

# Small Group Meeting #4

## Multiple Species Conservation Program – North County Plan

### April 18, 2017, 1:00 – 2:30 PM

#### Attendees:

**PDS:** Melanie Casey, Peter Eichar, Chelsea Oakes, Eira Whitty

**DPR:** Jennifer Price

**Regional Partners:** Wallace Tucker, Center for Conservation Strategies; Vince Ross, Center for Conservation Strategies; Kevin McKernan, San Dieguito River Park JPA; Susan Fajardo, Friends of Hellhole Canyon Preserve; Suzi Sandore, Sierra Club San Diego; Mary Clarke, Sierra Club San Diego; Scott Molloy, Newland Real Estate Group

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| All                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attendees' Objectives</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Center for Conservation Strategies: Work on acquisition of lands to contribute to the Conservancy</li> <li>Kevin McKernan, San Dieguito River Park JPA: San Dieguito River Park owns land bordering the North County Preserve Area</li> <li>Susan Fajardo, Friends of Hellhole Canyon Preserve: Interested in learning more about the MSCP</li> <li>Remaining parties arrived late to meeting.</li> </ul>  |
|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What does take authorization mean?</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regarding threatened and endangered species. The County issues a permit to developers to "take" the species (impact its habitat) provided that certain mitigation requirements are met.</li> </ul>   |
| Center for Conservation Strategies      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fallbrook's suggestions</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For acquisition efforts, maps and APNs for patches of concern can help get federal funding if patches are in PAMA.</li> <li>Camp Pendleton is a major partner.</li> </ul>  |
|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What changes have been made to the North County MSCP since 2009?</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pre-Approved Mitigation Area (PAMA) has shrunk slightly since the previous version of the North County Plan because of areas that got developed and it accounts for agricultural expansions.</li> </ul>  |
| Scott Molloy, Newland Real Estate Group | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is concern that a plan with fewer covered species will have less value to developers in the community.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The County is confident with the current Covered Species list and Watch list.</li> <li>Because of new USFWS requirements for species-level monitoring for any listed species, the cost to monitor at the species level is cost prohibitive.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Covered is for species listed as threatened or endangered. If it is not listed, no take authorization is required.</li> <li>There is difference between covered species receiving take authorization and how the plan can aid development projects conducting CEQA analysis.</li> </ul> |

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|                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How much of the existing Preserve lands are we getting credit for?</li> </ul>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will get credit for lands we've conserved to date. These lands are the "baseline preserve."</li> <li>If lands are outside of PAMA, will not receive credit.</li> </ul>   |
|                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will mitigation banks and associated RMPs change?</li> </ul>                              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If it is already approved, nothing will change.</li> </ul>   |
|                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What activities are covered?</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trail construction is a covered activity within the North County Preserve.</li> </ul>  |
|                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What does covered activity mean?</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It's a list of activities anticipated and accounted for within the plan.</li> <li>The Framework Resource Management Plan (FRMP) will serve as an umbrella guide for individual Resource Management Plans (RMP).</li> </ul> |
|                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are there adjacent agricultural lands that could be made into natural habitat?</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Generally no PAMA, but may have connectivity value so some are in PAMA. The PAMA determination looks at underlying habitat.</li> </ul>   |
|                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What are the details of uptiering and downtiering?</li> </ul>                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will be included in the Biological Mitigation Ordinance (BMO) for the North County MSCP. It is currently in draft form, starting with the South County Plan's BMO.</li> </ul>  |
| Center for Conservation Strategies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Who is the contact to discuss candidates for expansion?</li> </ul>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Crystal Benham, the North County MSCP Project Manager at <a href="mailto:Crystal.Benham@sdcounty.ca.gov">Crystal.Benham@sdcounty.ca.gov</a></li> </ul>   |