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Question 08 Supplemental:

Focused surveys are required for the following special-status species within suitable habitat:

- Least Bell's vireo
- Southwestern willow flycatcher
- Western yellow-billed cuckoo
- Delhi sands flower-loving fly
- San Diego ambrosia
- Brand's phacelia
- San Miguel savory
- Los Angeles pocket mouse
- Northwestern San Diego pocket mouse
- San Bernardino kangaroo rat

Focused surveys for these species were performed between 2006 and 2009 (seven to ten years ago). These surveys are considered out-of-date and do not reflect current species distribution. The impact analysis and the mitigation measures in the 2013 RTRP Final EIR may therefore not adequately consider the level of impacts on these species. The focused surveys need to include the full limits of all work areas as defined in response to items 1 through 3 above.

Understanding that focused surveys for some species require multiple field visits over several weeks and during specific time periods, please provide a detailed schedule for any outstanding focused surveys that extend beyond the September 19th response deadline for this Deficiency Report.

Response to Question 08 Supplemental:

Attached is a memo discussing the results of the Rare Plant Survey-which includes San Diego ambrosia, Brand's phacelia and Sam Miguel savory--that was conducted in the Spring 2017. The other species covered in this request were previously provided for avian and small mammals. The Delhi Sands Flowering Loving Fly second year of survey results will be available in late Fall. The three plant species mentioned in the data request were not detected during 2017 field surveys. Surveys were conducted twice in 2017 during an optimal growing season, and

reference populations were checked to ensure proper timing of surveys. GIS for these surveys were recently provided in a data update that included the results of the JD surveys.