North County Multiple Species Conservation Plan (North County Plan)

Public Scoping Meeting April 1, 2025



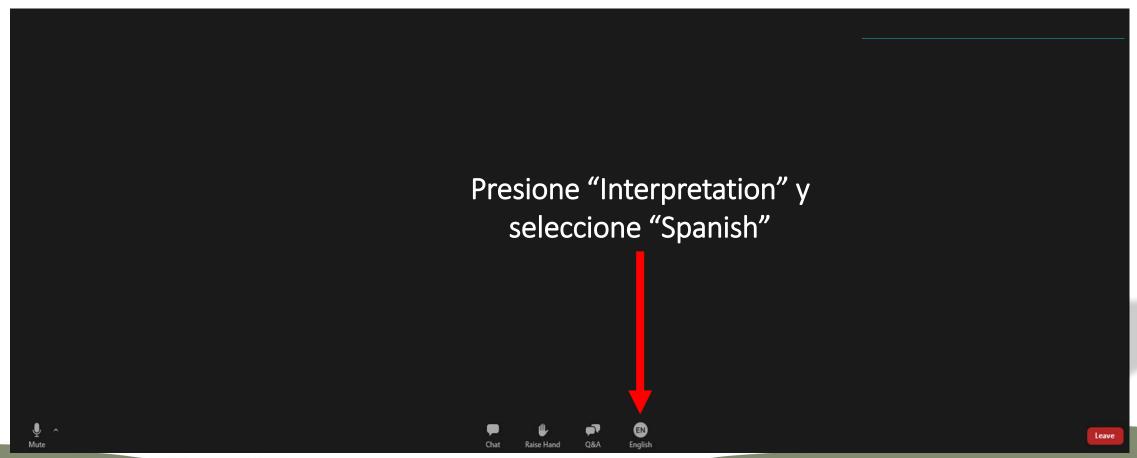






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Agenda

- North County Plan Summary
- EIR Overview
- Project Timeline
- Your Input on Scope of the North County Plan EIR



How to Participate



Submit Comments/Questions During the Meeting



Raise Hand at End of Meeting for Verbal Comments

Use the Q&A feature at the bottom of your screen

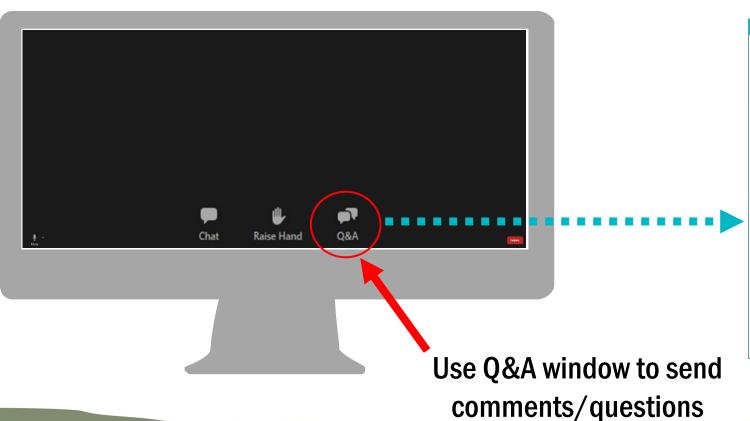


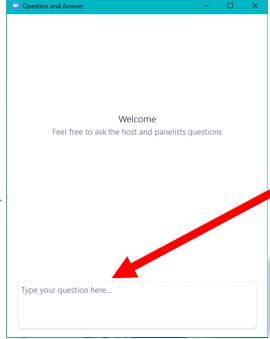




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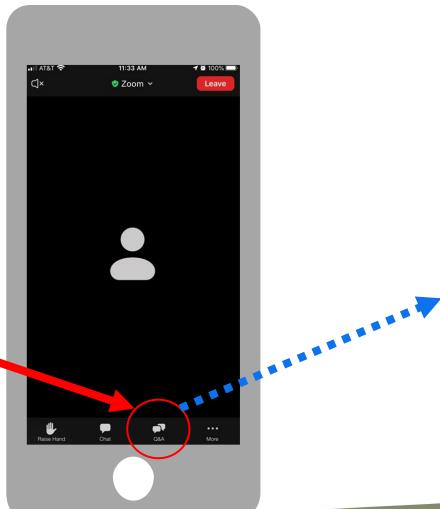


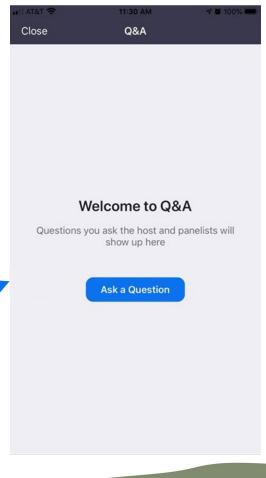
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Access the Q&A window to send comments/questions







