

Appendix 8.16-9

Records of Correspondence

## **KRCD CPP**

### RECORD OF CORRESPONDENCE

Telephone, email and personal communications relative to Biological Resources

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#### **6 February 2007**

Telephone conversation with Rick York (CEC)

- I asked about additional consultation with EPA and other Agencies.
- He suggested reviewing Sections 7 and 10 of the ESA, and contacting USFWS and CDFG with regard to biological resources related to the KRCD CPP.

#### **16 February 2007**

Telephone conversation with Jeffrey Jorgenson (USFWS)

- I explained the proposed KRCD CPP and indicated there were biological resource issues (kit fox, claypan vernal pools) along the natural gas pipeline in the vicinity of Cross Creek. I also explained that there were plans to construct a section of pipeline underneath the Kings River near Kingsburg.
- He asked for a written description of the KRCD CPP.

#### **27 February 2007**

Emailed Jeffrey Jorgenson (USFWS)

- I emailed Mr. Jorgenson maps of project component locations relative to polygons for special-status species and sensitive habitats generated from the CNDDDB.

#### **27 February 2007**

Email to Jeffrey Jorgenson (USFWS)

- Maps of CNDDDB polygons relative to KRCD CPP project components, and a written description of the proposed power plant.

#### **28 February 2007**

Email from Jeffrey Jorgenson (USFWS)

- Mr. Jorgenson confirmed receipt of the KRCD CPP maps and written description. He informed me that he was working through a back log of reviews, and would review our packet in 3-4 weeks.

#### **8 March 2007**

Meeting with Justin Sloan (CDFG)

- I delivered biological resources maps to Mr. Sloan of project component locations relative to special-status species and sensitive habitats generated from the CNDDDB, and discussed possible impacts from construction of the natural gas pipeline in the vicinity of Cross Creek. I also explained the construction of the Kings River crossing.

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#### **16 March 2007**

Emailed Justin Sloan (CDFG)

- I emailed Mr. Sloan to check on his progress in reviewing our data, and for an estimated ETA on comments.

#### **19 March 2007**

Email from Justin Sloan

- Mr. Sloan informed me that he would review our data this week, and if we wanted an official DFG response, it would need to be sent out for signatures.
- I asked for an unofficial response by email, since the additional data (trench dimensions, location of spoils and speed of progress) were not available at this time.

#### **23 March 2007**

Email from Justin Sloan (CDFG)

- Mr. Sloan sent his unofficial suggestions for safeguarding sensitive species and habitats. Additional directives may result after review of the official notification package.
- His comments are summarized below:
  - o A notification package should be sent to the Section 1600 staff to determine if a Streambed Alteration Agreement would be needed for the Kings River crossing.
  - o Any necessary tree removal should be done during the non-nesting season. If tree removal must occur during the nesting season then appropriate nest surveys must be done prior to construction. Buffers would be established around any trees with nests.
  - o The natural gas pipeline runs through USFWS designated vernal pool habitat. Consult with USFWS regarding potential impacts to vernal pools, and listed vernal pool species.
  - o Bio surveys should be conducted in the areas designated "Cropland and Pasture" and "Idle Farmland" as these areas are more likely than "Orchards and Vineyards" to contain sensitive species. That does imply that orchards and vineyards are not potential habitat.
  - o Conduct bio surveys in all laydown areas.

#### **2 May 2007**

Email to Jeffrey Jorgenson (USFWS)

- I asked Mr. Jorgenson for an ETA on the review of the KRCD CPP.

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#### **2 May 2007**

Telephone conversation with Rick York (CEC)

- I updated Mr. York on the delays with informal reviews from USFWS and USACE, and how it might impact the data adequacy assessment of our AFC.
- I also informed Mr. York that wetland delineation, and waters evaluation studies were underway for project components in sensitive areas.
- He advised me to keep a record of correspondence, and include it in the AFC.

#### **3 May 2007**

Email from Jeffrey Jorgenson (USFWS)

- Mr. Jorgenson asked what level of response we needed.
- I responded that immediately after emailing him I had spoken with Rick York from the CEC, and informed that the backlog of reviews at the USFWS was delaying an informal response to our data. Mr. York instructed me to include a record of correspondence in the AFC documenting a dialog with the USFWS, and other agencies.
- I then informed Mr. Jorgenson that I would not need a written response, as long as he was aware of our project and its potential impacts on wildlife and habitat.

#### **12 April 2007**

Email from Justin Sloan (CDFG)

- Mr. Sloan noted that there were additional features along Cross Creek that do not show up on topographic maps. Additional information on construction in these areas will be necessary in our application package to CDFG.

#### **16 April 2007**

Telephone conversation with Ramon Aberasturi (US ACE)

- We discussed potential impacts to a wetland area within a small groundwater recharge basin intersecting the proposed transmission interconnection. I indicated that there would be a need to construct towers within and at the edges of the basin.
- Mr. Aberasturi indicated it may be necessary to obtain a Number 12 permit from US ACE.
- Mr. Aberasturi recommended surveys for red-legged frog, listed shrimp species, tiger salamander, elderberry, and kit fox.
- I forwarded maps of the groundwater recharge basin relative to the transmission interconnection, and a written description of the power plant.