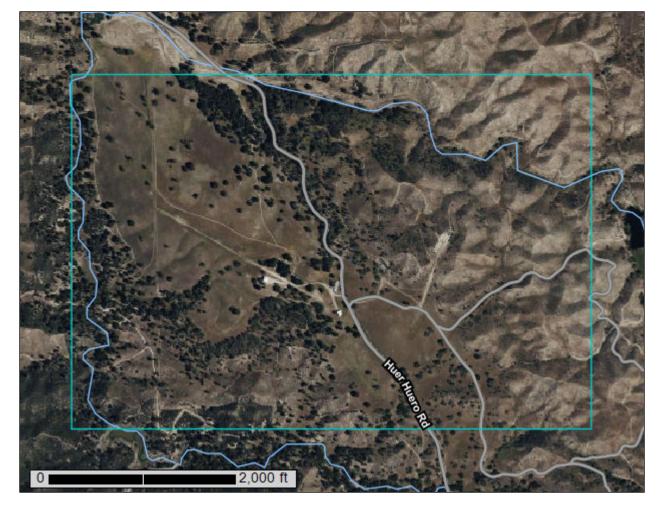


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## **Preface**

Soil surveys contain information that affects land use planning in survey areas. They highlight soil limitations that affect various land uses and provide information about the properties of the soils in the survey areas. Soil surveys are designed for many different users, including farmers, ranchers, foresters, agronomists, urban planners, community officials, engineers, developers, builders, and home buyers. Also, conservationists, teachers, students, and specialists in recreation, waste disposal, and pollution control can use the surveys to help them understand, protect, or enhance the environment.

Various land use regulations of Federal, State, and local governments may impose special restrictions on land use or land treatment. Soil surveys identify soil properties that are used in making various land use or land treatment decisions. The information is intended to help the land users identify and reduce the effects of soil limitations on various land uses. The landowner or user is responsible for identifying and complying with existing laws and regulations.

Although soil survey information can be used for general farm, local, and wider area planning, onsite investigation is needed to supplement this information in some cases. Examples include soil quality assessments (http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/soils/health/) and certain conservation and engineering applications. For more detailed information, contact your local USDA Service Center (https://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs) or your NRCS State Soil Scientist (http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/soils/contactus/?cid=nrcs142p2 053951).

Great differences in soil properties can occur within short distances. Some soils are seasonally wet or subject to flooding. Some are too unstable to be used as a foundation for buildings or roads. Clayey or wet soils are poorly suited to use as septic tank absorption fields. A high water table makes a soil poorly suited to basements or underground installations.

The National Cooperative Soil Survey is a joint effort of the United States Department of Agriculture and other Federal agencies, State agencies including the Agricultural Experiment Stations, and local agencies. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has leadership for the Federal part of the National Cooperative Soil Survey.

Information about soils is updated periodically. Updated information is available through the NRCS Web Soil Survey, the site for official soil survey information.

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# **How Soil Surveys Are Made**

Soil surveys are made to provide information about the soils and miscellaneous areas in a specific area. They include a description of the soils and miscellaneous areas and their location on the landscape and tables that show soil properties and limitations affecting various uses. Soil scientists observed the steepness, length, and shape of the slopes; the general pattern of drainage; the kinds of crops and native plants; and the kinds of bedrock. They observed and described many soil profiles. A soil profile is the sequence of natural layers, or horizons, in a soil. The profile extends from the surface down into the unconsolidated material in which the soil formed or from the surface down to bedrock. The unconsolidated material is devoid of roots and other living organisms and has not been changed by other biological activity.

Currently, soils are mapped according to the boundaries of major land resource areas (MLRAs). MLRAs are geographically associated land resource units that share common characteristics related to physiography, geology, climate, water resources, soils, biological resources, and land uses (USDA, 2006). Soil survey areas typically consist of parts of one or more MLRA.

The soils and miscellaneous areas in a survey area occur in an orderly pattern that is related to the geology, landforms, relief, climate, and natural vegetation of the area. Each kind of soil and miscellaneous area is associated with a particular kind of landform or with a segment of the landform. By observing the soils and miscellaneous areas in the survey area and relating their position to specific segments of the landform, a soil scientist develops a concept, or model, of how they were formed. Thus, during mapping, this model enables the soil scientist to predict with a considerable degree of accuracy the kind of soil or miscellaneous area at a specific location on the landscape.

