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Vernal Pool Inventory



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The City of San Diego is pleased to provide you with a copy of its 2002-2003 Vernal Pool Inventory. This inventory builds off of seminal work completed by R. Mitchel Beauchamp (1979) and Dr. Ellen Bauder (1986), as well as over 2500 hours of City staff conducting site specific vernal pool surveys.

This inventory was the product of a grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to improve understanding of the current distribution and conservation status of vernal pools within the jurisdiction or ownership of the City of San Diego. The inventory will serve as the foundation for the **Citywide** Vernal Pool Management Plan currently underway.

While the inventory focused on identifying the location and size of vernal pool basins, and five sensitive vernal pool plants, it is my hope that it will serve as the basis for future monitoring and research efforts. Because all of the information was collected with a sub-meter differential Global Positioning System and stored in a Geographic Information System, the data can be easily aggregated with other vernal pool inventories currently underway by the County of San Diego and Marine Corps Air Station Miramar. This will allow a regional perspective on the status of these unique ecosystems.

It is my sincere belief that through proper management, vernal pool habitat can be protected, enhanced and restored. While we cannot undo the tremendous loss of vernal pool habitat that has occurred over the last century, we can strive to maintain and manage what remains. It is in this light that the Inventory and the pending Citywide Vernal Pool Management Plan are presented for your use.

Sincerely,

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