

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY RELEVÉ FIELD FORM

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| FOR OFFICE USE ONLY | |
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| 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 _____

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| City _____ | Zip _____ | Phone number _____ |
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Observers _____

Relevé plot shape (square, rectangle, triangle, circle, entire stand) _____ **NOTE:** Forest/woodland plots should be 1000m² if upland or 400m² if riparian.
All shrub plots should be 400m². Herb plots should be 100 or 10m²*.
Relevé plot size (length and width of rectangle, or circle-diameter) _____ (m.) *Please consult with CNPS Vegetation Ecologist on herb plots.
(1000m²) For circle radiuses: 5.64m (100m²), 11.28m (400m²), 17.84m
Study Plot Revisit? Yes or No (Circle one) Photo Interpreter Community Code for Polygon _____
Other polygons of same type? Yes or No Is plot representative of whole polygon? Yes or No (Circle one) If not, why not? _____

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: UTME _____ UTMN _____ Error ± _____ ft/m UTM Zone _____
Transect: Start UTME _____ UTMN _____ End: UTME _____ UTMN _____

Elevation (ft.) _____ Slope (°) _____ Aspect (°) _____ Topography: *Macro* _____ *Micro* _____

VEGETATION DESCRIPTION *See code list for italicized fields*

Dominant Layer ___ 0-0.5 m, ___ 0.5-5 m, ___ >5 m Preliminary Alliance Name _____
Stand Size ___ <1 acre, ___ 1-5 acres, ___ >5 acres Dominant Vegetation Group _____ (use codes from code list)

Phenology: Ground _____ Shrub _____ Tree _____
(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) |
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Photographs – Note which camera, photo JPEG/frame numbers, and photo direction relative to plot.

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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 – Describing where the plot is located and what the main vegetation and environmental features are

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

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

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

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

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

| Type: | Fines | Gravel | Cobble | Stone | Boulders | Bedrock | Litter | Water | Living stems |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 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 | Vascular plants at ground surface |
| Cover class (see below): | | | | | | | | | |
| % Cover*: | | | | | | | | | |

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

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

% **Bioturbation** _____ **Soil Texture** _____ (Code) **Parent Material** _____ (Code)

