

# Santa Clara Valley Habitat Conservation Plan/ Natural Community Conservation Plan

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# Goals and Objectives

- ◆ Broad Goals (Program Goals)
  - General, qualitative statements of the HCP/NCCP's purpose
  - Address wide range of topics (biology, economics, land use, recreation, etc.)
  - Optional
- ◆ Biological Goals
  - Broad goals for the *conservation strategy*
  - Typically developed for each natural community (grassland, oak woodland, streams, etc.)
  - May need goals for some covered species
  - Required by USFWS/NMFS “5-Point Policy”

# Biological Goals and Objectives

- ◆ Biological goals are typically qualitative
- ◆ Biological objectives = conservation targets to achieve each goal
  - Measurable
  - Quantitative when possible
  - Clear and succinct
- ◆ Conservation actions achieve objectives
- ◆ Biological goals and objectives summarize the entire conservation strategy
- ◆ Biological goals and objectives often habitat-based to address needs of multiple covered species

# Biological Goals and Objectives

- ◆ Case Study-East Contra Costa County HCP/NCCCP
  - 33 biological goals
  - 91 biological objectives
  - Organized by 5 broad natural communities
  - Distinguish natural community-level goals and species-level goals within each natural community
  - Biological goals and objectives were developed in very iterative process
- ◆ Case Study-Plum Creek Timber HCP
  - Four C's: Cold, Clean, Connected, Complex

# Biological Goals and Objectives

- ◆ Santa Clara Valley HCP/NCCCP
  1. Develop structure for biological goals and objectives (June)
  2. Preliminary biological goals and objectives (August)
  3. Draft biological goals and objectives (November)
  4. Preliminary draft conservation strategy and alternatives (April 2007)