

VEGETATION MAP OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
NORTH CARRIZO PLAIN MITIGATION LANDS  
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## ABSTRACT

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Vegetation Classification and Mapping Program (VegCAMP) has created a fine-scale vegetation map of the Department's mitigation lands in the northern portion of the Carrizo Plain, San Luis Obispo County, California. The mapping follows Survey of California Vegetation, Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC), and National Vegetation Classification (NVC) standards (FGDC 2008, Jennings et al. 2009).

The map legend is based on the classification in Stout et al. (2013), with slight modifications as discussed in Appendix C. Reconnaissance-level sampling of vegetation stands in the project area was conducted in the spring of 2013. Polygons were drawn using heads-up digitizing using the July 2011 1-foot imagery acquired for San Luis Obispo County and downloaded from US Geological Survey (USGS) EarthExplorer as the map base. Supplemental imagery included National Agricultural Imagery Program (NAIP) true color and color infrared (CIR) 1-meter resolution data from 2010–2012, Bing imagery, and current and historical imagery from Google Earth. The minimum mapping unit (MMU) is ½ acre in order to capture small, remnant native stands of trees, shrubs, and bunch grasses. Mapping is to the NVC hierarchy Association, Alliance, or Group level based on the ability of the photointerpreters to distinguish types based on all imagery available and on the field data. Field verification data was collected in the spring of 2014 and corrections were made to the map based on that data to increase the final accuracy.

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## PURPOSE

The purpose of the vegetation map is to provide an inventory of habitat types for use in assessing the biological resources present in the mitigation lands in order to determine appropriate management strategies. The map will also serve as a baseline for analyzing trends in habitat change in the future.

## METHODS

### FIELD SAMPLING METHODS

Reconnaissance samples were collected at 132 locations during the weeks of April 1 and April 29, 2013 using the form in Appendix A. Sample point locations were collected with GPS-enabled data recording devices and are stored in a geodatabase maintained by VegCAMP. The reconnaissance data provides observational notes on stand composition and environmental attributes at specific GPS locations in the landscape, provides a short list of dominant plant species to substantiate the field-assessed vegetation type, and includes digital ground photos. The primary use of reconnaissance data is to aid in mapping.

Field verification data was collected during the weeks of March 24 and March 31, 2014, using the form in Appendix B, from mapped vegetation polygons. The goal was to verify the vegetation type and other attributes for as many of the vegetation polygons as possible. In total, 75 field verification points were collected, providing information for 56 polygons.

It is important to note that rainfall in the 2012-13 and 2013-14 water years was well below average and annual herbaceous cover was extremely low to non-existent, as shown in Figure 1. The cover values recorded for the samples reflect these drought conditions.



**Figure 1.** Photo looking south from reconnaissance point OAK1304021236 on April 2, 2013, 1.6 miles NE of the intersection of Tracy Lane and Highway 58.

## VEGETATION CLASSIFICATION

The classification used for this project is the one developed for the Carrizo Plain National Monument by the California Native Plant Society (Stout et al. 2013), which incorporated data collected by VegCAMP for our 2010 map (VegCAMP 2010) in addition to data from throughout the National Monument. A key to the vegetation types from that report is included in Appendix C.

Naming conventions for vegetation types follow the National Vegetation Classification System (FGDC 2008, Jennings et al. 2009) and the Manual of California Vegetation, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition (Sawyer et al. 2009). An Association is defined by a group of samples that has similar dominant and characteristic species in the overstory, along with other important or indicator species, which are distinctive in a particular environmental setting. A set of similar Associations is grouped hierarchically to the next higher level in the classification, the Alliance. Alliances can be placed into Groups, and then Macrogroups, the next two levels up. For this map, vegetation was mapped to the Alliance level and most herbaceous polygons were mapped to Macrogroup. The classification hierarchy for this project is listed in Appendix D.

## YEAR OF LAST TILLAGE

In addition to the vegetation map, VegCAMP also created a layer for the CDFW mitigation lands that depicts the last year of tillage. This layer was created for regional staff as a baseline to monitor recovery of shrubs and other vegetation. The imagery used was a combination of what was used in the mapping of the mitigation lands: July 2011 1-ft. aerial imagery acquired for San Luis Obispo County and downloaded from USGS EarthExplorer, NAIP 2012, NAIP 2010, NAIP 2009, and San Luis Obispo County 1-ft. imagery from 2007. Ancillary data are the National Agricultural Statistics Service Cropland Data Layers (CDL) for each year from 2007 to 2012 and Aerial Information Systems' life form map based on 2007 imagery (AIS 2009). Google Earth's historical imagery was also used as ancillary data. Starting in one parcel/block of mitigation land with the 2012 imagery and working backwards in time, tilled areas were delineated until that block was completed. Since the tillage marks from one year could last easily into the next year, the CDL data was sometimes used to confirm tillage. The source of evidence used for the tillage delineation was recorded in the Comments field of the polygon attributes. Rules for minimum mapping unit and minimum width for linear features were followed (see next section) and consequently some linear tillage areas were not delineated.

## DELINEATION RULES AND MAP ATTRIBUTES

Polygons were drawn using heads-up digitizing using the July 2011 1-foot imagery acquired for San Luis Obispo County and downloaded from USGS EarthExplorer as the map base. Supplemental imagery included NAIP true color and CIR 1-meter resolution data from 2010–2012, Bing imagery, and current and historical imagery from Google Earth.

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### DELINEATION RULES

The vegetation map was delineated according to the following rules:

**Minimum Mapping Unit (MMU):**

- ½ acre for special types (e.g., wetland, alkali scald, or localized type)
- ½ acre for remnant, native tree, shrub, and perennial bunch grass stands.
- 1 acre for typical herbaceous vegetation types
- 10 meter width for linear polygons

**Polygon breaks** (factors other than change in vegetation type):

- 3 acre MMU for cover class break in the overstory layer's cover (i.e., when the adjacent vegetation is of the same classification unit but cover class is different)
- 5 acre MMU for cover class break in understory cover
- 5 acre MMU for non-floristic breaks (clearing, height, other urban features)
- 1 acre MMU for impact changes of 2 classes (e.g., from high to low, but not from high to medium)

**Delineation:**

- Scale of 1:1000 to 1:4000 (varied based on imagery, ease of interpretation, etc.)

**Imagery:**

- Base: San Luis Obispo County 2011 1-foot true color imagery
- Supplemental: National Agricultural Imagery Program (NAIP) 2012 (summer) true color and CIR
- Ancillary: Other NAIP years, ESRI Basemap Imagery, Google Earth, Bing

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### MAP ATTRIBUTES

Each mapped polygon has the following attributes:

**NVCSName**

Standardized name of the vegetation description used in the National Vegetation Classification System. Since the NVCS does not have categories for human land use or otherwise unvegetated land, those descriptions were drawn from the California Wildlife Habitat Relationship.

**NVCSLevel**

The level of the National Vegetation Classification System Hierarchy to which the vegetation type corresponds.

**MapClass**

The name of the vegetation type of the polygon. Note that the lowest level of the hierarchy that could reasonably be photointerpreted was used; in most cases, this was the Alliance.

**MapClassCode**

The code assigned to the vegetation type of the polygon

**Heterogeneity**

The measure of uniformity of the vegetation type, cover class, and size class within the polygon. A low heterogeneity is desirable.

Low	<5% heterogeneous
Moderate	5–40% heterogeneous
High	>40% heterogeneous

**ConifCover**

The cover of conifer trees in the polygon, using the cover density values below

**HdwdCover**

The cover of hardwood trees in the polygon, using the cover density values below

**TreeCover**

The cover of all trees (conifer and hardwood) in the polygon, using the cover density values below

**ShrubCover**

The cover of all shrubs in the polygon, using the cover density values below

Cover density (total bird's-eye cover) is photointerpreted separately for conifer, hardwood, total tree, and shrub layers of vegetation, and placed into the following cover classes:

- none visible
- trace–0.9%
- 1–9.9%
- 10–19.9%
- 20–29.9%
- 30–39.9%
- 40–49.9%
- 50–59.9%
- 60–69.9%
- 70–79.9%
- 80–89.9%

90–100%

<null> is used for water features (ponds and streams)

### **HerbCover**

The cover of herbaceous vegetation in the polygon. In the absence of field data, herbaceous vegetation cannot be definitely interpreted from imagery, and is modeled by the photointerpreters based on signature, topography, the overstory type if present, and adjacent field data. The herbaceous values are for absolute cover, not bird's-eye cover, that is, any shrub or tree cover over the herbaceous cover is not subtracted. Herbaceous cover is recorded in the following classes:

0%

<2%

2–9%

10–39%

40–59%

60–100%

can't determine

### **NonNative\_Plants**

The presence of non-native plants was determined from field observation and modeling based on ecological setting, since few of the non-natives are interpretable from the imagery.

Not Visible	no visible non-native plants
Low	total non-native cover is <33% of total vegetation cover
Medium	total non-native cover is 33–66% of total vegetation cover
High	total non-native cover is >66% of total vegetation cover

### **Roads\_Trails**

Not Visible	there are no visible roads or trails in the polygon, i.e. the polygon is “whole”
Low	roads or trails cross <1/3 of the polygon, so that one contiguous, unroaded, “whole” area within the polygon is at least 2/3 the size of the entire polygon
Medium	1/3–2/3 of the polygon is “whole”
High	<1/3 of the polygon is “whole”

### **OtherImpact:**

Impacts observable in the imagery as follows:

- OHV activity
- Disking/grading
- Development
- Erosion/runoff
- Ungulate Trails
- none



**Level\_OtherImpact**

Subjective determination of the level of any impact recorded in the previous field

Not Visible

Low

Medium

High

**Method\_ID:**

Method of determining the vegetation type

Rapid Assessment field data

Relevé field data

Field reconnaissance (after mapping)

Photointerpretation

Other information

Pre-map reconnaissance (reconnaissance performed prior to mapping)

Adjacent to Rapid Assessment or Relevé

**DB\_ID**

The database ID of the Rapid Assessment, Relevé, or Reconnaissance used to determine the vegetation type (if one was used)

**Delineator**

The organization responsible for delineating the polygon.

