

# Multiple Species Conservation Program



## NORTH COUNTY PLAN



Steering Committee Meeting #1

February 24, 2017

# Agenda



1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Meeting Purpose and Objectives
3. MSCP/North County Plan Background & Overview
4. 2017 MSCP and North County Plan Context
5. Development of the Preliminary Draft North County Plan

# Welcome and Introductions



## Roles and Responsibilities

### 1. Steering Committee

- Examine NCCP/HCP policies
- Review parts of the Plan
- Serve as a sounding board
- Assist in preparation of the Plan

### 2. Wildlife Agencies

- Provide technical expertise
- Share information for preparation/implementation

### 3. County of San Diego

- Prepare Plan in an open and transparent process
- Obtain input from a balanced variety of interests

# Welcome and Introductions



## Ground Rules\*

1. All perspectives are valued
2. Focus on new input
3. Listen as an ally
4. Be concise
5. Have fun

## Build Consensus

\*Source: Professor John Barkai, William S. Richardson School of Law

# Welcome and Introductions



## Meeting Structure, Content and Expectations:

1. Materials distributed in advance
2. Please come prepared to discuss meeting content
3. Meetings will be focused on gathering input on key topics and elements of the North County Plan

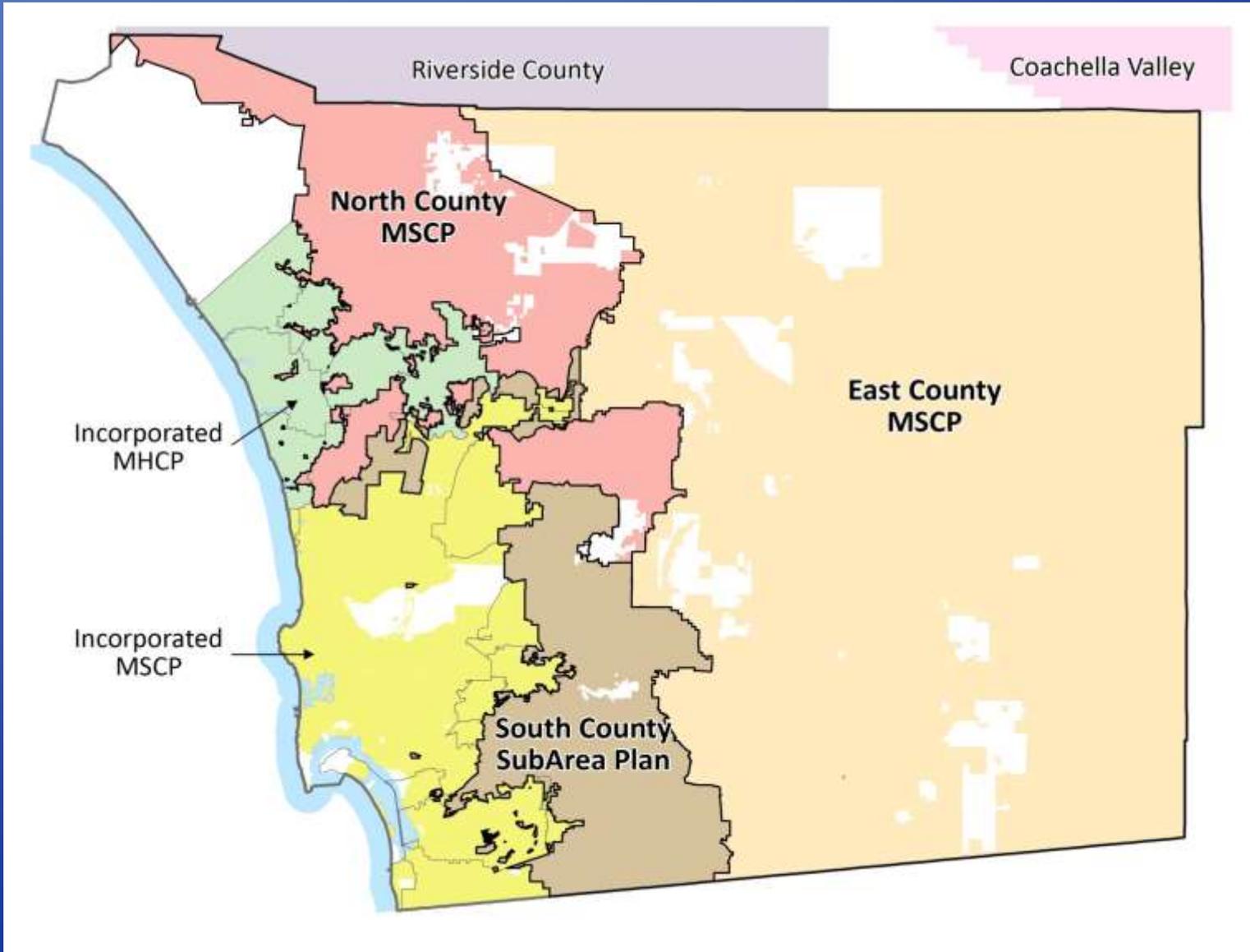
# Meeting Purpose and Objectives

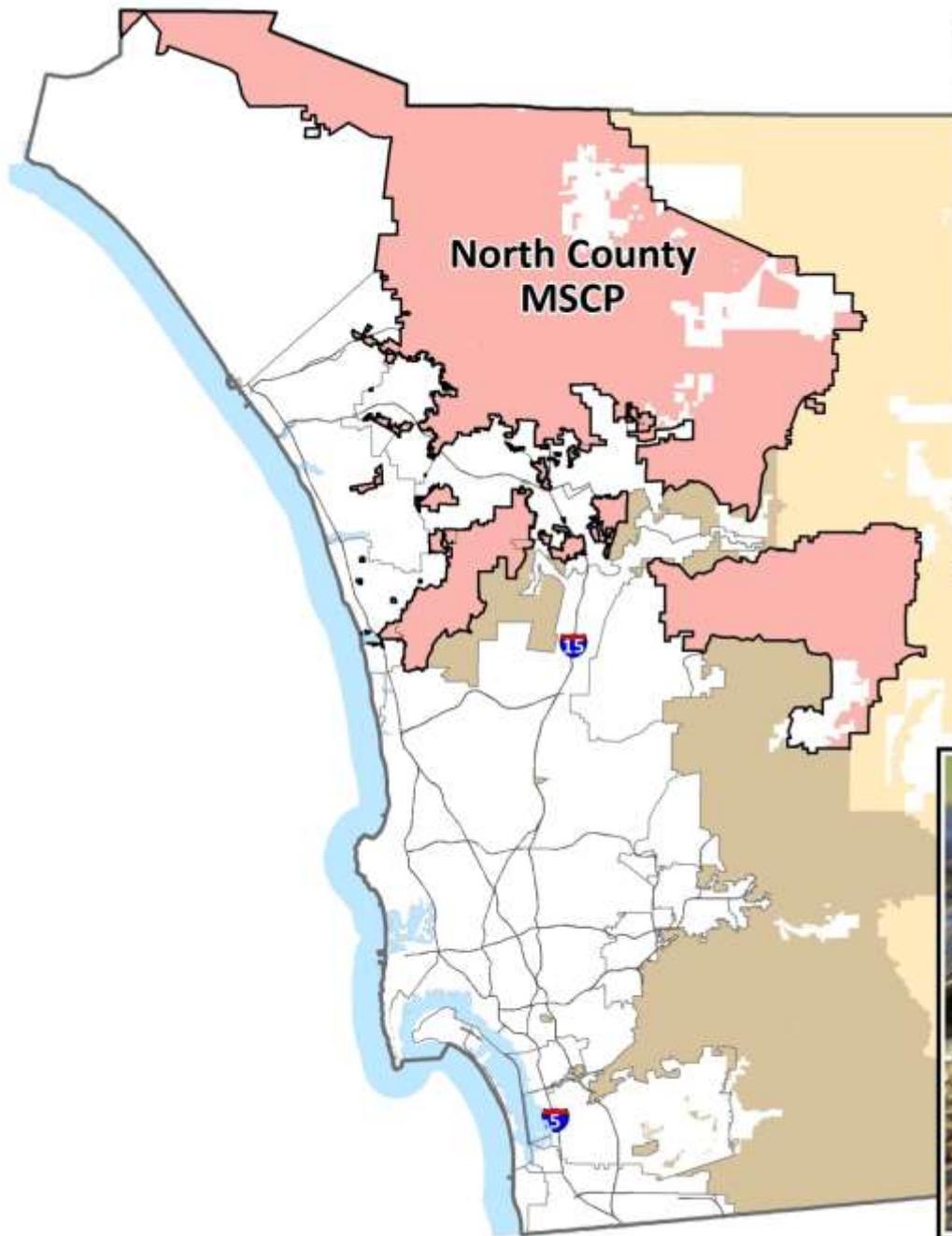


## Objectives for Today's Meeting:

1. Describe the overall purpose and context of the San Diego County MSCP and North County Plan
2. Describe the work plan, key milestones, and schedule for completing the Preliminary Draft North County Plan
3. Describe what the County is asking of the Steering Committee in the development of the Preliminary Draft North County Plan
4. Listen to the Steering Committee's initial ideas and perspectives

# MSCP Background and Overview





# Why We Need the Plan: Benefits



- Conserve natural areas and quality of life
- Protect diversity of native plants and animals, including endangered species
- Accommodate future growth by streamlining building regulations



# Why We Need the Plan: Land Development Process Example



	<b>Without MSCP*</b>	<b>With MSCP</b>
<b>County project processing</b>	Evaluate for CEQA and RPO compliance	Evaluate CEQA and conformance with BMO/RPO to issue Incidental Take
<b>Wildlife Agency processing</b>	Evaluate NEPA and HCP to issue Incidental Take	Single permitting process
