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Project Name: Santa Barbara 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 list identifies species listed as threatened and endangered, species proposed for listing as threatened or endangered, designated and proposed critical habitat, and species that are candidates for listing that may occur within the boundary of the area you have indicated using the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) Information Planning and Conservation System (IPaC). The species list fulfills the requirements under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the species list should be verified after 90 days. We recommend that verification be completed by visiting the IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists following the same process you used to receive the enclosed list. Please include the Consultation Tracking Number in the header of this letter with any correspondence about the species list.

Due to staff shortages and excessive workload, we are unable to provide an official list more specific to your area. Numerous other sources of information are available for you to narrow the list to the habitats and conditions of the site in which you are interested. For example, we recommend conducting a biological site assessment or surveys for plants and animals that could help refine the list.

If a Federal agency is involved in the project, that agency has the responsibility to review its proposed activities and determine whether any listed species may be affected. If the project is a major construction project*, the Federal agency has the responsibility to prepare a biological assessment to make a determination of the effects of the action on the listed species or critical habitat. If the Federal agency determines that a listed species or critical habitat is likely to be adversely affected, it should request, in writing through our office, formal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Act. Informal consultation may be used to exchange information and resolve

conflicts with respect to threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat prior to a written request for formal consultation. During this review process, the Federal agency may engage in planning efforts but may not make any irreversible commitment of resources. Such a commitment could constitute a violation of section 7(d) of the Act.

Federal agencies are required to confer with the Service, pursuant to section 7(a)(4) of the Act, when an agency action is likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any proposed species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of proposed critical habitat (50 CFR 402.10(a)). A request for formal conference must be in writing and should include the same information that would be provided for a request for formal consultation. Conferences can also include discussions between the Service and the Federal agency to identify and resolve potential conflicts between an action and proposed species or proposed critical habitat early in the decision-making process. The Service recommends ways to minimize or avoid adverse effects of the action. These recommendations are advisory because the jeopardy prohibition of section 7(a)(2) of the Act does not apply until the species is listed or the proposed critical habitat is designated. The conference process fulfills the need to inform Federal agencies of possible steps that an agency might take at an early stage to adjust its actions to avoid jeopardizing a proposed species.

When a proposed species or proposed critical habitat may be affected by an action, the lead Federal agency may elect to enter into formal conference with the Service even if the action is not likely to jeopardize or result in the destruction or adverse modification of proposed critical habitat. If the proposed species is listed or the proposed critical habitat is designated after completion of the conference, the Federal agency may ask the Service, in writing, to confirm the conference as a formal consultation. If the Service reviews the proposed action and finds that no significant changes in the action as planned or in the information used during the conference have occurred, the Service will confirm the conference as a formal consultation on the project and no further section 7 consultation will be necessary. Use of the formal conference process in this manner can prevent delays in the event the proposed species is listed or the proposed critical habitat is designated during project development or implementation.

Candidate species are those species presently under review by the Service for consideration for Federal listing. Candidate species should be considered in the planning process because they may become listed or proposed for listing prior to project completion. Preparation of a biological assessment, as described in section 7(c) of the Act, is not required for candidate species. If early evaluation of your project indicates that it is likely to affect a candidate species, you may wish to request technical assistance from this office.

Only listed species receive protection under the Act. However, sensitive species should be considered in the planning process in the event they become listed or proposed for listing prior to project completion. We recommend that you review information in the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Natural Diversity Data Base. You can contact the California Department of Fish and Wildlife at (916) 324-3812 for information on other sensitive species that may occur in this area.

[*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.]

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: Santa Barbara County, CA - 2017 CDBG-DR, Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation and Reconstruction

Project Type: Federal Grant / Loan Related

Project Description: The 2017 CDBG-DR program will provide grants to owner occupied homeowners to rehabilitate or reconstruct homes damaged or destroyed in the 2017 disasters. 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/34.7208201840785N120.06301488643133W>



Counties: Santa Barbara, CA

Endangered Species Act Species

There is a total of 45 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
Giant Kangaroo Rat <i>Dipodomys ingens</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6051	Endangered
San Joaquin Kit Fox <i>Vulpes macrotis mutica</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2873	Endangered
Southern Sea Otter <i>Enhydra lutris nereis</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. <i>This species is also protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act, and may have additional consultation requirements.</i> Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8560	Threatened

Birds

NAME	STATUS
<p>California Condor <i>Gymnogyps californianus</i> Population: U.S.A. only, except where listed as an experimental population There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location overlaps the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8193</p>	Endangered
<p>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</p>	Endangered
<p>Least Bell's Vireo <i>Vireo bellii pusillus</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location overlaps the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5945</p>	Endangered
<p>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</p>	Endangered
<p>Marbled Murrelet <i>Brachyramphus marmoratus</i> Population: U.S.A. (CA, OR, WA) There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4467</p>	Threatened
<p>Southwestern Willow Flycatcher <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location overlaps the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6749</p>	Endangered
<p>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</p>	Threatened

Reptiles

NAME	STATUS
<p>Blunt-nosed Leopard Lizard <i>Gambelia silus</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/625</p>	Endangered

