

Sample Summary for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH # _____

Lead Agency: County of San Diego

Project Title: North County Plan

Project Location: Fallbrook, Valley Center, Ramona, and more San Diego
City *County*

Please provide a Project Description (Proposed Actions, location, and/or consequences).

The North County Plan (North County Plan, Plan, or Project) would provide take coverage for 40 species, specifically 31 animals and 9 plant species (Covered Species). These Covered Species are currently listed as threatened or endangered by California and/or the federal government, may become listed during the 30-year permit term, or serve as a species whose presence indicates elements of habitat structure and ecological function or habitat connectivity. This Plan includes measures to conserve all the Covered Species, whether listed or not. The Plan also aims to conserve and protect habitats for the Covered Species by creating and managing a North County Preserve (Preserve). While the Plan would facilitate a streamlined permitting process for development within areas already planned for development under the County's General Plan, it would not result in any additional urban development or changes in the intensity of development within the Plan area. Rather, the Plan would designate specific parcels for conservation that could also potentially be subject to incidental habitat restoration, vegetation management, minor surface grading, irrigation, or other related physical activities associated with enhancement and maintenance of habitat or the provision of compatible recreational opportunities on Preserve land.

Project Website:

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/ceqa/NCMSCP>

Please identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The North County Plan would extend the benefits of the existing MSCP (the South County Subarea Plan) to contribute to the conservation of sensitive species and habitats while providing a streamlined permitting process for landowners, agricultural operators, businesses, and residents in the unincorporated regions of northwest San Diego County consistent with the County's adopted General Plan. While the Plan would facilitate a streamlined permitting process for development within areas already planned for development under the County's General Plan, it would not result in any additional urban development or changes in the intensity of development within the Plan area. The environmental factors that would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated in the Initial Study include Biological Resources, Geology/Soils, Noise, Recreation, Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Cultural Resources, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Land Use/Planning, Transportation, Air Quality, Mineral Resources, Public Services, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Mandatory Findings of Significance. The EIR will include information regarding the environmental baseline, including the past, current, and reasonably foreseeable expected future environmental impacts of implementing the project in the project area. Where needed, the EIR will identify potentially feasible mitigation measures to avoid and/or substantially lessen any significant adverse effects identified in the EIR's impact analysis. The EIR will also address the cumulative environmental consequences of the proposed project in combination with other closely related past, present, and reasonably foreseeable future projects in the area. This will serve to satisfy CEQA requirements regarding potential regional cumulative effects. In compliance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.6, the EIR will describe and evaluate the effects of a reasonable range of alternatives to the proposed project and will compare the impacts of the alternatives to the impacts of the proposed project. The alternatives to be analyzed in the EIR will be developed during the environmental review process and will consider input received during the public scoping period.

If applicable, please describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

None

Please provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

County of San Diego
California Department of Fish & Wildlife
United States Fish & Wildlife Service