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Subject: Re: Sun Valley Energy Project / Western Riverside County MSHCP

John,

I appologize for not getting back to you sooner, I've been out with a cold. Thank you for the map. The site is in an MSHCP special survey area for the burrowing owl. If you want to become a special participating entity under the MSHCP you will need to do a burrowing owl habitat assessment and (if habitat occurs) surveys in accordance with the CDFG protocol this spring (see MSHCP section 6.3.2 page 6-65 and species account page B-65)

You should also determine whether riparian, riverine, vernal pool, or fairy shrimp habitat occurs on the site (see MSHCP section 6.1.2 page 6-20). If any of these habitats occur and they cannot be avoided, a Determination of Biologically Equivalent or Superior Preservation is required under the MSHCP. The site appears to be fairly flat and disced in aerial photos. Note, however, that fairy shrimp can persist in disturbed areas such as detention basins or depressions in disced fields where water ponds ephemerally. If ephemerally ponding areas occur onsite, surveys should be conducted for listed vernal pool species such as Riverside fairy shrimp, vernal pool fairy shrimp, spreading navarretia, and California orcutt grass.

We have data points for Stephen's kangaroo rat (SKR) and Coastal California gnatcatchers (CAGN) near the site. Take of SKR is covered in this area under the SKR HCP. CAGN typically occur in coastal sage scrub and low-growing chapparral habitat - you appear to have disced field. If you do have CAGN onsite, the MSHCP would address take of that species.

If you are interested in becoming a special participating entity under the MSHCP you should contact the RCA at (951) 955-9700.

You can also see their website at:
www.wrc-rca.org

If you have any questions feel free to give me a call at the number below.

Thanks,

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FOR THE SUN VALLEY ENERGY  
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I, Angela Hockaday declare that on June 14, 2006 I deposited copies of the attached Email from U.S. Fish and Wildlife / Sally Brown to CEC / John Mathias dated 2/1/06 Re: Sun Valley Energy Project/Western Riverside County MSHCP, in the United States mail at Sacramento, CA with first class postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to those identified on the Proof of Service list above. Transmission via electronic mail was consistent with the requirements of California Code of Regulations, title 20, sections 1209, 1209.5, and 1210.

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