

April 20, 2020 (2018-047.019)

Mr. David Lin CA Department of Fish and Wildlife 4665 Lampson Avenue, Suite C Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Subject: 2020 Protected Species Preconstruction Surveys for the Devil's Gate Reservoir Restoration Project, in the City of Pasadena, California

Dear Mr. Lin,

This letter report has been prepared to present the results of preconstruction surveys for protected species conducted by ECORP Consulting, Inc. (ECORP) for Los Angeles County Public Works' (LACPW) Devil's Gate Reservoir Restoration Project in the City of Pasadena, Los Angeles County, California. The preconstruction surveys for protected species were conducted to comply with Condition 2.10 in the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Streambed Alteration Agreement (SAA) 1600-2015-0263-R5 that was issued for the Devil's Gate Sediment Removal and Management Project (Project) on March 21, 2017.

According to the SAA, protected species are defined as "a species fully protected under state law; a species listed under the California Endangered Species Act (Fish and Game Code § 2050 et seq.) and/or Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. § 1531 et seq.); a species identified by CDFW as a species of special concern; or any other species for which take is prohibited under state or federal law". The protected species in the SAA are listed in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Protected Species in SAA

Common Name	Scientific Name	Special-Status Designation*				
Plants						
Slender-horned spineflower	Dodecahema leptoceras	Fed: END				
		CA: END				
Reptiles and Amphibians						
Two-striped garter snake	Thamnophis hammondii	Fed: none				
	·	CA: SSC				
Coast range newt	Taricha torosa torosa	Fed: none				
		CA: SSC				
Western pond turtle	Actinemys marmorata	Fed: none				
		CA: SSC				
Coast patch-nosed snake	Salvadora hexalepis	Fed: none				
		CA: SSC				
Birds						
Burrowing owl	Athene cunicularia	Fed: none				
		CA: SSC				

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Yellow warbler	Dendroica petechia	Fed: none
		CA: SSC
Southwestern willow flycatcher	Empidonax traillii extimus	Fed: END
		CA: END
Least Bell's vireo	Vireo bellii pusillus	Fed: END
		CA: END
Yellow breasted chat	Icteria virens	Fed: none
		CA: SSC
Loggerhead shrike	Lanius Iudovicianus	Fed: none
		CA: SSC
Bats		
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		CA: SSC
Western yellow bat	Lasiurus xanthinus	Fed: none
		CA: SSC
Pallid bat	Antrozous pallidus	Fed: none
		CA: SSC

<sup>\*</sup> END – endangered; SSC – Species of Special Concern

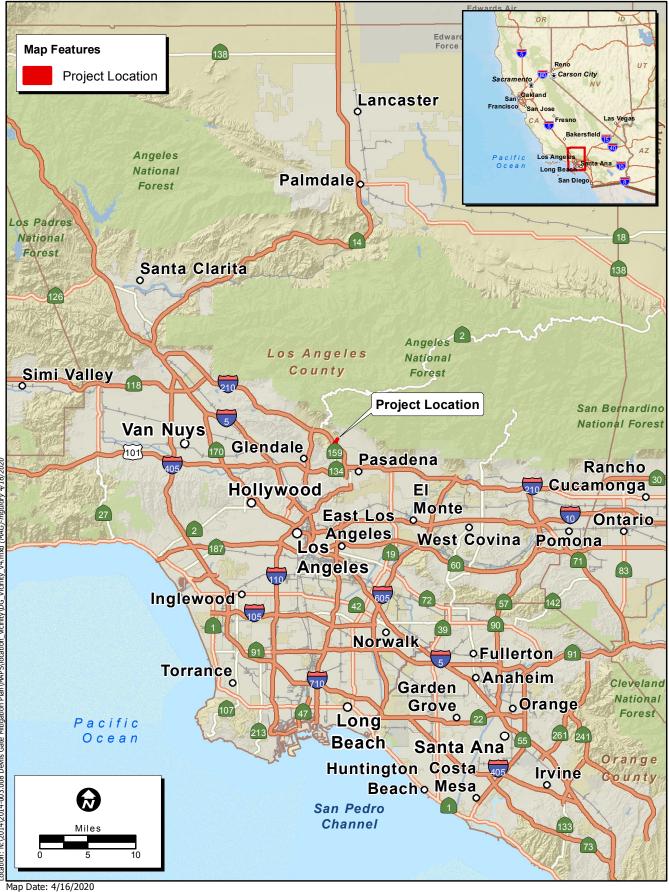
### **Site Description**

The Project is located within the City of Pasadena in the upper portion of the Arroyo Seco Watershed and within the City's Hahamongna Watershed Park. Downtown Los Angeles is approximately 14 miles to the south of the Project, the San Gabriel Mountains are located just north of the Project, and the City of La Cañada Flintridge and the unincorporated community of Altadena are located to the west and east, respectively (Figure 1. Project Vicinity, Figure 2. Project Location). The Project is located within the "Pasadena, California" 7.5-minute quadrangle.

The topography in the vicinity of the Project consists of rolling terrain with a decline into the Arroyo Seco basin. The San Gabriel Mountains are located to the north of the Project and are characterized by both the foothills and steep slopes associated with mountainous terrain. Vegetation within the initial sediment removal area of the Project site was cleared during the first year of Project activities in 2018-2019. The initial sediment removal area is now composed primarily of bare ground and emergent non-native vegetation that has regrown since the initial vegetation removal efforts and includes wild radish (*Raphanus sativus*), perennial pepperweed (*Lepidium latifolium*), and poison hemlock (*Conium maculatum*). The areas surrounding the initial sediment removal area include on-site habitat restoration areas that are composed primarily of black willow thickets (*Salix gooddingii* Woodland Alliance) and mulefat thickets (*Baccharis salicifolia* Shrubland Alliance) towards the southern end, and scalebroom scrub (*Lepidospartum squamatum* Shrubland Alliance) towards the northern end.

