

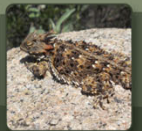
North County Multiple Species Conservation Plan (North County Plan)

Stakeholder Working Group Meeting

November 15, 2023

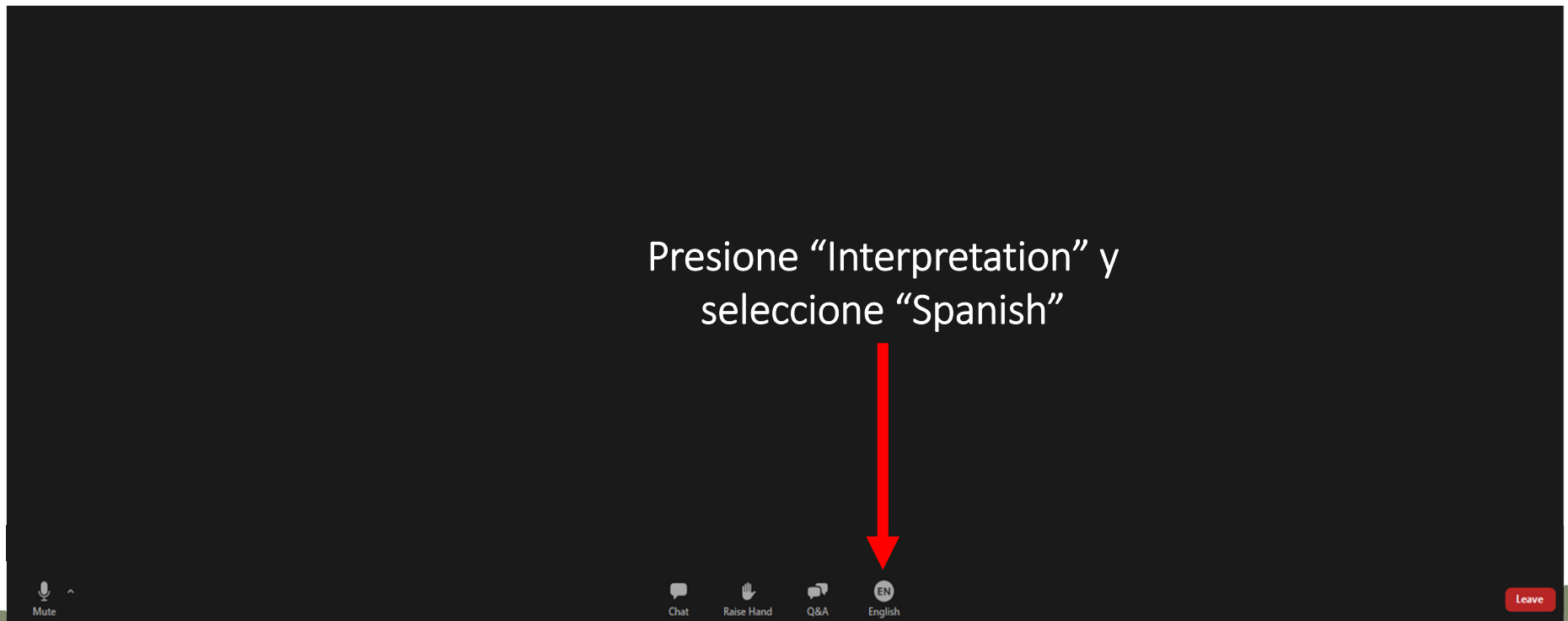


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Agenda

- Workshop Logistics
- Project Overview
- Conservation Strategy Structure & Approach
 - Biological Drivers
 - Project Policies & Guidelines
 - Preserve Assembly, Management & Monitoring
- Next Steps
- Q&A



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How to Participate



Submit Comments/Questions
During the Meeting



Raise Hand at End of Meeting
for Verbal Comments

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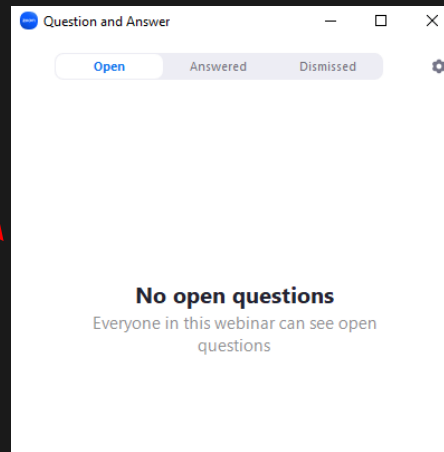


