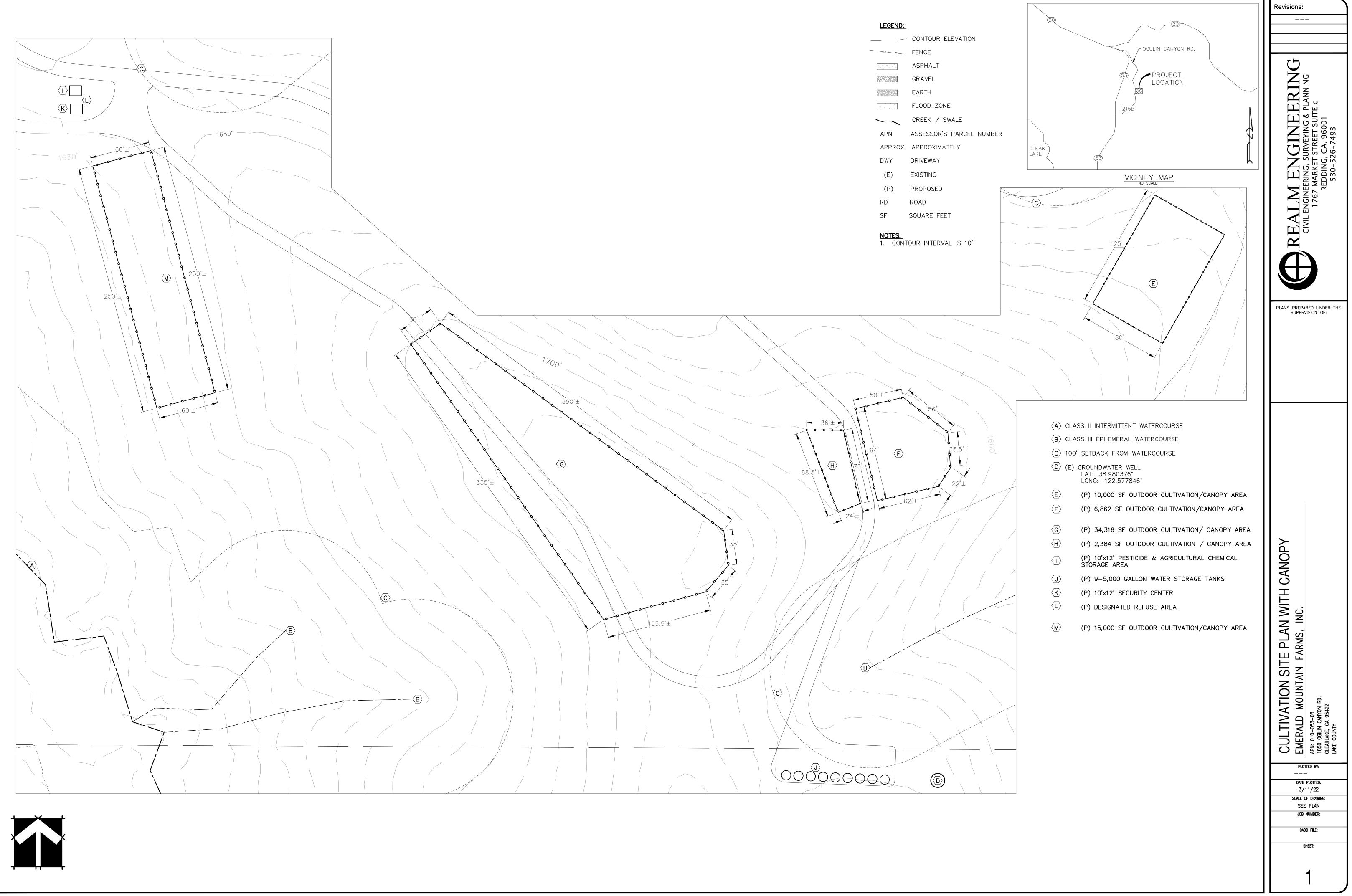


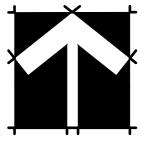
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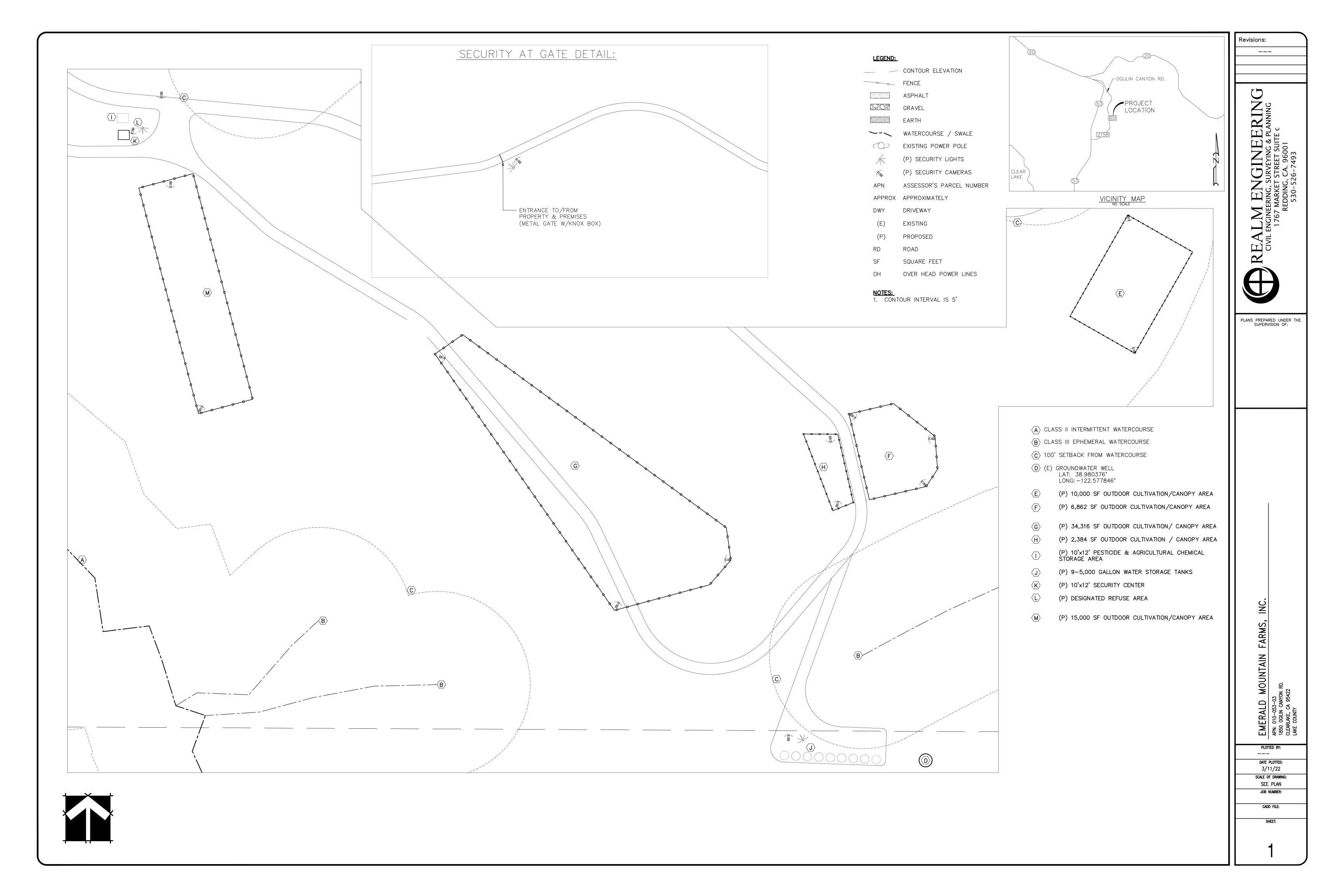




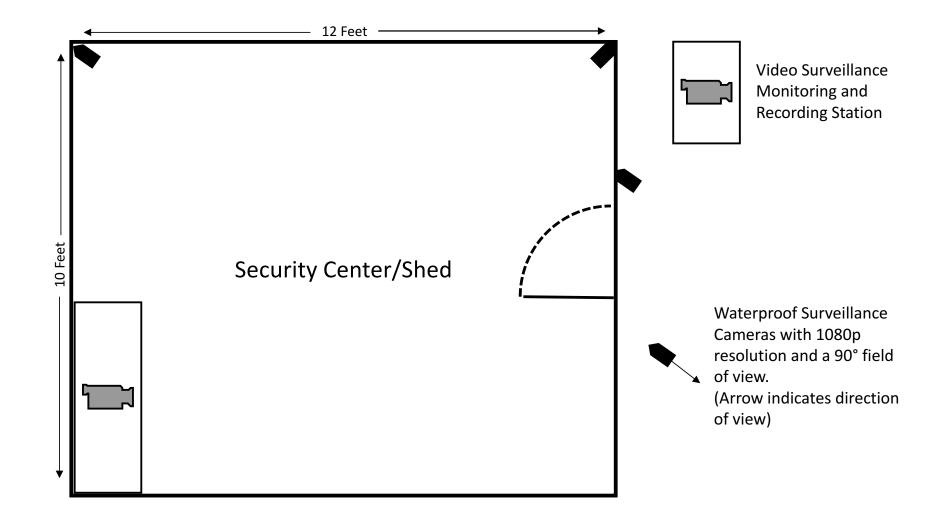


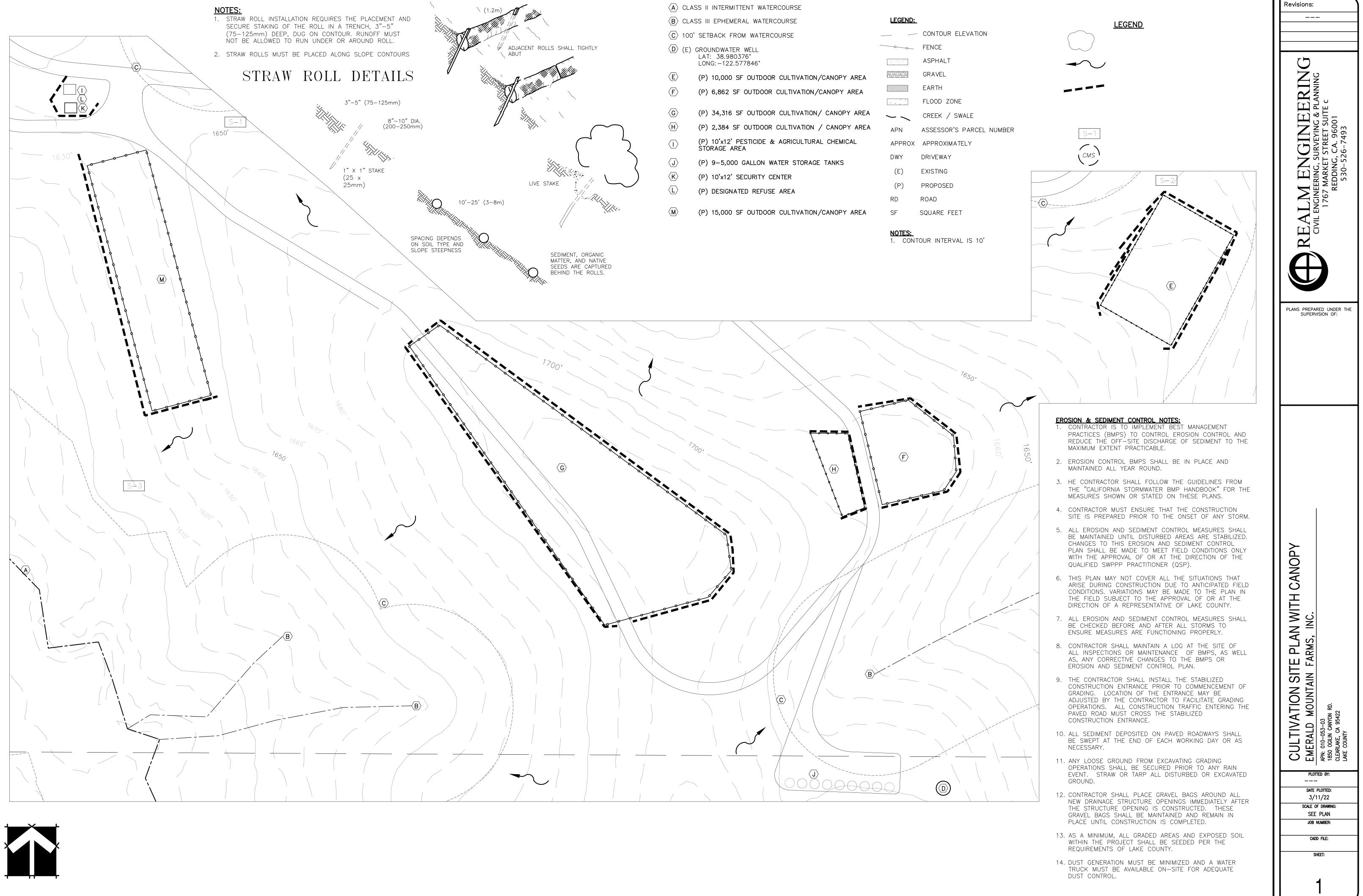


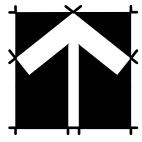
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# Security Center/Shed (Proposed Wooden Shed)







# SECTION – C

AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

# **Air Quality Management Plan**

#### **Purpose and Overview**

Emerald Mountain Farms, Inc. (EMF) is seeking a Major Use Permit from the County of Lake Community Development Department for a proposed Outdoor Commercial Cannabis Cultivation Operation at 1850 Ogulin Canyon Road near Clearlake, CA on Lake County APN 010-053-03 (Project Parcel), with A-Type 13 Distributor Transport Only, Self-Distribution. The proposed cultivation operation would be composed of a 34,316 ft<sup>2</sup> outdoor cultivation/canopy area, a 15,000 ft<sup>2</sup> outdoor cultivation/canopy area, a 2,384 ft<sup>2</sup> outdoor cultivation/canopy area, a 6,862 ft<sup>2</sup> outdoor cultivation/canopy area, a 2,384 ft<sup>2</sup> outdoor cultivation/canopy area, a 120 ft<sup>2</sup> Pesticides and Agricultural Chemicals Storage Area (existing wooden shed), a 120 ft<sup>2</sup> Security Center (proposed wooden shed), and nine 5,000-gallon water storage tanks. The proposed cultivation areas will be enclosed with 6-foot tall woven wire fences, covered with privacy screen/mesh where necessary to screen the cultivation/canopy areas from public view. The growing medium of the proposed outdoor cultivation/canopy areas will be an imported organic soilless growing medium (composed mostly of composted forest material) in aboveground fabric pots, with drip irrigation systems. All water for the proposed cultivation operation will come from the existing onsite groundwater well located at Latitude: 38.99555° and Longitude: -122.68973°.

This/EMF's Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) is designed to promote the health, safety, welfare and environmental quality of the community, operational staff, and the Project Property. In-line with the directives of the Lake County Air Quality Management District, this AQMP includes measures to monitor and evaluate the performance of the plan, as well as ensure that all data and information is reported to Lake County and the proper local agencies. This AQMP identifies equipment and activities that may cause odor, contaminates, or other air quality hazards, and measures that operational staff will be required to follow to mitigate/minimize the amount of air pollution and particulates generated from the proposed cultivation operation. This AQMP also includes an Odor Response Program that establishes responsible parties and procedures for operational staff to follow in the event of an odor complaint.

#### Equipment or Activities that May Cause the Issuance of Air Contaminants

The following sources are anticipated to be the most significant emitters of odor, air pollutants, and particles from the proposed cultivation operation. However, no single source or combined sources are anticipated to be harmful or detrimental to neighboring residences or the community of Lake County.

Gasoline and Diesel Powered Equipment: The proposed cultivation operation will generate small amounts of carbon dioxide from the operation of small gasoline engines (tillers, weed eaters, lawnmowers, etc...) and from vehicular traffic associated with staff commuting. The generation

of carbon dioxide is partially offset by the cultivation of plants, which remove carbon dioxide in the air for photosynthesis.

Fugitive Dust: The proposed cultivation operation may generate fugitive dust emissions through ground-disturbing activities, uncovered soil or compost piles, and vehicle or truck trips on unpaved roads. Fugitive dust will be controlled by applying gravel or crushed rock to the primary access roads and parking areas of the Project Property, by delaying ground disturbing activities until site conditions are not windy, by wetting soils with a mobile water tank and hose during ground disturbing activities, and by eliminating and/or covering soil stockpiles.

Odors: Cannabis cultivation can generate objectionable odors, particularly when the plants are mature/flowering in the cultivation area(s), or when being processed (drying, curing, trimming) after harvest. No significant odor impacts are anticipated from the proposed cultivation operation, due to the generous setbacks provided from public roads, property lines, and neighboring residences/outdoor activity areas.

# **Odor Response Program**

A Community Liaison/Emergency Contact will be made available to Lake County Officials/Staff and the Lake County Sheriff's Office at all times to address any needs or issues that may arise. The Community Liaison/Emergency Contact will be responsible for responding to odor complaints 24 hours a day, seven days a week, including holidays. EMF will provide the name, cell phone number, and email address of the Community Liaison/Emergency Contact to all interested County Departments, Law Enforcement Officials, and neighboring property owners and residents. EMF will encourage neighboring residents to contact the Community Liaison/Emergency Contact to resolve any operating problems before contacting County Officials/Staff.

When an odor complaint is received, the Community Liaison/Emergency Contact will immediately take action to determine the source of the odor for which the complaint was received, then mitigation measures will be immediately implemented to reduce/eliminate odors from emanating from the source. Depending on the source, mitigation measures include erecting windscreens and/or the installation of additional air pollution/odor control equipment.

#### **Community Liaison/Emergency Contact Information**

The Community Liaison/Emergency Contact for EMF's proposed cultivation operation is Mr. Norman Grimm. Mr. Grimm's cell phone number is (214) 960-0906, and his email address is restaurantmiles@gmail.com. There is one residence within 1,000 feet of the Project Parcel, located at 2002 Ogulin Canyon Road. The owner and occupants of this residence have already received Mr. Grimm's contact information.

# SECTION – D

PHASE I CULTURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY REPORT

# SECTION – E

BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES ASSESSMENT

# **BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES ASSESSMENT**

# 1850 OGULIN CANYON ROAD [APN 010-053-03] LAKE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

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# **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

#### **1.1 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this reconnaissance-level Biological Resources Assessment (BRA) is to evaluate the existence of special-status species (SSS) and/or habitats, as well as assess the potential for SSS listed in Appendix A to occur on or near the site of commercial cultivation activities, pursuant to applicable regulations from County of Lake and the State of California. This BRA also analyzes the potential for jurisdictional wetlands and other waters of the U.S. to exist onsite, and classifies landforms that may potentially convey sediment to waters of the U.S. including dry creeks, washes, swales, gullys, and other erosional features. Also included is a set of Best Management Practices (BMPs) that are adapted from a variety of sources including State Water Resources Control Board *Cannabis* General Order No. WQ 2017-0023-DWQ and other state and local ordinances.

#### **1.2 PROJECT SUMMARY**

The proposed project involves permitting of commercial *Cannabis* cultivation on the parcel located at 1850 Ogulin Canyon Road in unincorporated Lake County near the City of Clearlake (Figure 1). The proposed outdoor cultivation areas (Figures 9 & 10) are located on the top of a ridge to the east of California Highway 53 (Figure 1). The parcel contains a single occupied residence and is accessed via graded dirt and gravel road that branches to the northeast off of Ogulin Canyon Road, and is in good condition (Figure 6). There are several small Class III watercourses and two unnamed Class II watercourses that drain the site (Figure 11). In addition there are several roadside drainage culverts (Figures 7 & 8) and a small stock pond (Figure 13). The project as designed should have no impact on sensitive species or habitats if the measures described in Appendix D and in the "*Blue Oak Woodland Habitat Conservation & Replacement Plan*" prepared for the project are implemented to the greatest extent practicable.

# **1.3 LOCATION**

#### 1.3.1 Site Overview

The project site is located at 1850 Ogulin Canyon Road in unincorporated Lake County, 2.7 miles northeast of the City of Clearlake, 18 miles east of the City of Lakeport, and 26 miles west of the City of Williams (Figure 1). The parcel is located in Sections 12 & 13, Township 13 North, Range 7 West, on the USGS Lower Lake 7.5 minute quadrangle (Figure 2). The approximate latitude and longitude of the centroid of the parcel is 38.982 and -122.580. The parcel is designated Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 010-053-03, measures 78.0 acres in size, is zoned Rural Lands (RL), and is under the jurisdiction of the Central Valley (Region 5) Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), and the North-Central Region (District 2) of the California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW).

#### 1.3.2 Federal Critical Habitat

Federal Critical Habitat (FCH) is designated by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) and provides special protections for habitats considered important for long-term population persistence of endangered or threatened species. There is no FCH onsite for any animal or plant species. The nearest FCH is located 7.3 miles south of the project parcel for Slender Orcutt grass (*Orcuttia tenuis*) near Little High Valley. There is also FCH for Slender Orcutt grass 11.4 miles to the southwest associated with Bogg's Lake. The next nearest species with designated FCH is for Northern spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis*; NSO) located 13.7 miles southwest of the project parcel near Cobb Mountain. The next nearest FCH is for Steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) located 15.8 miles southwest of the parcel in Big Sulphur Creek. There is no other FCH within 15 miles of the project parcel.

#### 1.3.3 CNDDB Occurrences

Special-status species (SSS) are those species that receive special protections under either local, State, or Federal law and include both State and Federally Endangered and Threatened species of animals and plants, as well as candidate listing species and other species or populations of special concern for which additional information is required. The California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) provides information on most known SSS occurrences in the State of California. A description of the habitat requirements and likelihood of occurrence of potential SSS on the project parcel based the CNDDB database, published scientific literature, and the expertise of PEC staff, is provided in Appendix A, with all SSS known from a 5 mile radius around the project parcel highlighted. Additionally, map-based representation of all of the SSS within a 5 mile radius around the project site is provided in Appendix B.

#### Special-Status Animals

There are no known occurrences of special-status animal species from the project parcel. The nearest known occurrence of special-status animal species is Foothill Yellow-Legged Frog (Rana boylii; FYLF), located 2.2 miles east of the parcel near Perkins Creek (Appendix C). The next nearest known occurrence of special-status animal species is Pallid bat (Antrozous pallidus) located 2.2 miles east of the parcel near Perkins Creek. The next nearest known occurrence of special-status animal species is Western yellow-billed cuckoo (Coccyzus americanus occidentalis) located 3.1 miles southwest of the parcel near the City of Clearlake. The next nearest known occurrence of special-status animal species is Red-bellied newt (Taricha rivularis) located 3.0 miles south of the project parcel in Dry Creek. The next nearest known occurrence of special-status animal species is Brownish dubiraphian riffle beetle (Dubiraphia brunnescens) located 3.8 miles west of the parcel in Clear Lake. Also located 3.8 miles west of the parcel in Clear Lake are Clear Lake hitch (Lavinia exilicauda chi) and Sacramento perch (Archoplites interruptus). The next nearest known occurrence of special-status animal species is Borax Lake cuckoo wasp (Hedychridium milleri) located 4.3 miles west of the project parcel in Borax Lake. The next nearest known occurrence of special-status animal species is Golden eagle (Aquila chrysaetos) located 4.3 miles south of the project parcel near Cache Creek. The next nearest known occurrence of special-status animal species is Osprey (Pandion haliaetus) located 4.2 miles northwest of the project parcel near Clearlake Oaks. The next nearest known occurrence of special-status animal species is Townsend's big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii*) located 4.2 miles northwest of the project parcel near Clearlake Oaks. The next nearest known occurrence of special-status animal species is Prairie falcon (*Falco mexicanus*) located 4.3 miles east of the project parcel somewhere within the Wilbur Springs USGS 7.5 minute quadrangle. There are no other special-status animal species known from within 5 miles of the project site.