CDFW California Department of Fish and Wildlife

CNPS California Native Plant Society

**Contributer**

The organization responsible for assigning attribute values to the polygon.

CDFW California Department of Fish and Wildlife

CNPS California Native Plant Society

**UID**

Unique identifier for each polygon

**CalVegName**

A crosswalk to the Classification and Assessment with Landsat of Visible Ecological Groupings (CalVeg) vegetation system (USDA Forest Service). Note that there may be a one-to-many relationship between CalVeg and NVCS.

**CalVegCode**

The CalVeg code

**CWHRType**

A crosswalk to the California Wildlife Habitat Relationships (CWHR) system. Note that there is usually a one-to-many relationship between CWHR and NVCS.

**CWHRCode**

The CWHR code.

**GlobalRank**

The global rarity rank of the plant community (only for polygons mapped to the Alliance level)

- G1 fewer than 6 viable occurrences and/or 2,000 acres worldwide
- G2 6–20 viable occurrences and/or 2,000–10,000 acres worldwide
- G3 21–100 viable occurrences and/or 10,000–50,000 acres worldwide
- G4 greater than 100 viable occurrences and/or greater than 50,000 acres worldwide
- G5 community demonstrably secure due to secure worldwide abundance

**StateRank**

The state rarity rank of the plant community (only for polygons mapped to the Alliance level). The state rank will always be less than (more rare) or equal to the global rank.

- S1 fewer than 6 viable occurrences and/or 2,000 acres statewide
- S2 6–20 viable occurrences and/or 2,000–10,000 acres statewide
- S3 21–100 viable occurrences and/or 10,000–50,000 acres statewide
- S4 greater than 100 viable occurrences and/or greater than 50,000 acres statewide
- S5 community demonstrably secure due to secure statewide abundance

**Rare**

Rarity of the vegetation type

- Y Alliances and Associations with state rank S1–S3
- N not rare

**CaCode**

California Natural Community Code; unique code assigned to Alliances and Associations

**NVCSAlliance**

The standardized name for the Alliance within the National Vegetation Classification System

**NVCSGroup**

The standardized name for the Group within the National Vegetation Classification System

**NVCSMG**

The standardized name for the Macrogroup within the National Vegetation Classification System

## MAP VERIFICATION

This map deviates from Federal Geographic Data Committee Standards (FGDC 2008) in one respect: there was no formal accuracy assessment performed. However, 60% of all the polygons, encompassing 94% of the total mapped area, were validated by field reconnaissance or field verification survey data.

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## **Appendix A**

### **Reconnaissance Form**



## **Appendix B**

### **Field Verification Form**

# Accuracy Assessment, Carrizo Lands Expansion

(03/20/2014)

<b>Recorder:</b> _____		<b>Other surveyors:</b> _____				<b>Date:</b> _____					
<b>Waypoint ID/ Projected Waypoint ID:</b>	<b>GPSname:</b> _____ <b>Projected? Yes / No / Base / Digitized</b> If Yes/Digitized, enter: Base Waypoint ID: _____ Bearing°: _____ Distance (m): _____ Inclination°: _____										
	UTMs or Projected UTM's <b>UTME</b> _____ <b>UTMN</b> _____ <b>PDOP: +/-</b> _____										
<b>Polygon UID:</b>	<b>Camera/Photos:</b> _____ / _____										
<b>Strata</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>% cover</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>Strata</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>% cover</b>	<b>C</b>				
Notes: (include recommendations for line-work revision, state of veg. "discernability" based on season and topography, classification interpretation, homogeneity and unusual sightings of plants or animals)											
Alliance / Association											
Cover Classes	1	5	15	25	35	45	55	65	75	85	95
90-100%	Trace-0.9%	1-9.9%	10-19.9%	20-29.9%	30-39.9%	40-49.9%	50-59.9%	60-69.9%	70-79.9%	80-89.9%	
Cover Class:	Conifer (incl JUCA): _____			Hardwood (not QUJO): _____			Total Tree: _____	Shrub: _____			
Herb Cover	0%	<2%	2-9%	10-39%	40-59%	>60%	NA				
Non-Native (absolute)	Low (<33%)			Medium (33-66%)			High (>66%)		NA		
Estimated area of identifiable vegetation viewed:				Radius (m) _____ or rough % of polygon _____							
Linework ok	Y / N	Only 1 vegetation type in this polygon				Y / N	Vegetation change since imagery taken		Y / N		

<b>Recorder:</b> _____		<b>Other surveyors:</b> _____				<b>Date:</b> _____					
<b>Waypoint ID/ Projected Waypoint ID:</b>	<b>GPSname:</b> _____ <b>Projected? Yes / No / Base / Digitized</b> If Yes/Digitized, enter: Base Waypoint ID: _____ Bearing°: _____ Distance (m): _____ Inclination°: _____										
	UTMs or Projected UTM's <b>UTME</b> _____ <b>UTMN</b> _____ <b>PDOP: +/-</b> _____										
<b>Polygon UID:</b>	<b>Camera/Photos:</b> _____ / _____										
<b>Strata</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>% cover</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>Strata</b>	<b>Species</b>	<b>% cover</b>	<b>C</b>				
Notes: (include recommendations for line-work revision, state of veg. "discernability" based on season and topography, classification interpretation, homogeneity and unusual sightings of plants or animals)											
Alliance / Association											
Cover Classes	1	5	15	25	35	45	55	65	75	85	95
90-100%	Trace-0.9%	1-9.9%	10-19.9%	20-29.9%	30-39.9%	40-49.9%	50-59.9%	60-69.9%	70-79.9%	80-89.9%	
Cover Class:	Conifer (incl JUCA): _____			Hardwood (not QUJO): _____			Total Tree: _____	Shrub: _____			
Herb Cover	0%	<2%	2-9%	10-39%	40-59%	>60%	NA				
Non-Native (absolute)	Low (<33%)			Medium (33-66%)			High (>66%)		NA		
Estimated area of identifiable vegetation viewed:				Radius (m) _____ or rough % of polygon _____							
Linework ok	Y / N	Only 1 vegetation type in this polygon				Y / N	Vegetation change since imagery taken		Y / N		



## **Appendix C**

### **Field and Mapping Key for Distinguishing Vegetation Types**

**modified from Stout et al. (2013)**

The following key was created to distinguish the mapped and classified vegetation types in the Carrizo Plain National Monument (Stout et al. 2013). For the current project, it was modified to include the following vegetation types: *Baccharis pilularis* Alliance, *Hazardia (squarrosa, stenolepis)* Alliance, and *Platanus racemosa* Alliance. This key was used to attribute each photo-interpreted polygon within the map.

Due to the diversity of vegetation in the mapping area, and to avoid an excessively long document, a series of paired statements (or couplets) was not developed for each option. Instead, sets of characteristics with choices beneath them are provided. Also, to make this key shorter and more easily applied in the field, it is somewhat artificial in not following the exact hierarchy (i.e., one does not have to key down through all levels of the hierarchy to get to the Association). The key will first lead the user to general options, and the individual selections for the finest-level vegetation types will be listed beneath these options. The user will need to work through the numbered list of types from the more general to the most specific options until the best fit is reached. Some broader level types (i.e., Macrogroup, Group) that were used to attribute difficult polygons are also included.

All choices are identified by a combination of alpha-numeric codes, using capital letters, numerals, uppercase and lowercase letters, and decimal points to distinguish the different key levels. The most basic, general levels in the key are on the left side of the alpha-numeric code, and the most specific are on the right side. This coding system in the key relates to a series of left indentations. Thus, the major groupings are down the left-hand side of the pages; nested within them are the sub-groupings. The preliminary key will direct you to the major groupings, such as forest/woodland, shrubland, and herbaceous, with the more specific choices beneath them. The more specific lists within these are generally based on presence/absence or dominance/sub-dominance of species. *Please note: since there may be more than two alternatives in a group, be sure to work through all of the options in a list before you decide on the best choice.*

Also, alliances that occur in the Chimineas Ranch or other adjacent CDFW and BLM lands but were not sampled in the Carrizo Plain National Monument are included in the key and are marked with an asterisk(\*).

### **Terms and Concepts Used Throughout the Key**

**Dominance by layer:** Tree, shrub, and herbaceous layers are considered physiognomically distinct. A vegetation type is considered to belong to a certain physiognomic group if it is dominated by one layer. Layers are prioritized in order of height when naming the type.

**Dominant:** Dominance refers to the preponderance of vegetation cover in a stand of uniform composition and site history. It may refer to cover of an individual species (as in "dominated by Blue Oak"), or it may refer to dominance by a physiognomic group, as in "dominated by shrubs." Dominance refers to the relative cover of one species or physiognomic group as compared to another species or physiognomic group.

**Co-dominant:** Co-dominance refers to two or more species in a stand that share dominance and have between 30 and 60 percent relative cover each.

## Key to the vegetation types in the Carrizo Plain National Monument

**Class A.** Vegetation characterized by an even distribution of overstory trees. Shrub or herbaceous species may total higher cover than trees. The tree overstory may have as low as 5% cover (e.g., in the *Juniperus californica* and *Quercus douglasii* Alliances) while shrubs may not be significant  
= **Tree-Overstory (Woodland / Forest Vegetation), on page C-2**

**Class B.** Vegetation characterized by an even distribution of woody shrubs in the canopy. Herbaceous species may total higher cover than shrubs. The shrub canopy may have less than 10% total cover (i.e., 3% or greater), especially in areas of saline or alkaline soils, along washes, or in desert-transition areas (e.g., *Allenrolfea occidentalis*, *Atriplex* spp., *Eastwoodia elegans*, *Ephedra californica*, *Ericameria nauseosa*, *Gutierrezia californica*, *Lepidospartum squamatum*, *Lycium andersonii*, *Suaeda moquinii*)  
= **Shrubland Vegetation, on page C-5**

**Class C.** Vegetation characterized by non-woody, herbaceous species in the canopy including grasses, graminoids, and broad-leaved herbaceous species. Shrubs, if present, usually comprise <3% of the vegetation. Trees, if present, generally have <5% cover  
= **Herbaceous Vegetation, on page C-13**

**Class D.** Non-vegetated or urbanized types with <2% total vegetation cover  
= **Unvegetated or Urbanized, on page C-19**

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### Class A. Tree-Overstory (Woodland / Forest Vegetation)

Woodlands and forests characterized by needle or scale-leaved conifer trees and/or broad-leaved evergreen and deciduous tree species. The trees may only occur intermittently in the overstory and may be associated with shrubs.

