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**Application for Confidential Designation:
Perkins Renewable Energy Project – CNDDDB Occurrences and With Potential
to Occur
Docket No. 24-OPT-01**

Dear Emily Capello:

The California Energy Commission (CEC) has received Perkins Renewable Energy Project's (applicant) Application for Confidentiality, dated February 15, 2024 (TN 254513) covering Appendix J4– CNDDDB Species Observed and with Potential to Occur (Appendix). The Appendix includes California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB) maps showing locations of rare plants, animals, and natural communities.

Under California Code of Regulations, title 20, Appendix B(g)(13)(A) applicants are directed to file CNDDDB maps of certain scale with the CEC under confidential cover for CEC review.

The CEC has consulted with the CDFW on whether public release of these specific CNDDDB maps present risk to sensitive biological resources. After review CDFW and CEC biological resources staff concur that the four CNDDDB maps of Appendix J4, which includes: Part 1- Avian, Part 2 - Mammals, Part 3 - Reptiles and Part 4 - Vegetation may be released to the public with the following disclaimer text: "CNDDDB version MM/YYYY. The occurrences shown on this map represent the known locations of the species listed here as of the date of this version. There may be additional occurrences or additional species within this area which have not yet been surveyed and/or mapped. Lack of information in the CNDDDB about a species or an area can never be used as proof that no special status species occur in an area." Additionally, the CDFW requests to change the canid label to "unidentified canid" for clarity.

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Within 14 days of the date of this letter, please file the Appendix in the public docket with the requested disclaimer text and change the label.

If you have questions, please email confidentialityapplication@energy.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Drew Bohan', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Drew Bohan
Executive Director