#### Special-Status Plants

There is are no known occurrences of special-status plant species from within the project parcel. The nearest known occurrence of special-status plant species is an occurrence of Colusa Layia (*Layia septentrionalis*) located 0.8 miles southwest of the project parcel near Quackenbush Mountain (Appendix C). The next nearest known occurrence of special-status plant species is Bent-flowered fiddleneck (*Amsinckia lunaris*) located 1.2 miles west of the parcel near CA-53. The next nearest known occurrence of special-status plant species is Eel-grass pondweed (*Potamogeton zosteriformis*) located as close as 1.2 miles west of the parcel near the City of Clearlake. The next nearest known occurrence of special-status plant species is Baker's navarretia (*Navarretia leucocephala* ssp. *bakeri*) located 1.4 miles west of the parcel near CA-53. The next nearest known occurrence of special-status plant species is Jepson's milk vetch (*Astragalus rattanii* var. *jepsonianus*) located 2.6 miles east of the parcel near Perkins Creek Ridge. The next nearest known occurrence of special-status plant species is Brandegeeae) located 3.4 miles west of the parcel near Borax Lake. The next nearest known occurrence of special-status plant species is Adobe Lily (*Fritillaria pluriflora*) located 3.6 miles east of the project parcel near The Peninsula. There are no other known occurrences within 4 miles of the project parcel (Appendix C).

#### 1.3.4 Landforms & Water Features

The parcel consists of a series of low hills bisected by Blackeye Canyon (Figure 1). The maximum elevation of the parcels is 1,790 feet above sea level in the southwest corner of the parcel, and the minimum elevation is 1,556 feet above sea level near the northwest corner of the property where the seasonal Class II drainage exits the parcel (Figure 2). Slopes range from 10% to 40%, as measured by Suunto PM5 handheld clinometer.

There are several unnamed ephemeral Class III watercourses that flow towards an unnamed seasonal Class II watercourses that flows west through Blackeye Canyon (Figure 3). There is also an unnamed seasonal Class II watercourse with several Class III spurs that exists in the far northeast corner of the parcel and drains towards the northeast. Two culverts convey water beneath the access roads onsite (Figures 7 & 8) and are both in good condition and have rock protection installed up and downstream. There is additionally one stock pond that exists south of the main road (Figure 13) that does not appear to have a channelized inlet source. There are no areas onsite that appear to be potential wetlands.

Precipitation mostly infiltrates locally due to the lack of a significant upslope watershed (Figure 2). During large storm events water may flow overland primarily as unconsolidated sheet flow into the series of ephemeral Class III watercourses. All water onsite eventually drains towards the center of the property into Blackeye Canyon, which flows west for 1.9 miles before entering the Burns Valley,

which flows west for another 2.5 miles through orchards and rural residential developments before emptying into Clear Lake near Konocti Street (Figure 1). From the Cache Creek Dam, Cache Creek flows west for approximately 70 miles before entering the Yolo Bypass near Woodland, which flows south and then west for approximately 65 miles before emptying into Suisun Bay and the Pacific Ocean.

#### 1.3.5 Existing Structures

The driveway that passes through Blackeye Canyon is known as Ogulin Canyon Road and is in good condition, packed dirt and gravel (Figure 6). Access is controlled by a locking metal automatic entry gate equipped with emergency lock access box. The road is in good condition and exhibits rock protection in numerous locations. Culverts are well built and maintained free of debris and appear to be adequately sized. There is one occupied single family residence onsite that is located approximately 0.3 miles past the entrance to the parcel. An existing 1,500 gallon septic system exits downhill from the main residence to the southeast. The proposed cultivation areas are located approximately 0.15 miles further to the east on the top of the main ridge (Figure 9) in an area of annual grassland and blue oak trees. There is a solar powered well located near the residence and water is pumped into a series of HDPE water storage tanks located at the top of the ridge near the proposed cultivation areas. The cultivation areas are surrounded by chain link fencing with visibility screening. There is a vehicle garage and outbuilding onsite but no other permanent structures.

#### 1.3.6 Regional Land Uses

Land uses in the vicinity of the project parcel are primarily rural residences, light industrial manufacturing, vehicle and property storage units, and grazing land. Further to the west is higher proportion of orchards and residential developments, becoming increasingly developed until reaching the City of Clearlake. To the east the terrain becomes steeper and more undeveloped and is primarily grazing land and chaparral wildland. To the north and south are primarily blue oak dominated chaparral wildland. No portions of the parcel have burned in the previous 10 years.

#### **1.4 METHODS**

#### 1.4.1 Records Search & Literature Review

Based on a review of the literature and relevant databases, we compiled a list of special-status plant and animal species that are known to occur within Lake County, or that occupy habitats that are known to be present on or near the project site (Appendix A). Sources of information referenced include the California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW) *California Natural Diversity Database* (CNDDB 2019), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Environmental Conservation Online System (USFWS 2019), the California Native Plants Society (CNPS) *Inventory of Rare and Endangered Vascular Plants of California* (CNPS 2018), the CDFW *Habitat Relationships System* (HRS), and the knowledge of PEC staff familiar with the species and habitats of Lake County. Additional information on sensitive habitats including wetlands was obtained from the USFWS National Wetlands Inventory (NWI 2019), and the County of Lake Geographic Information System Portal (Lake Co. 2019). Plant species included here are state or federal endangered or threatened species, and/or considered rare by CDFW, and/or are recognized as special-status species (SSS) by CNPS or CDFW. Animal species included here are designated as State or Federally Endangered or Threatened, and/or CDFW species of special concern (SSC), and/or CDFW fully protected species (FPS). In addition, nests of most native bird species, regardless of their regulatory status, are protected from take or harassment under the U.S. Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and relevant sections of the California Fish & Wildlife Code.

#### 1.4.2 Field Surveys

A wildlife and botanical survey was conducted at the site on July 19, 2019 by Dr. Christopher DiVittorio of PEC. A second protocol-level botanical survey was performed on April 30, 2021 by Dr. Christopher DiVittorio and Dr. Zoya Akulova of PEC. During the first survey the weather was typical for this time of year, the sky was clear, air temperature was 90.6 degF, relative humidity was 36%, and wind was from the west at 1-2 mph. For the second survey temperature and relative humidity was not recorded but the weather was clear and sunny and temperature was normal for the time of year. All measurements were made using Kestrel 3000 handheld weather station. No rain fell in the preceding two weeks from the first survey (NWS 2019), although late rains during 2019 prolonged the growing season, thus all most the vegetation was identifiable including many early-season plants, and many perennial and annual plant species were still flowering. For the second survey, the rain year was short however several inches of rain fell the preceding month and many species were flowering. Starting with the portion of the property closest to the proposed cultivation area, the entire project site was surveyed on foot by PEC biologist Dr. Christopher T. DiVittorio, recording the location and identity of all plant and animal species encountered. Plant voucher specimens were taken of any species that were not identifiable in the field, and that were not likely to be special-status. The vast majority of species were identifiable at the time of the survey, although some had to be identified based on vegetative parts. Photographs and voucher specimens were taken of any plants that were identified solely based on vegetative characters.

The field survey was conducted by dividing the outdoor portions of the parcel into zones and cataloging all of the species found in each zone. Each zone was surveyed by walking in parallel lines until the whole zone was covered. Notes were also taken in each zone documenting the general site characteristics and current land uses, as well as any surface erosional features that may require remediation. Botanical specimens were taken back to the laboratory for identification if identification was not possible in the field. If species were not flowering at the time of the survey and morphological characteristics indicated that the species may be special-status, notes were made for a follow-up visit. Birds and nests were identified by call and with binoculars. Vocalizations, scat, tracks, feathers, burrows, nests, and molts were used for identification of animals present onsite. Any onsite aquatic habitats were observed for a minimum of ten minutes without movement in order to observe animals that may hide when approached.

# 2.0 RESULTS

# 2.1 NATURAL COMMUNITIES IN THE EVALUATION AREA

Using field surveys, a review of published literature, and the knowledge of PEC staff, all of the natural communities present on and around the project site were assessed. Regionally, the dominant vegetation type is *Chamise* chaparral and mixed Blue oak woodland, with annual grasslands on hilltops, and a greater proportion of hardwoods at the bottoms of canyons (Figure 4). The parcel was not burned at any point during the last 10 years, although much of the surrounding region was burned during the Rocky/Jerusalem Fires in 2015. Regionally there are abundant serpentine outcrops although there are no serpentine outcrops or soils known from the project parcel as described in greater detail in §2.5, below.

# 2.2 NATURAL COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE PROJECT SITE

Overall, the parcel consists of approximately 70% Blue oak woodland, 20% *Chamise* chaparral, and 10% annual grassland and developed area (Figure 5). The bottom of Blackeye Canyon contains a slightly higher proportion of hardwood and riparian species and so is treated separately, below. The grassland and chaparral habitats are continuous with the oak woodland habitat and the entirety of the parcel is more or less homogenous in community composition. The specific community descriptions below are organized based on the zones that were surveyed, and the floristic results presented in Appendix B.

A full list of all species observed at both 2019 and 2021 surveys is provided in Appendix B. Below is a list of the dominant species observed at both time points.

#### 2.2.1 Blue Oak Woodland

The vast majority of the parcel can be described as Blue oak woodland dominated by Blue oak (*Quercus douglasii*) to 24" diameter-at-breast-height (DBH) but averaging 10-12" DBH. Other subdominant tree species include Gray pine (*Pinus sabiniana*) to 20" DBH, Ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa*) to 16" DBH, Black oak (*Quercus kelloggii*) to 10" DBH, and Madrone to (*Arbutus menziesii*) to 12" DBH. Native subdominant species include hoary manzanita (*Arctostaphylos canescens*), toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*), poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobium*), Yerba Santa (*Eriodictyon californicum*), mountain mahogany (*Cercocarpus betuloides*), deer brush (*Ceanothus integerrimus*), common yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*), soap plant (*Chlorogalum pomeridianum*), large fruited lomatium (*Lomatium macrocarpum*), common tarweed (*Centromadia pungens*), gumweed (*Madia gracilis*), Needleleaf navarretia (*Navarretia intertexta*), imbricate phacelia (*Phacelia imbricata*), whisker-brush (*Leptosiphon ciliatus*), naked buckwheat (*Eriogonum nudum*), twining brodiaea (*Dichelostemma volubile*), blue dicks (*Dichelostemma capitatum*), harvest brodiaea

(Brodiaea elegans), blue eyed grass (Sisyrinchium bellum), Douglas' iris (Iris douglasii), Pacific sanicle (Sanicula crassicaulis), California fuchsia (Epilobium canum), squirreltail grass (Elymus elymoides), blue wildrye (Elymus glaucus), California western flax (Hesperolinon californicum), woolly leaved sunflower (Eriophyllum lanatum), babystars (Leptosiphon bicolor), and golden fairy lantern (Calochortus amabilis).

Nonnative species dominate the grassland portions of the site and include ripgut brome (*Bromus diandrus*), foxtail chess (*Hordeum murinum*), dogstail grass (*Cynosurus echinatus*), hairgrass (*Aira caryophyllea*), wild oats (*Avena barbata*), soft chess (*Bromus hordeaceous*), Zorro fescue (*Festuca myuros*), Medusahead (*Elymus caput-medusae*), little rattlesnake grass (*Briza minor*), nit grass (*Gastridium phleoides*), Italian thistle (*Carduus pycnocephalus*), black mustard (*Brassica nigra*), wild geranium (*Geranium molle*), chickweed (*Stellaria media*), big heron bill (*Erodium botrys*), English plantain (*Plantago lanceolata*), field parsley (*Torilis arvensis*), Klamathweed (*Hypericum perforatum*), smooth cat's ear (*Hypochaeris glabra*), prickly lettuce (*Lactuca serriola*), bull thistle (*Cirsium vulgare*), rose clover (*Trifolium hirtum*), pineapple weed (*Matricaria discoidea*), sheep sorrel (*Rumex acetocella*), hairy vetch (*Vicia villosa*), red brome (*Bromus madritensis*), yellow star thistle (*Centaurea solstitialis*), woolly mullein (*Verbascum thapsus*), and turkey mullein (*Croton setiger*).

#### 2.2.2 Chamise Chaparral

Approximately one half of the parcel can be described as mixed *Chamise* chaparral dominated by chamise (*Adenostoma fasiculatum*), toyon (*Heteromeles arbutifolia*), poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobium*), Yerba Santa (*Eriodictyon californicum*), hoary manzanita (*Arctostaphylos canescens*), deer brush (*Ceanothus integerrimus*), buck brush (*Ceanothus cuneatus*), mountain mahogany (*Cercocarpus betuloides*), Western redbud (*Cercis occidentalis*), Hollyleaf redberry (*Rhamnus ilicifolia*), and California coffeeberry (*Frangula californica*). Subdominants include Western buttercup (*Ranunculus occidentalis*), blue eyed grass (*Sisyrinchium bellum*), small tarweed (*Madia exigua*), bird's foot trefoil (*Acmispon americanus*), blue dicks (*Dichelostemma capitatum*), common tarweed (*Centromadia pungens*), annual Vulpia (*Festuca microstachys*), harvest brodiaea (*Brodiaea elegans*), purple needlegrass (*Stipa pulchra*), annual lupine (*Lupinus bicolor*), ladies' tobacco (*Gnaphalium californicum*), common fiddleneck (*Amsinckia intermedia*), hayfield tarweed (*Hemizonia congesta*), woolly leaved sunflower (*Eriophyllum lanatum*), gumweed (*Grindelia camporum*), purple navarretia (*Navarretia pubescens*), California yellow mariposa lily (*Calochortus luteus*), and babystars (*Leptosiphon bicolor*).

#### 2.2.3 Riparian Woodland

All of the watercourses onsite are ephemeral and do not exhibit substantial riparian vegetation. Despite this, the vegetation in the bottom of Blackeye Canyon exhibit somewhat elevated proportions of hardwoods and hydrophilic herbaceous species compared with the rest of the parcel and so are treated separately here. Approximately 10% of the parcel can be described as riparian corridor. Species unique to this habitat include Oregon oak (*Quercus garryana*), Bigleaf maple (*Acer macrophyllum*), American mistletoe (*Phoradendron leucarpum*), Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*), coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*), buck brush (*Ceanothus cuneatus*), Western redbud

(*Cercis occidentalis*), Hollyleaf redberry (*Rhamnus ilicifolia*), bracken fern (*Pteridium aquilinum*), blue miner's lettuce (*Claytonia perfoliata*), common bedstraw (*Galium aparine*), willow herb (*Epilobium brachycarpum*), California rose (*Rosa californica*), and golden fairy lantern (*Calochortus amabilis*).

# 2.3 WILDLIFE

Numerous wildlife species were observed both directly and indirectly onsite at the time of the survey including black-tailed jackrabbit (*Lepus californicus*), mule deer (*Odocoileus hemionus*), California ground squirrel (*Otospermophilus beecheyi*), Western gray squirrel (*Sciurus griseus*), Western yellow-bellied racer (*Coluber constrictor mormon*), Western fence lizard (*Sceloporous occidentalis*), Western scrub jay (*Aphelocoma californica*), mourning dove (*Zenaida macroura*), acorn woodpecker (*Melanerpes formicivorus*), California quail (*Callipepla californica*), common crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*), turkey vulture (*Cathartes aura*), dark-eyed junco (*Junco hyemalis*), and an unknown bumblebee species (*Bombus* spp.).

# 2.4 WETLANDS & STREAMS

Streams and watercourses onsite were classified according to the three-tier method used by the California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CALFIRE 2017) and included as a reference in Appendix E. Jurisdictional streamcourses are mapped in Figure 3. According to these criteria, there are two unnamed ephemeral Class II watercourses onsite. The main drainage flows through Blackeye Canyon and drains a series of smaller Class III watercourses that flow through the steep chaparral hillslope in the south portion of the parcel (Figure 11). A second Class II drainage flows north in the far northeast portion of the parcel. Several drainage culverts exist onsite (Figure 3). The culvert designated "A" is a corrugated metal approximately 12" diameter pipe with rock protection (Figure 7), and the culvert designated "B" is an approximately 10" HDPE ditch relief culvert also with rock protection (Figure 8). The culverts appear to be functioning properly and do not exhibit evidence of overtopping.

The stock pond is not likely to be jurisdictional due to the lack of a defined inlet stream, and it is our recommendation that this feature is not an instream reservoir and instead collects subsurface flow locally. The stock pond is small and measures approximately 0.06 surface acres and has an outlet composed of a 24" corrugated metal pipe that is buried into the earthen fill dam and spills out into an area of intact vegetation to the west. There was no streamchannel observed associated with the outfall and it does not appear that the outfall spills every year.

Potential wetlands onsite were assessed based on the likelihood to satisfy the three-tier wetland delineation criteria used by the Army Corps of Engineers *Wetland Delineation Manual* (ACOE 1987). There are no locations onsite that appear to satisfy the ACOE criteria for wetlands, although a protocol-level wetland delineation was not performed. The vegetation surrounding the ephemeral channels and stock pond is not different than the upland grassland vegetation. There were no locations onsite that exhibited hydrophytic vegetation sufficient to qualify as jurisdictional wetland.

#### 2.5 SOILS & LOCAL GEOMORPHOLOGY

The parent materials are typical of inner Coast Range mountains of the Lake County subtype, with highly dissected valleys cut into soft Franciscan sediments, with abundant volcanic extrusive and intrusive formations (USGS 1985). Local formations in the central portion of the site including the residence are mapped as well drained Skyhigh-Asbill complex (#208), 15% to 50% slopes, with lesser proportions of Sleeper (10%), and unnamed (10%) soils. This complex exhibits 0% of hydric soils and minimum bedrock depth of 38". The eastern portion of the site including the cultivation areas are mapped as well drained Sleeper variant-Sleeper loams (#215), 30% to 50% slopes, with lesser proportions of Millsholm (10%), and Skyhigh (5%) soils. Parent materials are sedimentary. The typical proportion of hydric soils is 0%, and the area is classified as not prime farmland. There are no serpentine or other ultramafic rock types onsite and no serpentine derived soils. There are no alkalai or vernal pool soil types onsite.

# 3.0 SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS

No special-status plant species were observed during the surveys performed at the site in July 2019 or April 2021. No impacts are predicted for any of the State or Federal special-status plant species in Appendix A based on the lack of special-status species observed onsite. The nearest occurrence of special-status plants are Colusa Layia and Adobe Lily within one mile of the project parcel, however neither of these species were observed onsite. There are furthermore no vernal pools, wetlands, or serpentine outcrops that would possess a high likelihood of containing special-status plant species. There are, however, some impacts to oak savannah habitat due to removal of approximately 38 blue oak trees of various diameters, and this community does contain a high proportion of native species. To offset for these impacts, a Blue Oak Woodland Habitat Conservation and Replacement Plan was prepared in order to offset the impacts of removing these trees. As long as this Plan is implemented, and the BMPs in Appendix D are implemented to the greatest extent practicable, there should be no net impacts to special-status plant species or their habitats.

No special-status animal species were observed during the surveys performed at the site in July 2019 or April 2021. No impacts are predicted for any State or Federal special-status animal species in Appendix A as long as appropriate setbacks are observed from the pond, and watercourses as shown in Figure 3. The nearest occurrence of special-status amphibian is Foothill yellow-legged frog (FYLF) located more than 2 miles from the project parcel, and there is little suitable breeding habitat nearby, thus we have no specific avoidance measures for FYLF aside from the general cultivation BMPs described in Appendix D.

No impacts are predicted for sediment discharge to watercourses or wetlands due to the lack of actively eroding features onsite, and the presence of dense vegetation between the potential activity areas and any downstream watercourses. There are several small Class II/III drainages onsite, however these are largely inaccessible due to dense chaparral vegetation and there are no pathways for sediment to reach them from the cultivation areas. Culverts are adequately protected and are free from obstructions. Roadways are in excellent condition and have properly formed crowns and inboard ditches and no remediation is recommended at this time. Additional erosion control measures described in Appendix D should be implemented during the course of construction wherever bare ground is visible, and we encourage the use of native vegetation from locally sourced genotypes along road cuts and anywhere soil stabilization is required in the future.

# 4.0 REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

# 4.1 FEDERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has jurisdiction over federally-listed threatened and endangered species under the federal Endangered Species Act (FESA). The USFWS also maintains a list of 'proposed' species and candidate species that are not legally protected under the FESA, but are often included in their review of a project as they may become listed in the near future. The FESA protects listed animal species from harm or "take" which is broadly defined as to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, collect, or attempt to engage in any such conduct. Take can also include habitat modification or degradation that results in death or injury to a listed species. An activity can be defined as a "take" even if it is unintentional or accidental. Listed plant species are provided less protection than listed wildlife species. Listed plant species are legally protected from take under FESA if they occur on federal lands. Pursuant to the requirements of the FESA, a federal agency reviewing a proposed project within its jurisdiction must determine whether any federally-listed threatened or endangered species (plants and animals) may be present in the project area and determine whether the proposed project may affect such species. Any activities that could result in the take of a federally-listed species will require formal consultation with the USFWS.

# 4.2 CALIFORNIA ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

The California Endangered Species Act (CESA) protects any plant or animal listed or proposed for listing as rare (plants only), threatened, or endangered. In accordance with the CESA, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has jurisdiction over state-listed species (California Fish and Wildlife Code 2070). Take of state-listed species requires a permit from CDFW, which is granted only under strictly limited circumstances. Additionally, the CDFW maintains lists of "species of special concern" that are defined as animal species that appear to be vulnerable to extinction because of declining populations, limited ranges, and/or continuing threats. Pursuant to the requirements of CESA, an agency reviewing a proposed project within its jurisdiction must determine whether any state-listed or proposed endangered or threatened species may be present in the project area and determine whether the proposed project may result in a significant impact on such species.

# 4.3 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

Section 15380(b) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines provides that a species not listed on the federal or state list of protected species may be considered rare or endangered if the species can be shown to meet certain specified criteria. These criteria have been modeled after the definitions in FESA and CESA and the section of the California Fish and Wildlife Code dealing with rare or endangered plants or animals. This section was included in the guidelines primarily to deal with situations in which a public agency is reviewing a project that may have a significant effect on a species that has not yet been listed by either the USFWS or CDFW. Thus, CEQA provides an agency with the ability to protect a species from a project's potential impacts, if it finds that the species meets the criteria of a threatened or endangered species.

#### 4.4 CLEAN WATER ACT

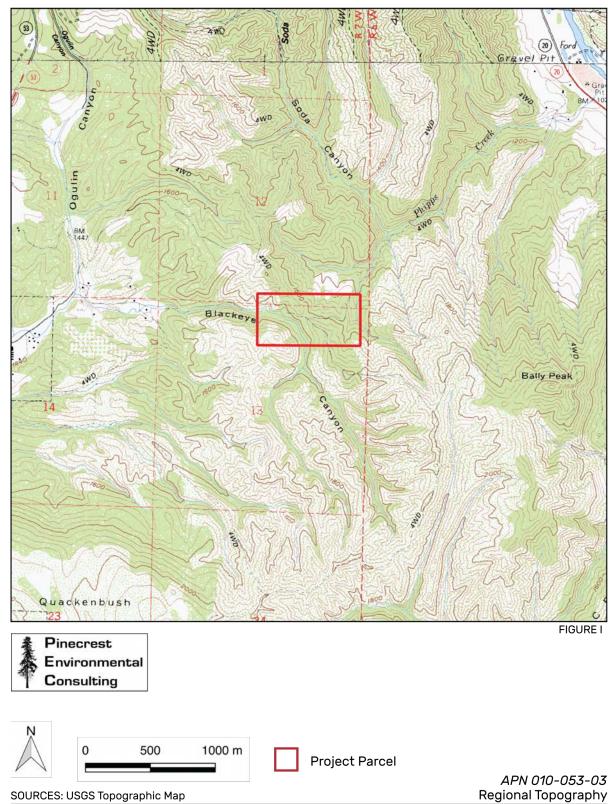
Under Section 404 of the federal Clean Water Act, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is responsible for regulating the discharge of fill material into waters of the United States. Waters of the U.S. and their lateral limits are defined in 33 CFR Part 328.3 (a) and include streams that are tributary to navigable waters and their adjacent wetlands. Wetlands that are not adjacent to waters of the U.S. are termed "isolated wetlands" and, depending on the circumstances, may also be subject to Corps jurisdiction. In general, a Corps permit must be obtained before placing fill in wetlands or other waters of the U.S. The type of permit depends on the acreage involved and the purpose of the proposed fill. Minor amounts of fill are sometimes covered by Nationwide Permits, which were established to streamline the permit process for projects with "minimal" impacts on wetlands or other waters of the U.S. An Individual Permit is required for projects that result in more than a minimal impact on jurisdictional areas. The Individual Permit process requires evidence that fill of jurisdictional areas has been minimized to the extent "practicable" and provides an opportunity for public review of the project.

