

# Map Data Definitions

## Draft Vernal Pool Habitat Conservation Plan (VPHCP) Interactive Vernal Pool Conservation Map

This document provides definitions and detailed metadata for each of the map layers. A general description for each of the map layers is defined below. For more information about each of the features refer to the draft VPHCP where the name of the map layer on the interactive map is placed in parenthesis.

1. **Vernal Pools (Vernal\_Pool)** - Vernal pools are seasonal, depression-type wetlands that result from a unique set of physical parameters and support a specific biological assemblage of plant and animal species. Functional vernal pool ecosystems form under specific physical conditions when small, shallow depressions collect precipitation to create a seasonally perched water table.
  - a. Species abbreviations and common names found in the column headings.
    - PONU = Otay Mesa mint
    - POAB = San Diego Mesa mint
    - NAFO = Spreading navarretia
    - ERAR = San Diego button-celery
    - ORCA = California Orcutt grass
    - RFS = Riverside fairy shrimp
    - SDFS = San Diego fairy shrimp
  - b. Data values associated with each species type from #1 above within each pool.
    - 1 = Presence
    - 0 = Absence
2. **Assessor Parcel Boundaries (SDW.CITY.PARCEL)** - Parcels represent taxable pieces of property. A parcel is created by the San Diego County Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk (ARCC) to identify a specific portion of real property that is taxed at a certain rate for a certain owner. Tax parcels are typically the same as a legally subdivided lot but are not necessarily so. For example, a single owner may own a legally subdivided piece of property but there may be two or more tax parcels covering that property. Legal subdivisions are shown in the LOTS layer. Parcels are keyed to the Assessor Parcel Number (APN). More details can be found in the [comprehensive metadata document](#)
3. **Areas Not subject to VPHCP (Not subject)** – Certain lands included within the jurisdictional boundary of the City are not under the local land use jurisdiction of the City. These lands include, but are not limited to, school districts, military lands, other federal properties, and state lands. The regulatory requirements of the VPHCP are not applicable to lands not under the land use jurisdiction of the City.
4. **Baseline Conservation Level (Baseline)** – The Baseline Conservation is defined as the Multi-Habitat Planning Area (MHPA) boundary plus conserved lands, approved projects, project with approved U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Biological Opinions, and/or pipeline projects (i.e., in a stage of project approval where conservation and loss of lands have been determined).
5. **VPHCP Conservation Level (Project)** – The VPHCP Conservation builds on the Baseline Conservation. It includes all area in the Baseline Conservation plus additional selected lands.