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RE: Available Private Lands Mitigation for Flat-tailed Horned Lizard (*Phrynosoma mcallii*)

Ms. Wasinger,

At the request of Intersect Power, Wildlands performed an evaluation of potentially available private lands that could provide compensatory mitigation for Flat-tailed Horned Lizard (FTHL) and associated vegetation communities, including Creosote Brush Scrub (CBS), and Alkali Golden Desert Scrub (AGDS), for the approximately 6,000-acre Perkins Solar Project. The extent of the search was focused in eastern San Diego and Imperial Counties, throughout the extent of the FHTL range.

Our analysis utilized guidance from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Bureau of Land Management, interviews with desert species and habitat experts, as well as our internal land acquisition team. Wildlands utilized available geographic data and various geographically based filters to identify potentially suitable mitigation lands, specifically targeting high priority areas that would contribute to species connectivity, corridors, and continued and improved gene flow for the FTHL.

The analysis included but was not limited to the California Natural Diversity Database, designated FHTL Management Areas, Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan FTHL habitat model, FTHL historic range, and Wildlands reconnaissance and monitoring data. It should be noted that Wildlands currently manages preserves for FTHL in the region.

Wildlands identified large blocks of land dominated by CBS, eolian sand dune or partially stabilized sand dune habitat, lands contributing to FTHL habitat connectivity, corridor linkages, lack of intensive recreational use or other disturbances, property adjacent to already protected land, and for which long-term management is feasible.



The conclusion is that suitable FTHL and CBS compensatory mitigation land is adequately available to compensate for the impacts of the Perkins Solar Project, including impacts to CBS, AGDS and California jurisdictional waters of the state, which are expected to be layered.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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