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**Energy Facilities Siting and
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 Division**

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PROJECT TITLE: Orange Grove

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telephone	(858) 627-3997	<input type="checkbox"/> Meeting Location:	
NAME:	David Lawhead California Department of Fish & Game	DATE:	08-13-08
WITH:	Susan Sanders, Biologist, Aspen Environmental Group		
SUBJECT:	CDFG Coordination on T&E Species		
		TIME:	3:00 p.m.

I asked Mr. Lawhead if he had reviewed any of the reports for the Orange Grove project yet, and if he had any concerns or recommendations to offer on protection of sensitive biological resources. He had skimmed through some of the information, but had not yet had a chance to review it carefully.

I described the sensitive species in the vicinity of pipeline or site construction, and asked for his recommendations on work windows. For gnatcatchers, breeding season is Feb 15 to Aug 31 within 300 feet of the nest site. For vireo and willow flycatcher, Mar 15 –Sept 15

Cristine Beck is likely to be the CDFG staff person reviewing the Habitat Loss Permit, although it was possible that he would be working with San Diego County on this. I asked about whether or not impacts to coastal sage scrub associated with fuel reduction clearing around new structures was included in the project impact estimate to this habitat type, and he said that it was. He noted that the applicant may be able to sell some of the coastal sage scrub platns to the Gregory Canyon as salvage for their major on-site restoration effort.

We discussed the potential conflict with Gregory Canyon restoration site and the alignment of the gas pipeline. Mr. Lawhead asked whether the applicant had already secured an easement through this site yet.

When I described the proximity of the plant site and to the San Luis Rey River, Mr. Lawhead noted that we needed to address the impacts of operational lighting and noise on sensitive species inhabiting the river riparian habitat.

Mr. Lawhead asked when we needed comments from CDFG. I said I would be preparing my analysis towards the end of next month, so would hope to have his comments by the end of September. He thought that was feasible, and thought he might also confer with USFWS as they sometimes submit joint letters. I told him that I had been in touch with Michelle Moreno. I said I would be in contact with both of them if issues arose that merited their attention.

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