

Table 4 Potential for Habitat at the El Centro ILA Site to Support Sensitive Species Occurring in the Vicinity
The burrowing owl (<i>Athene cunicularia</i>) is a federal and California species of concern. This species utilizes the abandoned burrows of ground squirrels, foxes, and other small- to medium-sized mammals. Burrowing owls are often found in open, dry grassland, desert, and scrub communities. <i>The El Centro site is completely graded and denuded of vegetation. The proposed site does not provide potential forage or refuge habitat for the burrowing owl. Adjacent areas are similarly disturbed. This species is unlikely to inhabit any area within 500 meters of the project site.</i>

Source: California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), *El Centro Quadrangle, California Natural Diversity Database*. October 1999.