

# Species of the Month

## California Orcutt Grass

### *Orcuttia Californica*



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# California Orcutt Grass

- Annual grass native to California and Baja California
- State and federally endangered species
- Occurs in wetlands and vernal pools
- Threats to this species include habitat loss and degradation



# Monitoring and Management

- Include in the MSHCP Conservation Area at least 6,680 acres of suitable habitat
- Include within the MSHCP Conservation Area at least three of the known locations of California Orcutt grass at the Santa Rosa Plateau, at Skunk Hollow and in the upper Salt Creek drainage west of Hemet.
- Include within the MSHCP Conservation Area the watershed of the vernal pool complex on the Santa Rosa Plateau and the vernal pool occurrences at Skunk Hollow and Upper Salt Creek in order to maintain hydrologic conditions
- Monitoring objectives have not been met for this species due to the upper Salt Creek drainage not being in conservation





# Thank You



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