

**Supplemental Information for the Supplemental
Cross Valley Contractors
Long-Term Contract Renewal
Environmental Assessment**

As of writing the Supplemental Cross Valley Contractors Long-Term Contract Renewal Environmental Assessment, Reclamation was collecting information within the water districts for designated critical habitat for vernal pool crustacean and plant species (FR 68(151):46684-46857), and proposed critical habitat for California tiger salamander (FR 69(153):48570-48649). The vernal pool species critical habitat includes four crustaceans and eleven plants. The data search has revealed these critical habitat types and species do exist within certain water districts. Therefore, Reclamation will informally consult with the US Fish and Wildlife Service on this new information.

The vernal pool species critical habitat around the County of Fresno WW #34 consists of units designated for the following species: San Joaquin Valley Orcutt grass (*Orcuttia inaequalis*), vernal pool fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta lynchi*), and fleshy (succulent) owl's-clover (*Castilleja campestris* ssp. *succulenta*). Unit #2 of the South San Joaquin Region of proposed CTS critical habitat also overlaps the WW #34 area. 1561 acres of #34 are within the SSJ-2 unit for CTS, and 1294 acres are within the vernal pool units.

The Tri-Valley and Hills Valley districts also are partially within proposed CTS critical habitat. 243 acres of Tri-Valley, and 792 acres of Hills Valley are overlapped by the proposed boundaries (for a total of 1035 acres). 396 acres of the Stone Corral Irrigation District are overlapped by the vernal pool critical habitat.

The critical habitat consists of undeveloped lands within these areas. Reclamation has determined that no delivery of CVP water to these lands will be allowed unless and until the landowner can demonstrate compliance with the Endangered Species Act, including consultation with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, for the critical habitat.