# **Suscol Headwaters**

## **Botanical Resource Study**

**Suscol Creek Road** 

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### Introduction

A portion of the Suscol Headwaters property was acquired by the Napa County Regional Park and Open Space District (NCRPSD) as surplus land to a vineyard development company. An additional 298 acres was acquired with mitigation money for endangered Red Legged Frog. The 709 acre property is located about 4 miles southeast of the city of Napa along the eastern boundary of the county. It is contiguous to Skyline Park Wilderness along its northern boundary. The property preserves open space while also providing an opportunity to extend the Bay Area Ridge Trail across public property from the Tuteur Ranch and Skyline Park into Jameson Canyon. It also preserves Critical Habitat Area for California Red-legged Frog (*Rana draytonii*). To that end, the District wishes to develop a small reservoir in the eastern part of the Headwaters property to provide breeding habitat for the Red-legged Frog.

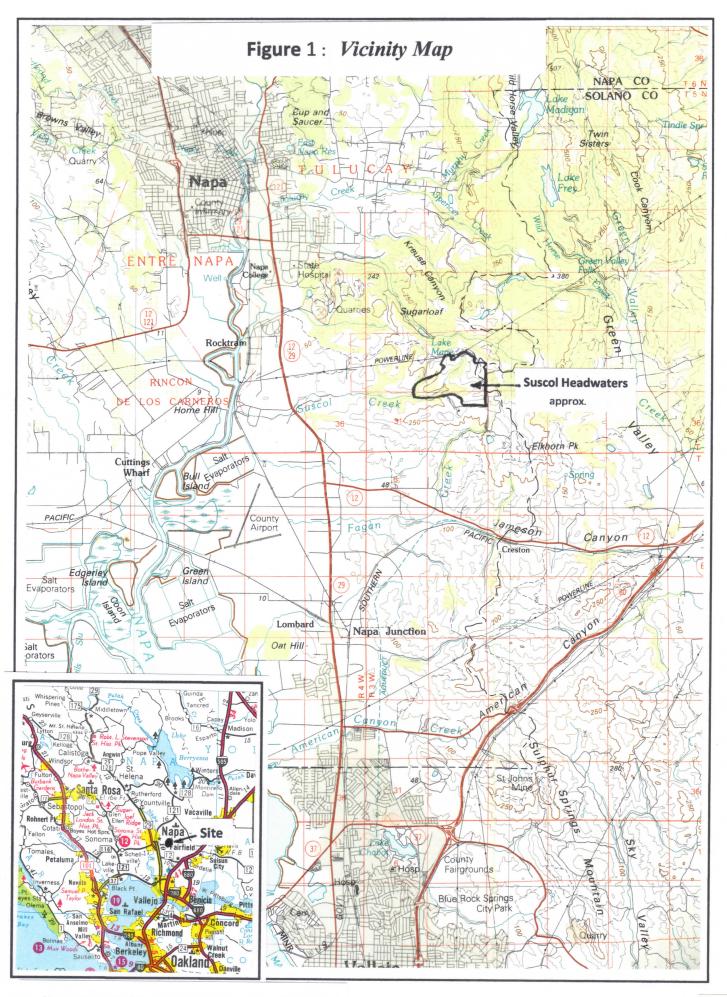
The eastern boundary of the property borders undeveloped rangeland in Solano County, currently used to graze cattle (approximately 40 acres of *Headwaters* lies in Solano County). Lands to the west have been developed to premium grapes to the extent permitted but broad undeveloped habitat corridors remain adjacent to Suscol Creek. This permits wildlife mobility from the Headwaters property to the Napa River.

Botanical Surveys were conducted by *LSA Associates* between 2007 and 2009 with the results published in the *Biological Survey Report for the Suscol Mountain Property, Napa County, California* in 2010. Those surveys covered a much more extensive portion of the 2,123 acre property but they focused on lands that were deemed developable. Remaining lands were given a lower level of scrutiny. Under California Department of Fish and Wildlife regulations, study results are no longer considered applicable after 5 years.

Elevation ranges from 470 to 1505 ft in elevation. The terrain is generally steep with the exception of gradual slopes along ridgelines and stream corridors. Access to the site is through Silverado Properties via Anderson Road or Suscol Creek Road. Jeep roads extend along the ridgeline and are indicated on USGS, Cordelia 7.5 Minute topographic map. An old jeep road also extends along a portion of Suscol Creek to the headwaters of the stream. The property is currently grazed during a portion of the year under a Resource Management Plan that was prepared by a Certified Range land Manager. Cattle often congregate near water in the headwaters "bowl" area and near springs to the west. A portion of the project area was excluded from grazing by electrical fencing in 2019.

Soils on the property originated, in large part, from the decomposition and weathering of parent rock from the *Sonoma Volcanics*. These include soils of the Hambright Series (mapping code 152), with 30-75% slopes, occuring on ridgelines and canyon slopes. The dark brown to grayish brown stony loam soils are well drained and basic igneous rock is expected at about 12 inches (other soil series may be intermingled). These soils support annual grassland. Soils derived from sandstone and shale of the Fagan Series (m.c. 134) occur closer to and along the slopes adjacent to Suscol Creek. In this area, slopes range between 30 and 50% slope. Erosion potential is high and these soils are subject to landslip. They are slightly acidic and up to 46 inches in depth (other soils may be intermingled). This soil type supports forest on north slopes and woodlands on south slopes. A knoll near the western edge of the

Figure 1



property is classified as Rock Outcrop (m.c. 175) with moderate to steep slopes that experience very rapid runoff. Exposed volcanic rock is prominent in this thin rocky soil that is generally less than 6 inches in depth. Soils here support brushlands. (*A Soil Survey of Napa County, California,* 1978).

