



PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
Los Osos Community Services District Office
2122 9th Street, Suite 106, Los Osos, CA

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Matthew Fourcroy, Chairperson
Christine Womack, Vice Chairperson
Alissa Feldman, Member
William Fitzgerald, Member
Andrea Lueker, Member
Shaunna Sullivan, Member

STAFF

Ron Munds, General Manager
Laura Durban, Administrative Services Manager

AGENDA

1. **Opening at 5:30 p.m. – Call to Order; Flag Salute; and Roll Call**
2. **Approve Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2019
(Recommend approval)**
Presented by: Administrative Services Manager Durban
3. **Dog Park - Update & Discussion**
Presented by: Chairperson Fourcroy
 - A. Progress Report
4. **Ferrell St. Pathway and Pocket Park - Update & Discussion**
Presented by: Chairperson Fourcroy
 - A. Snail Study
 - B. Pathway Part of Circulation Plan
 - C. Progress Report
5. **Public Comments on Items NOT on this Agenda:** At this time, the public may comment on items not on this agenda. Each commenter is limited to 3 minutes and shall address the Chairperson.
6. **Schedule Next Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting** – The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.
7. **Closing Comments by Parks and Recreation Committee Members**
8. **Adjournment**

Los Osos Community Services District
DRAFT Minutes of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting
November 19, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Call to Order, Flag Salute, and Roll Call	<p>Chairperson Fourcroy called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the flag salute.</p> <p><u>Roll Call:</u> Alissa Feldman, Committee Member – Present William Fitzgerald, Committee Member - Present Jennifer Foronjy, Committee Member – Absent Andrea Lueker, Committee Member – Absent Shaunna Sullivan, Committee Member – Absent Christine Womack, Vice Chairperson – Absent Matthew Fourcroy, Chairperson – Present</p> <p><u>Staff:</u> Ron Munds, General Manager Laura Durban, Administrative Services Manager</p>	
2. Approve Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes of July 16, 2019	<p>Administrative Services Manager Durban presented the draft minutes to the Committee for approval.</p> <p>Public Comment – None</p> <p>Committee Member Fitzgerald moved to approve the meeting minutes of July 16, 2019 and the motion was seconded by Committee Member Feldman and was carried by unanimous consent.</p>	Action: File minutes.
3. Dog Park Discussion a. Location vs. New Library b. Progress Report c. Santa Barbara Dog Park Materials Overview	<p>General Manager Munds commented on the first public workshop for the Library, the clear favorite was the existing library site; Library to pursue the existing site to renovate and extending.</p> <p>Chairperson Fourcroy commented that the District is working on fostering relationship with CSD Parks and Recreation and the County Parks and Recreations; that a Landscape Architect at Wallace Group has Volunteer/Community Service hours that will hopefully be used to help us create a visual tool of what we are proposing for the Dog Park and how much capital it will take to pull the Dog Park off; one of the biggest challenges will be what we can permit and how do we hand off the park and who will maintain it.</p> <p>Committee Member Fitzgerald presented his report as submitted in the Agenda Packet including size, cost, who will administer, criteria for RFP proposals, vandalism/theft, and what will be included at the park.</p> <p>General Manager Munds commented that the organization that will run it is one of the most important things.</p> <p>Public Comment – Yael Korin inquired about having one space versus having different spaces based on size of dog.</p> <p>Margaret Lent commented on having an extra fence down the middle to separate the two sections.</p> <p>Pat Imatil inquired if District is at the infancy stage on how big the Dog Park will be; will there be more discussion before the size is decided in this forum.</p> <p>Chairperson Fourcroy responded that we are at the infancy stage, the size has not been presented yet, Wallace Group will be helping with the size as well as any land barriers for what we would need between the Dog Park and other properties.</p> <p>General Manager Munds responded that further discussions would be during the Parks and Recreation Meeting.</p>	

