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Report of Conversation (ROC)

Siting, Transmission, and Environmental Protection Division

PROJECT TITLE: Prairie Song Reliability Project (PSRP)

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TECHNICAL AREA(S): Biological Resources

METHOD OF CONVERSATION: Meeting and E-mail

NAME(S): Lisa Worrall, and forwarded to

- (1) California Energy Commission (CEC) staff: Alex Single, Chris Huntley, Ann Crisp, Barbara Borkowski, Alex Mayer, Eric Knight, Kaycee Chang, Carol Watson
- (2) California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) staff: Mary Ngo, Baron Barrera

WITH: Garrett Lehman, Coval Infrastructure; and Erin Phillips, Anna Cassady, Michael Cady, Dudek

DATE: April 30, 2026, through May 12, 2026

TIME: Various

SUBJECT: PSRP (25-OPT-02) Crotch's Bumble Bee Spring 2026 Survey Results

COMMENTS: The applicant documented Crotch's bumble bee (CBB) presence on the proposed project site during surveys in 2026. The following summarizes the applicant's comments made during several project meetings and a follow up email regarding their survey results.

April 30, 2026:

The following are notes related to biological resources from the regular meeting between CEC project manager and the applicant's representatives:

Response to Supplemental Data Requests Set 1 docketed today.

Rare plant surveys done 4/30.

Saw 8 CBB (possibly foraging or flying through)

All on gen tie and MRCA [Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority] land. Super mobile.

May 8th and May 22nd CBB surveys - as dry and hotter this year than normal so biologists stacking the surveys up [i.e., scheduled closer together in time] will be better. [Garrett] Thinks that is based on phenology.

May 5, 2026:

Via e-mail, Lisa Worrall relayed the following questions from CEC biology staff and CDFW staff in response to the notes from the April 30, 2026, meeting with the applicant's representatives.

Are the CBBs that were positively identified, identified as males? It would be best to have eyes on the site regularly, to be adaptive and try to capture multiple parts of the cycle. Going out earlier than usual this year is a good call, but it may be helpful to slightly spread the surveys as well.

May 6, 2026:

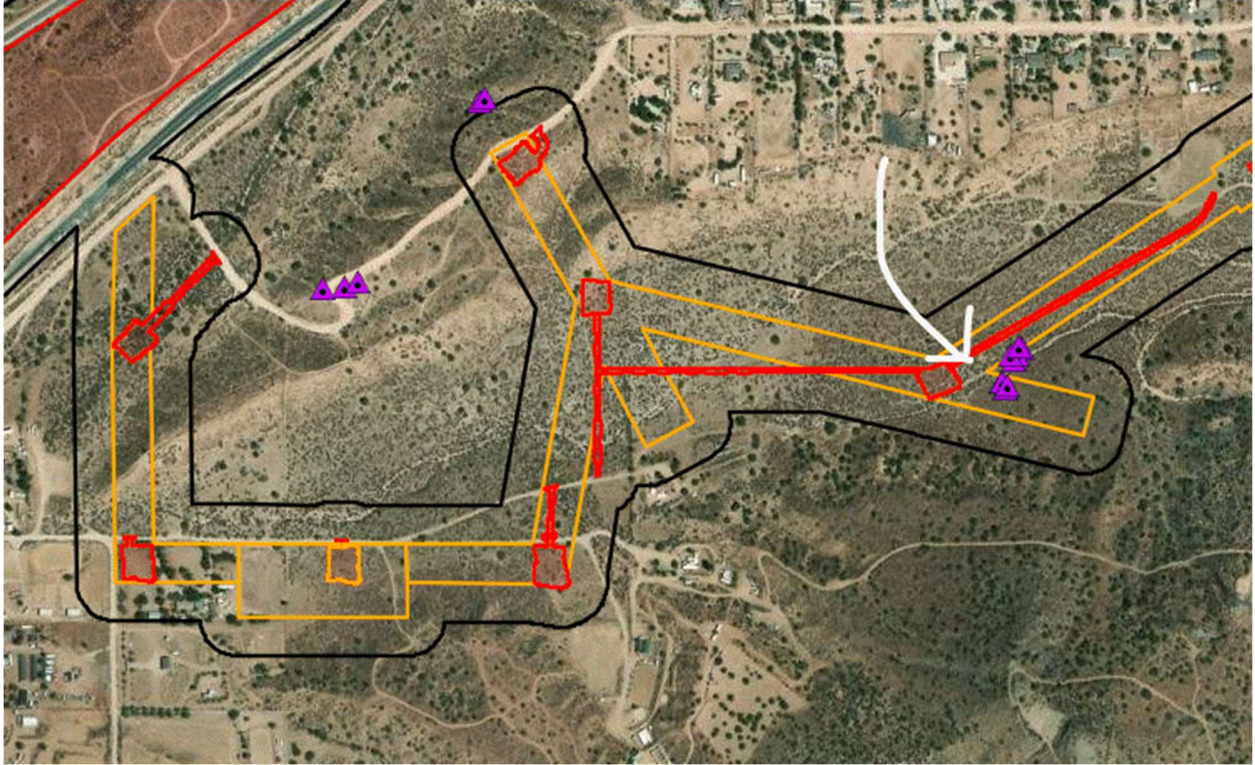
The following is Erin Phillips' response via e-mail:

None of the captured CBB were male. We observed at least 1 that may have been male, but we do not have conclusive photographic evidence. Our next survey is scheduled for this Friday.

May 12, 2026:

Erin Phillips provided the following update via e-mail to staff from their second CBB survey:

On Friday May 8, we observed two Crotch's bumble bees foraging on Phacelia distans. Many common bumble bee individuals (*Bombus vosnesenskii* and *Bombus vandykei*) were also observed. Floral resources are senescing throughout the site. The final survey pass is currently scheduled for May 22. The purple triangles below show the location of CBB observed to date. The white arrow is the location of the two observed this past Friday. Let us know if any questions.



cc: Carol Watson, CEC staff biologist

Name: Lisa Worrall, Project Manager