

cameras, and sensors) in the project area, all of the following statutes, including all federal, state, or other laws, regulations, and legal requirements of, deriving from, or related to the subject of, the following statutes, as amended: The National Environmental Policy Act (Pub. L. 91–190, 83 Stat. 852 (Jan. 1, 1970) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*)); the Endangered Species Act (Pub. L. 93–205, 87 Stat. 884 (Dec. 28, 1973) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)); the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (commonly referred to as the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*)); the National Historic Preservation Act (Pub. L. 89–665, 80 Stat. 915 (Oct. 15, 1966), as amended, repealed, or replaced by Pub. L. 113–287 (Dec. 19, 2014) (formerly codified at 16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*, now codified at 54 U.S.C. 100101 note and 54 U.S.C. 300101 *et seq.*)); the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 *et seq.*); the Migratory Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 715 *et seq.*); the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*); the Archeological Resources Protection Act (Pub. L. 96–95 (16 U.S.C. 470aa *et seq.*)); the Paleontological Resources Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470aaa *et seq.*); the Federal Cave Resources Protection Act of 1988 (16 U.S.C. 4301 *et seq.*); the National Trails System Act (16 U.S.C. 1241 *et seq.*); the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300f *et seq.*); the Noise Control Act (42 U.S.C. 4901 *et seq.*); the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (42 U.S.C. 6901 *et seq.*); the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*); the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act (Pub. L. 86–523, as amended, repealed, or replaced by Pub. L. 113–287 (Dec. 19, 2014) (formerly codified at 16 U.S.C. 469 *et seq.*, now codified at 54 U.S.C. 312502 *et seq.*)); the Antiquities Act (formerly codified at 16 U.S.C. 431 *et seq.* and 16 U.S.C. 431a *et seq.*, now codified 54 U.S.C. 320301 *et seq.*); the Historic Sites, Buildings, and Antiquities Act (formerly codified at 16 U.S.C. 461 *et seq.*, now codified at 54 U.S.C. 320301–320303 & 320101–320106); the Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668 *et seq.*); the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25 U.S.C. 3001 *et seq.*); the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 551 *et seq.*); Section 438 of the Energy Independence and Security Act (42 U.S.C. 17094); the National Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 (Pub. L. 84–1024 (16 U.S.C. 742a, *et seq.*)); the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (Pub. L. 73–121 (16 U.S.C. 661 *et seq.*)); the Wild

and Scenic Rivers Act (Pub. L. 90–542 (16 U.S.C. 1281 *et seq.*)); the Farmland Protection Policy Act (7 U.S.C. 4201 *et seq.*); the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (Pub. L. 94–579 (43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*)); the Wilderness Act (Pub. L. 88–577 (16 U.S.C. 1131 *et seq.*)); the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act (Pub. L. 89–669 (16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee)); the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (Pub. L. 105–57); the Wild Horse and Burro Act (16 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*); the National Park Service Organic Act and the National Park Service General Authorities Act (Pub. L. 64–235, 39 Stat. 535 (Aug. 25, 1916) and Pub. L. 91–383, 84 Stat. 825 (Aug. 18, 1970) as amended, repealed, or replaced by Pub. L. 113–287, 128 Stat. 3094 (Dec. 19, 2014) (formerly codified at 16 U.S.C. 1, 2–4 and 16 U.S.C. 1a–1 *et seq.*, now codified at 54 U.S.C. 100101–100102, 54 U.S.C. 100301–100303, 54 U.S.C. 100501–100507, 54 U.S.C. 100701–100707, 54 U.S.C. 100721–100725, 54 U.S.C. 100751–100755, 54 U.S.C. 100901–100906, 54 U.S.C. 102101–102102)); Sections 401(7), 403, and 404 of the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95–625, 92 Stat. 3467 (Nov. 10, 1978)); 50 Stat. 1827 (April 13, 1937); Sections 301(a)–(f) of the Arizona Desert Wilderness Act (Pub. L. 101–628); The National Forest Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1600 *et seq.*); and The Multiple Use and Sustained Yield Act of 1960 (16 U.S.C. 528–531).

This waiver does not revoke or supersede any other waiver determination made pursuant to section 102(c) of IIRIRA. Such waivers shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with their terms. I reserve the authority to execute further waivers from time to time as I may determine to be necessary under section 102 of IIRIRA.

Markwayne Mullin,

Secretary of Homeland Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[Docket No. FWS–R8–ES–2026–2708; FXES11140800000–267–FF08ECAR00]

Receipt of Incidental Take Permit Application and Proposed Habitat Conservation Plan for Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts Joint Outfall J Unit 1E Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation Project, City of Rancho Palos Verdes, CA; Categorical Exclusion

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, the applicant, for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. The applicant requests the ITP to take the federally threatened coastal California gnatcatcher incidental to the Joint Outfall J Unit 1E Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation project, in the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, Los Angeles County, California. We request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant's proposed habitat conservation plan, and the Service's preliminary determination that the proposed permitting action may be eligible for a categorical exclusion pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Department of the Interior's (DOI) NEPA regulations, and the DOI Departmental Manual. To make this preliminary determination, we prepared a joint draft environmental action statement and low-effect screening form, which is also available for public review. We invite comment from the public and local, State, Tribal, and Federal agencies.

