

Robinson Creek Bridge Replacement of Lambert Lane

CDFW 1602 Application

Attachment 2: NES

- Natural Environment Study (NES)
- Robinson Creek Channel Design Report for the Lambert Lane Bridge Replacement Project, prepared by Michael Love & Associates (MLA).

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Summary

Mendocino County (County) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) are proposing to replace the Robinson Creek Bridge on Lambert Lane. The Robinson Creek Bridge Replacement on Lambert Lane Project (Bridge No. 10C0146) (Project) is located in the town of Boonville, California on the western edge of the Anderson Valley. Lambert Lane is the only public road access in and out of a residential and agricultural area. The existing bridge has been designated as functionally obsolete and scour critical by Caltrans, qualifying it for rehabilitation or replacement under the federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP). In winter of 2015, a retaining wall on the upstream side of the west approach washed out and collapsed into the creek causing the County to place revetment to prevent continued scouring and erosion. During the winter of 2016/2017 scour further undermined the eastern abutment footing. Under current conditions, the failed retaining wall and associated riprap creates a 3-foot water surface drop, which classifies the current conditions as a barrier to adult and juvenile steelhead based on California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) fish passage assessment guidelines (CDFG, 2002). The purpose of the Project is to replace the deficient bridge with a reliable structure to provide a safe crossing that meets current standards. Channel restoration will also take place as part of the Project and will include removing the collapsed retaining wall which will restore fish passage to the upstream reaches of Robinson Creek, protecting portions of the embankment slopes from erosion with hybrid rock slope protection revetment, channel grading to remove abrupt hydraulic changes, adding point bars along portions of the creek banks, and mitigating for the removal of riparian trees with like-kind plantings to be included as part of bank protection and restoration (Michael Love & Associates, Inc. 2018). Construction will take place from June 15 through October 15. If water is present within the project area, then fish relocation will be performed by a qualified biologist. Installation of a clear water diversion may be required. There is no pile driving proposed as part of this project; therefore, acoustical impacts to northern California (NC) steelhead Distinct Population Segment (DPS) (*Oncorhynchus mykiss irideus*) were not analyzed as part of this Natural Environment Study.

Land within the Biological Study Area (BSA) is characterized as barren, urban, riverine, annual grassland, valley-foothill riparian and valley oak woodland habitats. Special-status species that have the potential to occur within the BSA include the state Species of Special Concern (SSC) western pond turtle (*Actinemys marmorata*), Navarro roach (*Lavinia symmetricus navarroensis*), and foothill yellow-legged frog northwest/north coast clade

(FYLF, *Rana boylei*), the federally threatened NC steelhead DPS, tree roosting bat species protected by the California Fish and Game Code (CFGF), and a variety of bird and raptor species protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. In addition, Robinson Creek is designated as critical habitat for the NC steelhead DPS and for the Central California Coast Coho salmon Evolutionary Significant Unit (ESU) (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*). The Project site falls within an area mapped by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) as potentially containing Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) for California Coastal Chinook salmon ESU (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) and Central California Coast Coho salmon ESU; however, these species are not known to occur in Robinson Creek.

With the implementation of avoidance and minimization measures including construction timing, impacts to western pond turtle, Navarro roach, FYLF, roosting bats, or nesting birds will be minimal. This Project may affect and is likely to adversely affect the NC steelhead DPS through potential relocation efforts conducted by the qualified biologist. California Coastal Chinook salmon ESU and Central California Coast Coho salmon ESU are not known to occur within Robinson Creek; therefore, the Project will have no effect on these species. This Project is not likely to adversely modify critical habitat or EFH. The Project will result in a net benefit and be self-mitigating for impacts to critical habitat and EFH through onsite restoration and restored access to the upper reaches of Robinson Creek. Approximately 201.6 linear feet (0.14 acres) of temporary impacts and 93.1 linear feet (0.01 acres) of permanent impacts to NC steelhead DPS and Central California Coast Coho salmon ESU critical habitat within the BSA are proposed; however, the removal of the existing fish barrier upstream of the bridge will restore fish passage to 0.25 acres of critical habitat within the BSA.

The Project will result in 0.28 acres of temporary and 0.06 acres of permanent impacts to jurisdictional waters of the U.S. (WOTUS). This Project is self-mitigating as both temporary and permanent impacts will have a net benefit to WOTUS; therefore, the purchase of credits at a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) approved mitigation bank or payment to a Corps approved in-lieu fund, will not be required. Impacts will be the result of restoration activities including removing the failed retaining wall and associated rock slope protection (RSP) from the creek, streambank stabilization through hybrid RSP revetment, vegetation of created point bars, and habitat enhancement. A Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) §401 Water Quality Certification permit, a California Department of Fish and

Wildlife (CDFW) §1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement, and a Corps Nationwide §404 permit shall be obtained for the project.

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List of Abbreviated Terms

BSA	Biological Study Area
BMP	Best Management Practices
CC	California Coastal
CCC	Central California Coast
Cal-IPC	California Invasive Plant Council
Caltrans	California Department of Transportation
CDFW	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CESA	California Endangered Species Act
CFGF	California Fish and Game Code
CIDH	Cast-In-Drilled-Hole
CNDDDB	California Natural Diversity Database
CNPS	California Native Plant Society
Corps	United States Army Corps of Engineers
County	Mendocino County
CRPR	California Rare Plant Rank
CWA	Clean Water Act
DBH	Diameter at Breast Height
DPS	Distinct Population Segment
EFH	Essential Fish Habitat
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
ESA	Endangered Species Act
ESU	Evolutionarily Significant Unit
GIS	Geographic Information System
HBP	Highway Bridge Program
IPaC	Information for Planning and Conservation
LWD	Large Woody Debris

MBTA	Migratory Bird Treaty Act
MLA	Michael Love & Associates, Inc.
MSA	Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act
NC	Northern California
NEPA	National Environmental Quality Act
NES	Natural Environmental Study
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NRCS	Natural Resource Conservation Service
OHWM	Ordinary High Water Mark
RPW	Relatively Permanent Water
RSP	Rock Slope Protection
RWQCB	Regional Water Quality Control Board
SR	State Route
SSC	State Species of Special Concern
USDA	United States Department of Agriculture
USFS	United States Forest Service
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
USGS	United States Geological Survey
WOTUS	Waters of the United States

1 Introduction

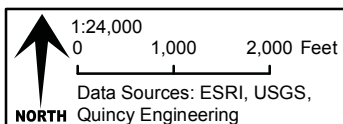
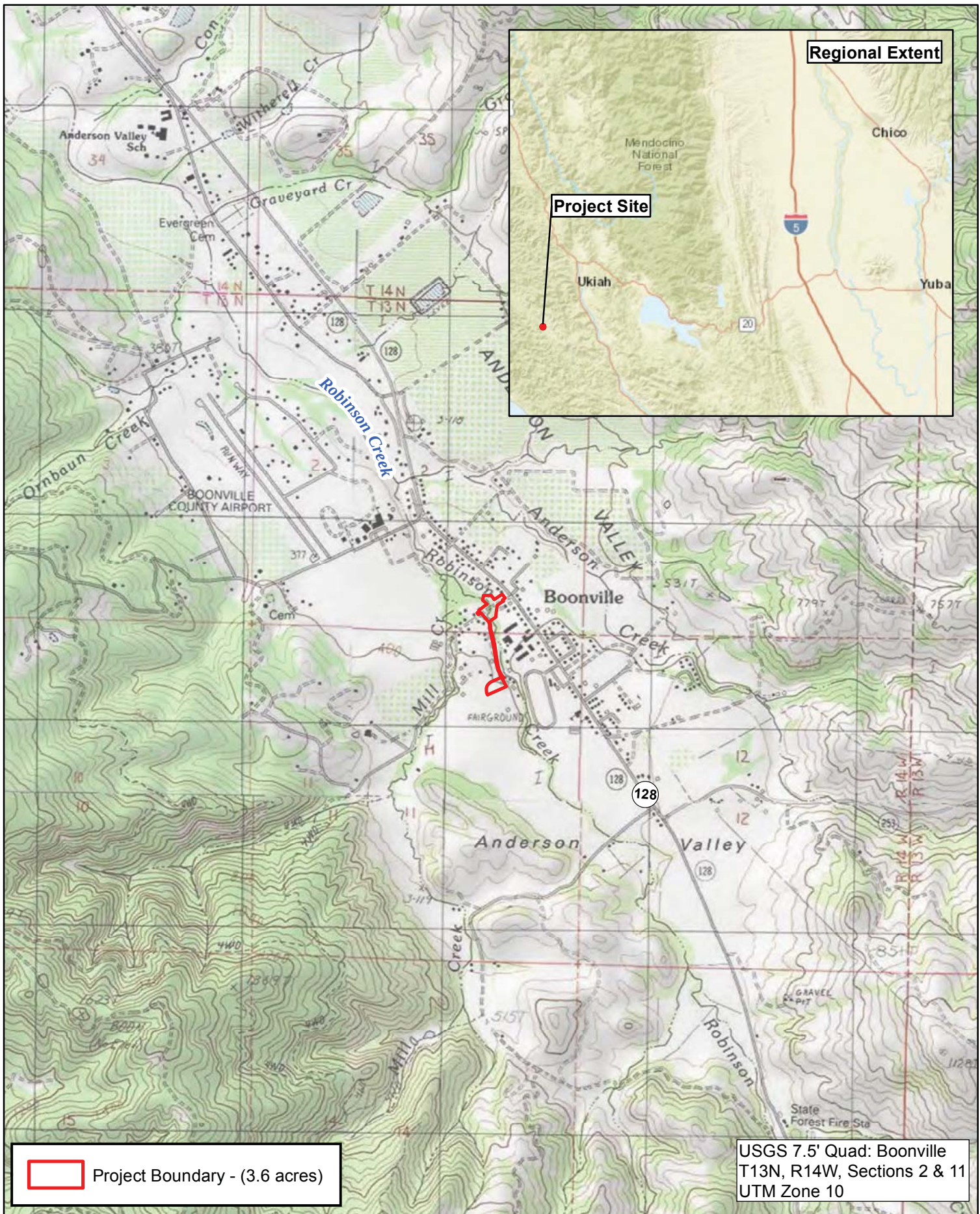
The purpose of the Robinson Creek Bridge Replacement on Lambert Lane Project (Bridge No. 10C0146) (Project) is to replace the existing Robinson Creek Bridge on Lambert Lane to provide the public with a safe, reliable crossing and improve traffic operations (**Figure 1: Regional Location Map, Figure 2: Project Location Map**). This Project is needed because the existing bridge has been designated as functionally obsolete and scour critical by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), due to the undermining of the spread footing foundations and collapse of a retaining wall. The purpose of this Natural Environment Study (NES) is to evaluate potential Project impacts to special-status species and their habitats within the Project vicinity.

Project History

The Project is located in the town of Boonville, California on the western edge of the Anderson Valley (**Figure 1**). The existing bridge was constructed on Lambert Lane over Robinson Creek in 1954. Lambert Lane is the only public access road in and out of a residential and agricultural area. The existing 32-foot long single span bridge is comprised of a concrete deck slab supported on tall closed strutted abutments founded on spread footings. The existing bridge has been designated as functionally obsolete and scour critical by Caltrans, qualifying it for rehabilitation or replacement under the federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP). In winter of 2015, a retaining wall on the upstream side of the west approach washed out and collapsed into the creek causing Mendocino County (County) to place revetment to prevent continued scouring and erosion. In the winter of 2016/2017, scour further undermined the eastern abutment footing along its entire length and reinforcing steel is exposed. The purpose of the Project is to replace the deficient, unstable bridge with a reliable structure to provide a safe crossing that meets current standards. The Project is funded through the HBP with matching funds from Federal Toll Credits. Caltrans will be the lead agency for National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance through delegation from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the County, the owner of the Project, will be the lead agency for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance.

FISH PASSAGE

A fish passage assessment of stream crossings was conducted by Ross Taylor and Associates (Taylor 2001). Because the Lambert Lane bridge is a channel spanning crossing, it was considered to provide unimpeded fish passage and was not included in the assessment. However, under current conditions, the failed retaining wall and associated riprap creates a



Robinson Creek Bridge Replacement Project
Regional Location
Figure 1



3-foot water surface drop, which classifies the current conditions as a barrier to adult and juvenile steelhead based on California Department of Fish and Wildlife fish passage assessment guidelines (CDFG, 2002). Channel restoration designs for the site should satisfy current fish passage standards, as described in CDFG (2009) and NMFS (2001) guidelines.

GEOMORPHIC CHANNEL CONDITIONS

Changing geomorphic conditions within Robinson Creek and downstream Anderson Creek have been noted for decades. Channel incision (lowering of the channel bed) and channel bank erosion along Robinson Creek was noted as a significant source of sediment production within the 1998 Navarro River Watershed Restoration Plan. Incision has caused scour and undermining of bridge foundations, leading to the replacement of the State Route (SR) 128 crossing of Anderson Creek immediately upstream of the confluence of Robinson Creek and replacement of the Mountain View Road bridge crossing over Robinson Creek, downstream of Lambert Lane. Also, channel widening associated with incision processes has caused severe bank erosion threatening adjoining structures and resulting in loss of mature riparian vegetation throughout lower Robinson Creek.

The Mendocino County Resource Conservation District (RCD) and the Mendocino County Water Agency conducted studies of channel conditions to characterize the ongoing channel adjustments in Robinson Creek, focusing on the reach from the confluence with Anderson Creek to the Mendocino County Fair Grounds upstream of Lambert Lane. This included conducting profile surveys of the channel thalweg and surveys of channel cross sections in 2005 to document the channel morphology. Florsheim (2006) prepared a baseline assessment of bio-geomorphic conditions within lower Robinson Creek for the RCD and identified channel incision as the dominant process causing the observed channel instabilities. Follow-up monitoring surveys of the lower Robinson Creek channel thalweg were conducted in 2008, which found the channel showed signs of aggradation near the confluence with Anderson Creek, but also showed signs of incision within a reach between Mountain View Road and Lambert Lane bridge crossings (Florsheim, 2008). These findings were further described in a 2013 peer-reviewed publication (Florsheim et al., 2013). The RCD provided the original data from the 2005 and 2008 county surveys to MLA to compare to current channel conditions at the Lambert Lane bridge replacement Project.

Project Description

BIOLOGICAL STUDY AREA

The Biological Study Area (BSA) is the area in which biological surveys are conducted and where all construction and staging will occur (**Figure 3: Biological Study Area**). The BSA for this Project encompasses the bridge construction and stream restoration zone as well as the potential off-site staging area located at the County Fairgrounds. The BSA is a total of 3.6 acres.

PROPOSED PROJECT

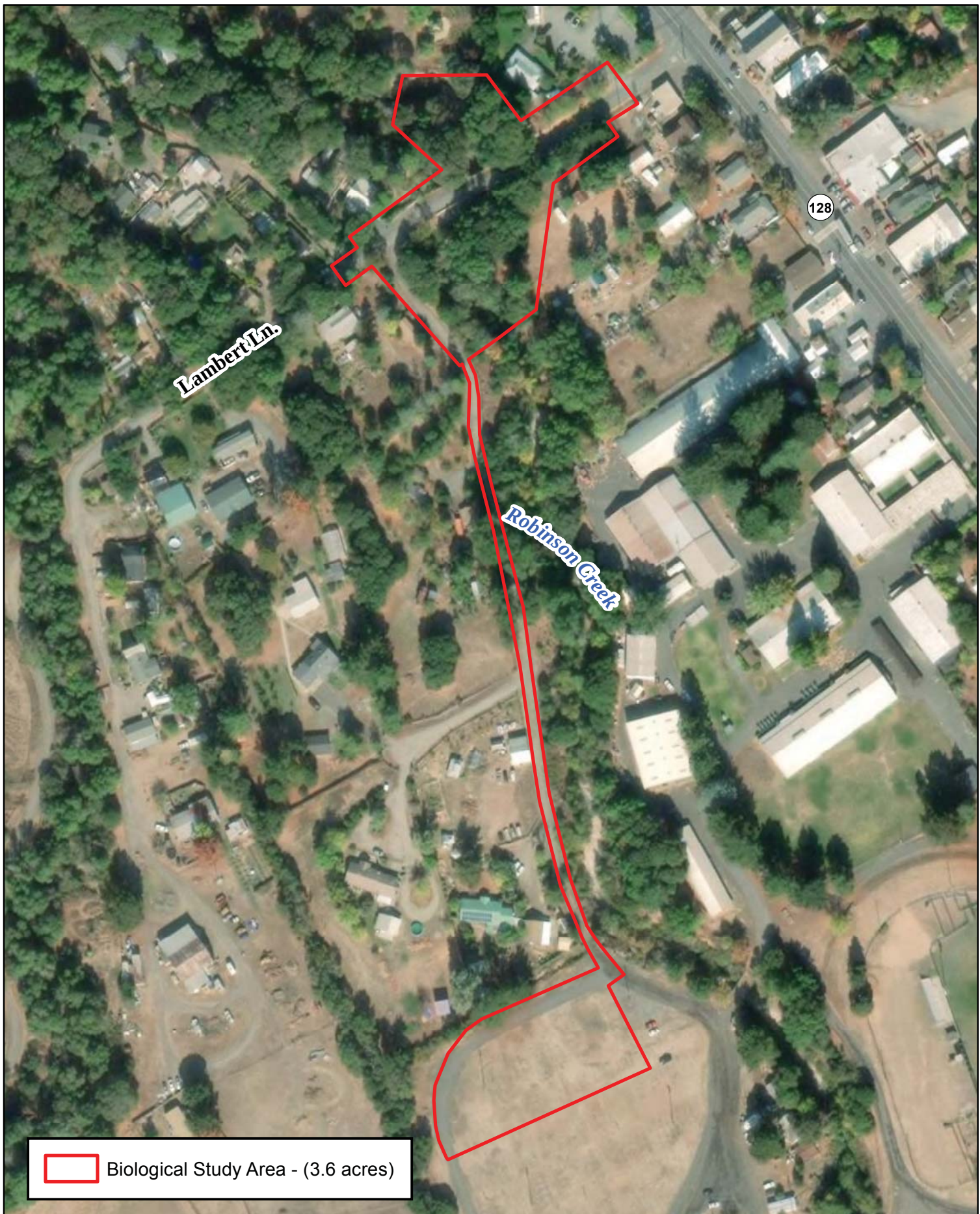
The proposed Project will replace the existing Robinson Creek Bridge on Lambert Lane, approximately 400 feet west of SR 128 (**Figure 2**). The existing structure is 32 feet long and 26 feet wide with closed strutted abutments founded on spread footings on erodible alluvial material. This bridge has a history of scour issues and a scour hole that has undermined the integrity of the easterly bridge abutment. There are deficiencies in the bridge width, superstructure and substructure conditions. The replacement bridge will have 9-foot lanes and 5-foot shoulders in each direction resulting in a wider structure which meets safety standards.

In addition to the bridge replacement, portions of the stream channel upstream and downstream of the bridge, as well as a localized downstream streambank scour area adjacent to the Boonville Hotel, will be stabilized according to the Robinson Creek Channel Design for the Lambert Lane Bridge Replacement Project prepared by Michael Love & Associates, Inc. (MLA). The channel restoration is intended to provide geomorphically stable channel geometry while protecting the roadway embankment and vulnerable streambanks with hybrid rock slope protection (RSP) revetments where required due to risk of scour and lateral channel migration.

CONSTRUCTION METHODS AND ACCESS

The preferred construction method will be to build a replacement bridge on the existing alignment and provide a temporary detour. Based on Lambert Lane being the only public road access to approximately 30 parcels, it is necessary to keep at least one lane of traffic open during construction. Due to the instability of the existing bridge, a temporary bridge is proposed to be erected offset from the existing bridge to pass traffic around bridge construction operations within the Project site and avoid a road closure. This temporary bridge will either be a Bailey Bridge sourced from Mendocino County or a Contractor furnished temporary bridge structure.

A long span steel plate girder bridge will be constructed within the existing bridge alignment and can be fabricated in shorter lengths to facilitate transport and then assembled on-site



(Figure 4). This bridge option will have a shorter construction time and will minimize impacts to the creek since it does not require falsework in the creek. Additionally, this long span bridge option provides the ability to improve the alignment of the creek to minimize future potential scour issues by increasing the channel opening and providing a softer and more gradual turn of the creek. Weathering steel will be utilized to minimize future maintenance efforts and costs. Significant changes to the vertical profile are not anticipated as the existing and replacement bridge option provide adequate hydraulic freeboard. The structure depth will be 4 feet 9 inches.

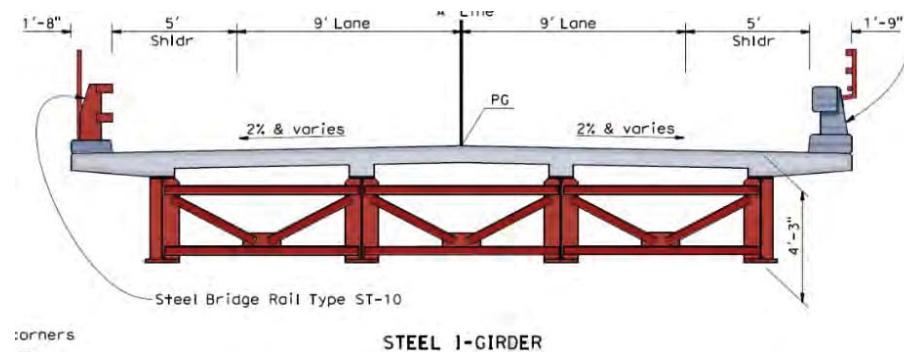


Figure 4. Long Span Prefabricated Steel Plate Girder Bridge Design Cross-Section

Deep foundation systems, drilled piles, will be required due to the presence of unconsolidated channel alluvium substrate. Pile type is Cast-In-Drilled-Hole (CIDH) piles. The foundation type for the retaining walls will be the same as for bridge abutments. It is anticipated that temporary shoring will be required during bridge construction.

The installation of a clear water diversion may be necessary. If required, the clear water diversion will be constructed of one appropriately sized culvert and cofferdam constructed of visqueen plastic, clean river gravel, and sandbags (**Appendix G**)

Geomorphic Channel Conditions Within the Project Area and the Proposed Bridge Structure

Lambert Lane crosses Robinson Creek approximately 2,860 linear feet upstream of the confluence with Anderson Creek and 400 feet west of SR 128. The existing bridge crossing is at the inflection of a tight meander bend and the channel alignment has been constrained by the roadway embankment. The proposed replacement bridge has a free span of approximately 91 feet, while the existing bridge span is only 32 feet. The increased span is in-part intended to facilitate an improved alignment with the channel by decreasing the sharpness of the meander bend. A constraint to realigning the channel was the preservation

of large established trees along the right bank upstream and downstream of the crossing, including an 8-foot diameter heritage oak tree close to the existing right bank of the channel upstream of the bridge. The proposed alignment moves the approach channel further to the right (looking downstream) and has a sinuosity of 1.2 (valley length to channel length).

Stream Channel Restoration Geomorphic Characterization

It is proposed that portions of the embankment slopes will be protected from erosion with RSP and that willow plantings will also be included as part of bank protection and restoration. Channel grading will minimize abrupt hydraulic constrictions and areas of focused high velocities (**Figure 5**). The proposed riprap revetments upstream and downstream of the bridge crossing and downstream by the Boonville Hotel are to be vegetated with live willow cuttings following Caltrans "hybrid revetment" design. Further, this Project will include removing the rubble and reconfiguring the RSP that covers the creek bottom, restoring the channel to a more natural condition and restoring fish passage to sections of Robinson Creek above the failed retaining wall. Channel restoration designs for the site will satisfy current fish passage standards, as described in CDFG (2009) and NMFS (2001) guidelines (**Appendix A: Robinson Creek Channel Design Report**).

The channel configuration and extent of grading was influenced by the goal of preserving trees. The first design consideration was to minimize the removal of larger oak and bay trees. Planting the RSP with willow stakes and site revegetation is intended to offset temporary losses, as willows grow quickly. Large woody debris (LWD) will be placed along the inside bend in the upstream right bank between station 29+60 and 31+100, and on the downstream left bank around station 28+00. Removed trees to be used as LWD will be a minimum of 15 feet long and have a 16-inch diameter at breast height (DBH). A plan sheet showing the location of LWD placement in the restored stream will be included in the final design. Anchoring details will be included on the LWD plan sheet and at a minimum will include the construction details shown on the example plan sheet provided as **Appendix F**.

The stream channel component of the Project was designed using the stream simulation approach outlined in Part XII of the California Salmonid Stream Habitat Restoration Manual (CDFG, 2009) and by the United States Forest Service (USFS) (2008). The stream simulation approach is a geomorphically-based approach that requires a channel-spanning crossing structure with adequate capacity to convey the 100-year flow. The channel grading should

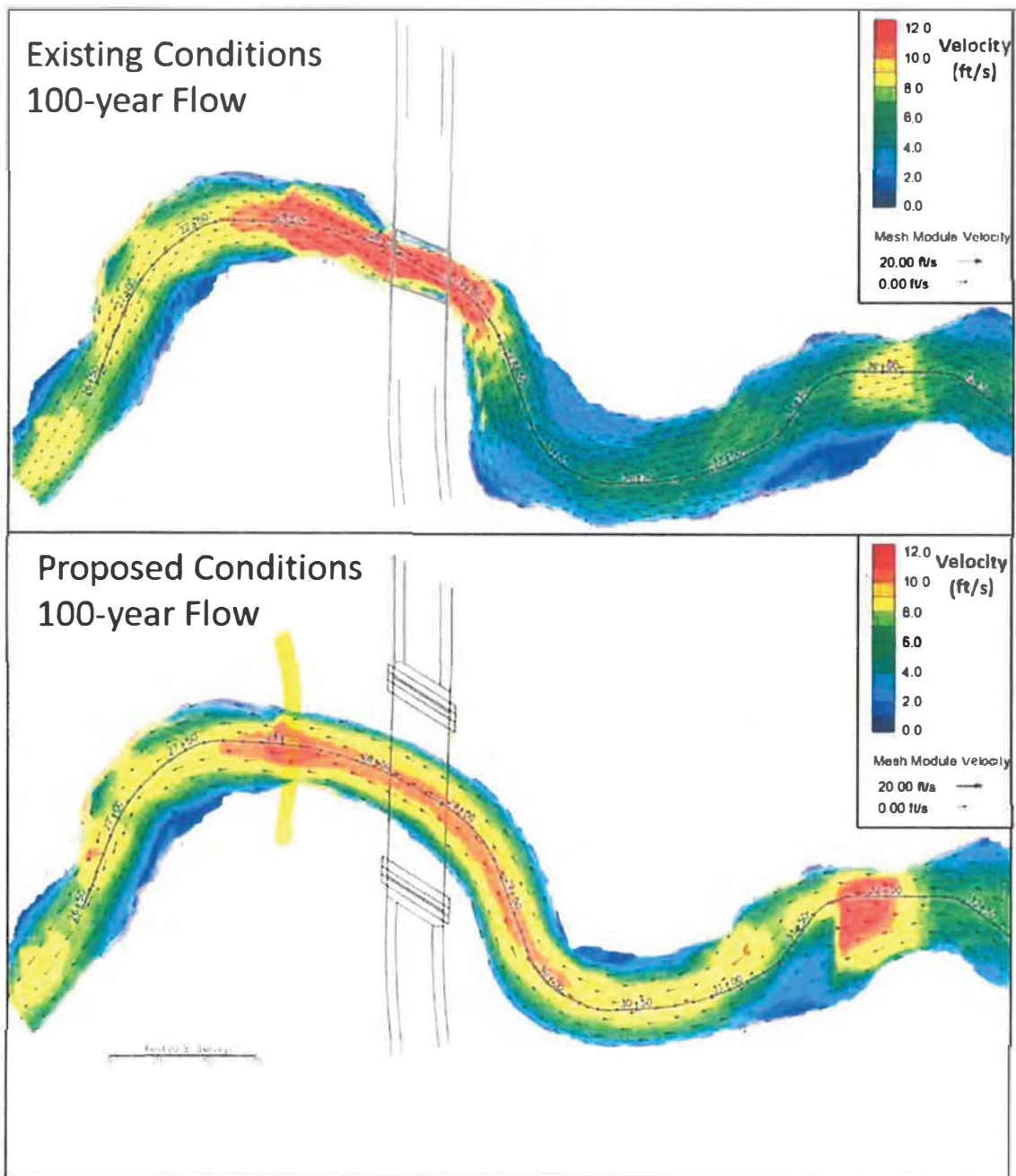


Figure 5. Predicted water velocities associated with the 100-year flow of 1,750 cfs for existing and proposed.

seamlessly connect with the upstream and downstream channel profiles and the streambed should be composed of native material that is as mobile as bed material within the adjacent channel reaches. The approach relies on using the adjacent stream channel as a geomorphic reference for design of the crossing and channel bed. The approximate volume of streambed material to be stockpiled and placed back in the channel is 1,200 cubic yards. All this material will be salvaged streambed material from the project stream reach. No imported material will be brought in for this use.

Hybrid Revetment Design

Incorporating vegetation into the streambank revetment has the beneficial effects of improving stream ecology, increasing soil strength and providing flow resistance, although it can be unpredictable over the long term (Caltrans 2014). Established vegetation will provide cover, shade the channel and provide nutrients to the stream. As root systems establish, they can support the banks by providing resistance to scour and bind the soils and rock placed along the bank.

Caltrans has developed recommendations for the use of a "hybrid revetment" that incorporates vegetation into RSP to provide the benefits of stream side vegetation while managing its uncertainties. The intent is to balance the engineering benefit of armoring a bank while promoting ecological processes. The hybrid RSP design consists of the standard RSP design as described above, with the addition of live willow staking that penetrates the rock layers and allows rooting into the native bank soils.

Species most commonly used as live stakes are native willow and cottonwood trees. Plantings are placed either vertical or perpendicular to the slope face and must be long enough to extend through to the subbase and into moist soil. Placement of live stakes is done in conjunction with rock placement. To provide protection to the live stakes during rock placement, cuttings should be placed into perforated cardboard tubes that are embedded into the subgrade and extend through the layered RSP. Cardboard is preferred as it can degrade over time and not hinder the growth of the cuttings. Growing medium is placed within the cardboard tubes to provide direct soil contact. Additionally, voids within the placed riprap should be filled with salvaged soil to further promote root growth within the layered RSP.

For Robinson Creek, it is assumed cutting shall be made from native willow species. Stakes may need to be as long as 12 feet and should be placed vertically to maximize their rooting depth, with the butt of the live stake at or near summer groundwater levels. The willow

plantings will start at bankfull, 2.3 feet above the finished channel bed, and extend up the RSP revetment. To ensure good establishment, the live stakes should be irrigated for a minimum of two seasons.

Based on the proposed channel grading, 19 trees will be removed (**Figure 6**). In addition to the plantings contained within the hybrid RSP revetment, native vegetation would be planted on the graded point bars on the inside of the channel bends. This vegetation should include native riparian tree species, as well as understory plants. In addition to the planting areas close to the channel, the Project will create a terrace behind the RSP adjacent to the road embankment at the southern bridge approach. This terrace will be used to plant upland tree species, such as native oaks.

Channel incision, channel bank erosion, and channel widening associated with incision processes has caused severe bank erosion, resulting in loss of mature riparian vegetation throughout lower Robinson Creek. Though the riparian trees to be removed as a result of the Project are likely important components of northern California (NC) steelhead Distinct Population Segment (DPS) and Central California Coast (CCC) Coho salmon Evolutionary Significant Unit (ESU) critical habitat, current conditions have degraded the overall quality of the critical habitat. The Project proponent proposes to replant up to 355 trees, at a 18:1 ratio, in an effort to restore the creek and mitigate potential impacts to Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) critical habitat. Robinson Creek and its associated riparian vegetation will be restored to a net benefit to NC steelhead and the critical habitat present. The following are the preliminary estimates of trees to be replanted. Upon final design, a qualified landscape architect or botanist should be consulted to determine spacing and placement, species types, and any other factors appropriate to the site. The landscape architect or botanist shall provide provisions for harvesting and storage of cutting stock and irrigation design. A landscape architect or botanist shall be retained to ensure revegetation has a high potential for success.

Planted RSP (3,010 sf):

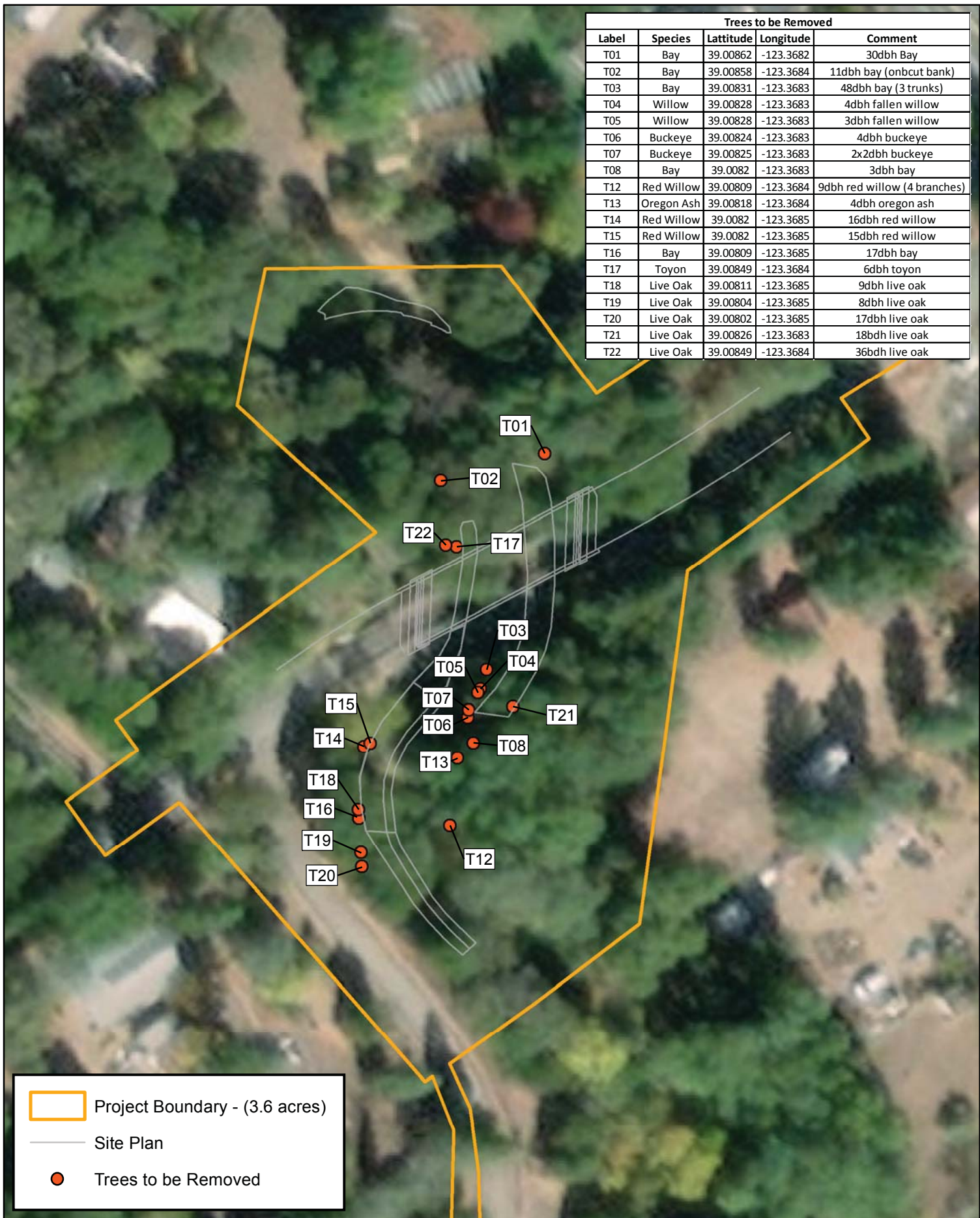
Willow/cottonwood at 5 feet on center = 125 trees

Channel bank and low terrace (1,823 sf):

Native riparian and understory at 3 feet on center = 220 trees

Upper Terrace (725 sf)

Native upland trees, such as oaks = 5-10 trees



A quantity estimate of both temporary fill materials and permanent features required for construction within Robinson Creek in the BSA is presented in **Table 1**.

Table 1. Impacts to Waters of the United States

Type of impact	Acreage of impact
Temporary Impacts – Access and Bridge Demolition/Construction	0.28 acres
Permanent Impacts – Hybrid RSP Revetment and Stream Restoration	0.06 acres

STAGING AREAS, RIGHTS OF WAY, AND UTILITIES

The Project staging areas will include portions of the closed roadway at each end of the bridge and the area just southeast of the bridge. If this area is unavailable or not sufficient in size, there is an alternative area off-site at the County Fairgrounds that can also serve as a staging area. Right-of-Way including slope easements, temporary construction easements, permanent maintenance easements, and permanent acquisitions will be required. There are existing overhead electrical and telephone utilities that will need to be relocated. Additionally, there is a storm water concrete pipe that outfalls into the creek that will need to be relocated. Coordination will begin early with PG&E.

CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT AND SCHEDULE

It is anticipated that excavators, dozers, cranes, pavers, dump trucks, concrete trucks, concrete pumps, and pile drilling equipment will be required. Construction within Robinson Creek is anticipated to begin in June 15, 2021 and continue through October 15, 2021.

2 Study Methods

The biological and botanical surveys were conducted by Gallaway Enterprises after consulting the United States Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS) Information for Planning and Conservation (IPaC) species list, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) NMFS species list, NOAA NMFS EFH mapper database, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB) search and the California Native Plant Societies (CNPS) list of rare and endangered plants gathered for the BSA (**Appendix B: Species Lists**). Additionally, a map was obtained from the CNDDDB Geographic Information System (GIS) database, which provided general locations of species that had recorded CNDDDB occurrences within a five-mile radius of the Project location (**Figure 7: CNDDDB Occurrences**). Based on the results of the species lists and CNDDDB map, appropriate biological and botanical surveys were conducted.

Regulatory Requirements

The following describes federal, state, and local environmental laws and policies that are relevant to the CEQA review process and to this NES.

