Energy Facilities Siting and Environmental Protection Division	**FILE: 07-SPPE-2**		
	PROJECT TITLE: Orange Grove		
☒ **Telephone** (760) 431-9440 ext 356	☐ **Meeting Location:**		
NAME: Michelle Moreno US Fish and Wildlife Service, Carlsbad	**DATE:** 02-12-08	**TIME:** 10:10 a.m.	
WITH: Susan Sanders, Biologist, Aspen Environmental Group			
SUBJECT: Coastal California Gnatcatcher Survey Requirements			

I asked Ms. Moreno for clarification on the following section of the *Coastal California Gnatcatcher (Polioptila californica californica) Presence/Absence Survey Guidelines* (dated February 28, 1997)

Jurisdictions participating in the NCCP interim section 4(d) process:
The number of surveys conducted within active NCCP areas is based on the prior recommended guidelines and the fact that, through the interim section 4(d) process, loss of coastal sage scrub requires mitigation on a habitat basis, regardless of whether habitat is occupied by coastal California gnatcatchers.

- ☐ *From February 15 and August 30, a minimum of three (3) surveys shall be conducted at least one week apart, to determine presence/absence of coastal California gnatcatchers.*
- ☐ *Whenever possible, additional surveys should be conducted. Any deviation from this protocol will require concurrence from the Service.*

I described the circumstances of this project - that Energy Commission is doing CEQA compliance, but is not a signatory to the NCCP. However, San Diego County is a NCCP participant, and we will require County approval before we give our CEQA clearance, so I asked if the applicant would be in compliance if they conducted this shorter survey protocol.

Ms. Moreno agreed that based on the circumstances I described the shorter protocol would probably be acceptable.

The applicant should confirm this with the USFWS and the County.

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