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Memorandum

To: Inventory and Monitoring Division, WASO, Natural Resource Stewardship and Science Directorate

From: Tracy Valerius, Inventory and Assessment Program Lead, Inventory and Monitoring Division (IMD)

Subject: Cabrillo National Monument (CABR) Vegetation Mapping Inventory Reports

Cabrillo National Monument (CABR) vegetation mapping inventory (VMI) project began in 2007 with the aim to map all vegetation communities and associations on the Point Loma Peninsula. The project was to be completed using a combination of contractors and federal staff for each phase of the project. Plot and field reconnaissance data collection and report writing were to be completed by National Park Service (NPS) staff in conjunction with California Department of Fish and Game and the US Navy. Aerial photo-interpretation and digital mapping methods were to be completed by the contractor, Aerial Information Systems, Inc (AIS). As of the date of this memo, plot and field reconnaissance data along with some reports were completed by the federal group and mapping products including spatial dataset of the vegetation polygons have been delivered to the NPS. Due to staff turnover at the VMI program and CABR none of the products were completely finalized.

In 2024, the NPS Species Inventory Program did a comprehensive review of the currently available information and draft reports (listed below) to determine the level of effort and return on investment to finalize and publish these products. This review determined the level of effort for ensuring the data products and reports were finalized, in contemporary formats for publication in the Natural Resource Publication Series, and meeting 508 compliance requirements would be too costly to complete. These factors have led to the decision that all draft reports for this project will be delivered to the park for their records, however they will not be finalized or published to NPS Data Store.

The project deliverables (listed below) and additional products currently reside with CABR park staff. Any requests for this information can be made by submitting a National Park Service Research and Collecting Permit application via the [Research Permit and Reporting System \(RPRS\)](#).

- Cabrillo National Monument Preliminary Vegetation Stand Mapping Unit Delineation and Coding for Vegetation Census. Aerial Information System (AIS) Final Report. 2009
- Anne Klein and Todd Keeler-Wolf. Vegetation Classification of the Cabrillo National Monument and Point Loma Navy Base San Diego County, California. 2010
- Cabrillo National Monument Rapid Assessment Access Database. 2009
- Cabrillo National Monument Vegetation Map ArcGIS shapefile