



### Special-Status and Common Nesting Birds

American peregrine falcon, bald eagle, golden eagle, and purple martin may occur within treatment areas. Additional nesting bird species, including raptors (e.g., red-tailed hawk, red-shouldered hawk, and Cooper’s hawk) and common nesting birds may occur.

- ▶ Habitat: Trees and shrubs within the treatment area.



### Special-Status and Common Bats

Pallid bat, Townsend’s big-eared bat, and western red bat are CDFW species of special concern. Common bats may also occur.

- ▶ Habitat: Large trees, hollow trees, snags, and bridges in the treatment area.



### Laws and Penalties

#### California Endangered Species Act

Any person who knowingly violates any provision of the California Endangered Species Act can be fined and/or imprisoned following terms in Section 12008.1 of the California Fish and Game Code.

#### California Fish and Game Code

Section 3503 of the California Fish and Game Code states that it is unlawful to take, possess, or needlessly destroy the nest or eggs of any bird. Section 3503.5 specifically states that it is unlawful to take, possess, or destroy any raptors (e.g., hawks, owls, eagles, falcons), including nests or eggs.

Sections 3511, 4700, 5050, and 5515 of the California Fish and Game Code prohibit take of fully protected birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians, and fish. Species listed under these statutes may not be taken or possessed at any time.

#### Migratory Bird Treaty Act

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act prohibits the taking of active nests and individual birds. Any violations of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act are misdemeanors with penalties including fines and/or imprisonment following terms in 16 U.S.C. Section 703, et seq.

If an animal is encountered in the treatment area, DO NOT attempt to capture the animal. Animals shall be allowed to leave the treatment area unharmed. If you think there is a sensitive animal in the treatment area, please contact the project qualified Registered Professional Forester (RPF) or Biologist

**!! IMMEDIATELY !!**

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## Yuba Foothills Healthy Forest Project Environmental Awareness Program

Biological Resources Worker Training



## Project Background

To comply with the terms of the California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP) Program Environmental Impact Report and the Yuba Water Agency Project-Specific Analysis (PSA), a number of avoidance and minimization measures have been incorporated into this treatment project.

### Avoidance Measures

- ▶ If an animal is encountered in the treatment area, allow the animal to leave the treatment area unharmed.
- ▶ If a special-status wildlife species is encountered, stop work immediately and contact the project RPF/biologist.
- ▶ If a ringtail, foothill yellow-legged frog, western pond turtle, special-status bird, or special-status bat is encountered in the treatment area and cannot leave the site on its own, the project RPF/biologist will contact CDFW immediately, and further treatment activities will not occur until CDFW has provided guidance on appropriate additional measures to reduce impacts on these species.
- ▶ Flagging used to delineate WLPZs will be inspected periodically. Only limited treatment activities will occur within WLPZs.
- ▶ Implement measures to prevent spread of invasive plants and noxious weeds (SPR BIO-9).



### Ringtail

*Bassariscus astutus*

Ringtail is Fully Protected under California Fish and Game Code.

- ▶ Appearance: Primarily nocturnal. Slim and cat-like, with a short, pointed snout, large eyes with whitish eye rings, and a long, bushy tail with distinct black and white bands. Very agile when moving.
- ▶ Habitat: Hollow trees, logs, snags, cavities in talus and other rocky areas, brushy areas, woodrat nests, slash piles.



### Foothill Yellow-Legged Frog

*Rana boylei*

Foothill yellow-legged frog is listed as Threatened under the California Endangered Species Act.

- ▶ Appearance: 1.5 to 3.5 inches in length. Skin is grainy gray, brownish, or olive. Can be plain or mottled with dark spotting. Undersides of legs and abdomen are yellow.
- ▶ Habitat: Perennial streams with pools and cobble substrate. May be found within approximately 200 feet of perennial streams, including: Little Oregon Creek, Dry Creek, Prince Albert Creek, and Willow Glen Creek.



### Western Pond Turtle

*Actinemys marmorata*

Western pond turtle is a CDFW species of special concern.

- ▶ Appearance: 3.5 to 8.5 inches in length. Drab dark brown, olive brown, or blackish turtle.
- ▶ Habitat: Found in ponds, lakes, rivers, streams, creeks, marshes, and irrigation ditches. Uses upland habitat

