

## How to Avoid Sensitive Species Conflicts

### MINIMIZE DISTURBANCE

- Keep your vehicle on existing roads and project areas
- Disturb vegetation and/or soil only if necessary and only after a pre-activity survey has been conducted.

### DON'T ATTRACT WILDLIFE

- Don't leave food wrappers or scraps on ground
- Don't feed wildlife
- Keep trenches fenced or provide escape ramps

### AVOID INJURING PLANTS OR ANIMALS

- Check for wildlife under vehicles
- Obey speed limits.
- Don't hunt or bring pets to work site.
- Avoid damaging or removing vegetation except to meet project objectives.
- Report any sightings of sensitive species to your Supervisor.

### FOLLOW ENVIRONMENTAL FLAGGING INSTRUCTIONS

- Mark the boundaries of the project area.
- Stay within the boundaries.

## Requirements **YOU** Must Follow

As a Berry employee, contractor or visitor, you share in the responsibility of helping Berry to protect wildlife and the environment. Your participation is essential and mandatory. Each employee, contractor and visitor is required to be familiar with the measures that are listed below:

- Keep your vehicle on existing roads and observe posted speed limit ( $\leq 25$  mph).
- Remove food and solid wastes from project sites.
- No pets or firearms permitted on Berry property.
- Clean up oil and chemical spills.
- Minimize leaks from pipelines, valves, compressors and engines that may impact wildlife.
- Well cellars must be covered and drained to protect wildlife.
- Use belt guards, screens, lids, or netting to protect wildlife from moving equipment and tanks.



## Wildlife and Endangered Species Protection

### Placerita Facility

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# Endangered Species in Placerita



OAK TREES

Within the City of Santa Clarita oak trees are protected by law. Any work in, on or around oak trees is governed by law. All work around oak trees is limited by a buffer zone delineated five feet beyond the “drip line” of the tree canopy, and in no case will be less than 15 feet from the tree.

Any work planned near oak trees shall first be coordinated through Berry’s EH&S Department. Coast live oaks (*Quercus agrifolia*) are the oaks found in the Placerita oil field. They are generally found in the oak riparian forest habitat type along stream courses. A low growing evergreen tree, the trunk is often twisted and gnarled, and readily resprouts after fire.



COASTAL CALIFORNIA GNATCATCHER

The coastal California gnatcatcher (*Polioptila californica californica*) is a small (4-5 inches) bird, with a long tail and a small slender bill; blue-gray above, dull gray below. Breeding male has a black cap; narrow white eye ring; and the tail is mostly black. It is found in coastal sage scrub plant communities with low-growing, drought-deciduous, and succulent plants.

STATUS: **Threatened**



LEAST BELL'S VIREO

The Least Bell’s Vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) is small bird (4.25-5 inches) with a gray upperparts and gray-white underparts. It has a faint white eye-ringing and faint dark eyeline; and a thick bill with a hooked upper mandible. It is found in dense, willow-dominated riparian habitats (near streams and rivers) with lush under story vegetation. It prefers willows for nesting and foraging although it will also use the California wild rose and coastal live oak for these purposes.

STATUS: **Endangered**



UNARMORED THREESPINE STICKLEBACK

The unarmored threespine stickleback (*Gasterosteus aculeatus williamsoni*) is a tiny fish (1 inch) with a dullgreenish-gray with a pinkish-silver belly. It prefers fast-flowing water and has been observed in the Santa Clara River. Protection of drainages to the Santa Clara River is very important for this species’ protection.

STATUS: **Endangered**

*State and federal laws exist that protect endangered species from harm. Killing, injuring, harassing, or trapping endangered species is prohibited and is punishable by fines and/or imprisonment. It is Berry’s policy to protect endangered species and other protected wildlife from adverse impacts. For this reason protecting and preventing harm to wildlife is a shared responsibility between Berry employees, contractors and visitors.*



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