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# **Appendix D-5**

## Calcite Substation Project Botanical Report

# BOTANICAL REPORT

## CALCITE SUBSTATION PROJECT SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

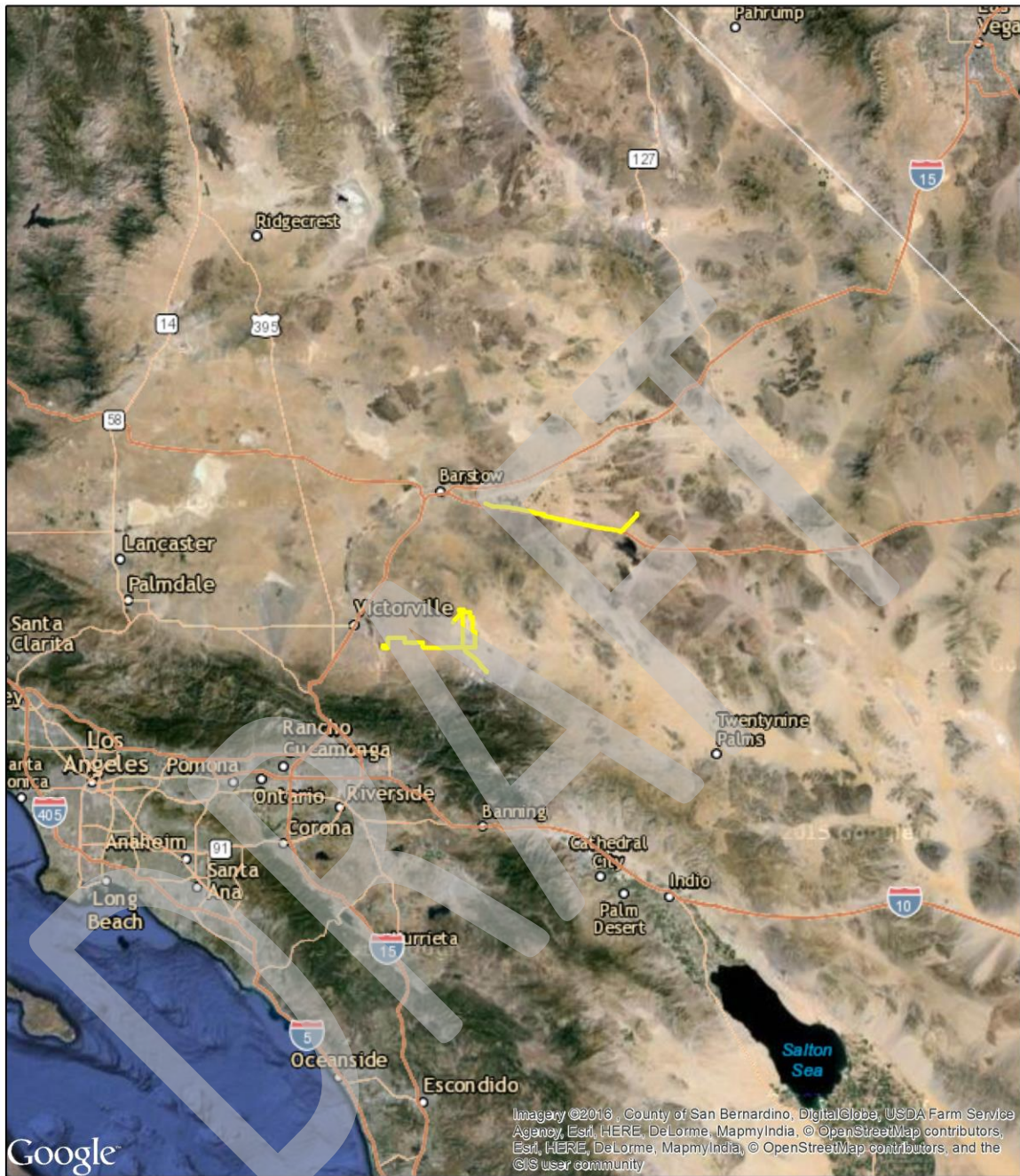
This botanical survey documents and describes the existing conditions of botanical resources associated with the Calcite Substation Project (Project). BRC-Equals 3, Inc. (B3) has prepared this report for the analysis of botanical resources, including the potential occurrence of special-status species within the Project Area.

## **2.0 PROJECT LOCATION**

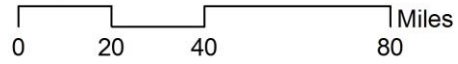
The Project is divided into three geographically-defined segments (the Apple Valley Telecom Route, the Northern Telecom Route, and the Southeast Telecom Route) (Figures 1 and 2). The Apple Valley Telecom Route extends southward from the proposed Calcite Substation, following State Route 247 to its intersection with State Route 18, and westward, from the proposed Calcite Substation to the Apple Valley Substation. The North Telecom Route extends eastward from the Gale Substation (which lies directly west of the Coolwater Switchyard), following Historic Route 66 to the Pisgah substation and terminating at the Hector Microwave Communication Site. The Southeastern Telecom Route extends southward from the proposed Calcite Substation toward State Route 18 and continues southeast, terminating at the Cottonwood Substation.

## **3.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Project will construct a new 220kV Jasper Substation, either the proposed site or at the alternate site in the Lucerne Valley. The new Jasper Substation will connect to two renewable power generators in the Lucerne Valley area. The renewable power generation site and the generator's tie-in line are not part of this Project description. Transmission loop-in lines would connect the substation to the "Lugo-Pisgah No. 1" 220 kV transmission line. The loop-in 220 kV lines will need to cross under the existing 500 kV "Lugo-Mojave" SCE transmission line; this line-crossing will require the removal and replacement of two 500 kV lattice towers along the Lugo-Mojave transmission line. The Project would also require the installation of new 12 kV overhead lines, which would connect the distribution system to the Jasper Substation. Telecommunication fiber optic cable, both new and existing, will connect the Jasper Substation to the Apple Valley and Cottonwood Substations. A second, unconnected telecom route will occur north of the Jasper Substation; this route would begin at the Gale Substation, pass through the Pisgah Substation, and terminate at the Hector Microwave Communication Site.



 Project Location



**Figure 1.** Project vicinity.



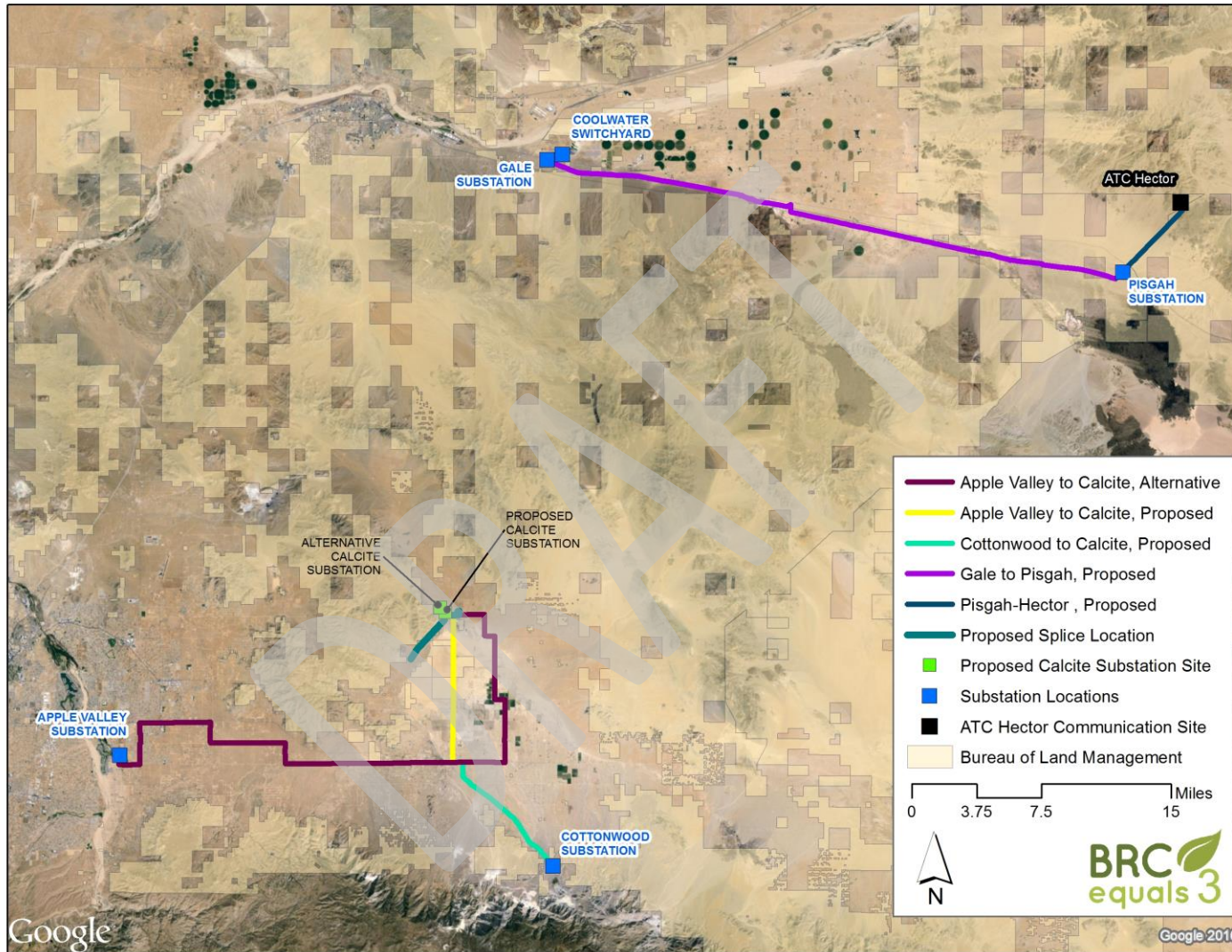


Figure 2. Project location.

