

**EASEMENT DOCUMENTATION REPORT:**

**MOHAMED PROPERTY**

SACRAMENTO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA



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## 1. INTRODUCTION

### 1.1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an accurate representation of the present condition of the Mohamed Property (property) as it relates to the easement language and restrictions as of the date of the recording (April 28, 2008) of the Conservation Easement. The property is named for Joseph Mohamed Sr., trustee of the Joseph Mohamed Sr. and Shirley M. Mohamed Charitable Remainder Unitrust II, who is listed as "grantor" on the Conservation Easement. The Conservation Easement for the property is attached as **Appendix A**.

*The Easement Documentation Report for Alhambra Farms, Sacramento County, California* (Williams Wildland Consulting 2005) was used as a reference of the past conditions of the Alhambra Farms property, part of which (80 acres) is covered under the Conservation Easement and referred to as the Mohamed Property. The information and photographs provided herein represent the condition of the property as of April 26, 2011.

### 1.2 LOCATION

The property is located in south-central Sacramento County, to the southeast of the Elk Grove city limit southeast of the intersection at Grant Line Road and Wilton Road (**Figure 1**). The property is bordered by Deer Creek on the northwestern end and the Cosumnes River on the southeastern end (**Figure 2**). The property covered under the Conservation Easement is approximately 80 acres, which is contained within a single legal parcel, assessor parcel number (APN) 126-0510-001-0000.

## 2. METHODS

A site visit to the property was conducted on April 26, 2011 by City of Elk Grove biologist, Daniel Neal, to note features relevant to the Conservation Easement agreement and to take surface reference photos. On the day of the site visit, the weather was clear and sunny with an outside temperature of approximately 70 degrees Fahrenheit (TWC 2011).

Photographs of the property were taken with a 14.6 megapixel Pentax K-7 digital camera equipped with an 18-55mm zoom lens, five feet above the ground. Photo points from previous years were used. **Figure 2** shows the plotted locations of the photo points within the property. A description of each photo station location and each scene photographed is included in **Appendix B**. Photo reference numbers start with the number of a fixed photo station (e.g., P1, P2), and are followed by a letter denoting the direction toward which the camera was pointed. For example, photo P1-S is a photo taken at photo station 1 looking toward the south, and P1-N is a photo taken from the same fixed location but looking toward the north. The geographic coordinates and a brief locality description for each photo station are located in **Appendix C**.

## 3. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY AND EASEMENT

The property's legal description is provided in Exhibit A of the Conservation Easement, which is enclosed as **Appendix A** of this report. As mentioned previously, the property is approximately 80 acres. The property consists of one narrow, 50-acre portion of the parcel that is oriented in a northwest to southeast direction perpendicular to Deer Creek and a second 30-acre portion of the parcel that borders the 50-acre strip on the northwestern end of the property, as shown in **Figure 2**. The other characteristics of the property are described below under **Sections 3.6 Infrastructure and Buildings** and **3.7 Conservation Features**.

### 3.1 PURPOSE OF THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT

The multiple resource conservation purposes of the Conservation Easement are to preserve and protect in perpetuity (a.) the availability of the property for agriculture by protecting the property from development pressure; (b.) the conservation and habitat values of the property as foraging and/or nesting habitat for Swainson's hawks (*Buteo swainsoni*) and for other wildlife essential for maintaining Swainson's hawk habitat, including the processes which sustain that habitat; and (c.) the open space character of the property which is an important public benefit and is consistent with the availability of the property for wildlife habitat and agricultural uses (**Appendix A**).

### 3.2 SURROUNDING PROPERTIES

As mentioned previously, the property is bordered by Deer Creek along the northwestern end and the Cosumnes River along the southeastern end (**Figure 2**). Directly to the northeast of the property, there are grape vineyards. To the southwest of the property, there is the Cosumnes River and a portion of its undeveloped floodplain. The remainder of the surrounding land to the north and northeast of the property are predominately agricultural estates, a form of rural residential land use with parcels that are typically five to 20 acres in size.

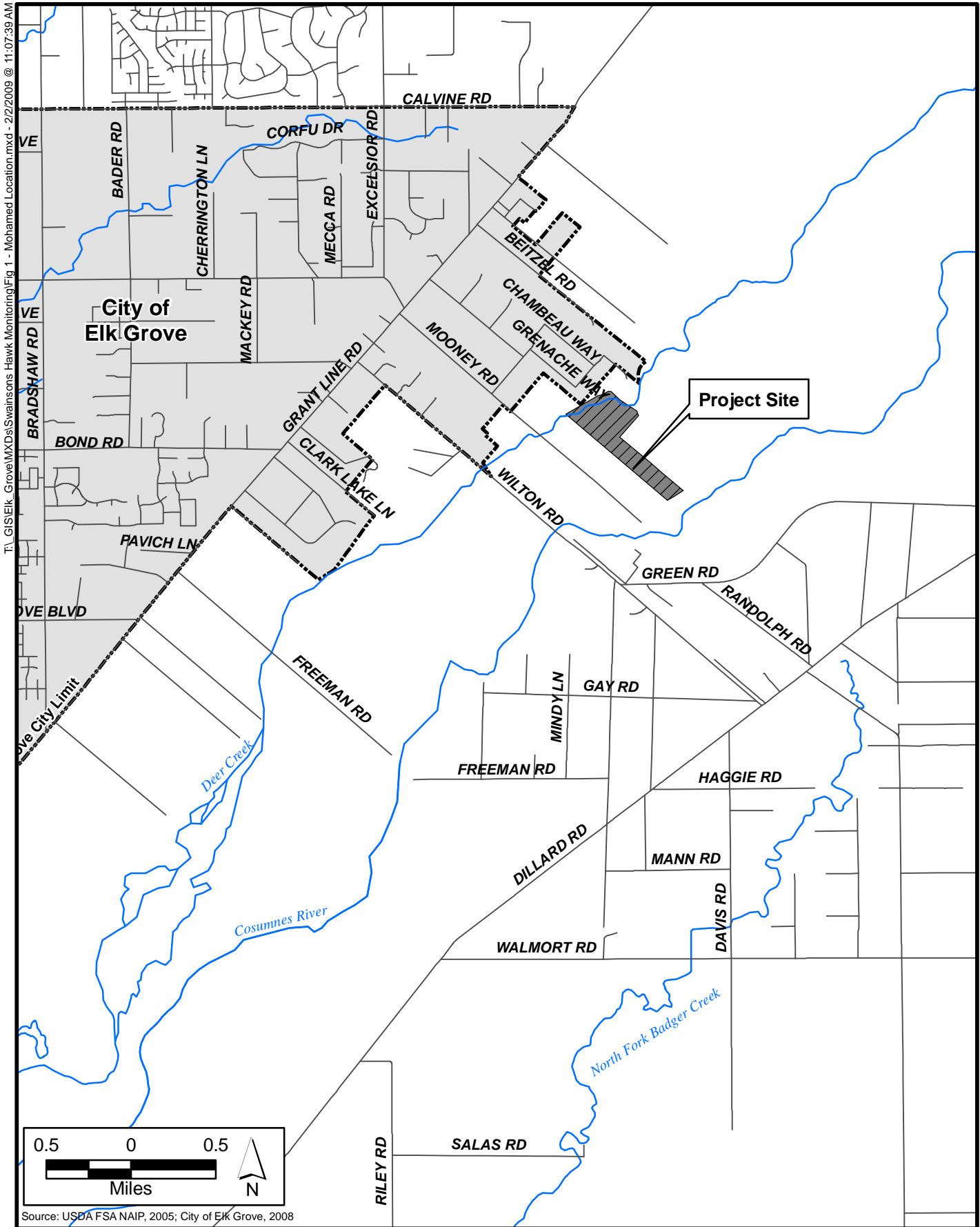
### 3.3 HISTORIC AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

According to the 2005 Easement Documentation Report, the property was operated as a dairy up until the mid-1980s (Williams Wildland Consulting 2005). At this time, the farmland wherein the current 80-acre property boundary is located was used to grow alfalfa and grain to feed dairy cows. The dairy barn and main operations buildings were located in the upland areas north of Deer Creek, which is located outside of the current property boundary. Since the mid-1980s, the leveled farmland on the property has been traditionally planted with annual row or field crops, including tomatoes, sugar, beets, corn, beans, and grains such as wheat and barley (Williams Wildland Consulting 2005).

### 3.4 CURRENT AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

At the time of the April 26, 2011 site visit, the fields within the property had been recently disked. According to the property owner, the fields would be disked one or two more times in the summer before being laser-leveled, then heavily seeded with alfalfa in early October (Mohamed pers. comm. 2011).

Farm improvements documented in the 2010 easement monitoring report (City of Elk Grove 2010) include (a.) an irrigation system comprised of a 40 horsepower (hp) electric well pump, located along the southeastern edge of the 30-acre portion within the property, (b.) underground concrete pipes for irrigation, and (c.) above ground power lines that connect the electric well pump to two other electric well pumps located offsite on an adjacent parcel to the southwest, which is under the same ownership as the Mohamed Property. The remaining non-farmed acreage within the property includes a single interior dirt road that begins near the central-northwestern end of the property and continues through the center of the property along the edge between the 30-acre and the 50-acre portions of the property until it terminates at the southeastern end of the property at the levee (see photo P1-SE; **Appendix B**).



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Figure 1  
Location Map







Figure 2  
Photo Station Locations





### 3.5. CURRENT WATER USES

Irrigation water is pumped from the electric well pump located on the southeastern edge of the 30-acre portion of the property and delivered to the fields via underground concrete piping found throughout the property. Crops are irrigated above ground by means of flood, ditch, or sprinkler irrigation. Irrigation water is also occasionally pumped out of the Cosumnes River via a removable pump powered by a tractor power take-off. The current water uses are similar to what has been reported previously (Williams Wildland Consulting 2005; City of Elk Grove 2009, 2010).

### 3.6 INFRASTRUCTURE AND BUILDINGS

#### **Residences and Other Buildings**

There are no existing buildings on the property. Since the property is prone to seasonal flooding due to its location in the flood plains of Deer Creek and the Cosumnes River, the Conservation Easement does not allow any residences or human-occupied buildings on the property. The Conservation Easement allows for the maintenance, repair, replacement, or rebuilding of existing structures and improvements provided that such replacement structures/improvements shall be of the same square footage as the structures/improvements that they replace, shall be rebuilt in the same general location, and in a manner consistent with the purposes of the Conservation Easement. Currently, there are no plans to construct any new buildings on the property; therefore, the property is consistent with the requirements of the Conservation Easement.

### 3.7 FENCES AND ROADS

As of the April 26, 2011 site visit, there were no fences on the property. There are two dirt roads, herein referred to as the "upper" and "lower access" roads, which provide outside vehicle access to the property (**Figure 2**). The lower access road is accessed from 9141 Mooney Road and the upper access road is accessed from 8705 Grant Line Road; both roads provide access to the northwestern end of the property and have low-water crossings at Deer Creek. The low-water creek crossings consist of concrete slabs overlying steel pipes.

