

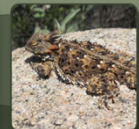
North County Multiple Species Conservation Plan (North County Plan)

Stakeholder Working Group

December 16, 2025



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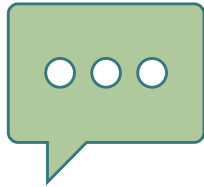
- Welcome
- Public Communication
- Plan Overview
- Putting the Plan into Action
 - How It Will Work
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 - Assurances
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- Q&A



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How to Participate



Submit Comments/Questions
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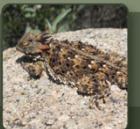


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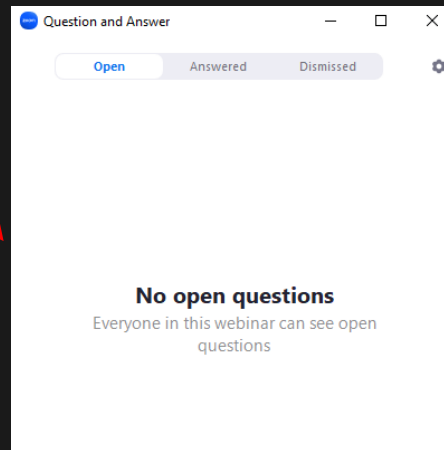


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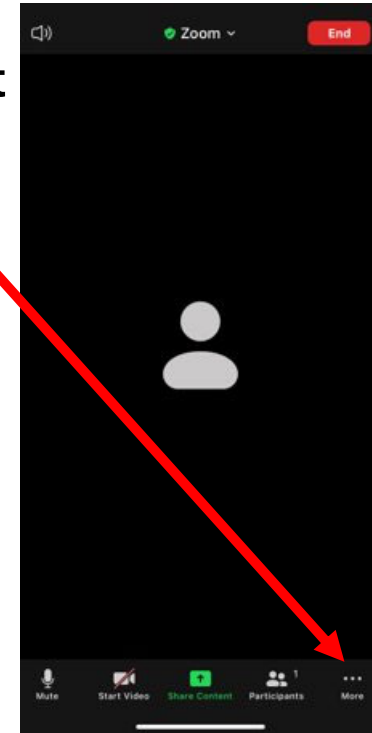


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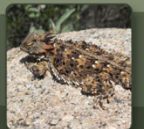
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Public Communication



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Public Communication

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| 5. Deborah Leone | 10. Camille Perkins | |

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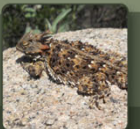
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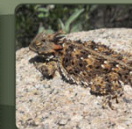


Plan Overview

PROTECT - CONSERVE - BALANCE



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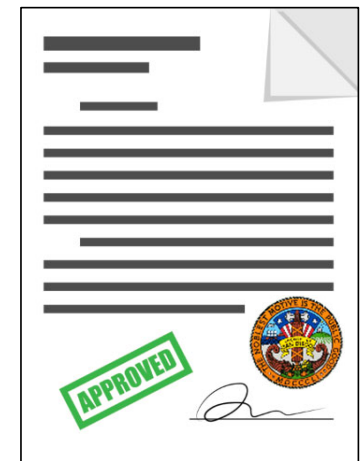
Federal and California Endangered Species Acts



Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)

Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP)

