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<b>NAME:</b> Carol Watson, Biologist	<b>DATE:</b> 5-18-2021	<b>TIME:</b> 1:00pm
<b>WITH:</b> Andrew Raabe, Senior Fish and Wildlife Biologist; Bay Delta Branch of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Section 7 Division		
<b>SUBJECT:</b> Federally-listed species and the San Jose Data Center Project		

**COMMENTS:**

CEC staff outlined the general location and project features of the proposed data center in the City of San Jose.

**General Points:**

Salt marsh harvest mouse: CEC staff outlined the proposed mitigation approach, and further mentioned information and maps provided by Kristin Garrison, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, which depict potential diked wetland habitat immediately north of the project site. USFWS agreed with the proposed mitigation provided by CEC staff (increased monitoring and physical fence barriers), and confirmed that a rare overland dispersal event may occur. We reviewed CEC staff’s proposed mitigation for the salt marsh harvest mouse, and discussed the potential of Coyote Creek to serve as a dispersal corridor. We both agreed that that was an unlikely event, and that the proposed mitigation would prevent dispersal across the proposed project site.

Migratory birds and raptors: CEC staff discussed known avifauna to the site, including burrowing owl. Other birds of federal Conservation Concern include Alameda song sparrow and salt marsh common yellowthroat. USFWS staff had no further species to add to the list of species for consideration under CEQA, and generally agreed with the outlined mitigation approach such as pre-construction nesting bird surveys and the installation of appropriately-sized buffers surrounding known nests.

Nitrogen Deposition: CEC staff introduced the proposed project and explained the concept of a one-time fee payment under the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Plan for potentially significant impacts to USFWS-designated critical habitat for the California tiger salamander (oak woodlands).

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