DATES: We must receive your written comments on or before August 20, 2026.

To ensure your comment is received and considered, you must submit it using one of the methods identified in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. Comments submitted through any method not authorized in this document, or sent to an address not listed here, will not be considered.

ADDRESSES:

Obtaining Documents: You may obtain copies of the documents this notice announces, along with any comments and other materials that we receive, online in Docket No. FWS–R8–ES–2026–2708 at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Submitting Comments: All submissions must include the docket number [FWS-R8-ES-2026-2708] for this document. You must submit comments using one of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submission:** Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search box, enter FWS-R8-ES-2026-2708, which is the docket number for this action. Then click the Search button. On the resulting page, you may submit a comment by clicking on "Comment." Please ensure that you have found the correct document before submitting your comments.

- **U.S. mail:** Public Comments Processing, Attn: Docket No. FWS-R8-ES-2026-2708, Policy and Regulations Branch, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: PRB (JAO/3W), 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

Comments submitted through any method not authorized in this document, or sent to an address not listed here, will not be considered. We will not accept comments via email, fax, or hand delivery. We are not required to consider comments that are submitted after the comment period ends or that are submitted via a method outside of these instructions. Comments containing profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate content will not be considered.

We will post all comments at <https://www.regulations.gov>. You may request that we withhold personal identifying information from public review; however, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. See Public Availability of Comments for more information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jonathan Snyder, Acting Field Supervisor, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, jonathan_d_snyder@fws.gov (email) or 760-309-7993. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, blind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), have received an application from Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts, the applicant, for a 7-year incidental take permit (ITP) for one covered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

The application addresses the potential "take" of the threatened coastal California gnatcatcher (gnatcatcher; *Polioptila californica californica*) associated with the construction of the Joint Outfall J Unit 1E Trunk Sewer Rehabilitation project, in the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, Los Angeles County, California. We request public comment on the application, which includes the applicant's habitat conservation plan (HCP), and on the Service's preliminary determination that this proposed ITP qualifies as "low effect," and may qualify for a categorical exclusion pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the Department of the Interior's (DOI) NEPA regulations (43 CFR 46), and the DOI Departmental Manual (516 DM 1 Appendix 2 section 8.5(C)(2)). To make this preliminary determination, we prepared a joint draft environmental action statement and low-effect screening form, which is also available for public review.

Background

The Service listed the coastal California gnatcatcher as threatened on March 30, 1993 (58 FR 16742) and published a revised final rule designating critical habitat on December 19, 2007 (72 FR 72010). Section 9 of the ESA prohibits take of fish and wildlife species listed as endangered (16 U.S.C. 1538). Under the ESA, "take" is defined to include the following activities: "to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct" (16 U.S.C. 1532). Section 4(d) of the ESA allows the Secretary to extend protections for endangered species to those listed as threatened. Under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1539(a)(1)(B)), we may issue permits to authorize take of listed fish and wildlife species that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, carrying out an otherwise lawful activity. Regulations governing incidental take permits for threatened species are in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.32. Issuance of an ITP also must not jeopardize the existence of federally listed fish, wildlife, or plant species, pursuant to section 7 of the ESA and 50 CFR 402.02. The permittee would receive assurances under our "No Surprises" regulations (50 CFR 17.32(b)(5)).

Applicant's Proposed Project

The proposed rehabilitation project site is between Maritime Road and Catalina Vista south of Palos Verdes Drive South in the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, Los Angeles County, California.

The project alignment runs through a mix of actively landscaped golf course and native habitat dominated by coastal sage scrub vegetation set aside pursuant to the Ocean Trails Habitat Conservation Plan issued in 1996. The native habitat within the golf course, the preserve area adjacent to the golf course, and Shoreline Park have been conserved, in part, to protect the coastal California gnatcatcher. The proposed project will rehabilitate 9,362 feet of an existing underground sewer line to prevent leakage and will require access to the pipeline at several existing manholes. The applicant requests a 7-year ITP under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA. If we approve the permit, the applicant anticipates taking gnatcatcher resulting from temporary impacts to 1.71 acres, including about 0.84 acre of native coastal sage scrub vegetation that this species uses for breeding, feeding, and sheltering. The take would be incidental to the applicant's activities associated with access for the rehabilitation project and associated habitat restoration activities.

