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- 00:25:48 Andrew Wiese: Hello, I can still hear the dialogue and see 9 participants. I am no longer showing. I guess this is normal. If not, please let me know. I am afraid to log out and try to log back in as I don't know if I will be able.
- 00:26:10 Diane Ahern: For a detailed history of the evolution of the Fire Safe Council, please visit UCCA's University City News website at [www.UniversityCityNews.org](http://www.UniversityCityNews.org)  
And for those who wish to get involved with the Fire Safe Council, you can contact either me (Diane Ahern [aherndiane@gmail.com](mailto:aherndiane@gmail.com)) or Jemma Samala at [jemmasamala@gmail.com](mailto:jemmasamala@gmail.com)
- 00:33:45 Dan Amelang: I can see it
- 00:33:53 Diane Ahern: from diane - I can see
- 00:34:03 Carol Uribe: yes
- 00:41:03 Andrew Wiese: AWiese \* New Goal 1: Bio-diversity Preservation of healthy, biologically diverse regional ecosystems and conservation of endangered, threatened, and key sensitive species and their habitats.
- [Source: San Diego General Plan, Conservation Element, Goal G, (CE-G, Biological Diversity), verbatim, p CE 34-35]
- The language for the bio-diversity goal is drawn from the City of San Diego General Plan's Goals for Conservation... It is especially relevant to our community plan area which hosts exceptional and fragile biodiversity resources... in a global biodiversity hotspot - San Diego
- 00:41:52 Andrew Wiese: AW \*New Goal 2: Wetlands and Water Resources: \*Preservation of San Diego's rich biodiversity and heritage through the protection and restoration of wetland resources, including coastal waters, creeks, bays, riparian wetlands and vernal pools.  
[Source: San Diego General Plan, Conservation Element, Goals C, E, and H (CE-H – "Wetlands Conservation," verbatim, p. CE-36; and "CE-E. Urban Runoff Management," p CE-26, "Protection and restoration of water bodies, including reservoirs, coastal waters, creeks, bays, and wetlands;" and CE-C "Coastal Resources."]
- 00:43:02 Andrew Wiese: This goal language is also drawn from the city of san diego general plan, wetland, water management and coastal resources goals for conservation
- 00:43:48 Andrew Wiese: Thank you, Frank. What is the salient point about MSCP that you would like to add?

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00:46:39 Andrew Wiese: Thank you, Frank, I hope you will bring this insight to the upcoming discussion of conservation goals...

00:47:52 Andrew Wiese: Thank you. Would the addition of a Biodiversity goal help to speak to your point?

00:52:16 Andrew Wiese: 1 \*Protection, enhancement and long-term management of\* an open space system that preserves canyonlands, habitat, and sensitive biological resources.

00:53:24 William Mittendorff: yes

00:53:26 Clayton Tschudy: yes

00:56:07 Andrew Wiese: AW i suggest an edit thus: \*Protection, enhancement and long-term management of \* an open space system that preserves canyonlands, habitat, and sensitive biological resources

00:57:45 William Mittendorff: Agree with Andrew

00:58:42 Peter Worcester: How about “preserves and maximizes” instead of just preserves?

00:59:39 Clayton Tschudy: I agree with Mr. Wiese. "Preserve" is an actionable word that can be interpreted as limited in scope. Enhancement and long-term management should be included to cover the City's larger goals for Open Space.

00:59:49 Andrew Wiese: maximizes, enhances, and manages

01:00:11 Peter Worcester: I strongly agree with Andrew.

01:01:00 Andrew Wiese: Thank you, MJ, would you like to direct your comment to one of the proposed goals in particular?

01:02:31 Andrew Wiese: good question, Petr.

01:04:12 Andrew Wiese: In the interest of time, for those who may be waiting to comment, you may consider placing your comment here in the chat feature. I will be work to see it is included in the formal minutes.

01:04:54 Keith Jenne: I would also recommend “conserve” vs “preserve”

01:06:27 Charley Herzfeld: Yes, this language is better.

