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Maria,

Regarding our conversation on the Hennessy Project located at 195 Spindrift Road, Carmel Highlands and concerns with Monterey dusky-footed woodrat (*Neotoma macrotis luciana*) I'm provided the following information.

Monterey dusky-footed woodrat (MDFW) is a California Department of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW) species of special concern that is endemic to the Monterey Peninsula. This is a subspecies of the dusky-footed woodrat (*Neotoma macrotis*), which is common to oak woodlands and other forest types throughout California. CDFW has designated certain vertebrate species as Species of Special Concern (SSC) because declining population levels, limited ranges, and/or continuing threats have made them vulnerable to extinction. The goal of designating species as "Species of Special Concern" is to halt or reverse their decline by calling attention to their plight and addressing the issues of concern early enough to secure their long term viability.

Recommendations for potential MDFW impacts:

First, woodrat nest should be avoided in the breeding season if at all possible (January - September). All woodrat nests shall be mapped and flagged for avoidance. Appropriate buffers should be maintained around the nests to retain vegetative cover and connectivity to the surrounding habitat. If woodrat nests cannot be avoided during this time and will need to be removed as part of the project CDFW recommends that a qualified biologist knowledgeable about woodrats with a current State Scientific Collection Permit/MOU should be retained to assess the habitat and potentially trap and relocate individuals and nests if necessary. Any woodrat nests that cannot be avoided shall be relocated according to a CDFW approved trapping and relocation plan prior to any ground disturbing activities including vegetation removal.

Please let me know if any further information is needed.

-Brandon

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