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**Preliminary Delineation of Wetlands and Other  
Waters of the United States for the Hollister  
115 kV Power Line Reconductoring Project**

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## Acronyms and Abbreviations

Corps	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
CWA	federal Clean Water Act
FAC	facultative
FACU	facultative upland
FACW	facultative wetland
GPS	global positioning system
HUC	Hydrologic Unit Code
OBL	obligate
OHWM	ordinary high-water mark
PG&E	Pacific Gas and Electric Company
redox	redoximorphic
TNW	traditional navigable water
UPL	obligate upland

## Summary

This report presents the results of a delineation of wetlands and other waters conducted for Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E's) Hollister 115kV Power Line Reconductoring Project in Monterey and San Benito Counties, California. The delineation was conducted to assist PG&E (the project applicant) in identifying the type and extent of wetlands and other waters potentially subject to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) regulation under Section 404 of the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) in the proposed project area (delineation area). The delineation area encompasses approximately 410 acres and includes all areas that would be disturbed, such as tower replacement sites, staging areas, pull sites, and culvert improvement areas. The delineation area contains 6.9131 acres of wetlands and other waters, consisting of riverine wetlands, an emergent wetland, seasonal wetlands, a detention basin wetland, an intermittent drainage, and ephemeral drainages (Table 1).

All jurisdictional boundaries and determinations presented in this report are preliminary, and are subject to verification by the Corps San Francisco District.

## Introduction

This report presents the results of a delineation of wetlands and other waters of the United States conducted in the delineation area for PG&E's Hollister 115kV Power Line Reconductoring Project in Monterey and San Benito Counties. The delineation was conducted to assist PG&E (the project proponent) in identifying the type and extent of wetlands and other waters subject to Corps regulation under CWA Section 404. All jurisdictional boundaries and determinations presented in this report are preliminary, and are subject to verification by the Corps San Francisco District.

## Site Description and Access

The proposed project is located on an approximately 20-mile stretch of PG&E's 115kV power line between the cities of Hollister and San Juan Bautista in San Benito County, California and extends into a rural area of northern Monterey County, California (Figure 1). The delineation area is located on both the San Juan Bautista and Hollister U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangles. Elevations in the delineation area range from 140 to 580 feet above mean sea level, with topography ranging from relatively level in the agricultural and grassland areas to rolling slopes in the southern portion of the delineation area in Monterey County. Land use in the delineation area consists of a mixture of agricultural areas, low-density residential development, and large tracts of privately owned grazing land. PG&E is proposing to replace power line poles

and towers. The delineation area includes the area necessary to remove old poles and towers, install new poles and towers, and improve access for construction.

The existing power line is located within the PG&E right-of-way that crosses numerous privately owned parcels. Therefore, site access to the delineation area must be coordinated through PG&E.

**Table 1.** Summary of Wetlands and Other Waters in the Delineation Area

<b>Feature Type</b>	<b>Preliminary Jurisdictional Status<sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Acreage in the Delineation Area</b>
Riverine wetland	Wetland	2.7753
Emergent wetland	Wetland	0.4062
Seasonal wetland	Wetland	3.1630
Detention basin wetland	Wetland	0.2468
<b><i>Subtotal wetlands</i></b>		<b>6.5913</b>
Intermittent drainage <sup>b</sup>	Other water of the United States	0.0604
Ephemeral drainage <sup>c</sup>	Other water of the United States	0.2614
<b><i>Subtotal other waters of the United States</i></b>		<b>0.3218</b>
<b>Total waters of the United States</b>		<b>6.9131</b>

<sup>a</sup> Preliminary jurisdictional status pending verification by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers San Francisco District.

<sup>b</sup> An intermittent drainage has flowing water during certain times of the year, when groundwater provides water for streamflow. During dry periods, intermittent drainages may not have flowing water. Runoff from rainfall is a supplemental source of water for streamflow. (Federal Register, Vol. 67, No. 10/Tuesday, January 15, 2002.)

<sup>c</sup> An ephemeral drainage has flowing water only during (and for a short duration following) precipitation events in a typical year. Ephemeral drainages are located above the water table year-round. Groundwater is not a source of water for the drainage. Runoff from rainfall is the primary source of water for drainage flow. (Federal Register, Vol. 67, No. 10/Tuesday, January 15, 2002.)

## Precipitation and Growing Season

The National Weather Service cooperative weather station closest to the project study boundary is located in Hollister, California at an elevation of 280 feet above mean sea level. Data from the Hollister cooperative weather station are

presented here as a reasonable approximation of precipitation trends and growing season duration in the project study boundary.

The length of the growing season at the Hollister weather station (in most years) is 320 days, typically extending from early February to mid-December (Western Regional Climate Center 2008). Average annual precipitation is 13.11 inches, with most falling as rain between November and April (Western Regional Climate Center 2008).

## Vegetation

Six upland (i.e., non-wetland) vegetation communities were identified in the delineation area: annual grassland, coastal scrub, coastal oak woodland, eucalyptus, irrigated row and field crop, and valley foothill riparian. Wetland vegetation communities were present in the seasonal wetlands, riverine wetlands, and emergent wetland; these are discussed below under “Results.”

## Soils

The soil map units in the delineation area are shown in Appendix A, Exhibit A; their characteristics are summarized in Table 2 (USDA 2008a, 2008b).

