



# Ekwill Street and Fowler Road Extensions Project

## Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan

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# Executive Summary

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The City of Goleta proposes to implement the Ekwil Street and Fowler Road Extensions Project (Project) within the Old Town area of the City of Goleta, in Santa Barbara County, California. The proposed Project consists of three main components: 1) the construction of one new road segment of Ekwil Street (Ekwil Street Extension); 2) the reconstruction and extension of a section of James Fowler Road (Fowler Road Extension); and 3) the construction of roundabouts and other public infrastructure improvements at Hollister Avenue in the vicinity of the State Route 217 interchange (Hollister Avenue Improvements). The Project has been approved by the City of Goleta, with an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (City of Goleta 2011) certified in November 2011, along with approval of Development Plan 04-121-DP at that time.

On behalf of the City of Goleta, Rincon Consultants, Inc. (Rincon), has prepared this Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan. This Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan is an update to the 2016 Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (AECOM 2016).

This Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan was prepared in accordance with EIR Mitigation Measure NA-1 (Protection and Replacement of Riparian Habitat). In addition, this Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan addresses several other biological Mitigation Measures (NA-2 through NA-4, WE-1 through WE-3, PL-1, PL-2, AN-1 through AN-10, CUL-1, and CUL-2), as well as requirements of the California Coastal Commission (CCC), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). To this end, this Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan includes details for implementing all mitigation measures, including the compensatory mitigation plan, the native tree inventory and protection plan, required pre-construction biological surveys, and avoidance and minimization measures to be implemented during Project construction. This Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan also incorporates information from the most recent Biological Resources Report (URS 2014) for the Project, and bases mitigation on the impact acreages described herein and in the Corps, CDFW, and RWQCB regulatory permit applications.

The Project would impact 21.84 acres of land (including both permanent and temporary impacts), most of which is urban, ruderal, or non-native vegetation. In total, the Project would permanently impact 1.17 acres and temporarily impact 0.32 acre of riparian habitat. Specifically, the Project would permanently impact 0.39 acre of riparian habitat within the Coastal Zone, and 0.78 acre outside of the Coastal Zone. The Project would temporarily impact 0.17 acre of riparian habitat within the Coastal Zone, and 0.15 acre outside of the Coastal Zone.

As required by EIR Mitigation Measure NA-1 (Protection and Replacement of Riparian Habitat) and WE-2 (Wetland Habitat Restoration), and consistent with policies in the City of Goleta General Plan, impacts to riparian habitat will be mitigated by riparian creation/enhancement at a ratio of 3:1 for permanent impacts and 2:1 for temporary impacts. The total acreage required for riparian mitigation is 4.16 acres for impacts within and outside the Coastal Zone. Per Mitigation Measure NA-2 (Implement Native Tree Inventory and Protection Plan), an additional 0.62 acre of mitigation lands are needed to further accommodate replacement trees that are required due to the removal of individual native trees as described below. Therefore, a total of 4.78 acres of mitigation lands are required/needed for all impacts. The entirety of the riparian mitigation will occur within and near the Coastal Zone at three proposed mitigation sites:

- 0.49 acre along Fowler Road Drainage Ditch and Old San Jose Creek, within the Coastal Zone and adjacent to the Project Site
- 0.31 acre along Old San Jose Creek near East Ekwil Street, near the Coastal Zone and adjacent to the Project Area
- 3.98 acres along Devereux Creek and its northwestern tributary on Ellwood Mesa, within the Coastal Zone and off-site

Restoration will also occur at the Project site to mitigate for temporary impacts to jurisdictional areas due to Project-related activities. When completed, the proposed restoration would ensure a net gain in the acreage and function of coastal riparian habitat. Riparian, marsh, and coastal scrub Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas (ESHA) will be enhanced as part of mitigation activities and monarch butterfly roosting, raptor roosting, and native grassland ESHA will be preserved. Table 1 summarizes mitigation requirements.

Table 1 Summary of Mitigation Requirements

	Total Mitigation (acres)
<b>Mitigation Required for Impact to Riparian Vegetation</b>	
Ekwil Street Extension	3.94
Fowler Road Extension	0.21
Hollister Avenue Improvements	0.01
Subtotal	4.16
<b>Additional Mitigation Needed for Impact to Individual Native Trees</b>	
All alignments	0.62
<b>Total Mitigation Proposed<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>4.78</b>

Note: exact acreages were calculated using GIS, small discrepancies within the table are due to rounding.

Approximately 3.98 acres will be restored at the off-site mitigation site, and approximately 0.80 acre will be restored at the Project site, for a total of 4.78 acres. Additionally, restoration of approximately 0.13 acre will occur at the Project site to mitigate for temporary impacts to jurisdictional areas due to project-related activities, for a grand total of 5.1 acres.

The biological impacts of the Project include the removal of approximately 198 protected native trees, of which 81 are within the Coastal Zone and 117 are outside of the Coastal Zone. As required by EIR Mitigation Measure NA-2 (Implement Native Tree Inventory and Protection Plan), impacts to individual native trees will be mitigated at a ratio of 10:1. Therefore, a minimum of 1,980 individual native trees will be installed within the mitigation areas. The number of impacted trees may be reduced if during construction it is determined that some of the trees can be preserved in place, which may be the case for the trees located within the temporary impact area.

# 1 Introduction

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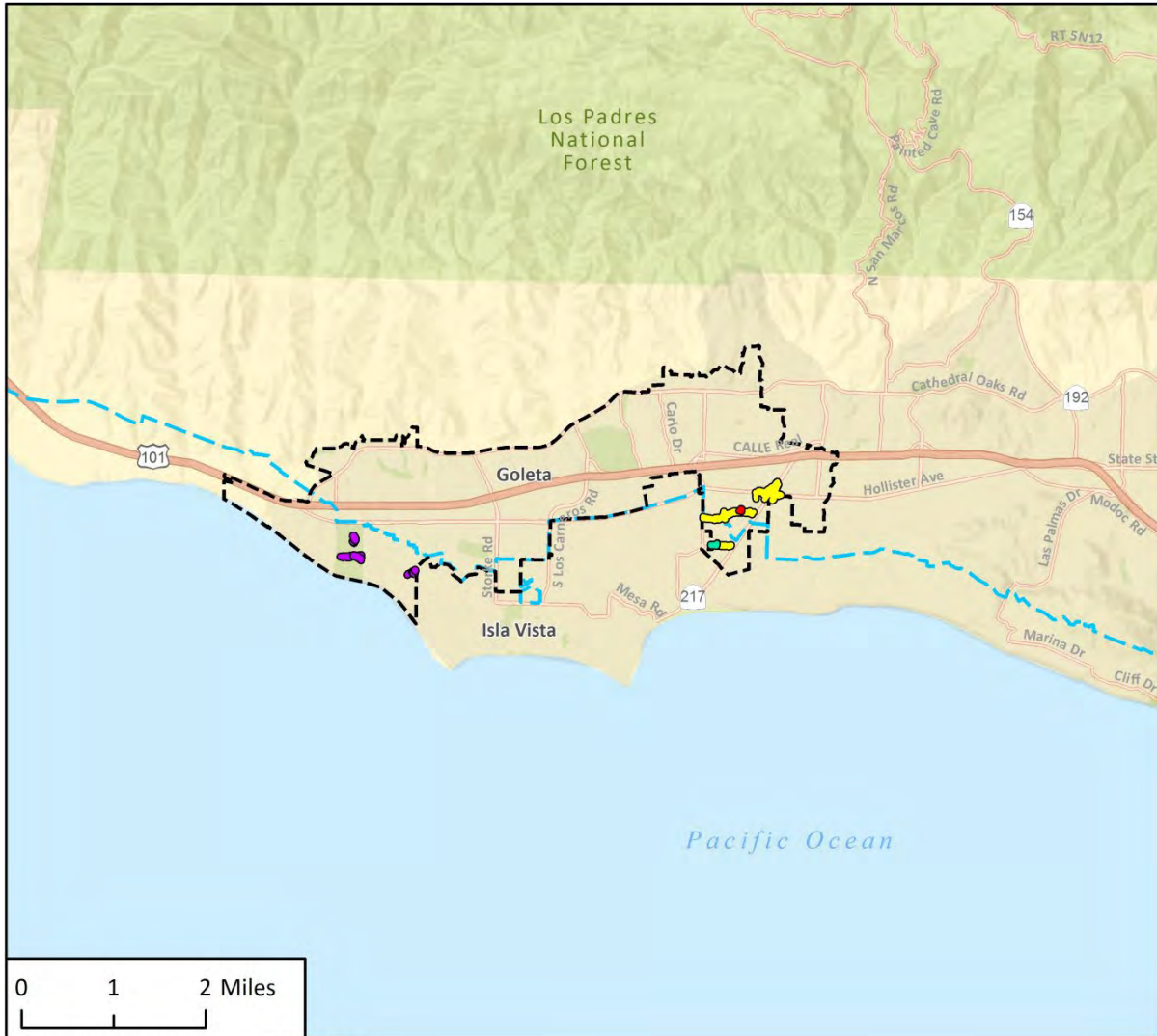
The City of Goleta proposes to implement the Ekwil Street and Fowler Road Extensions Project (Project) within the Old Town area of the City of Goleta, in Santa Barbara County, California. The proposed Project consists of three main components: 1) the construction of one new road segment of Ekwil Street (Ekwil Street Extension); 2) the reconstruction and extension of a section of James Fowler Road (Fowler Road Extension); and 3) the construction of roundabouts and other public infrastructure improvements at Hollister Avenue in the vicinity of the State Route 217 interchange (Hollister Avenue Improvements) (Figure 1 and Figure 2).

On behalf of the City of Goleta, Rincon Consultants, Inc. (Rincon) has prepared this Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan. This Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan was prepared as required by the City of Goleta Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (City of Goleta 2011), which was certified in November 2011. This Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan fulfills the requirements of Mitigation Measure NA-1 (Protection and Replacement of Riparian Habitat) which states that a biological mitigation and monitoring plan that incorporates all of the biological conditions related to construction of the Project must be prepared by a City of Goleta-approved biologist. Additionally, this Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan fulfills the requirements of Mitigation Measures NA-2 through NA-4, WE-1 through WE-3, PL-1, PL-2, AN-1 through AN-10, CUL-1, and CUL-2, which call for a native tree inventory and protection plan, require pre-construction biological surveys, and specify avoidance and minimization measures to be implemented during Project construction. Lastly, this Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan satisfies requirements of the California Coastal Commission (CCC), Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB).

This Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan includes protection and replacement of riparian habitat and measures for the protection of sensitive plants and animals, as described in the EIR. Specifically, this Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan includes the compensatory mitigation plan, the native tree inventory and protection plan, pre-construction biological surveys, and avoidance and minimization measures to be implemented during project construction. Table 2 below summarizes the EIR Mitigation Measures that are included in this Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan and the section where the requirement is discussed herein. In addition, this Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan includes a summary description of the Project and describes the biological setting of the Project area.



Figure 1 Project Vicinity Map



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-  Project Site
-  City Boundary
-  Coastal Zone
- Mitigation Areas**
-  Devereux Creek (Ellwood Mesa)
-  Fowler Road Drainage Ditch and Old San Jose Creek
-  San Jose Creek (East Ekwil)

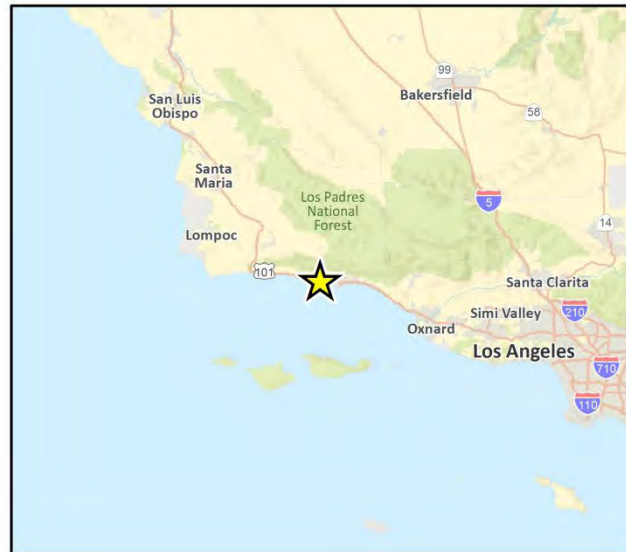
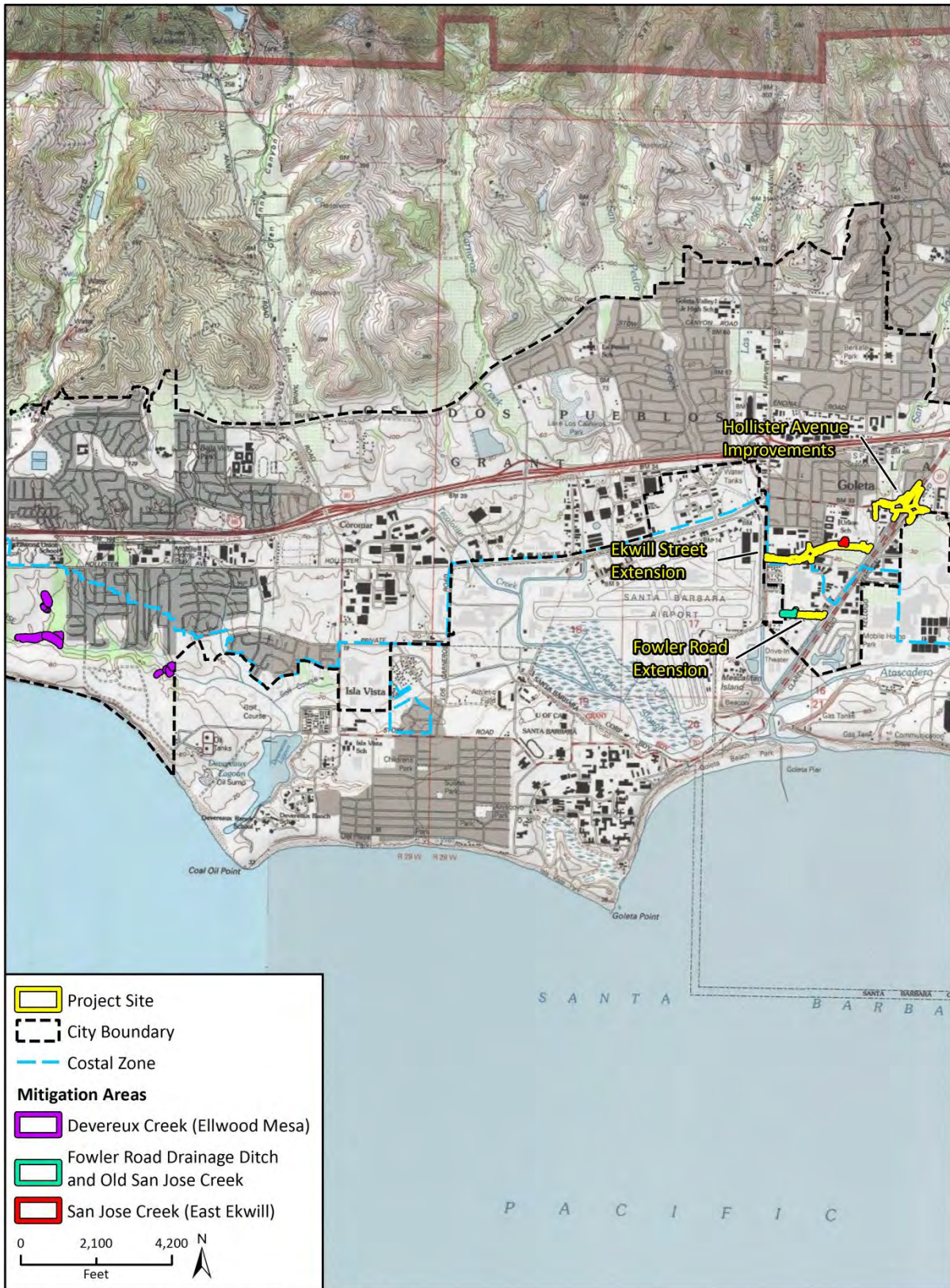


Fig 1 Project Vicinity Map

Figure 2 Project Location and Mitigation Areas



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Fig. 2 Project Location and Mitigation Areas

Table 2 Mitigation Measures and Corresponding Plan Section

Mitigation Measure	Plan Section
<b>Natural Communities</b>	
NA-1: Protection and Replacement of Riparian Habitat	2.0
NA-2: Implement Native Tree Inventory and Protection Plan	3.0
NA-3: Avoid Landscaping Use of Invasive Plants	5.10
NA-4: Invasive Species Management	2.4, 5.10
<b>Wetlands and Other Waters</b>	
WE-1: Avoid Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas	5.1
WE-2: Wetland Habitat Restoration	2.0
WE-3: Construction Site Housekeeping	5.7
<b>Plant Species</b>	
PL-1: Pre-construction Floristic Surveys and Compensation	2.0, 4.1
PL-2: Plant Restoration	5.2
<b>Animal Species</b>	
AN-1: Construction Restrictions for Riparian Birds and Raptors	5.4
AN-2: Minimize Construction Noise	5.6
AN-3: Construction Zone Housekeeping	5.7
AN-4: Conduct Monarch Butterfly Surveys and Avoidance	4.2, 5.3
AN-5: Use Low-level Lighting Near Riparian Habitats	5.8
AN-6: Maintenance Restrictions	2.6, 5.4
AN-7: Avoid/Minimize Impacts to Least Bell's Vireo	5.5
AN-8: Conduct Pre-construction Protocol Surveys for Least Bell's Vireo	4.4
AN-9: Conduct Breeding Bird Surveys	4.3
AN-10: Dry Season Construction and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan	5.9
<b>Cultural Resources</b>	
CUL-1: Archaeological Monitoring and Discovery	5.11
CUL-2: Crew Education	5.12

The Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan will be re-submitted to the CCC, Corps, CDFW, and RWQCB for review for the permits discussed below. Resource agency review and approval would ensure the plan is consistent with provisions of the Section 404 permit (SPL-2014-00509), Section 401 Water Quality Certification (34214WQ08), and Streambed Alteration Agreement (1600-2014-0138-R5). City of Goleta staff or an authorized monitor will inspect the construction and mitigation sites to verify implementation of the approved Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan requirements during construction.

## 1.1 Project Location

The Project site is located within the City of Goleta, in Santa Barbara County, California (Figure 1). It is within the Goleta, California U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute quadrangle (Figure 2). The public infrastructure improvements of the Project are surrounded by Hollister Avenue to the north, State Route 217 to the east, South Fairview Avenue to the west, and the Goleta Slough to the south

and southwest. This area can be described generally as mixed-use, as it includes commercial, industrial, residential, and agricultural uses. Much of the Project area is within the Coastal Zone. The proposed mitigation sites for the Project are located along Fowler Road Drainage Ditch and Old San Jose Creek, Old San Jose Creek near East Ekwil Street, and Devereux Creek and its northwestern tributary on Ellwood Mesa in Goleta, California (see Figure 1 and Figure 2).

The Fowler Road Drainage Ditch and Old San Jose Creek mitigation site is located within the Coastal Zone and adjacent to the Project Site. The Old San Jose Creek (East Ekwil Street) mitigation site is located near the Coastal Zone and adjacent to the Project Site. The Devereux Creek and northwestern tributary (Ellwood Mesa) is located within the Coastal Zone and off-site.

## 1.2 Project Objectives

The objectives of the Project are to relieve traffic along Hollister Avenue and to improve access within Old Town Goleta (Old Town) in the City of Goleta and between Old Town and the Santa Barbara Airport. The existing roadway system within Old Town has inadequate east-west circulation both north and south of Hollister Avenue, and lacks direct access to the southern portions of Old Town and to the nearby Santa Barbara Airport. Implementation of circulation improvements would provide alternate transportation routes, removing access constraints and congestion within Old Town. The Project is designed to address the following issues:

- Traffic circulation within Old Town is currently less than ideal in several locations, and by 2030 six major intersections will be operating at unacceptable levels of service (LOS)
- Safety concerns associated with a lack of adequate bicycle and pedestrian access and circulation in Old Town
- Insufficient access to the southern industrial area of Old Town
- Insufficient connectivity between Old Town and surrounding areas, including the Santa Barbara Airport

The Addendum to the EIR (City of Goleta 2019b) and the CCC, Corps, CDFW, and RWQCB regulatory permit applications include a more detailed project description.

## 1.3 Background

This Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan is an update to the 2016 Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (AECOM 2016), which was approved by CDFW and Central Coast RWQCB in January 2017. At that time, the Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan included two mitigation sites, Devereux Creek on Ellwood Mesa and a tributary to Devereux Creek adjacent to Santa Barbara Shores Drive. Since January 2017, the City of Goleta has determined that the mitigation site located at Santa Barbara Shores Drive was no longer viable and that identification of new mitigation lands was necessary. Therefore, two mitigation sites located adjacent to the Project Site were added: Fowler Road Drainage Ditch and Old San Jose Creek, and Old San Jose Creek at East Ekwil Street. Notably, the Fowler Road Drainage Ditch and Old San Jose Creek site was approved by CCC in March 2018 as part of the Project's Coastal Development Permit, and as further described in Section 2.4.1.1. Additionally, the mitigation site at Devereux Creek and its northwestern tributary on Ellwood Mesa was expanded. The total mitigation acreage remains the same. When completed, the proposed restoration of 4.78 acres would ensure a net gain in the acreage and function of coastal riparian habitat. Riparian, marsh, and coastal scrub Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas (ESHA) will be

enhanced as part of mitigation activities and monarch butterfly roosting, raptor roosting, and native grassland ESHA will be preserved. The other elements of the Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan have remained the same.

This Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan incorporates information from the most recent Biological Resources Report (URS 2014) for the Project, and bases mitigation on the impact acreages described herein and in the CCC, Corps, CDFW, and Central Coast RWQCB regulatory permit applications. The Project as described in the 2011 EIR consisted of four primary components. In 2016, Project modifications were made to address permitting constraints and federal regulations related to impact assessments in the vicinity of Santa Barbara Airport. In general, the Project footprint has been reduced, principally, from the reduction in scope of the Fowler Road Extension component. The biological impacts for the Ekwill Street Extension and Hollister Avenue Improvements would not differ substantially from those described in the EIR, although minor refinements to the Project design have decreased impacts to riparian areas where feasible. However, the biological impacts for the Fowler Road Extension are substantially decreased from those described in the EIR. Impacts associated with the Project are summarized herein and are discussed in detail in the Addendum to the EIR (City of Goleta 2019b) and the CCC, Corps, CDFW, and RWQCB regulatory permit applications.

## 1.4 Biological Setting

The following biological setting summary of the Project area is based on the Ekwill Street and Fowler Road Extensions Project Natural Environmental Study (Caltrans 2010) and the Biological Resources Report (URS 2014), which presents the findings of the biological surveys that were conducted in 2013 and 2014 within a Study Area defined as the Project components, as presented in the engineering plans as of April 2014, and a 100-foot buffer surrounding each Project component (see Figure 3).

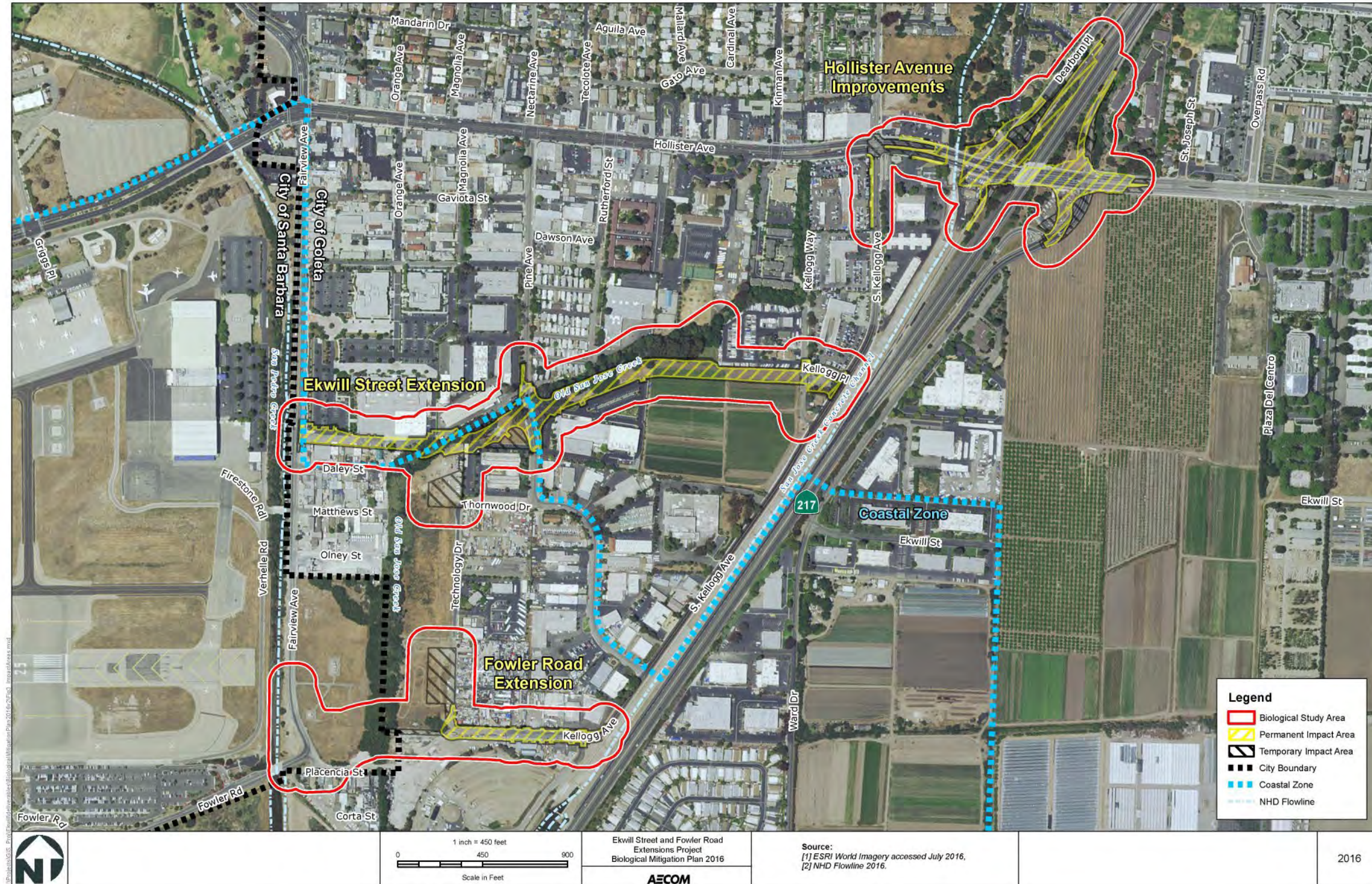
The biological setting of the proposed mitigation sites is described in Sections 2.1 and 2.2.

The Project is within the San Jose Creek watershed, which encompasses approximately 10,000 acres and stretches from the ridge of the Santa Ynez Mountains to its terminus in the Goleta Slough. Roughly 60 percent of the watershed supports native habitat (chaparral, oak woodland, and coastal sage scrub), and most of this occurs on steep mountainsides above Goleta and Santa Barbara. Roughly 18 percent of the watershed contains urban or impervious land uses, and 12 percent is occupied by irrigated agricultural uses (Stoecker 2002).

As shown on Figure 4a through Figure 4c, the Study Area includes portions of four jurisdictional drainages. The channels of two of these drainages are impacted by the Project: Old San Jose Creek, and an unnamed drainage ditch near the intersection of Fowler Road (the existing South Street) with Technology Drive. Minimal impacts to the riparian habitat of San Jose Creek will occur; however, the channel will not be impacted. The remaining drainage, San Pedro Creek, is located in relatively close proximity to Project-related improvements but is beyond the limits of permanent or temporary ground disturbance. These jurisdictional drainages are further described in the Biological Resources Report.

The riparian vegetation communities within the Study Area, all of which are sensitive natural communities, include native arroyo willow thickets (*Salix lasiolepis* shrubland alliance), black cottonwood forest (*Populus trichocarpa* forest alliance), and red willow thickets (*Salix laevigata* woodland alliance) along Old San Jose Creek. The wetland vegetation community within the Study

Figure 3 Temporary and Permanent Impacts in Project Area



Source: AECOM 2018

Figure 4a Jurisdictional Determination: Ekwil Street



Source: AECOM 2018

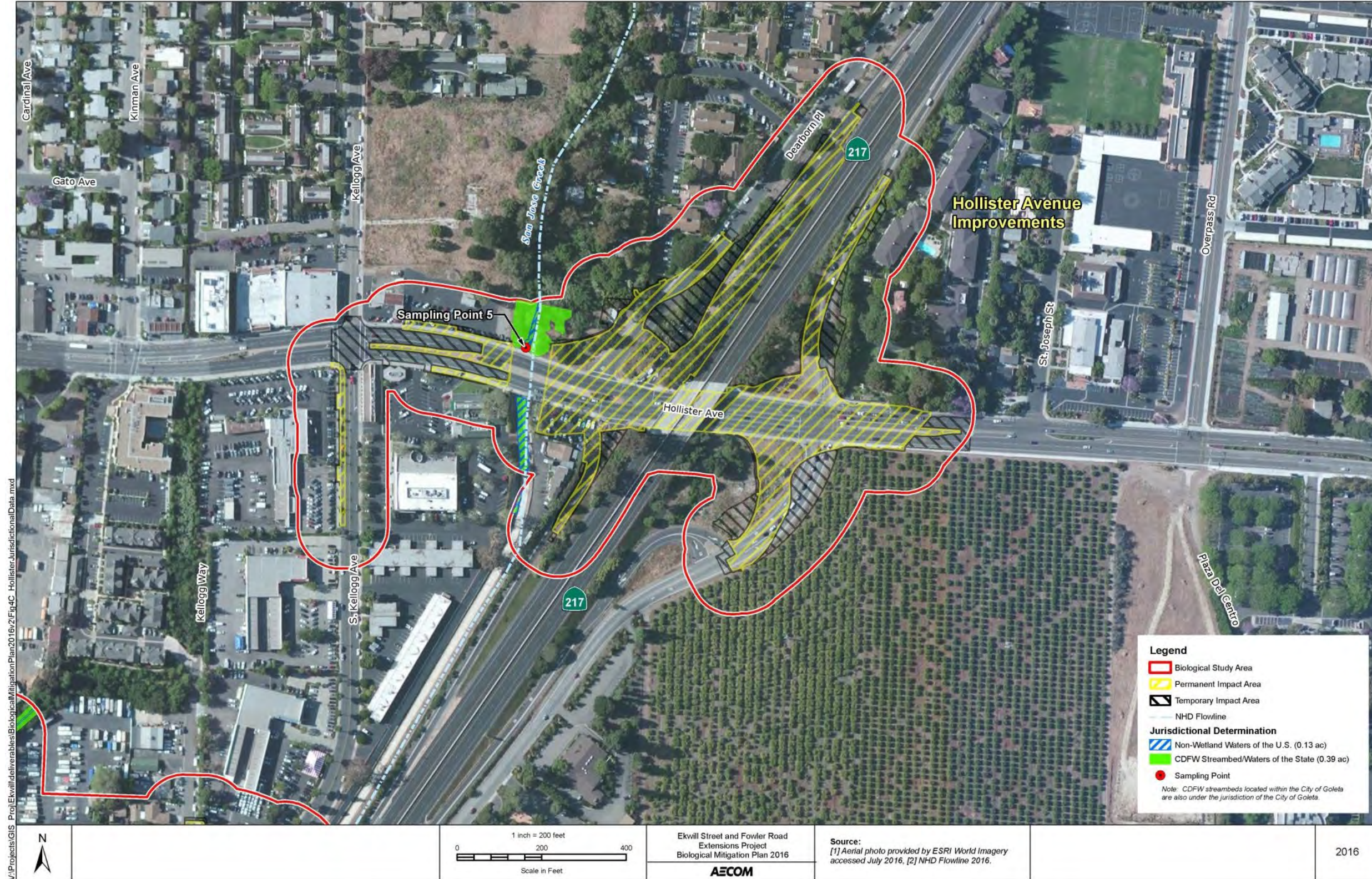
Figure 4b Jurisdictional Determination: Fowler Road



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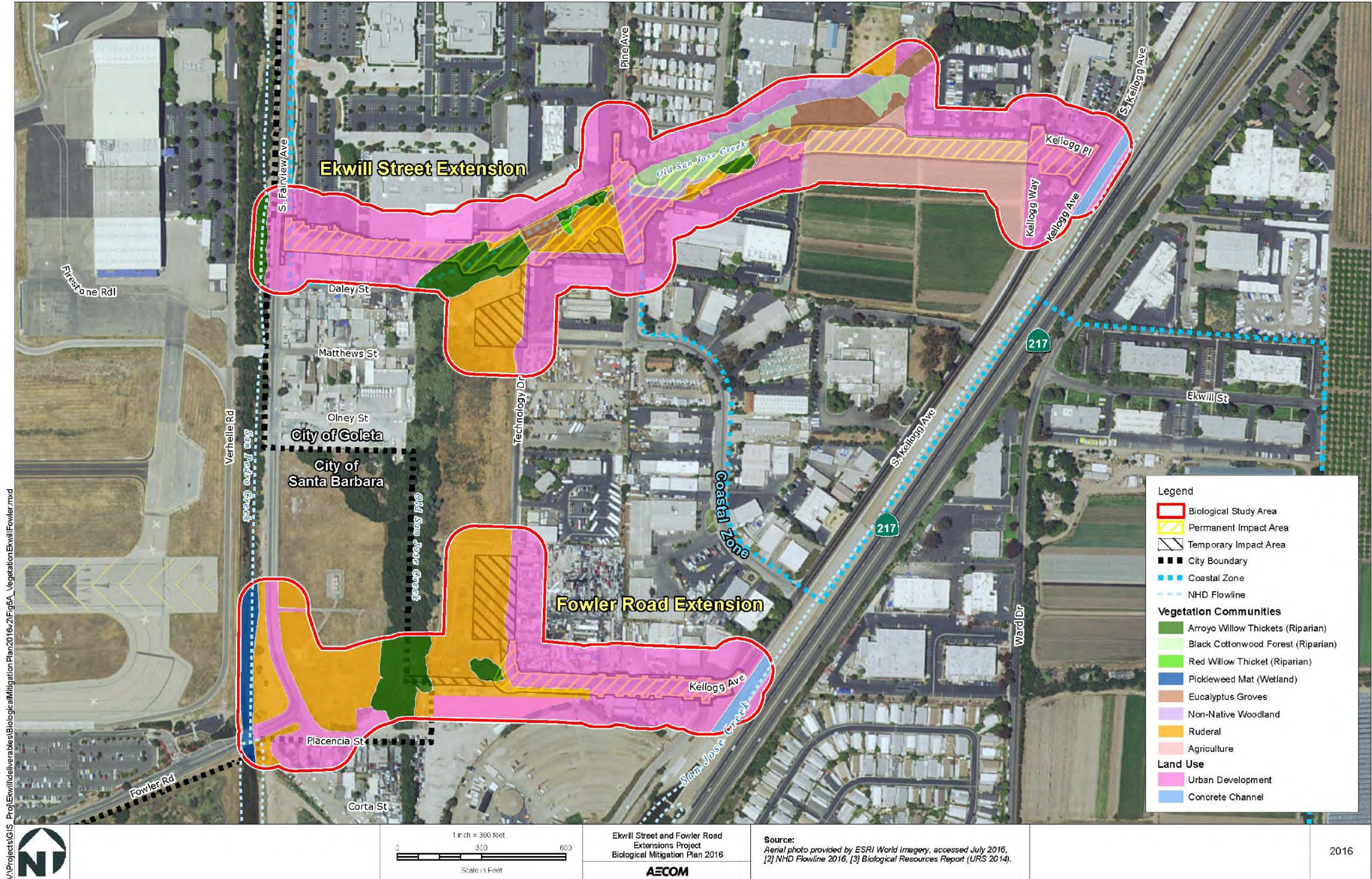


Figure 4c Jurisdictional Determination: Hollister Avenue



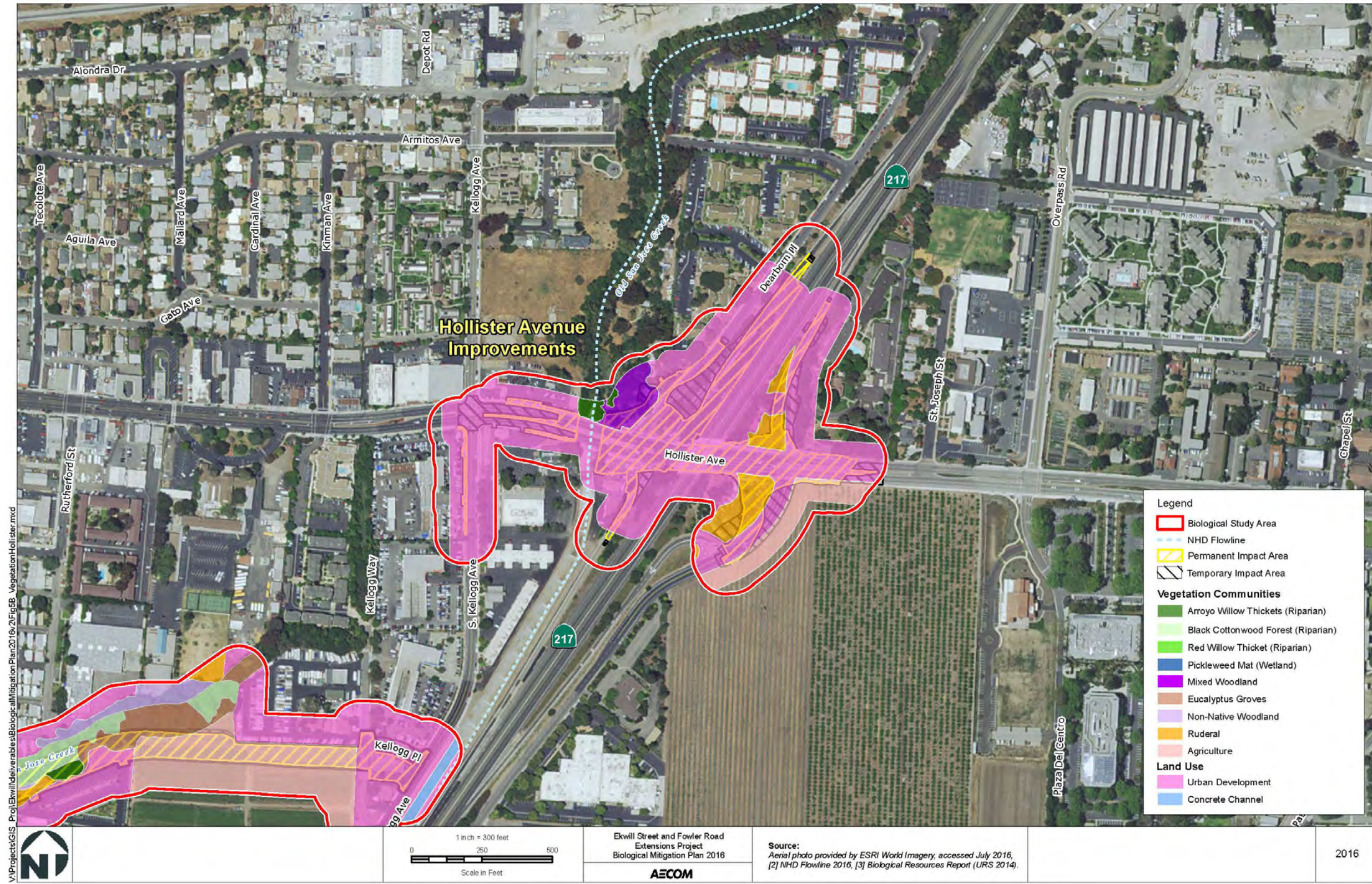
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Figure 5a Vegetation Communities: Ekwil Street and Fowler Road



Source: AECOM 2017, 2018

Figure 5b Vegetation Communities: Hollister Avenue



Source: AECOM 2018

Area consists of native pickleweed mats (*Salicornia pacifica* herbaceous alliance), a sensitive natural community, along San Pedro Creek. Other types of vegetation within the Study Area include mixed woodland, non-native eucalyptus groves, non-native woodland, and ruderal areas. See Figure 5a and Figure 5b for the vegetation communities and land covers. Old San Jose Creek provides habitat for many birds, including raptors; however, habitat for other wildlife is limited. The City of Goleta General Plan/Coastal Land Use Plan identifies Old San Jose Creek as an Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area (ESHA) due to its potential to support raptors. A complete list of wildlife species observed within the Study Area is provided in the Biological Resources Report. Seven special-status wildlife species, one invertebrate and six birds, were observed within the Study Area as detailed in the Biological Resources Report.

## 1.5 Project Jurisdictions and Regulatory Permits

The Project components would traverse several distinct jurisdictions requiring permits, notices, and approvals from the City of Goleta and state agencies, as shown in Table 3 below and illustrated on Figure 1 and Figure 2. The majority of the Project is within the jurisdiction of the City of Goleta, and the Hollister Avenue/State Route 217 interchange (on- and off-ramps) are within the Caltrans right-of-way. In addition, because the City of Goleta does not have a Local Coastal Program certified by the CCC, the CCC has jurisdiction over those portions of the Project within the Coastal Zone, encompassing the Fowler Road Extension component and portions of the Ekwil Street Extension.

Table 3 Land Use Permitting – Project Jurisdictions

Project Component	City of Goleta	Coastal Commission	Caltrans
Fowler Road Extension	X	X	
Ekwil Street Extension	X	X	
Hollister Avenue Improvements	X		X

Several agencies have permitting authority over various components of the Project. The federal, state, and local agencies/authority, and associated permits, notices, and approvals that have been issued or are in the process of being obtained prior to construction are listed below:

- City of Goleta
  - Development Plan
  - GC 65402 finding
  - Land Use Permit
- Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District
  - Permit or exemption for construction emissions and fugitive dust releases
- California Coastal Commission
  - Coastal Development Permit - No. 14-17-0264
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
  - Section 1600 Streambed Alteration Agreement - No. 1600-2014-0138-R5
- California Department of Transportation
  - Roadway Encroachment Permit

- California Office of Historic Preservation
  - Section 106 Consultation
- State Water Resources Control Board
  - Construction General Permit Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ
- Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
  - Section 401 Water Quality Certification – No. 34214WQ08
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
  - Section 404 Permit – No. SPL-2014-00509

## 2 Compensatory Mitigation Plan

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This section fulfills EIR Mitigation Measures NA-1 (Protection and Replacement of Riparian Habitat) and WE-2 (Wetland Habitat Restoration), which state that impacts to riparian habitat, streams, and wetlands must be mitigated. This compensatory mitigation plan provides details on mitigation requirements identified in the EIR and methods for implementing the mitigation. Additionally, this Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan satisfies requirements of the CCC, Corps, CDFW, and RWQCB. As described above, the regulatory agencies will review this Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan, and the City of Goleta will implement the plan in cooperation with a City of Goleta-approved biologist.