### 3.1 ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING

The Project is located within the Mojave Desert. Temperatures at the Project location vary, with highs typically near 97.4 degrees Fahrenheit (°F) in the summer to lows near 32.7°F in the winter. Average rainfall can vary greatly with an average of 6.15 inches between 1981 to 2010 (NCDC 2016a). Snowfall occurs at higher elevations. The Project alignment crosses numerous ephemeral drainages of varying size. The last several years have been drought years characterized by extremely low winter rainfall (NCDC 2016b).

The Project lies within typical basin and range topography for the Mojave Desert. Elevations at the Project site vary from a low of approximately 1,776 feet above mean sea level (amsl) along the Northern Telecom Route to a high of approximately 3,170 feet amsl near the ATC Hector Microwave Communication Site. Large alluvial fans, which occur adjacent to the mountain fronts, slope toward the north where ephemeral streams deposit alluvial materials into dry lakes and the Mojave River. Soils within the survey area vary from extremely gravelly to sandy loam.

The Project is located on lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and private lands (Figure 2). Land uses in the immediate vicinity of the Project Area include open space areas, off-highway vehicle recreation areas, and low-density rural residential development.

#### 3.1.1 Vegetation Communities

Fourteen vegetation communities/alliances were identified within the Project Area during the habitat assessment conducted by B3 in March 2016 (B3 2016). Within these alliances, a total of 20 vegetation associations were identified and mapped according to the three dominant plant species within each alliance (B3 2016). Vegetation communities follow the California Native Plant Society's (CNPS) Manual of California Vegetation (Sawyer et al., 2009). Table 1 provides the acreages of each vegetation community within the survey area. Full descriptions of each vegetation community are provided in B3's 2016 Habitat Assessment report for the Project.

TABLE 1. VEGETATION COMMUNITIES MAPPED WITHIN THE SURVEY AREA.

Vegetation Community Alliance/Association	Acres
<i>Ambrosia dumosa</i> Scrub	11.01
<i>Atriplex canescens</i> Shrubland	27.54
<i>Atriplex confertifolia</i> Shrubland	---
<i>Atriplex confertifolia</i> – <i>Ambrosia dumosa</i>	217.74
<i>Atriplex confertifolia</i> – <i>Atriplex canescens</i>	55.82
<i>Atriplex confertifolia</i> – <i>Atriplex polycarpa</i> sparse playa	20.42
<i>Atriplex confertifolia</i> – <i>Larrea tridentata</i> - <i>Ambrosia dumosa</i>	176.33
Alliance Only / No Association– <i>Atriplex confertifolia</i> Shrubland	253.43
<i>Atriplex polycarpa</i> Shrubland	---
<i>Atriplex polycarpa</i> – <i>Atriplex confertifolia</i>	72.50
<i>Atriplex polycarpa</i> sparse playa	411.42
Alliance Only / No Association– <i>Atriplex polycarpa</i> Shrubland	1,795.44
<i>Distichlis spicata</i> Herbaceous	---
<i>Distichlis spicata</i> / annual grasses	1.72
<i>Ericameria nauseosa</i> Shrubland	145.17
<i>Larrea tridentata</i> Shrubland	---



Vegetation Community Alliance/Association	Acres
<i>Larrea tridentata</i> – <i>Ambrosia salsola</i>	94.14
<i>Larrea tridentata</i> – <i>Atriplex polycarpa</i>	450.62
<i>Larrea tridentata</i> – <i>Ephedra nevadensis</i>	216.88
Alliance Only/No Association– <i>Larrea tridentata</i> Shrubland	549.23
<i>Larrea tridentata</i> – <i>Ambrosia dumosa</i> Shrubland	---
<i>Larrea tridentata</i> – <i>Ambrosia dumosa</i>	3,408.41
<i>Larrea tridentata</i> – <i>Ambrosia dumosa</i> – <i>Atriplex canescens</i>	1.87
<i>Larrea tridentata</i> – <i>Ambrosia dumosa</i> – <i>Atriplex polycarpa</i>	374.40
<i>Larrea tridentata</i> / <i>Ambrosia dumosa</i> – <i>Ambrosia salsola</i>	11.34
<i>Larrea tridentata</i> – <i>Ambrosia dumosa</i> – <i>Ephedra nevadensis</i>	85.61
<i>Populus fremontii</i> Forest	---
<i>Populus fremontii</i> – <i>Salix laevigata</i> / <i>Salix lasiolepis</i> – <i>Baccharis salicifolia</i>	3.49
Alliance Only/No Association– <i>Populus fremontii</i> Forest	23.05
<i>Prosopis glandulosa</i> Woodland	22.35
<i>Salix exigua</i> Shrubland	---
<i>Salix exigua</i> / <i>Juncus</i> spp.	0.40
<i>Suaeda moquinii</i> Shrubland	---
<i>Suaeda moquinii</i> – <i>Atriplex canescens</i>	2.12
Alliance Only / No Association– <i>Suaeda moquinii</i> Shrubland	127.64
<i>Tamarix</i> spp. Semi-natural Shrubland Stands	74.71
<i>Yucca brevifolia</i> Woodland	---
<i>Yucca brevifolia</i> / <i>Ephedra nevadensis</i>	24.63
<i>Yucca brevifolia</i> / <i>Larrea tridentata</i> – <i>Ambrosia dumosa</i> – <i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i>	92.42
<i>Yucca brevifolia</i> / <i>Prunus fasciculata</i>	5.18
Alliance Only / No Association– <i>Yucca brevifolia</i> Woodland	299.26
Active Agriculture	310.75
Barren–Not Developed	30.60
Developed	653.00
Dry lake bed	330.70
<b>Total Acreage</b>	<b>10,381.34</b>

Note: indented text indicates vegetation associations within the vegetation community alliance.

## 4.0 METHODOLOGY

Prior to conducting the botanical surveys, standard database searches were conducted and previous surveys in the area were reviewed to obtain pertinent information regarding habitat types. The results of these preliminary database searches provided a basis for addressing the appropriate special-status species within the Project Area.

### 4.1 LITERATURE AND DATABASE REVIEW

B3 performed a review of special-status species and habitats within the survey area using information obtained from the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB; CDFW 2016). The CNDDDB search included the *Apple Valley South*, *Big Bear City*, *Cougar Buttes*, *Fifteenmile Valley*, *Lucerne Valley*, *Hector*, *Minneola*, *Newberry Springs*, *Sleeping Beauty*, *Troy Lake*, *White Horse Mountain*, and surrounding U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute quadrangles.

Additional literature and databases referenced include:

- California Native Plant Society's Inventory of Rare and Endangered Vascular Plants of California (CNPS 2016)
- The Jepson Manual: Higher Plants of California (Baldwin 2012)
- A Manual of California Vegetation (Sawyer et al. 2009)
- The CalFlora Database online Database (CalFlora 2016)
- Consortium of California Herbaria (CCH) online Database (CCH 2016)
- Rarefind 5 (CNDDDB 2016)
- Jepson Flora Project (Jepson 2016)
- BLM sensitive (BLMS) plant and animal lists (BLM 2015).

Plants may be considered to have special-status due to declining populations, vulnerability to habitat change, restricted distributions, or insufficient knowledge of the species' biological status. Using information from the various listed sources and floral and faunal surveys of the area, the potential for special-status species to occur within the Project Area was assessed as Occurs, Likely, Unlikely, or Does Not Occur based on the following criteria:

- Occurs – The species was observed on-site during the survey.
- Likely - This species is expected to occur in the proposed Project Area based on presence of suitable habitat, and/or based on professional expertise specific to the site or species, with documented CNDDDB/CCH occurrences within 3 miles from the last decade.
- Unlikely – This species may occur within the proposed Project Area but is considered unlikely based on presence of only marginally suitable habitat and/or no documented CNDDDB/CCH records within the last decade within 3 miles of the Project Area.
- Does Not Occur – 1) This species is not expected to occur in the proposed Project Area. Suitable habitat was not observed in the Project Area during the survey. 2) The Project Area is outside of the currently known range of the species. 3) This species was observed to be present and identifiable at a reference site location and was found to be absent during surveys of the Project Area.

A table of documented CNDDDB special-status plant species occurrences within 3 miles of the Project Area along with their habitat suitability and an assessment of their potential to occur in the Project Area based on the aforementioned criteria is listed in Attachment A.

## 4.2 SURVEY METHODS

B3 botanists Steve Jones, Sarah Termondt, Chez Brungraber, and Griffin Brungraber conducted botanical surveys within the Project Area from April 26 to May 6, 2016 (April/May survey), and from June 14 to 17, 2016 (June survey). The survey area included 75 feet on either side of the alignment centerline and the entire proposed substation and work area sites (Attachment B). Botanists assessed suitable habitat for special-status species with potential to occur within the Project area during the April/May survey. During the June survey, the survey area was reduced to include only these previously identified areas of suitable habitat. Areas not surveyed during the June Survey included developed, agricultural and heavily disturbed areas and habitats determined from the April/May surveys to not be suitable for target special-status species. Plant species were

identified, either in the field or following collection for subsequent identification, using the identification keys described in Baldwin (2012). Nomenclature generally follows Sawyer et al. (2009) for vegetation types and communities and Calflora (2016), Baldwin (2012), and current scientific data (e.g., scientific journals) for plant species.

### 4.3 BOTANICAL REFERENCE SITES

B3 conducted botanical reference site monitoring to determine whether special-status plant species with the potential to occur within the Project Area were in bloom and identifiable at the time of botanical surveys and to obtain a visual image of the species and its associated habitat and natural community. Criteria utilized in reference site selection are outlined below.

- Species is documented in CNDDDB within Project vicinity and has a potential of occurrence rated as 'Likely' (Attachment A).
- Species has a status of federally- or state-listed endangered, or threatened, and/or a CNPS California Rare Plant Rank (CRPR) of 1B.1 or 1B.2.
- Species has recent CNDDDB/CCH records (within the last decade) found within ten miles of the Project Area.

CNDDDB, BIOS, and CCH queries were performed for plant species which meet the criteria described above. The results of the queries were used to determine the most current known occurrences closest to the Project alignment. Additional information on the locations of special-status plant populations from past studies conducted within the Project Area were also utilized (BRC 2014).

