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IN REPLY REFER TO: ER08/1070

January 20, 2009

Mr. Gene Fong Federal Highway Administration Department of Transportation 650 Capitol Mall Ste. 4-100 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Fong,

The Department of the Interior has received and reviewed Draft EIS/EIR and Section 4(f) Statement for Construction of the Mid County Parkway Project, between I 15 and SF 79, Riverside County, CA

Please see attached Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) general and specific comments for your consideration on this project.

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The Department appreciates the opportunity to comment on these documents.

Sincerely,

Patricia Sanderson Port

Regional Environmental Officer

CC:OEPC, HQ FWS, Sacramento