APPENDIX B

BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES REPORTS



MEMORANDUM

TO: City of Galt and Raney Planning & Management

FROM: ECORP Consulting, Inc.

DATE: June 19, 2019

RE: Biological Resources Assessment: East Galt Infill Annexation Area

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Purpose

This memorandum provides a programmatic-level assessment of the potential effects of implementing the East Galt Infill Annexation Area (Annexation Area) on biological resources. This information is intended to support the completion of a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Appendix G -Environmental Checklist Form, Section IV. Biological Resources.

This memorandum includes a programmatic-level description of the Annexation Area's habitats; a description of special-status plant and wildlife species that could potentially occur in the Annexation Area; potential impacts of the annexation (based on the questions the Checklist Form, *Section IV*. *Biological Resources*); and recommendations to avoid and minimize potential impacts. The Annexation Area includes the Simmerhorn Ranch Project (Simmerhorn Project); several studies have been completed for the Simmerhorn Ranch Project and when available, detailed information on biological resources for this portion of the annexation area is provided. The project-specific effects of the Simmerhorn Ranch Project are also discussed in detail under separate cover: *Biological Resources Assessment: Simmerhorn Ranch* (ECORP 2019a). The Annexation Area lies within the Plan Area of the South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan (SSHCP). Therefore, this memorandum describes the biological conditions of the Annexation Area using the terms of the SSHCP.

1.2 Location

1.2.1 Annexation Area

The Annexation Area consists of a total of 341.04 acres in Galt, Sacramento County, California (Figure 1. *Annexation Area: Project Location and Vicinity*). The Study Area corresponds to a portion of the Sanjon De Los Moquelemnes Land Grant and portions of Sections 23 and 26, Township 5 North, Range 6 East (Mount Diablo Base and Meridian) of the "Galt, California" 7.5-minute quadrangle (U.S. Geological Survey [USGS] 1960). The approximate center of the Study Area is located at 38.261873° latitude and -121.288646° longitude within the Upper Cosumnes and Upper Mokelumne watersheds

(Hydrologic Unit Code #18040013 and 18040012, respectively, Natural Resources Conservation Service [NRCS], et al. 2016).

The Annexation Area consists of the annexation of rural farms and residences located in an area east of U.S. Highway 99. The Annexation Area is located north of Boessow Road, west of Marengo Road, and south of Amador Avenue and the Southern Pacific Railroad track alignment.

1.2.2 Simmerhorn Ranch Project

The Simmerhorn Project consists of Simmerhorn Ranch and associated offsite sewer extension. The Simmerhorn Project is located east of U.S. Highway 99, south of Simmerhorn Road and north of Boessow Road in Sacramento County, California (Figure 2. *Simmerhorn Ranch Project: Location and Vicinity*). The Simmerhorn Project corresponds to a portion of Section 26, Township 5 North, Range 6 East (Mount Diablo Base and Meridian) of the "Galt, California" 7.5-minute quadrangle (U.S. Geological Survey [USGS] 1960). The approximate center of the Study Area is located at 38.260029° latitude and -121.284664° longitude.

2.0 REGULATORY SETTING

The federal, state, and regional regulations pertaining to plant and wildlife species and the regulatory agencies that enforce these standards are discussed in the *Biological Resources Assessment*: Simmerhorn Ranch (ECORP 2019a) and incorporated by reference in this document.

3.0 METHODS

3.1 Annexation Area

The information presented for the Annexation Area was generated from a literature review and aerial photographic assessment; no reconnaissance-level or determinate field surveys for special-status plant and wildlife species were conducted. Upland communities and aquatic resources are described based on the SSHCP Land Cover Type mapping database.

The following resources were queried to determine whether any special-status species other than SSHCP-Covered Species have potential to occur within the Project (**Attachment A**).

- California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) record search for the "Galt, California" 7.5-minute quadrangle and the eight surrounding USGS quadrangles (CDFW 2019a);
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Information, Planning, and Consultation System Resource Report List for the Annexation Area (USFWS 2019);

- California Native Plant Society's (CNPS') electronic *Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants of California* was queried for the "Galt, California" 7.5-minute quadrangle and the eight surrounding USGS quadrangles (CNPS 2019).
- In addition to the database queries, SSHCP-Modeled Species Habitat data were used to determine which SSHCP-Covered Species have the potential to occur within the Annexation Area. The SSHCP Land Cover Type data and Modeled Species Habitat data were obtained from the City of Galt and were not modified by ECORP based on site conditions.

3.2 Simmerhorn Project

In addition to the literature review described for the Annexation Area, within the Simmerhorn Project, ECORP biologists Clay DeLong and Emily Mecke conducted an aquatic resource delineation of the Project site on November 7, 2018. An additional site visit at the offsite sewer extension was conducted by Mr. DeLong on April 4, 2019. During the surveys, the Simmerhorn Project area was walked on foot, and topographic maps and aerial imagery were referenced. A portion of the area along Simmerhorn Road was not accessible by foot due to access limitations on private property. Biological communities occurring within the Simmerhorn Project were characterized and the following biological resource information was collected:

- Potential aquatic features (also described separately in the Aquatic Resources Delineation [ECORP 2019b]);
- Animal species directly observed;
- Habitat and vegetation communities (including Sensitive Natural Communities); and
- Representative photographs of the Simmerhorn Project are provided as Attachment B in ECORP 2019a.

Based on the site reconnaissance, ECORP revised the type and extent of the SSHCP Land Cover types to accurately reflect current field conditions and vegetation communities in the Simmerhorn Project.

4.0 RESULTS

4.1 Site Characteristics and Land Use

4.1.1 Annexation Area

The Annexation Area is located within existing agricultural fields and low-density development at approximately 50 - 60 feet above mean sea level in the Sacramento Valley region of California (Baldwin et. al. 2012). The average winter low temperature in the vicinity of the Project is 38.9°F and the average summer high temperature is 90.1°F. Average annual precipitation is approximately 19 inches, which falls as rain (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration [NOAA] 2018).

4.1.2 Simmerhorn Project

The ± 126.71 -acre Simmerhorn Project is located within an existing agricultural field that used to be a dairy farm.

4.2 Soils

According to the *Web Soil Survey* (NRCS 2019), the Annexation Area and Simmerhorn Project are almost entirely one soil unit with small areas of two additional units, or types, as described below and shown on Figure 3. *Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Types*:

- 213 San Joaquin silt loam, leveled, 0 to 1 percent slopes
- 214 San Joaquin silt loam, 0 to 3 percent slopes
- 219 San Joaquin-Urban land complex, 0 to 2 percent slopes.

San Joaquin soils are formed in alluvium derived from granite rock. No soil units derived from serpentinite or other ultramafic parent materials have been reported to occur within the Annexation Area its immediate vicinity (NRCS 2018).

4.3 Vegetation Communities and SSHCP Cover Types

4.3.1 Annexation Area

SSHCP Land Cover data provides a useful summary of the vegetation communities in the Annexation Area (Figure 4. *SSHCP Land Cover*). The approximate area by land cover type is presented in Table 1 and the characteristics of the land cover types are described below. Aquatic land cover types are described in Section 4.4.

Table 1. SSHCP Land Cover Types within Annexation Area						
SSHCP Land Cover Type	Acreage					
Valley Grassland	113.94					
Cropland	103.25					
Low Density Development	81.19					
Irrigated Pasture-Grassland	18.57					
Orchard	8.29					
Major Roads	6.05					
Disturbed	3.92					
Recreation/Landscaped	0.17					
High Density Development	0.03					
Aquatic Resources	5.65					
Total:	341.06					

Valley Grassland

Valley Grassland as described in the SSHCP Plan Area is an annual herbaceous plant community now characterized mostly by naturalized annual grasses. This land cover type is the most common land cover type in the Annexation Area. Valley Grassland supports numerous plant and wildlife species.

Cropland

The Cropland land cover type is the second most abundant cover type in the Annexation Area. In the SSHCP Plan Area, it includes annual row and field crops, as well as short-term perennial crops.

Low-Density Development

The Low-Density Development land cover type consists of existing rural residential development including buildings/structures and ornamental trees. Ruderal vegetation is present within this land cover and is dominated primarily by a mix of nonnative annual grasses and forbs. This cover type provides limited wildlife habitat.

Irrigated Pasture-Grassland

The Irrigated Pasture-Grassland land cover includes hay production (alfalfa, clovers, and mixed grasses), seasonal summer pasture for livestock (primarily cattle), and year-round pasture for livestock (primarily cattle or horses). There is a single parcel of irrigated pasture/grassland that occurs in the northeast portion of the Annexation Area.

Orchard

The Orchard land cover type occurs in the northeast corner of the Annexation Area (Figure 4). The Orchard land cover has limited wildlife habitat value but provides perches for raptors foraging in adjacent Cropland and Valley Grassland and may host bat roosting sites.

Major Roads, Disturbed, High Density Development

The Major Roads and Disturbed land cover types in the Annexation Area are primarily major paved roads including East Amador Avenue, Simmerhorn Road, Carillion Boulevard, Marengo Road, and Boessow Road (Figure 4).

Recreation/Landscaped

The recreation/landscaped land cover type includes gardens, parks, golf courses, off-highway vehicle parks, and greenbelts. In the Annexation Area, Canyon Creek Park near Amador Avenue is mapped as this land cover type (Figure 4). Most of these areas are regularly maintained but do provide limited wildlife habitat.

4.3.2 Simmerhorn Project

As described in Section 3.2, the SSHCP Land Cover types within the Simmerhorn Project were refined based on the site assessment. The following section describes the refined land cover types for the Simmerhorn Project only.

4.3.3 Terrestrial Land Cover Types

Based on the site assessment, the primary SSHCP Terrestrial Land Cover types within the Simmerhorn Project include Cropland, Low-Density Development, and Major Roads (Figure 5. Simmerhorn Project: Revised SSHCP Land Cover Type). The original SSHCP Terrestrial Land Cover data for the Simmerhorn Project also described Mixed Riparian Scrub and Valley Grassland land cover, but these were removed from the land cover map as the site assessment determined they were not present. Cover types and acreages occurring within the Simmerhorn Project are summarized in Table 2. The following descriptions are based on the revised land cover map (Figure 5).

Table 2. Land Cover Types within Study Area					
SSHCP Land Cover Type	Acreage				
Cropland	102.75				
Low Density Development	15.80				
Major Roads	5.10				
Valley Grassland	1.43				
Aquatic Resources	1.64				
Total:	126.72				

Cropland

The Cropland land cover type includes annual row and field crops, as well as short-term perennial crops. This land cover is dominated by Italian ryegrass (*Festuca perennis*). Other plant species scattered throughout the Simmerhorn Project within the Cropland land cover include prickly lettuce (*Lactuca serriola*), prostrate knotweed (*Polygonum aviculare* ssp. *depressum*), and morning glory (*Convolvulus arvensis*). Croplands provide rodent and insect prey populations and plant material for foraging.

Low-Density Development

The Low-Density Development land cover type consists of existing rural residential development including buildings/structures and ornamental trees. This land cover also corresponds to the extent of defunct dairy structures and infrastructure. Ruderal vegetation is present within this land cover and is dominated primarily by a mix of nonnative annual grasses and forbs such as wild oat (*Avena*

fatua), ripgut brome (Bromus diandrus), milk thistle (Silybum marianum), prickly lettuce, and goose grass (Galium aparine).

Major Road

Major Roads on the Simmerhorn Project include Simmerhorn Road, Marengo Road, and Boessow Road.

Valley Grassland

The Valley Grassland land cover type consists of annual grassland along a portion of Simmerhorn Road. This Valley Grassland land cover is dominated by soft brome (*Bromus hordeaceus*), Italian ryegrass, and bur clover (*Medicago polymorpha*).

4.4 Aquatic Resources

4.4.1 Annexation Area

Aquatic resources in the Annexation Area were characterized based on SSHCP Aquatic Cover Type mapping. Six SSHCP aquatic land cover types are mapped in the Annexation Area and are shown on Figure 4. The approximate area by aquatic land cover type is presented in Table 3. The character of each aquatic land cover types is described below.

Table 3. SSHCP Aquatic Land Cover Types Within the Annexation Area					
SSHCP Land Cover Type	Acreage				
Vernal Pool	1.82				
Seasonal Wetland	2.13				
Swale	0.36				
Stream/Creek (non-VPIH)	0.43				
Riparian Scrub	0.58				
Riparian Woodland	0.33				
Total:	5.65				

VPIH - Vernal pool invertebrate habitat

Vernal Pool

Under the SSHCP, the Vernal Pool aquatic land cover type is described as seasonal ephemeral wetlands that fill and dry each year. In Central Valley annual grasslands, they form in shallow depressions that are underlain with a soil or a soil layer impermeable to water and are characterized as vernal pool invertebrate habitat (VPIH).

Swale

Under the SSHCP, the Swale aquatic land cover type consists of shallow ephemeral drainages found in flat to gently rolling Valley Grassland in association with vernal pool complexes, on soils with an impermeable layer. Swales convey runoff as shallow, gently sloping ephemeral wetlands during, and for short periods after, winter rainstorms. Swales are associated with vernal pools and provide VPIH.

Seasonal Wetland

Under the SSHCP, the Seasonal Wetland aquatic land cover type is characterized as wetlands that pond for an extended period during a portion of the year, generally filling during the rainy winter season and drying relatively slowly, typically in the summer or early fall. Seasonal Wetlands tend to be isolated wetlands that occur within moderate to large depressional features along streams, creeks, and rivers; along the edges of open water, or scattered within the Valley Grassland land cover. In addition, some impounded drainages, excavated stock ponds, and graded or excavated former vernal pools can also be Seasonal Wetland. Under the SSHCP, Seasonal Wetlands do not represent habitat for vernal pool invertebrates.

Stream/Creek non-VPIH

Under the SSHCP, the Stream/Creek land cover type includes intermittent and perennial linear water features such as rivers, streams, creeks, drainages, and roadside and irrigation ditches. These features typically exhibit a bed and bank and an ordinary high-water mark. These features do not represent habitat for vernal pool invertebrates due to the highly ephemeral nature of the features. In the Annexation Area, the Stream/Creek aquatic cover type is primarily drainage ditches constructed to convey water (Figure 4).

Riparian Scrub/Riparian Woodland

Under the SSHCP, Riparian land covers are associated with Streams/Creeks and typically occur in the zone between the active stream channel and adjacent upland land covers. The SSHCP defines riparian areas as transitional between terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems and distinguished by gradients in biophysical conditions, ecological processes, and biota. In the Annexation Area, riparian scrub is mapped in association with Canyon Creek and riparian woodland is mapped in a small isolated area of the northeast corner (Figure 4).