Incidental Take Permit



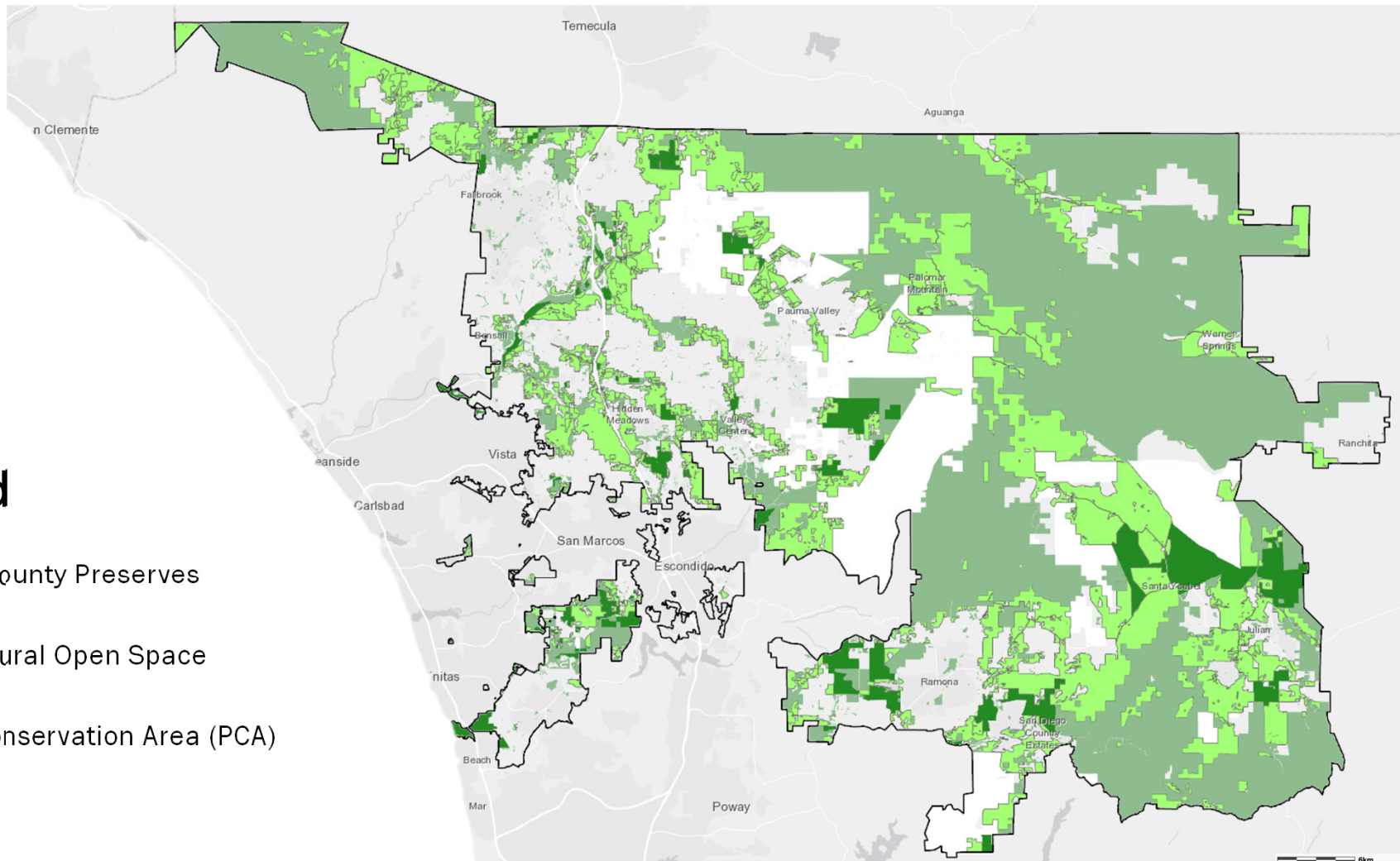
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North County Open Space Network

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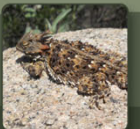
- Existing County Preserves
- Other Natural Open Space
- Priority Conservation Area (PCA)



North County Plan Timeline



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North County Plan Documents

North County Plan

1. Introduction
2. Setting
3. Covered Activities
4. Effects Analysis
5. Conservation Strategy
6. Plan Implementation
7. *Costs & Funding*
8. Alternatives to Take

Wildlife
Agency Draft

Implementing Documents

Biological
Mitigation
Ordinance
(BMO)

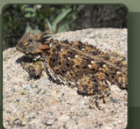
Framework
Resource
Management
Plan (FRMP)

Implementing
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In Development



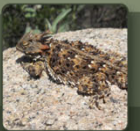
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Putting the Plan Into Action



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Putting the Plan Into Action

How It Will Work

- Federal & State Participation
- County Roles & Responsibilities
- New and Existing Policies & Ordinances
- Project Processing

Responding to Changes

- Changed & Unforeseen Circumstances
- New Species Listings
- Designation of Critical Habitat