A number of springs emanate from the steep slopes above Suscol Creek. At least 7 springs were observed feeding into and supporting the perennial flow of Suscol Creek. Waters drain westward into the Napa River near the historic site of town of Suscol. Along this corridor, steelhead habitat is currently undergoing restoration. Historically, this stream also supported Chinook and Coho Salmon. A limited area, on the east side of the property drains into Green Valley Creek in Solano County.

Precipitation is not recorded on the property but the American Canyon Airport reports about 22 inches annual rainfall. The summers are warm and dry and moderated by maritime breezes. Typical summer temperatures are in the 70s to long 90's °F. Frost is limited in this part of the county and soil moisture retention generally sustains annual grassland until mid-May.

The Suscol Headwaters property has been utilized as rangeland for many decades. It is currently farmed under a lease agreement. Suppression of the growth of herbaceous species due by grazing was moderate during the study. Invasive plant species are prominent in grassland habitats, especially near water sources. The site supports indigeneous wildlife but it also supports a growing population of feral pigs. It is currently inaccessible for public recreational use.

The purpose of this botanical study was to:

- Develop a list of potentially occurring rare plant species. Record special status plant species observations on a hand-held GPS unit.
- Assimilate an inventory of vascular plant species observed on the property with all state, federal, CNPS and locally-rare taxa highlighted.
- Provide brief descriptions of observed vegetation alliances/associations.
- Provide a report of findings including a map of special status plant species observed during 2019.
- Provide a discussion of changes since 2010 LSA Report with respect to habitat quality and sensitive habitat.
- Assess potential impact of the development of a pond (for CRLF) and a trail to access it.

### **Field Survey Methodology**

Field surveys were completed during spring and summer of 2019 including March 21, 28, May 7, 22, June 25 and September 24 with a total of 22.5 hours spent in the field. Chris Cahill of Napa County Regional Parks and Open Space District provided orientation to the property on March 21. Field surveys covered the blooming period of most species observed. Rainfall during the 2018-19 season, leading into and through the field study, was about 60% above normal. Wet weather was a hindrance during a portion of spring field survey work.

The study area included Phase 1 - Napa County Open Space District fee title lands and Phase 2 Option Area – Preserve Expansion (now under fee title). Surveys encompassed the maximum extent of

landscape possible. Jeep roads and trails and deer trails were generally used to access the various vegetation types within the study area but surveys also included off-trail exploratory transects into forest and chaparral communities. All vascular plants observed during the surveys were identified in the field or collected for precise identification in the home office. A complete list of species is included at the conclusion of this report. Taxonomy follows *The Jepson Manual, Vascular Plants of California*, Baldwin et al., 2012 with a few exceptions (i.e. *Lolium, Zauschneria*).

### **Survey Findings**

A portion of the survey area was open to cattle grazing during the study muting the phenology of some herbaceous plant species. This was most noticeable during the May surveys. Grazing also suppressed the growth of perennial species in the forest understory. About 223 species of vascular plants were observed in 2019. Of these, 162 are native and 61 are not native. What follows is a description of findings regarding diversity of vegetation types and significant plant species.

### Vegetation Types Observed on the Suscol Headwaters Property

The following described vegetation types are based on a preliminary classification and definitions from 2002 data collected by a research team including UC Davis –Information for the Environment (ICE), NatureServe, California Department of Fish and Game, The California Native Plant Society, and Aerial Information Systems (AIS). The definitions are under study and may undergo expansion and further partition following additional studies that were conducted in 2018. The descriptions that follow were collected during the 2019 field surveys.

Most of the property was burned by the October 2018, *Atlas Fire* that devastated about 51,600 acres of land as well as 100s of structures. Trees in forested and wooded areas on *Headwaters* were lightly to severely damaged and numerous tree trunks are lying on the ground.

At least 7 vegetation types were observed, including forest, woodland, brushland and grassland habitats. Vegetation titles were adapted from *A Vegetation Map and Classification* (Thorne, Kennedy, Quinn and McCoy; 2003). A brief descriptive title was assigned by this botanist followed by the formal title assigned by ICE and their classification code indicated in bold. (An asterisk following a botanical name in text below indicates a species that is not native.)

### **Forest**

#### **Mixed Hardwood Forest**

California Bay - Madrone-Coast Live Oak (Black Oak-Big-leaf Maple) NFD Super Alliance) 1101

Occurring on north and northeast facing slopes, this vegetation type is dominated by California Bay (*Umbellularia californica*, 70-80% of canopy), with Coast Live Oak (*Quercus agrifolia ssp. agrifolia*, 5%), an important associate and with a few scattered California Buckeye (*Aesculus californica*, < 1%). Many trees damaged by the fire were on the ground creating localized brushy thickets. The understory is generally sparse where the dense canopy permits little light to penetrate. Native perennials are prevalent including California Wood Fern (*Dryopteris arguta*), Mountain Sweet Cicely (*Osmorhiza berteroi*), California Blackberry (*Rubus ursinus*), California Star Solomon's Seal (*Maianthemum stellatum*), Rough-leaved Aster (*Eurybia radulina*), Ground Rose (*Rosa spithamea*), Rigid Hedge Nettle (*Stachys rigida*), Giant White Wakerobin (*Trillium albidum*), Stinging Nettle (*Urtica dioca* ssp. *holsericea*), and Sword Fern (*Polystichum minutum*). Scattered patches of annuals occur where more light penetrates including Miner's Lettuce (*Claytonia perfoliata*) and Cleavers (*Galium aparine*). Non-native annuals such as Common Chickweed (*Stellaria media*) are sparse. A significant number of Wild Lettuce (*Lactuca virosa*) plants were evident during March surveys but these were suppressed by herbivory/grazing.



