Developing Native Plant Materials for Southern California Ecoregions

2010 Accomplishments

This project was initiated to develop a list of species of primary importance for native plant seeding and revegetation projects in southern California and to develop plant profile tables with information on each species. A facilitated workshop in 2008 brought together professionals from diverse backgrounds to prepare the initial list of plants for profile development. The project was highlighted in the professional society newsletters *Ecesis* in 2009 and *Forestry Notes* in 2010.

We have collated information on over 30 species and drafted detailed plant profiles for posting on the Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District's newly designed web site (http://www.RCRCD.com). The list of species is on the website under "Native Plants" and "Plant Materials" (Figure 1) and many profiles will be uploaded to the site. A link will be made available from the USFS "Celebrating Wildflowers" web page for the Pacific Southwest Region. The profiles contain information to help users determine collection protocols, seed deployment strategies, to assist native plant material developers produce genetically appropriate seeds (e.g., Figure 2).

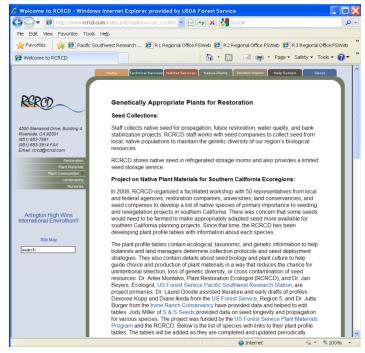


Figure 1. A Southern California native plant list is available now.



Figure 2. Disturbances along road and powerline corridors above sensitive habitat create a continuous need for seeds.

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