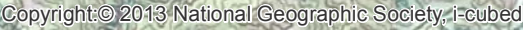
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Federal Endangered Species Act

The United States Congress passed the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) in 1973 to protect species that are endangered or threatened with extinction. The ESA is intended to operate in conjunction with the NEPA to help protect the ecosystems upon which endangered and threatened species depend. The ESA makes it unlawful to “take” a listed animal without a permit. Take is defined as “to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect or attempt to engage in any such conduct.” Through regulations, the term “harm” is defined as “an act which actually kills or injures wildlife. Such an act may include significant habitat modification or degradation where it actually kills or injures wildlife by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns, including breeding, feeding, or sheltering.”

Migratory Bird Treaty Act

The MBTA (16 USC §703) prohibits the killing of migratory birds or the destruction of their occupied nests and eggs except in accordance with regulations prescribed by the USFWS. The bird species covered by the MBTA includes nearly all of those that breed in North



America, excluding introduced (i.e. exotic) species (50 Code of Federal Regulations §10.13). Activities that involve the removal of vegetation including trees, shrubs, grasses, and forbs or ground disturbance has the potential to affect bird species protected by the MBTA.

Waters of the United States, Clean Water Act, Section 404

The Corps and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulate the discharge of dredged or fill material into jurisdictional waters of the United States, under the Clean Water Act (CWA, §404). The term “waters of the United States” (WOTUS) is an encompassing term that includes “wetlands” and “other waters.” Wetlands have been defined for regulatory purposes as follows: “those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions (33 CFR 328.3, 40 CFR 230.3). Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas.” other waters of the United States are seasonal or perennial water bodies, including lakes, stream channels, drainages, ponds, and other surface water features, that exhibit an ordinary high-water mark but lack positive indicators for one or more of the three wetland parameters (i.e., hydrophytic vegetation, hydric soil, and wetland hydrology) (33 CFR 328.4).

The Corps may issue either individual permits on a case-by-case basis or general permits on a program level. General permits are pre-authorized and are issued to cover similar activities that are expected to cause only minimal adverse environmental effects. Nationwide permits are general permits issued to cover particular fill activities. All nationwide permits have general conditions that must be met for the permits to apply to a particular Project, as well as specific conditions that apply to each nationwide permit.

Executive Orders 13112; Prevention and Control of Invasive Species

On February 3, 1999, Executive Order 13112 was signed establishing the National Invasive Species Council. Executive Order 11312 directs all federal agencies to prevent and control introductions of invasive nonnative species in a cost-effective and environmentally sound manner to minimize their economic, ecological, and human health impacts. Executive Order 11312 established a national Invasive Species Council made up of federal agencies and departments and a supporting Invasive Species Advisory Committee composed of state, local, and private entities. The Invasive Species Council and Advisory Committee oversees and facilitates implementation of the Executive Order, including preparation of a National Invasive Species Management Plan.

Section two (2) of the Executive Order states:

- (a) Each Federal agency whose actions may affect the status of invasive species shall, to the extent practicable and permitted by law, (1) identify such actions; (2) subject to the availability of appropriations, and within Administration budgetary limits, use relevant programs and authorities to: (i) prevent the introduction of invasive species; (ii) detect and respond rapidly to and control populations of such species in a cost-effective and environmentally sound manner; (iii) monitor invasive species populations accurately and reliably; (iv) provide for restoration of native species and habitat conditions in ecosystems that have been invaded; (v) conduct research on invasive species and develop technologies to prevent introduction and provide for environmentally sound control of invasive species; and (vi) promote public education on invasive species and the means to address them; and (3) not authorize, fund, or carry out actions that it believes are likely to cause or promote the introduction or spread of invasive species in the United States or elsewhere unless, pursuant to guidelines that it has prescribed, the agency has determined and made public its determination that the benefits of such actions clearly outweigh the potential harm caused by invasive species; and that all feasible and prudent measures to minimize risk of harm will be taken in conjunction with the actions.
- (b) Federal agencies shall pursue the duties set forth in this section in consultation with the Invasive Species Council, consistent with the Invasive Species Management Plan and in cooperation with stakeholders, as appropriate, and, as approved by the Department of State, when Federal agencies are working with international organizations and foreign nations.

The Magnuson-Stevens Act

The Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) was signed in 1996 and mandates the use of annual catch limits and accountability measures to end overfishing, provide widespread market-based fishery management through limited access privilege programs, and calls for increased international cooperation. The fish off the coasts of the United States, the highly migratory species of the high seas, the species which dwell on or in the Continental Shelf appertaining to the United States, and the anadromous species which spawn in United States Rivers or estuaries, constitute valuable and renewable natural resources and they and their habitats are protected under the MSA. A national program for the conservation and management of the fishery resources of the United States is necessary to prevent overfishing, to rebuild

overfished stocks, to insure conservation, to facilitate long-term protection of EFH, and to realize the full potential of the Nation's fishery resources.

Congress defined EFH as "those waters and substrate necessary to fish for spawning, breeding, feeding, or growth to maturity." The EFH guidelines further interpret the EFH definition as:

- "Waters" include aquatic areas and their associated physical, chemical, and biological properties that are used by fish and may include aquatic areas historically used by fish where appropriate.
- "substrate" includes sediment, hard bottom, structures underlying the waters, and associated biological communities.
- "necessary" means the habitat required to support a sustainable fishery and the managed species contribution to a healthy ecosystem.
- and "spawning, breeding, feeding, or growth to maturity" covers a species' full life cycle.

Activities proposed to occur in EFH areas do not automatically require consultation. Consultations are triggered only when the proposed action may adversely affect EFH, and then, only Federal actions require consultation. States are not required to consult. However, if NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) receives information on a State action that may adversely affect EFH, NMFS is required to provide EFH conservation recommendations to the State agency. States are not required to initiate consultation with NMFS nor respond to its recommendations (NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service 2011).

State of California

California Endangered Species Act

The California Endangered Species Act (CESA) is similar to the ESA, but pertains to state-listed endangered and threatened species. The CESA requires state agencies to consult with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) when preparing documents to comply with the CEQA. The purpose is to ensure that the actions of the lead agency do not jeopardize the continued existence of a listed species or result in the destruction, or adverse modification of habitat essential to the continued existence of those species. In

addition to formal listing under the federal and state endangered species acts, “species of special concern” receive consideration by CDFW. Species of special concern are those whose numbers, reproductive success, or habitat may be threatened.

California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines §15380

Although threatened and endangered species are protected by specific federal and state statutes, CEQA Guidelines §15380(d) provides that a species not listed on the federal or state list of protected species may be considered rare or endangered if the species can be shown to meet certain specified criteria. These criteria have been modeled based on the definition in the ESA and the section of the California Fish and Game Code (CFGC) dealing with rare, threatened, and endangered plants and animals. The CEQA Guidelines (§15380) allows a public agency to undertake a review to determine if a significant effect on species that have not yet been listed by either the USFWS or CDFW (e.g. candidate species, species of concern) would occur. Thus, CEQA provides an agency with the ability to protect a species from a Project’s potential impacts until the respective government agencies have an opportunity to designate the species as protected, if warranted.

Clean Water Act, Section 401

The CWA (§401) requires water quality certification and authorization for placement of dredged or fill material in wetlands and other waters of the United States. In accordance with the CWA (§401), criteria for allowable discharges into surface waters have been developed by the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Quality. The resulting requirements are used as criteria in granting National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits or waivers, which are obtained through the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) per the CWA (§402). Any activity or facility that will discharge waste (such as soils from construction) into surface waters, or from which waste may be discharged, must obtain an NPDES permit or waiver from the RWQCB. The RWQCB evaluates an NPDES permit application to determine whether the proposed discharge is consistent with the adopted water quality objectives of the basin plan.

California Fish and Game Code

The CFGC (§3503.5) states that it is “unlawful to take, possess, or destroy any birds in the order Falconiformes (hawks, eagles, and falcons) or Strigiformes or to take, possess, or destroy the nest or eggs of any such bird except as otherwise provided by this code or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto.” Take includes the disturbance of an active nest resulting in the abandonment or loss of young. The CFGC (§3503) also states that “it is

unlawful to take, possess, or needlessly destroy the nest or eggs of any bird, except as otherwise provided by this code or any regulation made pursuant thereto.”

Rare and Endangered Plants

The CNPS maintains a list of plant species native to California with low population numbers, limited distribution, or otherwise threatened with extinction. This information is published in the Inventory of Rare and Endangered Vascular Plants of California. Potential impacts to populations of CNPS-ranked plants receive consideration under CEQA review. The CNPS California Rare Plant Rank (CRPR) categorizes plants as the following:

- Rank 1A: Plants presumed extinct in California;
- Rank 1B: Plants rare, threatened, or endangered in California or elsewhere;
- Rank 2: Plants rare, threatened, or endangered in California, but more numerous elsewhere;
- Rank 3: Plants about which we need more information; and
- Rank 4: Plants of limited distribution.

The California Native Plant Protection Act (CFGCA §1900-1913) prohibits the taking, possessing, or sale within the state of any plants with a state designation of rare, threatened, or endangered as defined by CDFW. An exception to this prohibition allows landowners, under specific circumstances, to take listed plant species, provided that the owners first notify CDFW and give the agency at least 10 days to retrieve (and presumably replant) the plants before they are destroyed. Fish and Game Code §1913 exempts from the ‘take’ prohibition ‘the removal of endangered or rare native plants from a canal, lateral ditch, building site, or road, or other right of way.’

Studies Required

Gallaway Enterprises conducted biological and botanical habitat assessments and a protocol-level rare plant survey within the BSA. Biological and botanical surveys were conducted following review of the USFWS IPaC report, CNDDDB Rarefind 5 report, CNPS list, and the CNDDDB occurrence map (**Figure 7**). The United States Geological Survey (USGS) “Boonville” 7.5 minute quadrangle in which the Project is located were used to derive the agency species lists (**Appendix B: Species Lists**). Based on the results of the species lists, Gallaway Enterprises conducted a general habitat assessment and protocol level rare plant botanical survey to identify any rare, endangered, threatened, or sensitive species and their habitats that may have the potential to occur within the BSA.

Personnel and Survey Dates

The biological evaluation and rare plant botanical survey was conducted on June 29, 2018 by Gallaway Enterprises biologist, Melissa Murphy, and senior botanist and certified arborist, Elena Gregg. The purpose of the biological evaluation and rare plant botanical survey is to determine if suitable habitat occurs within the property for special-status species and if special-status species are present. Methods for each survey are described below.

Ms. Murphy has over eight years of experience surveying at the protocol and general level for listed reptiles and amphibians including foothill yellow-legged frog, giant garter snake (GGS), and California red-legged frog. Ms. Murphy has experience surveying for yellow billed cuckoo, foothill yellow-legged frog, PIT tagging reptiles, assisting in de-watering activities including fish relocation, surveying for nesting birds and raptors, capturing and banding waterfowl, and conducting habitat assessments for listed species. Ms. Murphy has installed bird and bat exclusion at a myriad of projects and works under Gallaway Enterprises' CDFW Scientific Collecting Permit as a Principal Investigator.

Mrs. Gregg has over twelve years of professional experience conducting rare plant surveys, wetland delineations, and habitat assessments in California. She has a working knowledge of CNPS, CDFW, and USFWS survey protocols and holds a CDFW collection permit for listed plant species. Through her extensive field experience in a wide array of habitats and eco-regions in northern California, Mrs. Gregg has gained knowledge of locally invasive plants species and noxious weeds.

BIOLOGICAL HABITAT ASSESSMENT

The biological evaluation was conducted by walking the entire BSA and identifying specific habitat types and elements. If habitat was observed for special-status species it was then evaluated for quality based on vegetation composition and structure, physical features (e.g. water, soils), micro-climate, surrounding area, presence of predatory species and available resources (e.g. prey items, nesting substrates). Biological species observed within the BSA are listed in **Appendix C**.

BOTANICAL HABITAT ASSESSMENT

A botanical habitat assessment was conducted on June 29, 2018 by senior botanist Elena Gregg to assess potential for special-status plant species to occur within the BSA. The assessment was conducted by walking in all accessible areas of the BSA and noting the habitat elements present (e.g. soils, geology, hydrology, topography, aspect, elevation, etc.)

and vegetation communities present. If present, natural and man-made disturbance patches were noted as well as the successional stage of vegetation within the BSA. Botanical species observed within the BSA during this field visit are listed in **Appendix C**.

PROTOCOL-LEVEL RARE PLANT SURVEY

The protocol-level rare plant survey was conducted on June 29, 2018 by senior botanist Elena Gregg following the initial botanical habitat assessment during the appropriate blooming period for the four (4) special-status plant species that were identified as having potential to occur within the BSA. The survey was conducted in accordance with the CDFW March 2018, *Protocols for Surveying and Evaluating Impacts to Special Status Native Plant Populations and Sensitive Natural Communities*. All accessible areas within the Project site were surveyed on foot. A Trimble Geo Explorer 6000 Series GPS Receiver was on hand to record any special-status plant occurrences observed. A list of plant species observed during the protocol-level survey is included as **Appendix C**.

Agency Coordination and Professional Contacts

Consultation to date has included emails, phone calls, and site visits with CDFW Environmental Scientist and Fisheries Specialist, Scott Harris. A Project focus meeting was held on July 9, 2020 with Caltrans Environmental, Gallaway Enterprises, Quincy Engineering Inc, Mendocino County Department of Transportation, and NMFS in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the incorporation of fish relocation into the BA and changes in the Project impacts resulting from the Extended Phase 2 Cultural Review. A Biological Assessment (BA) has also been prepared for this Project.

The USFWS IPaC and CNDDDB Rarefind 5 species lists and the CNPS inventory of rare and endangered plants lists were reviewed in March 2019 for documentation of special-status species likely to occur within either the BSA or the USGS Bailey Ridge, Orrs Springs, Ukiah, Philo, Boonville, Elledge Peak, Zeni Ridge, Ornbaun Valley, and Yorkville 7.5 minute quadrangles (**Appendix B**). These lists were updated in December 2020. In addition to the species lists, a map was obtained from the CNDDDB GIS database, which provided general locations of species that had recorded CNDDDB occurrences within a five-mile radius of the Project location (**Figure 7**).

Limitations That May Influence Results

There were no limitations that may influence results of the habitat assessment and site assessment.

3 Results: Environmental Setting

Description of the Existing Biological and Physical Conditions

The Project site is positioned within the narrow Anderson Valley in the northern California coastal mountain range. The BSA consists of an approximately 3.6-acre survey area including the area surrounding the Lambert Lane bridge over Robinson Creek within the town of Boonville, Mendocino County, CA. The BSA is surrounded by a mix of rural residential homes and urban habitats. The Project is located within the Boonville USGS quadrangle, Section 2, Township 13N, Range 14W.

Study Area

Within the BSA, vegetation communities are highly disturbed. All construction related activities will be restricted to the limits of the BSA; therefore, habitat assessments and surveys were restricted to the area within the BSA.

Physical Conditions

The survey area ranges in elevation from 382 to 405 feet above sea level and is sloped between 0-9 percent. Soils within the survey area are loams and sandy loams with a deep restrictive layer located more than 80 inches deep. The average annual precipitation is 37.88 inches and the average temperature is 58.55° F (WRCC 2019) in the region where the survey area is located. Based on the current CWA definition of WOTUS, there is one tributary feature that meets the criteria to be considered a jurisdictional WOTUS within the BSA (**Appendix D**).

Biological Conditions in the Biological Study Area

The BSA consists of existing asphalt roadway, concrete bridge, gravel road shoulder, a mixed species tree canopy and patches of disturbed annual grassland. The existing roadway, concrete bridge and gravel road shoulder are characterized as barren habitat and are not considered habitat for any special-status species. Habitat types present within the BSA are described below based on Mayer and Laudenslayer's *A Guide to Wildlife Habitats of California* (1988).

VALLEY OAK WOODLAND

Along the tops of the banks of Robinson Creek, the majority of the vegetation was dominated by a dense tree canopy consisting of valley oaks (*Quercus lobata*) and live oak (*Quercus wislizeni*), a shrub layer of California bay-laurel (*Umbellularia californica*) and an understory dominated by Himalayan blackberry, periwinkle (*Vinca major*), English ivy (*Hedera helix*), poison oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*) and upland herbaceous species.

VALLEY FOOTHILL RIPARIAN

Below the ordinary high water mark (OHWM) of Robinson Creek, there is a narrow corridor of valley foothill riparian habitat. Vegetation along the edges of the creek bed and on the steep banks of the creek include arroyo willow (*Salix lasiolepis*), Himalayan blackberry, and the occasional Oregon ash (*Fraxinus latifolia*). The strip of valley foothill riparian habitat that occurs within the limits of Robinson Creek and the transition from this habitat type to adjacent valley oak woodland and urban habitat is abrupt. Valley foothill riparian habitats provide food, water, migration, and dispersal corridors for fish species and escape, nesting, and thermal cover for an abundance of other wildlife species. Within the BSA, this habitat type is extremely narrow and occurs in close proximity to residential homes, which greatly reduces the potential habitat benefits it can provide.

RIVERINE

Riverine habitat occurs within Robinson Creek in the BSA. Robinson Creek exhibits intermittent flow patterns and typically has a dry period starting in the early summer through fall. The channel morphology is characterized as gravel/cobble bedded pool and riffle with fairly shallow residual pool depths under the bridge. The banks of the creek were generally steep and channelized. Robinson Creek meanders tightly through the BSA with a series of s-curves causing an extensive bank failure and resulting large wood jam from mature trees sloughing into the creek. Upstream of the Robinson Creek bridge the partially failed retaining walls and road embankment is on the outside of a right bend within the channel. On the inside of the bend there is a depositional bar that appears to have formed relatively recently (since construction of the bridge), likely in-part due to backwater affects from the abrupt turn in the channel as it approaches the bridge. The bar appears to have sharpened the radius of the channel bend and pushed the channel thalweg up against the retaining wall along the road embankment and against the nearly vertical bank upstream of the retaining wall, where riprap has been placed, creating a 3-foot water surface drop which classifies the current conditions as a barrier to adult and juvenile steelhead based on the

CDFW fish passage assessment guidelines (CDFG, 2002). Western toad (*Anaxyrus boreas*) tadpoles and juveniles were observed in areas where small isolated pools remained in the channel during the June field visit.

ANNUAL GRASSLAND

Disturbed annual grassland habitat occurs as small patches of openings amongst the tree canopy within the area around the bridge and is the dominant habitat type in the proposed offsite staging area. Vegetation within these annual grassland portions of the survey area was primarily composed of perennial rye-grass (*Festuca perennis*), wall hare barley (*Hordeum murinum*), hawkbit (*Leontodon saxatilis*), smooth cat's-ear (*Hypochaeris glabra*), English plantain (*Plantago lanceolata*), and yellow star-thistle (*Centaurea solstitialis*). Wildlife species use grassland habitat for foraging but require some other habitat characteristic such as rocky out crops, cliffs, caves or ponds in order to find shelter and cover for escapement. Common species that are found breeding in this habitat when it is healthy include a variety of ground nesting avian species and small mammals (Mayer and Laudenslayer 1988).

URBAN

Urban habitat is present adjacent to the bridge site which is composed of residential homes and associated landscaping. This environment can present a mosaic of vegetation including primarily ornamental landscaping but can incorporate native tree species. Generalist and invasive species often occupy urban habitat such as common raven (*Corvus corax*), house sparrow (*Passer domesticus*), scrub jays (*Aphelocoma californica*) and brewers blackbirds (*Euphagus cyanocephalus*) as well as small to medium mammals (e.g., raccoon, opossum, striped skunk) (Mayer and Laudenslayer 1988).

BARREN

Within the BSA, the roadways and bridge structure present are characterized as barren habitat. Barren habitat is defined by the absence of vegetation. The barren habitat within the Project consists primarily of asphalt, concrete and gravel. Barren habitat types generally provide low quality of habitat for wildlife.

Regional Species and Habitats and Natural Communities of Concern

The following special-status species were identified under the USFWS IPaC, CNDDDB, NMFS and the CNPS species lists (**Appendix B: Species Lists**) as having potential to occur within

the USGS “Boonville” 7.5 minute and surrounding quadrangles. Species that have the potential to occur within the BSA are based on suitable habitat within the BSA, including elevation thresholds, CNDDDB occurrences within a five-mile radius of the BSA, and observations made during biological surveys and habitat assessment, thus not all species listed within the various species lists in **Appendix B** are included in **Table 2**. A summary of special-status species and their potential to occur within the BSA is provided in **Table 2**.

Table 2. Federal and State Listed and Candidate Species Potentially Occurring or Known to Occur in the Robinson Creek at Lambert Lane BSA.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status	General Habitat Description	Habitat Present/Absent	Potential to Occur/Rationale
PLANTS					
Burke’s goldfields	<i>Lasthenia burkei</i>	FE/CNPS 1B.1	Vernal pools and swales. (April-Jun)	A	No vernal pools or swales present in the BSA and not observed during the field survey. The Project will have no effect on this species.
Coast fawn lily	<i>Erythronium revolutum</i>	CNPS 2B.2	Bogs, fens, and mesic streambanks. (Mar-Jul)	A	Not observed within the BSA during the field survey.
Contra Costa goldfields	<i>Lasthenia conjugens</i>	FE	Vernal pools. (Mar-Jun)	A	No suitable habitat present in the BSA. The Project will have no effect on this species.
Great burnet	<i>Sangisorba officinalis</i>	CNPS 2B.2	Rocky serpentine seeps, bogs, seasonal wetlands, sometimes stream banks. (Jul-Oct)	A	No suitable rocky or seep habitat present in the BSA.
North Coast semaphore grass	<i>Pleuropogon hooverianus</i>	CNPS 1B.1	Shady, wet grassy areas and freshwater marshes on forest floor. (Apr-Jun)	A	No suitable wet habitat present and not observed within the BSA during the field survey.
Roderick’s fritillary	<i>Fritillaria roderickii</i>	CNPS 1B.1	Coastal grassy slopes and mesas. (Mar-May)	A	No suitable habitat present within the BSA.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status	General Habitat Description	Habitat Present/Absent	Potential to Occur/Rationale
Santa Cruz clover	<i>Trifolium buckwestiorum</i>	CNPS 1B.1	Present in gravelly margins and moist grassland, sometimes in gravel roads and ditches. (Apr-Oct)	A	No suitable gravelly habitat present and not observed within the BSA during the field survey.
Showy Indian clover	<i>Trifolium amoenum</i>	FE/CNPS 1B.1	Usually occurs in wetlands within valley grassland and wetland-riparian communities. (Apr-June)	A	No suitable habitat present and not observed during protocol level survey. The Project will have no effect on this species.
White-flowered rein orchid	<i>Piperia candida</i>	CNPS 1B.2	Sometimes serpentine soils, forest duff, mossy banks, rock outcrops. (May-Sep)	A	Not observed within the BSA during the field survey.
INVERTEBRATES					
There are no regulated invertebrates with the potential to occur in the BSA.					
FISH					
Central California Coast Coho salmon ESU	<i>Oncorhynchus kisutch</i>	FE/SE	Streams and small freshwater tributaries during juvenile stages, spawning habitat includes gravel substrate.	CH/A	Robinson Creek is designated as critical habitat for this species; however, within the BSA the creek is intermittent and dries completely during the summer months. CNDDDB observations between 1990 and 2016 show that there have been no observations of CCC Coho in Robinson Creek (Christy 2016). In addition, an extensive review of peer reviewed literature and citizen sightings conducted by CDFW showed

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status	General Habitat Description	Habitat Present/Absent	Potential to Occur/Rationale
					only one equivocal record of CCC Coho occurring within Robinson Creek within the last 50 years (pers. comm Scott Harris, CDFW Environmental Scientist.). The Project will have no effect on this species.
California Coastal Chinook salmon ESU	<i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i>	FT	Freshwater rivers, streams, and tributaries during the juvenile stages, prefers deep, large streams.	A	Robinson Creek is intermittent and dries completely during the summer months. In addition, an extensive review of peer reviewed literature and citizen sightings conducted by CDFW showed no occurrences of CC Chinook salmon occurring within Robinson Creek within the last 50 years (pers. comm Scott Harris, CDFW Environmental Scientist, Gavette 2014). The Project will have no effect on this species.
Navarro roach	<i>Lavinia symmetricus navarroensis</i>	SSC	Predominately found in small warm streams but are capable of thriving in larger colder streams with diverse conditions.	HP	Robinson Creek provides suitable habitat when water is present.

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status	General Habitat Description	Habitat Present/Absent	Potential to Occur/Rationale
Northern California steelhead DPS	<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss iridius</i>	FT	Wintering habitat includes streams with deep low-velocity pools while spawning habitat includes gravel substrates free of excessive silt.	CH/HP	Robinson Creek is designated critical habitat for this species, but only provides habitat when water is present during winter and spring. In addition, the current site conditions of the failed retaining wall and associated riprap immediately upstream of the bridge are considered a barrier to adult and juvenile steelhead. The Project may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect through potential relocation efforts.
Tidewater goby	<i>Eucyclogobius newberryi</i>	FE	Shallow water bodies characterized by brackish water with low to moderate salinity.	A	The creek present has no tidal influence and does not provide suitable habitat. The Project will have no effect on this species.
REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS					
California red-legged frog	<i>Rana draytonii</i>	FT/SSC	Inhabits quiet pools of streams, marshes, and occasionally ponds.	A	There were no California red-legged frogs observed during the site visit. There is no suitable breeding habitat. There are no CNDDDB occurrences within 5 miles of the BSA, and no hydrologic connection to known populations. The Project will have no effect on this

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status	General Habitat Description	Habitat Present/Absent	Potential to Occur/Rationale
					species.
Foothill yellow-legged frog – Northwest/ North Coast Clade	<i>Rana boylei</i>	SSC	Frequents rocky streams and rivers with rocky substrate and open, sunny banks, in forests, chaparral, and woodlands. Sometimes found in isolated pools, vegetated backwaters, and deep, shaded, spring-fed pools	HP	Creek only provides habitat when water is present during winter and spring.
Western pond turtle	<i>Emys marmorata</i>	SSC	Inhabits permanent streams, marshes, and ponds.	HP	Creek only provides habitat when water is present during winter and spring.
BIRDS					
Bald eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucophaea</i>	FP	Coast, large lakes and river systems, with open forests with large trees and snags.	A	No nesting habitat within or adjacent to the BSA.
Northern goshawk	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>	SSC	Continuous stands of deciduous or coniferous trees generally above 3000 feet.	A	Nesting habitat is not expected within ¼ mile of the roadway.
Osprey	<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	WL	Associated strictly with large fish-bearing waters, needs large trees, snags, and dead-topped trees in open forests for cover and nesting.	A	Robinson Creek is not a large fish-bearing waterway. There are no known occurrences in the vicinity of the BSA.
Mammals					
Pallid Bat	<i>Antrozous pallidus</i>	SSC	Open dry habitats at lower elevations	HP	Mature trees with sloughing bark and/or cavities provide suitable day roosting habitat

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status	General Habitat Description	Habitat Present/Absent	Potential to Occur/Rationale
					within the BSA.
Sonoma tree vole	<i>Arborimus pomo</i>	SSC	Old-growth Douglas-fir forest and dense forests with Douglas fir, grand fir, hemlock or spruce.	A	Only a few small Douglas fir trees present, BSA is in a highly populated area and is in a valley with open grassland/agricultural land.
Townsend's big-eared bat	<i>Corynorhinus townsendii</i>	SSC	Roosts in mines and open caverns.	A	There are no mines or open caverns within the BSA; therefore, no suitable day roosting habitat present.
Code Designations					
Absent [A] - no habitat present and no further work needed. Habitat Present [HP] -habitat is, or may be present. The species may be present. Present [P] - the species is present. Critical Habitat [CH] - project footprint is located within a designated critical habitat unit, but does not necessarily mean that appropriate habitat is present. Status: Federal Endangered (FE); Federal Threatened (FT); Federal Candidate (FC), Federal Species of Concern (FSC); State Endangered (SE); State Threatened (ST); Fully Protected (FP); State Rare (SR); State Candidate (SC), State Species of Special Concern (SSC); State Watch List (WL); California Native Plant Society (CNPS); Sensitive Natural Community (SNC)					

4 Results: Biological Resources, Discussion of Impacts and Mitigation

Habitats and Natural Communities of Special Concern

There are no CDFW designated natural communities of special concern within or adjacent to the BSA.

There is one feature that qualifies as jurisdictional WOTUS within the BSA; Robinson Creek. Project activities will result in permanent impacts to 0.06 acres and temporary impacts to 0.28 acres of WOTUS. Impacts will be the result of channel restoration activities including removing the failed retaining wall and associated RSP from the creek, streambank stabilization through hybrid RSP revetment, vegetation of created point bars, and habitat enhancement. All impacts will have a positive benefit to Robinson Creek and water quality in general. A Draft Delineation of WOTUS Map is included as **Appendix D**.

Special-Status Plant Species

A protocol-level botanical survey was conducted on June 29, 2018 for a total of 13 of the special-status plant species identified on the USFWS, CNPS, and CNDDDB lists which have a blooming period that overlapped with the survey date. No special-status plant species were observed during the protocol-level survey. Further, a habitat assessment was conducted within the BSA on June 29, 2018 for all remaining special-status plant species identified on the CNPS and CNDDDB lists. Due to the lack of vernal, marsh or seep wetland habitat and volcanic, rocky or serpentine soils, none of these special-status plant species were determined to have potential to occur within the BSA. As such, the Project is not expected to have any effect on special-status plant species.

Special-Status Animal Species Occurrences

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA STEELHEAD

The NC steelhead DPS is considered threatened under the federal ESA. They rely on streams, rivers, estuaries and marine habitat during their lifecycle. Because young steelhead spend a significant portion of their lives in rivers and streams, they are particularly susceptible to human induced changes to water quality and habitat threats. Steelhead spawn in streams and rivers, steelhead rear in freshwater for 1 to 4 years before migrating downstream through estuaries to the open ocean. Steelhead spend 1 to 5 years at sea

before returning to natal streams or rivers. Steelhead do not always die after spawning, but will again migrate through estuaries to the ocean.

Survey Results

The stretch of Robinson Creek that occurs in the BSA contains suitable habitat for steelhead when water is present during winter and spring months. Additionally, Robinson Creek has been designated as critical habitat for NC steelhead DPS (**Figure 8: NC Steelhead and CCC Coho Salmon Critical Habitat**). During the June site visit, Robinson Creek was dry with the exception of a few small shallow pools. Although there is no spawning habitat present, the BSA does offer suitable steelhead migration/emigration and non-natal rearing habitat during the late fall through late spring months (i.e. November 1 – May 31) when water levels are high and water temperatures are cool. When winter flows are adequate, the BSA provides suitable migration/emigration habitat for juvenile and adult steelhead. During the summer months (i.e. June 1 – October 31), the intermittent hydrology, still water, and warm temperatures make Robinson Creek within the BSA unsuitable habitat for any lifestage of salmonid including steelhead. Therefore, if the BSA contains water between June 1 and October 31 then there is a potential for non-natal juveniles to be present. There is potential for NC steelhead to become stranded within the BSA in isolated pools like the ones observed during the site visit.

Project Impacts

Construction activities will occur in Robinson Creek between June 15 and October 15. If water is present within the BSA, fish relocation will be conducted by a qualified biologist prior to the start of construction activities in the streambed. A clear water diversion shall be installed if needed. Therefore, the Project may affect, and is likely to adversely affect the NC steelhead DPS through potential relocation.

Avoidance and Minimization Efforts

The following recommendations, when implemented, will avoid and minimize impact to this species:

- Construction within Robinson Creek will be limited to June 15 through October 15.
- If flowing water is present within the BSA between June 15 and October 15 then a clear water diversion using an appropriately sized culvert and sandbags will be installed. A qualified biologist shall monitor the construction site during placement and removal of stream diversions to ensure that any harm or loss of salmonids is minimized and documented.

- If water is present within the Project site between June 15 and October 15, then a qualified biologist will perform fish relocation prior to the start of construction activities.
 - The qualified biologist with expertise in the areas of anadromous salmonid biology, including handling, collecting, and relocating salmonids; salmonid habitat relationships; and biological monitoring shall perform fish relocation. Fish relocation will be performed in a manner which minimizes all potential risks to NC steelhead.
 - Electrofishing, if used, shall be performed by a qualified biologist and conducted according to the *NMFS Guidelines for Electrofishing Waters Containing Salmonids Listed under the Endangered Species Act*.
- Installation of LWD will be anchored to bank at the inside bend in the upstream right bank between station 29+60 and 31+100, and on the downstream left bank around station 28+00 to create fish habitat.
- Removal of the existing rubble and reconfiguring of the RSP that covers the creek bottom and restoring the channel to a more natural condition to promote fish passage. This will involve removing a current barrier to steelhead at the existing failed retaining wall, thereby restoring access to habitat for steelhead upstream of the bridge.

Compensatory Mitigation

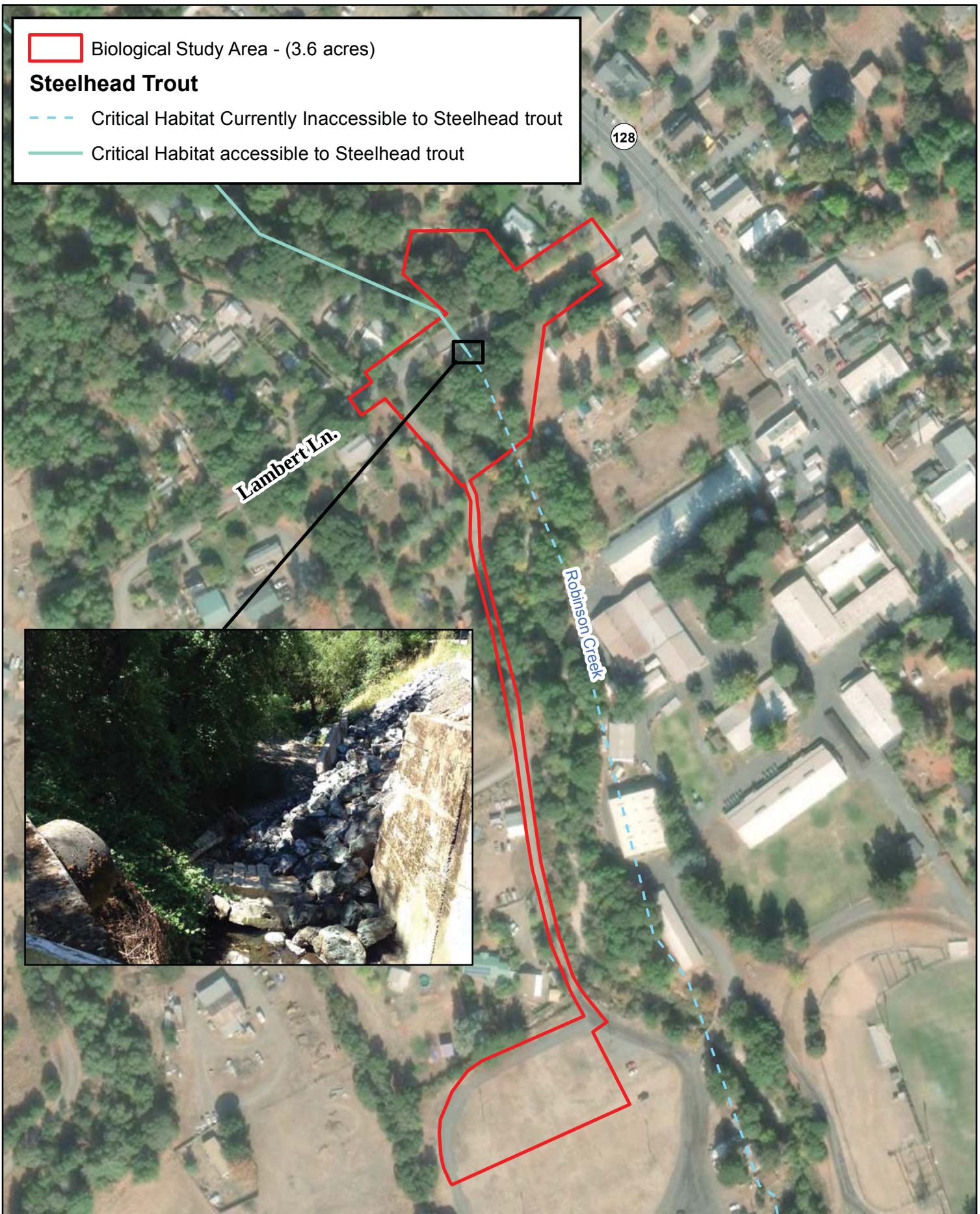
No additional compensatory mitigation will be required, as the implementation of the avoidance and minimization measures discussed above will result in a net benefit to NC steelhead and their habitat. The Project will restore access to 0.25 acres of critical habitat within the BSA and the proposed stream restoration will have a beneficial effect on critical habitat.



Biological Study Area - (3.6 acres)

Steelhead Trout

- - - Critical Habitat Currently Inaccessible to Steelhead trout
- Critical Habitat accessible to Steelhead trout



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Data Sources: ESRI, USFWS, DigitalGlobe
10/31/2017, Quincy Engineering

Robinson Creek Bridge Replacement Project
Steelhead Critical Habitat
Figure 8

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Cumulative Impacts

There are no foreseeable new actions that have potential to threaten steelhead within the BSA or contribute to cumulative effects on steelhead.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA STEELHEAD AND CENTRAL CALIFORNIA COAST COHO SALMOND CRITICAL HABITAT

Survey Results

Robinson Creek within the BSA is designated as critical habitat for NC steelhead and CCC Coho salmon ESU (**Figure 8**). When water is present in Robinson Creek, the following Primary Constituent Elements (PCEs) are present within the BSA:

- Freshwater spawning sites with water quantity and quality conditions and substrate supporting spawning, incubation and larval development.
- Freshwater rearing sites with water quantity and floodplain connectivity to form and maintain physical habitat conditions and support juvenile growth and mobility; water quality and forage supporting juvenile development; and natural cover such as shade, submerged and overhanging large wood, log jams and beaver dams, aquatic vegetation, large rocks and boulders, side channels, and undercut banks.
- Freshwater migration corridors free of obstruction with water quantity and quality conditions and natural cover such as submerged and overhanging large wood, aquatic vegetation, large rocks and boulders, side channels, and undercut banks supporting juvenile and adult mobility and survival.

