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Question BIO-18:

Biological Resources

BIO-18 Page F-156 of the BRTR provides a list of species for which surveys are required by the WRCMSHCP. CAGN does not appear on this list. Please indicate if there is suitable habitat or occupied habitat for CAGN within 500 feet of the ROW in the WRCMSHCP area. If so, please provide the acreage of temporary and permanent project impacts in this habitat.

Response to Question BIO-18:

The only requirement for CAGN surveys in the WR-MSHCP Plan Area is the requirement to conduct pre-construction surveys on public or quasi-public conservation lands (PQP) in the MSHCP Plan Area. Otherwise, there is no requirement to conduct focused surveys for this species within the boundaries of the WR-MSHCP.

Although CAGN have been recorded on occasion in the vicinity of the Riverside County portion of the West of Devers Upgrade Project study area (e.g., an individual at the Oak Valley development in 1999 by LSA [CNDDB] at approximately 2,400 feet elevation), the grassland-and chaparral-dominated habitat and high elevation generally render the entire Riverside County portion of the West of Devers Upgrade Project study area as unsuitable for nesting CAGN. Furthermore, the mapped sage scrub habitat in Riverside County is dominated by chaparral plant species and other plant species that are typically not utilized by CAGN (e.g., Bush Penstemon, Sugarbush, or Redberry-Black Sage Shrubland Alliances), resulting in the decision not to conduct CAGN ptotocol surveys in Riverside County. Suitable habitat areas in San Bernardino County areas were the subject of CAGN protocol surveys in 2012 and 2013 and no CAGN were detected.