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# **Statement of Qualifications**

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## **EXPERIENCE**

Channel Islands Restoration (CIR) is a licensed landscape contractor and has been restoring habitats on the coastal areas of Southern California since 2002. We specialize in eradicating non-native invasive species, propagating native plants, planting native plants, installing, and maintaining irrigation systems, preparing habitat restoration plans and conducting botanical and wildlife surveys. CIR has a Department of Pesticide Regulation Business License, and several CIR staff retain a Qualified Applicator License or Qualified Applicator Certificates. CIR personnel have expertise in the identification of native and non-native plants and threatened and endangered species. We have worked on more than one hundred habitat restoration projects in Santa Barbara, Ventura, and Los Angeles Counties; and our clients include four federal agencies, six state agencies, nine local or tribal agencies and many private entities. We are currently treating Arundo in the Santa Clara River on a 250-acre property owned by The Nature Conservancy and have worked on many Arundo eradication projects in the Santa Clara River and other riparian systems in Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties over the past 20 years. We are recognized by our colleagues, clients, and agencies for our thorough work, our professionalism, integrity, our ability to identify native plants and animals, our ecosystem knowledge, and commitment to protection of native plants and animals.

# Santa Barbara County Mainland Projects

Andree Clark Bird Refuge/Santa Barbara Zoo invasive weed eradication and re-vegetation

Arroyo Burro Creek Arundo eradication

**Arroyo Hondo Preserve** invasive weed eradication

Arroyo Hondo Preserve construction monitoring to protect Steelhead and CA Red-Legged Frog

**Atascadero Creek** Invasive weed eradication and re-vegetation

**Bixby Ranch Botanical Assessment** 

Burton Mesa Ecological Reserve El Segundo blue butterfly habitat restoration

Burton Mesa Ecological Reserve Land Management Plan

Burton Mesa Ecological Reserve Wildlife and Botanical Surveys and Vegetation Sampling

**Burton Mesa Ecological Reserve** Botanical Surveys for Rare Plants

Carpinteria Creek Arundo removal

Carpinteria Salt Marsh Survey for Salt Marsh Bird's-Beak (endangered)

Carpinteria Salt Marsh Removal of European sea lavender

Carpinteria State Beach iceplant removal and native species re-vegetation

Elings Park Pampas grass eradication

Elings Park oak woodland restoration and invasive weed eradication

Ellwood Mesa Monarch Butterfly Habitat Management Plan Update, City of Goleta

Gaviota Coast Artichoke thistle eradication

**Gaviota Creek Estuary Restoration Potential** 

Gaviota Tarplant Surveys and Morphological Analysis of Gaviota Tarplant and Common Tarplant

Hollister Ranch Botanical Survey

Lake Los Carneros restoration and re-vegetation

Lookout Park Arundo removal and native species re-vegetation

Mission Canyon Arundo eradication

Montecito Arundo eradication

More Mesa Pampas grass and knapweed eradication

More Mesa Steps invasive weed control/re-vegetation

Parma Park invasive weed eradication

Point Sal Reserve Management Plan

Rancho Dos Vistas Biological Assessment

Refugio Creek Arundo removal/native species re-vegetation

Refugio State Beach invasive weed removal/native species re-vegetation

Rice Ranch (Orcutt) invasive plant removal

Rincon Creek Arundo eradication

San Marcos Foothills artichoke thistle/silver nightshade eradication

San Marcos Foothills Atascadero Creek restoration project

San Marcos Foothills Cieneguitas Creek restoration project

**San Roque Creek** Arundo eradication

Sanja de Cota Creek on Chumash Indians Reservation Restoration Plan and Eradication of Invasives

Santa Barbara Botanic Garden invasive plant control

Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians Sanja de Cota Creek Habitat Restoration Plan and Implementation

Santa Ynez River Arundo eradication

Santa Ynez Valley Puna grass eradication

Sisquoc River Watershed Tamarisk eradication

Vandenberg Air Force Base 10-Year Fire Management Plan

Vandenberg Air Force Base Biological Assessment of 10-Year Fire Management Plan

**Vandenberg Air Force Base** Botanical Surveys and Vegetation

Vandenberg Air Force Base Invasive Species Eradication

Vandenberg Air Force Base Botanical and Wildlife Surveys and Biological Assessment

Vandenberg Air Force Base Assessment of Impacts to El Segundo Blue Butterfly Habitat

# **Ventura County Mainland Projects**

Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency eradication of invasive weeds

Cuyama Valley Survey and weed treatment

Hidden Valley Coastal Sage Scrub restoration

Ormond Beach dune restoration

**Oxnard McGrath** dune and wetland restoration, including weeding around *Astragalus pycnostachyus* var. *lanosissimus* (endangered)

Point Mugu Naval Air Station wetland restoration

**Point Mugu** seed collection, plant propagation, plant/irrigation installation, invasive control

Santa Clara River Arundo eradication, Camp property, Taylor property, Hanson property

Santa Clara River Arundo eradication and revegetation, City of Santa Paula

Santa Clara River Invasive Plant Eradication, Hedrick Ranch Nature Area

Santa Clara River Arundo eradication, Fillmore Fish Hatchery

Santa Clara River Arundo eradication, The Nature Conservancy

Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area Saddle Peak Spanish Broom eradication

**Thousand Oaks** salvage and revegetation of *Astragalus brauntonii* (endangered)

# **Channel Islands Projects**

#### San Nicolas Island

Nursery construction, seed collection, plant propagation of more than 50,000 native plants, plant installation and irrigation, habitat restoration of dune vegetation, native grasslands, coastal sage scrub, cactus scrub, maintenance of restoration projects, erosion control and control of invasive weeds including Sahara mustard, carnation spurge and iceplant.