01:06:38 Clayton Tschudy: Good language now

01:06:58 Phoenix Von Hendy: Agree this language is much better

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- 01:07:41 Clayton Tschudy: Resilient
- 01:08:18 Clayton Tschudy: Multi-benefit ecosystem services generated by healthy habitat management
- 01:08:30 Andrew Wiese: thank you for your comments, Isabelle, the sentiment about the dynamic systems that we represent as 'resources.' The goal of the city's (and my) biodiversity-ecosystem goal seems to speak directly to this point.
- 01:09:38 Andrew Wiese: I offer that proposed addition with this concept partly in mind.
- 01:09:42 Keith Jenne: I suggest editing as "conservation management"
- 01:11:26 Andrew Wiese: Healthy and resilient d \* Development patterns that preserve natural landforms, public and private open spaces, wildlife linkages, sensitive species and habitats, and watersheds , \*and which contribute to clean air and clean water and help the city meet its climate action goals.\*
- 01:14:26 Andrew Wiese: I would support that language 'protect' rather than preserve in goal 2
- 01:14:29 Phoenix Von Hendy: Agree with Joann
- 01:15:58 Andrew Wiese: Thank you Michael. Do you have suggested language for how we should balance sustainable public access with the criteria of the MHPA preserve?
- 01:16:22 Keith Jenne: I agree with Joann
- 01:16:25 Andrew Wiese: Hello to all. I am not able to stay for the full meeting. I appreciate everyone who is working so hard to insure the future of our community. I look forward to participating more in the future. Sincerely
- 01:16:26 Frank Landis: Sustainable means, perhaps, both the city and the open spaces are here in the long term?
- 01:16:29 Andrew Wiese: Joe Matiista
- 01:17:24 Andrew Wiese: Here is my suggested edit for goal 4: Public Access: Provide opportunities for public access to open space, including portions of the MHPA, through low impact recreation, scenic overlooks, environmental education and research. Source: San Diego General Plan, Conservation Element, Goals A, and D (CE-A. Climate Action and Sustainable Development, and CE-D "Water Resources Management."  
Sources: City of San Diego, Multiple Species Conservation Program, MSCP Subarea Plan, March, 1997, General Management

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Directives for Public Access, Trails, and Recreation, p 51-53; Specific Management Policies and Directives for Urban Habitat Lands, p 72; San Diego General Plan, Conservation Element, Goal N, (CE-N. Environmental Education, p 50-51).

The person departing was Joe Matista... who was here on my zoom link I'm still here.

- 01:17:32 Keith Jenne: How about enhancing these resources
- 01:18:40 Frank Landis: What's the time frame for this plan? The reason I'm asking is the statewide goal to go carbon neutral by 2045 (executive order BB-55-18).
- 01:19:02 Andrew Wiese: My proposed edits would be: 3 Sustainable design that reduces \*greenhouse gas\* emissions and dependency on non-renewable energy sources, makes efficient use of resources, and incorporates sustainable \*landscaping, water use,\* and storm-water management.
- 01:19:10 William Mittendorff: changed "sustainable design" to "planning".
- 01:20:51 Clayton Tschudy: Does design refer to infrastructure design, to include green as well as build infrastructure?
- 01:21:38 Diane Ahern: I urge the committee to consider opening up Rose Canyon to greater access for all regardless of physical abilities. I think our open spaces should be open to humans ... and our canyons should be at least as open as the other Tri-Canyon system of Tecolote and San Clemente.
- 01:21:47 Andrew Wiese: reduce emissions and pollution
- 01:21:56 Andrew Wiese: I like that Petr's point...
- 01:22:20 Frank Landis: Diane Ahern, open spaces are also the last home for some very rare species. Opening them up more likely means the rarest species will go extinct. Is this what you want?
- 01:22:49 Andrew Wiese: Hi Diane, It isn't my desire at all!
- 01:24:04 Andrew Wiese: And Frank... I support your point absolutely... we have a very careful and sensitive balance to strike...
- 01:24:27 William Mittendorff: what does "sensitively" mean?