**I.A.** Stands are dominated or characterized by riparian winter deciduous trees or tall shrubs, including *Platanus racemosa*, *Populus fremontii* and/or a species of *Salix*...

**I.A.1.** *Platanus racemosa* is dominant or co-dominant in the riparian tree canopy, having >5% absolute cover. Other species may intermix in the overstory, including *Populus fremontii* or a tree species of *Quercus*...

***Platanus racemosa* Alliance (1212)**

**I.A.2.** *Populus fremontii* is dominant or co-dominant with >5% absolute cover in the tree canopy. Stands occur along streams, springs, and valleys with a subsurface water supply ...

***Populus fremontii* Forest Alliance (1211)**

**I.A.2.a.** *P. fremontii* is dominant in the overstory with *Salix exigua* in the shrub layer and a variable mix of grasses and forbs ...

***Populus fremontii/Salix exigua* Association**

**I.A.2.b.** *P. fremontii* is dominant in the overstory, and the understory has a variable mix of grasses and forbs ...

***Populus fremontii* Association**

**I.A.3.** *Salix laevigata* dominates with >50% relative cover in the tree canopy, or >30% relative cover when *S. lasiolepis* is present in the sub-canopy...

***Salix laevigata* Woodland Alliance (4113)  
(No Association defined)**

**I.B.** The tree overstory is characterized by a species of *Quercus* that is evenly distributed with >5% cover. The oak may be the sole dominant tree or share dominance with *Juniperus californica*...

**I.B.1.** *Quercus agrifolia* dominates the tree canopy and is an uncommon type that tends to grow on soils with high organic matter. A variety of shrubs such as *Adenostoma fasciculatum*, *Arctostaphylos glauca*, *Ericameria linearifolia*, *Eriogonum fasciculatum* and *Rhamnus ilicifolia* may be present in the understory...

***Quercus agrifolia* Woodland Alliance\* (1111)**

**I.B.2.** *Quercus douglasii* or *Quercus x alvordiana* is the dominant oak species in an open to intermittent tree canopy. *Juniperus californica* may be present as a sub- to co-dominant tree...

***Quercus douglasii* Woodland Alliance (1131)**

**I.B.2.a.** *Juniperus californica* is a sub- to co-dominant tree with *Quercus douglasii*, while *Cercocarpus montanus* is present and dominant or co-dominant in the shrub understory...

***Quercus douglasii–Juniperus californica/Cercocarpus montanus* Woodland Association\***

**I.B.2.b.** *Juniperus californica* is a sub- to co-dominant tree with *Quercus douglasii*, while *Ericameria linearifolia* is generally present and dominant or co-dominant in the shrub understory...

***Quercus douglasii–Juniperus californica/Ericameria linearifolia* Woodland Association**

**I.B.2.c.** *Quercus x alvordiana* is dominant in the tree canopy, typically with an herbaceous understory. *Juniperus californica* may be scattered...

***Quercus x alvordiana* Woodland Association**

**I.B.2.d.** *Quercus douglasii* is dominant with *Ericameria linearifolia* present in the shrub understory, which may mix with other shrubs such as *Arctostaphylos glauca*, *Adenostoma fasciculatum*, *Artemisia californica*, *Eriogonum fasciculatum*, *Rhamnus ilicifolia*, and *Salvia leucophylla*. *Poa secunda* is generally present in this association within the study area, and *Juniperus californica* is absent or low in cover (<1% absolute cover) ...

***Quercus douglasii/Ericameria linearifolia* Woodland Association\***

**I.B.2.e.** *Quercus douglasii* is dominant with annual grasses and forbs dominant the understory, and shrubs have no or low (<3%) absolute cover. The most common herb species are non-natives *Bromus diandrus*, *B. hordeaceus*, *B. rubens*, and *Erodium cicutarium*. Native grasses *Nassella cernua* and *Poa secunda* are often present...

***Quercus douglasii/Herbaceous* Woodland Association\***

**I.C.** *Quercus john-tuckeri* is the dominant oak or it intermixes as a low tree with similar or higher cover than *Juniperus californica*. A variety of shrubs such as *Ceanothus cuneatus*, *Ericameria linearifolia*, *Eriogonum fasciculatum* and *Salvia leucophylla* may be present in the shrub understory ...

***Quercus john-tuckeri* Shrubland Alliance (2111)**

**I.C.1.** *Juniperus californica* occurs in the tree canopy and is similar or lower in cover to *Quercus john-tuckeri*. *Ericameria linearifolia* often intermixes in the shrub layer, and a variety of other sub-dominant shrubs such as *Eriogonum fasciculatum* and *Salvia leucophylla* can also occur...

***Quercus john-tuckeri–Ericameria linearifolia/Juniperus californica* Shrubland Association**

**I.C.2.** *Quercus john-tuckeri* is the sole dominant in the low tree or tall shrub canopy. Other plants may be present at relatively low cover including *Adenostoma fasciculatum*, *Ceanothus cuneatus* and *Salvia leucophylla*...

***Quercus john-tuckeri* Shrubland Association**

**I.D.** The tree canopy is characterized by an even distribution of *Juniperus californica* with >4% absolute cover. *Quercus douglasii* is typically absent in the overstory and soils tend to be shallow and sandy or silty...

***Juniperus californica* Woodland Alliance (1121)**

**I.D.1.** *Salvia leucophylla* is present in the shrub understory and other shrubs such as *Eriogonum fasciculatum* may be sub- to co-dominant. If *Ericameria linearifolia* present, it is much lower cover in cover than the *S. leucophylla*...

***Juniperus californica/Salvia leucophylla* Woodland Association**

**I.D.2.** *Ericameria linearifolia* is present in the shrub understory and other shrubs such as *Eriogonum fasciculatum* or *Ephedra viridis* may be present and co-dominant with *E. linearifolia*. If *Salvia leucophylla* is present, it is much lower in cover than *E. linearifolia*. Various herbs are present in the understory...

***Juniperus californica/Ericameria linearifolia/Herbaceous* Woodland Association**

**I.D.3.** Annual grasses and forbs dominate the understory and shrubs have low cover (<2% absolute cover)...

***Juniperus californica/Herbaceous* Woodland Association**

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**Class B. Shrubland Vegetation**

**Class B. Group I. Shrublands dominated by sclerophyllous temperate broad-leaved shrubs (with leaves hardened by a waxy cuticle). They are dominated by typical chaparral shrub genera; including chamise (*Adenostoma fasciculatum*), manzanita (*Arctostaphylos*), scrub oaks (*Quercus*), etc.**

**I.A.** *Prunus fasciculata* is the dominant shrub in the canopy, often occurring in riparian areas and steep moist slopes. *Ribes quercetorum* and *Juniperus californicus* may be present and low in cover ...

***Prunus fasciculata* Shrubland Association  
in the *Prunus fasciculata* Shrubland Alliance (4215)**

**I.B.** *Ribes quercetorum* is the dominant shrub in the canopy, often growing clonally in stands on steep north-facing slopes, which have resprouted recently after fire...

***Ribes quercetorum* Shrubland Association  
in the *Ribes quercetorum* Shrubland Alliance (2611)**

**I.C.** *Quercus berberidifolia* is dominant to co-dominant in the shrub canopy. Stands are small, rare and likely found on north-facing slopes with well- to extensively-drained soils...

***Quercus berberidifolia*–*Ceanothus cuneatus*  
in the *Quercus berberidifolia* Shrubland Alliance\* (2211)**

**I.D.** *Quercus john-tuckeri* is dominant or it intermixes with similar or higher cover than *Juniperus californica*. A variety of other shrubs such as *Ceanothus cuneatus*, *Ericameria linearifolia*, *Eriogonum fasciculatum* and *Salvia leucophylla* may be present. Stands are found primarily on north-facing slopes with well- to extensively-drained soils...

***Quercus john-tuckeri* Shrubland Alliance (2111)**

**I.D.1.** *Juniperus californica* occurs in the tree canopy and is similar or lower in cover to *Quercus john-tuckeri*. *Ericameria linearifolia* often intermixes in the shrub layer, and a variety of other sub-dominant shrubs such as *Eriogonum fasciculatum* and *Salvia leucophylla* can also occur...

***Quercus john-tuckeri*–*Ericameria linearifolia*/*Juniperus californica* Shrubland  
Association**

**I.D.2.** *Quercus john-tuckeri* is the sole dominant shrub in the shrub canopy. Other shrubs may be present at relatively low cover including *Adenostoma fasciculatum*, *Ceanothus cuneatus* and *Salvia leucophylla*...

***Quercus john-tuckeri* Shrubland Association**

**I.E.** *Ceanothus cuneatus* is dominant or shares dominance with *Adenostoma fasciculatum* or other shrubs (e.g. *Artemisia californica*, *Malacothamnus* sp.) in the canopy. Soils are often sandy and well-drained...

***Ceanothus cuneatus* Shrubland Alliance\* (2227)**

**I.E.1.** *Adenostoma fasciculatum* co-dominates in the shrub canopy, sometimes having twice as much cover as *Ceanothus cuneatus*...

***Adenostoma fasciculatum*–*Ceanothus cuneatus* Shrubland Association\***

**I.F.** *Arctostaphylos glauca* is dominant or shares dominance with *Adenostoma fasciculatum* in the shrub canopy...

***Arctostaphylos glauca* Shrubland Alliance (2231)**

**I.F.1.** *A. glauca* is the sole dominant in the shrub canopy, and other shrubs if present are low in cover...

***Arctostaphylos glauca* Shrubland Association**

**I.F.2.** *Quercus john-tuckeri* is sub- to co-dominant in the shrub canopy...

***Arctostaphylos glauca*–*Quercus john-tuckeri* Provisional Shrubland Association**

**I.F.3.** *Adenostoma fasciculatum* co-dominates in the shrub canopy, sometimes having twice as much cover as *Arctostaphylos glauca*...

