Sacramento Swainson’s Hawks

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SWHA in Sacramento -

• Central Valley – 2,000 nesting pairs; 70-80 percent of the Central Valley population of nesting Swainson’s Hawks is in four counties: Sacramento, Yolo, San Joaquin and Solano.
CDFW: Status Review of Swainson’s Hawk in California
April 11, 2016
SSHCP
Map of SWHA Occurrences
South Sacramento HCP Area
Sacramento County SWHA Nesting

• Over 300 documented active nesting territories in South County (SSHCP)
  – City of Elk Grove 14 – Estep 2006 survey
  – City of Rancho Cordova about 13 — Estep 2009
  – City of Galt about 9
  – Other Inside USB - ?
  – Outside USB- 188

• North Natomas 56-65
• Other City of Sacramento ?
• Rancho Murieta Folsom ?
SSHCP Challenges

• Elk Grove has a separate mitigation program and seeks to grow southward on farmland
• HCP governance is by local governments
• Suitable upland forage for Sandhill Cranes and Swainson’s Hawk is limited especially if sea level rises with climate change.
• Nest trees not protected from removal for road expansion/maintenance outside USB.
Elk Grove, Swaddle Mitigation Sites for 6
Mitigation Ratio .25:1 for Swainson’s Hawk foraging habitat.
Other Natomas Challenges

• Mitigation for Greenbriar located next to airport and outside NBC management
• Sacramento County pushing new development in North Natomas outside HCP take area – HCP limited to 17,500 acres
• “Swainson’s Hawk zone” shared with SMF
• SMF SWHA fatalities 2013-2015 = 11 (from average of 1 or less to average of more than 3 per year)
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