

# **North County Multiple Species Conservation Plan (North County Plan)**

## **Public Workshop**

**November 16, 2023**



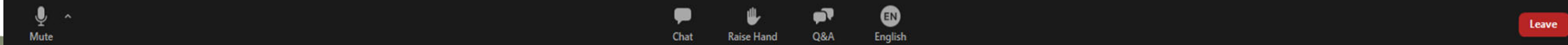
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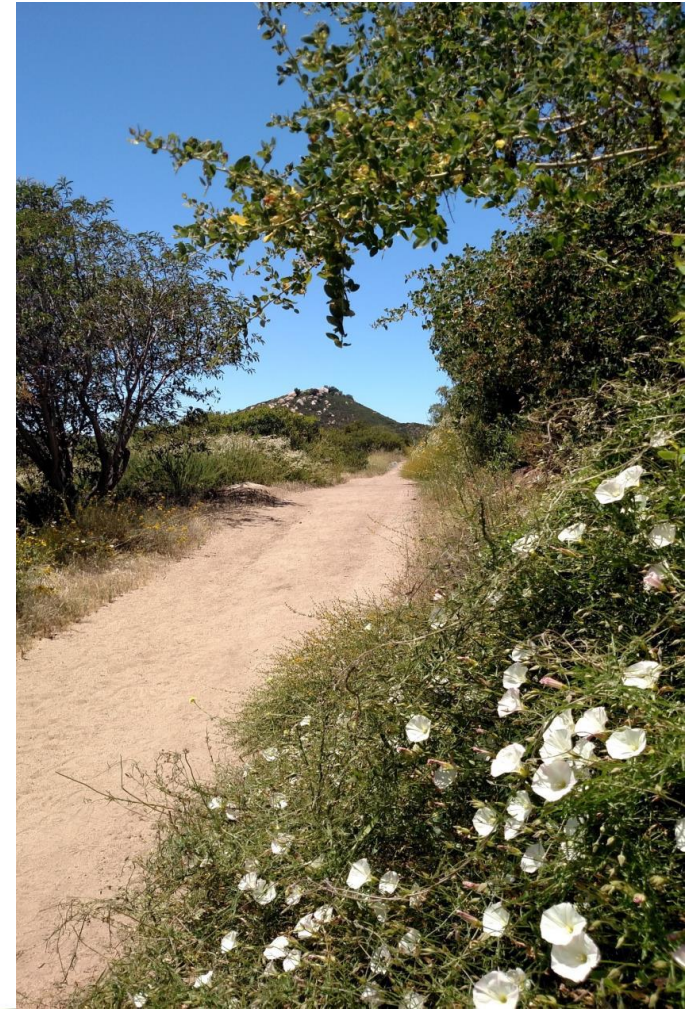


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# Agenda

- 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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During the Meeting



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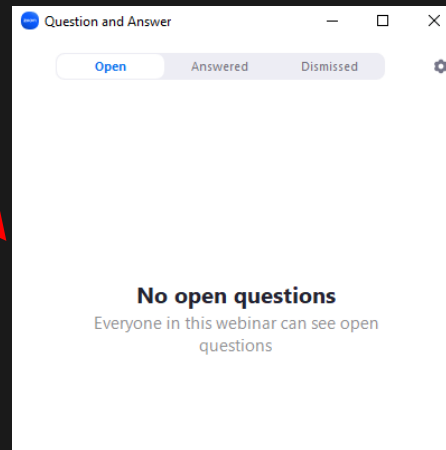


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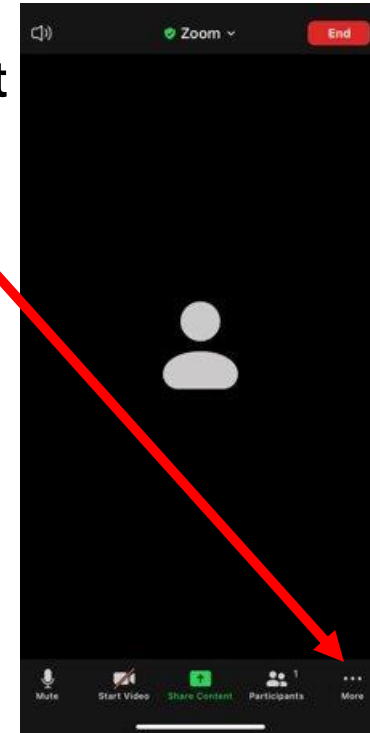


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- ▶ Enter your name or click Skip
- ▶ Wait to be re-directed to the event



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What brought you here today? Please explain your interest in the Multiple Species Conservation Plan.