Updates & Assurances

- Plan & Permit Updates
- Annexations
- Federal & State Assurances



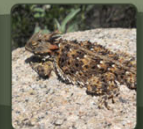
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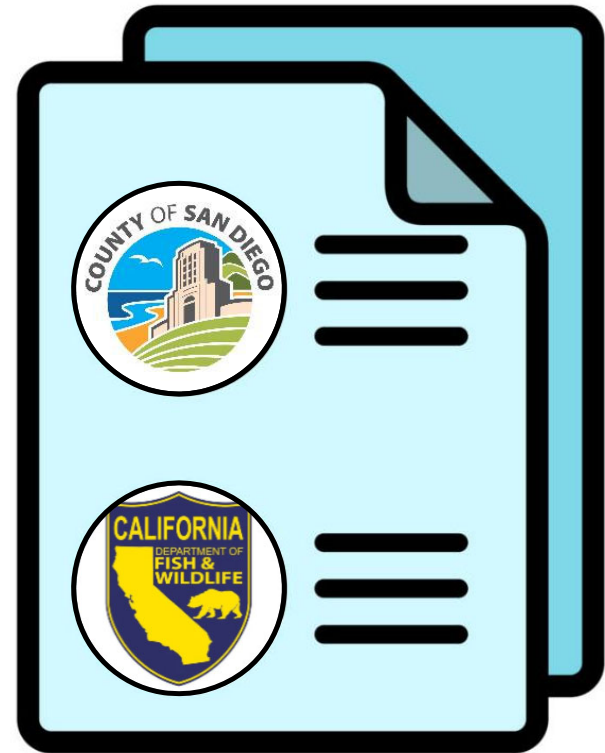


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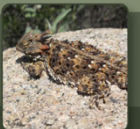


Implementing Agreement

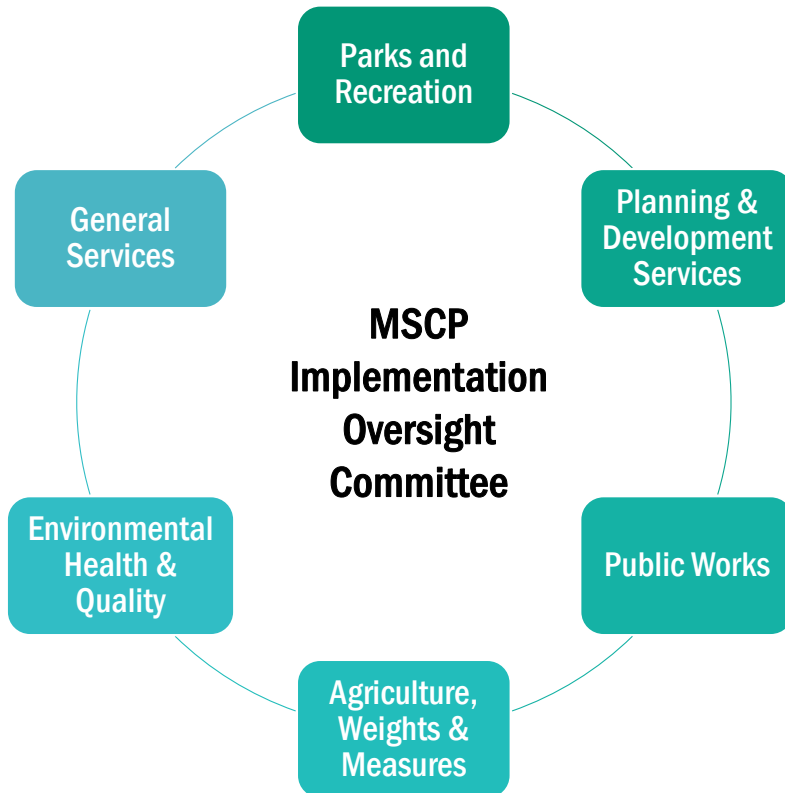
Required by the California NCCP Act, it is a legal agreement that identifies the roles and responsibilities to implement the North County Plan



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County Structure & Process

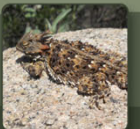


County is responsible for ensuring public projects are consistent with the North County Plan

