

naming each individual it seeks to petition for a cap-subject H-1B. Petitioners will be able to register multiple individuals in a single online session. The electronic system will allow for a filer to prepare, edit and store the record in their account prior to final payment and submission. A petitioner may only submit one registration per beneficiary in any fiscal year. See 8 CFR 214.2(h)(8)(iii)(A)(2). If a petitioner submits more than one registration for the same beneficiary in the same fiscal year, USCIS will consider all registrations filed by that petitioner for that beneficiary for that fiscal year invalid. *Id.*

## V. Registration Selection

USCIS will send notices electronically to all registrants with selected registrations that they are eligible to file an H-1B cap-subject petition on behalf of the individual named in the notice within the filing period indicated on the notice. See 8 CFR 214.2(h)(8)(iii)(C). The notifications will be added to registration accounts. The account holder who submitted the selected registration will receive notification via email or text message stating that an action has been added to their account, and they will have to log in to see the full notice. USCIS intends to notify registrants with selected registrations from the initial registration period no later than March 31, 2020.

**Chad F. Wolf,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS-R8-ES-2019-0104; FXES1114080000-201]

### Endangered and Threatened Species; Receipt of an Incidental Take Permit Application and Low-Effect Habitat Conservation Plan for the Coastal California Gnatcatcher; Sunrise Project, City of San Marcos, San Diego County, California

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, have received an application for an incidental permit to take the federally listed coastal California gnatcatcher, a bird species, under the Endangered Species Act. The

permit application includes a proposed low-effect habitat conservation plan (HCP). In accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), we have prepared a draft low-effect screening form and environmental action statement supporting our preliminary determination that the proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under NEPA. We are accepting comments on the permit application, proposed low-effect HCP, and draft NEPA compliance documentation.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, please send your written comments on or before February 10, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Obtaining Documents: The documents this notice announces, as well as any comments and other materials that we receive, will be available for public inspection online in Docket No. FWS-R8-ES-2019-0104 at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**Submitting Comments:** You may submit comments by one of the following methods:

- **Online:** <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments on Docket No. FWS-R8-ES-2019-0104.
- **U.S. Mail or Hand-Delivery:** Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-R8-ES-2019-0104; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 2177 Salk Ave, Carlsbad, CA 92008.

We request that you send comments by only one of the methods described above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. David Zoutendyk, Division Chief, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, 760-431-9440. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), please call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), received an application from Sunrise Gardens Project Owner LLC (applicant) for an incidental take permit under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The requested permit would authorize take of the federally threatened coastal California gnatcatcher (*Polioptila californica californica*), incidental to grading, subdividing, and developing approximately 192 multi-family dwelling units, and open space, active recreational areas, bio-retention areas, circulation improvements, and a public services and facilities plan on approximately 15.51 acres in San Diego County, California.

The proposed project will impact an estimated 6.52 acres of coastal sage

scrub habitat occupied by up to one pair of gnatcatchers. Although not likely to support breeding of the species, 5.90 acres of non-native wild oat grassland and 2.94 acres of disturbed habitat will also be permanently impacted and may support gnatcatcher feeding and sheltering.

We are requesting comments on the permit application and on our preliminary determination that the proposed HCP qualifies as a low-effect HCP, eligible for a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). The basis for this determination is discussed in our draft low-effect screening form and environmental action statement, which is also available for public review.

## Project

The project is located on a 15.51-acre site in the City of San Marcos (Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 228-312-9-00, approximately 3.6 acres), County of San Diego (APN 228312-0-00, approximately 10.8 acres), and City of Escondido (APN 228-312-04, approximately 1.07 acres) in San Diego County, California; however, the entire project site is within the General Plan Sphere of Influence for the City of San Marcos. The applicant requests a 5-year incidental take permit for permanent impacts to 15.36 acres of occupied gnatcatcher habitat. The applicant proposes to mitigate impacts through the purchase of mitigation credits to conserve 20.03 acres of gnatcatcher-occupied coastal sage scrub habitat (17.13 acres) and southern mixed chaparral habitat (2.90 acres) off site at the Onyx Ridge property in an unincorporated portion of northern San Diego County. The off-site mitigation area provides higher quality habitat than that found on the project site and will be conserved, managed, and monitored in perpetuity. In addition, a portion of the off-site mitigation area is within designated gnatcatcher critical habitat.

