Here is a partial list of plants observed in a preliminary overview of the area west of Hwy.1 and 8th Street in Montara, California.

The arroyo willow was observed in thickets, which indicate a wetland or riparian corridor. The Pacific reed grass (a perennial native grass) is quite abundant at the bottom of the cliff and on the cliff faces. It is suggested that the native plants indicated and others that are found after a thorough survey is done be used to restore any areas disturbed.

A State, County or Caltrans biologist should do a thorough walk through of the area to make this list more complete.

Native Plants:

Armeria maritima ssp. californica - sea-pink

Baccharis pilularis - coyote brush

Calamagrostis nutkaensis - Pacific reed grass

Carex species - sedge

Distichlis spicata - salt grass

Erigeron glaucus - seaside daisy

Eriogonum latifolium - seaside wild buckwheat

Fragaria chiloensis - beach strawberry

Grindelia stricta var. platyphylla - coastal gumplant

Hesperocyparis macrocarpa - Monterey cypress (native to Monterey County, but not native to San Mateo County where it has been planted and has become naturalized) Juncus species - rush

Lupinus variicolor - Lindley's varied lupine

Plantago maritima - seaside plantain

Salix lasiolepis - arroyo willow

Non-Native Plants*

Carpobrotus chilensis* - ice plant/sea fig*

Carpobrotus edulis* - freeway ice plant*

Cortaderia jubata* - jubata grass*

Malva arborea* - Lavatera arborea - tree-mallow *

Pittosporum species* - pittosporum*

Scabiosa atropurpurea* - - - pincushion flower*

Plant names as in The Jepson Manual: Higher Plants of California, 2012

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