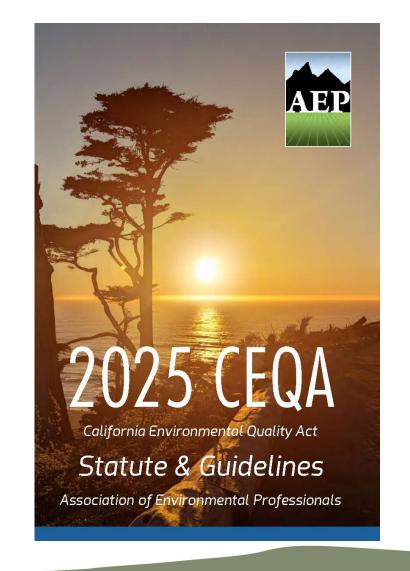






Purpose of the Scoping Meeting

- Provide information about the North County Plan early in the CEQA process
- Articulate the CEQA process, next steps, and opportunities for public input and comment on the Plan and EIR
- Solicit your input on the scope of the environmental analysis, including environmental issues, alternatives, and mitigation measures we should study in the EIR

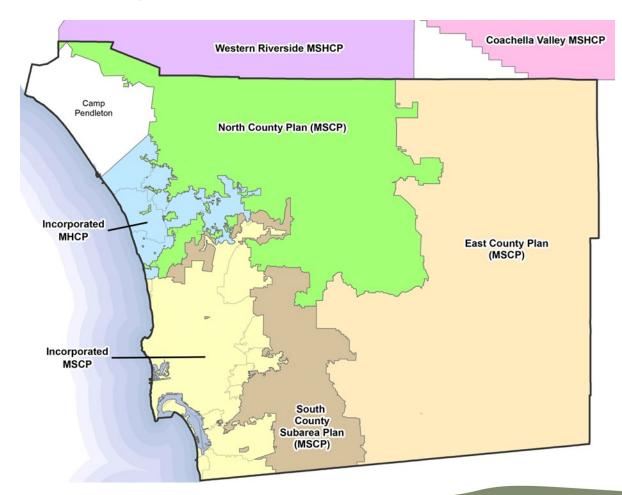






Project Summary: North County Plan

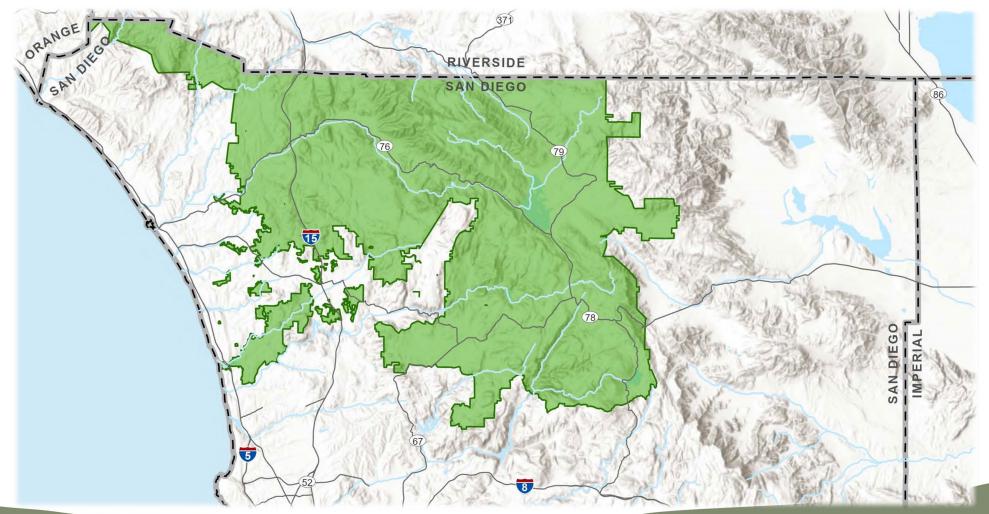
- Long-term, regional habitat conservation program for transfer of permit issuing authority
- Balance protection of biological resources with development and infrastructure
- Streamlines development process