There are several unimproved dirt roads within and surrounding the property. A dirt road is located along the northwestern end of the property, which starts from the lower access road crossing at Deer Creek and terminates near the center of the northwestern edge of the 30-acre portion of the property. This road's terminus is approximately 500 feet from the upper access road creek crossing adjacent to the riparian vegetation of Deer Creek (**Figure 2**). Another dirt road runs along the top of the levee adjacent to the Cosumnes River along the southeastern border of the property. Finally, an interior dirt road starts from the northwestern end of the property, near photo station 1, and terminates at the dirt road atop the levee adjacent to the Cosumnes River. This dirt road runs through the interior of the property along the edge between the 30-acre portion and the 50-acre portion of the property. This road is visible in the aerial photograph of the property, shown in **Figure 2**. According to the property owner, this road will be realigned and regraded this summer. The realigned and regraded portion of the road will remain a dirt road; there will be no pavement or gravel (Mohamed pers. comm. 2011). This is consistent with the requirement of the Conservation Easement.

The type, location and size of the roads observed within the property during the April 26, 2011 site visit are similar to what has been reported previously (City of Elk Grove 2009, 2010; Williams Wildland Consulting 2005). The property is consistent with the requirements of the Conservation Easement for fences and roads.

### 3.8 DITCHES AND CANALS

The southeastern end of the property is the highest area of the property, and so water from irrigation generally flows west and north across the property. Currently, irrigation return water flows into Deer Creek near the northwestern end of the property through a few small irrigation ditches. The property owner has stated that he will be constructing a small detention pond with an electric pump in the northwestern portion of the parcel (outside of the conservation easement area) this year in order to recapture and reuse the irrigation water that is currently discharged into Deer Creek (Mohamed pers. comm. 2011).

As stated above, a few small drainage ditches currently carry water from the irrigated fields off of the property. The location and size of these drainage ditches observed during the April 26, 2011 site visit are similar to what has been reported within the property previously (City of Elk Grove 2009, 2010; Williams Wildland Consulting 2005). The property usage is consistent with the requirements of the Conservation Easement for ditches and canals.

### 3.9 CONSERVATION FEATURES

#### Riparian Corridors

The northwestern and southeastern ends of the property are bordered by riparian corridors that are adjacent to Deer Creek and the Cosumnes River, respectively (**Figure 2**). The overstory of the Deer Creek riparian corridor is dominated by mature Valley oak (*Quercus lobata*), Oregon ash (*Fraxinus latifolia*), Fremont cottonwood (*Populus fremontii*), box-elder (*Acer negundo*), and California black walnut (*Juglans californica* var. *hindsii*). The dominant understory species consist of poison-oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*), wild grape (*Vitis californica*), Himalayan blackberry (*Rubus discolor*), California rose (*Rosa californica*) and poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum*).

The overstory of the Cosumnes River riparian corridor consists of Valley oaks and several species of willow (*Salix* spp.), which are broadly spaced, allowing the riparian area to be generally more scrub-like in appearance.

Both the Deer Creek and the Cosumnes River riparian corridors bordering the property provide suitable nesting habitat for Swainson's hawks due to the size and proximity of the large trees found within the riparian corridors to the farmed fields within the property. Generally, Swainson's hawks utilize nesting sites in large trees bordering open fields due to the availability of foraging opportunities and prey items in close proximity to their nesting sites. These riparian habitats also provide suitable foraging and cover habitat for a variety of wildlife species including prey items for Swainson's hawks. According to the 2005 Easement Documentation Report, Swainson's hawks were suspected of nesting in the large Valley oaks along Deer Creek near the northwestern end of the property (Williams Wildland Consulting 2005). As of the April 26, 2011 site visit, stick nests were not observed within the Deer Creek riparian corridor within or adjacent to the property; however, a stick nest was observed on the north side of the Cosumnes River near photo point 3 (see **Figure 2**). This stick nest was occupied by a brooding raptor in the *Buteo* genus, but the hawk species could not be identified since the hawk was sitting low in the nest with only its head visible. The riparian corridors of Deer Creek and the Cosumnes River adjacent to the property provide suitable nesting habitat for Swainson's hawks.

#### Influences Regarding Winter Role

At the southeastern end of the property, there is a levee adjacent to the Cosumnes River that protects the property from seasonal flooding events; however, seasonal flooding has been

known to occur in the northwestern end of the property due to seasonal inundation from Deer Creek (Williams Wildland Consulting 2005). Flood waters flowing across the northwestern end of the property have been known to cause substantial erosion and sediment loads (Williams Wildland Consulting 2005).

### **Uplands, Trees, Cropland and Open Space**

Nearly all of the farmed land on the property has historically been leveled and planted with field crops. As of the April 26, 2011 site visit, the fields had been recently disked in preparation for the above-described detention pond and road improvements, to be followed by alfalfa seeding in October. These farm practices provide suitable foraging habitat for Swainson's hawks due to the high visibility and accessibility of prey items.

The 2010 easement monitoring report documented the presence of regularly-topped trees adjacent to the interior dirt road that runs down the center of the property from the northwestern end to the southeastern end (City of Elk Grove 2010). At the time of the April 26, 2011 site visit, these trees had been completely removed. The property owner stated that replacement seedlings had already been purchased, and would be replanted next to the interior dirt road after the road is realigned and regraded this summer (Mohamed pers. comm. 2011). Unlike the trees that were removed, these replacement trees will not require frequent topping and will be allowed to fully mature. It is reasonably foreseeable that these trees will eventually provide nesting habitat for raptors, including Swainson's hawks.

## **4. CONCLUSIONS**

### **4.1 ADHERENCE TO THE EASEMENT REQUIREMENTS**

Review of the Conservation Easement (**Appendix A**) for the property revealed that the activities and practices observed during the site visit were permitted uses. The farming practices observed during the April 26, 2011 site visit are allowed under the requirements of the Conservation Easement.

The requirements set forth in the Conservation Easement state that no residences or human-occupied buildings are permitted within the property because the property is prone to seasonal flooding due to its location within the flood plains of Deer Creek and the Cosumnes River. Currently, there are no plans to construct any buildings on the property; therefore, the property is in compliance with the requirements of the Conservation Easement.

### **4.2 QUALITY OF SWAINSON'S HAWK FORAGING HABITAT WITHIN THE PROPERTY**

The property consists of high-quality foraging habitat for Swainson's hawks. The farming practices observed provide excellent foraging habitat for Swainson's hawks because they allow for clear visibility and accessibility of prey items within the fields. In addition, according to the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB) records, there are 55 previously recorded occurrences of Swainson's hawks within a ten-mile radius of the property (CDFG 2011). Since numerous Swainson's hawk nests have been recorded in the surrounding area, it is reasonable to assume that Swainson's hawks nest in the vicinity of the property and could use the property as foraging habitat. In addition, the large oak, cottonwood and willow trees around the perimeter of the property (associated with the riparian corridors along Deer Creek and the Cosumnes River) represent suitable nesting habitat for Swainson's hawk. On the April 26, 2011 site visit, two Swainson's hawks were observed flying over these riparian corridors adjacent to the property.

## EASEMENT DOCUMENTATION REPORT

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### PERSONAL COMMUNICATION

- Mohamed, Joseph, Sr. (trustee of the Joseph Mohamed Sr. and Shirley M. Mohamed Charitable Remainder Unitrust II) In-person Conversation with Daniel Neal (City of Elk Grove Biologist). April 26, 2011.

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# **APPENDICES**

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## **APPENDIX A—CONSERVATION EASEMENT**



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GRANT DEED OF SWAINSON'S HAWK HABITAT CONSERVATION EASEMENT

THIS GRANT DEED OF SWAINSON'S HAWK HABITAT CONSERVATION EASEMENT is made as of **April 28, 2008** by and between Joseph Mohamed Sr. Trustee of the Joseph Mohamed Sr. and Shirley M. Mohamed Charitable Remainder Unitrust II, dated June 11, 1998 as "grantor" and the **City of Elk Grove** ("City"), a municipal corporation, as "grantee."

RECITALS

A. Grantor owns real property consisting of approximately 80 acres, in Sacramento County, California, as described in Exhibit A and shown more particularly on the map attached as Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein, together with all appurtenances thereto, including without limitation all mineral and mineral rights, if any, and all water and water rights appurtenant to such land (collectively, the "Property").

B. The Property is comprised of open space land, appropriate to use for agriculture, and also essential to providing foraging and/or nesting habitat for Swainson's hawks, and other significant relatively natural habitat and buffer for many species of wildlife including, but not limited to, raptors, migratory birds, and others.

C. Protection and preservation of the Property, including its wildlife habitat, will assure that this area and its existing features will continue to be available for agriculture, to provide foraging and or nesting habitat for Swainson's hawks and other natural habitat values and buffer for wildlife, a significant public benefit by preserving open space against development pressure, and scenic qualities unique to the Cosumnes River Watershed.

D. As fee owner, Grantor owns the affirmative rights to identify, preserve, and protect forever the existing features and values of the Property.

E. The State of California recognizes the public importance and validity of conservation easements by enactment of Section 815 et seq of the Civil Code, and the City is an entity qualified under such Civil Code provisions to hold a conservation easement.

F. The City is a local government agency in the State of California, and is a "qualified organization" within the provisions of Section 170(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, qualified to acquire and hold conservation easements.

G. To accomplish all of the aforementioned purposes, Grantor intends to convey to the City and the City intends to obtain a nonexclusive easement restricting the use which may be made of the Property, to preserve and

protect forever the agricultural uses, open-space, foraging and/or nesting habitat for Swainson's hawks and scenic values of the Property.

H. In executing this Agreement, it is not Grantor's intention to waive any rights or benefits he has under the California Land Conservation Act of 1964 ("Williamson Act," Government Code section 51200 et seq.) except Grantor's right to plant commercial orchards, vineyards, and rice.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above and the mutual covenants, terms, conditions, and restrictions contained herein, and for the good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and pursuant to the laws of the State of California and in particular California Civil Code section 815 et seq., Grantor hereby voluntarily grants and conveys to the City, its successors and assigns, a nonexclusive Easement in gross, forever in, on, over, and across the Property (the "Easement"), subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, restricting forever the uses which may be made of the Property, and the parties agree as follows:

1. PURPOSES: The multiple natural resource conservation purposes of the Easement are to preserve and protect in perpetuity (a) the availability of the Property for agriculture by protecting the Property from development pressure; and (b) the conservation and habitat values of the Property as foraging and/or nesting habitat for Swainson's hawks and for other wildlife essential for maintaining Swainson's hawk habitat including the processes which sustain that habitat; which are important public benefits and are consistent with the availability of the Property for wildlife habitat and agriculture. The preservation and protection of these two uses in perpetuity is hereinafter referred to as the "Natural Resource Conservation Purposes" of this Easement.

It is intended that this Easement shall foster agricultural practices on the Property in harmony with the protection and preservation of conservation and habitat values of the Property as foraging and/or nesting habitat for Swainson's hawks and the processes that sustain that habitat. It is intended that each such purpose shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the other. This Easement prohibits use of the Property for any purpose, other than as otherwise allowed in this Easement, that would significantly impair, degrade or interfere with the "Natural Resource Conservation Purposes" stated above.

