AGENDA
Steering Committee Meeting, East County Plan
County Administration Center (CAC)
Tower 7 (7th Floor)
1600 Pacific Coast Highway, San Diego, CA
January 22, 2009
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

1:00 p.m. **Introductions (Tom Oberbauer)**

1:05 p.m. **Steering Committee Meeting Minutes-December 2008 (Tom Oberbauer)**

1:15 p.m. **Review Draft Outline of the East County Plan Text (Jared Underwood)**

1:30 p.m. **Preliminary Draft Preserve Map Recap (Jared Underwood/Sabrina Ozturk)**

1:45 p.m. **Next Steps/Upcoming Meeting (Tom Oberbauer)**

Steering Committee Meeting **Topic**: Revised Draft Preserve Map Follow Up (Streamlining under MSCP)	**March 26, 2009** **1:00 pm – 3:00 pm** 1600 Pacific Coast Hwy. (CAC) Tower 7 (7th Floor)

1:50 p.m. **Opportunity for Public Comment (Tom Oberbauer)**

2:15 p.m. **Preliminary Draft Preserve Map-Informal Question/Answer Session (Staff)**

3:00 p.m. **Closing Comments (Tom Oberbauer)**

Attachments:

1. PowerPoint Presentation
2. Steering Committee Member List
3. Draft Steering Committee Meeting Minutes (December 11, 2008)
4. Preliminary Draft Preserve Map for East County Plan

EAST COUNTY PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING # 7

January 22, 2009

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Draft outline of East County Plan text
- Preliminary draft preserve map recap
- Informal question/answer session on map



DRAFT OUTLINE PLAN TEXT

PLAN TEXT OVERVIEW

- Plan Area description
- Conservation planning methods
- Impacts to Plan Area
- Preserve assembly and financing
- Preserve analysis
- Development policies and regulations
- Legal responsibilities/admin. procedures
- Preserve management and monitoring

PLAN AREA DESCRIPTION

- Geographic setting
- Land ownership and land use
- Vegetation communities
- Existing open space preserves
- Human population



CONSERVATION PLANNING METHODS

- Preserve design principles
- Data
- Preserve design methods
- Public participation
- Coordination



IMPACTS

- Development
- Agriculture
- Fire clearing



PRESERVE ASSEMBLY AND FINANCING

- Public contributions
- Private contributions
- Preserve costs
    1. Assembly
    2. Management
    3. Monitoring



- Other methods of habitat conservation

PRESERVE ANALYSIS

- Vegetation communities
- Species
    1. Predicted habitat
    2. Known occurrences



POLICES AND REGULATIONS

- Mitigation
- Project design criteria and review
- Wetlands conservation
- Species-specific conservation
- Exceptions and exemptions
- Wildlife and roadways
- Covered activities

LEGAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

- Compliance with HCP / NCCP requirements
- Take authorization
- Federal and state participation
- Annual reporting
- Changed circumstances

PRESERVE MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING

- Species-specific goals
- Techniques
- Responsibilities
- Resource management plans



OTHER

- Biological Mitigation Ordinance
- Resource Management Plans





PRELIMINARY DRAFT PRESERVE MAP (RECAP)

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- Focused Conservation Areas (FCA) identified within Plan Area.
- Modifications may be made based on new information, goals, and policies.



OVERVIEW

- Independent science advisor workshops held
- Focal species, conservation goals, and conservation assumptions identified
- Key focal areas identified by reserve selection algorithm (Marxan)
- Minor adjustments made to incorporate all preserve design principles

MARXAN PROCESS

- Identified focal species
- Determined conservation assumptions for public lands based on level of protection
- Developed conservation goals for Study Area / Plan Area
- Input sensitive element layers into Marxan (e.g., vegetation, soils, focal species)
- Reserve selection algorithm identified key conservation areas

POST-MARXAN PROCESS

- Removed isolated, scattered preserve fragments
- Removed highly parcelized, developed, and disturbed areas
- Filled in “donut holes” within preserve areas
- Added particularly sensitive habitats
- Considered regional linkages to public land and preserves

ONGOING REFINEMENTS

- Species-specific modifications to increase conservation level
- Additional changes may be made in response to feedback, new information, goals, and policies



FOCUSED CONSERVATION AREA

OVERVIEW

- Map identifies Focused Conservation Area (FCA) within the Plan Area
- FCA-lands where conservation efforts will be focused during implementation