## Hydrology

The delineation area does not contain any traditional navigable waters (TNWs) but is located within the watersheds of the Pajaro River (Hydrologic Unit Code [HUC] 18060002) and Alisal-Elkhorn Sloughs (HUC 18060011) (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 2008). The southern end of the delineation area drains unnamed tributaries to Gabilan Creek, which flows approximately 9 river miles (8 air miles) into an unnamed water way in Salinas (tributary to Tembladero Slough) that runs roughly parallel to Alisal Slough. This unnamed water way flows approximately 8 river miles (7 air miles) into Tembladero Slough, just south of Castroville. Tembladero Slough flows for approximately 3.5 river miles (3 air miles) until it enters the Old Salinas River. The Old Salinas River flows approximately 2.5 (river and air) miles to the confluence of Moro Cojo and Elkhorn Sloughs. This confluence is adjacent to the Pacific Ocean, at Moss Landing and is the closest TNW to the project area. The central and eastern portions of the project area in San Benito County contain several seasonal and ephemeral unnamed tributaries of the San Benito River as well as the San Benito River, proper. The San Benito River flows approximately 3 river miles (2 air miles) from the project area into the Pajaro River, which travels approximately 20 river miles (14 air miles) until it enters the Pacific Ocean north of Moss Landing. The watershed divide between the San Benito River and Alisal Slough is approximately in the area of the Monterey/San Benito County line.

**Table 2.** Soil Map Units in the Delineation Area

<b>Soil Map Unit Number</b>	<b>Soil Map Unit Name</b>	<b>Dominant Soil Textures</b>	<b>Restrictive Layers</b>	<b>Depth to Restrictive Layer (inches)</b>	<b>Drainage Class</b>	<b>Hydric Criteria<sup>a</sup></b>
AkD	Arnold loamy sand, 9–15% slopes	Loamy fine sand	Bedrock	48	Well drained	–
AhF	Arnold loamy sand, 15–30% slopes	Loamy fine sand	Bedrock	48	Well drained	–
AnC2	Antioch loam, 5–9% slopes, eroded	Clay	None	>80	Moderately well drained	–
Cf	Clear Lake clay	Clay	None	>80	Poorly drained	2B3, 4
Ch	Clear Lake clay	Clay	None	>80	Poorly drained	2B3
CmD	Climara clay, 9–15% slopes	Clay	Bedrock	24-60	Well drained	–
CvC	Cotati loam, 2–9 %slopes	Loam	None	>80	Moderately well drained	–
CvD2	Cotati loam, 9–15% slopes, eroded	Loam	None	>80	Moderately well drained	–
CvE2	Cotati loam, 15–30% slopes, eroded	Loam	None	>80	Moderately well drained	–
CwC	Cropley clay, 2–9% slopes	Clay	None	>80	Well drained	2B3
DaA	Danville sandy clay loam, 0–2% slopes	Sandy clay loam	None	>80	Well drained	–
DaC	Danville sandy clay loam, 2–9% slopes	Sandy clay loam	None	>80	Well drained	–
DaE2	Diablo clay, 15–30% slopes, eroded	Clay	None	>80	Well drained	–
GhF	Gloria sandy loam, 15–30% slopes	Sandy loam	Duripan	23	Well drained	–
LdF	Landslides	Variable	NA	NA	NA	–
LvE	Los Gatos clay loam, 15–30% slopes	Clay loam	Bedrock	20-60	Well drained	–
LvF2	Los Gatos clay loam, 30–50% slopes, eroded	Clay loam	Bedrock	20-60	Well drained	–
MaE	McCoy clay loam, 15–30% slopes	Clay loam	Bedrock	27	Well drained	–
MaF	McCoy clay loam, 30–50% slopes	Clay loam	Bedrock	27	Well drained	–
MaG	McCoy clay loam, 50–75% slopes	Clay loam	Bedrock	27	Well drained	–
MeA	Metz sandy loam, 0–2% slopes	Sandy loam	None	>80	Somewhat excessively drained	4
MnG	Mine pits and dumps	Variable	NA	NA	NA	–

**Table 2.** Continued

<b>Soil Map Unit Number</b>	<b>Soil Map Unit Name</b>	<b>Dominant Soil Textures</b>	<b>Restrictive Layers</b>	<b>Depth to Restrictive Layer (inches)</b>	<b>Drainage Class</b>	<b>Hydric Criteria<sup>a</sup></b>
NaE	Nacimiento silty clay loam, 15–30% slopes	Silty clay loam	Bedrock	31	Well drained	–
NaF	Nacimiento silty clay loam, 30–50% slopes	Silty clay loam	Bedrock	31	Well drained	–
Pe	Pacheco silty clay	Silty Clay	None	>80	Somewhat poorly drained	–
PnD	Placencia sandy loam, 9–15% slopes	Sandy loam	None	>80	Well drained	–
PnE	Placencia sandy loam, 15–30% slopes	Sandy loam	None	>80	Well drained	–
Rc	Rock outcrop-Xerotherent association	Variable	Bedrock	4-8	NA	–
RsD2	Rincon silty clay loam, 9–15% slopes, eroded	Silty clay loam	None	>80	Well drained	–
Rw	Riverwash	Sand	NA	NA	NA	–
SbA	Salinas clay loam, 0–2% slopes	Clay loam	None	>80	Well drained	2B3, 4
SbE2	San Benito clay loam, 15–30% slopes, eroded	Clay loam	Bedrock	40-60	Well drained	–
Sc	Sandy alluvial land	Loamy sand	None	>80	Somewhat excessively drained	4
SdG	San Benito clay loam, 50–75% slopes	Clay loam	Bedrock	55	Well drained	–
SIE2	Soper gravelly loam, 15–30% slopes, eroded	Gravelly loam	Bedrock	30-48	Well drained	–
SmD	Soper sandy loam, 9–15% slopes	Fine sandy loam	Bedrock	30-48	Well drained	–
SmE2	Soper sandy loam, 15–30% slopes, eroded	Fine sandy loam	Bedrock	30-48	Well drained	–
SmF2	Soper sandy loam, 30–50% slopes, eroded	Fine sandy loam	Bedrock	30-48	Well drained	–
SnA	Sorrento silt loam, 0–2% slopes	Silt loam	Bedrock	>80	Well drained	–
SnC	Sorrento silt loam, 2–9% slopes	Silt loam	Bedrock	>80	Well drained	–