### 2.1 Mitigation Objectives

The objectives of this compensatory mitigation plan are to fulfill the requirements of EIR Mitigation Measure NA-1 in order to compensate for the loss of riparian habitat associated with the Project, and to satisfy requirements of the CCC, Corps, CDFW, and RWQCB, which have jurisdiction over activities affecting jurisdictional waters within the Project Area. In accordance with City of Goleta policy, impacts to riparian habitat within the City of Goleta will be mitigated within the City of Goleta, and impacts within the Coastal Zone will be mitigated within the Coastal Zone.

The Project would permanently impact 1.17 acres and temporarily impact 0.32 acre of riparian habitat as displayed in Figure 3. As required by Mitigation Measure NA-1, permanent loss of riparian vegetation, both within and outside the Coastal Zone, must be mitigated at a ratio of 3:1 with riparian habitat creation and/or restoration. Temporary impacts to riparian vegetation, both within and outside the Coastal Zone, must be mitigated at a ratio of 2:1 with riparian habitat creation and/or restoration. The mitigation area must include sufficient habitat creation to ensure no net loss of riparian vegetation. Table 4 below provides a summary of the permanent and temporary impacts to riparian vegetation within and outside of the Coastal Zone. Table 5 provides the mitigation requirements based on these impacts.

A total of 4.78 acres of riparian habitat will be restored to fulfill the mitigation requirements associated with the Project, comprised of 4.16 acres of mitigation associated with impacts to riparian vegetation and an additional 0.62 acre of mitigation associated with impacts to individual native trees as described below. Within the Coastal Zone, the Project will require 1.18 acres of mitigation for permanent impacts and 0.34 acre for temporary impacts, for a total of 1.51 acres of coastal riparian mitigation. Outside of the Coastal Zone, the Project will require 2.35 acres of mitigation for permanent impacts and 0.30 acre for temporary impacts, for a total of 2.65 acres of riparian mitigation.

Table 4 Project Impacts to Vegetation

Vegetation Community	Coastal Zone		Non-coastal Zone		Total Project Impact	
	Permanent Impact (Acres)	Temporary Impact (Acres)	Permanent Impact (Acres)	Temporary Impact (Acres)	Permanent Impact (Acres)	Temporary Impact (Acres)
<b>Riparian</b>						
Arroyo willow thickets	0.37	0.15	0.34	0.03	0.70	0.18
Black cottonwood forest	0	0	0.45	0.12	0.45	0.12
Red willow thickets	0.02	0.02		0	0.02	0.02
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0.39</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>0.78</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>1.17</b>	<b>0.32</b>
<b>Wetland<sup>1</sup></b>						
Pickleweed mats	0	0	N/A	N/A	0	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Non-native/Naturalized</b>						
Eucalyptus grove	0.12	0.06	0.33	0.10	0.46	0.16
Mixed woodland	0	0	0.24	0.09	0.24	0.09
Non-native woodland	0	0	0.19	<0.001	0.19	<0.001
Ruderal	0.72	2.09	0.82	0.22	1.55	2.31
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0.85</b>	<b>2.15</b>	<b>1.59</b>	<b>0.41</b>	<b>2.43</b>	<b>2.56</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.24</b>	<b>2.32</b>	<b>2.37</b>	<b>0.56</b>	<b>3.61</b>	<b>2.88</b>

<sup>1</sup> Wetland vegetation community as defined by CCC guidelines for wetland habitat. Not an indication of a Corps jurisdictional wetland.

Note: Ekwill Street and Fowler Road vegetation information is based on the Biological Resources Report (URS 2014) and the Hollister Avenue vegetation information is based on the EIR (Caltrans 2010), field data (URS 2013), and native tree inventory. Exact acreages were calculated using GIS, small discrepancies within the table are due to rounding.

Table 5 Summary of Riparian Habitat Mitigation Requirements

Impact Area	Mitigation Required for Permanent Impact (3:1 Ratio) (acres)	Mitigation Required for Temporary Impact (2:1 Ratio) (acres)	Total Riparian Mitigation Required (acres)
Coastal Zone	1.18	0.34	1.51
Non-coastal Zone	2.35	0.30	2.65
<b>Total Project</b>	<b>3.52</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>4.16</b>

Note: Exact acreages were calculated using GIS. Small discrepancies within the table are due to rounding.

Of the 4.16 acres required for mitigation for impacts to riparian vegetation, 3.94 acres is associated with the Ekwil Street Extension, 0.21 acre is associated with the Fowler Road Extension, and 0.01 acre is associated with the Hollister Avenue Improvements. In addition, 0.62 acre of mitigation lands are needed to further accommodate replacement trees that are required due to the removal of individual native trees.

Approximately 3.98 acres will be restored at the off-site mitigation site, and approximately 0.80 acre will be restored at the Project site, for a total of 4.78 acres. Additionally, restoration of approximately 0.13 acre will occur at the Project site to mitigate for temporary impacts to jurisdictional areas due to project-related activities. Notably, the full acreage required for mitigation (4.78 acres) will be accounted for at the off-site mitigation site and in areas adjacent to the Project site where no construction work will take place to ensure that adequate habitat, space, and timing for replacement trees is available without the need to rely on the temporary impact areas associated with the Project site. When completed, the proposed restoration of 5.1 acres would ensure a net gain in the acreage and function of coastal riparian habitat within the City of Goleta.

## 2.2 Site Selection

The EIR states that permanent loss of willow riparian woodland habitat must be mitigated by restoring riparian habitat, with top priority given to restoring areas along Old San Jose Creek where native riparian habitat is lacking due to invasion of non-native species. Habitat and trees removed in the Coastal Zone must be mitigated, with priority given to mitigation within the Coastal Zone. The EIR states that mitigation of impacts within the Coastal Zone must give priority to the following mitigation sites, listed in order of priority:

- Replacing patches of non-native species in the Project right-of-way with native riparian willows or scrub within the Old San Jose Creek corridor to expand the existing riparian canopy.
- Enhancing the habitat quality of Old San Jose Creek by removing invasive species and revegetating with native riparian species. There would be a substantial benefit to riparian habitat quality by removing highly invasive species such as giant reed (*Arundo donax*) from the entire Old San Jose Creek corridor.

The EIR further indicates that mitigation of impacts outside the Coastal Zone must include the following: enhancement, restoration, or a combination of the two, as described above.

Mitigation was first pursued in appropriate areas within the immediate vicinity of the Project. Two sites were identified near the Project Site (Fowler Road Drainage Ditch and Old San Jose Creek, Old San Jose Creek near East Ekwil Street) for a total of 0.80 acres. However, there were not enough suitable areas within the San Jose Creek and Old San Jose Creek watersheds to reach the full



mitigation acreage needed. Other areas under investigation in the vicinity were too small, fragmented, not owned by the City of Goleta, or not available for purchase.

Once the options for restoration along San Jose Creek and Old San Jose Creek were exhausted, the site located outside the watershed that was previously identified and approved in the 2016 Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (Devereux Creek and its northwestern tributary on Ellwood Mesa) was expanded to meet the required mitigation acreage. Devereux Creek and its tributary on Ellwood Mesa were selected by the City of Goleta to serve as the largest mitigation site because the riparian corridors are highly degraded due to invasion by non-native plants, restoration of erosional scars would improve water quality and reduce erosion, the site offers greater opportunities for public appreciation and involvement, and the site offers opportunities to improve habitat for the monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*), a sensitive species.

For these reasons, 0.49 acre will be restored along Fowler Road Drainage Ditch and Old San Jose Creek, which is located within the Coastal Zone and City of Goleta; 0.31 acre will be restored along Old San Jose Creek near East Ekwill Street, which is located near the Coastal Zone and within the City of Goleta; and 3.98 acres will be restored along the Devereux Creek and its tributary on Ellwood Mesa, which is located within the Coastal Zone and City of Goleta (see Section 2.4.1 and Figure 2). Although a minimum of 1.51 acres of mitigation is required to be within the Coastal Zone, a majority of the mitigation acreage (4.47 acres) will occur within the Coastal Zone. Photographs of the mitigation sites are provided in Appendix A.

In summary, mitigation for impacts associated with the Project will largely occur at Devereux Creek and its northwestern tributary (Ellwood Mesa), supplemented at Fowler Road Drainage Ditch and Old San Jose Creek, and Old San Jose Creek (East Ekwill Street). The full acreage needed for mitigation will be accounted for at the off-site mitigation site and in areas adjacent to the Project site where no construction work will take place to ensure that adequate habitat, space, and timing for replacement trees is available without the need to rely on the on-site temporary impact areas. See Table 6 for a summary of the alignments and associated mitigation sites.

Table 6 Summary of Mitigation Requirements by Project Component

	Total Mitigation (acres)
<b>Mitigation Required for Impact to Riparian Vegetation</b>	
Ekwill Street Extension	3.94
Fowler Road Extension	0.21
Hollister Avenue Improvements	0.01
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>4.16</b>
<b>Additional Mitigation Required for Impact to Individual Native Trees</b>	
All alignments	0.62
<b>Total Mitigation Proposed<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>4.78</b>

Note: exact acreages were calculated using GIS, small discrepancies within the table are due to rounding.

<sup>1</sup> Approximately 3.98 acres will be restored at the off-site mitigation site, and approximately 0.80 acre will be restored at the Project site, for a total of 4.78 acres. Additionally, restoration of approximately 0.13 acre will occur at the Project site to mitigate for temporary impacts to jurisdictional areas due to project-related activities, for a grand total of 5.1 acres.

## 2.3 Site Protection Instrument

The mitigation site along Devereux Creek and its tributary on Ellwood Mesa is located within City-owned property designated as open space by the City of Goleta and managed via the Ellwood-Devereux Coast Open Space and Habitat Management Plan (URS et al. 2004). The legal arrangements and instrument through which the other two mitigation sites will be protected long-term are in development and will be finalized prior to construction.

## 2.4 Mitigation Work Plan

This section details the restoration preparation and installation methods for the three proposed mitigation sites: Fowler Road Drainage Ditch and Old San Jose Creek, Old San Jose Creek at East Ekwill Street, and Devereux Creek and its northwestern tributary at Ellwood Mesa. Restoration preparation and implementation elements include the restoration approach, source of plant materials, seed storage, plant propagation, non-native plant removal, erosion control, plant installation methods, and plant protection. Maintenance and monitoring elements include the performance criteria, maintenance plan, monitoring plan, reporting requirements, and the restoration schedule.

The entirety of the riparian mitigation will occur within and near the Coastal Zone at the three proposed mitigation sites. Restoration will also occur at the Project site to mitigate for temporary impacts to jurisdictional areas due to Project-related activities.

### 2.4.1 Restoration Approach

As described above, a total of 4.78 acres of riparian habitat must be restored to fulfill the mitigation requirements associated with the Project (see Table 6). Approximately 2.44 acres has been identified for enhancement and 2.34 acres has been identified for creation (See Table 7). This Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan distinguishes riparian habitat creation from riparian enhancement based on the presence or absence of an existing riparian plant community. If riparian species are present in the area, but opportunities for improvement exist, restoration activities in the area are considered “enhancement” as the degraded aquatic resource (riparian vegetation) will be improved and restored. However, if the area currently lacks riparian vegetation, restoration activities in the area are considered “creation” as the aquatic resource (riparian vegetation) will be established. A summary of habitat to be enhanced and created is provided in Table 7.

When completed, the proposed restoration would ensure a net gain in the acreage and function of coastal riparian habitat. Riparian, marsh, and coastal scrub Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas (ESHA) will be enhanced as part of mitigation activities and monarch butterfly roosting, raptor roosting, and native grassland ESHA will be preserved. The restored lands will function similarly to the surrounding lands in terms of topography, hydrology, vegetation types, sensitive species present, and use by wildlife.

Table 7 Summary of Habitat to be Enhanced and Created

Habitat	Riparian Enhancement (acres)	Riparian Creation (acres)	Total
<b>Old San Jose Creek and Fowler Road Ditch</b>			
Arroyo Willow Woodland Understory	0.17		0.17
Channel Bank Mix		0.11	0.11
Channel Bottom		0.04	0.04
Coast live oak/Black walnut/Elderberry woodland mix		0.15	0.15
Riparian		0.02	0.02
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>0.32</b>	<b>0.49</b>
<b>Old San Jose Creek (Ekwil Street)</b>			
Arroyo Willow Woodland		0.31	0.31
<b>Devereux Creek and Northwestern Tributary (Ellwood Mesa)</b>			
Arroyo willow/black cottonwood/sycamore woodland and seasonal wetland mix	2.44	0.03	2.47
Coast live oak/black walnut/elderberry woodland mix		0.92	0.92
Sandbar willow/Mulefat erosion control mix		0.40	0.40
Sandbar willow/Mulefat		0.20	0.20
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>2.44</b>	<b>1.54</b>	<b>3.98</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2.62</b>	<b>2.16</b>	<b>4.78</b>

Note: The total acreage required for riparian mitigation is 4.16 acres for impacts within and outside the Coastal Zone. Approximately 3.98 acres will be restored at the off-site mitigation sites, and approximately 0.80 acre will be restored at the Project site, for a total of 4.78 acres. Additionally, restoration of approximately 0.13 acre will occur at the Project site to mitigate for temporary impacts to jurisdictional areas due to project-related activities, for a grand total of 5.1 acres. Exact acreages were calculated using GIS, small discrepancies within the table are due to rounding.

### 2.4.1.1 Fowler Road Drainage Ditch and Old San Jose Creek

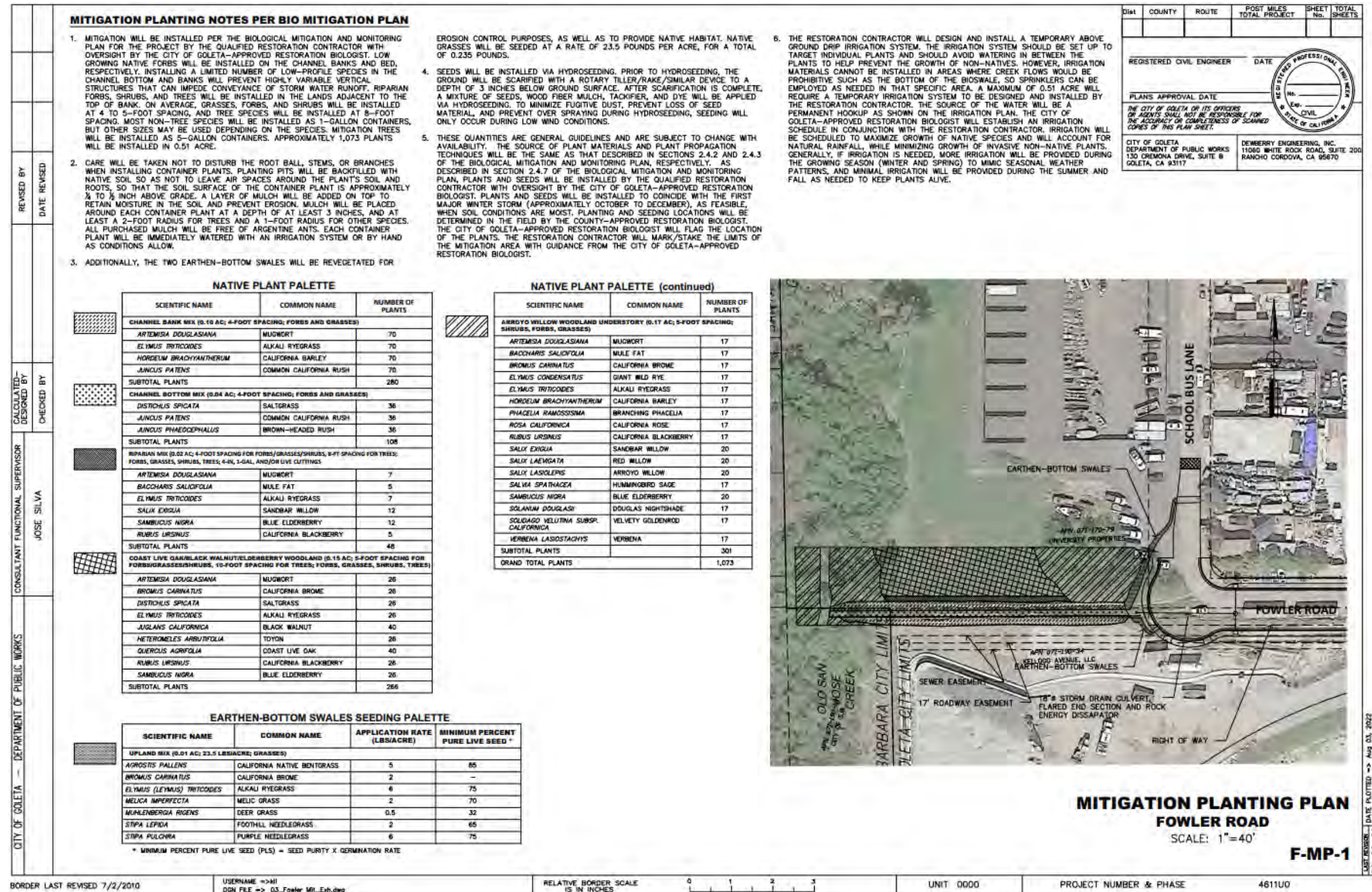
Fowler Road Drainage Ditch and Old San Jose Creek, located within the Coastal Zone, will be restored as described below (see Figure 6a, Figure 6b, and Figure 6c). At the request of CCC staff, the Fowler Road Drainage Ditch Restoration Plan (AECOM 2017a) was submitted and approved by CCC as part of issuance of the Coastal Development Permit in March 2018 after the 2016 Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan was approved. The Fowler Road Drainage Ditch Restoration Plan, summarized herein, provided further details on the design of the bioswale proposed along the drainage ditch between the western terminus of the Fowler Road Extension and Old San Jose Creek. Subsequent to CCC approval of the original Fowler Road Drainage Ditch Restoration Plan, the restoration site has been expanded in size to accommodate further riparian restoration.

#### Baseline Conditions

At the western terminus of the Fowler Road Extension, an unnamed ditch drains to Old San Jose Creek. The drainage ditch is dominated by ruderal plant species throughout most of its length; however, there is a small arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*) thicket present at its eastern terminus.

