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Hi Michael,

Thank you for arranging this morning's site visit. Overall, I think the proposed development will have fairly minimal impacts to biological resources. My primary recommendations are standard measures to protect nesting birds and minimize the proliferation of invasive species:

1. Vegetation removal should 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.
2. Prohibit the use of invasive species in landscaping. The [Cal-IPC Inventory](#) and [Humboldt County WMA](#) provide lists of the most problematic species. CDFW always encourages the use of native plants appropriate to coastal northern California, which provide aesthetic and habitat values while requiring minimal watering and maintenance.

The only other thing I would suggest is to shift the propane tank back from the northern fence line to give that adjacent coastal willow thicket a slightly larger buffer and preserve some of the native vegetation in the northeastern corner of the property. It's currently going approximately 5' from the fence, so maybe give it 10' instead.

Thanks,
Katie