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In Reply Refer To:
Consultation Code: 08ESMF00-2021-SLI-0961
Event Code: 08ESMF00-2021-E-02729
Project Name: Sites Reservoir (North)

February 09, 2021

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

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Attachment(s):

- Official Species List
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Project Summary

Consultation Code: 08ESMF00-2021-SLI-0961

Event Code: 08ESMF00-2021-E-02729

Project Name: Sites Reservoir (North)

Project Type: DAM

Project Description: Sites reservoir EIR. The Project is in both Colusa and Glenn Counties.

Project Location:

Approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/@39.38061605,-122.35642190577177,14z>



Counties: Colusa, Glenn, and Tehama counties, California

Endangered Species Act Species

There is a total of 16 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

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Birds

NAME	STATUS
Northern Spotted Owl <i>Strix occidentalis caurina</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1123	Threatened
Yellow-billed Cuckoo <i>Coccyzus americanus</i> Population: Western U.S. DPS There is proposed critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3911	Threatened

Reptiles

NAME	STATUS
Giant Garter Snake <i>Thamnophis gigas</i> No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4482	Threatened

Amphibians

NAME	STATUS
California Red-legged Frog <i>Rana draytonii</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2891	Threatened

Fishes

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Delta Smelt <i>Hypomesus transpacificus</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/321	Threatened

Insects

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Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle <i>Desmocerus californicus dimorphus</i> There is final critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7850	Threatened

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Flowering Plants

NAME	STATUS
<p>Colusa Grass <i>Neostapfia colusana</i></p> <p>There is final critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5690</p>	Threatened
<p>Greene's Tuctoria <i>Tuctoria greenei</i></p> <p>There is final critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1573</p>	Endangered
<p>Hairy Orcutt Grass <i>Orcuttia pilosa</i></p> <p>There is final critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2262</p>	Endangered
<p>Hoover's Spurge <i>Chamaesyce hooveri</i></p> <p>There is final critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3019</p>	Threatened
<p>Keck's Checker-mallow <i>Sidalcea keckii</i></p> <p>There is final critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5704</p>	Endangered
<p>Palmate-bracted Bird's Beak <i>Cordylanthus palmatus</i></p> <p>No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1616</p>	Endangered
<p>Slender Orcutt Grass <i>Orcuttia tenuis</i></p> <p>There is final critical habitat for this species. The location of the critical habitat is not available. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1063</p>	Threatened

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