<b>Potential costs of Wildlife Agency Take Authorization</b>	Additional costs and time for permit and consultant fees	No additional costs (assuming species covered under MSCP)
<b>Regulatory Assurances</b>	“No surprises” only assured after HCP is prepared and approved	If in compliance with MSCP, “no surprises” provision applies
<b>Long-Term Considerations</b>	6-year statute of limitations (NEPA)	30 day statute of limitations (CEQA)

Example for a <40-acre subdivision project with a federally-listed species on the site

\*Assumes that Planning Agreement is eliminated, along with process to issue Habitat Loss Permits

# MSCP Overview : Terms



- Terms approved by San Diego County Board of Supervisors on October 11, 1995
- Terms drafted using input from various stakeholder groups
- North County Plan anticipated to largely meet the terms
- Terms will be referenced during future Steering Committee meetings

# 2017 Context: Regulatory



## 1. HCP Handbook

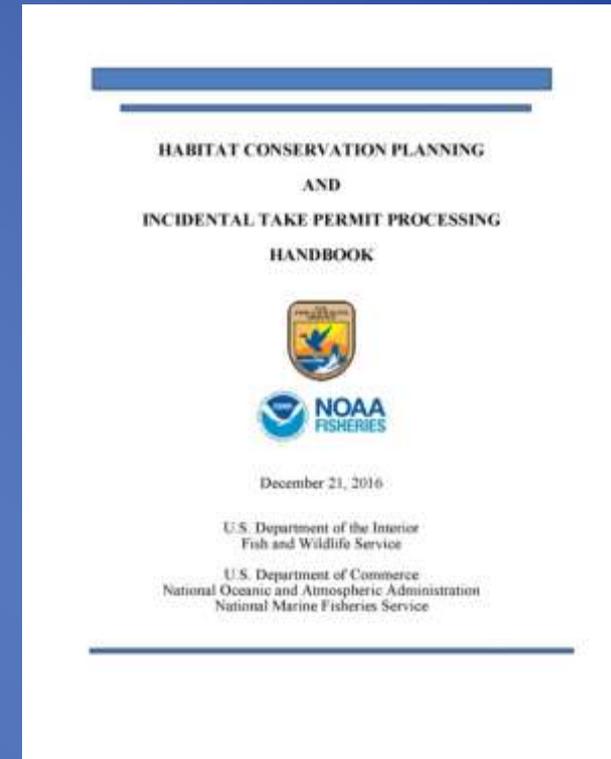
- Originally published: 1996
  - ✓ 1998 No Surprises Policy
  - ✓ 2000 Five-Point Policy
- Revised HCP Handbook: 2016
  - ✓ Reflects regulatory, scientific and other changes
  - ✓ Example: climate change