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- 01:24:37 Andrew Wiese: Provide opportunities for public access to open space, including portions of the MHPA, through low impact recreation, scenic overlooks, environmental education and research. Sources: City of San Diego, Multiple Species Conservation Program, MSCP Subarea Plan, March, 1997, General Management Directives for Public Access, Trails, and Recreation, p 51-53; Specific Management Policies and Directives for Urban Habitat Lands, p 72; San Diego General Plan, Conservation Element, Goal N, (CE-N. Environmental Education, p 50-51).
- 01:25:06 Andrew Wiese: That's my suggested edit here... reorient to speak directly to public access not just to one type of public access... new trails...
- 01:25:18 Frank Landis: I like Andrew's version.
- 01:25:31 Andrew Wiese: The bulk of the open spaces in UC are in the city's habitat preserve, the MHPA
- 01:25:36 William Mittendorff: Sensitive to what?
- 01:25:38 Karin Zirk: All bicycle and pedestrian trails intended for transportation purposes should be located outside our natural canyons and open space parks to protect the biologic value of the area. Situating mobility corridors along the rim of the canyon immediately adjacent to the already built environment protects the biologic resources while creating a pleasant path of travel for bicyclists and pedestrians.
- 01:26:34 Peter Worcester: I agree with Karin Zirk. See Goal #1.
- 01:27:26 Dinesh Martien: For comparison, does anyone know if San Clemente and/or Tecolote are covered by MSCP and/or MHPA?
- 01:28:02 Lisa Heikoff: should be sustainable not sustainably...
- 01:28:50 Andrew Wiese: Provide opportunities for public access to open space, including portions of the MHPA, through low impact recreation, scenic overlooks, environmental education and research.
- 01:28:55 Karin Zirk: Marian Bear is not part of an MSCP but is dedicated to being a natural park with no pavement.
- 01:29:20 Dinesh Martien: Thanks Karin.
- 01:30:09 Lisa Heikoff: Agree with Karin

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- 01:30:15 Phoenix Von Hendy: Very strongly agree with Andy. As currently written, it looks like you are looking to route commuter traffic through open space. Not a good idea. Regular commuter traffic should be routed along public access such as sidewalks and bike lanes.
- 01:30:27 Karin Zirk: We should have mobility to be able to access the open space areas. But the open space does not exist to provide mobility choices.
- 01:30:32 Andrew Wiese: Meagan, yes, that kind of access is encompassed here.. The linear overlook parks on Regents will be designed as accessible spaces to access open space
- 01:30:46 Shelley Plumb: I agree with Karin Zirk. Please stop adding suggestions for “improvements” to Rose Canyon. That is NOT the nature of Conservation. Leave it alone! Conserve it and protect it as it is now. Additions for humans are harmful for the flora and fauna of Rose Canyon.
- 01:30:54 Andrew Wiese: My point is that we need a conservation goal - and policies that speak to public access...
- 01:31:26 Andrew Wiese: That is the higher level goal, it seems to me... trails, sensitively designed and managed, is one part of that goal... but it does not encompass everything else...
- 01:31:28 Karin Zirk: I thought your points were excellent Andy
- 01:31:59 Lisa Heikoff: Thank you Deb
- 01:32:10 Andrew Wiese: This goal will allow us to have policies underneath it which address public access TO and IN our open spaces, including the bulk which is in our mandated habitat preserve
- 01:32:17 William Mittendorff: Well said, Deb
- 01:32:25 William Mittendorff: Can't hear
- 01:32:25 Galaxy Tab S5e: I agree with DK. Indeed, I would submit that draft goal #4 appears to be in conflict with draft goal #'s 1 and 2. The object is to maintain and preserve, and not to provide additional impeding access to already preserved habitats with sufficient current access.
- 01:32:26 Shelley Plumb: Yes! Keep bike paths out of Rose Canyon.
- 01:32:29 Charley Herzfeld: Debby has articulated this very well. I agree.

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01:32:53 Frank Landis: Me also.

01:33:01 Phoenix Von Hendy: All human use impacts wildlife, so the more human use you introduce into preserved space, the more you reduce wildlife.

01:33:08 Clayton Tschudy: I also agree with Debby's argument

01:33:12 Peter Worcester: I strongly agree with Debby.

01:33:16 Karin Zirk: Thank you Debby. Great points

01:33:31 Andrew Wiese: To Katie's point, our habitat preserve is not the appropriate place for our transportation system.