Nobody has responded yet.

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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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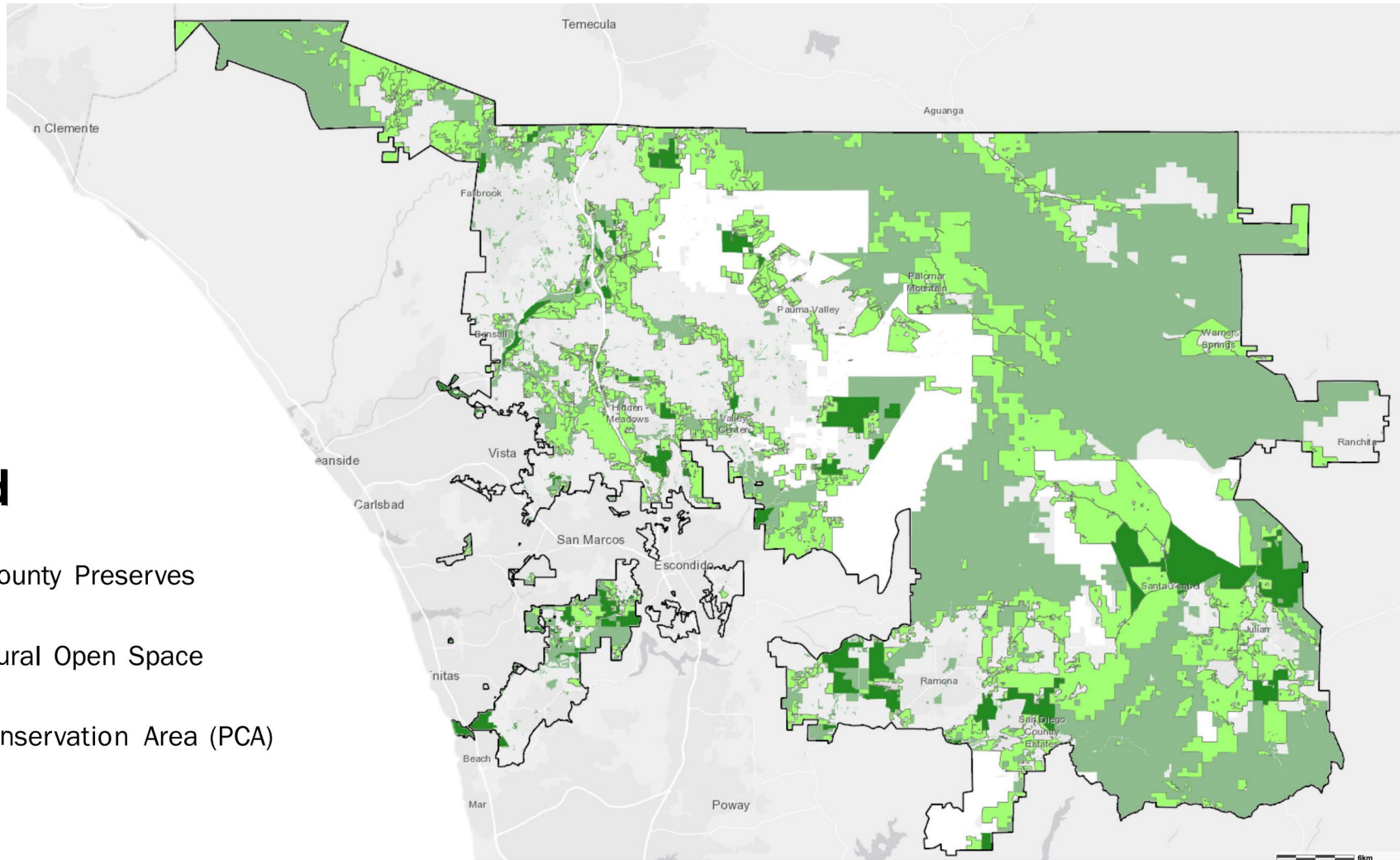




