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REPORT OF CONVERSATION

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PROJECT TITLE: CA3 Backup Generating
Facility (21-SPPE-01)

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TECHNICAL AREA: Biological Resources

☒ Telephone

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☐ Meeting Location:

NAME: Ann Crisp, Planner II

DATE: June 30, 2021

TIME: 1:00 PM

WITH: Debby Fernandez, Associate Planner, City of Santa Clara

SUBJECT: Coordination Regarding Applicant Proposed Measures and Tree Removal Guidance

COMMENTS:

Staff discussed the CA3 Backup Generating Facility (proposed project) with Ms. Debby Fernandez, Associate Planner with the City of Santa Clara Community Development Department, via phone and requested her review of the applicant's proposed measures included as PD BIO-1 and PD BIO-2, Responses to Data Requests, Set 1 and Set 2. The following is a summary of the coordination with Ms. Fernandez:

- Ms. Fernandez agreed with the avoidance buffers proposed in PD BIO-1 and modified by staff. She requested it be clarified that avoidance buffers would only apply to the nests of bird species that are special-status or otherwise protected by regulations such as the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and California Fish and Game Code.
- Ms. Fernandez agreed with the bat mitigation measures proposed in PD BIO-2 and modified by staff.
- Ms. Fernandez discussed protected tree removal and stated the city expects the applicant to retain protected trees on site, if feasible. She would be reviewing the Landscape Plan submitted by the project applicant, which includes the existing tree removal plan, as part of the Architectural Review process. Depending on the tree species and size, standard replacement ratios may not be adequate, in particular for the large (>36 inches dbh) coastal redwoods that are proposed for removal. Additional mitigation beyond the 2:1 replacement at a 24-inch box size and/or 1:1.5 replacement at a 36-inch box size may be required. Final mitigation ratios would be part of approval of the final design package and would be finalized prior to issuance of grading and/or building permits from the City of Santa Clara. Protection of trees to be retained would be implemented according to the approved landscape plans.

cc: Eric Veerkamp- CEC

Signed: *Ann Crisp*

Name: Ann Crisp – Staff Biologist