

BIOLOGICAL INVENTORIES

VEGETATION / SENSITIVE HABITAT MAPPING

FOCUSED ENDANGERED SPECIES SURVEYS

SENSITIVE PLANT SURVEYS

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

BIOLOGICAL CONSULTING *services*

MITIGATION PLANNING

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANS

REVEGETATION / RESTORATION PLANNING

ENDANGERED SPECIES PERMITTING



As a leader in the field of environmental resources and planning, RBF Consulting (RBF) offers full service biological consulting services specializing in endangered species compliance.

RBF has expert in-house biologists experienced in the Federal and State Endangered Species Acts, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the California Department of Fish and Game Code, the Clean Water Act, and biological analysis under CEQA and NEPA. The RBF team's staff relationships with wildlife agencies, regulatory agencies, federal land managers and various conservation groups allow the firm to serve as a liaison between the applicant and these agencies / organizations.

RBF's biological team has decades of experience in the biological consulting process. Valued services provided by RBF include conducting habitat assessments to characterize the biological features of an area, rapidly identifying any sensitive features, suggesting a compliance strategy to resolve identified impacts, and working with the client to make sure their planning needs are met while meeting permitting and mitigation requirements.

RBF PROVIDES A FULL SUITE OF BIOLOGICAL CONSULTING SERVICES:

General Biological Inventories

The first step in determining whether biological issues or resources exist is to document baseline conditions: RBF is positioned to review all available information and conduct a site visit to verify sensitive habitats and species that are likely to occur on the project site.

Endangered Species and Sensitive Plant Surveys

If protected species are likely to be present, RBF will recommend any additional surveys needed to continue to document site conditions as part of the development process.

NEPA/CEQA Analysis

To foster successful review of CEQA and NEPA documentation by wildlife agencies and conservation groups, the RBF Biological Resources Team prepares biological impact analysis and assessments. These surveys and reports provide the CEQA/NEPA Document Teams with the foundation for well structured biological impact and mitigation sections for State and Federal review and compliance.

Biological Monitoring

RBF Consulting uses solutions-oriented approaches to biological resources and possesses the expertise and understanding to recognize that the presence of sensitive biological resources on a site may not be a constraint to development if biological monitoring can avoid or minimize any potential impact. RBF can develop and implement needed biological monitoring programs to satisfy both the goals of development and of Biological Resources/ Natural Resources Management.

Restoration / Revegetation

Mitigation of impacts under CEQA, NEPA, the Federal and State Endangered Species Acts, and the Clean Water Act can require that a site be re-vegetated to enhance on-site conditions or to restore temporarily impacted areas. RBF has a team of landscape architects and restoration ecologists who have the expertise to design needed restoration/ re-vegetation programs to reach mitigation solutions.



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Endangered Species Permits

RBF's experience and working relationship with wildlife agencies is a vital key to success. Acquiring Take Permits from USFWS and CDFG can be the most difficult aspect of biological clearance. RBF biologists have prepared and processed hundreds of Take Permits through both agencies, some in as little time as 30 to 60 days.

Conservation/Mitigation Banking

The presence of an endangered species sometimes will preclude the development of a site. One potentially lucrative and environmentally sound solution is to convert the land into a Conservation/ Mitigation Bank from which credits can be sold to other agencies, organizations and developers. RBF biologists have assisted numerous clients in exploring this option of Conservation Banking and have completed and are in the process of completing applications for a number of Conservation Banks.

