
Arlington

The Arlington study area is located within a County office complex within the City of Riverside.

Existing Conditions

General Site Conditions

The study area is located on a landscaped area adjacent to a parking lot. The elevation of the study area is 760 feet above sea level. The soils present consist of Hanford fine sandy loam and Arlington fine sandy loam soils, based on the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) soil survey. Land use in the vicinity consists of commercial development to the north, south, and west, and residential development to the east. The site is subject to regular disturbance associated with the surrounding urban development, which include landscaping activities and pedestrian traffic.

Vegetation

The vegetation within the study area is dominated by sod. Various ornamental trees and shrubs were also recently planted across the study area. The trees are sparsely scattered across the sod and against the adjacent buildings.

Wildlife

Wildlife activity was low during the survey. Wildlife species observed include black phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans*), rock dove (*Columba livia*), lesser goldfinch (*Carduelis psaltria*), and mourning dove (*Zenaida macroura*). Species expected to occur are those commonly found in heavily disturbed, urban habitats, such as the common side-blotched lizard (*Uta stansburiana*), desert cottontail (*Sylvilagus audubonii*), and house finch (*Carpodacus mexicanus*).

Sensitive Biological Resources

Sensitive Species

Federally and State Listed Species

No habitat for any State- or federally-listed threatened or endangered species occurs within the study area. Therefore, the development of the study area is not anticipated to impact any plant or animal species protected under CESA or FESA.

WRCMSHCP

The study area is located within an area identified by the WRCMSCHP as requiring a habitat assessment for burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia*), a CSC covered by the WRMSCHP. No suitable habitat was observed onsite during the survey; therefore, no burrowing owl will be impacted by the development of the study area.

Other Sensitive Species

No suitable habitat for sensitive species not specifically protected under any other policy occurs on the study area.

Critical Habitat

The study area is not located within any United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)-designated Critical Habitat.

Nesting Birds

The vegetation located within the study area is subject to regular, heavy disturbances and lacks areas of dense foliage. The study area lacks suitable nesting habitat for avian species. Therefore, no nesting birds will be impacted by the development of the study area and no mitigation is recommended.

California Desert Native Plant Act

No plant species protected under the California Desert Native Plant Act (CDNPA) were observed within the study area and no impacts associated with the development of the study area are anticipated to occur.

Jurisdictional Waters

No drainage features, wetlands, vernal pools, or suitable habitat for sensitive fairy shrimp species occur on or in the vicinity of the study area. No waters or wetlands potentially under the jurisdiction of the State or the United States will be impacted by the development of the study area.

Wildlife Corridors and Movement

The study area contains no habitat with potential to facilitate movement of wildlife species between two or more areas. Therefore, no wildlife corridors or wildlife movement patterns will be impacted or affected by the development of the study area.

Applicable HCP or Land Use Management Plan

WRMSHCP

The study area is located on land owned by the County of Riverside and is subject to the WRMSHCP. The study area is located within the "Cities of Riverside and Norco" Area Plan, but does not fall within a Criteria Cell.

SKRHCP

The study area is located within a fee area under the SKRHCP.

