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The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the California Native Plant Society request that the Endangered Species Act (ESA) discussion in the EIS explain the role of consultation in the context of the larger purposes of the ESA. San Francisco Tomorrow requests that the recovery program for endangered species be implemented in coordination with USFWS, and that Wherry Housing be removed in coordination with the USFWS Recovery Plan.

Response CC-1 – The Trust very much appreciates and has incorporated the explanation provided by the USFWS in its comment letter into the EIS. The Trust has initiated formal consultation pursuant to Section 7 of the ESA to implement the Final Plan, which will result in a Biological Opinion addressing anticipated effects of the project on listed species, including the two coastal plants featured under the USFWS Recovery Plan.

CC-2. *Coastal Zone Management Act*

The Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) comments that it has not had the opportunity to review the Draft EIS until its publication and

has therefore not made the determination that the document addresses its concerns regarding Trust activities and programs that may affect the Commission's coastal management program.

Response CC-2 – Since publication of the Draft EIS and in response to this comment, the Trust has met with BCDC staff (in November 2001 and February 2002) to review their concerns regarding such issues as trails and public access, parking, building square footage, proposed PTMP uses, and natural uses as discussed in their letter of October 23, 2001 (see Chapter 5 in this document). As noted in their letter, BCDC's coastal management program would be consistent with Draft Plan goals to increase open space and recreational opportunities, preserve historic resources, rehabilitate native vegetation and riparian areas, preserve and enhance Bay views, protect water quality, establish a network of trails and bikeways through the Presidio, and encourage public transportation demand management strategies. The EIS has been revised to include a discussion of the Coastal Zone Management Act, the Bay Plan, and BCDC's consistency determination process. The Trust will cooperate wherever feasible in carrying out the Bay Plan, and will carry out its activities and programs that affect land or water uses in a manner consistent with BCDC's coastal management program (refer to Section 5.2 of the Final EIS for the Trust's consistency determination related to the PTMP alternatives).