**Table 2.** Continued

Soil Map Unit Number	Soil Map Unit Name	Dominant Soil Textures	Restrictive Layers	Depth to Restrictive Layer (inches)	Drainage Class	Hydric Criteria <sup>a</sup>
SrC	Sorrento silty clay loam, 2–9% slopes	Silty clay loam	None	>80	Well drained	4
SsE2	Sween rocky clay loam, 15–30% slopes, eroded	Clay loam	Bedrock	20-50	Well drained	–
SsF2	Sween rocky clay loam, 30–50% slopes, eroded	Clay loam	Bedrock	20-50	Well drained	–
TeF	Terrace escarpments	Variable	NA	NA	NA	–
VaE	Vista coarse sandy loam, 15–30% slopes	Coarse sandy loam	Bedrock	23	Well drained	–
VaG	Vista coarse sandy loam, 30–50% slopes	Coarse sandy loam	Bedrock	23	Well drained	–
W	Water	NA	NA	NA	NA	–

<sup>a</sup> Explanation of hydric criteria codes:

2. Soils in Aquic suborders, great groups, or subgroups, Albolls suborder, Historthels great group, Histoturbels great group, Pachic subgroups, or Cumulic subgroups that:
  - A. are somewhat poorly drained and have a water table at the surface (0.0 feet) during the growing season, or
  - B. are poorly drained or very poorly drained and have either:
    - 1.) a water table at the surface (0.0 feet) during the growing season if textures are coarse sand, sand, or fine sand in all layers within a depth of 20 inches, or
    - 2.) a water table at a depth of 0.5 foot or less during the growing season if permeability is equal to or greater than 6.0 in/hr in all layers within a depth of 20 inches, or
    - 3.) a water table at a depth of 1.0 foot or less during the growing season if permeability is less than 6.0 in/hr in any layer within a depth of 20 inches.
3. Soils frequently ponded for long or very long duration during the growing season.
4. Soils frequently flooded for long or very long duration during the growing season.

Source: USDA 2008a.

## Methods

An ICF Jones & Stokes botanist/wetland ecologist and soil scientist conducted fieldwork for the delineation on June 26–27 and June 30–July 2, 2008. Wetlands and wetland boundaries were identified using the routine on-site determination method described in the 1987 *U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual* (Environmental Laboratory 1987; pp. 53–69) and

supplemented by the *Interim Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers 1987 Manual: Arid West Region* (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 2006).

The boundaries of non-wetland waters (e.g., drainages) within the project study boundary at each location were identified by locating the ordinary high-water mark (OHWM) based on recent guidance issued by the Corps (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 2005).

The location of wetland boundaries and other pertinent features within the delineation area were recorded using a resource-grade global positioning system (GPS) unit typically accurate to less than 1 horizontal meter, aerial photograph interpretation, and topographic map interpretation. GPS data were downloaded and corrected in the office using the nearest available base-station data and combined with aerial photo and topo-interpreted boundary data to generate a delineation map for the delineation area. All plants observed during the delineation were identified to species whenever feasible and assigned a wetland indicator status according to Reed (1988).

## Results

A total of 6.9131 acres of wetlands and other waters, consisting of riverine wetlands (2.7753 acres), an emergent wetland (0.4062 acre), seasonal wetlands (3.1630 acres), a detention basin (0.2468 acre), an intermittent drainage (0.0604 acres), and ephemeral drainages (0.2614 acres) were identified in the delineation area (Table 3). All of these features except the detention basin were interpreted to be within the scope of Corps jurisdiction under CWA Section 404. Maps showing the type and distribution of the wetlands and other waters potentially subject to Corps jurisdiction under Section 404 CWA are provided in Appendix A. Descriptions of the wetlands and other waters are provided below, along with the rationale used to determine boundaries and status. The wetland data sheets are provided in Appendix B. Representative photographs of the wetlands and other waters in the delineation area are provided in Appendix C. A comprehensive list of all plants observed within the project study boundary is provided in Appendix D, along with the scientific name and the wetland indicator status of each species (Reed 1988) (see Appendix D for definitions of plant indicator status categories used below). Scientific names follow the *Jepson Manual* (Hickman 1993). Where relevant, synonyms of scientific names are also provided.