MSCP Findings will be documented as part of the project package or CEQA documents



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Planning & Development Services

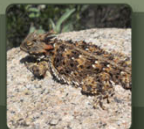
- Oversee the MSCP Implementation Oversight Committee & Land Managers Committee
- Oversee management of private mitigation land
- Assist in preparing the Annual Report
- Lead in Plan amendments, if needed

Parks and Recreation

- Assemble and manage County Preserves
- Plan and manage recreational opportunities
- Provide public education on the MSCP
- Lead in preparing the Annual Report
- Manage and allocate MSCP funding



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Public Works

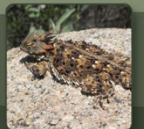
- Ensure County projects are consistent with the Plan
- Maintain County infrastructure used as wildlife crossings
- Monitor stormwater structural best management practices (BMPs)

General Services

- Ensure County projects are consistent with the Plan
- Support acquisition of County Preserves



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County Structure & Process



Environmental Health & Quality

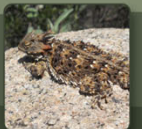
- Manage the County's Vector Control Program
- Follow State and federal regulatory standards and best practices to minimize effects

Agriculture, Weights & Measures

- Manage the County's Integrated Pest Management Program
- Follow State and federal regulatory standards and best practices to minimize effects



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Implementing Documents - Policies & Ordinances

Biological Mitigation Ordinance (BMO)

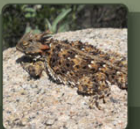
Project design requirements to offset impacts

The BMO explains:

- How/when the ordinance applies
- Exemptions for:
 - Single-family homes
 - Agricultural clearing
 - Fuel management for existing structures
- Project and Preserve Design Criteria
- Required actions to reduce habitat impacts
- Required actions to reduce species impacts



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Implementing Documents - Policies & Ordinances

Framework Resource Management Plan (FRMP)

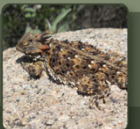
Outlines Preserve System management and monitoring requirements

The FRMP explains:

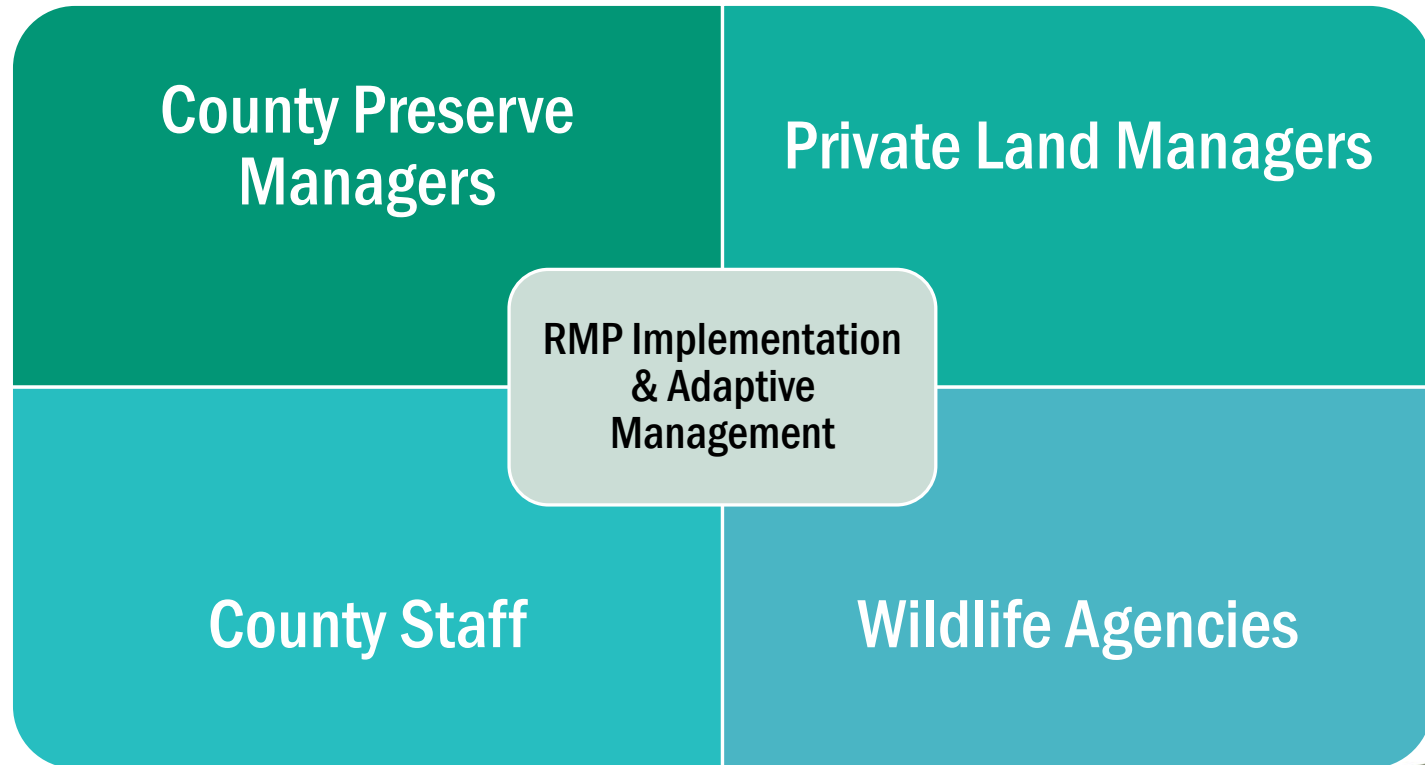
- Roles and responsibilities
- Preparation of site-specific Resource Management Plans (RMPs)
 - Inventory of Species/Habitats
 - Preserve Stewardship Activities
 - Protocols for Managing and Monitoring Habitat and Species
- Balancing public access
- Adaptive management
- Program administration & annual reporting