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3. Dog Park Discussion (continued)	Linde Owen commented that she would like to donate diagrams to Wallace Group to try to protect native plants; start looking for an organization that can form to start advocating and learning what the District needs to do; liabilities should be included on the list and disclaimers; and on fundraising.	
4. Ferrell St. Pathway and Pocket Park Discussion a. Snail Study b. Pathway Part of Circulation Plan c. Progress Report	<p>Chairperson Fourcroy gave a brief history of the Pocket Park; commented of phasing the Pocket Park into two, a path way and a pocket park; commented that a snail study is pending rain.</p> <p>Committee Member Feldman provided a diagram made available to the committee and the public for the Pocket Park; commented on the pathway going through the lot; that many members of the community like to navigate Los Osos without a car and improving this pathway would accommodate many residents; improving upon what's there with native plants and benches; suggested making it an adopt-a-park situation; initiated communication with Cal Poly to see if a class or student project could take on a simple diagram for the lot.</p> <p>Chairperson Fourcroy expressed support for getting help from Cal Poly; commented that he brought the pathway to attention of a wider audience by bringing it to LOCAC, Traffic & Circulation, and the Bicycle Advisory Committee and what the best solution for the whole community would be.</p> <p>Public Comment - John Lin inquired on the length of trail at the Pocket Park; is there a budget for the path and trees.</p> <p>Chairperson Fourcroy commented that this pathway is not a main street and is safer for riding; there is a Parks and Recreation budget and we are looking for projects to utilize that money, this pathway would be a superior alternative for the community.</p> <p>Paul Hershfield commented that having a nice place to go in that part of town would be nice, with a native garden you could put tags on the plants and make it an educational opportunity.</p> <p>Pat Imatil inquired if the thought process is to put the path down and then beautify the park as time goes.</p> <p>Linde Owen commented that Traffic & Circulation would like the pathway to go through; granite is more environmentally friendly; make the pathway as wide as we can get away with; to start planting when we can; to notify the neighbors ahead of time.</p> <p>Christina Grimm inquired on what materials would hold up against gophers; commented the District should go with something more solid.</p> <p>Committee Member Feldman commented on the walkway on Santa Isabela.</p> <p>Margaret Lent inquired if the pocket park is just north of the sandy trail that is in the lot and if the pocket park would fill the whole parcel or just the portion of it.</p> <p>Yael Korin commented that if the District goes through the trouble of improving the pathway that it should be multi-purpose; inquired if LOCAC Tree & Landscape will be involved.</p> <p>Chairperson Fourcroy responded that a preliminary plan will be needed first.</p>	
5. Parks and Recreation Community Calendar Discussion	Chairperson Fourcroy commented that the description is not the best, we are going to discuss the Parks and Recreation Resource Page; asked Christina Grimm to present this Agenda Item.	

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	<p>Christina Grimm reported that while the District is waiting for the HCP and the Community plan to develop that the District should work on the Recreation part of Parks and Recreation. Recommends creating a Parks and Recreation Resource Page on the District website, where the District hosts a hub on information for all the various things that are happening and going on in our town. The District would start very carefully rolling out items seasonally and would start with natural resources and facilities. An example is camping, state parks, parks that are in Los Osos, organized sports leagues and clubs. Information that would help residents with Parks and Recreation, including information on being able to kayak from the Cuesta Inlet, and solicit community feedback for items that the community would like supported more in our community.</p> <p>General Manager Munds commented that this webpage would be hosted on the CSD website and the District would work with volunteers to keep that website fresh as well as start using social media and email newsletters; that the district would promote things that are in other areas that promote community value.</p> <p>Public Comment –Yael Korin voiced support but inquired how we would let the community know it is there.</p> <p>Christina Grimm commented that there are so many places to get information and sometimes it can be hard to find the correct information that a person is looking for; the goal would be to make this a reliable resource so that the community would begin to trust that they can come to this one place to find the resources that they need.</p> <p>Linde Owens supported the idea and commented to connect with the Chamber of Commerce and put out an information sheet so residents can find the information.</p>	
6. Public Comment on Items NOT on the Agenda	<p>Yael Korin commented on LOCAC Tree & Landscape and planting trees in the community; inquired about planting on CSD properties; working on planting trees at the community center; formed a 501(c)3 so they can fundraise for trees and promote community involvement.</p> <p>Margaret Lent commented Los Osos Bear Roots Tree & Landscape Group can apply for grants but need permission from property owner to do the planting; inquired if any District properties could be beautified.</p> <p>Chairperson Fourcroy responded that most properties the CSD own are industrial and we are under strict limitation on what the District can have on some of the properties.</p> <p>Linde Owen commented on the Nipomo and South Bay Blvd landscaping to hold the bank in place; commented on the Sunnyside lot to get an agreement to let the public have access to use the area.</p>	
7. Schedule Next Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting	<p>The next Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on January 21, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. unless otherwise noticed.</p>	
8. Closing Comments by Parks and Recreation Committee Members		
9. Adjournment	<p>The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.</p>	