# North County Open Space Network

## Legend

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



# Engage San Diego County

The screenshot shows the website for the North County Multiple Species Conservation Plan. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, About This Site, and All Projects, along with a search box and a user profile icon. The main header features the County of San Diego logo and the title "North County Plan" in a large, stylized font. Below the header, there are three small images: a bird, a plant, and a lizard. The main content area includes a breadcrumb trail "Home / North County Multiple Species Conservation Plan" and the title "North County Multiple Species Conservation Plan". There are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Email. A large image of a mountain landscape is shown on the left. To the right of the image, there is a text block describing the plan: "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". On the right side, there is a "Who's Listening" section with two entries: "Stephanie Neal" (Project Lead, Planning & Development Services, Email: [MSCP@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:MSCP@sdcounty.ca.gov)) and "Bethany Principe" (MSCP Program Coordinator, Parks & Recreation, Email: [MSCP@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:MSCP@sdcounty.ca.gov)).

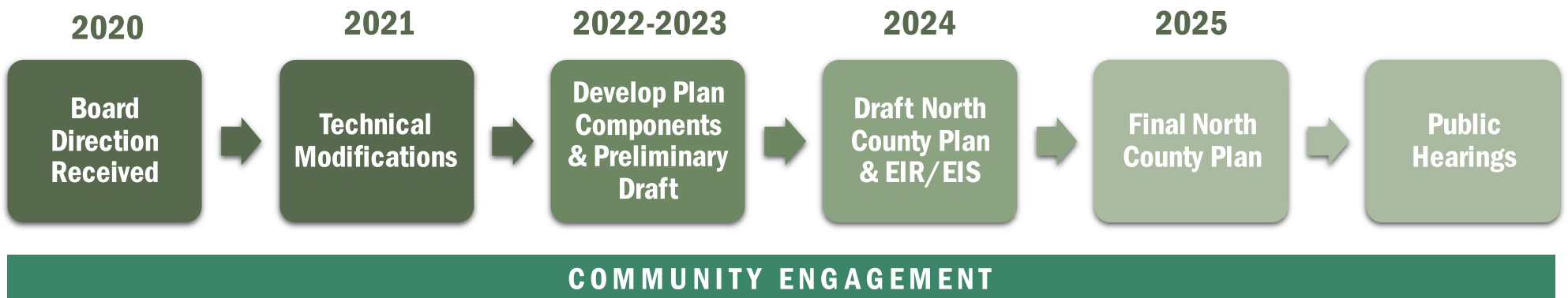
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# North County Plan Timeline



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# Plan Components



## What is your level of expertise in relation to habitat conservation planning and/or land management?

Novice (little to no experience)

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Beginner (some basic knowledge)

0

Competent/Proficient (good working/background knowledge)

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Expert (authoritative knowledge and experience in the discipline)

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**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)

