

Willits Bypass Project April 9, 2013 Inspection Findings
Inspected by Brendan Thompson
Time of inspection: ~ 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., clear weather
Caltrans EA No.: 01-262004, Risk Level 3, WDID No. 1B12045WNME



Photo 1: Unstabilized area at southern end of project site adjacent southbound 101, directly across from Haehl Creek construction access road (see Photo 2).



Photo 2: Unstabilized construction entrance at southern-most construction access location. Contractor and Caltrans staff noted it was unstabilized to allow access for California Highway Patrol vehicles.



Photo 3: Looking south at road crossing over Haehl Creek, north of the construction entrance shown in photo 2.



Photo 4: A closer look at the slope shown in the Photo 3: I was told that erosion had developed after a recent rain event. Stormwater had pooled at the low point in the roadway above the Haehl Creek culvert (see low point in photo 3). According to Caltrans and the contractor, the silt fence helped contain the stormwater, thereby allowing crews to pump the water and discharge to land. There was no evidence of sediment discharge on the outward side of the silt fence.



Photo 5: Looking south, approximately 0.25 miles north of Haehl Creek--disturbed soil area less than 50 feet west of a tributary to Davis Creek.



Photo 6: Looking to the north; north of the photo 5 location. Cleared vegetation, disturbed soil, and no perimeter control, less than 50 feet from a tributary to Davis Creek. The tributary had flowing water and was a short distance to the east of this cyclone fence (see photo 7). Perimeter control was installed north and south of this discrete area. I was told by the contractor that crews were ordered to stop installing silt fence at this location by Caltrans biological monitors. Perimeter control was not installed further to the east to avoid the riparian area. Blue tape had been placed on the ground approximately 50 feet away from and parallel to the creek.



Photo 7: Tributary to Davis Creek, looking southeast. This photo was taken about 180 degrees and ~15 feet south from where photo 6 was taken



Photo 8: Looking east, north of photos 6 and 7. Disturbed soil within 50 feet of the tributary to Davis Creek.