### **Mixed Hardwood Riparian Forest**

White Alder (Mixed Willow - California Bay - Big Leaf Maple) Riparian Forest NFD Association 3201

This vegetation association is similar to Mixed Harwood Forest as described above but includes a number of hydrophytic perennials and shrubs. It occurs along perennial watercourses but is obscured by intergradation with the Mixed Forest Alliance on the south side (north facing slopes). Species that

characterize the channel margins of this vegetation type include Giant Chain Fern (*Woodwardia fimbriata*), Sword Fern (*Polystichum minutum*), Lady Fern (*Athyrium felix-femina*), Water Hemlock (*Cicuta douglasii*), Flowering Currant (*Ribes sanguineum* ssp. *glutinosum*), Common Snowberry (*Symphoricarpus albus* ssp. *laevigatus*), and California Blackberry (*Rubus ursinus*). The riparian forest transitions to woodland and grassland on south facing slopes. Willow and maple are not players in this community in the upper watershed and White Alder is limited in presence in the western extent.



### **Woodlands**

# Coast Live Oak Woodland Coast Live Oak Alliance 1221

This vegetation type occur in narrow bands on south facing slopes and hill tops and grades into grassland or chaparral in places. *Quercus agrifolia* ssp. *agrifolia* is dominant with California Bay (*Umbellularia californica*) a regular associate. Shrubs such as Poison Oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*), California Sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*) and Redberry (*Rhamnus crocea*) are scattered. Italian Thistle (*Carduus pycnocephalus*) is common in the herb layer while native California Rye (*Elymus glaucus* ssp.

glaucus) is patchy.

### Brushlands

### **Chamise Chaparral**

Chamise Alliance 4321

Dominated by Chamise (*Adenostoma fasciculatum*, 60-70% of canopy), this community is in recovery from the 2018 fire. Chamise is capable of resprouting from basal buds after burning and the extent of re-growth stood at about 2-3 ft height in 2019. California Sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*) is an important associate in this community and is likewise a successful stump sprouter. Scattered Poison Oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*) and a few Holly-leaf Cherry (*Prunus ilicifolia*) were also observed. This community forms an open stand on shallow rocky soil on south slopes. Non-native annuals including Field Mustard (*Brassica campestris*) and Rose Clover (*Trifolium hirtum*) were common in the early season while native Rosin Weed (*Calycadenia truncata*) and (Wire Lettuce (*Stephanomeria virgata* ssp. *pleurocarpa*) were observed in patchy distribution in summer. California Mustard (*Caulanthus lasiophyllus*), was locally numerous in response to the fire ("post-fire annual") in spring.



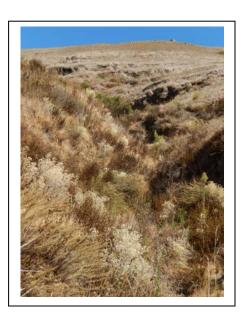
Coastal Scrub

Coyote Brush-California Sagebrush – (Lupine spp.) NFD Super Alliance 4501

This vegetation type is highly restricted to small stands in Napa County, mostly on the south end of the Napa and Hood Mtn. Ranges. Grazing may further restrict the size and expression of these communities. A few small patches of less than ½ acre each occur within grassland on steep south slopes and along seeps at Headwaters. Associated species include Coyote Brush (*Baccharis pilularis* ssp. consanguinea), California Sagebrush (*Artemisia californica*), Douglas' Mugwort (*A. douglasiana*), Sticky Monkeyflower (*Mimulus aurantiacus*), Oregon Grape (*Berberis pinnata* ssp. *pinnata*; one dense patch), Indian Soap (*Chlorogalum pomeridianum*), White Everlasting (*Pseudognaphalium microcephalum*), and California Fuchsia (*Zauschneria californica*).







### <u>Grasslands</u>

### Annual Grassland

California Annual Grasslands Alliance 7120

This is the most widespread vegetation type on the property, covering south and east facing slopes. Annual forbs and grasses are dominant while perennials and shrubs are sparse. This is a species rich community despite the intense competition from non-native species. Native annuals include Common Fiddleneck (Amsinkia intermedia), Rusty Popcornflower (Plagiobothrys nothofulvus), Sky Lupine (Lupinus nanus), Purple Owl's Clover (Castilleja exserta) and California Goldfields (Lasthenia californica) found on thin soils around rock outcroppings. Native perennials include Indian Soap (Chlorogalum pomeridianum), California Poppy (Eschscholzia californica), Purple Needlegrass (Stipa pulchra), and Western Morning Glory (Calystegia occidentalis). Non-native annual species that are abundant include Redstem Filaree (Erodium cicutarium), Wild Oats (Avena barbata), Italian Rye (Lolium multiflorum =Festuca perennis), Soft Cheat (Bromus hordeaceus) and Italian Thistle (Carduus pycnocephalus ssp. pycno.). A few species such as Streamside Daisy (Erigeron bioletti), California Fuchsia (Zauschneria californica), and Live Forever (Dudleya cymosa ssp. cymosa) occur on rock outcrops in this vegetation type.

