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Hello Darcy,

CDFW is not in agreement with the proposed changes to the recommended mitigation measures 1-9 as proposed in the response to our comments.

The proposed changes rely heavily on the lack of CNDDDB recorded records of species being present, which is an interpretation of CNDDDB information that conflicts with the nature of this database. The CNDDDB is populated by and records voluntary submissions of species detections. As a result, species may be present in locations not depicted in the CNDDDB but where there is suitable habitat and features capable of supporting species. A lack of an occurrence record in the CNDDDB does not mean a species is not present. To adequately assess any potential Project-related impacts to biological resources, surveys conducted by a qualified wildlife biologist/botanist during the appropriate survey period(s) and using the appropriate protocol survey methodology are warranted in order to determine whether or not any special status species are present at or near the Project area.

We also recommend the measures for nesting birds be implement as drafted, which allow for a reduction in buffer distances in consultation with CDFW.

Thank you for reaching out to us, we continue to suggest that our recommended avoidance and minimization measures be implemented as drafted in our response letter.

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Good morning,

Please see the attached response letter from the Project Biologist regarding the May 23, 2023 letter submitted by CDFW.

Please confirm if CDFW is agreeable to the suggested changes to the recommended mitigation measures 1-9. Thank you for your time.

Best,  
**Darcy Delgado**  
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**[EXTERNAL EMAIL]**

Dear Darcy Delgado,

Please see the attached letter.

If you have any questions about this letter please contact Jeremy Pohlman, Senior Environmental Scientist (Specialist), at (805) 503-2375 or at [Jeremy.Pohlman@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Jeremy.Pohlman@wildlife.ca.gov).

Thank you,

CDFW R4 CEQA Support Staff