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March 21, 1996

Mr. Gail Kobetich
U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
2730 Loker Avenue W
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Dear Mr. Kobetich:

Enclosed, please find a fully executed original "Planning Agreement for the Palos Verdes Peninsula NCCP Subarea by the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, and the California Department of Fish and Game."

We look forward to working with you to prepare a cohesive Natural Community Conservation Plan for the Palos Verdes Peninsula Subarea.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. William Tippetts, NCCP Field Supervisor, at (619) 467-4212.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry L. Eng".

Larry L. Eng, Ph.D
Manager
Conservation Planning and
Consultation Programs

Attachment

cc: ✓ Mr. Terry Silverman
Department of Planning, Building,
and Code Enforcement
Rancho Palos Verdes

Mr. William Tippetts
Department of Fish and Game
San Diego

**PLANNING AGREEMENT
FOR THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA NCCP SUBAREA
BY THE CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES,
UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, AND
THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME**

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. The following parties ("Parties") are entering into this agreement ("Agreement") in anticipation of preparation of a Natural Communities Conservation Program ("NCCP") plan:
1. The City of Rancho Palos Verdes
 2. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service
 3. The California Department of Fish and Game
 4. Additional Parties may be added to this Agreement

II. ELEMENTS TO BE ADDRESSED IN THIS PLANNING AGREEMENT

- A. The following elements are hereby addressed by this Agreement, or by attachment:
1. The planning area boundaries of the Palos Verdes Peninsula Subarea, shall be as shown on the attached map (Exhibit "A").
 2. The City of Rancho Palos Verdes shall act as the lead or coordinating agency in preparation of an NCCP for the Palos Verdes Peninsula Subarea. However, by entering this agreement, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes shall only be obligated to conduct the necessary studies for the preparation of an NCCP within the boundaries of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, including but not limited to mapping, designation of species to be protected, and environmental review. Any other Parties which may enter this agreement in the future shall also be responsible for NCCP planning and preparation only within their own respective jurisdictional boundaries. Additionally, preparation of the Plan, or any portion of the Plan, shall not obligate the City, or any other Party to this agreement, to adopt the NCCP Plan.

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3. The target species and any other species of concern to be addressed in the NCCP shall include the following:
 - a. *Polioptila californica californica*
(coastal California gnatcatcher)
Federal: Threatened
State: CA species of concern
 - b. *Campylorhynchus brunneicapillus*
(cactus wren)
Federal: Category 3b
State: CA species of concern
 - c. *Phynrosomacoronatum blainvillei*
(San Diego horned lizard)
Federal: No status
State: CA species of concern
 - d. *Glaucopsyche lygdamus palosverdesensis*
(Palos Verdes blue butterfly)
Federal: Endangered
State: No status
 - e. *Euphilotes [=Shijimiaeoides] battoides allyni*
(El Segundo blue butterfly)
Federal: Endangered
State: No status
 - f. *Dudleya virens*
(bright green dudleya)
Federal: Category 2
State: No status
 - g. Other species may be may be added to this Agreement

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4. The parallel permits, if any (e.g., Federal Section 10(a) for a listed species other than the target species covered by this plan), that will be required to carry out the NCCP plan are the following:
 - a. 2081 Management Agreement, pursuant to the California Endangered Species Act (Fish and Game Code Section 2081).
 - b. Section 10(a) Permit, pursuant to the Federal Endangered Species Act.
5. Affected State and Federal land ownerships include:
 - a. Rancho Palos Verdes Civic Center
 - b. Pointe Vicente Park and Interpretive Center
 - c. Abalone Cove Shoreline Preserve
 - d. San Pedro Defense Fuel Support Point (DFSP) and Defense Fuel Region - West (DFR), acting as cooperating agency only.
6. Other habitat conservation plans or multi-species conservation plans completed or underway within the Subarea boundaries include:
 - a. Habitat Conservation Plan for the Ocean Trails project located on a 263 acre site located in the Coastal Zone within the City of Rancho Palos Verdes (Tentative Tract Map Nos. 50666 and 50667).
 - b. Habitat Conservation Plan for the Pearl Ridge project located on a 163 acre site at the terminus of Forrestal Drive within the City of Rancho Palos Verdes (Tentative Tract Map No. 37885).
7. The anticipated schedule for plan preparation, public review, and agency approval is as follows:
 - a. Plan Preparation August 1996
 - b. Preparation of EIR/EIS December 1996
 - c. Public Review January 1997
 - d. Local, State, and Federal Agency Review and Approval March 1997
8. Public participation shall be encouraged by publishing a notice of Plan preparation in the *Palos Verdes Peninsula News*, a local newspaper, the *San Pedro News Pilot*, a local newspaper, and by mail to all interested parties who have attended meetings of the NCCP planning group.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Planning Agreement effective as of the last date set forth below:

Dated: 2-26-96, 1996

City of Rancho Palos Verdes:

By: *Marilyn Lyon*
Title: Mayor

Dated: 3.19, 1996

United States Fish and Wildlife Service

By: *Gail C. Koketich*
Title: Field Supervisor

Dated: _____, 1996

California Department of Fish and Game

By: *Bobby E. Curtis*
Title: Deputy Director, Operations

Dated: _____, 1996

By: _____
Title: _____