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Key Points and Importance – Vegetation Communities

Definition and Background

- Definition – when plants grow together in a predictable pattern, the assembly of plants is referred to as a vegetation community
- North County Plan Area contains 7 natural vegetation communities:
 - Scrub
 - Chaparral
 - Grassland, Meadows and Seep
 - Vernal Pool
 - Bog and Marsh
 - Riparian and Bottomland Habitat
 - Upland Woodland and Forest

Relationship to Species

- North County Plan is a habitat-based species conservation plan
- North County Plan must include goals and objectives to ensure the conservation of natural vegetation communities and species
- Conserving vegetation communities will also conserve and protect other species not included within the covered list or watch list