# RIFLE RANGE CREEK: 

Hydrology Report
Restoration Plan Preliminary Creek Protection Plan

## Oak Knoll Mixed Use Community Development Project

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Oak Knoll Mixed Use Community Development Project ("Project") site consists of the former Naval Medical Center Oakland (NMCO) property at Oak Knoll and an adjacent parcel to the southeast. It is located approximately seven miles southeast of downtown Oakland and is bounded by Mountain Boulevard and Interstate 580 to the west, Keller Avenue to the north and east, and Sequoyah Road to the south. A location map is provided in Figure 1.

The NMCO facility was decommissioned in 1996 and has been unoccupied since that time, with the exception of continued operations at two privately owned inholdings: the Sea West Federal Coast Guard Credit Union and the Seneca Center for Children and Families. Rifle Range Creek, a tributary of Arroyo Viejo, flows from north to south across the project site and is one of its most prominent natural features.

The proposed development includes multiple land uses including single-family and multi-family residential as well as mixed use parcels. Appendix 1 is a site plan that shows existing and proposed topography for the site as well as proposed parcel boundaries and land use designations. The project also includes restoration and enhancement of Rifle Range Creek. This report summarizes Rifle Range Creek hydrology and hydraulic analyses, describes the restoration plan for the creek (including $60 \%$ complete design plans), and presents a preliminary creek protection plan. A tree removal impact and mitigation plan is provided in Appendix 2.


Figure 1 Location Map

## 2. SETTING

The project site covers approximately 187 acres on the western flank of the Oakland Hills, east of Highway 580 and south of Keller Avenue. The Rifle Range Branch of Arroyo Viejo, also known as Rifle Range Creek, flows from north to south across the project site.

Rifle Range Creek is the largest and northernmost of three tributaries to Arroyo Viejo that originate in the Oakland hills. At the point where it leaves the Oak Knoll site, the creek drains a watershed area of approximately 920 acres (including the project area). The headwaters and upper watershed are located in the Leona Canyon Open Space Preserve; the remainder of the watershed contains a mix of residential development and open space. An in-line detention basin, owned and maintained by the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (ACFCWCD), is located at the downstream end of the Leona Canyon Open Space Preserve. The basin is approximately 4.5 acres in area and $20-30$ feet deep. The basin and outlet structure regulate flood flows to the creek and also trap sediment from the upper watershed area.

Rifle Range Creek flows in an enclosed culvert for approximately 1000 feet from the detention basin to an outfall just south of Keller Avenue near the project site boundary. From there, the creek flows southward across the project site through a series of open channel and culverted sections, including several road crossings. Surface drainage from the majority of the project site is delivered to the creek channel by an underground storm drain system with outfalls occurring at various intervals along the channel. However the drainage system has not been maintained since the closure of the NMCO and many elements are damaged, blocked or failing.

Two tributary channels enter the creek from the east. The northern tributary ("Hospital Creek"), which appears to drain the area of the former hospital building, is culverted on the project site except for a channel fragment near the confluence with Rifle Range Creek. The open channel fragment is approximately 300 feet long, starting from a storm drain outfall at the southern edge of the main hospital parking lot. The historic watershed of the southern tributary ("Power House Creek") encompassed the southeastern portion of the project site and surrounding hillsides.

As with other East Bay creeks, Rifle Range Creek has been influenced by a pattern of grazing, urbanization and hydrologic modifications in the watershed. Earliest records of the project site show it was part of the 1820 Spanish land grant Rancho San Antonio, and was used for cattle ranching and timber extraction. USGS topographic maps and aerial photos from 1897 to 1939 (Error! Reference source not found.) show no urban development in the watershed prior to the construction of the Oakland Naval Hospital. The 1939 aerial photo shows the site undeveloped but suggests it was heavily grazed. A 1947 aerial photo (Error! Reference source not found.) shows two subdivisions east and west of the hospital.



The Oakland Naval Hospital was constructed on the project site in 1942. As part of construction of the hospital, over 1,000 feet of Rifle Range Creek channel was culverted and covered. Hospital creek and much of Power House creek were also culverted and covered. Between 1946 and 1968, subdivisions expanded north east of the project site and between 1980 and 1987 the remaining watershed northwest of the site was developed to its current limit at the Leona Canyon Open Space Preserve. During the same period, a detention basin was constructed at the foot of Leona Canyon and the channel between the Leona Canyon and the project site was culverted.

The two tributaries, Hospital Creek and Powerhouse Creek, were culverted and filled to their current condition by the time of the 1947 aerial photo. Sections of Powerhouse Creek upstream of its confluence with Rifle Ranch Creek were culverted, with the remaining channel upstream left open. Field observations suggest that the upstream watershed was subsequently routed to the storm drainage system with the development of the hillsides to the south and east. As a result, it appears the historic Powerhouse Creek channel upstream of the culverted section has been dewatered except for local slope runoff.

## 3. STORMWATER

A Preliminary Storm Drainage Master Plan, prepared for the project by BKF Engineers, is provided in Appendix 3. This plan describes the on-site drainage and stormwater management facilities that will treat, retain and convey runoff from the project. The Preliminary Plan provides general concepts and guidelines that will be followed in developing more detailed design as the project moves forward. It describes long term, post-construction strategies to treat stormwater runoff consistent with Alameda Countywide Clean Water Program guidance.

As described in the Preliminary Plan, the storm drainage system will include street curb and gutter systems, ditches, underground storm drain lines, stormwater treatment facilities and multiple outfalls to Rifle Range Creek. Low impact development stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) such as bioretention areas and grass swales will be used to treat storm drainage flow before discharging to the creek. Where feasible, runoff from self-treating areas such as open spaces and landscape areas will be intercepted to bypass treatment basins. Appendix 4 provides a preliminary "C. 3 Plan" summarizing the storm drainage pattern and treatment areas for the project site.

## 4. HYDROLOGY

HEC HMS rainfall / runoff modeling software, developed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, was used to estimate Rifle Range Creek flows watershed using Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (ACFCD) guidelines (ACFCD, 2003). HEC HMS simulates watershed runoff based on rainfall depths, watershed characteristics, and other parameters entered by the user. The model generates an outflow hydrograph (time series of flow rates) for each model computation point. Computation points are typically the downstream end of each watershed or subwatershed identified by the user. HEC HMS modeling methods and results are described in the following sections.

The HEC HMS model was configured to simulate runoff from extreme events and does not reflect the detailed configuration of the proposed on-site stormwater management system. Analysis of the on-site storm drainage system was performed using different methods as described in the Appendix 3 Preliminary Storm Drainage Master Plan.

### 4.1 DESIGN RAINSTORMS

Rainfall time series for $5-, 10-, 15-, 25-$, and 100 -year recurrence intervals events were developed using ACFCD methods. A 6-hour storm duration was selected for all scenarios based on watershed size (watersheds with areas between 1- and 20- square miles). Total storm depths, summarized in Table 1, were calculated based on County isohyetals and distributed temporally using the ACFCD design hyetograph.

Table 1. Total Precipitation Depths for Design Storm Events

| Return Period <br> (yrs) | Storm Depth <br> (in) |
| :---: | :---: |
| 5 | 1.8 |
| 10 | 2.2 |
| 15 | 2.4 |
| 25 | 2.6 |
| 100 | 3.3 |

### 4.2 DETENTION BASIN

The Leona Canyon detention facility is located upstream of the project area and provides peak flood attenuation for large events. It was created by placing fill across the floodplain to impound water. An outlet structure, built into the fill, regulate outflows to the downstream storm drain system through three grated inlet structures at different elevations. The basin invert is approximately two feet below the lowest outlet invert, resulting in ponded water even during dry periods.

A topographic map of the detention basin, provided by ACFCD, was used to estimate the storage volume of the basin corresponding to a given water surface elevation. A discharge rating curve (the rate of outflow from the basin as function of water depth) was developed by assuming fullypressurized orifice flow (inlet controlled) through the outfall pipe. The stage-storage and outfall rating curve were used to develop the basin storage-discharge relationship shown in Table 4.8. This relationship is reflected in the HEC HMS model setup for the Leona Canyon watershed subbasin.

Table 2. Leona Canyon detention basin elevation-storage-discharge relationship

| Elevation <br> (ft) | Storage <br> (ac-ft) | Discharge <br> (cfs) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $393^{*}$ | 0 | 0 |
| 394 | 2 | 60.5 |
| 396 | 5.9 | 104.8 |
| 398 | 9.9 | 135.3 |
| 400 | 13.9 | 160.1 |
| 402 | 20.2 | 181.5 |
| 404 | 26.6 | 200.7 |
| 406 | 33 | 218.2 |
| 408 | 39.3 | 234.3 |
| 410 | 45.7 | 249.5 |
| 412 | 54.9 | 263.7 |
| 414 | 64.2 | 277.3 |
| 416 | 73.4 | 290.2 |
| 418 | 82.7 | 302.5 |
| 420 | 92.1 | 314.4 |

* Lowest grate elevation is at 393 ft (NAVD)


### 4.3 WATERSHED PARAMETERS

The Rifle Range Creek watershed, including both upstream and on-site areas, was divided into sub-basins to model runoff for a range of storm events under existing and post-project conditions. Sub-basin delineations are shown in Figure 4. The existing conditions sub-basins were delineated using ArcHydro, a GIS tool used to characterize spatial data and convert this into the hydrologic parameters required as input to the rainfall-runoff model. The topography used to delineate the subbasins was from a 2006 LiDAR dataset collected by the USGS and obtained through the


NOAA Coastal LiDAR viewer (coast.noaa.gov/dataviewer/\#). Topographic subbasins in the upper watershed were modified slightly to reflect the City of Oakland's storm drainage master plan (CH2MHill, 2006). For the project site, sub-basins delineations were developed by BKF Engineers for project storm drainage planning and design (Appendix 3 Preliminary Storm Drainage Master Plan). Appendix 5 provides a table that summarizes watershed parameters by sub-basin.

The constant loss rate due to soil infiltration for each subwatershed is based on a composite average of the basin soils and land use characteristics. To compute the uniform loss rate for each catchment, the hydrologic soil map of the area was superimposed on the land use map and the drainage area map. The soil data used was the USDA's Soil Survey Geographic Database (SSURGO) dataset (USDA, accessed January 2014). The 2011 National Land Cover Dataset (Homer et al, 2015) and the 2011 NLCD percent imperviousness dataset (Xian et al, 2011) were used to define landuse and impervious percentages respectively. The NLCD categories were associated with a corresponding category from the ACFCD categories for infiltration. A composite map was developed and the appropriate loss rates based on Table 3 was assigned to each area (ACFCD, 2003). Finally, an area-weighted average of the uniform loss rate was computed for each sub-basin. Soil type and land use distribution by sub-basin for the existing conditions scenario are summarized in Table 4. Land use and soil type distributions for the postdevelopment scenario are summarized in Table 5 respectively.

Table 3. Uniform Loss Rates (inches/hour) for the Synthetic Unit Hydrograph Method (ACFCD, 2003)

| ACFCD category |  | Hydrologic Soil Group |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\mathbf{A}$ | $\mathbf{B}$ | $\mathbf{C}$ | $\mathbf{D}$ |
|  |  | Infiltration rates (in/hr) |  |  |  |
| Rural | Evergreen Forest | 0.45 | 0.35 | 0.14 | 0.05 |
|  | Herbaceuous | 0.45 | 0.35 | 0.14 | 0.05 |
|  | Mixed Forest | 0.45 | 0.35 | 0.14 | 0.05 |
|  | Shrub/Scrub | 0.45 | 0.35 | 0.14 | 0.05 |
|  | New Urban | Developed, Open Space | 0.45 | 0.37 | 0.19 |
| 0.0 .07 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Existing Urban | Developed, Medium Intensity | 0.45 | 0.4 | 0.25 | 0.09 |
|  | Developed, Low Intensity | 0.45 | 0.4 | 0.25 | 0.09 |

Table 4. Landuse, soil type, percent impervious, and infiltration rate for existing conditons sub-basins

| Basin | Total area (ac) | Landcover area (ac) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | \% Impervious | Infiltration rate (in/hr) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Rural |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | New | Urba |  | Existing Urban |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Evergreen Forest |  |  |  | Herbaceuous |  |  |  | Mixed Forest |  |  |  | Shrub/Scrub |  |  |  | Developed, Open Space |  |  |  | Developed, Medium Intensity |  |  |  | Developed, Low Intensity |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | A | B | C | D | A | B | C | D | A | B | C | D | A | B | C | D | A | B | C | D | A | B | C | D | A | B | C | D |  |  |
| 2159a | 487.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 13.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 272.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 41.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 136.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 16.1 | 3\% | 0.06 |
| 2159b | 54.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 22.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 25.5 | 22\% | 0.08 |
| 2160a | 67.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 19.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 19.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 13.7 | 12\% | 0.07 |
| 2160b | 56.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 17.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 34.3 | 43\% | 0.09 |
| 2161 | 40.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 16.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 18.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.4 | 31\% | 0.08 |
| 2162a | 19.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.6 | 30\% | 0.08 |
| 2162b | 31.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 18.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.8 | 40\% | 0.08 |
| 2163 | 35.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 16.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9.0 | 39\% | 0.08 |
| 2164 | 43.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 19.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 18.2 | 65\% | 0.09 |
| 2165 | 10.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 4.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 50\% | 0.10 |
| 2166 | 81.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.2 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.2 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 26.0 | 27.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 10.9 | 4.1 | 14\% | 0.14 |
| 2169 | 49.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.1 | 2.1 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 7.4 | 0.0 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 4.5 | 65\% | 0.21 |
| 3035 | 4.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 47\% | 0.25 |

Table 5. Landuse, soil type, percent impervious, and infiltration rate for project conditons sub-basins


### 4.4 RESULTS

The parameterized model was used to estimate peak flow rates through the Rifle Range Creek reaches for existing and project conditions. Upstream (entering the project site) and downstream (leaving the project site) peak flow rates for the 5 -year, 10 -year, 25 -year, and 100 -year design event are shown for existing and proposed conditions in Table 6.