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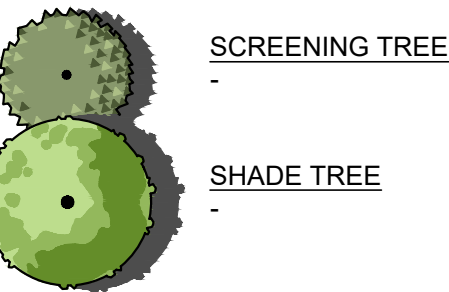
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DOG PARK AREA: 20,670 SF

LARGE BREED AREA: 15,536 SF

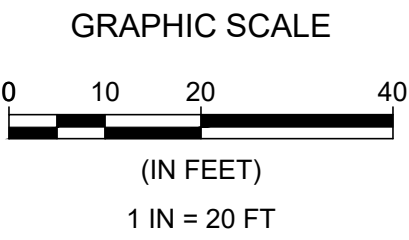
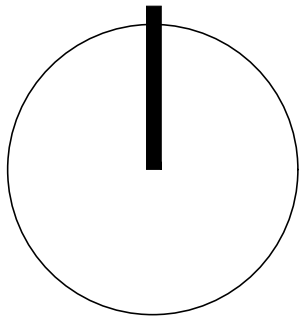
SMALL BREED AREA: 4,919 SF

CONCEPT TREES



SITE DEVELOPMENT

SYMBOL	NOTES
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	EROSION CONTROL HYDROSEED MIX
	CONCRETE PATH
	ASPHALT
	PARK SURFACE A
	PARK SURFACE B



LOS OSOS DOG PARK - CONCEPT PLAN

January 13, 2020

Morro Shoulderband Snail Habitat Assessment and Protocol Survey Results Report for Ferrell Street Footpath Improvement Project (074-251-006), Los Osos, San Luis Obispo County, California



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January 6, 2019

Introduction

The following Morro shoulderband snail (MSS) habitat assessment report has been prepared by Ecological Assets Management LLC (EAM) for the Los Osos Community Services District. This report presents the methods and results of a site visit (December 6, 2019) to conduct one protocol-level MSS survey and a habitat assessment on the 0.40-acre northern portion of the 1-acre undeveloped parcel located on Ferrell Street, Los Osos, San Luis Obispo County (Assessor's Parcel Number 074-251-006). The proposed project is to improve the existing Ferrell Street dirt footpath with a five- to seven-foot wide asphalt concrete pedestrian pathway and installation of symbolic fencing to reduce impacts to adjacent MSS habitat.

In summary, the 0.40-acre survey area was observed to be disturbed and dominated by nonnative veldt grass that is mowed annually for fire hazard abatement. Small isolated stands of coastal scrub habitat were observed within the survey area. During the focused survey efforts two live MSS were observed under coastal scrub habitat within the survey area. The isolated stands of coastal scrub habitat are the only habitats within the survey area that can provide suitable yearlong MSS habitat since the remaining portion of the parcel is mowed annually and do not provide aestivation habitat. Due to the scope of the proposed project and the location of the identified MSS habitat, and in association with implementation of the proposed avoidance and protection measures in the report, take of MSS is unlikely to occur.

