

## Notice of Public Availability

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**Subject: Notice of Public Availability of Proposed Restated and Amended Planning Agreement**

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is considering entering into a Restated and Amended Planning Agreement under the Natural Community Conservation Planning Act (NCCPA) with the County of San Diego (the County) and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). This notice announces the availability of the proposed Restated and Amended Planning Agreement for public review and comment, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 2810, subdivision (d).

The NCCPA encourages broad-based planning to protect and conserve the state's wildlife heritage while allowing appropriate development and growth. It authorizes CDFW to enter into agreements with other public agencies or private entities to prepare natural community conservation plans (NCCPs) that provide for the conservation of species and habitats, and ultimately to approve NCCPs if certain conditions are met.

The County is preparing a regional conservation plan for an area encompassing approximately 311,800 acres in the North County Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) Plan Study Area and 1.6 million acres in the East County MSCP Plan Study Area. The plans, if approved, will be both NCCPs and Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) pursuant Section 10 of the federal Endangered Species Act. They will specify measures to conserve biological resources and provide take permits for future development activities in the plan area.

CDFW, the County, and USFWS originally entered into a Planning Agreement for the North and East Counties MSCP Plan Study Areas in 2008, and the Planning Agreement was subsequently amended in 2013 and 2014. The Planning Agreement, as amended, expired in May 2019. This Restated and Amended Planning Agreement revives the Planning Agreement and extends its term to January 31, 2020.

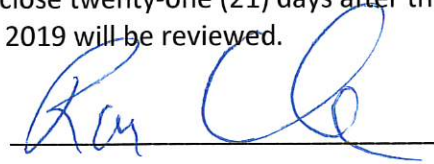
The primary purpose of a Planning Agreement is to define the process and goals for the MSCPs. Among other things, it provides a preliminary list of the natural communities, and the endangered, threatened, candidate, or other species that are found, or may be found, in those communities and that will be the initial focus of the planning process for the MSCPs. The execution of this Restated and Amended Planning Agreement is not an approval of the MSCPs, but rather an agreement among CDFW, USFWS, and the County to continue to work together to develop the MSCPs and provides an outline for the planning process.

CDFW invites the public to review and comment on the proposed Restated and Amended Planning Agreement. The document can be viewed on the internet at CDFW's website at <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Planning/NCCP/Plans/East-San-Diego-MSCP> and <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Planning/NCCP/Plans/North-San-Diego-MSCP>. Please contact Sara Kern at [sara.kern@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:sara.kern@wildlife.ca.gov) to receive a paper copy of the Restated and Amended Planning Agreement by mail.

All comments should be sent to [sara.kern@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:sara.kern@wildlife.ca.gov) or to the address listed at the top of this Notice. The period for public review and comment will close twenty-one (21) days after the date of this Notice. Comments received on or before August 9, 2019 will be reviewed.

Date: July 19, 2019

Signature



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