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## Memorandum

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**Subject:** **BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES CITATION REQUESTED AT EVIDENTIARY HEARING**

During the recent evidentiary hearings, attorney Mr. Matthew Smith, representing the Sierra Club, Environmental Coalition, and Environmental Defense Center, raised questions relative to a citation made by Energy Commission staff. The citation, Exhibit No. 2023, was in reference to sensitive habitat, and is as follows:

CDFW. 2015. California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB). The CNDDDB GIS data in shapefile format. Available online at: <https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/cnddb/view/updates.aspx>.

The CNDDDB is not a standing document, but a dynamic database, requiring subscription, and continuously updated by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife as field experts report species detections and the locations where they are observed. Therefore, the reference used by staff on Puente represents a "snapshot in time" of the species occurrences at the time staff accessed the service and created a GIS map of the occurrences to date.