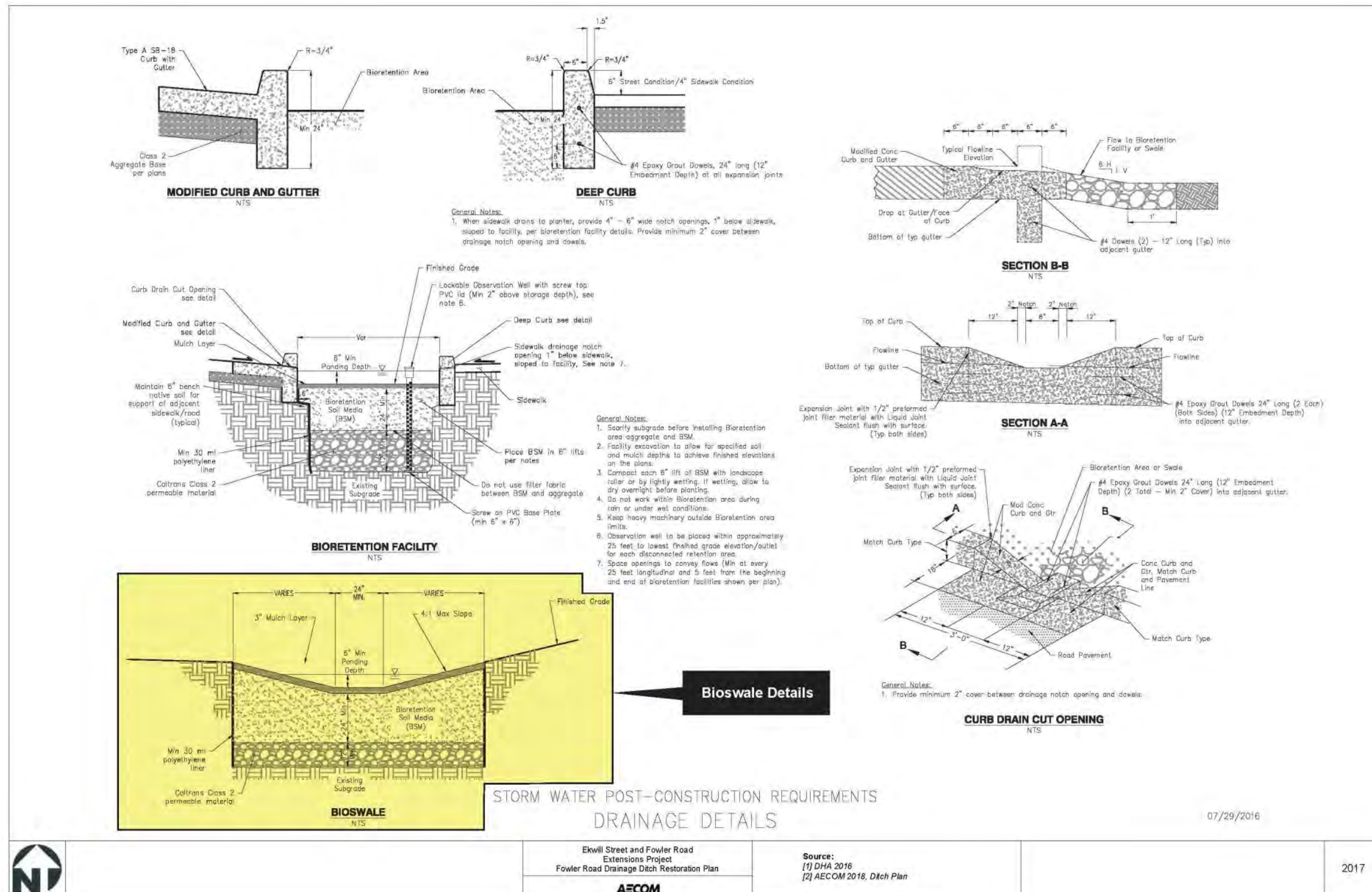
Arroyo willow thickets occur along both sides of Old San Jose Creek within the Fowler Road Biological Study Area. Dominant species within the herbaceous layer include native understory species California blackberry (*Rubus ursinus*), mugwort (*Artemisia douglasiana*), poison oak

Figure 6a Restoration Plan: Fowler Road Drainage Ditch and Old San Jose Creek (Engineering Planting Plan)



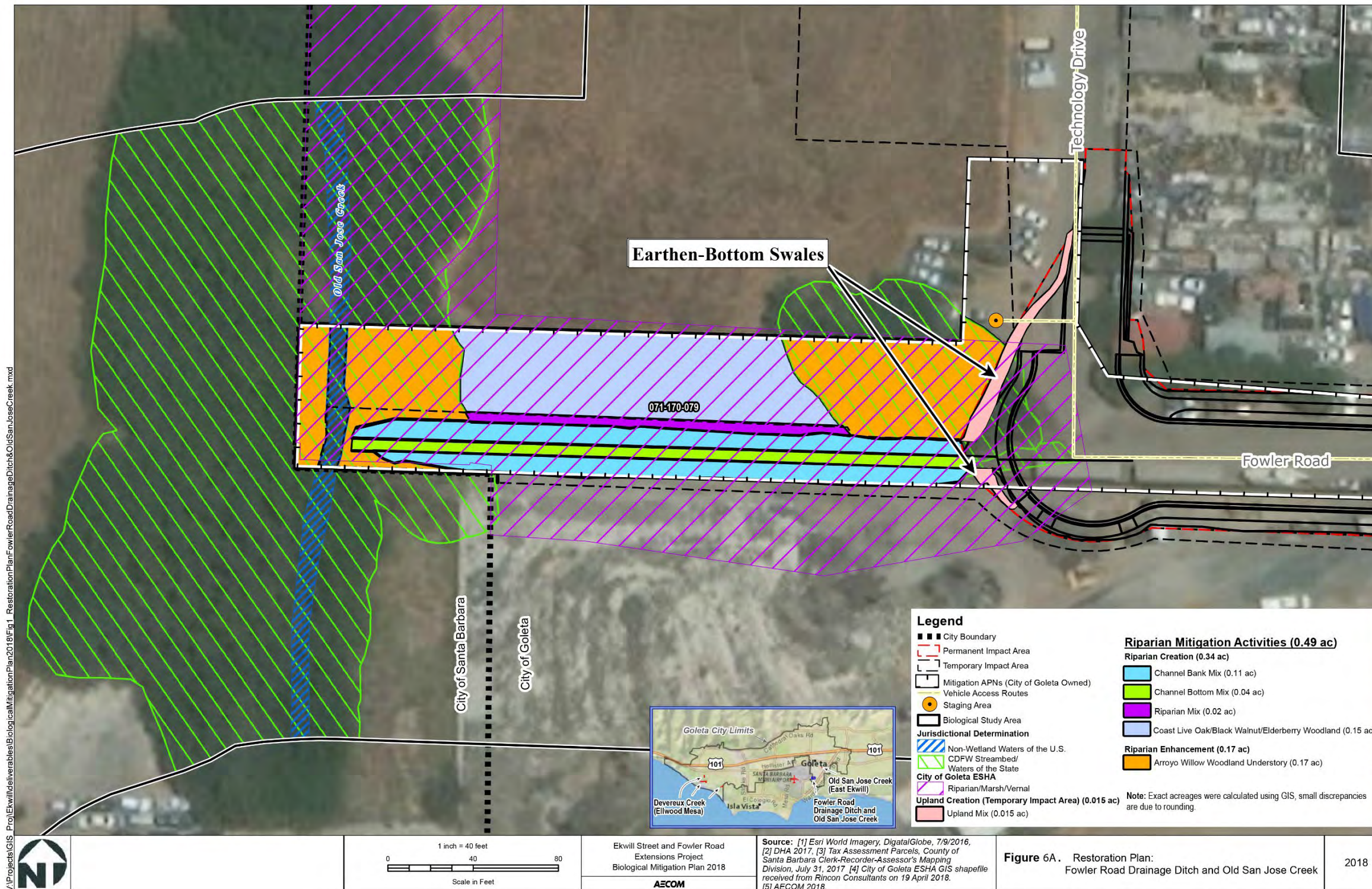
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Figure 6b Restoration Plan: Fowler Road Drainage Ditch and Old San Jose Creek (Engineering Drainage Details)



Source: AECOM 2018, DHA 2022

Figure 6c Restoration Plan: Fowler Road Drainage Ditch and Old San Jose Creek (Restoration Layout)



Source: AECOM 2018, DHA 2022

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(*Toxicodendron diversilobum*), and branching phacelia (*Phacelia ramosissima*), and non-native species including giant reed (*Arundo donax*), cape ivy (*Delairea odorata*), nasturtium (*Tropaeolum majus*), periwinkle (*Vinca major*), and castor bean (*Ricinus communis*), among others. Additionally, small native black cottonwood (*Populus trichocarpa*) trees occur as a component of the arroyo willow thickets. Elevations range from 5 feet in the western portion of the site to 15 feet in the eastern portion.

### Bioswale Engineering Design

For the required treatment of post-construction runoff from impervious surfaces, the Project will implement a natural filtration device (bioswale) that will be sited roughly within the same limits as the unnamed drainage ditch that currently provides a natural path for runoff between the end of the existing roadway to Old San Jose Creek (see Figure 6a). The bioswale will allow infiltration of storm water into the soil for water quality treatment, as well as temporary storage of peak runoff flows from the additional impervious surface resulting from the extension of Fowler Road. This type of passive/natural capture and filtration design is superior to mechanical or proprietary device options, which pose maintenance problems and may not treat all of the pollutants of concern, and often do not treat runoff as efficiently. Additionally, the proposed design would provide riparian habitat.

The bioswale will be constructed to the dimensions shown on the plans (see Figure 6b) by excavating the native soils to depth and installing a polyethylene liner along the edges. The polyethylene liner will facilitate infiltration of the treated runoff into the soil and support the reestablishment of vegetation along the ditch. Following installation of the polyethylene liner, 12 inches of permeable material will be laid, followed by bioretention soil media (BSM). Select native material that meets the specifications for BSM will be augmented with imported material and placed above the permeable material. A layer of mulch will be added on top to retain moisture in the soil and prevent erosion. Plants selected for their ability to withstand periodic inundation will be planted in the bioswale to help treat and absorb the runoff from the adjacent roadway. The bioswale was designed so that long-term or future maintenance of the feature will not be required, i.e., construction of the swale will be a one-time effort conducted during installation, nor will vegetation be pruned or cleared.

Runoff from the western end of Fowler Road will be conveyed to the bioswale from a roadside bioretention area and curb and gutter system through an 18-inch-diameter pipe (see Figure 6c). An approximate 2-foot by 3-foot splash pad or energy dissipater will be placed at the downstream terminus of the pipe to slow flows prior to their release into the bioswale. Two narrow and shallow earthen-bottom swales will be constructed to convey direct rainfall and localized flows not captured by the stormwater system to the bioswale (see Figure 6a). The earthen-bottom swales will be designed to perpetuate the existing drainage pattern that would otherwise be disrupted by the construction of the road. These conveyance systems are included within the permanent impact footprint as shown on Figure 4b.

### Restoration Treatments

Approximately 0.49 acres of City of Goleta property is proposed for mitigation along Fowler Road Drainage Ditch and Old San Jose Creek (see Figure 6c). Restoration of this area aims to expand the extent and functional capacity of the riparian corridor by increasing native species diversity and abundance along an otherwise unvegetated or non-native species-dominated drainage ditch. The edge of the riparian woodland would be expanded and enhanced with a variety of native tree



species that provide important food and shelter sources for a variety of wildlife species. The function of the Old San Jose Creek riparian corridor would be improved as it is highly invaded by non-native plants and shows altered hydrology from land uses in the immediate vicinity. The creation of the bioswale will allow infiltration of stormwater into the soil for water quality treatment, as well as attenuation of peak runoff flows from adjacent impervious areas.

Approximately 0.17 acres have been identified for riparian habitat enhancement. Along the main stem of Old San Jose Creek and the eastern end of the drainage ditch, the understory of the existing arroyo willows will be restored with riparian and seasonal wetland species.

Approximately 0.32 acre has been identified for riparian habitat creation. The native plant species selected for installation within the bioswale were carefully chosen for their ability to tolerate temporary inundation as well as their ability to effectively filter pollutants. Low growing native forbs will be installed on the channel banks and bed. Installing a limited number of low profile species in the channel bottom and banks will prevent highly variable vertical structures that can impede conveyance of storm water runoff. Riparian forbs, shrubs, and trees will be installed in the lands adjacent to the top of bank, including arroyo willow and sandbar willow (*Salix exigua*). In the highly disturbed ruderal area to the north, transitional riparian habitat suited for drier conditions will be restored with coast live oaks (*Quercus agrifolia*), Southern California black walnut (*Juglans californica*), blue elderberry (*Sambucus nigra*), and an understory of riparian woodland species will be installed. Figure 6a, Figure 6b, and Figure 6c illustrates the location of each restoration habitat type and Table 8 provides the mix of plants and quantities proposed for each riparian/wetland habitat type to be created or enhanced. These plant quantities, with the exception of the number of trees required to be replaced as detailed in Section 3.0, are general guidelines and are subject to change with the development of more detailed landscape plans, and are dependent on the availability of container stock propagated in the nursery. See Sections 2.4.2 through 2.4.8 for details on preparation and installation techniques.

Additional restoration techniques proposed for the enhancement and creation areas include removing non-native understory species and removing trash and debris throughout the entirety of the mitigation site.

#### Revegetation Treatments (Not Part of Mitigation Effort)

Although not part of the riparian mitigation effort, the two earthen-bottom swales that lead to the bioswale will be revegetated for erosion control purposes, as well as to provide native habitat. As these swales will be constructed in uplands and only convey water during storms, riparian vegetation would not persist. Therefore, native upland grasses will be installed. The area to be revegetated within the proposed earthen-bottom swales totals approximately 0.01 acre. Native grasses will be seeded at a rate of 23.5 pounds per acre, for a total of 0.235 pounds. Figure 6c illustrates the location of the revegetation treatment and Table 9 provides the species and quantities proposed. These quantities are general guidelines and are subject to change with availability.

Seeds will be installed via hydroseeding. Prior to hydroseeding, the ground will be scarified with a rotary tiller/rake/similar device to a depth of 3 inches below ground surface. After scarification is complete, a mixture of seeds, wood fiber mulch, tackifier, and dye will be applied via hydroseeding. To minimize fugitive dust, prevent loss of seed material, and prevent over spraying during hydroseeding, seeding will only occur during low wind conditions.

Table 8 Plant Palette – Fowler Road Drainage Ditch and Old San Jose Creek

Scientific Name	Common Name	Number of Plants
<b>Arroyo Willow Woodland Understory (0.17 ac; 5-foot spacing; shrubs, forbs, grasses)</b>		
<i>Artemisia douglasiana</i>	mugwort	17
<i>Baccharis salicifolia</i>	mule fat	17
<i>Bromus carinatus</i>	California brome	17
<i>Elymus condensatus</i>	giant wild rye	17
<i>Elymus triticoides</i>	alkali ryegrass	17
<i>Hordeum brachyantherum</i>	California barley	17
<i>Phacelia ramossisima</i>	branching phacelia	17
<i>Rosa californica</i>	California rose	17
<i>Rubus ursinus</i>	California blackberry	17
<i>Salix exigua</i>	sandbar willow	20
<i>Salix laevigata</i>	red willow	20
<i>Salix lasiolepis</i>	arroyo willow	20
<i>Salvia spathacea</i>	hummingbird sage	17
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	blue elderberry	20
<i>Solanum douglasii</i>	Douglas nightshade	17
<i>Solidago velutina</i> subsp. <i>californica</i>	velvety goldenrod	17
<i>Verbena lasiostachys</i>	verbena	17
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>301</b>
<b>Coast Live Oak/Black Walnut/Elderberry Woodland (0.15 ac; 5-foot spacing for forbs/grasses/shrubs, 10-foot spacing for trees; forbs, grasses, shrubs, trees)</b>		
<i>Artemisia douglasiana</i>	mugwort	26
<i>Bromus carinatus</i>	California brome	26
<i>Distichlis spicata</i>	saltgrass	26
<i>Elymus triticoides</i>	alkali ryegrass	26
<i>Juglans californica</i>	black walnut	40
<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	toyon	26
<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	coast live oak	40
<i>Rubus ursinus</i>	California blackberry	26
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	blue elderberry	26
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>266</b>
<b>Channel Bank Mix (0.10 ac; 4-foot spacing; forbs and grasses)</b>		
<i>Artemisia douglasiana</i>	Mugwort	70
<i>Elymus triticoides</i>	Alkali ryegrass	70
<i>Hordeum brachyantherum</i>	California barley	70
<i>Juncus patens</i>	Common California rush	70
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>280</b>

Scientific Name	Common Name	Number of Plants
<b>Channel Bottom Mix (0.04 ac; 4-foot spacing; forbs and grasses)</b>		
<i>Distichlis spicata</i>	Saltgrass	36
<i>Juncus patens</i>	Common California rush	36
<i>Juncus phaeocephalus</i>	Brown-headed rush	36
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>108</b>
<b>Riparian Mix (0.02 ac; 4-foot spacing for forbs/grasses/shrubs, 8-ft spacing for trees; forbs, grasses, shrubs, trees; 4-in, 1-gal, and/or live cuttings)</b>		
<i>Artemisia douglasiana</i>	Mugwort	7
<i>Baccharis salicifolia</i>	Mule fat	5
<i>Elymus triticoides</i>	Alkali ryegrass	7
<i>Salix exigua</i>	Sandbar willow	12
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Blue elderberry	12
<i>Rubus ursinus</i>	California blackberry	5
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>48</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,003</b>

Table 9 Seeding Palette – Earthen-bottom Swales

Scientific Name	Common Name	Application Rate (lbs/acre)	Minimum Percent Pure Live Seed <sup>1</sup>
<b>Upland Mix (0.01 ac; 23.5 lbs/acre; grasses)</b>			
<i>Agrostis pallens</i>	California native bentgrass	5	85
<i>Bromus carinatus</i>	California brome	2	–
<i>Elymus (Leymus) triticoides</i>	Alkali ryegrass	6	75
<i>Melica imperfecta</i>	Melic grass	2	70
<i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i>	Deer grass	0.5	32
<i>Stipa lepida</i>	Foothill needlegrass	2	65
<i>Stipa pulchra</i>	Purple needlegrass	6	75

<sup>1</sup> Minimum Percent Pure Live Seed (PLS) = Seed Purity x Germination Rate

### 2.4.1.2 Old San Jose Creek at East Ekwil Street

Old San Jose Creek at East Ekwil Street, located outside yet near the Coastal Zone, will be restored as described below (see Figure 6b).

#### Baseline Conditions

Within the Ekwil Street Extension Biological Study Area, arroyo willow thickets are dominant along the southern section of Old San Jose Creek, with few smaller populations located within the riparian area upstream. Red willow (*Salix laevigata*) thickets are the dominant vegetation community along Old San Jose Creek east of Pine Avenue. This community is dominated by red willow in the tree and sapling/shrub layer with intermittent individuals of native mugwort and California blackberry, and non-native species including castor bean, Bermuda grass (*Cynodon dactylon*), cheeseweed (*Malva parviflora*), poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum*), and cape ivy are present within the herbaceous layer. Black cottonwood (*Populus trichocarpa*) forest occurs east of Pine Avenue; the black

cottonwood trees are mature, reaching up to 100 feet (30 meters) in height. California blackberry (*Rubus ursinus*) and mugwort (*Artemisia douglasiana*) are dominant in the understory. Anthropogenic debris can be common in the upstream portion of the creek. Elevation is 20 feet.

### Restoration Treatments

Approximately 0.31 acres of City of Goleta property is proposed for mitigation along Old San Jose Creek adjacent to the Ekwil Street alignment (see Figure 6b). Restoration of this area aims to expand the extent and functional capacity of the riparian corridor by increasing native species diversity and abundance along an otherwise non-native species-dominated creek. The edge of the riparian woodland would be expanded and enhanced with a variety of native tree species, which provide important food and shelter sources for a variety of wildlife species.

Approximately 0.31 acres have been identified for riparian habitat creation. Along the outer edge of the existing riparian canopy, a highly disturbed area will be restored with arroyo willow woodland. Native riparian tree species, including arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*), red willow (*Salix laevigata*), black cottonwood (*Populus trichocarpa*), and western sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*), and an understory of seasonal wetland species will be installed.

Figure 6b illustrates the location of each restoration habitat type and Table 10 provides the mix of plants and quantities proposed for each riparian/wetland habitat type to be created or enhanced. These plant quantities, with the exception of the number of trees required to be replaced as detailed in Section 3.0, are general guidelines and are subject to change with the development of more detailed landscape plans and dependent on the availability of the species propagated in the nursery. See Sections 2.4.2 through 2.4.8 for details on preparation and installation techniques.

Additional restoration techniques proposed for the enhancement and creation areas include removing non-native understory species and removing trash and debris throughout the entirety of the mitigation site.

A monarch butterfly aggregation site was recently documented along Old San Jose Creek in the mature eucalyptus trees that are located to the west and beyond the proposed restoration site and to the north and beyond the Ekwil Street footprint. This site is known as Site 114 and is fully described in Monarch Butterfly Overwintering Sites, Santa Barbara County (Meade et al. 2017). The site is an autumnal site, or a transitory site, meaning monarchs temporarily roost here before moving onto more suitable overwintering habitat. The site has been surveyed regularly since 2015, with the number of monarchs ranging widely with zero in 2015, 140 in 2016, 0 in 2017, and 2 in 2018 (Xerces Society 2019). The eucalyptus trees that comprise this site will not be removed during restoration activities or Project-related construction. Although these eucalyptus will not be removed as part of Project-related activities, the City of Goleta-approved biologist will conduct pre-construction surveys for this monarch site and employ avoidance measures per Mitigation Measure AN-4 (Monarch Butterfly Surveys and Avoidance) as described in Sections 4.2 and 5.3 of this Biological Monitoring and Mitigation Plan. If roosting monarch populations are discovered during pre-construction surveys or during construction activities, the City of Goleta will be notified and these areas will be marked on an aerial map that will be provided to the construction crew on a weekly basis. Additionally, the area occupied by monarchs will be fenced off with environmentally sensitive area fencing per Mitigation Measure NA-1 (Protection of Riparian Habitat) as described in Section 5.1 of this Biological Monitoring and Mitigation Plan.