2. EASEMENT DOCUMENTATION REPORT: The parties acknowledge that an Easement Documentation Report (the "Report") of the Property ("Easement Documentation Report: Alhambra Farms prepared for Pulte Himes by Williams Wildland consulting, Inc. Dated June 1, 2005") has been prepared by a competent biologist familiar with the environs and approved by the City and Grantor in writing, a copy of which is on file with the Grantor and the City at their respective address for notices, set forth below. The parties agree that the Report contains an accurate representation of the biological and physical condition of the Property at the time of this grant, and of the historical uses of the Property, including historical water uses. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a controversy arises with respect to the nature and extent of the physical and biological condition of the Property or the permitted historical uses of the Property, the parties shall not be foreclosed from utilizing any and all other relevant documents, surveys or other evidence or information to assist in the resolution of the controversy.

3. CITY'S RIGHTS: To accomplish the purpose of this Easement, the rights and interests which are conveyed to the City by this Easement include, but are not limited to, the following:

A. Preserve and Protect. The City may preserve and protect forever the Natural Resource Conservation Purposes of the Property.

B. Entry and Access Rights. The City is hereby granted rights of access to enter upon the Property, using appurtenant easements and rights of way, if required for access by City, at reasonable times in order to monitor compliance with and to otherwise enforce the terms of this Easement and to determine whether Grantor's activities are in compliance with the terms hereof. Except in cases where the City determines that immediate entry is required to prevent, terminate, or mitigate a violation of the Easement, such entry shall be upon prior reasonable notice to Grantor and will not in any case unreasonably interfere with Grantor's use and quiet enjoyment of the Property.

- C. Enforcement. The City may prevent any activity on, or use of, the Property that is inconsistent with the terms of this Easement, may enforce the restoration of such areas or features of the Property that may be damaged by any inconsistent activity or use and, subject to Section 6,A, below, may enter the Property to take corrective action, including, but not limited to, incurring costs and expenses to restore any areas or features of the Property that may be damaged by any inconsistent activity or use.
- D. Signs. The City may erect a sign or other appropriate marker, no greater than four by eight feet, in a prominent location on the Property, visible from a public road, bearing information indicating that the environmental resources of the Property are protected by the City. The wording of the information on the sign shall be jointly determined by the City and the Grantor, but shall clearly indicate that the Property is privately owned and not open to the public. The City shall be responsible for the costs of erecting and maintaining its sign or marker.
- E. Scientific Studies. Subject to Grantor's approval, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld or denied, the City or a scientific educational, or conservation institution or organization designated by the City shall have the right to conduct Swainson's Hawk wildlife studies and associated habitat research on the 80-acre Easement Property, as well as monitoring Swainson's Hawk habitat on the 80-acre Easement Property, provided that such studies, research, and monitoring shall be carried out in a manner that shall not interfere unreasonably with the permitted use(s) or enjoyment of the Property by Grantor, its successors in interest, or any legally recognized occupant(s) or user(s) of the Property.

4. RESERVED RIGHTS. Grantor reserves all rights accruing from their ownership of the Property, including the right to engage in, or permit others to engage in, all uses of the Property that are not expressly prohibited herein and are not inconsistent with the Natural Resource Conservation Purposes of this Easement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, except as prohibited or otherwise limited in Paragraph 5 below and Exhibit D attached hereto, Grantor reserves the right to use and enjoy the Property in any manner which is consistent with the Natural Resource Conservation Purposes of this Easement. In that regard, except as provided in Paragraph 5 below and Exhibit D attached hereto, the uses set forth in the Report as well as the permitted uses stated in Exhibit C attached hereto, though not an exhaustive list of consistent permitted uses, are consistent with this Easement, and shall not be precluded, prevented or limited by this Easement, except for the requirement of prior approval by the City where such approval is required herein. However, so long as the uses of the Property are consistent with the foregoing, Grantor shall not be required to obtain City approval as to the specific lessees or tenants that conduct those uses on Grantor's behalf.

5. PROHIBITED USES OF THE PROPERTY. Unless undertaken for the purpose of carrying out one of the two Natural Resource Conservation Purposes of this Easement or unless permitted by Exhibit C, any activity on or use of the Property which significantly degrades or interferes with the ability to use the Property for the Natural Resource Conservation Purposes is prohibited. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, none of the uses described in Exhibit D attached hereto shall be made of the Property. Grantor may not plant any of the plants listed in Exhibit F on the Property.

6. REMEDIES.

- A. Notice of Violation: Corrective Action. If the City becomes aware that as the result of Grantor's use of the Property or Grantor's failure to exercise reasonable care, a violation of the terms of this Easement has occurred or is threatened to occur, the City shall give written notice to the Grantor of such violation and demand corrective action sufficient to cure the violation and, where the violation involves injury to the Property resulting from any use or activity inconsistent with the purpose of this Easement, to restore the portion of the Property so injured. If Grantor fails to cure the violation within thirty (30) days after receipt of notice from the City, or under circumstances where the violation cannot reasonably be cured within a thirty (30) day period, fails to begin curing such violation within the thirty (30) day period and fails to continue diligently to cure such violation until finally cured, the City shall have all remedies available at law or in equity to enforce the terms of this Easement, including, without limitation, (i) the right to seek a temporary

or permanent injunction with respect to such activity, (ii) to cause the restoration of that portion of the Property affected by such activity to the condition that existed prior to the undertaking of such prohibited activity, (iii) to recover any damages arising from the violation, to the extent that such damages include monetary amounts paid by the City which, if not paid, could result in the extinguishment, modification, non-enforcement or impairment of the Easement, and (iv) to recover all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by the City to effect the restoration of the Property. In the event that the nature of any violation is such that the Property cannot be restored, or a court of competent jurisdiction determines that a material violation of the terms of this Easement occurred but nonetheless refuses to order such restoration, the City shall have the right to seek money damages for the diminution in value of this Easement (determined in accordance with Section 14) caused by such violation. The remedies described in this paragraph shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to all remedies hereafter existing at law or in equity. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, in no event shall a monetary recovery by Grantee against Grantor exceed the value of this Easement, determined in accordance with Section 14.

- B. Cost of Enforcement. In any action, suit or other proceeding undertaken to enforce the provisions of this Easement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the non-prevailing all reasonable costs and expenses including attorneys' fees, and if such prevailing party shall recover judgment in any action or proceeding, such costs and expenses shall be included as part of the judgment. In addition, any costs of restoration shall be borne by the Grantor.
- C. Emergency Enforcement. If the City, in its sole discretion, determines that circumstances require immediate action to prevent or mitigate significant damage to the protected values of the Property, the City may pursue its remedies under this paragraph without prior notice to Grantor or without waiting for the period to cure to expire.
- D. Non-Waiver. Enforcement of the terms and provisions of this Easement shall be at the discretion of the City, and the failure of the City to discover a violation or to take action under this paragraph shall not be deemed or construed to be a waiver of the City's rights hereunder with respect to such violation in the event of any subsequent breach.
- E. Acts Beyond Grantor's Control. Nothing contained in this Easement shall be construed to entitle the City to bring any action against Grantor for any injury to or change in the Property resulting from causes beyond Grantor's control, including fire, flood, storm, and earth movement, or from any prudent action taken by Grantor under emergency conditions to prevent, abate, or mitigate significant injury to the property resulting from such causes.
- F. Third-Party Beneficiary Enforcement. It is understood by the Grantor that all rights and remedies conveyed under this Conservation Easement shall extend to and are enforceable against Grantor by the California Department of Fish and Game ("DFG") as a third-party beneficiary, provided, however, that such status as a third-party beneficiary is personal to the DFG and may not be assigned or conveyed to any other entity.
- G. Agent for Enforcement. Without the prior consent of the Grantor, the City may appoint any person or entity as the City's agent for enforcing the terms of this Easement, and the Grantor shall be entitled to treat any such person or entity as the City's agent for enforcement, provided such person or entity presents written proof of such authority signed by the City.

7. TRANSFER. The City may transfer all or any of its interests in this Easement with Grantor's prior written consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, provided that (1) the City or any successor holder of this Easement obtains the prior written consent of the California Department Fish and Game; and (2) any transfer shall be made only to an organization qualified at the time of the transfer as an eligible donee under Internal Revenue Code Section 170(h)(3) or its successor, or any regulation issued thereunder, and such organization shall be an entity qualified pursuant to Civil Code Section 815 et seq. or any subsequent state law governing the creation, transfer and enforcement of conservation easements. Grantor may reasonably withhold consent to transfer: if the proposed

transferee is not subject to the jurisdiction of the Courts of the State of California; or if the organizational mission and purposes of the proposed transferee might cause the proposed transferee to emphasize the protection of one of the Natural Resource Protection Purposes of this Easement over the other.

8. RUNNING WITH THE LAND. The Easement created by this Grant Deed shall burden and run with the Property forever. Every provision of this Easement that applies to the Grantor or the City shall also apply forever to and shall burden or benefit, as applicable, their respective agents, heirs, devisees, administrators, employees, personal representatives, lessees, and assigns, and all other successors as their interest may appear. The Grantor and the City agree that transfer by Grantor of any interest in the Property shall be in accordance with the terms of Paragraph 10 of Exhibit C hereto.

9. REPRESENTATION AND WARRANTIES.

- A. Hazardous Materials. Grantor discloses to City that the Property has historically been used for agricultural purposes and will continue to be so used and, accordingly, fertilizers, pesticides and other substances historically used in such practices and typically used in such practices, have been, and may be, on the Property. Subject to the foregoing, Grantor represents and warrants that to the best of Grantor's knowledge, the Property (including, without limitation, any associated air, soil, groundwater, and surface water) is free of any conditions that individually or in aggregate (1) pose a significant risk to human health or the environment; (2) violate any Environmental Law, as that term is defined below in Paragraph 15; or (3) could reasonably be expected to cause any person to incur environmental investigation, removal, remediation, or other cleanup costs. Except as listed in Exhibit E, there are no known underground tanks located on the Property. Grantor represents and warrants that Grantor shall comply with all Environmental Laws in using the Property and that Grantor shall keep the Property free of any material environmental defect, including, without limitation, contamination from Hazardous Materials, as that term is defined below in Paragraph 15.
- B. State of Title. Subject to matters of record disclosed in that certain Title Report dated April 10, 2006, issued by First American Title Company regarding the Property, Grantor warrants that as of the date that title to the Easement transfers it has good and sufficient title to the Property and that all mortgages, liens, and encumbrances are subordinated to this Easement.
- C. Compliance with Laws. Grantor has not received notice of and has no knowledge of any material violation of any federal, state, county or other governmental or quasi-governmental statute, ordinance, regulation, law or administrative or judicial order with respect to the Property.
- D. No Litigation. There is no action, suit or proceeding which is pending or threatened against the Property or any portion thereof relating to or arising out of the ownership or use of the Property, or any portion thereof, in any court or in any federal, state, county, or municipal department, commission, board, bureau, agency or other governmental instrumentality.
- E. Authority To Execute Easement. The person executing this Easement on behalf of the City represents that execution of this Easement has been duly authorized by the City. The person(s) executing this Easement on behalf of the Grantor represents that the execution of this Easement has been duly authorized by the Grantor.