In one portion of a north slope, this grassland shows a strong concentration of perennial forbs. This herb/scrub vegetation association does not fall within any of the herbaceous categories currently assigned to Napa County by ICE. It is included here because it is encircled by Annual Grassland but it is likely that this community warrants recognition as a distinct vegetation alliance or association. Common species include Poison Oak (*Toxicodendron diversilobum*), Trailing Snowberry (*Symphoricarpus mollis*), California Manroot (*Marah fabacea*), Bracken Fern (*Pteridium aquilinum*), Rough-leaved Aster (*Eurybia radulina*), California Poppy (*Eshscholzia californica*), California Brome (*Bromus carinatus* ssp. *carinatus*), Rigid Hedge Nettle (*Stachys rigida* ssp. *quercet*orum), American Vetch (*Vicia americana*), Leafy Fleabane (*Erigeron foliosus* var. *franciscanus*), and Summer Lupine (*Lupinus formosus*). Annuals include Chinese Houses (*Collinsia heterophylla*), Baby Blue Eyes (Nemophila menziesii ssp. menziesii), Notched Clover (*Trifolium bifidum*), and Wine-cup Clarkia (*Clarkia purpurea ssp. quadrivulnera*).



North slope perennial (unnamed) plant community



### **Perennial Wetland**

Carex spp.-Juncus spp.- Wet Meadow Grasses) NFD Super Alliance - 6403

This highly localized vegetation type is a product of scattered perennial seeps and springs that are emitted from the volcanic bedrock. These occur on steep to gradual slopes and often travel across exposed bedrock at *Headwaters*. Dominant species include Pacific Bog Rush (*Juncus effusus* var. *pacificus*), and Water Cress (*Nasturtium aquaticum*), but often include Seep-spring Monkeyflower (*Mimulus guttatus*), Rabbit's Foot Grass (*Polypogon monspeliensis* \*), Knot-grass (Paspalum

polystichum), Giant Chain Fern (*Woodwardia fimbriata*), Duckweed (*Lemna minuta*), Pacific Oenanthe (*Oenanthe sarmentosa*), Himalayan Blackberry (*Rubus armeniacus*\*) and Pennyroyal (*Mentha pulegium*\*) as common associates. Western Azalea (*Rhodendron occidentale*) occurs as an overstory at one location. (GPS locations: N38°14′24.4″/W122°12′42.2″; N38°14′26.8″/W122°12′53.5″; N38°14′34.8″/W122°13′48.4″; N38°14′38.5″/W122°13′36.1″; N38°14′42.4″/W122°12′49.0″; N38°14′34.1″/W122°13′00.8″)





Pacific Bog Rush and Blackberry

Western Azalea with Monkeyflower and Giant Chain Fern

Perennial Wetlands

### **Potentially Occurring Special Status Plant Species**

A review of the Suscol Mountain Vineyard Report (2010) was conducted to determine the list of potentially occurring special status species. Only Streamside Daisy (*Erigeron bioletti*) was confirmed during 2007-2009 surveys. For that reason, a detailed list is not provided here. Please refer to pages 28-32 of that report for questions regarding the focus of previous surveys. The following refined list includes those species with the highest potential to occur on the property based on vegetation and substrates known to occur on the property and the focus of additional surveys.

Narrow-anthered Brodiaea (*Brodiaea leptandra*) – Occurs in wooded and brushy places on volcanic substrates. Recorded at in Skyline Park about 1.5 miles north of the site. CNPS List 1B.2

Small-flowered Calycadenia (*Calycadenia micrantha*) – Occurs in Chamise Chaparral on volcanic soil. Recorded near Staggs Leap about 18 miles north of the site. CNPS List 1B.2

Hollyleaf Ceanothus (*Ceanothus purpureus*) – Associated with chamise chaparral on volcanic substrate. Has been recorded in Skyline Park and on the Tuteur Ranch, 1 mile north of the site. CNPS List 1B.2

American Dogwood (*Cornus sericea* ssp. *sericea*) – This species occurs along perennial streams on volcanic substrates. It is known to occur at Sarco Creek about 7 miles north of the site and is considered rare by Napa County.

Streamside Daisy (*Erigeron bioletti*) – This species prefers rocky places on a variety of substrates. It has been recorded near Marie Creek about 1 mile north of the site and in Jameson Canyon about 2.5 miles south of the site. It was also confirmed at the Headwaters site during 2007-2009 surveys. CNPS List 3

Narrow-leaved Daisy (*Erigeron greenei*) – This species prefers rock outcrops on volcanic and serpentine substrates. It occurs on Mt. George, about 6 miles north of the site. CNPS List 1B.2

Nodding Harmonia (*Harmonia nutans*) – This species grows around rock outcrops on a variety of substrates and has been recorded on the Green Valley Ranch about 2 miles NE of the site. CNPS List 4.3

Green Coyote Mint (*Monardella viridis*) – This is a widespread species in Napa County occurring in brushy to forested habitats. It occurs in Skyline Park about 1 mile north of the site.

Gairdner's Yampah (*Perideridia gaidneri* ssp. *gairdneri*) – This species prefers seasonally wet places on gradual slopes or flats. It has been found on the east side of Mt. George, about 6 miles north of the site. A species of Yampah was reported and mapped in the *Suscol Mountain Report* but identification was undetermined at that time. CNPS List 4.2

Yellow-eyed Grass (*Sisyrinchium californicum*) – This species grows in perennial springs and has been recorded on Mt. George about 6 miles north of the site. It is considered Rare in Napa County according to Napa County.

Oval-leaved Viburnum (Viburnum ellipticum) – There are two records for Napa County, both in Hardwood Forest. A location at Skyline Park is about 0.6 mile north of the site. CNPS List 2.3

Status Codes: CNPS lists - 1B = Rare and Endangered in California and elsewhere, 2 = Rare and Endangered in California but more common elsewhere, 3 = Taxonomy or distribution needs further study, 4 = Limited Distribution – A Watch List. Additional coding was added to the status of most species by CNPS in 2006, applying greater focus to rarity and threats to each species. A code of 1B.1 indicates the highest level of threat while 4.3 indicates the lowest.