Table 10 Plant Palette – Old San Jose Creek at East Ekwill Street

Scientific Name	Common Name	Number of Plants
<b>Arroyo Willow Woodland Understory (0.31 ac; 4-foot spacing for forbs/grasses/shrubs, 8-foot spacing for trees; forbs, grasses, shrubs, and trees)</b>		
<i>Artemisia douglasiana</i>	mugwort	40
<i>Baccharis salicifolia</i>	mule fat	40
<i>Bromus carinatus</i>	California brome	35
<i>Distichlis spicata</i>	saltgrass	50
<i>Elymus condensatus</i>	giant wild rye	30
<i>Elymus triticoides</i>	alkali ryegrass	50
<i>Hordeum brachyantherum</i>	California barley	30
<i>Juncus patens</i>	common California rush	40
<i>Phacelia ramosissima</i>	branching phacelia	30
<i>Platanus racemosa</i>	western sycamore	50
<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	black cottonwood	100
<i>Rosa californica</i>	California rose	30
<i>Rubus ursinus</i>	California blackberry	35
<i>Salix exigua</i>	sandbar willow	12
<i>Salix laevigata</i>	red willow	50
<i>Salix lasiolepis</i>	arroyo willow	100
<i>Salvia spathacea</i>	hummingbird sage	30
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	blue elderberry	12
<i>Solanum douglasii</i>	Douglas nightshade	30
<i>Solidago velutina</i> subsp. <i>californica</i>	velvety goldenrod	30
<i>Verbena lasiostachys</i>	verbena	30
<b>Total</b>		<b>854</b>

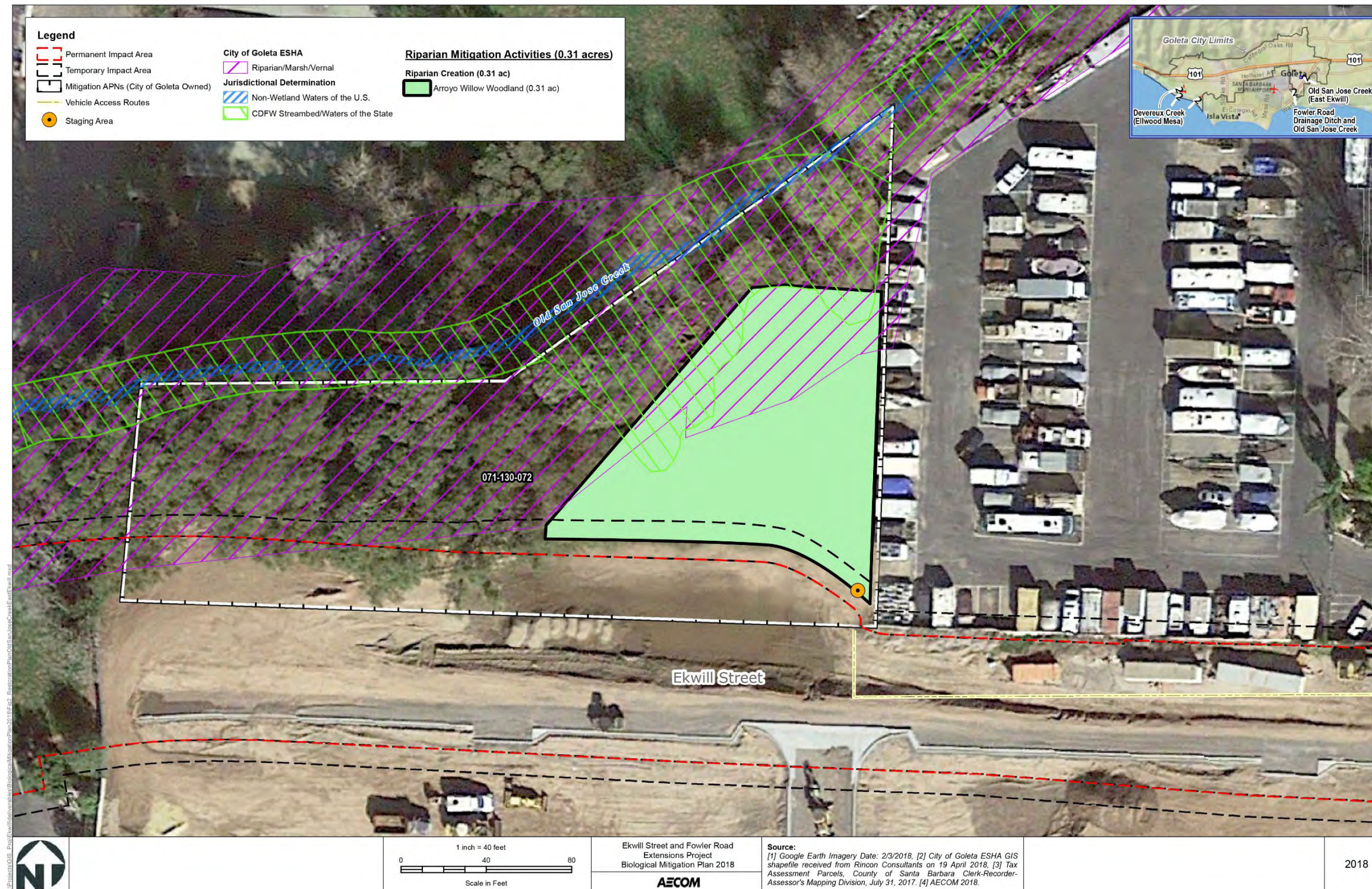
### 2.4.1.3 Devereux Creek at Ellwood Mesa

Devereux Creek and its northwestern tributary on Ellwood Mesa, located within the Coastal Zone, will be restored as described below (see Figure 6d).

#### Baseline Conditions

The majority of Devereux Creek is dominated by eucalyptus trees (*Eucalyptus* spp.) with a mix of other ornamental trees (primarily a non-native ash species [*Fraxinus uehdei*]), and a highly invasive understory consisting primarily of cape ivy (*Delairea odorata*), English ivy (*Hedera helix*), garden nasturtium (*Tropaeolum majus*), and Bermuda buttercup (*Oxalis pes-caprae*). Because the non-native eucalyptus trees throughout Devereux Creek and its tributaries provide habitat for the monarch butterfly, it is important that this habitat remains and restoration implementation minimizes impacts to and enhances habitat for the monarch butterfly. Native monarch butterfly nectar sources are extremely limited, as are native tree, understory, and wetland species. Elevations range from 6 feet in the eastern portion of the site, to 50 feet in the western portion, to 60 feet in the northern portion.

Figure 6d Restoration Plan: Old San Jose Creek at East Ekwil Street



Source: AECOM 2018

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The portion of the mitigation site along the northwestern tributary to Devereux Creek is dominated by non-native species in some areas and is devoid of vegetation in other areas due to pedestrian traffic. Two erosional scars direct water into the tributary; a large scar is located to the north, and a smaller scar is located to the south. The erosional scars support some degree of native vegetation, including coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*) and California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*). Adjacent to these scars are highly disturbed ruderal areas dominated by non-native grasses.

The western portion of the mitigation site along the main stem of Devereux Creek is partially restored, yet the area is highly disturbed along the channel and floodplain. Although limited native vegetation is present, non-native species, such as fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*) and Bermuda grass (*Cynodon dactylon*), have become established throughout the area. Adjacent and to and northeast of this area is a highly disturbed ruderal area dominated by non-native grasses.

The eastern portion of the mitigation site along the main stem of Devereux Creek supports some native herbaceous vegetation, yet the adjacent floodplain is highly disturbed. One erosional scar directs water into the creek; the scar is located to the southwest. The erosional scar supports some degree of native vegetation, including coyote brush, but a majority of it is barren and some fennel has become established. Adjacent to these scars are highly disturbed ruderal areas dominated by non-native grasses.

Although eucalyptus trees are located adjacent to portions of the mitigation site, none are established within the mitigation site. These adjacent individuals are not expected to be problematic for restoration in regards to shading or allelopathic interference.

## Restoration Treatments

Approximately 3.98 acres of City of Goleta property are proposed for mitigation along Devereux Creek and along a northwestern tributary near Kestrel Lane (see Figure 6e).

Restoration of this area aims to expand the extent and functional capacity of the riparian corridor by increasing native species diversity and abundance along an otherwise non-native species-dominated creek, as well as three partially unvegetated erosional scars. The edge of the riparian woodland would be expanded and enhanced with a variety of native tree species, such as coast live oaks (*Quercus agrifolia*) and Southern California black walnut (*Juglans californica*), which provide important food and shelter sources for a variety of wildlife species. Monarch butterfly habitat will also be enhanced by providing nectar species, as well as potential future roosting habitat, for the individuals that currently roost and cluster in the adjacent eucalyptus stands. Monarch butterfly nectar species such as bush monkeyflower (*Mimulus aurantiacus*), velvety goldenrod (*Solidago velutina* subsp. *californica*), and verbena (*Verbena lasiostachys*) will be installed throughout the restoration areas. Several erosional features will be revegetated, reducing sediment deposition and improving water quality. Riparian, marsh, and coastal scrub ESHA will be enhanced. Monarch butterfly roosting, raptor roosting, and native grassland ESHA will be preserved.

Approximately 2.44 acres have been identified for riparian habitat enhancement. Along the main stem of Devereux Creek, the partially restored reach retains some disturbed channel and floodplain that will be restored with arroyo willow woodland and seasonal wetland habitat. Native riparian tree species, including arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*), red willow (*Salix laevigata*), black cottonwood (*Populus trichocarpa*), and western sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*), and an understory of seasonal wetland species will be installed.



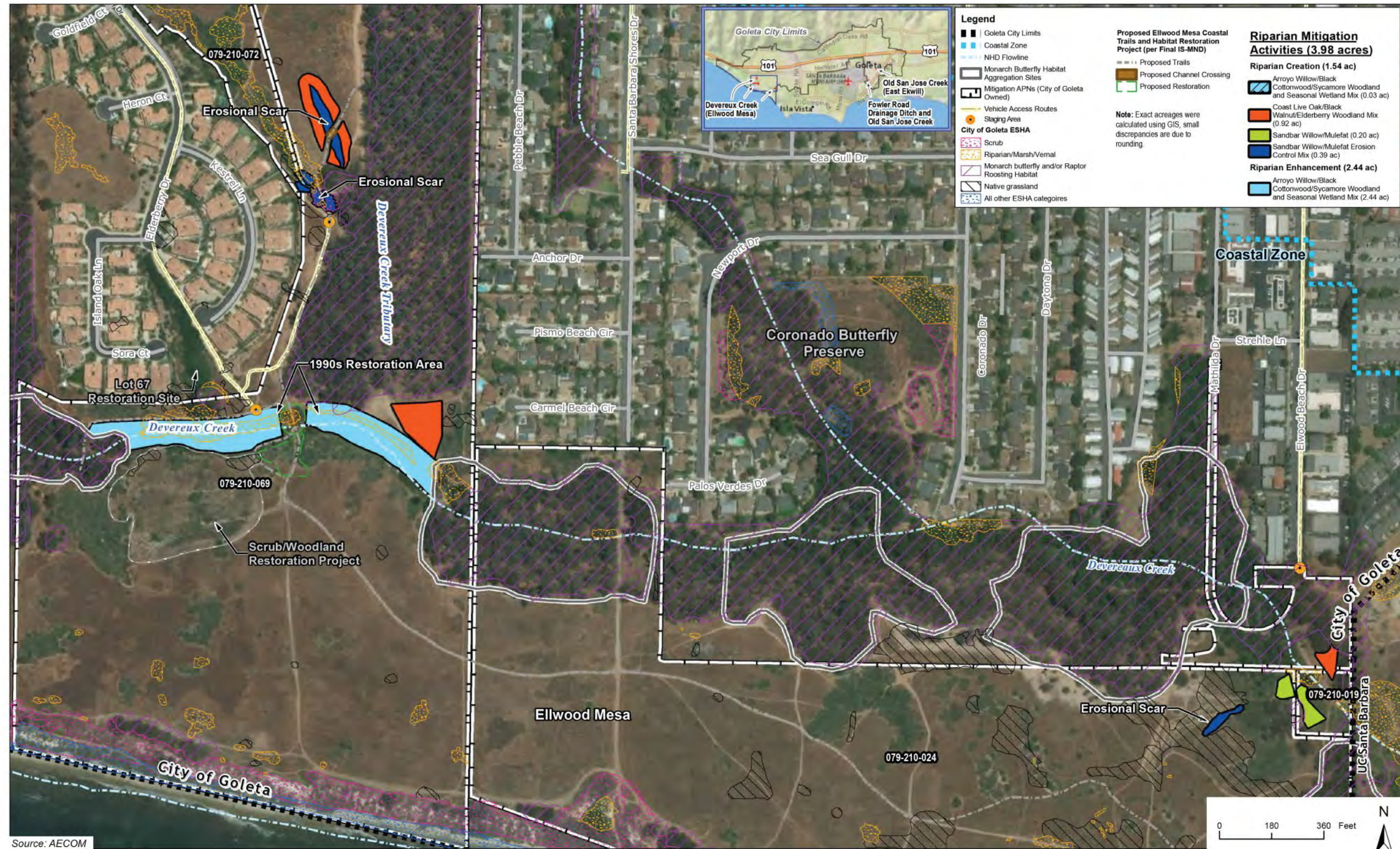
Approximately 1.54 acres have been identified for riparian habitat creation. Along the northwestern tributary to Devereux Creek, several highly disturbed erosional features will be restored with riparian woodland habitat specifically designed to reduce erosion. Species will include shrubs and grasses with beneficial erosion control properties. Native riparian tree species, including arroyo willow, red willow, black cottonwood, and western sycamore, and an understory of seasonal wetland species will be installed along the wetter portion of the tributary to Devereux Creek, specifically in the southern-most erosional scar. The associated adjacent ruderal areas will be restored with coast live oak habitat. Along the western and eastern portions of the restoration areas along Devereux Creek, the upland areas adjacent to the mainstem will be restored with coast live oak woodland habitat where ruderal vegetation is currently present. Coast live oaks, Southern California black walnut, blue elderberry, and an understory of riparian woodland species will be installed. Along the eastern portion of the restoration area along Devereux Creek, sandbar willow and mulefat will be installed along the floodplain terrace, which is situated slightly higher in elevation than the mainstem. The erosional scar that feeds into the eastern portion of the restoration site along Devereux Creek will be restored with riparian woodland habitat specifically designed to reduce erosion. Species will include shrubs and grasses with beneficial erosion control properties.

Figure 6e illustrates the location of each restoration habitat type and Table 11 provides the mix of plants and quantities proposed for each riparian/wetland habitat type to be created or enhanced. These plant quantities, with the exception of the number of trees required to be replaced as detailed in Section 3.0, are general guidelines and are subject to change with the development of more detailed landscape plans and dependent on the availability of container stock propagated in the nursery. See Sections 2.4.2 through 2.4.8 for details on preparation and installation techniques.

Additional restoration techniques proposed for the enhancement and creation areas include removing non-native understory species, removing a few non-native ash trees, and removing trash and debris throughout the entirety of the mitigation site. No eucalyptus trees or mature non-native trees other than ash will be removed, in an effort to preserve monarch butterfly habitat.

The proposed restoration approach is consistent with the proposed City of Goleta's Ellwood Mesa/Sperling Preserve Open Space Monarch Butterfly Habitat Management Plan (City of Goleta 2019a) because the proposed restoration avoids siting native tree installation activities in areas with known monarch habitat aggregations, avoids eucalyptus removal, and avoids affecting the entirety of the existing eucalyptus groves on Ellwood Mesa. Installing trees or large shrubs within monarch habitat aggregations may negatively affect monarchs, as large species could fill the mid-story, thereby eliminating the open air space/pathways used by monarchs. As described above, eucalyptus trees or large non-native trees other than ash trees will not be removed in an effort to preserve monarch butterfly habitat. Monarch butterflies utilize the eucalyptus trees on Ellwood Mesa for patrolling, basking, and nectaring, and for overwintering. Since it is difficult to determine how removal of any viable eucalyptus trees would impact monarch butterfly habitat, no trees will be removed or trimmed. Removal of a few non-native ash trees is proposed because it is likely to be helpful to the monarchs since these trees clog the mid-story, reducing open air space/pathways. As mature trees, ash trees spread seeds through airborne dispersal mechanisms, readily multiplying and further degrading the riparian habitats. Tree removal will not occur during the monarch butterfly aggregation season (October 1 through March 31). The proposed restoration approach is also consistent with the proposed Ellwood Mesa Trails and Habitat Restoration Project (AMEC 2014) by avoiding areas that will be restored as part of that effort.

Figure 6e Restoration Plan: Devereux Creek at Ellwood Mesa



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Table 11 Plant Palette – Devereux Creek at Ellwood Mesa

Scientific Name	Common Name	Arroyo Willow/ Black Cottonwood/ Sycamore Woodland and Seasonal Wetland Mix	Coast Live Oak/ Black Walnut/ Elderberry Woodland Mix	Sandbar willow/ Mulefat	Sandbar Willow and Mulefat Erosion Control Mix	Subtotal
<b>Riparian Trees</b>						
<i>Juglans californica</i>	Black walnut		200			200
<i>Platanus racemosa</i>	Western sycamore	100				100
<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Black cottonwood	100	100			200
<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Coast live oak		200			200
<i>Quercus lobata</i>	Valley oak					0
<i>Salix exigua</i>	Sandbar willow			100	120	220
<i>Salix laevigata</i>	Red willow	50				50
<i>Salix lasiolepis</i>	Arroyo willow	102				102
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Blue elderberry	50	200		120	370
<b>Riparian Shrubs, Grasses, and Forbs</b>						
<i>Artemisia douglasiana</i>	Mugwort		65		100	130
<i>Baccharis salicifolia</i>	Mule fat			32	100	132
<i>Bromus carinatus</i>	California brome		65			103
<i>Elymus condensatus</i>	Giant wild rye		65		60	131
<i>Elymus triticoides</i>	Alkali ryegrass	50	65	32	60	213
<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	toyon		65			
<i>Hordeum brachyantherum</i>	California barley		65	32		103
<i>Phacelia ramosissima</i>	Branching phacelia		65			71
<i>Rosa californica</i>	California rose		65		60	131
<i>Rubus ursinus</i>	California blackberry		65		60	131
<i>Salvia spathacea</i>	Hummingbird sage		65			71
<i>Solanum douglasii</i>	Douglas nightshade		65			71
<i>Solidago velutina subsp. californica</i>	Velvety goldenrod		65			71

Scientific Name	Common Name	Arroyo Willow/ Black Cottonwood/ Sycamore Woodland and Seasonal Wetland Mix	Coast Live Oak/ Black Walnut/ Elderberry Woodland Mix	Sandbar willow/ Mulefat	Sandbar Willow and Mulefat Erosion Control Mix	Subtotal
<i>Verbena lasiostachys</i>	Verbena		65			71
<b>Seasonal Wetland Forbs and Grasses</b>						
<i>Anemopsis californica</i>	Yerba mansa	52				77
<i>Carex barbarae</i>	Santa Barbara sedge	52				77
<i>Cyperus eragrostis</i>	Umbrella-sedge	52				77
<i>Distichlis spicata</i>	Saltgrass	52		32		109
<i>Eleocharis macrostachya</i>	Common spikerush	52		32		77
<i>Euthamia occidentalis</i>	Western goldenrod	52		32		109
<i>Frankenia salina</i>	Alkali heath	52				77
<i>Juncus patens</i>	Common California rush	52	65	32		180
<i>Juncus phaeocephalus</i>	Brown-headed rush	52				77
<i>Juncus textilis</i>	Basket rush	52				77
<i>Juncus xiphioides</i>	Iris-leaved rush	52				77
<i>Paspalum distichum</i>	Knot grass	52				77
<b>Total Number of Plants</b>		<b>1,076</b>	<b>1,610</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>680</b>	<b>3,625</b>
<b>Total Acres per Plant Mix</b>		<b>2.47</b>	<b>0.92</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>0.39</b>	<b>3.98</b>

Note: 5-foot spacing for forbs/grasses/shrubs, 10-foot spacing for trees

The proposed restoration approach is compatible with other restoration efforts in the immediate area, such as University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB) North Campus Open Space (NCOS) and City of Goleta restoration to the south. The UCSB NCOS restoration project is located immediately downstream and to the southeast of the proposed Devereux Creek mitigation site on Ellwood Mesa. The NCOS restoration project is currently in its implementation phase, and aims to provide public access and passive recreation, as well as connect several existing preserved properties (UCSB 2016a). Notably, the Devereux Creek mitigation sites are upstream, and comprised entirely of freshwater habitats with no current tidal influence. Although the NCOS restoration project proposes to convert freshwater habitat to tidal habitat where ecologically feasible, tidal influence is not anticipated to extend past the NCOS property or upstream to the Devereux Creek mitigation sites (UCSB 2016b).

#### 2.4.1.4 *Temporary On-site Impact Areas*

The entirety of the riparian mitigation will occur within and near the Coastal Zone at the three proposed mitigation sites as described above. Restoration will also occur at the Project site to mitigate for temporary impacts to jurisdictional areas due to Project-related activities.

The temporary disturbance will occur along San Jose Creek and Old San Jose Creek, therefore the restoration approach in these areas will be similar to that described in Section 2.4.1.2 for Old San Jose Creek at East Ekwil Street. Installation will occur after disturbance is complete, and at a time that is biologically appropriate for plant installation, i.e., in late fall or early winter, before the first rainy season.

#### 2.4.2 Source of Plant Materials

Plant stock will be collected by a qualified native nursery contractor, with oversight by the City of Goleta-approved biologist. To preserve the integrity of local gene pools, ensure adaptation to site-specific conditions, and avoid inadvertent introduction of inappropriate species or pathogens, the majority of native plant material used for revegetation will be collected primarily from each of the mitigation sites, or within the respective watersheds. If sufficient seeds or plant material cannot be collected from these areas alone, plant stock from within a 15-mile radius, limited to the coastal side of the Santa Ynez Mountains, may also be acceptable. More specific areas for collection of native plant materials will be defined in the field, taking into account the following:

- Ecological similarity of the area to the Project site
- Proximity to the Project site
- Land ownership
- Accessibility
- Abundance and availability of target species
- Need to ensure genetic diversity of source material (i.e., seed will be collected from a diverse sample of the parent plants within the collection zone)

#### 2.4.3 Seed Storage and Plant Propagation

Plant stock will be stored and propagated by a qualified native nursery contractor with oversight by the City of Goleta-approved biologist. Seeds will be stored in a proper container in a cool, dry place. If necessary to eradicate insects, seeds will be treated with freezing temperatures by putting seeds in the freezer for 2 or 3 days; this technique will only be conducted for those species that would not

be negatively affected by freezing. If excess moisture is present, seeds will be treated with low heat or a de-humidifier. All seed containers will be labeled with the scientific name, date, and location of collection.

Seeds will be sown or cuttings will be used to establish container plants. In turn, these container plants can either be planted in the field or used to create additional seeds or cuttings in the nursery. The qualified native landscape contractor will either directly transplant salvaged plants or take them to the nursery and maintain them for later transplanting. Nursery plants must be maintained in a healthy condition until delivery. All plants obtained from the native plant nursery will be free of Argentine ants (*Linepithema humile*).

