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We are requesting a list of threatened or endangered species or critical habitats within the action area. The action area is defined as the Rancho Seco site which is located either wholly or partly within Sections 27, 28, 29, 32, 33 and 34 of Township 6 North, Range 8E. The action area is approximately 26 miles North-Northeast of Stockton, CA and 25 miles Southeast of Sacramento, CA.

After assessing the information provided by you, the NRC will determine what additional actions are necessary to comply with Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. If you have any questions or comments, or need any additional information, please contact Gregory Suber of my staff at 301-415-1124.

Sincerely,

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