

APPENDIX C

CDFW Email Correspondence

Graham, Kiana

From: Wood, Melony@Wildlife <Melony.Wood@Wildlife.ca.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2024 3:34 PM
To: Telahun, Bethelhem
Cc: tina.garg; david.keyon
Subject: RE: Good Samaritan Hospital Project-SCH2023060108
Attachments: Tatarian_1999_Use_of buildings&toleranceofdisturbance_pallid_bats.pdf

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Hi Bethelhem,

Thank you for providing the meeting summary.

Three bats were listed on the Good Samaritan Hospital Project comment letter: Pallid bat (*Antrozous pallidus*), Townsend's big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii*), and western mastiff bat (*Eumops perotis californicus*).

Pallid bat has been documented within four miles of the Project (CNDDDB Occurrence Number 28960). The CNDDDB quick view identified pallid bat and Townsend's big-eared bat within the San Jose West quad, which is the same quad that the Project is in. The Project is within the range where western mastiff bat may occur.

[*Caltrans Bat Mitigation: A Guide to Developing Feasible and Effective Solutions*](#) by H. T. Harvey & Associates, includes a helpful table (Table 2-1) that identifies roosting patterns for California bat species. Here is the information I gathered from the table:

- **Pallid bat:** frequently uses buildings and tree bark/hollow and is not known to use tree foliage.
- **Townsend's big-eared bat:** sometimes uses buildings, rarely use tree bark/hollow, and is not known to use tree foliage.
- **Western mastiff bat:** rarely uses buildings and is not known to use tree bark/hollow or tree foliage.

Because Townsend's big-eared bat and western mastiff bat do not frequently use buildings, tree bark/hollow, or tree foliage, there is not a significant concern for potential impacts to these two species.

Observations have shown that pallid bats can use occupied buildings, including those with sometimes intensive disturbance (Tatarian 1999) (attached). Pallid bat tree roosting has been documented in large conifer snags, inside basal hollows of redwoods and giant sequoias, and in large oak trees with hollows. Pallid bats tend to select trees that are large in diameter (26in dbh). The Project includes 3 oak trees and 6 redwood trees that have a dbh equal to or greater than 26in, but the Tree Inventory does not identify if those trees have hollows.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Thank you,

Melony Wood

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From: Telahun, Bethelhem <Bethelhem.Telahun@sanjoseca.gov>

Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2024 4:57 PM

To: Wood, Melony@Wildlife <Melony.Wood@Wildlife.ca.gov>

Cc: Garg, Tina <Tina.Garg@sanjoseca.gov>; Keyon, David <david.keyon@sanjoseca.gov>

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Hi Melony,

Thank you again for meeting with us today. I just wanted to summarize the key takeaways from the call. Please let me know if the City made an error in understanding any of the discussions.

- **Nesting Birds Surveys:**
 - CDFW mentioned that the recommendation for nesting surveys is broader to ensure any impacts to nesting birds are addressed for areas that are more sensitive. However, CDFW agreed that City's reliance on a biologist's recommendations for pre-construction surveys are valid in context of a project's environmental setting. Therefore, based on the analysis for Good Samaritan Hospital Project, pre-construction surveys 48 hours prior to construction are not warranted.
- **Roosting Bats Surveys:**
 - CDFW mentioned that bats have been known to roost in busy areas, so there is potential for bats to occur on an occupied site.
 - CDFW will provide more information in the coming weeks with regard to bats occupying vacant vs occupied buildings. The City is eager to receive this information in the next couple weeks in order to incorporate it into our review as soon as possible.
- **Oak Trees:**
 - The City explained that they cannot require tree replacements beyond what is currently in our policy.
 - CDFW expressed concerns about loss of habitat, canopy, and other benefits from the removal of these trees

- CDFW is interested in knowing if the oak trees on the hospital site were planted there by the original project, or remnants of old oak woodlands
- Also, CDFW suggests native trees be replaced with the same species. However, since City policy does not require this, City explained that species would be determined by City arborist.

Thank you,
Bethelhem Telahun

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From: Wood, Melony@Wildlife <Melony.Wood@Wildlife.ca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 10:43 AM
To: Telahun, Bethelhem <Bethelhem.Telahun@sanjoseca.gov>
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Hi Bethelhem,

Thank you for sending the Teams meeting invitation for Thursday. Could you please provide an agenda or outline of the items you would like to discuss prior to Thursday's meeting?

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From: Wood, Melony@Wildlife
Sent: Monday, September 9, 2024 4:12 PM
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Hi Bethelhem,

Jason and I are free anytime from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm on Thursday.

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From: Telahun, Bethelhem <Bethelhem.Telahun@sanjoseca.gov>
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To: Wood, Melony@Wildlife <Melony.Wood@Wildlife.ca.gov>
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Hi Melony,

Okay. Do you have any availability for Thursday afternoon? We'd like to do a teams call.

Thanks,
Bethelhem Telahun

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From: Wood, Melony@Wildlife <Melony.Wood@Wildlife.ca.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 6, 2024 11:07 AM
To: Telahun, Bethelhem <Bethelhem.Telahun@sanjoseca.gov>
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Hi Bethelhem,

My supervisor, Jason Faridi, and I are available on Wednesday, the 11th, anytime from 2 to 4 p.m. Please let me know if that date and time work for you. Would you prefer to discuss the comment letter on Teams or by phone?

Thank you,

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From: Telahun, Bethelhem <Bethelhem.Telahun@sanjoseca.gov>

Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2024 3:44 PM

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Hello,

Would CDFW staff be available sometime early next week to discuss this comment letter?

Thanks,

Bethelhem Telahun

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Good afternoon,

Please see the attached letter for your records. If you have any questions, contact Melony Wood, cc'd above.

Thank you,

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