

## 2. Question and Content for Steering Committee Meeting #6

### Multiple Species Conservation Program – North County Plan

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#### Conservation Analysis Part I: Goals and Objectives

1. **Question:** Using the multi-tiered approach to setting goals, are we able to meet the needs for the Plan and the Stakeholders?
- **Supporting Content for Questions:** North County Plan has goals and objectives, which are produced by the conservation analysis, at multiple levels. We call this a “multi-tiered” approach to conservation planning. Current goals within the North County Plan are shown below.
  1. Landscape-Level Goal: Develop a Preserve with large blocks of contiguous natural vegetation communities to support populations of Covered Species, which are linked to each other and areas of protected habitat adjacent to the Plan Area
  2. Planning Unit Goal: Conserve natural vegetation communities and covered species within each of the eight Planning Units.
  3. Preserve Connectivity Goal: Ensure regional connectivity along linkages, conserve wildlife corridors within the Preserve, and connect adjacent HCP core areas for a range of species.
  4. Vegetation Communities Goal: Have large areas of conserved vegetation communities throughout the Plan Area sufficient to maintain viable occurrences of covered species utilizing each habitat.
  5. Covered Species Goal: Sustain viable occurrences of covered species and conserve host vegetation communities to support suitable habitat within the Plan Area.

#### Conservation Analysis Part II: Tools to Build the Preserve

2. **Question:** Do you have any suggested tools that should be considered to meet the goals and objectives for the North County Plan?
- **Supporting Content for Questions:** In the Conservation Analysis, we currently consider three key components to build the preserve (meet the goals and objectives):
  1. Baseline – lands already included in dedicated preserves
  2. Planned Development
    - Projects – anticipated preserve areas that are expected to be set aside due to implementation of specific private and public projects
    - Acquisition – land that the County plans to purchase as mitigation for public projects or to account for covered activities with qualified exemptions
  3. Future Development
    - Conservation Subdivision Ordinance – anticipated land that will be avoided due to implementation of the County’s Conservation Subdivision Ordinance
    - Mitigation – land that will be set aside as mitigation based on established mitigation ratios per vegetation community
    - Avoidance – land that will be avoided based on requirements to avoid sensitive habitats

In addition to Baseline, Planned Development, and Future Development, other methods to achieve the preserve could include:

- Change single family or agricultural exemptions
- Change vegetation tiers
- Change mitigation ratios
- Implement or utilize incentive programs such as:
  - PACE-like Program
  - Carbon/Greenhouse Gas Cap and Trade Program
  - MS4 Alternative Compliance Program