Commonly, individual soils on the landscape merge into one another as their characteristics gradually change. To construct an accurate soil map, however, soil scientists must determine the boundaries between the soils. They can observe only a limited number of soil profiles. Nevertheless, these observations, supplemented by an understanding of the soil-vegetation-landscape relationship, are sufficient to verify predictions of the kinds of soil in an area and to determine the boundaries.

Soil scientists recorded the characteristics of the soil profiles that they studied. They noted soil color, texture, size and shape of soil aggregates, kind and amount of rock fragments, distribution of plant roots, reaction, and other features that enable them to identify soils. After describing the soils in the survey area and determining their properties, the soil scientists assigned the soils to taxonomic classes (units). Taxonomic classes are concepts. Each taxonomic class has a set of soil characteristics with precisely defined limits. The classes are used as a basis for comparison to classify soils systematically. Soil taxonomy, the system of taxonomic classification used in the United States, is based mainly on the kind and character of soil properties and the arrangement of horizons within the profile. After the soil

scientists classified and named the soils in the survey area, they compared the individual soils with similar soils in the same taxonomic class in other areas so that they could confirm data and assemble additional data based on experience and research.

The objective of soil mapping is not to delineate pure map unit components; the objective is to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. Each map unit is defined by a unique combination of soil components and/or miscellaneous areas in predictable proportions. Some components may be highly contrasting to the other components of the map unit. The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The delineation of such landforms and landform segments on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

Soil scientists make many field observations in the process of producing a soil map. The frequency of observation is dependent upon several factors, including scale of mapping, intensity of mapping, design of map units, complexity of the landscape, and experience of the soil scientist. Observations are made to test and refine the soil-landscape model and predictions and to verify the classification of the soils at specific locations. Once the soil-landscape model is refined, a significantly smaller number of measurements of individual soil properties are made and recorded. These measurements may include field measurements, such as those for color, depth to bedrock, and texture, and laboratory measurements, such as those for content of sand, silt, clay, salt, and other components. Properties of each soil typically vary from one point to another across the landscape.

Observations for map unit components are aggregated to develop ranges of characteristics for the components. The aggregated values are presented. Direct measurements do not exist for every property presented for every map unit component. Values for some properties are estimated from combinations of other properties.

While a soil survey is in progress, samples of some of the soils in the area generally are collected for laboratory analyses and for engineering tests. Soil scientists interpret the data from these analyses and tests as well as the field-observed characteristics and the soil properties to determine the expected behavior of the soils under different uses. Interpretations for all of the soils are field tested through observation of the soils in different uses and under different levels of management. Some interpretations are modified to fit local conditions, and some new interpretations are developed to meet local needs. Data are assembled from other sources, such as research information, production records, and field experience of specialists. For example, data on crop yields under defined levels of management are assembled from farm records and from field or plot experiments on the same kinds of soil.

