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In Reply Refer To:
FWS-IMP-3555.1

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Mr. Chris White
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Attn: Kim Miller

Re: Request for Candidate, Proposed, Threatened, or Endangered Species List for the
Proposed Interstate 8/Imperial Avenue Interchange, Imperial County, California

Dear Mr. White:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed the information provided in your May 14, 2003, letter to assess the potential presence of federally listed threatened, endangered, or proposed species at the proposed project site. We do not have site specific information for your project area. However, to assist you in evaluating whether or not the proposed project may affect listed species, we are providing the attached list of species that occur in the general project area. We recommend that you seek assistance from a biologist familiar with your project site and the listed species to assess the potential for direct, indirect, and cumulative effects likely to result from the proposed activity. You should also contact the California Department of Fish and Game for State-listed and sensitive species that may occur in the area of the proposed project. Please note that State-listed species are protected under the provisions of the California Endangered Species Act.

If it is determined that the proposed project may affect a listed or proposed species, or any designated or proposed critical habitat, you should initiate consultation (or conference for proposed species) with the Service pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). Informal consultation may be used to exchange information and resolve conflicts with respect to listed species prior to a written request for formal consultation.

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Should you have any questions regarding the species listed or your responsibilities under the Act, please call John DiGregoria of my staff at (760) 431-9440.

Sincerely,



Peter C. Sorensen
Acting Assistant Field Supervisor

Enclosure

Listed Endangered, Threatened and Proposed Species
that may occur in the vicinity of the I-8/Imperial Avenue Interchange
in Imperial County, California

Common Name	Scientific Name	Status
<u>BIRDS</u>		
mountain plover	<i>Charadrius montanus</i>	PT
southwestern willow flycatcher	<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>	E
brown pelican	<i>Pelecanus occidentalis</i>	E
Yuma clapper rail	<i>Rallus longirostris yumanensis</i>	E

E=Endangered PT=Proposed Threatened