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Inland Deserts Region
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California Endangered Species Act
Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2026-001-06

ALBERHILL SYSTEM PROJECT

I. Authority:

This California Endangered Species Act (CESA) incidental take permit (ITP) is issued by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2081, subdivisions (b) and (c), and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 783.0 et seq. CESA prohibits the take[1] of any species of wildlife designated by the California Fish and Game Commission as an endangered, threatened, or candidate species.[2] However, CDFW may authorize the take of any such species by permit pursuant to the conditions set forth in Fish and Game Code section 2081, subdivisions (b) and (c). (See Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, § 783.4).

Permittee:	**Southern California Edison**
Principal Officer:	**Rey Gonzales, Senior Environmental Project Manager**
Contact Person:	**Rey Gonzales, (626) 419-1545**
Mailing Address:	**2244 Walnut Grove Avenue Rosemead, CA 91770**

II. Effective Date and Expiration Date of this ITP:

This ITP is effective as of the date signed by CDFW below. Unless renewed by CDFW, this ITP and its authorization to take the Covered Species shall expire on **May 18, 2036**.

Notwithstanding the expiration date on the take authorization provided by this ITP, Permittee's obligations pursuant to this ITP do not end until CDFW accepts as complete the Permittee's Final Mitigation Report required by Condition of Approval 7.1 of this ITP.

Project Location:

The Alberhill System Project (Project) is located in unincorporated Riverside County, California, in addition to within the cities of Lake Elsinore, Wildomar, and Menifee (See Figure 1), of Riverside County. The Project is located approximately 0.75-mile north of the intersection of Lake Street and Interstate 15, spans Interstate 15 south, traverses Bundy

[1]Pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 86, "'take' means hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill, or attempt to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill." (See also *Environmental Protection Information Center v. California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection* (2008) 44 Cal.4th 459, 507 [for purposes of incidental take permitting under Fish and Game Code section 2081, subdivision (b), "'take' … means to catch, capture or kill".)

[2]The definition of an endangered, threatened, and candidate species for purposes of CESA are found in Fish and Game Code sections 2062, 2067, and 2068, respectively.

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Canyon, and terminates east of Interstate 215. The Project site is bounded by Temescal Wash to the northwest, and Ethanac Road in Menifee to the northeast.

III. Project Description:
The Project includes: the development of 45.98 acres, and temporary use of 103.47 acres, to construct: a new 1,120 megavolt-ampere, 500/115 kilovolt (kV) Alberhill Substation to increase electrical service capacity to the area presently served by the Valley South 115 kV System; the construction of two new 500 kV transmission line segments in Lake Elsinore to connect the proposed Alberhill Substation to Southern California Edison's (SCE) existing Serrano-Valley 500 kV Transmission Line; the construction of a new 115 kV subtransmission line and modifications to four existing 115 kV subtransmission lines between five existing 115/12 kV substations (Ivyglen, Fogarty, Elsinore, Skylark, and Newcomb) and the proposed Alberhill Substation; and telecommunication improvements to connect the new facilities to SCE's telecommunication network (See Figure 2). Project activities include site preparation; vegetation clearing; grading; installation and use of temporary access routes and work areas; excavation and construction of substation foundations, underground conduits, ground grid, equipment pads, and structural supports; delivery and installation of substation electrical equipment and control systems; erection of transmission and subtransmission structures and associated foundations; conductor and ground wire/fiber pulling, tensioning, sagging, and clipping using pull and tension sites; improvements to or construction of access roads; installation of overhead and underground telecommunications facilities, including conduit, handholes, splicing, cabinets, and microwave or fiber optic equipment; use of cranes, drill rigs, line trucks, bucket trucks, and other standard construction equipment; traffic control and temporary lane closures as needed; implementation of stormwater and erosion control BMPs; testing, energization, and commissioning; and post construction site stabilization, cleanup, and restoration activities.

IV. Covered Species Subject to Take Authorization Provided by this ITP:
This ITP covers the following species:

Name	CESA Status[3]
1. Crotch's bumble bee (*Bombus crotchii*)	Candidate[4]

This species and only this species is the "Covered Species" for the purposes of this ITP.

V. Impacts of the Taking on Covered Species:
Project activities and their resulting impacts are expected to result in the incidental take of individuals of the Covered Species (See Figure 3). The activities described above expected to result in incidental take of individuals of the Covered Species include: initial site preparation; heavy equipment operation; clearing and site grading; excavation; trenching, and

[3] Under CESA, a species may be on the list of endangered species, the list of threatened species, or the list of candidate species.
[4] The species status may change following the decision of the Fish and Game Commission to designate the species as threatened or endangered but if there is such a designation, the species will remain a Covered Species.

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backfilling; installation and/or removal of structures and equipment; vehicle traffic; access road construction; repair and resurfacing; handling of stockpiles and stored materials; soil compaction; vegetation clearing and maintenance; paving and concrete work; landscape installation; and development activities related to the Project (Covered Activities).

Incidental take of individuals of the Covered Species in the form of mortality ("kill") may occur as a result of Covered Activities such as: vehicle strikes; burial and/or crushing by heavy equipment; destruction of nest sites; entombment during groundwork; crushing, burial, or entombment from vegetation clearing and maintenance and/or vehicle passage; equipment laydown; noise and ground vibration; adverse environmental conditions; crushing, entombment, or suffocation, by placement of fill materials; nest abandonment or reduced nest success resulting from construction-related noise and lighting; suffocation associated with fugitive dust; and immobility from entanglement in erosion control materials. Incidental take of individuals of the Covered Species may also occur from the Covered Activities in the form of pursue, catch, capture, or attempt to do so of the Covered Species in the form of: burrow collapse; entombment; entanglement in erosion control materials; capture in construction equipment intakes; and capture/release for identification. The areas where authorized take of the Covered Species is expected to occur include the entire Project Area, and the approved off-site mitigation area (collectively, the Project Area).

The Project is expected to cause the permanent loss of 45.98 acres of habitat for the Covered Species, and temporary loss of 103.47 acres of habitat for the Covered Species. Impacts of the authorized taking also include adverse impacts to the Covered Species related to temporal losses, increased habitat fragmentation and edge effects, and the Project's incremental contribution to cumulative impacts (indirect impacts) (See Figure 4). These impacts include: stress resulting from noise and vibrations; displacement from preferred habitat; increased competition for food and space; increased vulnerability to predation; and increased competition nesting resources due to temporary loss of habitat. Surface-disturbing activities also have the potential to facilitate the introduction of invasive, non-native plant species, which may compete with or replace native floral resources. Individuals displaced due to habitat loss and degradation may be unable to survive in adjacent areas if these areas are at carrying capacity or are unsuitable for colonization.