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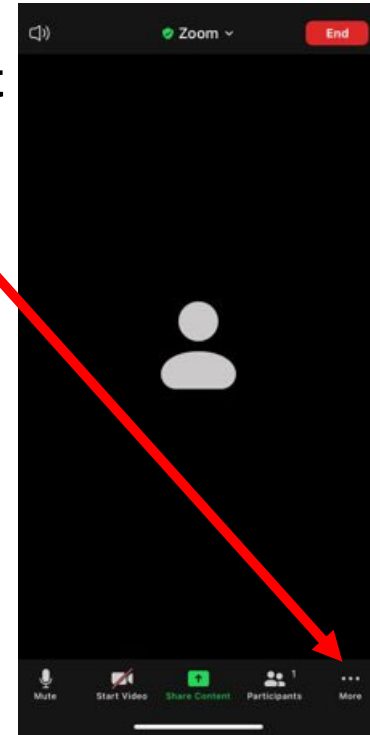


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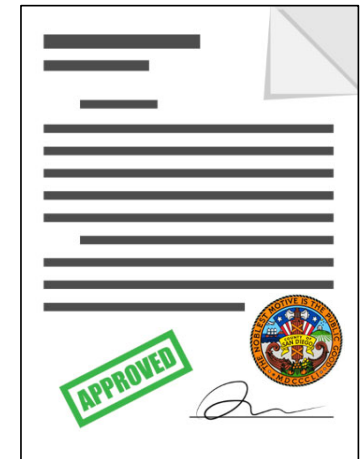
Federal and California Endangered Species Acts



Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)

Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP)

Incidental Take Permit



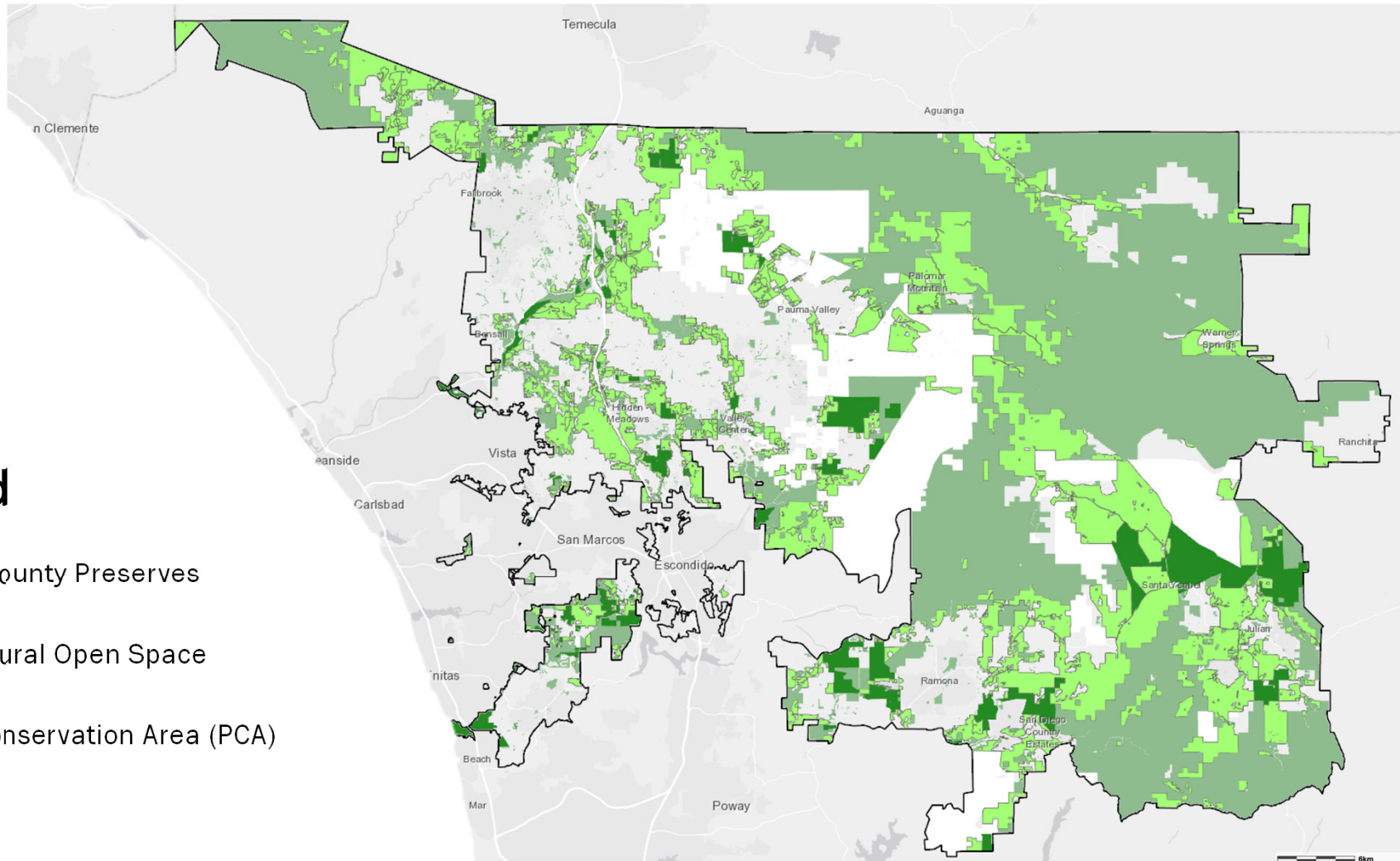
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North County Open Space Network