#### 4.5 CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY REGULATORY PROGRAMS

Pursuant to Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act and the state's Porter-Cologne Act, projects that are regulated by the Corps must obtain water quality certification from the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). This certification ensures that the project will uphold state water quality standards. The RWQCB sometimes asserts jurisdiction over wetlands that the Corps does not (e.g. certain isolated wetlands) and may impose mitigation requirements even if the Corps does not. The CDFW also exerts jurisdiction over the bed and banks of watercourses and water bodies according to provisions of Section 1601to1603 of the Fish and Wildlife Code. The Fish and Wildlife Code requires a Stream Alteration Agreement for the fill or removal of material within the bed and banks of a watercourse or water body.

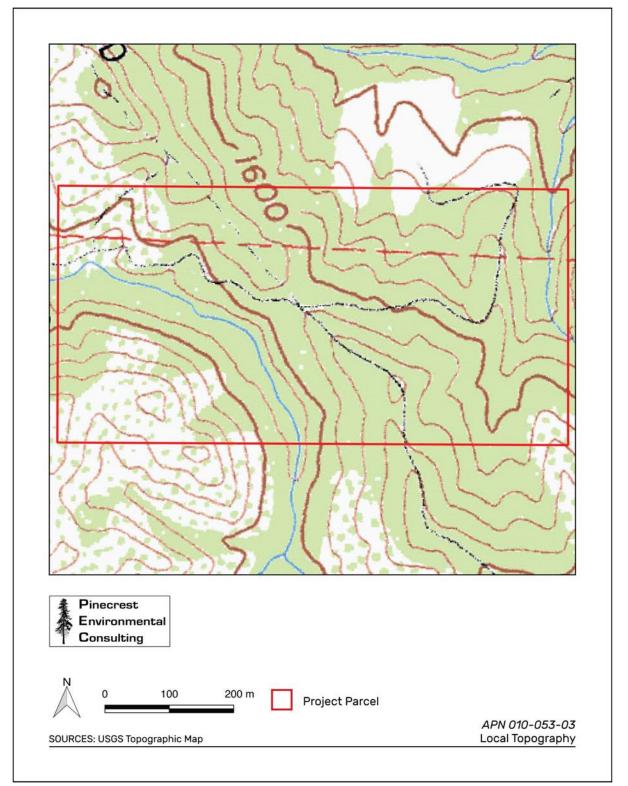
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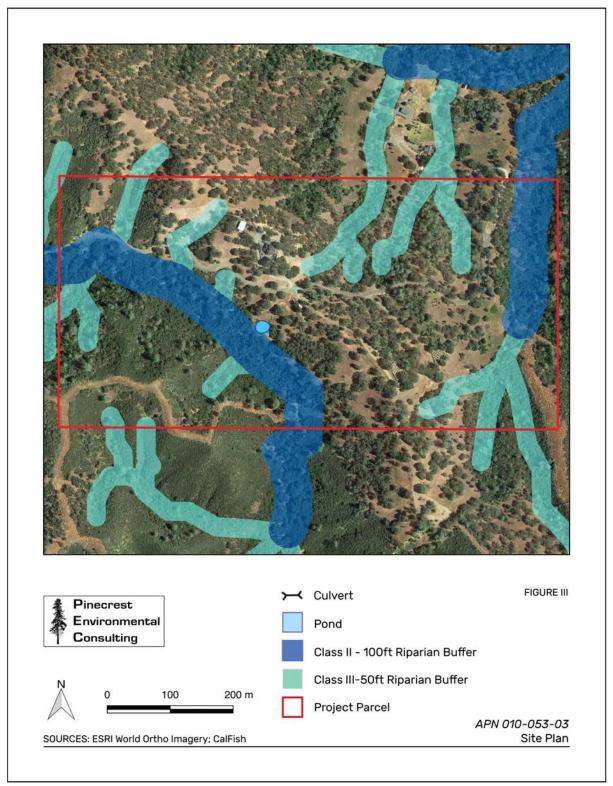


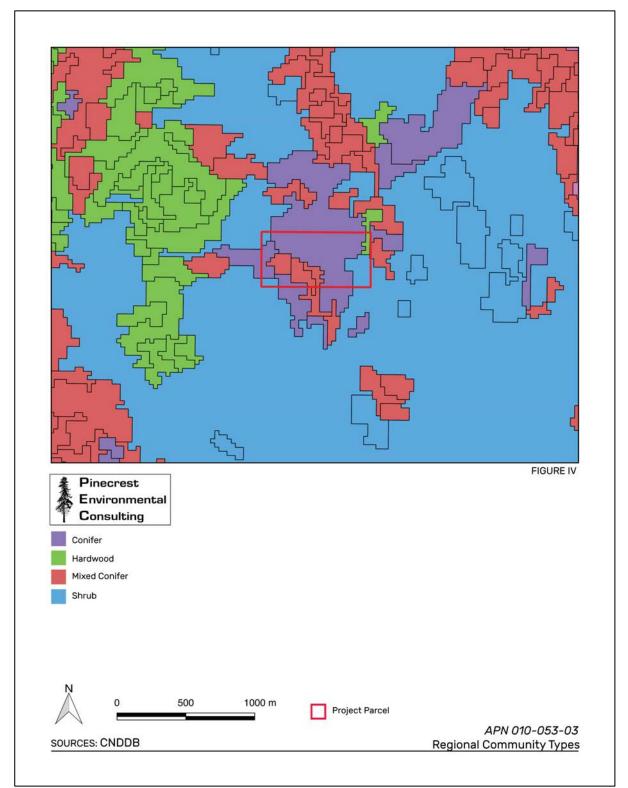
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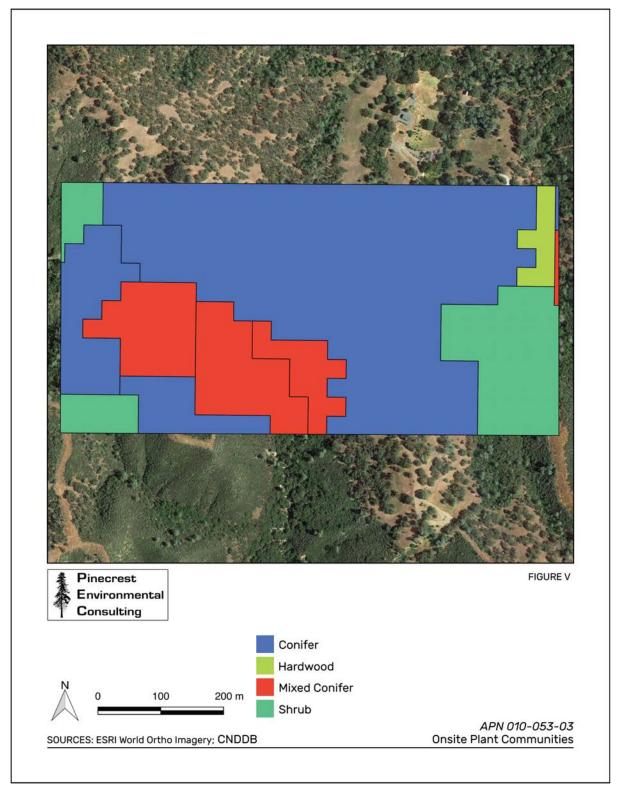


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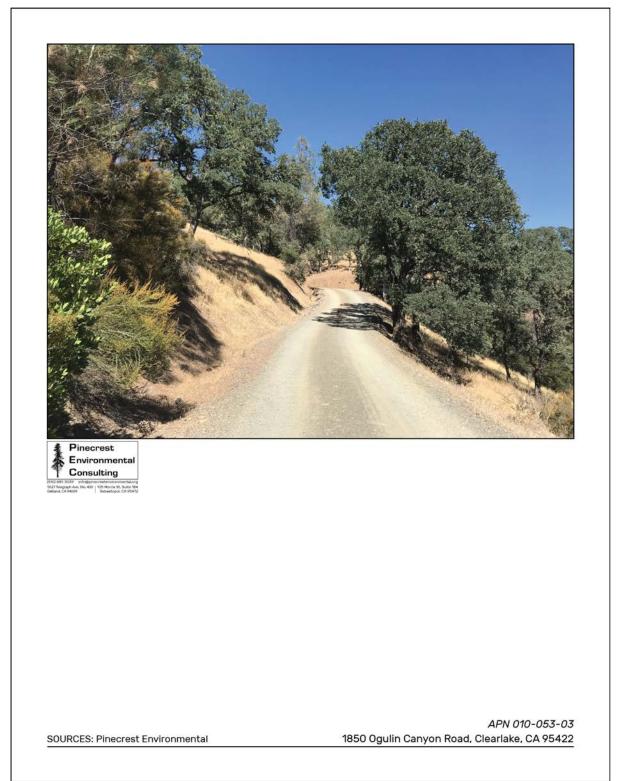




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#### FIGURE 5: ONSITE PLANT COMMUNITIES

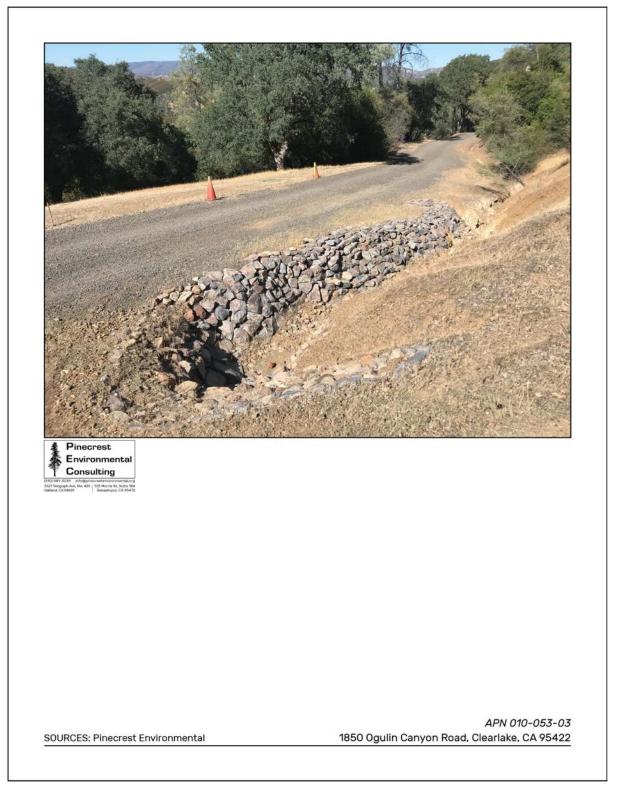


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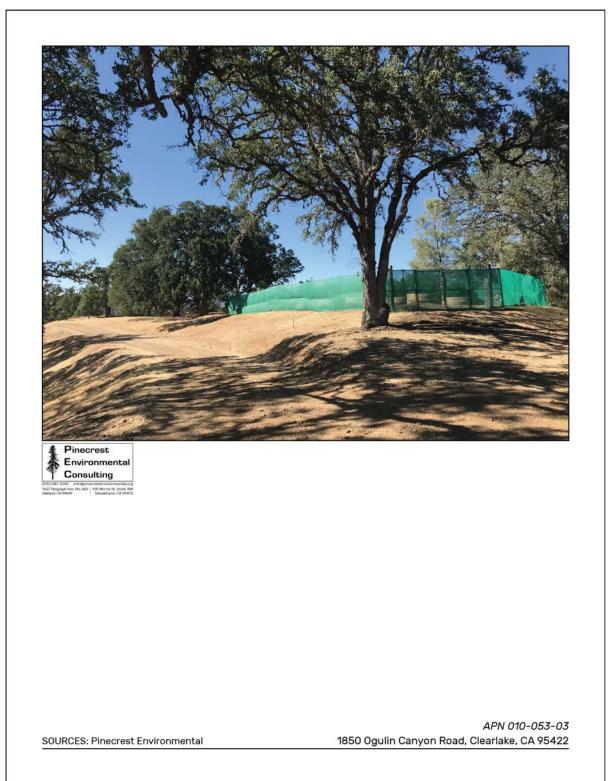


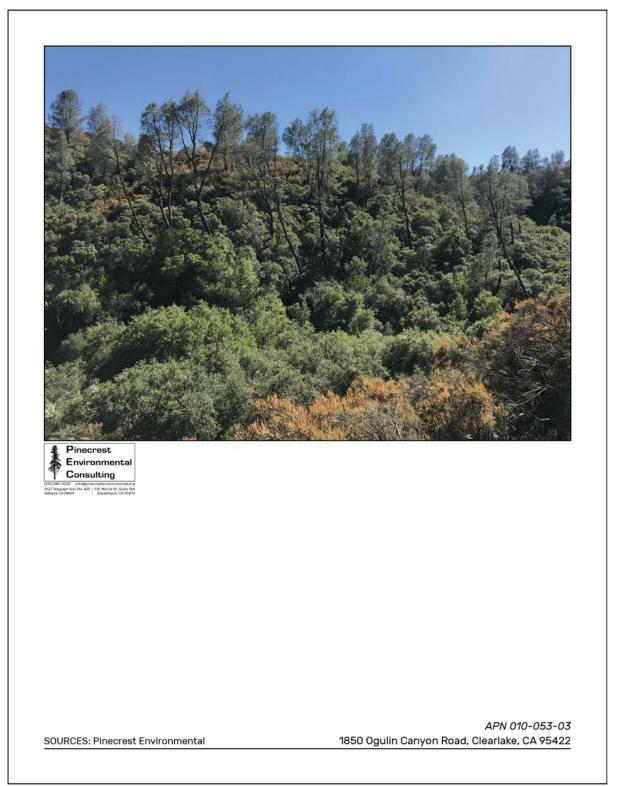




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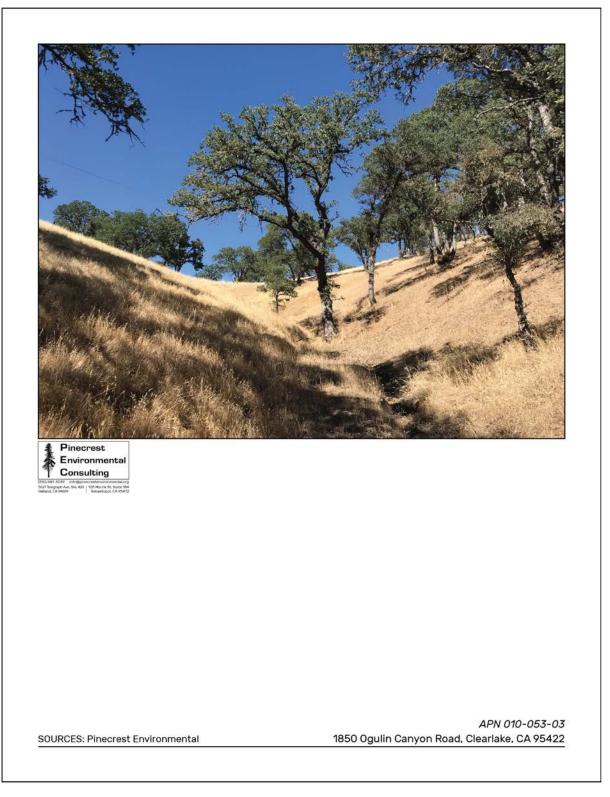
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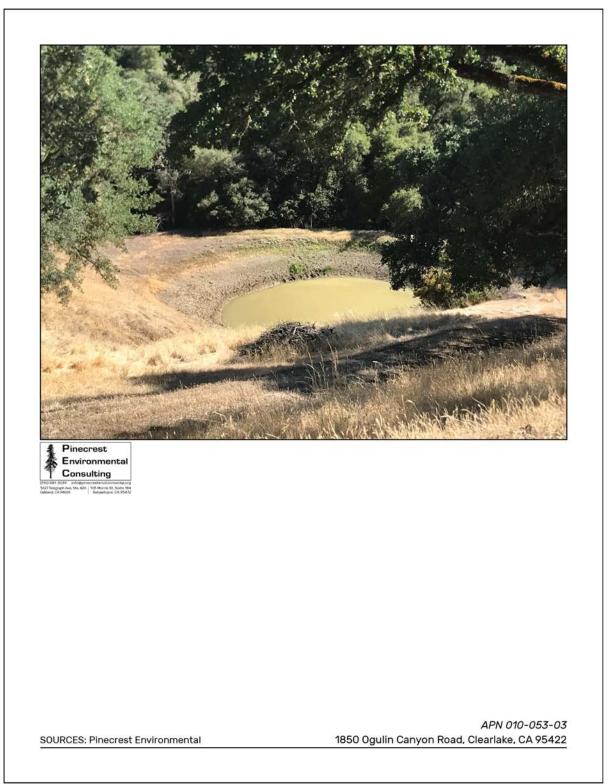


#### FIGURE 11: PHOTOGRAPH OF MIXED OAK WOODLAND





## FIGURE 13: PHOTOGRAPH OF STOCK POND



# APPENDIX A: SPECIAL-STATUS SPECIES CONSIDERED

The following is a list of special-status plant and animal species generated based on knowledge of the species and habitats of Lake County by PEC staff, from various State and Federal databases, and from the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB). CNDDB occurrences within 5 miles of the project site are shown in bold.

Taxon	Status <sup>1</sup> Fed/State/CNPS	Habitat	Potential to Occur Within the Project Area
	Р	LANTS	
Adobe lily (Fritillaria pluriflora)	//1B.2	Valley grasslands, foothill woodland	<u>Medium</u> : Some grassland habitat exists onsite. Nearest known occurrence is 3.8 miles east of the parcel near The Peninsula.
Alkalai milk-vetch ( <i>Astragalus tener</i> var. <i>tener</i> )	—/—/1B.2	Valley grasslands, alkali sinks	<u>None</u> : No suitable alkalai habitat exists onsite.
Anthony peak lupine (Lupinus antoninus)	—/—/1B.2	Montane forest	<u>None</u> : No suitable montane habitat exists onsite.
Baker's manzanita (Arctostaphylos bakeri ssp. bakeri)	—/—/1B.1	Serpentine chaparral	<u>None</u> : No serpentine habitat exists onsite.
Baker's meadowfoam (Limnanthes bakeri)	—/ST/1B.1	Vernal pools, freshwater wetland	<u>None</u> : No suitable wetland habitat exists onsite.
Baker's navarretia (Navarretia leucocephala ssp. bakeri)	//1 <b>B</b> .1	Vernal pools	<u>Very Low</u> : No vernal pool habitat exists onsite. Nearest known occurrence is 1.3 miles southwest of the parcel along CA-53.
Beaked tracyina (Tracyina rostrata)	—/—/1B.2	Valley grassland, foothill woodland	Low: Some grassland habitat exists onsite.
Bent flowered fiddleneck (Amsinckia lunaris)	//1B.2	Valley grassland, foothill woodland	<u>Medium</u> : Some suitable grassland habitat exists onsite. Nearest known occurrence is 1.1 miles west of the parcel along CA-53.
Big scale balsamroot (Balsamorhiza macrolepis)	//1B.2	Valley grassland, foothill woodland	Low: Some grassland habitat exists onsite.

Taxon	Status <sup>1</sup> Fed/State/CNPS	Habitat	Potential to Occur Within the Project Area
Bogg's Lake hedge-hyssop (Gratiola heterosepala)	—/—/1B.2	Vernal pools, lake margins	Low: No suitable wetland habitat exists onsite.
Bolander's horkelia (Horkelia bolanderi)	—/—/1B.2	Yellow pine forest, grassland	Low: No suitable forest habitat exists onsite.
Brandegee's eriastrum (Eriastrum brandegeeae)	//1 <b>B</b> .1	Clearings in chaparral	<u>Low</u> : No suitable chaparral habitat exists onsite. Nearest known occurrence is 3.3 miles west of the parcel near Borax Lake.
Bristly sedge (Carex comosa)	—/—/2B.1	Freshwater marsh, riparian	<u>Very Low</u> : No suitable wetland habitat exists onsite.
Brownish beaked-rush (Rhynchospora capitellata)	—/—/2B.2	Freshwater marsh, riparian	<u>Very Low</u> : No suitable wetland habitat exists onsite.
Burke's goldfields (Lasthenia burkei)	FE/SE/1B.1	Vernal pools	<u>Very Low:</u> No suitable vernal pool habitat exists onsite.
California alkalai grass (Puccinellia simplex)	—/—/1B.2	Alkalai sink	<u>None</u> : No alkalai wetland habitat exists onsite.
California beaked-rush (Rhynchospora californica)	—/—/1B.1	Freshwater wetlands	<u>None</u> : No suitable wetland habitat exists onsite.
California satintail (Imperata brevifolia)	—/—/2B.1	Chaparral	<u>Very Low</u> : No suitable chaparral habitat exists onsite.
Calistoga ceanothus (Ceanothus divergens)	—/—/1B.2	Chaparral	<u>Very Low</u> : No chaparral habitat exists onsite.
Cascade downingia (Downingia willamettensis)	—/—/2B.2	Vernal pool	<u>None</u> : No vernal pool habitat exists onsite.
Clara Hunt's milk vetch (Astragalus claranus)	—/—/1B.1	Chaparral, grassland	<u>Very Low</u> : No chaparral habitat exists onsite.
Cobb Mountain lupine (Lupinus sericatus)	—/—/1B.2	Chaparral, pine forest	<u>Very Low</u> : No chaparral habitat exists onsite.
Colusa layia (Layia septentrionalis)	//1 <b>B</b> .2	Chaparral, valley grassland	<u>Medium</u> : Some suitable grassland habitat exists onsite. Nearest known occurrence is 0.8 miles southwest of the parcel near Quackenbush Mountain.

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Congested-headed hayfield tarplant (Hemizonia congesta ssp. congesta)	—/—/1B.2	Grassland, coastal scrub	Low: Some grassland habitat exists onsite.
Deep scarred cryptantha (Cryptantha excavata)	—/—/1B.1	Foothill woodland	Low: Some grassland habitat exists onsite.
Dimorphic snapdragon (Antirrhinum subcordatum)	//4.3	Serpentine chaparral	<u>None</u> : No serpentine habitat exists onsite.
Drymaria-like western flax (Hesperolinon drymarioides)	—/—/1B.2	Serpentine outcrops	<u>None</u> : No serpentine outcrop habitat exists onsite.
Dwarf downingia (Downingia pusilla)	—/—/2B.2	Vernal pools, freshwater wetland	<u>None</u> : No vernal pool habitat exists onsite.
Dwarf soaproot (Chlorogalum pomeridianum var. minus)	—/—/1B.2	Serpentine chaparral	<u>None</u> : No serpentine chaparral habitat exists onsite.
Eel-grass pondweed (Potamogeton zosteriformis)	—/—/2B.2	Freshwater lakes, ponds	<u>Low</u> : Some poor quality pond habitat exists onsite. Nearest known occurrence is indistinct locality as close as 1.1 miles west of the parcel near Clear Lake.
Few-flowered navarretia (Navarretia leucocephala ssp. pauciflora)	FE/ST/1B.1	Vernal pools	<u>Very Low:</u> No suitable vernal pool habitat exists onsite. Nearest known occurrence is 4.1 miles south of the parcel near Lower Lake.
Franciscan onion (Allium peninsulare var. franciscanum)	—/—/1B.2	Grassland	<u>Very Low</u> : Some grassland habitat exists onsite.
Freed's jewelflower (Streptanthus brachiatus ssp. hoffmanii)	—/—/1B.2	Serpentine outcrops	<u>None</u> : No serpentine outcrop habitat exists onsite.
Geysers panicum (Panicum acuminatum var. thermale)	—/—/1B.2	Chaparral, wetlands	<u>Very Low:</u> No chaparral seep habitat exists onsite.
Glandular western flax (Hesperolinon adenophyllum)	—/—/1B.2	Chaparral	Low: No suitable chaparral habitat exists onsite.
Grassleaf water plantain (Alisma gramineum)	—/—/2B.2	Wetland, riparian	Low: No suitable wetland habitat exists onsite.
Green jewelflower (Streptanthus hesperidis)	—/—/1B.2	Serpentine outcrops	None: No serpentine outcrop habitat exists onsite.

