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From: Camille Leung
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2019 9:42 AM
To: Amy Ow
Subject: FW: Quick question about woodrats

From: Kristen Outten [mailto:koutten@swca.com]
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2019 9:39 AM
To: Camille Leung <cleung@smcgov.org>; Jessica Henderson-McBean <JHenderson-McBean@swca.com>
Subject: RE: Quick question about woodrats

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Wonderful!!

From: Camille Leung <cleung@smcgov.org>
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FYI

From: Taylor Peterson [mailto:tpeterson@migcom.com]
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Camille and Noel,
Here is the communication with CDFW on the woodrat fencing.
Tay

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Tay,

I concur with your methodology. Please proceed as described below.

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Subject: Quick question about woodrats

Hi Terris,

We have a project in San Mateo County called Highland Estates which is just pulling permits for construction. The EIR was done and the measures became conditions of approval for several homes, which the applicant has been taking awhile to build. He almost has the permit for the next build, but needs to comply with the following mitigation measure which requires consultation with CDFW:

Mitigation Measure BIO-2a: No earlier than 30 days prior to the commencement of construction activities, a survey shall be conducted to determine if active woodrat nests (stickhouses) with young are present within the disturbance zone or within 100 feet of the disturbance zone. If active woodrat nests (stickhouses) with young are identified, a fence shall be erected around the nest site adequate to provide the woodrat sufficient foraging habitat at the discretion of a qualified biologist and based on consultation with the CDFG. At the discretion of the monitoring biologist, clearing and construction within the fenced area would be postponed or halted until young have left the nest. The biologist shall serve as a construction monitor during those periods when disturbance activities will occur near active nest areas to ensure that no inadvertent impacts on these nests will occur.

There is a need to place fencing to protect three stickhouses that are near each other in a brush pile between some 4-inch dbh oaks to protect the houses from being damaged during site grading. The proposed fencing is orange plastic with 1-2 inch holes in it, primarily for workers to see and avoid. Because the woodrats will not be fenced in (they can climb under, through, over, up the trees, etc), I am assuming that they will have sufficient foraging habitat. However, the County has asked that I consult CDFW to meet the terms of the mitigation measure. I have tried Randi Adair a couple of times, and Kristin Garrison once, with no luck. I am hoping you can concur with me that installing orange plastic fencing around the area containing three woodrat houses will still allow sufficient foraging habitat.

Thanks,
Tay

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