Eight reference sites were identified for the botanical reference site monitoring (Figure 3). Reference site visits were only conducted within the known blooming periods of identified target species. Each reference site was surveyed during the week of April 26, 2016. When species were observed, the surveying biologist determined the population size, identified the habitat type and associated species, documented the plant's phenology, and took representative photographs of the area.

## 5.0 RESULTS

### 5.1 BOTANICAL REFERENCE SITE MONITORING RESULTS

The following eight species were identified as target species for the botanical reference site monitoring:

- alkali mariposa-lily (*Calochortus striatus*)
- Clokey's cryptantha (*Cryptantha clokeyi*)
- Mojave menodora (*Menodora spinescens* var. *mohavensis*)
- creamy blazing star (*Mentzelia tridentata*)
- Mojave monkey flower (*Mimulus mojavensis*)
- white-margined beardtongue (*Penstemon albomarginatus*)
- Parish's phacelia (*Phacelia parishii*)
- Parish's popcorn flower (*Plagiobothrys parishii*)



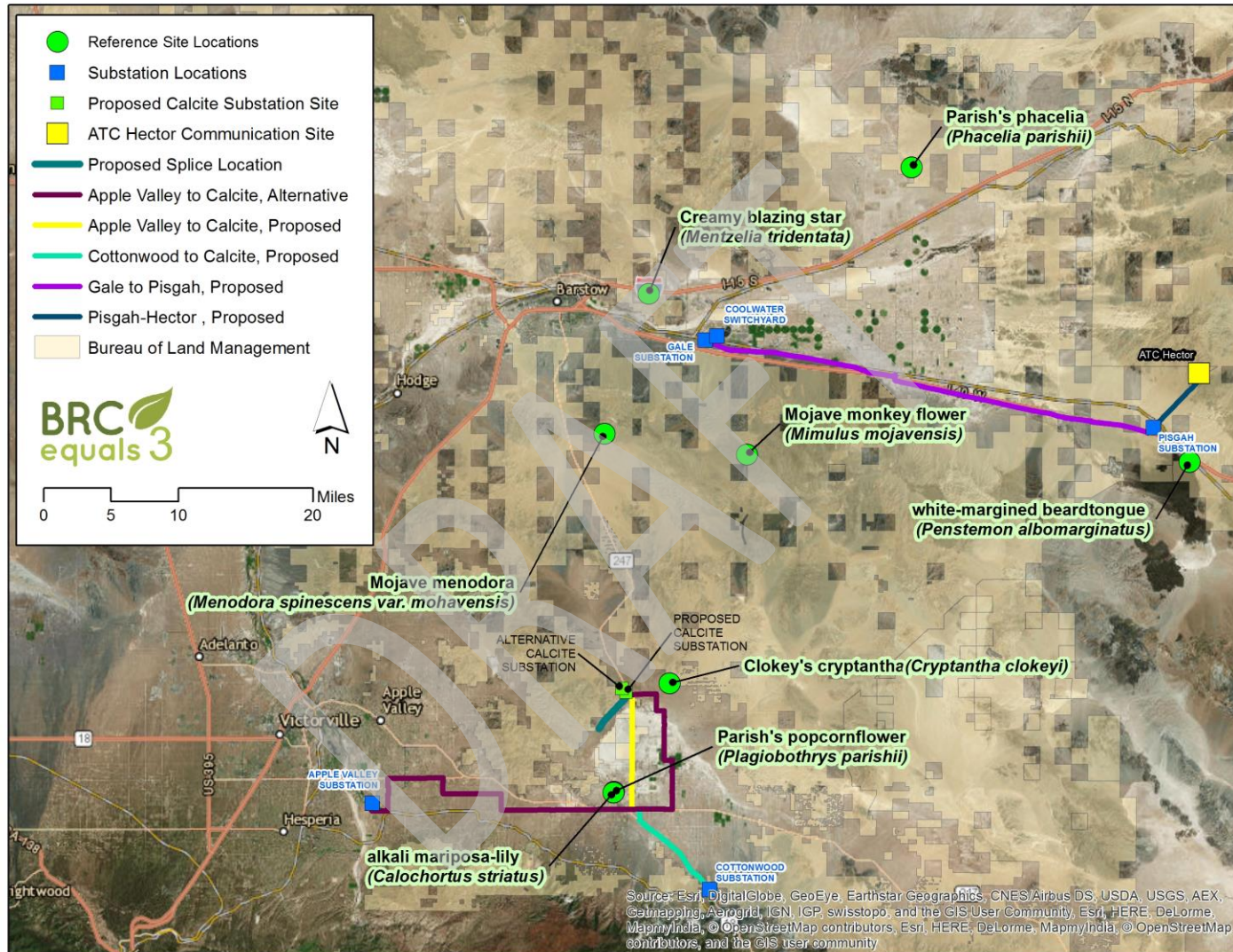


Figure 3. Reference site locations.

Although no CNDDDB occurrences of Mojave monkeyflower (*Mimulus Mojavensis*) occur within 3 miles of the Project Area, a reference site for Mojave monkeyflower was selected and visited after consulting with a BLM local expert (Larry LaPre, BLM 2016, pers. comm., 26 April).

During the reference site visits alkali mariposa-lily, Mojave menodora, Parish's phacelia, and Parish's popcorn flower were present and all in identifiable phenological states. Clokey's cryptantha, creamy blazing star, Mojave monkeyflower, and white-margined beardtongue were not observed to be present or were not identifiable at the selected reference site locations. Follow up reference site visits were not conducted in June as a result of June falling outside the known bloom period of the previously unobserved target plant species.

## 5.2 PLANT SPECIES

A total of 212 plant species were identified during surveys, including 20 non-native species and three special-status species. A complete list of plant species observed in the Project Area is provided in Attachment C.

## 5.3 SPECIAL-STATUS PLANT SPECIES

Three special-status plant species were observed during 2016 surveys including Borrego milkvetch (*Astragalus lentiginosus* var. *borreganus*), alkali mariposa-lily, and Utah vine milkweed (*Funastrum utahense*). Below are detailed descriptions of the special-status plant species that were observed as well as special-status species that are currently or were initially assessed to have a "Likely" potential to occur.

### 5.3.1 Alkali mariposa lily – CRPR 1B.2

Alkali mariposa lily is a perennial herb in the Liliaceae family. Its habitat requirements include mesic Shadscale Scrub, Creosote Bush–White Bursage Scrub, and Yerba Mansa Meadows with alkaline soils at elevations ranging from 70 to 1,595 meters amsl. This species generally blooms between April and June (CNDDDB 2016).

Alkali mariposa lily was observed during surveys within the Project Area (Attachment B, Attachment D - Photo 1). Thirty-five individuals were observed during the April/May survey. The individuals were observed on the southwest side of California Highway 18 within a *Yucca brevifolia*–*Larrea tridentata*–*Ambrosia dumosa*–*Eriogonum fasciculatum* Association and a *Salix exigua*–*Juncus* sp. Association, with the presence of yerba mansa (*Anemopsis californica*). The species was also observed at the selected reference site location just prior to the April/May survey. The species was not observed during the June surveys.

### 5.3.2 Borrego milkvetch – CRPR 4.3

Borrego milkvetch is an annual herb in the Fabaceae family. Its habitat requirements include sandy soils in Mojavean Desert Scrub and Sonoran Desert Scrub from 30 to 320 meters amsl. The species generally blooms from March to May (CNDDDB 2016).

Borrego milkvetch was observed at three locations during the surveys within the Project Area (Attachment B, Attachment D - Photo 2). The first observation was during the April/May survey, during which time two fruiting individuals were observed. The second observation was observed



during the June survey in a non-flowering vegetative state. All occurrences were observed in sandy to gravelly soils within a *Larrea tridentata*–*Ambrosia dumosa* Association.

### 5.3.3 Utah vine milkvetch – CRPR 4.2

Utah vine milkvetch is a perennial herb in the Apocynaceae family. Its habitat requirements include sand or gravelly soils located within Mojavean and Sonoran Desert Scrub vegetation communities from 100 to 1435 meters amsl. This species generally blooms from April to September (CNDDDB 2016).

Utah vine milkvetch was observed during surveys within the Project Area (Attachment B, Attachment D - Photo 3). One location with four living, non-flowering and ten desiccated individuals were observed. The individuals were observed along the northern telecom alignment north of Interstate 15 and northwest of Pisgah Road within a *Larrea tridentata*–*Ambrosia dumosa* Association. The species was observed during both the April/May and June survey events.

### 5.3.4 Clokey's cryptantha – CRPR 1B.2, BLM Sensitive

Clokey's cryptantha is an annual herb in the Boraginaceae family. It is generally found in Creosote Bush–White Bursage Scrub habitat at elevations of 725–1,365 meters amsl. The known blooming period for this species occurs in April (CNDDDB 2016).

Clokey's cryptantha was not observed during the survey or at the reference site location. It was assessed to have a 'Likely' potential as a result of the proximity of CNDDDB Occurrence #6, which was subsequently chosen as the reference site. Several species of *Cryptantha* collected at the site were taken to Rancho Santa Ana Botanical Garden to be keyed to confirm the absence of *C. clokeyi* from the reference site. The potential for this species' occurrence remains where suitable habitat exists within the Project Area.

### 5.3.5 Mojave menodora – CRPR 1B.2, BLM Sensitive

Mojave menodora is a shrub in the Oleaceae family. It is generally found on andesite gravel, rocky hillsides, and canyons in Creosote Bush–White Bursage Scrub habitat at elevations of 690–2,000 meters amsl. The known blooming period for this species is April to May (CNDDDB 2016).

Mojave menodora was not observed during the survey but was observed at the reference site location. A previous observation identified in 2014 by BioResource Consultants (BRC) was utilized as a reference site location (BRC 2014). Five individuals were observed to be identifiable at the reference site location with individual phenology ranging from 10% floral buds, 5% fruit, to 85% post fruit vegetative. Individuals were encountered within a creosote/white bursage community along a rocky slope near a small drainage.

This species was positively identified at the reference site location. The lack of its presence during surveys within the Project Area suggests that Mojave Menodora does not occur within the Project Area.

