



COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE
TRANSPORTATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT AGENCY
Environmental Programs Department

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**MSHCP 30-day Pre-Construction Burrowing Owl Survey
Report Format**

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The following report format must be used for the preparation of a MSHCP 30-day Pre-Construction Burrowing Owl Survey Report. The omission of any of the following data will be grounds for the rejection of the biological report. The EPD reserves the right to reject any report submitted if it does not meet minimum scientific standards and the content requirements outlined herein.

The letter reports shall include the following:

- 1) Title/Summary Page
 - a. Date report written
 - b. Survey Date
 - c. Start Date of Anticipated Grading
 - d. Report Title - MSHCP 30-day Pre-Construction Burrowing Owl Survey
 - e. Project site location (include U.S.G.S. -7.5' quadrangle, Township, Range, and Section)
 - f. Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs, e.g. 125-125-125)
 - g. Riverside County assigned Planning Case Number(s) (e.g. TR, PM)
 - h. Grading Permit Number (e.g. BGR123456)
 - i. Owner/Applicant:
 - i. Address:
 - ii. Phone:
 - iii. E-mail
 - j. Principal Investigator(s):
 - i. Address:
 - ii. Phone:
 - iii. E-mail
- 2) Report Summary: State the results of the report, noting all occupied burrowing owl burrows and burrowing owls (census) present and any proposed mitigation.
- 3) Name and phone number of person preparing report and names of all individuals who performed fieldwork on the site.
- 4) Vicinity Map (1:100000 scale or greater)
- 5) Site Location Map (1:24000 or smaller scale)
- 6) Transect Map (survey of the area to be disturbed)
- 7) Surveyor Name(s)
- 8) Survey Date(s) and Time(s)
- 9) Survey Weather Conditions (include temperature and indicate if survey was conducted within 5 days of precipitation)
- 10) Methodology Section – discussion of how the survey was conducted and how the report was prepared
- 11) Acreage of Site
- 12) Total Acreage Surveyed
- 13) Current Site Description
- 14) Identify why, when, and by whom habitat was disturbed if by human activities*
- 15) Current color site photographs clearly indicating the extant condition of the land and land uses, with the location of the site clearly indicated (minimum of two photos)
- 16) Survey results shall be mapped (map all occupied burrowing owl burrows and burrowing owls)*

17) References must include:

- a. County of Riverside Environmental Programs Department. 2006. Burrowing Owl Survey Instructions for the Western Riverside Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Area, March 29, 2006.
- b. Previous reports prepared (i.e. habitat assessment, focused surveys)
- c. Permit #(s) (USFWS Recovery Permit, CDFG Scientific Collecting Permit, etc.)*
- d. Persons Contacted*

18) "Wet-Signed" Certification Statement:

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the statements furnished above and in the attached exhibits present data and information required for this biological evaluation, and that the facts, statements, and information presented are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Date: _____ Signed: _____

Surveys shall be conducted as a 1-day focused burrowing owl survey as identified in *Burrowing Owl Survey Instructions for the Western Riverside Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Area*, dated March 29, 2006. Additional surveys may be warranted due to the size of the project or based on advisement of the biological consultant. Surveys shall include any off-site improvements to be impacted, which shall be described in the report.

Construction activities (e.g. grading) must begin within 30 days from the date of the survey or an updated survey will be required to be submitted to the EPD. Once grading and associated construction activities have begun no further surveys are required.

In the event owls are observed on site please contact the EPD immediately to discuss potential mitigation measures such as passive or active relocation. Refer to the MSHCP burrowing owl species objectives, found in MSHCP Volume 2, Appendix B, to aid in determining whether or not relocation is suitable.

*Provide as applicable.