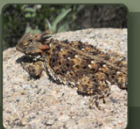
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Land Managers Committee



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Related Policies & Ordinances

General Plan

- Extent of future impacts
- Amendment process

Zoning Ordinance

- Allowable activities
- References to MSCP

Grading, Clearing, and Watercourses Ordinance

- Permit requirements for grading & clearing
- Clearing exemptions

Resource Protection Ordinance

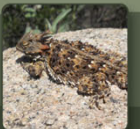
- County-wide policies
- Wetlands & steep slopes

CEQA Guidelines

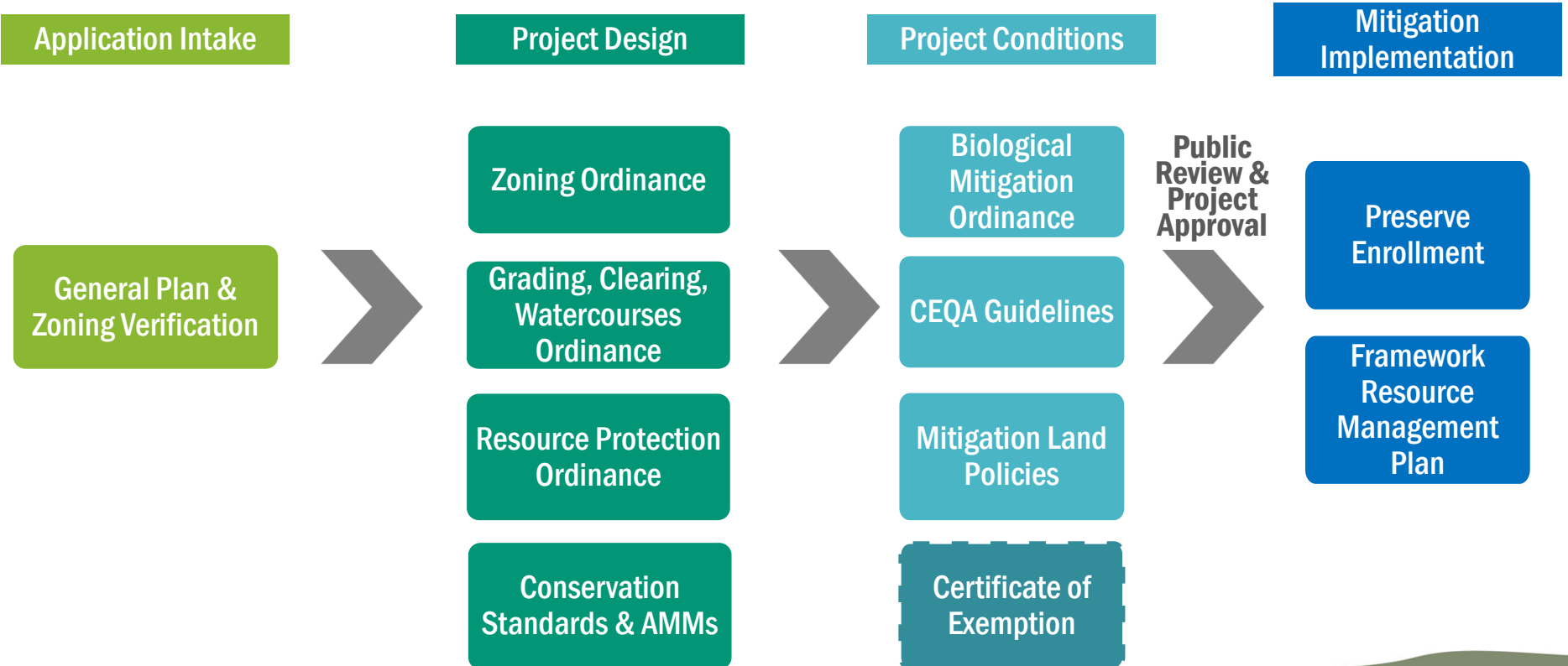
- Various topic areas
- Sensitive species