Project Impacts

The Project is not likely to adversely modify salmonid critical habitat. Critical habitat for salmonids will be affected by the proposed action through stream restoration activities and the placement of RSP within the creek with live willow staking that penetrates the rock layers and allows rooting into the native bank soils. The intent of the hybrid RSP revetment is to balance the engineering benefit of armoring a bank while promoting ecological processes. Proposed hybrid RSP revetment within the portions of Robinson Creek currently accessible to salmonids will result in approximately 93.1 linear feet (0.01 acres) of permanent impacts and temporary impacts of 201.6 linear feet (0.14 acres) to the stream (**Figure 9: Impacts to Critical Habitat**).

Impacts to CH Currently Accessible						
Temporary Impacts						
Label	Cowardin	Description	Width (ft)	Length (ft)	Area (sq ft)	Acres
OW01	R4SB	Intermittent	29.2	201.6	5889.6	0.14
Temporary Impact Totals =				201.6	5889.6	0.14
Permanent Impacts						
Label	Cowardin	Description	Width (ft)	Length (ft)	Area (sq ft)	Acres
OW01	R4SB	Intermittent	2.0	93.1	186.2	0.01
Permanent Impacts Totals =				93.1	186.2	0.01



Project Boundary - (3.6 acres)

Site Plan

Impacts to CH Currently Accessible

Hybrid RSP Revetment Impacts - (0.01 acres)

Temporary Impacts - (0.14 acres)

Impacts to CH Currently Inaccessible

Restored Access & Habitat Enhancement - (0.25 acres)

Currently, Robinson Creek is inaccessible to NC steelhead upstream of the existing failed retaining wall (**Figure 8**). Removal of the failed retaining wall and RSP within the creek bottom will restore fish passage and access for steelhead to 0.25 acres of critical habitat within the BSA (**Figure 9**). In addition to the removal of the fish barrier, channel grading will minimize abrupt hydraulic constrictions and areas of focused high velocities.

Avoidance and Minimization Efforts

The critical habitat present within the BSA will likely be impacted by construction activities. The following recommendations, when implemented, will avoid and minimize impact to this species:

- All work within Robinson Creek will occur between June 15 and October 15 when PCEs are not present within the BSA. If water is present within the BSA then fish relocation will be conducted by a qualified biologist prior to the start of construction.
- The existing rubble from the failed retaining wall and RSP will be removed from the creek channel and the channel will be restored to a more natural condition to promote fish passage.
- In addition to the willow plantings contained within the hybrid RSP revetment, native vegetation will be planted on the graded point bars on the inside of the channel bends. This vegetation should include native riparian tree species, as well as understory plants.
- The Project will create a terrace behind the RSP adjacent to the road embankment at the southern bridge approach. This terrace will be used to plant upland tree species, such as native oaks.
- Installation of LWD will be anchored to bank at the inside bend in the upstream right bank between station 29+60 and 31+100, and on the downstream left bank around station 28+00 to create fish habitat.

Compensatory Mitigation

No compensatory mitigation will be required since there will be a net increase in accessible critical habitat through stream restoration and removal of the existing fish barrier.

Cumulative Impacts

There are no foreseeable new actions that have potential to threaten NC steelhead or CCC Coho salmon critical habitat within the BSA or contribute to cumulative effects on steelhead or their critical habitat.

NAVARRO ROACH

Navarro roach are capable of adapting to varying habitats from coastal streams to mountain foothill streams. They are predominately found in small warm streams but are capable of thriving in larger colder streams with diverse conditions. They may actually occupy several different habitat types within a single drainage. Extreme tolerance includes temperatures ranging from 30-35°C and dissolved oxygen levels as low as 1-2 ppm. In-stream location may vary depending on geography and predators. When Navarro roach share water with Sacramento pikeminnows, roach will stick to the stream margins, whereas in the absence of these piscivorous fish roach may venture into deeper pools. Navarro roach are omnivorous and diet may depend on stream size and food availability. In smaller rivers roach feed mostly on filamentous algae, supplementing their diet with crustaceans and insects. In larger rivers these fish may focus on a diet of aquatic insects year round. The growth and development of Navarro roach is largely seasonally dependent. Most growth occurs during the summer months and roach may grow 20-40 mm in a year. Most fish of this species reach sexual maturity at age 2-3 and rarely live beyond three years total. Spawning occurs in March through early July, and timing is temperature dependent. Navarro roach breed in gravel beds or riffles where groups of females lay eggs on and into the substrate. One or two males follow each female closely to fertilize the groups of eggs. Each female may produce 250-2,000 eggs per year depending on body size. The eggs hatch in 2-3 days, but the larvae remain in the protection of the gravel substrate before emerging to swim (CalFish 2018).

Survey Results

The stretch of Robinson Creek that occurs in the BSA contains suitable habitat for Navarro roach when there is flowing water present during the winter and spring months. During the June site visit, Robinson Creek was dry with the exception of a few small shallow, isolated pools. There is potential for Navarro roach to become stranded within the isolated pools such as those observed during the site visit.

Project Impacts

Construction activities will occur in Robinson Creek. Channel restoration activities will result in a net increase in both enhanced fish habitat and improved fish passage throughout the BSA. To ensure impacts to Navarro roach from the proposed Project are avoided, the following avoidance and minimization measures will be implemented.

Avoidance and Minimization Efforts

The following recommendations, when implemented, will avoid and minimize impact to this species:

- Construction in Robinson Creek will be limited to June 15 through October 15.
- If flowing water is present within the BSA between June 15 and October 15 then a clear water diversion using an appropriately sized culvert and sandbags will be installed. A qualified biologist shall monitor the construction site during placement and removal of stream diversions to ensure that any harm or loss of aquatic life is minimized and documented.
- If water is present within the Project site between June 15 and October 15, then a qualified biologist will perform fish relocation prior to the start of construction activities.
 - The qualified biologist with expertise in the areas of fisheries biology, including handling, collecting, and relocating fish; fish habitat relationships; and biological monitoring shall perform fish relocation. Fish relocation will be performed in a manner which minimizes all potential risks to Navarro roach.
 - Electrofishing, if used, shall be performed by a qualified biologist and conducted according to the *NMFS Guidelines for Electrofishing Waters Containing Salmonids Listed under the Endangered Species Act*.
- Installation of LWD will be anchored to bank at the inside bend in the upstream right bank between station 29+60 and 31+100, and on the downstream left bank around station 28+00 to create fish habitat.
- The existing rubble from the failed retaining wall and RSP will be removed from the creek channel and the channel will be restored to a more natural condition to promote fish passage.
- In addition to the willow plantings contained within the hybrid RSP revetment, native vegetation will be planted on the graded point bars on the inside of the channel bends. This vegetation should include native riparian tree species, as well as understory plants.
- The Project will create a terrace behind the RSP adjacent to the road embankment at the southern bridge approach. This terrace will be used to plant upland tree species, such as native oaks.

Compensatory Mitigation

No additional compensatory mitigation will be required, as the implementation of the avoidance and minimization measures discussed above will result in a net benefit to

Navarro roach and their habitat. The Project will restore access to 0.25 acres of suitable habitat within the BSA and the proposed stream restoration will have a beneficial effect on habitat present.

Cumulative Impacts

There are no foreseeable new actions that have potential to threaten Navarro roach within the BSA or contribute to cumulative effects on Navarro roach.

CALIFORNIA RED-LEGGED FROG

California Red-Legged Frog (CRLF) (*Rana draytonii*) is federally threatened and is a species of special concern in California. The CRLF is the largest native frog in California, with adults obtaining a length of 3 to 5 inches. Adult CRLF have prominent dorsolateral folds, dark spots, a bright red dorsum, and a well-defined stripe running along the upper lip. This species is primarily aquatic and most active during the night occupying perennial water sources such as streams, springs, lakes, marshes, natural and manmade ponds, and ephemeral drainages. During the breeding season, which typically runs from November through April, males call to females from the margins of ponds and slow streams (Jennings et al. 1992). Mating most commonly occurs in February or March, but can vary depending on seasonal climatic patterns. The female lays a jellylike mass of 2,000 to 5,000 reddish brown eggs in the water attached to emergent vegetation, twigs, or other structure. The resulting tadpoles, which likely feed on algae, typically require about 3 weeks to hatch, and another 11 to 20 weeks to metamorphose into juvenile frogs. Metamorphosis, therefore, typically occurs from July to September, although some tadpoles have been observed to delay metamorphosis until the following March or April. Adults are predominantly nocturnal, while juveniles can be active at any time of day.

Survey Results

There were no life stages of California red-legged frog observed during the site visit and no suitable breeding habitat was present within the BSA. There are no known occurrences of CRLF within 5 miles of the BSA. Also, during the June site visit, Robinson Creek was dry with the exception of a few small shallow pools. As such, Robinson Creek does not contain the necessary hydrologic regime required by CRLF for year-round occupancy.

Project Impacts

Due to the intermittent nature of Robinson Creek, there is no suitable breeding habitat for CRLF within the BSA. As such, the Project will have no effect on CRLF.

Avoidance and Minimization Efforts

The CRLF is not expected to occur within the BSA, therefore the Project will have no effect on this species and there are no recommendations for additional avoidance.

Compensatory Mitigation

No compensatory mitigation will be required since the Project will have no effect on CRLF or its habitat.

Cumulative Impacts

There are no foreseeable new actions that have potential to threaten CRLF within the BSA or contribute to cumulative effects on CRLF.

FOOTHILL YELLOW-LEGGED FROG

The foothill yellow legged frog northwest / north coast clade (FYLF, *Rana boylei*) is listed as a SSC. It is a gray to olive colored frog with occasional mottling or spots, and lacks a dorsolateral folk common in California Red-Legged Frog or eye strip common in Northern Pacific tree frogs (*Pseudacris regilla*). The FYLF range includes the coast ranges of Oregon south to Los Angeles County, in northern California west of the Cascade crest, and along the west side of the Sierra Nevada range as far south as Kern County. The FYLF has been found in a variety of habitats. Those habitats that have been found most suitable based on the majority of occurrences include a running perennial water source such as rocky rivers and step rocky tributaries. They have also been found in ephemeral streams, intermittent streams, and perennial ponds. Boulders and large cobble play an important role in the FYLF habitat and life history. FYLFs utilize boulders and large cobble in streams for areas of refuge from predators, basking, depositing eggs and cover during periods of inactivity such as over wintering or cold weather. Breeding season begins at the end of the spring flood season, which can be between March and May depending on local conditions. Breeding and egg laying occur in streams with running water and do not occur in ponds or lakes which are common for most ranids (true frogs). Current threats facing FYLF are primarily due to invasive and exotic predators such as the bullfrog (*Rana catesbeiana*) and centrarchid fish. Other threats include degradation of habitat, hydroelectric development, urban development, agriculture, and timber harvests (Zeiner, D.C. et al. 1990).

Survey Results

The stretch of Robinson Creek that occurs in the BSA contains suitable habitat for FYLF and there is a known CNDDDB occurrence of FYLF approximately 0.5 miles downstream of the

BSA (Occurrence # 467) within Anderson Creek near its confluence with Rancheria Creek. This occurrence was last observed in 2004 at the SR 128 bridge over Anderson Creek. However, during the June site visit, Robinson Creek was dry with the exception of a few small shallow, isolated pools. As such, Robinson Creek only contains suitable habitat for FYLF when there is flowing water present in the creek in the winter and spring months.

Project Impacts

Construction activities will occur in Robinson Creek, and have the potential to affect FYLF if present. To ensure no impacts to FYLF occur due to the proposed Project, the following avoidance and minimization measures will be implemented.

Avoidance and Minimization Efforts

While there were no observations of FYLF during the site visit, there is suitable FYLF habitat present within the BSA. The following recommendations, when implemented, will minimize impacts to this species:

- Construction within Robinson Creek will be limited to June 15 through October 15, during periods of low flows.
- A qualified biologist shall conduct a preconstruction survey to determine presence of FYLF immediately prior to the start of in-channel work. If found, FYLF will be relocated to suitable habitat outside of the BSA by a qualified biologist.
- Contractor shall not use plastic monofilament netting which can entrap the FYLF.
- The existing rubble from the failed retaining wall and RSP will be removed from the creek channel and the channel will be restored to a more natural condition.
- In addition to the willow plantings contained within the hybrid RSP revetment, native vegetation will be planted on the graded point bars on the inside of the channel bends. This vegetation should include native riparian tree species, as well as understory plants.
- The Project will create a terrace behind the RSP adjacent to the road embankment at the southern bridge approach. This terrace will be used to plant upland tree species, such as native oaks.

Compensatory Mitigation

No compensatory mitigation will be required since the implementation of the avoidance and minimization measures discussed above will ensure that no impacts to FYLF will occur and channel restoration will have a beneficial effect on FYLF habitat.

Cumulative Impacts

There are no foreseeable new actions that have potential to threaten FYLF within the BSA or contribute to cumulative effects on FYLF.

WESTERN POND TURTLE

The western pond turtle (*Actinemys marmorata*) is a SSC in California. Western pond turtles are drab darkish colored turtles with a yellowish to cream colored head. They range from the Washington Puget Sound to the California Sacramento Valley. Suitable aquatic habitats include slow moving to stagnant water, such as back waters and ponded areas of rivers and creeks, semi-permanent to permanent ponds and irrigation ditches. Preferred habitats include features such as hydrophytic vegetation, for foraging and cover, and basking areas to regulate body temperature. In early spring through early summer, female turtles begin to move over land in search for nesting sites. Eggs are laid on the banks of slow moving streams. The female digs a hole approximately four inches deep and lays up to eleven eggs. Afterwards the eggs are covered with sediment and are left to incubate under the warm soils. Eggs are typically laid between March and August (Zeiner, D.C etal. 1990). Current threats facing the western pond turtle include loss of suitable aquatic habitats due to rapid changes in water regimes and removal of hydrophytic vegetation.

Survey Results

The stretch of Robinson Creek that occurs in the BSA contains suitable habitat for western pond turtles. However, during the June site visit, Robinson Creek was dry with the exception of a few small shallow pools. As such, Robinson Creek only contains suitable habitat for western pond turtles when there is flowing water present in the creek in the winter and spring months. Given the steep banks and abundance of cobble substrate there is no potential for western pond turtle nests to occur within the BSA.

Project Impacts

The Project has potential to impact western pond turtles through activities that may disturb western pond turtle habitat and relocation efforts as needed. There will be no impacts to western pond turtles with the implementation of avoidance and minimization measures.

Avoidance and Minimization Efforts

The following are recommended avoidance and minimization measures recommended in order to avoid and minimize potential impacts to western pond turtles.

- A qualified biologist shall conduct a preconstruction survey to determine presence of western pond turtle immediately prior to the start of in-channel work. If found, western pond turtles will be relocated to suitable habitat outside of the BSA by a qualified biologist.
- If a western pond turtle is observed within the Project site, then personnel shall stop work within a 50-foot radius of the sighting and notify the biologist or resident engineer (RE). Work shall not resume within the 50-foot radius buffer until the western pond turtle has left the Project site on its own volition or has been relocated by the qualified biologist.

Compensatory Mitigation

No compensatory mitigation will be required since the implementation of the avoidance and minimization measures discussed above will ensure that no impacts to western pond turtles will occur.

Cumulative Impacts

There are no foreseeable new actions that have potential to threaten western pond turtles within the BSA or contribute to cumulative effects on western pond turtles.

MIGRATORY BIRDS AND RAPTORS

Nesting birds are protected under the MBTA (16 USC 703) and the CFGC (3503). The MBTA (16 USC §703) prohibits the killing of migratory birds or the destruction of their occupied nests and eggs except in accordance with regulations prescribed by the USFWS. The bird species covered by the MBTA includes nearly all of those that breed in North America, excluding introduced (i.e. exotic) species (50 Code of Federal Regulations §10.13). Activities that involve the removal of vegetation including trees, shrubs, grasses, and forbs or ground disturbance has the potential to affect bird species protected by the MBTA.

The CFGC (§3503.5) states that it is “unlawful to take, possess, or destroy any birds in the order Falconiformes (hawks, eagles, and falcons) or Strigiformes (all owls except barn owls) or to take, possess, or destroy the nest or eggs of any such bird except as otherwise provided by this code or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto.” Take includes the disturbance of an active nest resulting in the abandonment or loss of young. The CFGC (§3503) also states that “it is unlawful to take, possess, or needlessly destroy the nest or eggs of any bird, except as otherwise provided by this code or any regulation made pursuant thereto.”

Survey Results

No active nests of any migratory bird or raptor species were observed during the biologist's field visit, however, the BSA contains vegetation and habitat that have the potential to support nesting migratory birds and raptors. Construction is proposed to occur outside of the avian nesting season, thus minimizing impacts to all avian bird species. A pre-construction survey is recommended if construction is delayed into the avian breeding season (February 1 – August 31) to determine potential locations of active avian species nests within or in close proximity of the BSA.

Project Impacts

With the implementation of avoidance and minimization measures specified above there will be no impacts to avian species of special concern or avian species protected under the MBTA and CFGC.

Avoidance and Minimization Efforts

To avoid impacts to avian species of special concern or avian species protected under the MBTA and the CFGC, the following avoidance and minimization measures are recommended.

The following are avoidance and minimization measures for California avian species of special concern and species protected under the MBTA and the CFGC.

- Any vegetation removal and/or ground disturbance activities should take place during the avian non-breeding season (September 1 – January 31).
- If construction is to begin within the avian breeding season (February 1 – August 31) then a migratory bird and raptor survey shall be conducted within the BSA by a qualified biologist. A qualified biologist shall:
 - o Conduct a protocol level survey for all birds protected by the MBTA and CFGC within seven (7) days prior to construction activities, and map all nests located within 200 feet of construction areas;
 - o Develop buffer zones around active nests as recommended by a qualified biologist. Construction activity shall be prohibited within the buffer zones until the young have fledged or the nest fails. Nests shall be monitored at least once per week and a report submitted to the County monthly.

- o If construction activities stop for more than ten (10) days then another migratory bird and raptor survey shall be conducted within seven (7) days prior to the continuation of construction activities.
- All staging and construction activity will be limited to designated areas within the BSA and designated routes for construction equipment shall be established in order to limit disturbance to the surrounding area.

Compensatory Mitigation

There will be no compensatory mitigation necessary for Project activities in regards to avian species of special concern or avian species protected under the MBTA and CFGC.

Cumulative Impacts

There are no foreseeable new actions that have potential to threaten migratory birds within the BSA or contribute to cumulative effects on migratory bird species.

BATS

Pallid bats are designated as a CDFW SSC. Pallid bats roost alone, in small groups (2 to 20 bats), or gregariously (100s of individuals). Day and night roosts include crevices in rocky outcrops and cliffs, caves, mines, trees (e.g., basal hollows of coast redwoods and giant sequoias, bole cavities of oaks, exfoliating Ponderosa pine and valley oak bark, deciduous trees in riparian areas, and fruit trees in orchards), and various human structures such as bridges (especially wooden and concrete girder designs), barns, porches, bat boxes, and human-occupied as well as vacant buildings. Roosts generally have unobstructed entrances/exits, and are high above the ground, warm, and inaccessible to terrestrial predators. However, this species has also been found roosting on or near the ground under burlap sacks, stone piles, rags, and baseboards. Lewis 1996 found that pallid bats have low roost fidelity and both pregnant and lactating pallid bats changed roosts an average of once every 1.4 days throughout the summer. Overwintering roosts have relatively cool, stable temperatures and are located in protected structures beneath the forest canopy or on the ground, out of direct sunlight. In other parts of the species' range, males and females have been found hibernating alone or in small groups, wedged deeply into narrow fissures in mines, caves, and buildings. At low latitudes, outdoor winter activity has been reported at temperatures between -5 and 10 °C.

Survey Results

During the field survey there was no evidence of bats roosting within the bridge structure. However, the mature oak trees surrounding the creek within the BSA have suitable habitat

elements (e.g. cavities, peeling bark) that may provide suitable day roost habitat for pallid bats.

Project Impacts

Construction timing within the creek is proposed from June 15 to October 15 which falls within the bat maternity season (April-August).

Avoidance and Minimization Efforts

If trees containing suitable bat habitat (i.e. sloughing bark, activities, or crevices) are removed between March 15 and August 31, a qualified biologist will conduct a preconstruction survey for roosting bats within seven days prior to tree removal. The survey will focus on suitable habitat to determine the absence or presence of roosting bats and type of roost within the tree. If the pre-construction survey determines that bats are not using the trees onsite as day roosts, then tree removal can proceed as planned.

If the tree is being utilized as a day roost and the qualified biologist determines that it is a maternity roost, then removal of the tree will be postponed until consultation with CDFW occurs. If the roost is not a maternity roost or if tree removal occurs during the winter months (i.e. October 16 – February 14), then the following phased removal of the occupied tree will be implemented:

- Day 1: All unoccupied roosting habitat (e.g. crevices, sloughing bark, cavities) should be removed or altered to make it less desirable for roosting. All portions of the tree that do not contain suitable habitat can be removed while avoiding occupied habitat.
- Day 2: All remaining portion of the tree including suitable roosting habitat can be removed.

A qualified biologist shall be onsite during tree removal activities if bats are detected.

Compensatory Mitigation

No compensatory mitigation necessary or required.

Cumulative Impacts

There are no foreseeable new actions that have potential to threaten bats within the BSA or contribute to cumulative effects on bats.

5 Conclusions and Regulatory Determinations

Federal Endangered Species Act Consultation Summary

The USFWS was contacted in March 2019 for a list of endangered, threatened, sensitive and rare species, and their habitats within the BSA. This list was updated in December 2020. The list was later referenced to determine appropriate biological and botanical surveys and potential species occurrence within the BSA. The Project may affect and is likely adversely affect the NC steelhead DPS. With the implementation of avoidance and minimization measures, the Project will have no effect on any other federally listed species. The Project is not likely to adversely modify NC steelhead DPS and CCC Coho salmon critical habitat. The Project will both enhance salmonid habitat and restore fish passage to 0.25 acres of critical habitat within the BSA (**Figure 9**).

Essential Fish Habitat Consultation Summary

Robinson Creek within the BSA falls within the Big-Navarro-Garcia Hydrologic Unit, which is mapped as EFH for all Chinook and Coho salmon species. California Coastal Chinook salmon Coho salmon Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU) and Central California Coast (CCC) Coho salmon ESU are the Chinook and Coho salmon species that are known to occur in nearby streams that support salmonids.

Robinson Creek is intermittent and dries completely during the summer months. CNDDDB observations between 1990 and 2016 show that there have been no observations of CCC Coho in Robinson Creek (**Figure 10: Chinook and Coho Salmon Observation Based Distribution**). In addition, an extensive review of peer reviewed literature and citizen sightings conducted by CDFW indicated no occurrences of CC Chinook and only one equivocal occurrence of CCC Coho occurring within Robinson Creek within the last 50 years (pers. comm. Scott Harris, CDFW). There is no evidence or documentation that indicates that Robinson Creek was within the historical distribution of CCC Coho or CC Chinook salmon. The proposed Project will have no effect on these species.

Due to the fact that these species do not occur within Robinson Creek and the lack of evidence of historical distribution within the BSA, Robinson Creek does not meet the definition of necessary waters for Chinook and Coho salmon species and should not be considered EFH. The proposed Project will have beneficial effects to EFH. No additional mitigation for affects to EFH will be required.

Temporary impacts to EFH during construction activities will be compensated for through the beneficial effects on habitat from the Project. Removal of a failed retaining wall and RSP will restore fish passage to 0.25 acres of EFH within the BSA. In addition, habitat enhancements to Robinson Creek throughout the BSA will be achieved through stream restoration including protecting the embankment slopes from erosion with hybrid RSP revetment, channel grading to remove abrupt hydraulic changes, the addition of point bars along the banks of the creek, and willow and tree plantings (**Appendices A & F**). Additionally, LWD will be anchored in place upstream and downstream of the new bridge and will provide enhanced habitat.

California Endangered Species Act Consultation Summary

The CDFW was contacted in March 2019 for a list of endangered, threatened, sensitive and rare species, and their habitats within the BSA. This list was updated in December 2020. The list was later referenced to determine appropriate biological and botanical surveys and potential species occurrence within the BSA. With the implementation of avoidance and minimization measures, the Project is expected to have no effect on state listed species.

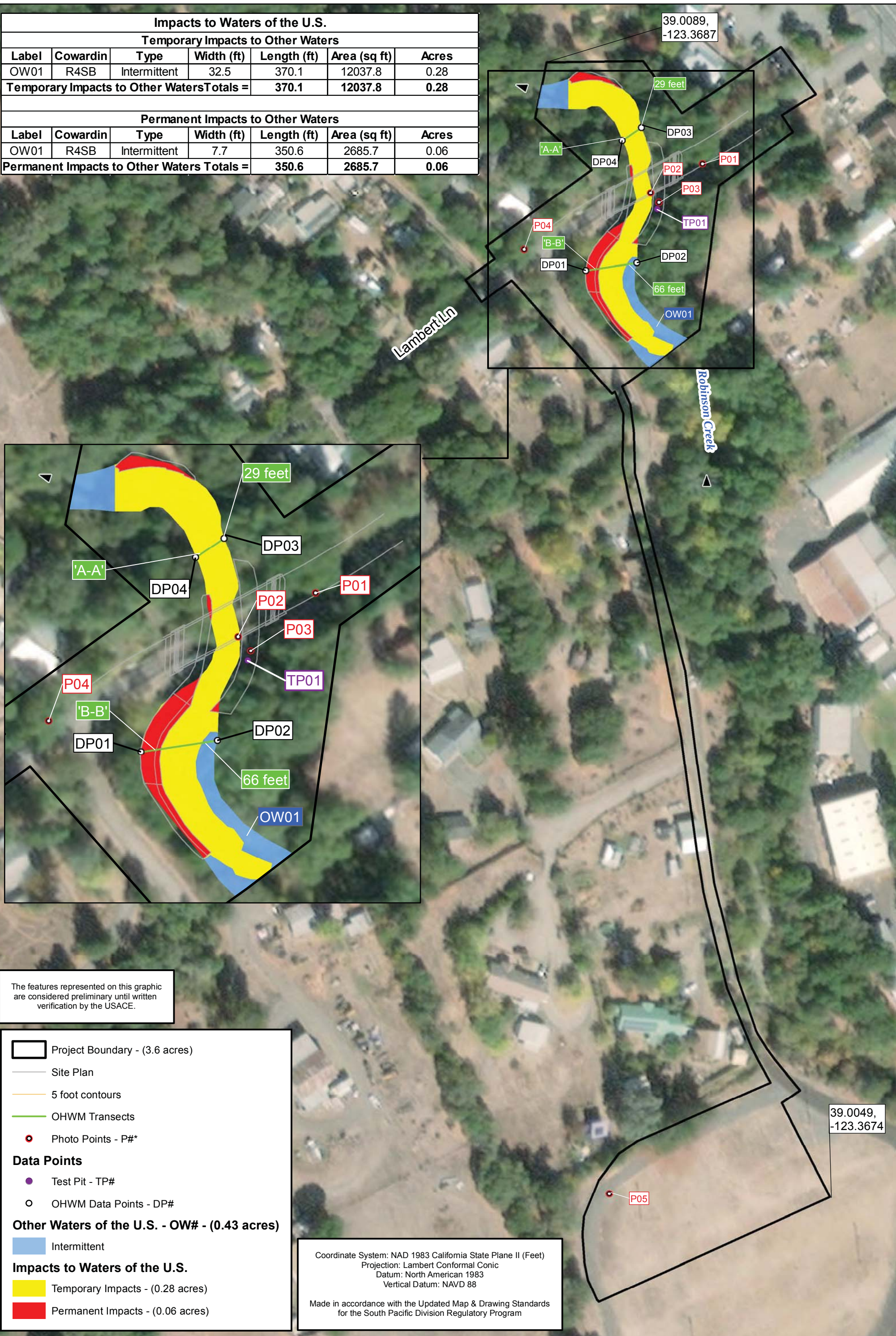
Wetlands and Other Waters Coordination Summary

Gallaway Enterprises conducted a Delineation of WOTUS within the BSA.

The BSA was surveyed on-foot by Gallaway Enterprises staff on June 29, 2018 to identify potentially jurisdictional features. The surveys involved an examination of botanical resources, soils, hydrological features, and determination of wetland characteristics based on the United States Army Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual (1987) and the Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Arid West Region (2008). The boundaries of non-tidal, non-wetland waters, when present, were delineated at the OHWM as defined in 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 328.3 and further described in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers *Field Guide to the Identification of the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) in the Arid West Region of the Western United States* (2008). The OHWM represents the limit of Corps jurisdiction over non-tidal waters (e.g., streams and ponds) in the absence of adjacent wetlands (33 CFR 328.04) (Curtis, et. al. 2011).

The one tributary was identified within the BSA. No wetlands were determined to be present. The one tributary will be impacted by the Project activities. As such, a RWQCB §401 Water Quality Certification permit and a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) Nationwide

Impacts to Waters of the U.S.						
Temporary Impacts to Other Waters						
Label	Cowardin	Type	Width (ft)	Length (ft)	Area (sq ft)	Acres
OW01	R4SB	Intermittent	32.5	370.1	12037.8	0.28
Temporary Impacts to Other Waters Totals =				370.1	12037.8	0.28
Permanent Impacts to Other Waters						
Label	Cowardin	Type	Width (ft)	Length (ft)	Area (sq ft)	Acres
OW01	R4SB	Intermittent	7.7	350.6	2685.7	0.06
Permanent Impacts to Other Waters Totals =				350.6	2685.7	0.06



§404 14 permit are necessary. The Project will result in 0.28 acres of temporary and 0.06 acres of permanent impacts to jurisdictional WOTUS (**Figure 11: Impacts to Waters of the US**). This Project is self-mitigating as both temporary and permanent impacts will have a net benefit to WOTUS; therefore, the purchase of credits at a Corps approved mitigation bank or payment to a Corps approved in-lieu fund, will not be required. Impacts will be the result of restoration activities including removing the failed retaining wall and associated RSP from the creek, streambank stabilization through hybrid RSP revetment, vegetation of created point bars, and habitat enhancement.

Invasive Species

Many non-native plant species occur in California's natural lands. Some of these non-natives have become naturalized and are relatively benign; however, there are a number of these non-natives that are considered highly invasive. The non-native plants that are considered invasive are tracked and ranked by their invasiveness by the United States Department of Agricultural (USDA) Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and the California Invasive Plant Council (Cal-IPC). Within the BSA, 15 invasive plant species were observed that are included on the USDA and/or Cal-IPC invasive and noxious weed plant list as having a moderate or higher degree of invasiveness in California (**Table 3**).

Table 3. Invasive Plant Species Identified within the BSA

Scientific Name	Common Name	CAL-IPC	USDA California State
<i>Ailanthus altissima</i>	Tree-of-heaven	Moderate	N/A
<i>Avena barbata</i>	Wild Oats	Moderate	N/A
<i>Bromus diandrus</i>	Ripgut brome	Moderate	N/A
<i>Bromus madritensis ssp. rubens</i>	Red brome	High	N/A
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	Bermuda grass	Moderate	CW
<i>Cynosurus echinatus</i>	Hedgehog dogtail	Moderate	N/A
<i>Festuca myuros</i>	Rat-tail fescue	Moderate	N/A
<i>Festuca perennis</i>	Italian ryegrass	Moderate	N/A
<i>Hedera helix</i>	English ivy	High	N/A

Scientific Name	Common Name	CAL-IPC	USDA California State
<i>Hordeum murinum</i>	Wall hare barley	Moderate	N/A
<i>Lythrum hyssopifolia</i>	Hyssop loosestrife	Moderate	N/A
<i>Mentha pulegium</i>	Pennyroyal	Moderate	N/A
<i>Rubus armeniacus</i>	Himalayan blackberry	High	N/A
<i>Torilis arvensis</i>	Hedge-parsley	Moderate	N/A
<i>Vinca major</i>	Periwinkle	Moderate	N/A

CODE DESIGNATIONS
Moderate – Ecological impacts are substantial, but not severe; moderate to high rates of dispersal but establishment dependent on ecological disturbance; limited to widespread distribution. High – Ecological impacts severe; moderate to high rates of dispersal and establishment; widely distributed. CW = C List (noxious weeds)

It is recommended that general best management practices (BMP) be implemented prior and during construction activities as recommended under the Cal-IPC Preventing the Spread of Invasive Plants: Best Management Practices for Transportation and Utility Corridors (2012). The following are the recommended general BMP's under Cal-IPC:

- Schedule activities to minimize potential for introduction and spread of invasive plants.
- Designate specific areas for cleaning tools, vehicles, equipment, clothing and gear.
- Designate waste disposal areas for invasive plant materials, and contain invasive plant material during transport.
- Plan travel routes to avoid areas infested with invasive plants.
- Clean tools, equipment, and vehicles before transporting materials and before entering and leaving worksites.
- Clean clothing, footwear and gear before leaving infested areas.
- Prepare worksites to limit the introduction and spread of invasive plants.

- Minimize soil and vegetation disturbance.

Other

Sudden Oak Death Syndrome

Best Management Practices should be employed to prevent the spread of Sudden Oak Death Syndrome (SOD) and other plant pathogens related to the disposal of vegetation being removed by the Project. The following are the recommended BMPs for prevention of the spread of SOD.

Sudden Oak Death Construction BMPs:

- Ensure all equipment is clean and free of any mud, duff, or vegetation prior to entering or leaving the Project site.
- If any known host species are planned for removal within the Project, all branches will be chipped and the chips spread and kept on-site and the trunks be cut into firewood for burning.
- Avoid using watering trucks in areas around host species.
- Avoid trimming any vegetation of host species during wet conditions.
- Clean and properly sanitize all cutting tools (i.e., chainsaws, hand saws, axes, mauls, etc.).

Sudden Oak Death Revegetation BMPs:

- Limit the amount of host species used as re-planting stock.
- Do not plant acorns or other seeds collected from areas known to be infested with SOD.
- Do not import soil, mulch, duff, or other organic material from areas known to be infested with SOD.
- Inspect all nursery stock for signs of infection or cankers.
- Mulch replanted area with no more than 4 inches of clean coarse bark and avoid mulching directly around trunk collar.

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Appendix A – Robinson Creek Channel Design Report

Robinson Creek Bridge Replacement on Lambert Lane,
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Cover Photo: Oak tree recently fallen into Robinson Creek upstream of Lambert Lane following bank erosion.

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to summarize the channel design for a bridge replacement project on Lambert Lane at Robinson Creek, a tributary to Anderson Creek, in the unincorporated community of Boonville, Mendocino County, California. The bridge replacement designs are being developed by Quincy Engineering for the county and is intended to replace an obsolete and scour critical bridge.

1.2 Project Background

The County of Mendocino and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), are planning to replace Lambert Lane Bridge at Robinson Creek (Bridge No. 10C0146). Lambert Lane crosses Robinson Creek approximately 2,860 linear feet upstream of the confluence with Anderson Creek and 500 feet west of State Route SR128 (Figure 1). The contributing drainage area at the bridge crossing is approximately 4.0 square miles. The bridge has been labelled functionally obsolete and is scour critical. Originally built in 1954, the existing 32-foot long single span bridge is supported on concrete abutments founded on spread footings which were placed on the alluvial channel material. Caltrans has noted hydraulic undermining of the abutments since the year 2000. In February 2015 a retaining wall along the roadway embankment on the upstream side of the western bridge approach collapsed, falling across the stream channel. This created a flow obstruction that further increased scour of the bridge foundation. As an emergency measure the county placed riprap at the base of the roadway and later pumped concrete underneath the undermined footing and formed a concrete skirt in front of the exposed footing, as seen in Figure 2.

Previous work has been conducted by Quincy Engineering in partnership with County of Mendocino Department of Public Works, including a Bridge Design Hydraulic Study (2018) and Project Report (2018). These works provide the basis for design of the proposed bridge replacement. Michael Love & Associates, Inc. (MLA) has been contracted to develop the geomorphic design and stabilization measures for the stream channel within the bridge replacement project reach, which is described within this report.

1.3 Fisheries Habitat and Fish Passage

Robinson Creek is a tributary to Anderson Creek within the Navarro River watershed. Robinson Creek is designated as critical habitat for Northern California steelhead, which is federally listed as a threatened species. Streamflows within Robinson Creek are intermittent, with the channel drying by early summer. These conditions suggest that the habitat available in lower Robinson Creek is primarily suitable for spawning and over-winter rearing for steelhead.

A fish passage assessment of stream crossings was conducted by RTA (2001). Because the Lambert Lane bridge is a channel spanning crossing, it was considered to provide unimpeded fish passage and was not included in the assessment. However, under current conditions, the failed retaining wall and associated riprap creates a 3-foot water surface drop, which classifies the current conditions as a barrier to adult and juvenile steelhead based on California Department of Fish and Wildlife fish passage assessment guidelines (CDFG, 2002). Channel restoration designs for the site should satisfy current fish passage standards, as described in CDFG (2009) and NMFS (2001).