### **METHODS**

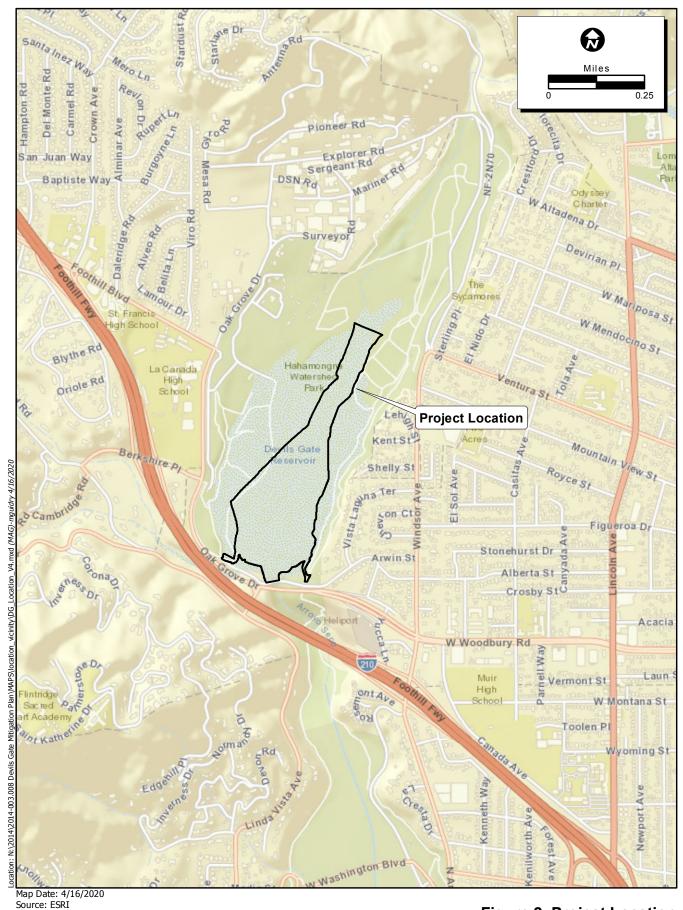
Preconstruction surveys for each protected species group were conducted following the survey techniques described in the Protected Species Survey Techniques Report submitted to CDFW on October 16, 2018 and approved by CDFW on October 18, 2018. (Attachment A).



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Figure 1. Project Vicinity





ECORP Consulting, Inc.

Figure 2. Project Location

#### **RESULTS**

The preconstruction surveys for protected species were each led by CDFW-approved Designated Biologists for each appropriate species group. The dates, survey focus, personnel, and weather conditions for each survey are presented in Table 1. Representative photographs of the project site during surveys are provided in Attachment B, and field survey datasheets are provided in Attachment C.

**Table 1. Weather Conditions during Surveys** 

Date Survey Focus		Surveyors*	Tiı	ne	Tempe		Clo Cove		Spo	ind eed ph)
			start	end	start	end	start	end	start	end
4/10/2020	Birds	СТ	0710	1340	51	64	100	100	0-1	1-2
4/10/2020	Plants	CL	0715	1400	48	59	100	100	0-3	2-4
4/13/2020	Birds	TD	0645	1300	59	61	35	100	0-1	0-1
4/13/2020	Reptiles &	AS, AD	0810	1420	54	59	100	100	0-2	0-2
	Amphibians									
4/14/2020	Reptiles & Amphibians	AS, AD	0810	1400	52	77	0	5	0-2	2-5

<sup>\*</sup>CT = Christine Tischer, CL = Carley Lancaster, TD = Taylor Dee, AD = Alexandra Dorough, AS = Adam Schroeder

#### **Plants**

Slender-horned spineflower was not identified during the preconstruction surveys for protected species. A complete list of all plant species observed during the preconstruction surveys is provided in Attachment D.

### **Reptiles and Amphibians**

No protected reptile or amphibian species listed in the SAA were identified during the preconstruction surveys for protected species. A complete list of all reptiles, amphibians, and other wildlife species observed during the preconstruction surveys is provided in Attachment E.

### Birds

One protected bird species, yellow warbler, was detected during both preconstruction sensitive bird surveys and during the preconstruction sensitive herpetofauna survey. A total of five individuals were either visually observed or heard singing in the riparian forest to the west of the Project area within the 500-foot buffer (Table 2). A California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) California Native Species Field Survey Form will be prepared and submitted for the observations.

**Table 2. Yellow Warbler Observations** 

Date	Time	Number of individuals	Behavior	Latitude	Longitude
4/10/2020	1045	1	Singing	34.18867191	-118.1771716
4/13/2020	1017	1	Singing	34. 18847186	-118.1770176
4/13/2020	1048	2	Singing, one chased off another	34.188242	-118.1776037
4/13/2020	1056	1	Singing	34.18865377	-118.1770845

Additional observations included two unidentified *Empidonax* flycatchers, both of which were silent when they were observed. A complete list of all birds and other wildlife observed during the preconstruction surveys is provided in Attachment E. Three additional preconstruction surveys for least Bell's vireo (*Vireo pusillus bellii*) will be conducted on three separate days within one week prior to project initiation.

#### Bats

Preconstruction bat surveys were not conducted ahead of Project Initiation in 2020 because Project activities during 2020 will not affect existing trees and/or structures that may provide roosting habitat per condition 2.14 of the SAA.

#### **Discussion**

One protected species listed in the SAA was observed during the preconstruction surveys. Based on the negative findings during the pre-construction presence/absence surveys for the remaining 13 protected species listed in the SAA, it was determined that they were not present on the Project site and the commencement of Project activities will not affect these protected species at this time. Measures implemented during the year two sediment removal activities will include biological monitoring and any additional measures necessary to provide adequate protection to avoid impacts to yellow warbler during all Project activities.

