

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife provided a comment letter indicating: a complete and recent inventory of fish, amphibian, reptile, bird and mammal species, including rare, threatened, endangered, and other sensitive species located within the project footprint and off-site areas potentially affected is recommended. The presence/absence and use of site by rare, threatened, endangered, and other sensitive species of plants and wildlife should be determined and if present, appropriate avoidance, minimization, and/ or mitigation measures identified. The EIR should include an analysis of direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts to biological resources, including those from lighting, human activity, defensible space, wildlife-human interactions, activities adjacent to natural areas, exotic and/or invasive species, and drainage. CDFW recommends a California Endangered Species Act (CESA) Incidental Take Permit (ITP) be obtained if the project has the potential to result in "take" of State listed species and that the DEIR address all impacts to listed species and specifies a mitigation monitoring and reporting program that will meet the requirements of CESA.

California Native Plant Society provided a comment letter indicating: the site has Juniper Woodland which is a sensitive vegetation type and if avoidance is not feasible, mitigation would be required. A review of the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) indicates that San Bernardino kangaroo rat, coastal California gnatcatcher, California glossy snake and two-striped gartersnake have been documented on the property and that Santa Ana River woollystar, slender-horned spineflower, and Parry's spineflower have a high likelihood of occurring. The project may be inconsistent with the recovery goals set forth by the California and Federal Endangered Species Acts. They recommend the City reevaluate the scope of the project and that the City and project proponent contact the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District and/or the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District to discuss the potential purchase of the property for conservation purposes.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

California Department of Fish and Wildlife
Caltrans, District #8, San Bernardino
State Water Resources Control Board
US Fish and Wildlife Service