VI. Incidental Take Authorization of Covered Species:

This ITP authorizes incidental take of the Covered Species and only the Covered Species. With respect to incidental take of the Covered Species, CDFW authorizes the Permittee, its employees, contractors, and agents to take Covered Species incidentally in carrying out the Covered Activities, subject to the limitations described in this section and the Conditions of Approval identified below. This ITP does not authorize take of Covered Species from activities outside the scope of the Covered Activities, take of Covered Species outside of the Project Area, take of Covered Species resulting from violation of this ITP, or intentional take of Covered Species except for salvage and capture/release for identification of Covered Species as authorized by this ITP.

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VII. Conditions of Approval:

The following requirements are intended to ensure the minimization of incidental take of Covered Species in the Project Area during Covered Activities. Permittee shall implement and adhere to the following conditions to minimize take of Covered Species.

Unless specified otherwise, the following measures apply to all Covered Activities within the Project Area, including areas used for vehicular, aircraft (e.g. helicopter), ingress and egress, staging and parking, and noise and vibration generating activities that may/will cause take. CDFW's issuance of this ITP and Permittee's authorization to take the Covered Species are subject to Permittee's compliance with and implementation of the following Conditions of Approval:

1. **Legal Compliance:** Permittee shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws in existence on the effective date of this ITP or adopted thereafter.

2. **CEQA Compliance:** Permittee shall implement and adhere to the mitigation measures related to the Covered Species in the Biological Resources section of the Environmental Impact Report certified on June 20, 2018, with an Addendum filed and certified on March 19, 2026, (SCH No.: 2010041031) by the California Public Utilities Commission as lead agency for the Project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.).

3. **LSA Agreement Compliance:** Permittee shall implement and adhere to the mitigation measures and conditions related to the Covered Species in the Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA) (Notification No., EPIMS-RIV-62652-R6) for the Project executed by CDFW pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1600 et seq.

4. **ITP Time Frame Compliance:** Permittee shall fully implement and adhere to the conditions of this ITP within the time frames set forth below and as set forth in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), which is included as Attachment 1 to this ITP.

5. **Provisions Prior to Disturbing Soil or Vegetation:**

    5.1. Designated Biologists, and/or Biological Monitors. Permittee shall submit to CDFW in writing the name, qualifications, business address, and contact information of the Designated Biologists and Biological Monitors using the Biologist Resume Form (Attachment 2) or another format containing the same information at least 30 days before starting Covered Activities. Permittee shall ensure that the Designated Biologists and Biological Monitors are knowledgeable and experienced in the biology, natural history, collecting and handling of the Covered Species. The Designated Biologists and Biological Monitors shall be responsible for monitoring Covered Activities to help minimize and fully mitigate or avoid the incidental take of individual Covered Species and to minimize disturbance of Covered Species' habitat. Permittee shall obtain CDFW approval of the Designated Biologists and

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Biological Monitors in writing before starting Covered Activities and shall also obtain approval in advance, in writing, if the Designated Biologists or Biological Monitors must be changed.

5.2. Notification Before Commencement. The Designated Representative shall notify CDFW 14 calendar days before starting Covered Activities and shall document compliance with all pre-Project Conditions of Approval before starting Covered Activities.

5.3. Delineation of Habitat. Permittee shall clearly demarcate habitat of the Covered Species within the Project Area with posted signs, posting stakes, flags, and/or rope or cord, and place fencing as necessary to minimize the disturbance of Covered Species' habitat.

5.4. Notification Before Commencement. The Designated Representative shall notify CDFW 14 calendar days before starting Covered Activities and shall document compliance with all pre-Project Conditions of Approval before starting Covered Activities.

5.5. Habitat Management Land Acquisition and Restoration and Security Compliance. Permittee shall comply with all conditions detailed in Section 8, Habitat Management Land Acquisition and Restoration and Security, that are required prior to the start of groundbreaking activities.

5.6. Seasonal Restriction. If feasible, Covered Activities shall avoid vegetation and ground disturbing impacts to Covered Species and Covered Species habitat during the Colony Active Period (approximately February 1 through October 31; varies based on location/year and can be confirmed via Pre-Construction Surveys) each year until the expiration of this ITP. Any work within the Colony Active Period shall be subject to approval by CDFW as described in this Condition of Approval. If feasible, native or non-native flowering vegetation removal shall occur prior to bloom and before the Colony Active Period. If Covered Activities cannot be avoided during this time and vegetation needs to be removed during the bloom period for those species, Permittee shall retain one-third of flowering vegetation in the Project Area, leaving areas of floral resources as refugia for foraging Covered Species, waiting until bloom has ceased, or demonstrate the presence of sufficient floral resources adjacent to the site to allow for total removal. During the bloom period and Colony Active Period, removal of non-native plants should be prioritized over native plants.

To the extent feasible, Permittee shall avoid conducting Covered Activities involving vegetation and ground disturbance in Covered Species habitat during the Queen Flight Season (approximately February 1 through March 31), when queens emerge in the spring searching for nest sites, and during the Gyne Flight Season (approximately September 1 through October 31) when gynes mate and search for

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overwintering habitat. These time periods shift each year due to climatic conditions (drought, temperature, and precipitation). To determine these time periods each year, the Designated Biologist shall be onsite and conduct Covered Species Pre-Construction Surveys as described in Condition of Approval 5.8 prior to ground disturbing activities in the late fall (i.e., after October 31) to avoid the Gyne Flight Season and again in late January to avoid queens emerging in the spring.

5.7. Vegetation Management. Disturbance or removal of vegetation shall be kept to the minimum necessary to complete Covered Activities. Vegetation marked for protection may only be trimmed with hand tools to the extent necessary to gain access to work sites. Permittee shall set mower blade heights no lower than four inches, unless otherwise approved by CDFW in writing. Permittee shall ensure that pesticide use only occurs when Covered Species are dormant or when flowers are no longer in bloom.

