

NOTES | Thursday, December 21, 2006

Altamont Pass Wind Resource Area Scientific Review Committee Conference Call

Action Item

Sandi to request Wally to do the power analysis. Sue is comfortable having the SRC deciding the sample size in her absence.

Updates

11 Jan 2007 Board of Supervisors

Settlement (to be released by Jan 1) agreement is on the Board agenda.

8 Feb 2007 Board of Supervisors

Avian Monitoring Contract the remainder of the 3 years with SRC Recommendations for 45% reduction and 50% reduction. Deadline for SRC recommendations is 25 January.

SRC Recommendations on Protocols—Additional Thoughts

Percent Reduction

- Make sure that 45% reduction is not stated that it comes from the conditions. Stipulate where the 45% came from: public input letters received in summer 2006 recommending 45% or more reduction for raptors, including the Attorney General's office, FWS, etc. and the WEST, Inc. , November 2005 Study Plan.
- SRC Agreement: Whereas this target value came from sources other than the conditional use permits, the SRC finds it acceptable.
- SRC Agreement: The objective of the study is to evaluate whether the conditions of the permit have been met. (Gina has changed the recommendations to reflect this clarification.)

Sample Size

- Less than 1000 for budget cap; greater than 3000 for optimal; and 2500 for the recommended approach with explanation on attrition.
- To measure 50% reduction, need Wally to run an additional power analysis to determine the sample size necessary for statistical reliability.

Add Text

- Meeting the conditions of the permit is dependent upon the companies implementing the conditions.

Target Species

- SRC Agreement: Add to Common Elements of the Approaches: The studies focus on the mortality of the four target species: Golden Eagle, Red-Tailed Hawk, American Kestrel and Burrowing Owl while also monitoring fatalities and mortality of other birds.
- What is the recommended approach for measuring the 45% reduction? Look at the 4 species as written currently.
- What is the optimal approach for the 45%? Looking at the 4 species individually.
- What is the target species for the 50% reduction? 4 raptor species.

Future SRC Agenda / Discussion Items

- Bats

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