10. COSTS, LEGAL REQUIREMENTS, AND LIABILITIES. Grantor retains all responsibilities and shall bear all costs and liabilities of any kind related to the ownership, operation, upkeep and maintenance of all interests in the Property retained by Grantor and agrees that the City shall have no duty or responsibility for the operation or maintenance of the Property, the monitoring of hazardous conditions thereon, or the protection of Grantor, the public, or any third parties from risks relating to conditions on the Property. Nothing in this Section shall obligate Grantor for any costs of monitoring this Easement. Grantor agrees to pay any and all real property taxes and assessments levied by competent authority on the interest in the Property retained by Grantor before delinquency and that Grantor shall keep the City's interest in the Property free of any liens arising out of any work performed for, materials furnished to or obligations incurred by or on behalf of Grantor. Grantor shall be solely responsible for any

costs related to the maintenance of general liability insurance covering acts on the Property. Grantor remains solely responsible for obtaining any applicable governmental permits and approvals for any activity or use permitted by this Easement, and any activity or use shall be undertaken in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and requirements.

11. INDEMNIFICATION BY GRANTOR. Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, Grantor hereby agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the City, its members, directors, officers, employees, agents, and contractors and their heirs and assigns (the "Indemnified Parties") from and against any costs, liabilities, penalties, damages, claims or expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) which the Indemnified Parties may suffer or incur as a result of or arising out of the activities of the Grantor on the Property, except as such claim, liability, damage, or expense is the result of the City's gross negligence or intentional misconduct. Without limiting the foregoing, Grantor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Indemnified Parties for all of the following:

- A. Third Party Claims. Any claim, liability, damage, or expense suffered or incurred by or threatened against Grantor by any other person or entity, except as such claim, liability, damage, or expense is the result of the City's gross negligence or intentional misconduct.
- B. Taxes. Any real property taxes, insurance, utilities or assessments that are levied against the interest in the Property retained by Grantor, including those for which exemption cannot be obtained, or any other costs in maintaining the Property.
- C. Hazardous Materials. Other than as disclosed by Grantor in Section 9.A. regarding the historic uses of the Property, any Hazardous Material, as that term is defined in Paragraph 15, present, alleged to be present, or otherwise connected in any way to the Property, whether by or after the date of this Easement.

12. NOTICE; APPROVAL.

- A. Notice for Entry. Except in the event of emergency, where notice to Grantor of the City's entry upon Property is required herein, the City shall notify any of the persons constituting Grantor or their authorized agents by telephone or in person, or by written notice in the manner described below in subparagraph C, prior to such entry.
- B. Other Notice. Except as provided in subparagraph A above, whenever express approval, agreement or consent is required by this document, the initiating party shall give written notice, in the manner described below in subparagraph C, and detailed information to the other party. The receiving party shall review the proposed activity and notify the initiating party, within five (5) working-days after receipt of notice of any objections to such activity. Any objections by a party shall be based upon its opinion that the proposed activity is inconsistent with the terms of this Easement.
- C. Written Notices. Except as set forth in Subsection A above, any written notice called for in this Easement may be delivered (1) in person; (2) by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage paid; (3) by facsimile with the original deposited with the United States Post office, postage prepaid on the same date as sent by facsimile; or (4) by a reputable overnight courier that guarantees next day delivery and provided a receipt, and addressed as follows:

To the Grantor: Joseph Mohamed Sr. and Shirley M. Mohamed  
Charitable Remainder Unitrust II  
4400 College Oak Drive  
Sacramento, CA 95841-5414  
ATTN.: Joseph Mohamed

To City: Environmental Planning Manager



City of Elk Grove  
8401 Laguna Palms Way  
Elk Grove, CA 95758

with a copy to: Regional Manager  
Region 2  
California Department of Fish and Game  
1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Either party may, from time to time, by written notice to the other, designate a different address which shall be substituted for the one above specified. Notice is deemed to be given upon receipt or refusal.

- D. Deemed Consent. Notwithstanding any other provision herein, the failure of the City to object in writing to any notice or request from or by Grantor within sixty (60) days after receipt thereof shall be deemed consent by the City to the subject of such notice and/or such request.
- E. Subsequent Activities. Permission to carry out, or failure to object to, any proposed use or activity shall not constitute consent to any subsequent use or activity of the same or any different nature. Notwithstanding any other provision herein, the failure of the City to object in writing to any notice or request from or by Grantor within sixty (60) days after receipt thereof shall be deemed consent by the City to the subject of such notice and/or such request.

13. SEVERABILITY AND ENFORCEABILITY. The terms and purposes of this Easement are intended to be perpetual. If any provision or purpose of this Easement or the application hereof to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid, the remainder of the provisions and purposes of this Easement, and the application of such provision or purpose to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is found to be invalid, shall not be affected thereby.

14. VALUATION. Grantor and the City agree that this grant of a perpetual Easement gives rise to a property right, immediately vested in the City, which for purposes of this Paragraph, the parties stipulate to have a fair market value of the greater of:

- A. \$680,000 which is the product obtained when the per acre value paid to the grantor of this Easement for the purchase of this easement is multiplied by 80, the total number of protected acres of the Property; or
- B. The number obtained by multiplying (1) the fair market value of the Property unencumbered by this Easement (minus any increase in value after the date of this grant attributable to improvements) by (2)  $[x/y]$ , which is] the ratio of the value of the Easement at the time of this grant to the value of the Property, without the deduction for the value of the Easement. The values at the time of this grant are those values used to calculate the deduction for federal income tax purposes allowable by reason of this grant, pursuant to Section 170(h) of the Internal Revenue Code. For purposes of this Paragraph, the ratio of the value of the Easement to the value of the Property unencumbered by the Easement shall remain constant.

If for any reason there is an extinguishment of the restrictions of this Easement other than a voluntary surrender or extinguishment by the City, the City, on subsequent sale, exchange, or taking of the Property, shall be entitled to a portion of the proceeds at least equal to the amount determined in accordance with this Paragraph. If such extinguishment occurs with respect to fewer than all acres of the Property, the amounts described above shall be calculated based on the actual number of acres subject to extinguishment.

15. INTERPRETATION

- A. Liberal Construction. It is the intent of this Easement to preserve the condition of the Property and each of the Natural Resource Conservation Purposes protected herein, notwithstanding economic or other hardship or changes in surrounding conditions. The provisions of this Easement shall be liberally construed to effectuate the perpetual purposes of preserving and protecting the agricultural and Swainson's hawk habitat purposes described above, and allowing Grantor's use and enjoyment of the Property to the extent consistent with those purposes. Liberal construction is expressly required for purposes of effectuating this Easement in perpetuity, notwithstanding changed conditions of any kind. The Natural Resource Conservation Purposes herein are the intended best and most productive use of the Property. Subject to the limitations set forth in this Easement on the City's right to seek monetary damages, no remedy or election given by any provision in this Easement shall be deemed exclusive unless so indicated, but it shall, wherever possible, be cumulative with all other remedies at law or in equity. The parties acknowledge that each party and its counsel have reviewed and revised this Easement and that no rule of construction that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall be employed in the interpretation of this Easement. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Easement and the provisions of any use and zoning restrictions of the State of California, the City in which the Property is located, or any other governmental entity with jurisdiction, the more restrictive provisions shall apply.
- B. Governing Law. This Easement shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California, and shall be subject to the provisions of Civil Code section 815 et seq. or any subsequent State law governing the creation, transfer and enforcement of conservation easements.
- C. Captions. The captions have been inserted solely for convenience of reference and are not part of the Easement and shall have no effect upon construction or interpretation.
- D. No Hazardous Materials Liability. Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, the parties do not intend this Easement to be construed such that it creates in or gives to the City:
- (a) the obligations or liabilities of an "owner" or "operator" as those words are defined and used in environmental laws, as defined below, including, without limitation, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (42 USC § 9601 et seq. and hereinafter "CERCLA");
  - (b) the obligations or liabilities of a person described in 42 USC §9607(a)(3);
  - (c) the obligations of a responsible person under any applicable Environmental Laws, as defined below;
  - (d) the right to investigate and remediate any Hazardous Materials, as defined below, associated with the Property; or
  - (e) any control over Grantor's ability to investigate, remove, remediate or otherwise cleanup any hazardous material associated with the Property.
- E. Definitions.
- (a) The terms "Grantor" and "City", wherever used in this Easement and any pronouns used in place thereof, shall mean and include, respectively, the above-named Grantor, its personal representatives, heirs, devisee, personal representatives, and assigns, and all other successors as their interest may appear and the City and its successors and assigns.
  - (b) The term "Hazardous Materials" includes, without limitation, (a) material that is flammable, explosive, or radioactive; (b) petroleum products; and (c) hazardous wastes, hazardous or toxic substances, or related materials defined in the CERCLA (42 USC 9601 et seq.), the

Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (49 USC §6901 et seq.), the Hazardous Waste Control Law (Cal. Health & Safety Code §25100 et seq.), the Hazardous Substance Account Act (Cal. Health & Safety Code §25300 et seq.), and in the regulations adopted and publications promulgated pursuant to them, or any other applicable federal, state, or local laws, ordinances, rules, or regulations now in effect or enacted after this date.

(c) The term "Environmental Laws" includes, without limitation, any federal, state, local, or administrative agency statute, regulation, rule, ordinance, order or requirement relating to pollution, protection of human health, the environment or Hazardous Materials.

16. CONDEMNATION. If all or part of the property is taken in exercise of eminent domain by public, corporate, or other authority so as to abrogate the restrictions imposed by this Easement, the Grantor and the City shall join in appropriate actions at the time of such taking to recover the full value of the taking and all incidental or direct damages resulting from the taking, which proceeds shall be divided in accordance with the value of City's and Grantor's interests as determined in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph 14 above, it being expressly agreed that this Easement constitutes a compensable property right. All expenses incurred by the Grantor and the City in such action shall be paid out of the recovered proceeds.

17. SUBSEQUENT LIENS ON PROPERTY. No provision of the Easement should be construed as impairing the ability of Grantor to use this Property as collateral for subsequent borrowing, provided that any mortgage, lien, or encumbrance arising from such a borrowing shall be subordinated to the Easement.

18. INDEMNIFICATION BY CITY. Notwithstanding any other provision herein to the contrary, the City will indemnify, defend and hold harmless Grantor, its employees, agents, contractors, successors, and their heirs and assigns (the "Indemnified Parties") from and against any costs, liabilities, penalties, damages, claims or expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) which the Indemnified Parties may suffer or incur as a result of or arising out of the activities of the City on the Property, except as such claim, liability, damage, or expense is the result of the Grantor's gross negligence or intentional misconduct.


19. RE-RECORDING. Grantor agrees to execute all documents and instruments reasonably necessary and requested by the City to assure the perpetual enforceability of this Easement.

20. ACCESS. Nothing contained in this Easement shall give or grant to the public a right to enter upon or use the Property or any portion thereof where no such right existed in the public immediately prior to the execution of this Easement.

21. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Easement, together with the attached exhibits and schedules, and any documents incorporated herein by reference, constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior agreement and understandings of the parties.