FCA: POTENTIAL OPTIONS

- Southern Region

  Traditional PAMA-like approach

- Northern Region

  Potential alternative approach



- Borrego Region

  Traditional PAMA-like approach

NEXT STEPS

- Revisions to preliminary draft map based on additional analysis, review, data, and input
- Follow up items (e.g., streamlining under MSCP)
- Run the conservation analysis
- Initiate drafting of the plan text
- Send notice to property owners



NEXT PROPOSED MEETING

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QUESTION AND COMMENT PERIOD

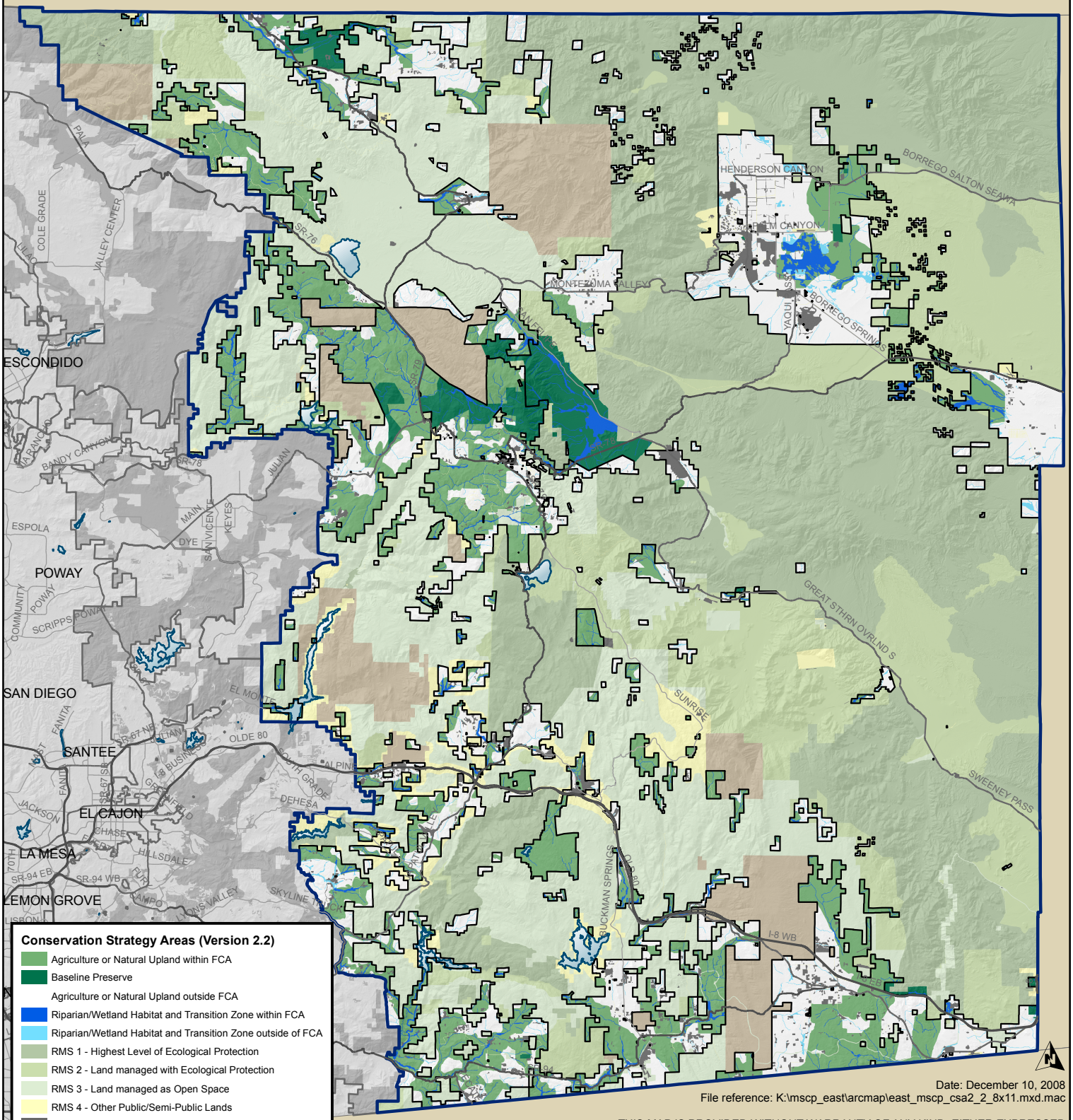
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East County
Multiple Species Conservation Program
Working Draft Focused Conservation Areas (FCA)



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