5.8. Covered Species Pre-Construction Survey Plan. If Covered Activities are proposed to occur during the Colony Active Period (approximately February 1 through October 31; varies based on location/year and can be confirmed via Pre-Construction Surveys), Permittee shall develop a Pre-Construction Survey Plan for the Covered Species and submit it to CDFW for approval no less than 60 days prior to the initiation of ground disturbing activities. The Pre-Construction Survey Plan shall require the Designated Biologist to survey the Project Area and an additional 50-foot buffer beyond the Project Area. The Survey Plan shall also detail the number of surveys that will be conducted, when the surveys are planned to take place (i.e., season, time of day, and how much time between surveys; typically between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM on warm sunny days (65-90° Fahrenheit) with wind speeds of less than eight miles per hour), what type of habitat will be surveyed for (i.e., foraging, nesting, and/or overwintering), survey method, and potential nesting sites (i.e., floral and non-floral resources, mammal burrows). When preparing the Pre-Construction Survey Plan, CDFW recommends reviewing, *Survey Considerations for California Endangered Species Act (CESA) Candidate Bumble Bee Species (June 6, 2023)*, as a guideline. If additional habitat information needs to be collected, consider adopting the guidance held in the California Bumble Bee Atlas for habitat surveys. Pre-construction surveys must be completed no more than three weeks prior to the initiation of ground disturbing activities with one-hour of survey effort per three acres of suitable habitat or until 150 bumble bees are recorded. The Pre-Construction Survey Plan shall provide justification for timing and method of survey design (e.g., elevation, climatic conditions, previous year's precipitation, average ambient temperature, species Colony Active Period and Queen/Gyne Flight Season, etc.). It shall also include the capture and identification protocols for Colony Active Period surveys. Photographic vouchers of the Covered Species shall be obtained either through photographing the bee on floral resources or, if the Designated Biologist is approved by CDFW to handle, by netting and chilling the specimens. If photographs will be used as vouchers, the Pre-Construction Survey Plan must identify the person

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who will provide positive identification, and the surveyors qualifications for doing capture/release surveys.

5.9. Covered Species Pre-Construction Survey. The Designated Biologist shall perform preconstruction surveys as described in the Pre-Construction Survey Plan (see Condition of Approval 5.8). The surveys shall include a description of vegetation communities and floral resources. The Permittee shall provide Pre-Construction Survey notes and observations to CDFW prior to commencing Covered Activities. Locations of positive sightings shall not be made public by the Permittee. If a confirmed Covered Species or suspected Covered Species nest is detected within the Project Area, Permittee shall record the coordinate location of the sighting. After any confirmed identification of the Covered Species in the Project Area, the Designated Biologist shall be present on site for daily monitoring of Covered Activities and provide written communication to CDFW by email (Kyle.Maxwell@Wildlife.ca.gov and CC R6CESA@Wildlife.ca.gov). If a Covered Species nest, or suspected nest, is found in the surveyed area, the Designated Biologist shall delineate a 50-foot no-activity buffer around the nest until the nest senesces (i.e., becomes inactive and is no longer in use).

Determination of a nest senescing may only be made after the completion of three consecutive days of hour-long survey to monitor any potential activity, where the presence of males/gynes are documented, or until the Covered Activity in the Project Area is complete, whichever is first.

5.10. Covered Species Checks. In undisturbed areas planned for Covered Activities, the Designated Biologist shall perform Covered Species Pre-Construction Surveys as described in the Pre-Construction Survey Plan (see Condition of Approval 5.8) along with ongoing daily monitoring. In all other areas (e.g., areas of existing ground disturbance and those lacking floral resources), the Designated Biologist or Biological Monitor on-site will conduct daily visual sweeps of the Project Area for Covered Species flight activity at the start of the daily work window and intermittently throughout the daily work window.

5.11. Light Minimization – Construction. If feasible, Covered Activities will be restricted to daytime hours. If nighttime construction is needed, Permittee shall implement the following measures within 500 feet of Covered Species habitat:

(1) All construction-related lighting shall not have significant illumination pass beyond the immediate work area. Shielding techniques may include, but should not be limited to, the use of fence slats, netting, mesh, or tarps; and

(2) All construction lighting used shall be yellow or orange lighting.

6. Provisions Prior to Disturbing Soil or Vegetation and for Entire Project:

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6.1. Designated Representative. Before starting Covered Activities, Permittee shall designate a representative (Designated Representative) responsible for communications with CDFW and overseeing compliance with this ITP. Permittee shall notify CDFW in writing before starting Covered Activities of the Designated Representative's name, business address, and contact information, and shall notify CDFW in writing if a substitute Designated Representative is selected or identified at any time during the term of this ITP.

6.2. Education Program. Permittee shall conduct an education program for all persons employed or otherwise working in the Project Area before performing any work. The program shall consist of a presentation from the Designated Biologist that includes a discussion of the biology and general behavior of the Covered Species, information about the distribution and habitat needs of the Covered Species, sensitivity of the Covered Species to human activities, its status pursuant to CESA including legal protection, recovery efforts, penalties for violations and Project-specific protective measures described in this ITP. Permittee shall prepare and distribute wallet-sized cards or a fact sheet handout containing this information for workers to carry in the Project Area. Permittee shall provide interpretation for non-English speaking workers, and the same instruction shall be provided to any new workers before they are authorized to perform work in the Project Area. Upon completion of the program, employees shall sign a form stating they attended the program and understand all protection measures. This training shall be repeated at least once annually for long-term and/or permanent employees that will be conducting work in the Project Area.

6.3. Designated Biologist Authority. To ensure compliance with the Conditions of Approval of this ITP, the Designated Biologist shall immediately stop any activity that does not comply with this ITP and/or order any reasonable measure to avoid the unauthorized take of an individual of the Covered Species. Permittee shall provide unfettered access to the Project Area and otherwise facilitate the Designated Biologist in the performance of his/her duties. If the Designated Biologist is unable to comply with the ITP, then the Designated Biologist shall notify the CDFW Representative immediately. Permittee shall not enter into any agreement or contract of any kind, including but not limited to non-disclosure agreements and confidentiality agreements, with its contractors and/or the Designated Biologist that prohibit or impede open communication with CDFW, including but not limited to providing CDFW staff with the results of any surveys, reports, or studies or notifying CDFW of any non-compliance or take. Failure to notify CDFW of any non-compliance or take or injury of a Covered Species as a result of such agreement or contract may result in CDFW taking actions to prevent or remedy a violation of this ITP.

6.4. Construction Monitoring Documentation. The Designated Biologists and Biological Monitors shall maintain construction-monitoring documentation on-site in either hard copy or digital format throughout the construction period, which shall include a copy

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of this ITP with attachments and a list of signatures of all personnel who have successfully completed the education program. Permittee shall ensure a copy of the construction-monitoring documentation is available for review at the Project Area upon request by CDFW.

6.5. Trash Abatement. Permittee shall initiate a trash abatement program before starting Covered Activities and shall continue the program for the duration of the Project. Permittee shall ensure that trash and food items are contained in animal-proof containers and removed, ideally at daily intervals but at least once a week, to avoid attracting opportunistic predators such as ravens, coyotes, and feral dogs.

6.6. Dust Control. Permittee shall implement dust control measures during Covered Activities to facilitate visibility for monitoring of the Covered Species by the Designated Biologist. Permittee shall keep the amount of water used to the minimum amount needed and shall not allow water to form puddles.

