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Dear Mr. Minnema:

We have been notified that the Notice of Availability (NOA) for the Final Joint Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for the South Sacramento County Habitat Conservation Plan has been cleared to send to the Office of the Federal Register. We expect the NOA to publish on Friday, May 11, 2018. Please see the enclosed notification to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency of the pending filing of these final documents.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Jan Knight, Deputy Field Supervisor at (916) 414-6702 or myself at (916) 414-6707.

Sincerely,

Jennifer M. Norris, Ph.D.
Field Supervisor

Enclosure

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Environmental Review Section (Mail Code: ENF-4.2)
U.S. EPA Region 9
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, California 94105

Dear Colleagues:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) will electronically file the final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the South Sacramento County Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) with your Washington D.C. Office of Federal Activities (e-NEPA). Enclosed please find one paperbound copy and one CD-ROM of the EIS for Region 9 review. The FEIS will be available for 30 days, prior to us signing the Record of Decision.

The EIS analyzes the proposed action and alternatives by the Service to issue a 50-year incidental take permit under the Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. The section 10(a)(1)(B) permit is necessary because take of 28 proposed Covered Species could occur during implementation of the HCP. The permit would accommodate urban development from five applicants, throughout southern portion of Sacramento County, California.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact John Robles, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Southwest Region, California at (916) 414-6731 or Nina Bicknese, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento Field Office, California at (916) 414-6600.

Sincerely,

Assistant Regional Director

Enclosures