

CDFW Terrestrial- Sites 60 day Evaluation Meeting No.5 Agenda



Sites Reservoir Project

HDR Office: 2379 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 200 Fleming Conference Room. Or Skype with Call in: 866-583-7984,,1977661

Date: July 24, 2019

Location:

Time: 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Purpose: Continue terrestrial 60-day evaluation process.

Invitees

Ali Forsythe, Sites Authority
Ilan Boyd, CDFW

Monique Briard, ICF
Ellen Berryman, ICF
John Howe, ICF

Jelica Arsenijevic, HDR
John Spranza, HDR

Action Item	Owner	Deadline	Notes
1 Schedule CDFW Field Visit	John S.	07/11/2019	Complete, Aug 2
2 Extended write up for the model layers and land cover types.	Ellen B/John H.	7/10/2019	Pending
3 Crosswalk table EIR/EIS	ICF	7/10/2019	Accompany the land cover mapping
4 Determine if Construction and Ops separate ITP or combine: Talk with Jeff RE: the structure prior to next steps.	CDFW	7/10/2019	
5 LSA	CDFW	Ongoing	
6 Contact info for DWR Bank Swallow	CDFW	7/10/2019	Complete – email sent 7/3/2019

Agenda

Discussion Topic	Topic Leader	Est Time
1. Introductions/Safety/ Admin	John Spranza	5 min
2. Review of Action Items from Previous Meeting	Ali Forsythe	15 min
3. Continued discussion of terrestrial species a. Fully Protected Species	Ellen Berryman and John Howe	60 min
4. Next steps for 60 day schedule	Group discussion	10 min

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Dave Duncan, ICF (phone)

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1 Schedule CDFW Field Visit	John S.	07/11/2019	Scheduled for August 2 Send email to field site attendees regarding field safety (rattle snakes, etc.)
2 Extended write up for the model layers and land cover types.	Ellen B/John H.	7/10/2019	Pending Sent GGS as a template
3 Crosswalk table EIR/EIS	ICF	7/10/2019	Complete
4 Determine if Construction and Ops separate ITP or combine: Talk with Jeff RE: the structure prior to next steps.	CDFW	Ongoing	Separate, but continue discussions
5 LSA	CDFW	Ongoing	All separate , but continue discussions
6 Meet with CDFW regional contacts provided by Ilan	All	Late-August/early-September	Begin discussions to think about mitigation and regional perspective – add more value to species.
7 Funks Creek – Use of Creek	AF	8/2/2019	Follow up on use of Funks Creek

Minutes

1. Introductions/Safety/ Admin
 - a. Add to agenda to put on calendar late-August, early-September to meet with CDFW regional contacts (as provided). Starting to think about mitigation, as CDFW regional staff may have great ideas regarding mitigation, add more value to the species.
2. Review of Action Items from Previous Meeting (see table above)
3. Continued discussion of terrestrial species
 - a. GGS Model Description Discussion –
 - Relied mostly on the 2017 recovery plan. Recovery plans go into detail on characteristics which project doesn't have available at this point due to lack of property access. Once access allowed, team will be able to look for specific habitats.
 - Every project is evaluated on a case by case basis and after reviewing the landcover types within the Sites Reservoir footprint CDFW concurred that the areas west of the GCID provide very little suitable habitat for GGS and that those upland habitat areas extending beyond 200 feet and disconnected aquatic habitat could be counted out of for the GGS modeling. CDFW in agreement with approach of GGS model description discussion. ICF will use the template for other species.
 - Site visit target areas – GCID canal. Other canals along orchards (to see if those areas have burrows). CDFW desire to stop at Delevan intake facility
 - **Action Item: Ali to follow up on use of Funks**
 - b. Land Cover Mapping – discussed approach taken.
 - Narrow down for specific habitat types, not just what species would be present. Ground-truthing is a factor. Same methodology will be submitted to Corps.
 - c. Fully Protected Species
 - Reviewed preliminary AMM's that were prepared for the Geotech EA/IS to start conversation with CDFW on general approach, noting that overall project measures may change.
 - Best approach per CDFW is to conduct preconstruction surveys, and if present, completely avoid. Removing nests (e.g., grubbing, clearing, etc.) outside of nesting season.
 - CDFW recommends that project consider bats.
 - Surveys for bald and golden eagles scheduled for January 2020.
4. Next steps for 60 day schedule
 - a. Discuss draft outcomes for August 6, 2019 executive meeting. Ali to send draft outcomes
 - b. Put together additional information (packet suggested) for fully protected species (August 6, 2019 meeting).
 - c. Next meeting August 6, 2019