#### 2.4.4 Access Routes and Staging Areas

Access routes and staging areas for each of the mitigation sites are described below.

##### 2.4.4.1 *Fowler Road Drainage Ditch and Old San Jose Creek*

The Fowler Road Drainage Ditch and Old San Jose Creek mitigation site will be accessed by vehicle via two proposed access routes, Technology Drive or Fowler Road. At the terminus of the vehicle access route, a small staging area will be established and further access will be on foot. Staging areas will be contained to the smallest footprint possible and will not disturb native vegetation.

##### 2.4.4.2 *Old San Jose Creek (East Ekwill Street)*

The Old San Jose Creek mitigation site located near east Ekwill Street will be accessed by vehicle via the proposed Ekwill Street alignment. At the terminus of the vehicle access route, a small staging area will be established within the disturbance footprint and further access will be on foot. Staging areas will be contained to the smallest footprint possible and will not disturb native vegetation.

##### 2.4.4.3 *Devereux Creek and Northwestern Tributary (Ellwood Mesa)*

The Devereux Creek mitigation site on Ellwood Mesa will be accessed by vehicle via two proposed access routes, Elderberry Drive and Ellwood Beach Drive. With permission from the owners of the private residential community, the western portion of the mitigation site will be accessed via Elderberry Drive. From the southern terminus of Elderberry Drive, the mitigation site will be accessed by vehicle along the existing dirt road and paths, terminating at the first intersection with the restoration sites. The eastern portion of the mitigation site will be accessed by vehicle from Ellwood Beach Drive. At the terminus of the vehicle access routes, small staging areas will be established along existing footpaths and further access will be on foot. Staging areas will be contained to the smallest footprint possible and will not disturb native vegetation.

#### 2.4.5 Non-native Plant Removal

Prior to plant installation, non-native plants will be removed throughout the entirety of each mitigation site by a qualified native landscape contractor with oversight by the City of Goleta-approved biologist. Non-native plants (with the exception of mature trees) will be removed to the greatest extent possible, primarily using hand removal methods, e.g., hand-held weed whips, loppers, and hoes. If hand removal is not feasible due to the characteristics of the species, such as resistance to hand removal methods, the size of the plants, or the number of plants, perennial

invasive non-native species may be treated with herbicides. Herbicide application will be limited to the smallest extent possible while maintaining effectiveness. Only individual plants will be treated; no blanket spraying efforts will be allowed. If herbicide is applied, it will be applied during dry and low wind conditions in order to prevent conveyance of herbicide into drainages or other non-targeted areas. Herbicide application must be performed by a licensed applicator that can identify the species to be treated and is experienced in the handling and application of herbicides. Herbicides must be approved for use by the City of Goleta and allowed under permit and property conditions. Only herbicides approved for use near or in water, such as AquaMaster™ or equivalent, will be used if necessary. Rodenticides containing any anticoagulant compounds (including, but not limited to, Warfarin, Brodifacoum, Bromadiolone, or Diphacinone) will not be used.

Large vegetation with potential to contain bird nests will not be removed during the breeding bird season (March 1 to September 15) unless the City of Goleta-approved biologist determines that it does not contain active bird nests.

Specifically within the Devereux Creek and Northwestern Tributary (Ellwood Mesa) mitigation site, a few non-native ash trees will be removed within the restoration area and may be chipped on-site. Chipped trees may be used as mulch after they have dried out. To preserve monarch butterfly habitat, eucalyptus trees and other non-native trees other than ash will not be removed. Tree removal will not occur during the monarch butterfly aggregation season (October 1 through March 31).

Long term non-native plant removal will be conducted as described in Section 2.6.1.

#### 2.4.6 Erosion Control

If deemed necessary, erosion control materials will be installed by a qualified contractor with oversight by the City of Goleta-approved biologist. It may be necessary to install erosion control materials in select areas, such as larger barren areas or highly eroded areas, until plant cover is sufficient to stabilize the slopes. Erosion control devices may include low silt fences, hay bales at the base of slopes, and/or straw wattle. Erosion control materials containing plastics will not be used due to the hazards they pose to wildlife. Erosion control materials will be certified as weed free. If large plants (e.g., shrubs) need to be removed in order to install erosion control materials, it will not be removed during the breeding bird season (March 1 to September 15) unless the City of Goleta-approved biologist determines that it does not contain active bird nests. The erosion control materials will be maintained during the 5-year maintenance period or until plants are well established.

#### 2.4.7 Plant Installation Methods

Plants will be installed by the qualified native landscape contractor with oversight by the City of Goleta-approved biologist. Plants will be installed to coincide with the first major winter storm (approximately October to December), as feasible, when soil conditions are moist.

Planting locations will be determined in the field by the County-approved restoration biologist. On average, shrubs, grasses, and wetland plants will be installed at 4- to 5-foot spacing. Most non-tree species will be installed as 1-gallon containers, but other sizes may be used depending on the species. On average, tree species will be installed at 8- to 10-foot spacing. A portion of Devereux Creek assumed an average 10-foot spacing as noted in Section 2.4.7.1. Mitigation trees will be installed mainly as 5-gallon containers, with some being installed as 1-gallon containers in select areas, in accordance with Mitigation Measure NA-2 and as further described in Section 3.3. Any



trees installed as an addition to the mitigation trees will be installed as 1-gallon containers or live stakes. Tables 7, 8 and 10 provide the mix of plants and quantities proposed for each riparian habitat type to be created or enhanced.

Care will be taken not to disturb the root ball, stems, or branches when installing container plants. Planting pits will be backfilled with native soil so as not to leave air spaces around the plant's soil and roots, so that the soil surface of the container plant is approximately ¼ to ½ inch above grade. After installation, wood mulch will be placed around each plant in areas where water movement will not disrupt the mulch to prevent non-native plants from establishing and to help increase soil moisture. Mulch will be placed around each container plant at a depth of at least 3 inches, and at least a 2-foot radius for trees and a 1-foot radius for other species. Mulch placement within the bioswale at Fowler Road drainage ditch will be installed as outlined in Section 2.4.1.1. If generated, the mulch from the removed non-native trees would be allowed some time to dry and then would be used around installed plants as feasible. Additional mulch originating from Santa Barbara may be acquired as needed, such as mulch available from the County's South Coast Recycling and Transfer Station. All purchased mulch will be free of Argentine ants.

Each container plant will be immediately watered with an irrigation system or by hand as conditions allow. Long term irrigation will be applied as described in Section 2.6.2.

Site-specific plant installation details for Devereux Creek are described below.

#### 2.4.7.1 *Devereux Creek and Northwestern Tributary (Ellwood Mesa)*

Some native species have established within the portion of Devereux Creek where a previous restoration site was installed. Within this area, it is assumed that approximately 50 percent of the area can be planted; therefore, the number of plants to be installed was adjusted accordingly. For conceptual planning purposes, an overall average of 10-foot spacing was used to calculate the number of plants needed.

#### 2.4.8 Plant Protection

Individual container plantings will not have any specific protection; however, signage and temporary construction fencing will be placed around the mitigation sites to inform people to stay out of the restoration area to minimize trampling of native plants. The temporary fencing will be made of green construction mesh-like fence approximately 4 feet high and t-posts (or similar). Fencing will follow the outer borders of each planting area. Planting areas are displayed in Figure 6c, Figure 6b, Figure 6c). If herbivory becomes substantially problematic, wire cages would be placed around container plants where feasible.

### 2.5 Performance Criteria

Performance criteria will be used to determine if the Project is successful during the 5-year maintenance and monitoring period (described in Sections 2.6 and 2.7). Per the CDFW Streambed Alteration Agreement, the following performance criteria have been established for the restored mitigation sites. These criteria are typical for the region and biologically appropriate for the sites.

- All plantings shall have a minimum of 80% survival the first year and 100% survival thereafter.
- All plantings shall attain 75% cover after three years and 90% cover after five years.

- The mitigation site shall be entirely without supplemental irrigation for a minimum of two years.
- No single species shall constitute more than 50% of the vegetative cover.
- No woody invasive species shall be present.
- Herbaceous invasive species shall not exceed 5% cover.
- If the survival, cover and other requirements described in this Agreement and in the submitted documents have not been met, Permittee is responsible for replacement planting to achieve these requirements. Replacement plants shall be monitored with the same survival and growth requirements for five years after planting.

The City of Goleta-approved biologist will monitor to determine if performance criteria are being achieved as described in Section 2.5. If performance criteria are not being achieved, the City of Goleta may be required to replant, as necessary, to ensure performance criteria are met.

## 2.6 Maintenance Plan

Maintenance will be conducted by the qualified native landscape contractor with oversight by the City of Goleta-approved biologist. The mitigation sites will be maintained for a 5-year period, beginning after initial restoration installation is completed. Changes may be made as necessary based on annual monitoring reports, per the City of Goleta General Plan. Maintenance activities will be adjusted with oversight by the City of Goleta-approved biologist to assure that the performance criteria for the mitigation sites are achieved. All maintenance will be managed by the City of Goleta. Maintenance will include non-native plant removal; watering; replanting; and repairing damage to plants, erosion control devices, fencing, and/or signs that result from erosion or vandalism.

### 2.6.1 Long-term Maintenance Methods and Schedule

During the 5-year maintenance period, the maintenance contractor will conduct routine activities to maintain the plantings in a healthy condition, control erosion of the site, and ensure performance criteria are being achieved throughout the entirety of the mitigation sites. Non-native plant removal will be performed throughout the entirety of the mitigation sites to comply with the performance criteria as described in Section 2.4.5. Herbicides may be used as described in Section 2.4.5. The majority of invasive non-native plant removal efforts will be conducted during the peak growing seasons (winter and spring), when non-native plant species are most prevalent. A regular but lower level of effort during the rest of the year is recommended to minimize the spread of non-native plant seeds. The maintenance schedule and crew size will be adjusted based on the abundance of non-native plants on-site and the effort it takes to remove them before going to seed.

The City of Goleta-approved biologist will monitor to determine if performance criteria are being achieved as described in Section 2.5. If performance criteria are not being achieved, the City of Goleta may be required to replant, as necessary, to ensure performance criteria are met.

### 2.6.2 Long-term Irrigation Methods and Schedule

Where feasible, a temporary irrigation system may be installed in areas where creek flows would not be prohibitive. If employed, the irrigation system would be set up to target individual plants, and would avoid watering in between the plants to help prevent the growth of non-natives. Irrigation options may include: 1) installing a drip emitter system, 2) watering by hand via hose in conjunction with deep pipe irrigation tubes installed next to each plant, 3) watering by hand via

hose, or 4) utilizing a water truck with side sprayers. The source of the water may be a permanent hookup, or a temporary water source such as a holding tank or water truck.

The City of Goleta-approved biologist will establish an irrigation schedule in conjunction with the landscape contractor. Irrigation will be scheduled to maximize growth of native species and will account for natural rainfall, while minimizing growth of invasive non-native plants. Generally, if irrigation is needed, more irrigation will be provided during the growing season (winter and spring) to mimic seasonal weather patterns, and minimal irrigation will be provided during the summer and fall as needed to keep plants alive.

Towards the end of spring of the second year, the irrigation schedule will be gradually reduced over several weeks to wean the plants to adapt to a reduced watering schedule over the summer and fall. The irrigation system will be used for up to two years and plants will be completely weaned from the irrigation prior to the end of the second year. If irrigation materials are installed, they will be removed once the plants are weaned.

### 2.6.3 Maintenance Restrictions (AN-6)

Large plants with potential to contain bird nests will not be removed during the breeding bird season (March 1 to September 15) unless the City of Goleta-approved biologist determines that it does not contain active bird nests.

Within the Devereux Creek mitigation site located on Ellwood Mesa, no eucalyptus trees or other non-native trees, other than ash, will be removed to preserve monarch butterfly habitat. Tree removal will not occur during the monarch butterfly aggregation season (October 1 through March 31).

## 2.7 Monitoring Plan

Monitoring will be conducted by City of Goleta-approved biologist. The entirety of the mitigation sites will be monitored for a 5-year period to ensure successful establishment. Each year of the 5-year monitoring and maintenance period is defined as a 12-month period starting when restoration installation is complete. Changes may be made as necessary based on annual monitoring reports, per the City of Goleta General Plan.

### 2.7.1 Monitoring Methods and Schedule

The mitigation sites will be qualitatively monitored by the City of Goleta-approved biologist monthly of each year (beginning at the completion of restoration installation), and quantitatively once in the spring and once in the winter of each year during the 5-year monitoring period.

Monthly monitoring will qualitatively assess the success of the mitigation sites. Visual estimates of percent cover of native and non-native plants will be made to determine if performance criteria are being met, or likely to be met, by the end of Year 5. Additionally, monitoring will document how the mitigation site compares to the surrounding lands in terms of topography, hydrology, vegetation types, sensitive species present, and use by wildlife. The City of Goleta-approved biologist will ensure the qualified native landscape contractor limits use of herbicide and applies supplemental water as appropriate.

Photographs will be taken each year during the spring and winter monitoring to qualitatively document plant establishment, hydrologic conditions, and other site conditions. Permanent photo-

documentation points will be established throughout the mitigation sites, primarily prior to installation. Each photo point location will be documented using global positioning system (GPS) and marked in the field with PVC pipes anchored by rebar, or a similar mechanism, which will be removed after completion of the 5-year monitoring period. The photographs will be included in the annual monitoring report to allow comparison between monitoring years.

Spring and winter monitoring will quantitatively assess the success of the mitigation sites. Fixed-line transects will be installed throughout the mitigation sites to sample the following parameters via the point-intercept method (10 centimeter intervals):

- Species occurring within the transect and whether the species is native or non-native
- Percent absolute plant cover, and cover of native versus non-native species

Each transect location will be documented using GPS and marked in the field with PVC pipes anchored by rebar, or similar mechanism, which will be removed after completion of the monitoring period. Transect locations will be selected systematically to sample different habitat types across the sites so that statistically significant biological data can be obtained. Photographs will be taken at each transect during the quantitative monitoring events. The photographs will be included in the annual monitoring report to allow comparison between monitoring years.

The number of dead container plants will also be recorded during the spring and winter quantitative monitoring events. If replacement plants are installed, they will be monitored for a minimum of 3 years (within the 5-year monitoring period) to ensure successful establishment.

Qualitative information about the weather conditions and mitigation site conditions (e.g., wildlife use, vegetation establishment trends, non-native plant invasion, evidence and extent of erosion, and the need for corrective actions) will also be collected during all monitoring activities. Recommendations for maintenance needs will be made to the qualified native landscape contractor based on observations made during the monitoring activities.

Upon completion of the 5-year monitoring period, the City of Goleta will conduct a final inspection. Any outstanding items will need to be completed before the regulatory agencies give final approval and accept the restoration project as complete.

## 2.8 Reporting Requirements

Reports will be prepared by the City of Goleta-approved biologist and transmitted to the appropriate permitting agencies, i.e., CCC, Corps, CDFW, and RWQCB. As described above, the restored mitigation sites will be monitored and maintained for a 5-year period with changes made as necessary based on annual monitoring reports, per the City of General Plan. Annual monitoring reports will be prepared within 1 month of the end of each year (a 12-month period) of the 5-year monitoring and maintenance period, which begins when restoration installation is complete. Annual reports will document the “As Built” condition of the mitigations sites, maintenance efforts, and monitoring methods and results. The annual reports will also contain a quantitative analysis of performance criteria achievement and progress toward meeting final performance criteria. Lastly, the annual reports will also provide photographs taken at photo documentation points, photographs taken at transects, and relevant GIS-based maps. The 5<sup>th</sup> and final annual report will be noted as such and will summarize activities throughout the 5-year maintenance and monitoring period as described above.

## 2.9 Restoration Schedule

A proposed schedule for restoration preparation, implementation, maintenance, and monitoring is presented in Table 12. This schedule reflects that initial restoration installation will be conducted in spring 2023 and replacement planting will be conducted in fall/winter of 2023/2024 as needed. Additionally, the schedule will be dependent on availability of 5-gallon replacement trees and scheduling for the restoration of the mitigation areas near Fowler Road and Ekwil Street are dependent upon adjacent construction activities. Construction of the Project components is scheduled to begin in the May 2023 and end in approximately December 2025.

Table 12 Restoration Schedule

Timing	Task	Corresponding Report Section
<b>Preparation</b>		
Through spring 2023	Collect native seeds and propagate plants for initial and replacement planting	Sections 2.4.2 and 2.4.3
Through spring 2023	Initial non-native plant removal Install erosion control as applicable Maintenance restrictions apply	Section 2.4.5 Section 2.4.6 2.4.5 and 2.6.3
Prior to spring 2023	Set up photopoints for baseline photo monitoring	Section 2.7.1
<b>Installation</b>		
Spring 2023	Install container plants Install drip irrigation system, where feasible	Section 2.4.7 Section 2.6.2
Fall/winter 2023/2024	Replacement planting as necessary	Section 2.6.1
<b>Maintenance (Year 1 through Year 5<sup>1</sup>)</b>		
January 2023 to December 2027	Conduct site maintenance Maintenance restrictions apply	Section 2.6 Sections 2.4.5 and 2.6.3
<b>Monitoring and Reporting (Year 1 through Year 5<sup>1</sup>)</b>		
January 2023 to December 2027	Monthly qualitative monitoring	Section 2.7
Each spring and winter; 2023 through 2027	Photograph monitoring	Section 2.7
Each spring and winter; 2023 through 2027	Quantitative transect monitoring	Section 2.7
Each January; 2025 through 2028	Prepare annual monitoring reports	Section 2.8

<sup>1</sup> The calendar year is used herein to simplify and convey the 5-year maintenance and monitoring period schedule. The 5-year maintenance and monitoring period will commence upon completion of installation, which may not follow the calendar year.

## 2.10 Long-term Management Plan and Financial Assurances

The City of Goleta will be responsible for ownership and all long-term management of the mitigation sites. Financial assurances through which the mitigation sites will be successfully completed are in development and will be finalized prior to construction.

## 2.11 Adaptive Management Plan

As described in Section 2.7, the City of Goleta-approved biologist will monitor to determine if performance criteria described in Section 2.5 are being achieved. Changes to the restoration implementation and maintenance approach may be made as necessary based on annual monitoring reports, per the City of Goleta General Plan. If performance criteria are not being achieved, the City of Goleta may be required to replant, as necessary, to ensure performance criteria are met. If replanting occurs, restoration elements that may be changed include the plant species and quantities used and the location of the installed container plants, dependent on species. Additionally, maintenance measures such as non-native plant removal, irrigation, erosion control, and/or plant protection may need to be modified to help ensure the success of the mitigation sites.

If the compensatory mitigation plan (Section 2) cannot be implemented as approved, and is significantly modified as a result, the City of Goleta will obtain approval of the revised portions of the compensatory mitigation plan from the CCC, Corps, CDFW, and RWQCB.

If monitoring or other information indicates that the compensatory mitigation plan is not progressing towards meeting its performance criteria (see Section 2.5), the City of Goleta will notify the CCC, Corps, CDFW, and RWQCB as soon as possible. The City of Goleta will work with these agencies to address deficiencies in the compensatory mitigation plan and apply appropriate measures to ensure performance criteria are met, which may include extending the maintenance and monitoring period.

The Responsible Party acknowledges and agrees that there are always unforeseen effects on a restoration project in the event that a fire, flood, or other natural disaster should have a significantly negative impact on the restoration areas during the maintenance period. The Responsible Party and Restoration Specialist will coordinate with the applicable regulatory agencies in the event of any such unforeseen event, and contingency measures will be developed in coordination with the applicable regulatory agencies. Modifications to this Mitigation Plan may be required and additional remedial actions may need to be implemented.

## 2.12 Notification of Restoration Completion

Once restoration criteria are complete, the Responsible Party's selected individual or firm will submit a final report, as documented in Section 2.8, to the applicable regulatory agencies, summarizing restoration work completed and documenting post-Project site conditions. Once the City and applicable agencies have agreed that success criteria defined in this Mitigation Plan have been met, no additional work will be required.

## 3 Native Tree Inventory and Protection Plan

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As discussed in Section 1.4, the Project area includes riparian woodland habitats including arroyo willow thickets, red willow thickets, and black cottonwood forest. These riparian habitats consist of several species of native riparian trees that will be mitigated in accordance with Mitigation Measure NA-1 and Mitigation Measure NA-2, and installed as discussed in Section 2.0 of this Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan. This section includes a summary of the methods and results of the native tree inventory within the Project area and a tree protection plan based on the tree inventory results as required by Mitigation Measure NA-2.

### 3.1 Native Tree Inventory Methodology

A native tree inventory was conducted within the temporary and permanent impact areas by in November 2012 and February 2014. All native trees within the study area were identified to species and the location of each main tree trunk was recorded with a Trimble GeoXT (Geoexplorer 6000 Series) GPS unit capable of sub-meter accuracy. The total cross-sectional diameter at breast height (DBH) (measured at a height 4.5 feet above the ground) was measured for each native tree using a DBH tape where feasible and by visual estimates where the trunk could not be reached. In the case of multiple trunks, the DBH of the largest trunk was measured. Where trees were situated on sloping or uneven ground, the 4.5-foot height was measured from the uphill side of the tree. Some areas were inaccessible due to poison oak, dense vegetation (i.e., willow tree thickets), and/or steep slopes. Impassable areas were surveyed visually from the edge of the impassable barrier, and if possible, approximate number of trees and associated DBH range were estimated. In the case of dense willow thickets where it was difficult to observe individual willow trees and give an accurate estimate, the footprint of the willow thickets was mapped in addition to approximating the number of trees. A detailed description of the tree inventory methodology is provided in the Biological Resources Report (URS 2014).