### **5.3.6 Creamy blazing star – CRPR 1B.3, BLM Sensitive**

Creamy blazing star is an annual herb in the Losaceae family. It is generally found within rocky slopes gravelly, and sandy slopes in Creosote Bush–White Bursage Scrub habitat at elevations between 700–1,160 meters amsl. The known blooming period for this species is March–May (CNDDDB 2016).

Creamy blazing star was not observed during the survey or at the reference site location. It was assessed to have a ‘Likely’ potential as a result of the proximity of CNDDDB Occurrence #33, which was subsequently chosen as the reference site. The potential for this species’ occurrence remains where suitable habitat exists within the Project Area.

### **5.3.7 Mojave monkey flower – CRPR 1B.3, BLM Sensitive**

Mojave monkey flower is an annual herb in the Phrymaceae family. It is generally found in gravelly banks of desert washes at elevations between 600–1,000 meters amsl. The known blooming period for this species is April–May (CNDDDB 2016).

Mojave monkey flower was not observed during the survey or at the reference site location. No CNDDDB records exist in 3 miles of the Project Area for this species but it was assessed to have a ‘Likely’ potential as a result of the proximity of CalFlora Record (GP4593)(CalFlora 2016) and personal communication with BLM botanists with local expertise (Larry LaPre, BLM 2016, pers. comm., 26 April). The potential for this species’ occurrence remains where suitable habitat exists within the Project Area.

### **5.3.8 White-margined beardtongue – CRPR 1B.1, BLM Sensitive**

White-margined beardtongue is a perennial herb in the Plantaginaceae family. It is generally found in deep stabilized desert sand, in washes and along roadsides in desert dunes and desert wash, and Creosote Bush–White Bursage Scrub at elevations of 640–1,065 meters amsl. The known blooming period for this species occurs from March–May (CNDDDB 2016).

White-margined beardtongue was not observed during the survey or at the reference site location. It was assessed to have a ‘Likely’ potential and Rancho Santa Ana Record (RSA822497)(CalFlora 2016) was subsequently chosen as the reference site. The potential for this species’ occurrence remains where suitable habitat exists within the Project Area.

### **5.3.9 Parish’s phacelia – CRPR 1B.1, BLM Sensitive**

Parish’s phacelia is an annual herb in the Boraginaceae family. It is generally found on dry lake margins, alkaline flats and slopes or on clay soils in Creosote Bush–White Bursage Scrub and within playa habitats at elevations of 540–1,200 meters amsl. The known blooming period for this species is April–July (CNDDDB 2016).

Parish’s phacelia was not observed during the survey but was observed at the reference site location. A University of California Riverside record (Specimen number UCR226404) (CCH 2016) was utilized as a reference site location. Six individuals were observed to be identifiable at the reference site location with individual phenology ranging from 15% flower, 75% fruit, 10% post fruit

vegetative. Individuals were encountered along a dry lake margin that was completely void of vegetation with the exception of Parish's phacelia.

This species was positively identified at the reference site location. The lack of its presence during surveys within the Project Area suggests that Parish's phacelia does not occur within the Project Area.

### 5.3.10 Parish's popcorn flower – CRPR 1B.1, BLM Sensitive

Parish's popcorn flower is an annual herb in the Boraginaceae family. It is generally found in alkaline, mesic areas of big sagebrush and Joshua tree woodland habitats at elevations of 750–1,400 meters amsl. The known blooming period for this species is March–November (CNDDDB 2016).

Parish's popcorn flower was not observed during the survey but was observed at the reference site location. A University of California Riverside record (Specimen number UCR 225931) (CCH 2016) was utilized as a reference site location. A large population of approximately 1,000 individuals was observed to be identifiable at the reference site location with individual phenology 100 percent in flower. The population was encountered in a seep with associate species including *Atriplex polycarpa*, *Suaeda moquinii*, *Calochortus striatus* and *Elocharis parishii*.

This species was positively identified at the reference site location. The lack of its presence during surveys within the Project Area suggests that Parish's popcorn flower does not occur within the Project Area.

## 6.0 DISCUSSION

Three special-status plant species, alkali mariposa-lily, Borrego milkvetch, and Utah vine milkweed, were observed within the Project Area during the 2016 botanical surveys.

While only three special-status plant species were observed during the focused botanical surveys, several additional special-status plant species are known to occur in the area and have suitable habitat along the Project alignment (Attachment A). The majority of these species are herbaceous annuals, dependent on annual rainfall and micro-habitat conditions that vary from year to year. Dry conditions, resulting from long-term drought, cause characteristically low herbaceous annual blooms (Sawyer et al. 2009). The special-status plant species with “Likely” and “Unlikely” probability of occurrence in the Project Area have a collective bloom period running from March through October. The focused botanical surveys described herein occurred during the portion of this broad bloom period optimal for annual species. Due to the timing of these focused surveys during consecutive drought years, surveys conducted during non-drought conditions may identify additional areas where special-status annual herbaceous plant species may occur (NCDC 2016b). Perennial herbs, shrubs, and subshrubs blooming outside of the survey window remain identifiable throughout the spring and summer seasons, both before and after their ideal bloom period.

Of the eight plant species selected for reference site monitoring, four species were observed during the reference site visits including, alkali mariposa-lily, Parish's popcorn flower, Parish's phacelia and Mojave menodora in April/May. The reference sites have similar habitat characteristics to the Project Area and they are located nearby. It is reasonable to presume that species observed within the botanical reference sites would be present and observable within the Project Area during the

same period. As such, negative findings during special-status plant surveys would indicate that these species are not present within the Project Area.

However, the absence of observations of some special-status plant species are not absolutely conclusive because: 1) rainfall within the desert can be highly variable even over small geographic areas; 2) although habitats types within the reference sites are similar to those present within the Project Area, small variations such a slope aspect, soil composition, and/or other factors can significantly impact the germination success of various plant species; and 3) seed banks for special-status species may be more robust within the botanical reference sites, which would increase the likelihood for successful germination within that area as compared to the Project Area.

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**ATTACHMENT A:  
SPECIAL-STATUS PLANT SPECIES POTENTIAL TO OCCUR**

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**Table 2. CNDDDB Special-status plants potential to occur within 3 miles of the survey area.**

Common Name ( <i>Scientific Name</i> )	Species Status	Comments	Potential to Occur
<b>PLANTS</b>			
Cushenbury oxytheca ( <i>Acanthoscyphus parishii</i> var. <i>goodmaniana</i> )	FE, CRPR 1B.1	Considered out of range. Found in singleleaf pinyon woodland with carbonate, or talus, or sandy soils. Found at elevations of 1,219–2,377 meters amsl. Species is only known from occurrences in San Bernardino County. Known blooming period is from May–October.	Does not occur
small-flowered androstephium ( <i>Androstephium breviflorum</i> )	CRPR 2B.2	Habitat present with recent CCH records in area. Prefers bajadas and desert dunes and creosote bush–white bursage scrub. Found at elevations of 1,219–2,377 meters amsl. Blooming period is from March–April	Likely
Cushenbury milk-vetch ( <i>Astragalus albens</i> )	FE, CRPR 1B.1	Marginal habitat present and no recent CNDDDB records. Not observed during survey. Found in Joshua tree woodland, creosote bush–white bursage scrub, and singleleaf pinyon woodland habitats with granitic or carbonate soils. Found at elevations from 1200-1900 meters amsl. Blooming period is from March–June.	Unlikely
San Bernardino milk-vetch ( <i>Astragalus bernardinus</i> )	CRPR 1B.2	Considered out of species range. Found in singleleaf pinyon woodland and Joshua tree woodland habitats with granitic or carbonate soils. Found at elevations from 900-2000 meters amsl. Blooming period is from April–June.	Does not occur
Borrego milk-vetch <i>Astragalus lentiginosus</i> var. <i>borreganus</i>	CRPR 4.3	Suitable habitat present, observed during surveys. Found in sandy flats and semi-stabilized dunes within Mojavean desert scrub. Found at elevations from 30-320 meters amsl. Blooming period is from Mar-May.	Observed
pinyon rockcress ( <i>Boechera dispar</i> )	CRPR 2B.3	Considered out of range. No suitable habitat present. Prefers granitic, gravelly slopes & mesas in Joshua tree woodland, creosote bush–white bursage scrub, singleleaf pinyon woodland. Found at elevations 1,200–2,540 meters amsl. Blooming period is from March–June.	Does not occur
Shockley's rockcress ( <i>Boechera shockleyi</i> )	CRPR 2B.2	Considered out of range. No Suitable habitat present. Found in pinyon-juniper woodlands with rocky or gravelly soils at elevations of 875–2,310 meters amsl. Known blooming period is from May–June.	Does not occur
alkali mariposa-lily ( <i>Calochortus striatus</i> )	CRPR 1B.2	Suitable habitat present, species observed during survey and at reference site. Found in mesic allscale scrub, creosote bush–white bursage scrub, yerba mansa meadows habitats with alkaline soils. Found at elevations of 70–1,595 meters amsl. Known blooming period of April–June.	Occurs

