

Environmental Minor Project Refinement Form



Project Name: West of Devers Upgrade Project **Request Prepared By:** Sylvia Granados

Date Approval Required: 7/5/2021 **Variance Request No.:** 49

Date Submitted: 6/29/2021 **Locations:** Cherry Valley Park District Yard located approximately 1 mile north of the project ROW (4X42) (see *Description of Change and Justification* section below and figures attached).

Landowners and Associated Parcel Numbers:

Proposed Rock Gifting Site	Property Owner	Assessor's Parcel Number
MPR-49 Rock Gifting Site – Figure 1, page 1	Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation and Park District, a special district in Riverside County, California	407-200-009-0

Current Vegetative Cover/Land Use: Grassland/Forbland; Disturbed/Agriculture

Existing Sensitive Resource? NO YES Specify:

Modifying (check as many as apply):

- MITIGATION MEASURE PLAN/PROCEDURE SPECIFICATION
 DRAWING PERMIT CONDITION OTHER

Specify Source (e.g., Mitigation Measure B.5): ROW Work Areas/Conditions

Description of Change and Justification (Attach additional sheets if needed.)

Attachments:

CONSTRUCTION DRAWING ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS CORRESPONDENCE OTHER: _____

MPR-49 Gravel/Rock Donation Site – Figure 1, page 1

Barnard Construction Company plans to transfer ownership of rock, sand and gravel material currently located and stored within the Poultry Yard, located at 30629 San Timoteo Canyon Rd, Redlands, CA 92373, to the Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation and Park District (a special district in Riverside County, California) for transport to the District's Cherry Valley Yard, located at 37356 Cherry Valley Blvd, Cherry Valley, CA 92223 and more particularly described as Section 29 NW, Township T2S, Range R1W, Riverside County, State of California.

The Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation and Park District will remove the rock, sand and gravel from the Poultry Yard and transport it to the Cherry Valley Yard following all applicable industry standards and local rules and regulations, including local storm water pollution and prevention requirements implemented during the transport, storage, and ultimate placement of the material at the Cherry Valley Yard.

Ultimately, the District plans to place the material in the Cherry Valley Yard within an established access road and on disturbed land. The north-south road has been recently graded and the east-west road location is disturbed and devoid of native vegetation, as shown in Figure 1. Impacts to an existing concrete culvert that crosses under an existing access road will be avoided. See photos below.

Environmental Analysis

Jacobs conducted a biological and jurisdictional water reconnaissance survey of the Cherry Valley Yard on June 18, 2021. Based on that survey, no impacts to biological resources or jurisdictional water features are anticipated from the

Beaumont-Cherry Valley Recreation and Park District's placement of materials exported from the Poultry Yard to the Cherry Valley Yard.

Biological Resources and Jurisdictional Features

A desktop analysis was conducted for the gravel placement site using aerial imagery and publicly available data. As the Cherry Valley Yard and associated gravel placement site are located outside of the project ROW, no project biological data is available. A site assessment was conducted on June 18, 2021, to document general field conditions and identify any biological or jurisdictional constraints present.

The Cherry Valley Yard is a rural developed area surrounded by dirt access roads, livestock pens, agricultural fields, disturbed open areas, and rural residences. The gravel placement area is located within an established access road and on disturbed land. The north-south road has been recently graded and the east-west road location is disturbed and devoid of native vegetation. A riverine feature identified in the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) intersects the north-south access road. However, the current extent of the feature crosses under the road approximately 30 feet north of its original NWI mapped location. Water is channeled under the access road via a concrete pipe from sheet flow primarily from the constructed dirt roads to the east (Figure 1, Page 1). Water exits in a southwest direction and, within a few feet of exiting the concrete pipe, returns to sheet flow along a west-traveling dirt road. As a result of active road maintenance and adjacent agricultural activities the feature no longer exists as originally mapped in the NWI. Because water is entering and exiting as sheet flow, the feature currently lacks any of the typical jurisdictional markers (bed and bank, soil sorting, wetland vegetation, etc.) on either side of the concrete pipe installed under the road (see photos below). Therefore, no impacts will occur with the placement of the gravel on the dirt road as the feature has been altered due to land development and water passage east to west under the road within the concrete pipe.



Photo 1. Concrete pipe culvert on the east side of dirt access road, which conveys sheet flow from the northeast dirt roads under the road. Photo facing north.



Photo 2. Concrete pipe culvert exit on west side of dirt access road, which conveys flow under the road to the southwest immediately to sheet flow upon exiting. Photo facing southwest.

Both the source location of the gravel (Poultry Yard) and the gravel placement site at the Cherry Valley Yard fall within the same weed zone (Weed Zone A).

Desert Tortoise (DETO) – The gravel placement site is located outside the range of the species and no modeled habitat is present.

Special-status Terrestrial Herpetofauna No special-status terrestrial herpetofauna were observed within the gravel placement site. No impacts are anticipated.

Burrowing Owl – Burrowing owl habitat in the form of annual and perennial grasslands and scrublands characterized by low-growing vegetation is present in the vicinity of the gravel placement site. However, no Burrowing Owls (BUOW) or burrows were observed during the site assessment and neither are expected to occur within the graded, bare gravel placement site. Therefore, no impacts to BUOW are anticipated.

Nesting Birds – Suitable substrates for nesting birds protected by the California Fish and Game Code and Migratory Bird Treaty Act, including trees, shrubs, man-made structures, and the ground surface, can be found in the area. No active nests were observed during the site assessment. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.

Listed Riparian Birds – No suitable or occupied habitat for least Bell's vireo (LBVI) or Southwestern willow flycatcher (SWFL) is located within 500 feet of the gravel placement site. Therefore, no impacts to riparian birds are anticipated.

