

Jurisdictional Meeting
Multiple Species Conservation Program – North County Plan
March 28, 2017, 1:00-3:00 PM

Attendees:

PDS: Peter Eichar, Crystal Benham, Jennifer Price

Jurisdiction Attendees: Mike Strong – City of Escondido, Jeff Hunt and Bill Ramsey – City of Oceanside, Dena Emmerson and Rosanne Humphrey – City of Carlsbad, Bill Chopyk – City of Solana Beach

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Peter Eichar, PDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is your knowledge of the MSCP so far/where is your jurisdiction currently with respect to conservation planning? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carlsbad: currently have adopted MSCP – in implementation stage for past 12 years Oceanside: drafted a plan in 2007/2008 – working to get policy direction from Council on next steps. Currently revisiting financial obligations to determine if there are any feasible alternatives. For example, could the General Plan be amended to include MSCP policies? Escondido: excited to hear about other North County efforts – currently looking at overall approach from neighboring jurisdictions to determine next steps. Solana Beach: area largely built-out, not currently considering adoption of a MSCP. General Plan has many conservation-related policies.
Bill Ramsey, City of Oceanside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Could you explain the South County “Subarea” Plan vs. the North County Plan? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A MSCP was prepared by the County of San Diego, City of San Diego, and City of Chula Vista. The County has a separate plan that covers just its jurisdiction within the southern part of the County of San Diego – this is referred to as the “South County Subarea Plan”. The North County Plan, in contrast, is being prepared by just the County of San Diego.
Bill Ramsey, City of Oceanside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the County considering mitigation banks? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No, not currently. There are private mitigation banks within the North County area, but the County is not currently considered establishing its own mitigation banks.
Jeff Hunt, City of Oceanside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Considering impacts to non-native grasslands? We understand that this was not considered in the Orange County MSCP. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, the North County Plan does have considerations to impacts to non-native grasslands – they are considered to be a habitat type for some of the covered species.
Mike Strong, City of Escondido	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any pushback to completing this scale at the regional level? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No, not that staff is aware of. The County has divided the MSCP in to three large areas: South, North, and East based on vegetation types and other factors.
Mike Strong, City of Escondido	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will the North County Plan have stringent requirements (percentages) for conservation? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current draft of the North County Plan has mitigation ratios and other requirements based on species and vegetation types. The Plan does not currently propose stringent requirements for projects to preserve and develop only a certain percentage of land.

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Rosanne Humphrey, City of Carlsbad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will the North County Plan have standards or recommendations for project design? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No, the County generally does not tell applicants how to meet regulatory standards. We will help applicants understand applicable criteria – but the way that they meet the criteria is up to them.
Bill Chopyk, City of Solana Beach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where is the Lilac Hills Ranch project? Is it included? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The North County Plan does not currently include designations or information for this specific project. Staff believes that it is largely included outside of the Pre-Approved Mitigation Area (PAMA).
Rosanne Humphrey, City of Carlsbad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City of Carlsbad’s MSCP includes specific width requirements for corridors – will the North County Plan have something similar? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, we do have goals and objectives for wildlife corridors – there are width requirements for certain key linkage areas.
Bill Ramsey, City of Oceanside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the Board of Supervisors supportive of this effort? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, preparation of the North County Plan is currently a priority in our work program. We will continue to update the Board on specifics of the Plan as it is prepared.
Mike Strong, City of Escondido	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How will the County handle future annexations of lands into incorporated cities? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently, there are provisions for annexations within the County’s Planning Agreement with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and California Department of Fish and Wildlife. After the Plan is adopted, we will have an Implementation Agreement that will also have standards and provisions for annexations.
Bill Ramsey, City of Oceanside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the Plan obligate the County to acquire and manage land? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes, the Plan will include commitments from the County to meet specific goals and objectives, and also monitor and manage lands in the future. There is an entire chapter in the Plan on funding obligations.
Crystal Benham, PDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How would your agencies like to be involved moving forward? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would like to remain on email list, and would also like to hear more about specifics on financing as Plan is developed.