Jurisdiction Conference Call with Riverside

Multiple Species Conservation Program – North County Plan April 24, 2017, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Attendees:

PDS: Peter Eichar, Eira Whitty

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Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority (WRCRCA): Charles Landry, Executive Director, clandry@wrcrca.org; Laurie Correa, Director of

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WRCRCA	Regional Conservation Authority has an MSHCP.	The JPA authority includes 18 cities in Western Riverside. It includes National Forest land, Water Authority Land, Kangaroo Rat Preserve, Caltrans, Riverside County Transportation Commission, and State Parks.
WRCRCA	Is take authorization given for Watch List Species?	No. Species on the Watch list are not currently listed, but they could become listed within the 50-year permit term. The plan will outline a process for species to move from the watch list to the covered list.
	WRCRCA's MSHCP has 146 species in their plan	 WRC RCA does species level monitoring for all. This includes the Quino checkerspot butterfly, mountain lion. They've found a first occurrence of San Diego fairy shrimp, which they don't currently have take authority for. The rationale behind the big list is economies of scale. The habitats that have needs to be conserved for covered species are also vital habitats for common species (the same idea behind Watch List Species protection). Of the 146 species, 33 are listed. When there was an emergency species listing by the Wildlife Agencies, the process was seamless because it was already part of the 146 species in the plan. There aren't a lot of functional differences between how covered and not listed species are treated.

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WRC RCA	How are lands in the Plan Area currently or going to be managed?	 Preserved lands are monitored and managed according to Resource Management Plans (RMPs), developed specific to that preserve area. The County conducts management and monitoring on County acquired land. Land put into the preserve from private mitigation projects are managed according to the approved RMP by a private entity with an in-perpetuity funding endowment with annual reports submitted to the County. State and federal lands can be counted toward the Preserve. There is nothing to require their management and monitoring. RMPs outside of the South County Plan area are developed according to County Guidelines. After adoption of the North County plan, the Framework Resource Management Plan (FRMP) will guide the development of individual RMPS
WRC RCA	How does the plan affect public facilities and wildlife connectivity?	 Regional linkages are a priority in the North County Plan. The County is working with Caltrans on highway and wildlife crossing areas (Highway 76). County roads slated for improvements have been taken into consideration in the Preserve design. For WRC RCA: the opportunity to implement wildlife connectivity only really available when paired with freeway improvements.
PDS	What is the funding source for WRC RCA's MSHCP?	 Funding is tied to local transportation funds. In 2009, a sales tax measure was enacted for 30 years. Had to be compliant with MSHCP to receive funding. \$153 million was seed funding, currently have \$9 million left Development and mitigation fees: \$2000/home, rooftop; \$7000/acre for commercial/industrial
PDS	Does WRC RCA have management funds?	 Not really. There are 6 or 7 management units and there's a management plan for one that the Wildlife Agencies have approved. There's a management section of the MSHCP that manages everything. This includes management objectives for every species. There is a Reserve Management Oversight Committee. This Committee has no funding authority. The Board and Executive Committee make funding decisions
PDS	 How long did it take the Wildlife Agencies to approve the management plan? 	About 1 year. It was written for both present and future conservation.

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WRC RCA	 Feedback for County of San Diego 	Think there's a value in the Framework Resource Management Plan.
		Go big, particularly with the species covered by the plan.
		WRC RCA does not have private preserves. Because of this, they don't
		have to deal with resource management plans.

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