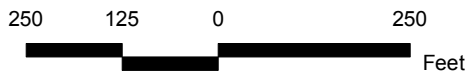


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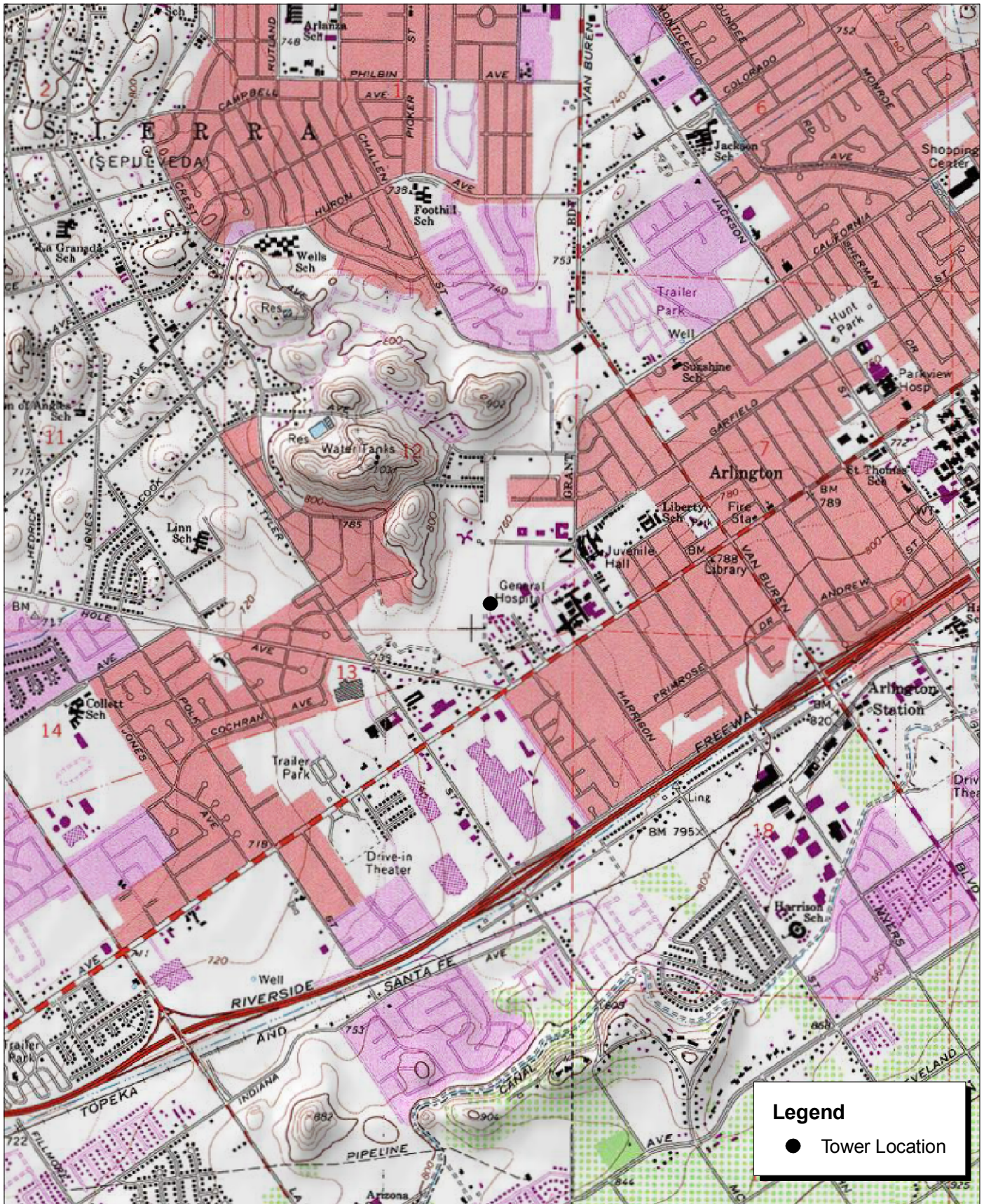
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Arlington Communication Site Local Vicinity Aerial Map

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Source: USGS Riverside West 7.5' Topographic Map.



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Arlington Communication Site Local Vicinity Topographic Map

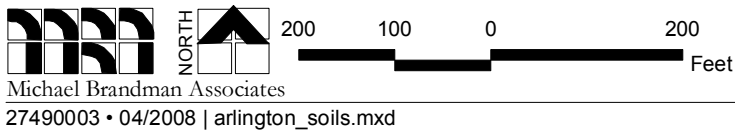
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Legend

- Tower Location



Source: USDA Soils Data (NRCS).



Arlington Communication Site USDA Soils Map



Photograph 1: View toward Arlington candidate location, facing northwest.



Photograph 2: View toward Arlington candidate location, facing southeast.



Photograph 3: View toward the Central Plant Building at 4090 County Circle Drive, facing north-northeast.



Photograph 4: View toward the Central Plant Building at 4090 County Circle Drive, facing north-northwest.

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Photograph 5: View from Arlington candidate location, facing northwest.



Photograph 6: View from Arlington candidate location, facing northeast.



Photograph 7: View from Arlington candidate location, facing southeast.



Photograph 8: View from Arlington candidate location, facing southwest.

Source: Michael Brandman Associates, 2008.



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Arlington Candidate Photographs 5 to 8
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Western Riverside County Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan (MSHCP)

APN	Cell	Cell Group	Acres	Area Plan	Sub Unit
145120002	Not A Part	Independent	51.32	Cities of Riverside and Norco	Not a Part

HABITAT ASSESSMENTS

Habitat assessment shall be required and should address at a minimum potential habitat for the following species:

APN	Amphibia Species	Burrowing Owl	Criteria Area Species	Mammalian Species	Narrow Endemic Plant Species	Special Linkage Area
145120002	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO

Burrowing Owl

Burrowing owl.

If potential habitat for these species is determined to be located on the property, focused surveys may be required during the appropriate season.

Background

The final MSHCP was approved by the County Board of Supervisors on June 17, 2003. The federal and state permits were issued on June 22, 2004 and implementation of the MSHCP began on June 23, 2004.

For more information concerning the MSHCP, contact your local city or the County of Riverside for the unincorporated areas. Additionally, the Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (RCA), which oversees all the cities and County implementation of the MSHCP, can be reached at:

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