Table 6. Existing and proposed discharge at downstream end of project site

|  | Peak flow (cfs) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Upstream end of <br> project reach | Downstream end of project reach |  |  |
|  | Existing | Proposed | \% change |  |
| 5-year | 222 | 369 | 357 | $-3.2 \%$ |
| 10-year | 284 | 496 | 477 | $-3.7 \%$ |
| 25-year | 360 | 630 | 614 | $-2.6 \%$ |
| 100-year | 470 | 821 | 800 | $-2.5 \%$ |

Model results show reductions in peak flow for all storm events modeled. Reductions in modeled peak flow result from 1) a reduction in total impervious area relative to existing conditions, which increases modeled infiltration rates and reduces runoff, and 2) changes in runoff timing for onsite sub-basins relative to the Rifle Range peak flow from the upper watershed.

## 5. HYDRAULICS AND FLOOD MANAGEMENT

A one-dimensional, steady-state HEC RAS hydraulic model of Rifle Range Creek was used to evaluate creek hydraulics for flood hazard assessment and to support design development. Model setup and results are described in this section. Modeling was conducted using methods that are consistent with ACFCD and FEMA guidelines.

### 5.1 STUDY REACH

The HEC RAS model extent covers Rifle Range Creek between the box culvert inlet at Mountain Boulevard and the upstream culvert outfall at Keller Avenue.

### 5.2 MODEL GEOMETRY

Station $0+00$ was assigned to the downstream-most surveyed cross-section, located at the face of the box culvert inlet, and channel stationing proceeds upstream along the flow line to the property boundary. Stationing differs slightly between existing and project conditions due to changes in creek alignment.

### 5.2.1 Existing Conditions

Model geometry for existing conditions was developed from ground surveys performed by BKF (2015). The data was converted into a topographic surface in CAD and cross-sections were cut from the surface in GIS using the HEC-GeoRAS toolbar which enables facilitation of data between GIS and HEC-RAS. There are five existing road and culvert crossings on the site. Existing culvert dimensions were measured in the field and are summarized in Table 7.

Table 7. Existing conditions culvert dimensions on Rifle Range Creek

| HEC-RAS <br> Station | $\begin{gathered} \text { Manning's } \\ \mathrm{n} \\ \hline \hline \end{gathered}$ | Shape | Dimensions |  | Invert elevation (ft NAVD) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Upstream | Downstream |
| 3855.5 | 0.016 | Circular | Diameter (ft) | 5.5 | 319.9 | 319.6 |
| 2803.5 | 0.014 |  |  | 5 | 300.0 | 277.7 |
| 2277.5 | 0.016 |  |  | 6 | 274.5 | 270.1 |
| 1353.5 | 0.014 |  |  | 5.5 | 250.1 | 248.3 |
| 602.5 | 0.02 | Ellipse | Span (ft) | 7.2 | 233.1 | 228.3 |
|  |  |  | Rise (ft) | 6.1 |  |  |

Channel roughness was observed during the field reconnaissance and assigned an appropriate Manning's " $n$ " value for the model. The low flow channel (which is generally open in the lower channel reaches) was assigned an $\mathrm{n}=0.04$ and the vegetated overbanks were specified as: $\mathrm{n}=0.08$ for most of the reach. Expansion and contraction coefficients are set to normal 0.1 and 0.3 ,
respectively, with the exception of the inlet and outlet of the existing culverts, where they were increased to 0.3 and 0.5 , respectively based on HEC guidance (USACE, 2010).

### 5.2.2 Post-project conditions

Post-project model geometry reflects the $60 \%$ channel restoration design and community development project as of November, 2015. Model results will be used to inform design refinements for future submittals. The hydraulic model will be updated if needed to reflect future design refinements.

A Manning's roughness coefficient of 0.045 was used to represent the future composite of the low flow channel, sinuosity, and in-stream vegetation. The overbank values were set at 0.09 to represent denser bank vegetation than the existing condition.

### 5.3 BOUNDARY CONDITIONS

The project reach for the existing conditions hydraulic model begins at an existing box culvert, located near the downstream property boundary bordering Mountain Boulevard. The model assumes the existing 6.0 ' wide by 7.0 ' tall box culvert will function under inlet control conditions for all events modeled. The downstream boundary condition (starting water surface elevation) was estimated from an inlet control nomograph for box culverts (FHWA, 1965). The starting water surface elevation for each flow profile is shown in Table 8.

Table 8. Starting Water Surface Elevations for Existing Conditions and Proposed Conditions

|  | Flow rate (cfs) |  | Water surface elevation (ft NAVD) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Profile | Existing | Proposed | Existing | Proposed |
| 5-year | 376 | 402 | 220.6 | 220.7 |
| 10-year | 488 | 520.7 | 223.42 | 223.35 |
| 25-year | 625 | 662.4 | 226.50 | 226.36 |
| 100-year | 823.8 | 857.4 | 233.57 | 233.50 |

### 5.3.1 Hydrology

Modeled flow rates and flow change locations are based on hydrologic modeling described above.

### 5.4 RESULTS

The hydraulic model was used to estimate peak water surface elevations for existing and proposed conditions. The model was run in subcritical flow conditions which is typical for flood analyses. The model results show some locations where the Froude number reaches 1.0 indicating that flow may go supercritical at these locations. Supercritical flow generates high velocity and high scour potential and is feasible under current conditions given the steepness and confinement of the existing channel. Under project conditions, the channel is designed to reduce velocities and
increase stability compared to the existing channel conditions by removing constrictions, reducing channel slope between grade controls, and increasing hydraulic roughness. The model results for the 100-year event are summarized in Table 9 for existing conditions and Table 10 for project conditions. Figure 5 shows water surface elevation profiles for the 100 -year event.

Table 9. Hydraulic model results for existing conditions 100-year discharge

| River station | Flow <br> (cfs) | Water surface elevation (ft NAVD) | Velocity (ft/s) | Depth <br> (ft) | Top width (ft) | Froude \# |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3934 | 470 | 329.54 | 2.04 | 6.48 | 81.67 | 0.23 |
| 3886 | 470 | 329.51 | 2.03 | 7.89 | 85 | 0.21 |
| 3855.5 | 5.5' diameter culvert |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3825 | 470 | 326.74 | 13.25 | 6.16 | 34.58 | 1 |
| 3800 | 470 | 324.28 | 8.06 | 3.77 | 29.44 | 1 |
| 3638 | 470 | 322.04 | 5.4 | 4.7 | 63.58 | 0.68 |
| 3537 | 470 | 319.83 | 9.1 | 5.3 | 20.96 | 0.96 |
| 3437 | 470 | 315.01 | 9.53 | 4.63 | 17.76 | 1.01 |
| 3356 | 470 | 312.01 | 9.51 | 4.41 | 18.24 | 1 |
| 3293 | 470 | 310.21 | 8.46 | 4.4 | 22.03 | 0.94 |
| 3199 | 470 | 310.11 | 4.84 | 6.05 | 29.05 | 0.45 |
| 3144 | 514.3 | 310.02 | 4.16 | 8.13 | 31.87 | 0.35 |
| 3106 | 514.3 | 310.13 | 2.41 | 10.04 | 50.62 | 0.22 |
| 2803.5 | 5.0' diameter culvert |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2501 | 514.3 | 291.5 | 1.78 | 13.41 | 36.29 | 0.11 |
| 2486 | 514.3 | 291.51 | 1.52 | 12.06 | 41.24 | 0.1 |
| 2412 | 514.3 | 291.49 | 1.27 | 15.58 | 54.68 | 0.11 |
| 2346 | 514.3 | 291.36 | 3.21 | 17.22 | 43.39 | 0.14 |
| 2277.5 | 6.0' diameter culvert |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2208 | 514.3 | 270.19 | 10.64 | 6.74 | 14.51 | 0.97 |
| 2148 | 514.3 | 270.43 | 6.1 | 6.36 | 20.49 | 0.52 |
| 2077 | 620.3 | 268.6 | 10.39 | 5.88 | 18.34 | 0.97 |
| 1967 | 620.3 | 266.46 | 7.41 | 6.39 | 19.77 | 0.61 |
| 1887 | 620.3 | 266.63 | 3.87 | 8.42 | 31.08 | 0.32 |
| 1815 | 620.3 | 266.59 | 3.61 | 12.35 | 34.03 | 0.26 |
| 1747 | 620.3 | 266.68 | 2.09 | 9.83 | 48.24 | 0.16 |
| 1646 | 620.3 | 266.64 | 2.04 | 12.4 | 40.9 | 0.16 |
| 1568 | 620.3 | 266.68 | 1.27 | 12.26 | 64.04 | 0.09 |
| 1513 | 620.3 | 266.62 | 1.79 | 14.11 | 45.57 | 0.12 |
| 1401 | 620.3 | 266.66 | 0.83 | 17.64 | 78.47 | 0.04 |
| 1353.5 | 5.5' diameter culvert |  |  |  |  |  |


| River station | Flow (cfs) | Water surface elevation (ft NAVD) | Velocity <br> (ft/s) | Depth (ft) | Top width <br> (ft) | Froude \# |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1306 | 637.9 | 252.91 | 10.33 | 4.81 | 19.31 | 0.98 |
| 1253 | 637.9 | 251.71 | 9.45 | 4 | 25.38 | 0.99 |
| 1177 | 637.9 | 250.12 | 8.76 | 3.51 | 31.93 | 1.01 |
| 1104 | 637.9 | 246.94 | 6.78 | 7.24 | 20.99 | 0.54 |
| 1029 | 761.4 | 246.9 | 4.88 | 7.81 | 31.47 | 0.4 |
| 883 | 761.4 | 247.01 | 2.81 | 11.48 | 39.54 | 0.2 |
| 774 | 761.4 | 247.02 | 2.3 | 12.86 | 44.15 | 0.15 |
| 711 | 761.4 | 247.03 | 1.87 | 13.53 | 54.36 | 0.12 |
| 653 | 761.4 | 247.02 | 1.73 | 15.03 | 62.26 | 0.11 |
| 602.5 | 7.2' x 6.1' culvert |  |  |  |  |  |
| 552 | 761.4 | 232.76 | 12.97 | 5.9 | 29.72 | 1 |
| 524 | 761.4 | 233.6 | 5.87 | 6.48 | 31.88 | 0.49 |
| 451 | 761.4 | 233.42 | 5.18 | 8.1 | 31.38 | 0.43 |
| 376 | 761.4 | 233.5 | 3.6 | 8.67 | 38.72 | 0.28 |
| 313 | 761.4 | 233.49 | 2.72 | 11.96 | 44.05 | 0.22 |
| 269 | 761.4 | 233.54 | 2.27 | 10.63 | 51.82 | 0.17 |
| 206 | 761.4 | 233.54 | 1.95 | 11.42 | 59.07 | 0.14 |
| 139 | 761.4 | 233.56 | 1.19 | 15.58 | 103.57 | 0.1 |
| 80 | 761.4 | 233.56 | 0.96 | 18.65 | 124.83 | 0.09 |
| 4 | 823.8 | 233.57 | 0.83 | 20.44 | 124.33 | 0.08 |
| 0 | $6^{\prime} \times 7$ reinforced box culvert |  |  |  |  |  |

