



DRAFT PLAN PUBLIC REVIEW MEETING

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Peninsula Conservation Center, Raptor Room
3921 East Bayshore Road, Palo Alto, CA

PROGRAM

Thank you for attending tonight's meeting on the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Plan (Plan). To maximize opportunities for public comment, the meeting begins with an informal open house followed by a presentation and public comment/question-and-answer session. During the open house, you are invited to view the display boards and speak with technical staff, members of the Stakeholder Committee, and representatives of the participating agencies to discuss the project and answer your specific questions.

Please be sure to fill out the EIR/EIS Comment Card and return it this evening or by April 18, 2011 via mail/email to: Ken Schreiber, Santa Clara Valley Habitat Plan, Santa Clara County Executive's Office, 70 West Hedding, East Wing, 11th Floor, San Jose, CA 95110, ken.schreiber@ceo.sccgov.org or Cori Mustin, USFWS, 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2605, Sacramento, CA, 95825, R8SCVHPcomments@fws.gov.

AGENDA

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| 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. | Open House |
| 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. | Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcome and Introductions ▪ HCP/NCCP Overview ▪ Conservation Strategy ▪ Cost, Funding & Implementation ▪ EIR/EIS Public Review & Comment ▪ Next Steps |
| 8:15 – 8:30 p.m. | HCP/NCCP Question & Answer Session |

OPEN HOUSE STATIONS 1-4

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| Station 1 Habitat Plan Overview | Station 1 illustrates the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Plan study area and proposed covered species. Covered species include species whose incidental take will be authorized by projects included in the Plan. In return, the Plan will provide mechanisms for the long-term conservation and management of these covered species. |
| Station 2 Conservation Strategy | Station 2 illustrates the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Plan's Conservation Strategy, identifying key habitat linkages and focus areas of future conservation efforts. |
| Station 3 Cost & Funding | Station 3 illustrates the costs and funding sources of the Plan. |
| Station 4 EIR/EIS Review | Station 4 covers the environmental review process for the Habitat Plan. The Purpose of the EIR/EIS is to provide information about potentially significant environmental effects of the Plan, to identify ways to minimize effects and to describe and evaluate feasible alternatives to the proposed project. |

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| FOR MORE INFORMATION | Visit www.scv-habitatplan.org Contact Ken Schreiber, Program Manager at ken.schreiber@ceo.sccgov.org , (408) 299-5789 Contact Cori Mustin, USFWS, at R8SCVHPcomments@fws.gov , (916) 414-6600. |
| Acronyms and Key Terms | See reverse |

Short list of Acronyms and Key Terms

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| BMP | Best Management Practice | JPA | Joint Exercise of Powers Authority |
| BO | Biological Opinion | Local Partners | Santa Clara County, Santa Clara Valley Water District, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, Cities of Gilroy, Morgan Hill and San Jose |
| CDFG | California Department of Fish and Game | | |
| CEQA | California Environmental Quality Act | | |
| CESA | California Endangered Species Act | NCCP | Natural Community Conservation Plan |
| EIR | Environmental Impact Report | NEPA | National Environmental Policy Act |
| EIS | Environmental Impact Statement | Permittee | Local Partners |
| EPA | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency | Plan | Santa Clara Valley HCP/NCCP |
| ESA | Federal Endangered Species Act | SCVWD | Santa Clara Valley Water District |
| GIS | Geographical Information System | UGB | Urban Growth Boundary |
| HCP | Habitat Conservation Plan | USFWS | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service |
| IA | Implementing Agreement | VTA | Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority |
| IE | Implementing Entity | Wildlife Agencies | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, California Department of Fish and Game |

Adaptive management. A method for examining alternative strategies for meeting measurable biological goals and objectives, and then if necessary, adjusting future conservation management actions according to what is learned.

Conservation strategy. The sum of all conservation measures in the HCP/NCCP to achieve all conservation goals and objectives.

Covered Activities. Those activities (land disturbing projects) addressed in the Plan for which the Permittees will seek a permit.

Covered species. Those species addressed in the Plan for which conservation measures will be implemented.

Ecosystem. A community of organisms, and their physical environment, interacting as an ecological unit.

Endangered species. A native species which is in serious danger of becoming extinct.

Habitat. For the purposes of the Plan, habitat is defined as the specific places where the environmental conditions (i.e., physical and biological) are present that are required to support occupancy by individuals or populations of a given species.

Incidental take. Any take otherwise prohibited, if such take is incidental to and not the purpose of the carrying out of an otherwise lawful activity. Take means to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct.

Implementing Agreement. The legal contract between the Local Partners and state and federal Wildlife Agencies that implement the Conservation Plan.

Implementing Entity. The Implementing Entity is the agency or organization that will be responsible for fully implementing the Plan. The Implementing Entity is proposed to be a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) of the Local Partners.

Local Partners. The jurisdictions preparing the Plan and applying as Permittees: the County of Santa Clara, Cities of Gilroy, Morgan Hill, and San Jose; Santa Clara Valley Water District; and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority.

“No surprises assurances.” Assurances to permit holders that if unforeseen circumstances arise, the Wildlife Agencies will not require more land, water, or money or additional restrictions on the use of land, water, or other natural resources beyond the level stated in the HCP without the consent of the Permittee (63 FR 35, February 23, 1998).

No-take species. Species for which take is not authorized under the HCP/NCCP.

Permit Term. For an HCP/NCCP, the length of time for which the incidental take permits are valid and activities covered by the permit may occur. Also the time period in which all land acquisition, habitat restoration, and other mitigation and conservation measures must be accomplished.

Protect habitat. To maintain the existing or enhanced extent of species habitat through acquisition, easements, or other practicable processes for bringing unprotected sites under protected status.

Range. The geographic area a species is known or believed to occupy.

Reserves. Discrete areas of conserved habitats managed as single units under the Plan.

Reserve System. All Plan reserves considered collectively.

Threatened species. A native species or a distinct population segment (DPS) of an organism that, although not presently threatened with extinction, is likely to become an endangered species in the foreseeable future.