If you have any questions regarding the contents of this letter report, please contact me at (714) 648-0630 or <a href="mailto:lister-letter-l

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### **Attachments:**

Attachment A: Devil's Gate Protected Species Survey Techniques

Attachment B: Representative Site Photos

Attachment C: Field Datasheets Attachment D: Plant Compendium Attachment E: Wildlife Compendium

# **ATTACHMENT A**

Devil's Gate Protected Species Survey Techniques



October 16, 2018 (2018-047.006)

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Subject: Protected Species Survey Techniques for the Devil's Gate Reservoir

Sediment Removal and Management Project, in the City of Pasadena,

California.

Dear Mr. Gibson,

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ECORP is proposing the following survey techniques for approval by the CDFW for the protected species listed in the SAA. According to the SAA, protected species are defined as "a species fully protected under state law; a species listed under the California Endangered Species Act (Fish and Game Code § 2050 et seq.) and/or Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. § 1531 et seq.); a species identified by CDFW as a species of special concern; or any other species for which take is prohibited under state or federal law". The protected species found in the SAA are listed in Table 1 below.

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### **Survey Techniques**

### **Plants**

Survey techniques for slender-horned spineflower (*Dodecahema leptoceras*) will include pedestrian transect surveys spaced approximately 30 feet apart within areas of suitable habitat in the project impact areas and 100-foot buffer. Survey techniques will be consistent with the accepted methodologies outlined by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS 1996)<sup>1</sup>, CDFW (CDFW 2018)<sup>2</sup>, and the California Native Plant Society (CNPS 2001)<sup>3</sup>, but the timeframe will be altered to adhere to the project schedule and conditions of Project permits.

### **Reptiles and Amphibians**

Survey techniques for the three protected reptile species (two-striped garter snake [*Thamnophis hammondii*], western pond turtle [*Actinemys marmorata*], and coast patch-nosed snake [*Salvadora hexalepis*]), and one protected amphibian species (coast range newt [*Taricha tarosa tarosa*]) will include visual encounter surveys to be conducted within the proposed work areas and a 500-foot buffer.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). 1996. Guidelines for Conducting and Reporting Botanical Inventories for Federally Listed, Proposed, and Candidate Plants. Available at http://www.fws.gov/sacramento/es/Survey-Protocols-Guidelines/Documents/Listed\_plant\_survey\_guidelines.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). 2018. Protocols for Surveying and Evaluating Impacts to Special Status Native Plant Populations and Sensitive Natural Communities. State of California, California Natural Resources Agency Department of Fish and Wildlife, March 20, 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> California Native Plant Society (CNPS). 2001. CNPS Botanical Survey Guidelines. California Native Plant Society, Sacramento, CA. December 9, 1983. Revised June 2, 2001. Available at http://www.cnps.org/cnps/rareplants/pdf/cnps\_survey\_guidelines.pdf.

In accordance with Mitigation Measure (MM) BIO-3 for the Project (Chambers Group 2014<sup>4</sup>) and SAA 2.10, qualified biologists will conduct a survey for sensitive wildlife within 90 days prior to the commencement of ground disturbing activities. In general, visual encounter techniques for protected herpetofauna will follow accepted methodologies for western pond turtle by Holland (1991, 1994)<sup>5,6</sup> and the United States Geological Society (2006)<sup>7</sup>. Two surveys will be conducted by CDFW-approved designated biologists familiar with the identification, life history, and behaviors of each species. Each survey will be conducted on a separate day and will be conducted when weather conditions are favorable. The habitat requirements for each species, as described on CaliforniaHerps.com<sup>8</sup> and Stebbins (2003)<sup>9</sup> will be reviewed prior to conducting surveys.

Surveys will focus on searching all potential habitats using binoculars and/or spotting scopes, as well as looking under various natural or artificial cover objects. Biologists will scan areas ahead of them, searching from a distance, before proceeding in a slow and quiet manner. When turning cover objects, biologists will carefully return each cover object to its original location in an attempt to keep potential impacts to a minimum. All open water habitats, including potential basking or haul-out sites, will be searched. Survey transects performed during the survey will be captured with the tracking on a handheld global positioning system (GPS) unit. Documentation of the transects completed will be provided as an appendix to the preconstruction survey report.

To help prevent the spread of disease, fungus, and invasive species, all field equipment will be free of weeds and when entering aquatic habitats will go through the CDFW Aquatic Invasive Species Disinfection/Decontamination Protocols. Areas of suitable habitat and capture and transport techniques for each Protected Species shall be identified prior to conducting the survey to allow any Protected herpetofauna observed during the surveys to be captured and relocated effectively.

#### Birds

Survey techniques for the six protected bird species (burrowing owl [Athene cunicularia], yellow warbler [Dendroica petechia], southwestern willow flycatcher [Empidonax traillii extimus], least Bell's vireo [Vireo bellii pusillus], yellow breasted chat [Icteria virens], and loggerhead shrike

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Chambers Group, Inc. 2014. Devil's Gate Reservoir Sediment Removal and Management Project Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), Los Angeles County, California. Submitted to Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Water Resources Division, October 2014.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Holland, D. C. 1991. A synopsis of the ecology and status of the western pond turtle (*Clemmys marmorata*) in 1991. Prepared for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Ecology Research Center, San Simeon, CA.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Holland, D. C. 1994. The western pond turtle: Habitat and history. Prepared for: U.S. Dept. of Energy, Bonneville Power Administration. Portland, OR. 303 pp.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> United States Geological Survey. 2006. DRAFT Western Pond Turtle Visual Survey Protocol for the Southcoast Ecoregion. Western Ecological Research Center, US Department of Interior, Sacramento, CA. 60 pp.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> <u>CaliforniaHerps.com</u>: A Guide to the Amphibians and Reptiles of California. [web application] Accessed: September 27, 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Stebbins, R. C. 2003. A field Guide to Western Reptiles and Amphibians. 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co. 533 pp.

[Lanius ludovicianus]) will include visual and auditory encounter surveys to be conducted within the proposed work areas and a 500-foot buffer.