### **Special Status Plant Species Observed at Suscol Headwaters**

Only one species listed above was observed during 2019 surveys. A Perideridia species was reported by LSA following 2007-09 surveys and is indicated on Figure 4 of the 2010 report. This species was looked for but no species of Perideridia could be located during 2019 surveys. This is perhaps due to grazing suppression but a mid season and late season survey was unable to locate this species. Based on

site conditions, it is expected that the previous report was likely assignable to P. kelloggii. This is a widespread and common species.

Streamside Daisy (*Erigeron bioletti*) was the only special status species discovered by LSA surveys and 5 locations were mapped (Figure 4 LSA, 2010) – This species was found during 2019 surveys. This species has no state or federal listing status. It is currently on List 3 of the California Native Plant Society and subject to CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act). Eight locations were recorded during 2019 surveys in addition to a mitigation site for this species that is located at the entrance to the Headwaters Preserve. This mitigation site was established as compensation for 0.61 acres (40%) of habitat converted during establishment of Suscol Mountian Vineyards. (GPS Locations: N38°14′59.8″/W122°12′44.8″, N38°14′58.5″/W122°12′43.8″, N38°15′02.5″/W122°12′43.3″, N38°15′12.7″/W122°12′50.1″, N38°14′42.3″/W122°13′35.7″, N38°15′09.3″/W122°12′50.9″, N38°14′49.1″/W122°12′43.6″)

### **Other Noteworthy Species**

A few additional species found in the study area are noteworthy due to a highly restricted occurrence in Napa County. These species have less than five known locations each in the county.

<u>Douglas' Water Hemlock</u> (*Cicuta douglasii*) – In Napa County this species is restricted to perennial streams south of Mt. George and has also been reported from the Mt. Veeder area. It was found along the western segment of Suscol Creek.

<u>Caraway-leaved Lomatium</u> (*Lomatium caruifolium* var. *denticulatum*) – In Napa County this species has been reported from few locations from the east side of Mt. George to Skyline Park. It was observed near the eastern boundary of the *Headwaters* property. Seed production is strongly suppressed by grazing.

<u>Winter Current</u> (*Ribes sanguineum* var. *glutinosum*) – In Napa County, this taxon is restricted to a few canyons south of Mt. George. It was observed along the stream corridor of the main stem of Suscol Creek as scattered individuals or in small clusters.

### Discussion

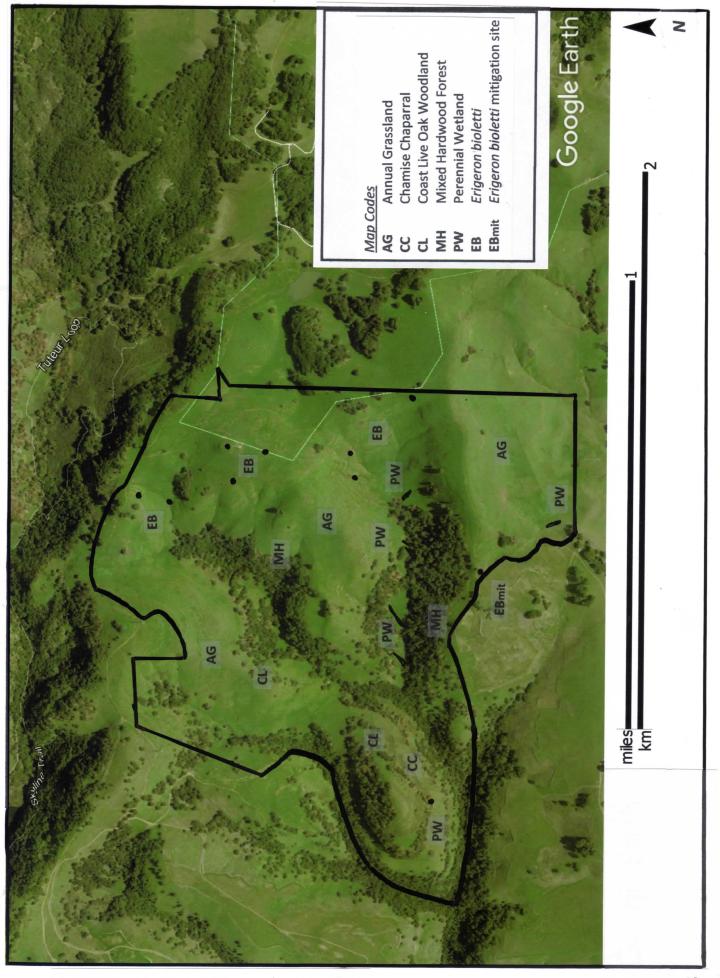
The 2017 wildfire prompted regeneration of chaparral and woodland communities. It is expected that 3 to 10 years of re-growth will restore conditions of these communities to maturity. Fire scars will remain for decades. Grassland communities have rapidly recovered.

A few noxious weeds appear to be new to the property since 2007-2009 surveys. Most notably is the introduction of Stinkwort (*Dittrichia graveolens*), a highly invasive species in disturbed habitats and Wild Lettuce (*Lactuca virosa*), a potentially invasive species in forest habitat.

Streamside Daisy has persisted since previous surveys and fire appears to have had no impact on its occurrence.