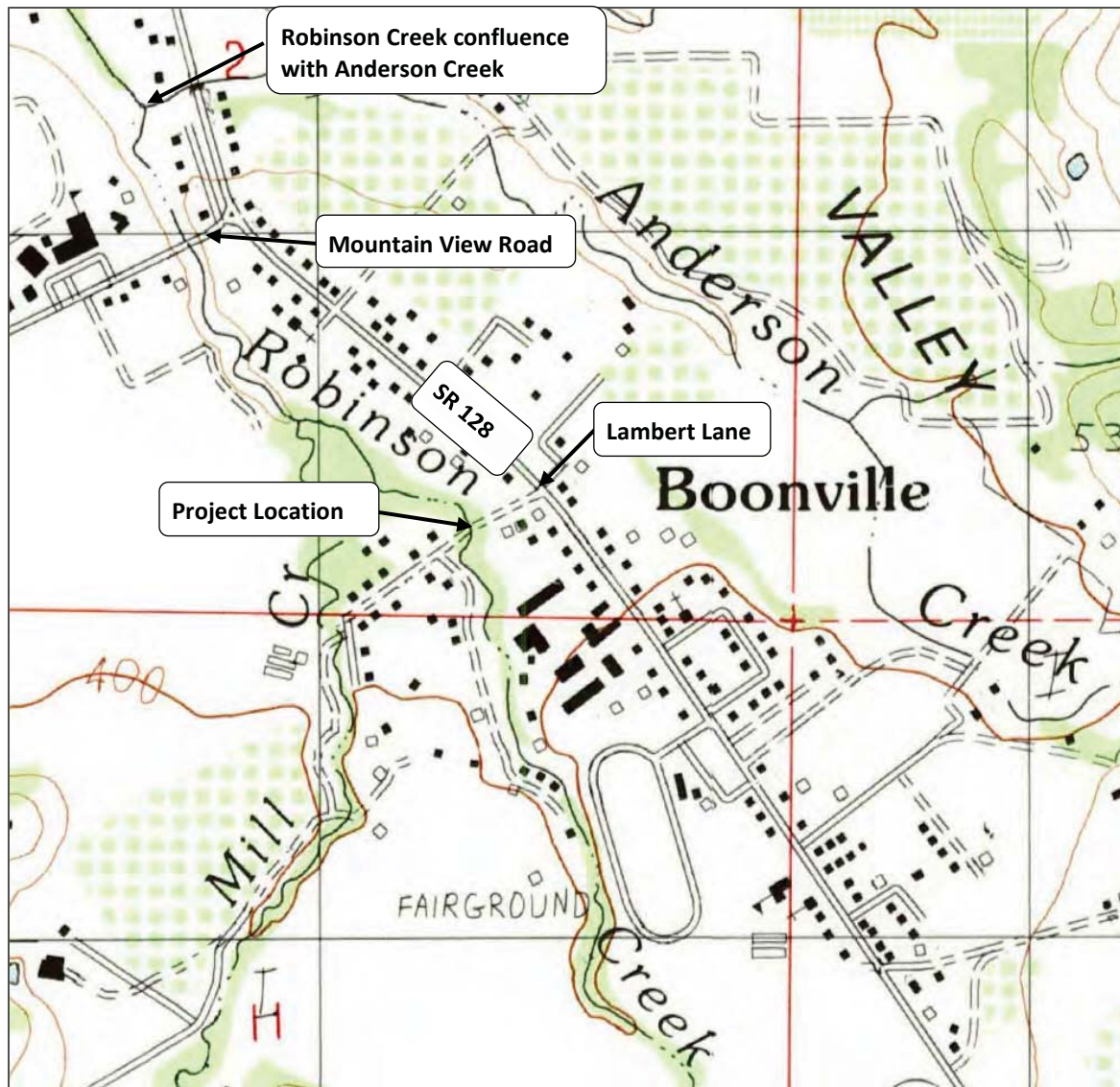


Figure 1. Project location for bridge replacement on Lambert Lane at Robinson Creek, Boonville, Mendocino County, California.



Figure 2. Current condition of the channel at the Lambert Lane Bridge, with (a) riprap placed along roadway embankment at location of collapsed retaining wall and (b) a new concrete skirt along the undermined footing.

1.4 Previous Studies of Geomorphic Channel Conditions

Changing geomorphic conditions within Robinson Creek and downstream Anderson Creek have been noted for decades. Channel incision (lowering of the channel bed) and channel bank erosion along Robinson Creek was noted as a significant source of sediment production within the 1998 Navarro River Watershed Restoration Plan. Incision has caused scour and undermining of bridge foundations, leading to the replacement of the Highway 128 crossing of Anderson Creek immediately upstream of the confluence of Robinson Creek and replacement of the Mountain View Road bridge crossing over Robinson Creek, downstream of Lambert Lane. Also, channel widening associated with incision processes has caused severe bank erosion threatening adjoining structures and resulting in loss of mature riparian vegetation throughout lower Robinson Creek,

The Mendocino County Resource Conservation District (RCD) and the Mendocino County Water Agency conducted studies of channel conditions to characterize the ongoing channel adjustments in Robinson Creek, focusing on the reach from the confluence with Anderson Creek to the Mendocino County Fair Grounds upstream of Lambert Lane. This included conducting profile surveys of the channel thalweg and surveys of channel cross sections in 2005 to document the channel morphology. Florsheim (2006) prepared a baseline assessment of bio-geomorphic conditions within lower Robinson Creek for the RCD, and identified channel incision as the dominant process causing the observed channel instabilities. Follow-up monitoring surveys of the lower Robinson Creek channel thalweg were conducted in 2008, which found the channel showed signs of aggradation near the confluence with Anderson Creek, but also showed signs of incision within a reach between Mountain View Road and Lambert Lane bridge crossings (Florsheim, 2008). These findings were further described in a 2013 peer-reviewed publication (Florsheim et al., 2013). The RCD provided the original data from the 2005 and 2008 county surveys to MLA to compare to current channel conditions at the Lambert Lane bridge replacement project.

1.5 Channel Restoration Design Approach

Development of the channel restoration design for the bridge replacement project involved:

- Reviewing previous geomorphic studies and data for Robinson Creek,
- Characterizing existing geomorphic processes related to previously noted channel incision and widening that may influence the project channel reach
- Identifying the design channel profile and estimate the potential range in variability of the channel bed elevation resulting from future incision or aggradation processes
- Identifying appropriate channel dimension based on a characterization of a stream reference reach
- Identifying appropriate bank treatments based on hydraulic forces acting on the streambanks within the project reach

Channel design followed stream simulation methodology from USFS (2008) and bank stabilization measures from Caltrans design documents, as referenced within this report. The channel design is intended to provide geomorphically stable channel geometry while protecting the roadway embankment and vulnerable streambanks with hybrid RSP revetments where required due to risk of scour and lateral channel migration.

2 STREAM CHANNEL GEOMORPHIC CHARACTERIZATION

The proposed stream channel component of the replacement crossing was designed using the stream simulation approach outlined in Part XII of the California Salmonid Stream Habitat Restoration Manual (CDFG, 2009) and by the USFS (2008). The stream simulation approach is a geomorphically-based approach that requires a channel-spanning crossing structure with adequate capacity to convey the 100-year flow. The channel grading should seamlessly connect with the upstream and downstream channel profiles and the streambed should be composed of native material that is as mobile as bed material within the adjacent channel reaches. The approach relies on using the adjacent stream channel as a geomorphic reference for design of the crossing and channel bed.

2.1 Field Activities

2.1.1 Lower Robinson Creek Reconnaissance and Observations

On September 12, 2018 staff from MLA walked Robinson Creek stream channel from the confluence with Anderson Creek to the bridge crossing at the Mendocino County Fair Grounds. In general, the channel appeared to be relatively stable vertically, with no obvious knickpoints. The channel morphology is characterized as gravel/cobble bedded pool and riffle with fairly shallow residual pool depths. Primary features forcing the channel morphology and pool scour appear to be channel constrictions, flow obstructions and wood recruitment from bank failures.

From upstream to downstream the channel widens, and the terraces that form the valley floor get higher above the channel bed, with heights ranging from 15 to 25 feet increasing in the downstream direction. Active bank erosion sites are located at numerous locations throughout lower Robinson Creek. Indicators suggest that the channel incision process noted by Florsheim (2006 and 2008) has slowed or stopped and the channel is actively widening due to the oversteepened banks created by incision. Several locations were recently treated for bank erosion, which involved use of both large rock and vegetation treatments (live willow stakes).

2.1.2 Geomorphic Site Surveys

On September 12 and 13, 2018 staff from MLA conducted a geomorphic survey of the stream channel extending 500 feet downstream and 1,182 feet upstream of Lambert Lane using a Trimble S7 robotic total station. The survey datum was State Plane Zone 2 in the horizontal and NAVD88 in the vertical based on survey control established by SHN for the project. At the time of the survey the channel was dry.

The geomorphic survey consisted of a longitudinal profile of the channel thalweg extending a total distance of 1,682 feet. The profile includes breaks in slope, such as riffle crests and pool bottoms. In addition to the thalweg, the margins of the actively scoured channel bed were surveyed. In potential reference reaches, persistent inset benches above the bankfull channel bed were also surveyed. Downstream of Lambert Lane the bases of several streamside heritage bay trees were also surveyed as indicators of historical incision.

A series of five channel cross sections were surveyed upstream and four downstream of Lambert Lane for use in developing reference reach channel geometry and to extend the project hydraulic model further upstream and downstream beyond the topographic survey limits provided by SHN. Cross sections noted geomorphic features, including active channel margins, bankfull indicators, and tops of inset benches.

Pebble counts were conducted at three locations upstream of Lambert Lane to characterize the bedload gradation that will be delivered to the project reach. A potential reference reach was identified and field sketches were prepared. An annotated map of the assessed channel reach is provided in Figure 3 showing the location of the reference reach, surveyed cross sections (XS) and pebble counts (PC), along with noted locations of active bank erosion and bank armoring. Additional geomorphic field data is provided in Appendix B.

2.2 Comparison of 2005, 2008, 2016, and 2018 Channel Profiles

The RCD provided the original spreadsheets containing the 2005 and 2008 channel thalweg survey conducted by the county. The county's profiles begin at station 0+00 at the confluence with Anderson Creek. The elevation data, which was in vertical datum NAVD29 was converted to NAVD88 by adding 2.971 feet to the surveyed elevations. The MLA 2018 thalweg was then overlaid onto the previous surveys along with the 2016 project survey by SHN, as shown in Figure 4.

Comparison of the profiles found them to be relatively consistent through time. As noted by Florsheim (2008), some channel aggradation was observed between 2005 and 2008 in the lower 300 feet of Robinson Creek and at the confluence with Anderson Creek, suggesting that incision originating from downstream has ceased. Also, comparing the 2005 to 2008 profiles shows some lowering of the channel bed between stations 16+00 and 21+00. This reach is located at the confluence of Mill Creek, and has recently experienced extreme channel bank erosion and widening, causing the channel bed to lose confinement. This appears to be the cause of the localized lowering of the stream profile within this reach, and does not appear to be due to headward migrating incision.

The overall slope of the channel is relatively constant from the Mountain View Road bridge crossing to the bridge at the County Fair Grounds, averaging approximately 1.19%. Plotting the overall profile highlights a 500-foot section of locally aggraded channel upstream of Lambert Lane extending from station 30+00 to 35+00. Field inspection of this reach suggests the aggradation is caused in whole or in part by backwater affects created by sharp channel bends associated with the Lambert Lane bridge approach. Between 2008 and 2016 additional sediment aggradation has occurred closer to the bridge crossing as a result of a flow obstruction created by the collapsed retaining wall and associated riprap.

2.3 Local Scour and Aggradation downstream of Lambert Lane

Under the bridge, the right (looking downstream) footing has experienced significant local scour caused in part by flow plunging over the failed retaining wall being directed into the footing. In 2018 the scour depth along the right footing had increased to 5 feet, partially undermining the recent interim repair.

Immediately downstream of the bridge there is a tight left bend in the channel. The bank along the outside of the bend located on the property of the Boonville Hotel is oversteepened and actively eroding (Figure 5). The resulting bank failures have toppled numerous mature trees into the channel, creating a large wood jam near station 28+00. This bank failure started in 2012 with the loss of a heritage oak tree (personal communication, Linda MacElwee, RCD), but became more extensive during the winter of 2017. Between the 2016 and 2018 surveys, the height of the channel bed upstream of the large wood jam aggraded approximately 1.6 feet.

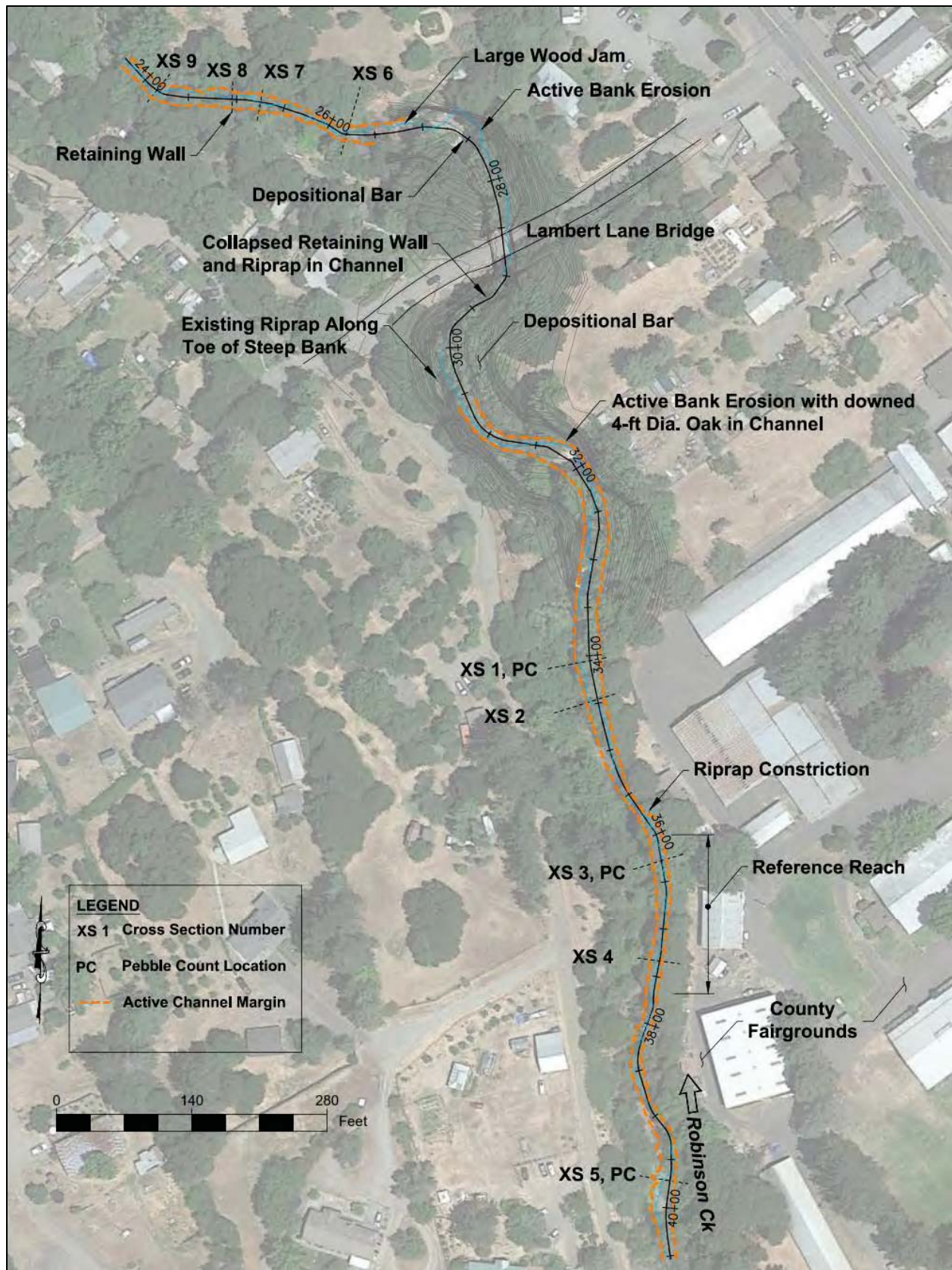


Figure 3. Robinson Creek plan view extents of the geomorphic survey of the channel.

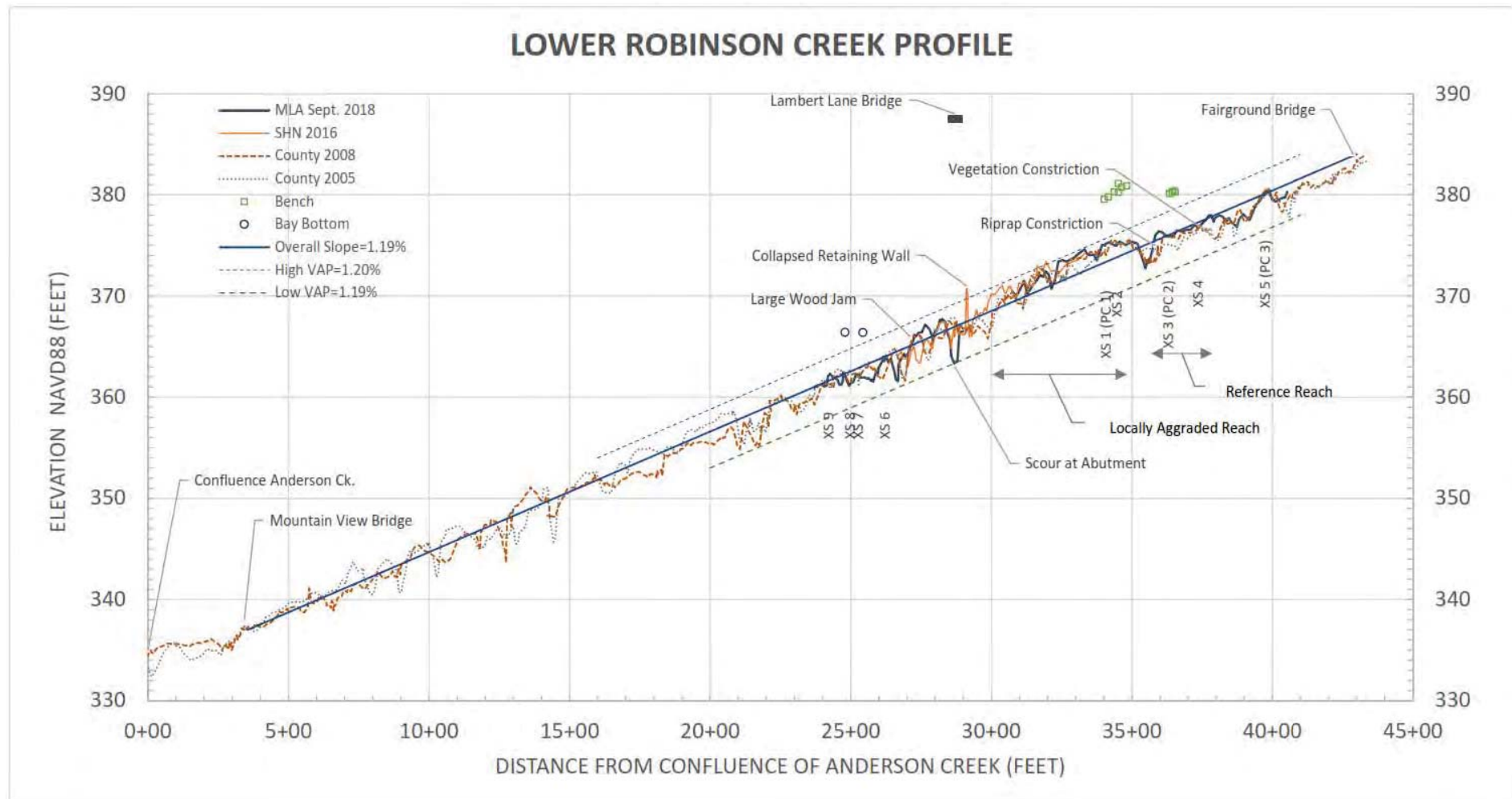


Figure 4. Channel thalweg profile showing the MLA survey (2018), SHN survey (2016), and County surveys from 2008 and 2005. Estimated overall channel profile and high and low vertical adjustment potential (VAP) profiles through the project reach are also shown.



Figure 5. Looking downstream at the active bank failure and local sediment aggradation upstream of large wood jam, 150 feet downstream of the Lambert Lane bridge (near station 27+50).

2.4 Stream Sinuosity

The channel has moderate sinuosity from upstream of Mountain View Road to approximately station 27+00. Beginning at station 27+00 to approximately 33+00 the channel sinuosity increases substantially, with the Lambert Lane crossing located within the most sinuous section of this reach (Figure 3). The Lambert Lane bridge crossing is located on an s-curve within the channel. The bridge is at the beginning of a tight meander towards the left. Downstream this meander continues bending left, causing the extensive bank failure and resulting large wood jam previously described.

Upstream of the Lambert Lane bridge the partially failed retaining walls and road embankment is on the outside of a right bend within the channel. On the inside of the bend there is a depositional bar that appears to have formed relatively recently (since construction of the bridge), likely in-part due to backwater affects from the abrupt turn in the channel as it approaches the bridge. The bar appears to have sharpened the radius of the channel bend and pushed the channel thalweg up against the retaining wall along the road embankment and against the nearly vertical bank upstream of the retaining wall, where riprap has been placed.

Farther upstream there is another meander bend near station 32+00. The bank along the outside of the bend is oversteepened and actively eroding, and caused a 4-foot diameter oak tree to topple into the channel. Upstream of this bend the channel is relatively straight, with low sinuosity.

2.5 Discussion of Geomorphic Conditions

The lower reach of Robinson Creek does not appear to be incising since the 2005 survey, and has transitioned to the widening stage of channel development, as described by Schumm et al. (1984). This is expressed by the frequent bank failure and in-channel deposition. Localized aggradation was observed upstream of the crossing, caused by the sharp bend and obstructed flow at the bridge and

from a large wood jam downstream of the bridge that resulted from bank failure at the bend immediately downstream of the crossing.

Pools were generally shallow, however deeper pools observed in the profile were usually forced by constrictions from riprap placement and flow obstructions from wood jams resulting from bank failure. The dominant bed material can be characterized as very coarse gravel with a large percentage of cobble. The bed material has minimal embeddedness, suggesting it is frequently mobilized.

2.6 Overall Slope and Channel Vertical Adjustment Potential (VAP)

Developing stream crossing and bank revetment designs requires consideration of the degree that the channel bed may aggrade or degrade (incise). This is accomplished through geomorphic interpretation of the channel thalweg profile, documented historical channel adjustments, and field observations of channel features, including depth of pools, location of riffle crests, height of banks, longevity of wood controls, and potential for increases or decreases in coarse sediment loads. Through this process, low and high “vertical adjustment potential” (VAP) profiles are plotted following methods outlined in Part XII of the California Salmonid Stream Habitat Restoration Manual (CDFW, 2009) and in USFS (2008).

The outcome of the channel VAP evaluation is the low and high VAP profiles and the current stable channel profile through the project reach. These VAP profiles define the estimated bounds of vertical channel adjustment that may occur in the project reach over the next several decades. The channel VAP profiles are based on both quantitative and qualitative evaluations with uncertainty inherent in their nature, which should be considered when developing engineering designs. The VAP profiles do not consider local scour, which is accounted for using other methods, but rather are based on reach scale aggradation or degradation potential.

2.6.1 Estimated Low Vertical Adjustment Potential (VAP) Profile

The low VAP profile is typically used as part of the overall scour analysis for setting the bottom of bridge footings and bank revetments. The estimated low VAP profile is shown on Figure 5 and Figure 6. This was estimated based on the interpretation that the channel incision process has slowed or stopped, with no substantial vertical adjustment between 2005 and 2018. Additionally, the channel bed of Anderson Creek at the confluence with Robinson Creek appears to be stable or aggrading. Therefore, the lowest points along the channel profile between station 20+00 and 43+00 were used to estimate the low VAP profile. The resulting profile has a slope equal to the overall slope of 1.19%, but is offset approximately 4 feet lower in elevation.

2.6.2 Estimated High Vertical Adjustment Potential (VAP) Profile

The high VAP profile is typically used to evaluate hydraulic conditions if the channel aggrades. This is applied when setting the top elevation for bank revetments and setting the soffit elevations for road-stream crossings. For the project reach, the high VAP profile was based in part on the likelihood that upstream locally aggraded sediments, as seen in Figure 5, will be released in response to a new larger bridge crossing and less abrupt channel bends. This sediment release could temporarily aggrade the channel within the project reach. Additionally, long-term aggradation could occur due to ongoing bank erosion and widening, leading to an overall increase in sediment supply. Therefore, the high VAP profile was set based on the current elevation of the aggraded channel reach, placing it approximately 2 feet higher than the overall channel profile as shown in Figure 6. The result is an estimated 6-foot range in potential channel bed elevations within the project reach during the next several decades.

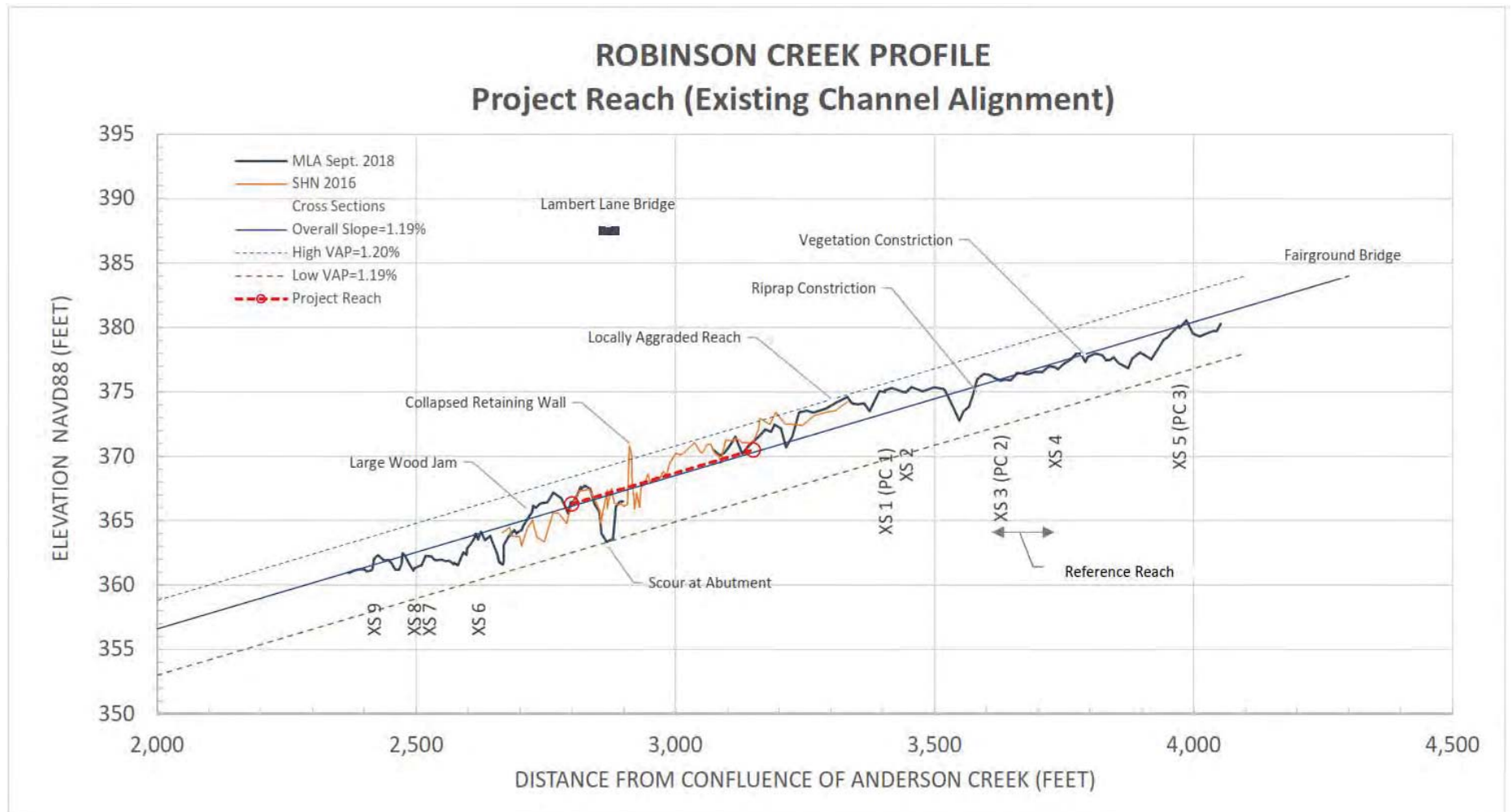


Figure 6: Robinson Creek channel thalweg profile upstream and downstream of the existing bridge crossing at Lambert Lane. Also plotted are the overall channel slope based on the entire lower Robinson Creek profile, the current project extents, and the low and high vertical adjustment potential (VAP) profiles for the project.

2.7 Hydrology

The contributing watershed area at the Lambert Lane crossing is approximately 4.0 square miles and is characterized by second growth forests in the steeper headwaters that drain into the agricultural land of Anderson Valley. The estimated mean annual precipitation for the watershed is 44.2 inches per year (USGS, 2018). A summary of basin statistics is provided in Appendix C.

The Draft Bridge Design Hydraulic Study Report by WRECO (2018) included estimates of the 50-year and 100-year return period flows calculated using two methods: the USGS North Coast regression equations (Gotvald et al. 2012) and the USACE rainfall-runoff model, HEC-HMS. WRECO (2018) selected the HEC-HMS 50- and 100-year flows of 1,340 and 1,750 cubic feet per second (cfs) for design of the Robinson Creek Bridge Replacement Project.

The USGS regression equations provide estimates of peak flows for return periods as low as the 2-year flow. Frequently occurring peak flows with return periods of 1.2 to 2.5 years are often the “channel forming flows” that convey the most sediment through time (Wollman & Miller, 1960; Leopold, 2005). There is also often a break in slope and change in vegetation within the channel cross section associated with the stream stage at the channel forming flow, which is referred to as “bankfull”. Therefore, to evaluate the channel hydraulic geometry, peak flows with these return periods were estimated by extrapolating the flows from the USGS regression using a log-linear regression. The estimated peak flows for the various return periods are provided in Table 1.

2.8 Representative Channel Geometry

Nine channel cross sections were surveyed as part of the geomorphic assessment and used to measure active channel width, bankfull width, and bankfull depth. In addition to these sections, the survey captured the left and right margins of the active channel bed and heights of inset benches above the thalweg. Averages of active channel width, bankfull width, and bankfull depth were computed and are provide Table 2. The typical bankfull depth and width was 2.3 feet and 25 feet, respectively. These values were used to determine the appropriate dimensions for the channel within the project reach.

2.9 Reference Reach Selection and Characterization

The reference reach is a selected section of channel that serves as a template for design of the project channel. The reference reach should have a similar drainage area and slope as the project reach and appear geomorphically stable. Ideally, it would also have a similar planform sinuosity as the project reach. Three reaches were surveyed and assessed for use as a reference reach for channel design. The reach containing cross sections (XS) 3 and 4 was selected, although it is relatively straight compared to the project reach (Figure 3). This reference reach is upstream of the aggraded sediment from the bridge crossing and has a slope that is close to the overall channel slope of 1.19% at the project site (Figure 4 and Figure 6). Cross sections, a pebble count of the bed material was conducted and site sketch prepared for the reference reach.

Table 1: Estimated peak flows for various return periods in Robinson Creek at Lambert Lane. Extrapolated values are indicated with (*).

Return Period of Peak Flow	Peak Flows Robinson Creek at Lambert Lane	
	North Coast Regional Regression Equations	HEC-HMS (from WRECO, 2018)
1.01-Year	77 cfs*	
1.2-Year	126 cfs*	
1.5-Year	187 cfs*	
2-Year	264 cfs	
5-Year	517 cfs	
10-Year	700 cfs	
25-Year	943 cfs	
50-Year	1,130 cfs	1,340 cfs
100-Year	1,320 cfs	1,750 cfs

Table 2: Measured channel dimensions upstream and downstream of the Lambert Lane crossing. The selected Reference Reach is indicated with (*).

Upstream of Lambert Lane				
Cross Section Location		Active Channel Width (ft)	Bankfull Width (ft)	Bankfull Depth (ft)
XS 1	STA 34+05	26.2	29.9	2.2
XS 2	STA 34+45	19.5	25	2.7 / 2.3
XS 3*	STA 36+27	15.4	21.4	2.4
XS 4*	STA 37+33	13.3	24.8	2.2
XS 5	STA 39+72	24.8	31.7	2.1
Average:		19.8	26.6	2.3
Downstream of Lambert Lane				
Cross Section Location		Active Channel Width (ft)	Bankfull Width (ft)	Bankfull Depth (ft)
XS 9	STA 24+20	17	23.7	1.8 / 2.1
XS 8	STA 24+95	18.1	19.6	
XS 7	STA25+25	19.7	25	2.3
XS 6	STA 26+20	19.6	28.8	2.6
Average:		18.6	24.3	2.2

2.9.1 Description

The reference reach has an average actively scoured bottom width of 14.4 feet and average bankfull width and depth of 23.1 feet and 2.3 feet, respectively. The reach has an inset floodplain bench running along its entire left side of the channel (looking downstream), as seen in Figure 7. This bench is consistently about 3.8 feet above the channel thalweg. There is also a discontinuous floodplain bench on the right side of the channel that is slightly lower in height. Cross section 3 is on the outside of a left bend in the reference reach. The thalweg is against the right bank, on the outside of the bend, and there is a gentle upward sloping point bar within the actively scoured channel (Figure 8).

The floodplain benches do not appear to be formed through deposition from overbank flows in the stream. Instead, they may be remnants of the historical channel bed prior to an incision event, as suggested by Florsheim (2006). As such, their inundation may not coincide to frequently occurring flows.



Figure 7. Looking upstream at selected reference reach, with typical channel cross section and location of inset floodplain bench noted.

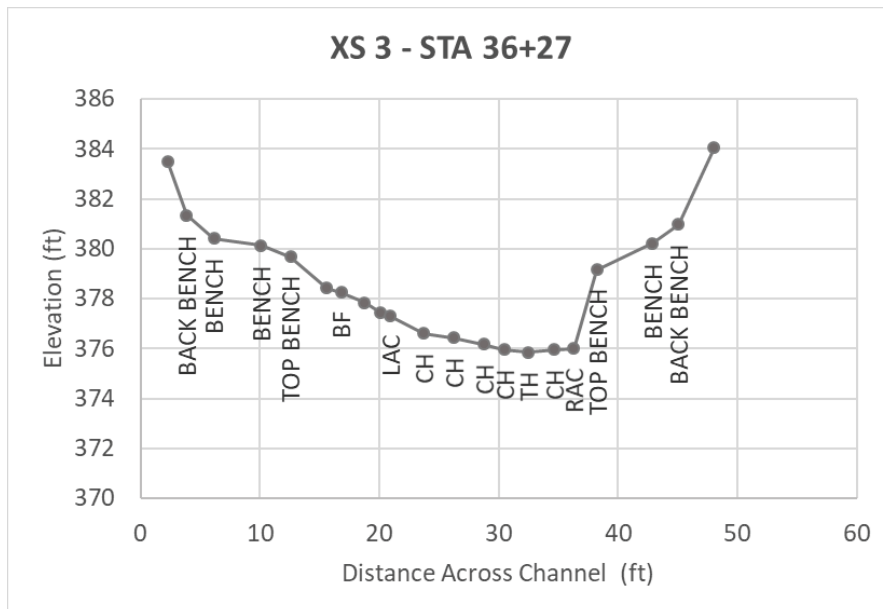


Figure 8. Reference reach cross sections, looking downstream, with typical bench geometry. Where LAC and RAC are left and right sides of active channel, BF is bankfull, and TH is thalweg.

2.9.2 Streambed Material

Pebble counts of the surface streambed material were conducted at three locations upstream of the Lambert Lane crossing to characterize the sediment size (Figure 9). Pebble count (PC) 1 was the furthest downstream and well within the influence of the existing bridge and failed retaining wall. It had substantially finer material than the other two pebble counts. PC-2 was within the reference reach. The median particle size within this reach was very coarse gravel (64 mm) and the D84 was medium cobble (128 mm).

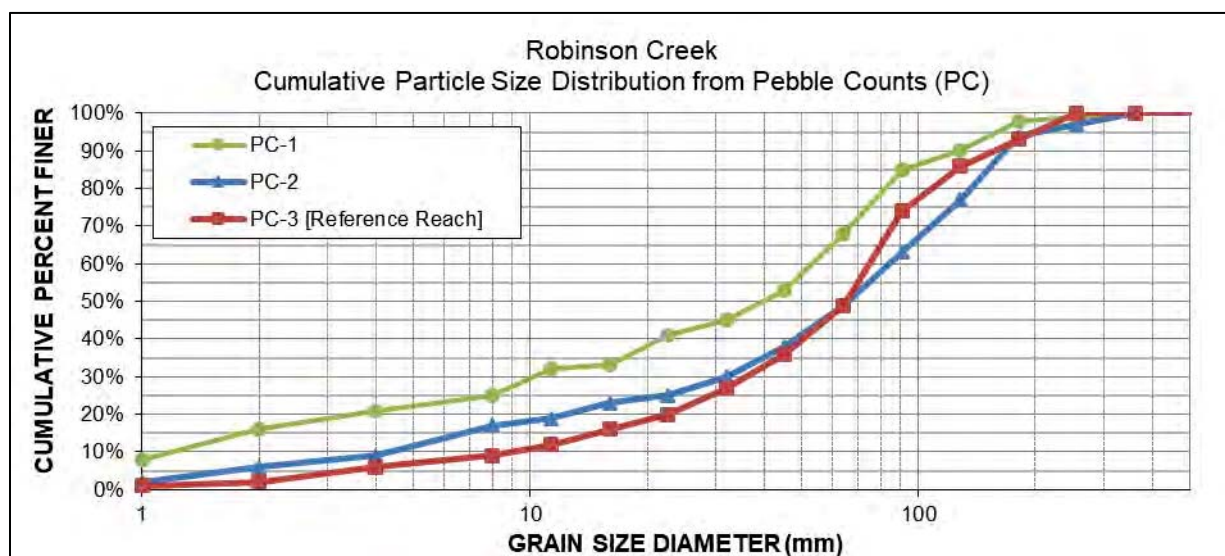


Figure 9. Gradation of streambed material from pebble counts in Robinson Creek upstream of Lambert Lane. PC-1 is closest to the bridge crossing.

2.9.3 Bankfull Capacity and Shear Stress in Reference Reach

The nine cross sections surveyed as part of the geomorphic assessment were added to the existing conditions HEC-RAS steady-state 1-D model (Appendix D) that was prepared by WRECO (2018). This model was then used to evaluate channel flow conveyance relative to geomorphic features within the reference reach, including bankfull flow. Model roughness coefficients for existing conditions matched the WRECO model, which is discussed in Section 4.1.1.