***Adenostoma fasciculatum*–*Arctostaphylos glauca* Shrubland Association\***

**I.G.** *Cercocarpus betuloides* (= *C. montanus*) intermixes as a co-dominant to dominant shrub with other chaparral species. Stands occur in mesic scrub settings on north-facing, protected slopes and are rare in the region...

***Cercocarpus montanus* Shrubland Alliance\* (2212)**

**I.H.** *Salvia mellifera* shares dominance with *Adenostoma fasciculatum* in the shrub canopy, with *A. fasciculatum* sometimes having twice as much cover as *S. mellifera*. Found on slopes of all aspects, but especially those with south-facing exposure...

***Adenostoma fasciculatum*–*Salvia mellifera* Shrubland Association\*  
in the *Adenostoma fasciculatum*–*Salvia mellifera* Shrubland Alliance\* (2226)**

**I.I.** *Adenostoma fasciculatum* dominates the shrub canopy with >50% relative cover...

***Adenostoma fasciculatum* Shrubland Alliance\* (2223)**

**I.I.1.** *Adenostoma fasciculatum* is the sole dominant shrub, and generally has greater than 20% absolute cover in the region. A variety of shrubs can occur as sub-dominants with sparse or low cover, including *Arctostaphylos glauca*, *Ceanothus cuneatus*, *Eriogonum fasciculatum*, *Salvia leucophylla*, *Hesperoyucca whipplei*, and others...

***Adenostoma fasciculatum* Shrubland Association\***

**I.J.** *Adenostoma sparsifolium* is dominant or co-dominant in the shrub layer with other chaparral or coastal scrub species. Scattered, uncommon stands occur in the CDFW Gifford unit and possibly other areas in the southwest portion of the Chimineas Ranch...

***Adenostoma sparsifolium* Shrubland Alliance† (2112)**

†From observations in surrounding area, no survey data from the project

**I.K.** *Eriodictyon crassifolium* is dominant in an open shrub canopy. This uncommon type often occurs in chaparral stands that have had recent fire or similar disturbance.

***Eriodictyon crassifolium* Provisional Shrubland Alliance† (2228)**

†From observations in surrounding area, no survey data from the project

**Class B. Group II. Shrublands dominated by scale-like, microphyllous, or broad-leaved species, including drought-deciduous and cold-deciduous species. These are generally considered to be part of desert transition, riparian, coastal sage scrub or other more soft-leaved shrub habitats. Includes species of *Allenrolfea*, *Artemisia*, *Atriplex*, *Baccharis*, *Ephedra*, *Ericameria*, *Pluchea*, *Salix*, *Salvia*, and others.**

**II.A.** Shrublands characterized by species that can tolerate saline or alkaline soils, but are not necessarily restricted to these conditions. Includes *Allenrolfea*, *Atriplex*, *Frankenia*, and *Suaeda*...

**II.A.1.** *Allenrolfea occidentalis* dominates with >2% absolute cover on seasonally saturated soils, and other alkaline-tolerant shrubs such as *Atriplex spinifera* may be present at low cover. *Lasthenia (gracilis)* is sub-dominant to dominant with *Bromus rubens*, *Delphinium recurvatum*, *L. ferrisiae*, and others in the herb layer ...

***Allenrolfea occidentalis/Lasthenia (gracilis)* Shrubland Association  
In the *Allenrolfea occidentalis* Shrubland Alliance (4311)**

**II.A.2.** *Suaeda moquinii* dominates the shrub canopy with >2% absolute cover. *Lepidium dictyotum*, *Atriplex* spp., *Frankenia salina*, *Hordeum murinum*, *Descurainia sophia*, and other alkaline-tolerant species may be present...

***Suaeda moquinii*/Lepidium dictyotum Provisional Shrubland Association  
in the Suaeda moquinii Shrubland Alliance (4314)**

**II.A.3.** *Frankenia salina* dominates as a sub-shrub or herb with >4% absolute cover, though non-native herbs may be high in cover during some years...

**(No Association defined)  
*Frankenia salina* Herbaceous Alliance (4317)**

**II.A.4.** A species of *Atriplex* is dominant or co-dominant in the shrub canopy with >50% relative cover and >2% absolute cover. Other shrubs such as *Eastwoodiae elegans*, *Ericameria linearifolia*, or *Eriogonum fasciculatum* may be present at lower cover...

**II.A.4.a.** *Atriplex spinifera* dominates the shrub canopy. The herb layer has open to intermittent cover including *Bromus rubens*, *Erodium cicutarium* and *Lasthenia (gracilis)*...

***Atriplex spinifera*/Herbaceous Shrubland Association  
in the Atriplex spinifera Shrubland Alliance (4312)**

**II.A.4.b.** *Atriplex canescens* dominates the shrub canopy. Herbs such as *Erodium cicutarium*, *Malacothrix coulteri*, *Monolopia lanceolata*, *Phacelia* and *Schismus* are present and may be higher in cover than the shrub layer...

***Atriplex canescens*/Herbaceous Provisional Shrubland Association  
in the Atriplex canescens Shrubland Alliance (2413)**

**II.A.4.c.** *Atriplex polycarpa* dominates the shrub canopy. Herbs such as *Amsinckia tessellata*, *Bromus rubens*, *Eremalche parryi*, *Erodium cicutarium*, *Lotus wrangelianus*, and *Monolopia lanceolata* are present and can be higher in cover than the shrub layer...

***Atriplex polycarpa*/Annual Herbaceous Shrubland Association  
in the Atriplex polycarpa Shrubland Alliance (2411)**

**II.A.5.** Shrublands in alkaline basins and high marshes with dominant plants or mixture of plants not like above...

**Intermountain basins alkaline–saline shrub wetland Group (4300) in the  
Cool (and Warm) Semi-Desert Alkaline–Saline Wetland Macrogroup (4300, 6200 and 6400)**

**II.B.** Shrublands characterized by species that grow in seasonally or intermittently flooded habitats on alluvial soils. Stands often occur along riparian and stream corridors, lake margins, permanent springs, marshes, or washes. Includes *Baccharis salicifolia*, *Lepidospartum*, *Pluchea*, *Salix* and others...

**II.B.1.** *Lepidospartum squamatum* characterizes an open shrub canopy along alluvial streams, washes, or fans, and may have as little as 2% absolute cover. Other shrubs such as *Artemisia californica* or *Ericameria nauseosa* may intermix as co-dominants ...

***Lepidospartum squamatum* Shrubland Alliance (4213)**

**II.B.1.a.** *Artemisia californica* is sub-dominant to co-dominant in the shrub canopy...

***Lepidospartum squamatum*-*Artemisia californica* Shrubland Association\***

**II.B.1.b.** Other shrubs if present occur at low cover, and a variety of herbs are present in the understory ...

***Lepidospartum squamatum*/Mixed ephemeral annuals Shrubland Association**



**II.B.2.** *Salix exigua* is dominant or co-dominant in the shrub canopy with >50% relative cover or >30% relative cover when *S. lasiolepis* is present...

***Salix exigua* Shrubland Alliance<sup>†</sup> (4112)**

<sup>†</sup>From observations in surrounding area, no survey data from the project

**II.B.3.** *Salix lasiolepis* is dominant in the shrub or tree canopy, typically with >50% relative cover...

***Salix lasiolepis* Shrubland Alliance<sup>†</sup> (4116)**

<sup>†</sup>From observations in surrounding area, no survey data from this project

**II.B.4.** *Pluchea sericea* is present in the canopy with >2% absolute cover and no other shrub species have equal or greater cover. Stands occur around springs, seeps, irrigation ditches, canyon bottoms, streamsides, and seasonally flooded washes. May include *Baccharis salicifolia*, *Atriplex*, *Ericameria nauseosa*, and others...

***Pluchea sericea* Shrubland Alliance (4221)**

**II.B.5.** *Baccharis salicifolia* is dominant or co-dominant in the shrub canopy usually with >3% cover. Stands occur along canyon bottoms, floodplains, irrigation ditches, lake margins, or stream channels and they may include a variety of other shrub species...

***Baccharis salicifolia* Shrubland Alliance (4111)**

**II.B.5.a.** Other shrubs if present are low cover, and annual herbs including *Bromus rubens*, *Melilotus indicus*, and *Erodium* spp. are usually present and may be abundant in the understory...

***Baccharis salicifolia* Shrubland Association**

**II.B.5.b.** *Pluchea sericea* is sub- to co-dominant in the shrub canopy (usually with lower cover than *Baccharis salicifolia*)...

***Baccharis salicifolia*–*Pluchea sericea* Shrubland Association**

**II.B.6.** *Baccharis pilularis* is dominant in the shrub overstory, forming an open to intermittent canopy. A species of *Salix* may be present and lower in cover, often over a well-developed herbaceous understory. Found in meadows and disturbed riparian areas...

***Baccharis pilularis* Shrubland Alliance (3111)**

**II.B.7.** Stands not as above and characterized by any combination of *Salix exigua*, *Salix lasiolepis*, and *Baccharis salicifolia*. *Populus fremontii* and other *Salix* species may intermix. No clear dominance or co-dominance by any of these species. ...

**Warm Mediterranean & Desert Riparian, Flooded & Swamp Forest  
Macrogroup (4110)**

**II.B.8.** *Ambrosia salsola* (= *Hymenoclea salsola*) characterizes an open to intermittent shrub canopy on sandy alluvial soils with >4% absolute cover. Other shrubs, such as *Eriogonum fasciculatum* and *Ericameria linearifolia*, may be present at lower cover in the canopy...

***Ambrosia salsola* Shrubland Association  
in the *Ambrosia salsola* Shrubland Alliance (2416)**

**II.B.9.** *Ericameria nauseosa* has >50% relative cover in the shrub canopy and grows on well-drained soils in washes, stream terraces or slopes. The shrub layer may include *Atriplex canescens*, *Ephedra californica*, *Ericameria linearifolia*, *Gutierrezia californica*, *Hymenoclea salsola* and others, which are typically low in cover...