Table 10. Hydraulic model results for project conditions, 100-year discharge

| River station | Flow (cfs) | Water surface elevation (ft NAVD) | Velocity (ft/s) | Depth <br> (ft) | Top width (ft) | Froude \# |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3880 | 470 | 326.60 | 5.2 | 3.9 | 54.26 | 0.75 |
| 3825 | 470 | 325.43 | 7.08 | 3.55 | 35.77 | 0.91 |
| 3761 | 470 | 324.31 | 3.01 | 4.06 | 74.69 | 0.51 |
| 3669 | 470 | 322.80 | 5.37 | 3.25 | 53.24 | 0.91 |
| 3571 | 470 | 320.98 | 4.28 | 2.95 | 79.57 | 0.9 |
| 3520 | 470 | 319.58 | 4.26 | 2.64 | 81.45 | 0.93 |
| 3469 | 470 | 318.21 | 4.19 | 2.91 | 82.6 | 0.9 |
| 3415 | 470 | 316.69 | 4.08 | 2.87 | 89.33 | 0.91 |
| 3364 | 470 | 315.56 | 4.32 | 2.71 | 80.82 | 0.96 |
| 3304 | 470 | 313.91 | 4.41 | 3.05 | 74.41 | 0.89 |
| 3228 | 502.4 | 311.56 | 5.2 | 3.42 | 57.59 | 0.89 |
| 3188 | 502.4 | 310.29 | 5.41 | 3.38 | 52.99 | 0.91 |
| 3110 | 502.4 | 307.95 | 5.72 | 3.34 | 48.75 | 0.92 |
| 3069 | 502.4 | 306.29 | 5.71 | 3.36 | 48.18 | 0.93 |
| 3049 | 502.4 | 305.54 | 5.71 | 3.4 | 47.67 | 0.92 |
| 3006 | 502.4 | 303.88 | 5.66 | 3.36 | 49.05 | 0.93 |
| 2964 | 502.4 | 302.22 | 5.83 | 3.36 | 46.58 | 0.93 |
| 2910 | 502.4 | 300.08 | 5.29 | 3.27 | 55.85 | 0.92 |
| 2851 | 502.4 | 297.50 | 5.1 | 3.26 | 59.07 | 0.91 |
| 2787 | 502.4 | 294.67 | 5.15 | 3.27 | 58.02 | 0.91 |
| 2702 | 502.4 | 290.90 | 5.74 | 3.29 | 48.1 | 0.94 |
| 2617 | 502.4 | 287.28 | 6.12 | 3.46 | 42.22 | 0.93 |
| 2543 | 502.4 | 283.69 | 6.56 | 3.53 | 37.56 | 0.94 |
| 2493 | 561.9 | 281.43 | 7.13 | 3.78 | 34.31 | 0.95 |
| 2375 | 574.5 | 275.88 | 7.47 | 3.89 | 32.27 | 0.95 |
| 2333 | 574.5 | 274.27 | 7.54 | 3.87 | 31.68 | 0.95 |
| 2305 | 574.5 | 273.32 | 7.62 | 3.93 | 31.54 | 0.95 |
| 2285 | 574.5 | 272.69 | 7.13 | 3.89 | 35.26 | 0.94 |
| 2258 | 574.5 | 271.72 | 6.56 | 3.75 | 40.64 | 0.93 |
| 2207 | 574.5 | 270.62 | 4.95 | 4.18 | 49.4 | 0.71 |
| 2148 | 574.5 | 270.66 | 2.77 | 5.51 | 70.89 | 0.38 |
| 2077 | 574.5 | 268.54 | 8.61 | 5.82 | 21.5 | 0.93 |
| 1967 | 574.5 | 264.93 | 8.26 | 4.86 | 24.6 | 0.92 |
| 1887 | 574.5 | 263.98 | 5.51 | 5.77 | 32.63 | 0.59 |
| 1815 | 574.5 | 262.05 | 7.85 | 7.81 | 24.46 | 0.83 |

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| River <br> station | Flow <br> (cfs) | Water surface <br> elevation (ft NAVD) | Velocity <br> (ft/s) | Depth <br> (ft) | Top width <br> (ft) | Froude \# |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1747 | 574.5 | 261.49 | 6.73 | 4.64 | 29.64 | 0.69 |
| 1684 | 574.5 | 261.25 | 4.11 | 5.59 | 43.03 | 0.55 |
| 1648 | 574.5 | 260.77 | 5.2 | 6.36 | 35.93 | 0.6 |
| 1626 | 574.5 | 259.65 | 8.75 | 5.42 | 25.78 | 0.94 |
| 1568 | 574.5 | 258.63 | 5.95 | 4.27 | 39.34 | 0.65 |
| 1513 | 574.5 | 256.93 | 9.38 | 4.06 | 23.4 | 0.98 |
| 1436 | 574.5 | 255.01 | 8.7 | 4.03 | 28.89 | 0.99 |
| 1401 | 574.5 | 254.80 | 6.14 | 4.64 | 34.25 | 0.64 |
| 1314 | 574.5 | 253.63 | 6.77 | 5.23 | 27.11 | 0.68 |
| 1253 | 574.5 | 252.13 | 7.35 | 4.42 | 27.65 | 1.04 |
| 1161 | 574.5 | 250.13 | 8.28 | 4.08 | 30.78 | 0.96 |
| 1029 | 732.7 | 244.80 | 8.44 | 5.24 | 32.69 | 0.89 |
| 931 | 732.7 | 242.80 | 9.31 | 5.14 | 28.37 | 0.96 |
| 883 | 732.7 | 240.64 | 7.64 | 5.12 | 35.96 | 0.89 |
| 774 | 732.7 | 239.05 | 6.35 | 4.89 | 45.95 | 0.83 |
| 711 | 732.7 | 238.32 | 6.04 | 4.82 | 48.18 | 0.78 |
| 624 | 732.7 | 236.56 | 8.45 | 4.98 | 36.49 | 0.93 |
| 537 | 732.7 | 233.56 | 4.07 | 5.88 | 61.75 | 0.49 |
| 452 | 732.7 | 233.59 | 2.24 | 8.26 | 78.23 | 0.28 |
| 381 | 732.7 | 233.58 | 1.73 | 8.67 | 86.04 | 0.2 |
| 313 | 732.7 | 233.46 | 2.11 | 11.93 | 64.48 | 0.2 |
| 269 | 732.7 | 233.49 | 1.91 | 10.58 | 66.08 | 0.15 |
| 206 | 732.7 | 233.49 | 1.6 | 11.37 | 71.77 | 0.13 |
| 139 | 732.7 | 233.52 | 0.8 | 15.54 | 118.09 | 0.08 |
| 80 | 732.7 | 233.52 | 0.69 | 18.61 | 124.09 | 0.06 |
| 4 | 799.7 | 233.50 | 0.74 | 20.37 | 124.15 | 0.07 |



## 6. RIFLE RANGE CREEK

On the project site, Rifle Range Creek consist of approximately 2300 linear feet of open channel, 750 feet of gabion-lined channel, and 960 linear feet of culverts. Open channel segments are deeply incised relative to adjacent site grades, resulting in high, steep banks. They generally support a mixture of riffle-pool and plane bed morphology, with steeper segments transitioning to step-pools. Bed materials include boulder, cobble, gravel, cohesive alluvial sediment, bedrock, and rubble. The gabion-lined channel was constructed by the Navy in the 1980s. Table 11 provides a summary of the existing culverts, numbered from downstream to upstream. According to Navy records, Culvert 4 is made up of numerous segments that do not follow a straight line between the inlet and the outfall; the length shown on Table 11 is an estimate based on best available information regarding the alignment of culvert segments.

Table 11. Rifle Range Creek - existing culverts

|  | Description | Length (ft) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Culvert 1 | Road crossing | 77 |
| Culvert 2 | Road crossing | 89 |
| Culvert 3 | Road crossing | 122 |
| Culvert 4 | Parking lot | $631^{*}$ |
| Culvert 5 | Road crossing | 45 |
| total |  | 964 |

* estimated


### 6.1 EXISTING CONDITIONS

Four channel reaches are described in the following sections and shown in Figure 6. Average reach slope is between $2 \%$ and $3 \%$ except for Reach 4 b which is contained in a culvert. Within the open reaches, local channel gradient varies greatly from $0.6-4.5 \%$. Table 12 summarizes existing average channel slope by reach.

Table 12. Existing Channel Slope - average by reach

| Reach | Length (feet) | Slope |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 566 | $2.7 \%$ |
| 2 | 742 | $2.5 \%$ |
| 3 | 909 | $2.2 \%$ |
| 4 a | 310 | $3.0 \%$ |
| 4 b | $631^{*}$ | $3.6 \%$ |
| 4 c | 868 | $2.7 \%$ |

* estimated culvert length


Figure 6

### 6.1.1 Reach 1

Reach 1 consists of the downstream portion of Rifle Range Creek, from the box culvert inlet at Mountain Road to the downstream-most culverted road crossing. The reach has an average gradient of $2.7 \%$. Width-depth ratios vary from $3: 1$ at the downstream end (deeply confined) to 6:1 at the upstream end (considered the boundary between confined and unconfined, e.g. Rosgen, 1996).

The existing channel appears to be slightly incising and actively widening. Evidence for this comes from the series of small knickpoints and active bank slumps. The slopes adjacent to the creek have become unstable in places, as evident by recent and historic slope failure scars (e.g. landslides, slumps and earthflows). Downcutting has been temporarily arrested in at least one location by a quasi-stable knickpoint feature supported by tree roots. However, numerous small vertical knickpoints along the channel indicate that the channel has the potential to downcut further.

### 6.1.2 Reach 2

Reach 2 consists of the portion of the Rifle Range Creek from the downstream side of the existing tennis court road crossing (Culvert 1) to the downstream side of the existing Pool Street road crossing (Culvert 2), and incorporating the confluence with Power House Creek. The reach has an average gradient of $2.5 \%$.

The downstream portion of this reach lies within Culvert 1. The next 235 feet is deeply incised (width-depth ratio of $2: 1$ ) and has steep banks that are actively failing. The local slope is low $(0.9 \%)$, as the channel has adjusted to the grade control function of the culvert. The bed steepens to the confluence with Power House Creek and becomes more sharply incised with a 6 foot knickpoint just upstream of the Power House Creek confluence. The knickpoint has halted at a large pile of concrete blocks that have been placed in the channel, but an avulsion is starting to form around the obstruction. A remnant floodplain terrace feature can be observed slightly downstream of the confluence with Power House Creek. This feature is over 9 feet above the existing channel bottom, implying that about 6-7 feet of down-cutting has occurred at this location.

### 6.1.3 Reach $\underline{3}$

Reach 3 extends from the downstream side of the Pool Street crossing (Culvert 2) to the downstream side of the Blackwood Street crossing (Culvert 3) and contains the confluence with Hospital Creek; it has an average gradient of $2.2 \%$.

The downstream portion the reach lies in Culvert 2. Immediately upstream of the culvert is a relatively flat reach that terminates in a 3 foot knickpoint. Upstream of the knickpoint, the channel is moderately sinuous across a floodplain that is approximately 40 feet in width. Bedrock outcroppings suggest bedrock control of the channel gradient in this area. The channel and floodplain are well connected, implying that the channel has been relatively stable for some time.

The width-depth ratio of $4: 1$ shows that the reach is about averagely entrenched for the project site.

### 6.1.4 Reach 4

Reach 4 extends from the Blackwood Street culvert (Culvert 3) to the upstream project boundary at Keller Avenue. The length is 1,809 feet and the average gradient is $3.1 \%$. This reach has been broken into three sub-reaches for existing conditions.

Reach 4a includes the culverted road crossing at Blackwood Street (Culvert 3) and a section of open channel terminating at the culvert outfall at Crowley Street (Culvert 4). It has an average gradient of $3.0 \%$. The open portion of the reach is deeply incised with actively failing banks and a width-depth ratio of $3: 1$, which is highly unstable.

Reach 4b is the culverted parking lot reach (Culvert 4). The culvert is approximately 631 feet long and has an average slope of approximately $3.6 \%$, based on best available information regarding the culvert alignment.

Reach $\mathbf{4 c}$ extends from the upstream end of Culvert 4 upstream to the property boundary. The reach has an average gradient of $2.7 \%$. The majority of Reach 4 c was constructed from gabions (rock-filled wire baskets) in the 1980s. According to Navy design plans, the channel was excavated to a trapezoidal section in a modified alignment, and then lined with gabion baskets. In some places, the wire baskets have failed and channel erosion is evident. Reach 4 c includes a culverted road crossing (Culvert 5) upstream of the gabion section, and a fragment of open channel between Culvert 5 and the upstream project boundary.

### 6.2 CREEK DESIGN

This section describes the geomorphic and engineering design approach to stabilize and enhance Rifle Range Creek. A preliminary riparian restoration and monitoring plan is provided in Appendix 6.

### 6.2.1 Geotechnical Stabilization

Significant demolition and earthwork will be performed throughout the site in preparation for the redevelopment project. Mass grading will include construction of engineered keyways along much of the creek corridor to meet geotechnical requirements. To facilitate revegetation of graded slopes as well as integration with proposed creek work, engineered slopes will be $2: 1$ or flatter where they interface with the creek corridor, and will be constructed with a layer of native soils (stockpiled during construction) at the surface. Engineering design of the keyways and engineered slopes will be included in the civil design plans for the project and constructed as part of mass site grading. Finished grades for engineered slopes are reflected in the creek plans to the extent they are adjacent to and integral with the proposed creek work.

### 6.2.2 Creek Design

The proposed creek design is reflected in the $60 \%$ complete design plans provided in Appendix 7 . The design approach for each reach is summarized below, followed by a description of the design basis for individual design elements. Channel gradients are summarized by reach in Table 13. The upstream channel station for each reach is provided in Table 13 to facilitate cross-referencing with the $60 \%$ design plans. Channel stationing is based on centerline distance from the Mountain Boulevard inlet.

Table 13. Existing and Design Channel Slope

|  | Existing |  | Design |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Reach | Length (feet) | Slope | Length (feet) | Slope | Upstream Station |
| 1 | 566 | $2.7 \%$ | 566 | $2.7 \%$ | $05+66$ |
| 2 | 742 | $2.5 \%$ | 742 | $2.5 \%$ | $13+08$ |
| 3 | 909 | $2.2 \%$ | 909 | $2.2 \%$ | $22+17$ |
| 4a | 310 | $3.0 \%$ | 888 | $3.6 \%$ | $31+05$ |
| 4b | $631^{*}$ | $3.6 \%$ |  |  | $39+73$ |
| 4c | 868 | $2.7 \%$ | 868 | $2.7 \%$ |  |

* estimated culvert length

For Reaches 1-3, the design approach is to preserve the bankfull channel within the existing, incised creek corridor. Average reach slope and channel length are therefore unchanged from existing conditions. Existing headcuts and oversteepened segments will be stabilized in place and biotechnical bank stabilization methods will be applied where needed to limit bank erosion. Two culverts (Culvert 1 and Culvert 2) will be daylighted. For the $60 \%$ design, bankfull channel dimensions for daylighted reaches were estimated using Regional Hydraulic Geometry Curves (Table 14); daylighted channel dimensions will be refined for the final ( $100 \%$ complete) design based on hydraulic modeling results.