Surveys for protected birds will begin at dawn and will continue until weather conditions become unfavorable for bird activity or until the bird activity level ceases. Surveys will focus on all potential habitats using binoculars and/or spotting scopes as necessary. Biologists will walk through the entire Project site and scan areas ahead of them, searching and listening from a distance, before proceeding in a slow and quiet manner. All birds observed both visually and audibly will be recorded and GPS points will be taken at all protected bird species observation locations. The surveys will be conducted by CDFW-approved designated biologists with experience surveying for sensitive riparian and upland bird species.

In addition to the surveys for protected bird species, three preconstruction surveys for least Bell's vireo will be conducted within seven days prior to Project initiation. These preconstruction surveys will be consistent with the methodologies in the least Bell's vireo survey protocol (USFWS 2001<sup>10</sup>) but the timeframe will be altered to adhere to the project schedule and conditions of Project permits (e.g. the three surveys will be conducted outside of the breeding season). The surveys will be conducted by a CDFW-approved designated biologist familiar with the identification, vocalizations, and behaviors of the species to determine the presence/absence of the species. Each survey will be conducted on a separate day and will be conducted between dawn and 11:00 a.m. when weather conditions are favorable.

### **Bats**

Survey techniques for the three protected bat species (western mastiff bat [Eumops perotis californicus], western yellow bat [Lasiurus xanthinus], and pallid bat [Antrozous pallidus]) will include a daytime habitat and roost assessment and nighttime acoustic and emergence surveys to be conducted within the proposed work areas and a 300-foot buffer.

In accordance with MM BIO-5 and Condition 2.14 of the SAA, preconstruction bat surveys will be performed within 30 days prior to the commencement of vegetation or structure removal activities to avoid the direct loss of bats that could result from removal of trees and/or structures that may provide day or night roost habitat. CDFW-approved designated biologists will survey the project site, 300-foot buffer, and all trees and manmade structures (i.e. bridges, utility poles, kiosks, etc.) proposed to be directly impacted or removed to identify potential roost sites.

The initial bat survey will be performed in two parts, daytime surveys to identify potential roost sites within the impact area and evening surveys to perform emergence counts and acoustical monitoring of the potential roost sites. The diurnal portion of the survey will be done by a thorough visual inspection of the trees and structures within the impact areas to look for larger openings, cavities, crevices, loose bark, and other features that may provide roosting habitat.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> US Fish and Wildlife Service. 2001. Least Bell's Vireo Survey Guidelines. Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, CA. 3 pp.

The biologists will document any bat individuals or roosting colonies that are observed during the survey. Locations of potential roost trees will be recorded using a GPS unit in the field and discretely marked for biologists to revisit during the evening survey portion. Survey transects performed during the survey will be captured with the tracking on a handheld GPS unit. Documentation of the transects completed will be provided as an appendix to the bat survey report.

During the following evenings biologists will observe the potential roost trees using night-vision equipment to determine if the emergence of bats from the tree(s) occurs. Echometer Touch 2 PRO detectors will be used next to the trees during emergence to determine the species emerging, where possible. ECORP biologists will also collect acoustic data using passive Anabat<sup>TM</sup> detectors at various spots throughout the survey areas. Although these data will be imprecise as to the origin of detected bat species, the information will be useful as a tool to identify bat species that are foraging and may be roosting in the project site.

A second survey will be performed no later than seven days prior to construction activities. Designated biologists will conduct an exit survey with night vision equipment for any previously identified day-roosts (if applicable). Any occupied day roosts will be recorded and CDFW will be notified immediately to determine the next course of action and appropriate avoidance and minimization measures.

The surveys for protected bat species will be conducted separately from the other protected species surveys and a separate bat survey report will be generated and transmitted to CDFW prior to Project initiation.

### **General Survey Provisions**

All surveys for protected wildlife will be conducted under favorable weather conditions. Surveys will not be conducted during extreme temperatures, sustained high winds, or heavy rain. All surveys for protected wildlife will be led by designated biologists that have been pre-approved by CDFW to survey for the appropriate species groups. Prior to conducting surveys, areas of suitable habitat and capture and transport techniques for each protected species shall be identified so capture and relocation can occur to keep protected species out of harm's way.

Biologists will record an inventory of searched habitats along with any species observed. All species detected during the surveys will be recorded on standardized field sheets, and when possible, photographs will be taken. Weather conditions at the start and end of the surveys will be recorded. Any protected species detected will be mapped on an aerial photo and the location will be recorded with a handheld GPS unit. The number of individuals, sex, age/size class, and any distinguishing features will be recorded for each sighting. All observations of protected species will be submitted to the CDFW's California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB). Survey transects performed during the surveys will be captured using handheld GPS units track logging to ensure 100 percent coverage of the work areas and associated buffers.

Documentation of the transects completed will be provided as an appendix to the preconstruction survey report(s).

ECORP will prepare a report that presents the findings of the protected species surveys to be transmitted to CDFW prior to project initiation. The report will include methods used to conduct the surveys, a description of the existing biological conditions, and an analysis of any protected species that were found to or have the potential to occur within the project site. The report will also contain copies of field notes, survey maps, representative photographs of the site, and CNDDB forms for any protected special detected during the surveys.

If you have any questions regarding the contents of this letter report, please contact me at (714) 648-0630 or <a href="mailto:linescont/linescont

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# **ATTACHMENT B**

Representative Site Photos



**Photo 1.** View of initial sediment removal area, facing west.



**Photo 2.** View of initial sediment removal area, facing southeast.



**Photo 3.** Ponded water within the initial sediment removal area where western toad breeding had occurred.



Photo 4. View of middle section of the sediment removal area, facing south



Photo 5. View of northern section of the sediment removal area, facing south



 $\textbf{Photo 6.}\ \ \text{View of middle section of the sediment removal area, facing southwest}$ 



**Photo 7.** Western fence lizard observed on the project site



**Photo 8.** Southern alligator lizard observed on the project site



**Photo 9.** Southern pacific rattlesnake observed on the project site



**Photo 10.** Western toad observed on the project site

# **ATTACHMENT C**

Field Datasheets



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#### **ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

(e.g., site description, existing disturbances, other sensitive species identified?)