4.4.2 Simmerhorn Ranch

An aquatic resources delineation was conducted for the Simmerhorn Project, in accordance with the Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual (Environmental Laboratory 1987) and the Regional Supplement to the Corps of Engineers Wetland Delineation Manual: Arid West Region (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers [USACE] 2008). A total of 1.641 acres of aquatic resources were mapped within the Simmerhorn Project (Table 4; ECORP 2019b). Based on the SSHCP Aquatic Land Cover types

these aquatic resources are Vernal Pools (seasonal wetlands that provide vernal pool invertebrate habitat), Seasonal Wetland (seasonal wetlands that do not provide vernal pool invertebrate habitat), and Stream/Creek non-VPIH (Figure 4). Based on aquatic resource terminology, these features include seasonal wetlands and drainage ditches; an aquatic resources delineation map is presented in Figure 5. Simmerhorn Project: Aquatic Resources Delineation.

Table 4. Simmerhorn Project: Aquatic Resources					
Туре	Acreage ¹				
Wetlands					
Seasonal wetland	0.747				
Other Waters					
Drainage ditch	0.894				
Total	1.641				

¹Acreages represent a calculated estimation and are subject to modification following the USACE verification process.

A discussion of the aquatic resources found on the Simmerhorn Project site is presented below by SSHCP Aquatic Land Cover Type (Aquatic Resource Type).

Vernal Pool (Seasonal Wetland)

Two of the seasonal wetlands in the Simmerhorn Project (SW-02 and SW-03, Figure 6. Simmerhorn Ranch: Aquatic Resources Delineation) are characterized as Vernal Pool aquatic land cover type under the SSHCP due to their capacity to provide vernal pool invertebrate habitat. Dominant plant species observed within these features include rabbitsfoot grass (Polypogon monspeliensis), barnyard grass (Echinochloa crus-qalli), and Italian ryegrass.

Seasonal Wetland (Seasonal Wetland)

Two of the seasonal wetlands with the Simmerhorn Project are defunct dairy ponds used for storage of effluent runoff that were excavated when the site was an active dairy. These seasonal wetlands (SW-01 and SW-04, Figure 6) do not represent habitat for vernal pool invertebrates and as such are considered to be Seasonal Wetland under the SSHCP aquatic land cover type. Dominant plant species observed within these seasonal wetlands include curly dock (*Rumex crispus*), goose grass, rabbitsfoot grass, and prickly lettuce.

Stream/Creek non-VPIH (Drainage Ditches)

Stream/Creek non-VPIH aquatic land cover type on the Simmerhorn Project are drainage ditches. These linear features were constructed to convey water. These features occur along roads on the northern boundary (Simmerhorn Road); along a portion of the eastern boundary; along a portion of the western boundary; and through the northern portion of the site in an east to west alignment

(Figure 6). These drainage ditches are dominated by dallis grass (*Paspalum dilatatum*), tall flatsedge (*Cyperus eragrostis*), barnyard grass, and curly dock.

4.5 SSHCP Covered Species and Special-Status Species

4.5.1 Annexation Area

Based on SSHCP-Modeled Species Habitat data, the Annexation Area contains habitat for 24 Covered Species. SSHCP-Modeled Species Habitat maps are provided in Attachment B.

The literature sources described in *Section 3.0 Methods* were queried to determine the potential for occurrence of any other special-status species that are not SSHCP-Covered Species. These queries resulted in the identification of 34 additional species for consideration.

Tabulated results of all species evaluated for the Annexation Area are presented in Table 5. Each of the species identified by these resources were evaluated for their potential to occur within the Annexation Area or vicinity based on the following criteria:

- Present Species was observed during field surveys or is known to occur within the Annexation Area based on documented occurrences within the CNDDB, SSHCP, or other literature.
- **Potential to Occur** Habitat (including soils and elevation requirements) for the species occurs within the Annexation Area based on site assessment, literature research, or SSHCP-Modeled Species Habitat data.
- Low Potential to Occur Marginal or limited amounts of habitat occur, and/or the species is not known to occur within the vicinity of the Annexation Area based on CNDDB records and other available documentation. This designation is only used for species that are not SSHCP-Covered Species.
- **Absent** No suitable habitat (including soils and elevation requirements) and/or the species is not known to occur within the vicinity of the Annexation Area based on CNDDB records and other documentation or SSHCP-Modeled Species Habitat data does not indicate that habitat for the species occurs within the site.

4.5.2 Simmerhorn Project

Tabulated results of all species evaluated for the Simmerhorn Project are presented in Table 5. Potential occurrence was evaluated based on the literature review and site visits and refined based on the revised SSHCP land cover type mapping.

Table 5. SSHCP Covered Species and Special-Status Species Known or Potentially Occurring in the Annexation Area and Simmerhorn Project. **Status Potential To Occur** Associated **SSHCP Common Name Land Cover Annexation** Simmerhorn (Scientific Name) **ESA CESA** Other **Habitat Description Survey Period** Type Area **Project** Plants Watershield 2B.3 NA Absent. No Absent. No Freshwater marshes and June-September swamps (98'-7,218'). suitable habitat suitable habitat (Brasenia schreberi) present onsite. present onsite. Old alluvial terraces; silty, April-May (June) Valley brodiaea 4.2 NA Low potential to Low potential to sandy, and gravelly loam soils occur. Marginal occur. Marginal (Brodiaea rosea ssp. in swales within Valley and habitat present habitat present vallicola) foothill grassland and vernal onsite. onsite. pools (33' - 1,099')May-September NA Bristly sedge 2B.1 Marshes and swamps. Low potential to Low potential to including lake margins, coastal occur. Marginal occur. Marginal prairie, and valley and foothill habitat present habitat present (Carex comosa) grassland (0'-2,051'). onsite. onsite. Succulent Owl's Clover FT CF 1B.2 Vernal pools, often in acidic April-May NA Low potential to Low potential to environments.(164'-2,461'). occur. Marginal occur. Marginal (Castilleja campestris ssp. habitat present habitat present onsite. succulenta) onsite. Parry's rough tarplant 4.2 Alkaline, vernally mesic areas May-October NA Low potential to Low potential to and seeps in valley and foothill occur. Marginal occur. Marginal (Centromadia parryi ssp. grassland, vernal pools, habitat present habitat present rudis) sometimes found on roadsides onsite. onsite. (0'-328').Coastal, freshwater, or Bolander's water-hemlock 2B.1 July-September NA Absent. No Absent. No brackish marshes and suitable habitat suitable habitat (Cicuta maculata var. swamps (0'-656'). present onsite. present onsite. bolanderi) Peruvian dodder 2B.2 Freshwater marshes and July-October NA Absent, No. Absent, No. suitable habitat suitable habitat swamps (49'-918'). (Cuscuta obtusiflora var. present onsite. present onsite. glandulosa)

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(Navarretia eriocephala)

valley and foothill grassland

(345' - 1,312').

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Table 5. SSHCP Covered Species and Special-Status Species Known or Potentially Occurring in the Annexation Area and Simmerhorn Project. **Potential To Occur Status** Associated **SSHCP Common Name Land Cover** Annexation Simmerhorn **CESA** (Scientific Name) **ESA** Other **Habitat Description Survey Period** Type Area **Project** Breeds in NE California, March-August Greater sandhill crane CT CFP, Valley Potential to Potential to **SSHCP** Nevada, Oregon, Washington, (breeding); Grassland. occur. SSHCP occur. SSHCP and BC, Canada; winters from (Antigone canadensis September-March Covered Irrigated Modeled Modeled tabida) Species CA to Florida. In winter, they (wintering) Pasture, Species Habitat Species Habitat forage in burned grasslands. Cropland, present onsite. present onsite. Vernal Pool, pastures, and feed on waste grain in a variety of agricultural Seasonal Wetland settings (corn, wheat, milo, rice, oats, and barley), tilled fields, recently planted fields, alfalfa fields, row crops and burned rice fields. Burrowing owl BCC. Nests in burrows or burrow February-August Valley Potential to Potential to SSC, surrogates in open, treeless, Grassland, occur. SSHCP occur. SSHCP (Athene cunicularia) **SSHCP** areas within grassland, Irrigated Modeled Modeled Covered steppe, and desert biomes. Pasture, Species Habitat Species Habitat Often with other burrowing Cropland Species present onsite. present onsite. mammals (e.g. prairie dogs, California ground squirrels). May also use human-made habitat such as agricultural fields, golf courses, cemeteries, roadside, airports, vacant urban lots, and

fairgrounds.

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(Lanius Iudovicianus)

Modeled Species Habitat

present onsite.

Cropland,

Orchard

Modeled

Species Habitat

present onsite.

vegetation, pastures, old

orchards, grasslands,

agricultural areas, open

woodlands. Not found in heavily forested habitats.

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Species

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California.

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lakes.

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	Status						Potential	To Occur
Common Name						Associated SSHCP Land Cover	Annexation	Simmerhorn
(Scientific Name)	ESA	CESA	Other	Habitat Description	Survey Period	Type	Area	Project

Status Codes:

ESA Endangered Species Act

CESA California Endangered Species Act

AMM SSHCP Avoidance and Minimization Measure

FE ESA listed, Endangered. FT ESA listed. Threatened.

FPD Listed under ESA, but formally proposed for delisting.
FC Candidate for ESA listing as Threatened or Endangered.
CFP California Fish and Game Code Fully Protected Species

CE CESA or NPPA listed, Endangered.
CT CESA or NPPA listed, Threatened.

CC Candidate for CESA listing as Endangered or Threatened.

BCC USFWS Bird of Conservation Concern

CDFW WL CDFW Watch List

Delisted Formally Delisted (delisted ESA species are monitored for 5 years).

SSC CDFW Species of Special Concern

SSHCP South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan

1B California Rare Plant Ranks (CRPRs)/Rare or Endangered in California and elsewhere.

2B CRPR /Rare or Endangered in California, more common elsewhere.
2 CRPR /Rare or Endangered in California, more common elsewhere.

4 CRPR /Plants of Limited Distribution - A Watch List.

Threat Rank/Seriously threatened in California (over 80% of occurrences threatened / high degree and immediacy of threat)
 Threat Rank/Moderately threatened in California (20-80% occurrences threatened / moderate degree and immediacy of threat)

0.3 Threat Rank/Not very threatened in California (<20% of occurrences threatened / low degree and immediacy of threat or no current threats known)

4.6 Sensitive Natural Communities

Five sensitive natural communities were identified as having the potential to occur within the Annexation Area (including the Simmerhorn Project) based on the literature review (CDFW 2019a). These included:

- Coastal and Valley Freshwater Marsh,
- Great Valley Mixed Riparian Forest,
- Great Valley Valley Oak Riparian Forest,
- Northern Hardpan Vernal Pool, and
- Valley Oak Woodland.

Based on SSHCP land cover mapping, a review of aerial photographs, and the site assessment at Simmerhorn Project, there is no marsh habitat present within the Annexation Area. The small, isolated stands of trees along the Boessow Road at the southeastern boundary or Simmerhorn Project and in the northwest corner of the Annexation Area and the narrow riparian corridor along Canyon Creek in the northeast corner of the Annexation Area are not large enough to be considered Great Valley Mixed Riparian Forest, Great Valley Oak Riparian Forest, or Valley Oak Woodland. Though SSHCP aquatic vernal pool land cover type is mapped onsite, the Annexation Area (including the Simmerhorn Project) has been converted to Cropland and rural residents and the Annexation Area soils do not support a Northern Hardpan Vernal Pool community. Therefore, no sensitive natural communities occur within the Annexation Area.

4.7 Wildlife Movement/Corridors and Nursery Sites

The Annexation Area (including the Simmerhorn Project) is located in a rural residential and undeveloped area within the sphere of influence of the City of Galt, roughly 0.25 mile east of U.S. Highway 99. Additionally, the Annexation Area is surrounded by development to the west and north, and a development is currently being constructed immediately south of the Annexation Area. The Annexation Area does not fall within an Essential Habitat Connectivity area or mule deer migration area mapped by the CDFW (2019b). The Canyon Creek Park riparian corridor is narrow, but nevertheless likely supports localized movements by birds such as passerines and raptors and highly mobile mammal species such as raccoon (*Procyon lotor*) and coyote (*Canis latrans*). The drainage ditches on the Simmerhorn Project lack significant riparian vegetation and likely only serve as marginal movement corridors for wildlife.

No nursery sites have been documented within the Annexation Area or Simmerhorn Project (CDFW 2019a).

5.0 IMPACTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This section specifically addresses the questions raised by the CEQA - Appendix G Environmental Checklist Form, IV. Biological Resources. Two actions that may affect biological resources are considered in this section: annexation of lands into the City of Galt and development of the Simmerhorn Project. Impacts to biological resources would arise when a Project Proponent submits a development application to the City within the Annexation Area. The Simmerhorn Project proposes to construct a residential development on 126.7 acres within the Annexation Area that may have impacts to biological resources as described below. This section also identifies the appropriate recommendations to reduce potential impacts of the actions to less than significant. The recommendations are described in detail in Section 6.0.

Impact BIO-1 Result in effects, either directly or through habitat modifications, to species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special-status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the CDFW or USFWS.

5.1.1 Annexation Area Effects.

Several special-status plants and wildlife species have potential to occur within the Annexation Area. If these species are present or habitat for these species are present within an area proposed for development, potential effects to special-status plants and wildlife species may occur. When an application for development within the Annexation Area is submitted to the City, it is recommended that the Project Proponent implement the following mitigation measures: BIO-MM1, BIO-MM2. Based on the findings of BIO-MM1 and BIO-MM2, the Project Proponent will implement the appropriate mitigation measures as described in BIO-MM6 through BIO-MM20.

5.1.2 Simmerhorn Project Effects

Several special-status plants and wildlife species have the potential to occur on the Simmerhorn Project. If these species are present or habitat for these species are present within the Simmerhorn Project, development of the site could result in adverse effects to special-status plants and wildlife species. Implementation of mitigation measures BIO-MM6 through BIO-MM20 is recommended to reduce potential adverse effects to special-status plant and wildlife species.

Impact BIO-2. The proposed project/action could adversely affect riparian habitat and other sensitive natural communities identified in local or regional plans, policies or regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

5.1.3 Annexation Area Effects

As discussed in *Section 4.6*, based on the literature review, there are no sensitive natural communities in the Annexation Area. Based on the SSHCP land cover type mapping, there is riparian habitat

associated with Canyon Creek Park in the northwest corner of the Annexation Area. Development within the Annexation Area could result in potential adverse effects to riparian habitat if present onsite. Before a Project Proponent submits an application to the City, occurrence of these features should be confirmed through implementation of mitigation measure BIO-MM1. Implementation of mitigation measure BIO-MM2 is recommended to reduce potential adverse effects to riparian habitat and/or sensitive natural communities.

5.1.4 Simmerhorn Project Effects

The Simmerhorn Project would not affect sensitive natural communities or riparian habitat and no mitigation measures are recommended.

BIO Impact-3. Result in effects to federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?

5.1.5 Annexation Area Effects

Waters of the U.S. are present within the Annexation Area and could be adversely affected if present within an area proposed for development. When a Project Proponent submits a development application to the City, it is recommended that mitigation measures BIO-MM1 through BIO-MM4, and BIO-MM6 and BIO-MM7 are implemented to reduce potential adverse effects to wetlands and other Waters of the U.S.