Coastal California Gnatcatcher – No suitable or occupied habitat for California coastal gnatcatcher (CAGN) is located within 500 feet of the gravel placement site. Therefore, no impacts to CAGN are anticipated.

Golden Eagle – Based on habitat assessments, limited suitable nesting habitat for golden eagles was identified within 2 miles of the Yard. Protocol aerial surveys conducted for the project in 2019 showed no golden eagle nests exist within 2 miles of the project ROW.

Stephens' Kangaroo Rat – No suitable habitat for Stephens' kangaroo rat (SKR) occurs within the gravel placement site. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.

Special-status Bats – No suitable bat roosting habitat occur within the gravel placement site; therefore, no impacts to special-status bats are anticipated.

Special-status Small Mammals – Special-status small mammals such as the pallid San Diego pocket mouse, northwestern San Diego pocket mouse, American badger, desert kit fox, San Diego desert woodrat, and/or San Diego black-tailed

jackrabbit can occur in the vicinity of the gravel placement site. Ringtail and Palm Springs round-tailed ground squirrel are not expected. The gravel placement site is located outside the known range of the Palm Springs pocket mouse. No suitable habitat for the Los Angeles pocket mouse occurs within the gravel placement site or surrounding vicinity.

No special-status small mammals were observed during the site assessment and none are expected to occur within the graded, bare gravel placement sites. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.

Special-status Plants – No special-status plants were observed during the site assessment. The gravel placement site is graded and devoid of vegetation. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.

Regulated Trees – No regulated trees were observed during the site assessment; therefore, no impacts are anticipated.

Jurisdictional Waters – As discussed above, the NWI feature has been heavily altered and water passes under the access road (i.e., gravel placement site) via a concrete pipe. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.

Resources:

Biological NO SENSITIVE RESOURCES PRESENT SENSITIVE RESOURCES PRESENT N/A

New Survey Report Attached: YES NO

If No, Previous Biological Survey Reference: The Cherry Valley Yard and associated gravel placement site are located outside the project ROW and are not subject to preconstruction surveys.

Other Potential Impacts: (Check any potential changes to permitted impacts and provide details below. Attach additional sheets if needed.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> AIR QUALITY | <input type="checkbox"/> LAND USE | <input type="checkbox"/> TRAFFIC |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES | <input type="checkbox"/> NOISE | <input type="checkbox"/> VISUAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CONTAMINATED SOILS | <input type="checkbox"/> PALEO RESOURCES | <input type="checkbox"/> WATER RESOURCES |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CULTURAL RESOURCES | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIOECONOMIC | <input type="checkbox"/> WETLANDS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HAZARDOUS MATERIALS | <input type="checkbox"/> STORM WATER (SWPPP) | |

NA

CEQA and Permitting: (Provide details for any “Yes” answer and attach additional information if needed.)

1. Will modification involve substantial changes that will require major changes to the CEQA document?
 YES NO
2. Will modification result in new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified impacts?
 YES NO
3. Additional agency notifications and/or permit modifications required? YES NO

Approval or Reasons for Denial: (Attach additional information if needed.)

Approved by:

Required Signatures: (Attached email approvals may be used in lieu of signatures.)

Chief Construction Inspector or Foreman: VARIANCE MODIFICATION IS NEEDED FOR SAFE AND EFFICIENT CONSTRUCTION

Name: Jeff Miller Signature: JM Date: 6/21/2021

Environmental Inspector: FIELD REVIEW COMPLETE

Name: Lisa Amador Signature: *Lisa Amador* Date: 6/21/2021




Land Agent: CONSISTENT WITH EXISTING RIGHTS NEW RIGHTS OBTAINED

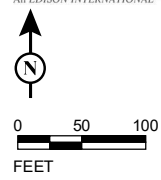
Name: James Spence Signature: JS Date: 6/21/2021

Environmental Compliance Lead: APPROVED APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS (SEE CONDITIONS ABOVE) DENIED

Name: Sylvia Granados Signature: *Sylvia Granados* Date: 6/21/2021



- LEGEND**
-  Gravel from Poultry Yard
 -  Culvert
 - NWI Wetlands**
 -  Riverine



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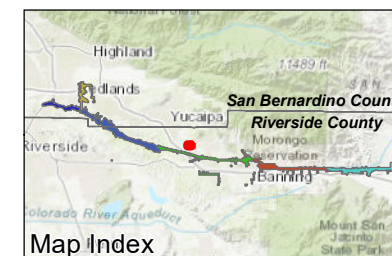


FIGURE 1

Amador, Lisa/LAC

From: Jordan Hall <jordan.hall@barnard-inc.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 2:20 PM
To: Amador, Lisa/LAC
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Rock Gilfting
Attachments: Fig1_MPR49_WorkArea_2021-06-21.pdf

Forwarded Conversation

Subject: Rock Gilfting

From: **Jordan Hall** <jordan.hall@barnard-inc.com>
Date: Mon, Jun 21, 2021 at 2:09 PM
To: <duane@bcvparks.com>
Cc: Tyler McGough <Tyler.McGough@barnard-inc.com>

Good afternoon Duane,

Please confirm the placement location of the gifted rock for the Park District. Also, please confirm that the park district will comply with all West of Devers mitigation measures.

Thank you,

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From: **Duane Burk** <duane@bcvparks.com>
Date: Mon, Jun 21, 2021 at 2:19 PM
To: Jordan Hall <jordan.hall@barnard-inc.com>
Cc: Tyler McGough <Tyler.McGough@barnard-inc.com>

Hi Jordan

Thank you for the email, we will comply with West Devers Mitigation measures for the gravel placement.

Duane Burk

General Manager

Beaumont Cherry Valley Recreation & Parks District

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