
Homeland

The Homeland study area is located on the northeastern end of Perris Valley, south of the Lakeview Mountains, in the community of Homeland.

Existing Conditions

General Site Conditions

The study area is completely graded, surrounded by a fence, and is currently used for vehicle parking. Soils within the study area consist of Greenfield sandy loam, based on the USDA soils survey, but are covered with imported gravel for the parking lot. Land use in the vicinity consists of a fire station to the north, a rural residential lot to the east, and open agricultural land to the west and south. The study area is subject to regular disturbance associated with vehicle parking and grading activities.

Vegetation

The vegetation in the study area is limited to a row of landscaped, ornamental shrubs that border the three sides of the gravel parking lot. All the shrubs are ornamental cypress (*Cupressus* sp.) and are approximately ten feet tall. The vegetation in the surrounding areas consist of planted, ornamental trees on residential lots, and open, agricultural lots with Russian thistle (*Salsola tragus*).

Wildlife

No wildlife species were observed or otherwise detected during the survey. Wildlife species expected to occur are those commonly found in disturbed, urban communities, such as house finch (*Carpodacus mexicanus*), western fence lizard (*Sceloporus occidentalis*), and desert cottontail (*Sylvilagus audubonii*).

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.

WRMSHCP

The study area is located within an area identified by the WRMSHCP as requiring a habitat assessment for burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia*), a SSC covered by the WRMSHCP. However, the study area is covered in gravel, enclosed in fencing, contains no mammal burrows or open piping, and contains no otherwise suitable habitat, and the potential for burrowing owl to occur in the study area is low. Therefore, no burrowing owl will be impacted by the development of the study area.

The study area is also located within an area identified by the WRMSHCP as requiring a habitat assessment for San Diego (dwarf burr) ambrosia (*Ambrosia pumila*), a federally-listed Endangered

species covered by the WRMSHCP, Brand's phacelia (*Phacelia stellaris*), San Miguel savory (*Satureja chandleri*), and all CNPS listed species covered by the WRMSHCP. However, no suitable habitat for any of these species was observed on or adjacent to the study area and no impacts to the species are anticipated.

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 USFWS-designated Critical Habitat.

Nesting Birds

No nests or nesting activities were observed during the survey; however, the study area contains suitable nesting habitat for ground- and shrub-nesting avian species, such as house finch and killdeer (*Charadris vociferus*).

California Desert Native Plant Act

No plant species protected under the 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

Given the limited size and minimal disturbance associated with the development of the study area, no impacts to any wildlife corridors or wildlife movement patterns are anticipated.

Applicable HCP or Land Use Management Plan

WRMSHCP

The study area is owned by Riverside County and is subject to the WRMSHCP. The study area is located within the "Harvest Valley/Winchester" Area Plan, but does not fall within a Criteria Cell. Development of the study area also has potential to impact an urban/wildland interface, but will not impact any riparian/riverine areas, as identified by the WRMSHCP.

SKRHCP

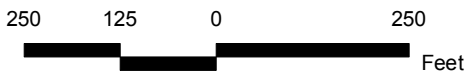
The study area is located within a fee area under the Western Riverside County SKRHCP.



Source: Riverside County NAIP, 2005.

