

# **Nest Survey Report**

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**Biologist(s):** James McMorran

#### **Survey Area/Location/Structures:**

Stations: 15+00-50+00, 311+00-336+00, and 485+00, 509+00

Segments 6-8 - Pole Locations: E40 (Z479064), E41 (Z479063), E44 (Z479060), E45 (Z479059), E46 (Z479058)

Segment 3 – Sections 5, and 6,

Segment 5 – Sections 1, 2, 3, 18, 19, and 20

#### **Proposed Construction within Survey Area:**

Proposed construction activities include pot-holing, grading, excavation and trenching for installation of new underground/overhead 230kV line.

ls	Vegetation	Clearing I	<u> Required?</u>	Yes:	No:	$\boxtimes$

Was Complete Survey Coverage Achieved? Yes: ⊠ No: □

#### Details of modifications to the survey area if complete coverage was not achieved: N/A

#### **Survey Conditions:**

	Start	End
Time	7:25 am	11:00 am
<b>Temperature</b> (°F):	70 °	75 °
Wind Speed (mph):	0 mph	0-5 mph
Cloud Cover (%):	100%	0%
<b>Precipitation Type (if any) and duration:</b>	n/a	n/a

## **Habitat(s) and Vegetation Description within Survey Area:**

- o Ornamental
- o Disturbed
- o Coastal Sage Scrub
- o Eucalyptus Woodland

### **Description of Survey Methodology:**

The biologists conducted active and passive surveys within a survey buffer of 0.25 mile for white tailed kite, 500 feet for raptors, coastal California gnatcatcher, and least Bell's vireo, 250 feet for passerine birds in open space, and 150 feet for common passerines in residential, commercial and industrial areas. Active survey methods included walking meandering transects through the habitats while observing bird behavior with the aid of binoculars and directly searching in vegetation, trees, the ground, the towers/poles, and other potential nest substrates. Passive survey methods included stationary observation periods from select vantage points that provided maximum visibility of the survey areas, using binoculars as necessary. If potential nesting behavior was observed within the survey buffers, specific shrubs were directly searched for nests in the areas where birds may have been observed exhibiting higher levels of activity or potential breeding behavior. All potential raptor nesting areas within the survey buffers were searched directly and/or with the aid of binoculars. Visibility, access, time of year and weather conditions was all conducive to collecting comprehensive breeding data, and ample time was spent surveying all potential nest sites.



Suitable Raptor Nesting Habitat: Suitable CAGN Nesting Habitat: Suitable LBV Nesting Habitat: Survey Resul				Yes: ⊠ Yes: ⊠ Yes: □	No: ☐ No: ☐ No: ☐					
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Nest ID¹	Species <sup>2</sup>	Listing Status <sup>3</sup>	Nest Stage <sup>4</sup>	Observation Notes <sup>5</sup>	Latitude (decimal degrees)	Longitude (decimal degrees)				
1 – Date (mmddyyy)_Biologist Initials (ABC)_Number ID (01) 2 – Include common name and four letter AOU species code 3 – Federally Endangered (FE), Federally Threatened (FT), State Endangered (SE), State Threatened (ST), Species of Special Concern (SSC), Watch List (WL), Common 4 – Building, Incubating, Nestling, Fledged, Complete/Inactive 5 – Observation Notes: Item Carry (IC- nest material, food items, fecal sacs that indicate nesting in progress), Agitated/Territorial Behavior (ATB – indicating potential nest sites or an intent to nest), Courtship Behavior (CB – copulation, chasing flights, displays, etc.), Pair in Suitable Habitat (PSH – utilizing all or portions of the buffer zone), Other										
Avian Species Observed (complete common name):  American crow (AMCR), Anna's hummingbird (ANHU), Bewick's Wren (BEWR), black phoebe (BLPH), bushtit (BUSH), California gnatcatcher (CAGN), California towhee (CALT), Cassin's Kingbird (CAKI), Eurasian collared-dove (EUCD), European starling (EUST), hooded oriole (HOOR), house finch (HOFI), lesser goldfinch (LEGO), mourning dove (MODO), northern mockingbird (NOMO), red-tailed hawk (RTHA), red-shouldered hawk (RSHA), scaly-breasted munia (SBMU), and song sparrow (SOSP).										
Additional Notes (see Avian Species Observed and Observation Notes for definition of abbreviations):										
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# **Establishment of Nest Buffer and Justification:** None