Figure 2

Suscol Headwaters - Vegetation and Rare Plant Locations Figure 2:



The establishment of a habitat pond in the Headwaters eastern bowl area is likely to have little impact on native species or habitat. Common species here include non-native annuals – Italian Rye, Rip-gut grass, yellow star Thistle, Italian Thistle and and non-native non-native Pennyroyal and Sheep Sorrel. There are scattered native plant species including Common Hareleaf, Dove Mullein and Canada Horseweed and Water Smartweed but habitat loss to these species is not significant.

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Vascular Plants of Suscol Headwaters Preserve		
Scientific Name	Common Name	Life Form
FERNS & ALLIES		
Adiantum jordanii	Maidenhair Fern	perennial
Athyrium felix-femina	Lady Fern	perennial
Dryopteris arguta	Wood Fern	perennial
Equisetum telmateia ssp. braunii	Giant Horsetail	perennial
Pentagramma triangularis	Gold Back Fern	perennial
Polypodium calirhiza	California Polypody	perennial
Polystichum imbricans ssp. imbricans	Imbricate Fern	perennial
Polystichum minutum	Sword Fern	perennial
Pteridium aquilinum var. pubescens	Bracken Fern	perennial
Woodwardia fimbriata	Giant Chain Fern	perennial
<u>Flowering Plants -Dicots</u>		
ANACARDIACEAE	Sumac Family	
Toxicodendron diversilobum	Poison Oak	shrub
APIACEAE	Carrot Family	
Cicuta douglasii	Water Hemlock	perennial
Heracleum maximum	Cow Parsnip	perennial
Lomatium caruifolium var. denticulatum	Caraway-leaved Lomatium	perennial
Lomatium utriculatum	Foothill Lomatium	perennial
Oenanthe sarmentosa	Oenanthe	perennial
Osmorhiza berteroi	Mountain Sweet Cicely	perennial
Sanicula bipinnatifida	Purple Sanicle	perennial
Sanicula crassicaulis	Pacific Snakeroot	perennial
APOCYNACEAE	Dogbane Family	
Asclepias fascicularis	Narrow-leaved Milkweed	perennial
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ASTERACEAE	Sunflower Family	
Achillea millefolium	Common Yarrow	perennial
Artemisia california	California Sagebrush	shrub
Artemisia douglasiana	Douglas' Mugwort	perennial
Baccharis pilularis ssp. consanguinea	Coyote Brush	shrub
Calycadenia truncata	Rosin Weed	annual
Carduus pycnocephalus ssp. pycno.	Italian Thistle *	annual
Centaurea calcitrapa	Purple Star Thistle *	annual
Centaurea melitensis	Maltese Thistle *	annual
Centaurea solstitialis	Yellow Star Thistle *	annual
Cirsium vulgare	Bull Thistle *	biennial
Erigeron bioletti	Streamside Daisy	perennial
Erigeron canadensis	Common Horseweed	perennial
Erigeron foliosus var. franciscanis	San Francisco Leafy Daisy	perennial

Scientific Name	Common Name	Life Form
Eurybia radulina	Rough-leaved Aster	perennial
Gamochaeta ustulata	Purple Everlasting	annual
Hypochaeris radicata	Hairy Cat's Ear *	annual
Lactuca saligna	Willow Lettuce *	annual
Lactuca virosa	Wild Lettuce *	annual
Lagophylla ramosissima	Common Hareleaf	annual
Lasthenia californica ssp. californica	California Goldfields	annual
Madia anomala ?	Plump-seeded Tarweed	annual
Madia gracilis	Slender Tarweed	annual
Micropus californicus var. californicus	Q-tips	annual
Pseudognaphalium californicum	California Cudweed	perennial
Pseudognaphalium microcephalum	White Everlasting	perennial
Pseudognaphalium luteo-album	Weedy Cudweed *	biennial
Senecio vulgaris	Common Grounsel *	annual
Silybum marianum	Milk Thistle *	annual
Sonchus oleraceus	Sow Thistle *	annual
Stephanomeria virgata ssp. pleurocarpa	Tall Wire Lettuce	annual
Taraxacum officinale	Dandelion *	perennial
Wyethia angustifolia	Narrow-leaved Mule Ears	perennial
Wyethia glabra	Coast Range Mule Ears	perennial
Xanthium spinosum	Spiny Clotbur	annual
BERBERIDACEAE	Barberry Family	
Berberis pinnata ssp. pinnata	Oregon Grape	shrub
BETULACEAE	Birch Family	
Alnus rhombifolia	White Alder	tree
Corylus cornuta var. californica	California Hazelnut	shrub
coryrus corriaca var. cumormea	Camornia Hazemat	3111 0.0
BORAGINACEAE	Borage Family	
Amsinckia intermedia	Common Fiddleneck	annual
Cynoglossum grande	Grand Hound's Tongue	perennial
Nemophila heterophylla	Woodland Nemophila	annual
Nemophila menziesii var. menziesii	Baby Blue Eyes	annual
Phacelia distans	Common Phacelia	annual
Phacelia imbricata	Imbricate Phacelia	perennial
Plagiobothrys nothofulvus	Rusty Pocornflower	annual
DDASSICACEAE	Mustard Family	
BRASSICACEAE  Practica campactric	Field Mustard *	annual
Brassica campestris	California Milkmaids	annual
Cardamine californica	Bittercress	perennial
Cardamine oligosperma	California Mustard	annual annual
Caulanthus lasiophyllus	Mediterranean Barley *	
Hirshfeldia incana	·	annual annual
Lepidium nitidum	Shining Peppergrass Water Cress	
Nasturtium officinale	vvater cress	perennial

