

**POMEROY ROAD  
LEFT TURN LANE AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT;  
ED02-344 (WBS#300155)**

**MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION,  
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION, & INITIAL STUDY**

October 1, 2007



**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO  
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING  
ENVIRONMENTAL & RESOURCE MANAGEMENT DIVISION**

**COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
POMEROY ROAD LEFT TURN LANE AND DRAINAGE IMPORVEMENT PROJECT  
COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO  
NEGATIVE DECLARATION & INITIAL STUDY**

Abstract

A proposal by the County of San Luis Obispo Public Works Department to construct left turn lanes on Pomeroy Road at Juniper Street and Camino Caballo and install a new storm drain inlet with an overflow pipeline to improve existing drainage problems in the area. The site is located along Pomeroy Road north of Tefft Street between Primrose Lane and Inga Street, west of Highway 101, in the community of Nipomo, San Luis Obispo County, California.

The project will include construction of a left turn lane on Pomeroy Road at Juniper Street and continuing to Camino Caballo as well as drainage improvements along Camino Caballo to take overflow from the Alyssum Circle Basin and discharge to the north side west of Pomeroy into the Nipomo Regional Park. The left turn lane work will involve the paving of an additional lane within the existing right of way and restriping the entire segment to provide for the left turn lane turning movements. This paving will complete the planned improvements along this section of Pomeroy Road and connect to the existing segments already in place. Lighting with downward shielding will be added at a new crosswalk location for park access.

The drainage improvements involve removal of the existing storm drain drop inlet and replacement with a new inlet box that will divert any overflow into the new pipeline that will be trenched into the existing Pomeroy Road. This pipeline will be placed within the existing paved area and will follow the right of way northerly approximately 250 feet to Camino Caballo, then westerly approximately 300 feet, then leave the paved area and continue northerly approximately 150 feet to a discharge structure within the Nipomo Regional Park. The last segment will follow the existing equestrian dirt trail and avoid the existing vegetation.

Comments on this document should be sent to John Farhar, County Department of Public Works, County Government Center, Room 207, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408.

The following persons may be contacted for additional information concerning this document:

John Farhar, Environmental Programs Division  
or  
Dale Ramey, Project Manager  
County Department of Public Works  
County Government Center, Room 207  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408  
(805) 781-5252

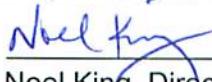
This proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration has been issued by:

9/26/07  
Date

  
Ellen Carroll, Environmental Coordinator  
County of San Luis Obispo

The project proponent, who agrees to implement the mitigation measures for the project, is:

9/26/07  
Date

  
Noel King, Director of Public Works  
County of San Luis Obispo



**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO**  
**MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION & NOTICE OF DETERMINATION**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION NO. ED02-334**

**DATE: October 11, 2007**

**PROJECT/ENTITLEMENT:** County Public Works - Pomeroy Road left turn lane and drainage improvement project

**APPLICANT NAME:** County of San Luis Obispo, Department of Public Works  
**ADDRESS:** County Government Center, Rm 207  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

**CONTACT PERSON:** John Farhar, Environmental Resource Specialist Telephone: 805/ 781-5714

**PROPOSED USES/INTENT:** A proposal by County Public Works to construct a left turn lane on Pomeroy Road at Camino Caballo and Juniper Street and install a new storm drain inlet with an overflow pipeline to improve existing drainage problems in the area.

**LOCATION:** The site is located along Pomeroy Road, north of Tefft Street between Primrose Lane and Inga Street, west of Highway 101, in the community of Nipomo, San Luis Obispo County.

**LEAD AGENCY:** County of San Luis Obispo  
Department of Planning & Building  
976 Osos Street, Room 300  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

**OTHER POTENTIAL PERMITTING AGENCIES:** None

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Additional information pertaining to this environmental determination may be obtained by contacting the above Lead Agency address or (805) 781-5600.

**COUNTY "REQUEST FOR REVIEW" PERIOD ENDS AT .....5 p.m. on October 25, 2007**  
**20-DAY PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD begins at the time of notice publication**

**Notice of Determination** State Clearinghouse No. \_\_\_\_\_  
This is to advise that the San Luis Obispo County \_\_\_\_\_ as  *Lead Agency*  
 *Responsible Agency* approved/denied the above described project on \_\_\_\_\_, and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Negative Declaration with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at:

Department of Planning and Building, County of San Luis Obispo,  
976 Osos Street, Room 300, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408-2040

County of San Luis Obispo

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_ **Public Agency** \_\_\_\_\_

County of San Luis Obispo  
California Environmental Quality Act  
**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE FORM**

**NOTICE:** During environmental review, this project required consultation, review or development of mitigation measures by the California Department of Fish and Game. Therefore, the applicants will be assessed user fees pursuant to section 711.4 of the California Fish and Game Code. The California Environmental Quality Act (Section 21089) provides that this project is not operative, vested or final until the filing fees are paid.

Lead Agency: **County of San Luis Obispo** Date:   10/01/07  

County: **San Luis Obispo** Project Number:   ED\_02-344  

Project Title:   Pomeroy Road left turn lane project WBS300155  

Project Applicant:

Name:   County of San Luis Obispo, Department of Public Works  

Address:   County Government Center Room 207  

City:   San Luis Obispo, CA 93408  

Contact & Phone Number:   Mark Hutchinson, (805) 781-5252  

Please Remit the Following to the County Clerk:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report	\$	2,500
<input type="checkbox"/> Negative Declaration	\$	1,800
<input type="checkbox"/> County Clerk's Fee		N/A
Total Amount Due:		\$ <u>  1,800  </u>

**AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$   1,800**

Checks should be made out to the County of San Luis Obispo. Payment must be received by the County Clerk, 1144 Monterey Street, Suite A, San Luis Obispo, CA 93408-2040, within two days of project approval.

**NOTE:** Filing of the Notice of Determination for the attached environmental document requires a filing fee in the amount specified above. If the fee is not paid, the Notice of Determination cannot be filed.



# INITIAL STUDY SUMMARY – ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING

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Project Title & No. County Public Works - (Project name) ED0 (Project number)

**ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:** The proposed project could have a "Potentially Significant Impact" for at least one of the environmental factors checked below. Please refer to the attached pages for discussion on mitigation measures or project revisions to either reduce these impacts to less than significant levels or require further study.

- |   |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics             | <input type="checkbox"/> Geology and Soils           | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazards/Hazardous Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Circulation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise            | <input type="checkbox"/> Wastewater                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources   | <input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing          | <input type="checkbox"/> Water                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources     | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Utilities   | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use                   |

**DETERMINATION:** (To be completed by the Lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation, the Environmental Coordinator finds that:

- The proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- Although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- The proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- The proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- Although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

John Farhan, Env. Res. Specialist      *John Farhan*      9/26/07  
 Prepared by (Print)      Signature      Date

John Nall      *John Nall*      Ellen Carroll,      9/26/07  
 Reviewed by (Print)      Signature      (for) Environmental Coordinator      Date

### **Project Environmental Analysis**

The County's environmental review process incorporates all of the requirements for completing the Initial Study as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines. The Initial Study includes staff's on-site inspection of the project site and surroundings and a detailed review of the information in the project file. In addition, available background information is reviewed for each project. Relevant information regarding soil types and characteristics, geologic information, significant vegetation and/or wildlife resources, water availability, wastewater disposal services, existing land uses and surrounding land use categories and other information relevant to the environmental review process are evaluated for each project. Exhibit A includes the references used, as well as the agencies or groups that were contacted as a part of the Initial Study. The Environmental Division uses the checklist to summarize the results of the research accomplished during the initial environmental review of the project.

Persons, agencies or organizations interested in obtaining more information regarding the environmental review process for a project should contact the County of San Luis Obispo Environmental Division, 976 Osos St., Rm. 300, San Luis Obispo, CA, 93408-2040 or call (805) 781-5600.

## **A. PROJECT**

**DESCRIPTION:** The proposed project is the construction of a left turn lane on Pomeroy Road between Juniper Street and Camino Caballo and drainage improvements within Camino Caballo to take overflow from the Alyssum Circle Basin and discharge to the north side of Camino Caballo, west of Pomeroy into the Nipomo Regional Park. The project will result in the disturbance of 32,800 square feet. The project is located along Pomeroy Road and extends north from Tefft Street to Inga Street, west of Highway 101, in the community of Nipomo, in the South County planning area.

This project was previously approved with a Categorical Exemption when limited to the left turn lane safety project designed to maintain the existing roadway centerline. Subsequently, review of current right of way configuration, planned improvements for the area, existing improvements and area drainage concerns revealed the need to complete the segment between Juniper and Camino Caballo and incorporate improvements to the drainage facilities in this location.

The left turn lane work will involve the paving of an additional lane within the existing right of way and restriping the entire segment to provide for the left turn lane turning movements onto westbound Camino Caballo and eastbound Juniper Street. This paving will complete the planned improvements along this section of Pomeroy Road and connect to the existing segments already in place to the immediate north and south. A new crosswalk to the Regional Park will be installed and lighting with downward shielding will be added at the crosswalk location. These improvements are intended to address the safety issues associated with these intersections where 18 accidents between January 1999 and January 2004. They are not considered capacity increasing improvements but rather safety enhancements needed to address the well above average rate of collision. Incorporation of barrier islands and the crosswalk facilities should help to reduce vehicle speeds and further increase safety.

Ornamental vegetation and fencing encroachments onto the existing right of way will be removed for the project and fencing will be replaced along the property line or setback to allow for vegetation planting if preferred by the property owners. One Monterey pine tree > 6 inches in diameter may require removal as well as other ornamental shrubbery and trimming of some trees.

The drainage improvements will involve removal of the existing storm drain drop inlet on the east side of Pomeroy Road and replacement with a new inlet box that will divert any overflow into the new pipeline that will be trenched into the existing Pomeroy Road. This pipeline will be placed within the existing paved area and will follow the right of way northerly approximately 250 feet to Camino Caballo, then westerly approximately 300 feet, then leave the paved area and continue northerly approximately 150 feet to a discharge structure within the Nipomo Regional Park. The last segment will follow the existing equestrian dirt trail and avoid the existing vegetation. The County proposes to implement erosion control measures during and following completion of construction activities. All disturbed soils would be restored or revegetated.