5.1.6 Simmerhorn Project Effects

A wetland delineation was conducted at the Simmerhorn Project and 1.64 acres of potential Waters of the U.S. are anticipated to be filled. The Project applicant is anticipated to apply for Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 404 and 401 authorization under the SSHCP Aquatic Resource Program (ARP), and to mitigate for Project impacts using the SSHCP In-Lieu Fee Program. The applicant would separately apply for a CDFW 1602 LSAA if required. Mitigation Measures BIO-MM2 through BIO-MM4 and BIO-MM6 and BIO-MM7 are recommended to address adverse effects to wetlands and other Waters of the U.S.

BIO Impact 4. Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?

5.1.7 Annexation Area Effects

As discussed in Section 4.7, limited wildlife corridors may occur in the Annexation Area and there are no mapped nursery sites (CDFW 2019a). However, absence of these resources cannot be confirmed without a site visit. Before a Proponent submits an application to the City, it is recommended to implement mitigation measure BIO-MM1 to confirm presence and/or absence of wildlife corridors

and/or nursery sites Implementation of BIO-MM2 is further recommended to reduce potential adverse effects if wildlife corridors and/or nursey sites are present within the development area.

5.1.8 Simmerhorn Project Effects

While the Simmerhorn Project will impact the existing stream/channels (drainage ditches) occurring onsite, these features likely do not provide high quality wildlife movement corridors for wildlife due to the lack of significant riparian vegetation present and/or perennial water. Further, the Simmerhorn Project does not include a known nursery site or critical mule deer fawning site. However, potential bat roosting habitat may occur onsite. Implementation of mitigation measures BIO-MM2 and BIO-MM19 are recommended to reduce potential effects to wildlife corridors and nursery sites.

BIO Impact 5. Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?

5.1.9 Annexation Area Effects

Section 18.52.060: Cutting and Removal of Heritage Oak Trees of the Galt Municipal Code requires a tree permit for removal of any heritage oak trees. Heritage oak trees are defined as a tree with a single trunk with a diameter of six inches or greater measured four feet above the ground or a multi-trunk tree with a diameter of eight inches or greater measured four feet above the ground. Species covered include Valley oak (Quercus lobata), interior live oak (Quercus wislizeni), blue oak (Quercus douglasii), coast live oak (Quercus agrifolia), and oracle oak (Quercus morehus). For discretionary projects, the preservation or removal of trees as a condition of approval is enforced by the Community Development Director or his duly authorized representative as part of the conditions of approval (City of Galt 2018).

An arborist survey has not been conducted for the Annexation Area; however, however, it is likely that oak trees that may be protected by § 18.52.060 of the Galt Municipal Code (i.e., heritage oak trees) occur in the Annexation Area. Therefore, the implementation of BIO-MM5 is recommended to reduce adverse effects to heritage oak trees.

5.1.10 Simmerhorn Project Effects

An arborist survey has not been conducted for the Simmerhorn Project; however, oak trees that may be protected by § 18.52.060 of the Galt Municipal Code (i.e., heritage oak trees) were observed onsite during the November 2018 site visit. Therefore, the implementation of BIO-MM5 is recommended to reduce adverse effects to heritage oak trees.

BIO Impact 6. Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?

5.1.11 Annexation Area Effects

The annexation of lands into the City of Galt is not expected to conflict with the SSHCP or other local, regional or state conservation plans. When a development application is submitted to the City within the Annexation Area, implementation of mitigation measure BIO-MM2 is recommended to ensure consistency with the SSHCP.

5.1.12 Simmerhorn Project Effects

The Project does not conflict with the provisions of the SSHCP. Implementation of mitigation measure BIO-MM2 is recommended to ensure consistency with the SSHCP.

The Project's consistency with the SSHCP and the Covered Species AMMs are described in detail in *Simmerhorn Ranch Project; Biological Resources Assessment* (ECORP 2019a).

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

A complete set of the SSHCP AMMs are included in Attachment C.

BIO-MM1 Prepare Biological Resources Assessment and Preliminary Wetland Assessment

If a proposed development within the Annexation Area includes undisturbed areas or is adjacent to undisturbed areas, a Biological Resources Assessment (BRA) shall be prepared to determine the potential biological sensitivities associated with the development. The BRA shall include (but not be limited to) the following:

- A review of existing biological information in the region and any documentation specific to the area (i.e., aerial photography and any documentation of projects in the vicinity of the site),
- A query of the CDFW CNDDB, USFWS Species List, and CNPS Inventory of Rare and Endangered Plants for potentially occurring special-status species in the vicinity of the project site,
- A reconnaissance pedestrian field survey to verify mapped SSHCP terrestrial and aquatic land cover types
- A reconnaissance pedestrian field survey to assess the onsite biological resources/constraints, including a delineation of aquatic resources,
- A summary of the findings including data on special-status species, jurisdictional waters of the U.S., sensitive natural communities, and wildlife habitat movement corridors,

- Recommendations for appropriate findings and mitigation measures, and
- Identification of any required permits and approvals to implement the project design and construct the project.

BIO-MM2. Obtain an SSHCP Permit

Before the approval of grading and improvement plans and before any groundbreaking activity associated with the project, the Project applicants shall ensure that authorization pursuant to SSHCP will be obtained. To obtain such authorization, the SSHCP Permit Application shall include the following components as identified in Chapter 10, Section 10.4.2 of the SSHCP:

- Applicant Information
- Project Description and Map
- Land Cover Type Map
- Wetland Delineation Map
- Modeled Species Habitat map
- Description of How the Development Complies with the SSHCP Avoidance and Minimization Measures outlined in Chapter 5, Section 5.4 of the SSHCP.
- Proposed Mitigation
- Results of Covered Species (special-status species) Pre-Construction Surveys.

BIO-MM3 Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit and Section 401 Permit and Implement All Permit Conditions

Before the approval of grading and improvement plans and before any groundbreaking for a development project in the Annexation Area, the Project Proponent shall ensure that authorization pursuant to CWA Section 404 from the USACE and CWA Section 401 from the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) is obtained (i.e., through permitting under the SSHCP ARP). The construction contractor shall adhere to all conditions outlined in the SSHCP ARP. The Project applicants shall ensure that the Project replaces, restores, or enhances on a "no net loss" basis (in accordance with the USACE and the Central Valley RWQCB) the acreage of all wetlands and other waters of the United States/State that would be removed, lost, and/or degraded due to project implementation, either through the SSHCP In-Lieu Fee Program or by other methods agreeable to the USACE, the Central Valley RWQCB, and the City, as appropriate, depending on agency jurisdiction, and as determined during the Section 401 and Section 404 permitting processes.

BIO-MM4 Obtain CDFW 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement and Implement All Permit Conditions

Before the approval of grading and improvement plans and before any groundbreaking for a development project in the Annexation Area, the Project Proponent shall ensure that authorization pursuant to Section 1600-1616 of the California Fish and Game Code (CDFW 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement) has been obtained (i.e., through direct application to CDFW for a Section 1602 SAA or through participation in the SSHCP). The construction contractor shall adhere to all conditions outlined in the Section 1602 SAA or SSHCP.

BIO-MM5 Heritage Oak Tree Removal

A tree removal permit shall be procured from the City for removal of any heritage oak trees and the Project Proponent will provide appropriate mitigation as required by the tree removal permit. Mitigation may include payment into the City's Tree Preservation Fund.

BIO-MM6. Best Management Practices

Before any groundbreaking for a development project in the Annexation Area, the Project Proponent shall comply with SSHCP AMMs BMP-1 through BMP-11.

BIO-MM7. Mitigate for Impacts to Aquatic Features and Habitat

Before the approval of grading and improvement plans and before any groundbreaking for a development project in the Annexation Area, the Project Proponent shall ensure that mitigation for impacts to aquatic features and other habitat for special-status species has been implemented through the SSHCP In-Lieu Fee Program or by other methods agreeable to the USACE, RWQCB, USFWS, CDFW, and the City, as appropriate, depending on agency jurisdiction.

BIO-MM8. Special-Status Plant Surveys and Protection

Before any groundbreaking for a development project in the Annexation Area, the Project Proponent shall comply with SSHCP AMM PLANT-1 (Rare Plant Surveys). Though some special-status plant species are not considered SSHCP-Covered Species (see Table 5), special-status plant surveys conducted per PLANT-1 shall identify whether these additional species are present.

If SSHCP-covered plants are determined to be present, PLANT-2 (Rare Plant Protection) will be implemented. If non SSHCP-covered plant species are determined to be present, a mitigation plan shall be prepared for review and approval by the City of Galt. Depending on the listing status of the plant, appropriate mitigation will be determined and may include avoidance, transplantation, or inoculation (if species are present in wetland habitats). Avoided areas containing special-status plants shall be fenced with orange construction fencing.

BIO-MM9 Invertebrates

There are no species-specific SSHCP AMMs for vernal pool fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta lynchi*), mid-valley fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta mesovallensis*), Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle (*Desmocerus californicus dimorphus*), Ricksecker's water scavenger beetle (*Hydrochara rickseckeri*), and vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardi*). However, these are Covered Species, and the Project applicants shall comply with SSHCP requirements, In-Lieu Fee Program, and relevant general AMMs.

BIO-MM10 California Tiger Salamander

If a development project in the Annexation Area contains Modeled Covered Species Habitat for California Tiger Salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*), the Project Proponent shall comply with SSHCP AMMs CTS-1 through CTS-7.

BIO-MM11 Western Spadefoot

If a development project in the Annexation Area contains Modeled Covered Species Habitat for Western Spadefoot (*Spea hammondii*), the Project Proponent shall comply with SSHCP AMMs WS-1 through WS-6.

BIO-MM12 Western Pond Turtle

If a development project in the Annexation Area contains Modeled Covered Species Habitat for Western Pond Turtle (*Actinemys marmorata*), the Project Proponent shall comply with SSHCP AMMs WPT-1 through WPT-9.

BIO-MM13 Tricolored Blackbird

If a development project in the Annexation Area contains Modeled Covered Species Habitat for Tricolored Blackbird (*Agelaius tricolor*), the Project Proponent shall comply with h SSHCP AMMs TCB-1 and TCB-2 and based on the results of surveys conducted under those measures, comply with TB-3 through TCB-5.

BIO-MM14 Swainson's Hawk

If a development project in the Annexation Area contains Modeled Covered Species Habitat for Swainson's Hawk (*Buteo swainsoni*), the Project Proponent shall comply with SSHCP AMMs SWHA-1 and SWHA-2 and based on the results of surveys conducted under those measures, comply with SWHA-3 and SWHA-4.

BIO-MM15 Greater Sandhill Crane

If a development project in the Annexation Area contains Modeled Covered Species Habitat for Greater Sandhill Crane (*Antigone canadensis tabida*), the Project Proponent shall comply with SSHCP

AMMs GSC-1 and GSC-2 and based on the results of surveys conducted under those measures, comply with GSC-3 through GSC-5.

BIO-MM16 Western Burrowing Owl

If a development project in the Annexation Area contains Modeled Covered Species Habitat for Western Burrowing Owl (*Athene cunicularia*), the Project Proponent shall comply with SSHCP AMMs WBO-1 and WBO-2 and based on the results of surveys conducted under those measures, comply with WBO-3 through WBO-7.

BIO-MM17 Other Raptors

If a development project in the Annexation Area contains Modeled Covered Species Habitat for Other Raptors, the Project Proponent shall comply with SSHCP AMMs RAPTOR-1 and RAPTOR-2 and based on the results of surveys conducted under those measures, comply with RAPTOR-3 and RAPTOR-4.

BIO-MM18 Other Nesting Birds

A qualified biologist shall conduct a preconstruction nesting bird survey (can be conducted concurrently with BIO MM-14) of all areas associated with construction activities, and a 100-foot buffer around these areas, within 14 days prior to commencement of construction if construction occurs during the nesting season (February 1 through August 31). These surveys can be conducted concurrently with surveys required under BIO MM-14. If active nests are found, a no-disturbance buffer around the nest shall be established. The buffer distance shall be established by a qualified biologist in consultation with the CDFW. The buffer shall be maintained until the fledglings are capable of flight and become independent of the nest, to be determined by a qualified biologist. Once the young are independent of the nest, no further measures are necessary.

BIO-MM19 Bat Species

If a development project in the Annexation Area contains Modeled Covered Species Habitat for Western Red Bat (*Lasiurus blossevillii*) or other special-status bat species, the Project Proponent shall comply with SSHCP AMM BAT-1, and based on the results of the survey conducted, comply with BAT-2 through BAT-5.

BIO-MM20 American Badger

There are no species-specific SSHCP AMMs for American badger (*Taxidea taxus*). However, if a development project in the Annexation Area contains Modeled Covered Species Habitat for species, and the Project Proponent shall comply with SSHCP requirements, In-Lieu Fee Program, and relevant AMMs.