Water levels for cross section 3 within the reference reach are shown in Figure 10. Results indicate that the field indicators for bankfull correspond approximately with the 1.2-year flow. The right bench elevation becomes inundated at the 2-year return flow while the left bench inundates between a 2-year and 5-year flow. The infrequency of flows inundating the benches supports that they are likely due to recent incision within the reach. As previously noted, field evidence suggests the benches are remnants of the historical channel bed prior to an incision event.

Water velocity and channel shear stress for flows with 1- to 5-year return periods is shown in Figure 11. At 1.2-year bankfull flow of 126 cfs the cross-sectional average channel velocity is 3.9 ft/s and shear stress is 0.76 lb/ft². Bankfull flow is typically associated with initiation of bedload movement. Using a dimensionless Shields parameter of 0.052 for very coarse gravel (Julien, 1998), the median particle size, the estimated critical shear stress to initiate movement ranges between 0.54 and 1.12 lb/ft². This falls within the model-estimated shear stress at the 1.2-year flow, supporting the observed bankfull estimate.

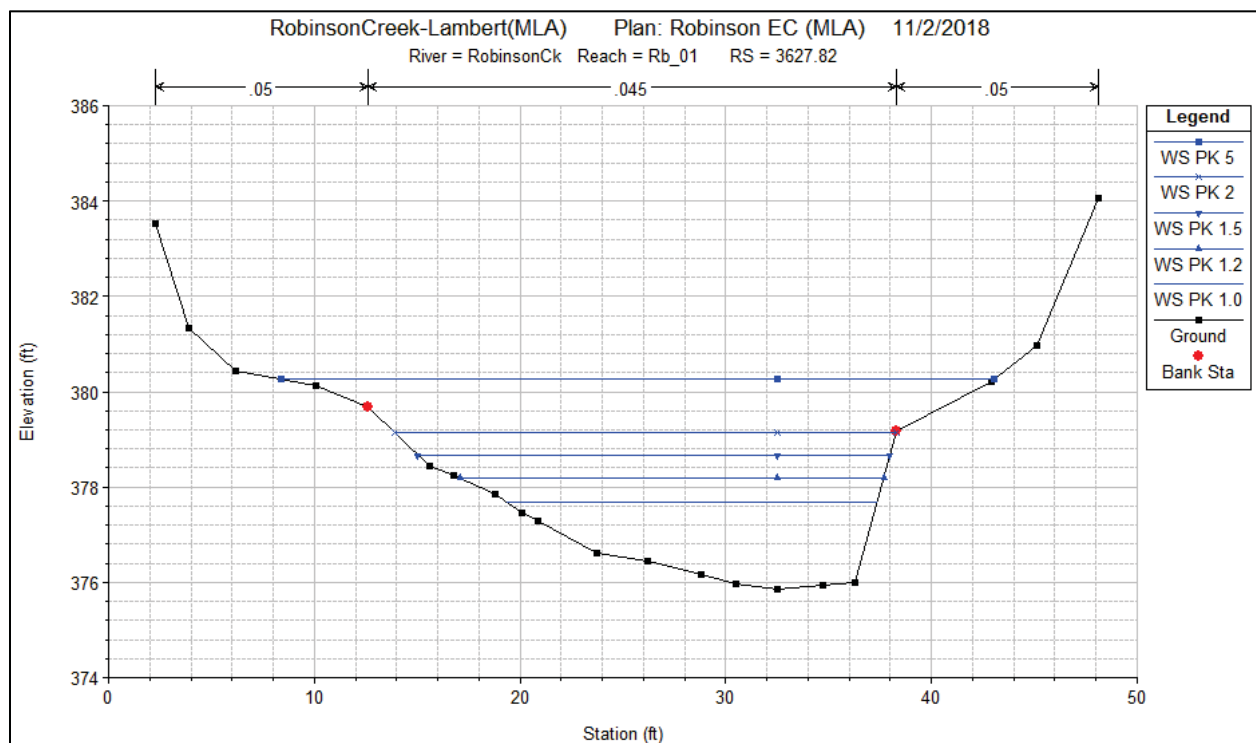


Figure 10. Existing condition HEC-RAS model results for the cross section XS3 in the selected reference reach. The bankfull field indicators correspond to the 1.2-year return flow and the benches inundate between a 2-year and 5 -year flow.

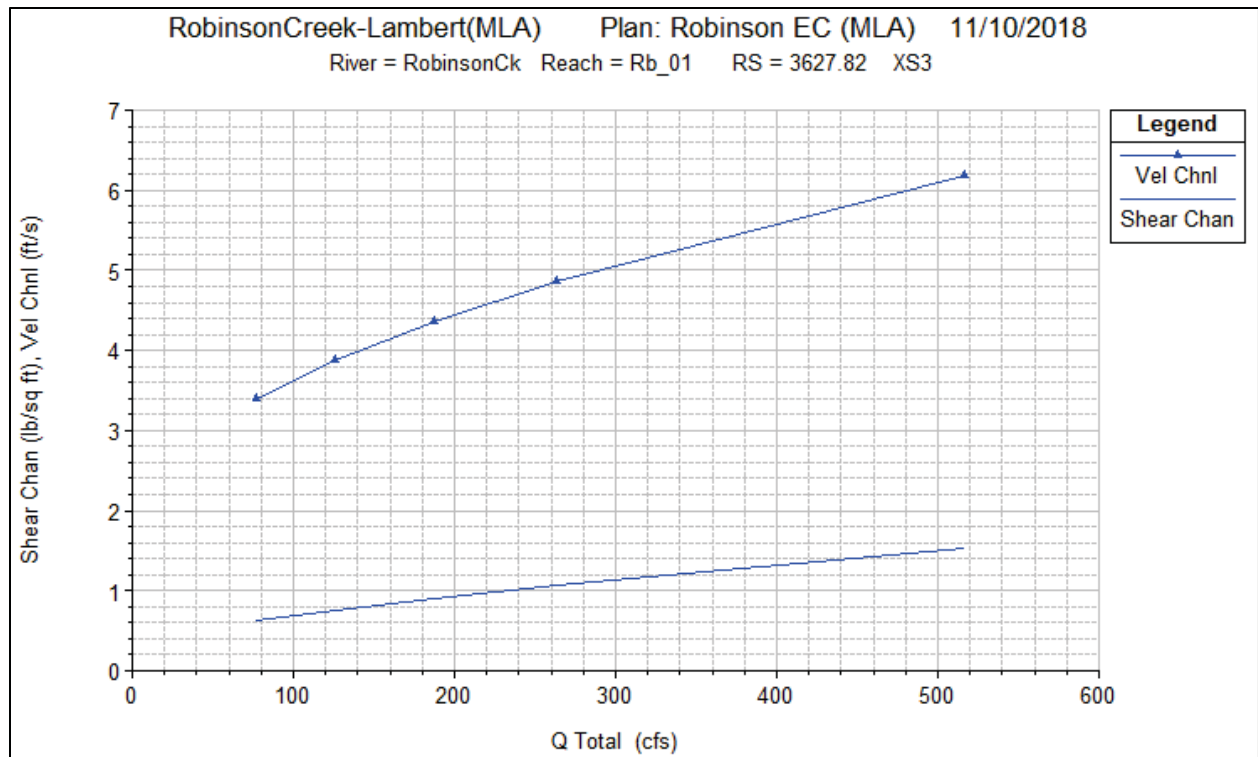


Figure 11. Water velocities and channel shear stress for cross section XS3 between the 1.01-year flow (77 cfs) and 5-year flow (517 cfs).

3 DESIGN CHANNEL LAYOUT AND GRADING

The channel design involved developing the appropriate channel profile and dimensions and then determining the appropriate bank protection measures and revegetation approach. Drawings for the channel restoration plan are provided in Appendix A.

3.1 Design Planform

The existing bridge crossing is at the inflection of a tight meander bend and the channel alignment has been constrained by the roadway embankment. The proposed replacement bridge has a free span of approximately 91 feet, while the existing bridge span is only 32 feet. The increased span is in-part intended to facilitate an improved alignment with the channel by decreasing the sharpness of the meander bend. A constraint to realigning the channel was the preservation of large established trees along the right bank upstream and downstream of the crossing, including an 8-foot diameter heritage oak tree close to the existing right bank of the channel near station 29+60.

The proposed alignment moves the approach channel further to the right (looking downstream) and has a sinuosity of 1.2 (valley length to channel length).

The outside of the bends will need to be protected from scour. Additionally, local toe scour along the outside of the bends must be considered as part of the design.

3.2 Design Profile

The design profile for the stream channel was developed based on the current overall channel profile. Figure 6 show the proposed channel profile with a slope of 1.4%, which is slightly steeper than the overall profile of 1.19%. This is due to the shortening of the channel length by approximately 28 feet by reducing the sharpness of the meander bends. The steeper profile allows for the channel slope to relax as it releases the stored sediment from upstream.

3.3 Release of Upstream Aggraded Sediments

At the upstream limits of the project, upstream of the crossing, the graded channel will steepen to match the existing streambed. At this location the channel has aggraded as much as 1.8 feet due to the failed retaining wall across the channel and the flow constrictions created by the bridge. An estimated 220 cubic yards of sediment is anticipated to be released during the adjustment period. During the adjustment period these sediments will be released during high flows and may temporarily deposit within the project reach or within the channel bend downstream of the bridge.

3.4 Design Cross Sections

Nearly the entire project reach is on one of two bends. The design channel cross section shape and dimensions were based on the reference reach, which includes cross section XS3 on a bend. A narrower bottom width of 11.5 feet and an anticipated actively scoured channel width of 15 feet is proposed to accommodate a point bar and bench on the inside of the bend (Figure 12). Although bench width will vary and is expected to adjust with time, for design purposes a bench height of 3.8 feet and a side slope of 5:1 (H:V) was selected based on reference reach observations. Bank side slopes between 1.5:1 and 2:1 are proposed for the outside of the bends and for the slope at the back of the benches.

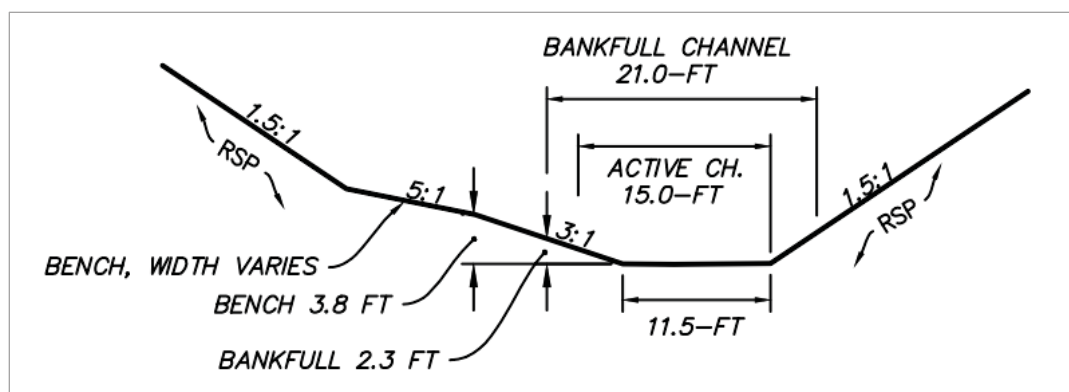


Figure 12. Typical channel geometry under the bridge for Robinson Creek at Lambert Lane Bridge replacement.

3.5 Streambed Material

The existing channel bed upstream and downstream of the culvert's influence is composed of cobbles, gravels, and fines. It is expected that native stream bed material would be stockpiled and reused in reconstruction of the channel bed and point bars. The coarser material within the project reach that more closely matches the gradation of PC3 in Figure 9 should be high-graded for this use. Finer sediments salvaged during excavation should be used for forming the point bars above bankfull elevation that are slated for planting.

3.6 Proposed Channel Grading

The approximate 350-foot long proposed channel was graded as a surface in AutoCAD Civil 3D. The final grading was developed through an iterative process guided in part by results from both the 1D and 2D steady state hydraulic models of proposed conditions. The grading is shown in Appendix A.

Channel grading upstream of the proposed bridge involved maintaining the existing mature trees along the right bank while minimizing the sharpness of the meander bend. The proposed point bar on the right side of the channel blends with the existing bench that supports these large trees between 29+60 and 31+40. The left bank downstream of 30+90 will be a vegetated riprap revetment intended to protect the roadway embankment from scour and erosion while guiding the flow around the sweeping bend.

As the channel approaches the bridge the channel bends towards the left. At the cross-over near station 29+60 the point bar transitions from the right bank to the left bank. Grading in the cross-over focused on maintaining flow conveyance areas similar to upstream and downstream to avoid a channel constriction. Downstream of the cross-over a vegetated riprap revetment will be required along both banks upstream of the bridge.

A point bar is maintained along the left bank as the channel bends to the left under the bridge between station 28+00 and 29+60. Riprap revetments will be placed against the bridge abutments. The riprap along the right bank is on the outside of the bend, and subject to high velocities and local scour.

Downstream of the bridge the left bank grading transitions to match the existing steep ground. Along the right bank the grading ties-out immediately upstream of an existing exposed root mass from a large oak tree along the bank.

4 HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS OF DESIGN CHANNEL

4.1 HEC-RAS One-Dimensional Hydraulic Analyses

The one-dimensional steady-state hydraulic model developed by WRECO (2018) using the HEC-RAS software (USACE, 2010) was updated for existing conditions. A separate HEC-RAS model was developed for the proposed channel grading associated with the bridge replacement. The model was used to evaluate existing hydraulic geometry of cross sections within the reference reach (see section 2.9.3) and proposed hydraulic conveyance associated with the 100-year flow for sizing riprap as part of rock slope protection (RSP) revetments.

4.1.1 Existing Conditions HEC-RAS Model Development

The WRECO (2018) existing conditions HEC-RAS model for the Lambert Lane bridge replacement project was derived from the project topographic surface provided by SHN. The model reach was 673 feet with 19 cross sections. The bridge routine was utilized for the existing crossing and an inline weir was used to simulate the collapsed concrete wall that is currently obstructing flow. Table 3 lists the Manning's roughness coefficients used in the existing and proposed conditions model.

Table 3. Roughness coefficients used for existing and proposed condition hydraulic modelling. Adapted from WRECO (2018).

Channel Description	Manning's Roughness Coefficient (n)
Concrete Retaining Wall	0.020
Low Flow Channel, Downstream of Existing/ Proposed Bridge Structure	0.040
Low Flow Channel	0.045
Channel Bank with Rock Slope Protection (no vegetation)	0.050
Channel Bank Hybrid Rock Slope Protection with Mature Vegetation (willow)*	0.100
Overbank Area with Modest Vegetation	0.050 to 0.080
Overbank Area with Dense Vegetation	0.100

MLA utilized the HEC-RAS model leaving it unchanged with the exception of extending the model length upstream and downstream by adding the nine MLA surveyed cross sections, all of which were located beyond of the existing model boundaries. Additionally, channel river stationing was adjusting to correspond to match the distance from the confluence with Anderson Creek, and therefore match the geomorphic analyses presented in Section 2. The updated existing conditions model extends a length of 1,564 feet.

The model was executed in mixed mode. Existing conditions HEC-RAS results are provided in Appendix D.

4.1.2 Proposed Conditions HEC-RAS Model Development

The proposed model domain extends 1,536 feet along Robinson Creek through the project area. A total of 26 cross sections were used to create the model. Eight of the cross sections were derived from the geomorphic channel sections surveyed by MLA, and the remaining cross sections were sampled from the proposed condition surface developed by MLA for the channel restoration design as shown in Appendix A

Model geometry was developed for as-built conditions. The proposed riprap revetments upstream and downstream of the bridge crossing are to be vegetated with live willow cuttings following Caltrans “hybrid revetment” design. Initially, the riprap revetment will have a relatively low Manning’s roughness of 0.050. This value was determined based on the additive Manning’s n method, as recommended in Caltrans (2014) *Hybrid Streambank Revetments: Vegetated Rock Slope Protection* manual. This will result in the highest water velocities impinging on the riprap, and should be used for sizing the riprap. Mature vegetation conditions following growth of the willow plantings was evaluated using the two-dimensional model and a Manning’s n of 0.100, as presented in Section 4.2.

Based on observed conditions and using the additive Manning’s n method, the Manning’s roughness coefficient for the channel was set at 0.045 for the main channel between the specified bank markers. For overbank areas, the Manning’s roughness coefficient of 0.07 was assigned to simulate the hydraulic obstructions created by brush and moderately dense vegetation along the channel and 0.05 for areas with vegetated RSP. Calculation of Manning’s n is provided in Appendix D. Bank markers were placed to provide average channel velocity within the main channel, including all proposed RSP bank treatments. The proposed bridge was not included in the model for channel design, as the clearance and freeboard are well above the proposed design water surface and the concrete abutments do not encroach on the channel area.

The model was run for the 50- and 100-year return flows of 1,320 and 1,760 cfs respectively. To account for potential channel aggradation and to check the design height of RSP, the high VAP condition was also modeled. This was done by applying a fixed sediment elevation by adding 2 feet to the proposed channel bed elevations.

Proposed conditions HEC-RAS was executed in mixed mode. Results are presented in Appendix D.

4.1.3 Results for Existing Conditions

The existing conditions model results were primarily used to evaluate hydraulic geometry, channel capacity, and channel shear stresses within the reference reach. This is discussed in section 2.9.3.

4.1.4 Results for Proposed Conditions

The HEC-RAS water surface profiles for the proposed condition is provided in Figure 13. The 100-year water surface at the bridge face is at elevation 374.67, which is greater than 9 feet below the bottom of the proposed bridge deck. Average channel velocities at the 100-year flow are generally between 7 and 9 ft/s in the channel at the bridge crossing, but spike to 11.6 ft/s at the downstream limit of the project (Figure 14). This is located immediately upstream of an expansion in the channel cross section associated with the downstream bank failure. The expansion causes a local drawdown in the water surface and spike in water velocities at 28+06.

4.1.5 Results for High VAP Profile Conditions

Flow conveyance for the high VAP profile condition was evaluated with the proposed conditions HEC-RAS model. This was accomplished by adding two feet of “sediment fill” to the bottom of each channel cross section. Results from this analysis were used to estimate water surfaces associated with the 50- and 100-year flows with high VAP profile conditions (Figure 15). The high VAP 100-year water surface at the bridge face is at elevation 375.50, which is 0.83 feet higher than under design conditions.

4.2 SRH Two-Dimensional Hydraulic Analysis

A two-dimensional model of existing and proposed conditions was developed using the USBR/FHWA Sedimentation River Hydraulics (SRH-2D) model (Bureau of Reclamation, 2008). The SRH-2D model is widely used for applications similar to this project. It provides good flexibility in creating and editing the two-dimensional mesh and provides good computational stability.

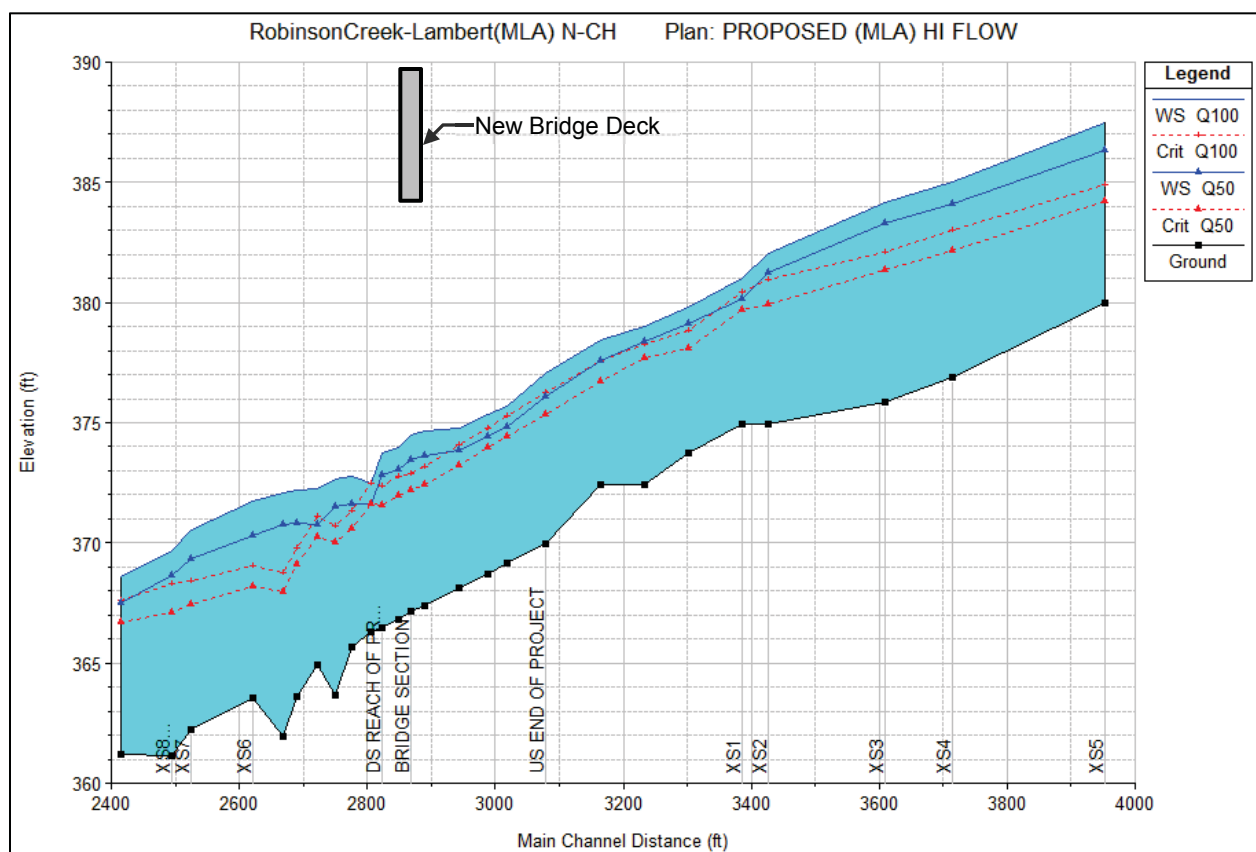


Figure 13. HEC-RAS proposed conditions water surface profiles of the 50- and 100-year flows in Robinson Creek at Lambert Lane Crossing.

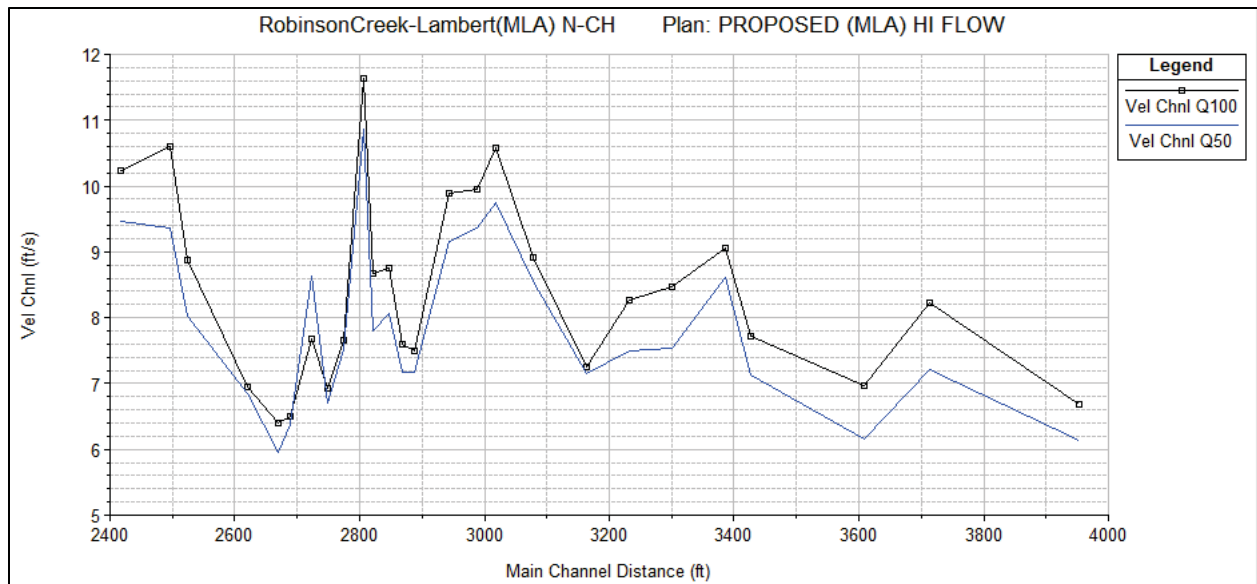


Figure 14. HEC-RAS proposed conditions channel velocity profiles for the 50- and 100-year flows in Robinson Creek at Lambert Lane Crossing.

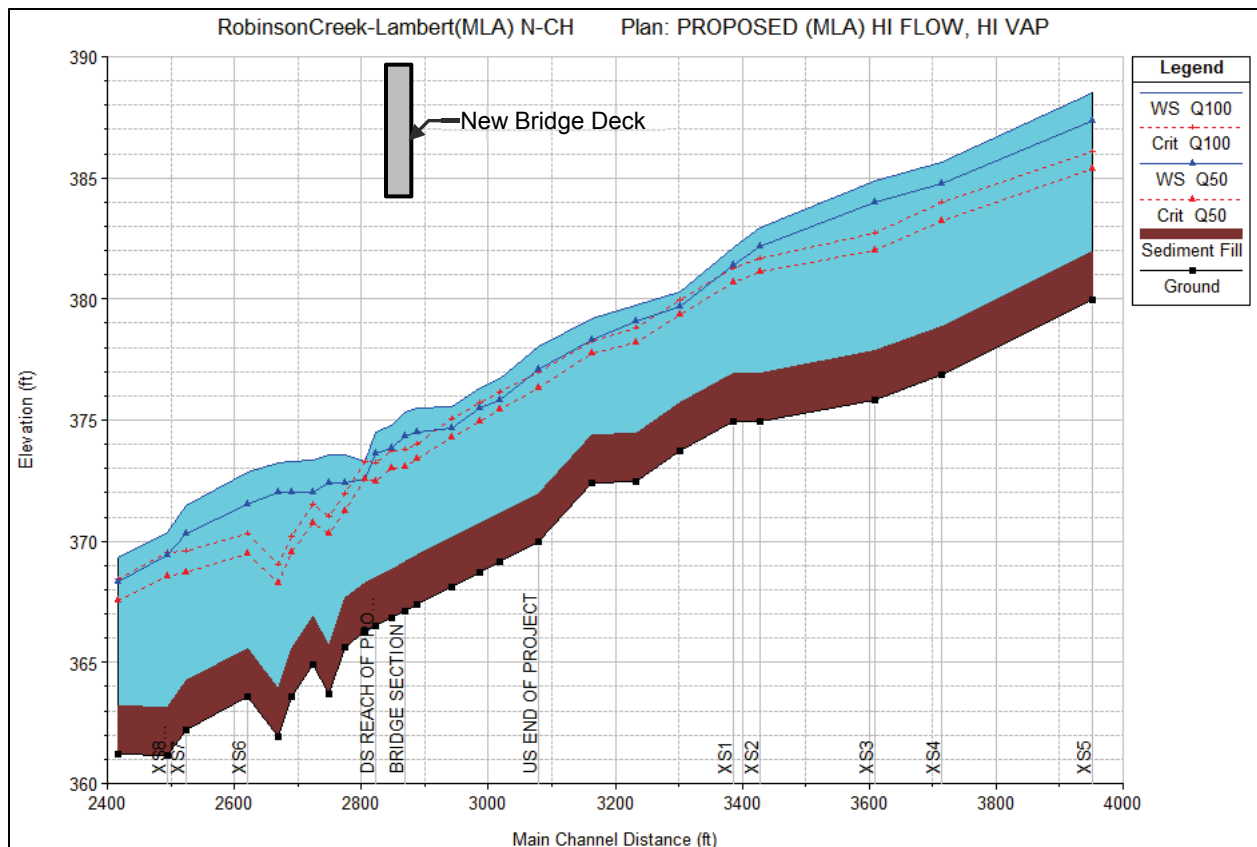


Figure 15. HEC-RAS high VAP conditions (2 feet of aggradation) with water surface profiles for the 50- and 100-year flows in Robinson Creek at Lambert Lane Crossing.

This analysis using SRH-2D focused on both bankfull flows and 100-year flow conditions, and was used to identify areas with high shear stress and velocities. These results were used to refine the channel grading to minimize abrupt hydraulic constrictions and areas of focused high velocities. The results were also used to set the top elevation for the RSP revetments. This was selected rather than the one-dimensional HEC-RAS model because of SRH-2D's ability to calculate super-elevation of flows along the outside of channel bends.

SRH-2D is a mesh-based model that solves the standard St. Venant's equations for gradually varying flow using finite-volume methods. The flexible mesh elements can be a combination of rectangular and triangular elements that vary in shape and size to accurately reflect the topography of the model domain. The model outputs include depth of flow, depth averaged velocity vectors (x and y direction), and shear stress for each wetted element in the mesh.

4.2.1 SRH2-D Model Development

The model domain for the Lambert Lane bridge replacement project included the 720 feet of surveyed channel that encompasses the project area as shown in Appendix E. The model domain extended on both sides of the channel up to the top of banks. The channel was modeled with flexible triangular elements with 3-foot sides, except where additional detail was necessary. The elevations of the element nodes were derived from the project's digital terrain model (DTM). For existing conditions, the DTM developed from the topographic surveys by SHN was used. For the existing and proposed conditions model, the SHN DTM was extended further downstream based on MLA survey points to include the entire bend in the channel and associated bank failure behind the Booneville Hotel. For proposed conditions the design surface was merged with the existing conditions DTM.

Manning's roughness coefficients were assigned to each mesh element. SRH-2D does not use contraction and expansion or eddy viscosity coefficients as part of the computations. Therefore, contraction and expansion losses need to be incorporated into the Manning's roughness values. Manning's roughness values were taken from Table 3. This includes a value of 0.100 for the hybrid RSP with mature vegetation and 0.08 for the riparian planting areas on the inside of the meander bends. These roughness values were calculated using methods recommended in Caltrans (2014), and as provided in Appendix E.

The downstream boundary condition was set based on HEC-RAS water surface elevations for cross section XS6, which is located at the downstream end of the SHR-2D model domain for both existing and proposed conditions.

4.2.2 SRH-2D Results

The SRH-2D results are provided in Appendix E. Figure 16 compares the water velocities and vectors for existing and proposed conditions. Existing condition results illustrate the channel constriction created by the existing bridge opening, with water velocity under the existing bridge exceeding 11 ft/s. The constriction raises water levels upstream of the bridge, creating slower velocities and widening the area of inundation during the 100-year flow.

In comparison, the proposed condition velocities are reduced under the bridge and the flow area remains relatively constant throughout the project reach. The highest velocities are at the upstream limit of the project grading, near station 31+50. This is the location that a small headcut is expected to occur as upstream stored sediments are released and transported downstream.

Downstream of the bridge crossing the proposed condition velocity distribution against the existing bank failure remain effectively unchanged from existing conditions. There is an area of high velocities at station 28+00, immediately downstream of the project grading. This is caused by an existing large oak tree on the bank, with its root mass protruding into the channel. Under existing conditions this is masked by the extremely high velocities discharging from under the bridge.

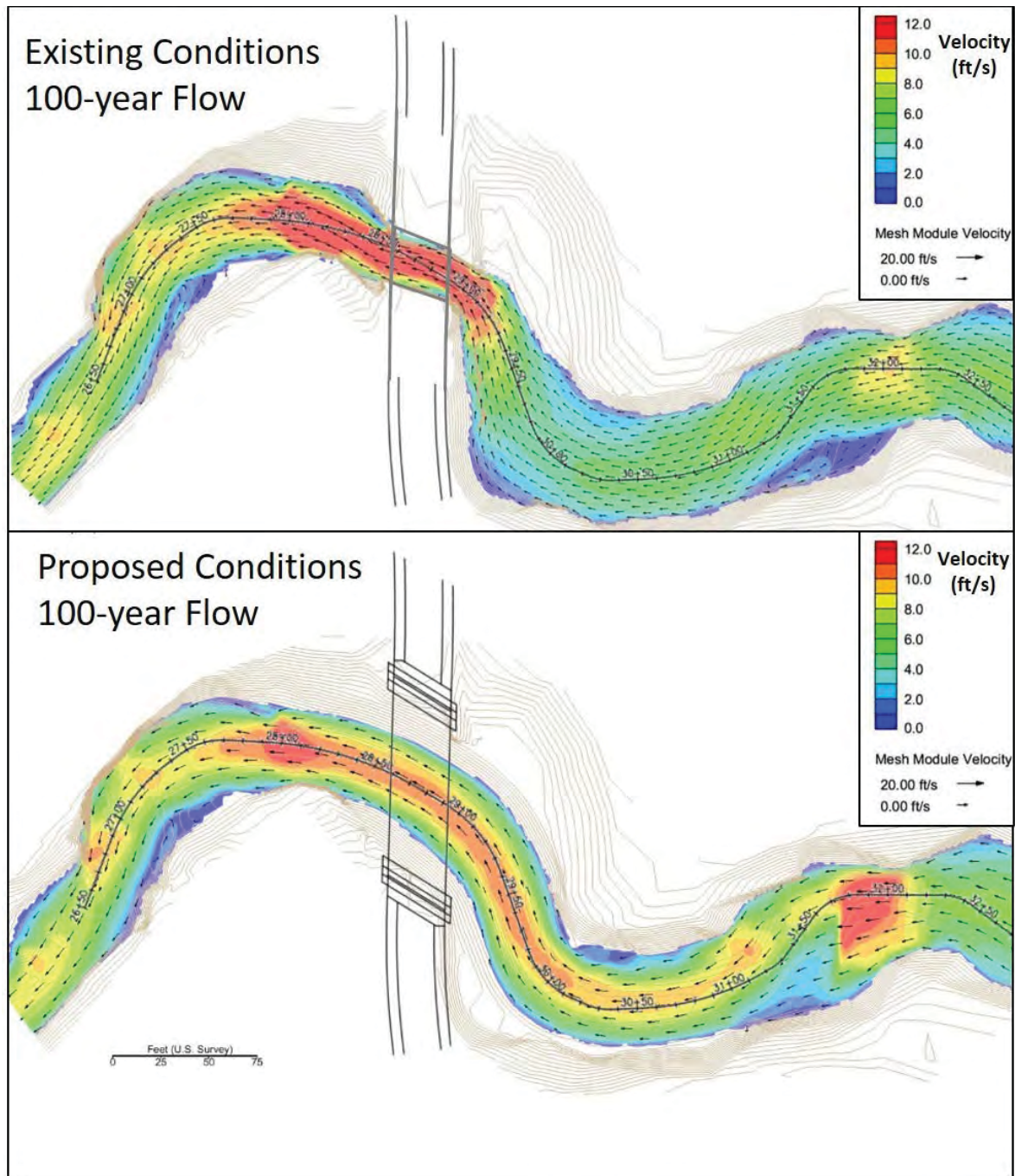


Figure 16. SRH-2D predicted water velocities associated with the 100-year flow of 1,750 cfs for existing and proposed.

5 DESIGN OF CHANNEL BANK REVETMENTS

Due to high water velocities within the channel and the steep side slopes required for the streambanks in the vicinity of the roadway and bridge, rock slope protection (RSP) will be necessary to form a stable streambank revetment. To provide channel shade and additional roughness along the streambanks to slow velocities, a *hybrid revetment* design consisting of vegetated RSP will be used following design guidance given in Caltrans Design Information Bulletin No. 87-01 (Caltrans, 2014). This uses standard guidelines for RSP sizing, thickness, and layering as described in the California Bank and Shore Rock Slope Protection Design manual (Caltrans, 2000).

5.1 RSP Sizing

RSP was sized for the 100-year flow condition of 1,760 cfs with as-built vegetation conditions. Three methods were used and results were compared: California Bank and Shore Protection Design, equation 1 (Caltrans, 2000), and USACE (1994) equation 3-3 and equation 3-5. The three methods yield a wide range in size class for RSP and are summarized in Appendix F. The USACE equation 3-3 resulted in the most conservative (i.e. largest rock class) and was selected based on professional judgement.

The USACE equation 3-3 for determining RSP size for channel bottom and side slopes uses depth averaged channel velocity. Velocity and depth for key locations in the project site were derived from the proposed conditions HEC-RAS model (post construction “as-built” conditions). This method is applicable to side slopes of 1.5H:1V or flatter. RSP placed along the outside of channel bends will experience increased forces from impinging flows. This method accounts for bendways using the ratio of the centerline radius of the bend to wetted width of the channel. In addition to velocity and side slope, this method is sensitive to the unit weight of stone, which generally varies from 150 to 175 pounds per cubic foot. For this application a unit weight (γ_s) of 165 pounds per cubic foot was used.

A minimum safety factor of 1.1 is recommended by USACE. For the Robinson Creek channel design, a safety factor of 2.0 has been applied due to the sharp meander, potential for impact from large floating debris, and risk to vital infrastructure.

Equation 3-3 yields a representative stone size for the D_{30} , for which 30 percent of the gradation is finer by weight and length. To determine the D_{50} , a relationship is presented that is based on the ratio of D_{84} to D_{15} that defines the gradation of material. Standardized gradations range from 1.4 to 2.2, where a higher ratio indicates a wider range of material size. A ratio of D_{84}/D_{15} of 1.6 was used for this analysis, which is consistent with Caltrans specifications for larger rock size classes.

Calculated stable rock sizes for streambank revetments in the project reach are provided in Table 4. Weights are calculated assuming a spherical shape for the rock and a unit weight of 165 lbs/ft³. Caltrans RSP classes are named by the D_{50} (median rock diameter). Table 4 lists the Caltrans RSP size classes and the corresponding FHWA classification that are closest to the stable D_{50} rock size for the specified location.

Computations for RSP sizing are presented in Appendix F.

Table 4. Calculated stable rock sizes for RSP along channel banks and applicable Caltrans and FHWA RSP size class. Sizing based on USACE (1994) equation 3-3.