The entire roadway section will also include tapering from the left turn lanes extending south to Primrose Lane and north to Inga Street. This section will be overlain with new pavement upon completion of the trenching and widening. Two short segments of a four foot wide AC walkway will also be completed along the east side of Pomeroy south to Tefft Street.

ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER(S):

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT # 4

**B. EXISTING SETTING**

PLANNING AREA: South County (Inland), Nipomo urban area

LAND USE CATEGORY: Residential Single Family, Residential Suburban, Recreation

COMBINING DESIGNATION(S): None

EXISTING USES:

TOPOGRAPHY: Nearly level to gently sloping

VEGETATION: Ruderal, annualGrasses, ornamental shrubs, Monterey pine, Mixed oak woodland

PARCEL SIZE:

SURROUNDING LAND USE CATEGORIES AND USES:

<i>North:</i> Residential Suburban; Regional Park and undeveloped	<i>East:</i> Residential Single Family; developed
<i>South:</i> Recreation; Regional Park and undeveloped	<i>West:</i> Recreation; Regional Park and undeveloped

**C. ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**

During the Initial Study process, several issues were identified as having potentially significant environmental effects (see following Initial Study). Those potentially significant items associated with the proposed uses can be minimized to less than significant levels.

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO  
INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST**

<b>1. AESTHETICS - Will the project:</b>	<b>Potentially Significant</b>	<b>Impact can &amp; will be mitigated</b>	<b>Insignificant Impact</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>
a) <i>Create an aesthetically incompatible site open to public view?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) <i>Introduce a use within a scenic view open to public view?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) <i>Change the visual character of an area?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) <i>Create glare or night lighting, which may affect surrounding areas?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) <i>Impact unique geological or physical features?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) <i>Other: _____</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Setting.** The project involves improvements that are mostly at or below the road and ground surface, and primarily within an existing urbanized environment. The project will not be visible from any major public roadway or silhouetting against any ridgelines as viewed from public roadways. The project is considered compatible with the surrounding uses. Lighting for the crosswalk will be shielded to prevent glare on to adjacent properties.

**Impact.** No significant visual impacts are expected to occur.

**Mitigation/Conclusion.** No mitigation measures are necessary.

<b>2. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES - Will the project:</b>	<b>Potentially Significant</b>	<b>Impact can &amp; will be mitigated</b>	<b>Insignificant Impact</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>
a) <i>Convert prime agricultural land to non-agricultural use?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) <i>Impair agricultural use of other property or result in conversion to other uses?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) <i>Conflict with existing zoning or Williamson Act program?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) <i>Other: _____</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Setting.** The soil types are as follows:

Oceano sand (0 - 9 % slope). This nearly level to moderately sloping sandy soil is considered deep and excessively drained. The hazard of water erosion is slight or moderate and the hazard of

soil blowing is high. Permeability is rapid and the available water capacity is low. The soil is considered Class VI without irrigation and Class IV when irrigated.

Oceano sand, (9 - 30 % slope). This very deep, excessively drained, strongly sloping and moderately steep soil is on old established sand dunes. The soil has low erodibility and low shrink-swell characteristics, with rapid permeability and low available water capacity. The soil is considered Class VI without irrigation and Class is not rated when irrigated.

**Impact.** The project is located in a predominantly non-agricultural area with no agricultural activities occurring on the property or immediate vicinity. No significant impacts to agricultural resources are anticipated.

**Mitigation/Conclusion.** No mitigation measures are necessary.

<b>3. AIR QUALITY - Will the project:</b>	<b>Potentially Significant</b>	<b>Impact can &amp; will be mitigated</b>	<b>Insignificant Impact</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>
a) <i>Violate any state or federal ambient air quality standard, or exceed air quality emission thresholds as established by County Air Pollution Control District?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) <i>Expose any sensitive receptor to substantial air pollutant concentrations?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) <i>Create or subject individuals to objectionable odors?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) <i>Be inconsistent with the District's Clean Air Plan?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) <i>Other:</i> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Setting.** The Air Pollution Control District (APCD) has developed the [2003 CEQA Air Quality Handbook](#) to evaluate project specific impacts and help determine if air quality mitigation measures are needed, or if potentially significant impacts could result. To evaluate long-term emissions, cumulative effects, and establish countywide programs to reach acceptable air quality levels, a Clean Air Plan has been adopted (prepared by APCD).

**Impact.** As proposed, the project will result in the disturbance of approximately 32,800 square feet. This will result in the creation of construction dust and short-term vehicle emissions. Based on Table 1-1 of the CEQA Air Quality Handbook, the project will result in less than 10 lbs./day of pollutants, which is below thresholds warranting any mitigation. The project is consistent with the general level of development anticipated and projected in the Clean Air Plan. No significant air quality impacts are expected to occur.

**Mitigation/Conclusion.** No mitigation measures are necessary.

4. <b>BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES -</b> <i>Will the project:</i>	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
a) <i>Result in a loss of unique or special status species or their habitats?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) <i>Reduce the extent, diversity or quality of native or other important vegetation?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) <i>Impact wetland or riparian habitat?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) <i>Introduce barriers to movement of resident or migratory fish or wildlife species, or factors, which could hinder the normal activities of wildlife?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) <i>Other:</i> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Setting.** The following habitats were observed on the proposed project: Concrete curb and gutter; asphalt roadway;

Based on the latest California Natural Diversity Data Base, and other biological references including the Constraints Analysis for the Nipomo Regional Park prepared by the Morro Group, the following two rare plants have been identified as potentially being within the vicinity of the proposed project:

Sand mesa manzanita (*Arctostaphylos rudis*) has been found in the project vicinity, as well as about 0.05 mile to the south and 0.35 mile to the northeast. This evergreen shrub is generally found on sandy soils in chaparral and coastal scrub areas between the 25 and 230-meter (80 to 760 foot) elevations (Tibor 2001). The blooming period is November-February. The sand mesa manzanita is considered rare by CNPS (List 1B, RED 2-2-3).

Potential Pismo clarkia habitat (*Clarkia speciosa* ssp. *immaculate*) has been found about 0.50 mile to the northwest. This annual herb occurs on low, sandy hills (up to the 185-meter [600-foot] elevation) from Pismo to Edna Valley. Pismo clarkia populations are found in valley and foothill grasslands, and in the margins between chaparral and oak woodland communities near the coast. This species is listed as Federally endangered, State rare, and extremely rare by CNPS (List 1B, RED 3-3-3).

Natural populations of Pismo clarkia observed in the Arroyo Grande and Nipomo Mesa areas appear to flourish in open areas located on northerly or easterly facing sandy slopes, which have experienced some form of soil disturbance. A recovery plan for Pismo clarkia has been prepared (USFWS 1998) that documents distribution patterns, principal threats, conservation efforts, habitat management, and recovery strategies for the species. The principal threat to the Pismo clarkia is habitat destruction and degradation due to development.

**Impact.** A site visit of the project area was made on June 23, 2004 by County biologists Eric Wier, Kate Ballantyne and John Farhar to inspect the project site for the potential to support sensitive species. Pismo Clarkia is known to occur within the regional area and identifying characteristics were reviewed prior to the survey. No sensitive plants were identified during a thorough examination of the road shoulders with overlapping foot surveys by all three participants. Plant density ranged from none along the unvegetated road shoulder edges to very dense within the vegetated areas of annual, non-native grasses along the outside edges of the right of way and in the Regional Park. Improvements at the northeast corner of Primrose Lane and Pomeroy Road will impact one Monterey Pine tree located on the right of way line, possibly requiring removal. The drainage pipeline into the park area will follow an equestrian path through an area of mixed vegetation including live oak trees (*Quercus agrifolia*),

poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversiloba*), California sage (*Artemisia californica*), California buckwheat scrub (*Eriogonum fasciculatum*) as well as wild oat (*Avena fatua*) and filaree (*Erodium botrys*). The project areas do not support any sensitive native vegetation, significant wildlife habitats, or special status species.

**Mitigation/Conclusion.** One Monterey pine will be removed, replacement pine trees shall be planted as mitigation at a 2:1 ratio. Several multi-trunk coast live oak trees at the southwest corner of Pomeroy and Camino Caballo may require pruning up to seven feet clearance for equipment passage. Two live oak trees may be impacted by the discharge pipeline that extends into the Regional Park. No coast live oaks are proposed for removal and mitigation trees will be planted at a 2:1 ratio for each tree impacted. No significant biological impacts are expected to occur, and no additional mitigation measures are necessary.

[BR-1] Schedule work to occur after the nesting season (typically August 15), or conduct surveys for nesting birds to confirm that no birds are nesting in or near the work area.

[BR-2] Prior to project completion, the County shall replace at a 2:1 ratio for Monterey pine trees removed. Also, the County shall plant oak trees at a 2:1 ratio for oak trees impacted but not removed.

[BR-3] Clearly mark the boundaries of the proposed work area in the Regional Park Native Garden area before and during construction using highly visible flagging or fencing. Advise all construction personnel to conduct work activities within the defined area only.

[BR-4] Stabilize and revegetate all areas of disturbed soil with appropriate indigenous native species including California sage and California buckwheat.

[BR-5] Install and maintain appropriate temporary erosion and sediment control measures until revegetation is successful.

<b>5. CULTURAL RESOURCES -</b> <i>Will the project:</i>	<b>Potentially Significant</b>	<b>Impact can &amp; will be mitigated</b>	<b>Insignificant Impact</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>
a) <i>Disturb pre-historic resources?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) <i>Disturb historic resources?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) <i>Disturb paleontological resources?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) <i>Other:</i> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Setting.** The project is located in an area historically occupied by the . No historic structures are present and no paleontological resources are known to exist in the area.