#### San Clemente Island

Control of invasive species including iceplant and fennel

#### Anacapa Island

Control of invasive weeds including iceplant, seed collection, establishment of island nursery, propagating and planting native species, and conducting educational programs

#### Santa Cruz Island

Control of invasive species, seed collection, planting of native species, trail construction

#### Santa Rosa Island

Control of invasive weeds, seed collection, planting native species, installation of erosion

control measures, rare plant surveys, building and removal of fences and enclosure

# San Miguel Island

Control of invasive species

# **Restored Habitats**

#### Oak Woodland

Arroyo Hondo Removal of Invasives in Oak Woodland

San Marcos Foothills Preserve Restoration of Oak Understory

Santa Cruz Island Removal of Invasives (Eucalyptus, Vinca, Kukuyu Grass) in Oak Woodland

#### **Native Grassland**

**San Marcos Foothills Preserve** Native Grassland Restoration Plan and Implementation **Artichoke Thistle on the Gaviota Coast** 

Sierra Madre Potreros Native Grassland Botanical and Wildlife Surveys

#### Coastal Sage Scrub

San Marcos Foothills Preserve Planting Coastal Sage Scrub species Santa Cruz Island Removal of Invasives around Endangered Species Burton Mesa Ecological Reserve Planting Coastal Scrub Species

#### Ocean Bluff Habitat

**Summerland Lookout Park** Removal of *Arundo donax* and planting coastal bluff scrub **UCSB Ocean Bluffs** Removal of Pampas Grass

Santa Cruz Island Pelican Bay Restoration of coastal bluff scrub removing invasives around a listed species

#### Riparian

Carpinteria Creek Arundo removal

Refugio Creek Arundo removal

Santa Clara River Arundo removal

Santa Ynez River Tamarisk eradication

Sanja de Cota Creek Removal of Vinca, Himalayan Blackberry, German Ivy and others

Santa Cruz Island Removal of invasive species in multiple creeks

Sisquoc River Tamarisk eradication

#### **Ice Plant Eradication**

Anacapa Island (40+ acres)

Carpinteria State Beach (2 acres)

Carpinteria Salt Marsh (.25 acre)

San Clemente Island (80+ acres)

Santa Cruz Island (5 acres)

## **Roadside Revegetation**

**Burton Mesa Ecological Reserve** .25 mile road to coastal scrub **San Nicolas Island** 2.5 miles along roadsides to coastal scrub

#### Wetlands

Carpinteria Salt Marsh Point Mugu Navy Base

#### **Sand Dunes**

Coal Oil Point Reserve San Nicolas Island

# **Native Plant Propagation**

# Seed and Cutting Collections and Seed Storage

Anacapa Island San Nicolas Island Navy Base Point Mugu Navy Base Ventura County Native Seed Harvest

## **Native Plant Propagation**

Anacapa Island Burton Mesa Carpinteria Salt Marsh Point Mugu San Nicolas Island Thousand Oaks

## **Nursery Construction**

Anacapa Island Camarillo San Nicolas Island

# Work with Threatened and Endangered Species

*Acmispon argophyllus* var. *niveus* (Santa Cruz Island bird's-foot trefoil): Performed extensive invasive plant removal in close proximity to Acmispon on Santa Cruz Island.

*Acmispon dendroideus* var. *traskiae* (San Clemente island lotus): hand removed ice plant growing with the Acmispon on San Clemente Island.

**Boechera hoffmannii (Hoffman's rockcress):** treated (with herbicide) *Lepidium draba* (hoary cress) growing in close proximity to *Boechera* on Santa Cruz Island.

*Astragalus brauntonii* (Braunton's milk vetch): seed collection, propagation, and planting in Thousand Oaks.

Astragalus pycnostachyus var. lanosissimus (Ventura Marsh Milk-Vetch): treated invasive plants growing in close proximity to the *Astragalus* at the North Shore project in Oxnard and at Coal Oil Point Reserve.

*Chloropyron maritimum* subsp. *maritimum* (Salt Marsh Bird's-Beak): surveyed the entire 230-acre Carpinteria Salt Marsh for this species.

*Dithyrea maritima* (beach spectaclepod): grew and planted *Dithyrea*, plus removed ice plant growing with *Dithyrea* on San Nicolas Island.

*Galium buxifolium* (Sea-cliff bedstraw): treated (with herbicide) *Vinca major* that was growing with *Galium* on cliff habitat on Santa Cruz Island. This was part of a study with U.S.G.S. to assess the viability and effectiveness or removing an invasive plant growing with an endangered plant.

*Thysanocarpus conchuliferus* (Santa Cruz Island Lace pod): treated (with herbicide) *Verbascum thapsus* (common mullein) growing in close proximity to *Thysanocarpus* on Santa Cruz Island.

*Rana draytonii* (California red-legged frog): surveys in the Sisquoc River, monitoring and rescues in Arroyo Hondo

*Anaxyrus californicus* (Arroyo toad): surveys in the Sisquoc River

*Thamnophis hammondii* (Two-striped garter snake): surveys in the Sisquoc River, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Ojai and other locations

*Anniella pulchra* and *stebbinsi* (Legless lizard): surveys in the Oceano Dunes, Burton Mesa, and other locations

*Phrynosoma blainvillii* (Blainville's Horned Lizard): Cuyama Valley, Burton Mesa, and other locations

**Peregrine falcon:** Nest monitoring through an entire breeding season at the Los Angeles Harbor.

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