## 2. NCCP Act

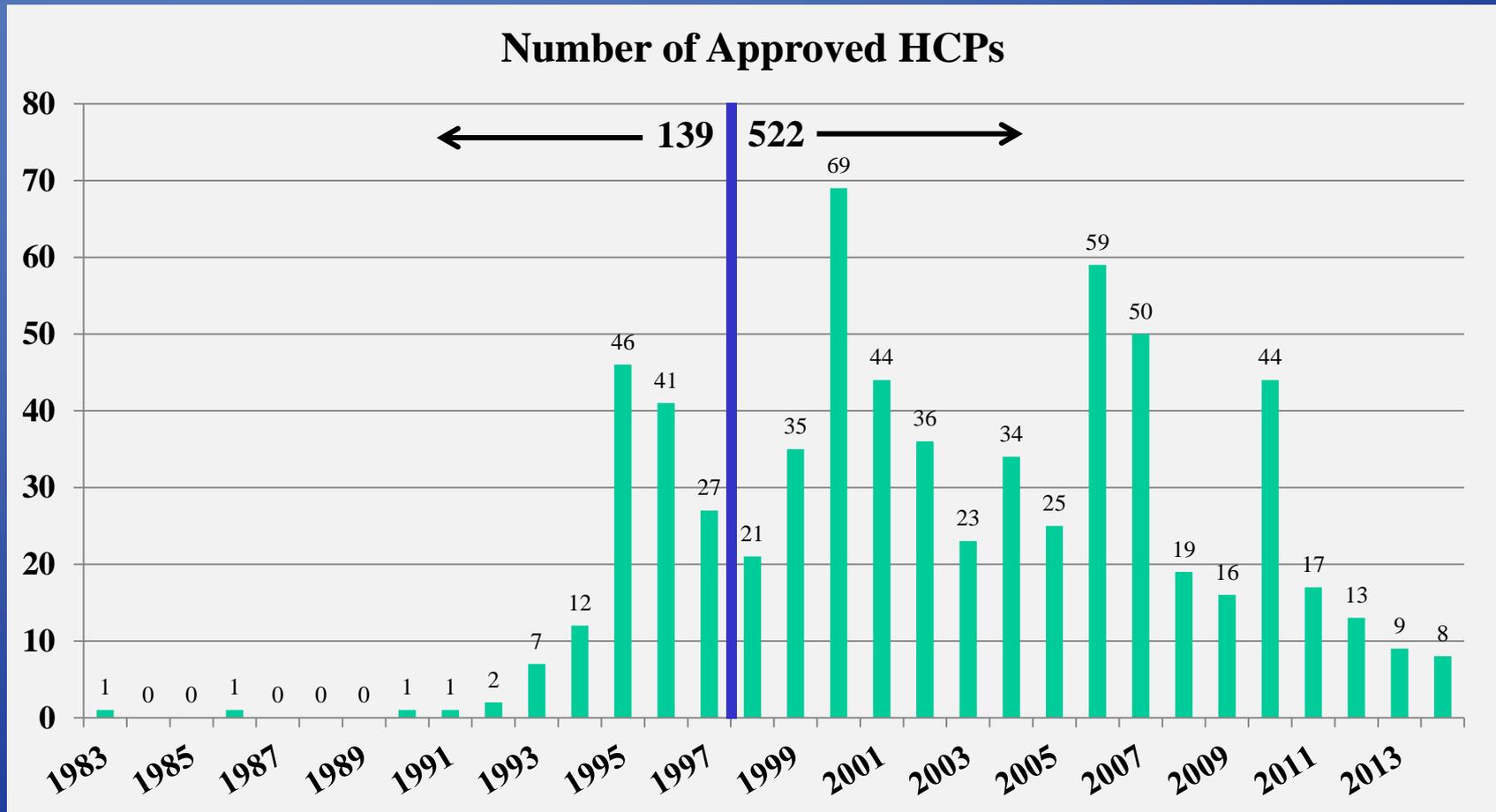
- Originally enacted: 1991
  - ✓ Amended: 1997 and 2000
- Superseded by NCCP Act of 2003
  - ✓ Amended: 2011 and 2012