Survey Methods

The 2003 United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Protocol Survey Guidelines for MSS require that five protocol surveys be performed during or immediately following a rain event to establish the presence or absence of MSS at a location. For this effort and per the guidance of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, one survey of the parcel was conducted during protocol conditions and during this effort habitats present onsite were assessed to determine if they were suitable for MSS. Rainfall data used to document suitable survey conditions is obtained from either the Pacific Gas & Electric, Diablo Canyon Power Plant weather forecast (<http://www.tenera.com/weather/>) or from the rain gauge at EAM's Los Osos office. Site specific weather conditions (i.e. temperature and wind speed) were collected on site with a Kestrel 3000 wind meter.

Immediately following a rainfall event MSS permitted biologists Dwayne Oberhoff and Bob Sloan conducted one protocol survey on December 6, 2019, that covered the 0.40-acre northern portion of the subject parcel. Dwayne Oberhoff is permitted to conduct protocol surveys under federal recovery permit TE-180579-1. Bob Sloan is permitted to conduct MSS protocol surveys under federal recovery permit TE-43937B-0. The protocol survey and habitat assessment were conducted on foot and covered all areas of the 0.40-acre portion of the subject parcel to determine the presence/absence of live MSS, empty MSS shells and/or suitable MSS habitat. Survey

efforts focused on all areas of the site, including non-native habitat, anthropogenic debris, and edges of building foundations, fence lines, and other manmade structures that could provide habitat or shelter for MSS.

Description of Morro Shoulderband Snail and its Habitat

MSS is found in western San Luis Obispo County within the vicinity of Morro Bay. Specifically, it is found south from the northern portion of the city of Morro Bay, west of Los Osos Creek and north of Hazard Canyon. Within this area, MSS is found on sandy soils within both coastal dune and coastal scrub plant communities. Key native plant species associated with MSS include mock heather (*Ericameria ericoides*), coast buckwheat (*Eriogonum parvifolium*), dune bush lupine (*Lupinus chamissonis*), deerweed (*Acmispon glaber*), California croton (*Croton californicus*), seaside golden yarrow (*Eriophyllum staechadifolium*), black sage (*Salvia mellifera*) and California sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*). MSS are also commonly found in association with non-native plant species such as veldt grass (*Ehrharta calycina*), ice plant (*Carpobrotus edulis*), and anthropogenic structures or debris/garbage (i.e. plywood, cardboard, etc).

Due to threats from habitat destruction, colonization of invasive plant species, aging habitat, and off-road vehicle use, MSS was listed as endangered by the USFWS on December 15, 1994. In 2006, following the five-year review conducted by the USFWS, the USFWS recommended MSS be downlisted from endangered to threatened, however the final rulemaking process for this downlisting has not been completed.

Site Location and Existing Conditions

The Ferrell Street Footpath is located within a narrow portion of the one-acre parcel owned by the LOCSD, and is specifically located between Ferrell Street (west side) and the southern terminus of 7th Street (east side) within the community of Los Osos (refer to Figure 1 and Appendix B). The closest main cross street is Bush Drive located approximately 250 feet to the southeast of the subject parcel.

The 0.4-acre survey area was observed to be disturbed from annual mowing of the area for fire hazard abatement, public use as a footpath between Ferrell Street and 7th Street, and as a non-designated "dog park." The survey area was dominated by veldt grass with small isolated stands of coastal scrub species dominated by coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*) and black sage (*Salvia mellifera*). The survey area is surrounded by Ferrell Street to the west, an existing single-family residence to the north, a small disturbed vacant parcel and 7th Street to the east, and to the south is the remaining portion of the subject parcel that is used by the LOCSD as a storage yard. The adjacent parcels are dominated by disturbed areas that are vegetated with nonnative species. No large areas of native habitats suitable for MSS is contiguous with the survey area. Appendix A includes four (4) site photos taken during the survey and Appendix B includes an aerial of the survey area and subject parcel.