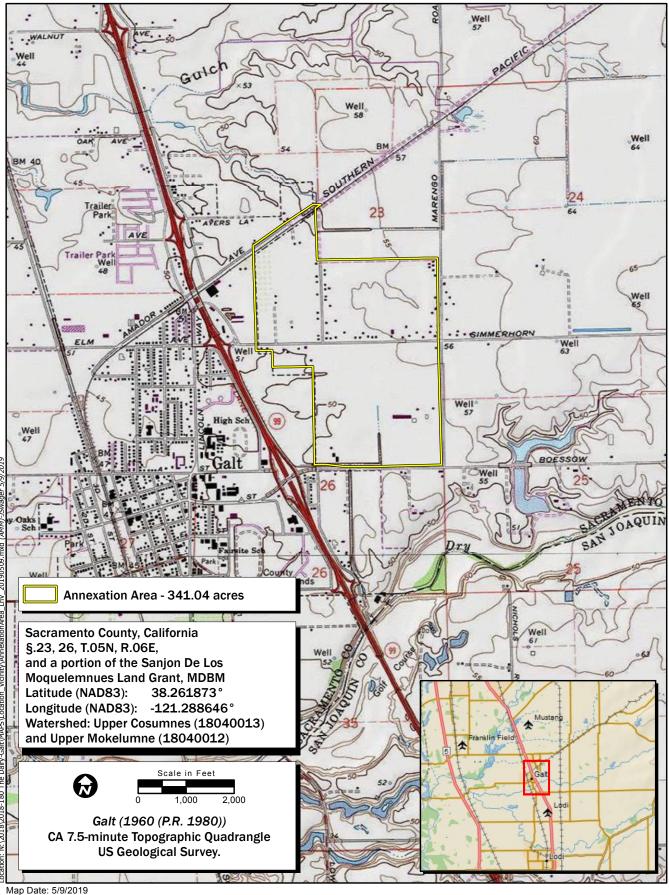
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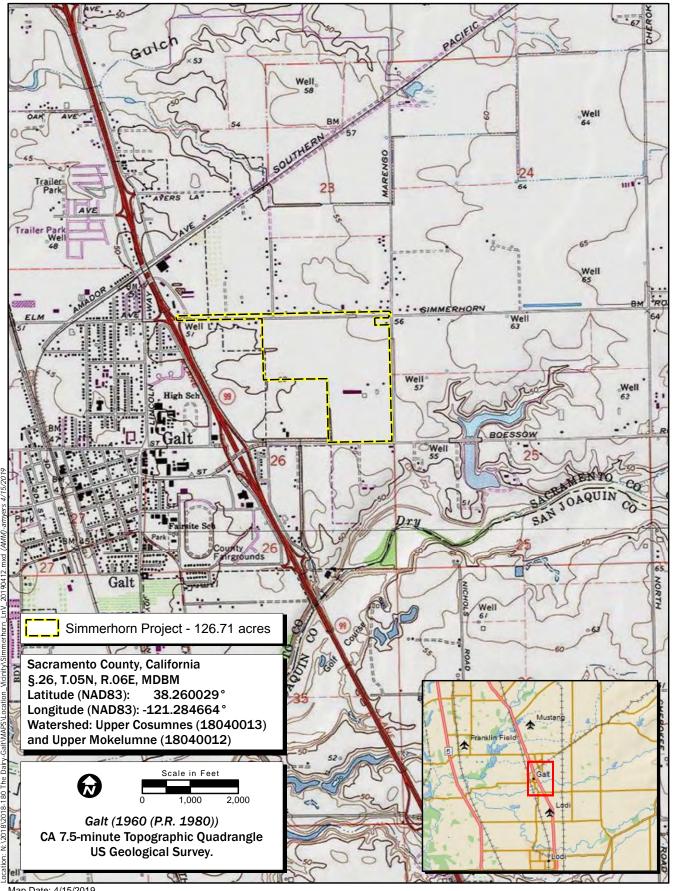
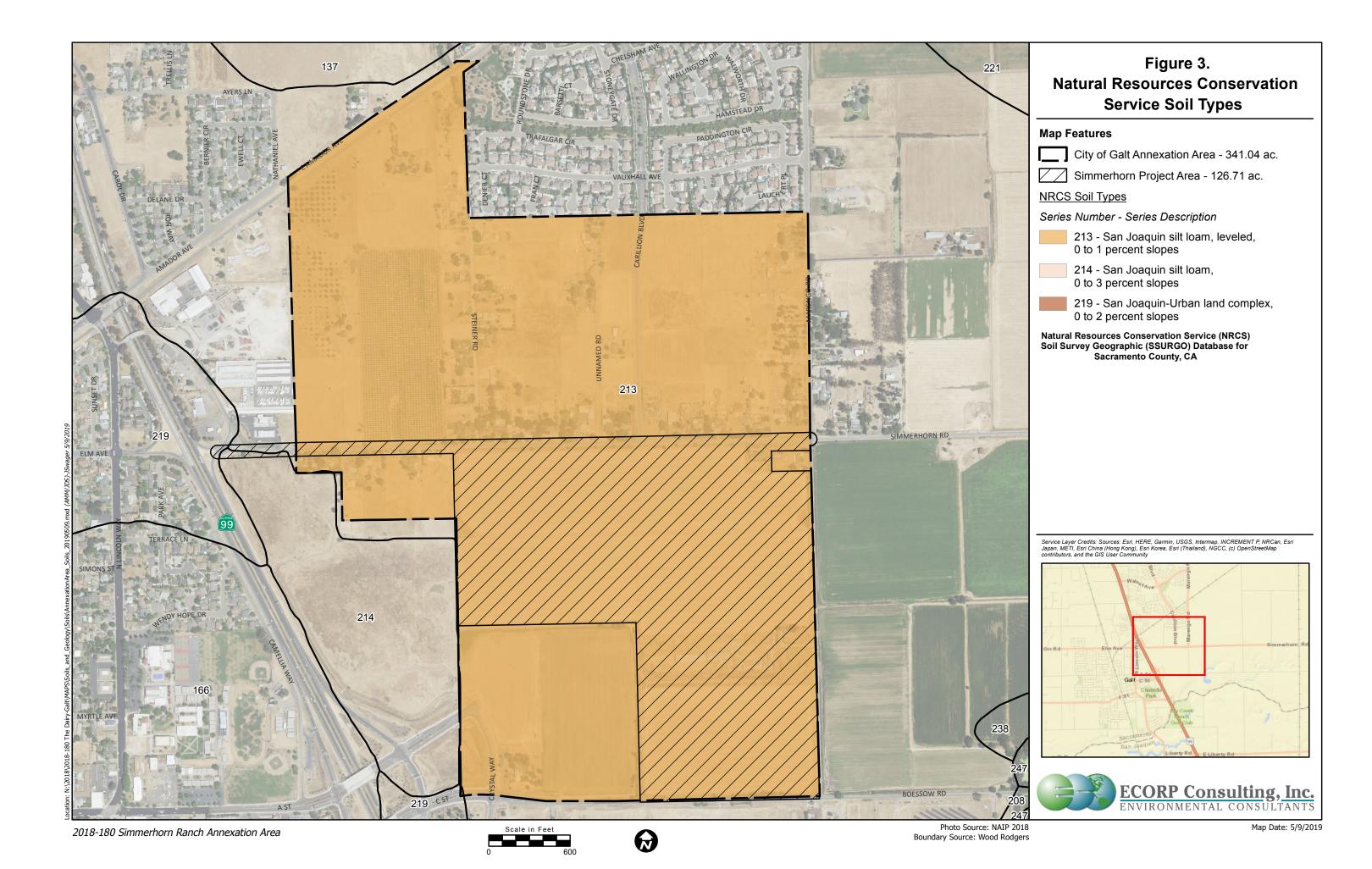
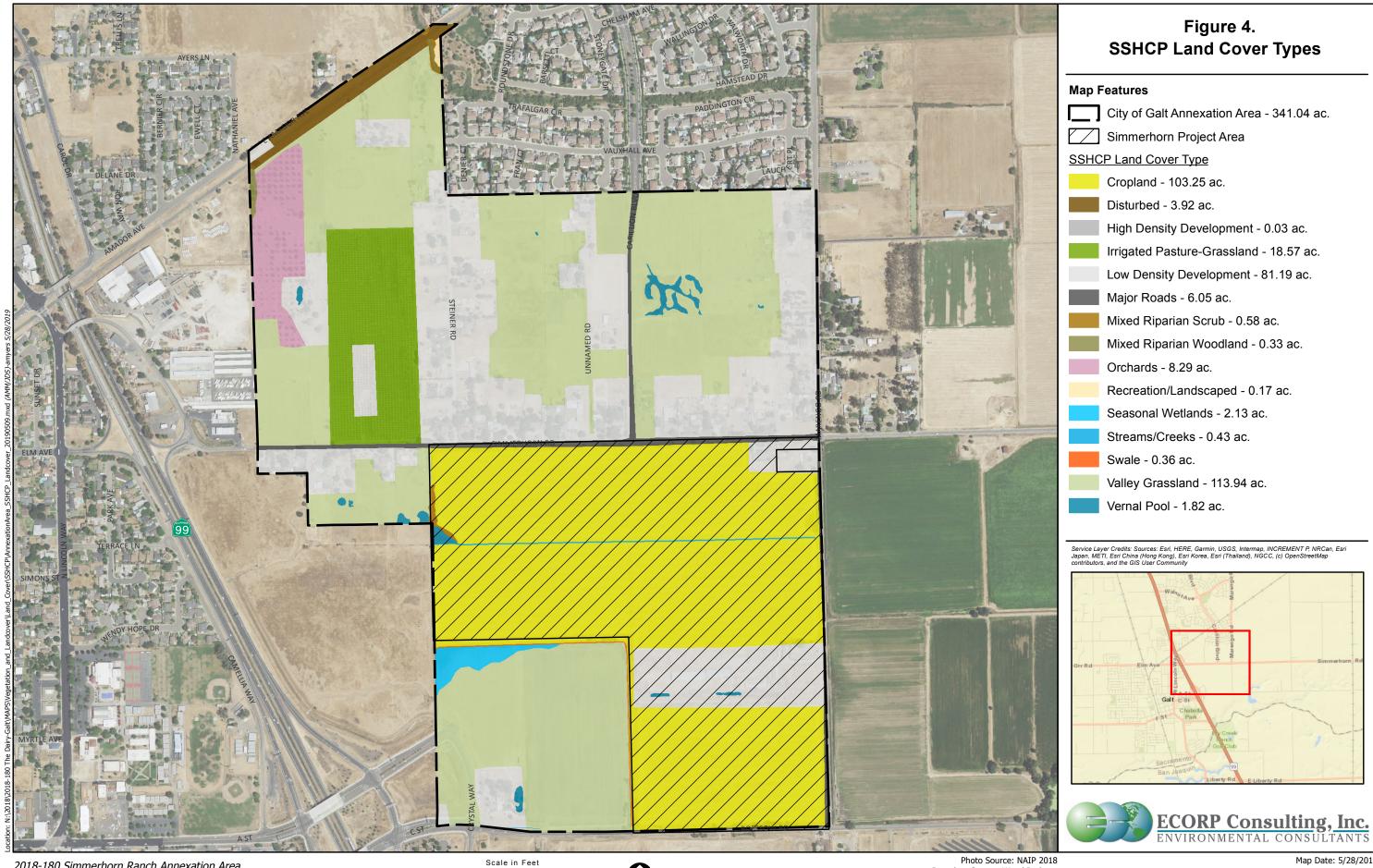


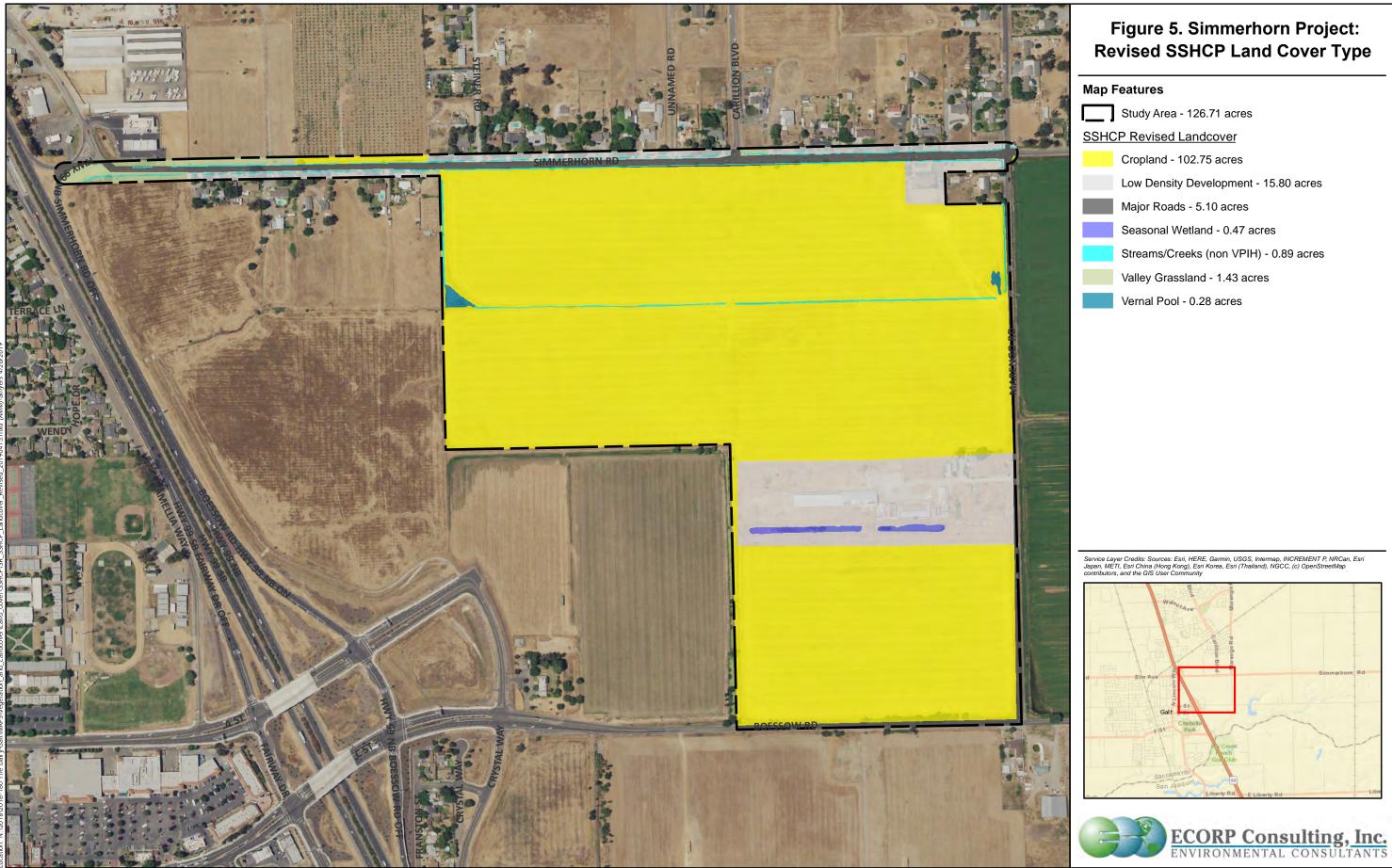


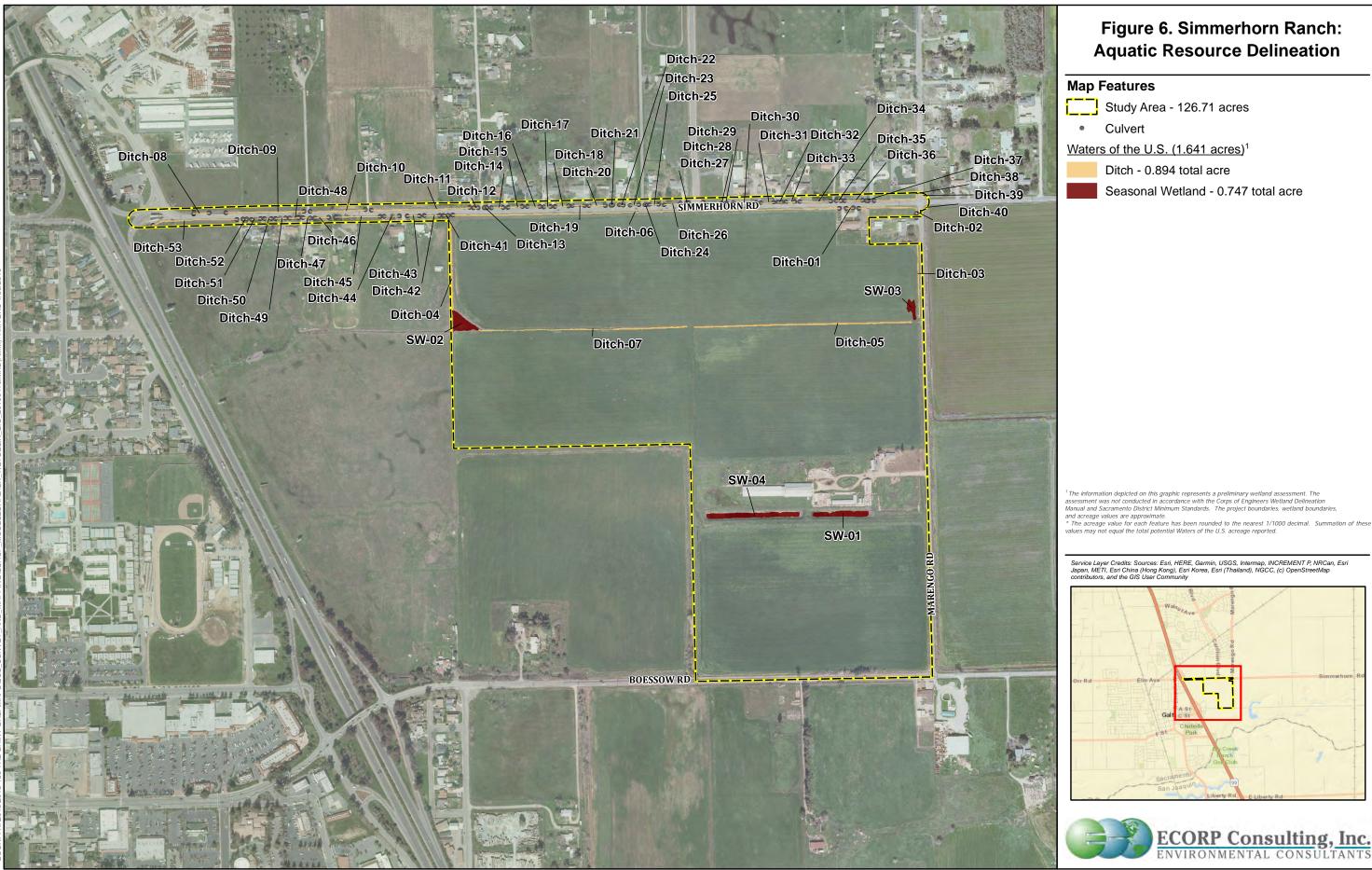


Figure 2. Simmerhorn Ranch Project: Location and Vicinity









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ATTACHMENT A

Database Query Results



Selected Elements by Scientific Name

California Department of Fish and Wildlife California Natural Diversity Database



Query Criteria:

Quad IS (Galt (3812133) OR Elk Grove (3812143) OR Bruceville (3812134) OR Bruceville (3812134) OR Clay (3812132) OR Florin (3812144) OR Thornton (3812124) OR Lockeford (3812122))

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Plant List

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Orcuttia viscida	Sacramento Orcutt	Poaceae	annual herb	Apr-	1B.1	S1	G1

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Scutellaria lateriflora	side-flowering skullcap	Lamiaceae	perennial rhizomatous herb	Jul-Sep	2B.2	S2	G5
Symphyotrichum lentum	Suisun Marsh aster	Asteraceae	perennial rhizomatous herb	(Apr)May- Nov	1B.2	S2	G2
Trifolium hydrophilum	saline clover	Fabaceae	annual herb	Apr-Jun	1B.2	S2	G2

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Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project

location, and/or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the Service under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Please follow the link below to see if your proposed project has the potential to affect other species or their habitats under the jurisdiction of the National Marine Fisheries Service:

http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/protected_species_list/species_lists.html

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the ECOS-IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the ECOS-IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 et seq.), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat.

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2) (c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

If a Federal agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at:

http://www.fws.gov/endangered/esa-library/pdf/TOC-GLOS.PDF

Please be aware that bald and golden eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668 *et seq.*), and projects affecting these species may require development of an eagle conservation plan (http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/eagle_guidance.html). Additionally, wind energy projects should follow the wind energy guidelines (http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/) for minimizing impacts to migratory birds and bats.

Guidance for minimizing impacts to migratory birds for projects including communications towers (e.g., cellular, digital television, radio, and emergency broadcast) can be found at: http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/Hazards/towers/towers.htm; http://www.towerkill.com; and http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/Hazards/towers/comtow.html.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. Please include the Consultation Tracking Number in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment(s):

Official Species List

Official Species List

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

Sacramento Fish And Wildlife Office Federal Building 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2605 Sacramento, CA 95825-1846 (916) 414-6600

Project Summary

Consultation Code: 08ESMF00-2019-SLI-1772

Event Code: 08ESMF00-2019-E-05684

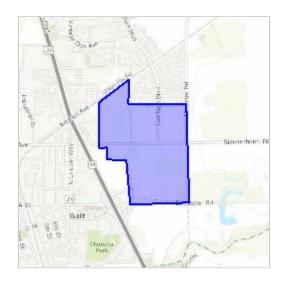
Project Name: Annexation Area

Project Type: LAND - ACQUISITION

Project Description: city annexation area

Project Location:

Approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: https://www.google.com/maps/place/38.26234407905891N121.28921826837365W



Counties: Sacramento, CA

Endangered Species Act Species

There is a total of 8 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries¹, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

1. <u>NOAA Fisheries</u>, also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

Reptiles

NAME STATUS

Giant Garter Snake *Thamnophis gigas*

Threatened

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/4482

Amphibians

NAME STATUS

California Red-legged Frog Rana draytonii

Threatened

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2891

California Tiger Salamander *Ambystoma californiense*

Threatened

Population: U.S.A. (Central CA DPS)

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2076

Fishes

NAME STATUS

Delta Smelt Hypomesus transpacificus

Threatened

Threatened

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/321

Insects

NAME STATUS

Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle Desmocerus californicus dimorphus

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7850

Habitat assessment guidelines:

https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/guideline/assessment/population/436/office/11420.pdf

Crustaceans

NAME STATUS

Vernal Pool Fairy Shrimp Branchinecta lynchi

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/498

Vernal Pool Tadpole Shrimp *Lepidurus packardi*

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location is outside the critical habitat.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/2246

Endangered

Threatened

Flowering Plants

NAME STATUS

Fleshy Owl's-clover Castilleja campestris ssp. succulenta

Threatened

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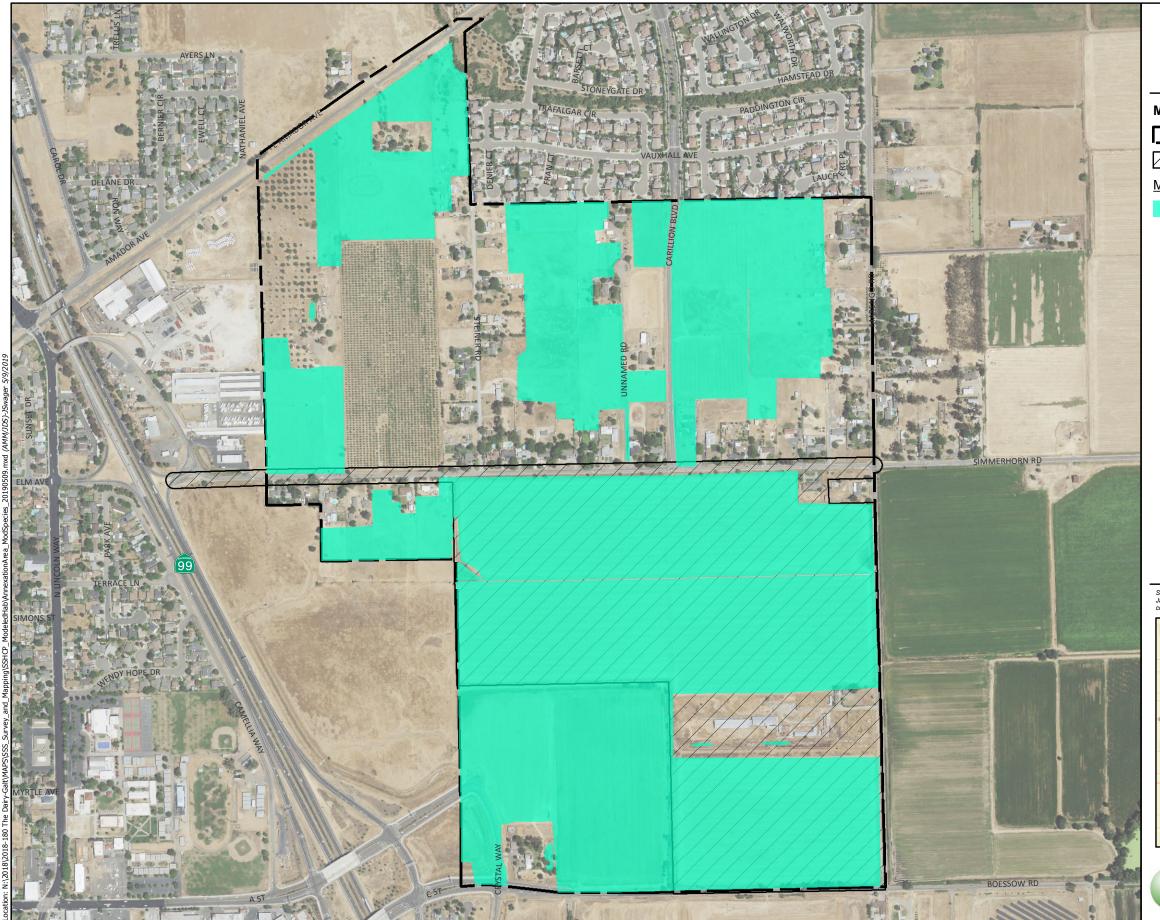
Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8095

Critical habitats

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

ATTACHMENT B

Modeled SSHCP Species Habitat



SSHCP Modeled Species Habitat (American Badger)

Map Features

City of Galt Annexation Area - 341.04 ac.

Simmerhorn Project Area - 126.71 ac.

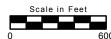
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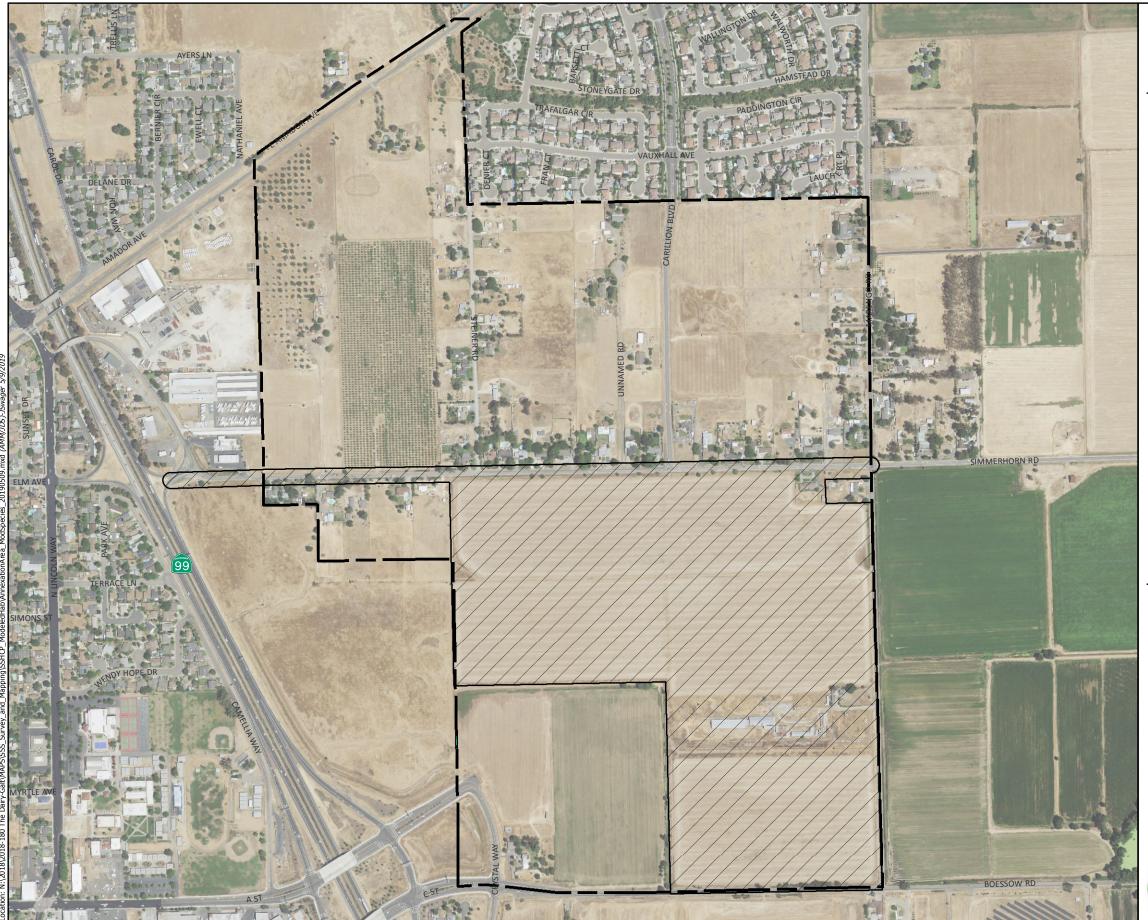
Habitat

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SSHCP Modeled Species Habitat (Boggs Lake Hedge-hyssop)

Map Features

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Simmerhorn Project Area - 126.71 ac.

Modeled Habitat

Habitat

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SSHCP Modeled Species Habitat (Burrowing Owl)

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Modeled Habitat

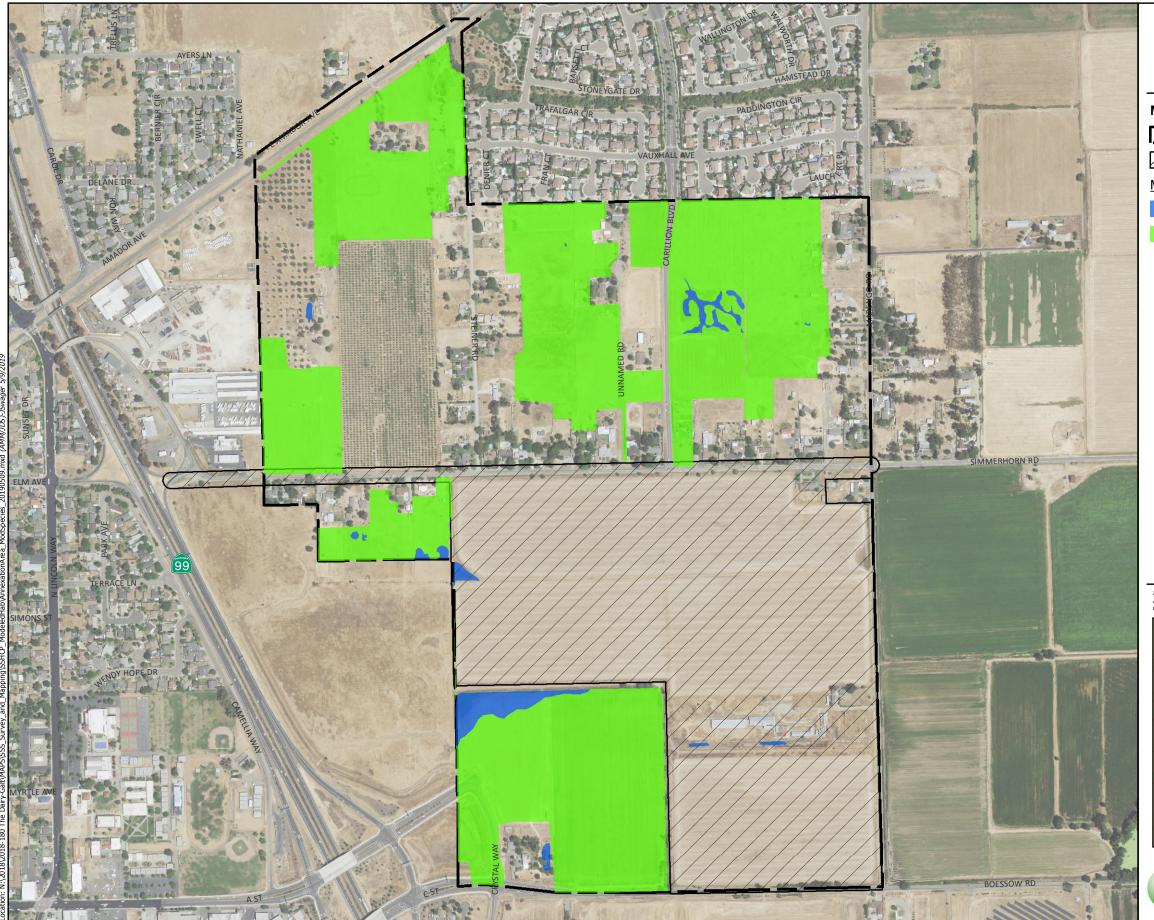
Nesting

Wintering









SSHCP Modeled Species Habitat (California Tiger Salamander)

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Simmerhorn Project Area - 126.71 ac.

