

**Santa Clara Valley HCP/NCCP  
Community Meeting  
September 28, 2006**

The Process

- ▶ What is an IA?
  - Implementing Agreement
- ▶ What is the authority to enforce IA?
  - Federal and state agencies.

Covered Species and Habitat Models

- ▶ Do ponds have water year round?
  - Most of them do.

Covered Activities

- ▶ Clarify how plan relates to proposed general plan amendment.
  - Is not expected to expand USA.
- ▶ What if a jurisdiction wanted to expand USA?
  - HCP would have to be modified.
- ▶ What if Measure A passes?
  - Won't affect this plan.

Permit Term

- ▶ How often will HCP/NCCP be updated?
  - Duration of permit term.
  - Flexible, adaptive management.
- ▶ Why doesn't plan cover entire county?
  - Northeast:
    - Outside of Coyote watershed
  - Northwest:
    - Many jurisdictions...difficult to manage; also cities are mostly built out.
  - Santa Cruz Mountains:
    - Many agencies active in open space acquisitions.
- ▶ What would trigger plan to cover additional area?
  - Currently under discussion.
- ▶ Will other plans cover those areas?
  - Most likely not needed.
  - Calaveras area will have its own HCP/NCCP
  - Baylands: South Bay Salt Ponds Restoration Project
- ▶ Can public get copies of plan materials?
  - Yes!! Available on website.
- ▶ How can private property rights be protected?
  - Working now on operational principles...e.g., willing seller.
- ▶ How will plan address newly listed species?
  - There will be a formal amendment process.

- ▶ Who is principal steward of the HCP/NCCP?
  - Yet to be determined.
- ▶ Would plan define appropriate activities (e.g., trails for passive recreation)?
  - Absolutely!
- ▶ Are there similar plans being done in neighboring counties?
  - San Benito: Been trying for 10 years.
  - Santa Cruz: Sand Hills, others.
  - Stanislaus: Maybe starting.
  - Alameda: SF commission.