



## Nest Survey Report

**Date:** 07/7/2017

**Biologist(s):** Amy Trexler

**Survey Area/Location/Structures:**

Stations: 230 – 281

(Segment 5 – Sections 14, 15, 16 and 17)

Pole location: P04

**Proposed Construction within Survey Area:**

Proposed construction activities include pot-holing and excavation and trenching for installation of new underground 230kV line and vaults. Grading, pouring foundations, installation of new steel pole, and wire pulling activities will occur for the new overhead 230kV line.

**Is Vegetation Clearing Required?** Yes:  No:

**Was Complete Survey Coverage Achieved?** Yes:  No:

**Details of modifications to the survey area if complete coverage was not achieved:** N/A

**Survey Conditions:**

	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>
<b>Time</b>	5:30 am	1:15 pm
<b>Temperature (°F):</b>	63 °	91 °
<b>Wind Speed (mph):</b>	0-5 mph	0-5 mph
<b>Cloud Cover (%):</b>	0%	0%
<b>Precipitation Type (if any) and duration:</b>	n/a	n/a

**Habitat(s) and Vegetation Description within Survey Area:**

- Chaparral
- Coastal sage scrub
- Ornamental
- Disturbed

**Description of Survey Methodology:**

The biologists conducted active and passive surveys within a survey buffer of 0.25 mile for white tailed kite, 500 feet for raptors, coastal California gnatcatcher, and least Bell's vireo, 250 feet for passerine birds in open space, and 150 feet for common passerines in residential, commercial and industrial areas. Active survey methods included walking meandering transects through the habitats while observing bird behavior with the aid of binoculars and directly searching in vegetation, the ground, the towers/poles, and other potential nest substrates. Passive survey methods included stationary observation periods from select vantage points that provided maximum visibility of the survey areas, using binoculars as necessary. If potential nesting behavior was observed within the survey buffers, specific shrubs were directly searched for nests in the areas where birds may have been observed exhibiting higher levels of activity or potential breeding behavior. All potential raptor nesting areas within the survey buffers were searched directly and/or with the aid of binoculars. Visibility, access, time of year and weather conditions were all conducive to collecting comprehensive breeding data, and ample time was spent surveying all potential nest sites.



Suitable Raptor Nesting Habitat: Yes:  No:   
 Suitable CAGN Nesting Habitat: Yes:  No:   
 Suitable LBV Nesting Habitat: Yes:  No:

**Survey Results**

Nest(s) Located (complete table below if yes)\*: Yes:  No:   
 (Include previously located nests and current status)

Nest ID <sup>1</sup>	Species <sup>2</sup>	Listing Status <sup>3</sup>	Nest Stage <sup>4</sup>	Observation Notes <sup>5</sup>	Latitude (decimal degrees)	Longitude (decimal degrees)
05312017_ACT_01	American Crow  (AMCR)	Common	Nestlings	<b>5/31-</b> Observed female sitting in the nest. <b>6/6-</b> Observed female sitting in the nest. <b>6/23-</b> Adults observed feeding chicks in the nest. Due to the height of the nest, number of chicks unknown. <b>6/30-</b> Adults observed feeding chicks in the nest. <b>7/7-</b> No activity observed at the nest and no birds in the area.	32.89581	-117.13700

1 – Date (mmddyyy)\_Biologist Initials (ABC)\_Number ID (01)  
 2 – Include common name and four letter AOU species code  
 3 – 3 – Federally Endangered (FE), Federally Threatened (FT), State Endangered (SE), State Threatened (ST), Species of Special Concern (SSC), Watch List (WL), Common  
 4 – Building, Incubating, Nestling, Fledged, Complete/Inactive  
 5 – Observation Notes: Item Carry (IC- nest material, food items, fecal sacs that indicate nesting in progress), Agitated/Territorial Behavior (ATB – indicating potential nest sites or an intent to nest), Courtship Behavior (CB – copulation, chasing flights, displays, etc.), Pair in Suitable Habitat (PSH – utilizing all or portions of the buffer zone), Other

**Avian Species Observed (complete common name):**

American crow (AMCR), Anna’s hummingbird (ANHU), black phoebe (BLPH), blue-gray gnatcatcher (BGGN), bushtit (BUSH), California scrub-jay (CASJ), California thrasher (CATH), California towhee (CALT), common raven (CORA), European starling (EUST), house finch (HOFI), house wren (HOWR), lesser goldfinch (LEGO), mourning dove (MODO), red-tailed hawk (RTHA), song sparrow (SOSP), spotted towhee (SPTO), white-throated swift (WTSW), and wren (WREN).

**Additional Notes (see Avian Species Observed and Observation Notes for definition of abbreviations):**

Nesting WTKI within 0.25 miles: Yes:  No:   
 Nesting Raptor, CAGN, or LBV within 500 feet: Yes:  No:   
 Nesting Passerine within 250 feet (open space only): Yes:  No:   
 Nesting Passerine within 150 feet (residential, commercial, residential areas): Yes:  No:



**Establishment of Nest Buffer and Justification:**

**05312017\_ACT\_01-** A nest buffer reduction request was approved by the CPUC on June 1, 2017. No changes or modifications to this nest buffer reduction request are required or recommended.