NATURAL COMMUNITY CONSERVATION PLANNING/ 
COASTAL SAGE SCRUB

Enrollment Agreement

for Landowners and Land Management Agencies

The Natural Community Conservation Planning/Coastal Sage Scrub (NCCP/CSS) project is a voluntary program and a 
collaborative effort with local governmental and landowners 
sponsored by the California Resources Agency and its Department 
of Fish and Game with the cooperation of the U.S. Fish and 
Wildlife Service. The NCCP/CSS will focus on coastal sage scrub 
habitat and three target species within it. The NCCP goal is to 
conserve long-term viable populations of the State’s native 
animal and plant species, and their habitats, in landscape units 
large enough to ensure their continued existence while allowing 
compatible and appropriate development and growth, as set forth 
in Section 2800 et. seq. of the California Fish and Game Code.

Landowners or land-management agencies enrolling in the 
NCCP/CSS process agree that:

1. No activity on the enrolled property that would cause 
   disturbance of the coastal sage scrub vegetation will occur 
   during the planning period other than actions mandated for 
   public safety by a government agency having jurisdiction to 
   impose such requirements.

2. Landowners and land-management agencies will survey their 
   enrollment land, or cooperate in joint surveys, using 
   guidelines approved by the Scientific Review Panel (SRP), 
   unless the property has already been exempted by the 
   Department of Fish and Game, and will deliver survey data to 
   the SRP by the SRP’s deadline dates and in SRP-approved 
   formats.

3. Landowners and land-management agencies will join in a 
collaborative planning process that will lead to preparation 
of guidelines and standards required by Sections 2800 et. 
seq. of the California Fish and Game Code and in addition 
will fully comply with regulatory controls of the CEQA/EIR 
process in present state law. The purpose of the planning 
guidelines is to achieve the following objectives:

a. Reconcile potential conflicts between the conservation 
of coastal sage scrub habitat, as defined on the basis 
of surveys of target species, and planned development 
or other actions that could impair long-term habitat 
functions.

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b. Help coordinate the NCCP program with provisions of federal and state law, such as critical habitat, habitat conservation, and recovery plan requirements, as applicable.

c. Provide for the review of NCCP plans pursuant to the program EIR provisions of CEQA to define programmatic impact assessment, alternatives analysis, and mitigation measures for future individual projects or actions within the NCCP plan area with regard to potential impacts on coastal sage habitat and associated species.

d. Provide assurance against additional mitigation requirements being imposed for the target species except upon a showing of significant unforeseen circumstances.

e. Establish procedures for incidental take permits to become applicable if any target species designated in the NCCP later becomes a candidate species or a listed species.

f. Conserve long-term viable coastal sage scrub habitat and its target species, in landscape units large enough to ensure their continued existence.

g. Establish procedures for coordinating public and private NCCP/CSS efforts, plan preparation and review, and set dates for completion of each phase of the program.

4. The collaborative planning period begins on May 1, 1992, for properties enrolled prior to that date, and on the date of enrollment for later properties. The planning period terminates on October 31, 1993 or upon approval of an NCCP, whichever is earlier. The Department of Fish and Game will define and pursue implementation of the NCCP/CSS program expeditiously, including the formulation of process guidelines and subregions as early as possible.
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5. Any enrollee may terminate its obligations under this agreement 30 days after Department approval of the NCCP planning sub-region applicable to the enrolled property or NCCP planning process guidelines pursuant to paragraph 3, or 30 days after August 1, 1992, if no guidelines or sub-regions have been approved by that date. The Department may terminate its obligation with any enrollee who fails to comply with the provisions of this enrollment process. In the event that the Department of Fish and Game proposes to terminate this obligation, the Department will provide the enrollee with written notice of the alleged defaults in the enrollee's compliance with the enrollment agreement and will establish a reasonable time to cure any such alleged default.

Authorized Signatures:

[Signature and Title]

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Landowner or Land Management Agency

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California Department of Fish and Game

Date: 4/29/92

Date: 5/20/92

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