Legend

- Existing County Preserves
- Other Natural Open Space
- Priority Conservation Area (PCA)



Engage San Diego County

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with the San Diego County logo and the text "SanDiegoCounty.gov". To the right are links for "Home", "About This Site", and "All Projects", along with a search box and a user profile icon. Below the navigation is a large banner with the County of San Diego logo and the title "North County Plan" in a large, light-colored font. To the right of the title are three small square images: a bird, a plant, and a lizard. Below the banner, the breadcrumb "Home / North County Multiple Species Conservation Plan" is visible. The main content area features the title "North County Multiple Species Conservation Plan" with social media icons (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Email) to its left. A large landscape photograph of a mountain range is on the left. To its right is a text block: "The County is developing a Multiple Species Conservation Plan for the northwestern area of the unincorporated county. Known as the North County Plan, the Plan will help preserve the area's rich biodiversity. All this while expanding recreation and streamlining development in less sensitive areas." Below this is an "Overview" section: "The Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) is a preservation framework. It outlines how we can protect and connect the most valuable biological habitats in San Diego County. There are three regional plans: [South](#), [North](#) and [East](#). Each plan focuses on the unique threatened plant and animal species for". To the right of the main text is a "Who's Listening" section with two entries: "Stephanie Neal" (Project Lead, Planning & Development Services, Email: MSCP@sdcounty.ca.gov) and "Bethany Principe" (MSCP Program Coordinator, Parks & Recreation, Email: MSCP@sdcounty.ca.gov).

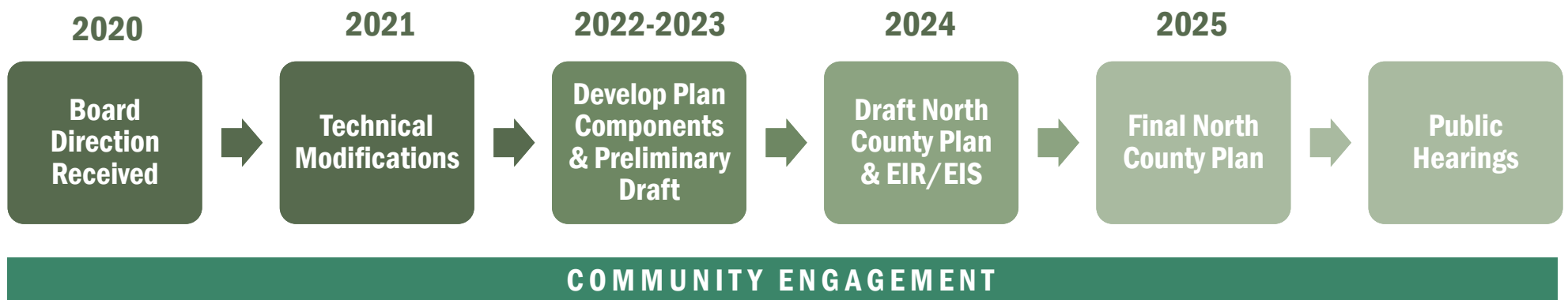
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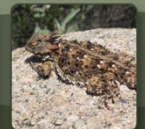
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North County Plan Timeline