***Ericameria nauseosa* Shrubland Association  
in the *Ericameria nauseosa* Shrubland Alliance (2511)**

**II.B.10.** *Forestiera pubescens* has >50% relative cover in the shrub canopy and grows in steep ravines and washes...

***Forestiera pubescens* Provisional Shrubland Association  
*Forestiera pubescens* Shrubland Alliance (4114)**

**II.B.11.** *Tamarix* sp. has >75% relative cover in the shrub canopy in riparian areas...

***Tamarix* Shrubland Semi-natural Stands (9141)**

**II.C.** Shrublands not as above and characterized by desert or desert-transition shrubs. Includes *Ambrosia*, *Eastwoodia*, *Ephedra*, *Ericameria*, *Isomeris*, *Krascheninnikovia* and *Lycium*...

**II.C.1.** *Ephedra californica* has >2% absolute cover in an open shrub canopy on low elevation uplands and washes, with sandy soils. Other shrubs may be sub- to co-dominant, such as *Ambrosia salsola* and *Gutierrezia californica*...

***Ephedra californica* Shrubland Alliance (4211)**

**II.C.1.a.** Stands occur in uplands where other shrubs are not present or low in cover. The herb layer is open to dense and may include *Amsinckia tessellata*, *Bromus rubens*, *Poa secunda*, *Uropappus lindleyi*, and others ...

***Ephedra californica*/Annual-perennial herb Shrubland Association**

**II.C.1.b.** Stands occur in washes where *Ambrosia salsola* is typically present as a sub- to co-dominant. The herb layer is variable...

***Ephedra californica*–*Ambrosia salsola* Shrubland Association**

**II.C.2.** *Ephedra californica* occurs at >2% cover and usually co-dominates with *Eriogonum fasciculatum* in the shrub canopy. Often found on southern exposures with herbs such as *Amsinckia tessellata*, *Erodium cicutarium*, *Schismus* and others...

***Eriogonum fasciculatum*–*Ephedra californica* Provisional Shrubland Association  
in the *Eriogonum fasciculatum* Shrubland Alliance (2317)**

**II.C.3.** *Ambrosia salsola* (= *Hymenoclea salsola*) characterizes an open to intermittent shrub canopy on sandy alluvial soils with >4% absolute cover. Other shrubs, such as *Eriogonum fasciculatum* and *Ericameria linearifolia*, may be present at lower cover in the canopy...

***Ambrosia salsola* Shrubland Association  
in the *Ambrosia salsola* Shrubland Alliance (2416)**

**II.C.4.** *Lycium andersonii* has >50% relative cover in the shrub canopy and grows on low elevation uplands or near washes. The shrub layer may include *Ephedra californica*, *Eriogonum fasciculatum*, *Gutierrezia californica*, *Krascheninnikovia lanata*, and others...

***Lycium andersonii* Shrubland Association  
in the *Lycium andersonii* Shrubland Alliance (2522)**

**II.C.5.** *Artemisia tridentata* is dominant or co-dominant on sandy alluvial soils in the lower Cuyama River drainage. Stands tend to be small and scattered in the mapping area...

***Artemisia tridentata* Shrubland Alliance<sup>†</sup> (2711)**

<sup>†</sup>From observations in surrounding area, no survey data from this project

**II.C.6.** *Ericameria linearifolia*, *Isomeris arborea*, and/or *Eastwoodiae elegans* is dominant to co-dominant with each other or other shrubs in the shrub canopy. The shrub layer may also include *Gutierrezia californica*, *Ephedra californica*, *Eriophyllum confertiflorum*, *Eriogonum fasciculatum* and others. The herb layer can be well-developed, and *Poa secunda* is characteristically present...

***Ericameria linearifolia*–*Isomeris arborea* Shrubland Alliance (2335)**

**II.C.6.a.** *Eastwoodia elegans* is dominant or shares dominance with *Ericameria linearifolia*...  
***Eastwoodia elegans* Association**

**II.C.6.b.** *Isomeris arborea* is primarily dominant or shares dominance with *Ericameria linearifolia* in the shrub canopy...  
***Isomeris arborea* Shrubland Association**

**II.C.6.c.** *Ericameria linearifolia* is primarily dominant or co-dominant with other shrubs in the shrub overstory...  
***Ericameria linearifolia* Shrubland Association**

**II.C.6.d.** *Krascheninnikovia lanata* and/or *Eriogonum fasciculatum* are sub- to co-dominant in the shrub canopy with *Eastwoodia elegans*...  
***Eastwoodia elegans*–*Krascheninnikovia lanata* Shrubland Association**

**II.C.7.** *Krascheninnikovia lanata* is dominant in the shrub canopy. Other shrub species may include *Eastwoodia elegans*, *Ephedra californica*, *Gutierrezia californica*, and *Eriogonum fasciculatum*...  
***Krascheninnikovia lanata* Shrubland Association  
in the *Krascheninnikovia lanata* Shrubland Alliance (2521)**

**II.C.8.** *Ericameria nauseosa* has >50% relative cover in the shrub canopy and grows on well-drained soils in washes, stream terraces or slopes. The shrub layer may include *Atriplex canescens*, *Ephedra californica*, *Ericameria linearifolia*, *Gutierrezia californica*, *Hymenoclea salsola* and others, which are typically low in cover...  
***Ericameria nauseosa* Shrubland Association  
in the *Ericameria nauseosa* Shrubland Alliance (2511)**

**II.C.9.** *Ephedra viridis* is dominant or sometimes can be co-dominant with *Ericameria linearifolia* or *Eriogonum fasciculatum*. The shrub layer may also include *Isomeris arborea* and others, and the herb understory is well-developed with *Poa secunda* characteristically present...  
***Ephedra viridis*–*Ericameria linearifolia*/*Monolopia lanceolata* Provisional Shrubland Association  
in the *Ephedra viridis* Shrubland Alliance (2525)**

**II.D.** Shrublands characterized by coastal sage or seral shrub species. Includes *Artemisia californica*, *Baccharis pilularis*, *Eriogonum fasciculatum*, *Hazardia stenolepis*, *Salvia* spp., and *Lupinus albifrons*...

**II.D.1.** *Gutierrezia californica* dominates an open shrub canopy, and other shrubs may occur at low cover. The herb layer is usually well-developed, including natives such as *Poa secunda* and non-natives such as *Bromus* and *Erodium* species...  
***Gutierrezia californica*/*Poa secunda* Association  
in the *Gutierrezia californica* Shrubland Alliance (2321)**

**II.D.2.** *Lupinus albifrons* dominates in the shrub canopy and grows on slopes that may be disturbed, steep, and unstable. A variety of coastal sage shrubs may be present, including *Ericameria linearifolia*, *Eriogonum fasciculatum*, and others...  
***Lupinus albifrons* Shrubland Association  
in the *Lupinus albifrons* Shrubland Alliance (2324)**

**II.D.3.** *Baccharis pilularis* is dominant or characteristic, often intermixing with shrubs of coastal sage, such as *Artemisia californica* and *Salvia leucophylla*. Found in disturbed areas such as old fields, road banks, and along stream and drainage borders...  
***Baccharis pilularis* Shrubland Alliance (3111)**

**II.D.4.** *Hazardia stenolepis* is the dominant shrub, often forming a low, open canopy over mixed native and non-native forbs and grasses. Other shrub species may co-occur as sub-dominants...

***Hazardia (squarrosa, stenolepis) Shrubland Alliance (2336)***

**II.D.5.** *Salvia leucophylla* is dominant or shares dominance with *Artemisia californica*, *Eriogonum fasciculatum*, and/or *Ericameria linearifolia*...

***Salvia leucophylla Shrubland Alliance (2325)***

**II.D.5.a.** *Salvia leucophylla* is the sole dominant (>60% relative cover) in the shrub canopy...

***Salvia leucophylla Shrubland Association***

**II.D.5.b.** *Artemisia californica* is co-dominant with *Salvia leucophylla*, and *Eriogonum fasciculatum* and *Hesperoyucca whipplei* are often present...

***Salvia leucophylla–Artemisia californica Shrubland Association***

**II.D.5.c.** *Eriogonum fasciculatum* is sub- to co-dominant with *Salvia leucophylla* and the two species characterize the shrub canopy. Sometimes other shrubs such as short-lived *Malacothamnus* can be present and co-dominant...

***Salvia leucophylla–Eriogonum fasciculatum Shrubland Association***

**II.D.6.** *Salvia mellifera* is dominant or shares dominance with *Eriogonum fasciculatum* in the shrub overstory. Typically occurs on steep slopes...

***Salvia mellifera Shrubland Alliance (2328)***

**II.D.6.a.** *Eriogonum fasciculatum* is sub- to co-dominant with *Salvia mellifera* and *Bromus rubens* is typically present in the understory...

***Salvia mellifera–Eriogonum fasciculatum/Bromus rubens Shrubland Association***

**II.D.7.** *Artemisia californica* and *Eriogonum fasciculatum* are co-dominant in the shrub canopy, with both having >30% relative cover. Stands tend to occur on relatively hot and steep slopes. The shrub layer may include *Hesperoyucca whipplei*, *Salvia leucophylla*, *Malacothamnus* spp. or other shrubs...

***Artemisia californica–Eriogonum fasciculatum Shrubland Association  
in the Artemisia californica–Eriogonum fasciculatum Shrubland Alliance (2314)***

**II.D.8.** *Artemisia californica* dominates (with >60% relative cover) in the shrub canopy while other shrubs have sparse or low cover. Often found on relatively steep slopes...

***Artemisia californica Shrubland Association  
in the Artemisia californica Shrubland Alliance (2312)***

**II.D.9.** *Eriogonum fasciculatum* is dominant or shares dominance with *Hesperoyucca whipplei* in the shrub canopy. Soils are usually sandy and well-drained...

***Eriogonum fasciculatum Shrubland Alliance (2317)***

**II.D.9.a.** *Eriogonum fasciculatum* is the dominant in the shrub layer, and other shrub species have sparse or low cover...

***Eriogonum fasciculatum Shrubland Association***

**II.D.9.b.** *Hesperoyucca whipplei* occurs at >2% cover and usually co-dominates with *Eriogonum fasciculatum* in the shrub canopy. Sometimes *E. fasciculatum* is low in cover and *H. whipplei* has a much higher relative cover. Often found on southern exposures with native herbs such as *Amsinckia tessellata*, *Dichelostemma capitatum*, *Salvia columbariae*, *Uropappus lindleyi*, *Plantago erecta*, and others...

