

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
County Clerk
County of: Orange
601 N. Ross Street
Santa Ana, CA 92701

From: (Public Agency): Orange County Transportation Authority
550 S. Main Street
Orange, CA 92863

(Address)

Project Title: Trabuco Rose Preserve Gully Repair and Restoration Project - Phase II

Project Applicant: Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA)

Project Location - Specific:

OCTA Trabuco Rose Preserve in Trabuco Canyon in Orange County (Exhibit A)

Project Location - City: Trabuco Canyon (unincorporated) Project Location - County: Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

This project is the second phase (Phase II) of a two-phase project associated with a gully repair, stabilization, and restoration project. The first phase (Phase I) consisted of placement of 325 cubic yards of 1/2-ton rock and 65 cubic yards of 1-ton rock and filter fabric to stabilize the gully area to immediately address the scour issue and protect the adjacent fire road as well as a Preserve gate and adjacent oaks. The goal of Phase II is to provide erosion protection and energy dissipation at the transition (continued on Attachment)

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: OCTA

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: OCTA

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: 15333; Class 33
Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project has been determined to qualify for a Categorical Exemption under CEQA Guidelines Section 15333, Class 33 since the restoration project would not exceed five acres; there would be no significant adverse impact to endangered, rare, or threatened species or their habitat; there are no hazardous materials at or around the project site; and the project will not result in significant cumulative impacts related to to other past, present, or probable future impacts.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Dan Phu Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 714-560-5907

If filed by applicant:

- 1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 11/30/23 Title: Mgr. Trans Planning

Signed by Lead Agency Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR:

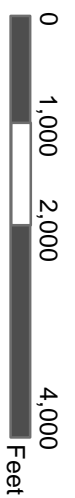
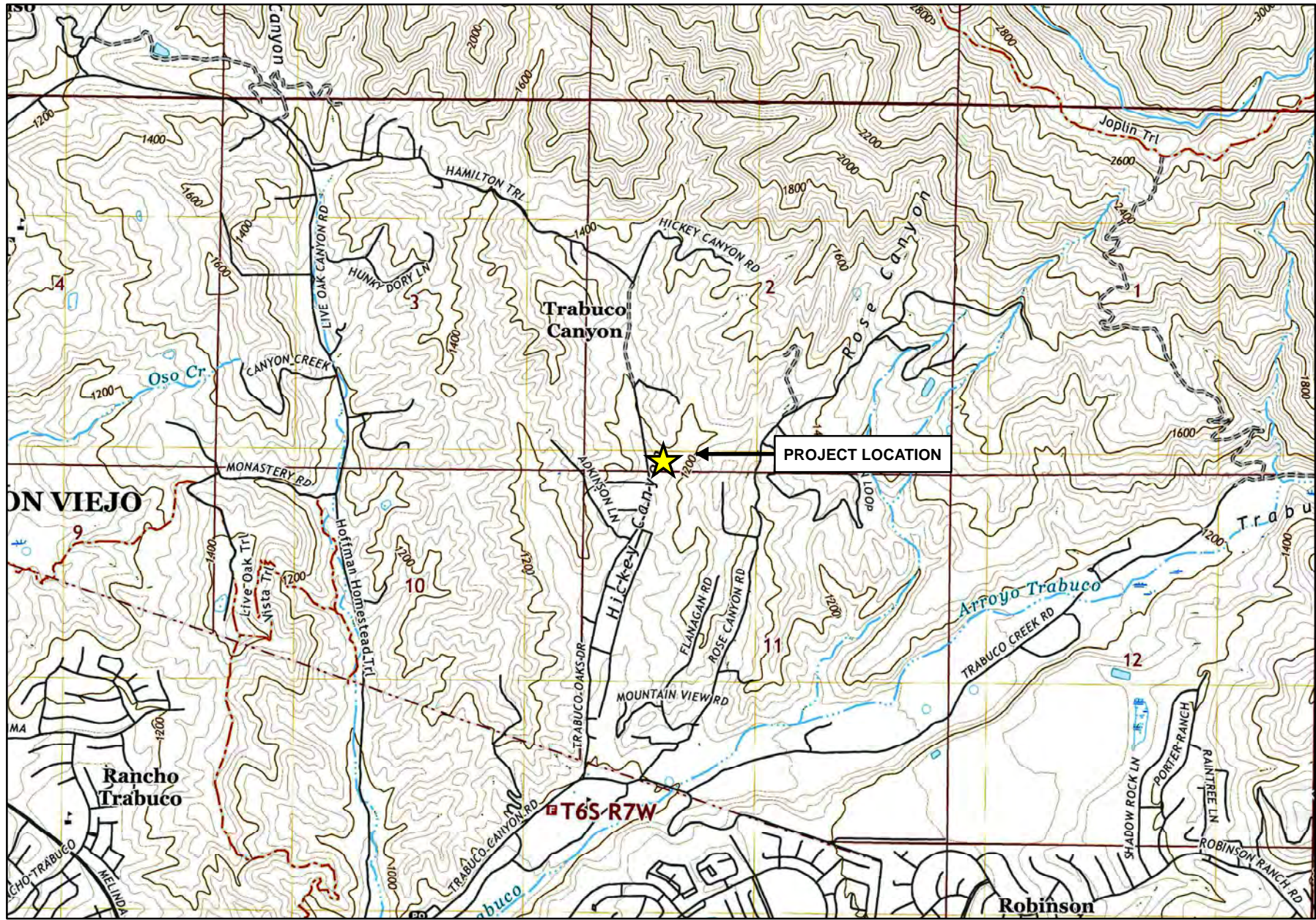
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Description of Nature, Purpose an Beneficiaries of Project: (continued)

to the existing gully floor in the oak tree zone, while providing for a natural stream appearance and function. Approximately 177 cubic yards of soil will be excavated from the channel bottom to create the transition from the gully to Hickey Creek. A geotextile liner will be placed on top of native soil and covered with approximately 664 cubic yards of 2-ton rip-rap base layer consisting of 6" and 36"-diameter rock, which will be placed to create a step pool design. Each pool will have a height of approximately 3-5 feet with a 2:1 slope. Approximately 300 tons of void filler mixture will be placed between the voids of each rock. Rock weir void filler will be delivered as a uniform mixture of coarse and fine aggregate, and will be deposited in a manner to avoid segregation. Coconut jute matting will be placed on overlapping geotextile fabric along the top of the channel banks. Six inches of river cobblestone (two-inch minimum size) totaling approximately 5 tons will be placed on the new surface area. Approximately 400 cubic yards of native soil will be excavated from the onsite wetland located immediately upstream from the gully and an approximate 12-inch layer will be placed on the surface of both the Phase I and Phase II areas. The gully area will be revegetated with a native hydroseed mix and mule fat cuttings. Following completion of the revegetation activities, the restoration site will be monitored and maintained regularly by OCTA's Project Biologist/Maintenance Contractor, and not less than once per month, for two years. Maintenance visits may include the following: supplemental watering, non-native vegetation control, trash removal, and erosion control, as needed. Native seed, cuttings, and all naturally recruiting native vegetation will be hand-watered via a 500-gallon water buffalo connected to hoses. The frequency of watering visits will be based on current weather conditions and will be coordinated with the Project Biologist.

Adapted from USGS Santiago Peak, CA quadrangle



**TRABUCO ROSE PRESERVE
GULLY REPAIR & RESTORATION PROJECT**
Vicinity Map

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Exhibit A