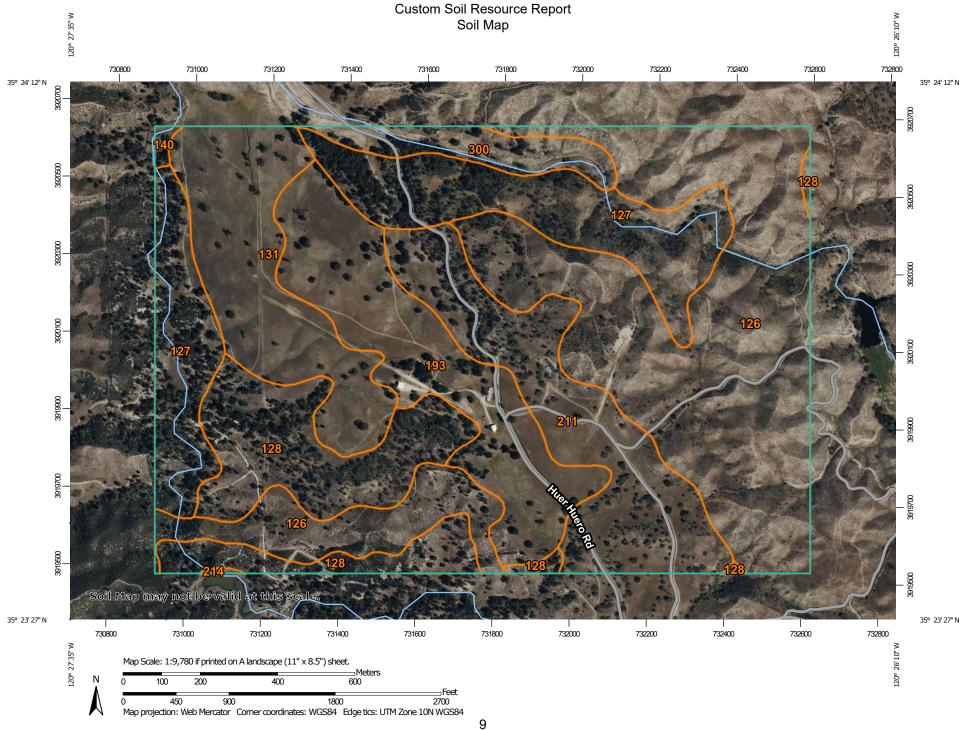
Predictions about soil behavior are based not only on soil properties but also on such variables as climate and biological activity. Soil conditions are predictable over long periods of time, but they are not predictable from year to year. For example, soil scientists can predict with a fairly high degree of accuracy that a given soil will have a high water table within certain depths in most years, but they cannot predict that a high water table will always be at a specific level in the soil on a specific date.

After soil scientists located and identified the significant natural bodies of soil in the survey area, they drew the boundaries of these bodies on aerial photographs and

identified each as a specific map unit. Aerial photographs show trees, buildings, fields, roads, and rivers, all of which help in locating boundaries accurately.

# Soil Map

The soil map section includes the soil map for the defined area of interest, a list of soil map units on the map and extent of each map unit, and cartographic symbols displayed on the map. Also presented are various metadata about data used to produce the map, and a description of each soil map unit.



#### MAP LEGEND

#### Area of Interest (AOI)

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#### Soils

Soil Map Unit Polygons

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Soil Map Unit Lines

Soil Map Unit Points

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Sandy Spot

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Very Stony Spot



Wet Spot Other



Special Line Features

#### Water Features

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Streams and Canals

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US Routes

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Major Roads

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Local Roads

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Aerial Photography

#### MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:24.000.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service

Web Soil Survey URL:

Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: San Luis Obispo County, California, Paso

Robles Area

Survey Area Data: Version 16, Sep 14, 2022

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Mar 12, 2022—Apr 12, 2022

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background

## **MAP LEGEND**

## **MAP INFORMATION**

imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

## Map Unit Legend

Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
126	Cieneba coarse sandy loam, 30 to 75 percent slopes, MLRA 15	159.3	32.8%
127	Cieneba-Andregg complex, 30 to 75 percent slopes	75.8	15.6%
128	Cieneba-Vista complex, 30 to 50 percent slopes	58.2	12.0%
131	Concepcion sandy loam, 2 to 9 percent slopes	53.5	11.0%
140	Elder loam, 0 to 5 percent slopes, flooded	1.1	0.2%
193	San Andreas-Arujo complex, 9 to 15 percent slopes	61.8	12.7%
211	Vista-Cieneba complex, 15 to 30 percent slopes	60.3	12.4%
214	WATER	0.3	0.1%
300	Corducci and Typic Xerofluvents, 0 to 5 percent slopes, occasionally flooded, MLRA 14	15.3	3.2%
Totals for Area of Interest		485.7	100.0%

## **Map Unit Descriptions**

The map units delineated on the detailed soil maps in a soil survey represent the soils or miscellaneous areas in the survey area. The map unit descriptions, along with the maps, can be used to determine the composition and properties of a unit.

A map unit delineation on a soil map represents an area dominated by one or more major kinds of soil or miscellaneous areas. A map unit is identified and named according to the taxonomic classification of the dominant soils. Within a taxonomic class there are precisely defined limits for the properties of the soils. On the landscape, however, the soils are natural phenomena, and they have the characteristic variability of all natural phenomena. Thus, the range of some observed properties may extend beyond the limits defined for a taxonomic class. Areas of soils of a single taxonomic class rarely, if ever, can be mapped without including areas of other taxonomic classes. Consequently, every map unit is made up of the soils or miscellaneous areas for which it is named and some minor components that belong to taxonomic classes other than those of the major soils.