**Impact.** A record search request was made to the Central Coast Information Center which found numerous previous surveys of the roadway alignment and surrounding properties including the park area portion of the project and there are no recorded archaeological sites within the project area or the immediate vicinity.

A Phase I (surface) survey was conducted on June 24, 2004 by Kate Ballantyne, Eric Wier and John Farhar. No cultural resources were observed during a thorough surface examination of the project area with overlapping foot surveys by all three participants. Visibility ranged from excellent along the unvegetated road shoulder edges to poor within the more densely vegetated areas of non-native grasses along the outside edges of the right of way and along the trail in the Regional Park area. No evidence of cultural materials was noted on the property. Impacts to historical or paleontological resources are not expected.

**Mitigation/Conclusion.** No significant cultural resource impacts are expected to occur, and standard mitigation measures for incidental discovery of resources are included.

[CR-1] During construction, in the event cultural resources are unearthed or discovered, the following standards apply:

1) Construction activities shall cease and the Public Works Environmental Programs Division shall be notified so that the extent and location of discovered materials may be evaluated by a qualified archaeologist and/or paleontologist, and disposition of artifacts may be accomplished in accordance with state and federal law. The County shall implement the mitigation as required by the Environmental Coordinator.

2) In the event archaeological resources are found to include human remains, or in any other case where human remains are discovered during construction, the County Coroner is to be notified in addition to the Public Works Environmental Programs Division so that proper disposition may be accomplished.

<b>6. GEOLOGY AND SOILS -</b> <i>Will the project:</i>	<b>Potentially Significant</b>	<b>Impact can &amp; will be mitigated</b>	<b>Insignificant Impact</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>
<b>a) Result in exposure to or production of unstable earth conditions, such as landslides, earthquakes, liquefaction, ground failure, land subsidence or other similar hazards?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>b) Be within a California Geological Survey "Alquist-Priolo" Earthquake Fault Zone"?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>c) Result in soil erosion, topographic changes, loss of topsoil or unstable soil conditions from project-related improvements, such as vegetation removal, grading, excavation, or fill?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>d) Change rates of soil absorption, or amount or direction of surface runoff?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>e) Include structures located on expansive soils?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>f) Change the drainage patterns where substantial on- or off-site sedimentation/ erosion or flooding may occur?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>g) Involve activities within the 100-year flood zone?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

6. <b>GEOLOGY AND SOILS -</b> <i>Will the project:</i>	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
h) <i>Be inconsistent with the goals and policies of the County's Safety Element relating to Geologic and Seismic Hazards?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
i) <i>Preclude the future extraction of valuable mineral resources?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
j) <i>Other:</i> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Setting.** GEOLOGY - The topography of the project is nearly level. The area proposed for development is outside of the Geologic Study Area designation. The landslide risk potential is considered low. The liquefaction potential during a ground-shaking event is considered moderate. . No active faulting is known to exist on or near the subject property. The project is not within a known area containing serpentine or ultramafic rock or soils.

**DRAINAGE** – The area proposed for development is outside the 100-year Flood Hazard designation. The closest creek (Nipomo Creek) from the proposed development is approximately 1.00 mile to the northeast. As described in the Natural Resource Conservation Service Soil Survey, the soil is considered excessively drained and has rapid permeability. The area proposed for discharge of the excess drainage is well suited based upon these soil characteristics.

**SEDIMENTATION AND EROSION** – The soil types and descriptions are listed in the previous Agriculture section under "Setting". As described in the NRCS Soil Survey, the soil surface is considered to have low erodibility and a high hazard of soil blowing which can be addressed by maintaining vegetation on the surface.

**Impact.** As proposed, the project will result in the disturbance of approximately 32,800 square feet. Most of this area is located within the existing roadway and will be repaved upon completion of the work. The area of trenching for the drainage line discharge to the Regional Park will be backfilled and compacted. The area in the vicinity of the discharge structure will be highly suitable for disposal of any excess runoff based upon the soil characteristics including rapid permeability and low erodibility.

**Mitigation/Conclusion.** While no significant impacts were identified, the following mitigation measures are standard on all Public Works projects and will further reduce erosion and sedimentation impacts:

- [ER-1] Minimize the length of time that soils lie exposed.
- [ER-2] Implement sediment and erosion control measures during project construction. These measures will include slope surface stabilization and erosion and sedimentation control devices.
- [ER-3] Restore all previously vegetated areas (other than actively farmed land) that are cleared during project activities through revegetation with appropriate indigenous species.
- [ER-4] Complete any necessary permanent erosion control measures and final cleanup prior to the rainy season after construction is complete.

<b>7. HAZARDS &amp; HAZARDOUS MATERIALS - Will the project:</b>	<b>Potentially Significant</b>	<b>Impact can &amp; will be mitigated</b>	<b>Insignificant Impact</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>
a) <b>Result in a risk of explosion or release of hazardous substances (e.g. oil, pesticides, chemicals, radiation) or exposure of people to hazardous substances?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) <b>Interfere with an emergency response or evacuation plan?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) <b>Expose people to safety risk associated with airport flight pattern?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) <b>Increase fire hazard risk or expose people or structures to high fire hazard conditions?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) <b>Create any other health hazard or potential hazard?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) <b>Other: _____</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Setting.** The project is not located in an area of known hazardous material contamination. The project is not within a high severity risk area for fire (5-10 minute response time). The project is not within the Airport Review area.

**Impact.** The project does not propose the use of hazardous materials. The project does not present a significant fire safety risk. The project is not expected to conflict with any regional evacuation plan.

**Mitigation/Conclusion.** No significant impacts as a result of hazards or hazardous materials are anticipated, and no mitigation measures are necessary.

<b>8. NOISE - Will the project:</b>	<b>Potentially Significant</b>	<b>Impact can &amp; will be mitigated</b>	<b>Insignificant Impact</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>
a) <b>Expose people to noise levels that exceed the County Noise Element thresholds?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) <b>Generate increases in the ambient noise levels for adjoining areas?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) <b>Expose people to severe noise or vibration?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) <b>Other: _____</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Setting.** The project is adjacent to the Residential Single Family land use category. In reviewing the County's Noise Element, the noise contour maps indicated that the residences along the eastern side of the roadway could be in the range of 60 to 70 dbA. Planned roadway improvements exist within the project area with one exception and the right-of-way exists for the remaining section to be paved to complete Pomeroy Road in this area. Residential subdivision development along the east side of Pomeroy between Camino Caballo and Juniper Street has already completed the roadway improvements. The area south of Juniper Street extending to Primrose Lane will require paving and curb, gutter and sidewalks. These improvements will not require any new right of way however the restriping will move the northbound travel lane approximately 12 feet to the east through the left turn lane area and will taper back to the existing alignment.

The proposed road improvements include left turn lanes with barrier islands that will function to break up the expanse of open pavement. A new crosswalk will be installed near the park entrance to improve park access.

**Impacts.** The roadway improvements will result in some residents on adjacent parcels potentially being exposed to unacceptable levels from nearby road-related noise, which is considered a potentially significant effect. Outdoor activity areas for some parcels could exceed the standards of the Noise Element.

Based on known existing or future noise in the area, a noise analysis was completed (Morro Group, June 2007). This analysis identified that the project could result in minor increases in noise at the right-of-way line for several adjacent parcels in the range of approximately 0.8 to 2.5 dB (perceptible changes are generally considered greater than 3 dB). The analysis included topography, existing structures, noise measurements and modeling. The project will include a new six-foot wooden fence along the western edge of several parcels between Primrose Lane and Juniper Street that would provide sufficient mitigation to attenuate the noise to pre-project levels.

**Mitigation/Conclusion.** The project design should contain features to offset noise impacts resulting from project implementation in an area identified as potentially exceeding the standards of the Noise Element. The inclusion of 1"x6"x6' solid wood fencing along the right-of-way between Juniper Street and Primrose Lane will mitigate (2-4dB) the projected increases in noise resulting from the project implementation providing those parcels some noise attenuation for their outdoor use areas. The barrier island and crosswalk will further mitigate noise by helping to reduce vehicle speed. No additional mitigation measures are required.

[N-1] Solid wood fencing 1"X6"X1' shall be installed as shown on the plans to provide offsetting sound attenuation for the segment of roadway where planned improvements are proposed for completion.

<b>9. POPULATION/HOUSING -</b> <i>Will the project:</i>	<b>Potentially Significant</b>	<b>Impact can &amp; will be mitigated</b>	<b>Insignificant Impact</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>
<b>a) Induce substantial growth in an area either directly or indirectly (e.g., through projects in an undeveloped area or extension of major infrastructure)?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>b) Displace existing housing or people, requiring construction of replacement housing elsewhere?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>c) Create the need for substantial new housing in the area?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>9. POPULATION/HOUSING -</b> <i>Will the project:</i>	<b>Potentially Significant</b>	<b>Impact can &amp; will be mitigated</b>	<b>Insignificant Impact</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>
d) <i>Use substantial amount of fuel or energy?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) <i>Other: _____</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Setting.** In its efforts to provide for affordable housing, the county currently administers the Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which provides limited financing to projects relating to affordable housing throughout the county.

**Impact.** The project will not result in a need for a significant amount of new housing, and will not displace existing housing.

**Mitigation/Conclusion.** No significant population and housing impacts are anticipated, and no mitigation measures are necessary.

<b>10. PUBLIC SERVICES/UTILITIES</b> <i>- Will the project have an effect upon, or result in the need for new or altered public services in any of the following areas:</i>	<b>Potentially Significant</b>	<b>Impact can &amp; will be mitigated</b>	<b>Insignificant Impact</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>
a) <i>Fire protection?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) <i>Police protection (e.g., Sheriff, CHP)?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) <i>Schools?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) <i>Roads?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) <i>Solid Wastes?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) <i>Other public facilities?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) <i>Other: _____</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Setting.** The project area is served by the County Sheriff's Department and CAL FIRE as the primary emergency responders. The closest CAL FIRE fire station is approximately \_\_ miles to the (south).