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Plan Components



Conservation Strategy: Identifies desired biological outcomes and the means by which the outcomes will be achieved to ensure the long-term conservation of the North County MSCP Preserve System.



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Chapter 5:
Conservation Strategy

Appendices

Implementation Documents

Biological Mitigation Ordinance (BMO)

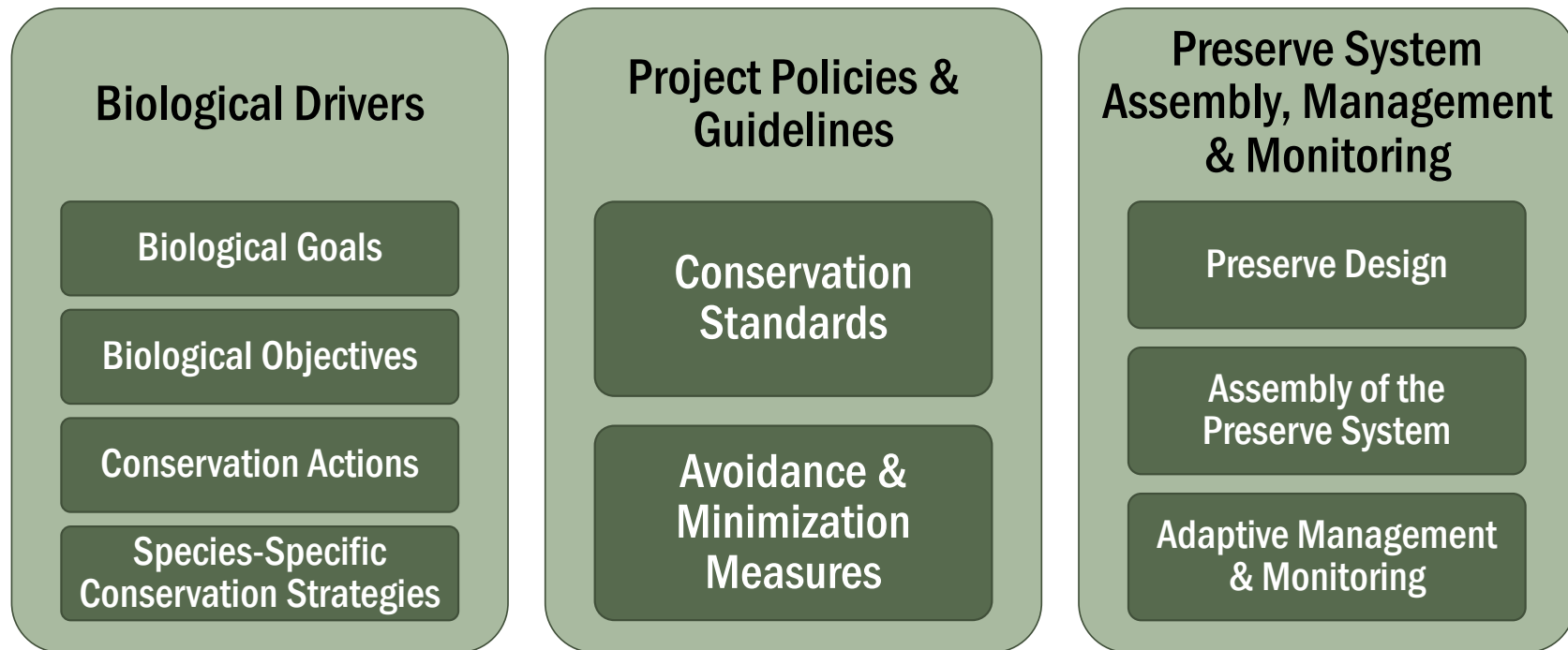
Framework Resource Management Plan (FRMP)