Station	Location	Side Slope (H:V)	Stable Rock Size (D ₅₀)		
			Diameter (ft)	Weight (lbs)	Size Class FHWA (Caltrans)
30+78	Left Bank Approaching Bend	1.5:1	1.7	424	V (¼ Ton)
30+18	Left Bank Approaching Bend	1.5:1	2.6	1,518	VIII (1 Ton)
29+87	Lower Left Bank at Bend Apex	1.5:1	2.9	2,107	VIII (1 Ton)
	Upper Left Bank at Bend Apex	2:1	2.2	920	VII (½ Ton)
29+42	Both Banks at Bridge Approach	1.5:1	2.2	920	VII (½ Ton)
28+89	Right Bank, Upstream Bridge Face	1.5:1	1.3	190	IV (Light)
28+68	Right Bank Under Bridge	1.5:1	1.4	237	IV (Light)
28+48	Both Banks, Downstream Bridge Face	1.5:1	1.6	354	V (¼ Ton)

5.2 RSP Layers and Thickness

RSP should be placed in a layer with a thickness sufficient to remain stable and provide maximum protection against erosive forces. Rock that interlocks and minimizes voids will help ensure the stability of the RSP layer. Design equations are based on a minimum thickness of $1 \cdot D_{100}$, the maximum size in the size class. Caltrans methods for RSP design call for use of “California Layered RSP” (Caltrans, 2000), where up to three layers of rock make up the total RSP thickness. The design follows filtration theory where, from the inside to the outside, each layer is progressively larger so an inner layer will not pass through the voids of the next layer. The total RSP thickness is made up of a backing, inner and outside layer. In some cases, an inner layer is not required.

Caltrans standard RSP size classes are divided into two construction methods. Method “A” is for larger rock that is individually placed and Method “B” is for smaller rock where dumping is acceptable. Using the stable rock sizes calculated for locations given in Table 4, the RSP size class layers and thickness were developed following Caltrans (2000), and are provided in Table 5.

Standard Caltrans design includes RSP fabric at the interface of the native slope and the backing class. However in lieu of RSP fabric, the hybrid revetment uses a gravel filter to better support vegetation plantings. A Universal Gravel Filter Gradation is appropriate for the proposed RSP revetments. It consists of 6-inch minus gravel. For slopes steeper than 2.5H:1V rounded river-run material is not recommended for the gravel filter layer.

Table 5. RSP size class and thickness by station and location.

Station and Location	Side Slope (H:V)	Outer Layer		Backing Layer	
		RSP Class	Thickness (ft)	RSP Class	Thickness (ft)
<u>28+15 to 29+60</u> Under Bridge Both Banks	1.5:1	½ TON	3.4	Backing No. 1	1.8
<u>29+60 to 30+30</u> Outside Bend Lower Left Bank	1.5:1	1 TON	4.3	Light	2.5
Outside Bend Upper Left Bank	2:1	½ TON	3.4	Backing No. 1	1.8
<u>30+30 to 30+90</u> Upstream Approach Left Bank	1.5:1	¼ TON	3.3	Backing No.1	1.8

5.3 Toe Scour Analysis

Toe scour and undermining of RSP along streambanks is a common cause of failure. The proposed channel within the project reach will have a natural substrate bottom and includes two substantial meander bends. In meandering channels flow is impinged along the outside bend, increasing velocities and scour forces. In high flows the channel bed scours and then refills during the receding limb of the hydrograph. Toe protection can be provided by extending the toe of the RSP to a depth below the expected scour depth.

Caltrans (2014) and USACE (1998) reference methods developed in *Toe Scour Estimation in Stabilized Bendways* (Maynard 1996) as a way of predicting potential scour depth. The empirical equations were developed by synthesizing laboratory and field data for scour at bank toes around stream bends. The primary variables are the average depth in the main channel upstream of the bend, depth at the bend and centerline radius of the main channel bend. The depth of scour is the difference of the computed depth in the bend and the maximum depth as predicted by Equation 16.

Based on the radius of the channel bends a factor of safety of 1.19 was used, implying that 2% of measured scour could be 5% deeper (approximately 0.5 feet) than the predicted scour depth.

The scour analysis indicated that the toe of the RSP should be placed to a minimum depth of 3.0 feet below the channel bed. This scour depth is added to the depth the channel may degrade based on the low vertical adjustment potential (VAP) profile, which is approximately 4 feet lower than the design channel bed. This places the toe of the RSP a minimum of 7 feet below the design channel bed.

5.4 Design Height of RSP

Caltrans recommends the water depth during 50-year return flow for the design height of the RSP. Additional freeboard can be added to the design height based on site conditions and professional judgment. Additional consideration should be given to the potential for super-elevation at bends and the possibility of channel aggradation. In this case, results from the 2D model at the 100-year flow, which represents the matured vegetation condition of the hybrid RSP revetment was used to define the design water surface with super elevation at the bends. The final design height of the RSP was

then modified by adding the difference of the proposed water surface and the high VAP water surface as predicted by the HEC RAS model to account for potential aggradation.

Cross sections 30+78, 29+87 and 28+88 are on the straight section approaching the bend, on the right bend, and on the left bend at the bridge face. These locations represent the highest potential for scour and super elevation and were used to determine the design height of the RSP design. Table 6 lists the SHR-2D water surface at the hybrid riprap banks on the outside of the bends. The increase in water surface elevation at the high VAP conditions as compared to design conditions is based on the HEC-RAS results. This difference is added to the SRH-2D water surface elevation to arrive at the design elevation for the top of the RSP.

Table 6. Summary RSP top elevation based on 100-year water surface elevations (WSE) for proposed conditions with mature vegetation from 2D modelling plus increase in WSE due at high VAP profile due to potential aggradation.

Station and Location	SRH-2D WSE along Bank (feet)	Increase in WSE at High VAP	Design Elevation for RSP Top (feet)
28+88 Upstream Bridge Face	375.5	0.8 feet	376.3
29+87 Outside of Left Bend	377.3	1.0 feet	378.3
30+78 Straight Section Upstream of Bends	378.0	1.0 feet	379.0

5.5 Hybrid Revetment Design- Vegetated RSP

Incorporating vegetation into the streambank revetment has the beneficial effects of improving stream ecology, increasing soil strength and providing flow resistance, although it can be unpredictable over the long term (Caltrans 2014). Established vegetation will provide cover, shade the channel and provide nutrients to the stream. As root systems establish, they can support the banks by providing resistance to scour and bind the soils and rock placed along the bank.

Caltrans has developed recommendations for the use of a “hybrid revetment” that incorporates vegetation into rock slope protection to provide the benefits of stream side vegetation while managing its uncertainties. The intent is to balance the engineering benefit of armoring a bank while promoting ecological processes.

The hybrid RSP design consists of the standard RSP design as described above, with the addition of live willow staking that penetrates the rock layers and allows rooting into the native bank soils. Species most commonly used as live stakes are native willow and cottonwood trees. Plantings are placed either vertical or perpendicular to the slope face and must be long enough to extend through to the subbase and into moist soil. Placement of live stakes is done in conjunction with rock placement. To provide protection to the live stakes during rock placement, cuttings should be placed into perforated cardboard tubes that are embedded into the subgrade and extend through the layered RSP (Figure 17). Cardboard is preferred as it can degrade over time and not hinder the growth of the cuttings. Growing medium is placed within the cardboard tubes to provide direct soil

contact. Additionally, voids within the placed riprap should be filled with salvaged soil to further promote root growth within the layered RSP.

For Robinson Creek, it is assumed cutting shall be made from native willow species. Stakes may need to be as long as 12 feet and should be placed vertically to maximize their rooting depth, with the butt of the live stake at or near summer groundwater levels. The willow plantings will start at bankfull, 2.3 feet above the finished channel bed, and extend up the RSP revetment. To ensure good establishment, the live stakes should be irrigated for a minimum of two seasons.

Preliminary spacing of live willow stakes is assumed to be 5 feet on-center. Prior to final design a qualified landscape architect or botanist should be retained to provide recommendations for lateral spacing, live willow stake diameter range, embedment depths into subgrade and type of soil backfill for the tubes. They should also provide provisions for harvesting and storage of cutting stock and irrigation design.

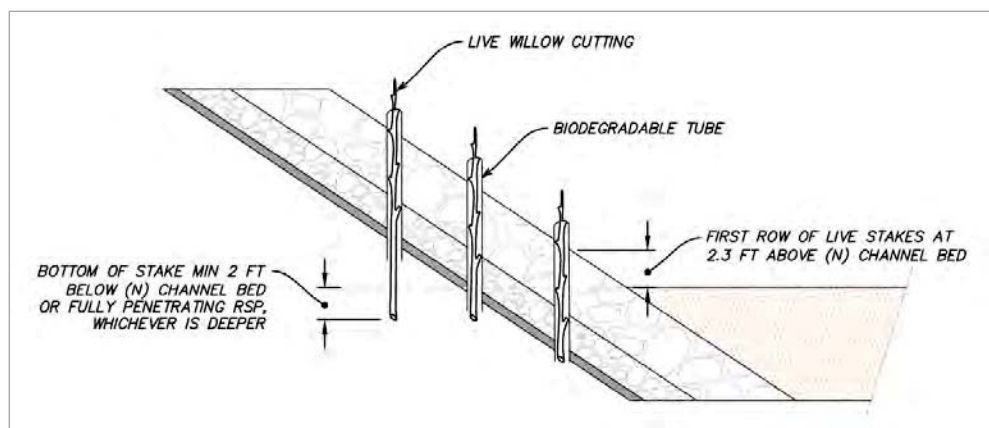


Figure 17. Typical live stake placement for hybrid RSP revetment.

5.6 RSP Design Sections

Three typical design sections were developed for the RSP bankline protection for the project (Figure 18):

1. Under the Bridge (Station 28+15 to 28+60)
2. Apex of the bend and along the roadway and bridge approach (Station 28+60 to 30+30)
3. Upstream edge of project at approach to bend Station (30+30 to 30+90)

Section 1 has 1.5:1 side slope and is located along the bend under the bridge. This reach has ½ Ton RSP (Class VII) application on both banks. The right bank is the outside bend and the left bank is the inside bend where a bench is expected to form in the wider channel. Roughly half of the RSP on the right bank will be outside the cover of the bridge deck and should utilize the Hybrid RSP discussed above.

Section 2 is located at the apex of the bend along the bridge approach currently protected by the retaining wall and RSP. The left bank will have 1-Ton RSP (Class VIII) application with a 1.5:1 slope at the toe and ½-ton RSP (Class VII) at a 2:1 slope along the upper bank. This reach should utilize Hybrid RSP. Compacted native backfill behind the RSP layers will be required where the new bank is pulled away from the existing road embankment. Above the RSP application backfill and planting should be applied to meet the existing ground.

Section 3 is located at the upstream end of the project reach and is the approach to the first bend. ¼-ton RSP (Class V) will be applied to the left bank at a 1.5:1 side slope and blend into the native bank. Hybrid RSP should be utilized. Existing RSP along this reach should be reused as practical.

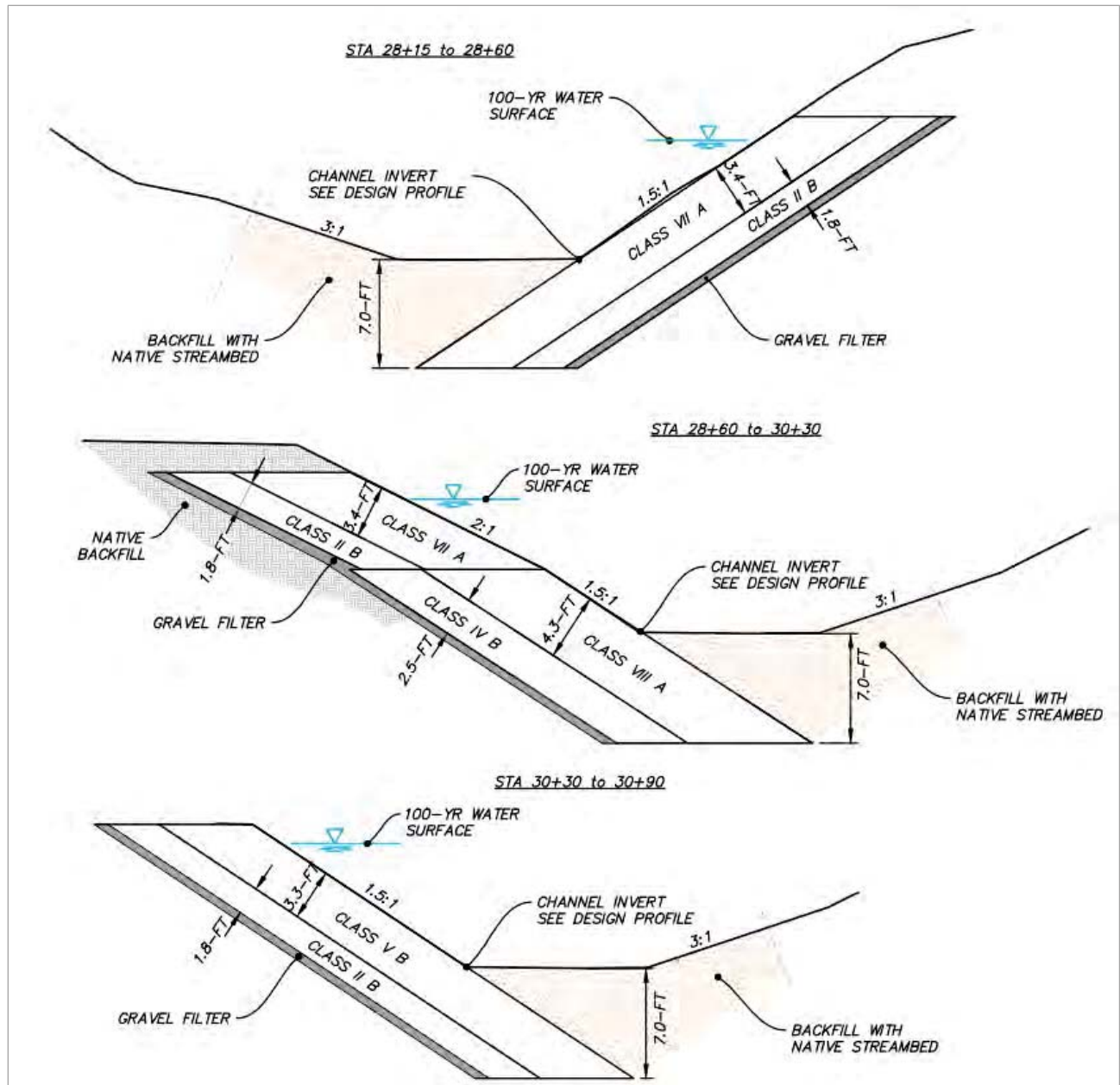


Figure 18. Typical sections for RSP placement along design channel on Robinson Creek at Lambert Lane.

5.7 Tree Removal and Additional Streamside Planting Areas

Based on the proposed channel grading shown in Appendix A, several trees will be removed. This includes a 30-inch tree (DBH) close to the bridge face, a 16-inch tree near the existing retaining wall, and an 8-inch and two 4-inch trees on the right bank. The species of these trees is not known, but if any are willows, they should be considered for use as live stakes for the hybrid revetment.

In addition to the plantings contained within the hybrid RSP revetment, native vegetation would be planted on the graded point bars on the inside of the channel bends. This includes on the right bank between station 29+50 and 31+10, and on the left bank immediately upstream and downstream of the bridge crossing. This vegetation should include native riparian tree species, as well as understory plants. Irrigation will likely be required for a minimum of two years to ensure survival.

In addition to the planting areas close to the channel, the project will create a terrace behind the RSP adjacent to the road embankment at the southern bridge approach. This terrace could be used to plant upland tree species, such as native oak trees. Prior to final design a qualified landscape architect or botanist should be retained to develop a planting plan.

5.8 Recommendation for Treatment of the downstream Bank Failure

The stream channel design allows for release of the stored sediments from the upstream channel. In total, approximately 220 cubic yards of streambed sediments may be released and transport downstream during this channel adjustment period. This is a relatively small amount of sediment for this stream. However, this released sediment has the potential to deposit between high flow events within the project reach and immediately downstream. Deposition could exacerbate the existing bank erosion downstream of the bridge, behind the Boonville Hotel. Given the condition of this failing bank, proximity of structures on top of this bank, and potential for channel adjustments associated with this project, efforts should be made to treat the bank failure using standard bioengineering bank revetment practices prior to, or in conjunction with, the Lambert Lane bridge replacement. The Mendocino County Resource Conservation District (RCD) has lead bank repairs using similar approaches in other location in lower Robinson Creek, and should be engaged about the potential to lead repair efforts for this bank failure.

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Appendix A – Design Drawings

Appendix B - Geomorphic Field Data

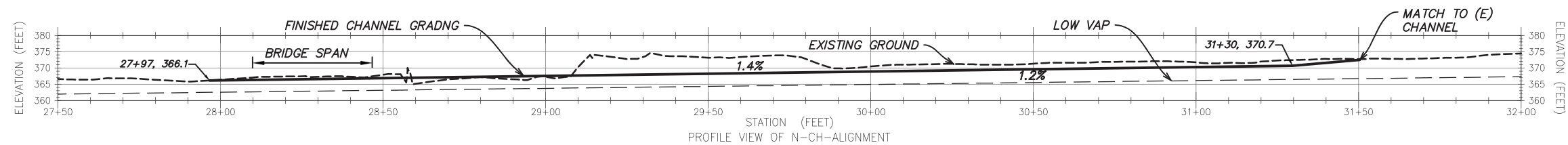
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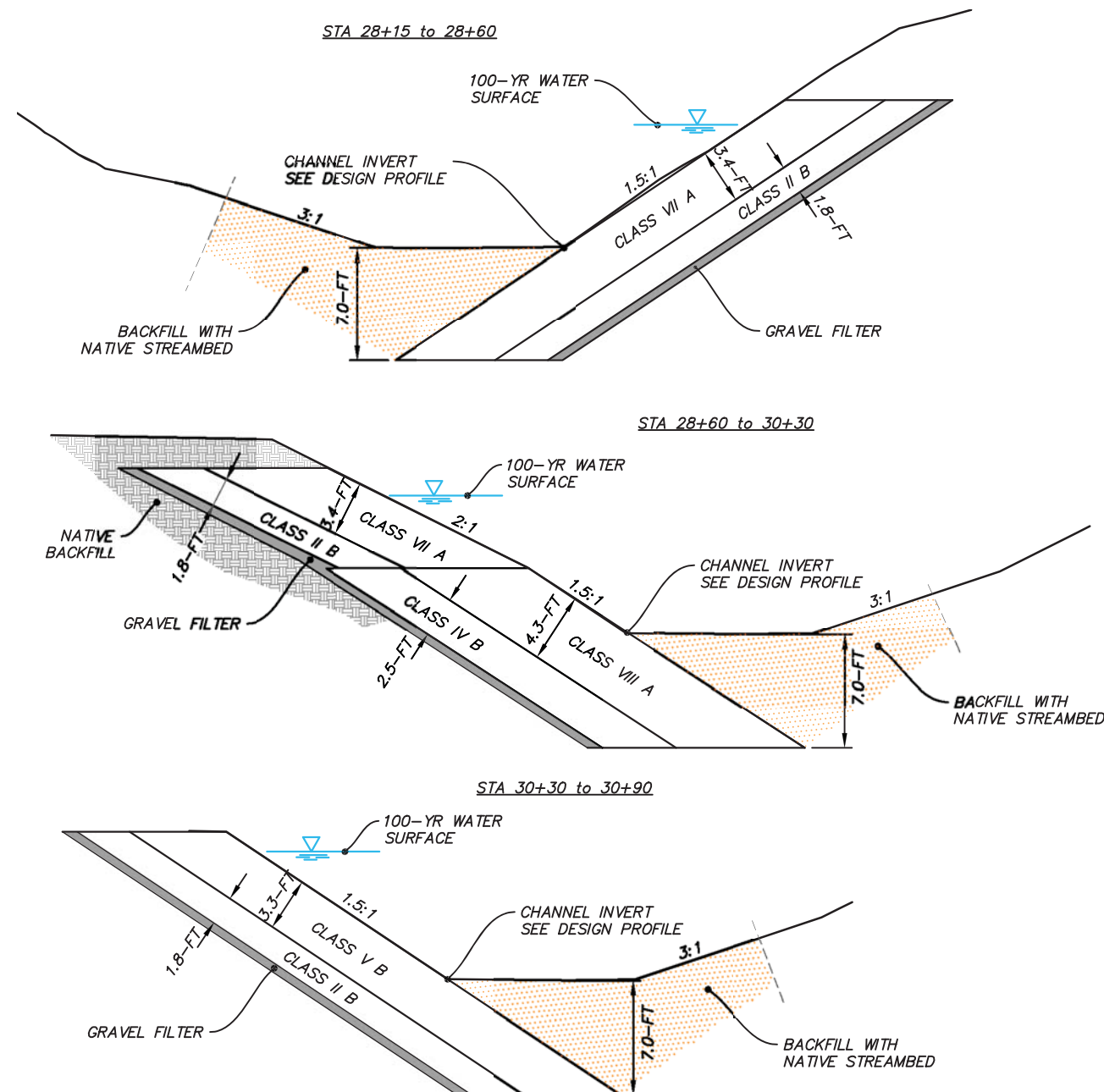
Appendix F – Rock Slope Protection Design

Appendix A – Design Drawings



2 CHANNEL PROFILE

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GRAPHIC SCALE



3 TYPICAL RSP SECTIONS

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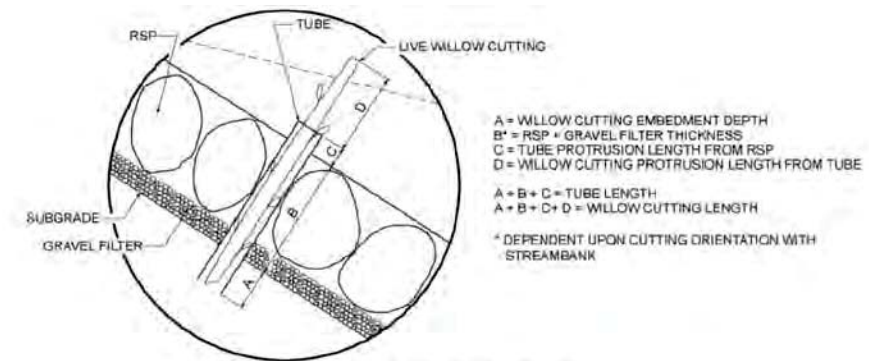
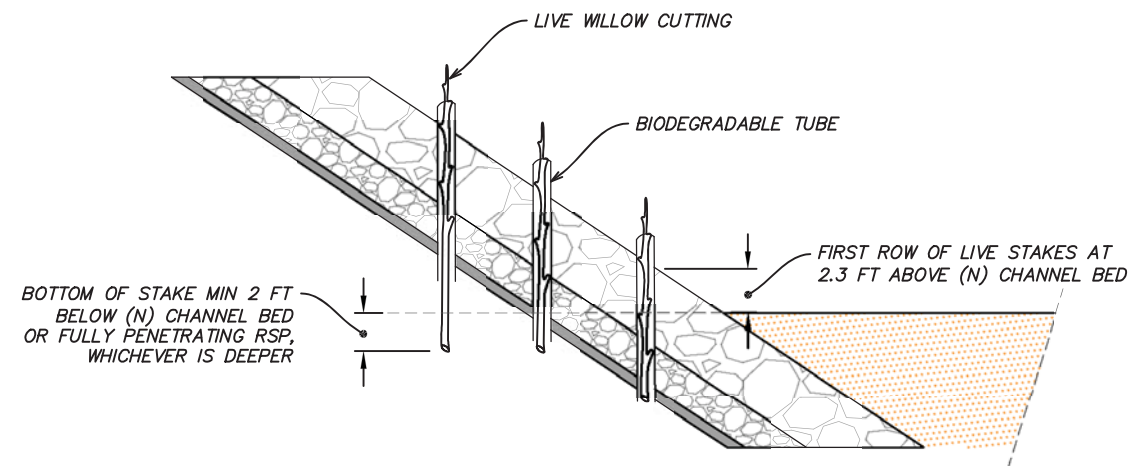
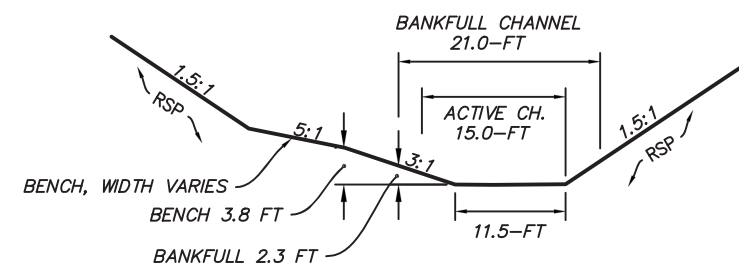


Figure 21- Live Cutting Detail

4 HYBRID RSP DETAIL

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5 TYPICAL SECTION UNDER BRIDGE

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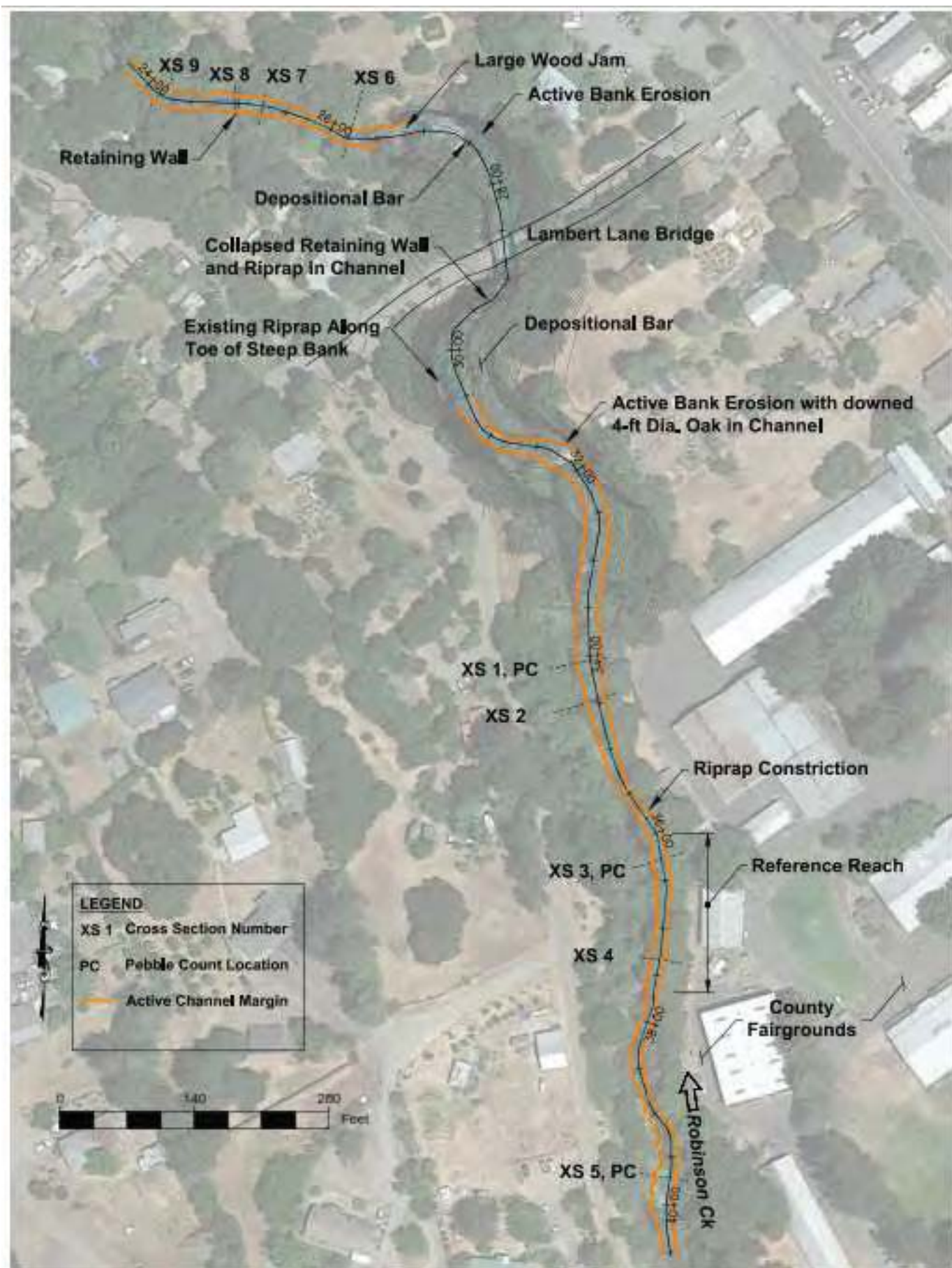
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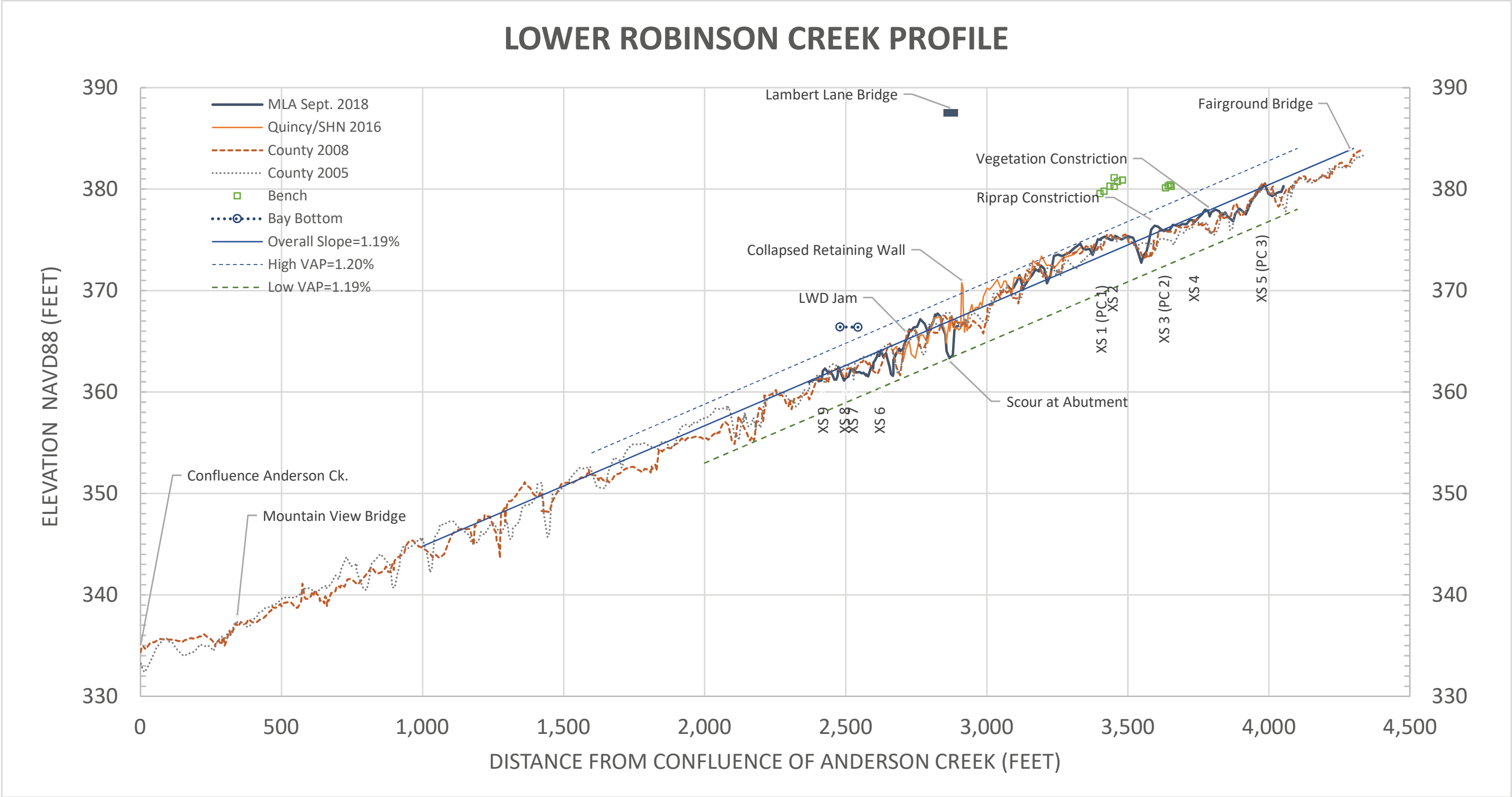
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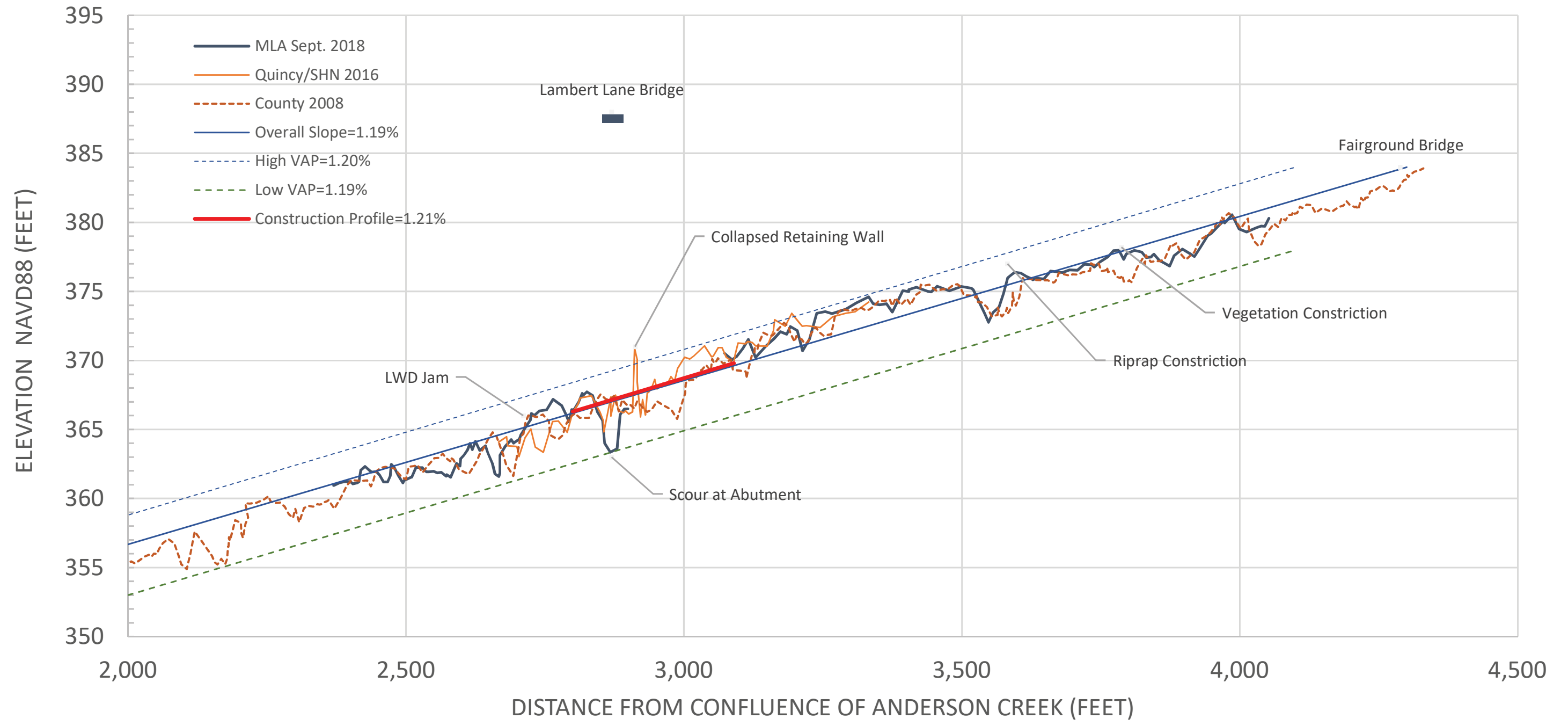


LOWER ROBINSON CREEK PROFILE



ROBINSON CREEK PROFILE

Project Reach (EC Alignment)



Robinson Creek Geomorphic Survey

September 12, 2018

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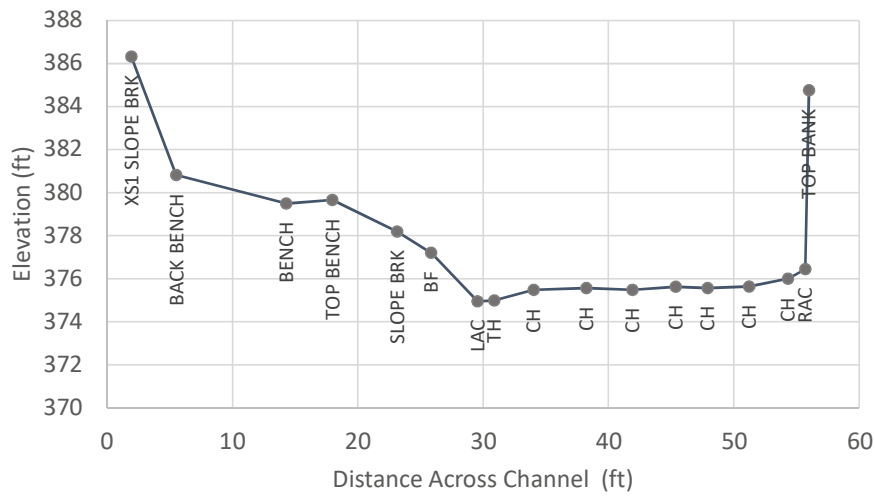
Upstream of Lambert Lane

