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## North County Multiple Species Conservation Program

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## What Is MSCP?

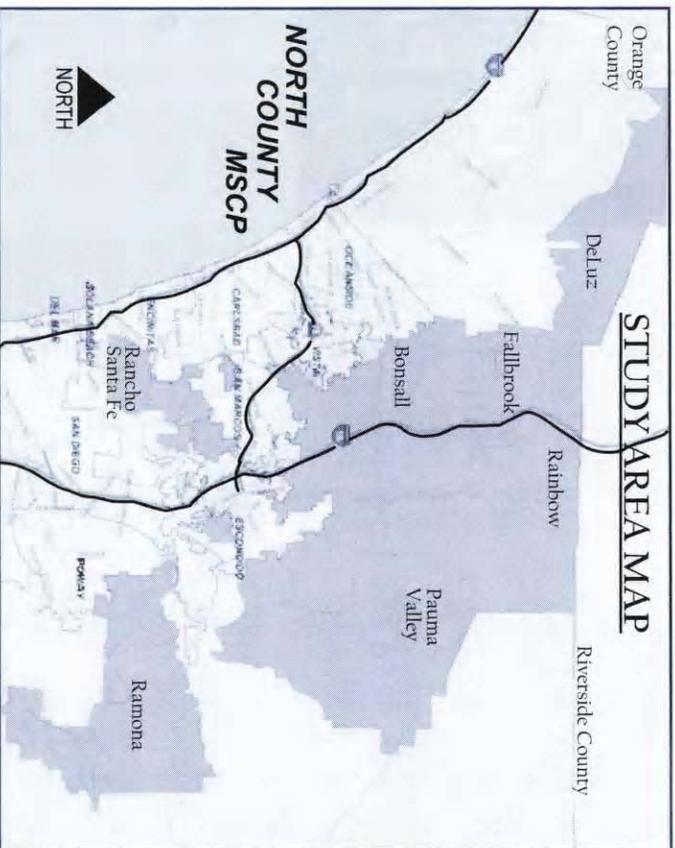
The Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) is an integral part of the County's efforts to protect parks and open space. The protection of sensitive plant and animal species by the MSCP eliminates the need to list the species as endangered under the Endangered Species Acts. A program for the North County area (see map) is currently being developed.

The goal of the MSCP is to maintain and enhance biological diversity and populations of endangered, threatened, and key sensitive species. This type of conservation planning will also promote regional economic viability through streamlining the land use permit process – a significant benefit to landowners. As sensitive species are protected by the MSCP, residents will benefit from the preservation of the natural environment as well.

Visit the MSCP website to learn more ([www.MSCP-sandiego.org](http://www.MSCP-sandiego.org)). Read about the completed MSCP in South County and the North County planning efforts, including a draft map. View an interactive map and find your property or community at [www.sangis.org](http://www.sangis.org).

## Environmental Review Process

Under state and federal laws, this project must be analyzed for its environmental impacts, such as how it affects biological resources, population and housing, regional transportation, agriculture, cultural resources, and land use.



The environmental review process for the North County MSCP will start this spring. This process involves several opportunities for public involvement, including a scoping meeting, review of draft and final documents, and public comment periods. All events will be publicly advertised as legal notices in local newspapers, the MSCP website, and through other means.

## How this may affect future development

- ◆ Predefined biological conservation standards will provide greater certainty in development planning.
- ◆ Obtaining endangered species permits will be streamlined for development projects conforming to plan, saving considerable time.
- ◆ Flexible preserve system will allow development within the target preserve area that conforms to plan guidelines.

## We want your input!

- ◆ Attend future workshops and hearings
- ◆ Submit comments to the County via letter, e-mail, or phone.
- ◆ Request to be added to the email list to receive future notices directly. (Please send request to email address below.)
- ◆ Watch for future public notices and meetings advertised in your local newspaper and on the MSCP website.

## MSCP Contact Information

Website: [www.MSCP-sandiego.org](http://www.MSCP-sandiego.org)  
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