The applicant's proposed HCP contains measures to minimize the effects of construction activities on the gnatcatcher. During construction, a biological monitor will be present to ensure avoidance and minimization measures are understood by the contractors and implemented as anticipated. To the extent practical, vegetation impacts will occur outside the breeding season to avoid active nests. Impacts to coastal sage scrub will be restored onsite where the impacts occurred, and the applicant will restore an additional 6 acres offsite within Shoreline Park and/or the San Ramon Reserve, also known as Switchbacks, in the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. The areas of native habitat to be temporarily impacted and potential offsite restoration areas are already subject to in-perpetuity habitat management by the Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy.

Proposed Action and Alternatives

The proposed action consists of the issuance of an incidental take permit and implementation of the proposed HCP, which includes measures to avoid, minimize, and mitigate impacts to the gnatcatcher. To comply with the requirements for an HCP under ESA section 10(a), alternatives to the project and the incidental take of gnatcatcher were evaluated. Under the No Action Alternative, the sewer line rehabilitation would not be conducted, and the pipeline would be susceptible to leakage with potential for extensive damage to habitat and inhabited property. Under

the Breeding Season Avoidance Alternative, the project would reduce potential for impacts to gnatcatchers by initiating work after the gnatcatcher breeding season, and the pipeline upgrades may not be completed until the following season rendering the pipelines susceptible to leakage with potential for extensive damage to habitat and inhabited property along with additional project costs.

Our Preliminary Determination

The Service has made a preliminary determination that our proposed issuance of an ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) ITP authorizing take of the federally threatened coastal California gnatcatcher resulting from the applicant's proposed project would individually and cumulatively have a minor effect on the coastal California gnatcatcher and the human environment and may qualify for application of a categorical exclusion pursuant to DOI's NEPA regulations and the DOI Departmental Manual.

Next Steps

The Service will evaluate the application and comments received to determine whether to issue the requested ITP. 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 preceding and other matters, we will determine whether the permit issuance criteria of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA have been met. If met, the Service 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 of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32) and the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C.

4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR 46).

Jonathan Snyder,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

[RR040U2000, XXXR4081G3, RX.05940913.FY19400]

Public Meeting of the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) is publishing this notice to announce that a Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Work Group (AMWG) will take place. The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held in-person and virtually on Wednesday, August 12, 2026, beginning at 9:30 a.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m. (MDT); and Thursday, August 13, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 3:30 p.m. (MDT).

ADDRESSES: The in-person meeting will be held in Ballroom B at Little America, 2515 East Butler Ave., Flagstaff, Arizona 86004.

Please follow the link provided to register for the virtual meeting held on Wednesday, August 12, 2026. <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/787a9f1f-f38b-4d47-964a-a0cc0325a25a@0693b5ba-4b18-4d7b-9341-f32f400a5494>.

Please follow the link provided to register for the virtual meeting held on Thursday, August 13, 2026. <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/15bfc020-4bda-455f-80c7-38cc6524577d@0693b5ba-4b18-4d7b-9341-f32f400a5494>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William Stewart, Bureau of Reclamation, telephone (385) 622–2179, email at wstewart@usbr.gov. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make

international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Glen Canyon Dam Adaptive Management Program (GCDAMP) was implemented as a result of the Record of Decision on the Operation of Glen Canyon Dam Final Environmental Impact Statement to comply with consultation requirements of the Grand Canyon Protection Act (Pub. L. 102–575) of 1992. The AMWG makes recommendations to the Secretary of the Interior concerning Glen Canyon Dam operations and other management actions to protect resources downstream of Glen Canyon Dam, consistent with the Grand Canyon Protection Act. The AMWG meets two to three times a year.

Agenda: The AMWG will meet to receive updates on: (1) current basin hydrology and water year 2026 operations; (2) experiments considered for implementation in 2026; (3) the status of threatened and endangered species; (4) long-term funding considerations; and (5) recommendations to the Secretary for the 2027 budget. The AMWG will also discuss other administrative and resource issues pertaining to the GCDAMP. To view a copy of the agenda and documents related to the above meeting, please visit Reclamation's website at <https://www.usbr.gov/uc/progact/amp/amwg.html>.

Meeting Accessibility/Special Accommodations: The meeting is open to the public. Please make requests in advance for sign language interpreter services, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodations. We ask that you contact Mr. William Stewart (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this notice) at least seven (7) business days prior to the meeting to give the Department of the Interior sufficient time to process your request. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case-by-case basis.

Public Disclosure of Comments: Time will be allowed on both days for any individual or organization wishing to make extemporaneous and/or formal oral comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to speak, and the time available, the time for individual comments may be limited. Interested parties should contact Mr. William Stewart (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) for placement on the public speaker list for this meeting. Members of the public may also choose to submit written comments by emailing them to wstewart@usbr.gov. Due to time constraints during the meeting, the AMWG is not able to read written