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**Table 3.** Wetlands and Other Waters in the Delineation Area

<b>Feature Number</b>	<b>Exhibit Number <sup>a</sup></b>	<b>Feature Type</b>	<b>Area (acres)</b>	<b>Jurisdictional Status <sup>b</sup></b>
ED-1	A-14	Ephemeral drainage	0.0196	Other water
ED-2	A-14	Ephemeral drainage	0.0057	Other water
ED-3	A-13	Ephemeral drainage	0.0084	Other water
ED-4	A-13	Ephemeral drainage	0.0142	Other water
ED-5	A-13	Ephemeral drainage	0.0223	Other water
ED-6	A-13	Ephemeral drainage	0.0113	Other water
ED-7	A-12	Ephemeral drainage	0.0156	Other water
ED-8	A-12	Ephemeral drainage	0.0266	Other water
SW-26	A-11	Seasonal wetland	0.2491	Wetland
ED-10	A-11	Ephemeral drainage	0.0356	Other water
RW-9 (San Benito River)	A-10	Riverine wetland	2.2566	Wetland
DB-11	A-9	Detention basin	0.2468	Wetland
RW-12	A-9	Riverine wetland	0.0334	Wetland
RW-13	A-8	Riverine wetland	0.0438	Wetland
ED-14	A-8	Ephemeral drainage	0.0037	Other water
SW-15	A-8	Seasonal wetland	2.5133	Wetland
ED-16	A-8	Ephemeral drainage	0.0431	Other water
SW-17	A-8	Seasonal wetland	0.4006	Wetland
RW-21	A-4	Riverine wetland	0.1871	Wetland
EW-22	A-4	Emergent wetland	0.4062	Wetland
RW-23	A-4	Riverine wetland	0.1475	Wetland
ED-24	A-4	Ephemeral drainage	0.0553	Other water
ID-25	A-4	Intermittent drainage	0.0604	Other water
RW-18	A-3	Riverine wetland	0.0241	Wetland
RW-19	A-3	Riverine wetland	0.0824	Wetland
RW-20	A-3	Riverine wetland	0.0004	Wetland

<sup>a</sup> All exhibits are provided in Appendix A.

<sup>b</sup> Preliminary jurisdictional status pending verification by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers San Francisco District.

## Wetlands

### Riverine Wetlands

Eight riverine wetlands (RW 9, RW 12–13, RW 18–21, and RW 23) were identified in the delineation area; they consisted of completely vegetated segments of channels that possessed positive indicators for all three wetland parameters (i.e., hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and wetland hydrology) as

indicated on representative wetland data sheets in Appendix B (data sheets DP 1 and DP 5). Adjacent areas lacked positive indicators of one or more of the three wetland parameters (Appendix B, data sheets DP 2 and DP 6). Representative plant species observed in riverine wetlands were narrow-leaved cattail (*Typha angustifolia*) (OBL [obligate]), red willow (*Salix laevigata*) ( $\geq$ FAC<sup>1</sup> [facultative]), perennial pepperweed (*Lepidium latifolium*) (FACW [facultative wetland]), arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*) (FACW), and California blackberry (*Rubus ursinus* [*R. vitifolius*]) (FACW). Indicators of hydric soils that were observed in riverine wetlands were the presence of a depleted soil matrix or a redoximorphic (redox) dark surface. Indicators of wetland hydrology observed in riverine wetlands in the delineation area were the presence of water-stained leaves, sediment and drift deposits, and surface water.

## Emergent Wetland

A single 0.4062-acre emergent wetland (EW 22) occurs in the delineation area and was dominated by erect, rooted herbaceous hydrophytic species, including broad-leaved cattail (*Typha latifolia*) (OBL), common tule (*Scirpus acutus*) (OBL), and American tule (*Scirpus americanus*) (OBL). Other species observed in the emergent wetland were iris-leaved rush (*Juncus xiphioides*) (OBL) and soft rush (*Juncus effusus*) (OBL).

## Seasonal Wetlands

Three seasonal wetlands (SW 15, SW 17, and SW 26) encompassing a total of 3.1630 acres occur in the delineation area. The seasonal wetlands appear to be inundated only during winter and spring, and exhibited positive indicators for all three wetland parameters (i.e., hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soils, and wetland hydrology) as indicated on representative wetland data sheets in Appendix B (data sheet DP 3). Adjacent areas lacked positive indicators of one or more of the three wetland parameters (Appendix B, data sheet DP 4). Representative plant species observed in the seasonal wetlands were soft rush (OBL), hawkbit (*Leontodon taraxacoides*) (FACU [facultative upland]), narrow-leaved flax (*Linum bienne*) (UPL [obligate upland]), pennyroyal (*Mentha pulegium*) (OBL), and Italian ryegrass (*Lolium multiflorum*) (FAC). Soils in seasonal wetlands were determined to be hydric based on the presence of a redox dark surface. Indicators of wetland hydrology observed in seasonal wetlands in the delineation area were the presence of oxidized rhizospheres along living roots, depressional topography, and wetland drainage patterns.

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<sup>1</sup> Although not assigned a status in Reed (1988), this species appears to be at least facultative based on its habitat as described in Hickman (1993): riverbanks, seepage areas, lake shores, canyons, and ditches.

## Detention Basin

A 0.2468-acre detention basin (DB 11) is located amid agricultural lands adjacent to San Justo Road and appears to function as a stock pond. The detention basin contained water at the time of the delineation fieldwork, which suggests that the majority of the hydrological input into the basin is artificial. Direct precipitation appears to be only a minor component of the hydrological input.

