

Multiple Habitat Conservation Program (MHCP)

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MHCP Executive Summary

Highlights the key components of the MHCP: a description of the biological resources remaining in the study area, a list of plant and animal species slated for protection, the conservation planning strategy, how the preserve can be assembled, policies and implementation structure, guidelines for preserve management and biological monitoring, anticipated costs, and a discussion of funding sources.

MHCP Volume I

Contains the overall MHCP conservation strategy and documents the conservation actions, policies, and implementation structure that collectively will guarantee the protection of species covered by individual subarea plans. It also describes the institutional mechanisms to coordinate MHCP implementation among the cities and the various actions of federal, state, and local governments needed to assemble the preserve, the estimated costs of implementation, and guidelines for preserve management and monitoring.

MHCP Volume II

Contains the biological analysis of the 29 plant and 48 animal species targeted for protection by the MHCP. The analysis is based on the May 1999 Focused Planning Area (FPA) and assumptions about how conservation will occur under city subarea plans. The analysis reflects the best, current assessment of how the MHCP will conserve these species and their habitats based on the currently proposed preserve configuration, conservation levels, and conservation policies.

City Subarea Plans

- Carlsbad
- Encinitas
- Escondido
- Oceanside
- San Marcos

Subarea plans provide specific land use, site design, and management guidelines to ensure preserved lands are managed for the long-term conservation of biological resources. Subarea plans identify which uses will be allowed within and adjacent to the preserve; ensure that permitted uses are compatible with preserve objectives; and require that direct and indirect impacts to sensitive habitats and covered species be reduced or eliminated by activity restrictions, design, and management practices. Land uses that have unavoidable direct or indirect significant impacts to preserve functions are considered incompatible in the preserve areas.

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MHCP - PowerPoint presentation

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