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Key Points and Importance – General

- **What it is:**
 - Joint Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan
 - Meets federal and state Endangered Species Act (ESA) regulations
- **Who is involved:**
 - County in conjunction with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- **Where it is:** unincorporated portions of northern San Diego County
- **Why we need it:**
 - ESA regulates potential impacts (“take”) to endangered species and their habitat
 - North County Plan will extend “take” authorization to the County for specific species within northern San Diego County
 - Allows habitat planning at larger landscape level
 - Streamlines future permitting for development projects
- **When it will be prepared:**
 - March-July 2017: stakeholder outreach for North County Plan
 - Fall/Winter 2017: release public draft North County Plan and initiate environmental documentation (CEQA/NEPA)
 - 2018-2019: prepare environmental documentation
 - 2020: Board of Supervisors consider adoption
 - 2021: Final permitting
- **How it will work – 3 main components discussed with Steering Committee to date:**
 - Species:
 - Will provide “take authorization” for 29 special status species (covered species)
 - Will establish goals and objectives that will ensure the protection of these species
 - Additional 14 “watch list” species may need take coverage in future
 - Vegetation Communities:
 - Will establish goals and objectives for 7 natural vegetation communities
 - By preserving vegetation communities, protects habitat for species
 - Preserve:
 - County commits to developing Preserve over 50-year period
 - Designed to protect 63 special status species and 7 vegetation communities
 - Will be assembled within a Pre-Approved Mitigation Area (PAMA)