### 3.2 Native Tree Inventory Results

All native trees mapped were plotted in geographic information system (GIS) to create maps showing the location of each native tree within the Project area (see Figure 7a through Figure 7c). In addition, detailed data from the native tree inventory are provided as a table in Appendix B. The County Deciduous Oak Tree Protection and Regeneration Ordinance (County of Santa Barbara 2003) protects deciduous oak trees measuring 4 inches DBH or greater. Although the Project is not required to meet the standards of this ordinance, and since the EIR does not state the definition of a mature native tree, and to err on the conservative side, any oak or other native tree measured to be 4 inches or greater in DBH was considered mature and given the status of “protected.” Protected tree species include coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*), valley oak (*Quercus lobata*), Southern California black walnut (*Juglans californica*), western sycamore (*Platanus racemosa*), black cottonwood (*Populus trichocarpa*), red willow (*Salix laevigata*), arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*), and blue elderberry (*Sambucus nigra*) and are indicated on see Figure 7a through Figure 7c. Protected trees requiring mitigation are discussed further in Section 3.3. Trees with less than 4 inches DBH are considered “not protected” and do not need to be mitigated. Table 13 below is a summary of the total number of protected trees that will be impacted within the Coastal Zone and outside the Coastal Zone for each alignment.

Approximately 238 protected trees occur within the Study Area, 84 of which are located within the Coastal Zone and 154 are located outside of the Coastal Zone. Approximately 198 protected trees occur within the impact area, of which 147 protected trees are located in the permanent impact area and 51 protected trees are located in the temporary impact area. Protected trees that require mitigation include 7 southern California black walnuts, 2 western sycamores, 27 black cottonwoods, 18 coast live oaks, 8 red willows, 131 arroyo willows, and 5 blue elderberries. The number of impacted trees may be reduced if during construction it is determined that some of the trees can be preserved in place, which may be the case for the trees located within the temporary impact area.

### 3.3 Native Tree Protection Plan

This section outlines the requirements of the native tree protection plan. In accordance with Mitigation Measure NA-2, the native tree protection plan requires the following:

- Any mature native trees damaged or removed are to be replaced at a ratio of 10:1.
- Any trees lost in the Coastal Zone shall be replaced in the Coastal Zone.
- Suitable restoration areas for native trees will be selected along Old San Jose Creek or San Jose Creek. (Note: As described in Section 2.0, the mitigation sites have been established along Old San Jose Creek and Devereux Creek.)
- Native trees shall be grown from local seed stock in 5-gallon containers and planted at 8- to 10-foot spacing. (Note: As described in the Addendum to the FEIR [City of Goleta 2019b], 1-gallon containers will be used in select areas; within the erosional scars along Devereux Creek, 1-gallon containers are more appropriate since installing larger containers may cause additional erosional issues and space is restrained along the bottom of the incised erosional scars.)
- All mitigation restoration areas shall be monitored and maintained for a 5-year period to ensure successful establishment.
- The plan shall be submitted to the City of Goleta and resource agencies for review prior to construction.
- Prior to construction, the above measures shall be incorporated into the construction contract document.
- City of Goleta staff or the authorized monitor shall inspect the Project site to verify implementation of the approved tree protection plan during construction.

Table 13 Approximate Number of Impacted Protected Trees – Coastal Zone and Outside Coastal Zone

Scientific Name	Common Name	Coastal Zone			Outside Coastal Zone			Grand Total
		Ekwill	Fowler	Subtotal	Ekwill	Hollister	Subtotal	
<i>Juglans californica</i>	Black walnut	1		1		6	6	7
<i>Platanus racemosa</i>	Western sycamore	1		1	1		1	2
<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Black cottonwood		2	2	25		25	27
<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Coast live oak				9	9	18	18
<i>Salix laevigata</i>	Red willow	8		8				8
<i>Salix lasiolepis</i>	Arroyo willow	58	6	64	65	2	67	131
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Blue elderberry	5		5				5
<b>Total number of impacted protected trees</b>		<b>73</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>198</b>



In addition to the standards defined in the EIR, although not a requirement for the Project, the City of Goleta Municipal Code Section 15.09.080, Appendix A Grading Ordinance Guidelines for Native Oak Tree Removal (City of Goleta 2013), and “the County Deciduous Oak Tree Protection and Regeneration Ordinance” (County of Santa Barbara 2003), were utilized to provide additional guidance for native tree establishment. The following standards have been adapted from the above guidance and ordinance documents to be implemented as part of the native tree protection plan for all native trees requiring mitigation (in accordance with the EIR):

- Provide the replanting schedule and nurturing regime for the trees.
- Replacement trees that are planted must come from nursery stock grown from locally-sourced acorns/seeds, or use acorns/seeds gathered locally, preferably from the same watershed in which they are planted.
- Replacement trees shall be established in a location suitable for their growth and survival as determined by a certified arborist or restoration biologist.
- The replacement trees shall be nurtured for 5 years, the last 2 without supplemental watering, using techniques for oak trees consistent with the most current version of the University of California publication “How to Grow California Oaks” (University of California 2016) and for other native trees the watering will be determined by the restoration biologist. At the end of the 5 years, 10 trees for every protected tree removed must be alive, in good health as determined by the certified arborist/restoration biologist, and capable of surviving without nurturing and protection.
- Each replacement tree must be protected against damaging ground disturbance, soil compaction, or over-irrigation within the dripline. It must be fenced to protect it from grazing or browsing by animals both below and above ground until it has reached a minimum of 8 feet in height. (Note: Fencing is not anticipated to be necessary in the proposed mitigation sites due to lack of grazing animals in the area.)
- Where conditions warrant and where agreed to by the certified arborist/restoration biologist, tree planting designs and nurturing practices (e.g., protective structures, watering schedules) may be adjusted to improve the probability that replacement trees will be established successfully.
- All replacement trees are considered protected trees regardless of size.

Tree removal is defined as causing a native tree to die, be uprooted or removed from the ground by any means, including, but not limited to, cutting, uprooting, poisoning, or burning (unrelated to controlled burns). Excessive pruning or topping, or severing a tree’s roots enough to lead to the death of the tree, will also be considered tree removal. Death by natural causes (e.g., sudden oak death syndrome) or removals required due to disease or regulatory requirements will not be considered a removal. The removal of protected native trees that are naturally dead or uprooted, or that pose an immediate threat to safety will not be counted towards removal thresholds (County of Santa Barbara 2003).

If removed, each individual protected tree must be compensated at a 10:1 ratio by replacement planting. If all individual protected trees identified in the permanent and temporary impact areas are removed, 1,980 trees will be replaced within the mitigation sites (herein referred to as “replacement trees”). Table 14 shows how many trees will be impacted, how many trees are required for mitigation assuming all trees will be impacted, and how many trees are estimated for installation per this Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan. See Figure 7a through Figure 7c for the location of existing trees and Figure 6a through Figure 6c for the restoration plan.

Table 14 Number of Replacement Trees by Species

Scientific Name	Common Name	Trees Removed <sup>1</sup>	Required Replacement Trees <sup>1,2</sup>	Estimated Replacement Trees per Site			Total
				Old San Jose Creek and Fowler Road Drainage Ditch	Old San Jose Creek (East Ekwil)	Devereux Creek and Northwestern Tributary (Ellwood Mesa)	
<i>Juglans californica</i>	Southern California black walnut	7	70	40	0	200	240
<i>Platanus racemosa</i>	Western sycamore	2	20	0	50	100	150
<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Black cottonwood	27	270	0	100	200	300
<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Coast live oak	18	180	40	0	200	240
<i>Salix exigua</i>	Sandbar willow	0		44	0	220	264
<i>Salix laevigata</i>	Red willow	8	80	20	50	50	120
<i>Salix lasiolepis</i>	Arroyo willow	131	1,310	20	100	102	222
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Blue elderberry	5	50	74	0	370	444
<b>Total</b>		<b>198</b>	<b>1,980</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>1,442</b>	<b>1,980</b>

<sup>1</sup> Assumes all trees identified within the Project area will be removed. This number may be reduced if during construction it is determined that some of the trees can be saved in place. Approximately 198 protected trees occur within the impact area, of which 147 protected trees are located in the permanent impact area and 51 protected trees are located in the temporary impact area.

<sup>2</sup> Individual trees will be replaced at 10:1.

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Figure 7a Native Tree Inventory and Protection Plan: Ekwil Street



Source: AECOM 2018

Figure 7b Native Tree Inventory and Protection Plan: Fowler Road



Source: AECOM 2018

Figure 7c Native Tree Inventory: Hollister Avenue



Source: AECOM 2018

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As described above, the number of impacted trees may be reduced if during construction it is determined that some of the trees can be preserved in place, which may be the case for the trees located within the temporary impact area. For purposes of this Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan, it is assumed that all trees within the permanent and temporary impact area will be removed and need to be mitigated.

A City of Goleta-approved biologist will be present during all tree removal or trimming activities during Project construction and work with the construction crew to ensure that the number of native trees removed or impacted is minimized. The City of Goleta-approved biologist will compare the native trees identified in See Figure 7a through Figure 7c and Appendix B with those observed in the field and will make adjustments to the native tree inventory as necessary. If the contractor can avoid native trees assumed to be impacted then these trees do not need to be mitigated. Alternatively, if additional native protected trees not identified in this Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan need to be removed, then they will be added to the quantity of trees requiring mitigation. Native trees to be protected and avoided during construction will be marked with temporary construction fencing to designate the work area outside of the critical root zone of the tree. The City of Goleta-approved biologist will guide installation of the fencing.

An authorized biological monitor will work with the contractor during construction to determine together in the field if any trees can be avoided during construction. The native tree inventory maps will be reviewed and adjustments will be made as feasible to avoid as many protected native trees as possible, but an effort will also be made to avoid non-protected trees as well. Trees that are determined to be avoidable will be marked with flagging and/or construction fencing will be placed around the outside edge of the canopy. If trees can be avoided but work must occur under the canopy which would potentially impact the roots and cause damage to the tree, the tree will need to be monitored for a period of 6 months or as necessary based on the City of Goleta-approved biologist's assessment to determine whether or not it will survive the damage to the roots. The tree will be determined to be saved or impacted, and if it is determined that it has been impacted, then it will be considered a removed tree and need to be mitigated the same as other removed trees.

### 3.3.1 Preparation and Installation

Since most of the replacement trees must be in 5-gallon containers per Mitigation Measure NA-2, it is anticipated it will take about 2 years of growing the trees at a nursery to reach this size for most of the tree species. Therefore, it is recommended that a nursery should begin growing the replacement trees as soon as the Biological Mitigation and Monitoring Plan is approved. The maximum number of replacement trees (1,980 trees) will be grown and installed at the Devereux Creek mitigation sites, even if it is determined during construction that a lesser number of replacement trees are needed due to a lesser number of trees being impacted (see Tables 14 and 15 for species and quantities of impacted and replacement trees respectively). Additionally, supplemental replacement trees will be installed within the temporarily impacted areas associated with the Project. Notably, the full number of replacement trees required for mitigation (1,980) will be accounted for at the off-site mitigation sites to ensure that adequate habitat, space, and timing for replacement trees is available without the need to rely on the temporary impact areas associated with the Project site. If it is determined during construction that some protected trees can be avoided, then the number of replacement trees can be reduced and the excess trees can be applied toward the riparian mitigation and installed as 5-gallon or 1-gallon containers, or as live stakes. Table 15 shows the number of replacement trees needed for each species.



In order to adhere to the standards above, the source of the plant materials, seed storage, and plant propagation will be conducted as described in Sections 2.4.2 and 2.4.3. Access routes and staging areas are described in Section 2.4.4. The non-native plant removal will be conducted prior to planting as described in Section 2.4.5. All replacement trees will be installed to coincide with the first major winter storm (approximately October to December), as feasible, when soil conditions are moist. The trees will be installed as described in Section 2.4.7. Replacement trees will be protected as described in Section 2.4.8.

### 3.3.2 Performance Criteria, Maintenance, and Monitoring

Replacement trees will adhere to the Project performance criteria as described in Section 2.5. Replacement trees will be maintained and monitored the 5-year monitoring and maintenance period as described in Section 2.6 and 2.7, respectively.

## 4 Pre-construction Biological Surveys

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This section discusses methods for implementing pre-construction biological surveys at the mitigation areas as required by Mitigation Measures PL-1 Pre-construction Floristic Surveys and Compensation, AN-4 Conduct Monarch Butterfly Surveys and Avoidance, AN-9 Conduct Breeding Bird Surveys, and AN-8 Conduct Pre-construction Protocol Surveys for Least Bell's Vireo. A City of Goleta-approved biologist will conduct all the required pre-construction surveys. The City of Goleta-approved biologist will prepare and submit a written report of the findings of each pre-construction survey to resource agencies and City of Goleta staff for review. All identified protective measures must be implemented prior to construction. Construction restrictions must be included in the construction contract document. City of Goleta staff or authorized monitor must verify compliance prior to commencement of construction activities and conduct inspections to ensure compliance during construction.

### 4.1 Floristic Surveys (PL-1)

Pre-construction surveys will be conducted where suitable habitat is present within the permanent and temporary construction footprints by a City of Goleta-approved biologist during the blooming period (April through September) of special-status plant species with potential to occur at the Project site as described in the Biological Resources Report. A list of all plant species observed during the survey will be recorded. Where vegetation is too dense, it may not be feasible to conduct a pre-construction survey; in that case, special-status plant species will be searched for by a City of Goleta-approved biologist that is monitoring while vegetation is being cleared during construction.

If special-status plant species are encountered, avoidance and mitigation will occur as described in Section 5.2.

### 4.2 Monarch Butterfly Surveys (AN-4)

Construction impacts to monarch butterflies will be avoided or minimized by performing site-specific surveys for roosting butterflies prior to removal of large eucalyptus trees. Surveys will be conducted within areas of suitable eucalyptus groves by a City of Goleta-approved biologist during the aggregation season between October 1 and March 31. Surveys will be conducted only along the Ekwil Street extension since this is the only portion of the Project where there are moderate groves of eucalyptus trees.

If roosting monarchs are encountered, avoidance and mitigation will occur as described in Section 5.3.

### 4.3 Breeding Bird Surveys (AN-9)

If construction must take place near riparian areas or other areas with potential for breeding birds (as described in the Biological Resources Report) during the breeding season (March 1 to September 15), weekly breeding bird surveys will be conducted by a City of Goleta-approved biologist for the 30-day period prior to construction. Surveys will be conducted within the active construction area and within a 300-foot buffer zone for passerines and a 500-foot buffer for raptors. The City of

Goleta-approved biologist will record all birds observed, note breeding behaviors, and search for bird nests within areas of suitable breeding bird habitat in the construction zone.

If breeding birds are discovered within 300 feet of the construction zone for passerines, or 500 feet for raptors, avoidance and mitigation will occur as described in Section 5.4.

#### 4.4 Protocol Surveys for Least Bell's Vireo (AN-8)

If Project construction must take place within a 300-foot buffer of riparian areas during the breeding season for least Bell's vireo (April 10 to July 31), a USFWS protocol-level survey must be conducted by a City of Goleta-approved biologist the year prior to construction to determine presence/absence of this species. AECOM biologists conducted a protocol-level survey within the Project area in 2012 and none were found (see the Biological Resources Report for details); however, another survey will be required during the spring prior to the start of construction.

If least Bell's vireo are found within 300 feet of the construction zone, avoidance and mitigation will occur as described in Section 5.5.

## 5 Avoidance and Minimization Measures During Construction

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This section discusses methods for implementing avoidance and minimization measures that will be implemented during construction of the mitigation areas as required by Mitigation Measures NA-1 Protection and Replacement of Riparian Habitat, WE-1 Avoid Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas, PL-2 Plant Restoration, AN-4 Conduct Monarch Butterfly Surveys and Avoidance, AN-1 Construction Restrictions for Riparian Birds and Raptors, AN-6 Maintenance Restrictions, AN-7 Avoid/Minimize Impacts to Least Bell's Vireo, AN-2 Minimize Construction Noise, WE-3 Construction House Keeping, AN-3 Construction Zone House Keeping, AN-5 Use Low-level Lighting Near Riparian Habitats, AN-10 Dry Season Construction and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, NA-3 Avoid Landscaping Use of Invasive Plants, NA-4 Invasive Species Management, CUL-1 Archaeological Monitoring and Discovery, and CUL-2 Crew Education. City of Goleta staff or an authorized monitor will verify compliance prior to commencement of construction activities and inspect the construction site to verify implementation of the following measures during Project construction. These construction restrictions and associated plans will be included in the construction contract document.

### 5.1 Protection of Riparian Habitat (NA-1) and Avoid Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Areas (WE-1)

ESHAs occurring within or near the Project area include riparian habitat, wetlands, and monarch butterfly roost sites. Avoidance measures for riparian habitat and wetlands are discussed below, while avoidance measures for monarch roost sites are described in Section 5.3.

Areas of disturbance along Old San Jose Creek will be limited according to the following measures. In areas of dense willow riparian woodland, the work area will be limited to the least amount of area needed to build the culverts at the creek crossings. The construction area will be designated and fenced off with environmentally sensitive area fencing, and no ground disturbance in riparian areas outside the designated construction area will be permitted. Environmentally sensitive area fencing will be installed in coordination with the City of Goleta-approved biologist. In addition, a biological monitor will be present during the removal of dense vegetation to ensure that no sensitive species are present in the area.

Excavation work within or near ESHAs or near individual native trees will be avoided according to the following measures. With the exception of the culvert crossings of Old San Jose Creek at the Ekwill Street and Fowler Road Extensions, and the construction of the Hollister Improvements over Old San Jose Creek, all ground disturbance and vegetation removal will be prohibited within a minimum of 25 feet from the top of bank or the outer edge of the riparian habitat of Old San Jose Creek and San Jose Creek, a minimum of 50 feet from wetlands outside the Coastal Zone, and 100 feet from wetlands inside the Coastal Zone. In areas where work must occur within these buffers, a boundary of the least amount of area required for construction will be established. Construction and staging areas will be set back from wetland areas with protective fencing to such an extent that wetland areas will not be impacted by construction activities. Construction will occur only within the fenced area except during construction of Project elements within the riparian areas. Fencing will be

installed prior to any earth movement and will be installed in coordination with the City of Goleta-approved biologist.

Pesticide and herbicide use will be prohibited in ESHAs during construction unless other less damaging means of control have been found infeasible. Herbicides may be used as described in Section 2.4.6.

Environmentally sensitive areas where construction work is to be avoided or limited will be fenced and plotted on construction plans.

## 5.2 Plant Restoration (PL-2)

If special-status species are encountered, the City of Goleta will be notified and efforts will be taken to avoid damage and removal. Locations will be marked on an aerial map and provided to the construction crew on a weekly basis after the survey is conducted. However, if special-status species within the construction footprint cannot be avoided, the extent of any impacts will be recorded and salvage and/or restoration planting of the impacted species will be implemented consistent with the compensatory mitigation plan in Section 2.0 to compensate for the loss. A supplement to the compensatory mitigation plan will be prepared by the City of Goleta-approved biologist that describes specific restoration methods for the sensitive plant discovered. For example, plant species can be transplanted and kept at a suitable nursery until they could be replanted at Project-related restoration mitigation sites. Alternatively, seed can be collected from plants prior to disturbance or individual plants could be transplanted to a nursery until their seeds can be harvested and broadcasted in flat and open disturbed areas that will be revegetated after construction. If necessary, more plants will be propagated in a greenhouse from a local seed source and planted in suitable mitigation sites in order to ensure the successful reestablishment of as many plants as were disturbed. The City and regulatory agencies will review the supplement to the compensatory mitigation plan prior to implementation.

## 5.3 Monarch Butterfly Avoidance (AN-4)

If roosting monarch populations are discovered during pre-construction surveys (AN-4) or during construction activities and are determined to be impacted during construction, the City of Goleta will be notified and these areas will be avoided and impacts will be minimized to the extent practicable. Locations will be marked on an aerial map and provided to the construction crew on a weekly basis. The City of Goleta-approved biologist will make recommendations for avoiding and minimizing impacts. Unavoidable tree removal will be delayed until the butterflies abandon the roosts (typically around April 1 to September 30).

## 5.4 Construction and Maintenance Restrictions for Riparian Birds and Raptors (AN-1 and AN-6)

If construction must take place near riparian areas or other areas with potential for breeding birds (as described in the Biological Resources Report) during the breeding season (March 1 to September 15), and if breeding birds are discovered within 300 feet of the construction zone for passerines, or 500 feet for raptors, the City of Goleta will be notified and work activities will cease within an appropriate buffer area from the nest until a qualified biological monitor, in consultation with resource management agencies, has determined that it is safe for construction to proceed, or until

the monitor has determined that the young have fledged the nest. Active nest locations will be marked on an aerial map and provided to the construction crew on a weekly basis after each survey is conducted. If appropriate, temporary construction fencing may be installed to mark the buffer area around active nests to prevent construction activities from occurring in the buffer area.