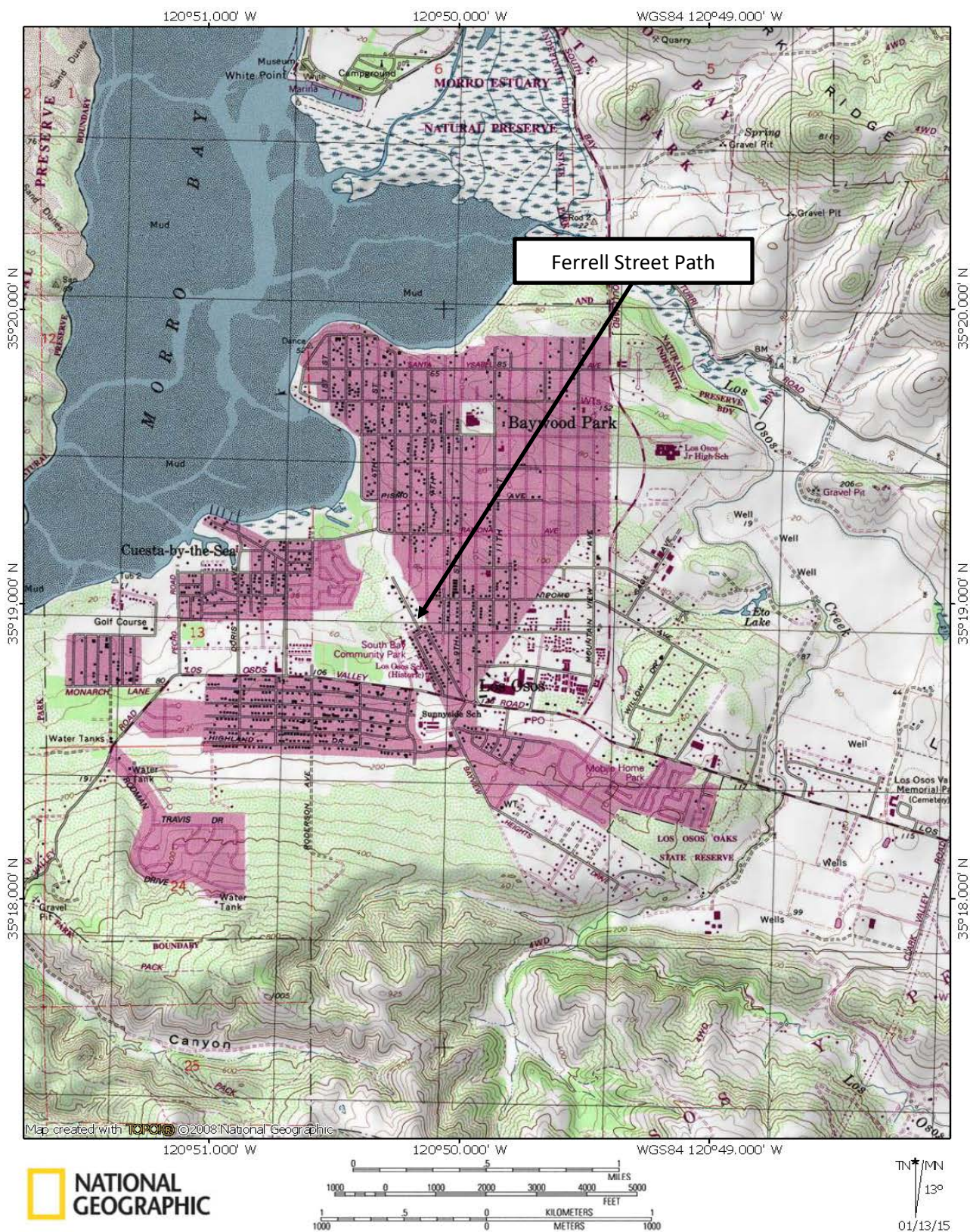


FIGURE 1. Location map of subject parcel in Los Osos, CA.