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Greene's narrow-leaved daisy (Erigeron greenei)	—/—/1B.2	Serpentine grassland	<u>None</u> : No serpentine habitat exists onsite.
Hall's harmonia (Harmonia hallii)	—/—/1 <b>B.2</b>	Chaparral, grassland	<u>Medium</u> : Some grassland habitat exists onsite. Nearest known occurrence is 4.1 miles south of the parcel near Lower Lake.
Hoffman's bristly jewelflower ( <i>Streptanthus glandulosus</i> spp. <i>hoffmanii</i> )	—/—/1B.3	Chaparral, foothill woodland	<u>Very Low</u> : No suitable chaparral habitat exists onsite.
Holly-leaved ceanothus (Ceanothus purpureus)	—/—/1B.2	Chaparral	<u>Very Low</u> : No suitable chaparral habitat exists onsite.
Hospital Canyon larkspur (Delphinium californicum ssp. interius)	—/—/1B.2	Foothill woodland	Low: Some woodland habitat exists onsite.
Indian Valley brodiaea (Brodiaea rosea)	—/SE/3.1	Serpentine chaparral	<u>Very Low</u> : No serpentine habitat exists onsite.
Jepson's coyote thistle (Eryngium jepsonii)	//4.2	Wetlands and vernal pools	None: No vernal pool habitat exists onsite.
Jepson's leptosiphon ( <i>Leptosiphon jepsonii</i> )	—/—/1B.2	Chaparral, serpentine grassland	<u>None</u> : No serpentine chaparral habitat exists onsite.
Jepson's milk-vetch ( <i>Astragalus rattanii</i> var. <i>jepsonianus</i> )	—/—/1B.2	Chaparral, serpentine grassland	<u>Low</u> : No suitable chaparral habitat exists onsite. Nearest known occurrence is 2.7 miles east of the parcel near Perkins Creek Ridge.
Kenwood marsh checkerbloom (Sidalcea oregana ssp. valida)	FE/SE/1B.1	Freshwater wetlands	<u>None</u> : No suitable wetland habitat exists onsite.
Konocti manzanita (Arctostaphylos manzanita ssp. elegans)	—/—/1 <b>B.3</b>	Chaparral, foothill woodland	<u>Low</u> : No suitable chaparral habitat exists onsite. Nearest known occurrence is 4.2 miles west of the parcel near Sulphur Bank Ridge.
Kruckeberg's jewelflower (Streptanthus morrisonii ssp. kruckebergii)	—/—/1B.2	Serpentine outcrops	<u>None</u> : No serpentine outcrop habitat exists onsite.
Lake County stonecrop (Sedella leiocarpa)	—/—/1B.1	Rock outcrops	Very Low: No rock outcrop habitat exists onsite.

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Lake County western flax (Hesperolinon didymocarpum)	—/SE/1B.2	Serpentine grasslands	<u>None</u> : No suitable serpentine habitat exists onsite.
Legenere (Legenere limosa)	—/—/1B.1	Vernal pool, freshwater wetland	<u>None</u> : No suitable vernal pool habitat exists onsite.
Loch Lomond button-celery (Eryngium constancei)	FE/SE/1B.1	Vernal pool, freshwater wetland	<u>None</u> : No suitable vernal pool habitat exists onsite.
Many-flowered navarretia (Navarretia leucocephala spp. plieantha)	FE/SE/1B.2	Vernal pools	<u>Very Low</u> : No vernal pool habitat exists onsite.
Marsh checkerbloom (Sidalcea oregana ssp. hydrophila)	—/—/1B.2	Freshwater wetland, riparian	Low: No suitable riparian habitat exists onsite.
Mayacamas popcornflower (Plagiobothrys lithocaryus)	—/—/A1	Foothill woodland, valley grassland	<u>Very Low</u> : Presumed extinct. Last observed in 1884 near present-day Lakeport.
Milo Baker's lupine (Lupinus milo-bakeri)	—/—/1B.1	Foothill woodland	<u>None</u> : No suitable woodland habitat exists onsite.
Morrison's jewelflower (Streptanthus morrisonii ssp. morrisonii)	—/—/1B.2	Serpentine outcrops	<u>None</u> : No serpentine outcrop habitat exists onsite.
Mt. St. Helena morning-glory (Calystegia collina ssp. oxyphylla)	//4.2	Serpentine chaparral	<u>None</u> : No serpentine habitat exists onsite.
Napa bluecurls (Trichostema ruygtii)	—/—/1B.2	Chaparral, grassland	Low: Some grassland habitat exists onsite.
Napa checkerbloom (Sidalcea hickmanii ssp. napensis)	—/—/1B.1	Chaparral	Low: Some woodland habitat exists onsite.
Napa false indigo (Amorpha californica var. napensis)	—/—/1B.2	Forest, woodland	Very Low: Some woodland habitat exists onsite.
Narrow-anthered brodiaea (Brodiaea leptandra)	—/—/1B.2	Foothill woodland, grassland	Very Low: Some grassland habitat exists onsite.
North Coast semaphore grass (Pleuropogon hooverianus)	—/—/1B.1	Freshwater wetland, vernal pools	<u>None</u> : No suitable vernal pool habitat exists onsite.
Northern California black walnut (Juglans hindsii)	—/—/1B.1	Riparian	Low: No suitable riparian habitat exists onsite.

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Northern meadow sedge (Carex praticola)	—/—/2B.2	Freshwater wetlands	<u>None</u> : No suitable wetland habitat exists onsite.
Nuttall's ribbon-leaved pondweed (Potamogeton epihydrus)	—/—/2B.2	Ponds and lakes	<u>Very Low</u> : Some poor quality pond habitat exists onsite.
Oregon polemonium (Polemonium carneum)	—/—/2B.2	Coastal scrub, yellow pine forest	<u>None</u> : No suitable habitat exists onsite.
Oval-leaved viburnum (Viburnum ellipticum)	//2B.3	Chaparral	<u>Very Low</u> : No suitable chaparral habitat exists onsite.
Pappose tarplant ( <i>Centromadia parryi</i> ssp. <i>parryi</i> )	—/—/1B.2	Grassland, wetland	<u>Medium</u> : Some grassland habitat exists onsite. Nearest known occurrence is 4.8 miles east of the parcel near Grizzly Creek.
Pennell's bird's beak (Cordylanthus tenuis ssp. capillaris)	FE/SR/1B.2	Chaparral	<u>Very Low</u> : No suitable chaparral habitat exists onsite.
Peruvian dodder (Cuscuta obtusiflora var. glandulosa)	—/—/1B.2	Grassland, chaparral	Very Low: Parasitic plant, typical host plants not known from the property.
Pink creamsacs (Castilleja rubicundula var. rubicundula)	—/—/1B.2	Grasslands	Low: Some grassland habitat exists onsite.
Porter's navarretia (Navarretia paradoxinota)	—/—/1B.3	Grasslands, wetlands	Low: Some grassland habitat exists onsite.
Raiche's manzanita (Arctostaphylos stanfordiana ssp. raichei)	—/—/1B.1	Serpentine chaparral	<u>None</u> : No serpentine chaparral habitat exists onsite.
Rincon Ridge ceanothus (Ceanothus confusus)	—/—/1B.1	Chaparral, foothill grassland	<u>Very Low</u> : No suitable chaparral habitat exists onsite.
Rincon Ridge manzanita (Arctostaphylos stanfordiana ssp. decumbens)	—/—/1B.1	Chaparral	<u>Very Low:</u> No suitable chaparral habitat exists onsite.
Round-leaved filaree (California macrophylla)	—/—/1B.2	Foothill grassland	Low: Some grassland habitat exists onsite.
Saline clover (Trifolium hydrophilum)	—/—/1B.2	Wetland, riparian	None: No suitable wetland habitat exists onsite.

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San Joaquin spearscale (Extriplex joaquinana)	//1B.2	Shadscale scrub, valley grassland	None: No alkalai scrub habitat exists.
Santa Rosa horkelia (Horkelia tenuiloba)	—/—/1B.2	Chaparral	Low: No suitable chaparral habitat exists onsite.
Sebastopol meadowfoam (Limnanthes vinculans)	FE/SE/1B.1	Freshwater wetland, vernal pools	<u>None</u> : No suitable vernal pool habitat exists onsite.
Serpentine cryptantha (Cryptantha dissita)	—/—/1B.2	Serpentine chaparral	<u>Very Low</u> : No serpentine habitat exists onsite.
Serpentine daisy (Erigeron serpentinus)	—/—/1B.3	Serpentine chaparral	<u>None</u> : No serpentine chaparral habitat exists onsite.
Sharsmith's western flax (Hesperolinon sharsmithiae)	—/—/1B.2	Chaparral	<u>Very Low</u> : No suitable chaparral habitat exists onsite.
Shining navarretia (Navarretia nigelliformis ssp. radians)	—/—/1B.2	Vernal pools	<u>Very Low</u> : No suitable vernal pool habitat exists onsite.
Slender Orcutt grass (Orcuttia tenuis)	FT/SE/1B.1	Grassland, freshwater wetlands	<u>Very Low</u> : No suitable wet meadow habitat exists onsite.
Small-flowered calycadenia (Calycadenia micrantha)	—/—/1B.2	Foothill grassland	<u>Medium</u> : Some suitable grassland habitat onsite.
Small groundcone (Kopsiopsis hookeri)	—/—/2B.3	Redwood forest	<u>None</u> : No suitable forest habitat exists onsite.
Snow Mountain buckwheat (Eriogonum nervulosum)	—/—/1B.2	Serpentine outcrops	<u>None</u> : No serpentine outcrop habitat exists onsite.
Socrates Mine jewelflower (Streptanthus brachiatus ssp. brachiatus)	—/—/1B.2	Serpentine outcrops	<u>None</u> : No serpentine habitat exists onsite.
Sonoma beardtongue (Penstemon newberryi var. sonomensis)	//1B.3	Chaparral	<u>Very Low</u> : No suitable chaparral habitat exists onsite.
Sonoma ceanothus (Ceanothus sonomensis)	—/—/1B.2	Chaparral	<u>Very Low</u> : No suitable chaparral habitat exists onsite.
Thin-lobed horkelia (Horkelia tenuiloba)	—/—/1B.2	Chaparral	<u>Very Low</u> : No suitable chaparral habitat exists onsite.

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Three-fingered morning glory (Calystegia collina ssp. tridactylosa)	—/—/1B.2	Serpentine grassland	Very Low: No serpentine habitat exists onsite.	
Tracy's eriastrum (Eriastrum tracyi)	—/SR/3.2	Chaparral	<u>Low</u> : No suitable chaparral habitat exists onsite.	
Two-carpellate Western flax (Hesperolinon bicarpellatum)	—/—/1B.2	Chaparral	Low: No suitable chaparral habitat exists onsite.	
Vine Hill ceanothus (Ceanothus foliosus var. vineatus)	—/—/1B.1	Chaparral	<u>Very Low:</u> No suitable chaparral habitat exists onsite.	
Vine Hill manzanita (Arctostaphylos densiflora)	—/SE/1B.1	Chaparral	<u>Very Low</u> : Some chaparral habitat exists onsite.	
Watershield (Brasenia schreberi)	—/—/2B.3	Pond, wetland	<u>Low</u> : Some poor quality pond habitat exists onsite. Nearest known occurrence is 4.2 miles west of the parcel near Sulphur Bank Ridge.	
White beaked-rush (Rhynchospora alba)	—/—/2B.2	Wetlands, freshwater marsh	<u>None</u> : No suitable wetland habitat exists onsite.	
White flowered rein orchid ( <i>Piperia candida</i> )	//1B.2	Yellow pine forest	<u>None</u> : No suitable forest habitat exists onsite.	
Wolly meadowfoam (Limnanthes floccosa ssp. floccosa)	//4.2	Vernal pools	<u>None</u> : No vernal pool habitat exists onsite.	
MOSSES, LICHENS & LIVERWORTS				

Angel's hair lichen (Ramalina thrausta)	—/—/2B.1	Old growth conifer and hardwood forests	<u>None</u> : No suitable forest habitat exists onsite.
Coastal triquetrella ( <i>Triquetrella californica</i> )	—/—/1B.2	Forest, woodland	<u>Very Low</u> : Some woodland habitat exists onsite.
Elongate copper moss (Mielichhoferia elongata)	//4.3	Forest, woodland	<u>Very Low</u> : Some woodland habitat exists onsite.
Methuselah's beard lichen (Dolichousnea longissima)	//4.2	Old growth conifer and hardwood forests	<u>None</u> : No suitable forest habitat exists onsite.

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Slender silver moss (Anomobryum julaceum)	//4.2	Rocky substrates in forests, riparian	<u>Very Low</u> : No suitable riparian habitat exists onsite.
Torren's grimmia (Grimmia torenii)	—/—/1B.3	Forest, woodland	<u>Very Low</u> : Some woodland habitat exists onsite.
		FISH	
Chinook Salmon Coastal California DPS ( <i>Oncorhynchus kisutch</i> )	FT/SE/—	Freshwater streams, open ocean and estuaries	<u>None</u> : No suitable streams exist onsite.
Clear Lake Drainage Resident Rainbow trout (Oncorhynchus mykiss)	FE/SE/—	Freshwater streams, open ocean and estuaries	<u>None</u> : No suitable habitat exists in the project area.
Clear Lake hitch (Lavinia exilicauda chi)	FE/SE/—	Freshwater lakes and streams	<u>None</u> : No suitable habitat exists in the project area. Nearest known occurrence is 3.6 miles west of the parcel in Clear Lake.
Coho Salmon Central California Coast ESU (Oncorhynchus kisutch)	FE/SE/—	Freshwater streams, open ocean and estuaries	<u>None</u> : No suitable streams exist onsite.
Sacramento perch (Archoplites interruptus)	—/SSC/—	Low gradient sloughs and lakes	<u>None</u> : No suitable habitat exists in the project area. Nearest known occurrence is 3.6 miles west of the parcel in Clear Lake.
Sacramento splittail (Pogonichthys macrolepidotus)	—/SSC/—	Low gradient freshwater streams	None: No suitable streams exist onsite.
Steelhead Central California Coast DPS (Oncorhynchus mykiss irideus)	FT//	Freshwater streams, open ocean and estuaries	None: No suitable streams exist onsite.
Steelhead Northern California DPS (Oncorhynchus mykiss irideus)	FT//	Freshwater streams, open ocean and estuaries	None: No suitable streams exist onsite.
	AMPHIBIA	ANS & REPTILES	
California giant salamander (Dicamptodon ensatus)	/SSC/	Wetlands and riparian areas	<u>Very Low</u> : No suitable wetland habitat exists onsite. Species is not known from the region.

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California red-legged frog (Rana draytonii)	FT/SSC/—	Vernal pools, seasonal pools, stock ponds, and associated grasslands	<u>Very Low:</u> Some poor quality habitat exists onsite for breeding. Some estivation habitat exists onsite.
California tiger salamander (Ambystoma californiense)	FT/SSC/—	Ponds, streams, drainages, and associated uplands	<u>Very Low:</u> Some poor quality habitat exists onsite for breeding. Some estivation habitat exists onsite.
Foothill yellow-legged frog (Rana boylii)	—/SSC/—	Wetlands, riparian, streams and ponds	<u>Low</u> : Some poor quality breeding and estivation habitat exists onsite. Nearest known occurrence is 2.3 miles east of the parcel near Perkins Creek.
Red bellied newt ( <i>Taricha rivularis</i> )	—/SSC/—	Woodland streams, riparian corridors	<u>Low</u> : No suitable stream habitat exists onsite. Nearest known occurrence is 3.0 miles south of the parcel near Dry Creek.
Western pond turtle (Emys marmorata)	—/SSC/—	Slow-moving creeks, streams, ponds, rivers, ditches.	<u>None</u> : No suitable pond habitat exists onsite.
	INVE	RTEBRATES	
Behren's silverspot butterfly (Speyeria zerene behrensii)	FE/SSC/—	Coastal prairie	<u>None</u> : Requires blue violet to reproduce; none onsite.
Borax Lake cuckoo wasp (Hedychridium milleri)	—/SSC/—	Lakes and streams	<u>None</u> : No suitable lake or stream habitat exists onsite. Nearest known occurrence is 4.1 miles west of the parcel in Borax Lake.
Brownish dubiraphian riffle beetle (Dubiraphia brunnescens)	—/SSC/—	Freshwater lakes and streams	<u>None</u> : No suitable stream habitat exists onsite. Nearest known occurrence is 3.6 miles west of the parcel in Clear Lake.
California brackishwater snail (Tryonia imitator)	—/SSC/—	Brackish wetlands	<u>None</u> : No suitable wetland habitat exists onsite.
California floater (Anodonta californiensis)	—/SSC/—	Freshwater ponds, streams	<u>None</u> : No suitable stream habitat exists onsite.
California freshwater shrimp (Syncaris pacifica)	FE/SE/—	Freshwater ponds	<u>None</u> : No suitable pond habitat exists onsite.

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California linderiella ( <i>Linderiella occidentalis</i> )	—/SSC/—	Vernal pools	None: No vernal pool habitat exists onsite.
Clear Lake pyrg (Pyrgulopsis ventricosa)	—/SSC/—	Freshwater streams	<u>None</u> : No suitable stream habitat exists onsite.
Crotch bumble bee (Bombus crotchii)	—/SSC/—	Grassland, chaparral	<u>Medium</u> : Some grassland habitat exists onsite.
Leech's skyline diving beetle (Hydroporus leechi)	—/SSC/—	Freshwater ponds	<u>Very Low</u> : No suitable natural pond habitat exists onsite.
Myrtle silverspot butterfly (Speyeria zerene myrtleae)	FE/SSC/—	Coastal prairie, chaparral	<u>None</u> : Requires western dog violet for reproduction; none onsite.
Monarch butterfly California overwintering Population #1 (Danaus plexippus)	—/SSC/—	Large trees required for roosting.	Low: Some suitable trees for roosting onsite.
Obscure bumble bee (Bombus caliginosus)	—/SSC/—	Grassland, foothill woodland, chaparral	<u>Medium</u> : Some grassland habitat exists onsite.
Opler's longhorn moth (Adela oplerella)	—/SSC/—	Usually associated with <i>Platystemon</i> (creamcups)	<u>None</u> : No suitable host plants onsite.
Oregon floater (Anodonta oregonensis)	—/SSC/—	Large freshwater streams	<u>None</u> : No suitable stream habitat exists onsite.
Ricksecker's water scavenger beetle (Hydrochara rickseckeri)	—/SSC/—	Freshwater lakes and ponds	Very Low: No suitable natural pond habitat exists onsite.
Sonoma zerene fritillary (Speyeria zerene sonomensis)	—/SSC/—	Grasslands and meadows with <i>Viola</i> plants	<u>None</u> : Requires <i>Viola</i> for reproduction; none onsite.
Western bumblebee (Bombus occidentalis)	—/SSC/—	Grassland	Medium: Some grassland habitat exists onsite.
Wilbur Springs minute moss beetle (Ochthebius recticulus)	—/SSC/—	Shorelines of hot springs	<u>Very Low:</u> No suitable hot spring habitat exists onsite.
Wilbur Springs shorebug (Saldula usingeri)	—/SSC/—	Ponds	<u>Very Low:</u> No suitable natural pond habitat exists onsite.
Wilbur Springs shore fly (Paracoenia calida)	/SSC/	Hot sulphur springs	None: No suitable hot spring habitat exists onsite.

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Vernal pool andrenid bee (Andrena blennospermatis)	—/SSC/—	Upland areas near vernal pools	<u>Very Low</u> : No suitable vernal pool habitat exists onsite although some grassland habitat exists.
		BIRDS	
American perigrine falcon (Falco peregrinus anatum)	—/SSC/—	Forages in open grasslands, nests in trees	Medium: Some suitable nesting and foraging habitat exists.
Bank swallow ( <i>Riparia riparia</i> )	FE/SE/—	Typically found near lakes and streams	<u>None</u> : No suitable stream habitat exists onsite.
Bald eagle (Haliaeetus leucocephalus)	—/SSC/—	Forages over open lakes and streams	<u>Very Low</u> : No suitable foraging or nesting habitat exists onsite.
Bell's sage sparrow (Artemisiospiza belli belli)	/SSC/	Cliff faces near water	<u>Medium</u> : Some suitable woodland habitat exists onsite.
Black swift (Cypseloides niger)	—/SSC/—	Cliff faces near water	<u>None</u> : No suitable stream habitat exists onsite.
Burrowing owl (Athene cunicularia)	—/SSC/—	Grasslands with ground squirrel burrows	Low: Some suitable grassland habitat exists onsite.
California black rail (Laterallus jamaicensis coturniculus)	FE/SE/—	Coastal salt marshes and mudflats	<u>None</u> : No suitable salt marsh habitat exists onsite.
California horned lark (Eremophila alpestris actia)	—/SSC/—	Herbaceous vegetation, chaparral	Low: Some suitable foraging and nesting habitat exists onsite.
Cooper's hawk (Accipiter cooperii)	/WL/	Forages over open grassland.	Low: Some suitable foraging and nesting habitat exists onsite.
Ferruginous hawk (Buteo regalis)	—/SSC/—	Forages over open grassland. Nests in old- growth trees.	Low: Some suitable foraging and nesting habitat exists onsite.
Golden eagle ( <i>Aquila chrysaetos</i> )	—/SSC/—	Forages over open grassland. Nests in old- growth trees.	<u>Medium</u> : Some suitable foraging habitat. Some suitable nesting habitat. Nearest known occurrence is 4.1 miles south of the parcel near Cache Creek.
Grasshopper sparrow (Ammodramus savannarum)	/SSC/	Forages over open grassland.	<u>Low</u> : Some suitable foraging and nesting habitat exists onsite.

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Great blue heron (Ardea herodias)	—/SSC/—	Nests in trees, forages in wetlands and grasslands	<u>Very Low</u> : No suitable foraging or nesting habitat exists onsite.
Great egret (Ardea alba)	/SSC/	Nests in trees, forages in wetlands and grasslands	<u>Very Low</u> : No suitable foraging or nesting habitat exists onsite.
Marbled murrelet (Brachyramphus marmoratus)	FT/SE/—	Old growth coniferous forest	<u>None</u> : No suitable forest habitat exists onsite.
Northern goshawk ( <i>Accipiter gentilis</i> )	—/SSC/—	Coniferous forest	<u>None</u> : No suitable forest habitat exists onsite.
Osprey (Pandion haliaetus)	/WL/	Areas with fish	<u>Very Low</u> : No suitable foraging habitat onsite. Some poor quality nesting habitat onsite. Nearest known occurrence is 4.1 miles northwest of the parcel near Clearlake Oaks.
Prairie falcon (Falco mexicanus)	—/SSC/—	Forages over grasslands	<u>Medium</u> : Some suitable nesting and foraging habitat exists onsite. Nearest known occurrence is an indistinct locality as close as 4.5 miles east of the parcel in the USGS Wilbur Springs 7.5 minute quad.
Purple martin (Progne subis)	FE/SE/—	Insectivorous, nests in cavities	<u>Medium</u> : Some suitable nesting habitat onsite. Some suitable foraging habitat onsite.
Ridgway's rail (Rallus obsoletus obsoletus)	FE/SE/—	Mudflats and tidal sloughs	<u>None</u> : No suitable tidal habitat exists onsite.
Salt marsh common yellowthroat (Geothlypis trichas sinuosa)	—/SSC/—	Forages in grasslands and nests in dense freshwater marshes	<u>Very Low</u> : No suitable nesting habitat exists. Some suitable foraging habitat.
Sharp-shinned hawk (Accipiter striatus)	—/SSC/—	Forest and woodland	<u>Very Low</u> : Some suitable nesting and foraging habitat exists onsite.
Tricolored blackbird (Agelaius tricolor)	—/SSC/—	Forages in grasslands and nests in freshwater marshes	Low: Some suitable nesting and foraging habitat exists onsite.
Western yellow-billed cuckoo (Coccyzus americanus occidentalis)	—/SE/—	Woodland, riparian	<u>Medium</u> : Some suitable nesting and foraging habitat exists onsite. Nearest known occurrence is 2.9 miles southwest of the parcel near City of Clearlake.