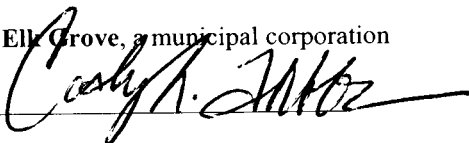
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Easement as of the date first above written.

GRANTOR:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
J. MOHAMED SR, TRUSTEE

CITY:

City of Ell Grove, a municipal corporation

BY: 

ITS: Interim City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

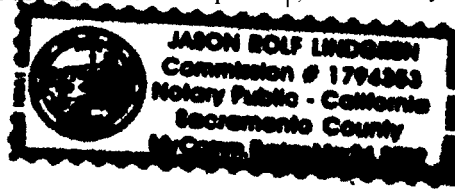
ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

On APRIL 28, 2008 before me, JASON ROLF LINDGREN a Notary Public in and for said county, personally appeared JOSEPH MOHAMMED, SR. personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same in their authorized capacities, and that their signatures on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Jason Rolf Lindgren  
Signature



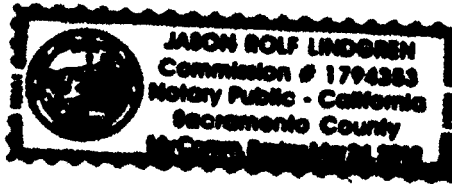
ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

On APRIL 28, 2008 before me, JASON ROLF LINDGREN, a Notary Public in and for said county, personally appeared GARY ANDREW TUBBS, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Jason Rolf Lindgren  
Signature



CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE

This is to certify that the interest in real property conveyed to the City of Elk Grove, a municipal corporation, by the within instrument, the provisions of which are incorporated by this reference as though fully set forth in this Certification, is hereby accepted by the undersigned officer(s) on behalf of the City pursuant to authority conferred by the Elk Grove City Council Resolution No. 2000-52 adopted on November 1, 2000, and the Grantee consents to recordation thereof by its duly authorized officer.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fritz Buchman, City Engineer

Dated: 5/7/08

OR  
By: *Cody Tubbs*  
Cody Tubbs, Interim City Manager

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

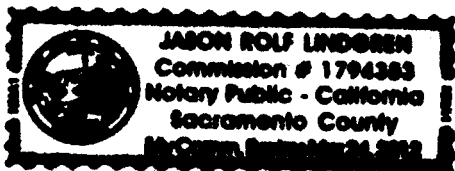
State of California            )  
                                                  ) ss.  
County of Sacramento        )

On MAY 07, 2008 before me, JASON ROLF LINDGREN a Notary Public,  
personally appeared CODY TUBBS

who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person~~(s)~~ whose name~~(s)~~ is~~are~~ subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he~~/she/they~~ executed the same in his~~/her/their~~ authorized capacity~~(ies)~~, and that by his~~/her/their~~ signature~~(s)~~ on the instrument the person~~(s)~~, or the entity upon behalf of which the person~~(s)~~ acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.



Signature *Jason Rolf Lindgren*

**CALIFORNIA ALL-PURPOSE ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

State of California

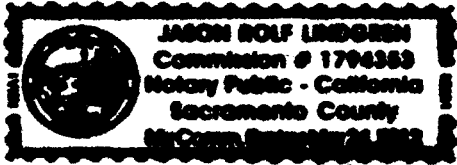
County of SACRAMENTO

On May 09, 2008 before me, JASON ROLF LINDGREN, Notary Public,  
Date Here Insert Name and Title of the Officer

personally appeared JOSEPH MOHAMED, SR.  
Name(s) of Signer(s)

who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.



Place Notary Seal Above

WITNESS my hand and official seal

Signature [Handwritten Signature]  
Signature of Notary Public

**OPTIONAL**

Though the information below is not required by law, it may prove valuable to persons relying on the document and could prevent fraudulent removal and reattachment of this form to another document.

**Description of Attached Document**

Title or Type of Document: GRANT DEED \* signer re-appeared before me (previously on April 28, 2008) to affirm agreement with the change in Exhibit A.

Document Date: APRIL 28, 2008 Number of Pages: 22

Signer(s) Other Than Named Above: CODY TUBBS, SUSAN COCHRAN

**Capacity(ies) Claimed by Signer(s)**

Signer's Name: CODY TUBBS

- Individual
- Corporate Officer — Title(s): CITY MANAGER
- Partner —  Limited  General
- Attorney in Fact
- Trustee
- Guardian or Conservator
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

RIGHT THUMBPRINT OF SIGNER  
Top of thumb here

Signer Is Representing: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OF ELK GROVE

Signer's Name: SUSAN COCHRAN

- Individual
- Corporate Officer — Title(s): CITY ATTORNEY
- Partner —  Limited  General
- Attorney in Fact
- Trustee
- Guardian or Conservator
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

RIGHT THUMBPRINT OF SIGNER  
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Signer Is Representing: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OF ELK GROVE

**EXHIBIT "A"**

***Legal Description  
of  
Swainson Hawk Mitigation Site***

All that portion of the Harold Traxler 279.562 acre tract of land as shown on that certain Record of Survey recorded in Book 10 of Surveys, at Page 4 Official Record Sacramento County (10RS4), together with all that portion of the Bertha M. Mooney 374.771 acre tract of land shown on the certain Amended Record of Survey recorded in Book 25 of Surveys, at Page 5 official records of said County (25RS5) also being portions of that property described in deeds recorded in Book 20050225 at Page 1985 and Book 20050225 at Page 1986 official records of said County and more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the most easterly corner of said Amended Record of Survey, being shown as a point on the centerline of the Consumnes River on said Amended Record of Survey; thence from said point of commencement North 50°19'16" West along the northeasterly line of said Amended Record of Survey, 271.93 feet to a point shown as centerline of levee on said Amended Record of Survey and the true point of beginning; thence from said point of beginning continuing along said northeasterly line North 50°19'16" West, 2597.85 feet to the most southerly corner said Harold Traxler 279.562 acre tract, also being the most southerly corner of parcel 1 of the deed recorded in Book 20050225 at Page 1986; thence leaving said northeasterly line along the southeasterly line of said deed North 40°08'34" East, 840.03 feet to a point on a line parallel with and offset 40.00 feet westerly or southerly from the easterly and northerly lines of parcel one of said deed; thence leaving said southeasterly line, along said parallel line the following nine courses:

- 1) North 48°51'36" West, 47.84 feet;
- 2) North 19°27'54" East, 22.71 feet;
- 3) North 24°31'41" West, 102.51 feet;
- 4) North 54°50'46" West, 444.01 feet;
- 5) North 59°58'26" West, 177.99 feet;
- 6) North 46°09'26" West, 364.49 feet;
- 7) North 76°34'16" West, 59.05 feet;
- 8) South 63°00'34" West, 239.12 feet;
- 9) South 72°43'24" West, 130.07 feet; thence leaving said parallel line South 55°11'56" West 1123.62 feet into a point on a line parallel with and offset 568.64 feet southwesterly from the northeasterly line of said Amended Record of Survey, said point being located North 50°19'16" West 4036.54 feet from the centerline of levee as shown on said Amended Record of Survey; thence from said point South 50°19'16" East along said parallel line 4036.54

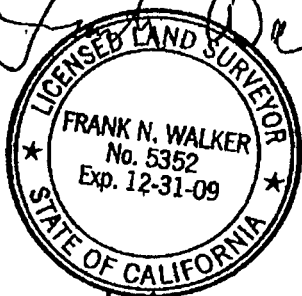
feet to the centerline of levee as shown on said Amended Record of Survey; thence leaving said parallel line along said centerline of levee North 62°22'07" East, 248.20 feet; thence North 57°15'35" East, 356.29 feet more or less to the true point of beginning.

Containing 80.00 acres more or less.

End of Legal Description

Prepared by JTS Engineering Consultants, Inc. from Record Data.

*Frank N. Walker*

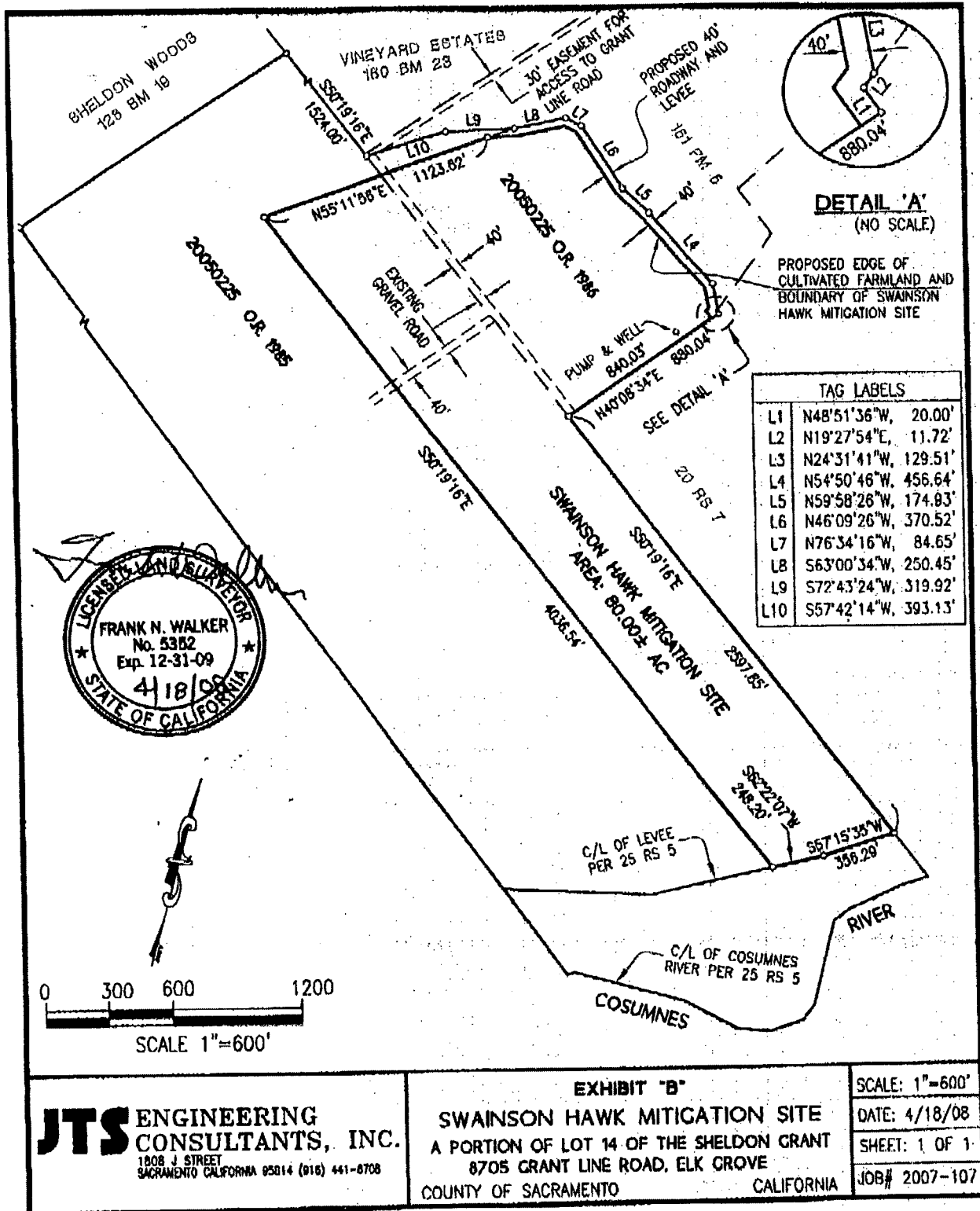


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EXHIBIT B

MAP



**JTS ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, INC.**  
 1808 J STREET  
 SACRAMENTO CALIFORNIA 95814 (916) 441-8708

