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Hi Jeanie,

Thanks for your response and for pointing out the Bio section of the proposal.

On Mon, Nov 5, 2018 at 12:30 PM Poling, Jeanie (CPC) <jeanie.poling@sfgov.org> wrote:

Hello, thank you for your comments. This is only the beginning of the environmental review process, and we will consider your comments in the environmental document we prepare for this project.

FYI, the initial study checklist requires us to consider the following questions:

13. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES:

Would the project:

- a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special-status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?
- b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Game or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?
- c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?
- d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?
- e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?
- f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?

Thank you.

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From: o k <owenbdkatz@gmail.com>
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Hi there,

Thanks for allowing time for comment on the [environmental impact report of Balboa Reservoir](#). As stated the purpose of the report is to 'provide information about the potential significant physical environmental effects of the proposed project,' yet there is no mention of these words

- wildlife
- animal or animals
- bird or birds
- flora, fauna, flower

*the only mention of plant is referring to "Oceanside Treatment Plant"

which leads the reader to believe that this process isn't considering the loss of habitat that the project would cause. Subsequent EIRs under the CEQA checklist fail to mention the topics of wildlife displacement (unless the vague "Biological Resources" topic includes implications for all living things).

This must mean that the process deems displacement of birds and insects such as white crowned sparrows, California scrub jays, West Coast lady butterflies are not deemed by this body to be significant.

In light of the new [UN report](#) about our own species being endangered by the loss and extinction of others, we should take care to mitigate for any loss of habitat. Obviously it's not reasonable to turn the entire area into native habitat but mitigation measures are missing from the current EIR and must be included. The [GGP Bison Paddock restoration](#) is an example of how integrated mitigation can work within existing plans to encourage/protect species.

I hope you can elevate this mitigation conversation when considering the full impact of the project.

Thank you