Taxon	Status <sup>1</sup> Fed/State/CNPS	Habitat	Potential to Occur Within the Project Area
White-tailed kite ( <i>Elanus leucurus</i> )	/CFP/	Prefers to nest in marshes next to deciduous forests.	Low: Some suitable nesting and foraging habitat exists onsite.
Yellow breasted chat (Icteria virens)	—/SSC/—	Dense shrubby growth, grasslands	Low: Some suitable grassland habitat exists onsite.
Yellow rail (Coturnicops noveboracensis)	—/SSC/—	Breeds in marshes, forages in wet meadows	<u>None</u> : No suitable marsh habitat exists onsite.
Yellow warbler (Coturnicops noveboracensis)	—/SSC/—	Riparian, shrubland, farmland	Low: Some suitable scrub habitat exists onsite.
	MA	AMMALS	
American badger ( <i>Taxidea taxus</i> )	—/SSC/—	Open grassland habitats with plenty of prey	Low: Some suitable den habitat exists onsite.
Big free-tailed bat (Nyctinomops macrotis)	—/SSC/—	Forages over open areas, roots in trees or caves	<u>None</u> : Some suitable foraging habitat. Few suitable roosts in project area.
Fisher (Pekania pennanti)	—/SSC/—	Forages and breeds primarily in forests	<u>Very Low:</u> No suitable forest habitat exists onsite.
Fringed myotis (Myotis thysanodes)	—/SSC/—	Roosts in caves or buildings and forages in open habitats	<u>Very Low</u> : Some suitable foraging habitat. Few suitable roosts in project area.
Hoary bat ( <i>Lasiurus cinereus</i> )	—/SSC/—	Forages over open areas, roots in trees or caves at high altitude	<u>Very Low</u> : Foraging limited to high altitudes. Few suitable roosts in the project area.
Long-eared myotis (Myotis evotis)	—/SSC/—	Roosts in caves or buildings and forages in open habitats	<u>Low</u> : Some suitable foraging habitat. Few suitable roosts in project area.
Long-legged myotis (Myotis volans)	—/SSC/—	Roosts in caves or buildings and forages in open habitats	<u>Very Low</u> : Some foraging habitat. Few suitable roosts in project area.
North American porcupine (Erethizon dorsatum)	—/SSC/—	Require rocky areas or trees for dens, abundant open space for foraging	<u>Very Low</u> : Some suitable foraging and den habitat exists onsite.

Taxon	Status <sup>1</sup> Fed/State/CNPS	Habitat	Potential to Occur Within the Project Area
Pallid bat (Antrozous pallidus)	—/SSC/—	Common in open dry habitats with rocky areas for roosting	<u>Medium</u> : Some foraging habitat exists. Few suitable roosts in the project area. Nearest known occurrence is 2.3 miles east of the parcel near Perkins Creek.
Silver haired bat (Lasionycteris noctivagans)	—/SSC/—	Nocturnal, migratory, solitary, roosts in tree cavities	<u>Medium</u> : Some suitable trees exist for roosting. Some foraging habitat exists.
Sonoma tree vole (Arborimus pomo)	—/SSC/—	Old growth Douglas fir canopies	None: No suitable forest habitat exists onsite.
Townsend's big-eared bat (Corynorhinus townsendii)	—/SSC/—	Hibernate in mines or caves, roost in man made structures and caves	<u>Medium</u> : Few man-made structures exist suitable for roosting. Some habitat for foraging. Nearest known occurrence is 4.1 miles northwest of the parcel near Clearlake Oaks.
Western red bat ( <i>Lasiurus blossevillii</i> )	—/SSC/—	Forages over open areas, roots in trees or caves	<u>Very Low</u> : Little suitable roosting habitat. Some suitable foraging habitat.
Yuma myotis (Myotis yumanensis)	—/SSC/—	Forages over open areas, roots in trees or caves	<u>Very Low</u> : No suitable nesting habitat exists onsite. Some suitable foraging habitat exists onsite.
	HA	ABITATS	
Coastal & Valley Freshwater Marsh (CVFM)	_		None: No marsh habitat exists onsite.
Northern Hardpan Vernal Pool (NHVP)	—	_	<u>None</u> : No hardpan vernal pool habitat exists onsite.
Northern Vernal Pool (NVP)	_	_	<u>None</u> : No vernal pool habitat exists onsite.
Sycamore Alluvial Woodland (SAW)	_	_	None: No woodland habitat exists onsite.
Valley Needlegrass Grassland (VNG)			Low: Some grassland habitat exists onsite.
Valley Oak Woodland (VOW)	_		<u>None</u> : No valley oaks exist onsite.

Taxon	Status <sup>1</sup> Fed/State/CNPS	Habitat	Potential to Occur Within the Project Area
Valley Sink Scrub (VSS)	_	_	<u>None</u> : No sink habitat exists onsite.

<sup>1</sup> Status:

 $\frac{Federal}{FE = Federally Endangered Species}$ FT = Federally Threatened Species

<u>State</u> SE = State Endangered Species ST = State Threatened Species SSC = California Species of Special Concern CFP = California Fully Protected Species

CNPS (applies to plants only)

List 1B = plants considered rare, threatened, or endangered in California and elsewhere List 2B = plants rare, threatened or endangered in California, but more common elsewhere

List 3 = plant is likely rare but more information is required List 4 = plants of limited distribution

<sup>2</sup>USFWS

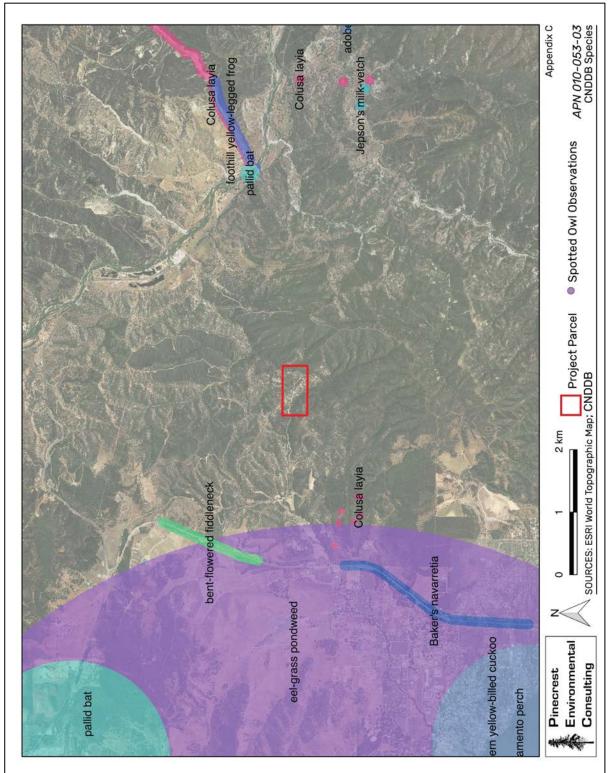
# **APPENDIX B: PLANT SPECIES ENCOUNTERED**

This list contains a list of all of the plants and animals observed onsite within the study area during site visits on July 2019 and April 2021. Any special-status species (SSS) are denoted in bold with an asterisk. No SSS species were directly observed at the time of the surveys.

Scientific name	Common name	Native
Acer macrophyllum	Big-leaf maple	yes
Achillea millefolium	Yarrow	yes
Achyrachaena mollis	Blow-wives	yes
Acmispon americanus	Bird's foot trefoil	yes
Adenostoma fasciculatum	Chamise	yes
Aira caryophyllea	Hairgrass	no
Allium amplectens	Narrowleaf onion	yes
Amsinckia menziesii	Menzies' fiddleneck	yes
Ancistrocarphus filagineus	Woolly fishhooks	yes
Arctostaphylos canescens	Hoary manzanita	yes
Arctostaphylos manzanita	Green-leaved manzanita	yes
Athysanus pusillus	Dwarf athysanus	yes
Avena fatua	Wild oats	no
Baccharis pilularis	Coyote brush	yes
Brassica nigra	Mustard	no
Briza minor	Little rattlesnake grass	no
Brodiaea elegans	Harvest brodiaea	yes
Bromus diandrus	Ripgut brome	no
Bromus hordeaceus	Soft chess	no
Bromus madritensis	Madrid brome	no
Calochortus amabilis	Golden fairy lantern	yes
Calochortus luteus	Yellow mariposa lily	yes
Capsella bursa-pastoris	Shepherd's purse	no
Cardamine oligosperma	Bitter cress	yes
Carduus pycnocephalus	Italian thistle	no
Ceanothus cuneatus var. cuneatus	Buckbush	yes
Ceanothus integerrimus	Deerbrush	yes
Centaurea solstitialis	Yellow star thistle	no
Centromadia pungens	Common tarweed	yes
Cercis occidentalis	Red-bud	yes
Cercocarpus betuloides	Mountain mahogany	yes
Chlorogalum pomeridianum	Soap plant	yes
Clarkia purpurea ssp. quadrivulnera	Purple clarkia	yes
Cirsium vulgare	Bull thistle	no
Claytonia perfoliata	Red maids	yes
Collinsia sparsiflora	Few flowered collinsia	yes
Collinsia heterophylla	Purple Chinese houses	yes
Convolvulus arvensis	Field bindweed	no
Croton setiger	Turkey mullein	yes

Cynosurus echinatus	Dogstail grass	no
Dichelostemma capitatum	Blue dicks	yes
Dichelostemma volubile	Twining brodiaea	yes
Draba verna	Spring whitlow grass	no
Eleocharis macrostachya	Spike rush	yes
Elymus caput-medusae	Medusa head	no
Elymus glaucus	California wild rye	yes
Epilobium brachycarpum	Narrowleaf willowherb	yes
Erigeron canadensis	Canadian horseweed	yes
Eriodictyon californicum	Yerba Santa	yes
Eriogonum nudum	Naked stem buckwheat	yes
Eriophyllum lanatum	Woolly sunflower	yes
Erodium cicutarium	Redstem filaree	no
Erodium moschatum	White-stem filaree	no
Festuca bromoides	Brome fescue	no
Festuca microstachys	Small fescue	yes
Ficus carica	Fig tree	no
Galium aparine	Common bedstraw	yes
Galium parisiense	Wall bedstraw	no
Galium porrigens	Climbing bedstraw	yes
Geranium molle	Woodland geranium	no
Gilia tricolor	Bird's eyes	yes
Grindelia camporum	Gumweed	yes
Hemizonia congesta	Hayfield tarweed	yes
Hesperolinon californicum	California western flax	yes
Heteromeles arbutifolia	Toyon	yes
Hordeum murinum ssp. leporinum	Lepor barley	no
Hyacinthus sp.	Hyacinth	no
Hypericum perforatum	St. John's Wort	no
Hypochaeris glabra	Smooth cat's tongue	no
Iris douglasii	Douglas' iris	yes
Lactuca serriola	Prickly lettuce	no
Lasthenia californica	California goldfields	yes
Lepidium nitidum	Shining peppergrass	yes
Leptosiphon bicolor	True babystars	yes
Leptosiphon ciliatus	Whiskerbrush	yes
Lomatium macrocarpum	Bigfruit lomatium	yes
Lomatium utriculatum	Hog fennel	yes
Lupinus bicolor	Miniature lupine	yes
Madia exigua	Small tarweed	yes
Madia gracilis	Gumweed	yes
Malva parviflora	Cheeseweed mallow	no
Marah fabaceus	Manroot	yes
Maran Jabaceus Matricaria discoidea	Pineapple weed	no
Maincaria discolaed Medicago lupulina	Black medic	no
Medicago polymorpha	California burclover	no
Medicago polymorpha Melilotus indicus	Annual yellow sweetclover	
Micropus californicus	Q-tips	no
Micropus californicus Microsteris gracilis	Slender flox	yes
Narcissus sp.	Narcissus	yes
Navarretia intertexta	Interwoven navarretia	no
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Navarretia pubescens	Purple navarretia	yes
Pectocarya pusilla	Little combseed	yes
Phacelia imbricata	Imbricate phacelia	yes
Phoradendron leucarpum ssp. tomentosum	Mistletoe	yes
Pinus sabiniana	Gray pine	yes
Plagiobothrys bracteatus	Bracted allocarya	yes
Plantago erecta	Hill plantain	yes
Poa infirma	Weak blue grass	no
Poa bulbosa	Bulbous bluegrass	no
Pogogyne serpylloides	Thyme-leaf mesa mint	yes
Polygonum aviculare	Knotweed	no
Pteridium aquilinum	Bracken fern	yes
Quercus chrysolepis	Canyon live oak	yes
Quercus douglasii	Blue oak	yes
Quercus kelloggii	Black oak	yes
$\tilde{R}$ hus aromatica	Fragrant sumac	yes
Rosa californica	California rose	no
Rubus armeniacus	Himalayan blackberry	no
Rhamnus ilicifolia	Evergreen buckthorn	yes
Rumex crispus	Curly dock	no
Sanicula crassicaulis	Gamble weed	yes
Sanicula bipinnata	Poison sanicle	yes
Scandix pecten-veneris	Shepherd's needle	no
Senecio vulgaris	Common groundsel	no
Sidalcea diploscypha	Fringed checkerbloom	yes
Sisyrinchium bellum	Blue-eyed grass	yes
Spergularia rubra	Red sand spurry	no
Stellaria media	Chickweed	no
Stipa pulchra	Purple needlegrass	yes
Torilis arvensis	Spreading hedge-parsley	no
Toxicodendron diversilobium	Poison oak	yes
Trifolium bifidum	Notchleaf clover	yes
Trifolium glomeratum	Clustered clover	no
Trifolium hirtum	Rose clover	no
Triteleia laxa	Ithuriel's spear	yes
Uropappus lindleyi	Silver puffs	yes
Urtica urens	Annual nettle	no
Verbascum thapsus	Woolly mullein	no
Vicia sativa	Common vetch	no
<i>Wyethia</i> sp.	Mule ears	yes



# APPENDIX C: CNDDB OCCURRENCES MAP

# APPENDIX D: CANNABIS CULTIVATION BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Best management practices (BMPs) are designed to prevent, minimize, and control the discharge of waste and pollutants associated with site operations and maintenance for the aforementioned project. Many of these BMPs are considered enforceable conditions under State Water Resources Control Board *Cannabis* General Order No. WQ 2017-0023-DWQ.

### **D.1 CANNABIS CULTIVATION**

- Pesticide and fertilizer storage facilities shall be located outside of the riparian corridor setbacks for structures.
- Pesticide and fertilizer storage facilities shall not be located within 100 feet of a wellhead, or within 50 feet of identified wetlands.
- Pesticide and fertilizer storage facilities shall be adequate to protect pesticide and fertilizer containers from the weather.
- Store all bags and boxes of pesticides and fertilizers off the ground on pallets or shelves.
- If the structure does not have an impermeable floor, store all liquid pesticides and fertilizers on shelves capable of containing spills or provide appropriate secondary containment.
- Routinely check for leaks and spills.
- Have spill cleanup kit onsite to be able to respond to any leaks or spills.
- Inspect planting stock for pests and diseases prior to planting.
- Avoid planting stock with pests and disease and notify the supplier of the planting stock of the infestation.
- Comply with all pesticide laws and regulations as enforced by the California Department of Pesticide Regulation and County Agricultural Commissioner.
- For pesticides with the signal word CAUTION that have listed food uses, comply with all pesticide label directions as they pertain to personal protective equipment, application method, and rate, environmental hazards, longest reentry intervals and greenhouse and indoor use directions.
- For all other pesticides, use must comply with all label requirements including site and crop restrictions.
- Prior to the use of any registered pesticide on *Cannabis*, Operator Identification Number should be obtained from the County Agricultural Commissioner if required.
- Submit monthly pesticide use reports to the County Agricultural Commissioner if required.

- Prior to applying fertilizers, evaluate irrigation water, soils, growth media, and plant tissue to optimize plant growth and avoid over fertilization.
- Apply fertilizers at label rates and no higher.
- Do not apply fertilizers in a way that will result in runoff that may contaminate ground or surface water or escape via airborne drift or fugitive dust.
- Observe riparian corridor setbacks for agricultural cultivation as applicable. These shall be maintained as "no touch" areas and demarcated with appropriate flagging.
- The removal of vegetation is prohibited within riparian setback areas.
- No equipment, vehicles, or other materials shall be stored in the riparian setback areas.
- Composting areas shall not be located in the riparian setback areas.
- Irrigation must be conducted in a manner that does not result in runoff from the cultivated area.
- Any water tanks or storage facilities must obtain permits from the local City or County planning department where required.
- The use of membrane based water bladders is prohibited.
- If using an irrigation system, inspect for and repair leaks prior to planting each year and continuously during the season.
- Irrigation systems shall be equipped with a backflow prevention devices and shutoff valves.
- Recycle or properly dispose of all plastic bags, containers, and irrigation materials.
- Properly dispose of green waste in a manner that does not discharge pollutants to a watercourse. This may be accomplished by composting, chipping, and/or shredding.
- The method of green waste disposal must be documented.
- Used growth medium (soil and other organic medium) shall be handled to minimize or prevent discharge of soil and residual nutrients and chemicals to watercourses. Proper disposal could include incorporating into garden beds, spreading on a stable surface and revegetating, storage in watertight dumpsters, or covering with tarps or plastic sheeting prior to proper disposal.
- The method of disposal of growth medium must be documented.
- Compost piles are to be located outside of riparian setbacks for agricultural cultivation and in a manner that will not discharge pollutants to a watercourse.
- If necessary, construct a berm or install fiber roll around compost area to prevent runoff or use straw wattles around perimeter.
- Cover compost piles with tarp or impermeable surface prior to fall rains and continuously throughout the rainy season.
- Leave a vegetative barrier along the property boundary and interior watercourses to act as a pollutant filter.
- Avoid soil disturbance between November 1 and April 15 and during times of active precipitation.

- All exposed and disturbed soil must be covered with a minimum of 2 inches of mulch, such as straw, bark, wood chips, etc., by November 15. Alternatively, establish a thick cover crop over disturbed areas composed of native species.
- Erosion control materials shall be available on site at all times in the form of straw, mulch, wattles, silt fencing, erosion control fabrics, sand bags, or other materials adequate to cover areas of disturbed soil or incipient erosion events.
- In the event of a forecast storm event likely to produce runoff, apply mulch, wattles, or other erosion prevention measures to the disturbed areas prior to rain event.
- Any grading or drainage conducted as part of site preparation shall have permits from local County or City agencies if required.

## D.2 EROSION & SEDIMENT CONTROL

- Erosion control and sediment detention devices and materials shall be incorporated into the cleanup/restoration work design and installed prior to the end of project work and before the beginning of the rainy season or any predicted rain events.
- Any continuing, approved project work conducted after October 15 shall have erosion control measures completed and up-to-date.
- All erosion control measures shall be inspected daily during severe rain events.
- Erosion control materials shall be, at minimum, stored on-site at all times during approved project work between May 1 and October 15.
- Approved project work within the 5-year flood plain shall not begin until all temporary erosion controls (straw bales or silt fences that are effectively keyed-in) are installed downslope of cleanup/restoration activities.
- Native species appropriate to the local habitat shall be used for all revegetation purposes. Non-invasive, non-persistent grass species (e.g., barley grass) may be used for their temporary erosion control benefits to stabilize disturbed slopes and prevent exposure of disturbed soils to rainfall.
- Upon work completion, all exposed soil present in and around the cleanup/restoration sites shall be stabilized within 7 days.
- The disturbed area will be minimized at all times to only that which is essential for the completion of the project.
- Provide temporary cover over disturbed areas that are not currently being worked on.
- Heavy equipment shall not be used in flowing water.
- Use of heavy equipment shall be avoided or minimized in a channel bottom with rocky or cobbled substrate.
- Heavy equipment shall not introduce chemicals or foreign sediment to the channel (e.g., remove mud from tracks or cover channel work area with plastic sheeting prior to heavy equipment entry).
- When heavy equipment is used, any woody debris and stream bank or streambed vegetation

disturbed shall be replaced to a pre-project density with native species appropriate to the site.

- When possible, existing ingress or egress points shall be used or work shall be performed remotely from the top of the creek banks.
- Divert runoff away from unprotected slopes or loose soils using a combination of mats, geotextiles, silt fencing, wattling, check dams, sediment basins, vegetated buffers, or rock armor.
- Deploy appropriate erosion control measures such as silt fencing or straw wattles around all temporary exposed piles or soil or surface disturbances.
- All temporary exposed piles or soil or surface disturbances shall have tarping and sand bags or other stabilization materials deployed in order to prevent discharge of sediments in the event of a rain or wind event.
- Geotechnical fabric shall be deployed on all exposed dirt surfaces with a slope of greater than 15% and staked in place during ground disturbing activities, and silt fencing deployed on slopes of greater than 15% where appropriate.
- Sand bags, straw bales, or other devices shall be placed at appropriate locations near and alongside the roadsides and swales in anticipation of large storm events.
- Bioswales and cultivation areas including parking areas shall be maintained free of trash including empty soil and pesticide or fertilizer containers.
- Locations of sediment sources shall be identified during rain events and mitigated where appropriate.
- Protect ditch inlets and outlets from erosion using rock armor.
- Silt fencing shall be installed downstream of rock piles, stockpiles, and temporary soils storage areas.
- Desilting or retention basins shall be installed if the capacity of the natural percolation exceeds the inputs during routine storm events.
- Sediment traps shall be used on all exposed driveway surfaces where natural vegetation is not able to be established.
- Exposed unvegetated surfaces will be graveled where appropriate.
- Rock placed for slope protection shall be the minimum necessary to avoid erosion, and shall be part of a design that provides for native plant revegetation and minimizes bank armoring.
- Soil exposed as a result of project work, soil above rock riprap, and interstitial spaces between rocks shall be revegetated with native vegetation by live planting, seed casting, or hydroseeding prior to the rainy season of the year work is completed.
- Avoidance of earthwork on steep slopes and minimization of cut/fill volumes, combined with proper compaction, shall occur to ensure the area is resilient to issues associated with seismic events and mass wasting. If cracks are observed, or new construction is anticipated, consultation with a qualified professional is recommended.
- Culvert fill slopes shall be constructed at a 2:1 slope or shall be armored with rock.

- If it is necessary to conduct work in or near a live stream, the work space shall be isolated to avoid project activities in flowing water.
- Any spoils associated with site maintenance shall be placed in a stable location where it cannot enter a watercourse.
- Sidecasting shall be minimized and shall be avoided on unstable areas or where it has the potential to enter a watercourse.
- Entrance to the project site shall be maintained in a condition that will prevent tracking or flowing of sediment into the public right-of-way.
- All sediment spilled, dropped, washed, or tracked onto the public right-of-ways shall be removed immediately.
- When necessary, wheels shall be cleaned to remove sediment prior to entrance onto public rights-of-ways.
- When wheel washing is required, it shall be done in an area stabilized with crushed stone that drains into a sediment trap fitted with appropriate erosion control measures.
- To control surface water runoff in and around cultivation areas use fiber rolls or wattling and stake appropriately and perpendicular to the flow path.
- Cover crops should be utilized on all exposed slopes that are not able to be protected by other means.
- Cover crops should be native species as described in the associated biological resources report.
- Rip compacted soils prior to placing spoils to prevent the potential for ponding under the spoils that could result in spoil site failure and subsequent sedimentation.
- Compact and contour stored spoils to mimic the natural slope contours and drainage patterns to reduce the potential for fill saturation and failure.
- Ensure that spoil materials are free of woody debris, and not placed on top of brush, logs or trees.
- Inspect all roads and culverts regularly for blockages.

### **D.3 WATER USE & POLLUTION**

- Ensure that all appropriate water rights permits are filed with the State Water Resources Control Board.
- Notify the California Department of Fish and Wildlife by submitting a Lake and Streambed Alteration (LSA) notification package if the proposed activities involve substantial diversion from or alteration of the bed or bank of a stream or other waterbody.
- Ensure that all water storage features are permitted from the Department of Water Rights if necessary.
- All refueling and pesticide and chemical storage and transfer shall occur greater than 100 feet away from any swales, creeks, or natural areas.

- All refueling and pesticide and chemical storage and transfer shall occur on top of an impermeable metal or other fabric mat that is no less than 2 inches high on all sides and capable of completely containing any spillage.
- Concrete truck and other vehicles shall not be washed out in natural areas or directly onto soil and shall be washed out into a metal or other impermeable basin and disposed of properly such that no water is discharged to the soil.
- All waste shall be kept in plastic drums with tight fitting lids so that water is not able to make contact with the contents and potentially leach to the environment.
- All pesticide sprays shall occur on windless nights for outdoor facilities.
- Chemical or fertilizer wastes shall never be disposed of into swales or creeks and shall be contained inside closed-roof facilities and designated with appropriate labeling until it is possible to dispose of properly.
- Septic leach fields and graywater mulch fields shall be maintained free of large vegetation and not used for aboveground storage that may impact their proper functioning.
- Chemical contamination (fuel, grease, oil, hydraulic fluid, solvents, etc.) of water and soils is prohibited during routine equipment operation and maintenance.
- The use or storage of petroleum-powered equipment shall be accomplished in a manner that prevents the potential release of petroleum materials into waters of the state (Fish and Game Code 5650).
- Schedule excavation and grading activities for dry weather periods.
- Designate a contained area for equipment storage, short-term maintenance, and refueling. Ensure it is located at least 50 feet from waterbodies.
- Inspect vehicles for leaks and repair immediately.
- Clean up leaks, drips and other spills immediately to avoid soil or groundwater contamination.
- Conduct major vehicle maintenance and washing offsite.
- Ensure that all spent fluids including motor oil, radiator coolant, or other fluids and used vehicle batteries are collected, stored, and recycled as hazardous waste offsite.
- Ensure that all construction debris is taken to appropriate landfills and all sediment disposed of in upland areas or offsite, beyond the 100-year floodplain.
- Use dry cleanup methods (e.g., absorbent materials, cat litter, and/or rags) whenever possible. If necessary for dust control, use only a minimal amount of water.
- Sweep up spilled dry materials immediately.
- Separate organic material (e.g., roots, stumps) from the dirt fill and store separately. Place this material in long-term, upland storage sites, as it cannot be used for fill.
- Spoils shall not be placed or stored in locations where soils are wet or unstable, or where slope stability could be adversely affected.
- Do not locate spoil piles in or immediately adjacent to wetlands and watercourses.