Most minor soils have properties similar to those of the dominant soil or soils in the map unit, and thus they do not affect use and management. These are called noncontrasting, or similar, components. They may or may not be mentioned in a particular map unit description. Other minor components, however, have properties and behavioral characteristics divergent enough to affect use or to require different

management. These are called contrasting, or dissimilar, components. They generally are in small areas and could not be mapped separately because of the scale used. Some small areas of strongly contrasting soils or miscellaneous areas are identified by a special symbol on the maps. If included in the database for a given area, the contrasting minor components are identified in the map unit descriptions along with some characteristics of each. A few areas of minor components may not have been observed, and consequently they are not mentioned in the descriptions, especially where the pattern was so complex that it was impractical to make enough observations to identify all the soils and miscellaneous areas on the landscape.

The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The objective of mapping is not to delineate pure taxonomic classes but rather to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. The delineation of such segments on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, however, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas

An identifying symbol precedes the map unit name in the map unit descriptions. Each description includes general facts about the unit and gives important soil properties and qualities.

Soils that have profiles that are almost alike make up a *soil series*. Except for differences in texture of the surface layer, all the soils of a series have major horizons that are similar in composition, thickness, and arrangement.

Soils of one series can differ in texture of the surface layer, slope, stoniness, salinity, degree of erosion, and other characteristics that affect their use. On the basis of such differences, a soil series is divided into *soil phases*. Most of the areas shown on the detailed soil maps are phases of soil series. The name of a soil phase commonly indicates a feature that affects use or management. For example, Alpha silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is a phase of the Alpha series.

Some map units are made up of two or more major soils or miscellaneous areas. These map units are complexes, associations, or undifferentiated groups.

A *complex* consists of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas in such an intricate pattern or in such small areas that they cannot be shown separately on the maps. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar in all areas. Alpha-Beta complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes, is an example.

An *association* is made up of two or more geographically associated soils or miscellaneous areas that are shown as one unit on the maps. Because of present or anticipated uses of the map units in the survey area, it was not considered practical or necessary to map the soils or miscellaneous areas separately. The pattern and relative proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar. Alpha-Beta association, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

An *undifferentiated group* is made up of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas that could be mapped individually but are mapped as one unit because similar interpretations can be made for use and management. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas in a mapped area are not uniform. An area can be made up of only one of the major soils or miscellaneous areas, or it can be made up of all of them. Alpha and Beta soils, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

Some surveys include *miscellaneous areas*. Such areas have little or no soil material and support little or no vegetation. Rock outcrop is an example.

## San Luis Obispo County, California, Paso Robles Area

## 126—Cieneba coarse sandy loam, 30 to 75 percent slopes, MLRA 15

#### **Map Unit Setting**

National map unit symbol: 2tb7l Elevation: 780 to 2,510 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 12 to 30 inches Mean annual air temperature: 57 to 61 degrees F

Frost-free period: 280 to 335 days

Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

#### **Map Unit Composition**

Cieneba and similar soils: 75 percent Minor components: 25 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

## **Description of Cieneba**

## Setting

Landform: Mountain slopes, hillslopes Down-slope shape: Linear, convex Across-slope shape: Linear, convex

Parent material: Residuum weathered from granitic rock

#### **Typical profile**

A1 - 0 to 3 inches: coarse sandy loam
A2 - 3 to 10 inches: coarse sandy loam

Cr - 10 to 20 inches: bedrock

## Properties and qualities

Slope: 30 to 75 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: 6 to 20 inches to paralithic bedrock

Drainage class: Somewhat excessively drained

Runoff class: Very high

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to high

(1.28 to 4.25 in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Very low (about 1.0 inches)

## Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified

Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 7e

Hydrologic Soil Group: D

Ecological site: R015XE080CA - Shallow coarse loamy 10-16

Hydric soil rating: No

## **Minor Components**

#### **Badland**

Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Hydric soil rating: No

#### Gaviota

Percent of map unit: 5 percent Hydric soil rating: No

#### **Rock outcrop**

Percent of map unit: 5 percent Hydric soil rating: No

#### Andregg

Percent of map unit: 5 percent Hydric soil rating: No

#### **Arnold**

Percent of map unit: 3 percent Hydric soil rating: No

#### Unnamed

Percent of map unit: 2 percent Hydric soil rating: No

## 127—Cieneba-Andregg complex, 30 to 75 percent slopes

#### Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: hbsc Elevation: 1,000 to 2,500 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 12 to 20 inches Mean annual air temperature: 61 degrees F

Frost-free period: 200 days

Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

## **Map Unit Composition**

Cieneba and similar soils: 35 percent Andregg and similar soils: 25 percent Minor components: 35 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

#### **Description of Cieneba**

## Setting

Landform: Mountains

Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Mountainflank

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Convex

Parent material: Residuum weathered from granitic rock

#### Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 15 inches: coarse sandy loam H2 - 15 to 19 inches: weathered bedrock

## **Properties and qualities**

Slope: 30 to 75 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: 12 to 20 inches to paralithic bedrock

Drainage class: Somewhat excessively drained

Runoff class: Very high

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (1.98 to 5.95

in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm) Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Very low (about 1.8 inches)

#### Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 7e Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 7e

Hydrologic Soil Group: D

Ecological site: R015XE080CA - Shallow coarse loamy 10-16

Hydric soil rating: No

#### **Description of Andregg**

## Setting

Landform: Mountains

Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Mountainflank

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Convex

Parent material: Residuum weathered from granitic rock

## Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 9 inches: coarse sandy loam H2 - 9 to 23 inches: coarse sandy loam H3 - 23 to 27 inches: weathered bedrock

#### **Properties and qualities**

Slope: 30 to 75 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: 20 to 40 inches to paralithic bedrock

Drainage class: Well drained Runoff class: Medium

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (1.98 to 5.95

in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm) Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Very low (about 2.7 inches)

## Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 7e Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 7e

Hydrologic Soil Group: B

Ecological site: R015XE102CA - COARSE LOAMY NORTH

Hydric soil rating: No

#### **Minor Components**

#### Vista, coarse sandy loam

Percent of map unit: 15 percent

Hydric soil rating: No

Sesame, sandy loam

Percent of map unit: 10 percent

Hydric soil rating: No

Shimmon, loam

Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Hydric soil rating: No

Metz, loamy sand

Percent of map unit: 2 percent

Hydric soil rating: No

Hanford, gravelly sandy loam

Percent of map unit: 2 percent

Hydric soil rating: No

Tujunga, fine sand

Percent of map unit: 1 percent

Hydric soil rating: No

## 128—Cieneba-Vista complex, 30 to 50 percent slopes

#### Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: hbsd Elevation: 1.000 to 2.500 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 12 to 20 inches Mean annual air temperature: 60 to 61 degrees F

Frost-free period: 200 days

Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

#### **Map Unit Composition**

Cieneba and similar soils: 35 percent Vista and similar soils: 30 percent Minor components: 25 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

## **Description of Cieneba**

#### Setting

Landform: Hills

Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope

Down-slope shape: Convex Across-slope shape: Convex

Parent material: Residuum weathered from granitic rock

#### Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 15 inches: coarse sandy loam H2 - 15 to 19 inches: weathered bedrock

#### **Properties and qualities**

Slope: 30 to 50 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: 12 to 20 inches to paralithic bedrock

Drainage class: Somewhat excessively drained

Runoff class: Very high

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (1.98 to 5.95

in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm) Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Very low (about 1.5 inches)

#### Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 6e Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6e

Hydrologic Soil Group: D

Ecological site: R015XE080CA - Shallow coarse loamy 10-16

Hydric soil rating: No

#### **Description of Vista**

## Setting

Landform: Hills

Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope

Down-slope shape: Convex Across-slope shape: Convex

Parent material: Residuum weathered from granitic rock

#### Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 14 inches: coarse sandy loam H2 - 14 to 29 inches: coarse sandy loam H3 - 29 to 33 inches: weathered bedrock

#### **Properties and qualities**

Slope: 30 to 50 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: 20 to 40 inches to paralithic bedrock

Drainage class: Well drained Runoff class: Medium

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (1.98 to 5.95

in/hr

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm) Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Very low (about 2.9 inches)

## Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 6e Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6e