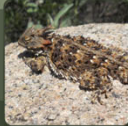
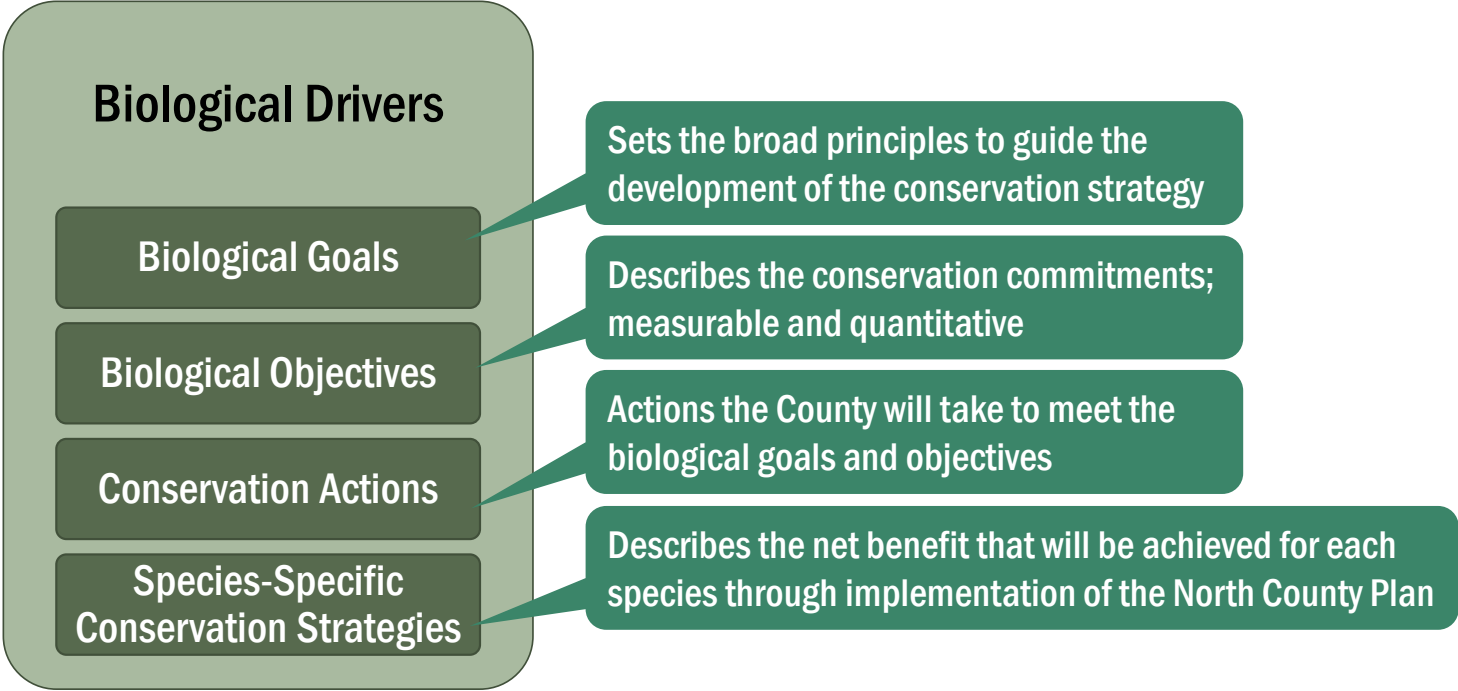
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Conservation Strategy



Biological Drivers



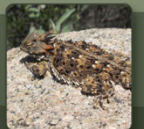
Biological Goals, Objectives & Conservation Actions

The foundation of the Conservation Strategy intended to:

- Describe the desired biological outcomes;
- Provide quantitative commitments and timeframes for achieving the desired outcomes;
- Serve as benchmarks by which to measure progress in achieving those outcomes;
- Provide metrics for the adaptive management and monitoring program that will evaluate the effectiveness of the conservation actions; and
- If needed, provide a basis to adjust the conservation actions to achieve the desired outcomes