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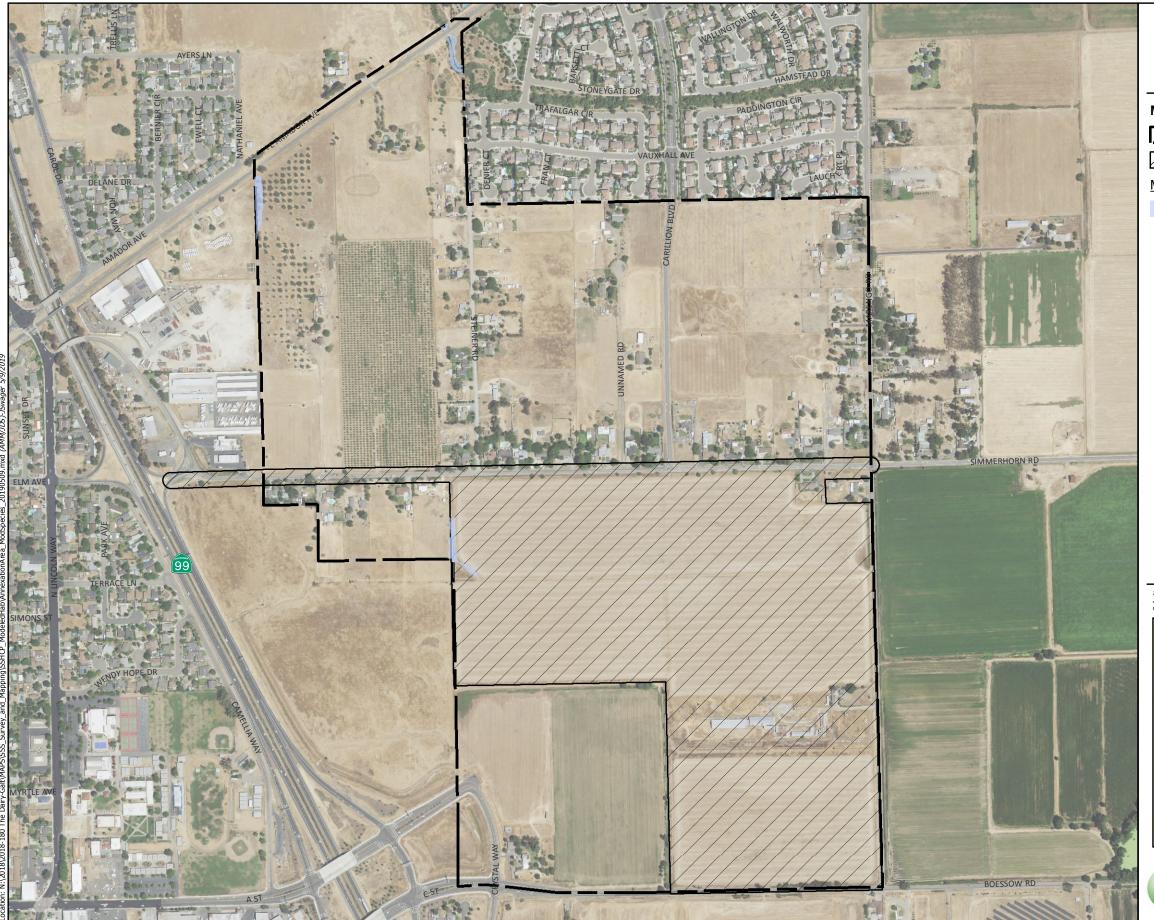
Aquatic

Upland









SSHCP Modeled Species Habitat (Cooper's Hawk)

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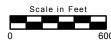
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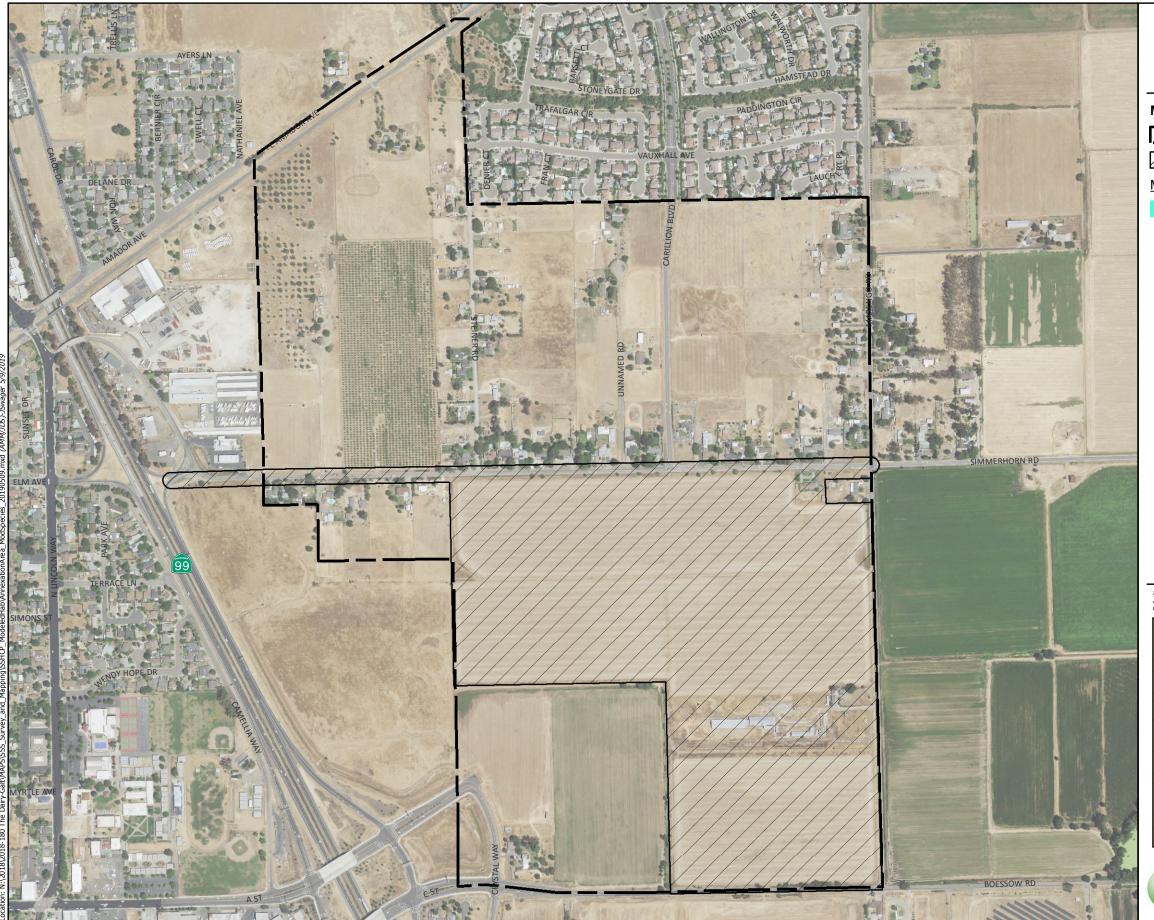
Modeled Habitat

Nesting-Foraging









SSHCP Modeled Species Habitat (Dwarf Downingia)

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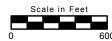
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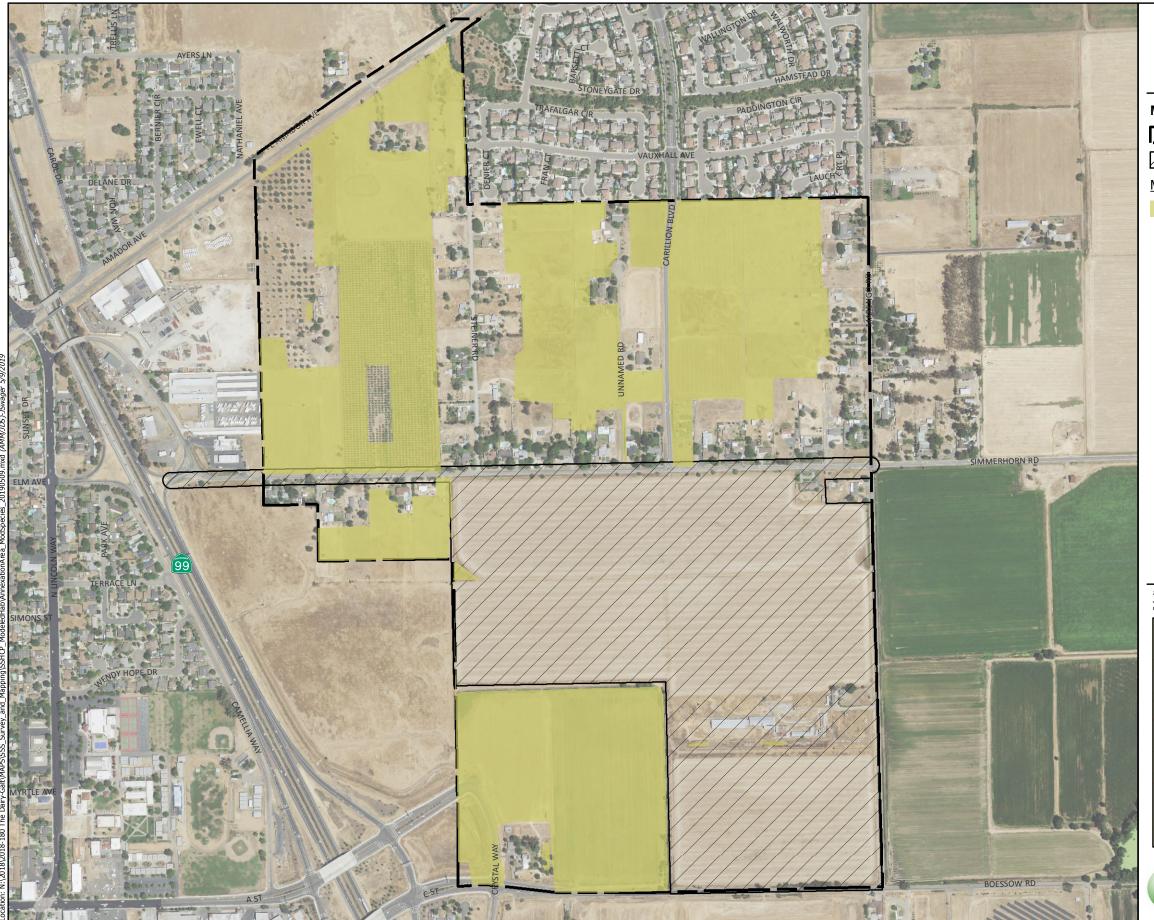
Modeled Habitat

Habitat









SSHCP Modeled Species Habitat (Ferruginous Hawk)

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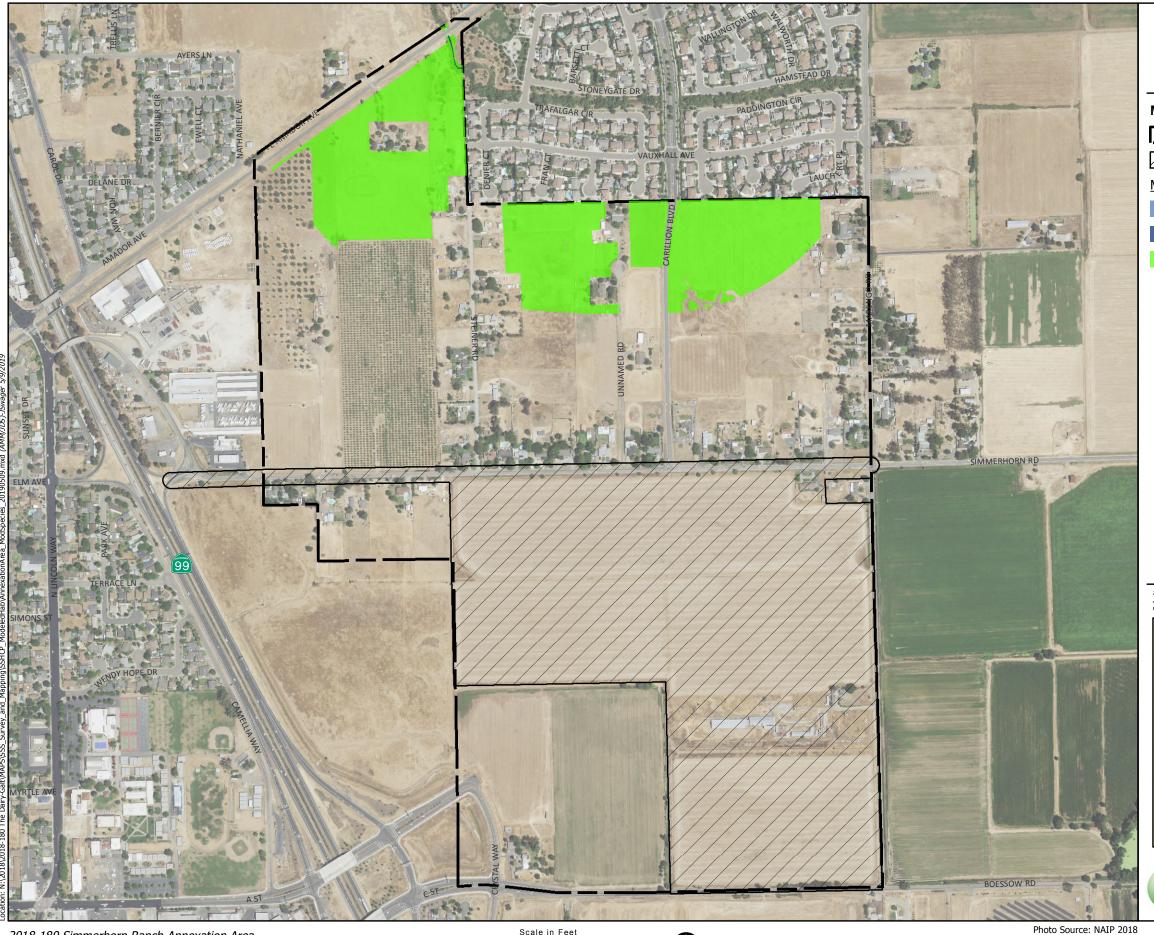
Modeled Habitat