***Eriogonum fasciculatum–Hesperoyucca whipplei Shrubland Association***

**II.D.9.c.** *Ephedra californica* occurs at >2% cover and usually co-dominates with *Eriogonum fasciculatum* in the shrub canopy. Often found on southern exposures with herbs such as *Amsinckia tessellata*, *Erodium cicutarium*, *Schismus* and others...

***Eriogonum fasciculatum*–*Ephedra californica* Shrubland Association**

**II.D.10.** *Ericameria linearifolia*, *Isomeris arborea*, and/or *Eastwoodia elegans* is dominant to co-dominant with each other or with other shrubs in the shrub canopy. The shrub layer may also include *Gutierrezia californica*, *Ephedra californica*, *Eriophyllum confertiflorum*, *Eriogonum fasciculatum* and others. The herb layer can be well-developed, and *Poa secunda* is characteristically present...

***Ericameria linearifolia*–*Isomeris arborea* Shrubland Alliance (2335)  
(See above for key step II.C.7. for associations in this alliance)**

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**Class C. Herbaceous Vegetation**

**Vegetation characterized by non-woody, herbaceous species in the canopy including grass, graminoid, and broad-leaved herbaceous species. Woody species may be emergent, typically with <5% cover.**

**I.A.** Vegetation is characterized mainly by wetland graminoid, playa or vernal pool species, including graminoids such as *Distichlis*, *Juncus*, *Eleocharis*, *Schoenoplectus*, and forbs such as *Atriplex*, *Lasthenia*, and *Lepidium*.

**I.A.1.** *Eleocharis* sp. is dominant or co-dominant along lakeshores, streambeds, swales, pastures, ditches, and ponds.

**I.A.1.a.** *Eleocharis macrostachya* is dominant or co-dominant along lakeshores, streambeds, swales, pastures, ditches, and ponds. *Juncus arcticus* (var. *mexicanus* or *balticus*), *Polypogon monspeliensis*, *Rumex crispus*, *Distichlis spicata*, and a variety of other wetland herbs may be present...

***Eleocharis macrostachya* Herbaceous Alliance\* (6312)**

**I.A.1.a.i.** *E. macrostachya* is strongly dominant (>66% average cover) in freshwater ponds, reservoir margins, and streamsides...

***Eleocharis macrostachya* Association\***

**I.A.1.b.** *Eleocharis acicularis* dominant in streambeds, swales, and spring areas. A variety of other wetland herbs may be present.

***Eleocharis acicularis* Alliance\* (6311)  
(No Association defined)**

**I.A.2.** *Juncus arcticus* var. *balticus* is dominant or co-dominant along edges of streams, lakes, and ponds. A variety of wetland graminoids or forbs intermix in the herbaceous layer, and *Rorippa nasturtium-aquaticum* and *Polypogon monspeliensis* may have similar or higher cover than *Juncus arcticus*. ...

***Juncus arcticus* (var. *balticus*, *mexicanus*) Herbaceous Alliance (6211)**

**I.A.2.a.** *Juncus arcticus* var. *balticus* is typically dominant in the herb layer...

***Juncus arcticus* var. *balticus* Association**

**I.A.3.** *Schoenoplectus americanus* dominates or co-dominates along streams, around ponds and lakes, marshes, and roadside ditches. Soils are poorly drained. *Typha* spp., *Distichlis spicata*, *Eleocharis parishii*, *Leymus triticoides*, *Polypogon monspeliensis*, *Schoenoplectus maritimus*, *Scirpus pungens*, and a variety of other wetland herbs may be present...

***Schoenoplectus americanus* Herbaceous Alliance (6111)**

**I.A.3.a.** *Scirpus pungens* co-dominates with *Schoenoplectus americanus*...

***Scirpus pungens*–*Schoenoplectus americanus* Provisional Association\***

**I.A.3.b.** *Schoenoplectus americanus* dominates, and other herbs are lower in cover...

***Schoenoplectus americanus* Association**

**I.A.4.** Vegetation not as above and characterized by other tall perennial graminoids such as *Schoenoplectus*, *Scirpus*, *Typha*, and *Juncus effusus*...

**Western North American Temperate Lowland Wet Shrubland, Wet Meadow & Marsh Macrogroup (6100, 6200, and 6400)**

**I.A.4.a.** Vegetation including *Juncus* spp.

**Western North American Maritime Lowland Wet Meadow & Herbaceous Seep Group (6200)**

I.A.4.b. Vegetation including *Schoenoplectus*, *Scirpus*, and *Typha* spp.

**Western North American Temperate Interior Freshwater Marsh Group (6100)**

I.A.5. Vegetation not as above and characterized by vernal pool, playa, and swale species such as *Eleocharis* spp., *Eryngium* spp., *Lasthenia fremontii*, *Layia* spp., *Downingia* spp., *Psilocarphus* spp., and others. Restricted to winter-flooded or at least winter-saturated substrates; not of convex or upland slopes - watered only by ambient precipitation. This vegetation occurs in alkaline vernal pools and playas in the study area ...

**Western North American Vernal Pool Macrogroup (6300)**

**California Vernal Pool Group (6310)**

I.A.5.a. Native annual species *Atriplex vallicola*, *Lasthenia ferrisiae*, and/or *Lepidium jaredii* dominate, co-dominate, or are characteristically present in stands. Sometimes, *Lepidium nitidum* or *L. dictyotum* may be higher cover than the indicator species of the association, and other native herbs such as *Spergularia marina* are often present and variable in cover. ...

***Atriplex vallicola*–*Lasthenia ferrisiae*–*Lepidium jaredii* Herbaceous Association  
in the *Lasthenia fremontii*–*Distichlis spicata* Alliance (6313)**

I.A.5.b. Native annual and perennial species such as *Frankenia salina*, *Myosurus minimus*, *Psilocarphus brevissimus*, and *Plagiobothrys leptocladus* dominate, co-dominate, or are characteristically present in stands...

***Frankenia salina*–*Psilocarphus brevissimus* Provisional Herbaceous Association  
in the *Frankenia salina* Alliance (4317)**

I.A.6. Native perennial grasses and forbs are characteristic and evenly distributed across the herbaceous layer, though non-native herbs sometimes are dominant. Diagnostic species include *Distichlis spicata*, *Leymus triticoides*, and *Frankenia salina* in alkaline wetlands, playas, intermittently flooded terraces, and other similar locations...

I.A.6.a. *Distichlis spicata* is dominant or co-dominant with >30% relative cover in the herb layer. Soils are often deep, alkaline or saline, and poorly drained. *Descurainia sophia*, *Erodium cicutarium*, *Bromus*, *Hordeum*, *Amsinckia*, *Lasthenia*, and a variety of other native and non-native forbs and grasses may be present...

***Distichlis spicata* Herbaceous Alliance (6411)**

I.A.6.a.i. *Distichlis spicata* dominant (>50% relative cover) in the herb layer, though various annual forbs may be present...

***Distichlis spicata* Herbaceous Association**

I.A.6.b. *Leymus triticoides* is dominant or co-dominant (>30% relative cover) and with >15% absolute cover on poorly drained floodplains, pond/lake margins, drainage and valley bottoms. *Hordeum murinum*, *Erodium cicutarium*, *Amsinckia*, *Bromus*, *Distichlis spicata*, and a variety of other native and non-native forbs and grasses may be present...

***Leymus triticoides* Herbaceous Association  
in the *Leymus triticoides* Herbaceous Alliance (6213)**

I.A.6.c. *Frankenia salina* is dominant or co-dominant (>30% relative cover) in playas, alkaline depressions and alkali sinks that have poorly drained soils. *Atriplex* spp., *Cressa truxillensis* and other species may be present...

**(No Association defined)  
*Frankenia salina* Herbaceous Alliance (4317)**

**I.A.7.** Stands with low cover of alkaline/saline adapted herbaceous plants (like *Distichlis spicata*, *Frankenia salina*, and *Leymus triticoides*) and not like above...

**Intermountain basins alkaline–saline herb wet flat Group in the  
Cool (and Warm) Semi-Desert Alkaline–Saline Wetland Macrogroup (4300, 6200 and 6400)**

**I.B.** Vegetation is characterized mainly by upland and mesic herbaceous species, including native and non-native grasses and forbs...

**I.B.1.** A perennial *Eriogonum* species, *Corethrogyne filaginifolia*, or *Isocoma acradenia* characterizes the herb layer on shallow soils derived from sedimentary substrate. Stands typically have grazing or other disturbance history...

**I.B.1.a.** *Eriogonum nudum* or *E. elongatum* is dominant on low hills, mound, and toeslopes that usually have exposed bare ground and rocky soils, which may be disturbed by small mammals or grazing animals ...

***Eriogonum (elongatum, nudum)* Herbaceous Alliance (5132)**

**I.B.1.a.i.** *Eriogonum elongatum* is dominant or co-dominant with *Bromus rubens* on low hills and mounds...

***Eriogonum elongatum* Provisional Herbaceous Association (5132)**

**I.B.1.a.ii.** *Eriogonum nudum* is dominant or is co-dominant with other herb species...

***Eriogonum nudum* Provisional Herbaceous Association (5132)**

**I.B.1.b.** *Corethrogyne filaginifolia* is dominant on gentle to moderate slopes with sandy soils with *Castilleja exserta*, *Erodium cicutarium* and other herbs...

***Corethrogyne filaginifolia* Provisional Herbaceous Association  
*Corethrogyne filaginifolia* Provisional Herbaceous Alliance (5131)**

**I.B.1.c.** *Isocoma acradenia* is dominant on flat to gentle slopes near Soda Lake or base of the Temblor Range with a variety of herbs...

***Isocoma acradenia* Provisional Association of the  
*Isocoma acradenia* Alliance (2323)**

**I.B.2.** Annual native herbs are characteristic and evenly distributed across the herbaceous layer, though non-native forbs and grasses may be dominant. Diagnostic species include *Amsinckia* spp., *Coreopsis calliopsidea*, *Eschscholzia* spp., *Lasthenia* spp., *Monolopia* spp., *Phacelia* spp., *Plantago erecta*, and *Vulpia microstachys*...