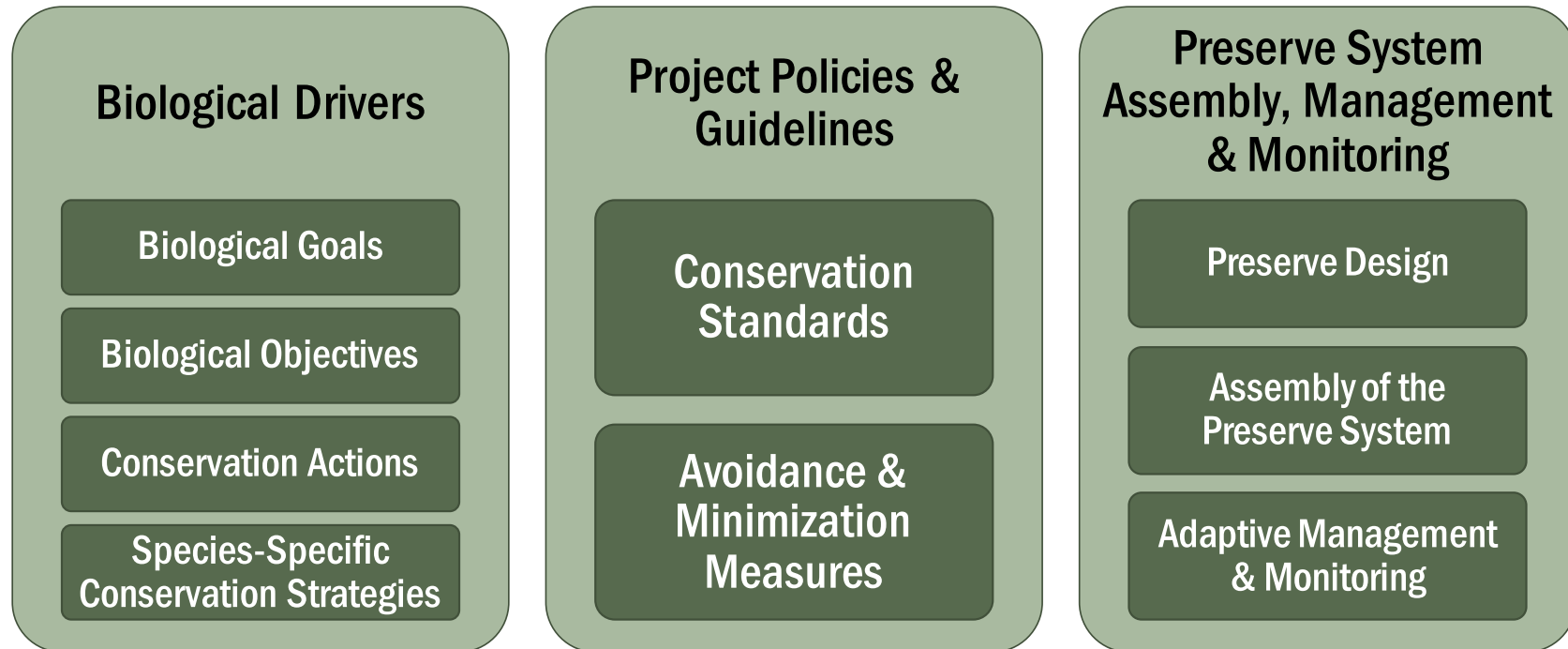
Framework Resource Management Plan (FRMP)



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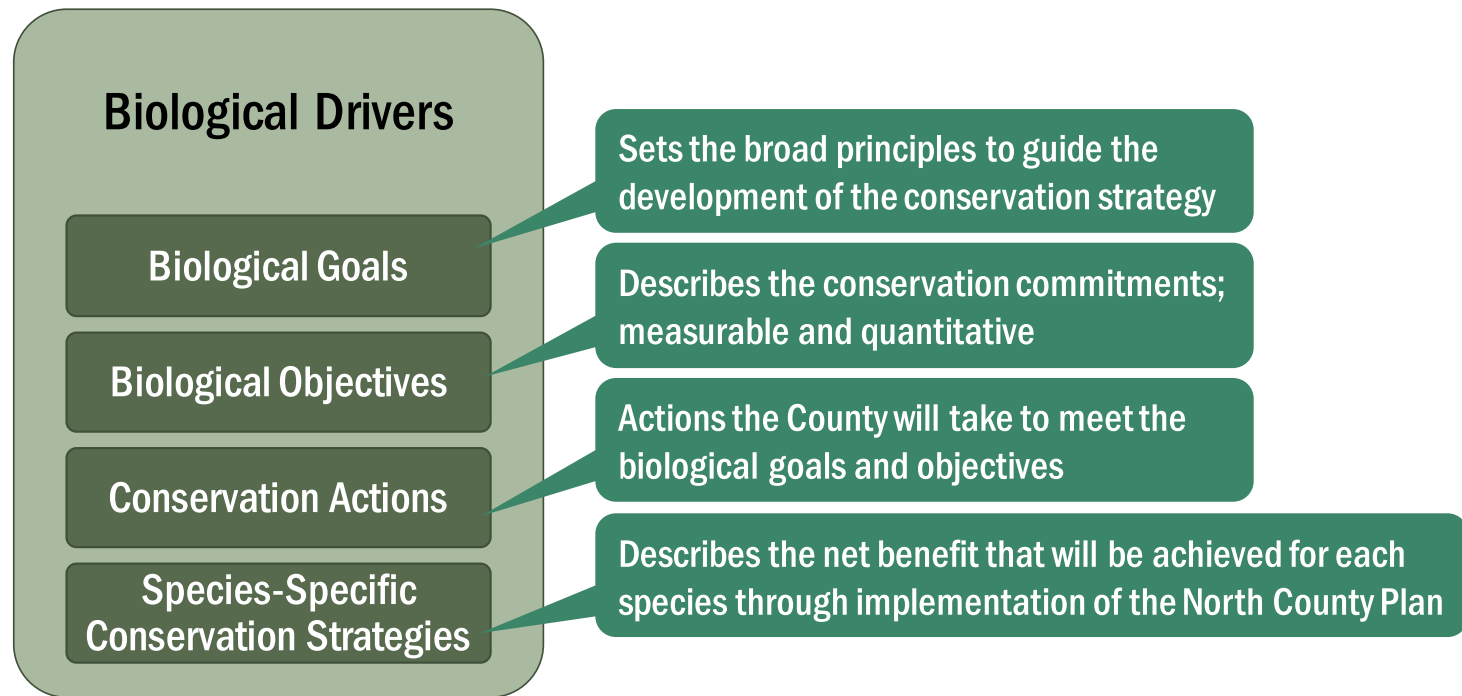