6.7. Erosion Control Materials. Permittee shall prohibit use of erosion control materials potentially harmful to Covered Species and other species, such as monofilament netting (erosion control matting) or similar material, in potential Covered Species' habitat.

6.8. Delineation of Property Boundaries. Before starting Covered Activities along each part of the route in active construction, Permittee shall clearly delineate the boundaries of the Project Area with fencing, stakes, or flags. Permittee shall restrict all Covered Activities to within the fenced, staked, or flagged areas. Permittee shall maintain all fencing, stakes, and flags until the completion of Covered Activities in that area.

6.9. Project Access. Project-related personnel shall access the Project Area using existing routes, or routes identified in the Project Description and shall not cross Covered Species’ habitat outside of or en route to the Project Area. Permittee shall restrict Project-related vehicle traffic to established roads, staging, and parking areas. Permittee shall ensure that vehicle speeds do not exceed 20 miles per hour to avoid Covered Species on or traversing the roads. If Permittee determines construction of routes for travel are necessary outside of the Project Area, the Designated Representative shall contact CDFW for written approval before carrying out such an activity. CDFW may require an amendment to this ITP, among other reasons, if additional take of Covered Species will occur as a result of the Project modification.

6.10. Staging Areas. Permittee shall confine all Project-related parking, storage areas, laydown sites, equipment storage, and any other surface-disturbing activities to the Project Area using, to the extent possible, previously disturbed areas. Additionally, Permittee shall not use or cross Covered Species' habitat outside of the marked

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Project Area unless provided for as described in Condition of Approval 6.9 of this ITP.

6.11. Hazardous Waste. Permittee shall immediately stop and, pursuant to pertinent state and federal statutes and regulations, arrange for repair and clean up by qualified individuals of any fuel or hazardous waste leaks or spills at the time of occurrence, or as soon as it is safe to do so. Permittee shall properly contain and dispose of any unused or leftover hazardous products off-site.

6.12. CDFW Access. Permittee shall provide CDFW staff with reasonable access to the Project and mitigation lands under Permittee control, and shall otherwise fully cooperate with CDFW efforts to verify compliance with or effectiveness of mitigation measures set forth in this ITP.

6.13. Notification of Non-compliance. The Designated Representative shall immediately notify CDFW if the Permittee is not in compliance with any Condition of Approval of this ITP, including but not limited to any actual or anticipated failure to implement measures within the time periods indicated in this ITP and/or the MMRP. The Designated Representative shall follow up within 24 hours with a written report to CDFW describing, in detail, any non-compliance with this ITP and suggested measures to remedy the situation.

6.14. Compliance Monitoring. The Designated Biologist shall be on-site daily when Covered Activities occur. The Designated Biologist shall conduct compliance inspections a minimum of one day per week during periods of inactivity and after clearing, grubbing, and grading are completed. The Designated Biologist shall conduct compliance inspections to: minimize incidental take of the Covered Species; prevent unlawful take of species; check for compliance with all measures of this ITP; check all exclusion zones; and ensure that signs, stakes, and fencing are intact, and that Covered Activities are only occurring in the Project Area. The Designated Representative or Designated Biologist shall prepare daily written observation and inspection records summarizing oversight activities and compliance inspections, observations of Covered Species and their sign, survey results, and monitoring activities required by this ITP.

6.15. Monthly Compliance Report. The Designated Representative or Designated Biologist shall compile the observation and inspection records identified in Conditions of Approval 6.13 and 6.14 into a Monthly Compliance Report and submit it to CDFW along with a copy of the MMRP table with notes showing the current implementation status of each mitigation measure. Monthly Compliance Reports shall be submitted via e-mail to CDFW's Regional Representative, Regional CESA email, and Headquarters CESA Program. At the time of this ITP's approval, the CDFW Regional Representative is Kyle Maxwell (Kyle.Maxwell@Wildlife.ca.gov), Regional CESA email is R6CESA@Wildlife.ca.gov, and Headquarters CESA

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Program email is CESA@Wildlife.ca.gov. CDFW may at any time increase the timing and number of compliance inspections and reports required under this provision depending upon the results of previous compliance inspections. If CDFW determines the reporting schedule must be changed, CDFW will notify Permittee in writing of the new reporting schedule.

6.16. Annual Status Report. Permittee shall provide CDFW with an Annual Status Report (ASR) no later than January 31 of every year beginning with issuance of this ITP and continuing until CDFW accepts the Final Mitigation Report identified below. Each ASR shall include, at a minimum: (1) a summary of all Monthly Compliance Reports for that year identified in Condition of Approval 6.15; (2) a general description of the status of the Project Area and Covered Activities, including actual or projected completion dates, if known; (3) a copy of the table in the MMRP with notes showing the current implementation status of each mitigation measure; (4) an assessment of the effectiveness of each completed or partially completed mitigation measure in avoiding, minimizing and mitigating Project impacts; (5) all available information about Project-related incidental take of the Covered Species; (6) an accounting of the number of acres subject to both temporary and permanent disturbance, both for the prior calendar year, and a total since ITP issuance; and (7) information about other Project impacts on the Covered Species.

6.17. CNDDB Observations. The Designated Biologist shall submit all observations of Covered Species to CDFW's California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) within 60 calendar days of the observation and the Designated Biologist shall include copies of the submitted forms with the next Monthly Compliance Report or ASR, whichever is submitted first relative to the observation.

6.18. Notification of Take or Injury. Permittee shall immediately notify the Designated Biologist if a Covered Species is taken or injured by a Project-related activity, or if a Covered Species is otherwise found dead or injured within the vicinity of the Project. The Designated Biologist or Designated Representative shall provide initial notification to CDFW by calling the Regional Office at (909) 484-0167. The initial notification to CDFW shall include information regarding the location, species, and number of animals taken or injured and the ITP Number. Following initial notification, Permittee shall send CDFW a written report within two calendar days. The report shall include the date and time of the finding or incident, location of the animal or carcass, and if possible, provide a photograph, explanation as to cause of take or injury, and any other pertinent information.

6.19. Crotch's Bumble Bee Salvage. If a Crotch's bumble bee is accidentally killed during survey efforts, the carcass shall be photographed in situ, salvaged and placed in a labeled, clean plastic, resealable bag or vial and placed in a freezer. The label shall include a unique identifier (i.e. collection number), species name, time and date of collection, collection location, GPS location including datum and horizontal error in

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feet, circumstances surrounding death (e.g., hot day and extreme shifts in temperature from ambient air to cooler may have contributed), collector name and contact information including phone number or email, and ITP tracking number. If deemed necessary by CDFW, the carcass shall be delivered to the following address and reported with photographs via email to the CDFW Regional Representative at the time of collection and shipping:

CDFW Wildlife Genetics Research Unit (Wildlife Health Lab)
Attention: Michael Buchalski
1415 North Market Blvd., Suite 9
Sacramento, CA 95834

6.20. Pesticide Use. Permittee shall not use pesticides, including herbicides, insecticides, or rodenticides within the Project Area without prior consultation with and written approval from CDFW. Through this consultation, CDFW may approve limited use of herbicides through targeted spray (e.g., mop applications, backpack sprayer) at a buffer from Covered Species habitat. If approved, all pesticide application should be conducted by a Licensed and Certified Pesticide Applicator and used as directed by the manufacturer. Use of neonicotinoid pesticides will not be approved by CDFW within the Project Area.

6.21. Fertilizer Use. Permittee shall not use fertilizers (or any similar soil additives, hereby referred to as "fertilizer") within the Project Area, unless Permittee requests and receives a written approval from CDFW. To request written approval for fertilizer application, no less than 60 days prior to the proposed application, Permittee shall submit to CDFW for review and approval a Fertilizer Application Plan. The Fertilizer Application Plan will detail the type of fertilizer proposed to be used, method of application, amount of fertilizer to be used, spatial extent and timing of proposed application, impacts assessment of application specific to the Covered Species, measures to reduce impacts to Covered Species, and justification for need of fertilizer application.

6.22. Wildfire Prevention. Basic fire suppression supplies shall be kept on site at all times. Hand removal of vegetation, mowing, and/or weed whacking are the authorized methods for fire prevention. Disking and/or tilling shall not be permitted for fire prevention without prior written permission from CDFW, which may require an amendment to this ITP.

6.23. Prevention of Spread of Invasive Species. Permittee shall conduct Covered Activities in a manner that prevents the introduction, transfer, and spread of invasive species, including plants, animals, and microbes (for example, algae, fungi, parasites, bacteria), from one Project Area and/or waterbody to another. Prevention best management practices (BMPs) and guidelines for invasive plants can be found

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on the Cal-IPC's website. Permittee shall incorporate BMPs to minimize risk of introduction and/or spread of *Phythophthora spp*. within the Project Area.

7. Post Construction Conditions

7.1. Final Mitigation Report. No later than 45 days after completion of all mitigation measures, Permittee shall provide CDFW with a Final Mitigation Report. The Designated Biologist shall prepare the Final Mitigation Report which shall include, at a minimum: (1) a summary of all Monthly Compliance Reports and all ASRs; (2) a copy of the table in the MMRP with notes showing when each of the mitigation measures was implemented; (3) all available information about Project-related incidental take of the Covered Species; (4) information about other Project impacts on the Covered Species; (5) beginning and ending dates of Covered Activities; (6) an assessment of the effectiveness of this ITP's Conditions of Approval in minimizing and fully mitigating Project impacts of the taking on Covered Species; (7) recommendations on how mitigation measures might be changed to more effectively minimize take and mitigate the impacts of future projects on the Covered Species; and (8) any other pertinent information.

7.2. Refuse Removal. Upon completion of Covered Activities, Permittee shall remove from the Project Area and properly dispose of all temporary fill and construction refuse, including, but not limited to, broken equipment parts, wrapping material, cords, cables, wire, rope, strapping, twine, buckets, metal or plastic containers, and boxes.

7.3. Lighting Minimization – Post Project. Permittee shall not install lighting (e.g., street lighting, trail lighting) that produces illuminance (lux) outside of the Project footprint, onto adjacent habitat areas. No later than 30 days prior to commencement of Covered Activities, Permittee shall submit to CDFW for review and approval a Post-Project Lighting Plan. The lighting plan shall demonstrate that no post-Project lighting (e.g., street lighting, trail lighting, facility lighting) that produces lux outside of the Project shall be installed.

8. Habitat Management Land Acquisition and Restoration and Security: CDFW has determined that permanent protection and perpetual management of compensatory habitat is necessary and required pursuant to CESA to fully mitigate Project-related impacts of the taking on the Covered Species that will result from implementation of the Covered Activities. This determination is based on factors including an assessment of the importance of the habitat in the Project Area, the extent to which the Covered Activities will impact the habitat, and CDFW's estimate of the protected acreage required to provide for adequate compensation.

To meet this requirement, the Permittee shall provide for both the permanent protection and management of 62.88 acres of Habitat Management (HM) lands pursuant to

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Condition of Approval 8.2 below and the calculation and deposit of the management funds pursuant to Condition of Approval 8.3 below. Permanent protection and funding for perpetual management of HM lands must be complete before starting Covered Activities, or within 18 months of the effective date of this ITP if Security is provided pursuant to Condition of Approval 8.6 below for all uncompleted obligations. The Permittee shall also restore on-site 103.47 acres of temporarily impacted Covered Species habitat pursuant to Condition of Approval 8.5 below.

8.1. Cost Estimates. For the purposes of determining the Security amount, CDFW has estimated the cost sufficient for CDFW or its contractors to complete acquisition, protection, and perpetual management of the HM lands and restoration of temporarily disturbed habitat as follows:

(1) Land acquisition costs for HM lands identified in Condition of Approval 8.2 below, estimated at $39,208.00/acre for 62.88 acres: **$2,465,405.22**. Land acquisitions costs are estimated using local fair market current value per acre of lands with habitat values meeting mitigation requirements;

(2) All other costs necessary to review and acquire the land in fee title and record a conservation easement as described in Condition of Approval 8.2.(1) and 8.2.(2) below: **$2,570.00**;

(3) Start-up costs for HM lands, including initial site protection and enhancement costs as described in Condition of Approval 8.2.(6) below, estimated at **$983,168.75** ;

(4) Interim management period funding as described in Condition of Approval 8.2.(7) below, estimated at **$1,729,956.79**;

(5) Long-term management funding as described in Condition of Approval 8.3 below, estimated at $16,850.36/acre for 62.88 acres: **$1,059,550.43**. Long-term management funding is estimated initially for the purpose of providing Security to ensure implementation of HM lands management.

(6) Related transaction fees including but not limited to account set-up fees, administrative fees, title and documentation review and related title transactions, expenses incurred from other state agency reviews, and overhead related to transfer of HM lands to CDFW as described in Condition of Approval 8.4, estimated at **$3,900.00**.

(7) Restoration of on-site temporary effects to Covered Species habitat as described in Condition of Approval 8.5, calculated at $27,956.80/acre for 103.47 acres: **$2,892,690.10**.

