

## Memorandum

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Date: October 10, 2011

To: Susan Scatolini

From: Lyndon Quon

Subject: Addendum No. 1 to the Interstate 5 / State Route 56 Interchange Project, Natural Environment Study (NES) Report, San Diego County, California

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This is Addendum No. 1 to the Interstate 5 / State Route 56 Interchange Project, Natural Environment Study (NES) Report, prepared for the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 11. This addendum addresses the updated species list from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) (see attached), dated October 5, 2011. This current species list updates the previous information from the Service on federally listed threatened or endangered species and their critical habitats, and proposed or candidate species, or proposed critical habitats, provided by the Service, in their letter dated February 4, 2009.

The Service's current letter does not add any additional species to those outlined in the 2009 letter. However, critical habitat identified within the vicinity of the project has been updated from four species in 2009 to one. Critical habitat was identified for the western snowy plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus*).

Since no new species or critical habitats have been defined for the project vicinity, the analysis provided within the NES remains valid, and no revisions to the NES are required.



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Subject: Request for a List of Proposed, Threatened, or Endangered Species Potentially Occurring in the Vicinity of the Interstate 5 / State Route 56 Interchange Project, San Diego County, California

Dear Ms. Scatolini:

This letter is in response to your request, received by our office on September 28, 2011, for information on federally endangered, threatened, proposed, and candidate species that may occur in the vicinity of the Interstate 5 / State Route 56 Interchange Project, in San Diego County, California. To assist you in evaluating the potential occurrence of federally listed endangered, threatened, proposed, and candidate species that may occur in the vicinity of the proposed action, we are providing the enclosed list.

Because we do not have site-specific information for the proposed project, we recommend that you seek assistance from a biologist familiar with the habitat conditions and associated species in and around the project site to assess the actual potential for direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts likely to result from the proposed activity. We also suggest that you contact the California Department of Fish and Game regarding State-listed and sensitive species that may occur within the project area. Please note that State-listed species are protected under the provisions of the California Endangered Species Act.

As a reminder, if a proposed project is authorized, funded, or carried out by a Federal agency and may affect a federally listed species, then section 7 consultation pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended, is required. If a proposed project does not involve a Federal agency, but is likely to result in the take of a listed animal species, then the project proponent should apply for an incidental take permit, pursuant to section 10 of the Act.

Please note that the Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office is hosting all critical habitat GIS data within our jurisdictional area on our website at <http://www.fws.gov/carlsbad>. Select the GIS DATA link to access current critical habitat layers.

Ms. Susan Scatolini (FWS-SDG-09B0099-12SL0002)

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Should you have any questions regarding the species listed or your responsibilities under the Act, please contact Sally Brown of this office at 760-431-9440, extension 278.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Field Supervisor

Enclosure

**Federally Endangered, Threatened, Proposed, and Candidate Species and Critical Habitat  
that May Occur in the Vicinity of the Interstate 5 / State Route 56 Interchange Project,  
San Diego County, California**

**October 4, 2011**

<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>	<b>Federal Status</b>	<b>Critical Habitat in Vicinity</b>
<b><u>Plants</u></b>			
Encinitas baccharis	<i>Baccharis vanessae</i>	threatened	N/A*
Del Mar Manzanita	<i>Arctostaphylos glandulosa subsp. crassifolia</i>	endangered	N/A
<b><u>Birds</u></b>			
Least Bell's vireo	<i>Vireo bellii pusillus</i>	endangered	absent
southwestern willow flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>	endangered	absent
coastal California gnatcatcher	<i>Polioptila californica californica</i>	threatened	absent
light-footed clapper rail	<i>Rallus longirostris levipes</i>	endangered	N/A
western snowy plover	<i>Charadrius alexandrinus nivosus</i>	threatened	present
California least tern	<i>Sternula antillarum browni</i>	endangered	N/A
<b><u>Mammals</u></b>			
Pacific pocket mouse	<i>Perognathus longimembris pacificus</i>	endangered	N/A

\* N/A = not applicable