The subject parcel is outside of the boundaries of critical habitat units for MSS designated on February 7, 2001. The nearest critical habitat unit to the subject parcel is located approximately 0.5 miles to the south.

Proposed Project

The LOCSO is proposing to improve the existing Ferrell Street dirt footpath with a five- to seven-foot wide asphalt concrete pedestrian pathway. In addition, along the northern side of the improved footpath, symbolic deterrent fencing (e.g. rope fence, signage, etc.) will be installed to reduce pedestrian traffic in areas of known adjacent MSS habitat.

Results

EAM biologist Dwayne Oberhoff and Bob Sloan conducted a single site visit to the subject parcel to survey for MSS and conduct a MSS habitat assessment. The survey conducted on December 6, 2019, was conducted during protocol conditions with heavy precipitation (approximately 3.75-inches) during the ten days prior to the survey date.

All areas and habitats located within the 0.40-acre survey area were surveyed by walking transects, visual observation, and carefully sifting through soil and leaf litter by hand under vegetation, around woody debris, and other areas where MSS could be present.

Two live and active adult MSS were observed within the remnant coastal scrub habitat present within the survey area. Specifically, one MSS was observed under a coyote brush (*Baccharis pilularis*) and the other under a black sage (*Salvia mellifera*). No empty MSS shells and no other species of snail was observed during the survey efforts.

Discussion

The survey results documented above provide a determination that the 0.40-acre survey area is dominated by nonnative and disturbed habitats with small areas of remnant native coastal habitat present. The nonnative habitats present on site do not provide suitable habitat for MSS due to annual fire hazard abatement (e.g. mowing) and absence of aestivation habitat. However, the isolated stands of coastal scrub habitat do provide suitable native habitat as evidenced by the presence of live MSS.

If a project can be shown to have no adverse impacts to MSS, USFWS may grant a Concurrence Authorization, which allows construction to occur. If a concurrence authorization is not granted by the USFWS, mitigation through preparation of a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and receipt of an Incidental Take Permit would be necessary prior to construction.

To ensure no adverse impacts to MSS occur from the proposed project and that the project can move forward with a No-take Concurrence Authorization, the following avoidance and protection measures are being proposed for this project.

1. All project related ground disturbing activities shall occur during the dry season (June 1st - October 15th) when Morro shoulderband snail are aestivating and unlikely to migrate into work areas.
2. A Service-approved biologist shall conduct a pre-construction survey of the work area no more than 48 hours prior to the initiation of site work. The biologist shall notify the Service of the results of the survey immediately following the survey efforts. No live Morro shoulderband snail shall be relocated during these efforts.
3. Prior to any soil disturbance and/or vegetation removal, silt fencing or orange protective fencing will be installed around the perimeter of the proposed project area to prevent unauthorized ground disturbance outside of the work area.
4. A Service-approved biologist with demonstrable knowledge and experience with MSS and its habitat will conduct a pre-construction environmental awareness training session for all construction personnel involved in site disturbance. The training is intended to inform the permittees, construction crews, field supervisors, and equipment operators about the status and presence of the species, grading and construction-activity restrictions, and all proposed avoidance, protection and minimization measures.

Based on the location of MSS in the survey area, the proposed project location, and implementation of the proposed avoidance/protection measures, the proposed project is unlikely to result in take of MSS. A "No Take Concurrence Authorization" request is being included with this report and both will be submitted to the USFWS for review.

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Appendix A: Photo Pages

- 4 Photos



Photo 1: Photo viewing east of location where live MSS were observed during the focused survey efforts.

December 6, 2019



Photo 2: Photo viewing west from eastern property line toward Ferrell Street.

December 6, 2019



Photo 3: Photo viewing east down existing footpath toward the 7th Street terminus.

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Photo 4: Photo viewing east from center of parcel toward the 7th Street terminus.

December 6, 2019

Appendix B: Existing Conditions and Survey Results Map