(8) All costs associated with CDFW engaging an outside contractor to complete the mitigation tasks, including but not limited to acquisition, protection, and perpetual

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funding and management of the HM lands and restoration of temporarily disturbed habitat. These costs include but are not limited to the cost of issuing a request for proposals, transaction costs, contract administration costs, and costs associated with monitoring the contractor's work: **$75,000.**

8.2. Habitat Management Lands Acquisition and Protection. If the Permittee elects to provide for the acquisition, permanent protection, and perpetual management of HM lands to complete compensatory mitigation obligations, then the Permittee shall:

(1) Fee Title. Transfer fee title of the HM lands to CDFW pursuant to terms approved in writing by CDFW. Alternatively, CDFW, in its sole discretion, may authorize a governmental entity, special district, non-profit organization, for-profit entity, person, or another entity to hold title to and manage the property provided that the district, organization, entity, or person meets the requirements of Government Code sections 65965-65968, as amended.

(2) Conservation Easement. If CDFW does not hold fee title to the HM lands, CDFW shall act as grantee for a conservation easement over the HM lands or shall, in its sole discretion, approve a non-profit entity, public agency, or Native American tribe to act as grantee for a conservation easement over the HM lands provided that the entity, agency, or tribe meets the requirements of Civil Code section 815.3. If CDFW elects not to be named as the grantee for the conservation easement, CDFW shall be expressly named in the conservation easement as a third-party beneficiary. The Permittee shall obtain CDFW written approval of any conservation easement before its execution or recordation. No conservation easement shall be approved by CDFW unless it complies with Civil Code sections 815-816, as amended, and Government Code sections 65965-65968, as amended and includes provisions expressly addressing Government Code sections 65966(j) and 65967(e). Because the "doctrine of merger" could invalidate the conservation interest, under no circumstances can the fee title owner of the HM lands serve as grantee for the conservation easement.

(3) HM Lands Approval. Obtain CDFW written approval of the HM lands before acquisition and/or transfer of the land by submitting, at least three months before acquisition and/or transfer of the HM lands, documentation identifying the land to be purchased or property interest conveyed to an approved entity as mitigation for the Project's impacts on Covered Species;

(4) HM Lands Documentation. Provide a recent preliminary title report, Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, and other necessary documents (please contact CDFW for document list). All documents conveying the HM lands and all conditions of title are subject to the approval of CDFW, and if applicable, the Wildlife Conservation Board and the Department of General Services;

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(5) Land Manager. Designate both an interim and long-term land manager approved by CDFW. The interim and long-term land managers may, but need not, be the same. The interim and/or long-term land managers may be the landowner or another party. Documents related to land management shall identify both the interim and long-term land managers. Permittee shall notify CDFW of any subsequent changes in the land manager within 30 days of the change. If CDFW will hold fee title to the mitigation land, CDFW will also act as both the interim and long-term land manager unless otherwise specified. The grantee for the conservation easement cannot serve as the interim or long-term manager without the express written authorization of CDFW in its sole discretion.

(6) Start-up Activities. Provide for the implementation of start-up activities, including the initial site protection and enhancement of HM lands, once the HM lands have been approved by CDFW. Start-up activities include, at a minimum: (1) preparing a final management plan for CDFW approval (see https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=137386&inline) (2) conducting a baseline biological assessment and land survey report within four months of recording or transfer; (3) developing and transferring Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data if applicable; (4) establishing initial fencing; (5) conducting litter removal; (6) conducting initial habitat restoration or enhancement, if applicable; and (7) installing signage;

(7) Interim Management (Initial and Capital). Provide for the interim management of the HM lands. The Permittee shall ensure that the interim land manager implements the interim management of the HM lands as described in the final management plan and conservation easement approved by CDFW. The interim management period shall be a minimum of three years from the date of HM land acquisition and protection and full funding of the Endowment and includes expected management following start-up activities. Interim management period activities described in the final management plan shall include fence repair, continuing trash removal, site monitoring, and vegetation and invasive species management, floral resource (nectar and pollen) establishment, floral resource irrigation and protection, floral resource monitoring, floral resource maintenance, potential remedial measures and costs, Covered Species surveys, and trespass management.

Permittee shall either (1) provide Security to CDFW for the minimum of three years of interim management that the land owner, Permittee, or land manager agrees to manage and pay for at their own expense, (2) establish an escrow account with written instructions approved in advance in writing by CDFW to pay the land manager annually in advance, or (3) establish a short-term enhancement account with CDFW or a CDFW-approved entity for payment to the land manager.

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8.3. Endowment Fund. If the Permittee elects to provide for the acquisition, permanent protection, and perpetual management of HM lands to complete compensatory mitigation obligations, then the Permittee shall ensure that the HM lands are perpetually managed, maintained, and monitored by the long-term land manager as described in this ITP, the conservation easement, and the final management plan approved by CDFW. After obtaining CDFW approval of the HM lands, Permittee shall provide long-term management funding for the perpetual management of the HM lands by establishing a long-term management fund (Endowment). The Endowment is a sum of money, held in a CDFW-approved fund that is permanently restricted to paying the costs of long-term management and stewardship of the mitigation property for which the funds were set aside, which costs include the perpetual management, maintenance, monitoring, and other activities on the HM lands consistent with this ITP, the conservation easement, and the management plan required by Condition of Approval 8.2 (6). Endowment as used in this ITP shall refer to the endowment deposit and all interest, dividends, other earnings, additions and appreciation thereon. The Endowment shall be governed by this ITP, Government Code sections 65965-65968, as amended, and Probate Code sections 18501-18510, as amended.

After the interim management period, Permittee shall ensure that the designated long-term land manager implements the management and monitoring of the HM lands according to the final management plan. The long-term land manager shall be obligated to manage and monitor the HM lands in perpetuity to preserve their conservation values in accordance with this ITP, the conservation easement, and the final management plan. Such activities shall be funded through the Endowment.

(1) Identify an Endowment Manager. The Endowment shall be held by the Endowment Manager, which shall be either CDFW or another entity qualified pursuant to Government Code sections 65965-65968, as amended.

(2) Permittee shall submit to CDFW a written proposal that includes: (i) the name of the proposed Endowment Manager; (ii) whether the proposed Endowment Manager is a governmental entity, special district, nonprofit organization, community foundation, or congressionally chartered foundation; (iii) whether the proposed Endowment Manager holds the property or an interest in the property for conservation purposes as required by Government Code section 65968(b)(1) or, in the alternative, the basis for finding that the Project qualifies for an exception pursuant to Government Code section 65968(b)(2); and (iv) a copy of the proposed Endowment Manager's certification pursuant to Government Code section 65968(e).

(3) Within 30 days of CDFW's receipt of Permittee's written proposal, CDFW shall inform Permittee in writing if it determines the proposal does not satisfy the requirements of Fish and Game Code section 2081(b)(3) and, if so, shall provide

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Permittee with a written explanation of the reasons for its determination. If CDFW does not provide Permittee with a written determination within the 30-day period, the proposal shall be deemed consistent with Section 2081(b)(3).

