

*Southern California Edison*  
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**Question 04:**

SCE's comment on Draft EIR Section 4.3.4, page 4.3- 62 lines 32–38 of the Draft EIR stated SCE would implement an existing company-wide Avian Protection Plan. Provide a copy of SCE's USFWS approved company-wide Avian Protection Plan.

**Response to Question 04:**

Southern California Edison would like to clarify its DEIR comment on MM BR-15 regarding SCE's company-wide Avian Protection Plan (APP), which reads as follows: "SCE will implement the USFWS approved company-wide Avian Protection Plan (APP)." The APP has been approved and implemented by SCE and has been submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS, Service) for review. APPs are voluntary plans which entities, such as utilities, develop to demonstrate their approach to compliance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and conditions associated with any Special Purpose Permits issued by USFWS. The Service does not, in fact, formally approve APPs, they may, however, review and comment on APPs for guidance.

The attached APP is a company-wide policy and program document and as such is not specific to the Mesa Substation project. The APP is intended to broadly be applied to all aspects of operations of the company. Given the limited scope of the Mesa Substation project, the following sections of the APP are applicable to Mesa:

**Section 5 Procedures**

- 5.2 Reporting
- 5.3 Avian Mortality
- 5.5 Bird Nest Removal
- 5.6 Injured Birds
- 5.8 Construction Standards
- 5.10 Avian-Specific Safety Requirements
- 5.11 Training
- 5.12 Quality Control

**Section 6 Major Projects**

- 6.1 Nesting Bird Management Plan
- 6.4 Avian-Safe Design
- 6.5 Reporting