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Subject: Golden Valley Road Bridge Project

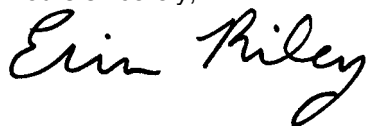
Dear Mr. Dellith:

EDAW, Inc. (EDAW) is submitting this letter to request a current list of any endangered, threatened, proposed, or sensitive species, pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 as amended, that may be affected within the vicinity of the proposed Golden Valley bridge project, (Figures 1 and 2, attached). The proposed project is located within the City of Santa Clarita and occurs over the Santa Clara River. The bridge will connect Soledad Canyon Road and the newly extended Newhall Ranch Road. The northern terminus of the proposed project would therefore be the eastern-most extent of Newhall Ranch Road. The southern terminus of the proposed project would lie at the northern-most extent of the Golden Valley Road/Soledad Canyon Road Interchange, which has recently been completed and opened for public access in December 2005.

The project proposes to build a bridge within those project limits. The proposed project would complete the Cross Valley Connector, a project of the City of Santa Clarita to provide an east-west travel route connecting State Route 14 (SR 14) and Interstate 5 (I-5) across the Santa Clarita Valley. The Cross Valley Connector is designed to increase regional capacity and is part of the larger planned roadway project programmed in the City's General Plan. The Golden Valley Road bridge project would relieve congestion and accommodate the significant population and employment growth being experienced in the Valley. Currently being considered are the "Bridge Alternative" as described above, and a "No Action Alternative".

Should you require additional information or have any questions, please contact me at (619) 233-1454.

Yours sincerely,



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Wildlife Biologist

Attachments: Figure 1 – Regional Location Map
Figure 2 – Topographical Map of Area of Effect

cc: Bill Graham, EDAW
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Source: City of Santa Clara; ESRI

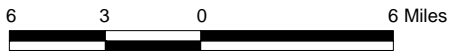


Figure 1
Regional Location Map

Golden Valley Bridge Project

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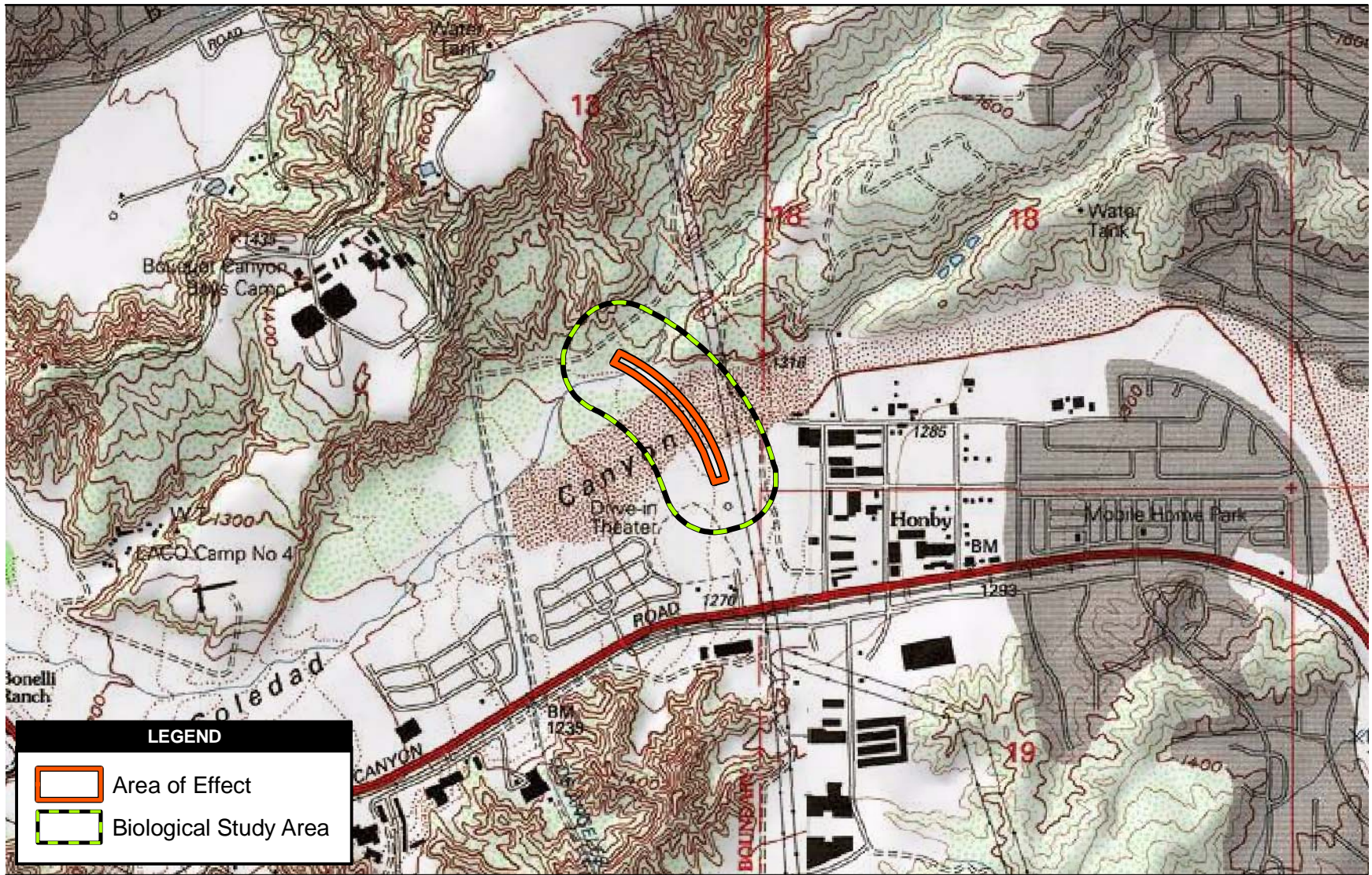


Figure 2
Topographical Map of Area of Effect