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A DIVISION OF
SWCA
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS

To: Ms. Diana Haines, County Public Works,
Zone 1/1A Advisory Board

From: Deborah Hollowell, SWCA

Subject: Flood Control Zone 1/1A Waterway Management Plan for Arroyo
Grande Creek and Environmental Impact Report

RE: *Project Work Progress through July 18, 2008*

The Board of Supervisors approved our consultant contract on June 3, 2008. Project work is getting underway with all the project consultants following the kick-off meeting on June 10. Because the contract covers two separate and major components – the Waterway Management Plan (WMP) and the environmental impact report (EIR) – progress on each is itemized separately.

WMP – Swanson Hydrology & Geomorphology

- Project Kick-off Meeting: John Dvorsky and Matt Weld attended the project kick-off meeting in San Luis Obispo. In addition we reviewed and provided comments on Fugro and Cannon and Associates proposed Scope of Work.
- Background Information Review: SH+G staff, including Matt Weld, Fred MacGregor, and Colin Forsyth began reviewing existing information for the project in preparation for the 30% Design phase for the proposed levee raise alternatives.
- Field Assessment of Sediment Removal Options: Prior to the Project Kick-off Meeting, John Dvorsky and Matt Weld conducted some preliminary field work to further refine potential strategies for the sediment removal portion of the project. We also began to develop some ideas about potential habitat enhancement measures that will be needed as part of the mitigation for any future sediment removal strategies.
- Upcoming Work Effort:
- Coordination with regulatory agencies regarding program components, including sediment removal strategies, habitat mitigation, permitting requirements.

EIR – Morro Group/SWCA

- Project Kick-off meeting: Deborah Hollowell and Mary Reents attended the kick-off meeting on June 10 in San Luis Obispo. We prepared and distributed a summary of items discussed with follow up action items for meeting participants.
- SWCA biologist Bob Sloan continued blooming-season plant surveys for special-status (listed) plants on June 27; San Bernardino aster (CNPS List 1B) was identified and mapped in 38 locations within the project area.
- SWCA provided background utility information (from Halcyon/Hwy 1 projects) and APN files to Cannon Associates re: their survey efforts.
- Subcontractor/Staff coordination: Deborah Hollowell began coordination of background information with SWCA staff, JRP Historical, Kleinfelder and Swanson H+G.

- We coordinated with Public Works staff re: necessary access permissions for various consultants.
- Upcoming Work Effort:
 - SWCA will complete the third of three blooming-season plant surveys for special-status plants (scheduled for.
 - SWCA, with County and cultural consultants, will establish project study area for cultural and biological efforts.
 - SWCA have begun and will continue organizing consultation meeting(s) with resource agencies for late July/early August.