

Statement of Qualifications for Caskey Biological Consulting, LLC

Certified Woman-Owned and Small Business Enterprise by the California Public Utilities Commission, the California Department of Transportation and the State of California

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Our Future Clients

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1.0 Introduction

Caskey Biological Consulting, LLC (CBC) is a certified woman-owned small business enterprise located in Altadena, CA. Certifications include: CPUC Supplier Clearing House (VON# 14090058), CUCP Cal Trans (Firm# 42488) and State of California Small Business (#20736). CBC staff has conducted studies for pipelines, oil and gas exploration, wind farms, utility lines, highways, as well as other project types throughout the United States. We pride our reputation on scientific integrity and well-reasoned analysis. As a business, we are committed to working with a wide range of companies, public agencies, and individuals involved in the responsible planning and management of natural resources.

2.0 Biological Surveys and Monitoring

CBC currently has associates located in various regions across the U.S. with the experience and knowledge related to the performance of surveying for biological resources. The sections that follow provide a summary of CBC surveying and monitoring experience.

2.1 Avian Surveys

CBC staff has vast experience conducting avian surveys on all types of projects from wind farms to transmission line projects. Our staff has completed surveys all over the U.S. adhering to the USFWS guidelines.



Flat Water Wind Farm in Richardson County, Nebraska.

Avian surveys completed by CBC staff include:

- Breeding Bird Surveys
- Raptor and Raptor Nest Surveys
- Prairie Grouse Surveys
- Fixed Wing Nesting Survey
- 4-season Avian Surveys

2.2 Wetlands and Waters Delineations

CBC staff has conducted numerous wetlands and waters delineations to the specifications and regulations of the United States Army Corps of Engineers as stated in Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. CBC has experience with both the public and private sector working on pre-construction wetlands and waters surveys for pipelines, oil and gas exploration, bridge replacements and other projects across the U.S. Members of the CBC staff have worked closely with:

- Southern California Gas Company
- Phoenix Biological



2.3 Regulatory Compliance Monitoring

CBC staff has worked extensively on long- and short-term monitoring projects for both linear and standard construction operations. Our team has experience monitoring on renewable energy and transmission line projects for sensitive wildlife, vegetation species and natural resources. Throughout several years of experience, our team has worked in many different ecological regions while keeping a flawless safety record.



Devers-Palo Verde 2
Transmission Line in
Riverside Co, California

- Pre-Construction clearance surveys
- Biological compliance monitoring
- Daily reporting

3.0 Impact Assessments and Permitting

Our team has the experience to conduct State or Federally listed threatened and endangered species habitat assessments, single or multi species habitat assessments and prepare all associated biological documents. CBC has completed threatened and endangered species surveys for Desert Tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*), San Joaquin Kit Fox (*Vulpes macrotis mutica*), Blunt-nosed Leopard Lizard (*Gambelia sila*), Burrowing Owl (*Athene cunicularia*) in addition to other sensitive species. We have experienced writers that pride themselves on producing highly professional reports in a timely fashion. CBC utilizes a peer reviewing system of quality assurance that ensures that all reports submitted to the client and agencies are concise, accurate and on schedule.



Desert Tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*)
observed in Mojave Desert

4.0 Storm Water Quality Management

CBC staff offers storm water quality management consulting to both the private and public sectors on a wide array of projects. Our water quality staff carefully considers techniques to minimize storm water pollution in order to comply with federal, state, and local regulations. CBC currently staffs a Qualified SWPPP Practitioner (QSP) to provide the following services and more:

- Selection of appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs)
- Construction site inspections and reporting
- On-call site assessment

5.0 Geospatial Analysis

A Geographic Information System (GIS) is a critically important tool and technology that allows for the complete investigation of a wide variety of spatial and non-spatial relationships among data. CBC utilizes GIS to analyze all project data no matter the size and scope of the project. With GIS, we can guarantee our clients are presented the data in an efficient, concise, and accurate manner.

6.0 Major Contracts

Southern California Gas Company Environmental On-Call Contract

CBC has had the privilege of working closely with SoCalGas for approximately 3 years which included a 6 month long in-house position. We currently provide biological and environmental consulting services covering species such as Desert Tortoise, Flat-tailed Horned Lizard, Burrowing Owl, San Joaquin Kit Fox, Blunt-nosed Leopard Lizard and more. Under the SoCalGas CDCA BO/MOU, CBC currently has 28 approved Desert Tortoise monitors, 14 of which are authorized handlers.

Riverside County Aviation Wildlife Hazard Assessment

CBC has a contract with Mead & Hunt to provide biological services in support of wildlife hazards assessments pursuant to Federal Aviation Regulation (FAR) part 139.337. Tasks include bimonthly field surveys, small mammal surveys and trapping, and large mammal spotlight surveys.

Tehachapi Renewable Transmission Project

CBC has had the opportunity of working for Kleinfelder and Henkels & McCoy in providing environmental consulting services. Tasks included regulatory compliance monitoring and daily SWPPP inspections conducted by a Qualified SWPPP Practitioner (QSP).