

**Rincon Creek, Santa Barbara County
CAP Workbook Threats Assessment Summary Tables
2008**

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				Indicator Ratings									
				Bold = Current				<i>Italics = Desired</i>					
Conservation Target	Category	Key Attribute	Indicator	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Current Indicator Status	Current Rating	Desired Rating	Date of Current Rating	Date for Desired Rating	
1 Egg	Landscape Context	Flow during incubation period	Baseflow in relation to avg. annual daily flow	< 25% of avg. annual daily flow	26-50% of avg. annual daily flow		> 50% of avg. annual daily flow	perennial flows	Very Good		Jun-02		
1 Egg	Landscape Context	Non-native species	Non-native egg predators	present throughout watershed	present in >50% of watershed	present in < 50% of watershed	absent						
1 Egg	Landscape Context	Water temperature	Mean weekly avg. temperature in redds	< 5 C. and > 13 C.	11.1-13 C.	10.1-11 C.	6-10 C.						
1 Egg	Condition	Substrate quality	Avg. percent fines (<0.85mm) in potential spawning areas	> 17% fines	11-17% fines	5-10 % fines	< 5% fines	moderate abundance of suitable spawning substrate	Good		Jun-02		
1 Egg	Condition	Substrate quality	Embeddedness	> 75% embedded	50-75% embedded	25-49% embedded	< 25% embedded	avg 38%	Good		Jan-08		
2 Fry	Landscape Context	Dispersal	Barriers between redds and rearing habitat	complete barrier	partial barriers common	partial barriers scarce	no barriers	partial barriers scarce	Good		Jun-02		
2 Fry	Landscape Context	Non-native species	Non-native fry predators	present throughout watershed	present > 50% watershed	present < 50% of watershed	absent						
2 Fry	Landscape Context	Sediment supply	Turbidity (no. days turbidity is > 25 NTUs)	> 30 days during fry development period	20-30 days	10-19 days	< 10 days						
2 Fry	Condition	Habitat complexity/refugia	Amount of functional high velocity refuge habitat with flows < 15 cm/sec (boulders, overhanging banks, etc.)	none; watercourse in rearing habitat is channelized	some	common	abundant	moderate to high amount of instream cover	Good		Jun-02		
3 Juvenile	Landscape Context	Dispersal	Barriers between rearing habitat and estuary	present			absent	partial	Fair		Jun-02		
3 Juvenile	Landscape Context	Flow during rearing period	Pool habitat > 3 feet in depth	pools scarce or absent	low abundance of pools	high abundance of pools	high abundance of pools with multiple "refuge" pools (> 5 ft deep)	high pool abundance	Good		Jun-02		
3 Juvenile	Landscape Context	Non-native species	Non-native juvenile predators	present throughout watershed	present > 50% watershed	present < 50% watershed	absent						

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3	Juvenile	Landscape Context	Summer flow	Percent of unimpaired median summer baseflow (based on long-term mean monthly discharge)	< 70%	70-90%	> 90%	100% over all IP-km	variable surface flows	Fair		Jun-02	
3	Juvenile	Landscape Context	Water temperature	Median weekly average temperature (MWAT) in potential rearing habitat	> 21 C.	18-21 C.	< 18 C.	< 17 C.					
3	Juvenile	Condition	Estuarine inflows	Percentage of unimpaired freshwater inflow to estuary (necessary for maintaining brackish water < 15 ppt salinity)	< 25%	25-49%	50-75%	> 75%	variable surface flows	Fair		Jun-02	
3	Juvenile	Condition	Estuarine inflows	Persistence of hypoxic or anoxic saline layer (> 15 ppt) in potential rearing habitat areas between May and onset of winter rains	3 months	1 month	1 week	< 3 days					
3	Juvenile	Condition	Food availability	Species richness	< 25 taxa	25-29 taxa	30-40 taxa	> 40 taxa					
3	Juvenile	Condition	Habitat complexity/refugia	Instream refugia	absent			present (boulders, overhanging banks, etc.)	lower 40% of main stem has low amount of instream cover	Fair		Jun-02	
3	Juvenile	Condition	Riparian corridor species composition and structure	Mean percent native, undisturbed composition and structure in 100-foot riparian buffer	< 25%	25-50%	51-75%	historic conditions					
4	Smolt	Landscape Context	Dispersal	Number of days when depths are < 0.4 ft anywhere in migration corridor during outmigration period (March through June)	> 10 days	6-10 days	1-5 days	0 days	variable flows in lower 40% of main stem	Fair		Jun-02	
4	Smolt	Landscape Context	Flow for downstream passage March through June	Maximum potential rate of diversion by pumping during April and May (expressed as percent of estimate unimpaired median flow in April)	> 150%	100-150%	50-99%	< 50%				Jun-02	
4	Smolt	Landscape Context	Passage to ocean	Number of days stream mouth is open with adequate flow during outmigration period (March through June)	< 30 days	30-60 days	60-90 days	> 90 days					