## Other Waters (Non-Wetlands)

### Intermittent Drainage

A single 0.0604-acre intermittent drainage (ID 25) is located in the delineation area; it is 7 feet wide at the OHWM that was identified based on the presence of a clear, natural line impressed on the bank; shelving; litter and debris; and scour. The banks of the intermittent drainage support riparian scrub vegetation dominated by arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*) (FACW) and California blackberry. The intermittent drainage is an unnamed tributary to Gabilan Creek with an indirect connection to Old Salinas River, a TNW, via an unnamed tributary to Tembladero Slough that connects to Gabilan Creek.

### Ephemeral Drainages

Twelve ephemeral drainages occur in the delineation area (ED 1-8, ED 10, ED 14, ED 16, and ED 24) and encompass a total area of 0.2614 acre. The ephemeral drainage were generally high-gradient, relatively narrow (1–2 feet wide), lacked water at the time of the delineation fieldwork, and appeared to convey hillside runoff only during (and for a short duration following) precipitation events.

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**Table D-1.** Common and Scientific Names of Plant Species Observed in the Delineation Area

Scientific Name	Common Name	Wetland Indicator Status <sup>a</sup>
<i>Acaena pinnatifida</i> var. <i>californica</i>	Argentinian biddy-biddy	UPL
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	California white yarrow	FACU
<i>Achyraea mollis</i>	Blow-wives	FAC
<i>Adenostoma fasciculatum</i>	Chamise	UPL
<i>Aegilops trunci</i>	Barbed goatgrass	UPL
<i>Aesculus californica</i>	California buckeye	UPL
<i>Agrostis microphylla</i>	Little-leaf bentgrass	FACW
<i>Agrostis viridis</i>	Bentgrass	UPL
<i>Aira caryophylla</i>	Silver European hairgrass	UPL
<i>Amaranthus palmeri</i>	Palmer's amaranth	FACU
<i>Ambrosia psilostachya</i>	Western ragweed	FAC
<i>Amsinckia menziesii</i> var. <i>intermedia</i>	Common fiddleneck	UPL
<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>	Scarlet pimpernel	FAC
<i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i>	Pearly everlasting	UPL
<i>Anemopsis californica</i>	Yerba mansa	OBL
<i>Anthemis cotula</i>	Mayweed	FACU
<i>Arbutus menziesii</i>	Pacific madrone	UPL
<i>Arctostaphylos pajaroensis</i>	Pajaro manzanita	UPL
<i>Arctostaphylos tomentosa</i>	Woolly-leaved manzanita	UPL
<i>Artemisia californica</i>	California sagebrush	UPL
<i>Artemisia douglasiana</i>	Mugwort	FACW
<i>Asclepias californica</i>	California milkweed	UPL
<i>Asclepias fascicularis</i>	Narrow-leaved milkweed	FAC
<i>Aster chilensis</i>	California aster	FAC
<i>Avena barbata</i>	Slender wild oat	UPL
<i>Avena fatua</i>	Wild oat	UPL
<i>Avena sativa</i>	Common oat	UPL
<i>Baccharis pilularis</i>	Coyote brush	UPL
<i>Baccharis salicifolia</i>	Mule fat	UPL
<i>Bellardia trixago</i>	Bellardia	UPL
<i>Brachypodium distachyon</i>	False brome	UPL
<i>Brassica nigra</i>	Black mustard	UPL
<i>Brassica rapa</i>	Field mustard	UPL

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Scientific Name	Common Name	Wetland Indicator Status <sup>a</sup>
<i>Briza maxima</i>	Big quaking grass	UPL
<i>Briza minor</i>	Little quaking grass	FACW
<i>Brodiaea elegans</i>	Harvest brodiaea	FACU
<i>Bromus carinatus</i>	California brome	UPL
<i>Bromus diandrus</i>	Ripgut brome	UPL
<i>Bromus hordeaceus</i> [ <i>B. mollis</i> ]	Soft chess	FACU
<i>Bromus madritensis</i> ssp. <i>rubens</i>	Red brome	UPL
<i>Bromus tectorum</i>	Cheat grass	UPL
<i>Calochortus albus</i>	White fairy lantern	UPL
<i>Calochortus luteus</i>	Yellow mariposa	UPL
<i>Calochortus venustus</i>	Butterfly mariposa lily	UPL
<i>Calystegia occidentalis</i>	Western morning-glory	UPL
<i>Capsella bursa-pastoris</i>	Shepherd's purse	FAC
<i>Cardaria draba</i>	Hoary cress	UPL
<i>Carduus pycnocephalus</i>	Italian thistle	UPL
<i>Carex alma</i>	Sturdy sedge	FACW
<i>Carex multicaulis</i>	Many-stemmed sedge	UPL
<i>Castilleja exserta</i> ssp. <i>exserta</i>	Purple owl's-clover	UPL
<i>Ceanothus dentatus</i>	Dwarf sand-scrub ceanothus	UPL
<i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i>	Purple star-thistle	UPL
<i>Centaurea melitensis</i>	Maltese star-thistle	UPL
<i>Centaurea solstitialis</i>	Yellow star-thistle	UPL
<i>Centaureum davyi</i>	Davy's centaury	FAC
<i>Centaureum muehlenbergii</i>	Muhlenberg's centaury	FAC
<i>Centromadia parryi</i> ssp. <i>parryi</i> [ <i>Hemizonia parryi</i> ]	Pappose tarplant	FAC
<i>Cerastium glomeratum</i>	Mouse-ear chickweed	UPL
<i>Chamomilla suaveolens</i> [ <i>Matricaria matricarioides</i> ]	Pineapple weed	FACU
<i>Chenopodium</i> sp.	Goosefoot	N/A
<i>Chlorogalum pomeridianum</i> var. <i>pomeridianum</i>	Common soap plant	UPL
<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Bull thistle	FACU
<i>Clarkia purpurea</i>	Purple clarkia	UPL
<i>Claytonia perfoliata</i> ssp. <i>perfoliata</i>	Miner's lettuce	FAC