**California Annual Herb/Grass Group (5110)**

**I.B.2.a.** Native annual species *Vulpia microstachys*, *Plantago erecta* and/or *Lasthenia californica* (or *L. gracilis*) characteristically present in stands and usually at least 10% relative in cover to other herbs. Other native species such as *Castilleja exserta*, *Crassula connata*, *Lepidium nitidum*, *Lupinus*, and *Trifolium* species are often well-represented (and sometimes co-dominant to dominant) as well as a variety of herbs. Soils may be clayey, wet to moist in spring and dry by summer ...

***Lasthenia californica*–*Plantago erecta*–*Vulpia microstachys*  
Herbaceous Alliance (5114)**

**I.B.2.a.i.** *Erodium* and *Schismus* appear co-dominant to dominant in stands with *Vulpia microstachys*, and other native herbs such as *Amsinckia tessellata*, *Astragalus didymocarpus*, *Eriogonum gracillimum*, *Lepidium nitidum*, *Malacothrix coulteri*, *Microseris elegans*, and *Trifolium gracilentum*, with a variety of other native and non-native herbs...

***Erodium cicutarium*–*Vulpia microstachys* Association**



**I.B.2.a.ii.** *Erodium cicutarium* and *Bromus rubens* are present and sub-dominant while *Vulpia microstachys*, *Lepidium nitidum*, and/or *Trifolium gracilentum* are co-dominant to dominant with other herbs...

***Lepidium nitidum–Trifolium gracilentum–Vulpia microstachys* Association**

**I.B.2.a.iii.** *Erodium* and *Bromus* appear sub-dominant to dominant in stands with *Lasthenia (gracilis)*, *Plantago erecta*, *Plagiobothrys canescens*, *Crassula connata*, and a variety of other native herbs...

***Lasthenia gracilis–Plantago erecta–Plagiobothrys canescens* Herbaceous Association**

**I.B.2.a.iv.** *Lasthenia (gracilis)* appears dominant or co-dominant with other herbs on vernal alkaline flats...

***Lasthenia gracilis* Herbaceous Association**

**I.B.2.a.v.** *Lasthenia minor* appears dominant or co-dominant with other herbs on vernal alkaline flats of the valley floor. Stands are rare in the region ...

***Lasthenia minor* Provisional Herbaceous Association**

**I.B.2.b.** *Pectocarya linearis* or *P. penicillata* is seasonally co-dominant to dominant on sandy flats with *Calandrinia ciliata*, *Camissonia campestris*, *Erodium cicutarium*, *Lasthenia gracilis*, *Linanthus liniflorus*, *Schismus* sp., *Vulpia microstachys*, and other herbs. Stands interdigitate with *Amsinckia* herb stands and *Ephedra* shrub stands ...

***Pectocarya (linearis, penicillata)* Herbaceous Association  
in the *Lasthenia californica–Plantago erecta–Vulpia microstachys* Herbaceous Alliance (5114)**

**I.B.2.c.** *Eschscholzia californica* and/or *Lupinus bicolor* is/are seasonally dominant on upland slopes or flats with sandy to loamy soils that are well drained. *Amsinckia*, *Avena*, *Bromus*, *Castilleja exserta*, *Erodium cicutarium*, *Uropappus lindleyi* and a variety of other native and non-native forbs and grasses may be present...

***Eschscholzia (californica)* Herbaceous Alliance (5113)**

**I.B.2.c.i** *Eschscholzia californica* is seasonally dominant on upland slopes or flats...

***Eschscholzia californica* Herbaceous Association**

**I.B.2.c.ii** *Lupinus bicolor* is seasonally dominant on grazed flats...

***Lupinus bicolor* Provisional Herbaceous Association**

**I.B.2.d.** *Amsinckia menziesii*, *A. tessellata*, *A. vernicosa*, *Phacelia ciliata* and/or *P. tanacetifolia* is/are seasonally characteristic in the herbaceous layer with greater than or equal to 10% relative cover. Soils are often well-drained and loamy and may have high levels of bioturbation (e.g., kangaroo rat precincts), high levels of (past/current) grazing and/or other disturbance...

***Amsinckia (menziesii, tessellata)* Herbaceous Alliance (5111)**

**I.B.2.d.i.** *Erodium cicutarium* is present and sub-dominant to dominant with *Amsinckia tessellata*. *Astragalus didymocarpus*, *Bromus rubens*, *Guillenia lasiophylla*, *Lotus wrangelianus*, and *Vulpia microstachys* may be present with a variety of other native and non-native herbs...

***Amsinckia tessellata–Erodium cicutarium* Herbaceous Association**

**I.B.2.d.ii.** *Phacelia ciliata* is present and sub-dominant to dominant with *Amsinckia*, *Bromus rubens*, *Descurainia sophia*, *Erodium cicutarium*, *Guillenia lasiophylla*, *Lasthenia* and other species. Stands occur on terraces, flats and toeslopes usually adjacent to *Amsinckia* stands on well-drained soils and on grazed lands...

***Phacelia ciliata* Provisional Herbaceous Association**

**I.B.2.d.iii.** *Phacelia tanacetifolia* is seasonally dominant or co-dominant on steep, dry slopes on siltstone derived soils. A variety of other herbs such as *Amsinckia tessellata*, *A. vernicosa*, *Astragalus didymocarpus*, *Caulanthus inflatus*, *Eremalche parryi*, *Erodium cicutarium*, *Salvia columbariae*, *Lupinus succulentus*, *Eriogonum elongatum* are present. Stands typically on moderate to steep slopes facing southeast and southwest...

***Phacelia tanacetifolia* Provisional Herbaceous Association**

**I.B.2.e.** *Coreopsis calliopsidea*, *Monolopia spp*, and/or *Mentzelia pectinata* is/are seasonally dominant or co-dominant on steep, dry slopes. A variety of other native herbs such as *Amsinckia tessellata*, *Astragalus didymocarpus*, *Caulanthus inflatus*, and *Malacothrix coulteri* are often present...

***Monolopia (lanceolata)–Coreopsis (calliopsidea)* Herbaceous Alliance (5115)**

**I.B.2.e.i.** *Coreopsis calliopsidea* and/or *Mentzelia pectinata* are seasonally dominant on steep, dry slopes with siltstone and gypsum-derived soils. A variety of other herbs such as *Amsinckia tessellata*, *Caulanthus inflatus*, *Camissonia boothii*, *Chaenactis stevioides*, *Guillenia lasiophylla*, *Erodium cicutarium*, and *Phacelia* species are present...

***Coreopsis calliopsidea–Mentzelia pectinata* Herbaceous Association**

**I.B.2.e.ii.** *Monolopia lanceolata* is seasonally dominant or co-dominant on fine-textured, moderate to steep slopes in the Temblor and Caliente ranges and sometimes on flats/terraces above Soda Lake with *Amsinckia spp*...

***Monolopia lanceolata* Herbaceous Association**

**I.B.2.e.iii.** *Monolopia stricta* is seasonally dominant on clay and silty hill slopes directly above Soda Lake with *Coreopsis calliopsidea*, *Erodium cicutarium*, *Layia munzii*, *Lepidium nitidum*, *Phacelia tanacetifolia*, and *Poa secunda*...

***Monolopia stricta* Provisional Herbaceous Association**

**I.B.2.f.** *Salvia carduacea* is dominant or co-dominant on moist alluvial toeslopes and terraces adjacent to washes with well-drained sandy soils and alluvium. *Camissonia campestris*, *Chaenactis glabriuscula*, *Erodium cicutarium*, *Malacothrix californica*, *Linanthus liniflorus*, *Pectocarya penicillata*, *Schismus* and others also occur in the herb layer, and *Gutierrezia californica* typically occurs at low cover in the shrub layer...

***Salvia carduacea* Herbaceous Association  
in the *Salvia carduacea* Provisional Herbaceous Alliance (5116)**

**I.B.3.** Perennial native grasses are characteristic and evenly distributed across the herbaceous layer, though non-native forbs and grasses may be dominant. Diagnostic species include *Poa secunda* and *Nassella cernua*...

**California Perennial Grassland Group (5120)**

**I.B.3.a.** *Poa secunda* characterizes the herbaceous layer...

***Poa secunda* Herbaceous Alliance (5122)**

**I.B.3.a.i.** *Coreopsis calliopsidea*, *Monolopia stricta*, and/or *Poa secunda* are seasonally co-dominant to dominant in the Soda Lake basin associated with *Erodium cicutarium*, *Heterodraba unilateralis*, *Layia munzii*, *Layia platyglossa*, and other herbs...

***Monolopia stricta–Poa secunda* Herbaceous Association**

**I.B.3.a.ii.** *Poa secunda* is dominant or co-dominant with *Bromus rubens* on clayey soils on both flats and north-facing hillslopes along with *Allium spp.*, *Claytonia parviflora*, *Erodium cicutarium*, *Dichelostemma capitata*, *Trifolium willdenovii*, and other herbs ...

***Poa secunda–Bromus rubens* Herbaceous Association**

**I.B.3.b.** *Nassella cernua* characterizes the herbaceous layer with >2% absolute cover on well-drained soils. *Erodium cicutarium* is usually present and co-dominant, though it may be dominant to *N. cernua*. *Castilleja exserta*, *Bromus rubens*, *Lasthenia californica*, *Lotus wrangelianus*, *Trifolium albopurpureum*, and *Pectocarya penicillata* are often present...

***Nassella cernua* Provisional Herbaceous Association  
in the *Nassella cernua* Provisional Herbaceous Alliance (5121)**

**I.B.4.** Vegetation not as above and characterized or dominated by a pure to mixed assemblage of annual or perennial herbs and grasses. Adapted to winter precipitation and summer drought, typically not of bottomland or concave conditions, but of uplands. Stands may have significant non-native herbaceous cover, but they contain diagnostic presence native species of forbs and/or grasses...

**California Annual & Perennial Grassland Macrogrou (5100)**

**I.B.5.** Vegetation not as above and strongly dominated by non-native annual herbaceous and/or grass species including *Aegilops triuncialis*, *Avena spp.*, *Brachypodium distachyon*, *Brassica nigra*, *Bromus spp.*, *Centaurea melitensis*, *Conium maculatum*, *Cynosurus echinatus*, *Foeniculum vulgare*, *Lolium perenne*, *Schismus*, *Sisymbrium irio* and other mustards. Native plants, if present, are trace in presence and abundance. Often in heavily disturbed or developed areas, including past agricultural and livestock areas.