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5	Adult	Landscape Context	Dispersal	Accessibility of suitable spawning areas (based on TRT criteria)	accessible sites are clumped in one location or < 25% of all tributaries are accessible	25-50% of all tributaries are accessible	50-75% of all tributaries are accessible	> 75% of all tributaries are accessible	impassable	Poor		Jun-02	
5	Adult	Landscape Context	Dispersal	Number of days stream mouth is open with adequate flow during entry period (1 November to 1 June)	< 30 days	30-60 days	60-90 days	> 90 days					
5	Adult	Landscape Context	Flow during spawning period (spawning and upstream/downstream passage)	Percent of net discharge (unimpaired flow minus total diversions) occurring between 1 December to 1 June, in all water years	> 10%	6-10%	3-5%	< 3%				Jun-02	
5	Adult	Landscape Context	Water temperature	Median weekly average temperature in migration corridor	> 17 C.	15-16.9 C.	13-14.9 C.	10-12.9 C.					
5	Adult	Size	Population size	Mean annual adult spawner abundance		TRT criteria for low extinction risk (by watershed)							
6	Multiple Life Stages	Landscape Context	Barriers/diversions	Stream crossings/stream mile	> two/mile			< two/mile	avg 1.4 crossings/mile	Fair		Jan-08	
6	Multiple Life Stages	Landscape Context	Channel flow and morphology	Percent of total watercourse length channelized	> 25%	16-25%	5-15%	< 5%	lower main stem constrained	Fair		Jan-08	
6	Multiple Life Stages	Landscape Context	Fire regime/vegetation maturity	Percent of watershed affected by high intensity fire within previous 100 yrs	> 25%	10-24%	5-9%	< 5%	42%	Poor		Jan-08	

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6	Multiple Life Stages	Landscape Context	Floodplain connectivity	Floodplain connectivity	< 50% of response reaches in watershed have inundation of historic floodplains by bankfull flows (connectivity)	50-65% of response reaches in watershed demonstrate floodplain connectivity	66-80% of response reaches in watershed demonstrate floodplain connectivity	> 80% of response reaches in watershed demonstrate connectivity	60%	Fair		Jun-02	
6	Multiple Life Stages	Landscape Context	Historic vs Current Spawning Habitat	Fraction of historic spawning tributaries currently accessible to spawners	< 15% available	16-50% available	51-90% available	>90% available	complete barriers	Poor		Jun-02	
6	Multiple Life Stages	Landscape Context	Hydrology	Dry stream reaches	> 75% dry reaches	26-75% dry reaches	1-25% dry reaches	no dry reaches; perennial surface flows	variable main stem	Fair		Jun-02	
6	Multiple Life Stages	Landscape Context	Hydrology	Hydrograph	severely modified			natural	probably moderate	Fair		Jun-02	
6	Multiple Life Stages	Landscape Context	Land use	Distribution of public ownership along main stem of watercourse	< 25% of land bordering main stem of drainage is publicly owned	25-50%	51-75%	> 75%				Jun-07	
6	Multiple Life Stages	Landscape Context	Land use	Miles of road per square mile of watershed within 100 meters of watercourse	> 1 mi	0.5-1.0 mi	0.1-0.49 mi	< 0.1 mi	avg 1.1 mi/sq mile	Poor		Jan-08	
6	Multiple Life Stages	Landscape Context	Land use	Miles of roads per square mile of watershed	> 3.0 mi	2.6-3.0 mi	1.6-2.5 mi	< 1.6 mi	3.39 - 4 mi/sq. mi.	Poor		Jun-02	
6	Multiple Life Stages	Landscape Context	Land use	Percent of watershed area in agricultural use	> 30%	20-29%	10-19%	< 10%	8-11%	Fair		Jun-02	
6	Multiple Life Stages	Landscape Context	Land use	Percent of watershed area in agriculture within 100 meters of watercourse	> 20%	11-20%	5-10%	< 5%	10.1%	Poor		Jan-08	
6	Multiple Life Stages	Landscape Context	Land use	Percent of watershed area in public ownership	< 25 % public ownership	25-50%	51-75%	> 75%	59% public ownership	Good		Jun-02	
6	Multiple Life Stages	Landscape Context	Land use	Percent of watershed area in urban/residential use	> 25%	10-25%	5-9%	< 5%	1.2%	Very Good		Jun-02	