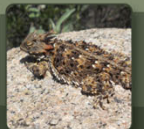
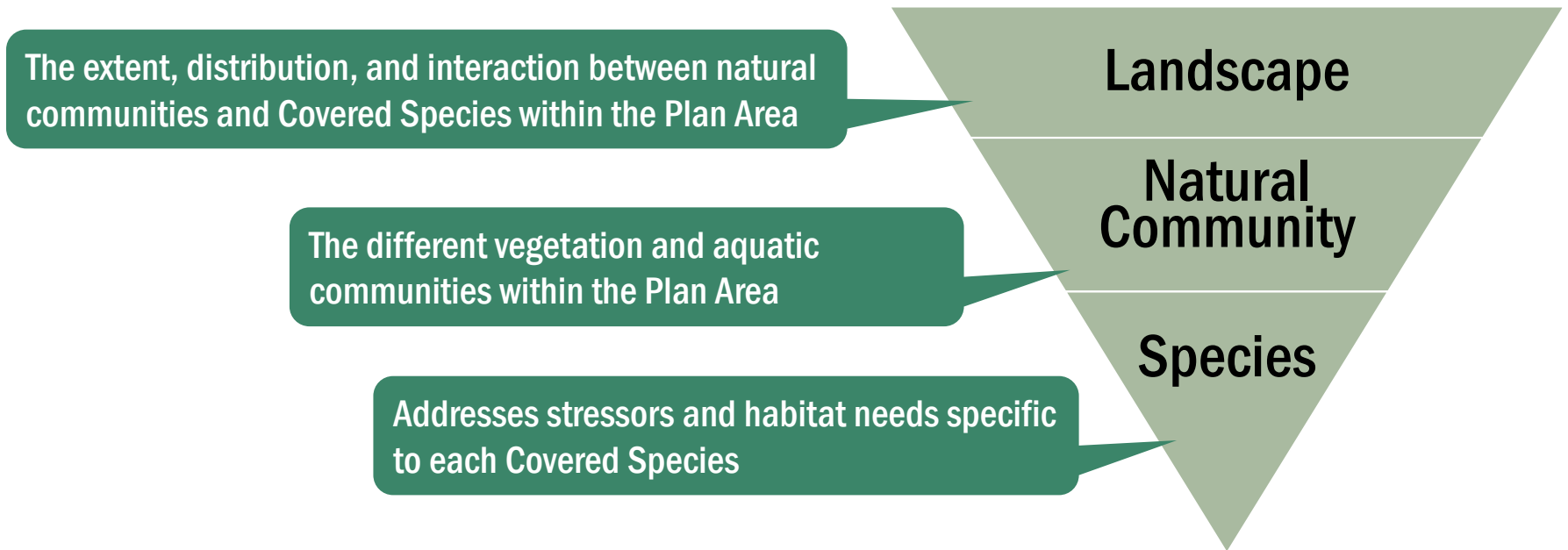


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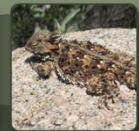
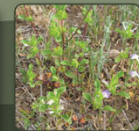
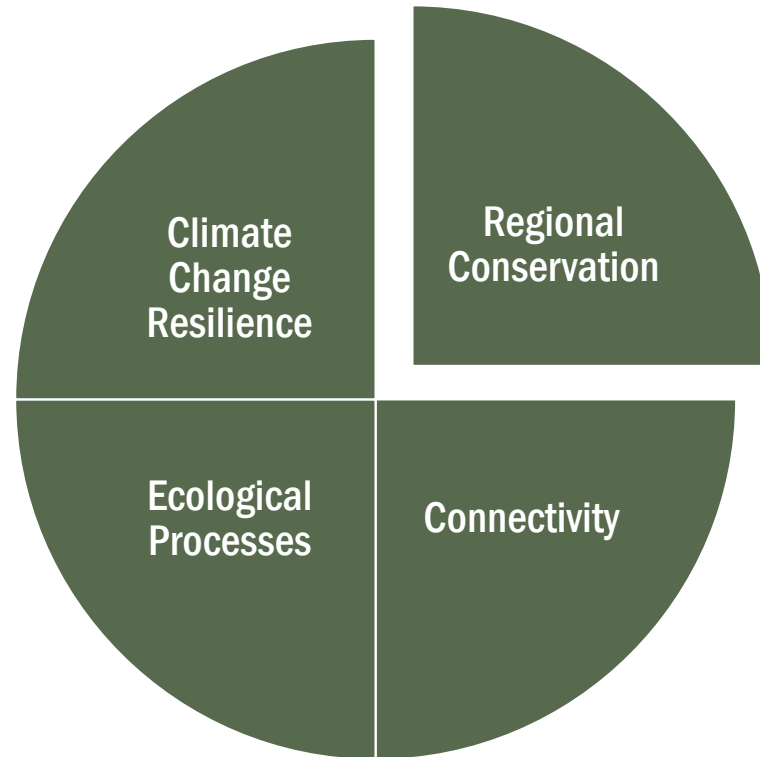