Table 14. Estimated bankfull channel dimensions from Regional Hydraulic Geometry curves (Collins and Leventhal, 2013)

|  | Watershed area <br> (acres) | Estimated Bankfull <br> Channel Width (feet) | Estimated Bankfull <br> Channel Depth (feet) |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Reach 1-3 | 793 | 14.2 | 1.1 |
| Reach 4 | 707 | 13.5 | 1.1 |

Reaches 4 a and 4 b consist of two culverts (Culverts 3 and 4) totaling over 750 linear feet, separated by approximately 190 linear feet of open channel. The design approach for the combined Reach $4 \mathrm{a}+4 \mathrm{~b}$ is to daylight the culverts and create a continuous open channel with a stable slope and step-pool morphology. The boulder step pool design and approach for step-pools spacing are described below (6.2.2.4 Step Pools).

In Reach 4 c , the design approach is to remove 750 feet of gabion channel lining and daylight Culvert 5 and create a continuous naturalized channel with plane bed morphology. The channel alignment will be modified (relative to the existing gabion channel) to accommodate design requirements for the entry road from Keller Avenue; however, the realigned channel will have the same length and slope as the existing channel.

### 6.2.2.1 Biotechnical stabilization

Biotechnical methods are applied throughout the design as needed to stabilize the creek corridor up to the 10 -year water surface elevation. Biotechnical treatments were selected using the method described by Fischenich and summarized below (Fischenich, 2001).

- The average channel boundary shear stress and velocity were evaluated for design conditions using a HEC RAS hydraulic model.
- Adjustments were made to account for outside bend curvature and instantaneous velocity and shear stress per Fischenich, 2001
- Bank treatments were selected based on shear and velocity results for each cross section using the values summarized in Table 15.
- The selected bank treatments were applied to the design with minor adjustments to consolidate treatments and smooth bank transitions.

Table 15. Selected Biotechnical Bank Treatments (Fischenich, 2001)

| Permissible shear stress (lb/ft ${ }^{\mathbf{2}}$ ) | Permissible velocity (ft/sec) | Treatment |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| $<1.7$ | $<4$ | Native grasses or similar |
| $<4$ | $<8$ | Brush mattress (willow) |
| $<6$ | $<9.5$ | Vegetated soil lift |
| $>6$ | $>9.5$ | Planted rock |

### 6.2.2.2 Habitat structures

Log structures and boulder piles are included throughout the design as habitat elements to increase channel roughness and complexity. Log structures will be constructed from trees that are removed during construction. They will be anchored according to standard techniques but are not designed to provide a specific grade control or stability function. Structure dimensions and details will be refined for the final ( $100 \%$ complete) design.

### 6.2.2.3 Roughened channels

Roughened channel segments are used in Reaches $1-3$ to stabilize major knickpoints and locally steep channel segments. They are designed based on guidance from the California Salmonid Stream Habitat Restoration Manual Volume 2 Part 12 (California Department of Fish and Game, 2009). These channel segments tie in to the existing channel upstream and downstream with the minimum practical change in gradient while minimizing disturbance to existing stable channel
areas. The bankfull channel dimensions within the roughened channel were estimated using hydraulic geometry relationships and are designed to tie into the upstream and downstream channel bankfull width. Channel sizing, rock sizing and structure dimensions will be refined for the final ( $100 \%$ complete) design.

### 6.2.2.4 Step pools

Boulder step pools are used in Reach 1-3 to stabilize smaller existing knickpoints in place, and in Reach $4 \mathrm{a}+4 \mathrm{~b}$ to create step-pool channel morphology for the reconstructed, daylighted channel. In Reach 4c, Steps are limited to 1-2 feet in height. The pool width spans the active channel, with buried rock cutoff wings integrated into the bank to prevent outflanking. Pool lengths were designed to be 1-2 times channel width. Toe-downs at the up-and downstream end of the structure are designed to accommodate slope adjustments without being undercut. Rock sizing and structure dimensions will be refined for the final ( $100 \%$ complete) design.

To determine the step pool spacing for Reach $4 a+4 b$, the channel was first laid out in plan form. The plan form alignment generally follows the existing culvert/channel alignment, with some adjustments to accommodate site design constraints including geotechnical grading and bridge/road alignments required for access to existing land uses on the project site. The design channel alignment resulted in an average reach slope of $4.2 \%$, which falls in the step-pool gradient spectrum according to the Montgomery-Buffington classification of channels by gradient (Montgomery and Buffington, 1977). The design profile was therefore developed based on steppool morphology.

The following bullet points summarize the steps used to develop the plan and profile channel design for Reach 4.

- Lay out channel plan form
- Calculate the difference in elevation between the two ends of the reach
- Estimate a range of equilibrium channel slopes
- Apply the average estimated equilibrium slope to the planform channel
- Estimate the number of 1 and 2 foot high steps needed to take up any remaining elevation difference between the two ends of the reach
- Space the steps approximately evenly, but with some variation to create heterogeneity
- Design steps and pools to accommodate slope adjustment


### 6.2.2.5 Equilibrium Slope

Equilibrium slope is the channel gradient where sediment transport is in balance with creek hydrology, such that the channel profile persists in dynamic equilibrium (neither aggrading nor eroding significantly) over time. The method above uses an estimate of equilibrium channel slope to determine the remaining vertical distance to be taken up by stabilized steps and pools. Given
the changes in watershed hydrology and sediment supply, the current equilibrium channel slope is likely to be different from the historic average slope of approximately $2.6 \%$. Therefore three other reference subreaches were surveyed within the project area to estimate current equilibrium gradient. Selected subreaches were at least 100 feet long and had a grade control (hard substrate or structure) at the downstream end (Figure 7). Channel slope for the three reference subreaches was variable, ranging from $0.6 \%$ to $2.7 \%$ with a mean value of $1.5 \%$.

For comparison, a relationship between watershed area and slope developed for stable creeks in Contra Costa County was also consulted. The Contra Costa County creeks had different levels of development, but were mostly for rural watersheds with some suburban housing. According to this relationship, stable slope for creeks with a 1.5 square mile watershed is between 1 and $2 \%$ which is consistent with the observed range for Rifle Range Creek. In the absence of more definitive data, we assumed that the equilibrium gradient lies between 1 and $2 \%$ for Reach 4. Therefore, the step pool reach was designed so that the natural channel between steps has a slope of $1-2 \%$ and the remaining vertical distance is taken up by step pools. The resulting average channel slope (including steps) is $3.4 \%$.

Because of the uncertainty in estimating equilibrium slope, the step pool structures were designed to tolerate adjustment of the channel slope between structures. Buried rock toes at the downstream end of each pool are designed to accommodate as little as zero channel slope without undercutting, while the wing walls are designed to accommodate up to a $3 \%$ channel slope without lateral channel migration.

NOTE: stationing may differ from 60\% plan stationing

## 7. PRELIMINARY CREEK PROTECTION PLAN

This section describes measures that will be used to protect Rifle Range Creek during and after project construction. Additional detail will be provided based on the resource agency permitting process, which is currently underway.

### 7.1 CONSTRUCTION PERIOD CREEK PROTECTION

Standard construction period practices will be followed to protect the creek during the construction period. Detailed construction period creek protection plans will be provided with subsequent submittals when creek restoration construction plans are further developed. Creek protection measures will be incorporated into a Water Control Plan, a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan, and other documents produced as part of the final creek restoration design plan.

### 7.1.1 Water Control Plan

A dewatering and flow bypass system will be required during construction for creek restoration. A water control plan detailing methods to be used by the contractor will be prepared following guidelines published by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and incorporating specific requirements of resource agency permits for the project. The plan will specify methods and locations for water for water diversion as well as other guidelines related to managing creek flows during construction.

### 7.1.2 Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)

A project specific Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) will be developed to limit and control impacts to the creek from erosion and sedimentation during construction. At a minimum the plan shall:

- Define objectives, Best Management Practices (BMPs) and methods for erosion control and protection through all phases of construction.
- Identify water quality and erosion protection BMPs consistent with the California Stormwater Quality Association requirements shall be identified to:
- Minimize Disturbed Areas: Limit clearing and grubbing activities to those that will be under construction.
- Stabilize Disturbed Areas: Provide temporary stabilization of disturbed areas and active construction zones. Provide long-term/ permanent stabilization elements.
- Protect Slopes and the Creek Channel: Convey runoff from top of slope, dissipate any water diverted within the project and returned to the active channel
- Control Perimeter of the Project Site: Contractor shall provide all necessary construction fencing, silt fences and other measures to control and protect the site.
- Retain Sediment and Control Dust
- All disturbed areas in the creek corridor shall be protected against potential erosion, runoff and soil transport to the creek. Appropriate BMPs (defined by the contractor and approved by the owner or owner's representative) shall be followed throughout the construction period of the creek stabilization and enhancement elements.
- All construction activities shall conform with the Storm Water Pollution and Prevention Plan (SWPPP) as required by the local jurisdiction including:
- Contractor activities such as project staging, equipment storage, cleaning and maintenance areas and activities. Contractor employees and workers on the site will be provided with information and requirements for all activities in and around the creek.
- Construction access such as ingress and egress
- Material loading and unloading, segregation of construction materials
- Site maintenance and 'good 'house-keeping'. The contractor shall be responsible for maintaining a clean project site including cleaning up and controlling all debris and deleterious materials at the end of each working day.
- Identification of equipment that may come in contact with stormwater
- Contingency Plans for clean-up of accidental spills, wet/ inclement weather, etc.
- Describe physical conditions and forces of the project site. The SWPP will provide a project layout showing project limits and features. Supplemental materials such as hydrology reports, soils report and grading/drainage plans shall be prepared.
- Existing vegetation and critical physical features.


### 7.2 POST CONSTRUCTION CREEK PROTECTION

Post construction creek protection measures include site design, creek restoration, and stormwater management elements which are described below.

### 7.2.1 Site Design Measures

The site plan provides separation between developed areas and the restored creek corridor. The restored creek corridor will be defined by an open space parcel that is a minimum of 100 feet wide, with a minimum of 50 feet between the creek flow line and the boundary of the parcel. In the central part of the site, the creek corridor is up to 250 feet wide and includes an existing oak woodland habitat that will be preserved adjacent to the creek. Buildings and paved areas are set back a minimum of 15 feet from the parcel boundary throughout the site. On the north side of the creek, Creekside Parkway parallels the open space parcel and provides a continuous buffer between the creek corridor and developed areas to the northwest. Much of the restored creek corridor will provide habitat mitigation for resource agency permitting purposes. As such, resource agency permits will include additional creek protections. The resource permitting process is currently underway.

The site design incorporates low impact development approaches including separation of runoff from self-treating areas such as open space and landscaping (Appendix 3).

### 7.2.2 Creek Restoration

The creek restoration plan described above will stabilize the creek channel and banks, arresting ongoing erosion and proving a stable substrate for revegetation with native plants. The restoration plan has been designed to protect and enhance habitat, water quality and flood conveyance functions of the creek, including daylighting of hundreds of feet of creek currently contained in culverts and removal of extensive debris and failed infrastructure from the creek corridor.

### 7.2.3 Post Construction Stormwater Management

The Appendix 3 Preliminary Storm Drainage Master Plan describes long term, post construction stormwater management strategies for the project site and Appendix 4 provides a preliminary project C. 3 Plan. Runoff from all structures and paved areas will pass through post-construction BMPs that will provide water quality treatment and slow runoff before discharge to the creek. Rifle Range Creek outfalls have been designed to incorporate energy dissipation structures and biotechnical stabilization techniques to prevent erosion from concentrated stormwater discharges. Wherever possible, outfalls are located where grade control or other stabilization structures are being constructed as part of the restoration design.

