

## **Southern California Edison Nesting Birds Solutions Summary**

### **SCE Priorities**

- I. Self-manage avian issues in field for common and abundant species
- II. Work directly with resource agencies for issues with raptors and special status species
- III. Legislative/Regulatory Solutions

#### **I. Self-manage avian issues in field for common and abundant species**

##### Nesting Bird Management Plans

- Continue to use NBMPs and improve them based on lessons learned during construction
- CPUC acknowledge that NBMPs are adaptive and can change during construction with resource agency concurrence
- NBMP development and approval
  - Develop NBMPs specific to each project area
  - Approve NBMPs in timely manner
  - Define the minimum components of an NBMP
  - Require NBMPs to be developed in coordination with wildlife agencies
  - Obtain wildlife agency reviews and concurrence as early in the process as possible (i.e., prior to project approval)
- Define avian biologist qualifications, roles and responsibilities, and approval process
- Use avoidance and minimization measures
- Continue using effective nesting deterrents
- Define process for nest removal and relocation
- Plan construction activities to minimize impacts to highly sensitive avian areas for special status species

#### **II. Work directly with resource agencies for issues with raptors and special status species**

- Develop processes for prompt resolution of raptors and special status species issues

#### **III. Legislative/Regulatory Solutions**

- Work on legislative short-term fix for existing regulations, and also participate in CDFG rulemaking process on these issues
- Establish consistent definition of 'active nest' using USFWS definition
- Develop permit program for nesting bird 'take'

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