Biological Goals, Objectives & Conservation Actions

Split into three levels: landscape, natural community, and species



Landscape-Level Goals



Regional Conservation

Goal

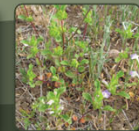
Protect, manage, and enhance natural and semi-natural landscapes that result in conservation of areas large enough to support ecological integrity and persistence of Covered Species and natural communities, and are linked to each other and/or other areas of natural open space in or adjacent to the Priority Conservation Area and/or Plan Area.

Objective 1

Permanently protect 36,273 acres of additional natural and semi-natural landscapes within the Priority Conservation Areas (PCA) that are contiguous with existing protected lands.

Objective 2

Manage 61,321 acres of the North County MSCP Preserve System consistent with guidelines of the North County MSCP Framework Resource Management Plan (FRMP).



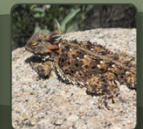
Regional Conservation

Objective 1: Permanently Protect

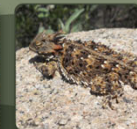
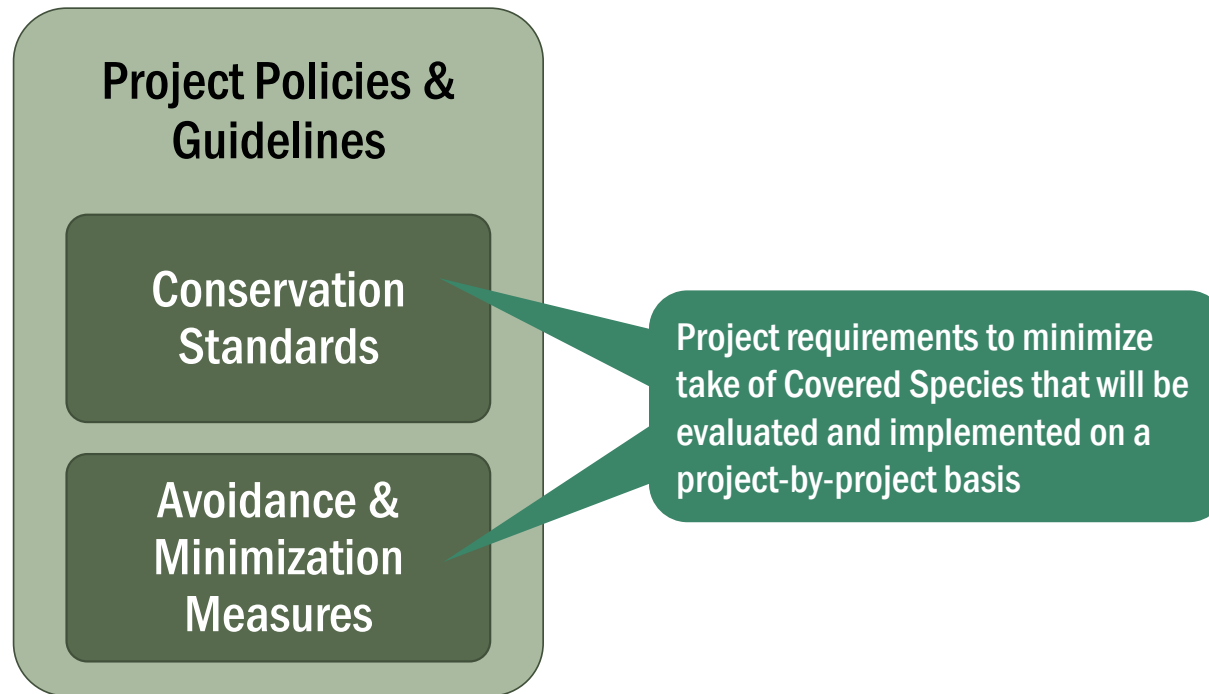
- Conservation Action 1: Direct mitigation into the PCA through acquisition and/or establishment of easements for the purpose of conservation by the County and private land developers to offset impacts to Covered Species.
- Conservation Action 2: Direct additional conservation into the PCA through acquisition and/or establishment of easements for the purpose of conservation by the County to contribute to the recovery of Covered Species and support Natural Communities and ecological functions and processes.