## 5.5 Avoidance and Minimization Measures for Least Bell's Vireo (AN-7)

If construction must take place near riparian areas or other areas with potential for breeding birds (as described in the Biological Resources Report) during the breeding season (March 1 to September 15), and if least Bell's vireo are discovered during pre-construction surveys (AN-8) or during construction activities, work activities will cease within the 300-foot buffer area and the City of Goleta will be notified. Because the Project is federally funded, a Section 7 consultation pursuant to the Endangered Species Act would be necessary if the species were detected. The USFWS and CDFW will be notified and avoidance and minimization measures will be determined by USFWS in conjunction with the City of Goleta-approved biologist to avoid potential effects to least Bell's vireo. Work activities will not commence within the 300-foot buffer area until a qualified biological monitor, in consultation with resource management agencies, has determined that construction may proceed. Active nest locations will be marked on an aerial map and provided to the construction crew on a weekly basis after each survey is conducted. In addition, establishment of a 300-foot buffer zone around riparian areas and buffer zones will be plotted on construction maps. Noise from construction will not exceed an hourly Leq of 60 dBA within 300 feet of riparian habitat as established by the USFWS. Additional measures may be required by USFWS.

## 5.6 Minimize Construction Noise (AN-2)

During construction, noise will be minimized to the extent feasible at all times near riparian areas to reduce disturbance to potential nesting and non-nesting passerines and raptors. The following measures will be incorporated to reduce the impact of construction noise:

- All construction equipment will have properly maintained sound control devices, and no equipment will have an unmuffled exhaust system.
- Contractors will implement appropriate additional noise measures, including but not limited to:
  - Changing the location of stationary construction equipment
  - Shutting off idling equipment
  - Installing acoustic barriers around substantial sources of stationary construction noise

City of Goleta Planning and Environmental Services staff will review the grading and building permits prior to issuance to verify compliance.

## 5.7 Construction Zone Housekeeping (WE-3 and AN-3)

During construction, all food waste and trash will be kept in trash cans in work areas and disposed off-site at the end of each work day to avoid attracting wildlife which could result in an increase of predators of sensitive riparian birds.

To minimize pollutants that may impact downstream water bodies or habitat, no debris, soil, silt, sand, bark, slash, sawdust, rubbish, construction waste, cement or concrete or washings thereof, oil or petroleum products, or other organic or earthen material from construction or associated activity of any nature will be allowed to enter into, or be placed where it may be washed by rainfall or runoff into, waters of the state (see Figure 4a through Figure 4c). When operations are completed, any excess materials or debris will be removed from the work area. No construction waste or other refuse will be deposited within 150 feet of the high water mark of any stream. Furthermore, use of fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides will be prohibited near wetland areas unless other less damaging means of control have been found infeasible. Routine trash cleaning will be implemented around riparian areas adjacent to roads.

The construction site, including staging and storage areas, will be identified on the drainage and grading plans and included in the construction contract document. City of Goleta staff or authorized monitor will regularly inspect the construction site to verify that staging and storage areas are those depicted on the approved drainage and grading plans and that construction site housekeeping is taking place as required.

## 5.8 Use Low-Level Lighting Near Riparian Habitats (AN-5)

Only low-level lighting will be used near riparian areas to reduce disturbance to riparian passerines and raptors. The locations of all exterior lighting fixtures and arrows showing the direction of light being cast by each fixture and the height of each fixture will be depicted on lighting plans and reviewed by City of Goleta prior to construction. City of Goleta staff or authorized monitor will inspect all exterior lighting to verify that fixtures have been installed consistent with their depiction on the final lighting plan.

## 5.9 Dry Season Construction and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (AN-10)

Construction (installation) of Project components located over Old San Jose Creek will occur during the dry season, generally from April 1 to October 31, when steelhead would not be moving through the creek at the proposed bridge location. Although no steelhead would be present during construction, a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan that includes efficient erosion control and spill control measures to prevent indirect impacts to the creek must be approved by resource agencies, the City of Goleta, and Caltrans, as appropriate, prior to bridge-related construction.

The Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan will be prepared by a qualified environmental scientist. The plan will be submitted for review to the City of Goleta, resource agencies, including the RWQCB, prior to construction, including any bridge-related construction.

## 5.10 Avoid Landscaping Use and Promotion of Invasive Plants (NA-3 and NA-4)

Invasive plants are non-native species that have negative impacts to native habitats and for the purpose of this Biological Monitoring and Mitigation Plan are considered those plants identified on the California Invasive Plant Council's website under the current Invasive Plant Inventory List for the

Southwest region (Cal-IPC 2014). To reduce the impacts of invasive plants colonizing adjacent native habitats, the landscaping and erosion control plans associated with the Project will be reviewed by the City of Goleta-approved biologist to ensure provisions for the control of invasive plant species.

Provisions for the control of invasive plant species will include: 1) review and screening of proposed plant palettes and planting plans by the City of Goleta-approved biologist to identify and avoid the use of invasive plant species especially near developed and/or natural interface areas and ensure the plant palette consists of native drought-tolerant plants; 2) non-native plant removal prior to the initial planting of landscaped areas; 3) installation of low-volume, efficient irrigation systems; 4) minimization of fertilizer, pesticides, and herbicides to minimize opportunities for invasive species to colonize landscaped area; 5) monitoring for and removal of non-native plants and other invasive plant species as part of ongoing landscape maintenance activities; and 6) the removal of soils found to contain invasive species' seed banks and a disposal method both on- and off-site. The frequency and method of monitoring for invasive species will be determined by the City of Goleta-approved biologist. Privately owned staging areas will be subject to the erosion control portions of the proposed measures, but in lieu of replanting, reseeding with appropriate native plants will be acceptable.

During installation and maintenance of landscaped areas, City of Goleta staff or authorized monitor will inspect installation of the landscaping and erosion control periodically to confirm requirements of the landscape or erosion control plan are followed for the first year or as described in the maintenance and monitoring program in the landscape or erosion control plan.

## 5.11 Archaeological Monitoring and Discovery (CUL-1)

Although no resources have been identified within the mitigation areas, the project site is generally sensitive for cultural resources. Therefore, this measure will require that the archeologist and Chumash Native American monitor will be present on the first day of ground disturbing activities for each of the three planting areas shown in Figure 6c (western portion of Devereux Creek, eastern portion of Devereux Creek, and northwestern portion of the Devereux Creek tributary) to examine soils, to the depth of proposed planting, for their potential to yield cultural resources deposits. Should the soils appear to be sterile for cultural resources, monitoring will cease on the first day of the initial disturbance and a full-time monitor will not be required for the Devereux Creek/Ellwood Mesa areas. Should a discovery of cultural resources be made during the ground disturbing activities during the first or subsequent days, measure CUL-1 of the FEIR will be applied which provides measures for the unanticipated discovery of cultural resources and requires a full-time Chumash Native American monitor to be present. The full-time monitoring, as described in CUL-1, will only apply in the case of a discovery during ground disturbing activities of the Devereux Creek and Ellwood Mesa mitigation areas.

## 5.12 Crew Education (CUL-2)

Although no resources have been identified within the mitigation areas, the project site is generally sensitive for cultural resources. Therefore, a crew education program will be established to be implemented prior to construction. The education program will describe the roles and responsibilities of the archaeologist and Native American monitor, identify what types of resources may be found in the area, procedures to follow in the event of a find, and discuss the regulatory



**protections for resources and identify the penalties for the destruction or unauthorized collection of cultural resources.**

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# Appendix A

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Mitigation Site Photographs

Fowler Road Drainage Ditch and Old San Jose Creek



**Photograph 1.** View of eastern end of Fowler Road drainage ditch, view to east/upstream. May 29, 2014



**Photograph 2.** View of mid portion of Fowler Road ditch, facing east/upstream. April 20, 2017



**Photograph 3.** View of western end of Fowler Road ditch where it meets Old San Jose Creek, facing west/downstream. April 20, 2017



**Photograph 4.** View of San Jose Creek, facing south/downstream. April 20, 2017



Old San Jose Creek at East Ekwil Street



**Photograph 1.** Close up view of western end of proposed restoration site, view facing northeast. Construction site at the time of photo. Old San Jose Creek channel not visible, located to the left/north. April 20, 2017



**Photograph 2.** View of western end of proposed restoration site (yellow arrow), view facing northeast. Construction site at the time of photo. Old San Jose Creek channel not visible, located to the left/north. April 20, 2017

Devereux Creek at Ellwood Mesa



**Photograph 1.** View of tributary of Devereux Creek east of Kestrel Lane facing northwest (upstream). January 11, 2016



**Photograph 2.** View of tributary of Devereux Creek east of Kestrel Lane facing northwest (upstream). January 11, 2016



**Photograph 3.** View of tributary of Devereux Creek east of Kestrel Lane facing northwest (downstream). January 11, 2016



**Photograph 4.** View of west end of Devereux Creek facing west from the south side of the creek. February 1, 2013



**Photograph 5.** View of west end of Devereux Creek facing northeast on north side of creek, just south of the Bluffs housing development. February 1, 2013



**Photograph 6.** View of western portion of Devereux Creek facing northwest along the bottom of the creek from the south side. February 1, 2013



**Photograph 7.** View of western portion of Devereux Creek facing northwest along the bottom of the creek from the north side. February 1, 2013



**Photograph 8.** View of eastern portion of Devereux Creek facing southeast/downstream along the floodplain terrace. Devereux Creek not visible, located to left/north. April 25, 2018



**Photograph 9.** View of southeastern erosional scar, facing southwest/upstream. April 25, 2018



**Photograph 10.** View of transitional riparian area, facing southwest/upstream. Devereux Creek to left/southwest, uplands to right/northeast. April 25, 2018

# Appendix B

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Native Tree Inventory – Impacted Protected Trees

Alignment	Impact Area	Scientific Name	Common Name	GIS Identification	GPS Coordinates X (Feet)	GPS Coordinates Y (Feet)	DBH (Inches)	Approximate Number of Trees	Coastal Zone?
Ekwil	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Salix lasiolepis</i>	Arroyo willow		Polygon	Polygon	>4	47	Yes
Ekwil	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Salix lasiolepis</i>	Arroyo willow		Polygon	Polygon	>4	61	No
Ekwil	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Juglans californica</i>	Southern California black walnut	JUCA1	6010663	1984423	12.0	1	Yes
Ekwil	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Black cottonwood	POBA70	6011081	1984585	4.3	1	No
Ekwil	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Black cottonwood	POBA33	6011210	1984661	4.5	1	No
Ekwil	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Black cottonwood	POBA46	6011136	1984648	4.5	1	No
Ekwil	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Black cottonwood	POBA48	6011126	1984650	5.0	1	No
Ekwil	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Black cottonwood	POBA38	6011145	1984625	6.2	1	No
Ekwil	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Black cottonwood	POBA52	6011114	1984642	7.0	1	No
Ekwil	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Black cottonwood	POBA51	6011115	1984630	9.2	1	No
Ekwil	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Black cottonwood	POBA16	6011260	1984693	13.3	1	No
Ekwil	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Black cottonwood	POBA53	6011097	1984634	14.0	1	No
Ekwil	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Black cottonwood	POBA14	6011243	1984696	15.0	1	No
Ekwil	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Black cottonwood	POBA10	6011274	1984693	22.0	1	No
Ekwil	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Black cottonwood	POBA36	6011164	1984637	24.5	1	No
Ekwil	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Black cottonwood	POBA35	6011186	1984653	30.0	1	No
Ekwil	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Coast live oak	QUAG14	6011412	1984763	4.0	1	No
Ekwil	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Coast live oak	QUAG30	6011142	1984634	4.0	1	No
Ekwil	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Coast live oak	QUAG28	6011137	1984643	4.1	1	No
Ekwil	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Coast live oak	QUAG20	6011196	1984622	4.2	1	No
Ekwil	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Coast live oak	QUAG36	6011099	1984568	5.0	1	No
Ekwil	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Coast live oak	QUAG35	6011058	1984572	21.0	1	No
Ekwil	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Coast live oak	QUAG37	6010195	1984325	24.0	1	No
Ekwil	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Salix laevigata</i>	Red willow	SALLAE9	6010725	1984420	4.0	1	Yes
Ekwil	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Salix laevigata</i>	Red willow	SALLAE1	6010820	1984515	5.0	1	Yes



City of Goleta  
 Ekwill Street and Fowler Road Extensions Project

Alignment	Impact Area	Scientific Name	Common Name	GIS Identification	GPS Coordinates X (Feet)	GPS Coordinates Y (Feet)	DBH (Inches)	Approximate Number of Trees	Coastal Zone?
Ekwill	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Salix laevigata</i>	Red willow	SALLAE10	6010707	1984429	5.2	1	Yes
Ekwill	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Salix laevigata</i>	Red willow	SALLAE2	6010800	1984513	10.0	1	Yes
Ekwill	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Salix laevigata</i>	Red willow	SALLAE8	6010706	1984446	15.5	1	Yes
Ekwill	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Salix lasiolepis</i>	Arroyo willow	SALLAS14	6010816	1984548	5.0	1	Yes
Ekwill	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Salix lasiolepis</i>	Arroyo willow	SALLAS12	6010847	1984556	8.8	1	Yes
Ekwill	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Blue elderberry	SANI5	6010820	1984522	5.0	1	Yes
Ekwill	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Blue elderberry	SANI4	6010841	1984525	6.0	1	Yes
Ekwill	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Blue elderberry	SANI1	6010833	1984534	8.6	1	Yes
Ekwill	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Salix lasiolepis</i>	Arroyo willow		Polygon	Polygon	>4	8	Yes
Ekwill	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Salix lasiolepis</i>	Arroyo willow		Polygon	Polygon	>4	3	No
Ekwill	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Platanus racemosa</i>	Western sycamore	PLRA5	6010339	1984275	24.0	1	Yes
Ekwill	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Platanus racemosa</i>	Western sycamore	PLRA1	6011257	1984710	36.0	1	No
Ekwill	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Black cottonwood	POBA59	6011087	1984651	5.1	1	No
Ekwill	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Black cottonwood	POBA64	6011049	1984627	7.5	1	No
Ekwill	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Black cottonwood	POBA40	6011161	1984672	12.0	1	No
Ekwill	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Black cottonwood	POBA42	6011162	1984679	12.0	1	No
Ekwill	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Black cottonwood	POBA20	6011173	1984678	15.0	1	No
Ekwill	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Black cottonwood	POBA21	6011172	1984678	18.0	1	No
Ekwill	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Black cottonwood	POBA41	6011153	1984674	18.0	1	No
Ekwill	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Black cottonwood	POBA17	6011226	1984699	24.0	1	No
Ekwill	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Black cottonwood	POBA60	6011076	1984644	24.5	1	No
Ekwill	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Black cottonwood	POBA9	6011343	1984751	30.0	1	No
Ekwill	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Black cottonwood	POBA11	6011302	1984735	30.0	1	No
Ekwill	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Black cottonwood	POBA18	6011205	1984695	33.2	1	No
Ekwill	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Coast live oak	QUAG7	6011750	1984806	9.5	1	No
Ekwill	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Coast live oak	QUAG16	6011247	1984703	18.0	1	No

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Ekwill	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Salix laevigata</i>	Red willow	SALLAE3	6010789	1984517	7.5	1	Yes
Ekwill	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Salix laevigata</i>	Red willow	SALLAE11	6010694	1984444	13.0	1	Yes
Ekwill	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Salix laevigata</i>	Red willow	SALLAE7	6010720	1984462	19.2	1	Yes
Ekwill	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Salix lasiolepis</i>	Arroyo willow	SALLAS15	6010807	1984537	7.3	1	Yes
Ekwill	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Salix lasiolepis</i>	Arroyo willow	SALLAS9	6011302	1984737	5.0	1	No
Ekwill	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Blue elderberry	SANI8	6010603	1984408	7.0	1	Yes
Ekwill	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	Blue elderberry	SANI6	6010672	1984446	12.3	1	Yes
Fowler	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Salix lasiolepis</i>	Arroyo willow		Polygon	Polygon	>4	2	Yes
Fowler	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Salix lasiolepis</i>	Arroyo willow		Polygon	Polygon	>4	4	Yes
Fowler	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Black cottonwood	POBA78	6010204	1982826	5.0	1	Yes
Fowler	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Populus trichocarpa</i>	Black cottonwood	POBA73	6010206	1982820	13.0	1	Yes
Hollister	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Salix lasiolepis</i>	Arroyo willow		Polygon	Polygon	>4	4	No
Hollister	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Juglans californica</i>	Southern California black walnut	JUCA10	6013295	1985930	7.3	1	No
Hollister	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Juglans californica</i>	Southern California black walnut	JUCA9	6013320	1985918	9.1	1	No
Hollister	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Juglans californica</i>	Southern California black walnut	JUCA12	6013293	1985899	13.0	1	No
Hollister	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Coast live oak	QUAG55	6013248	1985900	14.8	1	No
Hollister	Permanent Disturbance Area	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Coast live oak	QUAG59	6013467	1986051	24.0	1	No
Hollister	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Salix lasiolepis</i>	Arroyo willow		Polygon	Polygon	>4	1	No
Hollister	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Juglans californica</i>	Southern California black walnut	JUCA7	6013370	1985966	4.0	1	No

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Hollister	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Juglans californica</i>	Southern California black walnut	JUCA6	6013348	1985975	7.0	1	No
Hollister	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Juglans californica</i>	Southern California black walnut	JUCA4	6013365	1986033	9.0	1	No
Hollister	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Coast live oak	QUAG54	6013536	1986017	4.0	1	No
Hollister	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Coast live oak	QUAG64	6013654	1986154	5.0	1	No
Hollister	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Coast live oak	QUAG60	6013473	1986072	9.0	1	No
Hollister	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Coast live oak	QUAG62	6013628	1986119	9.0	1	No
Hollister	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Coast live oak	QUAG65	6013665	1986167	10.0	1	No
Hollister	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Coast live oak	QUAG56	6013256	1985931	18.0	1	No
Hollister	Temporary Disturbance Area	<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Coast live oak	QUAG61	6013579	1986068	20.0	1	No

Note: GIS Coordinates are in NAD\_1983\_StatePlane\_California\_V\_FIPS\_0405\_Feet.

# Attachment B

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Santa Barbara Natives Plant Propagation Cost Estimate

Santa Barbara Natives Inc.

14900 Calle Real  
 Gaviota, CA 93117  
 805-729-3855

# Estimate

Date	Estimate #
3/26/2021	1837

Name / Address
Rincon Consultants, Inc. Att: Julie Love 805 547 0900 EXT 108 www.rinconconsultants.com November 2022 delivery

Item	Description	Qty	Cost	Total
Anemopsis californica	One gallon	52	6.00	312.00T
Artemisia douglasiana	One gallon	328	6.00	1,968.00T
Baccharis salicifolia	One gallon	199	6.00	1,194.00T
Bromus carinatus	4"	138	3.00	414.00T
Carex barbarae	One gallon	52	7.00	364.00T
Cyperus eragrostis	One gallon	52	7.00	364.00T
Distichlis spicata	4"	186	2.75	511.50T
Eleocharis macrostachya	One gallon	84	6.00	504.00T
Euthamia occidentalis	One gallon	84	6.50	546.00T
Frankenia salina	One gallon	52	6.50	338.00T
Hordeum brachyantherum	4"	214	3.00	642.00T
Juglans californica	Five gallon, from seed genetics may not be local due to cross pollination	240	24.00	5,760.00T
Juncus patens	One gallon	295	6.00	1,770.00T
Juncus phaeocephalus	One gallon	88	6.00	528.00T
Juncus textilis	One gallon	52	6.00	312.00T
Juncus xiphioides	One gallon	52	6.00	312.00T
Paspalum distichum	4"	52	3.00	156.00T
Phacelia ramosissima	One gallon	112	6.50	728.00T
Platanus racemosa	Five gallon, cuttings from 120 year old trees	150	30.00	4,500.00T
Populus balsamifera subsp. tric	Five gallon	300	24.00	7,200.00T
Quercus agrifolia	1/2 gallon talls	240	5.50	1,320.00T

**Subtotal**

**Sales Tax (7.75%)**

**Total**

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Rosa californica	One gallon	172	6.00	1,032.00T
Rubus ursinus	One gallon	208	5.50	1,144.00T
Salix exigua	One gallon	264	6.00	1,584.00T
Salix laevigata	One gallon	120	6.00	720.00T
Salix lasiolepis	One gallon	222	6.00	1,332.00T
Salvia spathacea	One gallon	112	6.50	728.00T
Sambucus nigra ssp caerulea	Five gallon	444	30.00	13,320.00T
Solanum douglasii	One gallon	112	6.00	672.00T
Solidago velutina ssp. californ	One gallon	112	6.00	672.00T
Verbena lasiostachys	One gallon	112	5.50	616.00T
<del>Delivery Charge</del>	<del>Delivery Charge \$75 per \$1000 of product</del>	<del>55</del>	<del>75.00</del>	<del>4,125.00T</del>

<b>Ekwill St &amp; Fowler Rd</b>	
Revised total w/o delivery	\$ 55,879
Deposit paid by the City	\$ 22,224
Remaining balance to be paid by the Restoration Contractor	\$ 33,655
Portion of remaining balance to be allotted to on-site mitigation	\$ 11,251
Portion of remaining balance to be allotted to off-site mitigation	\$ 22,405

<b>Subtotal</b>	\$55,688.50
<b>Sales Tax (7.75%)</b>	\$4,315.86
<b>Total</b>	\$60,004.36