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Sinapsis arvensis	Charlock *	annual
Sisymbrium officinale	Hedge Mustard *	annual
CAPRIFOLIACEAE	Honeysuckle Family	
Lonicera hispidula	Hairy Honeysuckle	vine
Symphoricarpus albus ssp. laevigatus	Common Snowberry	shrub
Symphoricarpus mollis	Trailing Snowberry	shrub
CARYOPHYLLACEAE	Pink Family	
Cerastium glomeratum	Mouse-eared Chickweed *	annual
Minuartia douglasii	Douglas' Sandwort	annual
Petrorhagia dubia	Wild Carnation *	annual
Polycarpon tetraphyllum var. tetraphyllum	Four-seeded Polycarp *	annual
Silene gallica	Windmill Pink *	annual
Silene laciniata ssp. californica	California Indian Pink	perennial
Stellaria media	Common Chickweed *	annual
CONVOLVULACEAE	Morning Glory Family	
Calystegia occidentalis ssp. occidentalis	Western Morning Glory	perennial
ediystegra occiaentans ssp. occiaentans	Western Worling Glory	perennar
CRASSULACEAE	Stonecrop Family	
Crassula connata	Sand Pygmy Weed	annual
Dudleya cymosa	Live Forever	perennial
CUCURBITACEAE	Gourd Family	
Marah fabacea	California Manroot	vine
ERICACEAE	Heath Family	
Rhododendron occidentale	Western Azalea	shrub
EUPHORBIACEAE	Spurge Family	
Croton setigerus	Turkey Mullein	annual
FABACEAE	Pea Family	
Acmispon brachycarpus	Hillside Trefoil	annual
Acmispon glaber ssp. glaber	Deerweed	perennial
Acmispon parviflorus	Miniature Bird's Foot Lotus	annual
Astagalus gambelianus	Gambel's locoweed	annual
Hoita macrostachya	Leather Root	perennial
Lathyrus jepsonii var . californicus ?	Jepson's Pea	perennial
Lathyrus vestitus	Pacific Pea	perennial
Lupinus albifrons var. collinus	Silver Lupine	shrub
Lupinus bicolor	Miature Lupine	annual
Lupinus formosus var. formosus	Summer Lupine	perennial
Lupinus nanus	Sky Lupine	annual
Trifolium bifidum var. decipiens	Notch-leaved Clover	annual

Balloon Clover  Clustered Clover *  Rose Clover *  Crimson Clover *  Maiden Clover	annual annual annual
Rose Clover * Crimson Clover *	
Crimson Clover *	annual
Maiden Clover	annual
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Thimble Clover	annual
Subterranean Clover *	perennial
Tomcat Clover *	annual
American Vetch	perennial
Oak Family	
Coast Live Oak	tree
Gentian Family	
June Centaury	annual
Geranium Family	
	annual
Redstem Filaree *	annual
White-stem Filaree *	annual
Dove Mullein *	annual
Purple Geranium *	annual
Currant Family	
Winter Currant	shrub
St. John's Wort Family	
Tinker's Penny	perennial
Mint Family	
Pennyroyal*	perennial
Rigid Hedge Nettle	perennial
Laurel Family	
California Bay	tree
Cheese-weed *	annual
Miner's Lettuce Family	+
Red Maids	annual
California Miner's Lettuce	annual
Common Miner's Lettuce	annual
Water Montia	annual
Myrsine Family	
	American Vetch  Oak Family Coast Live Oak  Gentian Family June Centaury  Geranium Family Long-beaked Filaree * Redstem Filaree * White-stem Filaree * Dove Mullein * Purple Geranium *  Currant Family Winter Currant  St. John's Wort Family Tinker's Penny  Mint Family Pennyroyal* Rigid Hedge Nettle  Laurel Family California Bay  Cheese-weed *  Miner's Lettuce Family Red Maids California Miner's Lettuce Common Miner's Lettuce

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Trientalis latifolia	Pacific Starflower	perennial
ONAGRACEAE	Evening Primrose Family	
Clarkia gracilis ssp. gracilis	Slender Clarkia	annual
Clarkia purpurea ssp. quadrivulnera	Wine-cup Clarkia	annual
Epilobium brachycarpum	Panicled Willow Herb	annual
Epilobium ciliatum	Northern Willowherb	perennial
Zauschneria californica	California Fuchsia	perennial
OROBANCHACEAE	Broomrape Family	
Castilleja exserta ssp. exserta	Purple Owl's Clover	annual
Parentucellia viscosa	Glandweed *	annual
PAPAVERACEAE	Poppy Family	
Eschscholzia californica	California Poppy	perennial
PHRYMACEAE	Lopseed Family	
Mimulus aurantiacus	Sticky Monkeyflower	shrub
Mimulus cardinalis	Scarlet Monkeyflower	perennial
Mimulus guttatus	Seep-spring Monkeyflower	annual
PLANTAGINACEAE	Plantain Family	
Collinsia sparsiflora var. sparsiflora	Blue-eyed Mary	annual
Collinsia heterophylla	Chinese Houses	annual
Plantago erecta	Dwarf Plantain	annual
Plantago major	Common Plantain *	perennial
Veronica americana	American Brooklime	perennial
POLEMONIACEAE	Phlox Family	
Gilia tricolor ssp. tricolor	Bird's Eye Gilia	annual
POLYGONACEAE	Buckwheat Family	
Eriogonum nudum var.	Nudestem Buckwheat	perennial
Persicaria punctata	Water Smart Weed	annual
Polygonum aviculare ssp. depressum	Common Knotweed *	annual
Pterostegia drymarioides	Valentine Plant	annual
Rumex acetosella	Sheep Sorrel *	perennial
Rumex crispus	Curly Dock *	perennial
Rumex pulcher	Fiddle Dock *	perennial
RANUNCULACEAE	Buttercup Family	
Anemone grayi	Western Wood Anemone	perennial
Ranunculus californicus	California Buttercup	perennial
Ranunculus muricatus	Prickly Buttercup *	annual
RHAMNACEAE	Buckthorn Family Family	
Frangula californica ssp. californica	California Coffeeberry	perennial