Rain most of week including today, Heavy flows evident water ponded throughout basin.

Parking lot closed due to COVID 19 but many recreationalists still on trails even in rain.

Gate's lower hinge was broken upon arrival. Heavy to lift + open. SEE lock was not in daisy chain + relocked as it was found 0855 started sprinkling - bird activity still good 0910-11:15 steady rain birds still active, but conditions for surveying are not good.

N portion of site is relatively quiet bird-activity wise

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Surveyor Names: <u>Carley Lancaster</u>	Date: <u>4/10/2070</u>
Location(s): Devil's Crute Reservoir	
Targeted Species: Slender-horned Spineflou	)er

SURVEY CONDITIONS					
	Time	Temp (F)	Wind (mph)	% Cloud Cover	
START	0715	48	0-3	100	
END	1400	59	2-4	(00)	

SUITABLE HABITAT/SPECIES OBSERVATIONS?				
TARGET SPECIES	NOTES (coordinates, photo numbers, # individuals, sex, age/size class behaviors)			
	None observed			



	Date:				
ADDITIONAL NOTES:  (e.g., site description, existing disturbances, other sensitive species identified?)					
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	Date: 4/13/2020
Surveyor Names: Taylor Dee	
Location(s): Project site (sediment removal area + 500-foot buffer)	
Targeted Species: <u>burrowing owl, yellow warbler, southwestern willow</u>	v flycatcher, least Bell's vireo,
<u>yellow-breasted chat, loggerhead shrike</u>	

SURVEY CONDITIONS				
Time Temp (F) Wind (mph) % Cloud Cover				
START	0645	59	0-1	35
END	1300	61	0-1	100

SUITABLE HABITAT/SPECIES OBSERVATIONS?				
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Burrowing owl	Limited, marginal, low-quality burrowing owl habitat exists in the 500-ft buffer where multiple basins are present east of the northern half of the sediment removal area. California ground squirrel activity and burrows were present in the two southern-most basins and along the basin slopes. This habitat is marginal and low quality due to multiple disturbances and high human traffic in the area that overlooks these basins. These basins are primarily vegetated by nonnative herbaceous species that grow tall and are subject to periodic mowing. Human activity includes City crews and their vehicles as well as recreational use including horseback riders, walkers, and off-lease dogs.  No burrowing owls or their sign were detected			
Yellow warbler	Nesting habitat exists in the riparian forest present in the west and southwestern portions of the 500-ft buffer. A narrow strip of riparian forest exists along the middle eastern portion of the 500-ft buffer that may provide suitable nesting habitat; however, this area offers less canopy and is more exposed to adjacent human activity.  Multiple yellow warblers were detected during the survey.  • 1017 1 heard singing in canopy of riparian forest in western portion of 500-ft buffer at 34. 18847186, -118.17701763  • 1048 2 heard singing in canopy of riparian forest in western portion of 500-ft buffer at 34.18824200, -118.17760370. One was observed chasing what appeared to be another adult yellow warbler. One perched in an ash tree above the drainage. One of these may have been the individual detected earlier.			
Southwestern willow flycatcher	Nesting habitat exists in the riparian forest present in the west and southwestern portions of the 500-ft buffer. A narrow strip of riparian forest exists along the middle eastern portion of the 500-ft buffer that may provide suitable nesting habitat; however, this area offers less canopy and is more exposed to adjacent human activity. Most of the riparian forest lack a dense understory.  No southwestern willow flycatchers were detected however, two silent unidentified empidonax flycatcher sp. were observed foraging within the 500-ft buffer during the survey in two separate locations  O715 One unidentified empidonax flycatcher sp. was observed in the riparian habitat within the mining pit in the western portion of the 500-ft buffer approximately at 34.19271167, -118.17443500.  I125 One unidentified empidonax flycatcher sp. was observed along the			



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slope in an oak north of the middle access road/trail at approximate				
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	portions of the 500-ft buffer. A narrow strip of riparian forest exists along the			
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	portions of the 500-ft buffer. A narrow strip of riparian forest exists along the			
	middle eastern portion of the 500-ft buffer that may provide suitable nesting			
Yellow-breasted chat				
	habitat; however, this area offers less canopy and is more exposed to adjacent			
	human activity. Most of the riparian forest lack a dense understory.			
	No yellow-breasted chats were detected			
	Limited nesting habitat exists in the narrow strips of upland habitat in the			
	northern half of the 500-foot buffer, particularly on the west and east side. Large			
	shrubs including scalebroom, buckwheat, ceanothus and oak trees provide			
Languagh and abotton				
Loggerhead shrike	suitable nest sites. Multiple disturbances exist including high flows from storm			
	events in the adjacent drainage, human traffic from City vehicles and recreational			
	activities including horseback riders, walkers, and off-leash dogs.			
	No loggerhead shrikes were detected			

### **ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

(e.g., site description, existing disturbances, other sensitive species identified?)

No nesting habitat exists in the sediment removal area which had emergent herbaceous vegetation, emergent nonnatives (perennial pepperweed & tree tobacco) and multiple smaller emergent willows and short scattered willows that had been washed into the area by flows associated with past storm events. Disturbances: high flows from past storm events in sediment removal area. Regular recreational activity in the sediment removal area and within 500-ft buffer: horseback riding, walkers, bikers, off-leash dogs.