Project Location: North County Plan







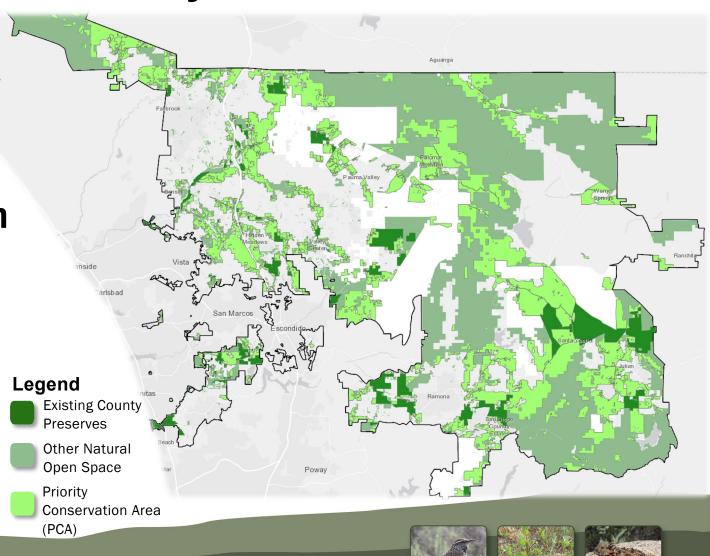
Project Location: North County Plan

North County Open Space Network

Includes all existing and future conserved lands

North County Plan Preserve System

- Includes conserved lands within County's land use jurisdiction managed to Plan requirements
- Future conservation within the PCA will contribute





Plan would facilitate creation and management of the North County Plan Preserve System, which would:

- Conserve the natural communities and 40 covered species (31 animals and 9 plant species) by the Plan
- Establish monitoring and adaptive management
- Allow species to move freely and maintain ecological processes
- Benefit other sensitive species





The North County Plan would:

- Facilitate a streamlined permitting process for development
- Identify parcels most suitable for potential future conservation (i.e., PCA)

The North County Plan would not:

- Authorize additional development beyond that in the General Plan
- Preclude vegetation clearing for fire protection and suppression when authorized by the County's Consolidated Fire Code or local fire agency





Covered projects and activities would include:

- Private development projects
- County projects and activities
- Implementation of the conservation actions within the North County Plan Preserve System







Fire clearing is currently <u>exempt</u> from the County's Grading, Clearing, and Watercourses Ordinance when authorized in writing by the local fire agency, thus **does not** require a clearing permit

The North County Plan fire clearing policies would include:

- On improved properties, by-right clearing of up to 2 acres (inside PCA) and 5 acres (outside PCA) are <u>exempt</u> from the Biological Mitigation Ordinance
- On improved and unimproved property, additional vegetation clearing as authorized in writing by the local fire agency are <u>exempt</u> from the Biological Mitigation Ordinance
- Lands within the North County Plan Preserve System must plan for fire management





EIR Scope of Issues

- Notice of Preparation (NOP) issued March 6, 2025, for a 30-day public review period with comments due on April 5, 2025
- Project Initial Study (attachment to the NOP) prepared for the Project to evaluate potential impacts of Plan implementation, which is available at:

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/ceqa_public_review.html

 Initial Study identified potentially significant impacts requiring further study in the EIR



EIR Scope of Issues (Cont.)

20 Potential Environmental Factors

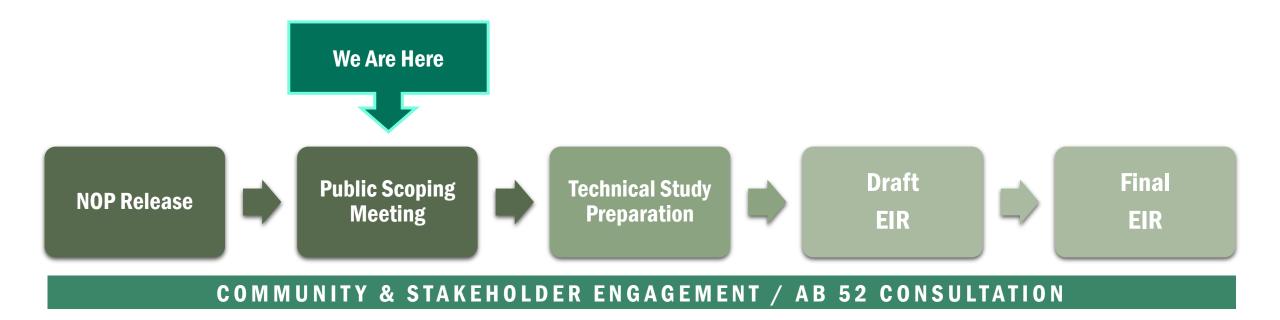
- Aesthetics
- Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology, Soils (Paleontological Resources)
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards & Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality

- Land Use and Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services (Parks)
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Wildfire





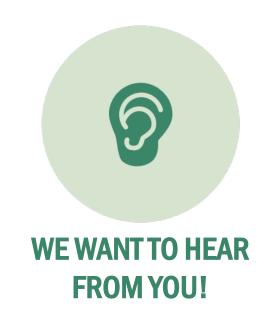
Project Timeline







Step 1- Join Us!







Check out our project website: bit.ly/NorthCountyMSCP

Engagement portal: engage.sandiegocounty.gov/northcountyplan

Email us at: MSCP@sdcounty.ca.gov





Step 2- Submit Your NOP Comments

Email Us:

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Write Us:

County of San Diego
Planning & Development Services
Attn: Stephanie Neal – North County Plan Project Lead
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