Mitigation Land Policies

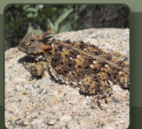
- Board Policy I-117
- Board Policy I-138



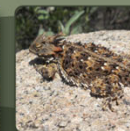
Private Project Processing



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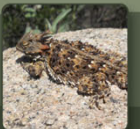
Discussion



Responding to Change & Updating the Plan



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Responding to Change

County is responsible

Changed
Circumstances

Unforeseen
Circumstances

Response

Changes affecting a species or geographic area that can be reasonably anticipated

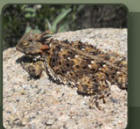
Extraordinary circumstances that cannot be anticipated resulting in substantial and adverse changes

Response

County is *not* responsible



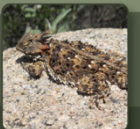
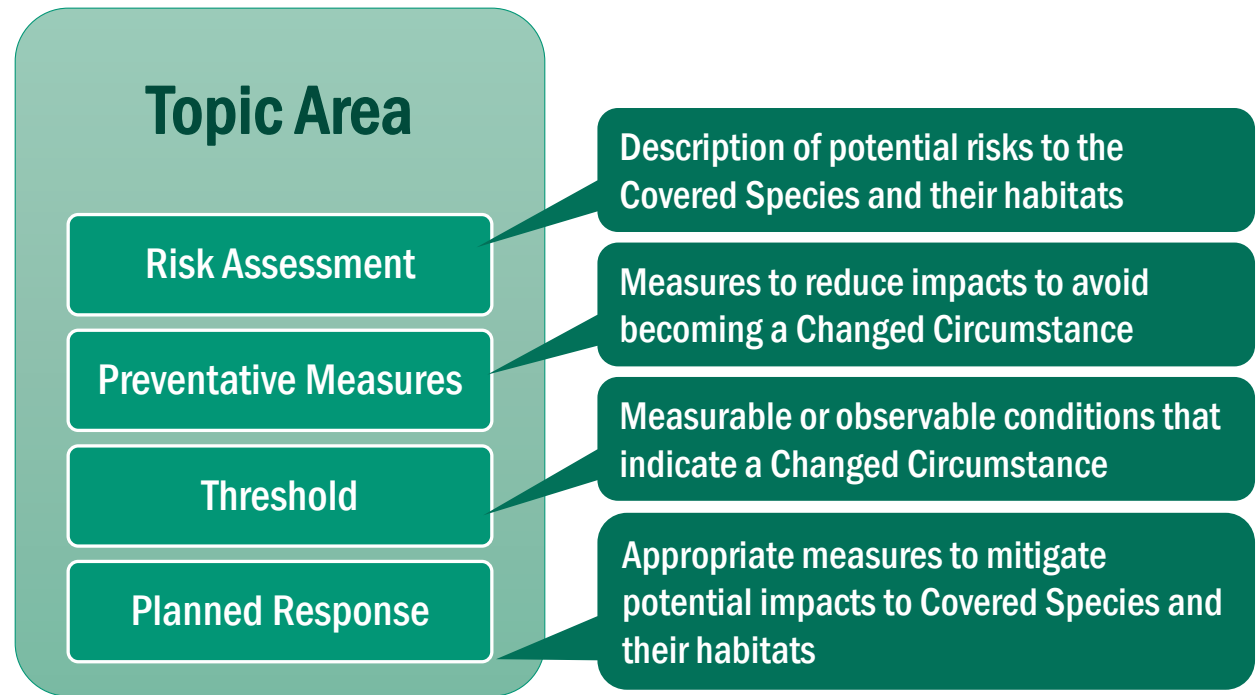
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Responding to Change

