

Appendix 1. Documentation of dates of establishment of bald eagle territories in central interior California over 2011–2024.

Territory	Date Established	Evidence for Territory Establishment
Yolo Bypass/ Pocket	2017	Nest found in front yard of a home in a residential neighborhood in 2017. Eagles not seen in summer in area in previous years. After two years, eagles nest relocated nest to another site 4.5 km away that is highly visible from a public road and regularly visited by resource management personnel and birders, where no nest had previously been reported. Nested there through 2024 until failed and then returned to try unsuccessfully at first nest site. Territory is considered unlikely to have existed prior to 2017 because nest sites are limited except in residential area, where they would have been reported.
Urrutia Pond	2022	Subadult (4th-yr plumage) seen nest-building in late summer in 2021 and then nested there in the subsequent year. The nest tree is highly visible from American River where high recreation and birding use occurs. The nest tree was known to be occupied by a Great Blue Heron rookery before the eagles used it. The site is privately owned, and access is restricted. No other sites similarly protected from human disturbance are nearby. Territory considered highly likely to have been established in 2021 due to occurrence in highly used American River Parkway, use of known heron rookery site, lack of similar area protected from human use, and lack of other reports of summering adults in area.
Lake Natoma	2015	Nest established 2015 within 100 m of busy residential street. The first nest tree fell that year, and a pair was observed constructing a new nest the subsequent year in an adjacent area, which has been used through 2024. Other potential nesting areas are all highly visible from high use hiking and bicycling trails regularly visited by many birders and no previous nest was observed. Territory considered highly likely to have been established in 2015 due to visible location, high visibility of other potential nesting habitat, and lack of previous reports.
Peninsula Campground	2019	Nest found in 2019 within a public campground that had been visited annually during Christmas Bird Count and regularly by park maintenance staff. Potential alternate nesting areas are also in high-use recreation area that are regularly surveyed during eagle nest surveys and land management patrols. Territory considered likely to have been established in 2019 due to visible location and regular surveys and resource management activity at nest site and nearby suitable habitat in previous years.
Apple Road Mitigation Bank	2021	Nest found in private mitigation bank area visited regularly by resource management staff. After four years, a new nest was located 200 m from first nest. Few potential alternative nest sites

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		are available within several miles due to lack of water bodies and associated trees. Territory considered highly likely to have been established in 2021 due to high visibility, high visitation by resource managers, and low availability of alternate nesting habitat.
Dike 2/Cord Rd	2023	Two nests found in adjacent years in highly visible areas frequently visited during eagle wintering and nest surveys and during resource management activities. Territory considered highly like to have been established in 2023 due to regular surveys and management activities in area.
CASS tailings	2024	Nest found in highly visible area frequently visited during eagle wintering and nest surveys and during resource management activities. Territory considered highly like to have been established in 2024 due to regular surveys and management activities in area.
Deer Island	2023	Nest found in highly visible area frequently visited during eagle wintering and nest surveys and during resource management activities. Territory considered highly like to have been established in 2023 due to regular surveys and management activities in area.
Ross Reservoir	2021	Nest found on private ranch managed intensively by onsite landowner who can see nest from his front yard. He reported no other eagles previously using the nest tree or the adjacent reservoir during summer. Nest visible from public road. Territory considered highly likely to have been established in 2021 due to regular surveillance by landowner of nest site and pond that serve as primary foraging area.
Angels Creek	2024	Nest found in highly visible area frequently visited during eagle wintering and nest surveys and during resource management activities. Eagle nest is visible within the scope-view (immediately behind) an osprey nest was monitored from the same vantage point 4–8 times/year for the previous four years prior to discovery. Territory considered highly like to have been established in 2024 due to regular surveys and management activities in area.