**Impact.** No significant project-specific impacts to utilities or public services were identified.

**Mitigation/Conclusion.** None required.

<b>11. RECREATION - Will the project:</b>	<b>Potentially Significant</b>	<b>Impact can &amp; will be mitigated</b>	<b>Insignificant Impact</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>
a) <i>Increase the use or demand for parks or other recreation opportunities?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. RECREATION - Will the project:	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
b) <i>Affect the access to trails, parks or other recreation opportunities?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) <i>Other</i> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Setting.** The project fronts along the Nipomo Community Park and will include a new crosswalk to provide access across Pomeroy Road to the park.

**Impact.** The proposed project will not create a significant need for additional park or recreational resources. Temporary impacts will occur in a small area that will be restored to pre-project conditions.

**Mitigation/Conclusion.** No significant recreation impacts are anticipated, and no mitigation measures are necessary.

12. TRANSPORTATION/ CIRCULATION - Will the project:	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
a) <i>Increase vehicle trips to local or areawide circulation system?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) <i>Reduce existing "Levels of Service" on public roadway(s)?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) <i>Create unsafe conditions on public roadways (e.g., limited access, design features, sight distance, slow vehicles)?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) <i>Provide for adequate emergency access?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) <i>Result in inadequate parking capacity?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) <i>Result in inadequate internal traffic circulation?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) <i>Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., pedestrian access, bus turnouts, bicycle racks, etc.)?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) <i>Result in a change in air traffic patterns that may result in substantial safety risks?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i) <i>Other:</i> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Setting.** The subject roadway has been identified as having been the location of 18 accidents

between January 1999 and January 2004. These incidents typically involve cars stopping to turn and being run into. Construction of the left turn lanes is intended to reduce the hazard and number of accidents. The work will involve improving the existing right of way and restriping to provide a left turn lane at Juniper Street that will extend to Camino Caballo. The new crosswalk will be placed at the location that provides the maximum sight distance in both directions.

**Impact.** The proposed project is not expected to generate additional traffic but should enhance the intersection operations and improve public safety.

**Mitigation/Conclusion.** No significant traffic impacts were identified, and no mitigation measures are necessary.

<b>13. WASTEWATER - Will the project:</b>	<b>Potentially Significant</b>	<b>Impact can &amp; will be mitigated</b>	<b>Insignificant Impact</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>
a) <i>Violate waste discharge requirements or Central Coast Basin Plan criteria for wastewater systems?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) <i>Change the quality of surface or ground water (e.g., nitrogen-loading, daylighting)?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) <i>Adversely affect community wastewater service provider?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) <i>Other: _____</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Setting.** The project does not involve wastewater or wastewater systems.

**Impact.** The project will not impact wastewater or wastewater systems.

**Mitigation/Conclusion.** None required.

<b>14. WATER - Will the project:</b>	<b>Potentially Significant</b>	<b>Impact can &amp; will be mitigated</b>	<b>Insignificant Impact</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>
a) <i>Violate any water quality standards?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) <i>Discharge into surface waters or otherwise alter surface water quality (e.g., turbidity, temperature, dissolved oxygen, etc.)?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) <i>Change the quality of groundwater (e.g., saltwater intrusion, nitrogen-loading, etc.)?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) <i>Change the quantity or movement of available surface or ground water?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) <i>Adversely affect community water service provider?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<b>14. WATER - Will the project:</b>	<b>Potentially Significant</b>	<b>Impact can &amp; will be mitigated</b>	<b>Insignificant Impact</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>
f) <b>Other:</b> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Setting.** The topography of the project is nearly level to gently sloping. The closest creek from the proposed development is approximately \_\_\_ miles away. As described in the NRCS Soil Survey, the soil surface is considered to have low erodibility.

**Impact.** Regarding surface water quality, as proposed, the project will result in the disturbance of approximately 32,800 square feet. The project is not within close proximity to surface water sources. Drainage system improvements will include a new drop inlet structure that will direct roadside drainage into the Alyssum Circle retention basin during initial runoff periods. At such time as that portion of the system becomes full the water entering the drop inlet box will divert to the new pipeline segment crossing Pomeroy Road, traveling north to Camino Caballo and west along Camino Caballo to a point where it will enter the Nipomo Community Park and be discharged to an energy dissipating structure and then flow across the sandy soils for infiltration. The design should minimize any contaminants from being discharged into the park area since the "first flush" contaminants will always flow to the Alyssum Circle basin first and only the overflow water will be discharged during periods of high flows.

**Mitigation/Conclusion.** Since no potentially significant water quantity or quality impacts were identified, no specific measures above standard requirements have been determined necessary.

<b>15. LAND USE - Will the project:</b>	<b>Inconsistent</b>	<b>Potentially Inconsistent</b>	<b>Consistent</b>	<b>Not Applicable</b>
a) <b>Be potentially inconsistent with land use, policy/regulation (e.g., general plan [county land use element and ordinance], local coastal plan, specific plan, Clean Air Plan, etc.) adopted to avoid or mitigate for environmental effects?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) <b>Be potentially inconsistent with any habitat or community conservation plan?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) <b>Be potentially inconsistent with adopted agency environmental plans or policies with jurisdiction over the project?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) <b>Be potentially incompatible with surrounding land uses?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) <b>Other:</b> _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Setting/Impact.** Surrounding uses are identified on Page 3 of the Initial Study. The proposed project was reviewed for consistency with policy and/or regulatory documents relating to the environment and

appropriate land use.

The project is not within or adjacent to a Habitat Conservation Plan area. The project is consistent or compatible with the surrounding uses as summarized on Page 3 of this Initial Study.

**Mitigation/Conclusion.** No inconsistencies were identified and therefore no additional measures above what will already be required were determined necessary.

<b>16. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE - <i>Will the project:</i></b>	Potentially Significant	Impact can & will be mitigated	Insignificant Impact	Not Applicable
a) <i>Have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) <i>Have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) <i>Have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

For further information on CEQA or the county's environmental review process, please visit the County's web site at "[www.sloplanning.org](http://www.sloplanning.org)" under "Environmental Information", or the California Environmental Resources Evaluation System at: [http://www.ceres.ca.gov/topic/env\\_law/ceqa/guidelines](http://www.ceres.ca.gov/topic/env_law/ceqa/guidelines) for information about the California Environmental Quality Act.

**Exhibit A - Initial Study References and Agency Contacts**

The County Planning or Environmental Division have contacted various agencies for their comments on the proposed project. With respect to the subject application, the following have been contacted (marked with an ☒) and when a response was made, it is either attached or in the application file:

<u>Contacted</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Response</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	County Public Works Department	
<input type="checkbox"/>	County Environmental Health Division	<b>Not Applicable</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	County Agricultural Commissioner's Office	<b>Not Applicable</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	County Airport Manager	<b>Not Applicable</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Airport Land Use Commission	<b>Not Applicable</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Air Pollution Control District	<b>Not Applicable</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	County Sheriff's Department	<b>Not Applicable</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Regional Water Quality Control Board	<b>Not Applicable</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	CA Coastal Commission	<b>Not Applicable</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	CA Department of Fish and Game	<b>Not Applicable</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	CA Department of Forestry (Cal Fire)	<b>Not Applicable</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	CA Department of Transportation	<b>Not Applicable</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nipomo Community Service District	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other <u>County Parks</u>	Pending
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<b>Not Applicable</b>

*\*\* "No comment" or "No concerns"-type responses are usually not attached*

The following checked ("☒") reference materials have been used in the environmental review for the proposed project and are hereby incorporated by reference into the Initial Study. The following information is available at the County Planning and Building Department.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project File for the Subject Application  | <input type="checkbox"/> Area Plan and Update EIR   |
| <u>County documents</u>   | <input type="checkbox"/> Circulation Study  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Airport Land Use Plans   | <u>Other documents</u>  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annual Resource Summary Report  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archaeological Resources Map                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building and Construction Ordinance  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area of Critical Concerns Map                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Policies   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Areas of Special Biological Importance Map                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Framework for Planning (Coastal & Inland)  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Natural Species Diversity Database                     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Plan (Inland & Coastal), including all maps & elements; more pertinent elements considered include: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clean Air Plan  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture & Open Space Element  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fire Hazard Severity Map  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Element   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood Hazard Maps   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environment Plan (Conservation, Historic and Esthetic Elements)   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey for SLO County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Element  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional Transportation Plan                                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise Element   | <input type="checkbox"/> Uniform Fire Code  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation Element   | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality Control Plan (Central Coast Basin – Region 3)                  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Safety Element  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GIS mapping layers (e.g., habitat, streams, contours, etc.)       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use Ordinance   | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Real Property Division Ordinance   |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trails Plan  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste Management Plan  |   |

In addition, the following project specific information and/or reference materials have been considered as a part of the Initial Study:

**Morro Group: Noise Technical Memorandum – June 2007; and Noise Study – March 2005**

**Morro Group: Constraints Analysis for the Nipomo Regional Park -- June 2004**

## **Exhibit B - Mitigation Summary Table**

### **Biological Resources**

[BR-1] Schedule work to occur after the nesting season (typically August 15), or conduct surveys for nesting birds to confirm that no birds are nesting in or near the work area.

[BR-2] Prior to project completion, the County shall replace, in kind at a 4:1 ratio, all oak trees removed as a result of the development of the project, and in addition, shall replace at a 2:1 ratio oak trees impacted but not removed.

[BR-3] Clearly mark the boundaries of the proposed work area in the Regional Park Native Garden area before and during construction using highly visible flagging or fencing. Advise all construction personnel to conduct work activities within the defined area only.

[BR-4] Stabilize and revegetate all areas of disturbed soil with appropriate indigenous native species.

[BR-5] Install and maintain appropriate temporary erosion and sediment control measures until revegetation is successful.

### **Cultural Resources**

[CR-1] During construction, in the event cultural resources are unearthed or discovered, the following standards apply:

1) Construction activities shall cease and the Public Works Environmental Programs Division shall be notified so that the extent and location of discovered materials may be evaluated by a qualified archaeologist and/or paleontologist, and disposition of artifacts may be accomplished in accordance with state and federal law. The County shall implement the mitigation as required by the Environmental Coordinator.