Common Name (Scientific Name)	Species Status	Comments	Potential to Occur
white pygmy-poppy ( <i>Canbya candida</i> )	CRPR 4.2	Suitable habitat present but no recent CNDDDB records in the area. Not observed during survey. Found in sandy places in Joshua tree woodland, creosote bush–white bursage scrub, and singleleaf pinyon woodland. Found at elevations of 610–1,200 meters amsl. Known blooming period April–September.	Unlikely
Emory's crucifixion-thorn ( <i>Castela emoryii</i> )	CRPR 2B.2	Suitable habitat present with recent CCH records in area. Not observed during survey. Occurs in areas of creosote bush–white bursage scrub, playas, brittlebush scrub habitats with gravelly soils. Found at elevations of 90-670 meters amsl. Known blooming period of April–September.	Likely
Clokey's cryptantha ( <i>Cryptantha clokeyi</i> )	BLMS, CRPR 1B.2	Suitable habitat present with recent CNDDDB record in area. Not observed during survey or at selected reference site location. Found in Creosote Bush–White Bursage Scrub habitat at elevations of 725–1,365 meters amsl. Known blooming period of April.	Likely
purple-nerve cymopterus <i>Cymopterus multinervatus</i>	CRPR 2B.2	Suitable habitat present with recent CCH records in area. Not observed during survey. Found in Creosote Bush–White Bursage Scrub and singleleaf pinyon woodland habitats with sandy or gravelly soils at elevations of 790–1,800 meters amsl. Known blooming period is March–April.	Likely
Salina Pass wild-rye ( <i>Elymus salina</i> )	CRPR 2B.3	No suitable habitat present. Found in rocky areas of singleleaf pinyon woodland at elevations of 1,350–2,135 meters amsl. Known blooming period is May–June.	Does not occur
Parish's daisy ( <i>Erigeron parishii</i> )	FT, CRPR 1B.1	No suitable habitat present. Prefers limestone mountain slopes; often associated with drainages. Sometimes on granite in Creosote Bush–White Bursage Scrub and singleleaf pinyon woodland habitats at elevation of 800–2,000 meters amsl. . Known blooming period is May–August.	Does not occur
Cushenbury buckwheat ( <i>Eriogonum ovalifolium</i> var. <i>vineum</i> )	FE, CRPR 1B.1	Considered out of species range. Prefers limestone mountain slopes in Joshua tree woodland, creosote bush–white bursage scrub, and singleleaf pinyon woodland habitats. Found at elevations of 1,400–2,440 meters amsl. Known blooming period is May–August.	Does not occur
Utah vine milkvetch ( <i>Funastrum utahense</i> )	CRPR 4.2	Suitable habitat present, observed during surveys. Found in sandy or gravelly sites in the desert. 100-1435 amsl. Known blooming period is April - September.	Occurs
Mojave menodora ( <i>Menodora spinescens</i> var. <i>varmohavensis</i> )	BLMS, CRPR 1B.2	Suitable habitat present. Species not observed within Project Area but observed at reference site location. Positive identification of this species at the reference site location and a lack of its presence during surveys suggest species does not occur within the Project Area. Occurs on andesite gravel, rocky hillsides, and canyons in creosote bush–white bursage scrub. Found at elevations of 690–2,000 meters amsl. Known blooming period is April-May.	Does not occur (Formerly Likely)

Common Name (Scientific Name)	Species Status	Comments	Potential to Occur
Darlington's blazing star ( <i>Mentzelia puberula</i> )	CRPR 2B.2	Suitable habitat present but no recent records in area. Prefers sandy crevices in cliffs or on rocky slopes within creosote bush–white bursage scrub. Found at elevations of 90–1,280 meters amsl. Known blooming period is March–May.	Unlikely
creamy blazing star ( <i>Mentzelia tridentata</i> )	BLMS, CRPR 1B.3	Suitable habitat present with recent CCH records in area. Not observed during surveys or at reference site location. Prefers rocky slopes gravelly, and sandy slopes in Creosote Bush–White Bursage Scrub habitat. Found at elevation of 700–1,160 meters amsl. Known blooming period is March–May.	Likely
Mojave monkeyflower ( <i>Mimulus mohavensis</i> )	BLMS, CRPR 1B.2	Suitable habitat present with recent CCH record in area. Not observed during surveys or at reference site location. Prefers gravelly banks of desert washes. Found at elevation of 600–1000 meters amsl. Known blooming period is April–May.	Likely
white-margined beardtongue ( <i>Penstemon albomarginatus</i> )	BLMS, CRPR 1B.1	Suitable habitat present with recent CCH records in area. Not observed during surveys or at reference site location. Prefers deep stabilized desert sand, in washes and along roadsides in desert dunes and desert wash, and creosote bush–white bursage scrub. Found at elevations of 640–1,065 meters amsl. Known blooming period is March–May.	Likely
Parish's phacelia ( <i>Phacelia parishii</i> )	BLMS, CRPR 1B.1	Suitable habitat present. Species not observed within Project Area but observed at reference site location. Positive identification of this species at the reference site location and a lack of its presence during surveys suggest this species does not occur within the Project Area. Found on dry lake margins, alkaline flats and slopes or on clay soils in Creosote Bush–White Bursage Scrub and playa habitats. Occurs at elevations of 540–1200 meters. Known blooming period is April–July.	Does not occur (Formerly Likely)
Parish's popcornflower ( <i>Plagiobothrys parishii</i> )	CRPR 1B.1	Suitable habitat present. Species not observed within Project Area but observed at reference site location. Positive identification of this species at the reference site location and a lack of its presence during surveys suggest this species does not occur within the Project Area. Occurs on alkaline, mesic areas of big sagebrush and Joshua tree woodland habitats at elevations of 750–1,400 meters amsl. Known blooming period is March–November.	Does not occur (Formerly Likely)
intermountain milkwort ( <i>Polygala intermontana</i> )	CRPR 2B.1	Considered out of species range. Occurs in singleleaf pinyon woodland habitats at elevations of 2,010–3,080 meters. Known blooming period is June–July.	Does not occur
Parish's alkali grass ( <i>Puccinellia parishii</i> )	BLMS, CRPR 1B.1	Marginal habitat present with CCH recent records in area, not observed during surveys. Occurs in yerba mansa meadows habitats at elevations of 700–1,000 meters amsl. Known blooming period is April–May.	Unlikely



Common Name (Scientific Name)	Species Status	Comments	Potential to Occur
California alkali grass ( <i>Puccinellia simplex</i> )	CRPR 1B.2	Marginal habitat present and no recent records, not observed during surveys. Prefers alkaline, vernal mesic sinks, flats, and lake margins in yerba mansa meadows, allscale scrub, and annual grasslands, and vernal pools at elevations ranging from 2–930 meters amsl. Known blooming period is March–May.	Unlikely
Latimer's woodland-gilia ( <i>Saltugilia latimeri</i> )	BLMS, CRPR1B.2	Marginal suitable habitat present and no recent records. Found in chaparral, Mojavean desert scrub, pinyon juniper woodland. habitats with rocky or sandy soils at elevations of 400–1,900 meters amsl. Known blooming period March–June.	Unlikely
salt spring checkerbloom ( <i>Sidalcea neomexicana</i> )	CRPR 2B.2	Marginal habitat present with recent CCH records in area. Not observed during surveys. Found in Alkaline springs, marshes. Prefers alkaline and mesic soils of black sage scrub, singleleaf pinyon woodland, creosote bush–white bursage scrub, and playa habitats at elevations of 15–1,530 meters. Known blooming period is March–June.	Unlikely