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<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Wetland Indicator Status<sup>a</sup></b>
<i>Collinsia heterophylla</i>	Chinese houses	UPL
<i>Conium maculatum</i>	Poison hemlock	FACW
<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>	Bindweed	UPL
<i>Conyza</i> sp.	Horseweed	N/A
<i>Cortaderia</i> sp.	Pampas grass	UPL
<i>Cotula coronopifolia</i>	Brass buttons	FACW
<i>Cressa truxillensis</i>	Alkali weed	FACW
<i>Crypsis schoenoides</i>	Swamp grass	OBL
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	Bermuda grass	FAC
<i>Cyperus eragrostis</i>	Tall flatsedge	FACW
<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>	Orchard grass	FACU
<i>Danthonia californica</i> var. <i>californica</i>	California oat grass	FACW
<i>Delphinium variegatum</i>	Royal larkspur	UPL
<i>Dipsacus</i> sp.	Teasel	N/A
<i>Distichlis spicata</i>	Saltgrass	FACW
<i>Dudleya cymosa</i>	Rock lettuce	UPL
<i>Ehrharta calycina</i>	Perennial veldtgrass	UPL
<i>Eleocharis acicularis</i>	Needle spike-rush	OBL
<i>Eleocharis macrostachya</i>	Common spike-rush	OBL
<i>Elymus glaucus</i>	Blue wildrye	FACU
<i>Elymus multisetus</i>	Big squirreltail	UPL
<i>Epilobium brachycarpum</i>	Annual fireweed	UPL
<i>Epilobium</i> sp.	Willowherb	N/A
<i>Equisetum</i> sp.	Horsetail fern	N/A
<i>Eremocarpus setigerus</i>	Doveweed	UPL
<i>Ericameria</i> sp.	Goldenbush	N/A
<i>Eriogonum</i> sp.	Buckwheat	N/A
<i>Eriogonum wrightii</i> var. <i>subscaposum</i>	Wright's buckwheat	UPL
<i>Eriophyllum confertiflorum</i>	Golden yarrow	UPL
<i>Eriophyllum lanatum</i>	Common woolly sunflower	UPL
<i>Erodium botrys</i>	Long-beaked filaree	UPL
<i>Erodium brachycarpum</i>	Whitestem filaree	UPL

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<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Redstem filaree	UPL
<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	California poppy	UPL
<i>Eschscholzia lobbiai</i>	Lobb's goldenpoppy*	UPL
<i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	Eucalyptus	N/A
<i>Festuca idahoensis</i>	Idaho fescue	UPL
<i>Filago californica</i>	California fluffweed	UPL
<i>Filago gallica</i>	Narrow-leaved filago	UPL
<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>	Fennel	FACU
<i>Frankenia salina</i> [ <i>F. grandifolia</i> ]	Alkali heath	FACW
<i>Galium aparine</i>	Goose grass	FACU
<i>Galium porrigens</i>	Climbing bedstraw	UPL
<i>Galium</i> sp.	Bedstraw	N/A
<i>Gastridium ventricosum</i>	Nit grass	FACU
<i>Geranium dissectum</i>	Cut-leaved geranium	UPL
<i>Geranium molle</i>	Dove's-foot geranium	UPL
<i>Gnaphalium purpureum</i>	Purple everlasting	FACW
<i>Gnaphalium</i> sp.	Everlasting	N/A
<i>Grindelia</i> sp.	Grindelia	N/A
<i>Heliotropium curassavicum</i>	Salt heliotrope	OBL
<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	Toyon	UPL
<i>Heterotheca grandiflora</i>	Telegraph weed	UPL
<i>Heterotheca</i> sp.	Golden aster	N/A
<i>Hirschfeldia incana</i>	Summer mustard	UPL
<i>Holozonia filipes</i>	Greene's whitecrown	FACU
<i>Hordeum brachyantherum</i>	Meadow barley	FACW
<i>Hordeum depressum</i>	Low barley	NI
<i>Hordeum marinum</i> ssp. <i>gussoneanum</i>	Mediterranean barley	FAC
<i>Hordeum murinum</i> ssp. <i>leporinum</i> [ <i>H. leporinum</i> ]	Hare barley	NI
<i>Horkelia cuneata</i> ssp. <i>cuneata</i>	Coast horkelia	UPL
<i>Hypochaeris glabra</i>	Smooth cat's-ear	UPL
<i>Hypochaeris radiata</i>	Rough cat's-ear	UPL
<i>Iris douglasiana</i>	Douglas iris	UPL