# Conservation Strategy





# Biological Drivers



# Biological Goals, Objectives & Conservation Actions

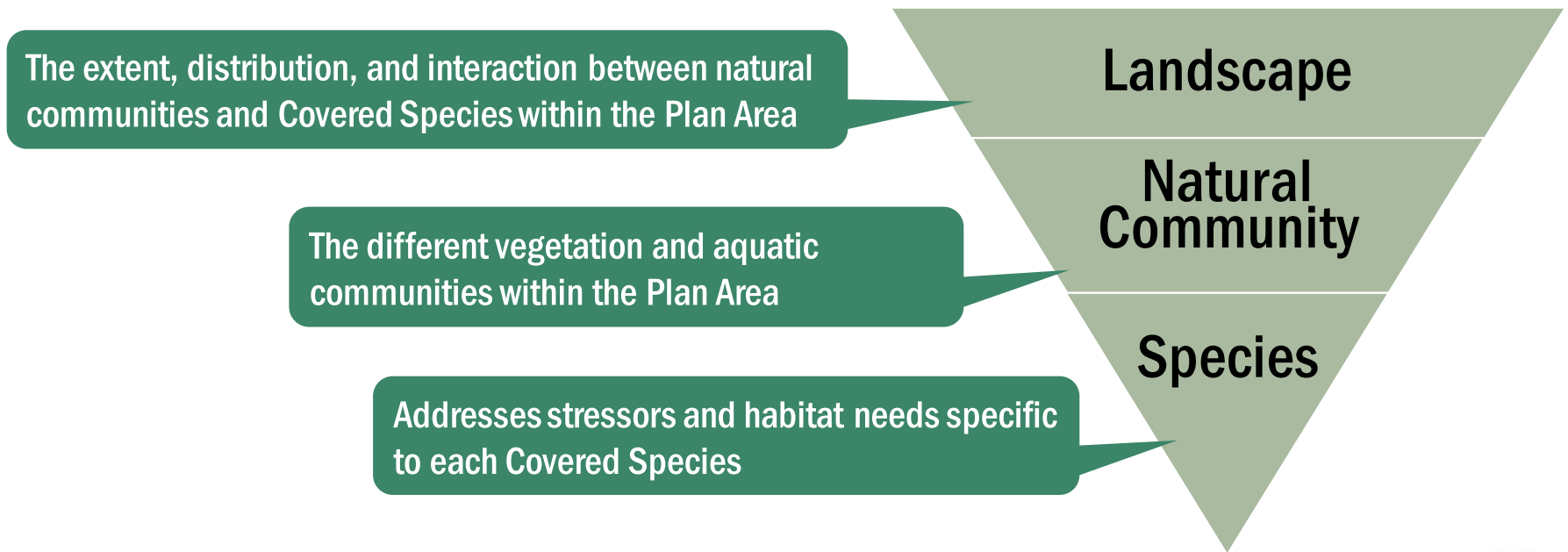
The foundation of the Conservation Strategy intended to:

- 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

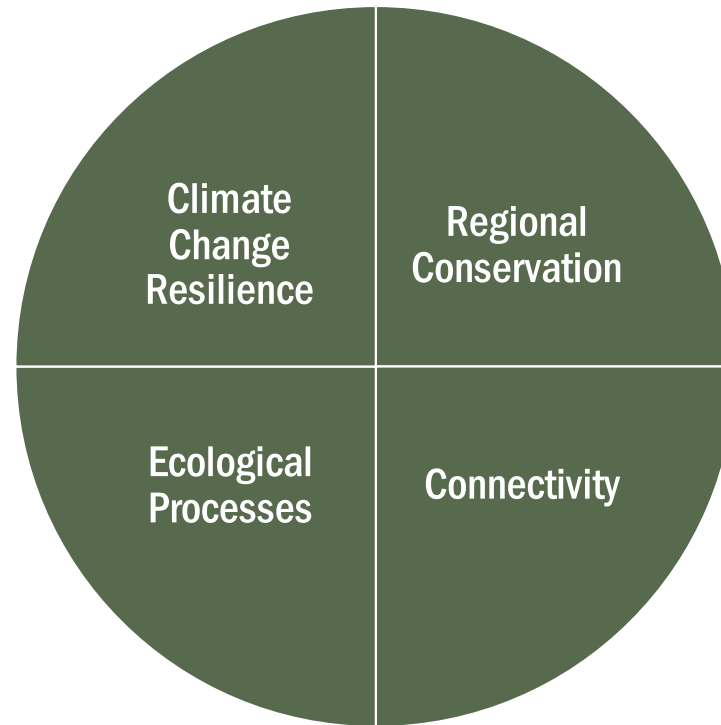


# Biological Goals, Objectives & Conservation Actions

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



# Landscape-Level Goals

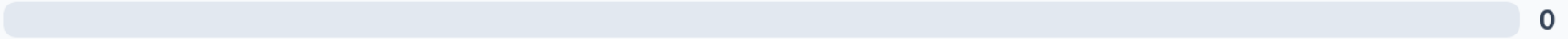


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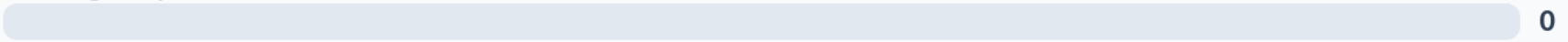
Regional conservation



Connectivity



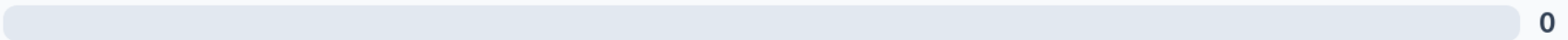
Ecological processes



Climate change resilience



Other

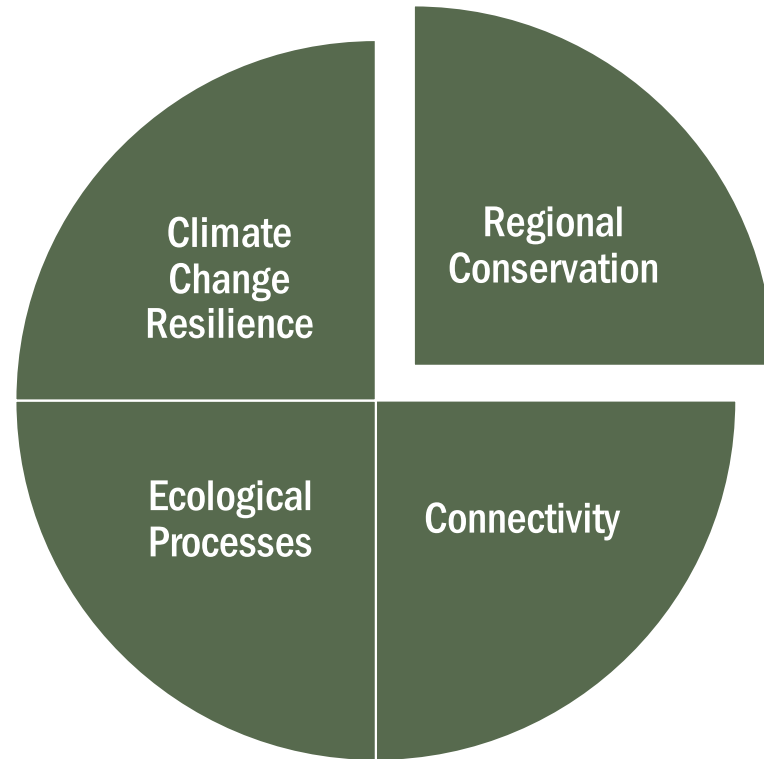


If you answered other, please explain what you would like the North County Plan to achieve on a landscape level.