Foraging









SSHCP Modeled Species Habitat (Giant Gartersnake)

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Modeled Habitat

Core Aquatic

Peripheral Aquatic

Upland

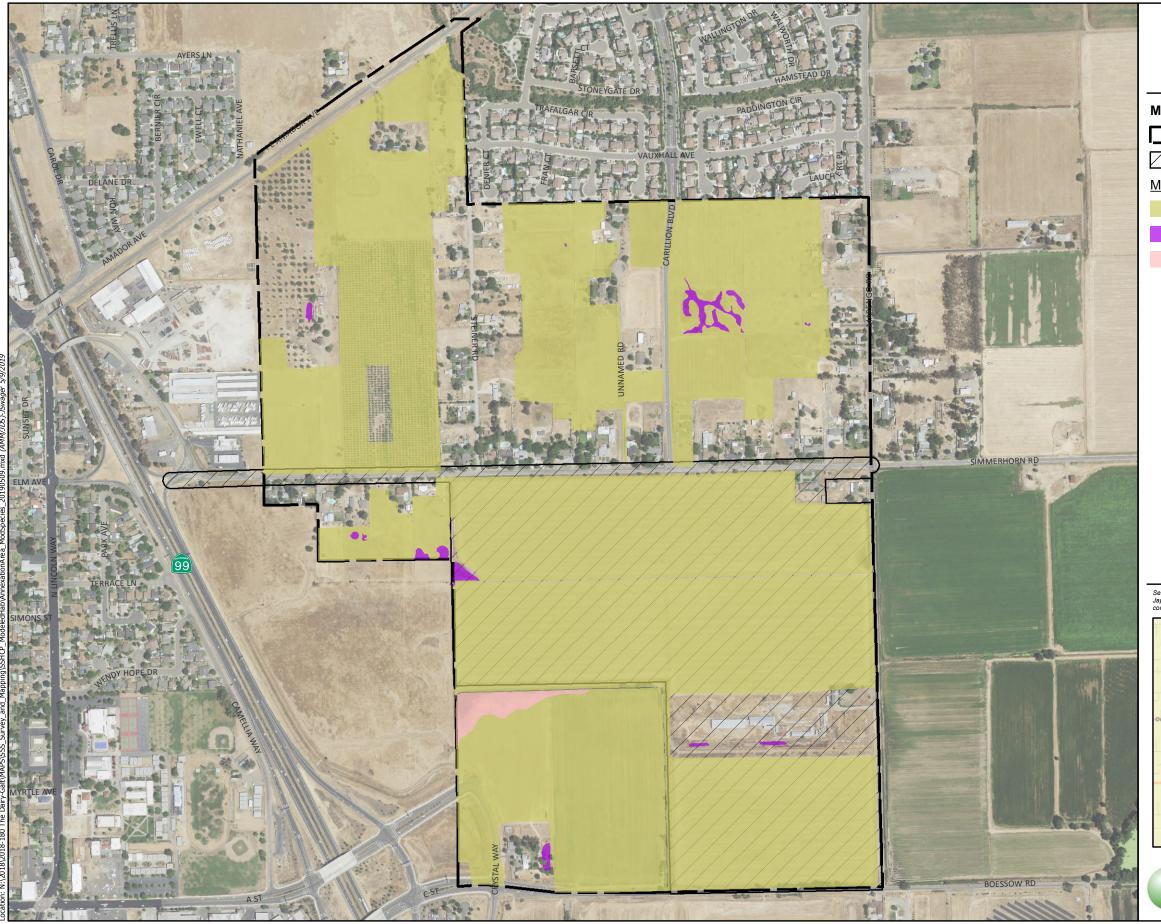
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Boundary Source: Wood Rodgers Modeled Species Habitat Source: South Sacramento HCP



SSHCP Modeled Species Habitat (Greater Sandhill Crane)

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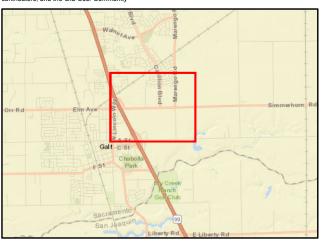
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Foraging

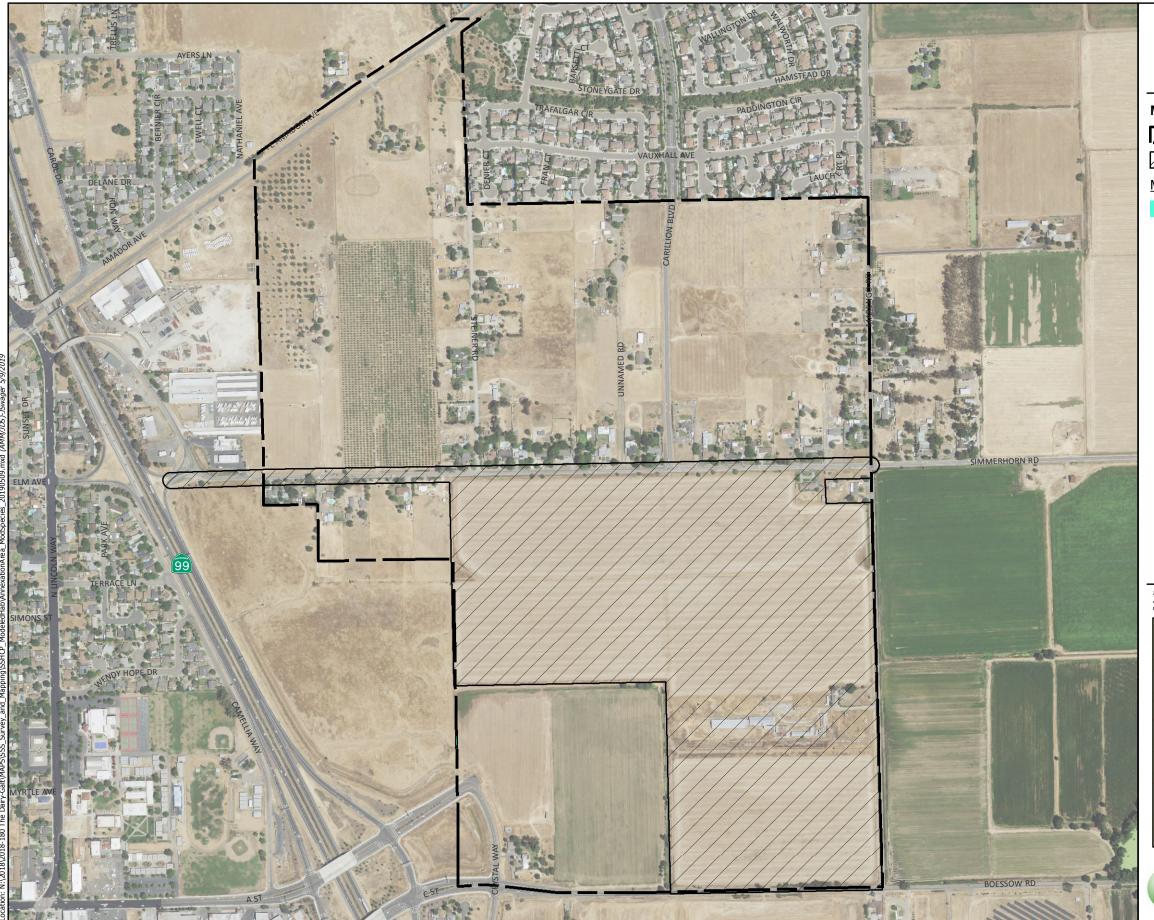
Roosting

Roosting-Foraging









SSHCP Modeled Species Habitat (Legenere)

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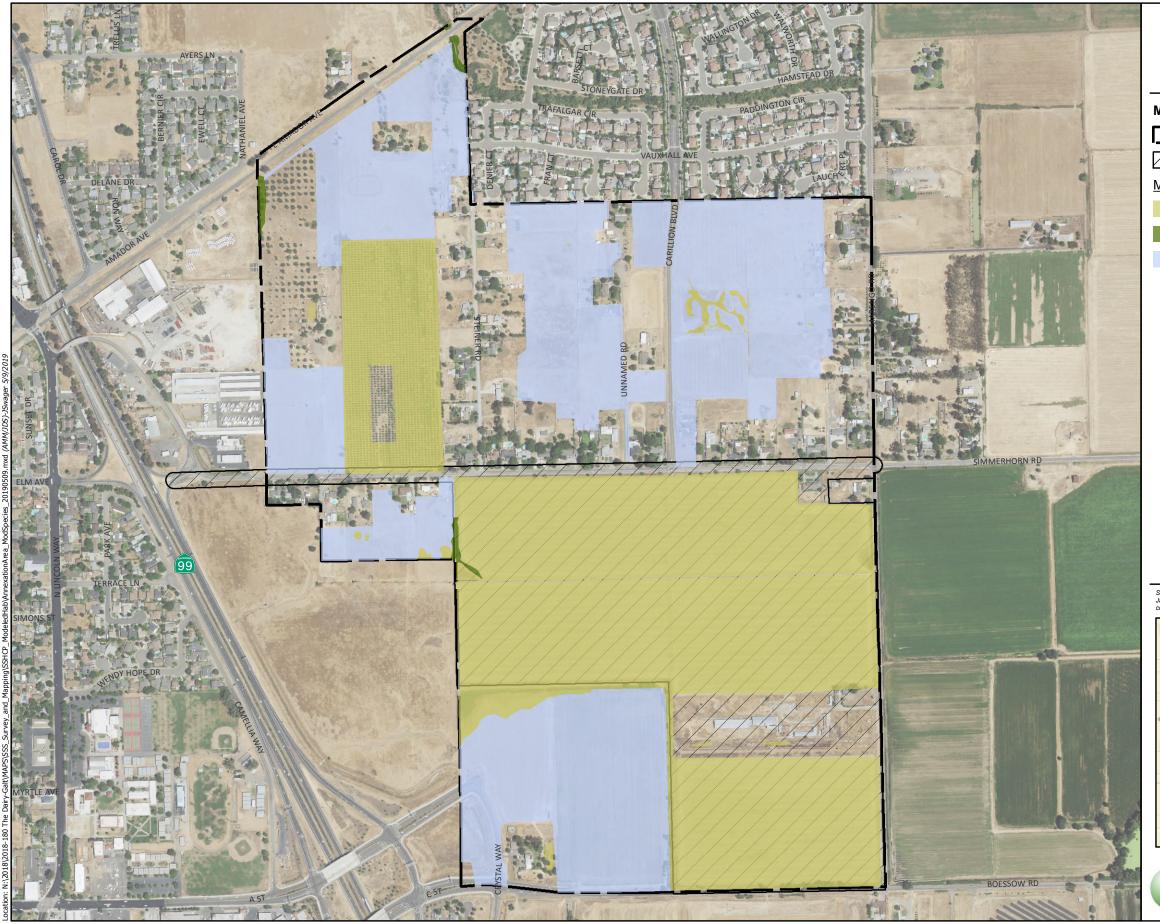
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SSHCP Modeled Species Habitat (Loggerhead Shrike)

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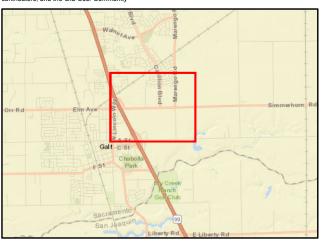
Modeled Habitat

Foraging

Nesting

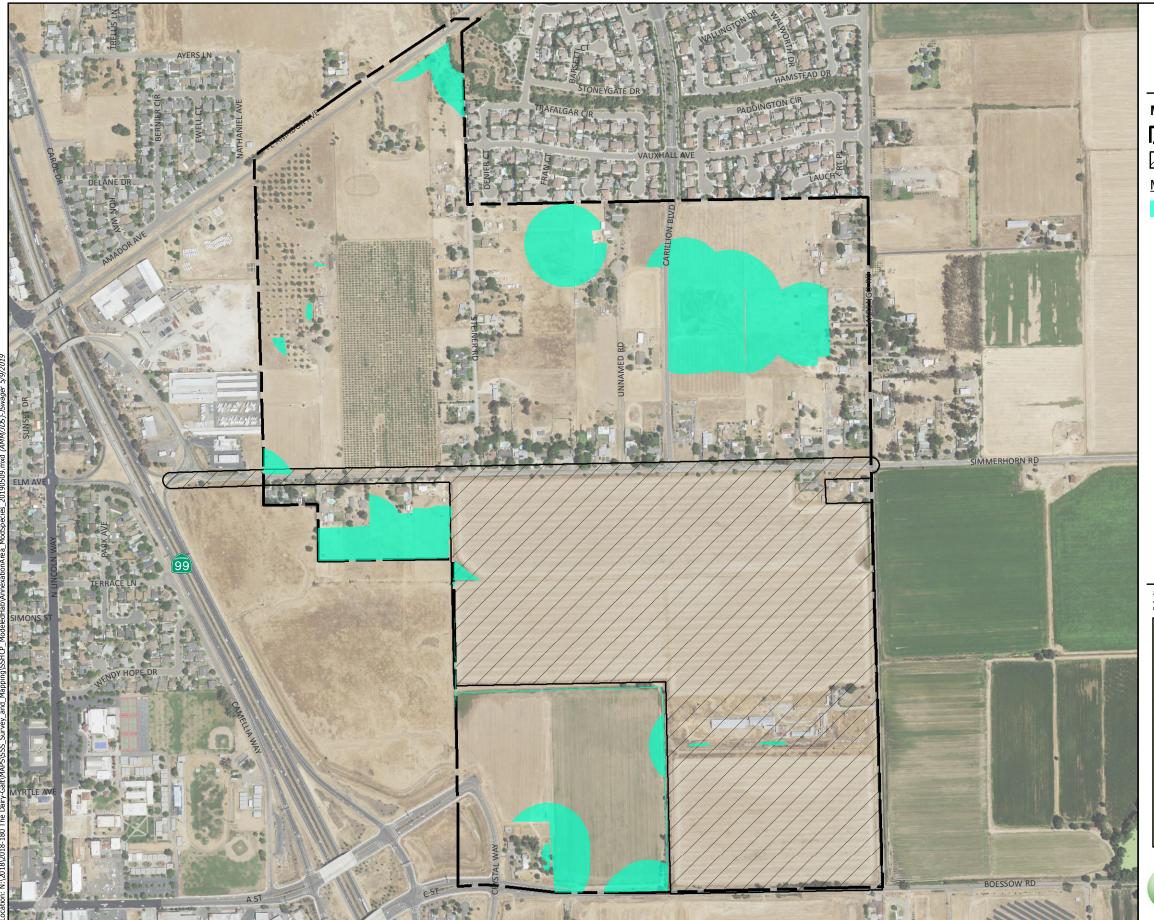
Nesting-Foraging

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SSHCP Modeled Species Habitat (Mid-valley Fairy Shrimp)