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XS 3	STA 36+27	21.4	2.4		15.4
XS 4	STA 37+33	24.8	2.2		13.3
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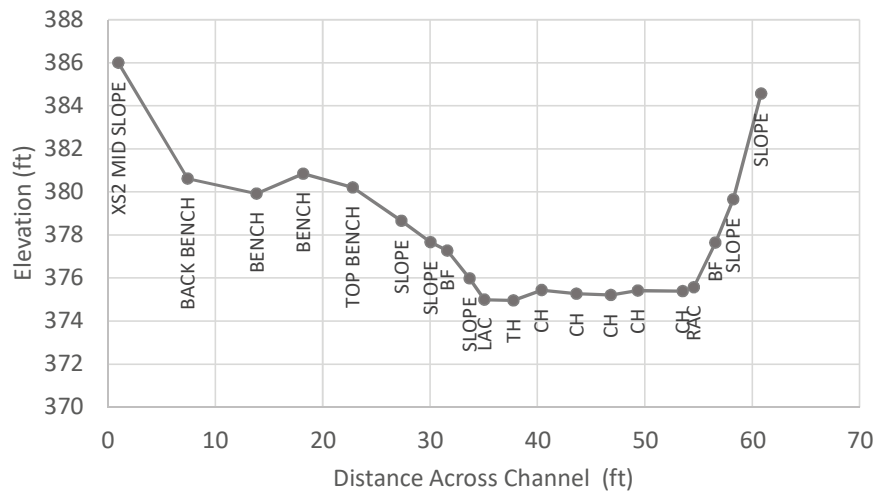
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XS 7	STA 25+25	25.0	2.3		19.7
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Average:		24.3	2.2		18.6

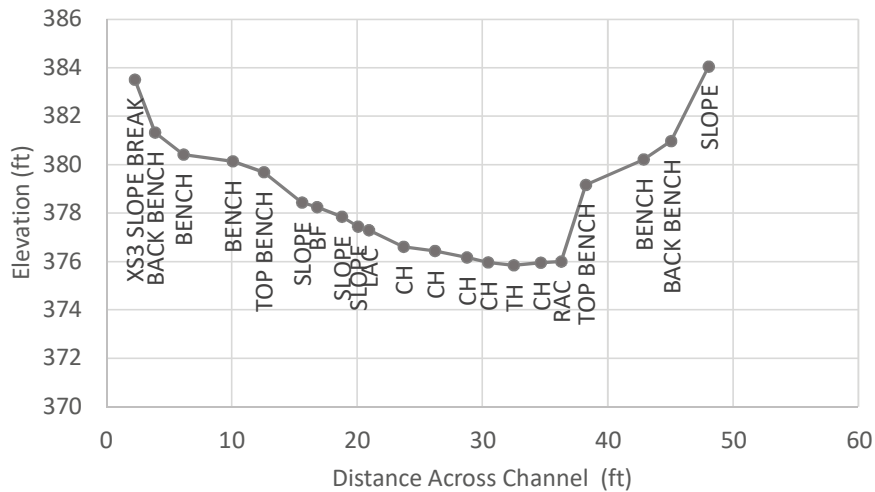
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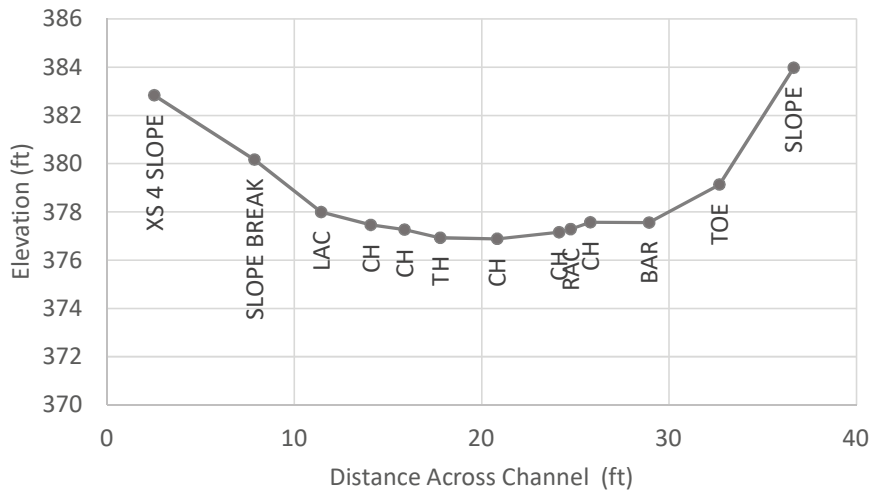
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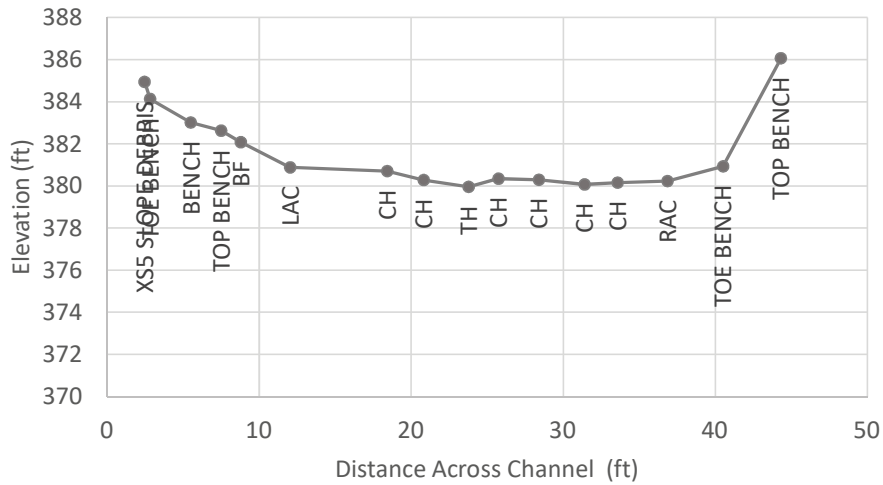
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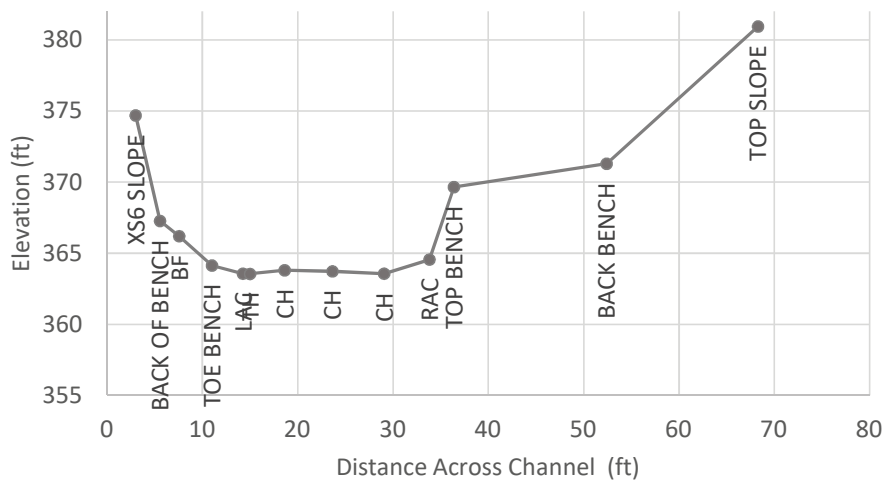
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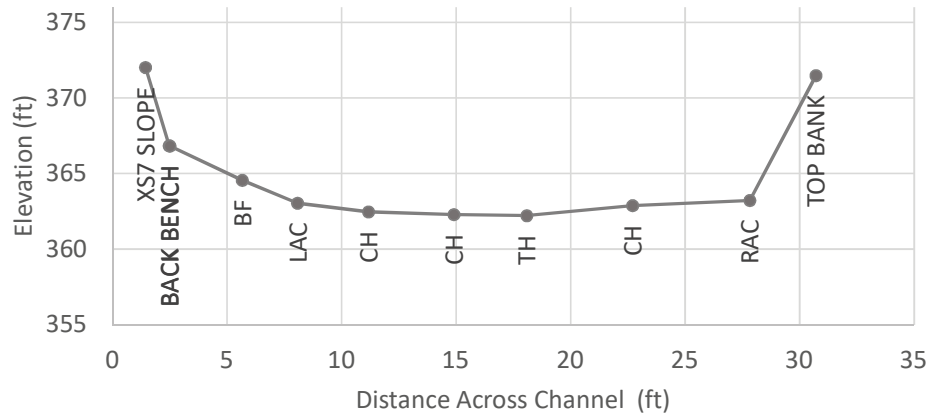
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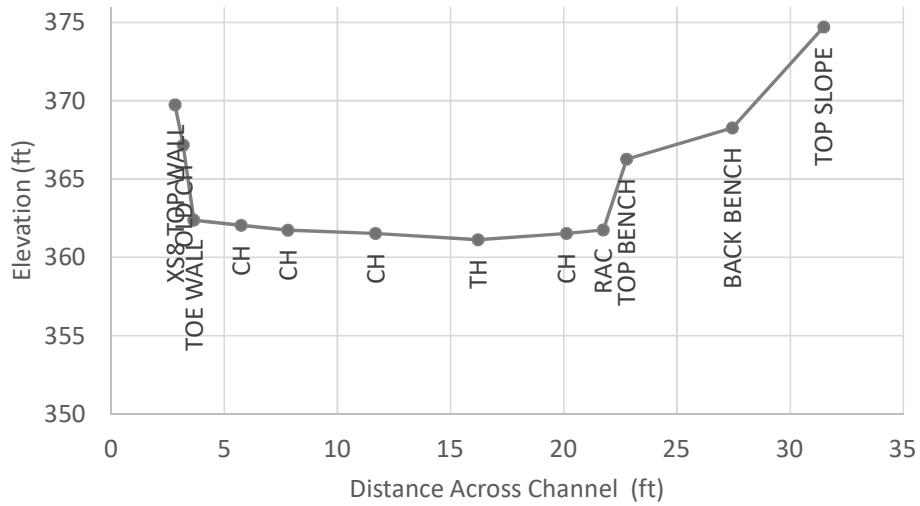
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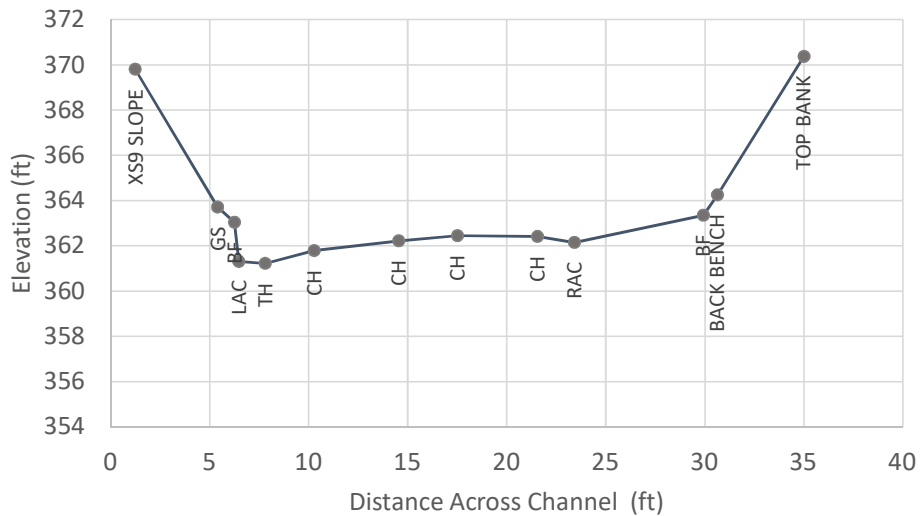
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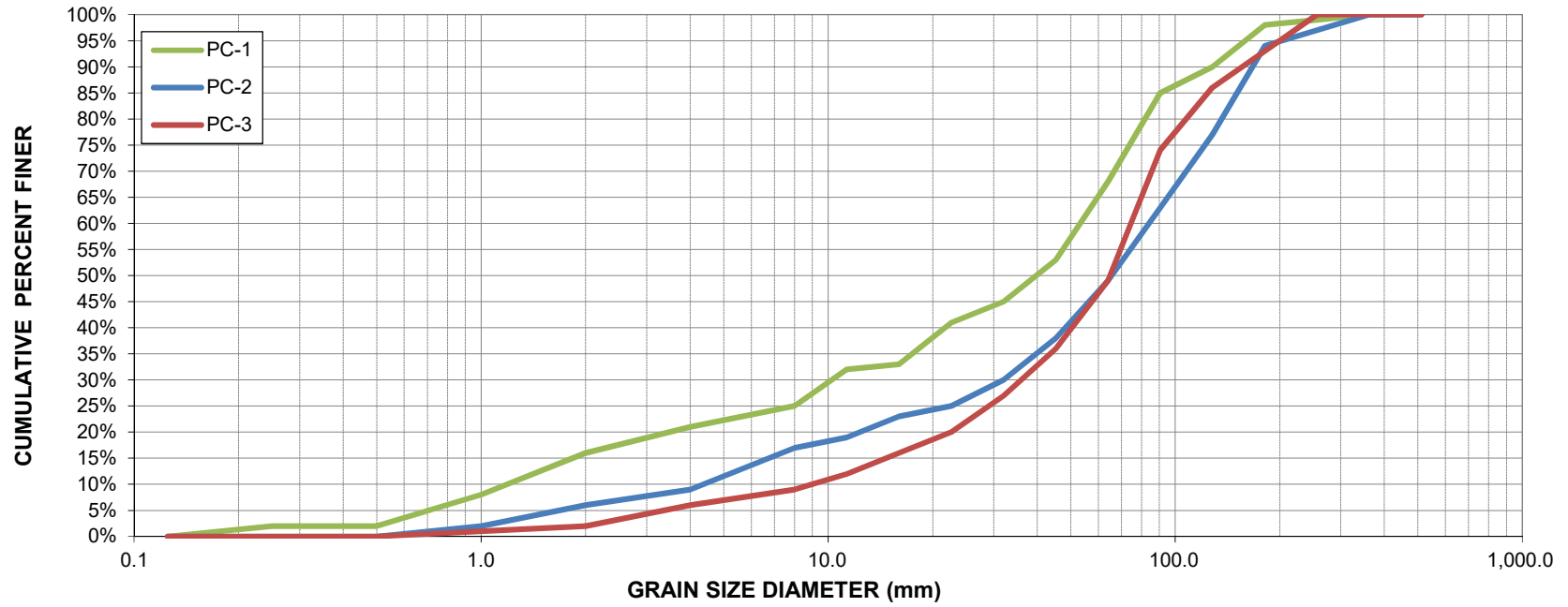
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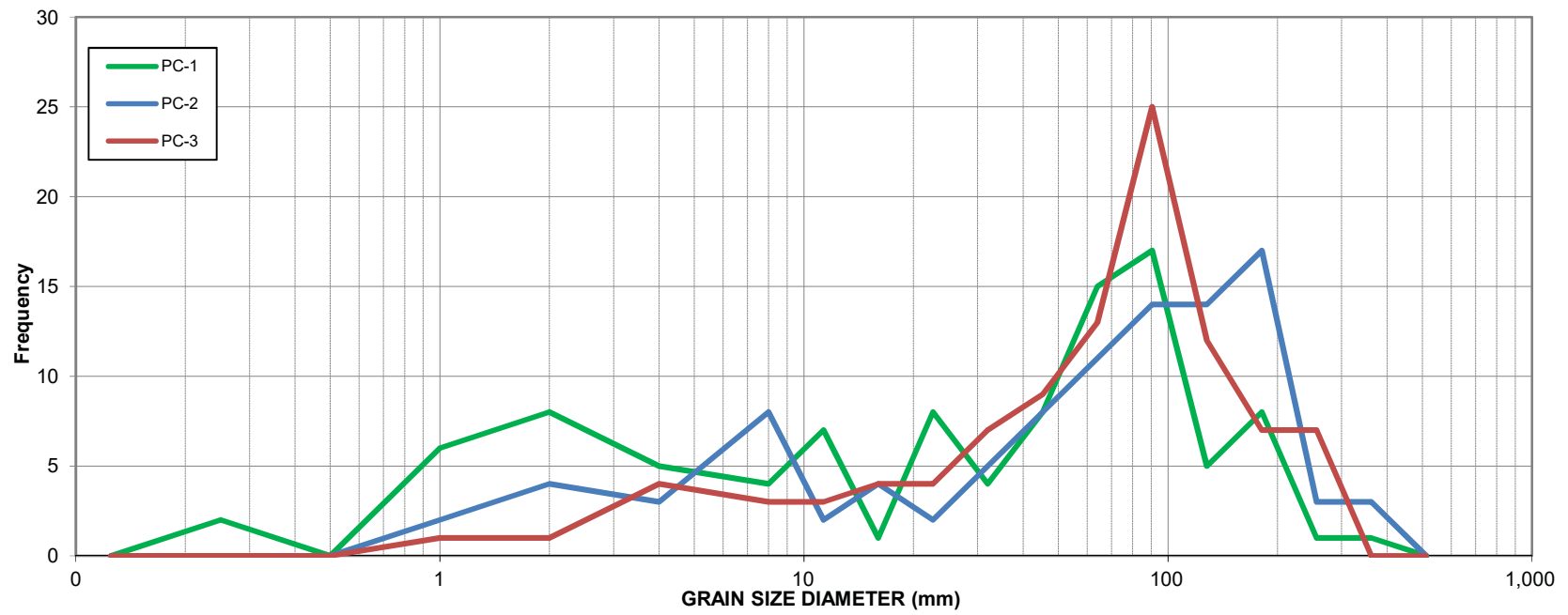
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Robinson Creek
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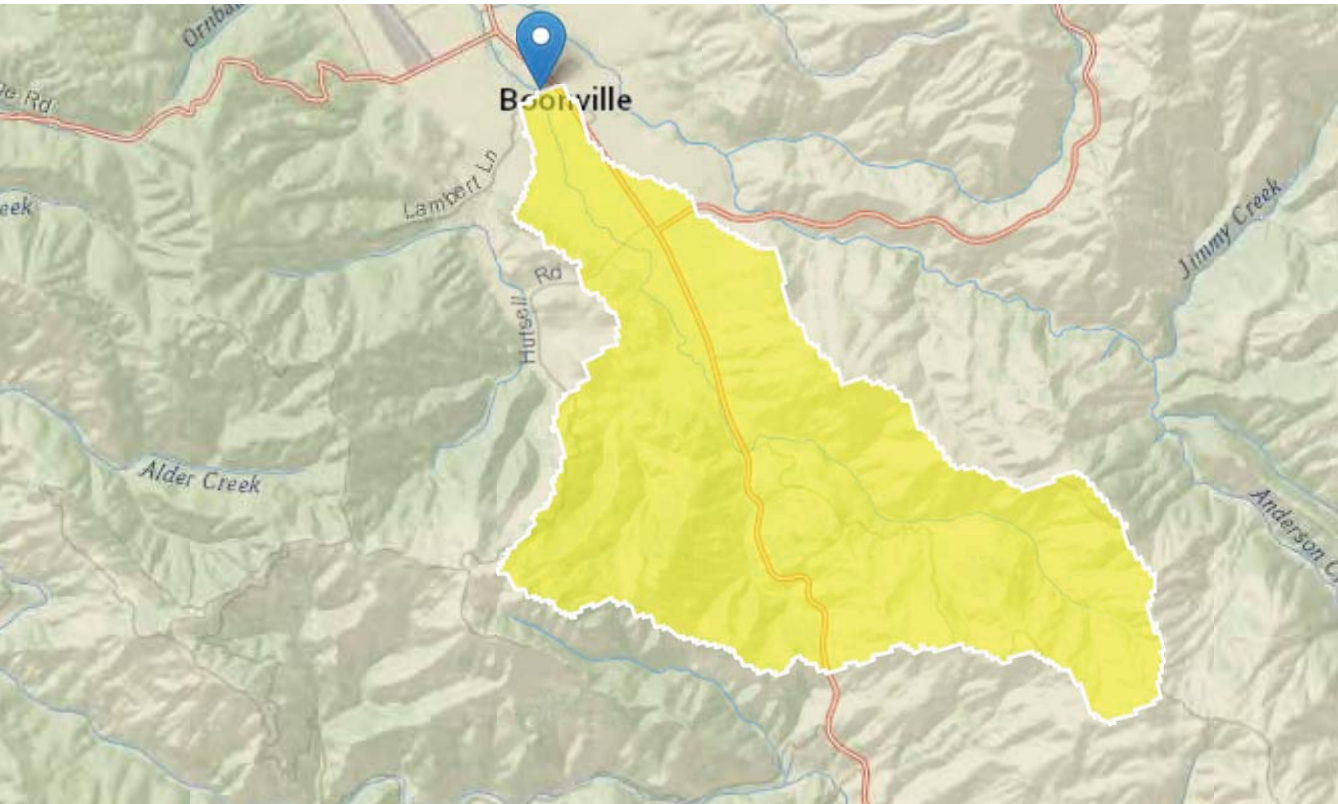
Robinson Creek
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Appendix C – Hydrology

Robinson Creek at Lambert Lane Boonville, CA

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Basin Characteristics			
Parameter Code	Parameter Description	Value	Unit
BASINPERIM	Perimeter of the drainage basin as defined in SIR 2004-5262	14.2	thousand feet
BSLDEM30M	Mean basin slope computed from 30 m DEM	23.2	percent
CENTROIDX	Basin centroid horizontal (x) location in state plane coordinates	-2314707.3	feet
CENTROIDY	Basin centroid vertical (y) location in state plane units	2108387.3	feet

Parameter Code	Parameter Description	Value	Unit
DRNAREA	Area that drains to a point on a stream	4	square miles
EL6000	Percent of area above 6000 ft		percent
ELEV	Mean Basin Elevation	881	feet
ELEVMAX	Maximum basin elevation		feet
FOREST	Percentage of area covered by forest	18.5	percent
JANMAXTMP	Mean Maximum January Temperature	56.41	degrees F
JANMINTMP	Mean Minimum January Temperature	37.58	degrees F
LAKEAREA	Percentage of Lakes and Ponds		percent
LC11DEV	Percentage of developed (urban) land from NLCD 2011 classes 21-24		percent
LC11IMP	Average percentage of impervious area determined from NLCD 2011 impervious dataset		percent
LFPLENGTH	Length of longest flow path		miles
MINBELEV	Minimum basin elevation		feet
OUTLETELEV	Elevation of the stream outlet in thousands of feet above NAVD88.	375	feet
PRECIP	Mean Annual Precipitation	44.2	inches
RELIEF	Maximum - minimum elevation		feet
RELRELF	Basin relief divided by basin perimeter		feet per mi

Peak-Flow Statistics Parameters [2012 5113 Region 1 North Coast]

Parameter Code	Parameter Name	Value	Units	Min Limit	Max Limit
DRNAREA	Drainage Area	4	square miles	0.04	3200
PRECIP	Mean Annual Precipitation	44.2	inches	20	125

Peak-Flow Statistics Flow Report [2012 5113 Region 1 North Coast]

PII: Prediction Interval-Lower, Plu: Prediction Interval-Upper, SEp: Standard Error of Prediction, SE: Standard Error (other -- see report)

Statistic	Value	Unit	PII	Plu	SEp
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Statistic	Value	Unit	PII	PIu	SEp
2 Year Peak Flood	264	ft ³ /s	108	645	58.6
5 Year Peak Flood	517	ft ³ /s	247	1080	47.4
10 Year Peak Flood	700	ft ³ /s	347	1410	44.2
25 Year Peak Flood	943	ft ³ /s	482	1850	42.7
50 Year Peak Flood	1130	ft ³ /s	576	2220	42.7
100 Year Peak Flood	1320	ft ³ /s	659	2660	44.3
200 Year Peak Flood	1510	ft ³ /s	748	3040	44.4
500 Year Peak Flood	1760	ft ³ /s	851	3630	46

Peak-Flow Statistics Citations

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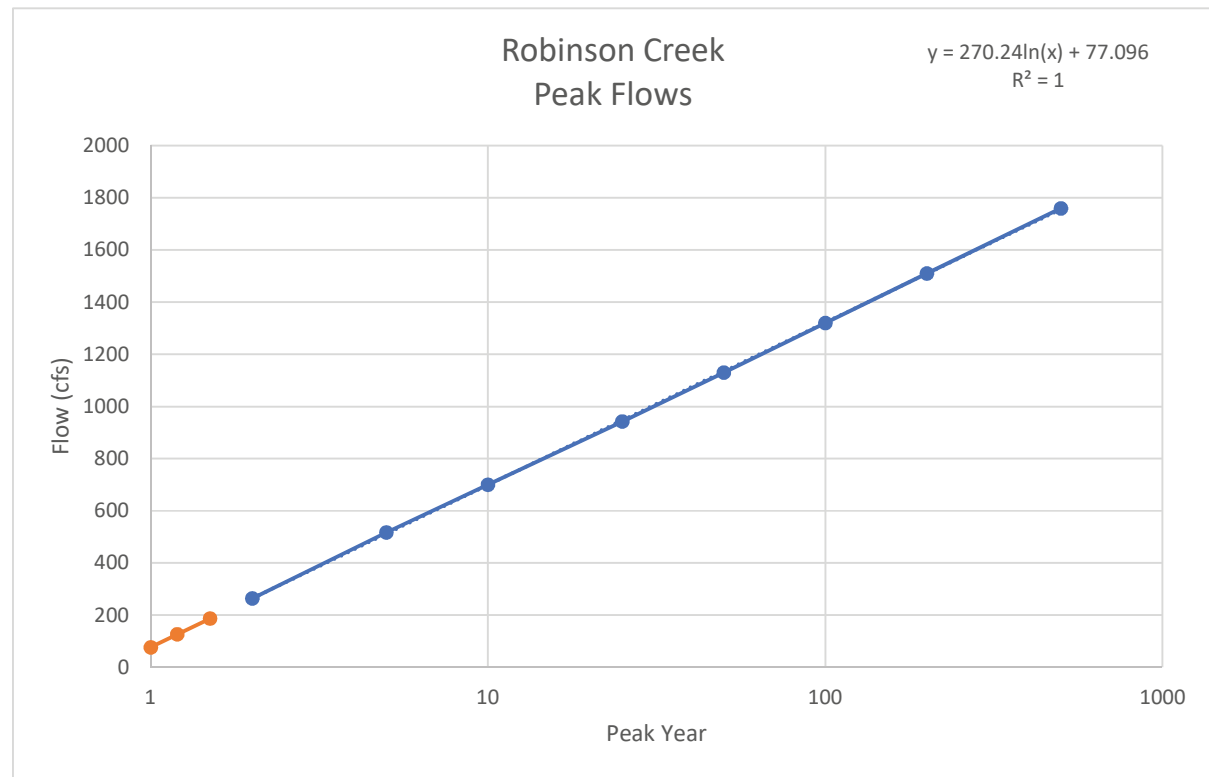
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Flood Frequency

Robinson Creek at Lambert Lane

DA (sq mi)= 4		
	PK (year)	Q (cfs)
Extrapolated	1	77
	1.2	126
	1.5	187
Streamstats	2	264
	5	517
	10	700
	25	943
	50	1130
	100	1320
	200	1510
	500	1760



Appendix D - HEC RAS Results

Manning's Roughness Calculations

Robinson Creek at Lambert Lane

CALTRANS. 2014. Hybrid Streambank Revetments: Vegetated Rock Slope Protection. State of California Department of Transportation Design Information Bulletin. DIB 87-0.1

$$n_c = (n_0 + n_1 + n_2 + n_3 + n_4) m_5$$

n_c = main channel effective roughness value

Post Project "As-Built Condition"

Hybrid RSP revetment after construction with newly planted vegetation

Main Channel Bed and Bank Surface Material	Reevaluated n_0 =	0.028	Coarse Rock
Channel Degree of Irregularity	Reevaluated n_1 =	0.005	Slightly Eroded banks or bed
Channel Cross Section Variation	n_2 =	0.005	Thalweg Alternates sides
Main Channel Relative Effect of Obstructions	n_3 =	0.000	No obstructions
Main Channel Vegetation Density	Reevaluated n_4 =	0.005	Low vegetation Density
Channel Degree of Meandering	m_5 =	1.000	Sinuosity of 1.2

$$n_c = 0.043$$

Post Project "Full Grow Out Condition"

Hybrid RSP revetment with mature vegetation

Main Channel Bed and Bank Surface Material	Reevaluated n_0 =	0.028	Coarse Rock
Channel Degree of Irregularity	Reevaluated n_1 =	0.000	Smooth Banks
Channel Cross Section Variation	n_2 =	0.005	Thalweg Alternates sides
Main Channel Relative Effect of Obstructions	n_3 =	0.010	Obstruction <15% of XS from debris
Main Channel Vegetation Density	Reevaluated n_4 =	0.065	Dense Willows
Channel Degree of Meandering	m_5 =	1.000	Sinuosity of 1.2

$$n_c = 0.108$$

Channel Bed

Main Channel Bed and Bank Surface Material	Reevaluated n_0 =	0.028	Coarse Rock
Channel Degree of Irregularity	Reevaluated n_1 =	0.000	Smooth Banks
Channel Cross Section Variation	n_2 =	0.005	Thalweg Alternates sides
Main Channel Relative Effect of Obstructions	n_3 =	0.010	Obstruction <15% of XS from debris
Main Channel Vegetation Density	Reevaluated n_4 =	0.000	No vegetation in Channel
Channel Degree of Meandering	m_5 =	1.000	Sinuosity of 1.2

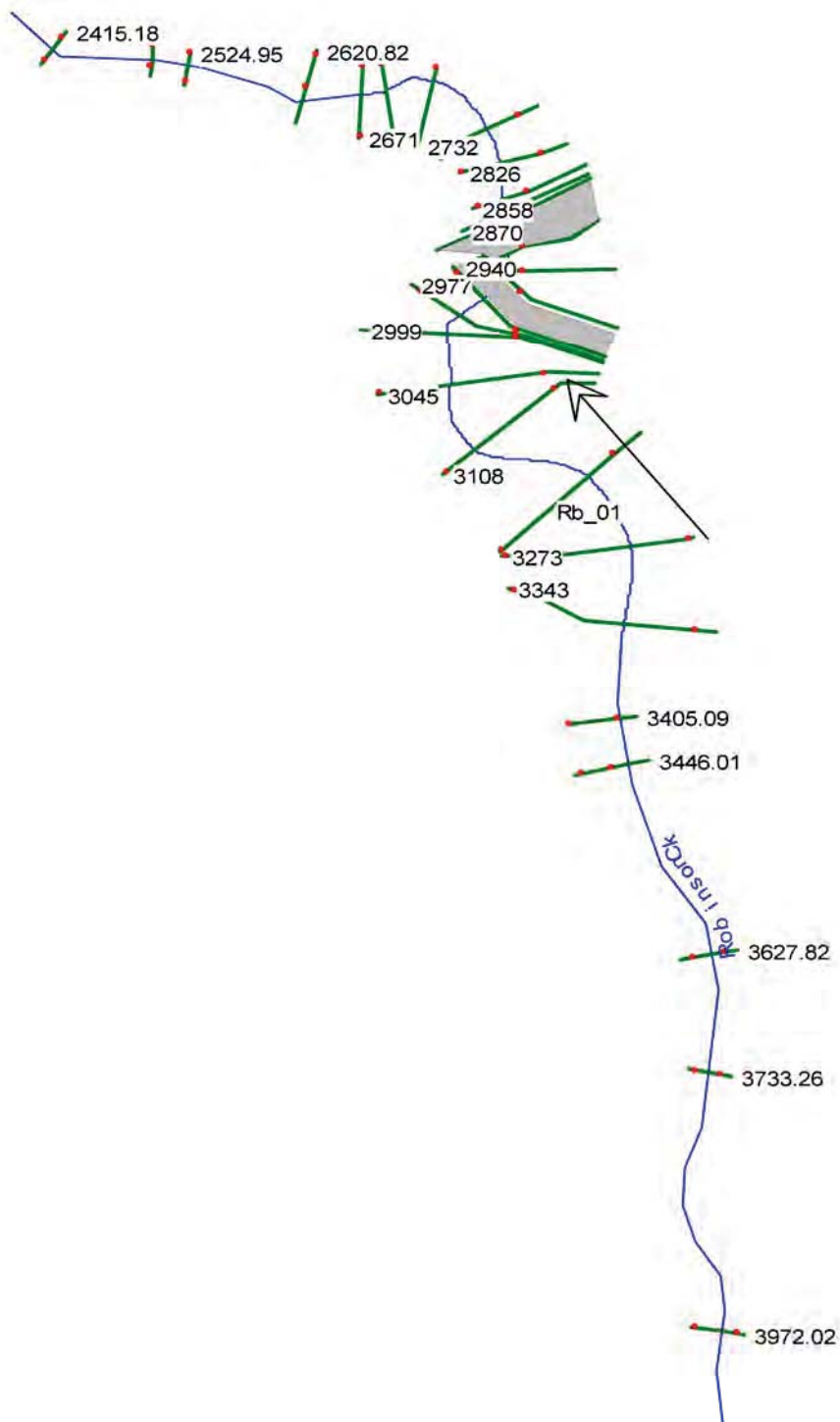
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Native Planting Areas

Main Channel Bed and Bank Surface Material	Reevaluated n_0 =	0.02	Earth and sand
Channel Degree of Irregularity	Reevaluated n_1 =	0.005	Slightly eroded banks
Channel Cross Section Variation	n_2 =	0.005	Thalweg Alternates sides
Main Channel Relative Effect of Obstructions	n_3 =	0.010	Obstruction <15% of XS from debris
Main Channel Vegetation Density	Reevaluated n_4 =	0.040	Native Trees with wide spacing
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$$n_c = 0.08$$

