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Project Name: Orange County, CA - 2017 CDBG-DR, Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation and Reconstruction

Subject: Updated list of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location, and/or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, and proposed species, designated critical habitat, and candidate species that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the ECOS-IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the ECOS-IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 *et seq.*), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat.

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

If a Federal agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at:

<http://www.fws.gov/endangered/esa-library/pdf/TOC-GLOS.PDF>

Please be aware that bald and golden eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668 *et seq.*), and projects affecting these species may require development of an eagle conservation plan (http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/eagle_guidance.html). Additionally, wind energy projects should follow the wind energy guidelines (<http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/>) for minimizing impacts to migratory birds and bats.

Guidance for minimizing impacts to migratory birds for projects including communications towers (e.g., cellular, digital television, radio, and emergency broadcast) can be found at: <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/Hazards/towers/towers.htm>; <http://www.towerkill.com>; and <http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/Hazards/towers/comtow.html>.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. Please include the Consultation Tracking Number in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment(s):

- Official Species List
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Official Species List

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

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Project Summary

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Project Name: Orange County, CA - 2017 CDBG-DR, Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation and Reconstruction

Project Type: ** OTHER **

Project Description: The 2017 CDBG-DR program will provide grants to owner occupied homeowners to rehabilitate or reconstruct homes damaged or destroyed in the October 2017 disaster. The Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program (the “program”) objective is to provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the areas affected by the disasters. The program is designed to ensure that the housing needs of very-low, low- and moderate-income (LMI) households and vulnerable populations, including individuals that were made homeless as a result of the disaster, are addressed to the greatest extent feasible. Reconstruction is defined as the rebuilding of a structure on the same site in substantially the same manner. A reconstructed property must not increase the number of dwellings on site, although the number of rooms may increase or decrease.

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is the lead and responsible agency for administering the CDBG-DR funds allocated to the State of California.

This is for the preparation of a Broad Level Tiered Environmental Review (Tier 1), Sonoma County. The number of potential grant applicants is not currently known.

Project Location:

Approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/place/33.6409889633952N117.75192200039469W>



Counties: Orange, CA

Endangered Species Act Species

There is a total of 30 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries¹, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

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1. [NOAA Fisheries](#), also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

Mammals

NAME	STATUS
Pacific Pocket Mouse <i>Perognathus longimembris pacificus</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8080	Endangered
Stephens' Kangaroo Rat <i>Dipodomys stephensi</i> (incl. <i>D. cascus</i>) No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3495	Endangered

Birds

NAME	STATUS
California Least Tern <i>Sterna antillarum browni</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8104	Endangered
Coastal California Gnatcatcher <i>Polioptila californica californica</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location overlaps the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8178	Threatened
Least Bell's Vireo <i>Vireo bellii pusillus</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5945	Endangered
Light-footed Clapper Rail <i>Rallus longirostris levipes</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6035	Endangered
Southwestern Willow Flycatcher <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6749	Endangered
Western Snowy Plover <i>Charadrius nivosus nivosus</i> Population: Pacific Coast population DPS-U.S.A. (CA, OR, WA), Mexico (within 50 miles of Pacific coast) There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location overlaps the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8035	Threatened

Amphibians

NAME	STATUS
Arroyo (=arroyo Southwestern) Toad <i>Anaxyrus californicus</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location overlaps the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3762	Endangered

Fishes

NAME	STATUS
Santa Ana Sucker <i>Catostomus santaanae</i> Population: 3 CA river basins There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location overlaps the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3785	Threatened
Tidewater Goby <i>Eucyclogobius newberryi</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location overlaps the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/57	Endangered

Insects

NAME	STATUS
<p>Delhi Sands Flower-loving Fly <i>Rhaphiomidas terminatus abdominalis</i></p> <p>No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1540</p>	Endangered
<p>Quino Checkerspot Butterfly <i>Euphydryas editha quino</i> (= <i>E. e. wrighti</i>)</p> <p>There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5900</p>	Endangered

Crustaceans

NAME	STATUS
<p>Riverside Fairy Shrimp <i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i></p> <p>There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location overlaps the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8148</p>	Endangered
<p>San Diego Fairy Shrimp <i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i></p> <p>There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location overlaps the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6945</p>	Endangered
<p>Vernal Pool Fairy Shrimp <i>Branchinecta lynchi</i></p> <p>There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/498</p>	Threatened

Flowering Plants

NAME	STATUS
<p>Big-leaved Crownbeard <i>Verbesina dissita</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8049</p>	Threatened
<p>Braunton's Milk-vetch <i>Astragalus brauntonii</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location overlaps the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5674</p>	Endangered
<p>Encinitas Baccharis <i>Baccharis vanessae</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3343</p>	Threatened
<p>Laguna Beach Liveforever <i>Dudleya stolonifera</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7919</p>	Threatened
<p>Munz's Onion <i>Allium munzii</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2951</p>	Endangered
<p>Salt Marsh Bird's-beak <i>Cordylanthus maritimus ssp. maritimus</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6447</p>	Endangered
<p>San Diego Ambrosia <i>Ambrosia pumila</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8287</p>	Endangered
<p>San Diego Button-celery <i>Eryngium aristulatum var. parishii</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5937</p>	Endangered
<p>San Diego Thornmint <i>Acanthomintha ilicifolia</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/351</p>	Threatened
<p>Santa Monica Mountains Dudleyea <i>Dudleya cymosa ssp. ovatifolia</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2538</p>	Threatened
<p>Slender-horned Spineflower <i>Dodecahema leptoceras</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4007</p>	Endangered
<p>Spreading Navarretia <i>Navarretia fossalis</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat.</p>	Threatened

NAME	STATUS
Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1334	
Thread-leaved Brodiaea <i>Brodiaea filifolia</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location overlaps the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6087	Threatened
Ventura Marsh Milk-vetch <i>Astragalus pycnostachyus</i> var. <i>lanosissimus</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1160	Endangered

Critical habitats

There are 9 critical habitats wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction.

NAME	STATUS
Arroyo (=arroyo Southwestern) Toad <i>Anaxyrus californicus</i> https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3762#crithab	Final
Braunton's Milk-vetch <i>Astragalus brauntonii</i> https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5674#crithab	Final
Coastal California Gnatcatcher <i>Polioptila californica californica</i> https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8178#crithab	Final
Riverside Fairy Shrimp <i>Streptocephalus woottoni</i> https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8148#crithab	Final
San Diego Fairy Shrimp <i>Branchinecta sandiegonensis</i> https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6945#crithab	Final
Santa Ana Sucker <i>Catostomus santaanae</i> https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3785#crithab	Final
Thread-leaved Brodiaea <i>Brodiaea filifolia</i> https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6087#crithab	Final
Tidewater Goby <i>Eucyclogobius newberryi</i> https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/57#crithab	Final
Western Snowy Plover <i>Charadrius nivosus nivosus</i> https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8035#crithab	Final