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**To:** [Saucedo, Portia](mailto:Saucedo_Portia)  
**Subject:** RE: Santsche SFR CDP 19155  
**Date:** Thursday, March 6, 2025 10:57:32 AM  
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Hi Portia,

My apologies for the delayed response. After discussing this project with my supervisor, we concluded that no-development buffers should be established for both ephemeral streams and shown on site plans. We would also like more information about the driveway widening, which appears to encroach into the ephemeral stream at the southern edge of the parcel. If work would alter the bed, bank, or channel of that feature, notification may be required pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602.

As to the buffers, a distance of fifty feet from top of bank or edge or riparian dripline should suffice; however, the applicant's consultant may propose a buffer reduction with appropriate minimization and mitigation measures. Some potential mitigation options include removing discarded wood and other debris from the riparian area on the southern side of the parcel, conducting invasive species management, and incorporating bioswales or other LID features to treat stormwater runoff and protect water quality.

Given the extent of tree removal and the potential to impact nesting birds, CDFW recommends that tree removal occur outside of nesting season (generally March 15 – August 15) to avoid impacts to native resident and migratory birds. If that's not feasible, a qualified biologist shall survey for active bird nests no more than seven days prior to tree removal or significant trimming. If an active nest is found, the permittee should consult with CDFW regarding appropriate site-specific avoidance measures and buffer distances. If there is a lapse in project-related activities of seven days or more, the biologist should re-survey the area before work resumes.

We would like the opportunity to review any proposals for a buffer reduction.

Thanks,  
Katie

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**From:** Saucedo, Portia <psaucedo1@co.humboldt.ca.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 11, 2025 8:52 AM  
**To:** Rian, Kathryn(Katie)@Wildlife <Kathryn.Rian@Wildlife.ca.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Santsche SFR CDP 19155

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The land owners are fine a site visit today.

I'm ready when you are. Let me know if it still works to carpool, otherwise I can meet you there at 9:30 AM.



**Portia Saucedo**

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**From:** Rian, Kathryn(Katie)@Wildlife <[Kathryn.Rian@Wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Kathryn.Rian@Wildlife.ca.gov)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 11, 2025 8:35 AM

**To:** Saucedo, Portia <[psaucedo1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:psaucedo1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

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Hi Portia,

Shall we reschedule for when you get back? Monday 2/24 and Wednesday 2/26 are currently wide open.

I can still squeeze in a site visit this morning if you do hear back from the consultant, though we'd probably want to push it back until 10.

Katie

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**From:** Saucedo, Portia <[psaucedo1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:psaucedo1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2025 3:12 PM

**To:** Rian, Kathryn(Katie)@Wildlife <[Kathryn.Rian@Wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Kathryn.Rian@Wildlife.ca.gov)>

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My apologies, for some reason I had it in my mind that you had contacted the applicant/land owner for a site visit.

I just emailed and called. Hopefully I can get confirmation shortly.



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**From:** Rian, Kathryn(Katie)@Wildlife <[Kathryn.Rian@Wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Kathryn.Rian@Wildlife.ca.gov)>

**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2025 2:49 PM

**To:** Saucedo, Portia <[psaucedo1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:psaucedo1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

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Sounds good. I can swing by around 8:45 am if that works for you. Are we meeting the landowner?

Katie

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**From:** Saucedo, Portia <[psaucedo1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:psaucedo1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2025 1:58 PM

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Hi Katie,

Yes, tomorrow at 9 would work. Carpooling sounds good. I will get into the office at around 8:30 AM.

Kind regards,



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Hi Portia,

How about tomorrow morning at 9? Should I just meet you at the address? I can also swing by your office to pick you up if you'd like.

Katie

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**From:** Saucedo, Portia <[psaucedo1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:psaucedo1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

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**To:** Rian, Kathryn(Katie)@Wildlife <[Kathryn.Rian@Wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Kathryn.Rian@Wildlife.ca.gov)>

**Subject:** RE: Santsche SFR CDP 19155

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Greetings Katie,

My apologies for the delay in response.

I am unavailable 2/12. I will be out of town through 2/19.

I could go out today or tomorrow should you have any availability. Please let me know.

Kind regards,



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**From:** Rian, Kathryn(Katie)@Wildlife <[Kathryn.Rian@Wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Kathryn.Rian@Wildlife.ca.gov)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 4, 2025 3:14 PM

**To:** Saucedo, Portia <[psaucedo1@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:psaucedo1@co.humboldt.ca.us)>

**Subject:** Santsche SFR CDP 19155

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Hi Portia,

I received a CDP referral for the Santsche single family residence (PLN-2025-19155; APN 017-172-047) near Ryan Slough. I'd like to schedule a site visit to get a better sense of potential habitat. Would this Friday (2/7) afternoon work? I'm also available next week Wednesday (2/12) after 11:30 am.

Katie

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**RE: PLN-2025-19155 Referral Follow Up**

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**From** Rian, Kathryn(Katie)@Wildlife <Kathryn.Rian@Wildlife.ca.gov>

**Date** Mon 3/9/2026 12:29 PM

**To** Holtermann, Michael <mholtermann@co.humboldt.ca.us>

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Hi Michael,

Thank you for sharing these documents. I'd like to recommend a couple of additional measures to partially compensate for the reduced buffer:

1. To the extent feasible without using heavy equipment, remove the logs and other landscaping debris from the banks of the creek. Though I suspect that most of this material was discarded by others, it would be worth reiterating that green waste (waste in general) should not be discarded in or adjacent to streams and wetlands.
2. Stormwater runoff from the residence should be dispersed over the landscape rather than discharged directly into either the wetland or the ephemeral creek.

Thanks,  
Katie

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**From:** Holtermann, Michael <mholtermann@co.humboldt.ca.us>

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 4, 2026 1:47 PM

**To:** Rian, Kathryn(Katie)@Wildlife <Kathryn.Rian@Wildlife.ca.gov>

**Subject:** PLN-2025-19155 Referral Follow Up

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Good afternoon,

I was reviewing previous correspondence on file and you had asked to review any proposals for a buffer reduction. The applicant is proposing a setback of 20' and the biologist for the project has submitted recommended mitigation measures. I have included correspondence with the previous planner, the biologist recommendation, and a copy of the site plan for reference. If you have any questions please let me know and I will do my best to be of assistance.

Best,



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