

# 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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