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Rhamnus crocea	Redberry	shrub
ROSACEAE	Rose Family	
Adenostoma fasciculatum	Chamise	shrub
Aphanes occidentalis	Western Dew Cup	annual
Fragaria vesca	Woodland Strawberry	perennial
Holodiscus discolor	Ocean Spray	perennial
Prunus ilicifolia	Holy-leaf Cherry	shrub
Rosa gymnocarpa	Woodland Rose	shrub
Rosa spithamea	Ground Rose	shrub
Rubus armeniacus	Himalayan Blackberry *	perennial
Rubus parviflorus	Thimbleberry	shrub
Rubus ursinus	California Blackberry	vine
RUBIACEAE	Madder Family	
Galium aparine	Cleavers	annual
Galium californicum	California Bedstraw	perennial
Galium porrigens var. porrigens	Climbing Bedstraw	perennial
SALICACEAE	Willow Family	
Salix lasiolepis	Arroyo Willow	shrub
SAPINDACEAE	Soapberry Family	
Aesculus californica	California Buckeye	tree
SAXIFRAGACEAE	Saxifrage Family	
Lithophragma hetrophyllum	Hill Star	perennial
SCROPHULARIACEAE	Figwort Family	
Scrophularia californica	California Figwort	perennial
SOLANACEAE	Nightshade Family	
Solanum americanum	American Nightshade	biennial
URTICACEAE	Nettle Family	
Hesperocnide tenella	California Nettle	annual
Urtica dioca ssp. holosericea	Stinging Nettle	perennial
VIOLACEAE	Violet Family	
Viola pedunculata	Johnny Jump-ups	perennial
viola pedaliculata	Johnny Junip ups	perenniai
Flowering Plants - Monocots		
AGAVACEAE	Century Plant Family	
Chlorogalum pomeridianum var. pom.	Indian Soap	perennial
ARACEAE	Arum Family	
ARACEAE	Arum Family  Least Duckweed	annual
Lemna minuta	Least Duckweed	annual

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Lemna valdiviana ?	Valdiviana Duckweed	annual
CYPERACEAE	Sedge Family	
Carex barbarae	Santa Barbara Sedge	perennial
Carex gracilior	Slender Sedge	perennial
Carex leptopoda	Shorty-scaled Sedge	perennial
Cyperus eragrostis	Nutsedge	annual
Cyperus niger	Shining Umbrella Sedge	annual
Eleocharis radicans	Rooted Spikerush	perennial
IRIDACEAE	Iris Family	
Iris macrosiphon	Bowl-tubed Iris	perennial
JUNCACEAE	Rush Family	
Juncus bufonius	Toad Rush	annual
Juncus effusus var. pacificus	Pacific Bog Rush	perennial
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LILIACEAE	Lily Family	
Fritillaria affinis	Mission Bells	perennial
Prosartes hookeri	Hooker's Fairy Bells	perennial
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MELANTHIACEAE	False Hellebore Family	
Trillium albidum	Giant Wakerobin	perennial
ORCHIDACEAE	Orchid Family	
Epipactis helleborine	Broadleaf Helleborine	perennial
POACEAE	Grass Family	
Agrostis hallii	Hall's Bentgrass	perennial
Agrostis pallens	Leafy Bentgrass	perennial
Agrostis exerata	Western Bentgrass	perennial
Avena barbata	Wild Oats *	annual
Bromus hordeaceus	Sofy Chess *	annual
Bromus carinatus var. carinatus	California Brome	perennial
Bromus diandrus	Rip-gut Grass *	annual
Bromus madritensis ssp. rubens	Foxtail *	annual
Bromus tectorum	Downy Brome *	annual
Carduus pycnocephalus ssp. pycnocephalus	Italian Thistle *	annual
Cynosurus echinatus	Dog-tail Grass *	annual
Deschampsia elongata	Slender Hairgrass	perennial
Digitaria sanguinalis	Hairy Crabgrass *	
Echinochloa crus-galli	Barnyard Grass *	
Elymus glaucus ssp. glaucus	Western Bent Grass	perennial
Gastridium phleoides	Nit Grass *	annual
Glyceria leptostachya	Davy's Manna Grass	perennial
Holcus lanatus	Velvet Grass *	perennial

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Hordeum murinum ssp. leporinum	Mediterranean Barley *	annual
Lamarckia aurea	Lamarck's Grass *	annual
Lolium multiflorim	Italian Rye *	annual
Paspalum distichum	Knot-grass	perennial
Poa annua	Annual Bluegrass *	annual
Polypogon interruptus	Beard Grass *	annual
Polypogon monspeliensis	Rabbit's Foot *	annual
Polypogon viridis	Water Beard Grass *	annual
Stipa pulchra	Purple Needlegrass	perennial
RUSCACEAE	Butcher's Broom Family	
Maianthemum stellatum	California Star Soloman's Seal	perennial
THEMIDACEAE	Brodiaea Family	
Brodiaea elegans ssp. elegans	Harvest Brodiaea	perennial
Dichelostemma capitatum ssp. capitatum	Blue Dics	perennial
Dichelostemma congestum	Ookow	perennial
*non-native		