- Store spoil piles in a manner (e.g. cover pile with plastic tarps and surround base of pile with straw wattle) or location that would not result in any runoff from the spoil pile ending up in wetlands and watercourses.
- Keep temporary disposal sites out of wetlands, adjacent riparian corridors, and ordinary high water areas as well as high risk zones, such as 100-year floodplain and unstable slopes.
- Conduct operations on a size and scale that considers available water sources and other water use and users in the planning watershed.
- Implement water conservation measures such as rainwater catchment systems, drip irrigation, mulching, or irrigation water recycling where possible.
- Hauled water utilized for irrigation shall be documented via receipt or similar, and show the date, name, and license plate of the water hauler, and the quantity of water purchased.
- If using a water storage tank, do not locate the tank in a flood plain or next to equipment that generates heat. Locate the tank so it is easy to install, access, and maintain.
- Vertical tanks should be installed according to manufacturer's specifications and placed on firm, compacted soil that is free of rocks/sharp objects and capable of bearing the weight of the tank and its maximum contents.
- Install float valves on tanks to prevent them from overflowing.
- Place proper lining or sealing in ponds to prevent water loss.

#### **D.4 ROAD MAINTENANCE & GENERAL CONSTRUCTION**

- Always limit work to the appropriate work date windows considering wet weather, migratory bird and other biological and environmental constrains that may be placed on the project.
- Proper design and location of roads and other features is critical to ensuring that a road or other feature be adequately drained and is best accomplished through consultation with a qualified professional.
- Placement of temporary access roads, staging areas, and other facilities shall avoid or minimize disturbance to habitat.
- If inspection identifies surface rills or ruts, then surfacing and drainage likely needs maintenance. Consultation should be made with a licensed professional to design appropriate erosion control strategies.
- Design of roads should allow for sheet flow of water and use water bars and rolling dips to break up slope length.
- Vehicle speed shall be kept to a maximum of 10 mph while onsite to minimize dust generation.
- All unvegetated and unpaved roadways and vehicle turnarounds shall be graveled to a depth of not less than 1" in order to prevent dust and sediment entrainment.

- Applicant will use geotechnical fabric or similar materials on exposed slopes, and distribute weed-free straw mulch wherever possible on exposed surfaces on the perimeter of all graded roads and graveled areas.
- Roads and the berms alongside all roads shall be maintained free of headcuts, gullies, stutter bumps, and other erosion features capable of discharging sediment to adjacent grassland areas.
- Roads will be graveled with clean rock whenever required to prevent dust and sediment erosion during the wet season.
- Whenever possible, road maintenance activities shall be performed from May 1 to October 15.
- Work performed outside of this window should take extra precautions for winter weather erosion control prevention beyond that which is described in this Plan.
- A 48 hour advance forecast for rain shall trigger a temporary cessation of work, and all soils piles will need to be covered and secured with sandbags or other materials.
- Placement of temporary access roads, staging areas, and other facilities shall avoid or minimize disturbance to habitat.
- Whenever feasible, finished grades shall not exceed 1.5:1 side slopes. In circumstances where final grades cannot achieve 1.5:1 slope, additional erosion control or stabilization methods shall be applied as appropriate for the project location.
- Spoils and excavated material not used during project activities shall be removed and placed outside of 100-year floodplains.
- Upon completion of grading, slope protection of all disturbed sites shall be provided prior to the rainy season through a combination of permanent vegetative treatment, mulching, geotextiles, and/or rock, or equivalent.
- Position vehicles and other apparatus so as to not block emergency vehicle access.
- After construction is complete, all storm drain systems and culverts shall be inspected and cleared of accumulated sediment and debris.
- Sediment barriers including wattles and silt fencing should be checked for sediment accumulation following each significant rainfall and sediment removed or the feature replaced as needed.
- Road drainage shall be discharged to a stable location away from a watercourse.
- Use sediment control devices, such as check dams, sand/gravel bag barriers, and other acceptable techniques, when it is neither practical nor environmentally sound to disperse ditch water immediately before the ditch reaches a stream.
- Within areas with potential to discharge to a watercourse (i.e. within riparian areas of at least 200 feet of a stream) road surface drainage shall be filtered through vegetation, slash, or other appropriate material or settled into a depression with an outlet with adequate drainage.

### **D.5 SWALE & VEGETATION MANAGEMENT**

- The work area shall be restored to pre-project work condition or better.
- Any stream bank area left barren of vegetation as a result of cleanup/restoration activities shall be stabilized by seeding, replanting, or other means with native trees, shrubs, and/or grasses appropriate to the site prior to the rainy season in the year work was conducted.
- Ensure that vegetated swales are properly formed, allow moderate velocity water passage without causing sediment entrainment, and are otherwise functioning properly.
- Create and expand vegetated bioswales where necessary, should additional construction or road maintenance be required, in order to maintain flow without scour.
- All bioswales and other drainage features requiring revegetation will be seeded with native vegetation and lawns and hedgerows maintained in good health and watered in dry years.
- Vegetation including grasses shall be mowed as necessary to create fire breaks and to prevent the accumulation of fuels that would be able to sustain a ground fire.
- All vegetation shall be surveyed on foot once a year by staff and new outbreaks of any invasive weeds identified by the California Invasive Plant Council as noxious or invasive to be removed by the owner or qualified landscaping professionals.
- Channels and swales that show evidence of overland flow and scour (e.g. bare of vegetation) shall be seeded with native grasses such as *Stipa pulchra*, *Hordeum brachyantherum*, *Elymus glaucus*, and *Bromus carinatus*, and kept vegetated at all times.
- If shrubs and non-woody riparian vegetation are disturbed, they shall be replaced with similar native species appropriate to the site.
- Disturbance to native shrubs, woody perennials or tree removal on the streambank or in the stream channel shall be avoided or minimized.
- If riparian trees over six inches dbh (diameter at breast height) are to be removed, they shall be replaced by native species appropriate to the site at a 3:1 ratio.
- Where physical constraints in the project area prevent replanting at a 3:1 ratio and canopy cover is sufficient for habitat needs, replanting may occur at a lesser replacement ratio.
- Vegetation planting for slope protection purposes shall be timed to require as little irrigation as possible for ensuring establishment by the commencement of the rainy season.
- The spread or introduction of exotic plant species shall be avoided to the maximum extent possible by avoiding areas with established native vegetation during cleanup/restoration activities, restoring disturbed areas with appropriate native species, and post-project monitoring and control of exotic species.
- Removal of invasive exotic species after construction activities is strongly recommended. Mechanical removal (hand tools, weed whacking, hand pulling) of exotics shall be done in preparation for establishment of native plantings.
- Where permanent soil stabilization is required a locally-appropriate mix of native grass species shall be used such as a mix containing *Nassella pulchra*, *Hordeum brachyantherum*, *Elymus glaucus*, and *Bromus carinatus* or as described in the site's Biological Resources Assessment.

- Entire cultivation site shall be seeded and maintained as a permanent non-tilled cover crop during non-usage times. Straw mulch shall be used where native seeding is not practicable.
- Use mulches (e.g. wood chips or bark) in cultivation areas that do not have ground cover to prevent erosion and minimize evaporative loss.
- Mulch shall be applied at a rate of 4000 lbs / acre and seeding shall be applied to achieve 70% cover in the first year or approximately 200 lbs / acre.
- Annual inspections for the purpose of assessing the survival and growth of revegetated areas and the presence of exposed soil shall be conducted for three years following project work.
- Dischargers and/or their consultant(s) or third party representative(s) shall note the presence of native/non-native vegetation and extent of exposed soil, and take photographs during each inspection.
- Dischargers and/or their consultant(s) or third party representative(s) shall provide the location of each work site, pre- and post-project work photos, diagram of all areas revegetated and the planting methods and plants used, and an assessment of the success of the revegetation program in the annual monitoring report as required under relevant state and local water board regulations.

### **D.6 IRRIGATION & CULTIVATION MANAGEMENT**

- Cultivation-related waste shall be stored in a place where it will not enter a stream.
- Soil bags and other garbage shall be collected, contained, and disposed of at an appropriate facility, including for recycling where available.
- Pots shall be collected and stored where they will not enter a waterway or create a nuisance.
- Plant waste and other compostable materials be stored (or composted, as applicable) at locations where they will not enter or be blown into surface waters, and in a manner that ensures that residues and pollutants within those materials do not migrate or leach into surface water or groundwaters.
- Imported soil for cultivation purposes shall be minimized. In the event that containers (e.g. grow bags or grow pots) are used for cultivation, reuse of soil shall be maximized to the extent feasible.
- Spent growth medium (i.e. soil and other organic medium) shall be handled to minimize discharge of soil and residual nutrients and chemicals to watercourses. Proper handling of spent soil could include incorporating into garden beds, spreading on a stable surface and revegetation, storage in watertight dumpsters, covering with tarps or plastic sheeting prior to proper disposal.
- Trash containers of sufficient size and number shall be provided and properly serviced to contain the solid waste generated by the project.
- Provide roofs, awnings, or attached lids on all trash containers to minimize direct precipitation and prevent rainfall from entering containers.

- Use lined bins or dumpsters to reduce leaking of liquid waste. Design trash container areas so that drainage from adjoining roofs and pavement is diverted around the area(s) to avoid run-on.
- Make sure trash container areas are screened or walled to prevent off-site transport of trash. Consider using refuse containers that are bear-proof and/or secure from wildlife.
- Refuse shall be removed from the site on a frequency that does not result in nuisance conditions, transported in a manner that they remain contained during transport, and the contents shall be disposed of properly at a proper disposal facility.
- Ensure that human waste disposal systems do not pose a threat to surface or ground water quality or create a nuisance. Onsite treatment systems should follow applicable County ordinances for human waste disposal requirements, consistent with the applicable tier under the State Water Resources Control Board Onsite Waste Treatment System Policy.
- Install buffer strips, bioswales, or vegetation downslope of cultivation areas to filter runoff of chemicals from irrigation.
- Irrigate at rates to avoid or minimize runoff.
- Regularly inspect and repair leaks in mains and laterals, in irrigation connections, or at the ends of drip tape and feeder lines.
- Design irrigation system to include redundancy (i.e., safety valves) in the event that leaks occur, so that waste of water is prevented and minimized.
- Recapture and reuse irrigation runoff (tailwater) where possible, through passive (gravityfed) or active (pumped) means.
- Construct retention basins for tailwater infiltration; percolation medium may be used to reduce pollutant concentration in infiltrated water. Constructed treatment wetlands may also be effective at reducing nutrient loads in water.
- Ensure that drainage and/or infiltration areas are located away from unstable or potentially unstable features.
- Regularly replace worn, outdated or inefficient irrigation system components and equipment.
- Leave a vegetative barrier along the property boundary and interior watercourses to act as a pollutant filter.
- Employ rain-triggered shutoff devices to prevent irrigation after precipitation.
- Evaluate irrigation water, soils, growth media, and plant tissue to optimize plant growth and avoid over-fertilization.
- All chemicals shall be stored in a manner, method, and location that ensures that there is no threat of discharge to waters of the State.
- Products shall be labeled properly and applied according to the label.
- Use integrated pest management strategies that apply pesticides only to the area of need, only when there is an economic benefit to the grower, and at times when runoff losses are least likely.
- Periodically calibrate pesticide application equipment.

- Use anti-backflow devices on water supply hoses, and other mixing/loading practices designed to reduce the risk of runoff and spills.
- Petroleum products shall be stored with a secondary containment system such as a pan or a tub
- Throughout the rainy season, any temporary containment facility shall have a permanent cover and side-wind protection, or be covered during non-working days and prior to and during rain events.
- Materials shall be stored in their original containers and the original product labels shall be maintained in place in a legible condition. Damaged or otherwise illegible labels shall be replaced immediately.
- Bagged and boxed materials shall be stored on pallets and shall not be allowed to accumulate on the ground. To provide protection from wind and rain throughout the rainy season, bagged and boxed materials shall be covered during non-working days and prior to rain events.
- Have proper chemical and fertilizer storage instructions posted at all times in an open and conspicuous location.
- Prepare and keep a spill prevention and cleanup plan onsite when dealing with any hazardous materials.
- Keep ample supply of appropriate spill clean-up material near storage areas.
- Plant cover crops to boost soil fertility, improve soil texture, and protect from storm caused sediment runoff.

## **APPENDIX E: STREAM CLASSIFICATION CRITERIA**

The following stream classification criteria were copied form the California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection *Forest Practice Rules* (CALFIRE 2017) and is widely used by many state and local agencies. Most state and local jurisdictions require setbacks of 50, 100, and 150 feet from Class III, II, and I streams, respectively, although greater setbacks may be required in some jurisdictions.

Watercourse - a natural or artificial channel through which water flows.

- Perennial watercourse (Class I\*):
  - In the absence of diversions, water is flowing for more than nine months during a typical year.
  - Fish always or seasonally present onsite or includes habitat to sustain fish migration and spawning, and/or
  - Spring: an area where there is concentrated discharge of ground water that flows at the ground surface. A spring may flow any part of the year. For the purpose of this Policy, a spring does not have a defined bed and banks.
- Intermittent watercourse (Class II\*):
  - In the absence of diversions, water is flowing for three to nine months during a typical year,
  - 2. Provides aquatic habitat for non-fish aquatic species,
  - 3. Fish always or seasonally present within 1,000 feet downstream, and/or
  - Water is flowing less than three months during a typical year and the stream supports riparian vegetation.
- Ephemeral watercourse (Class III\*): In the absence of diversion, water is flowing less
  than three months during a typical year and the stream does not support riparian
  vegetation or aquatic life. Ephemeral watercourses typically have water flowing for a
  short duration after precipitation events or snowmelt and show evidence of being
  capable of sediment transport.
- Other watercourses (Class IV\*): Class IV watercourses do not support native aquatic species and are man-made, provide established domestic, agricultural, hydroelectric supply, or other beneficial use.

\*Except where more restrictive, stream class designations are equivalent to the Forest Practice Rules Water Course and Lake Protection Zone definitions (California Code of Regulations, title 14, Chapter 4. Forest Practice Rules, Subchapters 4, 5, and 6 Forest District Rules, Article 6 Water Course and Lake Protection).

# SECTION – F

**GROUNDS MANAGEMENT PLAN** 

# Grounds

#### **Purpose and Overview**

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This/EMF's Grounds Management Plan is intended to ensure that the Project Property is well maintained in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare, as well as the natural environment of Lake County. This Grounds Management Plan outlines how EMF will properly store agricultural chemicals and equipment, manage solid waste, maintain roads and defensible space, and prevent the attraction, harborage, and proliferation of pests and diseases due to unsanitary conditions.

#### **Chemicals Storage and Effluent**

Chemicals stored and used at/by EMF's cultivation operation include fertilizers/nutrients, pesticides, and petroleum products (Agricultural Chemicals). All fertilizers/nutrients and pesticides, when not in use, will be stored in their manufacturer's original containers/packaging, undercover, and at least 100 feet from surface water bodies, inside the secure Pesticides & Agricultural Chemicals Storage Areas (proposed metal shipping container). Petroleum products will also be stored under cover, in State of California-approved containers with secondary containment, and separate from pesticides and fertilizers within the secure Pesticides and Agricultural Chemicals Storage Area. Spill containment and cleanup equipment will be maintained within the secure Pesticides and Agricultural Chemicals Storage Area. No effluent is expected to be produced by the proposed cultivation operation.

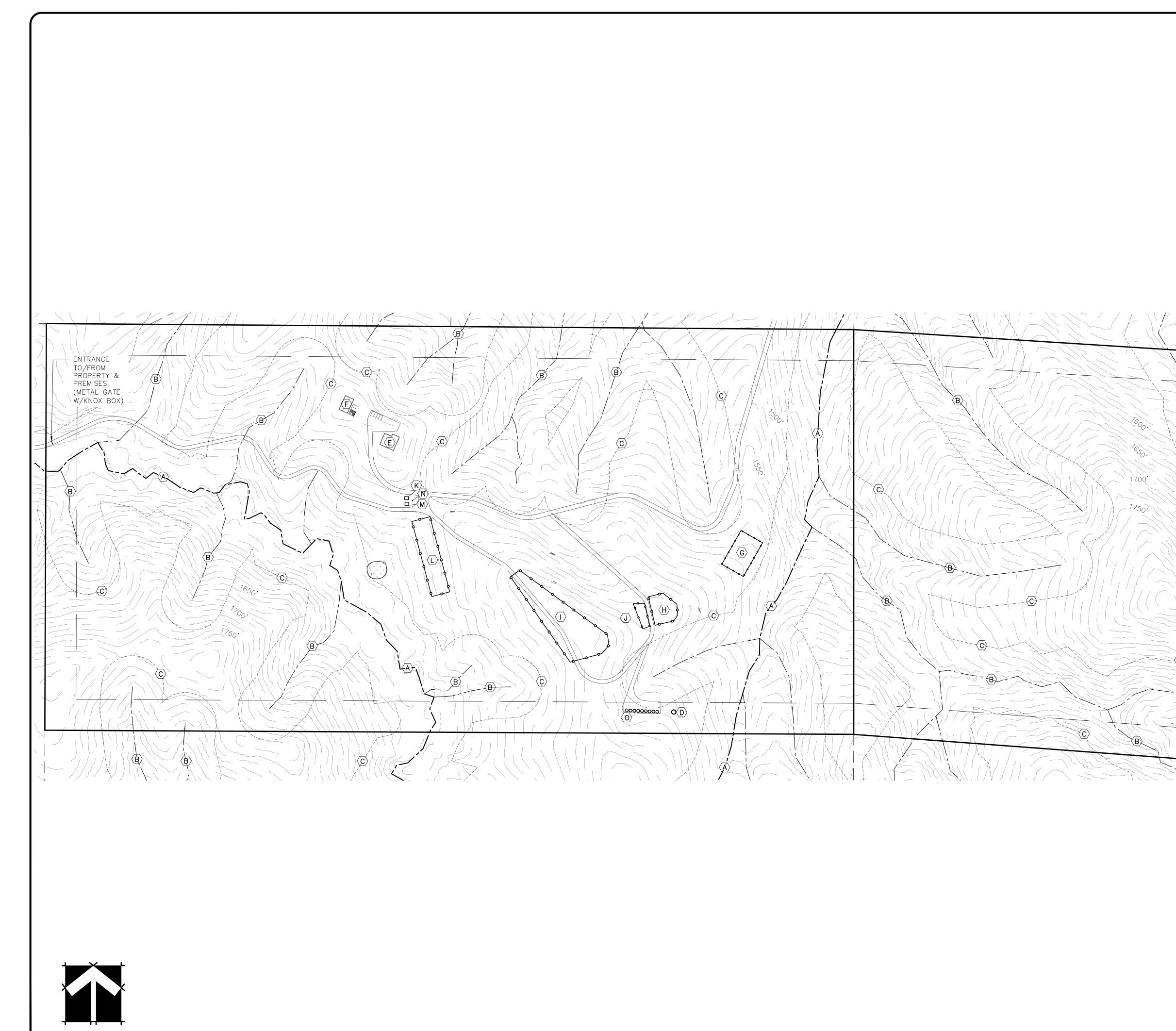
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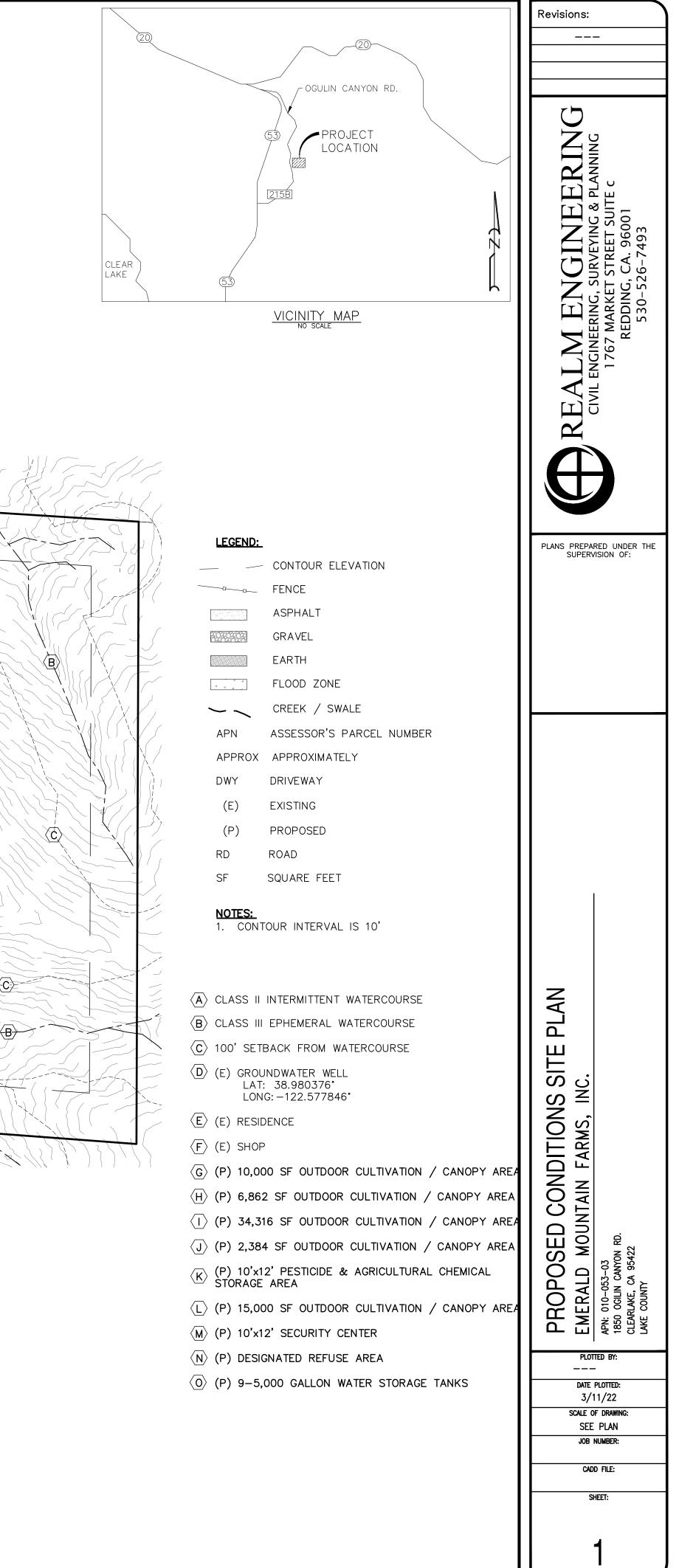
The types of solid waste that will be generated from the proposed cultivation operation include gardening materials and wastes (such as used plastic seedling pots and spent plastic fertilizer/pesticide bags and bottles) and general litter from staff/personnel. All solid waste will be stored in bins with secure fitting lids, located directly adjacent to the proposed cultivation areas. At no time will the bins be filled to a point that their lids cannot fit securely. Solid waste from the bins will be deposited into a trailer ("dump trailer"), and hauled away by EMF staff to a Lake County Integrated Waste Management facility, at least every seven (7) days/weekly. The Eastlake Landfill is the closest Lake County Integrated Waste Management facilities to the project site. Most, if not all, of the solid waste generated by EMF's proposed cultivation operation can and will be deposited at this facility.

