

MEMORANDUM

Date: 2-14-2020

To: All Community Development Environmental Staff

From: Tina Powell, Parks and Natural Resources Manager

Subject: Scrub Jay Nesting Survey Protocol

Natural Resources staff has conferred with the US Fish and Wildlife Service to develop the following nesting survey protocol. The protocol, as detailed below, will become effective immediately.

Only available on parcels under 1.00 acre.

- No other listed species must be present on site.
- Scrub jay nesting surveys must be conducted by an environmental consultant or other
 professional wildlife biologist in accordance with FWS survey protocol starting in the
 early morning (approx. one hour after sunrise) and should only take place on calm, clear
 days.
- Nesting surveys must consist of broadcasting the call at pre-determined transects around the entire parcel for a total of at least 16 minutes in addition to conducting a thorough visual survey of all woody vegetation present on site.
- Final report should include:
 - Date and weather conditions
 - Locations of playback stations
 - Transect lines including FLUCCS map
 - Scrub jay data sheet(s)Location and description of any nests found onsite
- If scrub-jays are observed on the lot, then vegetative clearing and other construction activities will be postponed until nesting season is over.
- If an active migratory bird nest is discovered during the survey, then vegetative clearing
 and other construction activities will be postponed until consultation with the Service is
 complete.
- Once survey has been reviewed and vegetation is clearing approved, clearing activities must commence within 48 hours.