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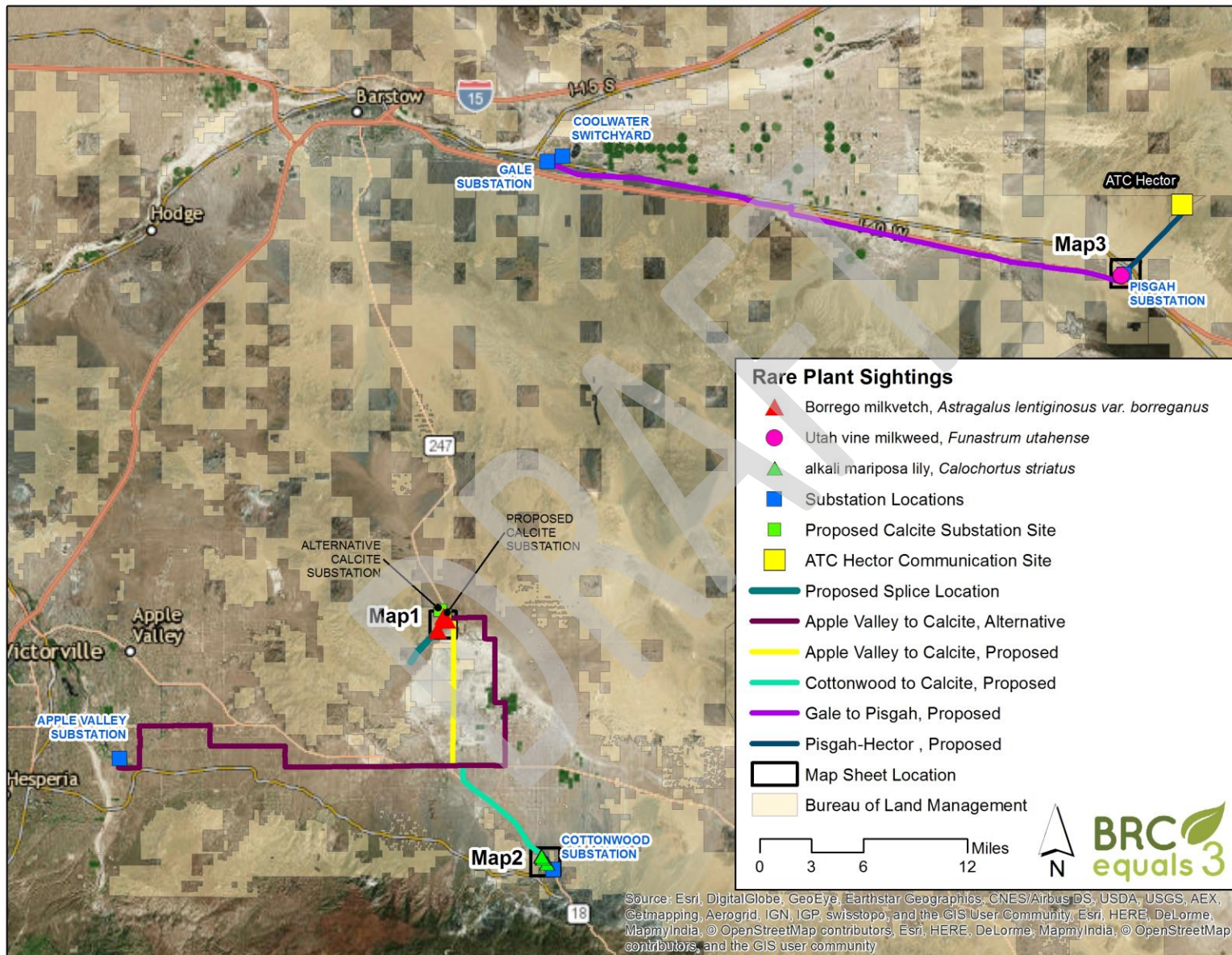
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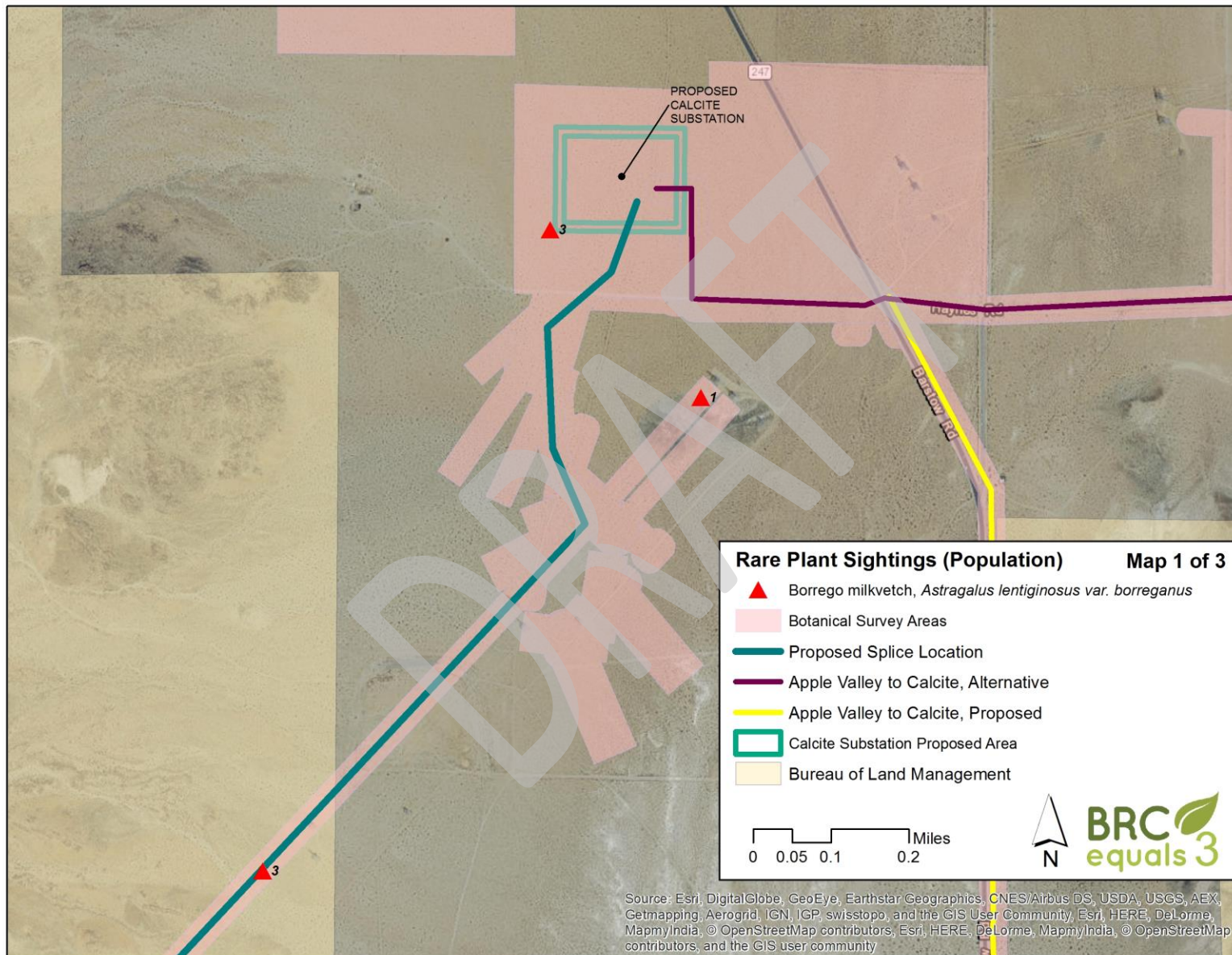
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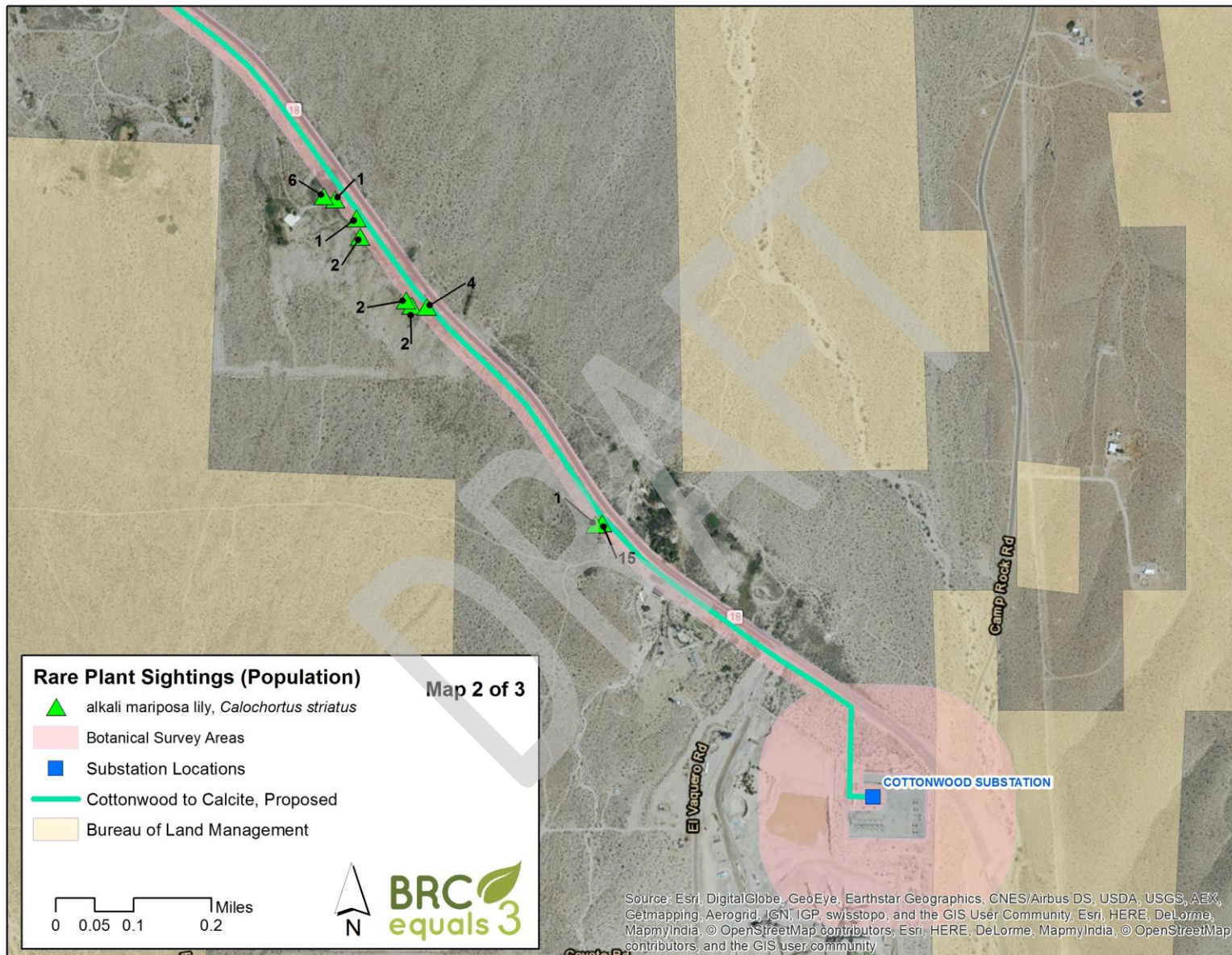
**ATTACHMENT B:  
PROJECT SURVEY AREA AND LOCATION OF SPECIAL STATUS PLANT  
SPECIES OBSERVED**

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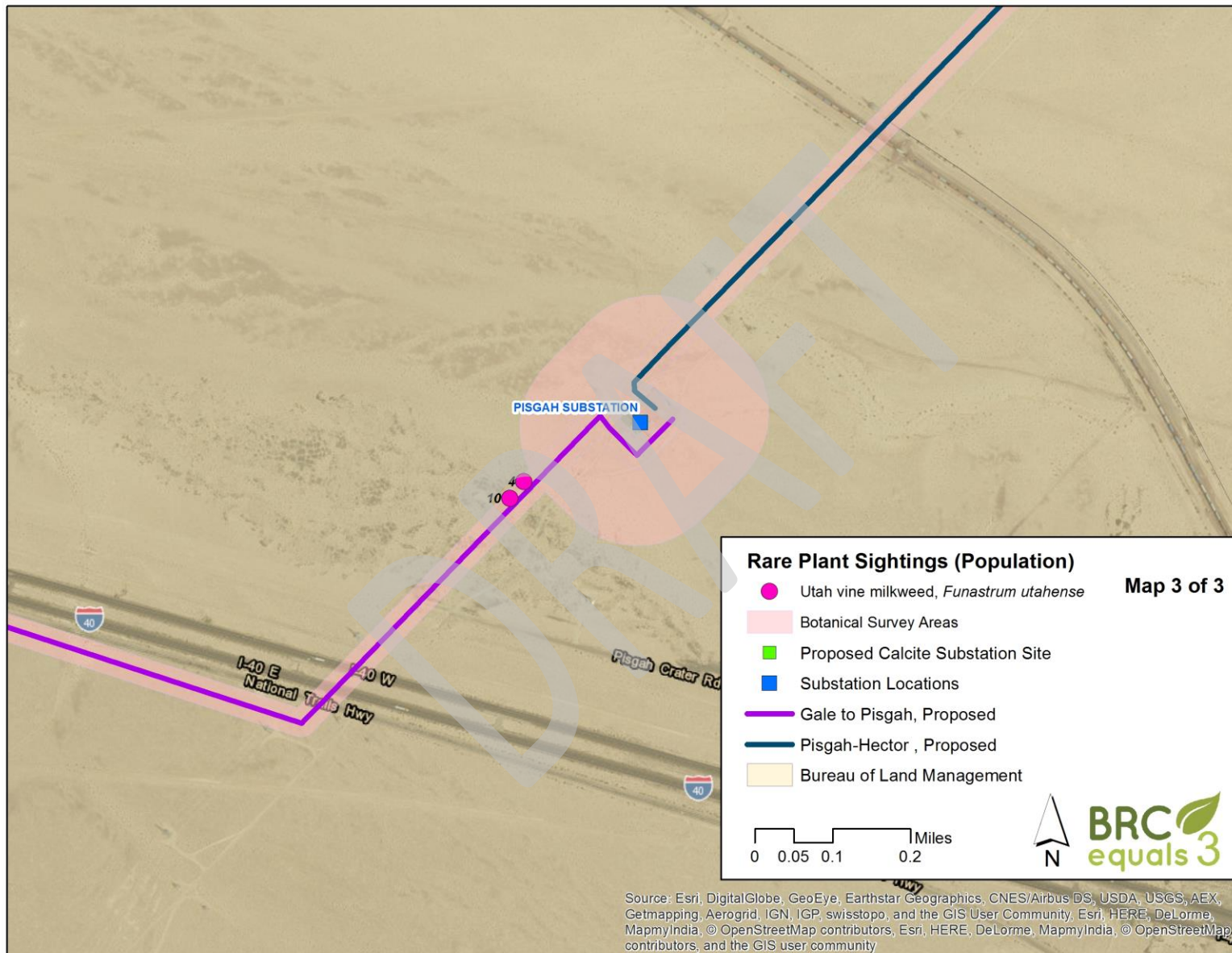












**ATTACHMENT C:  
PLANT SPECIES OBSERVED IN THE PROJECT AREA**

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Table 3. Plant species observed during 2016 botanical surveys.

Scientific Name	Common Name	Family	Native / Non-Native
<i>Abronia villosa</i> var. <i>villosa</i>	desert sand verbena	Nyctaginaceae	Native
<i>Aamptopappus sphaerocephalus</i>	goldenheads	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Achnatherum hymenoides</i>	Indian rice grass	Poaceae	Native
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	tree of heaven	Simaroubaceae	Non-Native
<i>Aliciella latifolia</i>	broadleaf gilia	Polemoniaceae	Native
<i>Allionia incarnata</i>	trailing allionia	Nyctaginaceae	Native
<i>Allium fimbriatum</i>	wild onion	Alliaceae	Native
<i>Ambrosia acanthicarpa</i>	burrweed	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Ambrosia dumosa</i>	white bursage	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Ambrosia psilostachya</i>	western ragweed	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Ambrosia salsola</i>	burrowbush	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Amsinckia tessellata</i>	fiddleneck	Boraginaceae	Native
<i>Anemopsis californica</i>	yerba mansa	Saururaceae	Native
<i>Asclepias erosa</i>	desert milkweed	Apocynaceae	Native
<i>Astragalus lentiginosus</i>	freckled milkvetch	Fabaceae	Native
<b><i>Astragalus lentiginosus</i> var. <i>borreganus</i></b>	<b>Borrego milkvetch</b>	<b>Fabaceae</b>	<b>Native</b>
<i>Atriplex canescens</i>	fourwing saltbush	Chenopodiaceae	Native
<i>Atriplex confertifolia</i>	shadscale	Chenopodiaceae	Native
<i>Atriplex lentiformis</i>	big saltbush	Chenopodiaceae	Native
<i>Atriplex polycarpa</i>	allscale	Chenopodiaceae	Native
<i>Atriplex hymenlytra</i>	desert holly	Chenopodiaceae	Native
<i>Avena fatua</i>	wild oat	Poaceae	Non-Native
<i>Baileya pleniradiata</i>	wooly marigold	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Bebbia juncea</i> var. <i>aspera</i>	sweetbush	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Brassica nigra</i>	black mustard	Brassicaceae	Non-Native
<i>Brassica tournefortii</i>	Sahara mustard	Brassicaceae	Non-Native

Scientific Name	Common Name	Family	Native / Non-Native
<i>Brickellia atractyloides</i>	spearleaf brickelbush	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Brickellia desertorum</i>	desert brickelbush	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Bromus madritensis</i>	red brome	Poaceae	Non-Native
<i>Bromus tectorum</i>	cheatgrass	Poaceae	Non-Native
<i>Caesalpinia gilliesii</i>	bird of paradise	Fabaceae	Non-Native
<b><i>Calochortus striatus</i></b>	<b>alkali mariposa-lily</b>	<b>Liliaceae</b>	<b>Native</b>
<i>Chaenactis Carphoclinia</i> var. <i>carpoclinia</i>	pebble pincushion	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Castilleja chromosa</i>	desert paint brush	Orobanchaceae	Native
<i>Catilleja linarifolia</i>	Wyoming paint brush	Orobanchaceae	Native
<i>Chaenactis fremontii</i>	pincusion flower	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Chaenactis stevioides</i>	desert pincushion	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Chilopsis linearis</i>	desert willow	Bignoniaceae	Native
<i>Chorizanthe brevicornu</i>	rigid spiny herb	Polygonaceae	Native
<i>Chorizanthe rigida</i>	rigid spineflower	Polygonaceae	Native
<i>Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus</i>	yellow rabbit brush	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Chylismia brevipes</i>	yellow cups	Onagraceae	Native
<i>Chylismia campestris</i>	Mojave suncup	Onagraceae	Native
<i>Chylismia claviformis</i> ssp. <i>claviformis</i>	clavate fruited primrose	Onagraceae	Native
<i>Circium mohavense</i>	Mojave thistle	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Cleomella obtusifolia</i>	bluntleaf stinkweed	Cleomaceae	Native
<i>Coleogyne ramosissima</i>	blackbrush	Rosaceae	Native
<i>Croton californicus</i>	croton	Euphorbiaceae	Native
<i>Cryptantha angustifolia</i>	panamint cryptantha	Boraginaceae	Native
<i>Cryptantha barbiger</i>	bearded cryptantha	Boraginaceae	Native
<i>Cryptantha circumscissa</i>	forget-me-not	Boraginaceae	Native
<i>Cryptantha nevadensis</i>	Nevada forget-me-not	Boraginaceae	Native
<i>Cryptantha pectocarya</i>	winged nut cryptantha	Boraginaceae	Native
<i>Cucurbita palmata</i>	coyote gourd	Cucurbitaceae	Native
<i>Cuscuta nevadensis</i>	desert dodder	Convolvulaceae	Native

Scientific Name	Common Name	Family	Native / Non-Native
<i>Cylindropuntia echinocarpa</i>	golden cholla	Cactaceae	Native
<i>Cylindropuntia ramosissima</i>	branched pencil cholla	Cactaceae	Native
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	Bermuda grass	Poaceae	Non-Native
<i>Dalea mollis</i>	hairy prairie clover	Fabaceae	Native
<i>Dalea mollissima</i>	downy dalea	Fabaceae	Native
<i>Dasyochloa pulchella</i>	fluffgrass	Poaceae	Native
<i>Datura discolor</i>	desert thornapple	Solanaceae	Native
<i>Delphinium parishii</i>	Parish's larkspur	Ranunculaceae	Native
<i>Descurainia pinnata</i>	tansy mustard	Brassicaceae	Native
<i>Descurainia sophia</i>	flix weed	Brassicaceae	Native
<i>Dieteria canescens</i>	hoary aster	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Distichlis spicata</i>	saltgrass	Poaceae	Native
<i>Ditaxis neomexicana</i>	common ditaxis	Euphorbiaceae	Native
<i>Echinocactus polycephalus</i>	cottontop cactus	Cactaceae	Native
<i>Echinocerus engelmannii</i>	Engelmann's hedgehog	Cactaceae	Native
<i>Encelia actonii</i>	Acton encelia	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Encelia farinosa</i>	brittlebush	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Encelia frutescens</i>	rayless brittlebush	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Ephedra nevadensis</i>	Nevada ephedra	Ephedraceae	Native
<i>Ephedra viridis</i>	Mormon tea	Ephedraceae	Native
<i>Ephedra trifurca</i>	long-leafed ephedra	Ephedraceae	Native
<i>Eremalche exilis</i>	white mallow	Malvaceae	Native
<i>Eremalche rotundifolia</i>	desert five spot	Malvaceae	Native
<i>Eremothera boothii</i> ssp. <i>condensata</i>	desert lantern	Onagraceae	Native
<i>Eremothera reducta</i>	narrow-leaved primrose	Onagraceae	Native
<i>Eriastrum eremicum</i>	desert wooly star	Polemoniaceae	Native
<i>Ericameria laricifolia</i>	turpentine bush	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Ericameria nauseosa</i>	rubber rabbitbrush	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Eriodictyon trichocalyx</i>	hairy yerba santa	Boraginaceae	Native