INCIDENTAL SPECIES OBSERVED (include sign: tracks, carcass, feathers, scat, etc.)				
Black phoebe	parrot sp.	bobcat		
Pacific-slope flycatcher	California scrub jay	barn swallow		
mallard	black-throated gray warbler	orange-crowned warbler		
acorn woodpecker	Bewick's wren	white-crowned sparrow		
oak titmouse	chipping sparrow	Nashville warbler		
California towhee	wood duck	lesser goldfinch		
California quail	Lincoln's sparrow	Allen's hummingbird		
blue-gray gnatcatcher	northern rough-winged sparrow	yellow-rumped warbler		
Nuttall's woodpecker	American crow	Canada goose		
California ground squirrel	ash-throated flycatcher	Cooper's hawk		
great egret	song sparrow	house finch		
black-headed grosbeak	common yellow throat	killdeer		
desert cottontail	bushtit	Northern flicker		
California thrasher	house wren	mourning dove		
spotted towhee	red-shouldered hawk	empidonax flycatcher sp.		



Date: 4/13/2020
Surveyor Names: Adam Schroeder, Alexandra Dorough
Location(s): Sedment Remaral area plus 500 ft buffer
Targeted Species: Western pord turtle, coast range newl, two striped garder
Snake, Coast patch nosed snake

SURVEY CONDITIONS					
Time Temp (F) Wind (mph) % Cloud Cover					
START	08:10	54	0-2	100	
END	14:20	59	0-2	100	

SUITABLE HABITAT/SPECIES OBSERVATIONS?				
Western Pond Turtle	NOTES (coordinates, photo numbers, # individuals, sex, age/size class behaviors)  - Not observed  - Recent rain has resulted in flowing water within the sedment removal area. Several areas wy ponding water, but most are temporary.			
Coast Range Newt	- Not observed  - Recent rain has resulted in Flowing water within Sedment ramaval area. Some areas provide adequate habitat, but flowing water is exposed in the middle of the wash. Very little ground cover between upland and stream channel.			
Two-strped garter snahe	- Not observed - Precent rain has resulted in Flavora water who sedment remove area. Some areas we adequate habitat. Some temperary ponded areas provide additional habitat.			
Coast patch nosed snake	- Not observed - Habitat is marginal for the species. They could potentially occur on site.			



Date: 4/13/2020

#### **ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

(e.g., site description, existing disturbances, other sensitive species identified?)

No sensitive beer poccies were observed buring the survey.

One YWAR was heard calling on the west end, and apoint was taken in collector. Herp species observed included western fence lizard, common side blotched lizard, and southern allig afor lizard. Recent raws have left the entire site completely seturated. The creek in the wash is flaving, but the lack of habitat, as side pools, or slow making wester make it less than ideal for the target species. There are several areas with standing water that has ponded, but these se likely won't last very long.

Disturbances included unauthorized trails, trash, equestrian use, dogs, shelters built wy dead wood.

#### **INCIDENTAL SPECIES OBSERVED**

(include sign: tracks, carcass, feathers, scat, etc.)

CAGU, COYE, ANHU, ALHU, NRWS, CLSW, RCKI, CALT, RLPA, SPTO,

CATH, KILL, CAST, MCDO, WCSP, HOFI, MWO NUWO, ACWO, SOSP,

ROPI, YAWA, BTGW, OCWA, CANG, LEGO, MALL, RNOW, BLPH, YWAR,

WEBL, GREG, ATHA, Bush, Western Fence Lizand, Common side-blotch,

lizard, Sawthern allinguator Lizard, Coyote, Osert cottontall, cat ground

Squirrel, CA Grepher, Broad Facted mole,



Surveyor Names: Adam Schroeder	Date: 4/14/2020
Location(s): Sedment Remard Area plus 500 ft but	Acr
Targeted Species: Western pand turth, Coast Range newt, -	two striped genter
Snake, Coast Patch-nosed snake	

SURVEY CONDITIONS					
Time Temp (F) Wind (mph) % Cloud Cover					
START	08:19	52	0-2	0	
END	14:00	77	2-5	5	

SUITABLE HABITAT/SPECIES OBSERVATIONS?		
TARGET SPECIES	NOTES (coordinates, photo numbers, # individuals, sex, age/size class behaviors)	
Western Pand Turtle	- Not observed  - Majority of ponded areas identified on previous day have dried. Few remaining are temporary. Minimal adequate habitat & identified on site	
Coast Range Newt	- Not observed - Water still flowing in wash, but few areas with slower moving water to act as breeding pools. Very 11th ground -cover between water and upland.	
Two-striped garter snahe	- Not observed  - Remaining ponded areas offer due adequate habitat for Two striped garter snake, but food resources are limited only observed western tood tod poles in one lecotion. Most ponded areas and fewery water lack in stream vegetation.	
Coast Patches nosed snahe	-Not observed  Marginal habitat observed on site with potential  For the species to occur.	
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Date: 4/14/2020

### **ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

(e.g., site description, existing disturbances, other sensitive species identified?)

No sensitive species were identified during the survey.

Two new nests were identified, a cliff smallow (CLSW-2) and a common raven copplet. Both nests were located on the dam on the northern side. The CLSW-2 rest appeared to be in the building phase, and the COPM-2 nest was incubating. Herp species identified included western tence incubating. Herp species identified included western tence (could sent to a property).

The language of southern pacific rathernake JCH kingsnake (could be to the most ality).

The language observed only included the tail, and it is unclear what there was the cause of the mortality. Based on location it didn't appear to be project related.

Several of the ponded areas identified the previous day have dried. Better weather today resulted in many more observations of herps, mostly fonce liveards and side-blokey liveards.

### **INCIDENTAL SPECIES OBSERVED**

(include sign: tracks, carcass, feathers, scat, etc.)

CORA, HOFI, CLSW, BEWR, SOSP, COYE, RLPA, CAST, MALL, KILL,
RCKI, SPTO, CALT, CANG, GBHE, CIRER, CATH, NUWE, CAGU,
YRWA, WCSP, ANHU, ALHU, ACWO, WEKE, ATFL, RSHA, MODO, LEGO,
AMWP, Desgert cottentall, raccoon (mertality), CA King snale (mertality)
back half of snale), Western fearer Kzarel, Common side-blotched (uzare
Southern paesfue ratternale, Western toad factpoles + Adults), CA ground
Squirrel, bobsat.