Nobody has responded yet.

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# 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

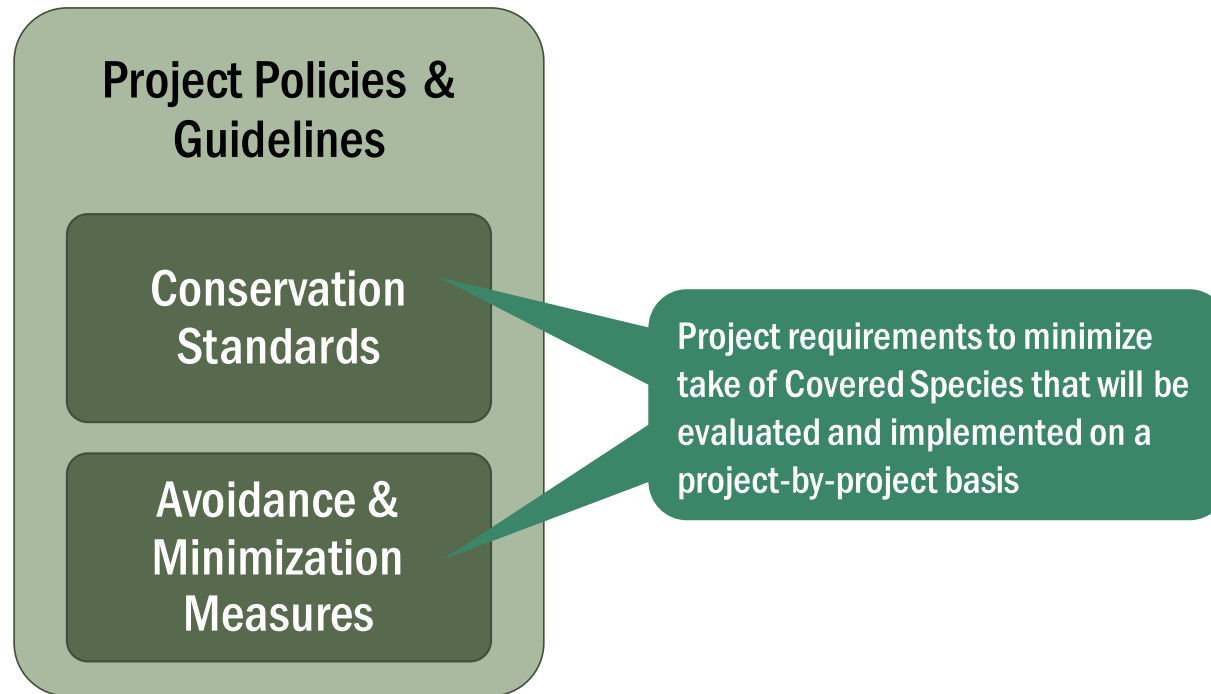
- **Conservation Action 1:** Direct mitigation into the PCA through acquisition and/or establishment of easements for the purpose of conservation by the County and private land developers to offset impacts to Covered Species.
- **Conservation Action 2:** Direct additional conservation into the PCA through 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

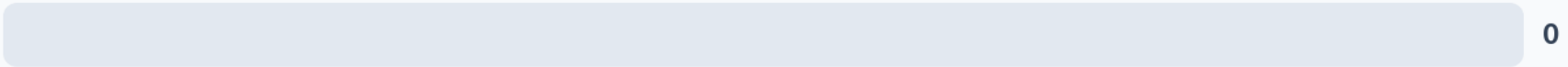


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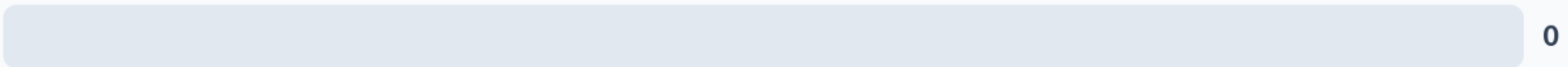
The intent of the North County Plan is to streamline the development process by establishing clear guidance rather than negotiating on a project-by-project basis. Do you think the project guiding policies will help achieve this result?

