
MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert Fletcher, San Diego Gas & Electric

FROM: Melissa Busby, Busby Biological Services, Inc.

DATE: February 20, 2015

RE: CPUC Data Request No. 7, Question No. 9: (Follow-up for Response to Data Request #5, Question 5)

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has identified data needs for the proposed San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) Sycamore to Peñasquitos 230 Kilovolt Transmission Line Project (Proposed Project), Application No. 14-04-011. This memorandum provides a response to Data Request No. 7, Question 9 which requests additional information relating to the previously submitted response CPUC Data Request No. 5, Question 5, which states:

Provide results of special-status plant, coastal California gnatcatcher, and burrowing owl surveys and a jurisdictional delineation for the proposed staging yards at Black Mountain Ranch Community Park and Evergreen Nursery.

The biological resources documentation (report and GIS files) submitted by SDG&E on February 3, 2015 states that surveys for special status plant species, coastal California gnatcatcher, and burrowing owl are necessary but not specifically where relative to the two additional staging yards. The report also indicates that a jurisdictional delineation is needed for these yards, and that all of these surveys should be conducted concurrent with other project surveys in 2015. Provide these additional survey results or identify when they are expected to be submitted.

To respond to this data request, Busby Biological Services, Inc. (BBS) provides, below, the approximate schedule for the focused surveys that will occur within the two new proposed staging yards - the approximately 28.9-acre Evergreen Nursery staging yard and the approximately 4.2-acre Black Mountain staging yard – and the associated survey buffers.

SCHEDULE

Focused surveys for special-status plants, coastal California gnatcatcher, and burrowing owl along with a wetland delineation are proposed during 2015. The approximate dates are provided in Table 1, below.

Table 1. 2015 Focused Survey Schedule for the Proposed Black Mountain and Evergreen Nursery Staging Yards

Species	Survey # or Report	Approx. 2015 Dates
Special-Status Plants	Survey 1: Early Spring	Weeks of 4/5 & 4/12
	Survey 2: Late Spring	Weeks of 5/17 & 5/24
	Survey 3: Late Summer/Fall	Weeks of 9/20 & 9/27
	Report to CPUC	10/23
Coastal California Gnatcatcher	Survey 1	Week of 2/22
	Survey 2	Week of 3/8
	Survey 3	Week of 3/29
	Report to CPUC	5/1
Burrowing Owl	Survey 1	Week of 3/15
	Survey 2	Week of 4/19
	Survey 3	Week of 5/10
	Survey 4	Week of 6/14
	Report to CPUC	8/5
Wetland Delineation	Field Surveys	Weeks of 2/15 & 2/22
	Report to CPUC	4/3