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6	Multiple Life Stages	Landscape Context	Water quality	General index of toxicity based on severity of adverse effects on fish	Acute lethal effects (fish kill)	Sublethal effects (reduced growth, altered behavior, etc.)	Toxins detected but no sublethal effects	No toxins or contaminants detected	high total N and P	Fair		Jan-08	
6	Multiple Life Stages	Landscape Context	Water quality	Percent total impervious surfaces as % of watershed area	>40%	21-40%	5-20%	< 5%	0.4% to 1.2%	Very Good		Jun-02	
6	Multiple Life Stages	Condition	Estuarine habitat quality	Current lagoon area as percentage of historic total area	< 25%	26-50%	51-75%	> 75%	5%	Poor		Jan-08	
6	Multiple Life Stages	Condition	Estuarine habitat quality	Depth, LWD, and other habitat elements (e.g. eelgrass)	depth < 1 meter; LWD and/or overhanging banks absent		depth > 1 meter; LWD and/or overhanging banks present						
6	Multiple Life Stages	Condition	Riparian corridor quality	Riparian canopy cover	< 25% cover	25-49% cover	50-75% cover	> 75% cover	avg 67%	Good		Jun-02	
6	Multiple Life Stages	Condition	Riparian corridor quality	Riparian corridor species composition	< 25% native composition	25-50% native composition	50-75% native composition	> 75% native composition				Jun-07	

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Threats Across Targets		Egg	Fry	Juvenile	Smolt	Adult	Multiple Life Stages			Overall Threat Rank
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1	Groundwater extraction	Low	Medium	Very High	High	Very High	Very High			Very High
2	Roads in watershed and/or within 300 feet of watercourses	Low	Low	Very High	High	Very High	Very High			Very High
3	Culverts, crossings, and bridges	-	Low	Very High	High	Very High	Very High			Very High
4	Mining & Quarrying	Low	Medium	High	High	Very High	Very High			Very High
5	Conversion of watershed lands to row crop agriculture	Low	Medium	Very High	High	-	Very High			Very High
6	Urban development	-	Low	High	Medium	High	Very High			High
7	Recreational facilities and activities (ORV use, campgrounds, etc.)	-	-	Medium	Medium	High	Very High			High
8	Agricultural effluents	Low	Medium	High	-	-	Very High			High
9	Levees and channelization	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Very High			High
10	Non-point pollution from roads	-	-	Low	-	-	Very High			High
11	Dams and surface water diversions	-	-	-	-	-	Very High			High
12	Channel and/or estuary maintenance, dredging, and vegetation control (incl. flood control activities)	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	High	Low			Medium
13	Artificial lagoon breaching	-	-	-	-	-	High			Medium
14	Urban wastewater effluents (incl. industrial and commercial effluents)	-	-	-	-	-	High			Medium
15	Wildland fires (incl. debris flows following fires)	-	-	-	-	-	High			Medium
16	Livestock Farming & Ranching	Low	Low	Low	-	-	-			Low
Threat Status for Targets and Project		Low	Medium	Very High	High	Very High	Very High	-	-	Very High

