

# **HCPA** East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan Association

## **HCPA Coordination Group Kickoff Meeting**

Thursday, April 18, 2002  
3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

City of Pittsburg Council Chambers  
65 Civic Drive in Pittsburg, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

### **Agenda**

- 3:00 Welcome and introductions (Dennis McCormac, Contra Costa Water District and John Kopchik, Contra Costa County Community Development Department)
- 3:10 Background on the conservation planning effort, including the purpose and role of the HCPA Coordination Group. Overview of background documents. (John Kopchik)
- 3:30 HCP 101 Presentation (David Zippin, Jones and Stokes Associates).
- 4:00 Presentation/Discussion/Acknowledgement of HCPA Coordination Group Operating Procedures.
- 4:10 Review and consider recommending revisions to the draft HCPA Mission Statement, referred to the Coordination Group by the Executive Governing Committee of the HCPA.
- 4:30 Identification of issues and opportunities: participants will be asked to describe their major concerns and hopes regarding development of the East Contra Costa County HCP.
- 4:50 Discuss dates for upcoming meetings.
- 4:55 Public comment.
- 5:00 Adjourn.

*Times are approximate. If you have questions about this agenda or desire additional meeting materials, you may contact John Kopchik of the Contra Costa County Community Development Department at 925-335-1227.*



## Memorandum

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Date: February 13, 2002

To: East Contra Costa County HCP Association

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From: David Zippin and Kostoula Vallianos

Subject: **ECCCo. HCP/NCCP Draft Mission Statement**

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At the onset of the planning process, preparers of regional HCP/NCCPs typically state the overall goals that the plan is intended to achieve. These goals represent a summary of the “project purpose and need” for the regional HCP/NCCP. The Staff Committee and Jones & Stokes have developed a draft mission statement for the EGC’s consideration.

We suggest that the EGC review this mission statement and forward it to the HCPA Coordination Group for subsequent review. It is important that the HCP/NCCP mission be discussed widely, agreed upon, and formally adopted by the EGC.

### **Draft Mission Statement**

The East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan will provide comprehensive species and ecosystem conservation by balancing open space, habitat, agriculture, and urban development within East Contra Costa County, while:

- reducing the cost and increasing the clarity and consistency of federal and state permitting,
- consolidating and streamlining these processes into one, locally-controlled plan,
- encouraging the multiple use of protected areas, including recreation and agriculture,
- sharing the costs and benefits of the habitat conservation plan process and implementation among participating agencies,
- protecting the rights of private property owners, and
- contributing to the conservation and recovery of endangered species and their habitats.