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In Reply Refer To: 1-6-01-F-1328.3

Mr. Chris White
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Attention: Kim Miller

Re: Request for Candidate, Proposed, Threatened, or Endangered Species for the Proposed Managed Lanes on Interstate 15 from MCAS Miramar to Escondido in San Diego County, California

Dear Mr. White:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed the information provided in your August 1, 2002, letter requesting a new/updated species list to satisfy Federal Highway Administration requirements. The original list was sent out April 19, 2000.

The Service has already issued a biological opinion for the this project. The biological opinion addresses project effects to the threatened coastal California gnatcatcher (*Polioptila californica californica*). If listed species not addressed in the biological opinion are encountered in the project area prior to or during construction, formal consultation should be reinitiated.

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,

Pete Sorensen
Acting Assistant Field Supervisor

Enclosure

FIGURE 3-7A

LISTED ENDANGERED, THREATENED, AND PROPOSED SPECIES