Hydrologic Soil Group: B

Ecological site: R015XE009CA - COARSE LOAMY

Hydric soil rating: No

#### **Minor Components**

## Sesame, sandy loam

Percent of map unit: 15 percent

Hydric soil rating: No

## Andregg, coarse sandy loam

Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Hydric soil rating: No

## Positas, coarse sandly loam

Percent of map unit: 2 percent

Hydric soil rating: No

## Hanford, gravelly sandy loam

Percent of map unit: 2 percent

Hydric soil rating: No

## Metz, loamy sand

Percent of map unit: 1 percent

Hydric soil rating: No

## 131—Concepcion sandy loam, 2 to 9 percent slopes

## **Map Unit Setting**

National map unit symbol: hbsh Elevation: 600 to 1,500 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 12 to 20 inches Mean annual air temperature: 61 degrees F

Frost-free period: 200 days

Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

#### Map Unit Composition

Concepcion and similar soils: 85 percent

Minor components: 15 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

## **Description of Concepcion**

## Setting

Landform: Terraces

Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear

Parent material: Alluvium derived from mixed rocks

#### Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 22 inches: sandy loam H2 - 22 to 36 inches: clay

H3 - 36 to 51 inches: sandy clay loam H4 - 51 to 64 inches: sandy loam

#### **Properties and qualities**

Slope: 2 to 9 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: 22 inches to abrupt textural change

Drainage class: Moderately well drained

Runoff class: High

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Very low to moderately

low (0.00 to 0.06 in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm) Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Very low (about 2.9 inches)

## Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 3e Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 4e

Hydrologic Soil Group: D

Ecological site: R014XE005CA - COARSE LOAMY CLAYPAN

Hydric soil rating: No

## **Minor Components**

#### Botella, sandy loam

Percent of map unit: 10 percent

Hydric soil rating: No

## Arnold, loamy sand

Percent of map unit: 2 percent

Hydric soil rating: No

#### Linne, shaly clay loam

Percent of map unit: 1 percent

Hydric soil rating: No

#### San andreas, sandy loam

Percent of map unit: 1 percent

Hydric soil rating: No

#### Elder, loam

Percent of map unit: 1 percent

Hydric soil rating: No

## 140—Elder loam, 0 to 5 percent slopes, flooded

#### Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: hbss Elevation: 600 to 1,500 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 12 to 20 inches Mean annual air temperature: 60 degrees F

Frost-free period: 200 days

Farmland classification: Prime farmland if irrigated and drained

## Map Unit Composition

Elder and similar soils: 60 percent Minor components: 40 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

#### **Description of Elder**

## Setting

Landform: Flood plains

Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear

Parent material: Alluvium derived from mixed rock sources

## Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 12 inches: loam H2 - 12 to 60 inches: sandy loam

## Properties and qualities

Slope: 0 to 5 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches

Drainage class: Well drained

Runoff class: Low

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high to high

(0.57 to 1.98 in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches Frequency of flooding: OccasionalNone

Frequency of ponding: None

Calcium carbonate, maximum content: 5 percent

Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm) Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Moderate (about 8.3 inches)

#### Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 2w Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 4w

Hydrologic Soil Group: B

Ecological site: R014XE031CA - LOAMY BOTTOM

Hydric soil rating: No

#### **Minor Components**

#### Metz, loamy sand

Percent of map unit: 15 percent

Hydric soil rating: No

## Unnamed, similar to elder, overwash

Percent of map unit: 10 percent

Hydric soil rating: No

## Still, clay loam

Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Hydric soil rating: No

#### Pico, fine sandy loam

Percent of map unit: 5 percent Hydric soil rating: No

## Hanford, fine sandy loam

Percent of map unit: 2 percent Hydric soil rating: No

#### San emigdio, fine sandy loam

Percent of map unit: 1 percent Hydric soil rating: No

#### Tujunga, fine sand

Percent of map unit: 1 percent Hydric soil rating: No

## Mocho, clay loam

Percent of map unit: 1 percent Hydric soil rating: No

## 193—San Andreas-Arujo complex, 9 to 15 percent slopes

#### Map Unit Setting

National map unit symbol: hbvh Elevation: 1,000 to 2,500 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 12 to 20 inches Mean annual air temperature: 60 to 61 degrees F