Topic areas include:

1. Climate Change
2. Repetitive Fire
3. Exotic Species Invasion
4. Major Diseases
5. Flood
6. Drought



Responding to Change

New Listing & Designation

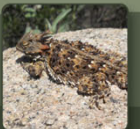
Wildlife Agencies must consider existing conservation efforts in decision making

Covered Species

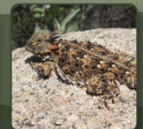
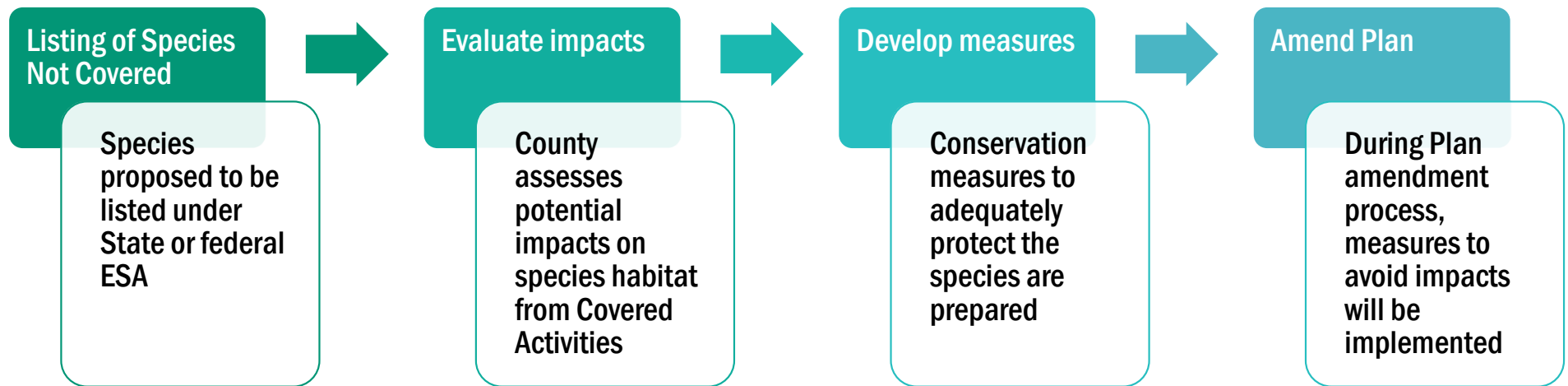
Take is authorized whether currently listed or becomes listed in the future

Species Not Covered

Take would be avoided until covered by state/federal permits or Plan is amended



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Updating the Plan

Administrative
Changes

Boundary Line
Adjustments

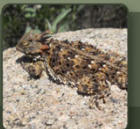
FRMP Updates

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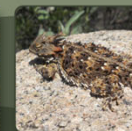
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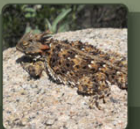
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Regulatory Assurances

“No Surprises” regulations exist under both the ESA and NCCP Act to provide assurances for permittees

