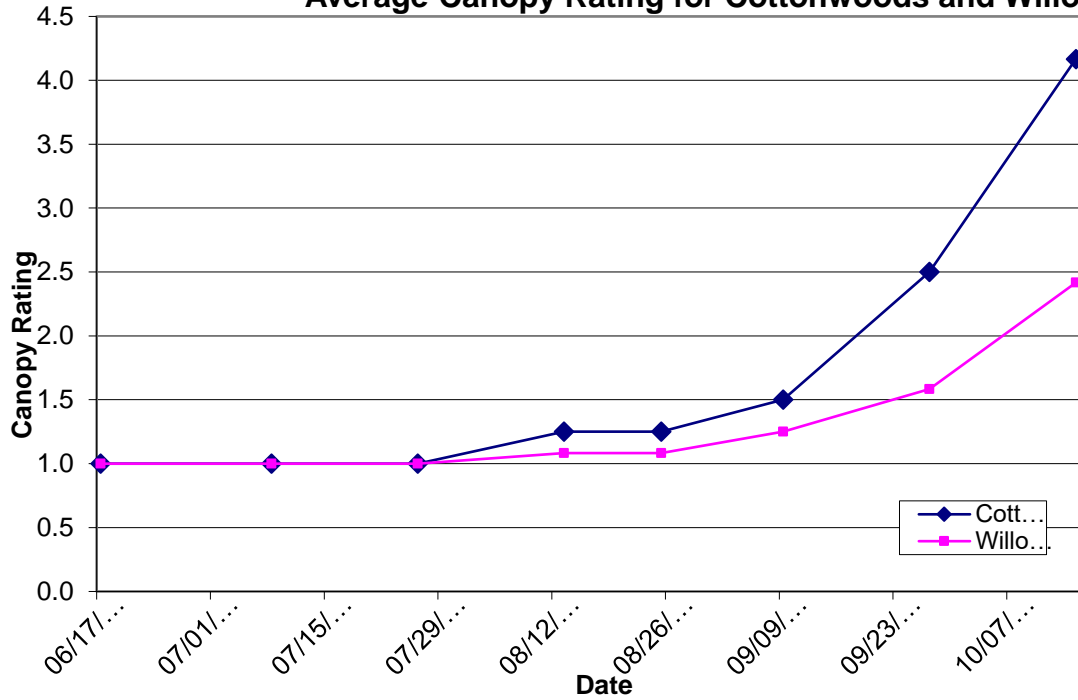


EXHIBIT 24-A

**Carmel River Riparian Vegetation:
Average Canopy Rating for Cottonwoods and Willows**



Canopy Rating Scale	Stress Level
1= Green, obviously vigorous	none, no irrigation required
2= Some visible yellowing	low, occasional irrigation required
3= Leaves mostly yellowing	moderate, regular irrigation required
4= < 10% Defoliated	moderate, regular irrigation required
5= Defoliated 10% to 30%	moderate, regular irrigation required
6= Defoliated 30% to 50%	moderate to high, additional measures required
7= Defoliated 50% to 70%	high stress, risk of mortality or canopy dieback
8= Defoliated 70% to 90%	high stress, risk of mortality or canopy dieback
9= > 90% Defoliated	high stress, risk of mortality or canopy dieback
10= Dead	consider replanting