# **ATTACHMENT D**

Plant Compendium

Scientific Name	Common Name			
VASCULA	AR PLANTS			
ANGIOSPERMS (DICOTYLEDONS)				
Adoxaceae	Elderberry Family			
Sambucus nigra ssp. cerulea (= S. mexicana)	blue elderberry			
Agavaceae	Century Plant Family			
Hesperoyucca whipplei	chaparral yucca			
Amaranthaceae	Amaranth Family			
Amaranthus albus*	tumbleweed			
Anacardiaceae	Sumac or Cashew Family			
Malosma laurina	laurel sumac			
Schinus mole*	Peruvian pepper tree			
Toxicodendron diversilobum	poison oak			
Apiaceae	Carrot Family			
Conium maculatum*	poison hemlock			
Arecaceae	Palm Family			
Syagrus romanzoffiana*	queen palm			
Asteraceaea	Sunflower Family			
Ambrosia acanthicarpa	annual bursage			
Ambrosia psilostachya	western ragweed			
Artemisia californica	California sagebrush			
Artemisia dracunculus	tarragon			
Artemisia douglasiana	California mugwort			
Baccharis pilularis	coyote brush			
Baccharis salicifolia	mulefat			
Carduus pycnocephalus*	Italian thistle			
Centaurea melitensis*	tocalote			
Cirsium occidentale	cobweb thistle			
Corethrogyne filaginifolia	common sand aster			
Cotula australis*	Australian brass buttons			
Encelia californica	California brittlebush			
Encelia farinosa	brittlebush			
Erigeron canadensis	horseweed			
Isocoma menziesii	Menzie's goldenbush			
Lactuca serriola*	prickly lettuce			
Lepidospartum squamatum	scale broom			
Malacothrix saxatilis	cliff malacothrix			
Matricaria discoidea	pineapple weed			
Pseudognaphalium californicum	ladies tobacco			
Silybum marianum*	milk thistle			
Senecio vulgaris*	common groundsel			
Xanthium strumarium	cockleburr			
Betulaceae	Birch Family			

Alnus rhombifolia	white alder
Boraginaceae	Borage Family
Amsinckia menziesii	small flowered fiddleneck
Cryptantha intermedia	common cryptantha
Heliotropium curassavicum	salt heliotrope
Pectocarya linearis	sagebrush combseed
Pectocarya penicillata	winged combseed
Phacelia cicutaria	caterpillar phacelia
Phacelia minor	California bluebells
Brassicacaeae	Mustard Family
Brassica nigra*	black mustard
Lepidium didymium*	lesser swine cress
Lepidium lasiocarpum	shaggy fruit pepperweed
Lepidium latifolium*	perennial pepperweed
Lobularia maritima*	sweet alyssum
Raphanus sativus*	wild radish
Sisymbrium irio*	London rocket
Cactaceae	Cactus Family
Opuntia littoralis	coast prickly pear
Chenopodiaceae	Goosefoot Family
Chenopodium album*	lamb's quarters
Convolvulaceae	Morning-Glory Family
Cuscuta californica	dodder
Euphorbiaceae	Spurge Family
Euphorbia peplus	petty spurge
Euphorbia sp.	spurge
Ricinus communis*	castor bean
Fabaceae	Legume Family
Acmispon glaber (= Lotus scoparius)	deerweed
Lupinus bicolor	bicolored lupine
Lupinus excubitus	grape soda lupine
Melilotus indicus*	yellow sweetclover
Fagaceae	Oak Family
Quercus agrifolia	coast live oak
Geraniaceae	Geranium Family
Erodium cicutarium*	red-stemmed filaree
Grossulariaceae	Gooseberry Family
Ribes aureum	golden currant
Lamiaceae	Mint Family
Lamium amplexicaule*	henbit deadnettle
Marrubium vulgare*	white horehound
Salvia apiana	white sage
Salvia columbariae	chia sage
Salvia mellifera	black sage
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Malvaceae  Malva parviflora*	Mallow Family

Montiaceae	Miner's Lettuce Family	
Claytonia parviflora	miner's lettuce	
Myrsinaceae	Myrsine Family	
Lysimachia arvensis*	scarlet pimpernel	
Myrtaceae	Myrtle Family	
Eucalyptus camaldulensis*	red gum	
Eucalyptus globulus*	blue gum	
Oleaceae	Olive Family	
Fraxinus uhdei*	shamel ash	
Onagraceae	<b>Evening Primrose Family</b>	
Camissoniopsis micrantha	Spencer primrose	
Papaveraceae	Poppy Family	
Argemone munita	prickly poppy	
Eschscholzia californica	California poppy	
Phrymaceae	Lopseed Family	
Diplacus aurantiacus	sticky monkeyflower	
Erythranthe guttata	yellow monkeyflower	
Plantanaceae	Sycamore Family	
Platanus racemosa	western sycamore	
Polygonaceae	<b>Buckwheat Family</b>	
Eriogonum fasciculatum	California buckwheat	
Rumex crispus*	curly dock	
Rhamnaceae	<b>Buckthorn Family</b>	
Frangula californica	California coffeeberry	
Rosaceae	Rose Family	
Adenostoma fasciculatum	chamise	
Heteromeles arbutifolia	toyon	
Prunus ilicifolia	holly leaf cherry	
Rosa californica	California rose	
Rubus ursinus	California blackberry	
Rubiaceae	Bedstraw Family	
Galium aparine	common bedstraw	
Salicaceae	Willow Family	
Populus fremontii	Fremont cottonwood	
Salix gooddingii	black willow	
Salix laevigata	red willow	
Salix lasiolepis	Arroyo willow	
Simaroubaceae	Simarouba Family	
Ailanthus altissima*	tree of heaven	
Solanaceae	Nightshade Family	
Datura wrightii	jimson weed	
Nicotiana glauca*	tree tobacco	
Solanum xanti	chaparral nightshade	
Urticaceae	Nettle Family	
Urtica dioca	stinging nettle	
Urtica urens*	dwarf nettle	