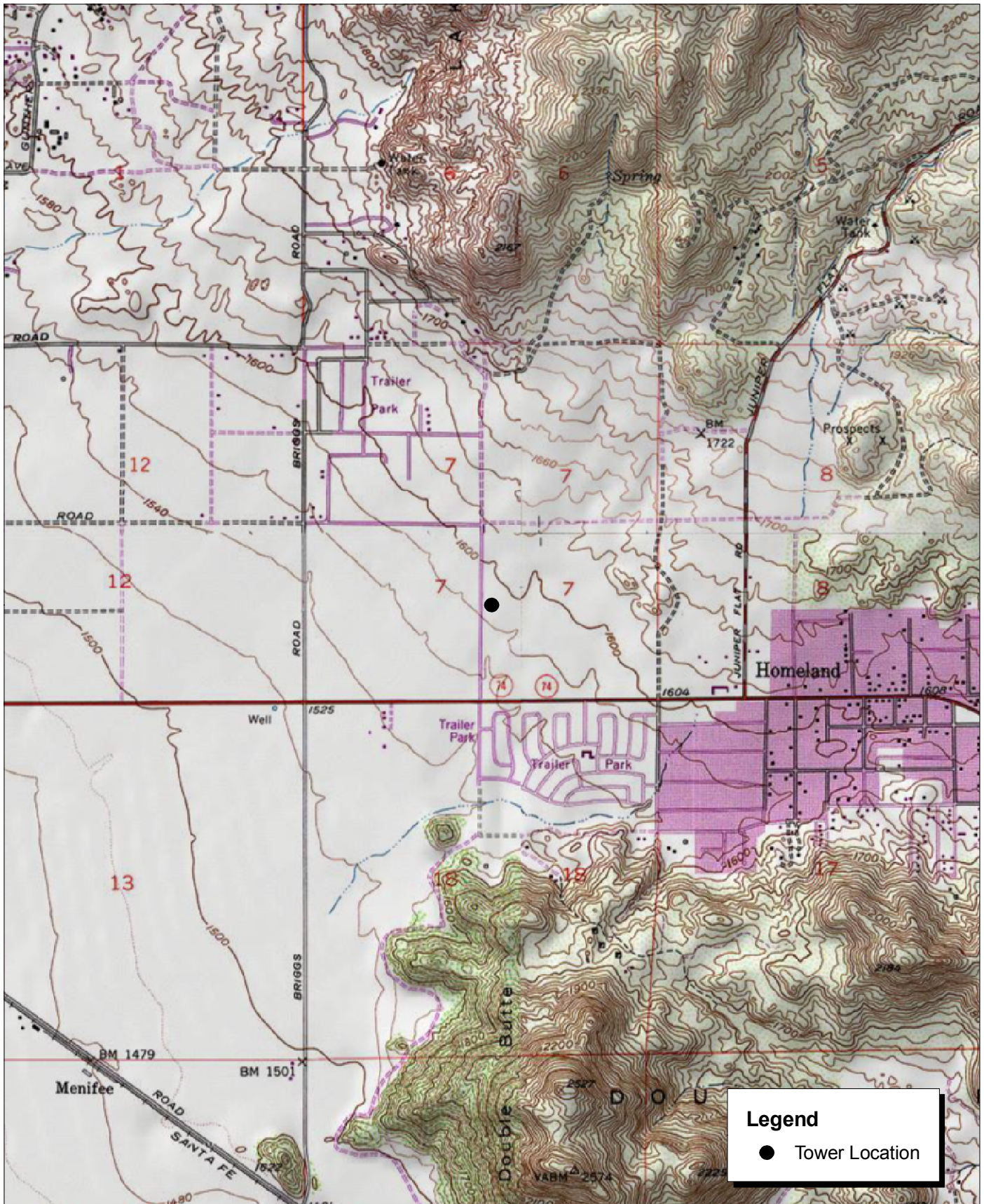


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Homeland Communication Site Local Vicinity Aerial Map

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Source: USGS Romoland 7.5' Topographic Map.



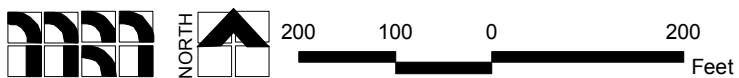
Homeland Communication Site Local Vicinity Topographic Map



Legend

-  Tower Location
-  50' Study Area
-  Gyc2 - Greenfield sandy loam, 2 to 8 percent slopes, eroded

Source: USDA Soils Data (NRCS).



Homeland Communication Site USDA Soils Map



Photograph 1: View toward Homeland candidate location, facing southwest.



Photograph 2: View toward Homeland candidate location, facing west.



Photograph 3: View toward Homeland candidate location, facing southeast.



Photograph 4: View toward Homeland candidate location, facing east.

Source: Michael Brandman Associates, 2008.



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Photograph 5: View from Homeland candidate location, facing east.



Photograph 6: View from Homeland candidate location, facing south.



Photograph 7: View from Homeland candidate location, facing north.



Photograph 8: View from Homeland candidate location, facing northwest.

Source: Michael Brandman Associates, 2008.



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Homeland 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
457340027	Not A Part	Independent	1.27	Harvest Valley / Winchester	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
457340027	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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