

Dear FCC,

I am the Chief Engineer of public radio stations KCRW, KCRI, KCRU & KCRY licensed to Santa Monica Community College District (SMCCD) in Southern California and have worked as a broadcast engineer for 30 years in the Southern California region. SMCCD operates another seven low power translator stations for a total of 11 transmitter tower site locations scattered about a region stretching from approximately San Diego to Santa Barbara, Palm Springs to Joshua Tree out to Mojave. Additionally I have visited or worked at roughly another 20 tower site locations over my career.

I am writing to note I've not witnessed evidence of bird kills, large or small at tower sites in all my years working at tower sites. In my 30 years I've noted no more than maybe six dead birds over that 30 year span. I've also noted other wildlife at these location and simply attribute this nature at work and normal life cycles in the wild. I've noted many, many more bird kills out on the highways, homes and office buildings where birds have flown into a closed window mistaking the reflection as open space. I realize that my comments may be dismissed by those concerned as being biased toward communication towers, but I really don't believe an issue actually exists based on my first hand observations over a 30 year period.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment and that the issue is being considered.

Respectfully yours,

Steven Herbert