

Small Group Meeting #2

Multiple Species Conservation Program – North County Plan

April 07, 2017, 9:00 - 10:30 AM

Attendees:

PDS: Melanie Casey, Eira Whitty, Chelsea Oakes

DPR: Deb Mosley

Regional Partners: Leonard Wittwer, Escondido Creek Conservancy; Doug Goad, Encinitas Harmony Grove Open Space Committee & Parks Advisory Commission; Kristi Mansolf, Ramona Community Planning Group; Trish Smith, The Nature Conservancy; Peter Fagrell, Ocean Breeze Ranch; Suzanne Hall, San Diego Zoo; Kirsten Winter, USFS - Cleveland National Forest

Small Group Member:	Question/Comment/Topic:	Response/Way Forward:
All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendees' Objectives: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doug Goad, Encinitas Harmony Grove Open Space Committee & Parks Advisory Commission: concerned about Encinitas trails, losing trails to development, and environmental quality around the trails Kirsten Winter, USFS - Cleveland National Forest: curious about the current status and plan for the North County MSCP Suzanne Hall, San Diego Zoo: part of San Diego Zoo Global's End Extinction program, working with local conservation Leonard Wittwer, Escondido Creek Conservancy: committed to working with the NC MSCP on management goals and objectives for preservation of open space for wildlife Peter Fagrell, Ocean Breeze Ranch: Planning Consultant for landowners Trish Smith, The Nature Conservancy: interested in how MSCP will build upon existing Preserve systems and address climate change, connectivity, and habitat threats
Trish Smith, The Nature Conservancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How will the North County MSCP address threats from climate change? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Preserve's adaptive management actions will include a variety of natural vegetation communities across a range of elevations to allow species and habitats to shift spatially in response to climate change.
Peter Fagrell, Ocean Breeze Ranch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will these materials be available to refer to online? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, the County is currently updating the North County MSCP website The Project Manager will follow up with attendees when it's available.
Kirsten Winter, USFS - Cleveland National Forest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has there been any reintroduction of species? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with adaptive management with restoration and reintroduction to assess whether it is feasible (in the Preserve) Plan will not preclude, but it also doesn't require it.
Suzanne Hall, San Diego Zoo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the California condor a potential species to add to the Watch List? What happens if a species becomes more threatened or a listed species moves into the Plan Area? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is not currently on the Watch List. Implementing Agreement will have a process to add species to the Covered List to MSCP if it becomes rare enough that we need to preserve it (ex. Quino in the South County).

<p>Suzanne Hall, San Diego Zoo</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What caused the decrease from 63 to 29 Covered Species List? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Because of new USFWS requirements for species-level monitoring for any listed species, the cost to monitor at the species level is cost prohibitive. • The Plan now includes Watch List Species (14 species) which may become listed in 50 years. • The other species are not prevalent in the plan area and/or are protected by other regulations.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there any funding assistance coming for the state or federal level? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neither has currently committed any money. • The costs are on County and partnering land managers. • Not related to SANDAG although the County does partner with them on land acquisitions.