

## DRAFT

### Vegetation Communities – Questions and Answers

Question	Answer
1. I remain to be convinced that this Plan is succeeding in being a habitat-based plan based on the Covered Species list.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Plan has provisions for preserving both species and vegetation communities – it is a habitat-based species conservation Plan, and the preserve was modeled based both on species and vegetation community locations.</li><li>• The corridors connect to other HCPs/conserved lands outside the County's jurisdiction. We don't have to monitor umbrella species to understand if the linkages are working.</li></ul>
2. For all the vegetation community maps provided for meeting #3, what is the data source?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We used our vegetation data created for the County in 1995 using the Holland code. This data has since been updated using new data as well as aerial imaging to analyze urban expansion.</li></ul>
3. Do you have a record of the vegetation changes that have occurred over the years? Is this producible for the committee?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• See map provided during meeting #4.</li></ul>
4. Are Vernal Pools found elsewhere besides Ramona?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Most of the remaining vernal pools in the Plan Area occur in the Ramona Planning Unit. There may also be vernal pools within privately-owned land in the Guejito-Pauma Planning Unit; however, acreages have not been identified as of 2016 and were not included in this analysis.</li></ul>