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Appendix 1
Site Plan


# Appendix 2 <br> Tree Impact Memo 

(available upon request)

# Appendix 3 <br> Preliminary Storm Drainage Master Plan 

## (available upon request)

# Appendix 4 <br> Preliminary Stormwater <br> Treatment Plan (C. 3 plan) 

## (available upon request)

## Appendix 5 <br> Watershed Parameter Tables

Table A5.1 Uniform Loss Rates (inches/hour) for the Synthetic Unit Hydrograph Method (ACFC\&WCD, 2003)

| Hydrologic <br> Soil Group | Rural | New <br> Urban | Existing <br> Urban |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | 0.45 | 0.45 | 0.45 |
| B | 0.35 | 0.37 | 0.40 |
| C | 0.14 | 0.19 | 0.25 |
| D | 0.05 | 0.07 | 0.09 |

Table A5.2 Directly Connecting Impervious Areas for Typical Land Uses in Alameda County

| Land Use Type | Directly <br> Connecting <br> Impervious <br> Area |
| :---: | :---: |
| Older Residential 1/8 Ac. | $24 \%$ |
| 1980 and Newer Residential 1/8 Ac. | $50 \%$ |
| Older Residential 1/4 Ac. | $22 \%$ |
| 1980 and Newer Residential 1/4 Ac. | $40 \%$ |
| Residential Zero Lot Line 3600 SF Lots | $51 \%$ |
| Residential Duets 4500 SF | $69 \%$ |
| Commercial/Industrial | $85 \%$ |
| Townhouse | $68 \%$ |
| Apartment | $89 \%$ |
| Rural Housing | $11 \%$ |
| Freeway | $100 \%$ |

Source: ACFC\&WCD 2003
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Table A5.5 Distribution of Hydric Soil Types by Sub-basin for Post-Development Conditions

|  | $\begin{array}{c}\text { Within } \\ \text { Project } \\ \text { Sub- } \\ \text { basin \# }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c}\text { Area } \\ \text { (Y/N) }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c}\text { Hyd. } \\ \text { Grp B }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{c}\text { Hyd. } \\ \text { Grp C }\end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 72 | Y | 0 | 0 | 100 |
| 141 | Y | 18 | 0 | 82 |
| 142 | Y | 72 | 0 | 28 |
| 143 | Y | 1 | 0 | 99 |
| 144 | Y | 68 | 0 | 32 |
| 145 | Y | 8 | 17 | 75 |
| 2159 | N | 1 | 0 | 99 |
| 2160 | N | 44 | 5 | 51 |
| 2161 | N | 11 | 0 | 89 |

Table A5.6 Routing Parameters

| Reach | Method | Length <br> (ft) | Slope <br> (ft/ft) | Manning's <br> n | Shape | Lag <br> (min) | Width | Side <br> Slope <br> (H:V) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Lag |  |  |  |  | 10 |  |  |
| 2 | Muskingum | 740 | 0.0267 | 0.05 | Trapezoid |  | 8 | 2 |
| 3 | Lag |  |  |  |  | 5 |  |  |
| 4 | Muskingum | 750 | 0.02 | 0.05 | Trapezoid |  | 10 | 1 |
| 5 | Muskingum | 670 | 0.022 | 0.05 | Trapezoid |  | 10 | 1 |
| 6 | Muskingum | 520 | 0.048 | 0.05 | Trapezoid |  | 10 | 1 |

Appendix 5

| Existing Conditions |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Subbasin \# | Within Project Area (Y/N) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Area } \\ \text { (sq.mi) } \end{gathered}$ | Impervious Area (\%) | Initial Loss (in) | Constant <br> Loss <br> Rate <br> (in/hr) | Snyder TL (hr) | Snyder Cp | Longest Flowpath (mi) | ```Length to Centroid (mi)``` | Slope (ft/mi) |
| 2159 | N | 0.866 | 27 | 0.8 | 0.08 | 0.65 | 0.6 | 1.74 | 0.74 | 245 |
| 2160 | N | 0.112 | 35 | 0.8 | 0.23 | 0.12 | 0.85 | 0.49 | 0.29 | 577 |
| 2161 | N | 0.066 | 26 | 0.8 | 0.12 | 0.11 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.17 | 160 |
| 2162 | Y | 0.065 | 80 | 0.8 | 0.09 | 0.09 | 0.85 | 0.26 | 0.2 | 395 |
| 2163 | Y | 0.063 | 88 | 0.8 | 0.09 | 0.07 | 0.85 | 0.34 | 0.17 | 1136 |
| 2164 | Y | 0.057 | 90 | 0.8 | 0.31 | 0.08 | 0.85 | 0.27 | 0.16 | 404 |
| 2165 | Y | 0.022 | 91 | 0.8 | 0.1 | 0.06 | 0.85 | 0.26 | 0.09 | 860 |
| 2166 | Y | 0.15 | 46 | 0.8 | 0.17 | 0.35 | 0.85 | 0.91 | 0.42 | 1070 |
| 2167 | Y | 0.019 | 92 | 0.8 | 0.23 | 0.05 | 0.85 | 0.22 | 0.08 | 624 |
| 2169 | Y | 0.014 | 80 | 0.8 | 0.26 | 0.06 | 0.85 | 0.22 | 0.12 | 518 |
| Post-development Conditions |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Subbasin \# | Within Project Area (Y/N) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Area } \\ \text { (sq.mi) } \end{gathered}$ | Impervious Area (\%) | Initial Loss (in) | Constant Loss Rate (in/hr) | Snyder TL (hr) | Snyder Cp | Longest Flowpath (mi) | $\begin{gathered} \text { Length } \\ \text { to } \\ \text { Centroid } \\ (\mathbf{m i}) \\ \hline \hline \end{gathered}$ | Slope $(\mathrm{ft} / \mathrm{mi})$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 72 | Y | 0.024 | 46 | 0.8 | 0.09 | 0.111 | 0.85 | 0.48 | 0.23 | 707 |
| 141 | Y | 0.068 | 60 | 0.8 | 0.14 | 0.183 | 0.85 | 0.46 | 0.21 | 1136 |
| 142 | Y | (offsite) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 143 | Y | 0.109 | 56 | 0.8 | 0.09 | 0.175 | 0.85 | 0.68 | 0.33 | 860 |
| 144 | Y | 0.078 | 70 | 0.8 | 0.29 | 0.155 | 0.85 | 0.65 | 0.38 | 1070 |
| 145 | Y | 0.15 | 51 | 0.8 | 0.14 | 0.113 | 0.85 | 0.81 | 0.39 | 624 |
| 2159 | N | 0.866 | 21 | 0.8 | 0.08 | 0.65 | 0.6 | 1.74 | 0.74 | 245 |
| 2160 | N | 0.112 | 22 | 0.8 | 0.23 | 0.12 | 0.85 | 0.49 | 0.29 | 577 |
| 2161 | N | 0.066 | 23 | 0.8 | 0.12 | 0.11 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.17 | 160 |

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# Appendix 6 <br> Preliminary Riparian Restoration and Monitoring Plan 

# Rifle Range Creek Riparian Restoration and Monitoring Plan 

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### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

On behalf of Oak Knoll Venture Acquisition, LLC, WRA, Inc. (WRA) prepared this Riparian Restoration and Monitoring Plan (Restoration Plan) for the Rifle Range Creek corridor (Restoration Area) in conjunction with the redevelopment of the former Oak Knoll Naval Medical Center (Project Area) in Oakland, California. The primary objectives of the Restoration Plan are to: (1) describe the restoration activities designed to restore riparian habitat along Rifle Range Creek and portions of its tributaries, Powerhouse Creek and Hospital Creek; (2) describe restoration engineering and planting schemes; and (3) describe the performance standards and monitoring plan for the Restoration Area. The Restoration Plan calls for restoring 3,820 linear feet of Rifle Range Creek and its associated riparian habitat, significantly increasing its biological habitat value. In addition, limited restoration activities will occur along 201 linear feet of Powerhouse Creek and 299 linear feet of Hospital Creek, for a total of 4,320 linear feet of creek and riparian restoration. The Project will also create an additional 13 linear feet of creek by realigning the existing channel, yielding a post-restoration total of 4,333 linear feet of restored creek and riparian habitats. Figures showing the proposed restoration discussed in this Plan are included in Appendix A.

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### 2.0 RESTORATION PROJECT

### 2.1 Location of Project

Oak Knoll is a Master Planned Residential Community Development Project ("Project") consisting of the approximately 167 acre former Naval Medical Center Oakland (NMCO) property at Oak Knoll, two parcels owned by the public agency and an adjacent 15-acre parcel (known as the "Hardenstine parcel"). The Project Area is located approximately seven miles southeast of downtown Oakland and is bounded by Mountain Boulevard and Interstate 580 to the west, Keller Avenue to the north and east, and Sequoyah Road to the south (Figure 1). In general, topography in the Project Area is downsloping toward the south west, from a prominent ridge at the eastern side of the property. Rifle Range Creek, a tributary of Arroyo Viejo, flows from north to south across the Project Area and is one of the site's most prominent natural features. Surrounding land uses are primarily residential development, small local commercial centers, and regional open space.

### 2.2 Brief Summary of Overall Project

The NMCO facility was decommissioned in 1996 and has been unoccupied since that time, with the exception of continued operations at two privately owned inholdings: the Sea West Federal Coast Guard Credit Union and the Seneca Center for Children and Families. All structures within the NMCO, except the Club Knoll structure, were demolished between 2010 and 2011. The currently proposed Project would develop up to 935 residential units comprised of a range of single-family housing types, townhomes, and multifamily units that would be developed throughout the Project Area (Figure 2). A Village Center would provide a variety of neighborhood-serving retail of approximately 72,000 square feet of locally serving commercial uses and the highest density housing. The Project would also create approximately 75 to 85 acres of open space comprising an extensive network of parks, trails, and walkways that would weave through the Project Area, connecting various neighborhoods within the Project Area with adjacent open space areas and neighborhoods.

A key component of the Oak Knoll project is the enhancement and restoration of Rifle Range Creek and its tributaries. Rifle Range Creek has experienced severe incision which has lowered the channel elevation relative to the surrounding landscape and has resulted in an unstable and eroding channel and banks. Rifle Range Creek includes a mix of open and culverted sections of drainage (Figure 3). Open sections show evidence of active erosion in the creek channel and along the banks, leading to unstable conditions in most areas. Creek restoration activities include removing or replacing the existing degraded storm drain network, removing existing roadway crossings and in-channel culverts, and daylighting the longest culverted reach (636 linear feet). The Oak Knoll project presents an opportunity to address some of the large-scale impacts to the creek that have occurred as a result of development and hydrological modification in the watershed, and invasion by non-native plant species. Through a combination of re-alignment, grading, and planting, the flow capacity, stability, and habitat quality of Rifle Range Creek and its tributaries will be improved.

### 3.0 EXISTING CONDITIONS WITHIN THE PROJECT AREA

The Project Area consists of the approximately 167-acre abandoned NMCO facility as well as the adjacent 15-acre Hardenstine parcel. The NMCO facility was decommissioned in 1996 and has been unoccupied since that time. All structures within the NMCO, except the Club Knoll structure, were demolished between 2010 and 2011. The Project Area still contains remnants of infrastructure installed by the United States Navy while the facility was operational including roads, parking lots, building foundations, in-stream utilities, channel protection structures, and a storm drain network. Many of the structures in the Project Area are in deteriorated condition and/or have been vandalized. Rifle Ranch Creek flows across the Project Area, entering and exiting the property via culverts that run under adjacent urban development (Figure 3). The Project Area is dominated by developed and landscaped areas; however, fragments of disturbed native habitat are scattered throughout the former NMCO site. Additionally, the Hardenstine parcel consists of mostly native habitats.

### 3.1 Hydrology

Rifle Range Creek flows from north to south through the central portion of the Project Area and is a notable natural feature on the site (Figure 3). The creek is the largest and northernmost of three tributaries to Arroyo Viejo that originate in the Oakland hills. Rifle Range Creek and its tributaries are the only Section 404 jurisdictional Waters of the United States located in the Project Area (Figure 4). The principal hydrologic sources for the Project Area are direct precipitation and surface runoff.

### 3.2 Soils

The Alameda County Soil Survey (USDA 1981) indicates that the Project Area has six native soil types (Figure 5):
A.Botella loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes
B.Climara clay, 30 to 50 percent slopes
C.Los-Osos-Millsholm complex, 50 to 75 percent slopes
D.Millsholm silt loam, 50 to 75 percent slopes
E.Xerorthents-Millsholm complex, 30 to 50 percent slopes
F.Xerorthents-Millsholm complex, 50 to 75 percent slopes.

Of these soil types, only (A) and (E) are found within the Restoration Area. These soil types are described in detail in section 4.3.2.

### 3.3 Vegetation

The Project Area is dominated by urban development, including the remnants of building foundations, parking lots, and roads. The associated infrastructure for this former development resulted in widespread ground disturbance. Introduced landscape plants are found throughout the Project Area, and include trees such as blue gum eucalyptus (Eucalyptus globulus), Bailey's acacia (Acacia baileyana), and Monterey pine (Pinus radiata). Non-native plant communities in the Project Area include areas dominated by French broom (Genista monspessulana), blue gum eucalyptus, Monterey pine, and non-native annual grasses. In addition, five native plant communities were identified within the Project Area including coast live oak riparian forest, coast live oak woodland, Valley needlegrass grassland, coyote brush scrub, and chamise chaparral. Coast live oak riparian forest, coast live oak woodland, and non-native plant communities are found within the Restoration Area and are described in detail in 4.3.3.

### 3.4 Special-Status Species

Several special-status plant and animal species have been documented to occur, or potentially occur, in the vicinity of the Project Area. However, a search of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB 2015) found no documented occurrences of special-status species within the Project Area. Surveys for Alameda whipsnake (Masticophis lateralis euryxanthus) in 2006 yielded negative results. According to the Biological Resource Assessment Report (WRA 2006a), three special-status wildlife species have a high to moderate potential of occurring in the Oak Knoll Project Area: Cooper's Hawk (Accipiter cooperi), Allen's Hummingbird (Selasphorous sasin), and Yuma myotis (Myotis yumanensis). One special-status plant species, Oakland star tulip (Calochortus umbellatus), is known to occur within the Project Area (outside of the Restoration Area). No other special-status plants are expected to occur in the Project Area due to the site's disturbance history, lack of suitable habitat, and negative results during 2006 rare plant surveys (WRA 2006b).