EXHIBIT "B"  
**SWAINSON HAWK MITIGATION SITE**  
 A PORTION OF LOT 14 OF THE SHELDON GRANT  
 8705 GRANT LINE ROAD, ELK GROVE  
 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO CALIFORNIA

SCALE: 1"=600'  
 DATE: 4/18/08  
 SHEET: 1 OF 1  
 JOB# 2007-107

EXHIBIT C  
(Paragraph 4)

**PERMITTED USES OF THE PROPERTY**

The following are set forth both to list specific permitted activities, and to provide guidance in determining the consistency of other activities with the Natural Resource Conservation Purposes of this Easement:

1. **Historical Agricultural Practices.** Except as prohibited or restricted in Paragraph 5 or Exhibit D of the Easement, Grantor is permitted to continue historical agricultural practices in the manner and location as set forth in the Report, to the extent that such practices are consistent with the Natural Resource Conservation Purposes of this Easement. The term “historical agricultural practices” includes the continued historic use of fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, and other biocides, provided that such use, including, but not limited to, the amount, frequency, and manner of application, shall be in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations, and such use does not injure or destroy the habitat for Swainson’s hawk.

2. **New Practices.** Except as prohibited or restricted in Paragraph 5 of this Easement or Exhibit D, and subject to obtaining the City’s prior approval in accordance with the notice and approval provisions contained therein, Grantor is permitted to carry on agricultural practices, and other practices or activities, that differ from historical agricultural practices, so long as such practices do not result in significant soil degradation, or significant pollution or degradation of any surface or subsurface waters, and such practices are consistent with and do not adversely affect the Natural Resource Conservation Purposes of this Easement, which purposes are to preserve and protect in perpetuity (a) the availability of the Property for agriculture by protecting the Property from development pressure; and (b) the conservation and habitat values of the Property as foraging and/or nesting habitat for Swainson’s hawks and for other wildlife essential for maintaining Swainson’s hawk habitat including the processes which sustain that habitat; which are important public benefits and are consistent with the availability of the Property for wildlife, habitat and agriculture.

The following new practices are hereby found to be consistent with this Easement and do not require the notice and approval described above so long as such new practices will not result in significant soil degradation, or significant pollution or degradation of any surface or subsurface waters and such new practices are consistent with and do not adversely affect the Natural Resource Conservation Purposes of this Easement:

- (a) grazing;
- (b) cultivation of row and field crops; and
- (c) substitution of new fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides for those Grantor presently uses, provided that such use, including, but not limited to, the amount, frequency, and manner of application shall be in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations, and such use does not injure or destroy the Swainson’s hawk habitat.

3. **Maintenance, Repair and Replacement.** To maintain, repair, replace and rebuild existing structures and improvements, including, by way of illustration and not limitation, fences and irrigation systems, provided that such replacement improvements, structures and improvements shall be of approximately the same square footage as the improvements that they replaced, shall be rebuilt in the same general location, and in a manner consistent with the purposes of this Easement, and the agricultural productivity and natural habitat values for the Swainson's hawk, provided, however, that Grantor shall have the right to replace existing structures and improvements in different locations, with the City’s prior approval. The City shall review and respond to any such request within thirty (30) days after receipt of the request and the failure by the City to respond within such thirty (30) day period shall be deemed consent by the City to such request. Additional fencing deemed by Grantor to be reasonably necessary to agricultural activities may be constructed without the City’s consent.

4. **Roads.** To maintain and repair existing roads at currently existing levels of improvement, and to construct and maintain such new, unpaved and otherwise unimproved roads as shall be reasonably necessary for agricultural purposes and will not substantially diminish or impair the agricultural productivity of the Property, or Swainson's hawk habitat qualities on the Property and shall be consistent with this Easement, provided that no new roads shall be constructed unless prior written consent has been obtained from the City which consent shall not be

unreasonably withheld. The City shall review and respond to any such request within thirty (30) days after receipt of the request and the failure by the City to respond within such thirty (30) day period shall be deemed consent by the City to such request.

5. Fishing and Hunting. To fish or to hunt or trap wildlife not afforded protection under applicable laws or regulations, in compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and in a manner that does not significantly deplete the wildlife resources; provided, however, that while commercial hunting and fishing are permitted, commercial fish farms are prohibited. In addition, control of predatory and problem animals shall use selective control techniques, which shall be limited in their effectiveness to specific animals which have caused damage to livestock and other property. Grantor may construct duck blinds.

6. Water Resources. To develop and maintain such water resources on the Property as are necessary or convenient for agricultural and Swainson's hawk habitat uses, in a manner consistent with this Easement.

7. Passive Recreational Uses. To conduct passive recreational uses, including, but not limited to, bird watching, hiking, horseback riding, and picnicking, provided that these uses require no surface alteration or other development of land.

8. Signs. To erect a sign or other appropriate marker in a prominent location on the Property, visible from a public road, which state that no trespassing or no hunting is allowed on the Property.

9. Transfer of Property. To transfer the Property, provided that the transfer is not prohibited in Exhibit D, and provided that the transferee is subject to the jurisdiction of the Courts of the State of California. Grantor shall notify the City before the transfer of the Property, and the document of conveyance shall expressly incorporate by reference this Easement. The City shall have the right to prevent transfers in which prospective transferees are not given notice of the covenants, terms, conditions and restrictions of this Easement. The failure of Grantor to perform any act required by this paragraph shall not impair the validity of this Easement or limit its enforceability in any way.

10. Residual Rights; Prior Approval. Except as expressly limited herein, to exercise and enjoy all rights as owner of the Property, including the right to use the Property for any purpose which does not significantly impair or degrade the ability to accomplish the Natural Resource Conservation Purposes of the Easement.

If any question exists regarding whether historic or new practices or activities are permitted or would have an adverse impact on the Natural Resource Conservation Purposes protected herein, Grantor shall notify the City pursuant to Paragraph 12 of the Easement and obtain the City's approval prior to engaging in such practices or activities. Notwithstanding any other provision herein, the failure of the City to object in writing to any request by Grantor to engage in such practices or activities within sixty (60) days after receipt of such request shall be deemed consent by the City to such request.

In the event that Grantor and the City disagree regarding any practice or activity and whether such activity is not consistent with or would adversely affect the conservation or habitat values of the Property as foraging and/or nesting habitat for Swainson's hawks, the matter shall be submitted to the California Department of Fish and Game ("DFG") for advice. If after submitting the matter to DFG for advice, Grantor and the City still disagree regarding the practice or activity, Grantor agrees that DFG may intervene in any legal action commenced by the City regarding the dispute.

EXHIBIT D  
(Paragraph 5)

**PROHIBITED USES OF THE PROPERTY**

The following are set forth both to list specific prohibited activities, and to provide guidance in determining whether other activities are not consistent with the Natural Resource Conservation Purposes of this Easement:

1. No Subdivision. The legal or de facto division, subdivision, or partitioning of the Property.
2. No Non-Agricultural Commercial Uses. The establishment of any commercial or industrial uses other than the continuation of agriculture, except those commercial practices allowed under Paragraph 6 of Exhibit C. Examples of prohibited commercial or industrial uses include, but are not limited to the establishment or maintenance of any commercial feedlots, which are defined as any open or enclosed area where domestic livestock owned by other than Grantor are grouped together for intensive feeding purposes.
3. No Use or Transfer of Development Rights. Except as expressly permitted by terms of Exhibit C of the Easement, the exercise of any development rights associated with the Property, including, without limitation, the construction or placement of any residential or other buildings, camping accommodations, boat ramps, bridges, mobile homes, house trailers, permanent tent facilities, Quonset huts or similar structures, underground tanks, or billboards, signs, or other advertising, and/or other structures or improvements, street lights, utility structures or lines, sewer systems or lines, except as specifically permitted herein.

Except as expressly permitted by terms of Exhibit C of the Easement, the exercise of all development rights that are now or hereafter allocated to, implied, reserved or inherent in the Property as it now or hereafter may be bounded or described, or to any other property adjacent or otherwise, or used for the purpose of calculating permissible lot yield of the Property or any other property, provided, however, that with prior written permission of the City, this subparagraph shall not preclude such transfer of development rights resulting from the destruction or demolition of any existing residential building on the Property.

4. Natural Resource Development. Except soils, sands and other material as appropriate for the conduct of the agricultural and other activities permitted herein, the exploration for or extraction of minerals, gas, hydrocarbons, soils, sands, gravel or rock or any other material on or below the surface of the Property, except in accordance with and as permitted by the terms, conditions and restrictions contained in Schedule 1 attached hereto and incorporated herein.

5. No Orchards, Vineyards or Rice. The planting and cultivation of commercial orchards, vineyards or rice.

6. No Dumping. The dumping, storage, or other disposal of non-compostable refuse, trash, sewer sludge or unsightly or toxic or Hazardous Materials or agrichemicals, except that fertilizers, pesticides, biocides, and herbicides permitted under Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Exhibit C may be stored on the Property, provided that such storage is in compliance with applicable health, safety and Environmental Laws and regulations.

7. No New Roads. The construction, reconstruction or replacement of any roadways, except as expressly provided in this Easement, without the consent of the City. The City shall review and respond to any request for roadway construction, reconstruction or replacement within thirty (30) days after receipt of such request. Notwithstanding any other provision herein, the failure of the City to object in writing to any such request within thirty (30) days after receipt of such request shall be deemed consent by the City to such request.

8. No Destruction of Native Trees. The removal, cutting or destruction of native trees on the 80-acre Easement Property, except for disease or insect control or to prevent property damage or personal injury.

9. No Biocides. The use of fertilizers, pesticides, biocides, and herbicides or other agricultural chemicals, except as expressly permitted in accordance with Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Exhibit C.

10. No Hunting. The use of the property for hunting, trapping, or fishing, except as expressly permitted in accordance with Paragraph 6 of Exhibit C.

11. No Alteration of Natural Water Courses; Degradation of Water Quality. Except with the prior consent of the City, the manipulation or alteration of natural water courses, wetland, streambank, shoreline, or body of water encumbered by the 80-acre Easement Area. Except as otherwise permitted in this Easement, activities or uses detrimental to water quality, including but not limited to degradation, pollution of any surface or subsurface waters.

12. No Impairment of Water Rights. Severance, conveyance, or encumbrance of water or water rights appurtenant to the Property, separately from the underlying title to the Property, or other action which diminishes or extinguishes such water rights.

Nothing in this provision shall restrict the right of the Grantor to sell rights to use water, or to use water on the Property, or on lands other than the Property on a temporary basis (maximum five-year increments), provided that such sale or use does not permanently impair the riparian or other water rights appurtenant to the Property.