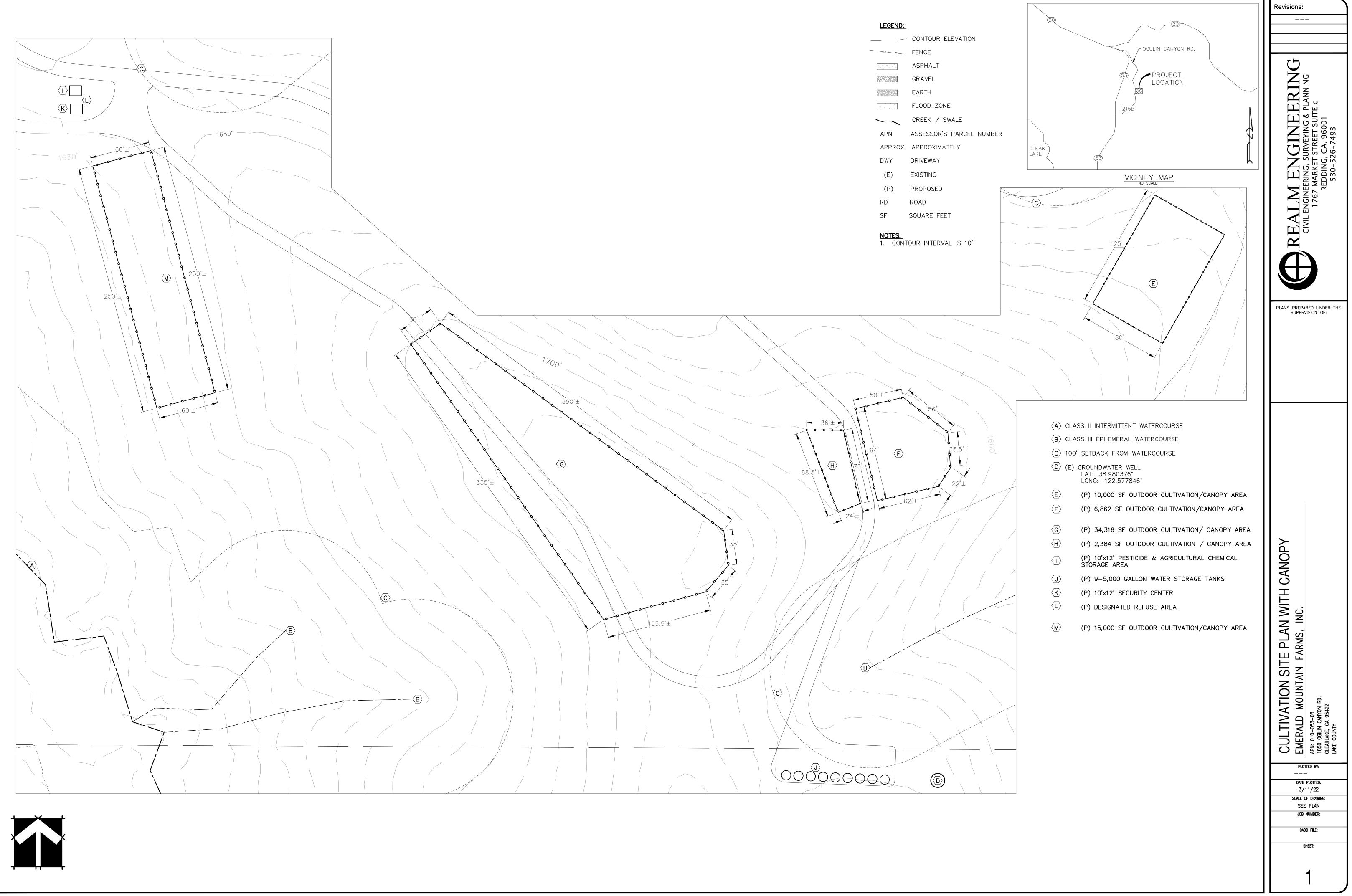
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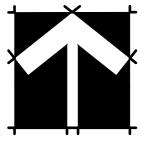
When not in use, all equipment will be stored in its proper designated area upon completion of the task for which the equipment was needed. Any refuse created during the work day will be placed in the proper waste disposal receptacle at the end of each shift, or at a minimum upon completion of the task assigned. Any refuse which poses a risk for contamination or personal injury will be disposed of immediately. 100 feet of defensible space will be established and maintained around the proposed cultivation operation for fire protection and to ensure safe and sanitary working conditions. Areas of defensible space will be mowed and trimmed regularly around the cultivation operation to provide for visibility and security monitoring.

Access roads and parking areas are/will be graveled to prevent the generation of fugitive dust, and vegetative ground cover will be preserved throughout the entire site to filter and infiltrate stormwater runoff from the access roads, parking areas, and the proposed cultivation operation. Portable restroom facilities will be regularly serviced and made available for use whenever staff are onsite.









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(P)	PROPOSED
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# SECTION – G

SECURITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

# **Security Management Plan**

#### **Purpose and Overview**

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The purpose of this/EMF's Security Management Plan (SMP) is to minimize criminal activity, provide for safe and secure working environments, protect private property and prevent damage to the environment. This SMP includes a description of the security measures that are/will be implemented at the existing/proposed cultivation operation to prevent unauthorized access and theft or diversion of cannabis, a description of the proposed video surveillance system, and protocols that EMF will follow to ensure overall site security. This SMP is also designed to be compliant with the Emergency Regulations for Cannabis Cultivation, authored by CDFA's CalCannabis Licensing programs, as well as the regulations established by the California Department of Public Health for state-licensed cannabis businesses.

#### **Secured Entry and Access**

The Project Parcel is accessed via Ogulin Canyon Road, a shared private gravel road that connects to Highway 53 approximately 1.5 miles west of the Project Property. A metal gate across Ogulin Canyon Road controls access to the Project Property (main entrance). This gate will be closed and locked outside of core operating/business hours (8am to 6pm) and whenever EMF personnel are not present onsite.

6-foot woven galvanized wire fences will be erected around the proposed cultivation areas. Privacy screen/cloth will be installed on the fences where necessary to screen the cultivation area from public view. Posts will be set into the ground at not more than 10-foot intervals, and terminal posts will be set into concrete footings. Secured entry and access to the cultivation areas will be controlled via locking gates that will be locked whenever EMF personnel are not present. All gates

will be secured with heavy duty chains and commercial grade padlocks. Only approved EMF managerial staff will be able to unlock the gates of the proposed cultivation operation.

100 feet of defensible space (vegetation management) will be established and maintained around the proposed cultivation operation for fire protection and to provide for visibility and security monitoring. Motion-sensing alarms will be installed on the private gravel access roads of the Project Parcel, to alert personnel when someone/something has entered onto the premises. Motionsensing security lights will be installed on all external corners of the proposed cultivation area(s), and at the main entrance to the Project Parcel. All lighting will be fully shielded, downward casting and will not spill over onto other properties or the night sky.

Personnel will be instructed to notify EMF managerial staff immediately if/when suspicious activity is detected. EMF's managerial staff will investigate the suspicious activity for potential threats, issues, or concerns. EMF's managerial staff will contact the Lake County Sheriff's Office immediately if/when a threat is detected.

When a visitor arrives at the proposed cultivation operation via the main entrance during core operating/business hours, they will be immediately greeted by a member of EMF's managerial staff. The staff member will verify the visitor's identification and appropriate documentation/ credentials. They will then be assigned an escort to show the visitor to the appropriate area(s), in accordance to their approved itinerary. No visitors will ever be left unattended.

#### Video Surveillance

EMF will use a color capable closed-circuit television (CCTV) system with a minimum camera resolution of 1080p at a minimum of 30 frames per second to record activity in all sensitive areas. All cameras will equipped with motion sensing technology to activate the cameras when motion is detected, and all cameras (exterior and interior) will be waterproof. The CCTV system will feed into a Monitoring and Recording Station inside the Security Center (proposed wooden building), where video from the CCTV system will be digitally recorded. Video recordings will display the current date and time, and all recordings will be kept a minimum of 90 days, and 7 years for any corresponding reported incidents caught on tape. Video management software of the Monitoring and Recording Station will be capable of supporting remote access, and will be equipped with a failure notification system that immediately notifies EMF's managerial staff of any interruptions or failures. All sensitive areas covered by EMF's video surveillance system will have adequate lighting to illuminate the camera's field of vision.

Proposed camera placements can be found on the accompanying Security Site Plan and Security Center Building Layout. Areas that will be covered by the CCTV system include:

- Interior and exterior of all entryways/exits to the proposed cultivation areas;
- Perimeter of the proposed cultivation areas;
- The interior and exterior of the entryway/exit to the Security Center.

#### **Diversion/Theft Prevention**

All EMF personnel will be required to undergo a criminal background check with the Lake County Sheriff prior to beginning work. Visitors and personnel will be required to sign-in and sign-out each day and record the areas in which they worked and the tasks they were assigned. Personnel will be required to store personal items (except for food, water, and drinks) in their vehicles throughout their shift.

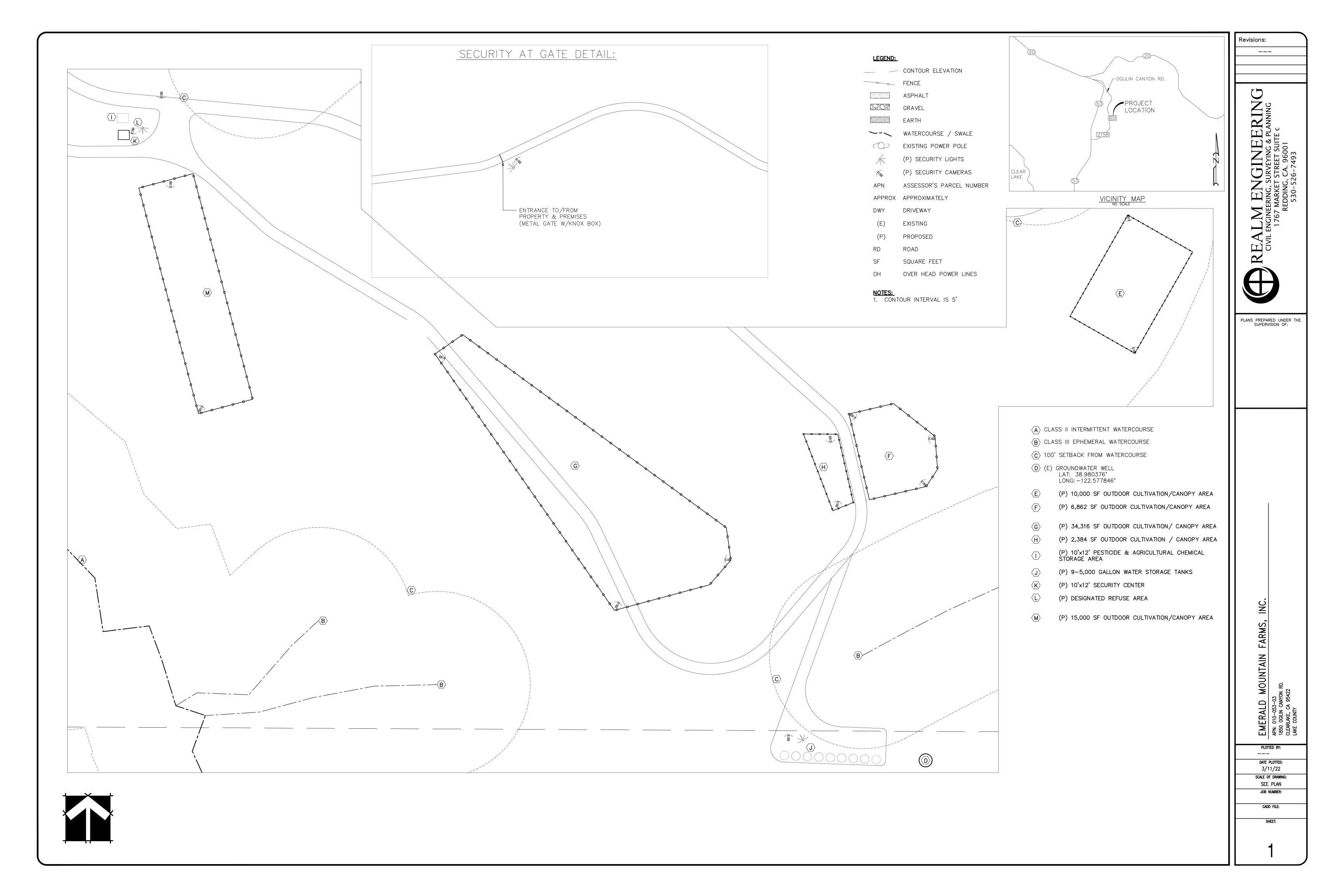
EMF will adhere to the inventory tracking and recording requirements of the California Cannabis Track-and-Trace (CCTT) system. All personnel will be trained in the requirements of the CCTT system, and all cannabis transfers/movement will be reported through the CCTT system. A member of EMF's managerial staff will be EMF's designated track-and-trace system administrator. The track-and-trace system administrator will supervise all tasks with high potential for diversion/theft and will document which personnel took part in the task(s). In the event of any diversion/theft, law enforcement and the appropriate licensing authority will be notified within 24 hours of discovery.

#### **Community Liaison and Emergency Contact**

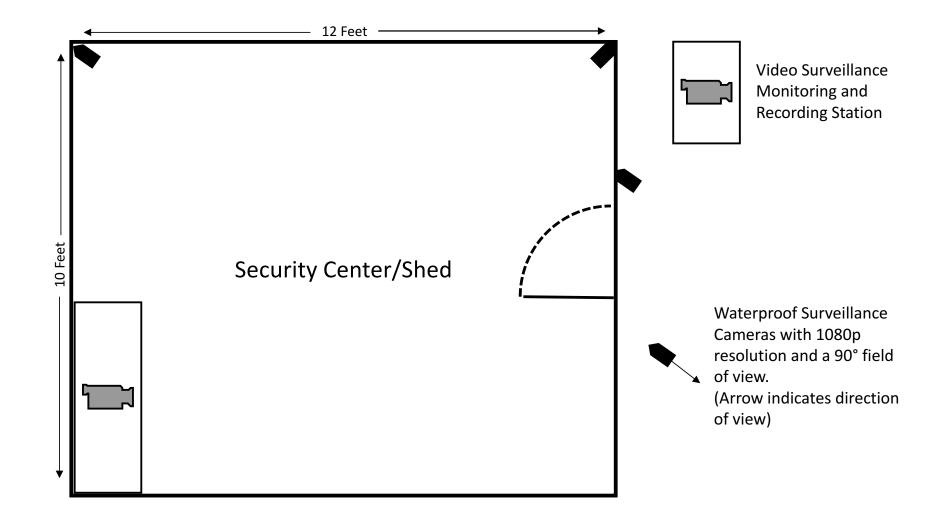
A Community Liaison/Emergency Contact will be made available to Lake County Officials/Staff and the Lake County Sheriff's Office at all times to address any needs or issues that may arise. EMF will provide the name, cell phone number, and email address of the Community Liaison/Emergency Contact to all interested County Departments, Law Enforcement Officials, and neighboring property owners and residents. EMF will encourage neighboring residents to contact the Community Liaison/Emergency Contact to resolve any problems before contacting County Officials. When a complaint is received, the Community Liaison/Emergency Contact will document the complainant and the reason for the complaint, then take action to resolve the issue (see the Odor Response Program in the Air Quality section of this Property Management Plan for odor related complaints/issues). A tally and summary of complaints/issues will be provided in EMF's annual Performance Review Report.

#### Community Liaison/Emergency Contact Information

The Community Liaison/Emergency Contact for EMF's proposed cultivation operation is Mr. Norman Grimm. Mr. Grimm's cell phone number is (214) 960-0906, and his email address is restaurantmiles@gmail.com.



# Security Center/Shed (Proposed Wooden Shed)



# SECTION – H

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

## **Storm Water Management Plan**

#### **Purpose and Overview**

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The intent/purpose of this Storm Water Management Plan is to protect the water quality of the surface water and stormwater management systems managed by Lake County, and to evaluate the impact on downstream property owners. EMF's proposed cultivation operation will increase the impervious surface area of the Project Parcel by approximately 1,020 ft<sup>2</sup>, or less than 0.1% of the Project Parcel, through the installation of a 120 ft<sup>2</sup> Security Center (proposed wooden shed) and nine 5,000-gallon heavy-duty plastic water storage tanks. The proposed outdoor cultivation areas will not increase the impervious surface area of the Project Site.

EMF will focus on low impact development (LID) and "green" stormwater management infrastructure to achieve permanent stabilization post site development as quickly as possible. LID practices utilizing "green" infrastructure will manage storm water by minimizing impervious surfaces, maintaining, preserving, and enhancing existing vegetation, and by using natural systems to filter and infiltrate stormwater into the ground. LID with "green" storm water infrastructure is cost competitive with traditional storm water management infrastructure/practices, while providing numerous other long-term benefits, such as improved water quality, ecosystem enhancement, and preserved/improved aesthetics. The stormwater management measures outlined in this Storm Water Management Plan meet and/or exceed the requirements of the Lake County Storm Water Management Ordinance (Chapter 29 of the Lake County Ordinance Code)

#### **Receiving Water Bodies and Infrastructure**

The proposed cultivation operation will be located on a low ridge that divides the Burns Valley-Frontal Clear Lake watershed (HUC12) from the Grizzly Creek-North Fork Cache Creek watershed (HUC12). An unnamed intermittent Class II watercourse at the bottom of Blackeye Canyon flows from south to west through western half of the Project Parcel. Multiple ephemeral Class III watercourses form on the Project Property, and either flow south into Blackeye Canyon or north into Phipps Creek. The unnamed intermittent Class II watercourse continues west and flows into Burns Valley approximately 1 mile west of the Project Property. Phipps Creek passes under Highway 20 and enters the North Fork of Cache Creek approximately 1.5 miles northeast of the Project Property.

There are two existing culverted ephemeral Class III watercourse crossings in the western half of the Project Parcel on Ogulin Canyon Road. All proposed project disturbance will occur more than 100 feet from all natural surface water bodies. The unnamed intermittent Class II watercourse passes over Ogulin Canyon Road via rocked ford crossing ~4,500 feet west of the Project Property. Phipps Creek passes under Highway 20 via a concrete box culvert.

#### **Ground Disturbance and Grading**

Soils of the Project Property in the area of the proposed cultivation operation are identified as the Skyhigh-Asbill complex and Sleeper variant-Sleeper loams by the NRCS Web Soil Survey (attached), and characterized as well-drained clay loams. EMF's proposed cultivation operation will increase the impervious surface area of the Project Parcel by approximately 1,020 ft<sup>2</sup>, or less than 0.1% of the Project Parcel, through the installation of a 120 ft<sup>2</sup> Security Center (proposed wooden shed) and nine 5,000-gallon heavy-duty plastic water storage tanks. Development of the proposed cultivation operation would disturb less than two acress of blue oak woodland habitat, and would not require any grading or tree removal. The proposed outdoor cultivation/canopy areas will not increase the impervious surface area of the Project Parcel and should not increase the volume of runoff from the Project Site.

#### **Stormwater Management Measures**

EMF's proposed cultivation operation will increase the impervious surface area of the Project Parcel by approximately 1,020 ft<sup>2</sup>, or less than 0.1% of the Project Parcel, through the installation of a 120 ft<sup>2</sup> Security Center (proposed wooden shed) and nine 5,000-gallon heavy-duty plastic water storage tanks. All structures and cultivation areas will be located more than 100 feet from surface water bodies, and stormwater runoff from the structures and cultivation areas will be discharged to the well-vegetated buffers surrounding the proposed cultivation operation, to filter pollutants and to promote stormwater retention and infiltration.

The proposed outdoor cultivation/canopy areas will not increase the impervious surface area of the Project Parcel and should not increase the volume of runoff from the Project Site. Well-vegetated buffers (minimum 100 feet) will be maintained around the proposed cultivation areas to filter

and/or remove any sediment, nutrients, and/or pesticides mobilized by stormwater runoff, and prevent those pollutants from reaching nearby surface water bodies.

#### **Erosion and Sediment Control Measures**

Well-vegetated buffers will be maintained around the proposed cultivation operation. Established vegetation within and around the proposed cultivation operation will be maintained/protected to the extent possible, as a permanent erosion and sediment control measures. A native grass seed mixture and certified weed-free straw mulch will be applied to all areas of the exposed soil prior to November 15th of each year at a rate of two tons per acre, until permanent stabilization has been achieved. Straw wattles will be installed and maintained throughout the proposed cultivation operation per the attached Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, until permanent stabilization has been achieved. If areas of concentrated stormwater runoff begin to develop, additional erosion and sediment control measures will be implemented to protect those areas and their outfalls. EMF's Site Manager will conduct monthly monitoring inspections to confirm that this operation is in compliance with California Water Code.

#### **Regulatory Compliance**

The Project Parcel has been enrolled for coverage under the State Water Resource Control Board's Cannabis General Order since March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 (WDID: 5S17CC400707). The stormwater management measures outlined above meet or exceed the requirements of the Lake County Storm Water Management Ordinance (Chapter 29 of the Lake County Ordinance Code). Development of the proposed cultivation operation, with the implementation of the LID practices and erosion and sediment control measures outlined above, will not increase the volume of stormwater discharges from the Project Property onto adjacent properties or flood elevations downstream.

#### Monitoring and Reporting Program

The following are the Monitoring and Reporting Requirements for EMF's proposed cannabis cultivation operation from the Cannabis General Order:

- Winterization Measures Implementation
- Tier Status Confirmation
- Third Party Identification (if applicable)
- Nitrogen Application (Monthly and Total Annual)

An Annual Report shall be submitted to the State Water Quality Control Board by March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The Annual Report shall include the following:

- 1. Facility Status, Site Maintenance Status, and Storm Water Runoff Monitoring.
- 2. The name and contact information of the person responsible for operation, maintenance, and monitoring.

A letter transmitting the annual report shall accompany each report. The letter shall summarize the numbers and severity of violations found during the reporting period, and actions taken or planned to correct the violations and prevent future violations. The transmittal letter shall contain the following penalty of perjury statement and shall be signed by the Discharger or the Discharger's authorized agent:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment."

EMF will adhere to these monitoring requirements to maintain compliance with the Cannabis General Order and will be happy to provide a copy of their Annual Monitoring Report to Lake County Officials if requested.

# **Growing Medium Management**

#### **Growing Medium Overview**

The growing medium of EMF's proposed outdoor cannabis cultivation area will composed of an above grade organic soilless growing medium (composed mostly of composted forest material), within round fabric garden pots. The organic soilless growing medium of each garden pot/bed will be amended with compost, composted manure, worm castings, and vermiculite (only when needed to achieve the desired soil density), and reused annually. EMF will only use low salt fertilizers, so that salts do not accumulate within the organic soilless growing medium of the proposed cultivation areas, rendering it unusable.

#### **Growing Medium Waste**

Ideally, the growing medium of the cultivation areas will be amended and reused each year/cultivation season. In the event of a root and/or soil borne pest infestation, the infested soil will be removed from the cultivation area(s), quarantined, treated with a pesticide that targets the infestation and that is approved for use in cannabis cultivation by the California Department of Food and Agriculture, then incorporated with compost in the designated composting areas. After composting, the treated soil will be reintroduced to the proposed outdoor cultivation area(s) as a soil amendment. No growing medium waste should be generated from EMF's proposed cannabis cultivation operation (all growing medium should be recycled/reused).