### 4.0 THE RESTORATION AREA

To develop the Restoration Plan, WRA first analyzed existing conditions within the Project Area, focusing on the Restoration Area. WRA then considered the opportunities and constraints at the site, regional habitat goals, and economically/logistically feasible alternatives. The Restoration Plan focuses on the following objectives: (1) retaining the existing creek alignment and preserving high-quality trees where possible, (2) removing existing culverts and gabions, (3) reducing channel gradients, (4) creating a compound channel, and (5) stabilizing the creek banks. Public educational displays and passive recreational opportunities adjacent to the creek may also be included in the overall design to enhance the creek's education and recreational value.

Rifle Range Creek flows across the Project Area, entering and exiting the property via culverts that run under urban development (Figure 3 and 4). Rifle Range Creek has two tributaries, Powerhouse Creek and Hospital Creek. Rifle Range Creek flows west from the Oakland hills and is part of the Arroyo Viejo watershed. Upstream of the Project Area, an in-stream Alameda County flood control detention basin regulates stormwater flows and has altered sediment transport into the downstream reaches of the creek.

The aboveground portions of Rifle Range Creek within the Project Area total approximately 2,779 linear feet, and have been divided into several reaches as shown on the delineation map (Figure 3). The reaches are numbered 1 through 6 starting downstream and moving upstream. Reach 5 and portions of other reach have been culverted and are indicated with a solid line on Figure 3. Each reach consists of a mix of riffles, runs, and pools. Patches of wetland vegetation are present within some reaches, but the creek channel is primarily unvegetated perennial stream habitat.

The existing creek banks range from vertical to three to one slopes, and are highest, steepest, and most unstable where the channel is deeply incised relative to the adjacent land. Channel incision is most dramatic in the central portions of the creek (Reach 3 and Reach 4). In these areas, the channel has eroded as much as 25 feet below the top-of-bank. In other areas (e.g. small sections of Reach 3), although the channel is incised, the bank slopes are more stable and are supported by riparian vegetation. Immediately upstream of structures that stabilize the channel grade, such as road crossings or rip-rap, channel incision is limited and small inset floodplain areas have developed, which have supported a slight channel meander. In Reach 6, the bed and banks have been stabilized with gabions and are less incised relative to the surrounding area, although the gabions are undercut and failing. Much of the creek bed in this reach has been lined with crushed rock approximately 6 to 12 inches in diameter, held in place by chain-link fence material staked flat against the rocks. This technique was used to minimize erosion and shifting of the channel, but has reduced functions and values of the reach and will ultimately fail. Trees and other vegetation form a canopy over most of the creek and its tributaries. A more detailed reach-by-reach description is provided in Appendix $B$.

The unculverted portion of Hospital Creek extends approximately 299 linear feet upstream from its confluence with Rifle Range Creek. The banks of Hospital Creek are heavily overgrown with nonnative species. However, the upland hillslope to the south of the channel is stable, steep, and well vegetated with mature oaks.

The unculverted portion of Powerhouse Creek extends approximately 201 linear feet upstream from its confluence with Rifle Range Creek, and is deeply incised into the surrounding landscape. Several concrete block structures create channel steps in the creek to increase bank stability.

A wetland delineation of the Project Area was conducted by WRA on May 30 and 31, and June 21 and 28, 2006 and a jurisdictional determination was issued by the Corps on December 4, 2007 (Corps File No. 4002405) (WRA 2007). A total of 2,779 linear feet of free-flowing Waters of the United States and 1,041 linear feet of culverted Waters of the United States from Rifle Range Creek, 201 linear feet of Waters of the United States from Powerhouse Creek, and 299 linear feet of Waters of the United States from Hospital Creek were identified within the Project Area (Figure 4). The delineation was later re-verified by the Corps on May 16, 2013.

### 4.1 Location

As shown in Figure 3, the Restoration Area has a north-south alignment through the center of the Project Area. The Restoration Area includes Rifle Range Creek and short portions of two tributaries, associated riparian habitat, and adjacent upland areas that will be restored along with the riparian habitat to serve to broaden the restored riparian corridor.

### 4.2 Ownership Status

The owner of the site, including the Restoration Area, is Oak Knoll Venture Acquisition, LLC.

### 4.3 Existing Conditions within the Restoration Area

### 4.3.1 Hydrology

The principal hydrologic sources within the Restoration Area are direct precipitation, surface runoff, and storm drain flows.

### 4.3.2 Soils

The soils within the Restoration Area include two of the five soil types found within the Project Area: Xerorthents-Millsholm complex, 30 to 50 percent slopes, and Botella Loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes.

Botella loam, $\mathbf{0}$ to 2 percent slopes. The Botella series consists of very deep, well-drained soils that formed in alluvium that derived mainly from sedimentary rock sources. Botella soils are on low terraces and alluvial fans and have slopes ranging from 0 to 2 percent. Surface runoff is slow, and the hazard of erosion is slight. In most areas this soil is used for urban development. In some areas it is used for vegetable crops. Inclusions of this soil are listed as hydric when they occur in floodplains (USDA-NRCS 1992).

Xerothents-Millsholm complex, $\mathbf{3 0}$ to $\mathbf{5 0}$ percent slopes. The soils in this complex are roughly 70 percent loamy Xerothents and 20 percent Millsholm loam. Included in mapping, and making up 10 percent of the complex, are small areas of Maymen loam and Los Gatos loam. The Xerothents in this complex are well drained to somewhat excessively drained. They consist of soil material that has been altered by cutting or filling for urban development; as a result, they have variable soil characteristics. Runoff is rapid, and the hazard of erosion is high. The Millsholm soil is shallow and well drained. It formed in residuum of shale and fine-grained sandstone. This soil makes up most of the undisturbed areas in this complex. Runoff is rapid, and the hazard of erosion is high. Areas of this complex are used primarily as sites for residential developments. This soil type is not listed as a hydric soil (USDA-NRCS 1992).

### 4.3.3 Vegetation

Restoration activities will impact portions of existing riparian vegetation, non-native grassland, and landscaped areas dominated by blue gum eucalyptus and Monterey pine trees. Riparian areas occur along the entire length of Rifle Range Creek and its tributaries with the exception of some of the culverted reaches of Rifle Range Creek. Approximately 4.19 acres of riparian habitat along Rifle Range Creek and its tributaries will be removed and replanted. An additional 2.66 acres of riparian habitat will be preserved and enhanced (Figures 6a-6e). Existing vegetation within the Restoration Area includes coast live oak riparian forest, coast live oak woodland, and non-native plant communities.

Coast live oak riparian forest on the site is dominated by coast live oak (Quercus agrifolia), willow (Salix spp.), horsetail (Equisetum sp.), California blackberry (Rubus ursinus), poison oak (Toxicodendron diversilobum), and sedge (Carex sp.). Non-native species present in coast live oak riparian forest include: Himalayan blackberry (Rubus armeniacus), periwinkle (Vinca major), and western hemlock (Tsuga heterophylla). This habitat type is restricted to a narrow, fragmented strip along Rifle Range Creek.

Coast live oak woodland is dominated by coast live oak with an understory of non-native annual grasses. This community is located primarily adjacent to Reach 3 within the Restoration Area. Monterey pine and eucalyptus are present in some areas, as well as native species such as Pacific madrone (Arbutus menziesii) and California poppy (Eschscholzia californica).

Non-native communities in the Restoration Area are categorized together in Figure 3, and are characterized by scattered pockets of disturbed habitat dominated by varying mixes of non-native trees, shrubs, grasses, and forbs. Dominant species include eucalyptus, Monterey pine, scotch broom (Cytisus scoparius), slender wild oat (Avena barbata), rip-gut brome (Bromus diandrus), perennial mustard (Hirschfeldia incana), yellow star thistle (Centaurea solstitialis), and purple star thistle (Centaurea calcitrapa).

### 4.4 Proposed Impacts within the Restoration Area

### 4.4.1 Creek Impacts

Many portions of Rifle Range Creek currently exhibit signs of active erosion, are devoid of vegetation, and/or have undercut gabions. Restoration and enhancement efforts along Rifle Range Creek and its tributaries would temporarily impact 3,279 linear feet of unculverted waters of the United States due to temporary dewatering and stream diversion during construction. In addition, 1,041 linear feet of culverted waters along Rifle Range Creek will be temporarily impacted, of which 1,010 linear feet will be daylighted (Table 1).

Approximately 450 linear feet of existing channel would be realigned laterally and restored, and a 40 -foot wide clear span bridge would be added over one of the realigned sections. Fill material would consist of clean cobbles, gravels, and soil excavated from the channel banks as well as logs and boulders for grade control.

Additional restoration-related activities, including bank stabilization, invasive species removal, and replanting of the riparian habitat using native trees, shrubs, and grasses will occur along Rifle Range Creek and its tributaries. Additional fill would be required between the ordinary high water mark and the top-of-bank to create the floodplain terraces and stabilize creek banks.

Table 1. Impacts to Waters of the United States (below ordinary high water)

| Jurisdictional Area | Temporary Impacts $^{\mathbf{1}}$ |  | Permanent Impacts $^{\mathbf{2}}$ |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Linear <br> Feet | Acres | Linear <br> Feet | Acres | Cubic <br> Yards |
| Rifle Range Creek (includes 0.02 acre <br> of in-stream wetland) | 1,395 | 0.22 | 1,384 | 0.21 | 415 |
| Powerhouse Creek | 147 | 0.02 | 54 | 0.01 | 14 |
| Hospital Creek Waters of the United <br> States (includes 0.01 acre of in-stream <br> wetland) | 289 | 0.04 | 10 | $<0.01$ | 7 |
| Total Waters of the United States | $\mathbf{1 , 8 3 1}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 2 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 4 4 8}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{4 3 6}$ |
| Culverted Waters | 1,041 | 0.11 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Total Jurisdictional Waters | $\mathbf{2 , 8 7 2}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 3 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 4 4 8}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{4 3 6}$ |

${ }^{1}$ Temporary impacts include the following activities: (1) temporary dewatering/water diversion during construction; and (2) temporary re-grading where the channel will be returned to its existing elevation and alignment.
${ }^{2}$ Permanent impacts include the following activities: (1) fill for channel realignment; (2) installation of rock step pools and logs for grade control and erosion protection; and (3) channel roughening for grade control.

Table 2. Impacts to Waters of the State (below top of bank)

| Jurisdictional Area | Temporary Impacts $^{\mathbf{1}}$ |  | Permanent Impacts $^{\mathbf{2}}$ |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Linear <br> Feet | Acres | Linear <br> Feet | Acres | Cubic <br> Yards |  |
| Unculverted Waters | 1,831 | 0.28 | 1,448 | 0.22 | 436 |  |
| Culverted Waters | 1,041 | 0.11 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |  |
| Riparian Stream Banks | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 2.13 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 0.25 | 3,638 |  |
| Total <br> State | $\mathbf{2 , 8 7 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 . 5 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 , 4 4 8}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 4 7}$ | $\mathbf{4 , 0 7 4}$ |  |

Temporary impacts include the following activities: (1) temporary dewatering/water diversion during construction; (2) temporary regrading where the channel will be returned to its existing elevation and alignment; and (3) re-grading of the stream banks to support the restoration and enhancement of the riparian corridor.
${ }^{2}$ Permanent impacts include the following activities: (1) fill for channel realignment; (2) installation of rock step pools and logs for grade control and erosion protection; and (3) channel roughening for grade control.

### 4.4.2 Tree Impacts

Tree removal would be required to facilitate restoration activities including bank stabilization. A comprehensive tree survey of the Project Area and Restoration Area was conducted in 2006 and will be updated in 2015. The following data was collected for each tree:

- Each tree was identified to species
- Each tree was permanently tagged with a unique identification number and its location was mapped with GPS
- The diameter of each tree was measured at a point 54 " above grade.
- The health and structural condition was rated using a 0-5 scale.
- The suitability for preservation was evaluated based on a combination of variables including health, age, and structural condition of the tree.

The highest quality trees were identified early in the restoration planning process and were avoided to the maximum extent practicable while still achieving the goals of the Project. Table 3 provides a preliminary list of all protected trees under the City of Oakland Tree Ordinance that would be removed in the Restoration Area, based on the 2006 tree survey. The City of Oakland Tree Ordinance defines protected trees to include all oak trees 4 " or greater in diameter at breast height (DBH) and other species (excluding Monterey pine and blue gum) that are 9" or greater in DBH. Based on 2006 tree survey data, a total of 251 trees ( 217 of which are native trees)
protected trees will be removed (Table 3): 120 trees greater than nine inches diameter at breast height (DBH) and 131 coast live oaks with DBH greater than four inches. This list will be updated in 2015 and all tree impacts will be mitigated for in accordance with the City of Oakland Tree Ordinance and other applicable regulations. Based on preliminary analysis, we anticipate the number of trees impacted will be up to $15 \%$ greater than was estimated using 2006 data due to tree growth and recruitment.

