

Santa Clara Valley Habitat Conservation Plan/ Natural Community Conservation Plan

**Stakeholder
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Covered Activities

- ◆ All actions that could result in take for which permit will be applicable
- ◆ Limit covered activities to those under control of Permittees
- ◆ Detailed list and description of actions v. general description of actions within geographic area
- ◆ Specific projects
- ◆ Ongoing operations or maintenance
- ◆ Include restoration, habitat enhancement, monitoring
- ◆ May exclude activities or projects

Covered Activities: SCV HCP/NCCP Criteria

- ◆ **Location:** Occurs within study area
- ◆ **Timing:** Construction occurs within permit term
- ◆ **Impact:** Reasonable likelihood to take covered species
- ◆ **Definition:** We know enough about project for Plan
- ◆ **Practicability:** Including activity will not result in substantial delay or cost

Covered Activities: SCV HCP/NCCP Preliminary List

- ◆ Urban development
 - Any ground-disturbing activity within cities (or USB)
- ◆ Rural development (outside city limits or USB)
 - Rural residential development (e.g., ranchettes)
 - Construction of County roads
 - Expansion of the San Martin Airport
 - Storm damage repair and prevention projects
 - Bridge repair and replacement
 - New recreation facilities and trails



Covered Activities: SCV HCP/NCCP Preliminary List

◆ Activities within Streams

- Flood protection capital projects
- Water utility capital projects
- Implementation of Coyote Valley Stream Stewardship Plan
- Implementation of the Fisheries Aquatic Habitat Collaboration Effort (FAHCE) in the study area
- Water utility/water supply operations & maintenance
- Stream maintenance for water supply and flood protection
- Water delivery contracts



Covered Activities: SCV HCP/NCCP Preliminary List

- ◆ Rural operations and maintenance
 - Improvement and maintenance of County roads
 - Operation, maintenance, and management of County Parks
 - Utility line or facility operation and maintenance
- ◆ Plan implementation
 - Management and monitoring in HCP/NCCP preserve system
 - Habitat restoration, enhancement
 - Facility construction and maintenance



Covered Activities: Key Issues

- ◆ Cover ongoing agricultural activities?
- ◆ Cover neighboring landowner activities?
- ◆ Cover future speculative projects?
- ◆ Urban growth beyond current projections or General Plans?
- ◆ Consider analysis for CEQA/NEPA alternatives



Covered Activities: Next Steps

- ◆ Refine list of covered activities
- ◆ Gather information regarding large projects planned outside urban areas
 - Major road projects
 - Water supply projects
 - Energy/utility projects
- ◆ Need basic information on general location, footprint, timing
- ◆ Determine which activities should be excluded from permits

Covered Species

- ◆ Developed 4 criteria for selection
 - **Range:** In study area?
 - **Status:** Listed or likely to become listed?
 - **Impact:** Will covered activities *take* species?
 - **Data:** Do we know enough about species?
- ◆ Evaluated 137 special-status species
- ◆ List is preliminary—review by Wildlife Agencies, stakeholders, Science Advisors

Covered Species

Recommended 33 species be covered by Plan:
18 wildlife species



Townsend's big-eared bat



Western pond turtle



San Joaquin kit fox



Golden eagle



Steelhead trout



Tricolored blackbird



California red-legged frog



California tiger salamander



Photo by Richard A. Armond

Bay checkerspot butterfly



Western burrowing owl

Covered Species

15 plant species

Most beautiful
jewelflower

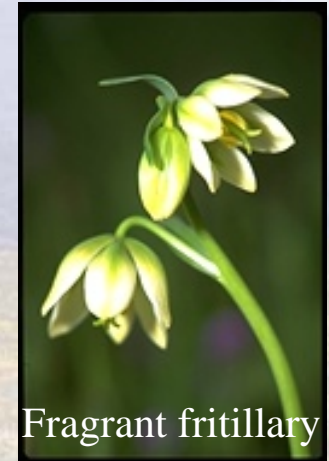


Santa Clara Valley dudleya



Smooth lessingia

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Fragrant fritillary

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Coyote ceanothus

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Mt. Hamilton thistle



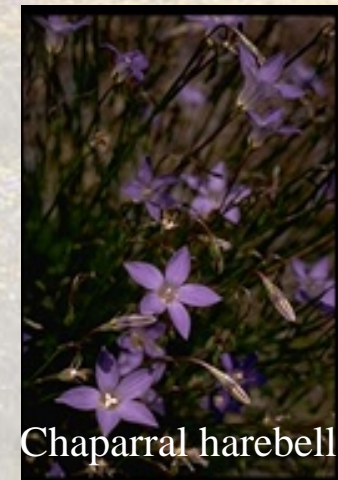
Hall's bush mallow

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Robust spineflower

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Chaparral harebell

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Covered Species

- ◆ Other species addressed in Plan
 - No Take Species
 - No Direct Take Authorized
 - + Fully Protected species
 - + MBTA species
 - Species used in conservation analysis
 - Incidental benefits to many species
- ◆ “CEQA” species
- ◆ The list dilemma



Covered Species: Next Steps

- ◆ Feedback needed on:
 - Additional species to evaluate
 - Changes in conclusions
 - Additional occurrence data to improve analysis
- ◆ J&S will
 - Assemble occurrence data
 - Develop species ecological profiles
 - Land cover mapping
 - Develop habitat models