2) In the event archaeological resources are found to include human remains, or in any other case where human remains are discovered during construction, the County Coroner is to be notified in addition to the Public Works Environmental Programs Division so that proper disposition may be accomplished.

### **Geology and Soils**

[ER-1] Minimize the length of time that soils lie exposed.

[ER-2] Implement sediment and erosion control measures during project construction. These measures will include slope surface stabilization and erosion and sedimentation control devices.

[ER-3] Restore all previously vegetated areas (other than actively farmed land) that are cleared during project activities through revegetation with appropriate indigenous species.

[ER-4] Complete any necessary permanent erosion control measures and final cleanup prior to the rainy season after construction is complete.

### **Noise**

[N-1] Solid wood fencing 1"X6"X1' shall be installed as shown on the plans to provide offsetting sound attenuation for the segment of roadway where planned improvements are proposed for completion.

## **EXHIBIT C - MITIGATION MONITORING PLAN**

The purpose of a Mitigation Monitoring Plan is to provide a program to examine, document and record compliance with the environmental plans and specifications pertinent to the proposed project, in order to comply with Section 21081.6 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This plan provides the standards and methods necessary to ensure and document the implementation of the environmental mitigation measures which have been included in the project description as well as with the conditions of approval placed on project permits. Responsibility for ensuring successful implementation of the Mitigation Monitoring Plan lies with the County of San Luis Obispo, as the project proponent and Lead Agency for the project under CEQA.

If the recommended mitigation measures and monitoring plan are implemented successfully, the potential significant adverse effects stemming from project construction will be reduced to a level of insignificance.

Mitigation monitoring will be carried out by the Environmental Programs Division of the County's Department of Public Works. The Environmental Programs Division provides environmental services to the Department of Public Works, including mitigation compliance and monitoring, with oversight by the County's Environmental Coordinator.

Upon approval of the CEQA document, and issuance of all required permits, the Environmental Programs Division will assign internal responsibility for compliance with each mitigation measure to one or more members of the project team. Responsible parties include the Environmental Programs Division, the Project Manager (PM), the Resident Engineer (RE), and/or on-site monitors.

Mitigation measures are organized into project design, pre-construction, construction, and post construction tasks. Compliance with mitigation measures is documented in the project file through written reports, accompanied by project photos where necessary. Post construction monitoring of revegetation and other project components is documented by yearly reports, on a schedule typically determined by one or more of the project permits. Depending on the complexity of the post construction mitigation effort, tasks will be carried out by county staff or technical experts under contract to the County. Post construction monitoring is typically conducted for three to five years, depending on permit requirements and success criteria.

Where necessary, construction personnel will be required to attend a crew orientation meeting. The meeting will be conducted by the RE and will be used to acquaint the construction crews with the environmental sensitivities of the project site. The orientation meeting shall place an emphasis on the need for adherence to the mitigation measures and permit conditions as well as the need for cooperation and communication among all parties concerned (i.e., RE, Environmental Programs Division, Environmental Coordinator, construction personnel) in working together to solve problems and arrive at solutions in the field.

For further information on CEQA or the county's environmental review process, please visit the County's web site at "[www.slocoplanbldg.com](http://www.slocoplanbldg.com)" under "Environmental Review", or the California Environmental Resources Evaluation System at "[http://ceres.ca.gov/topic/env\\_law/ceqa/guidelines/](http://ceres.ca.gov/topic/env_law/ceqa/guidelines/)" for information about the California Environmental Quality Act.

**EXHIBIT D**

**PROJECT PLANS**

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA  
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT  
DESIGN DIVISION**

ROAD NO.	JOB NO.	SHEET NO.	TOTAL SHEETS
1034	300155	1	6

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SHEET NO. 6	STORM DRAIN PLAN

**CAUTION! UNDERGROUND & OVERHEAD UTILITIES SHOWN ARE APPROXIMATE ONLY. PLEASE CALL USA NORTH DOD SAFETY AT 1-800-827-2500 BEFORE YOU DIG.**

**PLANS FOR THE WIDENING OF POMEROY ROAD  
FOR LEFT TURN LANES AT PRIMROSE LANE,  
JUNIPER STREET, AND CAMINO CABALLO  
NIPOMO, CA.**

**CONTRACT No. 300155**

To Be Supplemented By State Standard Plans Dated May, 2006

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS - ENGINEERING SERVICES  
R.C.E. 30789 (Exp. 3-31-2006)

**COUNTY SURVEYOR'S STATEMENT**

This map has been examined in accordance with Section 8768 of the Land Surveyor's Act this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

L.S. 5171 (Exp. 6-30-2008)

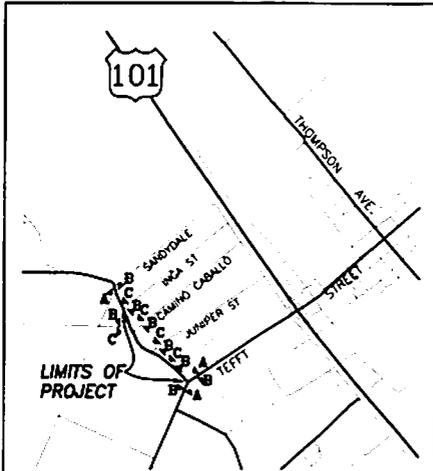
**SURVEYOR'S STATEMENT**

This map correctly represents a survey made by me or under my direction in conformance with the requirements of the Land Surveyor's Act at the request of COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, in \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

L.S. 5171 (Exp. 6-30-2008)

**LICENSE REQUIREMENTS**

The successful bidder shall possess a Class A general engineering contractor's license at the time this contract is awarded. In the alternative, the successful bidder shall possess a specialty contractor's license at the time this contract is awarded that permits the successful bidder to perform with his or her own organization contract work amounting to not less than 50% of the original total contract price and to subcontract the remaining work in accordance with Section 8-1.01, "Subcontracting," of the Standard Specifications.



**LEGEND**

No.	Type	Size	Message	Quantity
A	C18	48"x48"	"ROAD CONSTRUCTION AHEAD"	3
B	C13	48"x18"	"END CONSTRUCTION"	8
C	C18	36"x36"	"ROAD CONSTRUCTION AHEAD"	5

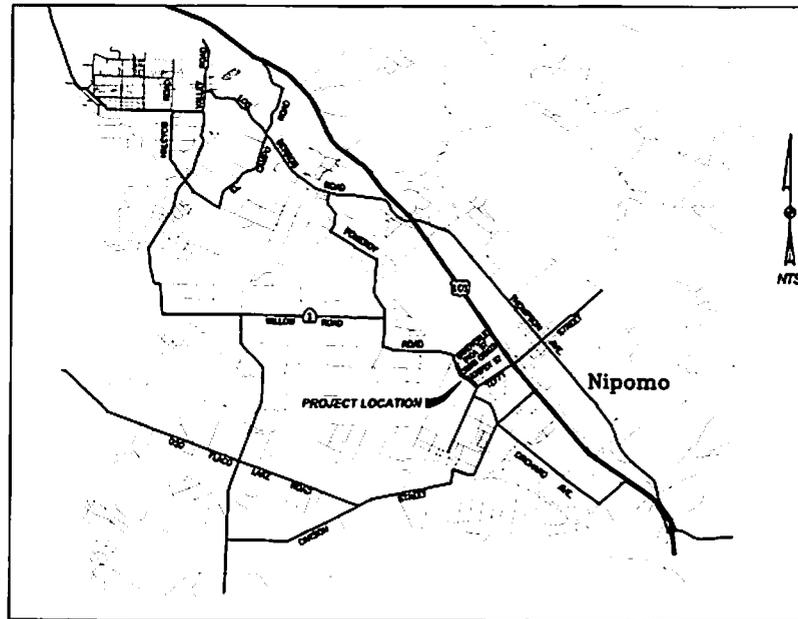
**NOTES:**

All Signs Shall Be Stationary Mounted on 4x4 Wood Posts, Unless Noted Otherwise.

All Construction Signs Shall be Placed Approximately 4' off the Edge of Roadway, the Exact Location and Position of Signs Shall be Determined by the Engineer.

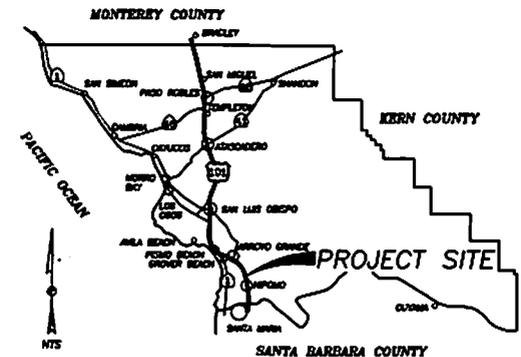
**CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGN PLAN**

