

1. Steering Committee Meeting #1 Notes

Multiple Species Conservation Program – North County Plan Materials for: Steering Committee Meeting #2 and #3

Attendees:

PDS: Mark Wardlaw, Mary Kopaskie-Brown, Peter Eichar, Crystal Benham, Melanie Causey, Claudia Anzures, Tom Oberbauer, Chelsea Oakes

DPR: Brian Albright, Christine Tolchin, Deb Mosley

DPW: LeAnn Carmichael

WAs: Doreen Stadlander, Susan Wynn, Dave Mayer

SC: Jim Whalen, Matt Adams, Eric Larson, Rikki Schroeder, Dan Silver, Brad Bartlett, Doug Goad, Ann Van Leer, Frank Landis

Matrix of Comments and Way Forward:

Steering Committee Member:	Question/Comment/Topic:	Way Forward:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Doug G.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Can the County provide list of stakeholders to the SC so that they can to ensure everyone is included?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Yes, we will provide copies of that list
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Doug G.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">What is inferred by having fewer covered species?How have we learned from previous HCPs?How does the Preserve Design affect the number of species covered by this plan?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Will discuss in Meeting #2 and #3Yes – County has reviewed recently adopted plans for best management practices, etc.Will discuss in Meeting #2 and #3
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Jim W.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">What is the watch list species? If a species is of interest to the Wildlife Agencies (WAs), we'd want it to be on the watch list.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Will discuss in Meeting #2 and #3
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Doreen S.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">When discussing Watch List/Covered Species, recommend providing definitions for clarity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">County will provide definitions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ann V.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Can the County provide a list of attendees for Stakeholder engagement so that the SC can coordinate their constituents?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Yes, we will provide the SC the RSVPs so that they may coordinate with their individual constituents on attendance
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ann V.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Do we have an MSCP website for questions?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Yes, website is: http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/mscp/nc.htmlPlease contact Crystal directly with issues/questions.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Eric L.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Can the County provide a list of Staff working on the project?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Yes, we will provide that.

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• Rikki S.	• Does everyone know the function of AECOM (Tom Oberbauer)?	• Tom was a County biologist for many years, and is serving as a consultant on biological issues for the North County Plan.
• Rikki S.	• Does everyone know Claudia Anzures?	• Claudia Anzures was legal counsel for the County for many years, and is serving as legal counsel for the North County Plan
• Rikki S.	• What relation does MSCP have to CEQA/NEPA – what is and is not covered?	• Will discuss implementation and environmental documentation during Meeting #6.
• Frank L.	• Concern about static nature of the Plan – need to focus on connectivity (people and land use). Also need to consider known vs. unknown threats. ○ Example: invasive species and green waste	• Plan will include discussion of known and unknown threats – this will be covered in Meeting #7.
• Jim W.	• Stormwater and stormwater management – coordination with MSCP needs to be discussed	• Will ensure we discuss this with Steering Committee – likely during Meeting #6.
• Ann V.	• Movement and connectivity – want to understand how this works within the North County Plan itself, and between the North County Plans and other plans in the region.	• Will ensure this larger picture overview is provided.
• Eric L.	• Need to be prepared to answer questions about East County – is there any answer? East County Plan is contentious, and some may have concerns that it will be developed as soon as North County is finished.	• For now, the County's work program is currently focused on the North County Plan. Once this effort is complete, we will get direction from the Board of Supervisors on next steps for the East County MSCP.
• Dan S.	• Regional Conservation Investment Strategy – not permit-driven. Focus is to identify conservation strategies and mitigation sites to issue mitigation credits. Is this an option for East County?	• Please see answer above – County is currently focused on North County, and will re-evaluate East County effort in the future.
• Jim W.	• USFWS – released memorandum about resolving logjams. There is a short-list, we could add North County to the list.	• County staff will work on this internally and report to Steering Committee.

Additional Notes and Questions:

Introductions & Interests

EL (Farm Bureau) – protecting agricultural interests across the County

MA (BIA) – representing the workforce of the development industry, want to see similar protections and assurances for development in the North County

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FL (Native Plant Society) – Climate change and effect on native plants

DG (Parks Advisory) – preservation of San Diego's natural habitat

JW (Alliance for Habitat Conservation) – long-term involvement in MSCP, Alliance for Habitat Conservation becoming active again for this effort

DS (Endangered Habitat League) – long-term involvement in MSCP

BB (SDRVC) – preserve and protect natural habitat & watersheds

RS (Chamber of Commerce) – balance of Quality of Life and housing in San Diego with conservation

AVL (TECC) – conservation, especially of Escondido Creek and tributaries

CDFW – balancing assurances and needs of constituents with assurances to build out preserve

USFWS – facilitate process for final draft plan to permitting

Are the roles and responsibilities for the Steering Committee clear?

Yes, no questions.

Are there any questions about the proposed agendas for future meetings? Any topics to add?

DS – How does each of these topics relate or not relate to the chapters of the Working Draft?

The Plan is interwoven so that pieces span several chapters. These topics are found throughout the plan and a subject-oriented approach will be more beneficial than the County providing individual chapters for review without context.

– Should we have subgroups for interests that may take up a lot of time (i.e. funding)?

County staff will discuss.

MA – How far in advance will we receive the meeting documents and what will we be sent? Will meeting objectives be provided?

One week ahead of time information will be provided. Specific portions of the Plan relating to the meeting topic will be provided for review and discussion. Issues and questions will be posed, as well as legal requirements and authority so that you may fully understand the topic.

JW – What is the watch list species? If a species were of interest to the WAs, we would want it to be on the watch list.

Parking lot. In summary, a species that may need to be protected in the future.

– What is the best way for us to respond to pose questions or discussion topics?

Send info to Crystal (see contact information in your binder).

Are there specific stakeholders we should be reaching out to?

Table will be provided for review by Steering Committee.