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<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Wetland Indicator Status<sup>a</sup></b>
<i>Iva axillaris</i> ssp. <i>robustior</i>	Poverty weed	FAC
<i>Juglans californica</i>	California black walnut	FAC
<i>Juglans regia</i>	English walnut	UPL
<i>Juncus bufonius</i> var. <i>bufonius</i>	Common toad rush	FACW
<i>Juncus effusus</i>	Soft rush	OBL
<i>Juncus mexicanus</i>	Mexican rush	FACW
<i>Juncus tenuis</i>	Slender rush	FACW
<i>Juncus xiphioides</i>	Iris-leaved rush	OBL
<i>Lactuca saligna</i>	Narrow-leaved wild lettuce	NI
<i>Lactuca serriola</i>	Prickly wild lettuce	FAC
<i>Lamarckia aurea</i>	Goldentop	UPL
<i>Lathyrus vestitus</i>	Pacific pea	UPL
<i>Layia platyglossa</i>	Tidy tips	UPL
<i>Lemna</i> sp.	Duckweed	OBL <sup>b</sup>
<i>Leontodon taraxacoides</i>	Hawkbit	FACU
<i>Lepidium latifolium</i>	Perennial pepperweed	FACW
<i>Lepidium</i> sp.	Annual peppergrass	N/A
<i>Lessingia filaginifolia</i>	Common California aster	UPL
<i>Lessingia</i> sp.	Lessingia	N/A
<i>Leymus triticoides</i> [ <i>Elymus triticoides</i> ]	Alkali ryegrass	FAC
<i>Linanthus ciliatus</i>	Whisker-brush	UPL
<i>Linum bienne</i>	Narrow-leaved flax	UPL
<i>Linum</i> sp.	Flax	N/A
<i>Lolium multiflorum</i>	Italian ryegrass	FAC
<i>Lomatium</i> sp.	Lomatium	N/A
<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>	Bird's-foot trefoil	FAC
<i>Lotus purshianus</i>	Spanish lotus	UPL
<i>Lotus scoparius</i>	Deerweed	UPL
<i>Lupinus albifrons</i>	Silver lupine	UPL
<i>Lupinus bicolor</i>	Miniature lupine	UPL
<i>Lupinus microcarpus</i>	Chick lupine	UPL
<i>Lupinus nanus</i>	Sky lupine	UPL
<i>Lupinus</i> sp.	Lupine	N/A

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<i>Lupinus succulentus</i>	Succulent lupine	UPL
<i>Lythrum hyssopifolium</i>	Hyssop loosestrife	FACW
<i>Madia elegans</i>	Common madia	UPL
<i>Madia minima</i>	Dwarf madia	UPL
<i>Malva parviflora</i>	Cheeseweed	UPL
<i>Malvella leprosa</i>	Alkali mallow	FAC
<i>Marah</i> sp.	Manroot	N/A
<i>Marrubium vulgare</i>	White horehound	FAC
<i>Medicago polymorpha</i>	California burclover	UPL
<i>Melica imperfecta</i>	California melic	UPL
<i>Melilotus indica</i>	Sourclover	FAC
<i>Mimulus aurantiacus</i>	Bush monkeyflower	UPL
<i>Mimulus guttatus</i>	Seep-spring monkeyflower	OBL
<i>Monardella villosa</i>	Coyote mint	UPL
<i>Muilla maritima</i>	Muilla	UPL
<i>Nassella lepida</i>	Foothill needlegrass	UPL
<i>Nassella pulchra</i>	Purple needlegrass	UPL
<i>Navarretia atractyloides</i>	Holly-leaf navarretia	UPL
<i>Nicotiana glauca</i>	Tree tobacco	FAC
<i>Oxalis corniculata</i>	Creeping wood sorrel	FACU
<i>Pedicularis densiflora</i>	Indian warrior	UPL
<i>Pentagramma triangularis</i>	Goldback fern	UPL
<i>Perideridia</i> sp.	Yampah	N/A
<i>Phalaris minor</i>	Little-seed canarygrass	UPL
<i>Phyla nodiflora</i>	Common lippia	FACW
<i>Picris echioides</i>	Bristly ox-tongue	FAC
<i>Plagiobothrys canescens</i>	Valley popcorn flower	UPL
<i>Plagiobothrys nothofulvus</i>	Rusty popcorn flower	FAC
<i>Plagiobothrys stipitatus</i> var. <i>micranthus</i>	Stalked popcorn flower	OBL
<i>Plantago coronopus</i>	Cut-leaf plantain	FAC
<i>Plantago erecta</i>	California plantain	UPL
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	English plantain	FAC
<i>Plantago major</i>	Common plantain	FACW

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<i>Platanus racemosa</i>	California sycamore	FACW
<i>Poa annua</i>	Annual bluegrass	FACW
<i>Polygala californica</i>	California milkwort	UPL
<i>Polygonum arenastrum</i> [ <i>P. aviculare</i> ]	Common knotweed	FAC
<i>Polypogon interruptus</i>	Ditch beard grass	OBL
<i>Polypogon monspeliensis</i>	Annual beard grass	FACW
<i>Populus fremontii</i>	Fremont's cottonwood	FACW
<i>Prunus</i> sp.	Prunus	N/A
<i>Pteridium aquilinum</i> var. <i>pubescens</i>	Bracken	FACU
<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Coast live oak	UPL
<i>Quercus lobata</i>	Valley oak	FAC
<i>Ranunculus californicus</i>	California buttercup	FAC
<i>Ranunculus muricatus</i>	Spiny buttercup	FACW
<i>Ranunculus occidentalis</i>	Western buttercup	FACW
<i>Raphanus sativus</i>	Wild radish	UPL
<i>Rhamnus californica</i>	California coffeeberry	UPL
<i>Ribes</i> sp.	Gooseberry	N/A
<i>Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum</i> [ <i>Nasturtium officinale</i> ]	Water-cress	OBL
<i>Rosa californica</i>	California wild rose	FAC
<i>Rubus ursinus</i> [ <i>R. vitifolius</i> ]	Pacific blackberry	FACW
<i>Rumex acetosella</i>	Sheep sorrel	FAC
<i>Rumex crispus</i>	Curly dock	FACW
<i>Rumex pulcher</i>	Fiddle dock	FAC
<i>Salix exigua</i>	Narrowleaf willow	OBL
<i>Salix laevigata</i>	Red willow	≥FAC <sup>c</sup>
<i>Salix lasiolepis</i>	Arroyo willow	FACW
<i>Salvia mellifera</i>	Black sage	UPL
<i>Sambucus mexicana</i>	Blue elderberry	FAC
<i>Sanicula crassicaulis</i>	Pacific sanicle	UPL
<i>Scirpus acutus</i>	Common tule	OBL
<i>Scirpus americanus</i>	American tule	OBL
<i>Scrophularia californica</i>	California figwort	FAC

