



City of San Marcos

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Carol Whiteside
Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Relations
California Resources Agency
The Resources Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: City Enrollment Letter; Natural Community Conservation Plan.

Dear Assistant Secretary Whiteside:

- I. This letter is to enroll the City of San Marcos in the Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP) as set forth in Section 2800 et seq. of the California Fish and Game Code (The Natural Community Conservation Act of 1991).
- II. The City agrees to join in the collaborative planning process that will lead to the preparation of guidelines and standards required by the Natural Community Conservation Act.
- III. As a participating jurisdiction the City of San Marcos agrees to the following:
 - A. To assist in the formation of a subregional coastal sage scrub natural community conservation plan by:
 1. Cooperating with other local governments and with landowners to undertake field studies on Coastal Sage Scrub within the City's jurisdiction.
 2. Cooperating with other local governments and landowners to prepare and process NCCP's for the subregions established under the NCCP program.
 3. Utilizing regulatory authority to the extent authorized by law to support the NCCP Programs envisioned by Fish and Game Code Sections 2800-2880.
 4. Including information of the NCCP program with materials and advice provided to potential project applicants and encouraging landowners to enroll their lands.

CITY COUNCIL

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B. To be sensitive to the potential impacts of proposed activities on coastal scrub during the NCCP planning period by:

1. Enrolling to the maximum extent feasible, publicly-owned lands into the NCCP program by completing this enrollment agreement and submitting to the Department of Fish and Game NCCP Program Coordinator.
2. Ensuring that City employees are aware of the NCCP program and the City's commitment to the program.
3. Coordinating existing fire prevention and brush and weed abatement policies with the Department and USFWS to ensure that the coastal sage scrub community is not unnecessarily impacted.
4. Requiring that any proposed projects provide full disclosure of the amount of coastal sage scrub habitat on the project site and the potential impacts to it.
5. Monitoring cumulative loss/impacting of the coastal sage scrub natural community within the City's jurisdiction and reporting these losses/impacts to the Department of Fish and Game on a quarterly basis.
6. Requiring where coastal sage scrub is likely to be impacted, that draft EIR's circulated after the release of the 1992 Survey Guidelines include, to the maximum extent feasible, surveys prepared in a manner compatible with Scientific Review Panel (SRP) survey guidelines for the selected target species and ensure that these field data will be provided to the Department in a form usable to the SRP.
7. Requiring environmental documentation in areas where no prior environmental review has been completed under CEQA for grading, grubbing, and similar activities proposed in coastal sage scrub communities except as required for ongoing agricultural operations.
8. Consulting with the Department and USFWS and to strongly consider their recommended mitigation measures for projects affecting coastal sage scrub processed during the NCCP planning period.

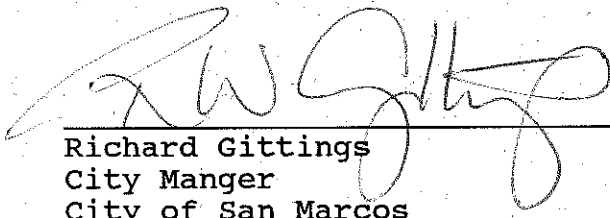
IV. The City's element of the subregional plan and enrollment in the NCCP Program is based upon the conclusions to be established in the City of San Marcos Biological Resource Management Plan as overseen by the City of San Marcos Environmental Task Force.

V. The commitment of the City to maintain these standards of the NCCP Program is only for the duration of the collaborative planning period.

VI. The City may terminate its commitments under this agreement with a 30 day notice to Resources Agency.

VII. The City specifically stipulates that those lands and projects which have been approved for development pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and by the City Council on or before the date of this letter shall not be required to provide additional mitigation lands nor accommodate any project redesign based upon the results, findings or conclusions of the subregional NCCP.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE:



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City Manger
City of San Marcos