Frost-free period: 200 days

Farmland classification: Farmland of statewide importance

## **Map Unit Composition**

San andreas and similar soils: 30 percent

Arujo and similar soils: 25 percent Minor components: 42 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

#### **Description of San Andreas**

## Setting

Landform: Hills

Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope

Down-slope shape: Convex Across-slope shape: Convex

Parent material: Residuum weathered from sandstone

#### Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 29 inches: sandy loam

H2 - 29 to 33 inches: weathered bedrock

## **Properties and qualities**

Slope: 9 to 15 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: 20 to 40 inches to paralithic bedrock

Drainage class: Well drained

Runoff class: High

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (1.98 to 5.95

in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)

Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Low (about 4.1 inches)

#### Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 3e Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 4e

Hydrologic Soil Group: B

Ecological site: R015XY008CA - Hills <20"ppt

Hydric soil rating: No

## **Description of Arujo**

#### Setting

Landform: Hills

Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope

Down-slope shape: Convex Across-slope shape: Convex

Parent material: Residuum weathered from sandstone

## **Typical profile**

H1 - 0 to 10 inches: sandy loam
H2 - 10 to 31 inches: sandy clay loam
H3 - 31 to 47 inches: sandy loam
H4 - 47 to 51 inches: weathered bedrock

#### **Properties and qualities**

Slope: 9 to 15 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: 40 to 60 inches to paralithic bedrock

Drainage class: Well drained

Runoff class: High

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately high (0.20

to 0.57 in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)

Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Moderate (about 7.2 inches)

#### Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 3e Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 4e

Hydrologic Soil Group: C

Ecological site: R015XE009CA - COARSE LOAMY

Hydric soil rating: No

#### **Minor Components**

#### Shimmon, loam

Percent of map unit: 10 percent Hydric soil rating: No

#### **Urban land**

Percent of map unit: 10 percent Hydric soil rating: No

## Concepcion, sandy loam

Percent of map unit: 10 percent Hydric soil rating: No

### Unnamed, similar to san andreas soil

Percent of map unit: 5 percent Hydric soil rating: No

## Santa lucia, shaly clay loam

Percent of map unit: 1 percent Hydric soil rating: No

## Lopez, very shaly clay loam

Percent of map unit: 1 percent Hydric soil rating: No

#### Unnamed, slopes of 15 to 30 percent

Percent of map unit: 1 percent Hydric soil rating: No

## Elder, loam

Percent of map unit: 1 percent Hydric soil rating: No

#### Botella, sandy loam

Percent of map unit: 1 percent Hydric soil rating: No

#### Oceano, loamy sand

Percent of map unit: 1 percent Hydric soil rating: No

#### Arnold, loamy sand

Percent of map unit: 1 percent Hydric soil rating: No

## 211—Vista-Cieneba complex, 15 to 30 percent slopes

## **Map Unit Setting**

National map unit symbol: hbw2 Elevation: 1,000 to 2,500 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 12 to 20 inches

Mean annual air temperature: 60 to 61 degrees F

Frost-free period: 200 days

Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

### **Map Unit Composition**

Vista and similar soils: 40 percent Cieneba and similar soils: 30 percent Minor components: 25 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

#### **Description of Vista**

#### Setting

Landform: Hills

Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope

Down-slope shape: Convex Across-slope shape: Convex

Parent material: Residuum weathered from granitic rock

## Typical profile

H1 - 0 to 14 inches: coarse sandy loam H2 - 14 to 29 inches: coarse sandy loam H3 - 29 to 33 inches: weathered bedrock

#### **Properties and qualities**

Slope: 15 to 30 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: 20 to 40 inches to paralithic bedrock

Drainage class: Well drained

Runoff class: High

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (1.98 to 5.95

in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)

Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Low (about 3.1 inches)

#### Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 4e Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 4e

Hydrologic Soil Group: B

Ecological site: R015XE009CA - COARSE LOAMY

Hydric soil rating: No

#### **Description of Cieneba**

#### Setting

Landform: Hills

Landform position (two-dimensional): Backslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope

Down-slope shape: Convex Across-slope shape: Convex

Parent material: Residuum weathered from granitic rock

## **Typical profile**

H1 - 0 to 15 inches: coarse sandy loam

H2 - 15 to 19 inches: weathered bedrock

#### **Properties and qualities**

Slope: 15 to 30 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: 4 to 20 inches to paralithic bedrock