01:34:07 Clayton Tschudy: transit across the Open Space resource is not equal to passive recreation

01:34:14 Phoenix Von Hendy: Yes, agree with what Laurie said!

01:35:16 Andrew Wiese: The OS in UC is mainly inside the MSCP... which is an agreement with clear management guidelines, including passive recreation, for hiking and biking...

01:35:33 Phoenix Von Hendy: I also agree that this goal is in conflict with goals #1 and #2.

01:35:33 Andrew Wiese: But not in planning goal as a transport system...

01:36:11 Andrew Wiese: I agree with Petr, that the original language would seem to clearly violate the city MSCP...

01:36:15 Frank Landis: Agree with Clayton.

01:37:42 Clayton Tschudy: The MSCP may not prohibit bike access to Open Space, but bike paths incur significant impacts in jurisdictional wetlands and intact upland habitats that would be challenged in environmental review

01:38:34 Frank Landis: There's a slippery slope here. Adding a road here, some stormwater there, and pretty soon it becomes it obvious that "conserved" means "set aside for later development." If we are serious about conservation, then we have to be serious about not developing these areas.

01:39:01 Andrew Wiese: To Katie's point, the UCPG has supported a creek and track crossing in the SW corner of UC under the 5/52 interchange...

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- 01:39:21 Andrew Wiese: I personally continue to support that. I encourage the city to consider it in its plans...
- 01:39:50 Karin Zirk: If you want to see how well stormwater "manages" their facilities come see the lower portion of Rose Creek. They do not have funding to manage anything.
- 01:43:18 Andrew Wiese: For the record, here are citations to the MSCP management guidelines for urban habitat lands... And the types of low impact activities provided for ... Sources: City of San Diego, Multiple Species Conservation Program, MSCP Subarea Plan, March, 1997, General Management Directives for Public Access, Trails, and Recreation, p 51-53; Specific Management Policies and Directives for Urban Habitat Lands, p 72; San Diego General Plan, Conservation Element, Goal N, (CE-N. Environmental Education, p 50-51).
- 01:43:40 Karin Zirk: In stormwater's latest programmatic EIR for maintenance, they are only focusing on flood prevention due to funding shortfalls.
- 01:44:22 Frank Landis: Very much agree with what Debby is saying.
- 01:45:27 Andrew Wiese: I would support a mobility element goal speaking to safe, walkable, likable mobility access TO our open space...
- 01:46:38 Shelley Plumb: Strike the original item #4. Very misleading.
- 01:47:28 Andrew Wiese: For the Conservation Element, though, I think we should outline a goal that takes public access in a more holistic sense and then places the discussion of that variety into the policies... where we can draw from specific city MSCP and open space management language ... environmental education, views and overlooks, research, restoration and volunteering, trails, etc...
- 01:47:40 Phoenix Von Hendy: Totally agree with Debby.
- 01:48:12 Clayton Tschudy: I like Andy's suggestions to discuss canyon Open Space as a specific policy underneath public access
- 01:48:21 Galaxy Tab S5e: I agree with Frank and Debby. Conservation doesn't mean Let's build a zoo! It's about preservation as j
- 01:50:27 Clayton Tschudy: Is there data to support, or quantify, the mobility use of trails?
- 01:50:42 Andrew Wiese: Good question, Clayton...
- 01:51:09 Frank Landis: Don't know of any, but I've seen the use. The problem is that setting up trails as commuter corridors is a real problem.



