

Appendix C-2.
Summary of Written Comments Received from Organizations and Companies

Date	From	Comments
July 28, 2014	San Bernardino Valley Audubon Society Dave Goodward Conservation Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up to testimony provided at the July 16 scoping meeting. • Towers provide nesting structures for Common Ravens, Red-tailed Hawks, and Golden Eagles. All three species have been affected by nesting on transmission towers. • Document should analyze the project’s affect in the project area in context of global warming and long-term increased aridity of western US, the new biological reality. • Increased urban development has also changed existing environmental conditions in the WOD project area. • Need to analyze long-term ecological effects of the transmission tower nesting of Common Raven in context of land use patterns and increased vulnerability of prey species due to population stresses from global warming. • Need to examine past and present population levels of Golden Eagles and Red-tailed Hawks as related to relative importance of transmission towers for nesting structures, changing environmental conditions, and electrocution deaths. • Concerned with predation by Common Ravens on various species and the contribution of towers to raven nesting. • Consider use of monopoles instead of lattice towers in areas where common ravens could be impacting vulnerable species. Concerned with predation on Desert Tortoises (Segment 6) and Tricolored Blackbirds (Segments 3 and 4). • Consider how monopoles affect Golden Eagles; knows of a Golden Eagle that nests on tower in San Timoteo Canyon. • Document needs to consider impacts to sensitive reptiles and amphibians; has encountered Orange-throated Whiptail, Ring-necked Snake, Legless Lizard, and Red Diamond Rattlesnake in Segment 2, and likely to occur in San Timoteo Canyon. • Consider trapping and relocating these species during project construction. • Require detailed and effective re-vegetation for construction-related disturbance that emphasizes native vegetation.