This Easement shall not sever or impair any riparian water rights appurtenant to the Property.

13. Inconsistent or Adverse Actions. Any action or practice which is or becomes not consistent with, or which adversely affects either of the Natural Resource Conservation Purposes of this Easement.

**Schedule 1**  
**to**  
**Exhibit D**

The following terms and restrictions shall apply to any exploration for or extraction of minerals, hydrocarbons, soils, sands, gravel or rock, or any other material on or below the surface of the Property:

1. Except soils, sands and other material as appropriate for the conduct of the agricultural and habitat conservation activities permitted under the Easement, Grantor shall not enter upon or use, or permit entry or use of, the surface of the Property or any part thereof or the subsurface to a depth of five hundred feet (500') for the exploration for or extraction of minerals, hydrocarbons, soils, sands, gravel or rock or any other material on or below the surface of the Property except as herein specifically provided.

2. Grantor shall have the right to drill from the surface of lands other than the Property, in, into and through that portion of the subsurface of the Property lying below a depth of five hundred feet (500') measured vertically from the surface thereof, for the purposes of exploring for, extracting and removing any and all oil, gas and hydrocarbon substances; provided, however, that no drill site surface location shall be located within one hundred feet (100') of the Property's boundary.

3. Grantor or Grantor's oil and gas lessees shall have the right to use of one (1) drill and well site of not more than one and one-half (1-1/2) acres in size and in reasonably compact shape, for exploration and development of the reserved mineral estate; provided, however that, except for routine operation or maintenance of facilities in place or in the event of an emergency, all use of the surface of the Property by Grantor or Grantor's oil and gas lessees shall occur only during the period commencing May 15 and ending September 30. Upon completion of drilling at any such drillsite, the sump shall be filled, the drilling pad removed, and the surface of the land restored as nearly as reasonably practicable to its natural contours, as directed by the City. In the event a well is completed as capable of commercial production of oil or gas, the well site shall be reduced to a size not to exceed 100 feet by 100 feet and shall be fenced and locked with a gate, all reasonably designed so as to blend into the surrounding landscape. Upon abandonment of a well site, the area so occupied shall be restored as nearly as reasonably practicable to its natural contours, as directed by grantee herein. All pipelines shall be buried at least 48 inches below the surface of the ground, adjacent and parallel to then-existing roads.

4. Grantor shall indemnify, release and hold the City harmless from any and all claims, loss, expense, damage or other liability due to any damage to property or any injury to, or the death of any person arising out of any activities relating to the exploration for or development of the minerals, hydrocarbons, soils, sands, gravel or rock or any other material on or below the surface of the Property.

5. It is expressly acknowledged that if any activity is undertaken in violation of these terms and restrictions, the City shall be entitled to restoration of the lands affected by such activity, and any damages shall include, without limitation, the cost of restoring such lands to the condition that existed prior to the undertaking of such activity.

6. Grantor agrees that Grantor shall not enter into any lease for the purposes of exploration or extraction of minerals, soils, sands, gravel or rock, or any other material on or below the surface of the Property unless such lease includes each and every term and restriction set forth in the Easement and the lessee agrees not to carry out any exploration or development activity except in accordance with such terms and restrictions. Grantor further agrees to deliver in form satisfactory to the City and concurrent with execution and delivery of the Easement, a written agreement to be bound by the terms of this Easement executed by all holders of any existing ownership or rights to explore for or develop the minerals, hydrocarbons, soils, sands, gravel or rock, or any other material on or below the surface of the Property.

7. These terms and restrictions shall run with the land described in and covered by the Easement, and shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the heirs, devisee, personal representatives, successors and assigns of the City and the Grantor.

8. Grantor shall not conduct or permit any surface mining on the Property whatsoever.

9. Grantor shall have the right to drill additional wells within the drill and well site only for water and shall be limited to the reasonable use of water so obtained in the exploration for and development of the mineral estate. All such drilling for and use of water shall be performed in accordance with applicable laws and ordinances. Grantor shall not pollute or interfere with the surface or subsurface water in or under the Property. Any waste water resulting from Grantor's activities shall be treated so that its quality is at least equal to that in other wells in the general area or removed from the Property.

10. As soon as Grantor ceases to use any portion of the 80-acre Easement Property for the uses permitted by this Schedule 1, Grantor shall immediately remove therefrom all foundation and foreign substances placed there in the course of exploration or development activities by Grantor or Grantor's oil and gas lessees, including, but not limited to, residues from drilling muds and any oil used to surface roads, abandon all wells as required by law, and restore such portions of the Property to their original contours, as reasonably specified by the City.

11. The 80-acre Easement Property shall not be used by Grantor for any activity which is inconsistent with the terms and restrictions of the Easement. Grantor shall give the City written notice pursuant to terms of the Easement at least forty-five (45) days prior to commencement of any operations by Grantor pursuant to this Schedule 1, Grantor's oil and gas lessees or by others on the Property, describing the proposed location and nature of such operations.

12. Grantor shall indemnify and defend the City, its agents, employees and officers (the "City") and hold the City harmless from and against, and waive and release the City from any and all claims, liability, losses, damage, costs, and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees) asserted against or suffered by the City resulting from damage to property or injury to or the death of any person arising out of the acts or omissions of Grantor or Grantor's agents, employees, lessees, successors or assigns with respect to the exercise of any rights reserved by Grantor in this Schedule.

13. The parties hereto shall have the option and right to enforce, by any proceedings at law or in equity, all of the terms and restrictions confirmed in the Easement. Failure by either party to enforce any terms or restrictions herein and in the Easement shall in no event be deemed a waiver of the right to do so thereafter. Should any lawsuit or other legal proceedings be instituted by either party, the prevailing party shall be entitled to its costs of such proceedings, including reasonable attorneys' fees.

14. Invalidation of any one of the terms and restrictions herein by judgment or court order shall in no way affect any other provisions, which shall remain in full force and effect.

EXHIBIT E

UNDERGROUND TANKS

There are no underground tanks on the easement property.



**EXHIBIT F**

**PROHIBITED PLANT LIST**

**None of the following plant, tree or weed species shall be planted on the Property:**

<u>Alligatorweed</u>	<u><i>Alternanthera philoxeroides</i></u>
<u>Ambulia</u>	<u><i>Limnophila indica</i></u>
<u>Arundo or Giant Weed</u>	<u><i>Arundo donax</i></u>
<u>Baby's breath</u>	<u><i>Gypsophila paniculata</i></u>
<u>Beancaper, Syrian</u>	<u><i>Zygophyllum fabago</i></u>
<u>Bearded creeper</u>	<u><i>Crupina vulgaris</i></u>
<u>Bermudagrass</u>	<u><i>Cynodon spp. and hybrids</i></u>
<u>Biddy biddy</u>	<u><i>Acaena novae-zelandiae</i></u>
<u>Biddy biddy, pale</u>	<u><i>Acaena pallida</i></u>
<u>Birdweed, field</u>	<u><i>Convolvulus arvensis</i></u>
<u>Black locust</u>	<u><i>Robinia pseudoacacia</i></u>
<u>Bladderflower</u>	<u><i>Araujia sericifera</i></u>
<u>Blueweed</u>	<u><i>Helianthus ciliaris</i></u>
<u>Broom, French</u>	<u><i>Genista monspessulana</i></u>
<u>Broom, Scotch</u>	<u><i>Cytisus scoparius</i></u>
<u>Broomrape, branched</u>	<u><i>Orobanche ramosa</i></u>
<u>Broomrape, Cooper's</u>	<u><i>Orobanche cooperi</i></u>
<u>Broomrape, Desert</u>	<u><i>Orobanche cooperi</i></u>
<u>Camelthorn</u>	<u><i>Alhagi maurorum</i></u>
<u>Capeweed</u>	<u><i>Arctotheca calendula</i></u>
<u>Chinese pistachio</u>	<u><i>Pistacia altantica or P. chinensis</i></u>
<u>Chinese tallow tree</u>	<u><i>Sapium sebiferum</i></u>
<u>Chinese or scarlet wisteria</u>	<u><i>Sesbania punicea</i></u>
<u>Comfrey, rough</u>	<u><i>Symphytum asperum</i></u>
<u>Crupina, common</u>	<u><i>Crupina vulgaris</i></u>
<u>Distaff thistle, smooth</u>	<u><i>Carthamus baeticus</i></u>
<u>Distaff thistle, whitestern</u>	<u><i>Carthamus leucocaulos</i></u>
<u>Distaff thistle, woolly</u>	<u><i>Carthamus lanatus</i></u>
<u>Dodder, all species except giant dodder</u>	<u><i>Cuscuta spp.</i></u>
<u>Dodder, giant</u>	<u><i>Cuscuta reflexa</i></u>
<u>Diver's woad</u>	<u><i>Isatis tinctoria</i></u>
<u>Edible fig</u>	<u><i>Ficus carica</i></u>
<u>English Ivy</u>	<u><i>Hedera helix</i></u>
<u>Eucalyptus</u>	<u><i>Eucalyptus spp.</i></u>
<u>Fanwort, Carolina</u>	<u><i>Cabomba caroliniana</i></u>
<u>Field cress, Austrian</u>	<u><i>Rorippa autriaca</i></u>
<u>Field cress, creeping yellow</u>	<u><i>Rorippa sylvestris</i></u>
<u>Flag, western blue</u>	<u><i>Iris missouriensis</i></u>
<u>Foxtail, giant</u>	<u><i>Setaria faberi</i></u>
<u>Garlic, false</u>	<u><i>Nothoscordum inodorum</i></u>
<u>Garlic, wild</u>	<u><i>Allium vineale</i></u>
<u>Gaura, scarlet</u>	<u><i>Gaura coccinea</i></u>
<u>Gaura, Drummond's</u>	<u><i>Gaura drummondii</i></u>
<u>Gaura, wavy-leaved</u>	<u><i>Gaura sinuata</i></u>
<u>Goatgrass, barb</u>	<u><i>Aegilops triuncialis</i></u>
<u>Goatgrass, jointed</u>	<u><i>Aegilops cylindrica</i></u>
<u>Goatgrass, oyate</u>	<u><i>Aegilops ovata</i></u>