The applicant's proposed HCP also contains measures to minimize the effects of construction activities on the gnatcatcher, including the following:

- Fencing the project limits;
- Not clearing gnatcatcher habitat during the nesting season;
- Providing a staff biologist on site to ensure that gnatcatchers are not in the vegetation to be cleared; and
- Monitoring and reporting to the Service upon project completion.

## Our Preliminary Determination

The Service has made a preliminary determination that the project, including grading, subdividing,

construction, and the proposed mitigation, would individually and cumulatively have a minor or negligible effect on the gnatcatcher and the environment. Therefore, we have preliminarily concluded that the incidental take permit for this project would qualify for categorical exclusion as provided by our NEPA regulations at 43 CFR 46.205, 46.210, and 46.215, and that the HCP qualifies as a low-effect plan.

A low-effect HCP is one that would result in:

- Minor or negligible effects on federally listed, proposed, and candidate species and their habitats;
- Minor or negligible effects on other environmental values or resources; and
- Impacts that, when considered together with the impacts of other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable similarly situated projects, would not over time result in significant cumulative effects to environmental values or resources.

#### Next Steps

We will evaluate the proposed HCP and any comments received to determine whether to issue the requested permit. We will also conduct an intra-Service consultation pursuant to section 7 of the ESA to evaluate the effects of the proposed take. After considering the above findings, we will determine whether the permit issuance criteria of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA have been met. If met, we will issue the permit to the applicant for incidental take of the gnatcatcher.

#### Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

#### Authority

We provide this notice under section 10(c) (16 U.S.C. 1539 *et seq.*) of the ESA and NEPA regulations at 40 CFR 1506.6.

**Jane Hendron,**

*Acting Field Supervisor, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, Carlsbad, California.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Geological Survey

**[GX20LR000F60100; OMB Control Number 1028-0065/Renewal]**

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Production Estimate

**AGENCY:** U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) are proposing to renew an information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 10, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on this information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget's Desk Officer for the Department of the Interior by email at *OIRA\_Submission@omb.eop.gov*; or via facsimile to (202) 395-5806. Please provide a copy of your comments to U.S. Geological Survey, Information Collections Officer, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, MS 159, Reston, VA 20192; or by email to *gs-info\_collections@usgs.gov*. Please reference OMB Control Number 1028-0065 in the subject line of your comments.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Elizabeth S. Sagine by email at *escott.sagine@usgs.gov*, or by telephone at 703-648-7720. You may also view the ICR at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we provide the general public and other Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on new, proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps us assess the impact of our information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand our information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format.

A **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day public comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on June 14, 2019, 84 FR 27797. We did not receive any public comments in response to that notice.

We are again soliciting comments on the proposed ICR that is described below. We are especially interested in public comments addressing the following issues: (1) Is the collection necessary to the proper functions of the USGS; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the USGS enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the USGS minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Abstract:** This collection is needed to provide data on mineral production for annual reports published by commodity for use by Government agencies, Congressional offices, educational institutions, research organizations, financial institutions, consulting firms, industry, academia, and the general public. This information will be published in the "Mineral Commodity Summaries," the first preliminary publication to furnish estimates covering the previous year's nonfuel mineral industry.

**Title of Collection:** Production Estimate.

**OMB Control Number:** 1028-0065.

**Form Number:** USGS Forms 9-4042-A and 9-4124-A.

**Type of Review:** Extension of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents/Affected Public:** Business or Other-For-Profit Institutions: U.S. nonfuel minerals producers.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:** 1,198.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses:** 1,198.

**Estimated Completion Time per Response:** 15 minutes.

**Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours:** 299.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Voluntary.

**Frequency of Collection:** Annually.

**Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost:** There are no "nonhour cost" burdens associated with this IC.