

Santa Clara Valley Habitat Plan

Overview and Lessons Learned

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SANTA CLARA VALLEY HCP/NCCP PARTNERSHIP



Schedule and Budget Overview

OVERALL PROCESS

- 2001: Agreement to undertake an HCP and NCCP
- 2002 to mid-2004: Initial work plan and MOU among original four Local Partners
- October 2004: Program Manager hired
- July 2005: Lead consultant (Jones & Stokes) hired
- October 2005: Planning Agreement approved
- 2005 and 2006: Other consultants hired---Science Advisor coordinator, Public Outreach , Stakeholder Group Facilitation, Environmental Review, Economics, Legal Resources

Schedule and Budget (cont'd)

SCHEDULE

- June 2009: Second Admin. Draft Habitat Plan
- December 2010: Publish Public Review Draft Habitat Plan, Draft EIR/EIS and Draft Implementing Agreement
- End of Summer/early Fall 2011: Local Partner adoption
- Late 2011/early 2012: Receive Fish and Game and Fish and Wildlife Service Permits

BUDGET

- 4 Partners committed up to \$6 million in a 2004 MOU
- Current budget of ~\$5.8 million
- \$1.1 million of Section 6 funding

SOME FACTORS IN MOVING AT A “FAST” PACE

- Pre-planning
- Commitment By Wildlife Agencies
 - Commitment by leadership
 - Staff consistency
- Local Partner Support
 - Elected official political support
 - Local Partner staff commitments
- Collaborative Process

SOME FACTORS IN MOVING THE SCVHP PROCESS AT A “FAST” PACE, continued

- Focus On Limited Number Of Species
- Communication
 - Frequency
- Continuity Of Funding
- Consultant Team Strengths
 - Organizations
 - Individuals
 - Program Manager Position

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR PROCESS IMPROVEMENT

- Pre-planning
 - Detailed work plan, schedule and plan budget
 - Contingency planning
- Identification Of Good Practices
 - Good quality conservation strategies
 - Good quality specific species mitigation measures

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR PROCESS IMPROVEMENT, continued

- Aggressively Reduce Plan Preparation Time
 - Define deadlines
 - Commitments of staff time by the Local Agencies and Wildlife Agencies.
- Link With Other Permit Processes
 - Wetlands permitting