ANGIOSPERMS (MONOCOTYLEDONS)		
Juncaceae	Rush Family	
Juncus rugulosus	wrinkled rush	
Juncus textilis	basket rush	
Poaceae	Grass Family	
Avena fatua*	wild oat	
Bromus madritensis*	red brome	
Bromus tectorum*	cheatgrass	
Melica imperfecta	California melic	
Polypogon monspeliensis*	rabbitsfoot grass	
Schismus barbatus*	Mediterranean grass	
Typhaceae	Cattail Faimly	
Typha sp.	cattail	

<sup>\*</sup>Nonnative species

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# **ATTACHMENT E**

Wildlife Compendium

Scientific Name	Common Name	
REPTILES		
Anguidae	Alligator Lizards	
Elgaria multicarinata	southern alligator lizard	
Colubridae	Colubrid Snakes	
Lampropeltis californiae	California kingsnake	
Phrynosomatidae	Spiny Lizards	
Sceloporus occidentalis	western fence lizard	
Uta stansburiana	common side-blotched lizard	
Viperidae	Rattlesnakes	
Crotalus oreganus helleri	southern pacific rattlesnake	
c. c. a.	AMPHIBIANS	
Bufonidae	True Toads	
Anaxyrus boreas	western toad	
Anuxyrus boreus	BIRDS	
Accipitridae	Hawks	
Accipiter cooperii**	Cooper's hawk	
Buteo jamaicensis	red-tailed hawk	
Buteo lineatus	red-shouldered hawk	
Aegithalidae	Bushtits	
Psaltriparus minimus	bushtit	
Thryomanes bewickii	Bewick's wren	
Anatidae	Geese, Ducks, Swans	
Aix sponsa	wood duck	
Anas platyrhynchos	mallard	
Aythya collaris	ring-necked duck	
Branta canadensis	Canada goose	
Oxyura jamaicensis	ruddy duck	
Ardeidae	Herons and Egrets	
Ardea alba	great egret	
Ardea herodias	great blue heron	
Cardinalidae	Cardinals and Allies	
Pheucticus melanocephalus	black-headed grosbeak	
Charadriidae	Plovers and Lapwings	
Charadrius vociferus	killdeer	
Columbidae	Pigeons and Doves	
Columba livia	rock pigeon	
Zenaida macroura	mourning dove	
Corvidae	Jays and Crows	
Aphelocoma californica	California scrub-jay	
Corvus corax	common raven	
Corvus brachyrhynchos	American crow	

Fringillidae	Finches
Spinus psaltria	lesser goldfinch
Haemorhous mexicanus	house finch
Haemorhous purpureus	purple finch
Hirundinidae	Swallows
Hirundo rustica	barn swallow
Petrochelidon pyrrhonota	cliff swallow
Stelgidopteryx serripennis	northern rough-winged swallow
Icteridae	Blackbirds and Orioles
Icterus cucullatus	hooded oriole
Mimidae	Mockingbirds and Thrashers
Mimus polyglottos	northern mockingbird
Toxostoma redivivum	California thrasher
Odontophoridae	New World Quail
Callipepla californica	California quail
Paradoxornithidae	Wrentits
Chamaea fasciata	wrentit
Paridae	Titmice
Baeolophus inornatus	oak titmouse
Parulidae	New World Warblers
Geothlypis trichas	common yellowthroat
Leiothlypis celata	orange-crowned warbler
Leiothlypis ruficapilla	Nashville Warbler
Setophaga coronata	yellow-rumped warbler
Setophaga nigrescens	black-throated gray warbler
Setophaga petechia	yellow warbler
Passerellidae (previously Emberizidae)	Sparrows and Towhees
Melospiza lincolnii	Lincoln's sparrow
Melospiza melodia	song sparrow
Pipilo crissalis	California towhee
Pipilo maculatus	spotted towhee
Spizella passerina	chipping sparrow
Zonotrichia leucophrys	white-crowned sparrow
Pelecanidae	Pelicans
Pelecanus erythrorhynchos	American white pelican
Picidae	Woodpeckers
Colaptes auratus	northern flicker
Dryobates nuttallii	Nuttall's woodpecker
Melanerpes formicivorus	acorn woodpecker
Poplioptilidae	Gnatcatchers
Polioptila caerulea	blue-gray gnatcatcher
Psittacidae	Old World Parrots
Amazona sp.	parrot sp.
Regulidae	Kinglets
Regulus calendula	ruby-crowned kinglet
Sturnidae	Starlings

Sturnus vulgaris*	European starling
Trochilidae	Hummingbirds
Calypte anna	Anna's hummingbird
Selasphorus sasin	Allen's hummingbird
Troglodytidae	Wrens
Thryomanes bewickii	Bewick's wren
Troglodytes aedon	house wren
Turdidae	Thrushes
Catharus ustulatus	Swainson's thrush
Sialia mexicana	western bluebird
Tyrannidae	Tyrant Flycatchers
Empidonax difficilis	pacific-slope flycatcher
Myiarchus cinerascens	ash-throated flycatcher
Sayornis nigricans	black phoebe
Sayornis saya	Say's phoebe
Tyrannus verticalis	western kingbird
Tyrannus vociferans	Cassin's kingbird
	MAMMALS
Canidae	Dogs, Wolves, and Foxes
Canis latrans	coyote (scat and vocalizations)
Cricetidae	New World Rats and Mice
Neotoma sp.	woodrat sp. (midden)
Equidae	Horses and Allies
Equus caballus	domestic horse
Felidae	Cats
Lynx rufus	bobcat
Geomyidae	Pocket Gophers
Thomomys bottae	Botta's pocket gopher
Leporidae	Hares and Rabbits
Sylvilagus audubonii	desert cottontail
Procyonidae	Raccoons
Procyon lotor	common raccoon
Sciuridae	Squirrels
Otospermophilus beecheyi	California ground squirrel
Talpidae	Moles
Scapanus latimanus	broad-footed mole
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