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- 01:51:31 Clayton Tschudy: Agreed. Hugely problematic and destructive to habitat
- 01:51:44 Frank Landis: It's also actively dangerous, because MHCP lands tend to be not a good place to be caught in the rain, due to flooding.
- 01:52:28 Phoenix Von Hendy: Connecting recreational areas to undeveloped open space is a good way to destroy the undeveloped open space.
- 01:52:42 Frank Landis: One basic issue is that the MSCP needs to be one of the six guiding plans for this document. It needs to be incorporated.
- 01:52:47 Lisa Heikoff: Need to eliminate the term links/linkage
- 01:53:59 Charley Herzfeld: We should be guided by the MHCP.
- 01:54:12 Lisa Heikoff: I concur
- 01:54:20 Phoenix Von Hendy: Great idea!
- 01:54:23 Karin Zirk: Also you may want to reference the MSCP as it is more restrictive as the MHCP.
- 01:54:43 Frank Landis: There's the Multiple Species Conservation Plan (MSCP) and the Multiple Habitats Planning Area (MHPA). Acronyms are annoying, but one's a map, and one's a plan.
- 01:55:26 Peter Worcester: I think that hiking is consistent with low-impact recreation.
- 01:55:43 Shelley Plumb: I agree with Debby's suggestion and use Andy's version.
- 01:56:08 Frank Landis: Peter, yes. Turning hiking trails into commuter corridors is the issue, I think.
- 01:56:12 Charley Herzfeld: Andy's version is thoughtful.
- 01:56:22 Andrew Wiese: AW My Proposed language for 5: A sustainable and efficient land use pattern and mobility system that reduces \*automobile trips\* and greenhouse gas emissions \*and promotes safe pedestrian and bicycle transportation and mass transit.\*
- 01:57:29 Lisa Heikoff: I would change greenhouse gases to emissions again here

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- 01:58:03 Frank Landis: Transportation and pedestrian travel THROUGH open spaces or TO open spaces?
- 01:58:19 Lisa Heikoff: There are particulates in emissions that aren't greenhouse gases that are bad for health
- 01:59:13 Phoenix Von Hendy: Agree with Lisa. Why limit the discussion to just greenhouse gas emissions?
- 01:59:20 Louis Rodolico: Reduce miles traveled and therefore greengouse gas by completing roads in South UC. Regents Bridge and Governor to Gillman connector. Reduce ambulance service timres and save 7 lives a year according to county statistics.
- 01:59:23 Peter Worcester: Adding safe bikeways and pedestrian routes to the goals is essential if one really wants to reduce automobile trips.
- 01:59:41 Charley Herzfeld: There should be more investment in high quality, functional, and environmentally sensitive bike paths.
- 02:00:18 Frank Landis: Dumb question: is there a desire to decrease electric car trips as well?
- 02:01:21 Andrew Wiese: AW \*New goal 1 -Biodiversity: Preservation of healthy, biologically diverse regional ecosystems and conservation of endangered, threatened, and key sensitive species and their habitats.
- [Source: San Diego General Plan, Conservation Element, Goal G, (CE-G, Biological Diversity), verbatim, p CE 34-35]
- 02:01:58 Andrew Wiese: AW \*New Conservation Goal 2: Wetlands and Water: Preservation of San Diego's rich biodiversity and heritage through the protection and restoration of wetland resources, including coastal waters, creeks, bays, riparian wetlands and vernal pools.
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- 02:02:08 Frank Landis: I'm thinking specifically of the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. If that is the primary goal, why decrease automobile trips?
- 02:02:40 Frank Landis: I know that VMT is a proxy for greenhouse gas emissions, but the problem is that switching to electric vehicles also cuts greenhouse gas emissions.
- 02:02:42 Andrew Wiese: Both of these goals speak to the broader biophysical environment in UC that goes beyond land and open space alone...

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- 02:03:59 Andrew Wiese: These are goals in the City's General Plan today, and they are especially relevant to our coastal community with dozens of rare, threatened or endangered species and California's first state preserve - Torrey Pines... These seem a no brainer to me...
- 02:04:37 Lisa Heikoff: Could just be emissions and that would include everything
- 02:05:57 Andrew Wiese: To Petr and Isabelle's point... I think sustainable development pattern and its impact on open space is encompassed by goal 2
- 02:12:08 Karin Zirk: Great points Andrew! I think those should be goals.
- 02:12:26 Charley Herzfeld: These two goals add important context.
- 02:13:57 Peter Worcester: These are important goals to describe how our open space should be preserved and managed.
- 02:14:07 Frank Landis: I support these two goals too.
- 02:15:27 Phoenix Von Hendy: They are excellent goals.
- 02:16:09 Richard Quinonez: At Louis Rodolico, no Regents Road bridge and absolutely no Governor to Gilman connector. We are surrounded by three freeways, If that isn't enough. Nothing is.