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Conference Call Notes
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Participants: Bill Pfanner, Susan Sanders, Kenny Stein, Gary Palo

Gary: Prior to writing a letter back to CDFG they really would like to have at least a conference call with CDFG, and are glad to hear that we could participate.

Kenny: If this had been the first contact with CDFG, he could understand this letter, but they have had meetings and conversation with them all along, and USFWS and site visits, and it has all been very amicable. We have had a lot of discussions about plans for surveys, habitat quality. They shared with Annette an early version of the bio technical reports, and revised it based on her comments. They have been working with her to make sure the bio AFC that she would need to make her decisions on habitat compensation. The 2081 was largely a repackaging of the AFC, so they are surprised to see these questions on the ITP.

Susan: While some of the request for additional information is just repackaging of items that are in the AFC, we all agree that there are both minor and major issues that need resolution before a revised ITP is submitted.

Kenny – He could make a trip to Fresno to be face to face with CDFG for that conference call. The crux of the letter is how they are looking at habitat quality and compensation. They felt that based on the pre-application discussions they had plenty of information and resolution on that – the only item missing are the updates of the surveys done this spring.

Susan: Perhaps CDFG is looking for more detail based on technical reports. For example, the Karl report talks about Areas C as being “fair tortoise habitat” and Area B as “low possibility of one or two tortoises occurring here.” Haven’t talked to Annette yet (have a call in) but maybe CDFG may seeking compensation for these habitats as well. Another example of a substantive issue, which CEC will also need details on, are the specifics of the compensatory mitigation – where it will occur, specifics on monitoring and funding.

Kenny – They wanted to make sure that all the acreage is in place (e.g., 10 acres v. 50 acres) before they get to the details of that.

All in agreement with having a joint conference call. Susan will try to find some dates that work for Annette. We are all ok with the following: May 16, 19, 20 (am only), 21. Once we settle on a date, invite Judy Hohman, and need ENSR involvement as well.

Gary: Site visit on the 14th. Invited Lorelei Oviatt from Kern County to come to site visit on May 14th (she could not attend). Kern Co is looking at this like a joint Kern Co/CEC review. Dwayne McCloud will want to ride back with the CEC crew.