



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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Dear Mr. Zoutendyk and Mr. Mayer:

Subject: Final 2011 MSCP Annual Report

Enclosed is the City of San Diego's Final 2011 MSCP Annual Report. In developing this report, the City of San Diego has utilized Habitrak, the GIS extension developed by CDFG for tracking loss and gain of habitat. Each project that was issued a grading permit within the year 2011 was evaluated for impacts to environmentally sensitive lands, and all impacts were entered as loss projects for the 2011 calendar year. The updated digital data for habitat loss and gain within the City of San Diego through 2011 is attached.

The regional and project specific maps that are generated by Habitrak are currently of little use and costly to print. The digital data supplied to your offices may be used to generate maps through Habitrak, if desired.

As the enclosed Summary of Habitat Losses and Gains table shows, to date the City has conserved a total of 33,606 acres inside the MHPA. This represents 64 percent of the City's conservation target in the MSCP Subarea Plan. In 2011, a total of 0.4 acres were lost inside the MHPA and 74.0 acres were conserved inside the MHPA. Additionally, 15.6-acres were lost outside the MHPA while 24.5 acres were conserved outside the MHPA. In the reporting period of 2011, Habitrak was updated to represent the 2005 acquisition and conservation of an additional 80- acres of pristine undisturbed mesa top habitat located in Del Mar Mesa. Therefore, an overall habitat gain of 154-acres inside the MHPA is depicted in 2011 Cumulative Conservation Inside Habitat Preserve of the Habitat Conservation Accounting Model.



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The City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department, Open Space Division has prepared and sent the "City of San Diego 2011 MSCP Rare Plant Monitoring Report" to the wildlife agencies under separate cover. Meanwhile, contained herein is the "MSCP Management Actions Report, January 1, 2011-December 31, 2011" prepared by the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department & Public Utilities Department. This report provides a summary of the myriad of management projects that were undertaken in 2011. In addition to on-going stewardship and land management activities (see MSCP Management Actions Report 2011), the Park and Recreation Department Open Space Division is conducting weeding at the San Diego Ambrosia site at Mission Trails Regional Park in an adaptive management framework. This project builds on two pilot studies previously conducted by the Center for Natural Lands Management and Mike Kelly and Associates. The monitoring methods to assess management actions were developed in conjunction with the Institute for Ecological Management and Monitoring at San Diego State University. To date, pre-treatment monitoring was conducted on January 12, 2011, post-treatment monitoring was conducted on June, 9, 2011, and pre-treatment monitoring was conducted on January 31, 2012. Following the first treatment, Ambrosia appeared increased in size and extent; however, statistical assessments will be completed upon collection of two full years of data. Finally, City Parks and Recreation Department concluded that no impacts to Park and Recreation Open Spaces lands occurred in 2011.

The City's open space parks include Deer Canyon. In 2010, the Deer Canyon Mitigation Bank completed its environmental credit sales and was in the process of turning the property over to the City of San Diego as required in the Banking Implementation Agreement. In 2011, additional meetings were held with MSCP staff, the Real Estates Assets Department (READ), and the Park and Recreation Department to discuss the transfer of Deer Canyon to City Open Space. It is anticipated that the Deer Canyon property would be accepted by the City Council in 2012.

The City's Marron Valley Conerstone Mitigation Bank sold a total of 3.19 credits in 2011. Therefore, the Maroon Valley Bank has sold 63.165 credits and maintains 936.84 of remaining credits as of 2011 (attached).

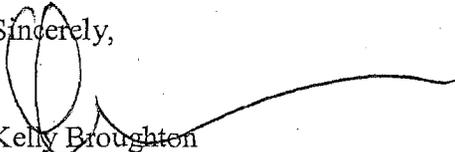
Adjustments to the boundary of the MHPA are allowed on a project-by-project basis if the boundary adjustment is deemed functionally equivalent to the land that is proposed to be removed from the MHPA (see Section 5.4.2 MSCP Plan, August 1998). The wildlife agencies must concur with the adjustment. In 2011, one MHPA Boundary Line Adjustment was tentatively approved pending review of additional information. Torrey Pines City Park General Development Plan is a resource-based park first established in 1899. Previous master plans have studied the site and recommended improvements, but were not processed for approval. The project would include revisions to the MHPA boundary. Approximately 2.4 acres of land that have been in Gliderport use since the 1930s would be removed from the MHPA through a boundary line correction. In addition, a proposed boundary line adjustment would subtract 0.5 acre currently within the MHPA and would add 22.5 acres.

The Nakano Annexation Process was approved by the City and Wildlife Agencies in 2011. Through the annexation of the Nakano Property from the City of Chula Vista to the City of San Diego, the City's MSCP Subarea Plan would be amended to depict the Nakano property inside City of San Diego jurisdiction. A Consistency Analysis was prepared by Helix Environmental Consulting to demonstrate that the two jurisdictions' Subarea Plans are consistent and an additional requirement of contribution to long-term funding would be made a condition of project approval and provided by Pardee. Upon formal approval of LAFCO annexation, the applicant would resubmit to the City for Site Development Permit (SDP). At that time, Third Party Beneficiary Status would be granted to Pardee for potential indirect impacts to CAGN and included in the SDP. No MHPA boundary line adjustments for City of San Diego or City of Chula Vista were proposed.

I look forward to your comments on the enclosed information, and hope to have an opportunity to discuss the results and future needs of the City and the Wildlife Agencies as they pertain to Habitrak and the annual report requirements. Your timely review of the annual report is appreciated.

Please call Kristy Forburger at (619) 236-6583 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: MSCP Annual Report 2011
MSCP Management Actions Report, 2011
Canyon Sewer Cleaning Program and Long Term Sewer Maintenance
Program Progress Report, 2011
Time Zero Report for the Central Tecolote Canyon Mitigation Project
Summary of Maroon Valley Conerstone Mitigation Bank Debits
City of San Diego Public Utilities Department Impact Totals by Project 2011
City of San Diego Public Works Department Impact Totals 2011

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