

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY RELEVÉ FIELD FORM

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See code list for italicized fields

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY		
Polygon # _____ or Relevé # _____	Permanent Number: _____	
Date _____ / _____ / _____ MM DD YYYY	Airphoto # _____	Community Name: _____ Community Number: _____ Occurrence Number: _____
County _____	Source Code: _____	
USGS Quad. _____	7.5' or 15' (Circle one)	Quad Code: _____ Quad Name: _____ Map Index Number: _____
CNPS Chapter _____	Update: Yes No (Circle one)	
Landowner _____		
Contact Person _____		
Address _____		
City _____	Zip _____	Phone number _____
Observers _____		
Relevé plot shape (square, rectangle, triangle, circle, entire stand) _____ NOTE: All forest and woodland plots should be 1000m ² Relevé plot size (length and width of rectangle, or circle-diameter) _____ (m.) All shrub plots should be 400m ² . Herb plots should be 100 or 400m ² Study Plot Revisit? <u>Yes</u> or <u>No</u> (Circle one) Please consult with CNPS Vegetation Ecologist on herb plots. Other polygons of same type? Yes or No Is plot representative of whole polygon? <u>Yes</u> or <u>No</u> (Circle one) If not, why not? _____ Photo Interpreter Community Code for Polygon _____		
GPS File # _____ GPS name (or points in file) _____ Start Time ____:____ (am or pm) GPS Datum (from GPS setup) (e.g. WGS 84, NAD 27) File type: Point or Polygon (circle one) Releve: UTMN _____ UTME _____ Error ± _____ ft/m UTM Zone _____ Transect: Start UTME _____ UTMN _____ End: UTME _____ UTMN _____		
Elevation (ft.) _____ Slope (°) _____ Aspect (°) _____ Topography: <i>Macro</i> _____ <i>Micro</i> _____		
VEGETATION DESCRIPTION		
Dominant Layer ___ 0-0.5 m, ___ 0.5-4 m, ___ 4 m Preliminary Alliance Name _____ Stand Size ___ <1 acre, ___ 1-5 acres, ___ >5 acres <i>Dominant Vegetation Group</i> _____ (use codes from code list)		
Structure: Ground _____ Shrub _____ Tree _____ Phenology: Ground _____ Shrub _____ Tree _____ (1. Continuous 2. Intermittent 3. Open) (Early, Peak, Late)		
Wetland Community Type _____ (Wetland or Upland) If Community Type = Wetland (see Artificial Keys to Cowardin Systems and Names) Cowardin System _____ Subsystem _____ Class _____ Distance to water (m): Vertical _____ Horizontal _____ Channel form (if riverine) _____ (Straight, Meandering, Braided)		
Adjacent Alliance _____	Location (e.g., North, South, East, or West of stand) _____	Description (up to 4 species by layer) _____

Photographs – <i>Note position and direction of photo(s) relative to plot</i>		

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STAND AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESCRIPTION

Trend code _____	Site Impact codes _____
1. Increasing 2. Stable 3. Decreasing	(List codes in order, with most significant first)
4. Fluctuating 5. Unknown	Site Intensity _____
	1. Light 2. Moderate 3. Heavy (List beneath each impact code)

Site Location and Plot Description

Site History – *including observations of fire scars, insect/disease damage, grazing/browsing, human disturbance*

Sensitive Species – *List species observed and GPS UTM's; Estimate size and extent of local populations*

Unknown Specimens – *List code, identification notes (e.g. Genus, condition of specimen) of unknowns*

Additional Comments – *Including animal observations, anthropological observations, abiotic features*

Surface Coarse Fragments and Soils Information (see cover class intervals-below ↓↓)

Type:	Fines	Gravel	Cobble	Stone	Boulders	Bedrock	Litter	Water	Living stems	Other (Specify):
Descriptor:	Including sand, mud	2mm-7.5 cm diameter	7.5-25 cm diam	25-60cm diam.	>60cm diam.	Including outcrops	Organic matter covering ground	Standing or running water	At ground surface	
Cover class (see below):										
% Cover*:										

*note all surface fragments, non-vegetation, living stems, etc., should add up to 100%

Soil Texture _____ *Parent Material* _____

Cover Class Intervals: 1 (<1%), 2 (1-5%), 3a (>5-15%), 3b (>15-25%), 4 (>25-50%), 5 (>50-75%), 6 (>75%)

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SPECIES SHEET (Revised 5/17/01)

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L=Low herbs and subshrubs (<0.5 m.), M=Medium height (0.5 m.-4.0 m.), T=Tall height (>4.0 m.)

L	M	T	Vascular plant name or moss/lichen cryptogamic crust cover	Final species determination or Tree dbh	Cover Class	%

Total Vegetation Cover (Class): _____ Total Tall _____ Total Medium _____ Total Low _____ Total Non-Native _____

percent cover of above: _____

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