Robinson Creek at Lambert Lane Bridge HEC-RAS Reults for Existing Channel



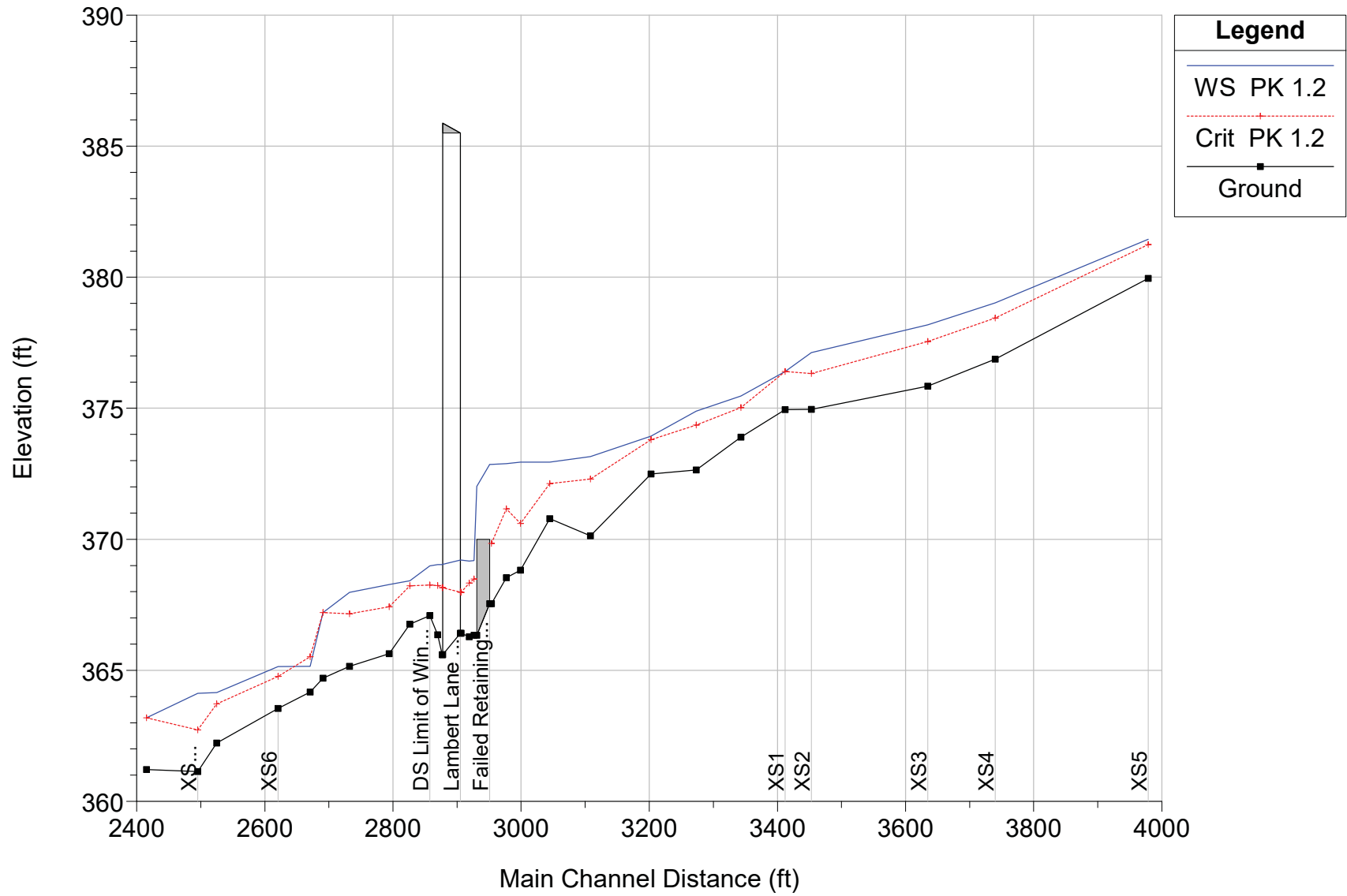
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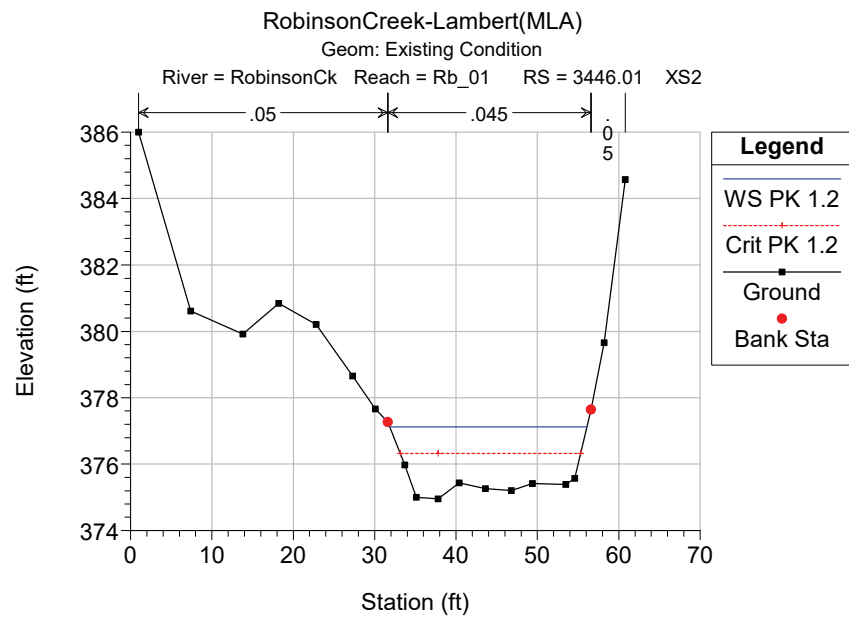
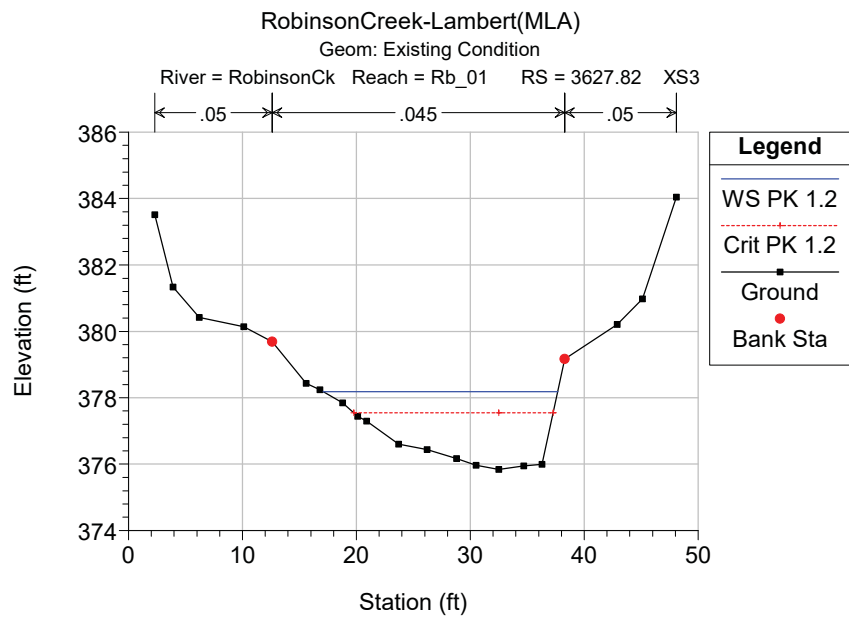
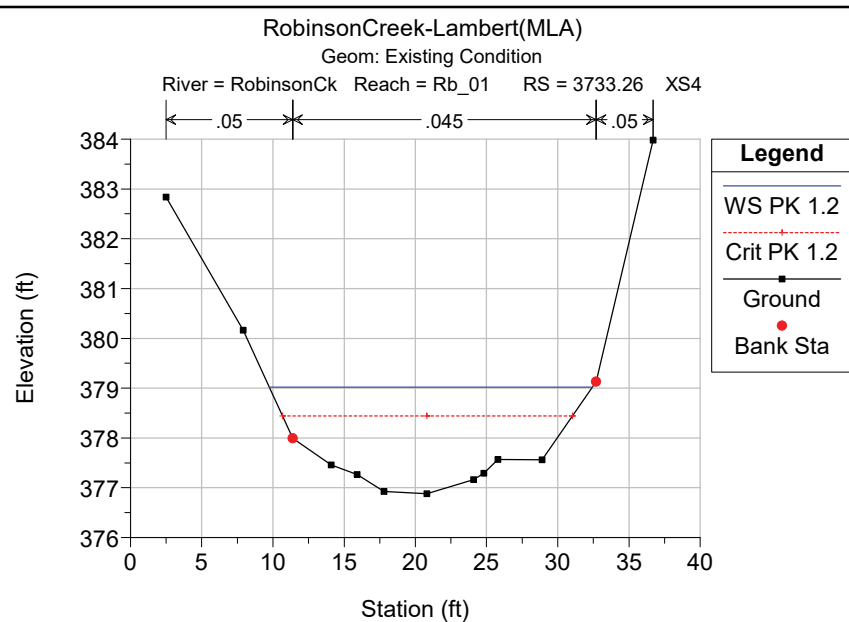
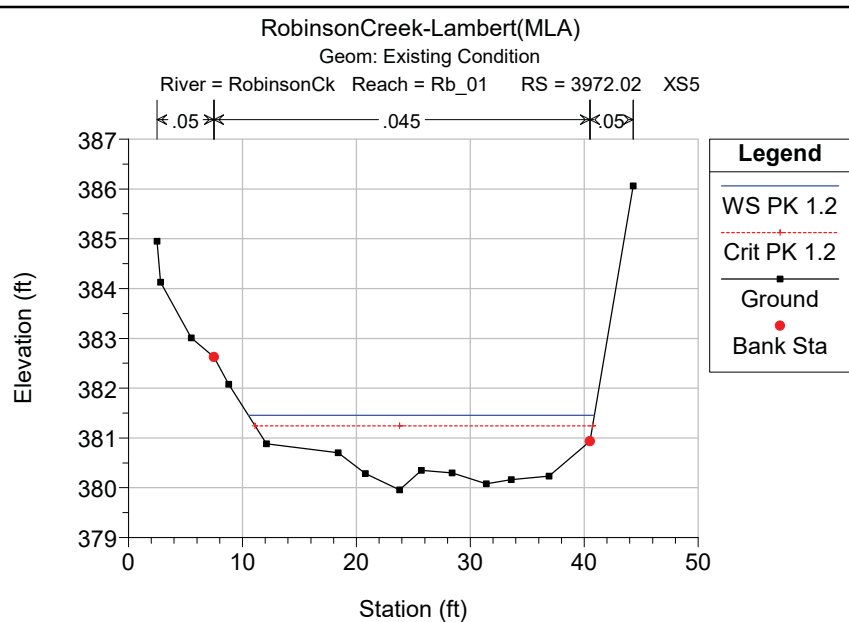
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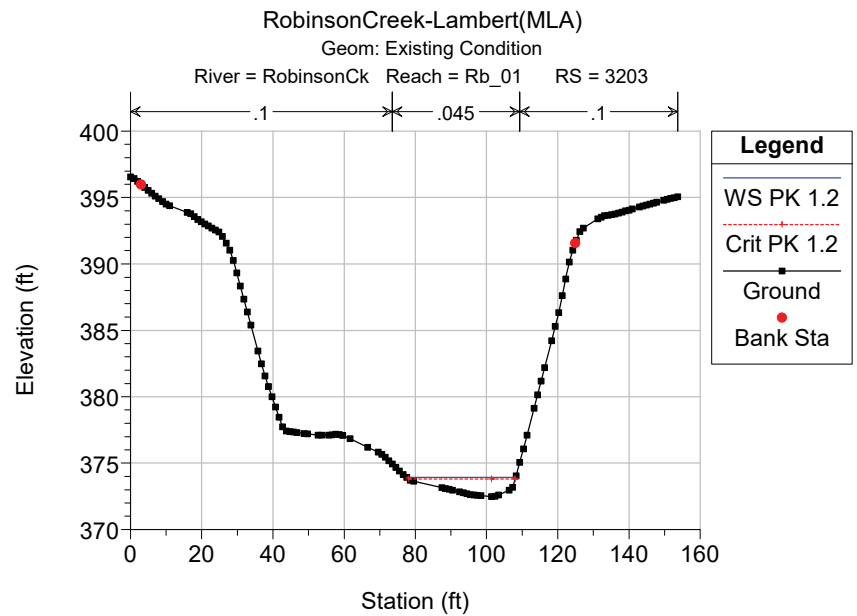
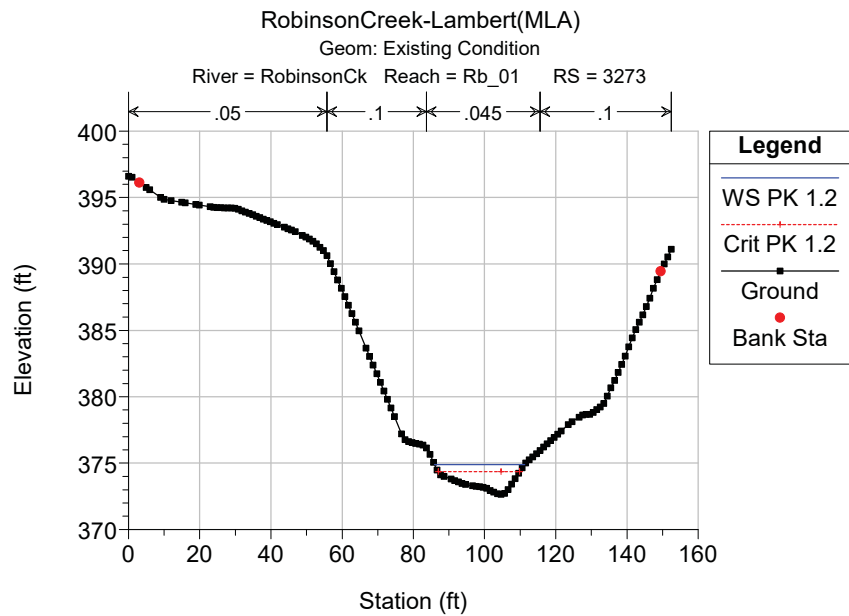
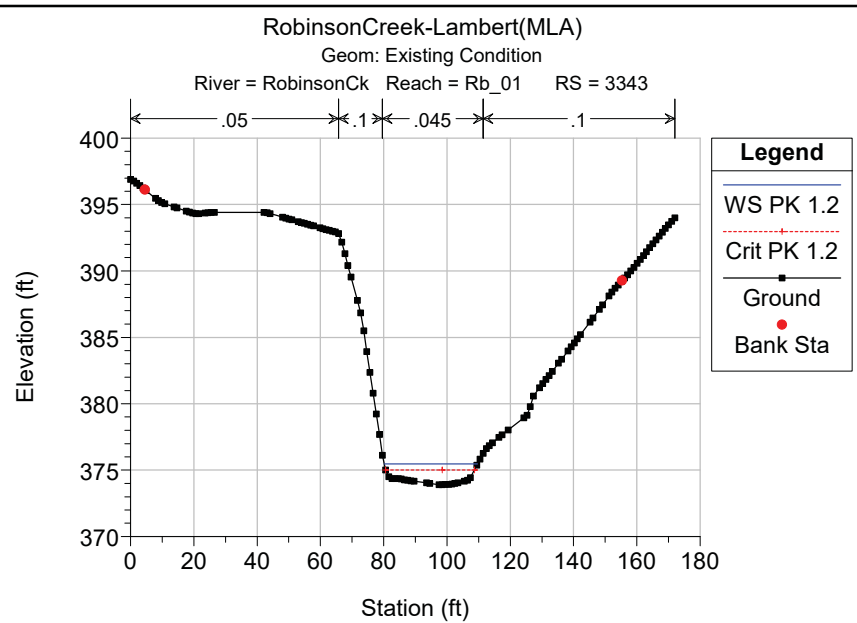
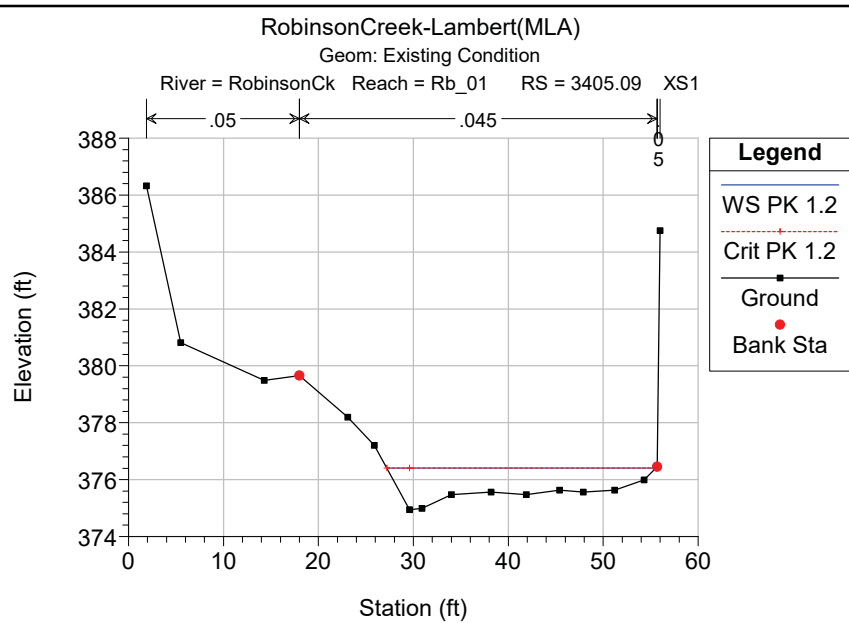
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3972.02		379.96	381.45	381.24	381.72	0.015676	4.15	30.47	30.36	0.73	1.49
3733.26		376.88	379.02	378.44	379.24	0.007335	3.77	33.94	22.7	0.53	2.14
3627.82		375.85	378.19	377.55	378.42	0.008272	3.89	32.43	20.59	0.55	2.34
3446.01		374.96	377.12	376.33	377.27	0.004788	3.1	40.59	24.26	0.42	2.16
3405.09		374.95	376.4	376.4	376.83	0.032602	5.26	23.95	28.35	1.01	1.45
3343.00		373.90	375.46	375.02	375.65	0.008308	3.44	36.65	29.42	0.54	1.56
3273.00		372.65	374.89	374.36	375.09	0.007769	3.57	35.3	25.33	0.53	2.24
3203.00		372.49	373.93	373.8	374.24	0.020368	4.43	28.41	30.74	0.81	1.44
3108.00		370.13	373.15	372.3	373.32	0.005267	3.32	37.92	21.7	0.44	3.02
3045.00		370.79	372.94	372.13	373.04	0.003381	2.51	50.25	32.94	0.36	2.15
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2954.00		367.54	372.85	369.84	372.92	0.000951	2.03	62.09	17.01	0.19	5.31
2940.00	Inl Struct										0.00
2926.00		366.34	369.19	368.48	369.56	0.010128	4.94	25.53	11.87	0.59	2.85
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2891.00	Bridge										0.00
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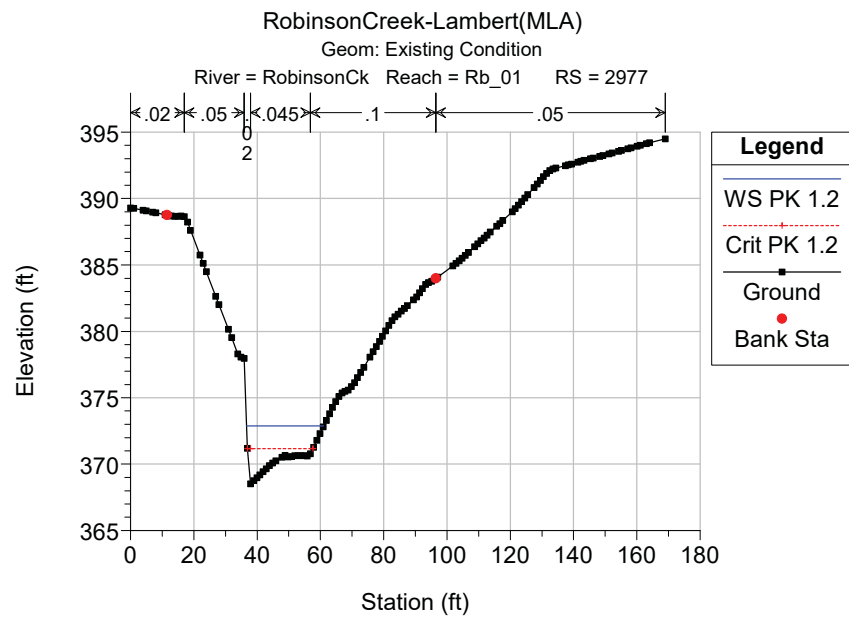
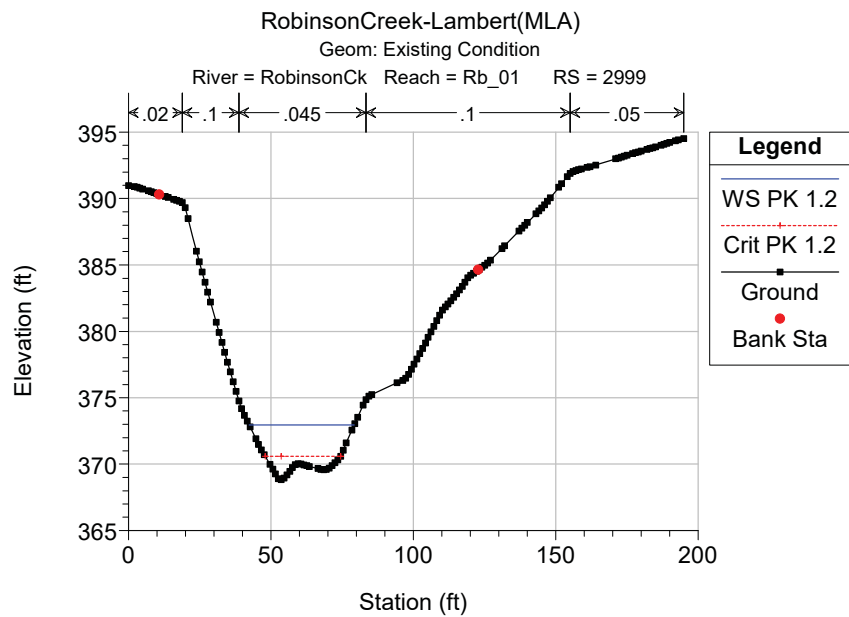
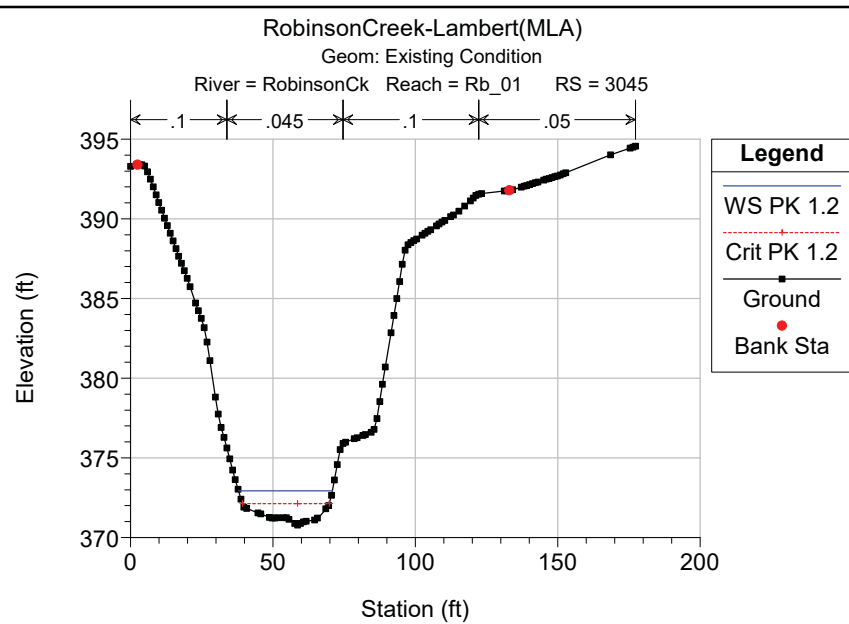
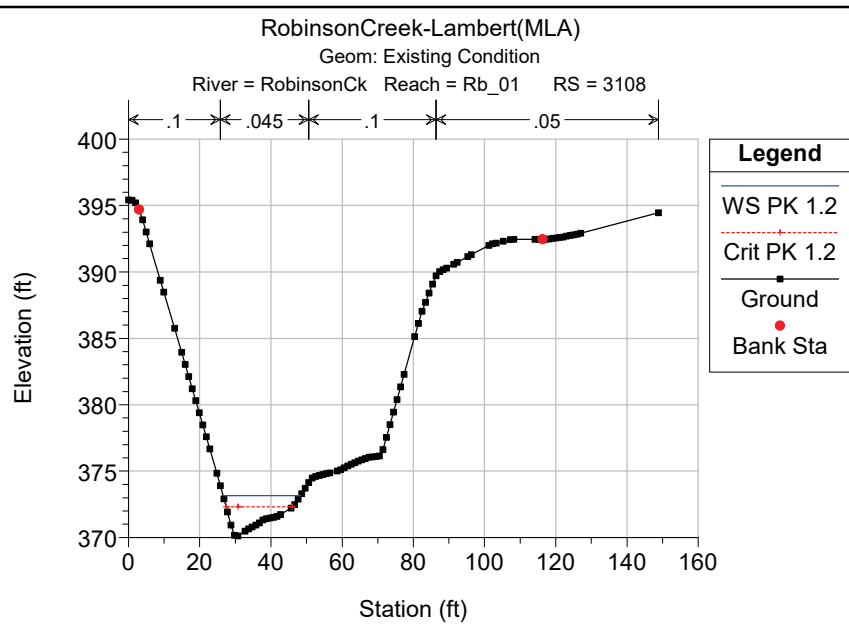
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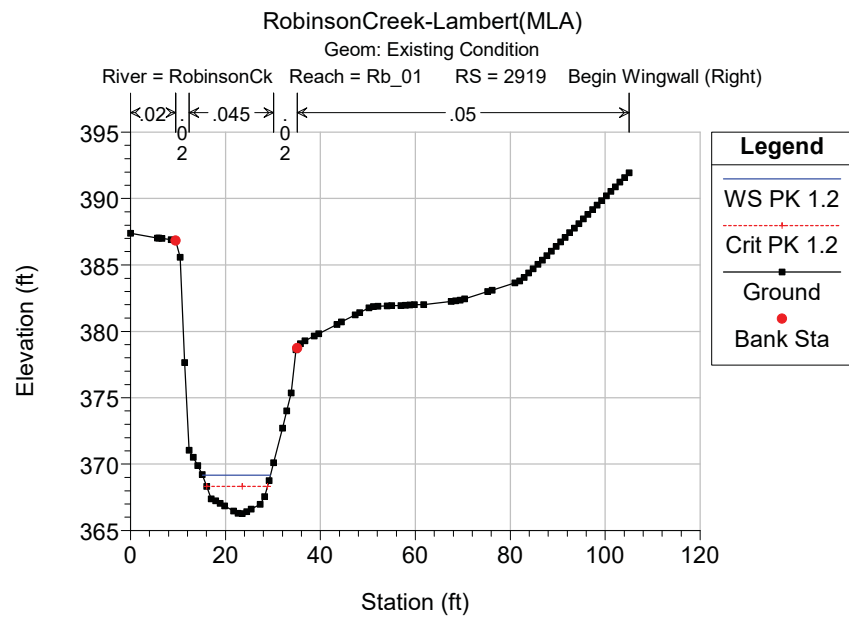
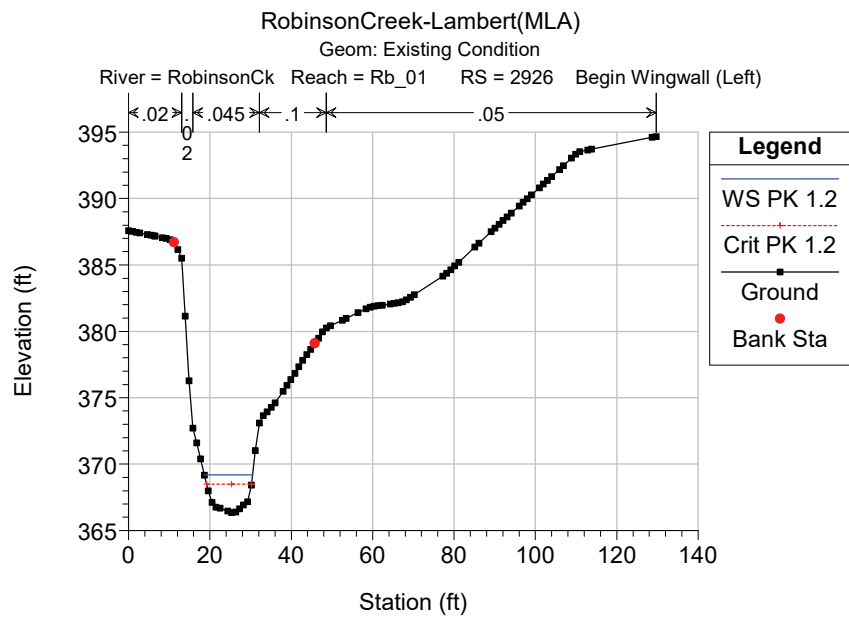
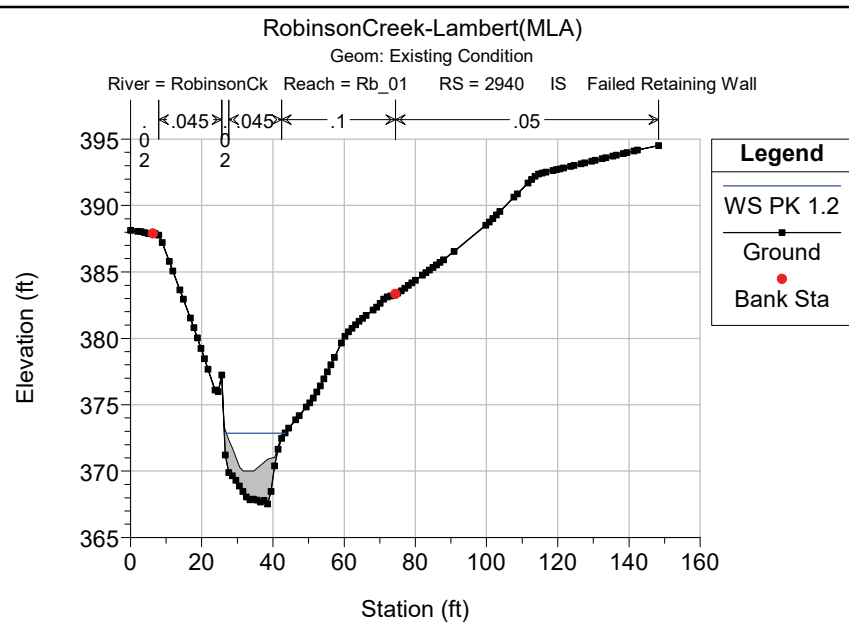
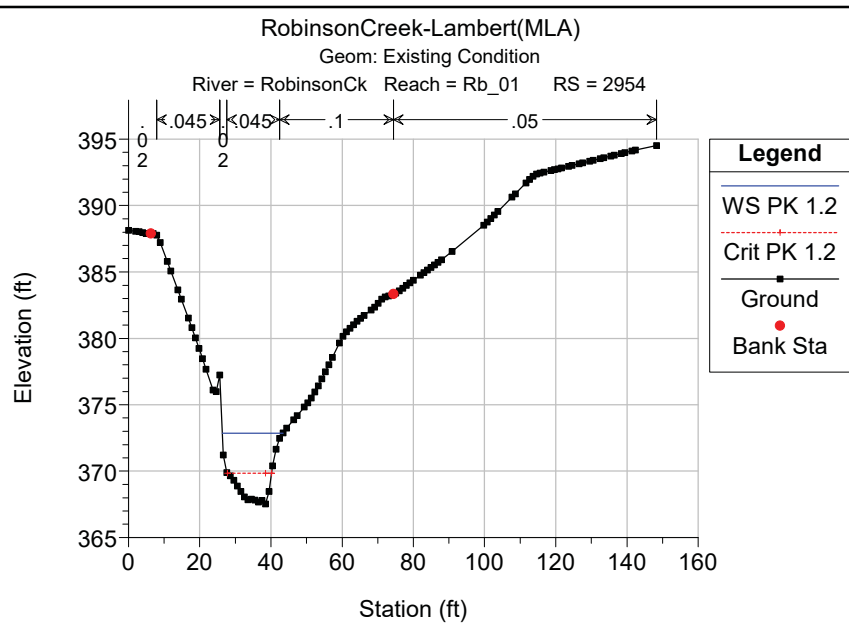
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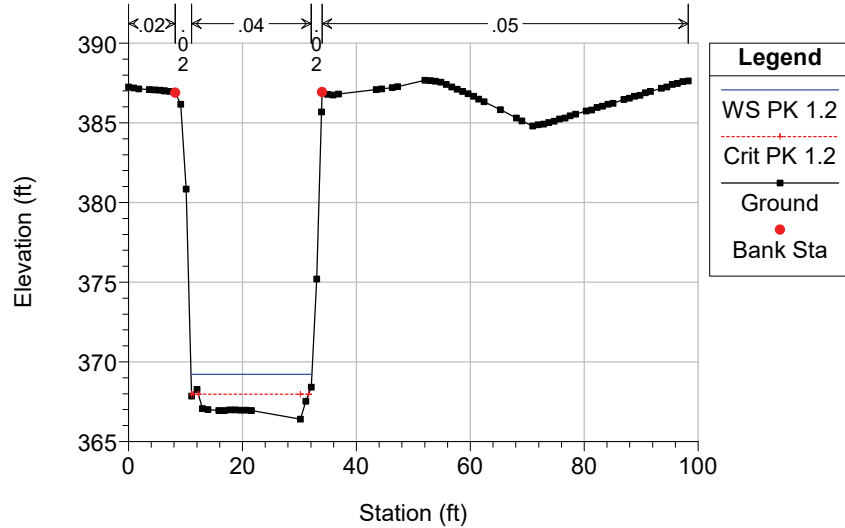




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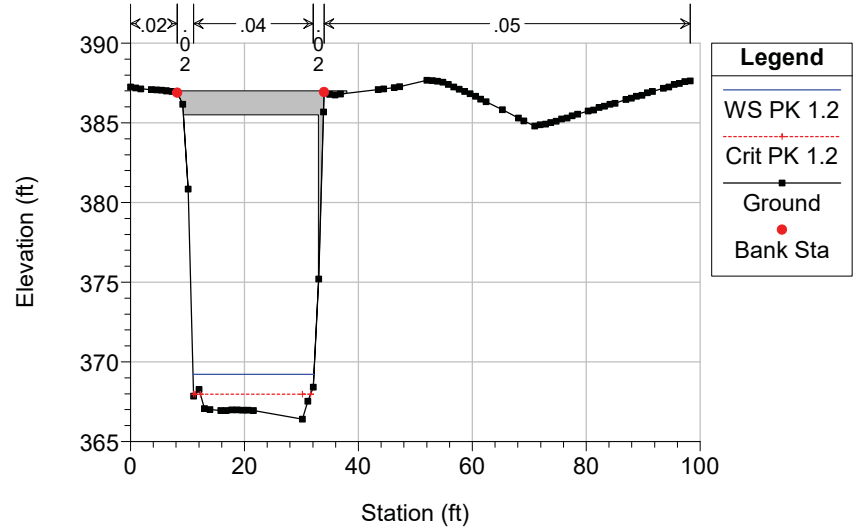
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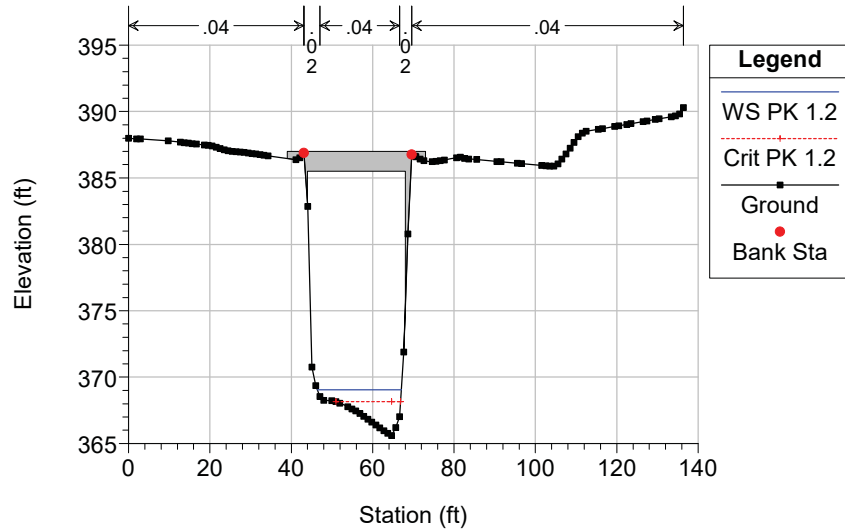
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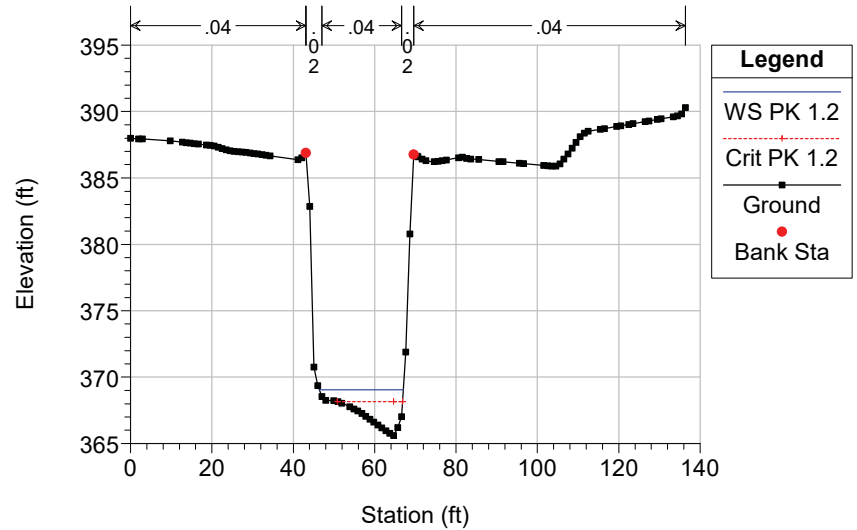
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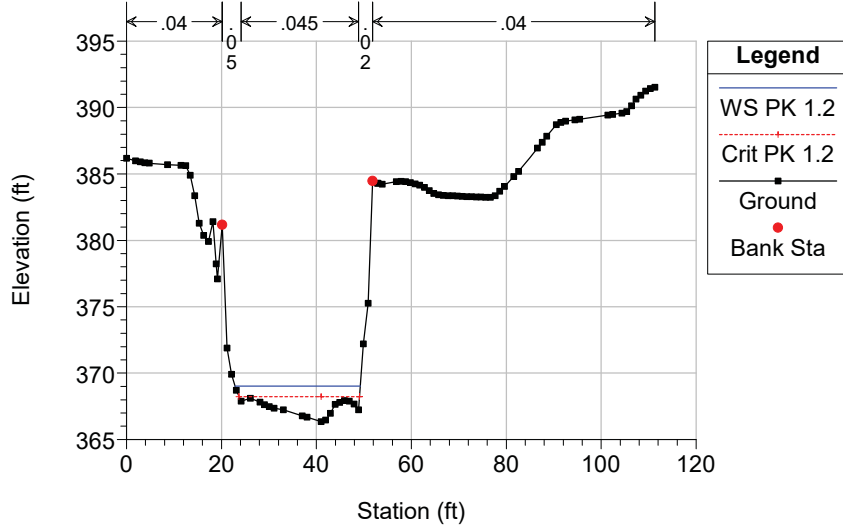
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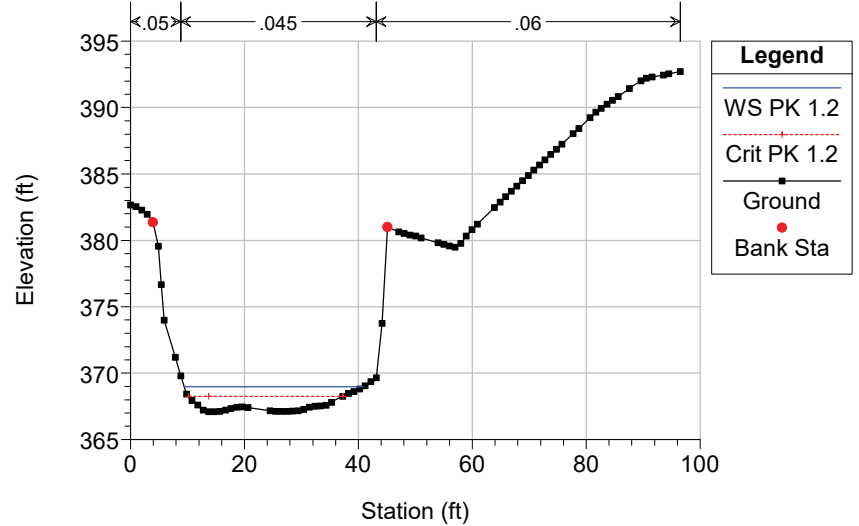
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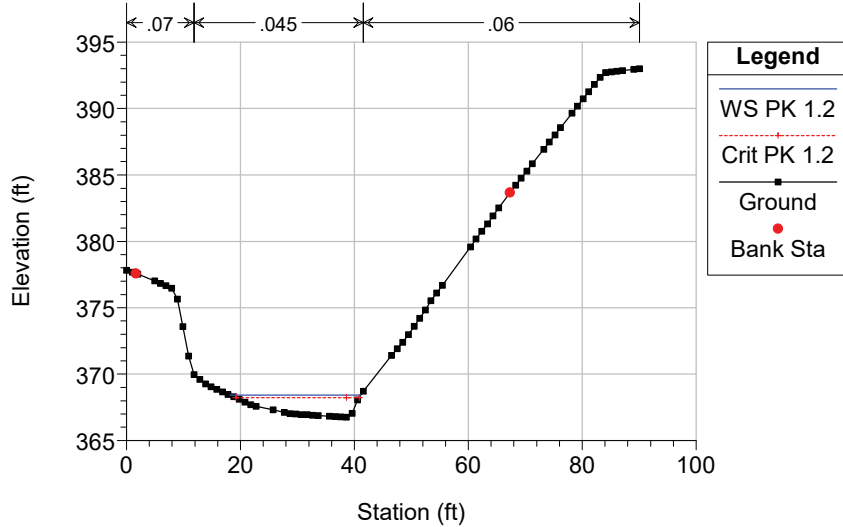
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RobinsonCreek-Lambert(MLA)

Geom: Existing Condition

River = RobinsonCk Reach = Rb_01 RS = 2826



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Geom: Existing Condition

River = RobinsonCk Reach = Rb_01 RS = 2794

