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## **NOTICE OF PREPARATION DOCUMENTATION AND PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

March 6, 2025

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the County of San Diego (County), Department of Planning & Development Services Sustainability Planning Division, will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the project below. The County is seeking public and agency input on the scope and content of the environmental information to be contained in the EIR. An Initial Study (IS) document, which contains a description of the probable environmental effects of the project, can be reviewed at the following website link: [https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/ceqa\\_public\\_review.html](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/ceqa_public_review.html)

### **NORTH COUNTY MULTIPLE SPECIES CONSERVATION PLAN**

The North County Multiple Species Conservation Plan (North County Plan, Plan, or Project) is a joint Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan (HCP/NCCP) that would provide take coverage for 40 species, specifically 31 animals and 9 plant species (Covered Species). The Plan also aims to conserve and protect habitats for the Covered Species by creating and managing a North County Preserve (Preserve). Monitoring and adaptive management would ensure habitat conservation and aid in species recovery. Implementation of the Plan would create a connected Preserve, allowing species to move freely and maintain ecological processes. The North County Plan Area (Plan Area) represents the geographic boundary that defines the extent of the analysis for the development of the North County Plan and encompasses the northwestern unincorporated areas of San Diego County, totaling 699,411 acres. The EIR, consistent with CEQA, will include sufficient information to facilitate meaningful public review and informed public decision-making regarding the significant effects on the environment that may be caused by the project.

Consistent with Section 21083.9 of the CEQA Statutes, an online/phone-in scoping meeting will be held to solicit comments on the NOP. This meeting will be held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting may be accessed at this web link:

[https://sdcountry-ca-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_MkgzFclhQEeTEcmeC9uajg](https://sdcountry-ca-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_MkgzFclhQEeTEcmeC9uajg)

Comments on this NOP document must be received no later than April 5, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. (a 30-day public review period). Comments must be sent to Stephanie Neal, Planning & Development Services, 5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 210, San Diego, CA 92123, or emailed to [MSCP@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:MSCP@sdcounty.ca.gov) with “North County Plan – NOP Scoping Comments” in the subject line. For additional information regarding the North County Plan, please contact Stephanie Neal by e-mail at [Stephanie.Neal@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Stephanie.Neal@sdcounty.ca.gov).