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<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Wetland Indicator Status<sup>a</sup></b>
<i>Sidalcea malvaeflora</i>	Checker mallow	UPL
<i>Silene gallica</i>	Common catchfly	UPL
<i>Silybum marianum</i>	Milk thistle	UPL
<i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i>	Blue-eyed grass	FAC
<i>Solanum xanti</i>	Chaparral nightshade	UPL
<i>Sonchus asper</i> ssp. <i>asper</i>	Prickly sow thistle	UPL
<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Common sow thistle	NI
<i>Spergularia rubra</i>	Purple sand spurry	FAC
<i>Stachys ajugoides</i> var. <i>rigida</i>	Rigid hedge nettle	OBL
<i>Stachys bullata</i>	California hedge nettle	UPL
<i>Stachys</i> sp.	Hedge nettle	N/A
<i>Stellaria media</i>	Common chickweed	FACU
<i>Stylocline gnaphaloides</i>	Everlasting nest-straw	UPL
<i>Symphoricarpos mollis</i>	Snowberry	UPL
<i>Taeniatherum caput-medusae</i>	Medusa-head	UPL
<i>Taraxacum officinale</i>	Common dandelion	FACU
<i>Torilis arvensis</i>	Hedge parsley	UPL
<i>Torilis nodosa</i>	Knotted hedge parsley	UPL
<i>Toxicodendron diversilobum</i>	Poison oak	UPL
<i>Tragopogon dubius</i>	Yellow salsify	UPL
<i>Tragopogon porrifolius</i>	Purple salsify	UPL
<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	Puncture-vine	UPL
<i>Trifolium angustifolium</i>	Narrow-leaved clover	UPL
<i>Trifolium campestre</i>	Hop clover	UPL
<i>Trifolium ciliolatum</i>	Tree clover	UPL
<i>Trifolium dubium</i>	Shamrock	FACU
<i>Trifolium fragiferum</i>	Strawberry clover	NI
<i>Trifolium hirtum</i>	Rose clover	UPL
<i>Trifolium pratense</i>	Red clover	FACU
<i>Trifolium repens</i>	White clover	FACU
<i>Trifolium subterraneum</i>	Subterranean clover	UPL
<i>Trifolium variegatum</i>	White-tipped clover	FACW
<i>Trifolium wormskioldii</i>	Cow clover	FACW
<i>Triteleia hyacinthina</i>	White brodiaea	FACW

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<i>Triteleia ixioides</i>	Golden brodiaea	UPL
<i>Triteleia laxa</i>	Ithuriel's spear	UPL
<i>Triticum aestivum</i>	Wheat	UPL
<i>Typha angustifolia</i>	Narrow-leaved cattail	OBL
<i>Typha latifolia</i>	Broad-leaved cattail	OBL
<i>Umbellularia californica</i>	California bay	FAC
<i>Urtica dioica</i>	Nettle	FACW
<i>Verbena lasiostachys</i>	Western verbena	FAC
<i>Veronica americana</i>	American brooklime	OBL
<i>Veronica</i> sp.	Brooklime	N/A
<i>Vicia sativa</i>	Spring vetch	FACU
<i>Vicia villosa</i>	Winter vetch	UPL
<i>Viola pedunculata</i>	Johnny-jump-up	UPL
<i>Vulpia myuros</i>	Rattail fescue	FACU
<i>Wyethia</i> sp.	Mule-ears	N/A
<i>Xanthium spinosum</i>	Spiny cocklebur	FAC
<i>Xanthium strumarium</i>	Cocklebur	FAC
<i>Zannichellia palustris</i>	Horned pondweed	OBL

<sup>a</sup> According to Reed (1988). Plant indicator status categories are defined as follows:

Obligate (OBL): almost always occurs in wetlands (99% probability of occurrence in wetlands).

Facultative wetland (FACW): usually occurs in wetlands (67–99% probability of occurrence in wetlands).

Facultative (FAC): equally likely to occur in wetlands or nonwetlands (34–66% probability of occurrence in wetlands).

Facultative upland (FACU): usually occurs in nonwetlands, but occasionally occurs in wetlands (1–33% probability of occurrence in wetlands).

Obligate upland (UPL): almost never occurs in wetlands (1% probability of occurrence in wetlands).

No indicator (NI): no indicator status assigned because information is lacking.

N/A: Not identified to species and cannot be assigned an indicator status.

<sup>b</sup> All *Lemna* sp. listed in Reed (1988) are obligate wetland plants.

<sup>c</sup> Although not assigned a status in Reed (1988), this species appears to be at least facultative based on its habitat as described in Hickman (1993): riverbanks, seepage areas, lake shores, canyons, and ditches.