

MEMORANDUM

To: Jaclyn Rackerby – City of Calabasas
From: Michael Cady
Subject: Peer-Review of the Revised Biological Resources Report for 23720 Summit Drive
Date: October 5, 2021

This memorandum provides the results of a third-party peer review of the revised Biological Resources Report (BRR) (dated December 2020) prepared by South Environmental. Dudek senior biologist Michael Cady had reviewed the original version of the BRR on May 7, 2021 after conducting a site visit on May 3, 2021. The property is located at 23720 Summit Drive in Calabasas, California and the BRR was prepared in support of a new single-family residence (project) proposed for the property.

Dudek's Previous Recommendations and Consultant's Response

The following recommendations for revisions to the BRR were made by Dudek:

- Dudek disagrees on the designation for the area that has undergone fuel modification as the “Fuel Modification Zone.” Since the area is dominated by wild oat and brome, the area meets A Manual of California Vegetation, Online Edition’s Wild Oats and Annual Brome Grasslands (*Avena* spp.-*Bromus* spp. Herbaceous Semi-Natural Alliance). The plant species listed are associated with the vegetation communities and land cover type described.
 - This recommendation was incorporated into the revised BRR.
- Reducing the fuel modification zone (Mitigation Measure #1) from the required 200-foot limit would need to be approved by the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACFD). The modification would need to be approved before determining that there would be no impacts to special-status species and sensitive vegetation communities.
 - This recommendation was incorporated into the revised BRR and the correspondence with the LACFD is included as Appendix C.
- Regulatory Compliance Measures should be renumbered, starting at 1, to distinguish them from the mitigation measure.
 - This recommendation was incorporated into the revised BRR.
- Under “Cooper’s Hawk” on page 26 it states “... monitoring described in Mitigation Measure #2 no significant impacts to Cooper’s hawk...” should be changed to “... monitoring described in Regulatory Compliance Measure #1, no significant impacts to Cooper’s hawk...”
 - This recommendation was incorporated into the revised BRR.

- Coastal whiptail was determined to have a moderate potential to occur in the chaparral (Appendix B), so it should be discussed in the impact section.
 - This recommendation was incorporated into the revised BRR.

3 Peer-Review Conclusion

The revised BRR provides an adequate description of the existing conditions and presence of sensitive biological resources. The inclusion of the correspondence with the LACFD that allows for the reduction of the fuel modification zone validates the previous impact analysis.