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Project-specific threats		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
17	Invasive, non-native plants	-	-	Low	-	-				Low
18	Gas, water, and/or other utility pipelines	-	-	-	-	-	-			-
19	Illegal collecting, poaching, and/or unauthorized angling	-	-	-	-	-	-			-
20	Non-native species present (incl. hatchery fish)	-	-	-	-	-	-			-
21	Oil & Gas Drilling	-	-	-	-	-	-			-
22	Public ownership in watershed									-
23										-
24										-
25										-
26										-
27										-
28										-
29										-
30										-
31										-
32										-
Threat Status for Targets and Project		Low	Medium	Very High	High	Very High	Very High	-	-	Very High

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Stress Matrix

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Stresses (Altered Key Ecological Attributes) Across Targets		Egg	Fry	Juvenile	Smolt	Adult	Multiple Life Stages		
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Impaired estuarine habitat quality	-	-	-	-	-	Very High	-	-
2	Altered fire regime/recent fire in watershed	-	-	-	-	-	Very High	-	-
3	Impaired access to rearing and/or spawning habitat	-	-	-	-	-	Very High	-	-
4	Impaired access to spawning areas	-	-	-	-	Very High	-	-	-
5	Impaired water quality	-	-	-	-	-	High	-	-
6	Altered land use from natural condition	-	-	-	-	-	High	-	-
7	Altered hydrograph	-	-	-	-	-	High	-	-
8	Impaired floodplain connectivity	-	-	-	-	-	High	-	-
9	Impaired access to ocean	-	-	-	High	-	-	-	-
10	Impaired instream habitat complexity/refugia	-	-	High	-	-	-	-	-
11	Impaired access to estuary	-	-	High	-	-	-	-	-
12	Impaired estuarine inflows	-	-	High	-	-	-	-	-
13	Impaired summer base flows	-	-	High	-	-	-	-	-
14	Altered riparian habitat quality	-	-	-	-	-	Medium	-	-
15	Dispersal barriers between redds and rearing habitat	-	Medium	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Impaired habitat complexity/refugia	-	Medium	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Stresses (Altered Key Ecological Attributes) Across Targets		Egg	Fry	Juvenile	Smolt	Adult	Multiple Life Stages		
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
17	Impaired flows during rearing period	-	-	Medium	-	-	-	-	-
18	Impaired substrate quality (sedimentation and embeddedness)	Low	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Altered base flows during incubation	Low	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	Impaired riparian habitat quality	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Impaired water temperatures in migration corridor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Low adult population size	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	Non-native egg predators	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	Altered sediment supply	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Impaired water temperature in spawning areas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26	Non-native predators	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27	Impaired food availability	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
28	Impaired access to stream from ocean (stream mouth closed)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
29	Impaired water temperature	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
30		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
32		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Conservation Targets		Landscape Context		Condition		Size		Viability Rank
		Grade	Weight	Grade	Weight	Grade	Weight	
1	Egg	Very Good	1	Good	1	-	1	Very Good
2	Fry	Good	1	Good	1	-	1	Good
3	Juvenile	Fair	1	Fair	1	-	1	Fair
4	Smolt	Fair	1	-	1	-	1	Fair
5	Adult	Poor	1	-	1	-	1	Poor
6	Multiple Life Stages	Poor	1	Poor	1	-	1	Poor
7		-	1	-	1	-	1	-
8		-	1	-	1	-	1	-
Project Biodiversity Health Rank								Fair

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**Detailed Viability Summary
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Conservation Targets		Key Ecological Attributes				Indicators				Calculated Rank	User Override
		Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good		
1	Egg									Very Good	
	Landscape Context				1				1	Very Good	
	Condition			1				2		Good	
	Size									-	
2	Fry									Good	
	Landscape Context			1				1		Good	
	Condition			1				1		Good	
	Size									-	
3	Juvenile									Fair	
	Landscape Context		2	1			2	1		Fair	
	Condition		2				2			Fair	
	Size									-	
4	Smolt									Fair	
	Landscape Context		1				1			Fair	
	Condition									-	
	Size									-	
5	Adult									Poor	
	Landscape Context	1				1				Poor	
	Condition									-	
	Size									-	
6	Multiple Life Stages									Poor	
	Landscape Context	2	5	1		5	7	1	2	Poor	
	Condition	1		1		1		1		Poor	
	Size									-	
7										-	
	Landscape Context									-	
	Condition									-	
	Size									-	
8										-	
	Landscape Context									-	
	Condition									-	
	Size									-	