

PERMIT AREA



The permit area and expanded permit area for burrowing owl conservation cover approximately 508,700 acres, primarily in Santa Clara County.

COVERED SPECIES

Amphibians and Reptiles

California Tiger Salamander
California Red-legged Frog
Foothill Yellow-legged Frog
Western Pond Turtle

Birds

Western Burrowing Owl
Least Bell's Vireo
Tri-colored Blackbird

Mammals

San Joaquin Kit Fox

Plants

Coyote Ceanothus
Fragrant Fritillary
Loma Prieta Hoita
Metcalf Canyon Jewelflower
Most Beautiful Jewelflower
Mt. Hamilton Thistle
Santa Clara Valley Dudleya
Smooth Lessingia
Tiburon Indian Paintbrush

Invertebrates

Bay Checkerspot Butterfly

GLOSSARY

Biological Goals - Guiding principles for conservation within the study area, biological goals are based on the conservation needs of the covered species and natural communities. Descriptive, broad statements of desired future conditions, biological goals are typically qualitative rather than quantitative – they convey a purpose, but do not define measurable results.

Biological Objectives - Quantitative, measurable targets, derived from biological goals, biological objectives are concise statements of what and how much should be achieved, when and where it will be achieved, and who is responsible. Biological objectives are measured to evaluate the Plan's success.

Conservation Actions - Specific activities to achieve the biological goals and objectives, conservation actions make up the conservation strategy.

Conservation Strategy - A comprehensive set of conservation actions, a conservation strategy is designed to achieve all biological goals and objectives.

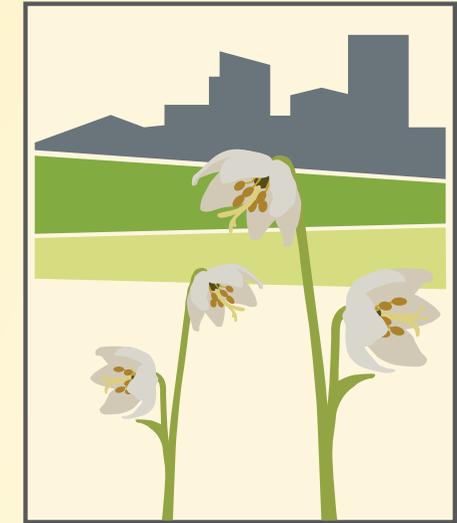
Endangered and Threatened – Species at risk of becoming extinct and regulated by State and/or Federal Wildlife Agencies.

Incidental Take Permit - Permits allowing the “take” of endangered species incidental to an otherwise lawful activity (such as building a road or constructing a development).

Reserve System – A compilation of discrete areas of conserved habitats managed collectively under the habitat plan.

Take – Defined in the Federal or State Endangered Species Acts as to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, or collect a species.

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SANTA CLARA VALLEY HABITAT AGENCY

Planning for land use and habitat protection in the Santa Clara Valley

Building a common vision – Balancing projected development with the natural environment



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Santa Clara Valley Water District • Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
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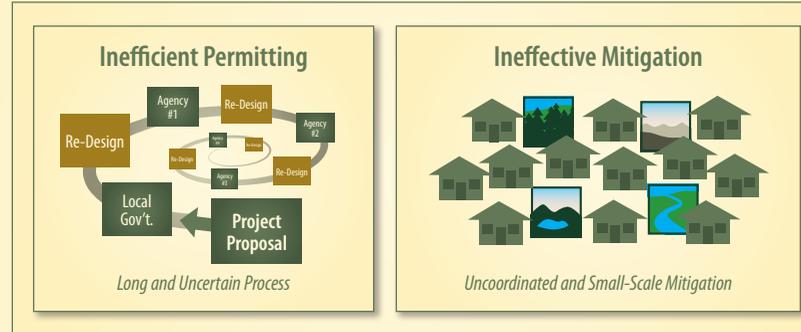
PROTECTING NATURAL RESOURCES WHILE PROMOTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



To promote the recovery of endangered species while accommodating planned development, infrastructure, and maintenance activities, the County of Santa Clara, Santa Clara Valley Water District, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, and the cities of San José, Morgan Hill, and Gilroy prepared a joint Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan (HCP/NCCP). The Santa Clara Valley Habitat Plan (Plan) was developed in association with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and in consultation with stakeholder groups and the general public to protect and enhance ecological diversity and function within more than 500,000 acres of Santa Clara County. The Plan, which was approved in 2013, provides a framework for the Local Partners and landowners to complete projects while protecting at-risk species and their essential habitats, some of which only occur in Santa Clara County.

THE CASE FOR HABITAT CONSERVATION PLANNING

The traditional process of obtaining development permitting and mitigating for habitat loss is on a project-by-project approach. That process is often inefficient and results in ineffective mitigation.



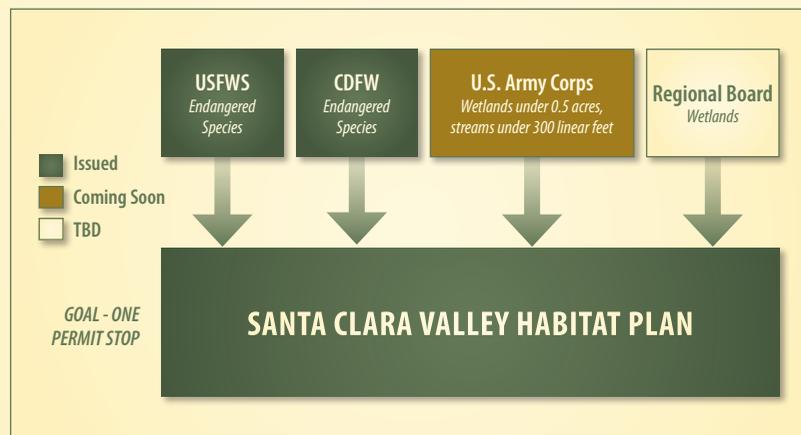
The Plan provides the cities of Gilroy, Morgan Hill, and San José, the County of Santa Clara, the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, the Santa Clara Valley Water District and the Habitat Agency with permits for project-specific impacts to Habitat Plan species. The County and cities can extend their permits to activities on private property through a standardized and streamlined permitting process. The Plan removes the need to obtain Wildlife Agency approvals and reduces the number and scope of required biological studies. Fees are used to purchase lands for habitat conservation and carry out other Plan implementation tasks.

CONSERVATION STRATEGY

The Conservation Strategy is a series of conservation actions that collectively achieve the biological goals and objectives of the Plan.

Land acquisition, restoration, and protection will create a Reserve System of an estimated 46,900 acres that accomplishes the following:

- Acquires and permanently protects an estimated 33,600 acres of land for the benefit of covered species, natural communities, biological diversity, and ecosystem function.
- Incorporates about 13,300 acres of existing open space areas and enhances the long-term management and monitoring on those lands within the Reserve System.
- Protects 100 miles of streams.
- Restores up to 500 acres of riparian woodland and scrub, wetlands, and ponds and up to 10.4 miles of streams to offset losses and contribute to species recovery.
- Provides management and monitoring of habitats on protected lands to enhance populations of covered species and maintain ecosystem processes.
- Preserves major local and regional connections between key habitat areas and between existing protected areas.



For more information on the Habitat Plan, Biological Goals and Objectives, and the Conservation Strategy, please visit www.scv-habitatagency.org.



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