(4) Calculate the Endowment Funds Deposit. After obtaining CDFW written approval of the HM lands, long-term management plan, and Endowment Manager, Permittee shall prepare an endowment assessment (equivalent to a Property Analysis Record (PAR)) to calculate the amount of funding necessary to ensure the long-term management of the HM lands (Endowment Deposit Amount). Note that the endowment for the easement holder should not be included in this calculation. The Permittee shall submit to CDFW for review and approval the results of the endowment assessment before transferring funds to the Endowment Manager.

(a) Capitalization Rate and Fees. Permittee shall obtain the capitalization rate from the selected Endowment Manager for use in calculating the endowment assessment and adjust for any additional administrative, periodic, or annual fees.

(b) Endowment Buffers/Assumptions. Permittee shall include in the endowment assessment assumptions the following buffers for endowment establishment and use that will substantially ensure long-term viability and security of the Endowment:

(i) Percent Contingency. A 10 percent contingency shall be added to each endowment calculation to hedge against underestimation of the fund, unanticipated expenditures, inflation, or catastrophic events.

(ii) Three Years Delayed Spending. The endowment shall be established assuming spending will not occur for the first three years after full funding.

(iii) Non-annualized Expenses. For all large capital expenses to occur periodically but not annually such as fence replacement or well replacement, payments shall be withheld from the annual disbursement until the year of anticipated need or upon request to Endowment Manager and CDFW.

(c) Transfer Long-term Endowment Funds. Permittee shall transfer the long-term endowment funds to the Endowment Manager upon CDFW approval of the Endowment Deposit Amount identified above.

(d) Management of the Endowment. The approved Endowment Manager may pool the Endowment with other endowments for the operation, management, and protection of HM lands for local populations of the Covered Species but shall maintain separate accounting for each Endowment. The Endowment Manager shall, at all times, hold and manage the Endowment in compliance with this ITP, Government Code sections 65965-65968, as amended, and Probate Code sections 18501-18510, as amended.

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Notwithstanding Probate Code sections 18501-18510, the Endowment Manager shall not make any disbursement from the Endowment that will result in expenditure of any portion of the principal of the endowment without the prior written approval of CDFW in its sole discretion. Permittee shall ensure that this requirement is included in any agreement of any kind governing the holding, investment, management, and/or disbursement of the Endowment funds.

Notwithstanding Probate Code sections 18501-18510, if CDFW determines in its sole discretion that an expenditure needs to be made from the Endowment to preserve the conservation values of the HM lands, the Endowment Manager shall process that expenditure in accordance with directions from CDFW. The Endowment Manager shall not be liable for any shortfall in the Endowment resulting from CDFW's decision to make such an expenditure.

8.4. Reimburse CDFW. Permittee shall reimburse CDFW for all reasonable costs incurred by CDFW related to issuance and monitoring of this ITP, including, but not limited to transaction fees, account set-up fees, administrative fees, title and documentation review and related title transactions, costs incurred from other state agency reviews, and overhead related to transfer of HM lands to CDFW.

8.5. Habitat Restoration. Permittee shall restore on-site the 103.47 acres of Covered Species habitat that will be temporarily disturbed during construction to pre-Project or better conditions. Within six months of issuance of this ITP, the Permittee shall prepare a Vegetation Restoration Plan to facilitate revegetation of the 103.47 acres of temporary construction disturbance on-site, and shall ensure that the Plan is successfully implemented by the contractor. The Plan shall include detailed specifications for restoring all temporarily disturbed areas, such as seed mixes and application methods. The plan shall also indicate the best time of year for seeding to occur. Plantings undertaken between January 1 and October 31 shall include regular watering to ensure adequate growth. Described below are the minimum avoidance, minimization, restoration measures and success criteria that must be included in the Vegetation Restoration Plan.

8.6. Security**:** The Permittee may proceed with Covered Activities only after the Permittee has ensured funding (Security) to complete any activity required by Condition of Approval 8 that has not been completed before Covered Activities begin. Permittee shall provide Security as follows:

(1) Security Amount. The Security shall be in the amount of $9,212,235.10 or in the amount identified in 8.1 specific to the obligation that has not been completed. This amount is determined by CDFW based on the cost estimates identified in Condition of Approval 8.1 above, sufficient for CDFW or its contractors to complete land acquisition, property enhancement, startup costs, initial management, long-term management, and monitoring.

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(2) Security Form. The Security shall be in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit (see Attachment 3) or another form of Security approved in advance in writing by CDFW's Office of the General Counsel.

(3) Security Timeline. A draft Security shall be provided to the CDFW Regional Contact for review and approval no less than 45 days prior to the initiation of Covered Activities. The CDFW-approved, executed Security shall be provided to CDFW before Covered Activities begin or within 30 days after the effective date of this ITP, whichever occurs first.

(4) Security Holder. The Security shall be held by CDFW or in a manner approved in advance in writing by CDFW.

(5) Security Transmittal. Permittee shall transmit security to CDFW by way of an approved instrument such as an escrow agreement, irrevocable letter of credit, or other.

(6) Security Drawing. The Security shall allow CDFW to draw on the principal sum if CDFW, in its sole discretion, determines that the Permittee has failed to comply with the Conditions of Approval of this ITP.

(7) Security Release. The Security (or any portion of the Security then remaining) shall be released to the Permittee after CDFW has conducted an on-site inspection and received confirmation that all secured requirements have been satisfied, as evidenced by:

- Written documentation of the acquisition of the HM lands;
- Copies of all executed and recorded conservation easements;
- Written confirmation from the approved Endowment Manager of its receipt of the full Endowment; and
- Timely submission of all required reports.

Even if Security is provided, the Permittee must complete the required acquisition, protection and transfer of all HM lands and record any required conservation easements no later than 18 months from the effective date of this ITP. CDFW may require the Permittee to provide additional HM lands and/or additional funding to ensure the impacts of the taking are minimized and fully mitigated, as required by law, if the Permittee does not complete these requirements within the specified timeframe.

VIII. Amendment:

This ITP may be amended as provided by California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section

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783.6, subdivision (c), and other applicable law. This ITP may be amended without the concurrence of the Permittee as required by law, including if CDFW determines that continued implementation of the Project as authorized under this ITP would jeopardize the continued existence of the Covered Species or where Project changes or changed biological conditions necessitate an ITP amendment to ensure that all Project-related impacts of the taking to the Covered Species are minimized and fully mitigated.