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<i>Eriogonum brachypodum</i>	Parry's buckwheat	Polygonaceae	Native
<i>Eriogonum deflexum</i> var. <i>defleum</i>	flatcrown buckwheat	Polygonaceae	Native
<i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i> var. <i>polifolium</i>	California buckwheat	Polygonaceae	Native
<i>Eriogonum inflatum</i>	desert trumpet	Polygonaceae	Native
<i>Eriogonum maculatum</i>	angle stemmed buckwheat	Polygonaceae	Native
<i>Eriogonum midularium</i>	whisk broom	Polygonaceae	Native
<i>Eriogonum reniforme</i>	kidney leaf buckwheat	Polygonaceae	Native
<i>Eriogonum tricopes</i>	little desert buckwheat	Polygonaceae	Native
<i>Eriophyllum wallacei</i>	Wallace's eriophyllum	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Erodium cicutarium</i>	Storksbill filaree	Geraniaceae	Non-Native
<i>Erodium texanum</i>	desert heron's bill	Geraniaceae	Native
<i>Eschscholzia californica</i>	California poppy	Papaveraceae	Native
<i>Eschscholzia minutiflora</i>	pygmy poppy	Papaveraceae	Native
<i>Eucnide urens</i>	desert bush nettle	Loasaceae	Native
<i>Euphorbia albomarginata</i>	rattlesnake spruce	Ephedraceae	Native
<i>Euphorbia polycarpa</i>	smallseed sandmat	Ephedraceae	Native
<i>Ferocactus acanthodes</i>	California barrel cactus	Cactaceae	Native
<b><i>Funastrum utahense</i></b>	<b>Utah vine milkweed</b>	<b>Apocynaceae</b>	<b>Native</b>
<i>Geraea canescens</i>	hairy desert sunflower	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Gilia</i> sp.	gilia	Polemoniaceae	Native
<i>Grayia spinosa</i>	hopsage	Chenopodiaceae	Native
<i>Gutierrezia microcephala</i>	matchweed	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Isocoma aradenia</i> var. <i>eremophila</i>	solitary-leaved alkali goldenbush	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Heliotropium curassavicum</i>	Chinese parsley	Boraginaceae	Native
<i>Hesperoyucca whipplei</i>	chaparral yucca	Agavaceae	Native
<i>Hilaria rigida</i>	big galleta grass	Poaceae	Native
<i>Hirschfeldia incana</i>	Sahara mustard	Brassicaceae	Non-Native
<i>Hordeum murinum</i> ssp. <i>glaucum</i>	blue foxtail	Poaceae	Non-Native
<i>Iva axillaris</i>	poverty weed	Asteraceae	Native

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<i>Juncus</i> sp.	rush	Juncaceae	Native
<i>Juniperus californica</i>	California juniper	Cupressaceae	Native
<i>Krameria bicolor</i>	white ratany	Krameriaceae	Native
<i>Krameria erecta</i>	little leaved ratany	Krameriaceae	Native
<i>Krascheninnikovia lanata</i>	winter fat	Chenopodiaceae	Native
<i>Langloisia setosissima</i> ssp. <i>punctata</i>	lilac sunbonnet	Polemoniaceae	Native
<i>Larrea tridentata</i>	creosote bush	Zygophyllaceae	Native
<i>Lasthenia californica</i>	goldfields	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Lepidium flavum</i>	yellow pepper grass	Brassicaceae	Native
<i>Lepidium fremontii</i>	bush peppergrass	Brassicaceae	Native
<i>Lepidium nitidum</i>	peppergrass	Brassicaceae	Native
<i>Lepidospartum squamatum</i>	California broomsage	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Linanthus parryae</i>	Parry's linanthus	Polemoniaceae	Native
<i>Loeseliastrum mathewsii</i>	desert calico	Polemoniaceae	Native
<i>Lupinus shockleyi</i> .	Shockley lupine	Fabaceae	Native
<i>Lycium andersonii</i>	Anderson's thorn bush	Solanaceae	Native
<i>Lycium cooperii</i>	Cooper's box thorn	Solanaceae	Native
<i>Malacothrix glabrata</i>	desert dandelion	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Mammillaria tetracistra</i>	common fishhook cactus	Cactaceae	Native
<i>Mentzelia albicaulis</i>	small-flowered blazing star	Loasaceae	Native
<i>Mentzelia laevicaulis</i>	giant blazing star	Loasaceae	Native
<i>Mesembryanthemum crystallinum</i>	common iceplant	Aizoaceae	Non-native
<i>Mimulus bigelovii</i>	Bigelow's monkeyflower	Phrymaceae	Native
<i>Mirabilis multiflora</i>	desert four-o'clock	Nyctaginaceae	Native
<i>Mohavea breviflora</i>	lesser mohavea	Plantaginaceae	Native
<i>Mohavea confertiflora</i>	ghost flower	Plantaginaceae	Native
<i>Monoptilon bellidiforme</i>	small desert star	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Muhlenbergia asperifolia</i>	scratchgrass	Poaceae	Native
<i>Myriopteris parryi</i>	Parry's lip fern	Pteridaceae	Native



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<i>Nama demissum</i>	purple mat	Hydrophyllaceae	Native
<i>Nicolletia occidnetallis</i>	Mojave sand plant	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Nicotiana obtusifolia</i>	desert tobacco	Solanaceae	Native
<i>Oenothera californica</i>	evening primrose	Onagraceae	Native
<i>Oligomeris linifolia</i>	lineleaf whitepuff	Resedaceae	Native
<i>Opuntia basilaris</i> ssp. <i>basilaris</i>	beavertail cactus	Cactaceae	Native
<i>Opuntia echinocarpa</i>	silver cholla	Cactaceae	Native
<i>Oxytheca perfoliata</i>	roundleaf oxytheca	Polygonaceae	Native
<i>Parkinsonia aculeata</i>	Mexican palo verde	Fabaceae	Native
<i>Pectis papposa</i>	chinch weed	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Pectocarya penicillata</i>	Baja pectocarya	Boraginaceae	Native
<i>Pectocarya platycarpa</i>	broad nutted comb bur	Boraginaceae	Native
<i>Pectocarya setosa</i>	moth combseed	Boraginaceae	Native
<i>Peritoma arborea</i> var. <i>angustata</i>	bladderpod	Cleomaceae	Native
<i>Perityle emoryi</i>	Emory's rock daisy	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Petalonyx thurberi</i>	sandpaper plant	Loasaceae	Native
<i>Peucephyllum schottii</i>	desert fir	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Phacelia distans</i>	common phacelia	Boraginaceae	Native
<i>Phacelia campanularia</i>	desert cantebury bell	Boraginaceae	Native
<i>Phacelia crenulata</i> var. <i>ambigua</i>	heliotrope phacelia	Boraginaceae	Native
<i>Phacelia fremontii</i>	Fremont's phacelia	Boraginaceae	Native
<i>Pholistoma membranaceum</i>	white fiesta flower	Boraginaceae	Native
<i>Physalis crassifolia</i>	thick leaf ground cherry	Solanaceae	Native
<i>Plantago ovata</i>	desert plantain	Plantaginaceae	Native
<i>Plantago ovata</i> var. <i>insularis</i>	desert plantain	Plantaginaceae	Native
<i>Pleurocoronis pluriseta</i>	arrow leaf	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Populus fremontii</i>	Fremont cottonwood	Salicaceae	Native
<i>Prosopis glandulosa</i>	honey mesquite	Fabaceae	Native
<i>Prunus fasciculata</i>	desert almond	Rosaceae	Native

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<i>Psorothamnus schottii</i>	indigo bush	Fabaceae	Native
<i>Psorothamnus spinosus</i>	smoketree	Fabaceae	Native
<i>Pterostegia drymarioides</i>	fairy mist	Polygonaceae	Native
<i>Purshia tridentate</i> var. <i>glandulosa</i>	antelope brush	Rosaceae	Native
<i>Rafinesquia neomexicana</i>	desert chicory	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Robinia neomexicana</i>	desert locust	Fabaceae	Native
<i>Salix exigua</i>	narrow-leaved willow	Salicaceae	Native
<i>Salix laevigata</i>	red willow	Salicaceae	Native
<i>Salix lasiolepis</i>	arroyo willow	Salicaceae	Native
<i>Salsola tragus</i>	Russian thistle	Chenopodiaceae	Non-Native
<i>Salvia columbariae</i>	chia sage	Lamiaceae	Native
<i>Salvia mohavensis</i>	Mohave sage	Lamiaceae	Native
<i>Sambucus nigra</i>	black elderberry	Adoxaceae	Native
<i>Schinus molle</i>	Peruvian pepper tree	Anacardiaceae	Non-Native
<i>Schismus barbatus</i>	Mediterranean grass	Poaceae	Non-native
<i>Senegalia greggii</i>	cat claw	Fabaceae	Native
<i>Senna armata</i>	desert senna	Fabaceae	Native
<i>Sisymbrium irio.</i>	London rocket	Brassicaceae	Non-native
<i>Solanum elaeagnifolium</i>	horse nettle	Solanaceae	Non-native
<i>Sphaeralcea ambigua</i>	desert globe mallow	Malvaceae	Native
<i>Stanleya pinnata</i>	Prince's plume	Brassicaceae	Native
<i>Stephanomeria exigua</i> ssp. <i>exigua</i>	mitra	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Stephanomeria pauciflora</i>	desert straw	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Stipa hymenoides</i>	Indian ricegrass	Poaceae	Native
<i>Stipa speciosa</i>	desert needle	Poaceae	Native
<i>Suaeda moquinii</i>	Mojave seablite	Chenopodiaceae	Native
<i>Syntrichopappus freemontii</i>	false woolly daisy	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Tamarix</i> sp.	salt cedar	Tamaricaceae	Non-Native
<i>Tauschia parishii</i>	Parish's tauschia	Apiaceae	Native

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<i>Tetradymia axillaris</i> var. <i>longispina</i>	catclaw horsebush	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Tidestromia suffruticosa</i> var. <i>oblongifolia</i>	honeysweet	Amaranthaceae	Native
<i>Tiquilia plicata</i>	plicate coldenia	Boraginaceae	Native
<i>Trianthema portulacastrum</i>	desert horseplane	Aizoaceae	Native
<i>Tribulus terrestris</i>	puncture vine	Zygophyllaceae	Non-Native
<i>Typha latifolia</i>	broad-leaved cattail	Potamogetonaceae	Native
<i>Vitis californica</i>	southern California grape	Vitaceae	Native
<i>Vulpia myuros</i>	rattail fescue	Poaceae	Non-Native
<i>Xylorhiza tortifolia</i> var. <i>tortifolia</i>	Mojave woodystar	Asteraceae	Native
<i>Yucca brevifolia</i>	Joshua tree	Agavaceae	Native
<i>Yucca schidigera</i>	Mojave yucca	Agavaceae	Native

**ATTACHMENT D:  
PHOTOS OF SPECIAL-STATUS PLANT SPECIES OBSERVED IN THE  
PROJECT AREA**

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**Photo 1.** Individual alkali mariposa-lily in flower observed directly west of Hwy 18 within the Project Area.



**Photo 2.** Borrego's milkvetch with fruit observed west of Hwy 247 within the Project Area.





**Photo 3.** Utah vine milkweed vegetation observed along northern telecom, within the Project Area.