<u>Gorse</u>	<u><i>Ulex europaeus</i></u>
<u>Groundcherry, grape</u>	<u><i>Physalis viscosa</i></u>
<u>Groundcherry, long-leaf</u>	<u><i>Physalis longifolia</i></u>
<u>Halogeton</u>	<u><i>Halogeton glomeratus</i></u>
<u>Hermal</u>	<u><i>Pegamon harmala</i></u>
<u>Henbane, black</u>	<u><i>Hyoscyamus niger</i></u>
<u>Himalayan Blackberry</u>	<u><i>Rubus discolor.</i></u>
<u>Hoarycress, globe-podded</u>	<u><i>Cardaria pubescens</i></u>
<u>Hoarycress, heart-podded</u>	<u><i>Cardaria draba</i></u>
<u>Hoarycress, lens-podded</u>	<u><i>Cardaria chalepensis</i></u>
<u>Horsenettle, Carolina</u>	<u><i>Solanum carolinense</i></u>
<u>Horsenettle, white</u>	<u><i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i></u>
<u>Hydrilla</u>	<u><i>Hydrilla verticillata</i></u>
<u>Iris, Douglas</u>	<u><i>Iris douglasiana</i></u>
<u>Iris, western blue flag</u>	<u><i>Iris missouriensis</i></u>
<u>Johnsongrass</u>	<u><i>Sorghum halepense</i></u>
<u>Jointvetch, rough</u>	<u><i>Aeschynomene rudis</i></u>
<u>Kangaroothorn</u>	<u><i>Acacia paradoxa</i></u>
<u>Kelp</u>	<u><i>Polygonum amphibium var. emersum</i></u>
<u>Kikuyugrass</u>	<u><i>Pennisetum clandestinum</i></u>
<u>Klamathweed</u>	<u><i>Hypericum perforatum</i></u>
<u>Knapweed, diffuse</u>	<u><i>Centaurea diffusa</i></u>
<u>Knapweed, Russian</u>	<u><i>Acroptilon repens</i></u>
<u>Knapweed, spotted</u>	<u><i>Centaurea maculosa</i></u>
<u>Knapweed, squarrose</u>	<u><i>Centaurea squarrosa</i></u>
<u>Knotweed, giant</u>	<u><i>Polygonum sachalinense</i></u>
<u>Knotweed, Himalayan</u>	<u><i>Polygonum polystachyum</i></u>
<u>Knotweed, Japanese</u>	<u><i>Polygonum cuspidatum</i></u>
<u>Loosestrife, purple</u>	<u><i>Lythrum salicaria</i></u>
<u>Lettuce, water</u>	<u><i>Pistia stratiotes</i></u>
<u>Mallow, alkali</u>	<u><i>Malvella leprosa</i></u>
<u>Marigold, wild</u>	<u><i>Tagetes minuta</i></u>
<u>Medusahead</u>	<u><i>Taeniatherum caput-medusae</i></u>
<u>Melon, dedaim</u>	<u><i>Cucumis melo var. Dudaim</i></u>
<u>Melon, paddy</u>	<u><i>Cucumis myriocarpus</i></u>
<u>Mesquite, creeping</u>	<u><i>Prosopis strombulifera</i></u>
<u>Mistletoe, European</u>	<u><i>Viscum album</i></u>
<u>Mustard, purple</u>	<u><i>Chorispora tenella</i></u>
<u>Nightshade, heartleaf</u>	<u><i>Solanum cardiophyllum</i></u>
<u>Nightshade lanceleaf</u>	<u><i>Solanum lanceolatum</i></u>
<u>Nightshade, Torrey's</u>	<u><i>Solanum dimidiatum</i></u>
<u>Nightshade, white-margined</u>	<u><i>Solanum arginatum</i></u>
<u>Nimblewill</u>	<u><i>Muhlenbergia schreberi</i></u>
<u>Nutsedge, purple</u>	<u><i>Cyperus rotundus</i></u>
<u>Nutsedge, yellow</u>	<u><i>Cyperus esculentus</i></u>
<u>Onion, panicked</u>	<u><i>Allium paniculatum</i></u>
<u>Osage orange</u>	<u><i>Maclura pomifera</i></u>
<u>Pampas Grass</u>	<u><i>Cortaderia jubata or C. selloana</i></u>
<u>Peaweed, Austrian</u>	<u><i>Sphaerophysa salsula</i></u>
<u>Peppergrass, perennial</u>	<u><i>Lepidium latifolium</i></u>
<u>Periwinkle</u>	<u><i>Vinca major</i></u>
<u>Povertyweed</u>	<u><i>Iva axillaris</i></u>

<u>Punagrass</u>	<u><i>Achnatherum brachychaetum</i></u>
<u>Puncturevine</u>	<u><i>Tribulus terrestris</i></u>
<u>Quackgrass</u>	<u><i>Elytrigia repens</i></u>
<u>Ragweed, giant</u>	<u><i>Ambrosia trifida</i></u>
<u>Ragwort, Oxford</u>	<u><i>Senecio squalidus</i></u>
<u>Ragwort, tansy</u>	<u><i>Senecio jacobaea</i></u>
<u>Restharrow, foxtail</u>	<u><i>Ononis alopecuroides</i></u>
<u>Rice, red</u>	<u><i>Oryza rufipogon</i></u>
<u>Russianthistle, barbwire</u>	<u><i>Salsola paulsenii</i></u>
<u>Russianthistle, common</u>	<u><i>Salsola tragus</i></u>
<u>Russianthistle, spineless</u>	<u><i>Salsola collina</i></u>
<u>St. Johnswort</u>	<u><i>as Hypericum perforatum</i></u> <u>(see Klamathweed)</u>
<u>Sage, meadow</u>	<u><i>Salvia virgata</i></u>
<u>Sage, Mediterranean</u>	<u><i>Salvia aethiopsis</i></u>
<u>Salsola, wormleaf</u>	<u><i>Salsola vermiculata</i></u>
<u>Salt cedar (Tamarisk)</u>	<u><i>Tamarix spp.</i></u>
<u>Salttree, Russian</u>	<u><i>Halimodendron halodendron</i></u>
<u>Salvinia</u>	<u><i>Salvinia auriculata complex</i></u>
<u>Sandbur, coast</u>	<u><i>Cenchrus incertus</i></u>
<u>Sandbur, mat</u>	<u><i>Cenchrus longispinus</i></u>
<u>Sandbur, southern</u>	<u><i>Cenchrus echinatus</i></u>
<u>Satintail</u>	<u><i>Imperata brevifolia</i></u>
<u>Sicilian starthistle</u>	<u><i>Centaurea sulphurea</i></u>
<u>Skeletonweed</u>	<u><i>Chondrilla juncea</i></u>
<u>Sowthistle, perennial</u>	<u><i>Sonchus arvensis</i></u>
<u>Smooth-leaved elm</u>	<u><i>Ulmus minor</i></u>
<u>Spongeplant (S. American &amp; N. American)</u>	<u><i>Limnobium spongia sensu lato</i></u>
<u>Spurge, leafy</u>	<u><i>Euphorbia esula</i></u>
<u>Spurge, oblong</u>	<u><i>Euphorbia oblongata</i></u>
<u>Spurge serrate</u>	<u><i>Euphorbia serrata</i></u>
<u>Spurge, Geraldton carnation</u>	<u><i>Euphorbia terracina</i></u>
<u>Starthistle, Iberian</u>	<u><i>Centaurea iberica</i></u>
<u>Starthistle, purple</u>	<u><i>Centaurea calcitrapa</i></u>
<u>Starthistle, Sicilian</u>	<u><i>Centaurea sulphurea</i></u>
<u>Starthistle, yellow</u>	<u><i>Centaurea solstitialis</i></u>
<u>Swinecress</u>	<u><i>Coronopus squamatus</i></u>
<u>Tanglehead</u>	<u><i>Heteropogon contortus</i></u>
<u>Thistle, artichoke</u>	<u><i>Cynara cardunculus</i></u>
<u>Thistle, Canada</u>	<u><i>Cirsium arvense</i></u>
<u>Thistle, distaff, smooth</u>	<u><i>Carthamus baeticus</i></u>
<u>Thistle, distaff, whitestern</u>	<u><i>Carthamus leucocaulos</i></u>
<u>Thistle, distaff, woolly</u>	<u><i>Carthamus lanatus</i></u>
<u>Thistle, golden</u>	<u><i>Scolymus hispanicus</i></u>
<u>Thistle, Illyrian</u>	<u><i>Onopordum illyricum</i></u>
<u>Thistle, Itaslian</u> <u>(see also "Thistle, slenderflowered")</u>	<u><i>Arduus pycnocephalus</i></u>
<u>Thistle, Japanese</u>	<u><i>Cirsium japonicum</i></u>
<u>Thistle, musk</u>	<u><i>Carduus nutans</i></u>
<u>Thistle, plumeless</u>	<u><i>Carduus acanthoides</i></u>
<u>Thistle, Scotch</u>	<u><i>Onopordum acanthium</i></u>
<u>Thistle, slenderflowered</u>	<u><i>Carduus tenuiflorus</i></u>

<b>Thistle, Taurian</b>	<i><u>Onopordum tauricum</u></i>
<b>Thistle, wavyleaf</b>	<i><u>Cirsium undulatum</u></i>
<b>Thistle yellowspine</b>	<i><u>Cirsium ochrocentrum</u></i>
<b>Toadflax, Dalmatian</b>	<i><u>Linaria genistifolia subsp. Dalmatica</u></i>
<b>Tree of Heaven or Ailanthus</b>	<i><u>Ailanthus altissima</u></i>
<b>Waterlily, banana</b>	<i><u>Nymphaea mexicana</u></i>
<b>Witchweed</b>	<i><u>Striga asiatica</u></i>

## **APPENDIX B—DOCUMENTATION PHOTOS**



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**P1-E:** View of the south side of the Deer Creek riparian corridor from the Upper Access Road Creek Crossing.



**P1-SE:** View showing the disked fields and power lines. In previous years, this access road was lined with topped trees.



**P1-N:** Picture of Swainson's hawk flying over Deer Creek riparian corridor.



**P1-NW:** View of Upper Access Road Creek Crossing.



**P2-NW:** View of disked fields within the property, and the adjacent vineyards to the northeast.









**P2-W:** View of disked fields within the property, and adjacent vineyards to the northeast.





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<p><b>P3-E:</b> View of levee road adjacent to the Cosumnes River riparian corridor.</p> 	<p><b>P3-NW:</b> View of grated levee road, with Deer Creek riparian corridor in the distance.</p> 
<p>Photo of occupied raptor nest on north side of Cosumnes River riparian corridor between P2 and P3. Precise location indicated in Figure 2.</p> 	<p><b>P4-SW:</b> View of disked fields looking west, with Cosumnes River riparian corridor visible in the distance.</p> 
<p><b>P4-SE:</b> View of access road and power lines running from P4 photostation to P2 photostation. The Cosumnes River riparian corridor is visible in the distance.</p> 	<p><b>P4-N:</b> View of the south side of the Deer Creek riparian corridor, and the disked fields.</p> 



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**P5-SE:** View of disked fields with Cosumnes River riparian corridor in the distance.



**P5-E:** View of road between Lower Access Road Creek Crossing and Upper Access Road Creek Crossing, with Deer Creek riparian corridor in the background.



**P5-SW:** View of westernmost corner of property, the site of the future detention pond, with Deer Creek riparian corridor in background.





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<b>Photo Point</b>	<b>UTM – E(m)</b>	<b>UTM – N(m)</b>	<b>Description</b>
P1	650460	4254620	At the upper access road to the property, that crosses Deer Creek.
P2	650483	4254602	At the northwestern end of the property, near the start of the interior dirt road (with the adjacent power line) that runs the length of the edge between the 30-acre and 50-acre portions of the property.
P3	650411	4254592	At the northwestern corner of the property, taken from the dirt road adjacent to Deer Creek.
P4	650437	4254607	At the northwestern end of the property, taken from the dirt road adjacent to Deer Creek.
P5	650573	4254686	At the northwestern end of the property, taken at the terminus of the dirt road that runs along the majority of the property's northwestern end.