Table 3. Preliminary List of Trees to be Removed within the Restoration Area

| Common Name | Scientific Name | Number of Trees to <br> be Removed | Trunk DBH Range <br> (inches) |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Native Species | Umbellularia californica | 1 | 15 |  |
| California bay | Aesculus californica | 2 | 17 |  |
| California buckeye | Quercus agrifolia | 131 | $4-43$ |  |
| Coast live oak | Sequoia sempervirens | 2 | $16-25$ |  |
| Coast redwood | Sambucus mexicana | 5 | $6-15$ |  |
| Blue elderberry | Alnus rhombifolia | 27 | $7-36$ |  |
| White alder | Salix spp. | 49 | $6-44$ |  |
| Willow |  |  |  |  |
| Non-native Species | Acacia baileyana | 1 | $5-18$ |  |
| Bailey's acacia | Acacia melanoxylon | 13 | $18-2$ |  |
| Blackwood acacia | Eucalyptus globulus | 2 | $32-48$ |  |
| Blue gum | Populus nigra | 8 | $7-25$ |  |
| Lombardy poplar | Platanus hybrida | 4 | $18-30$ |  |
| London plane | Prunus sp. | 2 | $7-8$ |  |
| Plum | Picea sp. | 1 | 9 |  |
| Spruce | Pittosporum undulatum | 3 | $9-11$ |  |
| Victorian box | $\mathbf{2 5 1}$ |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |

Note: Tree impacts are based on 2006 tree survey data and need to be re-calculated based on 2015 tree survey data when available.

### 4.4.3 Functions and Values of the Jurisdictional Areas to be Restored

Typical functions and values attributed to Waters of the United States and associated riparian habitat include attenuating flood flows, sediment, nutrient, and toxicant retention/transformation, erosion control, habitat for wildlife, and recreation. The functions and values of the jurisdictional areas proposed to be impacted within the Restoration Area are generally rated low to moderate because of their poor quality, small size, and surrounding land uses (Table 4).

Table 4. Existing Functions and Values within the Restoration Area

| Function or Value | Rating of <br> Function or <br> Value | Rationale |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Store and/or convey flood water | Low | The current incised and degraded nature of Rifle <br> Range Creek results in less efficient flow conduction <br> and increased rates of erosion. |
| Buffer storm surges | The current incised and degraded nature of Rifle <br> Range Creek makes the drainage less efficient at <br> directing and containing storm surge flows. |  |
| Sediment and toxicant retention <br> and stabilization | Low | The current incised nature of many areas of the <br> drainage result in inadequate retention and stabilization <br> of sediments and toxins. |
| Production export | Low | Most banks immediately adjacent to the drainage <br> contain little vegetation and are heavily disturbed. |
| Uniqueness heritage | Low | Although currently of poor quality, Rifle Range Creek is <br> the largest of three tributaries draining the Oakland hills <br> watershed to Arroyo Viejo. |
| Nutrient removal/transformation | Nutrient input is low due to the degraded state of <br> surrounding habitat; also minimal vegetation in the <br> small in-stream wetland areas does not adequately trap <br> nutrients. |  |
| Wildlife diversity/abundance | Moderate | Although small and highly disturbed, Rifle Range Creek <br> provides wildlife habitat in an otherwise urban <br> surrounding; substantial presence of non-native <br> vegetation in riparian corridor. |
| Aquatic diversity/abundance the drainage provides |  |  |
| Recreational opportunities | Low | The current disturbed state of the <br> little habitat for aquatic life. |

### 4.5 Present and Historical Uses of Restoration Area

During the Navy's tenure on the site, channel and bank erosion problems were treated by introducing rock and concrete rubble into the channel in various forms; some of these materials have provided a haphazard form of grade control. Despite these erosion control efforts, Rifle Range Creek and its tributaries have experienced channel incision as a result of increased runoff and more rapid concentration of peak flows from the urbanization of both on-site areas and off-site areas upstream of the Project Area.

### 4.6 Present and Proposed Uses of Adjacent Areas

Areas immediately surrounding the Restoration Area are characterized by decommissioned naval hospital and base facilities, including roads, parking lots, and landscaped areas. Areas adjacent to the riparian corridor will be developed into housing and commercial uses as part of the Oak Knoll Mixed Use Community Development Project. Once restored, Rifle Range Creek will provide a natural, continuous corridor through the larger Project Area.

### 5.0 PROPOSED CONDITIONS OF RESTORATION AREA

Implementation of the restoration program described in this Plan will result in the daylighting of a majority of the culverted portions of Rifle Range Creek, repair and reconstruction of most of the creek channel, and enhancement and expansion of degraded riparian habitat in the Restoration Area. Unculverted waters on the site will increase from 3,279 linear feet to 4,289 linear feet. The total acreage of riparian habitat and associated native upland vegetation will increase from 6.85 acres to 15.97 acres.

### 5.1 Restored Riparian Corridor Description

Rifle Range Creek and its tributaries within the Restoration Area have been impacted by upstream watershed development, as well as the Oak Knoll Naval Hospital development and infrastructure. Typical of many East Bay creeks, there is evidence of active erosion in the creek channel and along the banks, leading to unstable conditions in some areas. Despite the impacts of urbanization, the creek has largely maintained its original alignment and supports a corridor of riparian vegetation along the open channel reaches. Restoration activities will lead to a substantial increase in linear feet of unculverted Waters of the United States, as well as a significant increase in the acreage of the riparian corridor (Table 5). By restoring and enhancing Rifle Range Creek and its tributaries, project proponents aim to enhance the riparian habitat value, stabilize the creek channel and banks, accommodate stormwater flows, provide aesthetic amenities, allow for limited public access, and remove non-native species.

Table 5. Existing Proposed Habitats

| Habitat | Pre-Restoration <br> (Existing) | Post Restoration <br> (Proposed) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Waters of the United States <br> (unculverted) | 3,279 linear feet; 0.50 acre | 4,302 Linear feet; 1.19 acres |
| Waters of the United States <br> (culverted) | 1,921 linear feet; 0.21 acre | 911 linear feet; 0.11 acre |
| Total Waters | 5,200 linear feet; 0.72 acre | 5,213 linear feet; 1.30 acres |
| Riparian Habitat <br> (including riparian edge) | 8.04 acres | 15.97 acres |

### 5.1.1 Structural Restoration Activities and Grading Plan

The Restoration Project Area comprises six reaches of Rifle Range Creek and two associated tributaries, Powerhouse Creek and Hospital Creek (Figures 3-5). In addition, three in-stream wetlands are present within Rifle Range Creek. The six reaches of Rifle Range Creek have been numbered from 1 to 6 starting at the downstream end. Currently, Rifle Range Creek is composed of both open channel sections and culverted sections. Active erosion is evident in the creek channel and along both banks. Channel incision has resulted in a deepened channel with over-steepened banks. The channel has an average grade of approximately three percent within the Project Area.

The overall restoration approach is to daylight all four of the culverts in the project reach; remove non-native vegetation and replant with native plants; remove existing obsolete infrastructure (e.g. stormdrain outfalls), trash and construction debris from the channel and banks; stabilize headcuts in two deeply incised reaches that threaten upstream areas; and use a combination of grading and biotechnical methods to stabilize actively eroding bank areas that are too steep to support riparian vegetation. A total of 1,010 feet of culverted channel would be daylighted and restored, approximately 450 feet of existing channel would be realigned laterally
and restored, and a 40-foot wide clear span bridge would be added over one of the realigned sections. Overall, the Project would result in a net increase of both jurisdictional other waters and riparian habitats (Figures 6a-6j).

Earthwork and grading activities are proposed to reduce bank slopes, reduce the channel gradient, and stabilize the creek banks. A total of 436 cubic yards of fill covering 0.22 acre would be placed within the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) of the creek to re-align and stabilize the channel, and to reduce the channel gradient. Fill material would consist of clean cobbles and gravels as well as logs and boulders for grade control. Additional fill would be required above the OHWM to create the floodplain terraces and stabilize creek banks.

Grading would be required to reduce channel slopes and to establish suitable conditions for the installation of stabilization structures and plantings. Grading activities would include re-profiling the creek banks, and roughening the channel to stabilize major knick points and provide continuity of the channel gradient (Figures 6a-6j). The existing and proposed creek profile is shown in Figure 7 and the typical creek channel cross-section that would result from these activities is shown in Figure 8. The newly restored channel would typically consist of a 12-footwide low flow channel, a floodplain terrace up to 40-feet-wide, and channel banks at between $1.5: 1$ and $3: 1$ slopes. Appropriate native vegetation would be selected based on slope characteristics and proximity to the creek (Figure 9).

In order to reduce the channel gradient and the associated stresses placed on the channel bed, the restoration project would include the installation of a series of steps as grade controls in selected locations along the length of the channel, including log drops and boulder step pools. These steps would be primarily located in daylight reaches where the steepness of the culvert to be removed necessitates grade control to create a stable slope (Figures 6a-6j and Figures 10a-10d). Approximately 20 to 40 log drops and ungrouted boulder step pools would be installed in Reaches 4,5, and 6. The gradient of Reach 3 is primarily bedrock controlled, but a roughened channel section is proposed in the southern portion to stabilize an existing headcut. This roughened channel would extend into the northern and central portions of Reach 2. Reach 1 would be stabilized with grade control structures and log drops.

Excavation work is proposed along Reach 5. This portion of the creek is currently piped underground through a 636 -foot-long culvert. Reach 5 would be daylighted by reconstructing an open channel. Culverts and fill material associated with road crossings would also be removed from this reach. The creek would be reconstructed and a bridge with a 60 -foot span over the channel would be installed at the downstream end of Reach 5 (Figures $6 f$ and 11).

### 5.2 Anticipated Functions and Values of the Restoration Area

The riparian and aquatic habitat created on the site would provide increased functions and values as outlined in Table 6.

Table 6. Anticipated Functions and Values for the Restoration Area

| Function or Value | Rating of <br> Function or <br> Value | Rationale |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Store and/or convey flood water | High | Stabilizing the channel banks, raising the channel bottom, and <br> expanding the floodplain within Rifle Range Creek will result <br> in improved storage and conveyance of floodwaters. The <br> restored creek will safely accommodate storm flows. |
| Buffer storm surges | High | The increased width of the floodplain within restored Rifle <br> Range Creek will provide additional area to accommodate <br> storm surges. |
| Sediment and toxicant retention and <br> stabilization | High | The increased vegetation cover and width of the drainage, <br> and resultant decreased flow rate, will greatly enhance the <br> retention and stabilization of sediments and toxins. |
| Production export | High | The planting plan for the restored riparian corridor will <br> increase vegetation and biomass production in the riparian <br> corridor. |
| Uniqueness heritage | Rifle Range Creek enters and exits the Restoration Area <br> through culverts, which then flow under urban development. <br> The restored creek and associated riparian and buffer <br> habitats, will form a continuous corridor with high biological <br> habitat value in an otherwise largely urban area. |  |
| Nutrient removal/transformation | High | Nutrient removal and transformation processes will be <br> improved within the restored Rifle Range Creek and its <br> tributaries as a result of increased vegetation along creek <br> banks. |
| Wildlife diversity/abundance | High | Wildlife diversity and abundance will increase after the <br> restoration due to increased quality and size of the drainage <br> and riparian areas, and a continuous vegetated corridor. |
| Aquatic diversity/abundance | Aquatic diversity and abundance will increase after the <br> restoration due to increased habitat quality, increased habitat <br> diversity, and reduction in water flow rate as a result of <br> increased riparian vegetation and widening the floodplain. |  |
| Recreational opportunities ang | The restored riparian areas will provide birdwatching and <br> educational opportunities. A recreational path will be located <br> within the riparian edge/buffer adjacent to the restored <br> riparian habitat. |  |

### 5.3 Impact Avoidance Measures

In order to minimize impacts, the following measures shall be implemented:

- Silt fences will be erected around the perimeter of the riparian corridor during excavation to prevent sediment runoff.
- $\quad$ Soil stockpiles will be covered and surrounded by berms or gravel bags.
- The construction limit of disturbance will be clearly identified in the field.
- All disturbed areas will be protected from erosion by top hydroseeding and mulching, soil binders, or erosion control matting after final grading.
- All soil erosion and sediment control measures will be kept in place until construction is complete and/or the disturbed area is stabilized.
- Prohibit excavation, grading, drainage, and leveling within the dripline of any preserved tree unless approved by the project consulting arborist.
- Prohibit disposal or depositing of oil, gasoline, chemicals, or other harmful materials within the root protection zone of preserved trees or in drainage channels, swales, or areas that may lead to the dripline.
- Exclusionary fencing will be installed as necessary in areas where proposed public access, including streets and trails, are immediately adjacent to riparian areas. Such fencing will be designed to limit public access to 'riparian edge' areas, and to allow for unimpeded passage of wildlife along and across the riparian corridor.


### 5.4 Planting Plan

The restored habitat will have three planting zones depending on elevation from the creek, and the plant species used in each zone will vary by location along creek. The three zones are: riparian floodplain zone, riparian upper bank, and riparian edge/buffer zone (Table 7). Plant species used in habitat restoration will be native riparian species currently found in the Project Area (Table 8).

Specifically tailored planting plans will be applied to the unique grading and slope conditions associated with the four different bank treatment types, with each plan incorporating the three riparian and riparian edge/buffer planting zones (Figure 9). All plantings will occur in specified planting areas (Figures 6a-6j). The bank treatment types are referred to as (1) bank grading; (2) preserve existing bank; (3) biotechnical stabilization; and (3) tree protection. Schematic drawings are included in Figure 9 and each bank treatment type is described below. Planting lists in each bank treatment type description below focus on upper bank planting. The riparian edge will be planted with oaks and native shrubs that can tolerate drier conditions, and species composition of the riparian edge will vary slightly between the four bank treatment types to fit in with existing preserved native habitat and soil and slope conditions.