Objective 2: Manage

- Conservation Action 1: Prepare and implement Resource Management Plans based on the FRMP for each preserve area in the North County MSCP Preserve System.
- Conservation Action 2: Ensure any public passive recreational access within the North County MSCP Preserve System is compatible with, and will not adversely affect, conservation goals and objectives.
- Conservation Action 3: Minimize threats and stressors to Covered Species, Natural Communities, and ecological processes throughout the North County MSCP Preserve System.

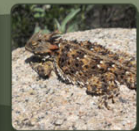
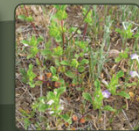


Project Policies & Guidelines



Conservation Standards

- Provides clear, transparent guidance for projects included as a Covered Activity that may impact biological resources
 - Aligns closely with current regulations and practices
- Conservation standards have been drafted for:
 - Rare and Narrow Endemic Plants
 - Wetlands
 - Vernal Pools
 - Breeding Birds
 - Bald & Golden Eagles
 - Bats
 - Wildlife Linkages, Corridors, and Crossings



Avoidance & Minimization Measures

Split into three levels: general, natural community, and species

Includes measures for all Covered Activities and stormwater best management practices

Includes measures for riparian and aquatic habitat, vernal pools, and woodlands and forests

Some, but not all, Covered Species include additional measures to minimize take

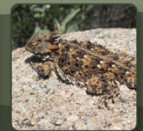
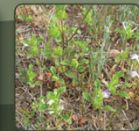
General

Natural
Community

Species



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Feedback & Input

Public Review Period
January – February
2024

Biological Drivers

- Biological Goals
- Biological Objectives
- Conservation Actions
- Species-Specific Conservation Strategies

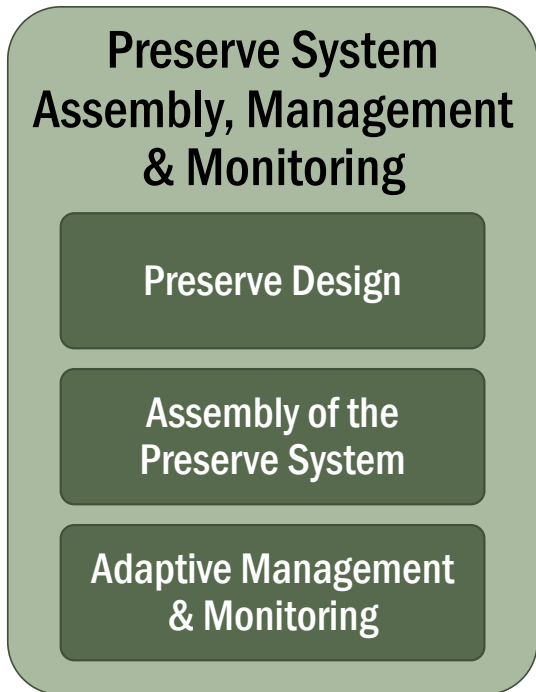
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- Conservation Standards
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Science Advisors Input
Spring 2024



What comes next?



**Public Workshops:
Plan Implementation**

**Anticipated for
Spring/Summer
2024**



Public Comment



**WE WANT TO HEAR
FROM YOU!**



**PLEASE SHARE
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS.**

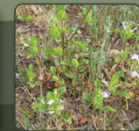


ASK ANY QUESTIONS.

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Thank you for participating!



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