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PROJECT TITLE: Orange Grove

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NAME:	Jarrett Ramaiya San Diego Department of Planning and Land Use	DATE:	01-29-08
		TIME:	9:30 a.m.
WITH:	Susan Sanders, Biologist, Aspen Environmental Group		
SUBJECT:	Biological Resources/Endangered Species Issues at Orange Grove Project Site		

Monica Bilodeau (858-694-3085), staff biologist, was also on the call.

The Department of Planning and Land Use (DPLU) released a scoping letter in December, which was based on the initial submittals and therefore is a little dated because additional work has been done. Jarrett will send me a copy of the letter.

I asked about the proposed de minimus exemption for the DPLU Habitat Loss Permit for impacts to 0.51 acres of coastal sage scrub. Monica said that the de minimus exemption depends on the extent of the habitat loss, the quality of the habitat, and whether or not gnatcatchers are present. There are still some unsettled issues regarding the extent of the impacts to coastal sage scrub. It's not clear if it was appropriate to exclude habitat loss due to the firebreak clearing that will occur on both sides of Pala Del Norte Road. I noted that I had the same concerns about the roadside clearing, and thought that if it was project related (i.e., would happen only if the project happened) then it was appropriately considered a project impact and included in the calculation of lost habitat. Monica agreed with that assessment.

We discussed the project impacts to 10 individuals of Parry's tetracoccus (*Tetracoccus dioicus*), and I asked if they had a standard salvage and transplant protocol for this species. Monica said that they have pretty rigorous standards because this is an MCSP-covered species. I asked about how mitigation monitoring might work for a transplant, given that this is proposed for a mitigated negative declaration. Jarrett said that they are also applying for a Major Use Permit, and with that form of decision there are ongoing conditions and mitigation monitoring.

Jarrett said that the applicant has been working on the development footprint, trying to minimize project impacts.

I asked how much coordination the DPLU staff does with USFWS and CDFG, or if they rely on the applicant for that. Monica said that most of that is done by DPLU, and that they have monthly batching meetings with agency and applicants present where coordination can also take place.

cc: Rick York, CEC Siting Division Felicia Miller, CEC Siting PM	Prepared by: Susan Sanders
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