- No additional resources or restrictions of land or water will be required should unforeseen circumstances requiring additional mitigation arise
- County remains responsible for changed circumstances
- Applies to all 40 Covered Species



Financial Assurances

ESA and NCCP Act require that adequate funding to implement the Plan will be provided

Cost Analysis

Identify County costs for:

- Land acquisition
- Preserve management and monitoring
- Restoration activities
- Adaptive management
- Program administration

County General Fund

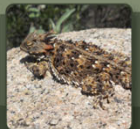
- Primary source of funding for County-owned preserves
- Supports land acquisition, management, and biological monitoring of County Managed lands
- Demonstrates County's ongoing investment in implementing the North County Plan

Fee Program

- Secondary option in-lieu of land acquisition, when infeasible
- Species or habitat-specific fees for mitigation or habitat restoration
 - E.g., Ramona Vernal Pools mitigation fee



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Next Steps

Public Draft

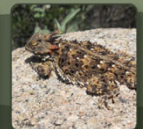
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Plan Adoption


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North County Multiple Species Conservation Program Plan





The County is developing a Multiple Species Conservation Plan for the northwestern area of the unincorporated county. Known as the North County Plan, the Plan will help preserve the area's rich biodiversity. All this while expanding recreation and streamlining development in less sensitive areas.

Overview

The Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) is a preservation framework. It outlines how we can protect and connect the most valuable biological habitats in San Diego County.

There are three regional plans: [South](#), [North](#) and [East](#).

Each plan focuses on the unique threatened plant and animal species for its region.

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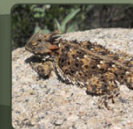
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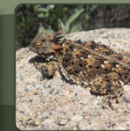
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Discussion



Public Comment



**WE WANT TO HEAR
FROM YOU!**



**PLEASE SHARE
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ASK ANY QUESTIONS.

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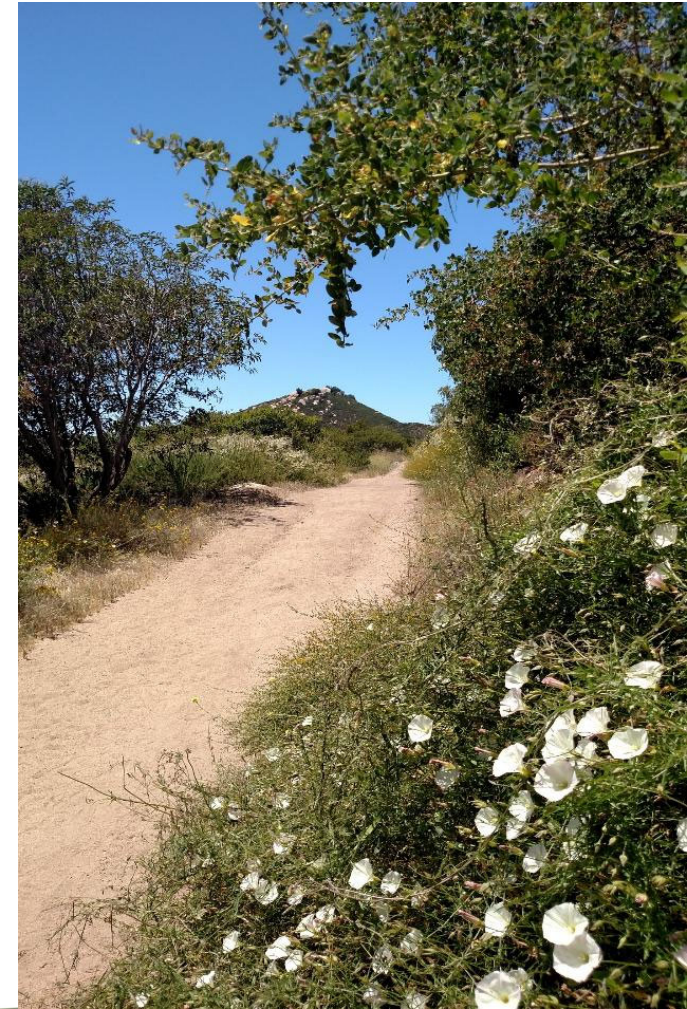
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