

## **EXHIBIT 8**

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**Baca, Brian**

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**From:** Kirkland, Steve <steve\_kirkland@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 17, 2015 2:04 PM  
**To:** Baca, Brian  
**Cc:** Nguyen, Hai; Joseph Brandt; Roger Root; Michael Brady  
**Subject:** Re: Inspection of Sespe Oil Field

Brian,

I met with representatives of the Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office (VFWO) today and discussed your request for clarification on the applicability of measure 1 (1.5 mile buffer area) of the 7-18-13 VFWO letter to the County. The addition of new wells, **added to existing oil pads that also contain existing wells**, does not pose an additional threat to condors, if other measures to protect condors are implemented (i.e., micro-trash, contaminants and other potential hazards not accessible to condors).

In the near future, the VFWO will provide an updated letter, and list of protective measures, to formally clarify this issue.

We appreciate the County of Ventura imposing the protective measures recommended by the USFWS on oil and gas operations. We also look forward to further discussions with you to increase our ability to protect and recovery the California condor.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns.