NOTIFICATION OF THREATENED SPECIES LISTING OF THE CALIFORNIA GNATCATCHER UNDER THE FEDERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT OF 1973

On March 25, 1993, the United States Department of the Interior listed the California gnatcatcher as a "threatened species", requiring Federal protection of the songbird under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 and all amendments thereto.

Please be informed that the coastal sage scrub and other habitats upon which this species depends is located throughout many areas of San Diego County. It is the responsibility of all persons anticipating development activities in these areas that may adversely affect this species to comply with the provisions of the Endangered Species Act.

The Act prohibits anyone from "taking" a gnatcatcher, which includes killing, harming, or harassing the species, or destruction of its habitat. By proposing a Section 4(d) rule under the Act, Secretary Babbitt has indicated his intention to allow the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to define conditions associated with certain land use activities under which take of a gnatcatcher would not be a violation of the Act. If there is a possibility of the presence of gnatcatchers or gnatcatcher habitat on your property, you are advised to contact the local office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for specific advice and information.

NOTICE

It is the applicant's responsibility to determine whether the subject property contains a coastal sage scrub plant community. Such a plant community is habitat for the Coastal California gnatcatcher. The Federal Government recently listed the gnatcatcher as a threatened species under the Federal Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. Section 1531 et seq.). THE LISTING MAY RESULT IN AN APPLICANT'S INABILITY TO PROCEED WITH HIS/HER PROJECT WITHOUT A PERMIT FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IF THE SPECIES OR ITS HABITAT ARE PRESENT ON THE PROJECT SITE. It is advisable to contact the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to determine the applicability of the prohibitions under the Act to each applicant's property. THE ISSUANCE OF THIS PERMIT BY THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THE APPLICANT FOR SAID PERMIT TO VIOLATE ANY FEDERAL, STATE OR COUNTY LAWS, ORDINANCES, REGULATIONS OR POLICIES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FEDERAL ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THERETO.

I hereby acknowledge by my signature that I have read and understand this notice.

Assessor Parcel Number(s)	Project Address
Applicant/Owner Signature	Date