Amphibians

NAME	STATUS
<p>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</p>	Endangered
<p>California Red-legged Frog <i>Rana draytonii</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location overlaps the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2891</p>	Threatened
<p>California Tiger Salamander <i>Ambystoma californiense</i> Population: U.S.A. (Central CA DPS) There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2076</p>	Threatened
<p>California Tiger Salamander <i>Ambystoma californiense</i> Population: U.S.A. (CA - Santa Barbara County) There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location overlaps the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2076</p>	Endangered

Fishes

NAME	STATUS
<p>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</p>	Endangered
<p>Unarmored Threespine Stickleback <i>Gasterosteus aculeatus williamsoni</i> There is proposed critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7002</p>	Endangered

Insects

NAME	STATUS
<p>El Segundo Blue Butterfly <i>Euphilotes battoides allyni</i> There is proposed critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3135</p>	Endangered
<p>Kern Primrose Sphinx Moth <i>Euproserpinus euterpe</i> There is proposed critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7881</p>	Threatened

Crustaceans

NAME	STATUS
<p>Vernal Pool Fairy Shrimp <i>Branchinecta lynchi</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location overlaps the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/498</p>	Threatened

Flowering Plants

NAME	STATUS
Beach Layia <i>Layia carnosa</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6728	Endangered
California Jewelflower <i>Caulanthus californicus</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4599	Endangered
Contra Costa Goldfields <i>Lasthenia conjugens</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7058	Endangered
Gambel's Watercress <i>Rorippa gambellii</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4201	Endangered
Gaviota Tarplant <i>Deinandra increscens ssp. villosa</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location overlaps the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4218	Endangered
Hoffmann's Rock-cress <i>Arabis hoffmannii</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5909	Endangered
Hoffmann's Slender-flowered Gilia <i>Gilia tenuiflora ssp. hoffmannii</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/968	Endangered
Island Barberrry <i>Berberis pinnata ssp. insularis</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5197	Endangered
Island Bedstraw <i>Galium buxifolium</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6337	Endangered
Island Malacothrix <i>Malacothrix squalida</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1211	Endangered
Island Phacelia <i>Phacelia insularis ssp. insularis</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/189	Endangered
Island Rush-rose <i>Helianthemum greenei</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species.	Threatened

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Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6338	
La Graciosa Thistle <i>Cirsium loncholepis</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location overlaps the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6547	Endangered
Lompoc Yerba Santa <i>Eriodictyon capitatum</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location overlaps the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/364	Endangered
Marsh Sandwort <i>Arenaria paludicola</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2229	Endangered
Salt Marsh Bird's-beak <i>Cordylanthus maritimus</i> ssp. <i>maritimus</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6447	Endangered
San Joaquin Woolly-threads <i>Monolopia</i> (= <i>Lembertia</i>) <i>congdonii</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3746	Endangered
Santa Cruz Island Bush-mallow <i>Malacothamnus fasciculatus</i> var. <i>nesioticus</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6152	Endangered
Santa Cruz Island Dudleya <i>Dudleya nesiotica</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6828	Threatened
Santa Cruz Island Fringepod <i>Thysanocarpus conchuliferus</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7364	Endangered
Santa Cruz Island Malacothrix <i>Malacothrix indecora</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3210	Endangered
Santa Cruz Island Rockcress <i>Sibara filifolia</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7424	Endangered
Santa Rosa Island Manzanita <i>Arctostaphylos confertiflora</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/563	Endangered
Soft-leaved Paintbrush <i>Castilleja mollis</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species.	Endangered

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Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5312	
Ventura Marsh Milk-vetch <i>Astragalus pycnostachyus</i> var. <i>lanosissimus</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location overlaps the critical habitat. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1160	Endangered

Critical habitats

There are 14 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
California Condor <i>Gymnogyps californianus</i> https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8193#crithab	Final
California Red-legged Frog <i>Rana draytonii</i> https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2891#crithab	Final
California Tiger Salamander <i>Ambystoma californiense</i> https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2076#crithab	Final
Gaviota Tarplant <i>Deinandra increscens</i> ssp. <i>villosa</i> https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4218#crithab	Final
La Graciosa Thistle <i>Cirsium loncholepis</i> https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6547#crithab	Final
Least Bell's Vireo <i>Vireo bellii pusillus</i> https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5945#crithab	Final
Lompoc Yerba Santa <i>Eriodictyon capitatum</i> https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/364#crithab	Final
Southwestern Willow Flycatcher <i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i> https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6749#crithab	Final
Tidewater Goby <i>Eucyclogobius newberryi</i> https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/57#crithab	Final
Vandenberg Monkeyflower <i>Diplacus vandenbergensis</i> For information on why this critical habitat appears for your project, even though Vandenberg Monkeyflower is not on the list of potentially affected species at this location, contact the local field office. https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9079#crithab	Final

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Ventura Marsh Milk-vetch <i>Astragalus pycnostachyus</i> var. <i>lanosissimus</i> https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1160#crithab	Final
Vernal Pool Fairy Shrimp <i>Branchinecta lynchi</i> https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/498#crithab	Final
Western Snowy Plover <i>Charadrius nivosus nivosus</i> https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8035#crithab	Final