**Mediterranean California naturalized annual and perennial grassland Group (5200)**

**I.B.5.a.** *Bromus rubens*, *Schismus spp.* and/or *Erodium spp.* strongly dominant in stands, and native plants, if present, are trace (<1%) in cover.

***Bromus rubens-Schismus (arabicus, barbatus)* Herbaceous Semi-natural Stands**

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**Class D. Unvegetated or Urbanized**

**I.A. Unvegetated (9110)**

**I.A.1. Developed (9111)**

**I.A.2. Road (9112)**

**I.A.3. Cliff & Rock Outcrops (9113)**

**I.A.4. River & Lacustrine Flats & Streambeds (9114)**

**I.A.5. Playa (9115)**

**I.B. Agriculture (9120)**

**I.C. Water (9130)**

**I.C.1. Perennial Stream Channel (9131)**

**I.C.2. Reservoirs & Ponds (9132)**

**I.D. Exotic trees and shrubs (9140)**

**I.E. Unknown (9999)**

## **Appendix D**

### **Classification Hierarchy**

**Classification Hierarchy for the DFW Mitigation Lands  
in the North Carrizo Plains**

**Subclass 1.C. Temperate Forest**

**Formation 1.C.1. Warm Temperate Forest**

**Division 1.C.1.c. Madrean Forest and Woodland**

**MG009. California Forest and Woodland Macrogroup**

**Californian broadleaf forest and woodland Group**

*Quercus agrifolia* Alliance 1111

*Quercus douglasii* Alliance 1131

**Californian evergreen coniferous forest and woodland Group**

*Juniperus californica* Alliance 1121

**Formation 1.C.3. Temperate Flooded and Swamp Forest**

**Division 1.C.3.b Western North America Flooded and Swamp Forest**

**MG036. Southwestern North American Riparian, Flooded and Swamp Forest Macrogroup**

Madrean warm-temperate riparian/wash scrub 4110

**Southwestern North American introduced riparian scrub Group**

*Tamarix* Semi-natural Stands 9141

**Southwestern North American riparian evergreen and deciduous woodland Group**

*Platanus racemosa* Alliance 1212

*Populus fremontii* Alliance 1211

*Salix laevigata* Alliance 4113

**Southwestern North American riparian/wash scrub Group**

*Baccharis salicifolia* Alliance 4111

*Forestiera pubescens* Alliance 4114

*Salix exigua* Alliance 4112

**Class 2. Mesomorphic Shrub and Herb Vegetation (Shrubland and Grassland)**

**Sub-Class 2.B. Mediterranean Scrub and Grassland**

**Formation 2.B.1. Mediterranean Scrub**

**Division 2.B.1.a. California Scrub**

**MG043. California Chaparral Macrogroup**

**Californian mesic chaparral Group**

*Cercocarpus montanus* Alliance 2212

*Prunus ilicifolia* Alliance Alliance 2240

**Californian xeric chaparral Group**

*Adenostoma fasciculatum* Alliance 2223

*Adenostoma fasciculatum* - *Salvia mellifera* Alliance 2226

*Arctostaphylos glauca* Alliance 2231

*Ceanothus cuneatus* Alliance 2227

*Eriodictyon crassifolium* Provisional Alliance 2228

**MG044. California Coastal Scrub Macrogroup**

**Central and south coastal California seral scrub Group**

*Corethrogyne filaginifolia* Provisional Alliance 5131

*Ericameria linearifolia* - *Isomeris arborea* Provisional Alliance 2335

*Eriogonum (elongatum, nudum)* Provisional Alliance 5132

*Gutierrezia californica* Provisional Alliance 2321

*Hazardia (squarrosa, stenolepis)* Alliance 2336

*Isocoma acradenia* Provisional Alliance 2323

*Lupinus albifrons* Alliance 2324

**Central and South Coastal Californian coastal sage scrub Group**

*Artemisia californica* - *Eriogonum fasciculatum* Alliance 2314

*Artemisia californica* Alliance 2312

*Eriogonum fasciculatum* Alliance 2317

*Salvia leucophylla* Alliance 2325

*Salvia leucophylla* - *Artemisia californica* - *Eriogonum fasciculatum* Mapping Unit 2327

*Salvia mellifera* Alliance 2328

**Formation 2.B.2. Mediterranean Grassland and Forb Meadow**

**Division 2.B.2.a. California Grassland and Meadow**

**MG045. California Annual and Perennial Grassland Macrogroup 5100**

**California annual forb/grass vegetation Group 5110**

*Amsinckia (menziesii, tessellata)* Alliance 5111

*Lasthenia californica* - *Plantago erecta* - *Vulpia microstachys* Alliance 5114

*Monolopia (lanceolata)* - *Coreopsis (calliopsidea)* Provisional Alliance 5115

*Salvia carduacea* Provisional Alliance 5116

**California perennial grassland Group**

*Nassella cernua* Provisional Alliance 5121

**Mediterranean California naturalized annual and perennial grassland Group 5200**

**Subclass 2.C. Temperate and Boreal Shrubland and Grassland**

**Formation 2.C.1. Temperate Grassland, Meadow, and Shrubland**

**Division 2.C.1.a. Vancouverian and Rocky Mountain Grassland and Shrubland**

**MG048. Western North American Temperate Grassland and Meadow Macrogroup**

**Western dry upland perennial grassland Group**

*Poa secunda* Alliance 5122

**MG049. Western Cordilleran Montane Shrubland and Grassland Macrogroup**

**Western Cordilleran montane deciduous scrub Group**

*Ribes quercetorum* Provisional Alliance 2611

**Division 2.C.1.x. Western North America Interior Sclerophyllous Shrubland**

**MG051. Warm Interior Chaparral Macrogroup**

**Western Mojave and Western Sonoran Desert borderland chaparral Group**

*Adenostoma sparsifolia* Alliance 2112

*Quercus john-tuckeri* Alliance 2111

**Formation 2.C.3. Temperate and Boreal Scrub and Herb Coastal Vegetation**

**Division 2.C.3.b. Pacific Coast Scrub and Herb Littoral Vegetation**

**MG058. Vancouverian Coastal Dune and Bluff Macrogroup**

**California Coastal evergreen bluff and dune scrub Group**

*Baccharis pilularis* Alliance 3111

**Formation 2.C.5. Temperate and Boreal Freshwater Marsh**

**Division 2.C.5.b. Western North American Freshwater Marsh**

**MG073. Western North American Freshwater Marsh Macrogroup 6400**

**Arid West freshwater emergent marsh Group**

*Typha (angustifolia, domingensis, latifolia)* Alliance 6511

**MG074. Western North America Vernal Pool Macrogroup**

**Californian mixed annual/perennial freshwater vernal pool/swale/plain bottomland Group 6310**

*Lasthenia fremontii* - *Distichlis spicata* Alliance

*Atriplex vallicola* - *Lasthenia ferrisiae* - *Lepidium jaredii* Provisional Association 6313

**MG075. Western North America Wet Meadow and Low Shrub Carr Macrogroup**

**Californian warm temperate marsh/seep Group 6210**

*Juncus arcticus (var. balticus, mexicanus)* Alliance 6211

*Leymus triticoides* Alliance 6213

**Formation 2.C.6. Temperate and Boreal Salt Marsh**

**Division 2.C.6.c Temperate and Boreal Pacific Coastal Salt Marsh**

**MG081. North American Pacific Coastal Salt Marsh Macrogroup**

**Temperate Pacific tidal salt and brackish meadow Group**

*Distichlis spicata* Alliance 6411

**Division 2.C.6.d Western North American Interior Alkali–Saline Wetland**

**MG083. Warm Semi-Desert/Mediterranean Alkali–Saline Wetland Macrogroup**

**Southwestern North American alkali marsh/seep vegetation Group**

*Schoenoplectus americanus* Alliance 6111

**Southwestern North American salt basin and high marsh Group**

*Allenrolfea occidentalis* Alliance 4311

*Atriplex spinifera* Alliance 4312

*Frankenia salina* Alliance 4317

*Suaeda moquinii* Alliance 4314

**Class 3. Xeromorphic Scrub and Herb Vegetation (Semi-Desert)**

**Atriplex polycarpa-Atriplex canescens MU 2412**

**Subclass 3.A. Warm Semi-Desert Scrub and Grassland**

**Formation 3.A.1. Warm Semi-Desert Scrub and Grassland**

**Division 3.A.1.a Sonoran and Chihuahuan Semi-Desert Scrub and Grassland**

**MG088. Mojavean–Sonoran Desert Scrub Macrogroup**

**Lower Bajada and Fan Mojavean–Sonoran desert scrub Group**

*Ambrosia salsola* Alliance 2416

*Atriplex polycarpa* Alliance 2411

**MG092. Madrean Warm Semi-Desert Wash Woodland/Scrub Macrogroup**

**Mojavean semi-desert wash scrub Group**

*Ephedra californica* Alliance 4211

*Lepidospartum squamatum* Alliance 4213

*Prunus fasciculata* Alliance 4215

**Sonoran–Coloradan semi-desert wash woodland/scrub Group**

*Pluchea sericea* Alliance 4221

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**MG093. Cool Semi-Desert Alkali-Saline Flats Macrogroup**

**Shadscale-saltbush cool semi-desert scrub Group**

*Atriplex canescens* Alliance 2413

**MG095. Cool Semi-desert wash and disturbance scrub Macrogroup**

**Intermontane seral shrubland Group**

*Ericameria nauseosa* Alliance 2511

**MG096. Western North America Tall Sage Shrubland and Steppe Macrogroup**

**Inter-Mountain West mesic tall sagebrush shrubland and steppe Group**

*Artemisia tridentata* Alliance 2711

**MG098. Inter-Mountain Dry Shrubland and Grassland Macrogroup**

**Intermontane deep or well-drained soil scrub Group**

*Ephedra viridis* Alliance 2525

*Krascheninnikovia lanata* Alliance 2521

*Lycium andersonii* Alliance 2522