NO SCALE



**LOCATION MAP**

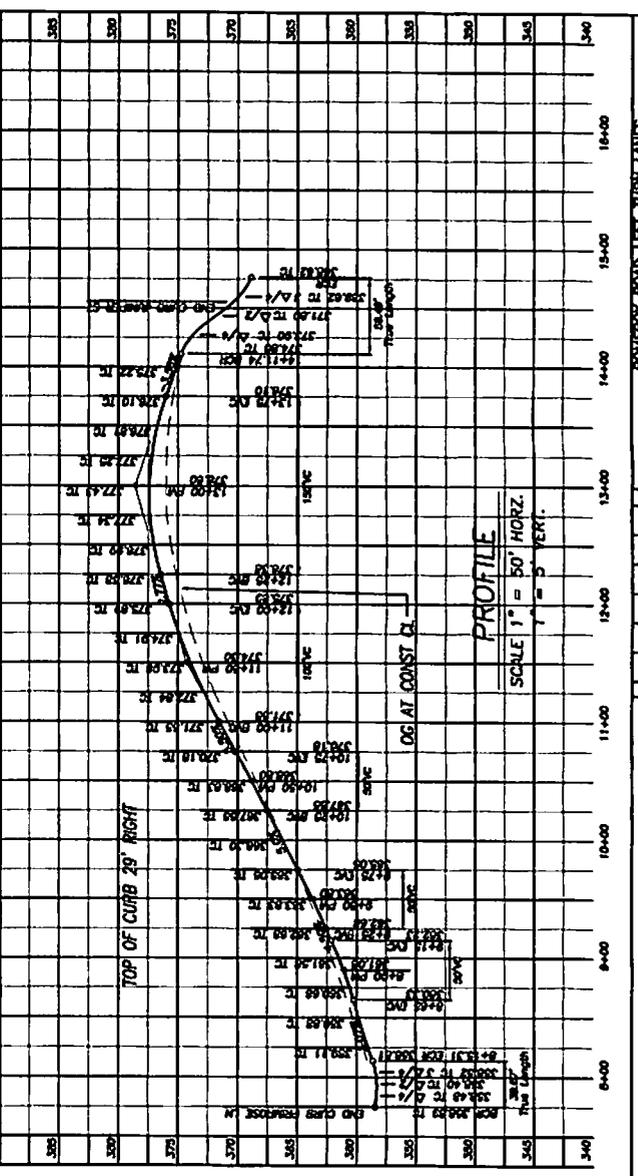
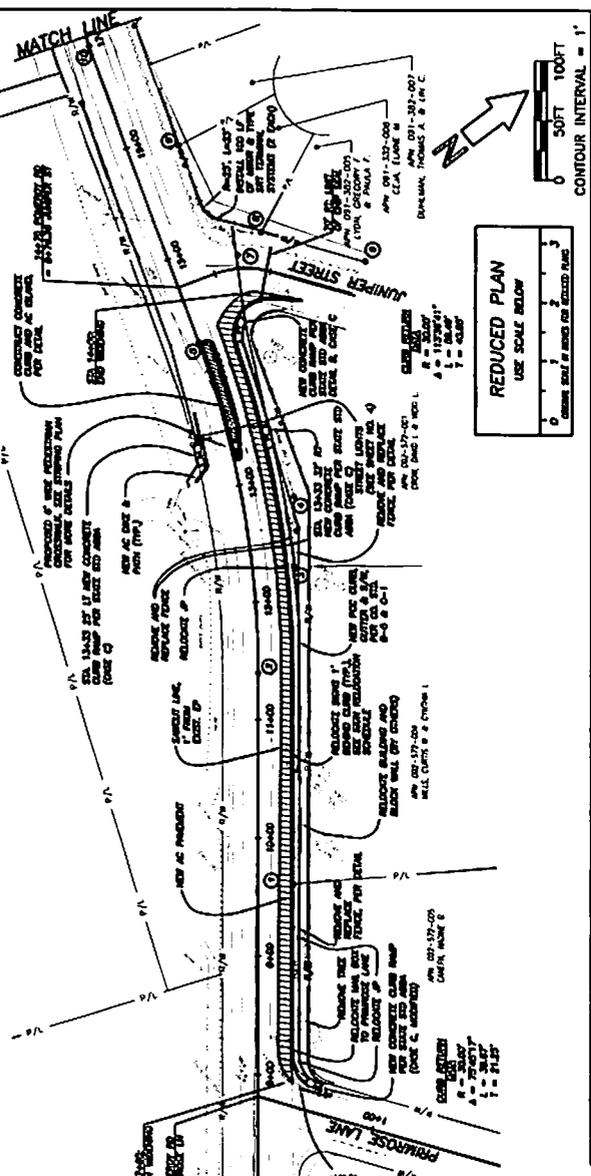
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**VICINITY MAP**  
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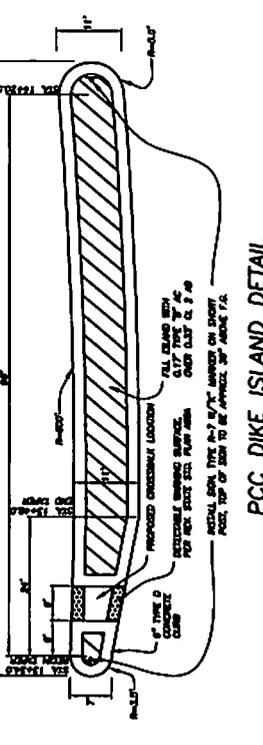
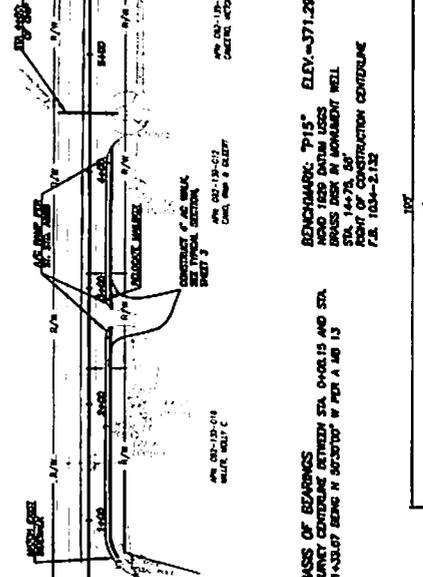
POMEROY ROAD LEFT TURN LANES					
TITLE SHEET					
NIPOMO, CA.					
Designer	Date	Drawn By	Date	Design Engineer	Date
J WADDELL	8/07	C COX	8/07	L O'BRIEN	8/07

ROAD NO.	JOB NO.	SHEET NO.	TOTAL SHEETS
1034	300155	2	8



**SURVEY MONUMENTS (based on G. of S. 1/4)**

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**SIGN RELOCATION SCHEDULE**

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ROAD NO.	JOB NO.	SHEET NO.	TOTAL SHEETS
1034	100115	4	8

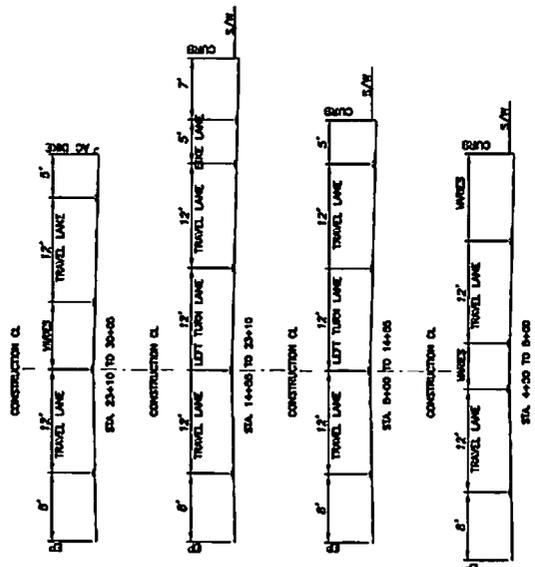
**STREET LIGHTING LEGEND:**

- NO. 5 OR 6 PULLBOX WITH GROUNDED BOTTOM
  - 8 METER PEDestal
  - △ CONDUIT DESIGNATION (PROVIDE MINIMUM 24" OF COVER)
  - ▽ TYPE 15 LAMINARE (200 MHIT)
  - ↳ ORDER FEEDBACK SIGN (24"X48")
- INSTALLATION NOTES:**
- ① INSTALL APPROVED PALM-E METEOR PEDestal
  - ② INSTALL TYPE 15 LAMINARE WITH 10" MAST ARM
  - ③ INSTALL ORDER FEEDBACK SIGN
  - ④ INSTALL ILLUMINATED PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SIGN (BY OTHERS)

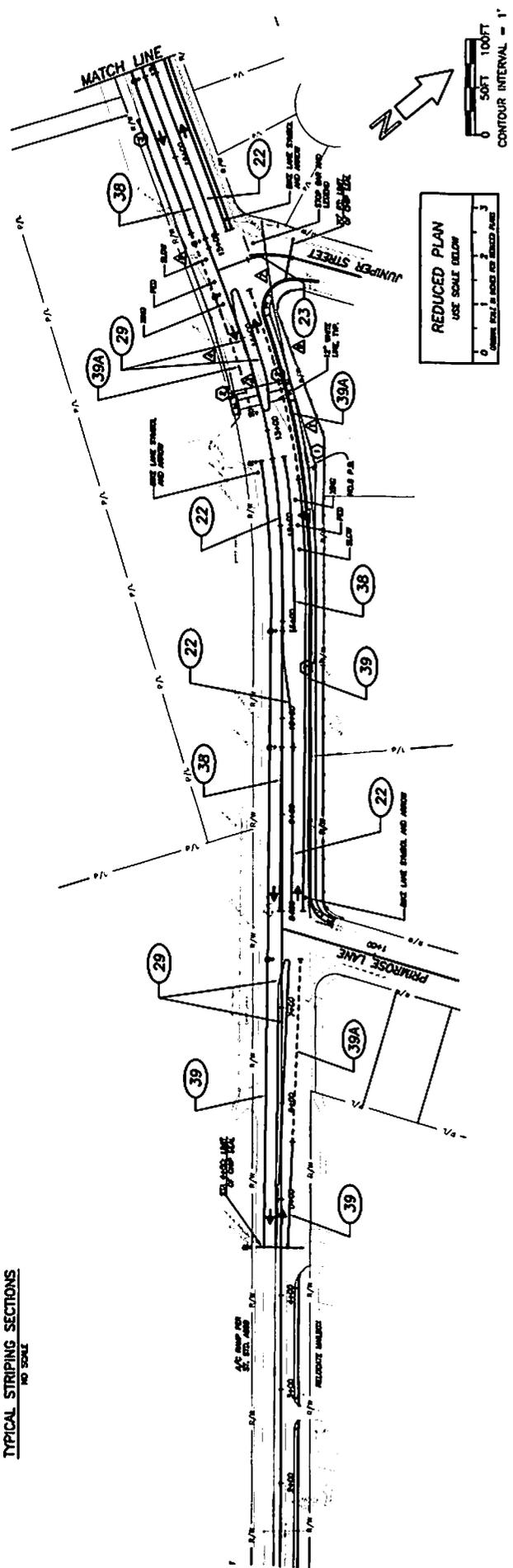
**GENERAL NOTES:**

1. EXACT LOCATIONS AND ELEVATIONS OF FOUNDATIONS TO BE DETERMINED IN THE FIELD BY THE ENGINEER.
2. SPLICES SHALL BE MADE IN THE PULL BOXES AS DIRECTED BY THE ENGINEER.
3. PULL BOXES TO BE NO. 5 UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
4. CONDUIT TO BE 3" O.A. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
5. LAMINARE MUST ARM LENGTH TO BE AS NOTED.
6. INSTALL TYPE 4 PHOTOELECTRIC LIMITS IN EACH LAMINARE.