Drainage class: Somewhat excessively drained

Runoff class: Very high

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (1.98 to 5.95

in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches

Frequency of flooding: None Frequency of ponding: None

Maximum salinity: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm) Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Very low (about 1.8 inches)

#### Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): 6e Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6e

Hydrologic Soil Group: D

Ecological site: R015XE080CA - Shallow coarse loamy 10-16

Hydric soil rating: No

## **Minor Components**

#### Sesame, sandy loam

Percent of map unit: 15 percent

Hydric soil rating: No

## Andregg, coarse sandy loam

Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Hydric soil rating: No

### Hanford, gravelly sandy loam

Percent of map unit: 2 percent

Hydric soil rating: No

## Positas, coarse sandly loam

Percent of map unit: 2 percent

Hydric soil rating: No

## Metz, loamy sand

Percent of map unit: 1 percent

Hydric soil rating: No

## **214—WATER**

## **Map Unit Composition**

Water: 100 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

# 300—Corducci and Typic Xerofluvents, 0 to 5 percent slopes, occasionally flooded, MLRA 14

### **Map Unit Setting**

National map unit symbol: 2xm5w

Elevation: 70 to 2,480 feet

Mean annual precipitation: 9 to 24 inches

Mean annual air temperature: 58 to 61 degrees F

Frost-free period: 219 to 346 days

Farmland classification: Not prime farmland

#### **Map Unit Composition**

Corducci and similar soils: 50 percent

Typic xerofluvents and similar soils: 30 percent

Minor components: 20 percent

Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.

## **Description of Corducci**

#### Setting

Landform: Stream terraces, alluvial fans, flood plains Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread, talf

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear

Parent material: Mixed alluvium derived from igneous and sedimentary rock

## **Typical profile**

A - 0 to 5 inches: fine sand C1 - 5 to 35 inches: fine sand C2 - 35 to 45 inches: sand

C3 - 45 to 59 inches: coarse sand

## **Properties and qualities**

Slope: 0 to 5 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches Drainage class: Somewhat excessively drained

Runoff class: Very low

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High to very high (5.99

to 19.99 in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches Frequency of flooding: OccasionalNone

Frequency of ponding: None

Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Low (about 3.2 inches)

## Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified

Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6e

Hydrologic Soil Group: A

Ecological site: R014XG913CA - Dry Sandy Terrace

Hydric soil rating: No

#### **Description of Typic Xerofluvents**

## Setting

Landform: Stream terraces, flood plains

Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread, talf

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear

Parent material: Mixed alluvium derived from igneous and sedimentary rock

#### **Typical profile**

A - 0 to 4 inches: sand C1 - 4 to 31 inches: sand

C2 - 31 to 35 inches: fine sandy loam

C3 - 35 to 59 inches: sand

#### **Properties and qualities**

Slope: 0 to 5 percent

Depth to restrictive feature: More than 80 inches Drainage class: Somewhat excessively drained

Runoff class: Very low

Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): High (2.00 to 5.99

in/hr)

Depth to water table: More than 80 inches Frequency of flooding: OccasionalNone

Frequency of ponding: None

Available water supply, 0 to 60 inches: Low (about 3.9 inches)

## Interpretive groups

Land capability classification (irrigated): None specified

Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 6e

Hydrologic Soil Group: A

Ecological site: R014XG914CA - Sandy Terrace

Hydric soil rating: No

#### **Minor Components**

#### Xerofluvents, frequently flooded

Percent of map unit: 5 percent Landform: Drainageways

Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Talf Microfeatures of landform position: Channels

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Concave

Hydric soil rating: Yes

## Metz, very rarely flooded

Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Landform: Stream terraces, flood plains

Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread, talf

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Hydric soil rating: No

## Tujunga, very rarely flooded

Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Landform: Stream terraces, flood plains

Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Tread, talf

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Linear Hydric soil rating: No

## Xeropsamments, frequently flooded

Percent of map unit: 5 percent

Landform: Drainageways

Landform position (two-dimensional): Toeslope Landform position (three-dimensional): Talf Microfeatures of landform position: Channels

Down-slope shape: Linear Across-slope shape: Concave

Hydric soil rating: Yes

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