Yes



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No



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If you answered no, what are your concerns?

Nobody has responded yet.  
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# Feedback & Input

Public Review Period  
January – February  
2024

**Biological Drivers**

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

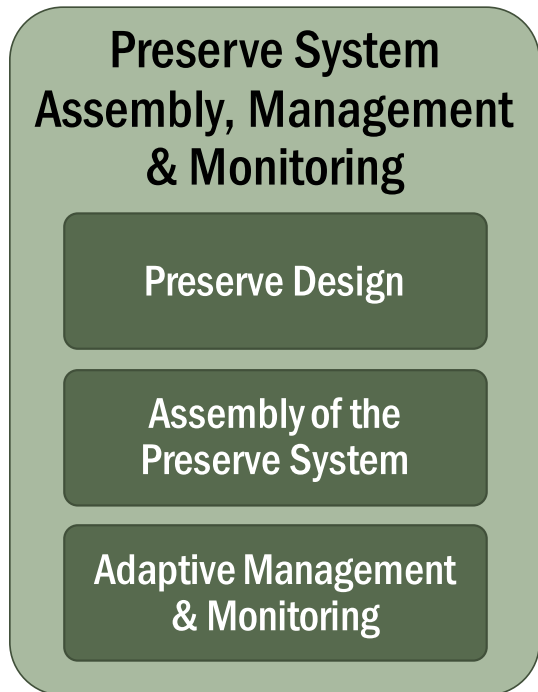
**Project Policies & Guidelines**

- Conservation Standards
- Avoidance & Minimization Measures

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.**

Check out our project website: [bit.ly/NorthCountyMSCP](https://bit.ly/NorthCountyMSCP)

Email us at: [MSCP@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:MSCP@sdcounty.ca.gov)



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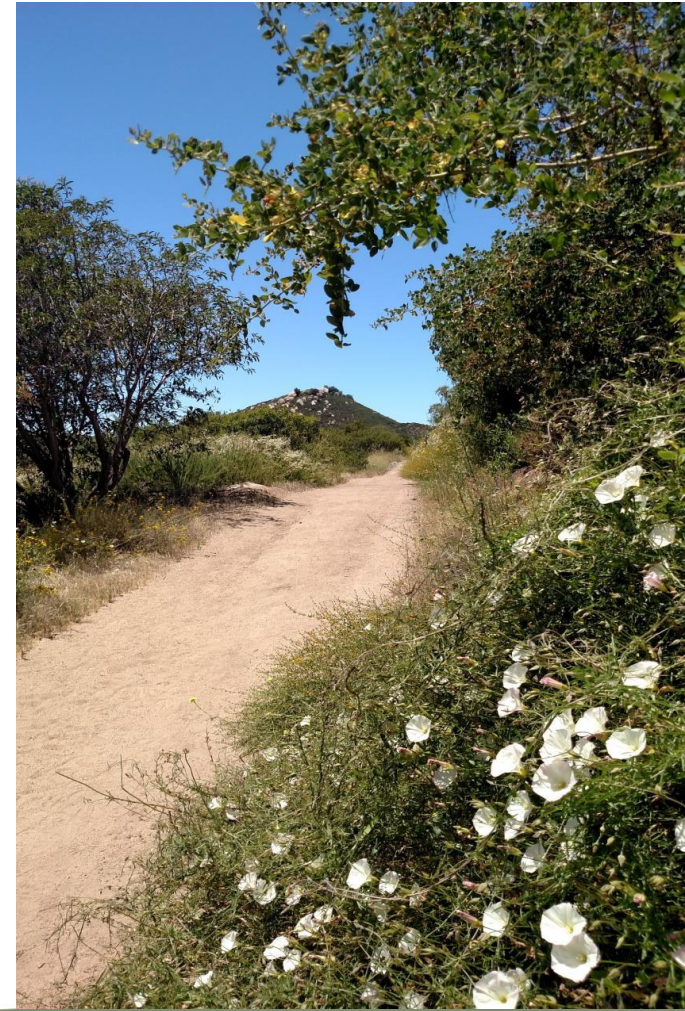
# Thank you for participating!



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