## 3. Case Law

## 4. Nationwide Lessons-Learned



# 2017 Context: HCPs Approved



# 2017 Context: SMART Goals



## Example of Regulatory Change: SMART Objectives

- S: specific
- M: measurable
- A: achievable
- R: result-oriented
- T: time-fixed

SMART Objectives - Supported by USFWS

# 2017 Context: 2009 Public Draft



## Balancing Conflicting Comments:

- Number of species
- Level of commitment
- Mitigation ratios for unavoidable impacts
- Goals for each Planning Segment
- Cultural resources requirements

# 2017 Context: 2009 Public Comments



## Comment

## Resolution

1. Different than South	1. Regulatory changes apply to North
2. Other sensitive species	2. Watch List added
3. Update data	3. Updated Conservation Analysis
4. Annexations	4. Section added
5. Public access	5. FRMP and trails information defined
6. Long-term Plan funding	6. Funding chapter added
7. Management/monitoring (function & cost)	7. Details added in Plan and FRMP
8. Hard line projects	8. Information provided about how projects categorized in the Plan
9. Clearing (residential/agricultural)	9. Grading and clearing consistent with General Plan

# 2017 Context: 2016 Draft



- Wildlife Agencies asked the County to:
  - ✓ Include the Conservation Analysis
  - ✓ Make Goals and Objectives “SMART”
  - ✓ Clearly Identify Covered Activities and Impacts
  - ✓ Provide Assurances:
    - Assembling preserve
    - Management
    - Monitoring
    - Funding



# 2017 Context: South vs. North County



- Development of PAMA
  - ✓ North County Plan included SITES model
- Species
  - ✓ Number and type
- Watch List
- Expanded use and integration of:
  - ✓ Biological goals and objectives
  - ✓ Adaptive management
  - ✓ Monitoring
  - ✓ Permit duration
  - ✓ Public participation

# Development of the Preliminary Draft North County Plan



## Steering Committee Schedule Overview:

#	Date	Time	Topic
1	February 24	10:00am-12:00pm	Introduction, Background, Issue Identification
2	March 6	1:00-3:00pm	Methodology for preserve design and covered species
3	March 16	2:00-4:00pm	Watch list species
4	April 5	9:00-11:00am	Covered activities
5	April 25	2:00-4:00pm	Conservation and impact analysis
6	May 15	2:00-4:00pm	Implementing documents
7	June 7	9:00-11:00am	Management/monitoring and funding
8	June 29	2:00-4:00pm	Wrap-Up
9	July 20	1:00-3:00pm	<i>Additional meeting if needed</i>

# Development of the Preliminary Draft North County Plan



## Stakeholder Engagement:

- Agriculture
- Development Community
- Environmental Community
- Recreation Users
- Tribes
- SANDAG & Water Authority
- Adjacent Cities and Counties

# Discussion 1: Are roles clear?



## Roles and Responsibilities

### 1. Steering Committee

- Examine NCCP/HCP policies
- Review parts of the Plan
- Serve as a sounding board
- Assist in preparation of the Plan

### 2. Wildlife Agencies

- Provide technical expertise
- Share information for preparation/implementation

### 3. County of San Diego

- Prepare Plan in an open and transparent process
- Obtain input from a balanced variety of interests

# Discussion 2: Questions about agenda topics?



## Meeting Schedule Overview:

#	Date	Time	Topic
1	February 24	10:00am-12:00pm	Introduction, Background, Issue Identification
2	March 6	1:00-3:00pm	Methodology for preserve design and covered species
3	March 16	2:00-4:00pm	Watch list species
4	April 5	9:00-11:00am	Covered activities
5	April 25	2:00-4:00pm	Conservation and impact analysis
6	May 15	2:00-4:00pm	Implementing documents
7	June 7	9:00-11:00am	Management/monitoring and funding
8	June 29	2:00-4:00pm	Wrap-Up
9	July 20	1:00-3:00pm	<i>Additional meeting if needed</i>



# Discussion 3: Specific stakeholders?

- Agriculture
- Development Community
- Environmental Community
- Recreation Users
- Tribes
- SANDAG & Water Authority
- Adjacent Cities and Counties

# Discussion 4: Anything else?