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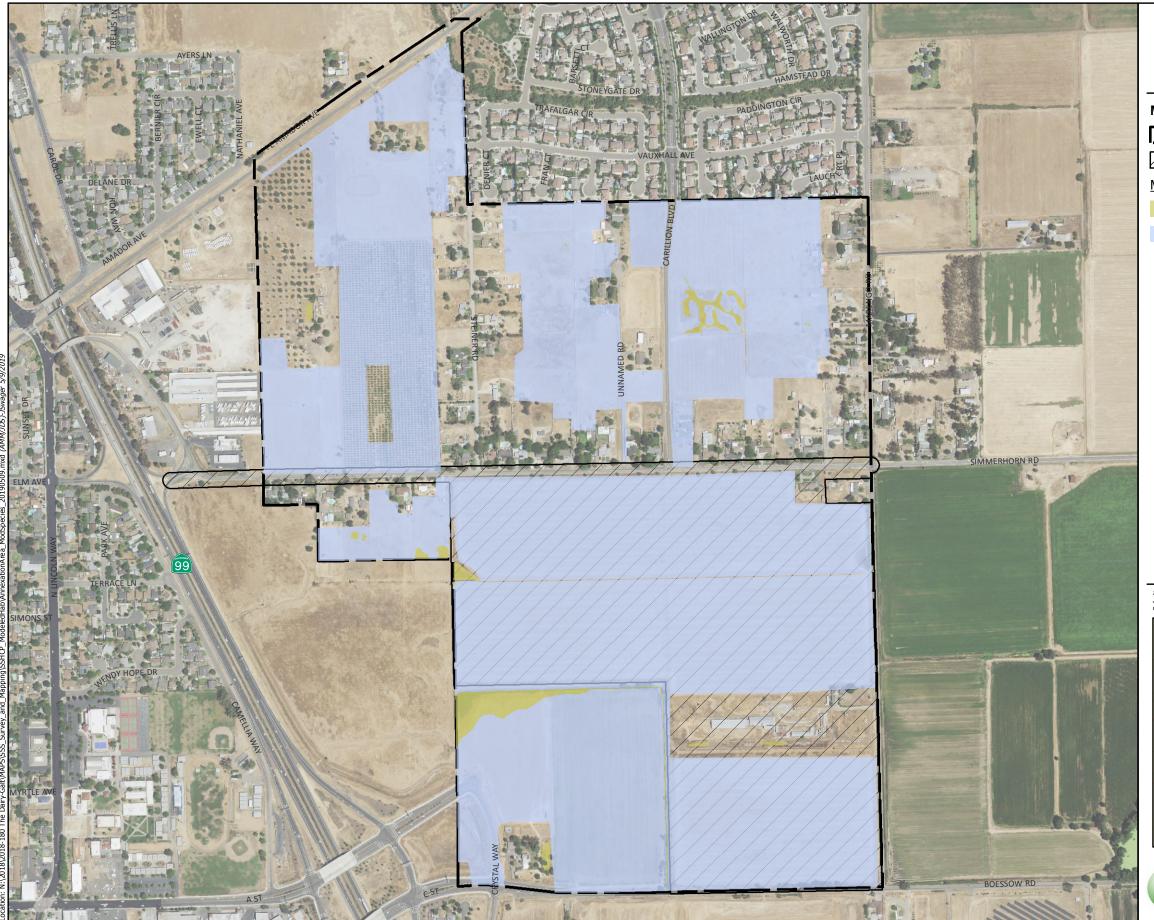
Modeled Habitat

Habitat









SSHCP Modeled Species Habitat (Northern Harrier)

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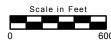
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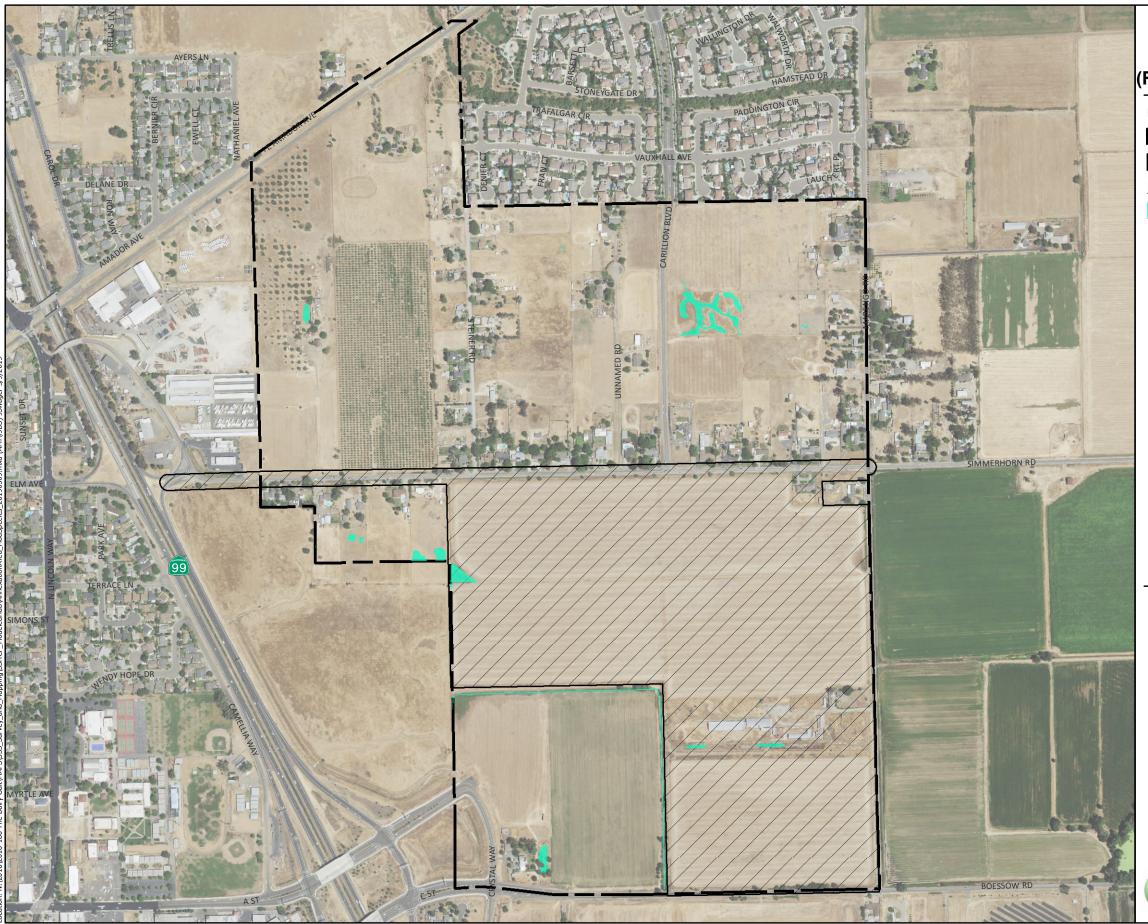
Foraging

Nesting-Foraging









SSHCP Modeled Species Habitat (Ricksecker's Water Scavenger Beetle)

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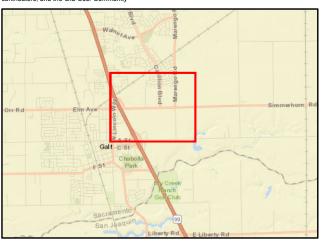
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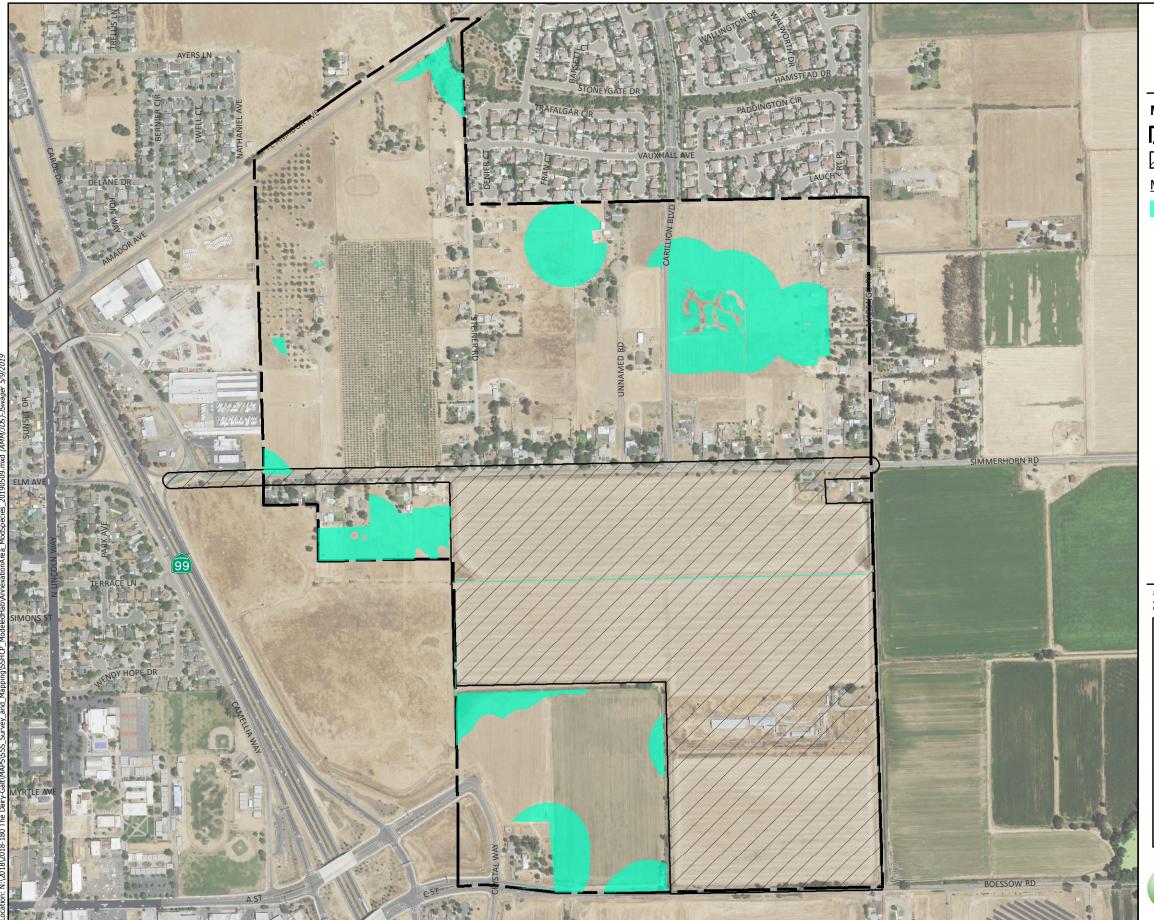
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SSHCP Modeled Species Habitat (Sanford's Arrowhead)

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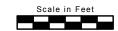
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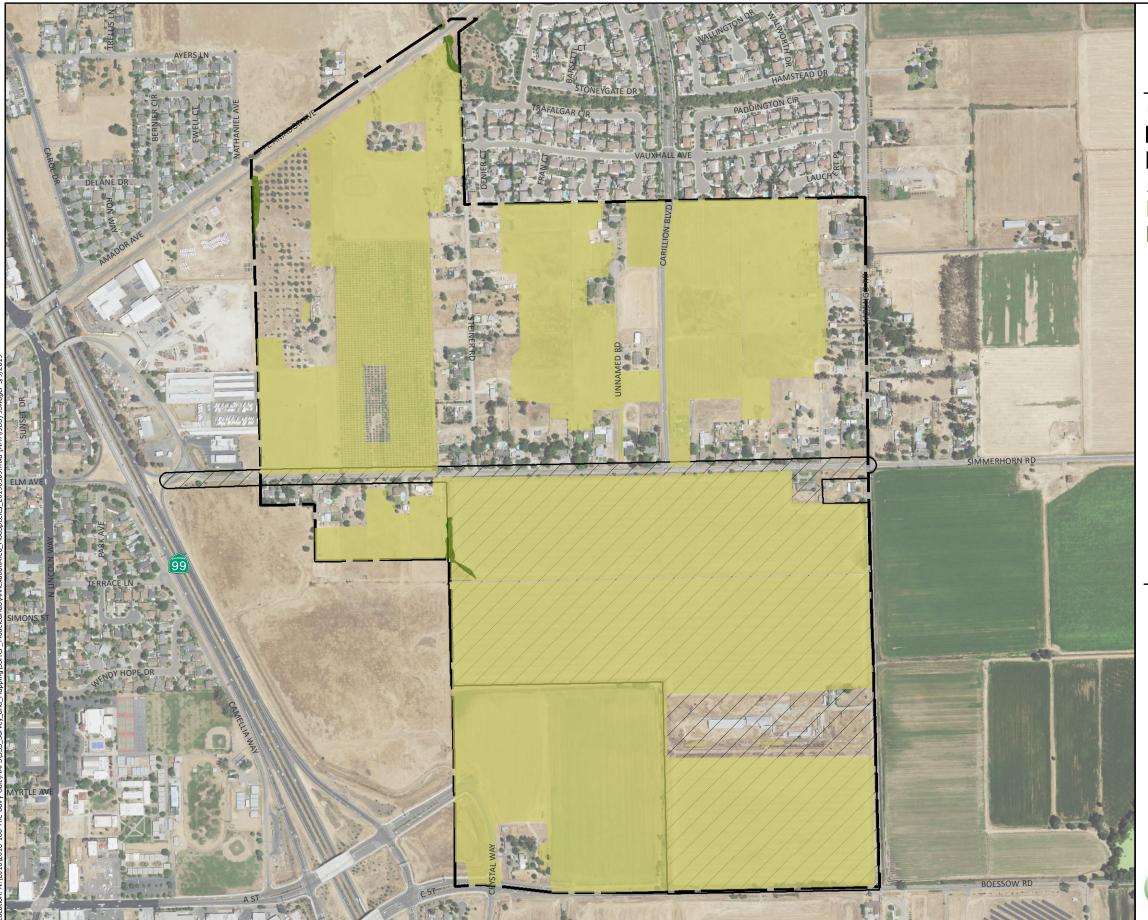
Modeled Habitat

Habitat









SSHCP Modeled Species Habitat (Swainson's Hawk)

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Modeled Habitat

Foraging

Nesting

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