② - INDICATES DELINEATION ARM NUMBER FOR STATE STR. PLANS



**TYPICAL STRIPING SECTIONS**  
NO SCALE



REDUCED PLAN  
USE SCALE BELOW

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FOOT

CONTOUR INTERVAL = 1'

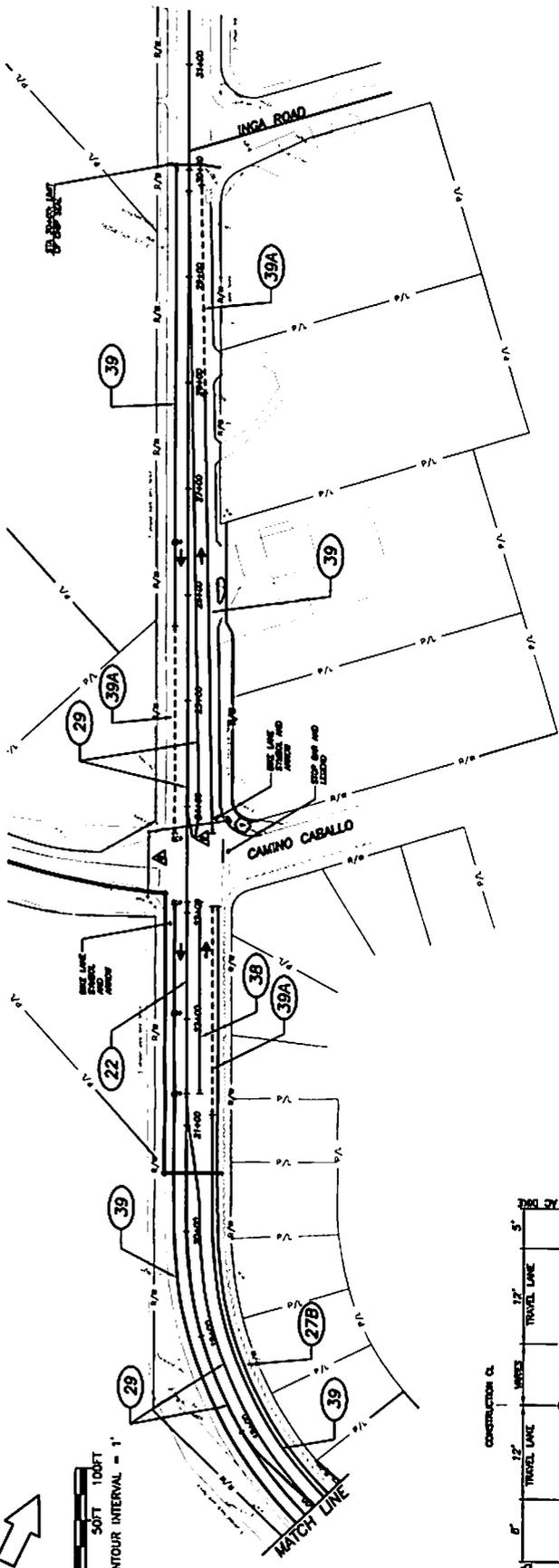
Designer	Date	Drawn By	Date	Design Engineer	Date
J. BRIDGEMAN	6/07	C. GALE	6/07	L. GIBSON	6/07

POWER ROAD LEFT TURN LANES  
STRIPING AND STREET LIGHTING PLAN

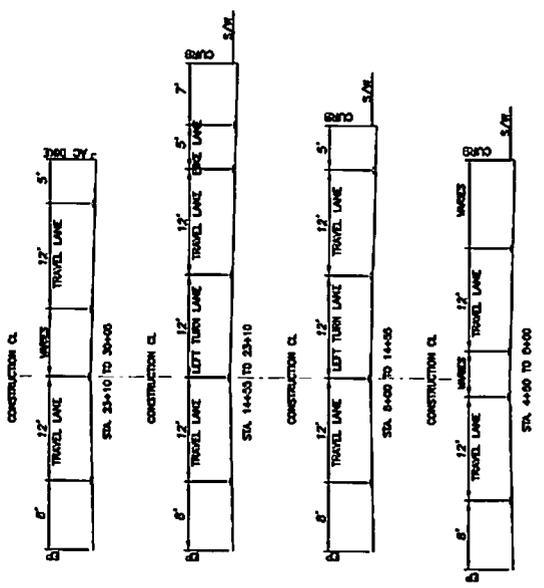
ROAD NO.	JOB NO.	SHEET NO.	TOTAL SHEETS
1034	300158	5	6



0 50 FT 100 FT  
CONTOUR INTERVAL = 1'



**STRIPING LEGEND**  
 (39) = PAVEMENT DEMARCATION DETAILS  
 NUMBERED PER STATE STD. PLANS



**TYPICAL STRIPING SECTIONS**  
NO SCALE

**REDUCED PLAN**  
USE SCALE BELOW

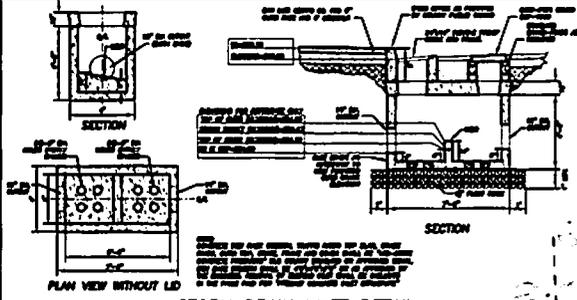
Designer	Date	Design Engineer	Date
J. BOGELL	8/07	I. BOGSON	8/07

POWER ROAD LEFT TURN LANES	
STRIPING PLAN (CONT)	

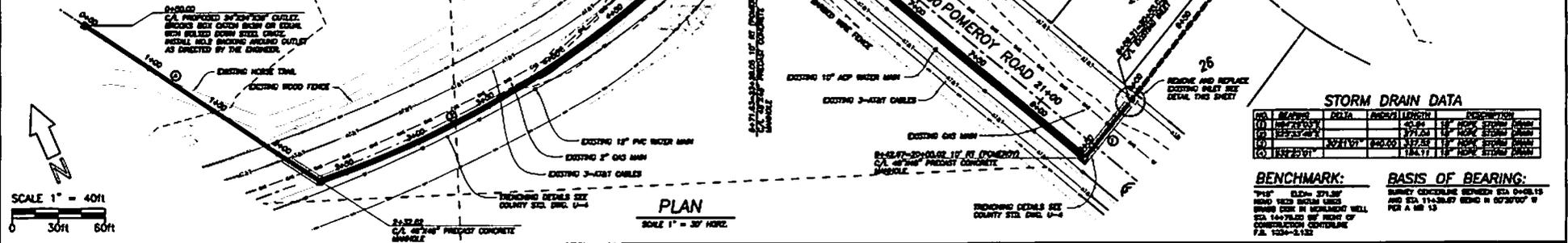
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- NOTES:**
- 1.) PRECAST CONCRETE MANHOLES SHALL MEET ASTM C-478 817 FOR CLASS 3 REINFORCED CONCRETE PIPE, OR AS APPROVED BY THE ENGINEER. MANHOLES TO BE MANUFACTURED BY MO-SCATE CONCRETE PRODUCTS, INC. OR EQUAL.
  - 2.) MANHOLE COVER AND FRAME SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM 3/4" COVER AND CONFORM TO HS-60 TRAFFIC LOADING. LID SHALL HAVE AN OPEN HOLE, AND BE LETTERED "STORM DRAIN".
  - 3.) JOINTS SHALL BE EXCAVATED, SET WITH BUTYL RUBBER SEALANT (DUNN-BEX OR EQUAL).
  - 4.) TRENCH PRECAST SECTION, REPAIR, REPLACEMENT SHALL BE ILLUSTRATED IN THE PRICE PRO FOR 12" HOPE STORM DRAIN, AND CONFORM TO COUNTY STANDARD DRAWING S-4 AND J-4.



**STORM DRAIN INLET DETAIL**  
1/2" = 1'-0"



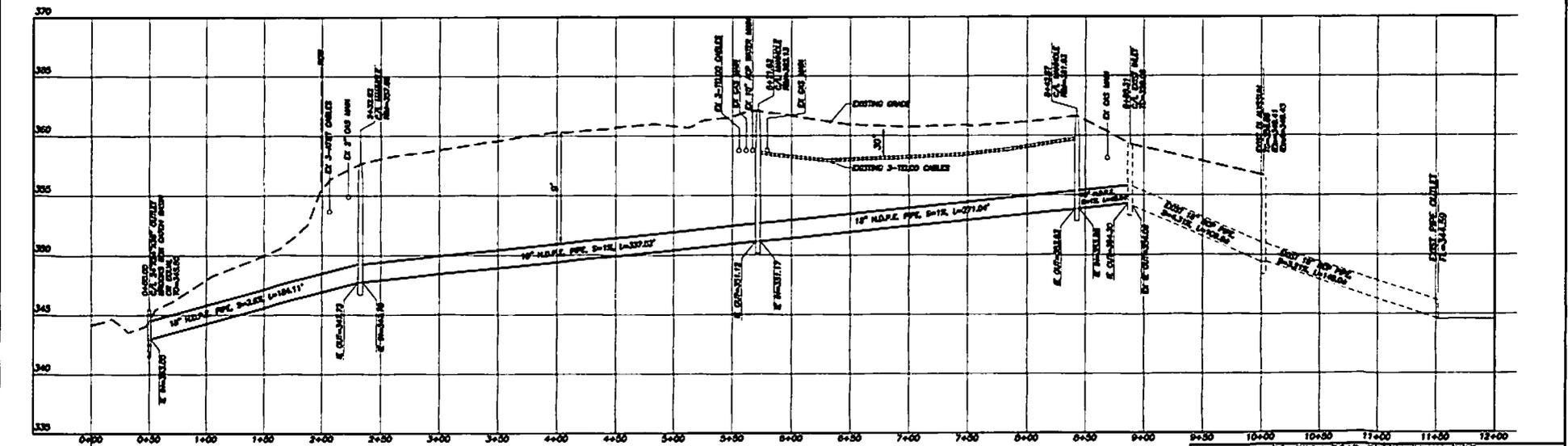
**PLAN**  
SCALE 1" = 30' HORIZ.