# **Cannabis Vegetative Material Waste Management**

#### **Cannabis Waste**

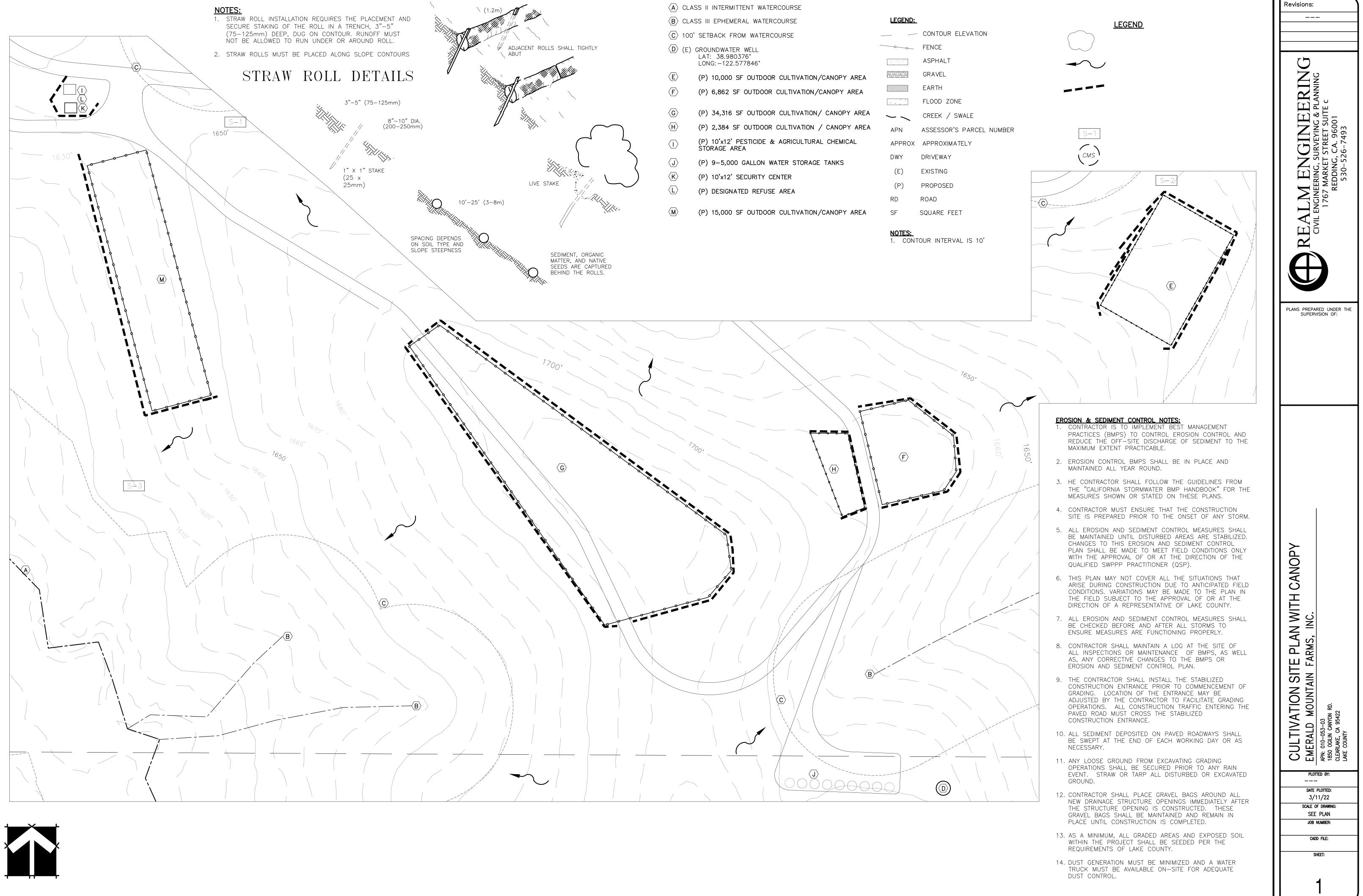
"Cannabis waste" is an organic waste, as defined in Section 42649.8(c) of the Public Resources Code. Cannabis waste generated from the proposed cannabis cultivation operation will be limited to cannabis plant leaves and stems. All other parts of cannabis plants cultivated at this site will be transferred to a State of California-licensed Distributor for distribution to State of California-licensed Manufacturers and Retailers. EMF anticipates that the proposed cannabis cultivation operation will generate less than 400 pounds of dried cannabis waste each cultivation season (April 1<sup>st</sup> through November 15<sup>th</sup>). All cannabis waste will be composted onsite.

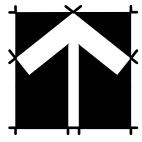
#### **Cannabis Waste Composting**

All cannabis waste generated from EMF's proposed cultivation operation will be composted onsite and in compliance with Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations at Division 7, Chapter 3.1. Cannabis waste will be ripped/shredded and placed in the designated composting area. In the designated composting area, cannabis waste will be composted until it is incorporated into the soils of the proposed outdoor cultivation area as a soil amendment.

#### **Cannabis Waste Records/Documentation**

Cannabis waste generated from EMF's proposed cannabis cultivation operation will be identified, weighed, and tracked while onsite. All required information pertaining to cannabis waste will be entered into the State of California Cannabis Track-and-Trace (CCTT) system. EMF will maintain accurate and comprehensive records regarding cannabis waste generation that will account for, reconcile, and evidence all activity related to the generation or disposition of cannabis waste. All records will be kept on-site for seven (7) years and will be made available during inspections.









# Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

3 July 2020

## DISCHARGER

Norman Grimm Emerald Mountain Farms, Inc. P.O. Box 2071 Clearlake, CA 95422 WDID: 5S17CC400707

LANDOWNER James Ruth

James Ruth Clear Lake Mountain Partners, LLC 1337 Eagle Bend Drive Southlake, TX 76092

#### NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY, WATER QUALITY ORDER WQ-2019-0001-DWQ, NORMAN GRIMM, APN 010-053-030-000, LAKE COUNTY

Norman Grimm for Emerald Mountain Farms, Inc (hereafter "Discharger") submitted a change of information request on 24 June 2020 for a change of Discharger enrollment in the State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board's) *Cannabis Cultivation Policy- Principles and Guidelines for Cannabis Cultivation* (Policy), and the *General Waste Discharge Requirements and Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges of Waste Associated with Cannabis Cultivation Activities*, Order No. WQ-2019-0001-DWQ (General Order). Based on the information provided, the Discharger self-certifies the cannabis cultivation activities are consistent with the requirements of the State Water Board. This letter provides notice that the Policy and General Order are applicable to the site as described below. You are hereby assigned waste discharge identification (WDID) number **5S17CC400707**.

The Discharger is responsible for all applicable requirements in the Policy, General Order, and this Notice of Applicability (NOA), including submittal of all required reports. The Discharger is the sole person with legal authority to, among other things, change information submitted to obtain regulatory coverage under the General Order; request changes to enrollment status, including risk designation; and terminate regulatory coverage. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) will hold the Discharger liable for any noncompliance with th5e81 Policy, General Order, and this NOA, including non-payment of annual fees.

Pursuant to the General Order and Policy, James Ruth for Clear Lake Mountain Partners, LLC (hereafter "Landowner") is ultimately responsible for any water quality degradation that occurs on or emanates from the property and for unauthorized water diversions. Accordingly, the Landowner, in addition to the Discharger, may be held responsible for correcting non-compliance.

KARL E. LONGLEY SCD, P.E., CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, ESQ., EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The last NOA for this site was issued 16 March 2018. As noted above, Central Valley Water Board staff received a final, signed request for a change of information on 24 June 2020. Changes requested included a change in Discharger, Discharger mailing address, Landowner, Landowner mailing address, and third party representative. The request has been received and our records have been updated.

#### 1. FACILITY AND DISCHARGE DESCRIPTION

The information submitted by the Discharger states the disturbed area is equal to or greater than 2,000 square feet and less than 1 acre (43,560 square feet), no portion of the disturbed area is within the setback requirements, no portion of the disturbed area is located on a slope greater than 30 percent, and the cannabis cultivation area is less than 1 acre.

Based on the information submitted by the Discharger, the cannabis cultivation activities are classified as Tier 1, low risk.

#### 2. SITE-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

#### The Policy and General Order are available on the Internet at

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/cannabis. The Discharger shall ensure that all site operating personnel know, understand, and comply with the requirements contained in the Policy, General Order, this NOA, and the Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP, Attachment B of the General Order). Note that the General Order contains standard provisions, general requirements, and prohibitions that apply to all cannabis cultivation activities.

The application requires the Discharger to self-certify that all applicable Best Practicable Treatment or Control (BPTC) measures are being implemented, or will be implemented by the onset of the winter period (November 15 - April 1), following the enrollment date.

#### 3. TECHNICAL REPORT REQUIREMENTS

The following technical report(s) shall be submitted by the Discharger as described below:

 An updated *Site Management Plan* must be submitted within 90 days of this NOA; this deadline falls on **30 September 2020.** For more information on the requirements to submit a *Site Management Plan*, see General Order Provision C.1.a, and Attachment A, Section 5. Attachment D of the General Order provides guidance on the contents of a *Site Management Plan*. Dischargers that cannot implement all applicable BPTC measures by the onset of the winter period, following their enrollment date, shall submit to the appropriate Central Valley Water Board a *Site Management Plan* that includes a time schedule and scope of work for use by the Central Valley Water Board in developing a compliance schedule as described in Attachment A of the General Order. You are not required to use a Qualified Professional for developing the *Site Management Plan*. However, you are required to submit the *Site Management Plan* to Central Valley Water Board staff for approval prior to any site development.

2. A Site Closure Report must be submitted 90 days prior to permanently ending cannabis cultivation activities and seeking to rescind coverage under the Conditional Waiver. The Site Closure Report must be consistent with the requirements of General Order Provision C.1.e., and Attachment A, Section 5. Attachment D of the General Order provides guidance on the contents of the Site Closure Report.

#### 4. MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM

The Discharger shall comply with the Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP). Attachment B of the General Order provides guidance on the contents for the annual reporting requirement. Annual reports shall be submitted to the Central Valley Water Board by March 1 following the year being monitored. The Discharger shall not implement any changes to this MRP unless and until a revised MRP is issued by the Central Valley Water Board's Executive Officer or the State Water Board's Chief Deputy Director, or Deputy Director.

#### 5. ANNUAL FEE

According to the information submitted, the discharge is classified as Tier 1, low risk with the current annual fee assessed at \$600. The fee is due and payable on an annual basis until coverage under this General Order is formally rescinded. To rescind coverage, the Discharger must submit a Notice of Termination, including a *Site Closure Report* at least 90 days prior to termination of activities and include a final MRP report.

#### 6. TERMINATION OF COVERAGE UNDER THE GENERAL ORDER & REGIONAL WATER BOARD CONTACT INFORMATION

Cannabis cultivators that propose to terminate coverage under the Conditional Waiver or General Order must submit a Notice of Termination (NOT). The NOT must include a *Site Closure Report* (see Technical Report Requirements above), and Dischargers enrolled under the General Order must also submit a final monitoring report. The Central Valley Water Board reserves the right to inspect the site before approving a NOT. Attachment C includes the NOT form and Attachment D of the General Order provides guidance on the contents of the *Site Closure Report*.

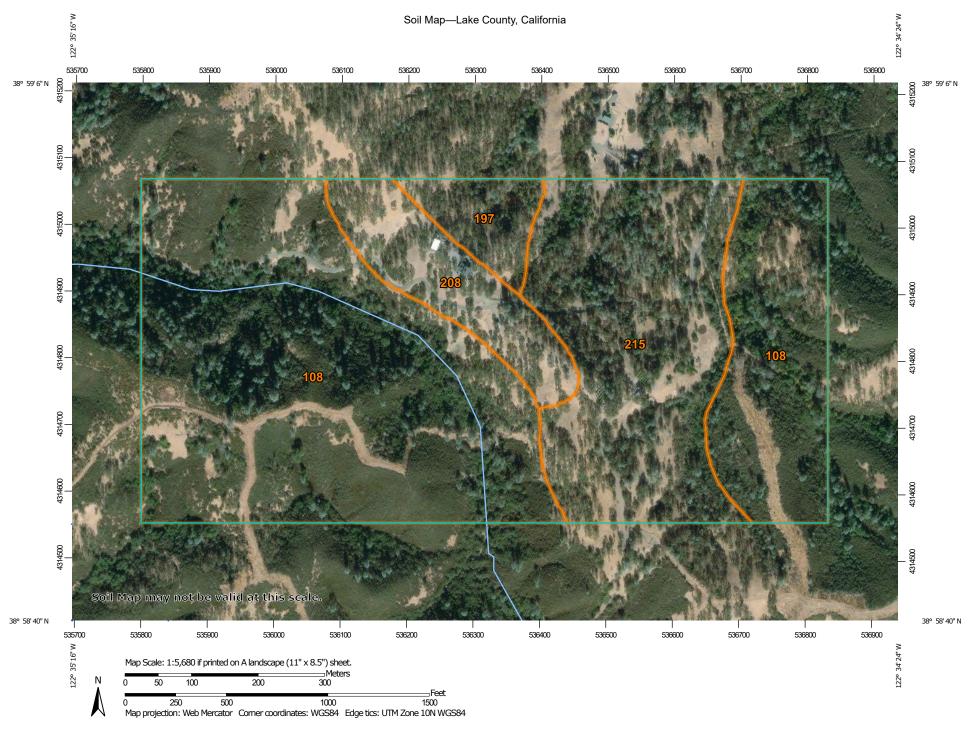
If the Discharger cannot comply with the General Order, or will be unable to implement an applicable BPTC measure contained in Attachment A by the onset of the winter period each year, the Discharger shall notify Central Valley Water Board staff by telephone at 530-224-4845 so that a site-specific compliance schedule can be developed. All monitoring reports, submittals, discharge notifications, and questions regarding compliance and enforcement should be directed to centralvalleyredding@waterboards.ca.gov or 530-224-4845.

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(for) Patrick Pulupa, Executive Officer

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cc via email: Kevin Porzio, State Water Resources Control Board, Sacramento Mark Roberts, Lake County Planning Department, Lakeport



USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Web Soil Survey National Cooperative Soil Survey

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Miscellaneous Water		Survey Area Data: Version 16, Sep 16, 2019			
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Skyhigh-Asbill complex, 15 to 50 percent slopes	11.2	8.4%
Sleeper variant-Sleeper loams, 30 to 50 percent slopes	34.4	26.0%
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# SECTION – I

WATER USE MANAGEMENT PLAN

# Water Use Management Plan

#### **Purpose and Overview**

Emerald Mountain Farms, Inc. (EMF) is seeking a Major Use Permit from the County of Lake Community Development Department for a proposed Outdoor Commercial Cannabis Cultivation Operation at 1850 Ogulin Canyon Road near Clearlake, CA on Lake County APN 010-053-03 (Project Parcel), with A-Type 13 Distributor Transport Only, Self-Distribution. The proposed cultivation operation would be composed of a 34,316 ft<sup>2</sup> outdoor cultivation/canopy area, a 15,000 ft<sup>2</sup> outdoor cultivation/canopy area, a 2,384 ft<sup>2</sup> outdoor cultivation/canopy area, a 6,862 ft<sup>2</sup> outdoor cultivation/canopy area, a 2,384 ft<sup>2</sup> outdoor cultivation/canopy area, a 120 ft<sup>2</sup> Pesticides and Agricultural Chemicals Storage Area (existing wooden shed), a 120 ft<sup>2</sup> Security Center (proposed wooden shed), and nine 5,000-gallon water storage tanks. The proposed cultivation areas will be enclosed with 6-foot tall woven wire fences, covered with privacy screen/mesh where necessary to screen the cultivation/canopy areas from public view. The growing medium of the proposed outdoor cultivation/canopy areas will be an imported organic soilless growing medium (composed mostly of composted forest material) in aboveground fabric pots, with drip irrigation systems. All water for the proposed cultivation operation will come from the existing onsite groundwater well located at Latitude: 38.99555° and Longitude: -122.68973°.

This/EMF's Water Use Management Plan is designed to conserve Lake County's water resources and to ensure that the proposed cultivation operation's water use practices are in compliance with applicable County, State, and Federal regulations at all times. This Water Use Management Plan focuses on designing a water efficient delivery system and irrigation practices, and the appropriate and accurate monitoring and reporting of water use practices.

#### **Description of Water Resources**

#### **Surface Water**

The proposed cultivation operation will be located on a low ridge that divides the Burns Valley-Frontal Clear Lake watershed (HUC12) from the Grizzly Creek-North Fork Cache Creek watershed (HUC12). An unnamed intermittent Class II watercourse at the bottom of Blackeye Canyon flows from south to west through western half of the Project Parcel. Multiple ephemeral Class III watercourses form on the Project Property, and either flow south into Blackeye Canyon or north into Phipps Creek. All aspects of EMF's proposed cultivation operation will be located over 100 feet from these surface water bodies.

#### Groundwater

Soils of the Project Property are identified as the Bally-Phipps-Haploxeralfs association, the Skyhigh-Asbill complex, and Sleeper variant-Sleeper loams by the NRCS Web Soil Survey. The Bally-Phipps-Haploxeralfs association is characterized as well-drained gravelly and gravelly clay loams derived from alluvium. The Skyhigh-Asbill complex is characterized as well-drained clay loams derived from sandstone and shale parent material. Sleeper variant-Sleeper loams are

characterized as well-drained clay loams weathered from sedimentary rock. The United States Geological Survey Map of the Santa Rosa Quadrangle defines the area in the vicinity of the Project area as the Cache Formation, composed mostly of pebbly sandstone, conglomerate, siltstone, and tuff. The Project Property is located in the Clear Lake Cache Formation Groundwater Basin as identified in the 2006 Lake County Groundwater Management Plan. The only water-bearing formation in the Clear Lake Cache Formation Groundwater Basin is the Cache Formation, which is generally of low porosity. A groundwater well was drilled in the southeast corner of the Project Parcel in 2018 to a depth of 260 feet below ground surface (bgs), through brown gravelly clay (0-40 feet bgs), shale and sandstone (40-200 feet bgs), greenstone (200-210 feet bgs), and Franciscan gravels (210-260 feet bgs). At the time of drilling, the groundwater well had an estimated yield of approximately 50 gallons per minute (please see attached Well Completion Report).

#### Water Resources Protection

EMF will maintain existing, naturally occurring, riparian vegetative cover (e.g., trees, shrubs, and grasses) in aquatic habitat areas to the maximum extent possible to maintain riparian areas for streambank stabilization, erosion control, stream shading and temperature control, sediment and chemical filtration, aquatic life support, wildlife support, and to minimize waste discharges. Access roads and parking areas will be graveled to prevent the generation of fugitive dust, and vegetative ground cover will be preserved and/or re-established as soon as possible throughout the entire site to filter and infiltrate stormwater runoff from the access roads, parking areas, and the proposed cultivation operation. Personnel will have access to portable restroom facilities at all times when onsite, and the portable restroom facilities will be serviced regularly.

#### Water Sources and Storage

Water will be provided to EMF's proposed cultivation operation from an existing onsite groundwater well located at Latitude 38.980376° and Longitude -122.577846°. The well was drilled in 2018 to a depth of 260 feet and has an estimated yield of more than 50 gallons per. A well performance test was performed of the onsite well in January of 2021, proving that the well can still produce more than 30 gallons per minute. EMF proposes to install nine 5,000-gallon heavy-duty plastic water storage tanks on the Project Property, to provide stored water for the proposed cultivation operation and for fire suppression in the event of a wildfire emergency.

#### Irrigation

From the CalCannabis Cultivation Licensing Program's Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR):

"According to Hammon et al. (2015), water use requirements for outdoor cannabis production (25-35 inches per year) are generally in line with water use for other agricultural crops, such as corn (20-25 inches per year), alfalfa (30-40 inches per year), tomatoes (15-25 inches per year), peaches (30-40 inches per year), and hops (20-30 inches per year). In a study of cannabis cultivation in Humboldt County, approximate water use for an outdoor cultivation site was

27,470 gallons (0.08 acre-feet) per year on average and ranged from approximately 1,220 to 462,000 gallons per year (0.004 to 1.4 acre-feet), with the size of the operation being a major factor in this range. Annual water uses for a greenhouse operation averaged approximately 52,300 gallons (0.16 acre-feet) and ranged from approximately 610 to 586,000 gallons (0.002 to 1.8 acre-feet) annually (Butsic and Brenner 2016). During a field visit conducted by technical staff to an outdoor cultivation site, one cultivator reported using approximately 75,000 gallons (0.23 acre-feet) for 1 year's entire cannabis crop (approximately 66 plants), or approximately 1,140 gallons per plant per year."

EMF's cultivation practices are most similar to commercial tomato or hops production with an estimated water use requirement of 35 inches per year. EMF's total combined proposed outdoor cannabis cultivation/canopy area is 68,562 ft<sup>2</sup>, with an expected total annual water use requirement of 4.6 acre-feet or 1,496,000 gallons. The cultivation season for EMF's proposed outdoor cannabis cultivation operation would begin in April and end in November of each year. The following table presents the expected water use of the proposed cultivation operation by month during the cultivation season in gallons and acre-feet.

April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
65,200	195,500	228,100	260,700	293,300	260,700	162,900	32,600
0.2	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.5	0.1

Irrigation water for the proposed cultivation operation, would be pumped from the existing onsite groundwater well to nine proposed 5,000-gallon water storage tanks, via an HDPE water supply line. The water storage tanks will be equipped with float valves to shut off the flow of water from the well and prevent the overflow and runoff of irrigation water when full. HDPE water supply lines will be run from the water storage tanks to the irrigation systems of each proposed cultivation area. The water supply lines will be equipped with safety valves, capable of shutting off the flow of water so that waste of water and runoff is prevented/minimized when leaks occur and the system needs repair, and inline water meters compliant with California Code of Regulations, Title 23, Division 3, Chapter 2.7. EMF staff will maintain daily water meter readings records for a minimum of five years, and will make those records available to Water Boards, CDFW, and Lake County staff upon request. The irrigation system of the proposed cultivation area(s) will be composed of PVC piping, black poly tubing, and drip tapes/lines.

#### Water Conservation

Per the Water Conservation and Use requirements outlined in the SWRCB's Cannabis General Order, EMF will implement the following Best Practical Treatment and Control (BPTC) measures to conserve water resources:

- EMF staff will regularly inspect their entire water delivery system for leaks and immediately repair any leaky faucets, pipes, connectors, or other leaks.
- EMF will apply weed-free mulch in cultivation areas that do not have ground cover to conserve soil moisture and minimize evaporative loss.
- EMF will implement water conserving irrigation methods (drip or trickle and micro-spray irrigation).

• EMF will maintain daily records of all water used for irrigation of cannabis. Daily records will be calculated by using a measuring device (inline water meter) installed on the main irrigation supply line between the water storage area and cultivation area(s).

#### Water Availability Analysis

Water will be provided to EMF's proposed cultivation operation from an existing groundwater well located at Latitude 38.980376° and Longitude -122.577846°. The well was drilled in 2018 to a depth of 260 feet and has an estimated yield of more than 50 gallons per. A four hour well performance test was performed on the well in January of 2021 by Cramer Enterprises (License No. 98176), proving that the well can produce at least 30 gallons per minute (please see attached). EMF proposes to install nine 5,000-gallon heavy-duty plastic water storage tanks on the Project Property, to provide stored water for the proposed cultivation operation and for fire suppression in the event of a wildfire emergency. EMF's existing groundwater well can produce at least 30 gallons per minute, and up to 43,200 gallons per day. EMF's peak anticipated water demand is ~9,780 gallons per day, with an average daily water demand of ~6,235 gallons though out the cultivation season (240 days, April through November). At 30 gallons per minute, EMF's existing onsite groundwater well could meet the peak anticipated water demand in 5 hours and 26 minutes, and could meet the average daily water demand in 3 hours and 28 minutes. Additionally, EMF proposes to establish more than seven times the anticipated average daily demand (45,000 gallons) of water storage capacity on the Project Parcel. As such, there is little doubt that EMF's water supply groundwater well will be able to meet the proposed cultivation operations water demands on the hottest driest days in the latest part of the summer when irrigation water is needed most.

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				Well	Test		
Job Name-	Danielle Fontenot				Well Diam	4 1/2" pv	C
Location-	1850 Ogulin Canyon Rd RH/Reese 16944649		1	1	Static	105.8'	
Operator-				Well Depth	246'		
Meter SN-						240' + pu	mp
		0005450			Setting		
	ter Reading-	_			Pump	2 HP 230	v Grundfos
Final Meter	Reading -	0040540			Was the pur	mp running	upon arrival? Yes 🔲 No 🔀
Date	Time	Time Since Last Reading	Meter Reading	GPM	Pumping Level	Color	Comment
1/14/21							
	13:35	1 min	0035150	30.5	112.7'	Clear	Sulfur smell
	13:36	1 min		30.5	115.3'		
	13:37	1 min		30.5	115.7'		
	13:38	1 min		30.5	115.6'		
	13:39	1 min		30.5	115.8'		
	13:40	1 min		30.5	115.8'		
	13:42	2 min		30.5	115.8'		
	13:44	2 min		30.5	115.8'		
	13:46	2 min		30.5	115.8'		
	13:48	2 min		30.5	115.8'		
	13:50	2 min	-	30.5	115.8'		Sulfur smell
	13:55	5 min		30	116.2		
	14:00	5 min	-	30	116.2'		
	14:05	5 min		30	116.4'		
	14:20	15 min		30	116.5'		
	14:35	15 min		30	116.6'		
	14:50	15 min		30	116.7'		
	15:05	15 min		30	116.8'		
s	15:35	30 min		30	117'	0	
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