

Work Task F10: Post-Development Yellow-billed Cuckoo Presence/Absence Surveys

FY16 Estimates	FY16 Actual Obligations	Cumulative Expenditures Through FY16	FY17 Approved Estimate	FY18 Proposed Estimate	FY19 Proposed Estimate	FY20 Proposed Estimate
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$600,000	\$600,000	\$600,000

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Start Date: FY18

Expected Duration: FY55

Long-Term Goal: Post-development monitoring for yellow-billed cuckoos (*Coccyzus americanus occidentalis*)

Conservation Measures: MRM1 and MRM2 (YBCU)

Location: Protocol level surveys are conducted in suitable habitat at LCR MSCP conservation areas

Purpose: To conduct surveys to monitor existing yellow-billed cuckoo populations at LCR MSCP conservation areas

Connections with Other Work Tasks (Past and Future): Yellow-billed cuckoo monitoring on LCR MSCP conservation areas was previously conducted under Work Task D7. Monitoring of yellow-billed cuckoos will be split into separate work tasks beginning in FY18, with system-wide monitoring continuing under Work Task D7 and post-development monitoring conducted under this work task.

Project Description: Yellow-billed cuckoos use cottonwood-willow (*Populus fremontii-Salix gooddingii*) habitat and may act as an umbrella species for other covered avian species that use these habitats. A standardized survey protocol (issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on April 22, 2015) will be used to determine the presence of yellow-billed cuckoos at conservation areas consisting of cottonwood-willow habitat at least 2 years old.

Previous Activities: This is a new start in FY18.

FY16 Accomplishments: This is a new start in FY18.

FY17 Activities: This is a new start in FY18.

Proposed FY18 Activities: Call-playback surveys will be conducted at conservation areas planted with cottonwood-willow habitat at least 2 years old. Followup surveys to detect breeding will be conducted at conservation areas where breeding has yet to be documented. Birds banded in previous years may be resighted, and nests may be found incidentally to these activities.

Pertinent Reports: N/A