IX. Stop-Work Order:

If CDFW determines the Permittee has violated any term or condition of this ITP or has engaged in unlawful take, CDFW may issue Permittee a written stop-work order instructing the Permittee to suspend any Covered Activity for an initial period of up to 30 days or risk suspension or revocation of this ITP. CDFW can issue a stop-work order to prevent or remedy a violation of this ITP, including but not limited to the failure to comply with reporting or monitoring obligations, or to prevent the unauthorized take of any CESA endangered, threatened, or candidate species, regardless of whether that species is a Covered Species under this ITP. Permittee shall stop work immediately as directed by CDFW upon receipt of any such stop-work order. Upon written notice to Permittee, CDFW may extend any stop-work order issued to Permittee for a period not to exceed 30 additional days.

If Permittee fails to remedy the violation or to comply with a stop-work order, CDFW may proceed with suspension and revocation of this ITP. Suspension and revocation of this ITP shall be governed by California Code of Regulations, Title 14, section 783.7, and any other applicable law. Neither the Designated Biologist nor CDFW shall be liable for any costs incurred in complying with stop-work orders.

X. Compliance with Other Laws:

This ITP sets forth CDFW's requirements for the Permittee to implement the Project pursuant to CESA. This ITP does not necessarily create an entitlement to proceed with the Project. Permittee is responsible for complying with all other applicable federal, state, and local law.

XI. Notices:

Written notices, reports and other communications relating to this ITP shall be delivered to CDFW by email or registered first class mail at the following address, or at addresses CDFW may subsequently provide the Permittee. Notices, reports, and other communications shall reference the Project name, Permittee, and ITP Number (2081-2026-001-06) in a cover letter and on any other associated documents.

Original cover with attachment(s) to:

Heidi Calvert, Regional Manager
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
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(909) 484-0167
R6CESA@Wildlife.ca.gov

and a copy to:

Habitat Conservation Planning Branch
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Attention: CESA Permitting Program
Post Office Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090
CESA@Wildlife.ca.gov

Unless Permittee is notified otherwise, CDFW's Regional Representative for purposes of addressing issues that arise during implementation of this ITP is:

Kyle Maxwell
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XII. Compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act:
CDFW's issuance of this ITP is subject to CEQA. CDFW is a responsible agency pursuant to CEQA with respect to this ITP because of prior environmental review of the Project by the lead agency, California Public Utilities Commission. (See generally Pub. Resources Code, §§ 21067, 21069.) The lead agency's prior environmental review of the Project is set forth in the Valley-Ivyglen 115-kV Subtransmission Line and Alberhill System Projects Final EIR, dated April 2017 that the California Public Utilities Commission certified for the Alberhill System Project on June 20, 2018, with an Addendum filed and certified on March 19, 2026 (SCH No.: 2010041031). At the time the lead agency certified the EIR and Addendum, and approved the Project it also adopted various mitigation measures for the Covered Species as conditions of Project approval.

This ITP, along with CDFW's related CEQA findings, which are available as a separate document, provide evidence of CDFW's consideration of the lead agency's EIR and Addendum for the Project and the environmental effects related to issuance of this ITP (CEQA Guidelines, § 15096, subd. (f)). CDFW finds that issuance of this ITP will not result in any previously undisclosed potentially significant effects on the environment or a substantial increase in the severity of any potentially significant environmental effects previously disclosed by the lead agency. Furthermore, to the extent the potential for such effects exists, CDFW finds adherence to and implementation of the Conditions of Project Approval adopted by the lead agency, and that adherence to and implementation of the Conditions of Approval imposed by CDFW through the issuance of this ITP, will avoid or reduce to below a level of

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significance any such potential effects. CDFW consequently finds that issuance of this ITP will not result in any significant, adverse impacts on the environment.

XIII. Findings Pursuant to CESA:
These findings are intended to document CDFW's compliance with the specific findings requirements set forth in CESA and related regulations. (Fish & G. Code § 2081, subs. (b)-(c); Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 783.4, subds, (a)-(b), 783.5, subd. (c)(2).)

CDFW finds based on substantial evidence in the ITP application, Valley-Ivyglen 115-kV Subtransmission Line and Alberhill System Projects Final EIR, Addendum to Valley-Ivyglen 115-kV Subtransmission Line and Alberhill System Projects Final EIR, December 2025, the results of consultations, and the administrative record of proceedings, that issuance of this ITP complies and is consistent with the criteria governing the issuance of ITPs pursuant to CESA:

(1) Take of Covered Species as defined in this ITP will be incidental to the otherwise lawful activities covered under this ITP;

(2) Impacts of the taking on Covered Species will be minimized and fully mitigated through the implementation of measures required by this ITP and as described in the MMRP. Measures include: (1) permanent habitat protection; (2) establishment of avoidance zones; (3) worker education; and (4) Monthly Compliance Reports. CDFW evaluated factors including an assessment of the importance of the habitat in the Project Area, the extent to which the Covered Activities will impact the habitat, and CDFW's estimate of the acreage required to provide for adequate compensation. Based on this evaluation, CDFW determined that the protection and management in perpetuity of 62.88 acres of compensatory habitat that is contiguous with other protected Covered Species habitat and/or is of higher quality than the habitat being destroyed by the Project, along with the minimization, monitoring, reporting, and funding requirements of this ITP minimizes and fully mitigates the impacts of the taking caused by the Project;

(3) The take avoidance and mitigation measures required pursuant to the conditions of this ITP and its attachments are roughly proportional in extent to the impacts of the taking authorized by this ITP;

(4) The measures required by this ITP maintain Permittee's objectives to the greatest extent possible;

(5) All required measures are capable of successful implementation;

(6) This ITP is consistent with any regulations adopted pursuant to Fish and Game Code sections 2112 and 2114;

(7) Permittee has ensured adequate funding to implement the measures required by this

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ITP as well as for monitoring compliance with, and the effectiveness of, those measures for the Project; and

(8) Issuance of this ITP will not jeopardize the continued existence of the Covered Species based on the best scientific and other information reasonably available, and this finding includes consideration of the species' capability to survive and reproduce, and any adverse impacts of the taking on those abilities in light of (1) known population trends; (2) known threats to the species; and (3) reasonably foreseeable impacts on the species from other related projects and activities. Moreover, CDFW's finding is based, in part, on CDFW's express authority to amend the terms and conditions of this ITP without concurrence of the Permittee as necessary to avoid jeopardy and as required by law.

XIV. Attachments:

FIGURE 1	Map of Project
FIGURE 2	Project Segments
FIGURE 3	Covered Species Mapping
FIGURE 4	Project Impacts
ATTACHMENT 1	Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program
ATTACHMENT 2	Biologist Resume Form
ATTACHMENT 3	Letter of Credit Form

ISSUED BY THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE ON 11/3/2026

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