



Quad Knopf

September 30, 2008

George E. Davis
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Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County
900 Exposition Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90007

MBPC 6504-6564
61 lots

RE: Accessioning of Fairy Shrimp Specimens Acquired During USFWS Protocol Surveys

Dear Mr. Davis:

As per your conversation with Lori Bono on September 22, 2008, enclosed you will find branchiopod samples obtained during surveys in Yokohl Valley, California. Please provide us with the catalog numbers for these samples as soon as possible, via the enclosed self addressed stamped envelope, so that I can include this information in my report to USFWS.

Quad Knopf conducted surveys for federally listed branchiopods during the 2007-2008 wet season and during the July, August, September, and October 2007 dry season to determine the presence and distribution of branchiopods within the Yokohl Ranch project site. The project site is situated in the southern Sierra Nevada foothills, east of Exeter, in Tulare County, California (Figures 1 and 2). The area surveyed includes portions of the following USGS 7.5 minute topographic quadrangles:

Rocky Hill	Kaweah	Lindsay
Chickencoop Canyon	Frazier Valley	Dennison Peak

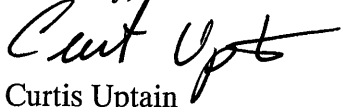
It is anticipated that approximately 9,600 acres of the 36,000 acre project site will be developed. Elevation of the site ranges from 530 to 5,400 feet above mean sea level. The main portion of the 36,000 acre project site is situated in Yokohl Valley, approximately 2,000 feet in width and is bisected by Yokohl Creek which divides the northern and southern portions of Yokohl Valley. The remainder of the project site extends into the higher elevations of Chickencoop Canyon and Oak Flat. The location of vernal pools on the project site and the locations where federally-listed branchiopods were found are provided in Figure 2.

As required by Quad Knopf's federal 10(a)(1)(a) permit #TE119861-0, we are requesting that the enclosed branchiopod specimens be accepted and accessioned into your collection. Included

with the branchiopod specimens you will find an Excel spreadsheet with detailed location and identification information for each sample vial. Each vial is individually labeled as required by the *Collection, Preservation, Handling, and Accessioning Instructions for Small Crustaceans* provided by the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (559) 733-0440 ext. 3407 or at curtisu@quadknopf.com.

Sincerely,



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