Table 7. Proposed Plantings and Other Treatments within Each Planting

| Riparian <br> Habitat Zone | Elevation | Proposed Vegetation | Erosion Control |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1. Riparian <br> Floodplain | one to three <br> feet above <br> stream thalweg | Primary: willow and alder <br> Secondary: blue elderberry and <br> creek dogwood at densities typical <br> of riparian environments. | Use of natural materials, such <br> as rocks, boulders, and logs as <br> appropriate in the final design to <br> create in-stream habitat and to <br> control erosion |
| 2. Riparian <br> Upper Bank | three to 10 feet <br> above stream <br> thalweg | coast live oak, California buckeye, <br> California bay, willow at densities <br> typical of riparian environments. <br> Understory: California blackberry, <br> California rose, snowberry, and <br> native grasses. | Use of bank erosion materials <br> to control erosion until <br> vegetative cover is established. |
| 3. Riparian <br> Edge/Buffer | greater than 10 <br> feet above <br> stream thalweg | Native grasses, shrubs, oak <br> woodland species at densities <br> typical of 'riparian edge' <br> environments. | Use of slope erosion materials <br> where necessary to control <br> erosion until vegetation cover is <br> established. |

Table 8. Proposed Plant Palette for Riparian and Buffer Planting Areas

| Botanical Name | Common Name |
| :--- | :--- |
| Aesculus californica | California buckeye |
| Alnus rhombifolia | white alder |
| Baccharis pilularis | coyote brush |
| Cornus sericea | creek dogwood |
| Heteromeles arbutifolia | toyon |
| Quercus agrifolia | coast live oak |
| Rhamnus californica | coffeeberry |
| Rosa californica | California rose |
| Rubus ursinus | California blackberry |
| Salix laevigata | red willow |
| Salix lasiolepis | arroyo willow |
| Sambucus mexicana | blue elderberry |
| Symphoricarpos albus | snowberry |
| Umbellularia californica | California bay laurel |

## Bank Grading

The bank grading treatment will be located on banks with slopes three to one or flatter. Approximately 275 trees per acre and 400 shrubs per acre will be planted in restored areas with this treatment. The upper bank will be planted with a diversity of overstory trees and a dense understory of native shrubs. The primary plants in this bank treatment include California buckeye, white alder, toyon, willow species, and California bay.

## Preserve Existing Bank

The "preserve existing bank" treatment will be located on banks where no grading is proposed. Approximately 50 trees per acre and 400 shrubs per acre will be planted in restored areas with this treatment. Existing native trees and shrubs will be preserved, and existing non-native understory will be removed and replaced with native shrubs. The primary plants in this bank treatment include California buckeye, California rose, snowberry, and coyote brush.

## Biotechnical Stabilization

The biotechnical stabilization treatment will be applied on banks with slopes of approximately two to one to three to one. Approximately 150 trees per acre, 400 shrubs per acre, and 350 pole cuttings will be planted in restored areas with this treatment. To supplement adjacent stabilization measures, native trees and shrubs will be planted on the upper bank. Willows, alders, and dogwood will be planted along the low flow channel and terrace for additional stabilization. Additional species included in this bank treatment are coyote brush, coast live oak, coffeeberry, and California rose.

## Tree Protection

The tree protection treatment will be applied on banks with slopes of two to one to three to one. Approximately 150 trees per acre and 400 shrubs per acre will be planted in restored areas with this treatment. Under this treatment, signature native trees are to be preserved, potentially with reinforced support from a retaining wall and with supplemental plantings of native shrubs and trees. Native plant species in this bank treatment include white alder, California rose, coast live oak, and elderberry.

### 5.5 Non-Native Vegetation Removal

Ruderal vegetation, including pampas grass, fennel, broom, and other non-native grasses and weedy species are present throughout the riparian corridor and most abundant in disturbed areas. Removal of all of this non-native vegetation is desirable to establish and maintain a native plant community after restoration and to reduce competition with planted vegetation. During restoration work, all non-native vegetation will be removed from the riparian corridor and adjacent areas.

### 5.6 Irrigation

Planted trees and shrubs will receive irrigation during the dry season for a minimum of two years, and longer as needed. The restored areas shall be inspected after the second year to determine if irrigation should continue for an additional year. Visual observations of tree health and testing with soil probes can help to determine if further irrigation will be necessary. Irrigation water will be applied in a manner that encourages deep rooting, such as less frequent, but high volume watering. This will ensure the establishment of these plants, lessen the need for continued irrigation, and reduce the need for replacement plantings.

### 5.7 Implementation Schedule

Planting in a given reach of the riparian corridor will begin after grading activities within that reach of the creek corridor have been completed. To reduce temporal impacts associated with riparian vegetation removal, the completion of plant and irrigation installation will occur within six months of ground disturbance in any given reach of the Restoration Area.

### 5.8 Construction Drawings

Construction drawings are included in Appendix A (Figures 6a-6j through Figure 12). Prior to construction, final versions of these documents will be submitted to the Corps, Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) in order
for agency staff to confirm that the final design is in compliance with the spirit and intention of the design drawings contained herein.

### 5.9 As-Built Conditions

A letter report and plans outlining the as-built conditions of the restored riparian corridor will be prepared and submitted to the Corps, RWQCB, and CDFW within three months of completing the construction and planting of the Restoration Area.

### 6.0 MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

### 6.1 Maintenance Plan

The purpose of the maintenance program is to ensure the restored riparian corridor and adjacent areas function effectively and that the ecological values are not compromised by human disturbance, pest species invasions, or erosion. A maintenance schedule for the ten-year monitoring period is included in Table 9. Changes to maintenance activities and additional inspections may be recommended in the annual monitoring report.

### 6.1.1 Debris Removal

Trash and other refuse shall be removed from the restored riparian corridor on an ongoing basis. Inspections and trash removal shall be conducted at least four times each year.

### 6.1.2 Sign Inspection

All educational signs posted in the Restoration Area shall be inspected annually. If the signs become illegible, they shall be cleaned. Damaged signs shall be repaired and missing signs replaced.

### 6.1.3 Erosion Control

Visual monitoring for structural integrity of the restored riparian corridor including creek banks and slopes shall be conducted following storm events. In the event that large flow volumes cause excessive erosion or accretion, the impacted area will be repaired and revegetated immediately.

### 6.1.4 Non-Native Plants

Maintenance of the Restoration Area will include removal of problematic non-native plant species twice each year. Removal of non-native species may be conducted by a qualified biologist or by maintenance personnel as directed by a qualified biologist.

### 6.1.5 Trail Maintenance and Access

Trail corridors and any necessary exclusionary fencing within the Restoration Area shall be assessed following large storm events. Recreational trails will be located within the riparian edge/buffer areas with limited crossings into the riparian area. If site access is hindered or trail conditions deteriorate, repairs will be made immediately.

### 6.2 Property Ownership

Oak Knoll Venture Acquisition, LLC currently owns the proposed Restoration Area. As a result, Oak Knoll Venture Acquisition, LLC will be responsible for maintaining the restored creek corridor. In the event that ownership of the Restoration Area is transferred to another party, responsibility for maintenance activities may be transferred concurrently under agreement between Oak Knoll Venture Acquisition, LLC and the new owner.

Table 9. Restoration Area Maintenance Schedule

| Tasks | Riparian Corridor | Riparian Edge/ <br> Buffer | Schedule |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Inspect for and remove <br> debris (dead vegetation and <br> trash) | $\mathbf{X}$ | $\mathbf{X}$ | Minimum: four times per year |
| Inspect signs to ensure <br> legibility and presence | $\mathbf{X}$ | $\mathbf{X}$ | Minimum: annually |
| Inspect for erosion on <br> banks and on upland slopes | $\mathbf{X}$ | $\mathbf{X}$ | Minimum: after all major storm <br> events |
| Assess need to remove <br> non-native species | $\mathbf{X}$ | $\mathbf{X}$ | Minimum: twice annually in spring <br> and summer |
| Site access and trail <br> maintenance | X <br> (limited areas) | $\mathbf{X}$ | Minimum: after all major storm <br> events |
| Retain all records of <br> inspection and maintenance | $\mathbf{X}$ | $\mathbf{X}$ | Annually |

### 7.0 MONITORING AND SUCCESS CRITERIA FOR THE RIPARIAN CORRIDOR

Monitoring will be performed in order to determine whether the Restoration Area has achieved proposed success criteria. Monitoring will be conducted in the summer of each year. Survival, health, and relative size of all planted tree and shrub species within the riparian restoration areas will be assessed. Success will be evaluated based on achieving the target canopy coverage of trees and shrubs presented in this Plan, as well as survival of the planted trees and shrubs.

### 7.1 Restoration Success Criteria

Success criteria for trees and shrubs installed in the planting areas will be based on survival rates, plant growth, and plant vigor assessed by visual observation during the ten-year monitoring period. Plant growth and vigor will be assessed as either "good, fair, poor, or dead". Percent cover and species diversity estimates will be made in areas planted with grasses and forbs. Because of shading effects, it is expected that grass cover will decrease during the monitoring period. The criteria that will be used to determine the success of the Restoration Area are shown in Table 10.

Table 10. Success Criteria for Restoration Areas

| YEAR | $\mathbf{1}$ | $\mathbf{2}$ | $\mathbf{3}$ | $\mathbf{4}$ | $\mathbf{5}$ | $\mathbf{6}$ | $\mathbf{7}$ | $\mathbf{8}$ | $\mathbf{9}$ | $\mathbf{1 0}$ |
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| Water quality will resemble that of the upstream and <br> downstream reaches | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Survival of planted riparian trees and shrubs will exceed <br> 90 percent | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Survival of planted riparian trees and shrubs will exceed <br> 85 percent |  | x | x |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Survival of planted riparian trees and shrubs will exceed <br> 80 percent |  |  |  | x | x |  |  |  |  |  |
| Survival of planted riparian trees and shrubs will exceed <br> 70 percent |  |  |  |  |  | x | x | x | x | x |
| Invasive plants on the California Invasive Plant Council <br> (Cal-IPC) High list will not exceed five percent cover within <br> the riparian area or re-grade bank. | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| The re-graded portion of the bank will be stabilized by <br> native vegetation and not show signs of significant <br> erosion. | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| The restored reach will have a habitat assessment value <br> greater than the pre-existing reach based on the CDFW <br> California Stream Bioassessment Procedure. | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |  |  |
| The restored reach will have habitat assessment value <br> at least fifty percent greater than the pre-existing value, <br> and all parameters shall meet suboptimal conditions <br> based on the CDFW California Stream Bioassessment <br> Procedure. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

### 7.2 Monitoring Methods

An annual monitoring program will be conducted for the restored riparian corridor for ten years. Vegetation monitoring efforts will focus on the success of plant establishment. During each monitoring visit, plant losses and/or damage to other restoration features will be noted, and arrangements will be made for their replacement and/or repair. The survival of trees and shrubs will be determined by counting and assessing the health of plants in the Restoration Area. The first monitoring visit will take place in the late summer after plant installation, and then annually thereafter for a total of ten years. Survival will be based on the number of plants originally installed, and the possibility for greater than 100 percent survival exists if natural regeneration of riparian species occurs in the Restoration Area during the ten-year monitoring period. Plant growth and vigor also will be assessed and rated as good, fair, or poor. Concurrent with the annual vegetation monitoring visit, restored areas of Rifle Range Creek and its tributaries will be visually inspected for signs of excessive erosion.

Photographs of monitored restoration sites will be taken at established photo points during the annual monitoring to document the conditions of restoration plantings. Once a photo point is established, photographs will be taken from that point each year. In addition, annual visual estimates of grass and forb percent cover will be made in planted open areas (i.e., areas within the riparian zone where tree canopy is not expected) beginning six months after initial planting. Estimates of relative abundance for each grass and forb species identified will be recorded.

### 7.3 Annual Reports to Agencies

Annual reports that discuss monitoring methodology and results will be submitted to the Corps, RWQCB, and CDFW. A qualified biologist with experience in vegetation monitoring will supervise the report preparation. These reports will assess progress in meeting success criteria and identify any problems with flooding, sedimentation, vandalism, and/or other general causes of poor survival or degradation. If necessary, recommendations to improve success in achieving criteria will be made. After ten years, a final report describing the success of the restoration project in meeting the success criteria will be prepared and submitted to the Corps, RWQCB, and CDFW along with an evaluation of the success of any necessary corrective measures undertaken.

### 8.0 CONTINGENCY MEASURES

If annual or final success criteria are not met, the applicant will prepare an analysis of the cause(s) of failure and, if determined necessary by the Corps, RWQCB, CDFW, propose remedial action for approval. The applicant will be responsible at that time for reasonably funding the contingency procedures necessary for completion of the restoration project.

### 9.0 COMPLETION OF RESTORATION

### 9.1 Notification of Completion

Upon completion of ten years of monitoring a final report will be sent to the Corps, RWQCB, and CDFW that details the results of the final year of monitoring. In addition, a Notice of Completion will be prepared, signed by the applicant, and submitted to the Corps, RWQCB, and CDFW to confirm successful completion of the restoration effort.

### 9.2 Corps Confirmation

The Corps may require a site visit to confirm successful completion of the restoration effort. They may wish to review the restoration areas to determine if all success criteria have been met. If a site visit is requested, the Corps shall contact the Applicant prior to visiting the site.

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## Appendix A. Project Figures



Figure 3. Creek and Riparian Overview Map
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# Appendix 7 <br> Rifle Range Creek Channel Improvements - 60\% Draft 

















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