



Nest Survey Report

Date: 07/10/2017

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Survey Area/Location/Structures:

Stations 461 – 485
(Segment 3 – Sections 4 and 5)

Proposed Construction within Survey Area:

Proposed construction activities include pot-holing and excavation and trenching for installation of new underground 230kV line and vaults.

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:

	Start	End
Time	5:45 am	9:47 am
Temperature (°F):	66 °	71 °
Wind Speed (mph):	0-5 mph	0-5 mph
Cloud Cover (%):	10%	10%
Precipitation Type (if any) and duration:	n/a	n/a

Habitat(s) and Vegetation Description within Survey Area:

- Eucalyptus woodland
- Southern willow riparian forest
- Southern coast live oak riparian forest
- 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 ¹	Species ²	Listing Status ³	Nest Stage ⁴	Observation Notes ⁵	Latitude (decimal degrees)	Longitude (decimal degrees)
06232017_ACT_01	Lesser Goldfinch (LEGO)	Common	Inactive	6/23- Observed female sitting in the nest and the male come over to feed the female while incubating. 7/10- No activity observed at the nest and no birds in the vicinity.	32.89918	-117.09793
07102017_ACT_01	Mourning Dove (MODO)	Common	Incubating	7/10- Observed female sitting on the nest incubating.	32.90139	-117.09476

1 – Date (mmddyyy)_Biologist Initials (ABC)_Number ID (01)
 2 – Include common name and four letter AOU species code
 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):

Allen’s Hummingbird (ALHU), American crow (AMCR), Anna’s hummingbird (ANHU), bushtit (BUSH), California towhee (CALT), Cassin’s kingbird (CAKI), common raven (CORA), Cooper’s Hawk (COHA), European starling (EUST), hooded oriole (HOOR), house finch (HOFI), house wren (HOWR), lesser goldfinch (LEGO), mourning dove (MODO), song sparrow (SOSP), and spotted towhee (SPTO).

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

- lesser goldfinch, Allen’s hummingbird: pairs observed in suitable habitat and displaying territorial behavior

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:

06232017_ACT_01- A nest buffer reduction request was approved by the CPUC on June 26, 2017. No changes or modifications to this nest buffer reduction request are required or recommended.

07102017_ACT_01: Mourning Dove – 250-foot buffer required within work area (work within area would require a buffer reduction request). Observed female sitting on the nest incubating. Nest is located on the ground approximately 3 ft. from the edge of Pomerado Road. Noise levels were high at the time of survey (traffic noise). The adult engaged in normal, non-distressed behavior (incubating) during the surveyor's presence. Adult did not flush from the nest when the biologist passed within 2 ft.