**STORM DRAIN DATA**

NO.	MANHOLE	DATA	REMARKS	DESCRIPTION
(1)	18E27507	10+00	12" HOPE STORM DRAIN	EXISTING
(2)	18E27507	10+25	12" HOPE STORM DRAIN	EXISTING
(3)	18E27507	10+50	12" HOPE STORM DRAIN	EXISTING
(4)	18E27507	10+75	12" HOPE STORM DRAIN	EXISTING
(5)	18E27507	11+00	12" HOPE STORM DRAIN	EXISTING

**BENCHMARK:** 1945 BENCH 271.87  
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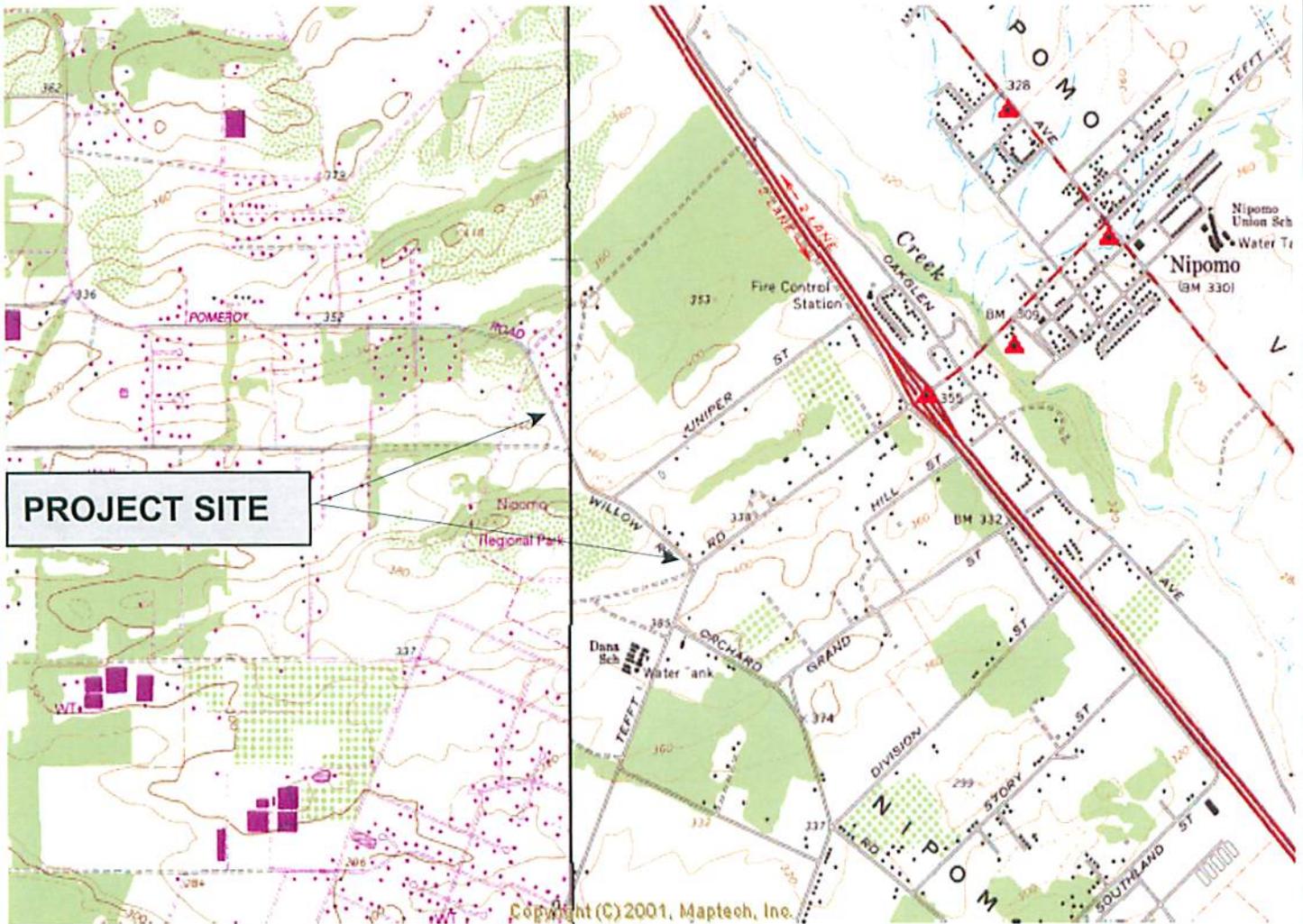
**PROFILE**  
SCALE 1" = 40' HORIZ.  
1" = 4' VERT.

**POMEROY ROAD STORM DRAIN PIPE**

**PLAN & PROFILE**

NIPOMO, CA

Designer	Date	Drawn By	Date	Design Engineer	Date
R. JONES	8/07	R. JONES	8/07	L. GIBSON	8/07



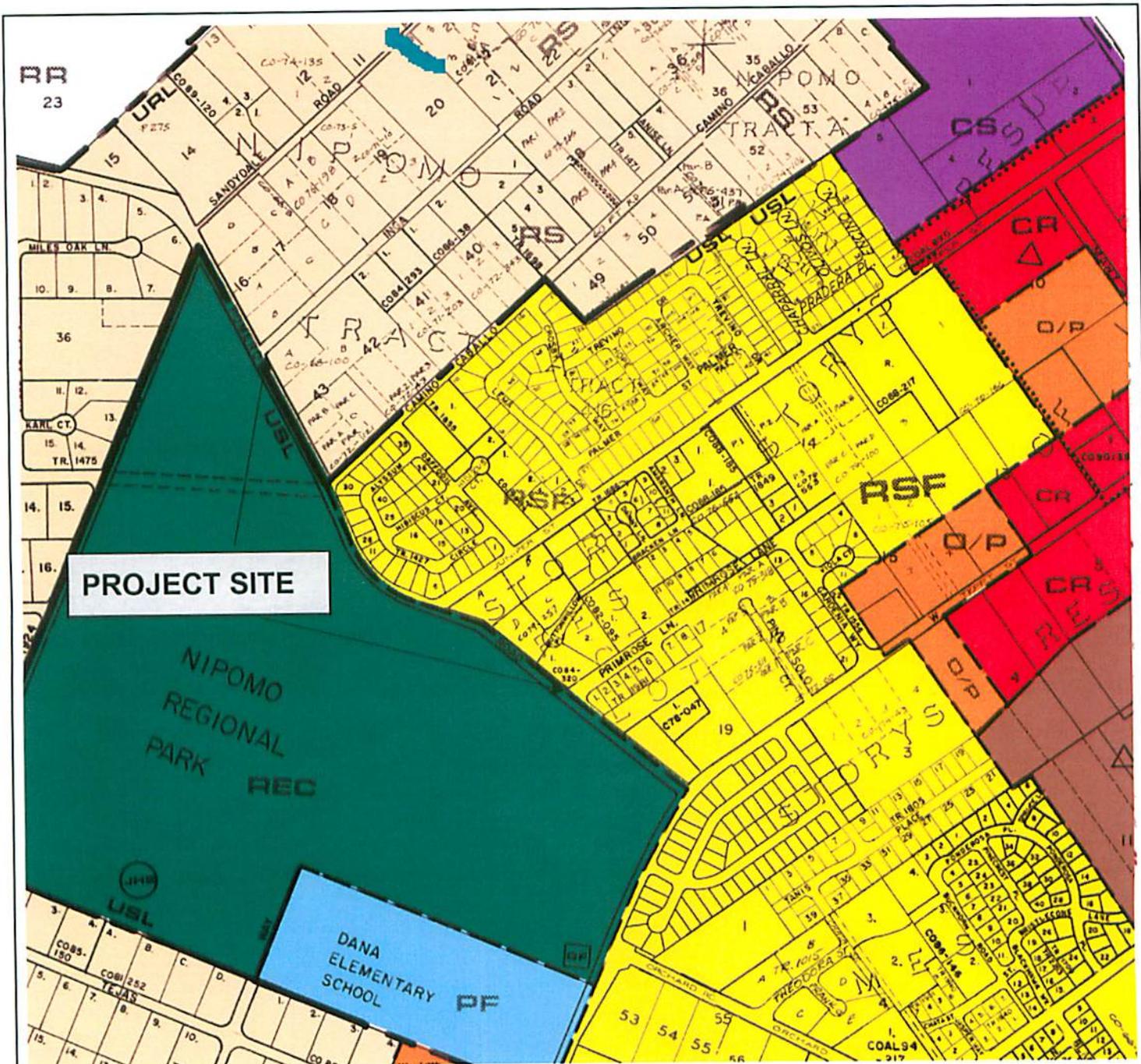
**PROJECT SITE**

**PORTION OF NIPOMO USGS  
7.5 MINUTE QUADRANGLE**

Pomeroy Road at Juniper Street and Camino Caballo  
left turn lane and drainage improvement project  
ED02-344 (WBS# 300155)

**FOCUSED USGS**

**EXHIBIT E**



PORTION OF NIPOMO USGS  
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LAND USE CATEGORY

EXHIBIT F