

UPPER SANTA ANA RIVER WASH LAND MANAGEMENT AND HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN TASK FORCE

AGENDA

March 4, 2015 - 1:30-3:00 PM

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1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Jon Harrison, Chair)
2. SELF-INTRODUCTIONS
3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public may address the Task Force on any item that is within the jurisdiction of the Task Force; however, no action may be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda unless the action is otherwise authorized by Subdivision (b) Section 54954.2 of the Government Code.
4. WASH PLAN HCP: UPDATE AND TAKE PERMIT STRUCTURE
 - **Recommendation:** *Receive and file. Staff and consultants will provide an update on efforts, including funding and allocation. HCP Draft Planned Completion date March 30, 2015. Task Force directs that structure take permits for Wash Plan be issued to SBVWCD with all others receiving a Certificate of Inclusion to convey take authority. Covered activities could move forward when a certificate is valid. Validity is based on avoidance and mitigation, including endowment funding, prior.*
5. UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS SUPPORTING WASH PLAN
 - EIS/EIR - planned draft completion date March 17, 2015
 - LAND EXCHANGE LEGISLATION

Recommendation: *Receive and file the Update from staff and consultants. The Task Force initiates a three pronged legislative request. Requested legislation would: 1) remove land withdrawal impeding the land exchange; 2) direct BLM to exchange specific lands with the District for purposes of Wash Plan implementation, and; 3) request that BLM lands considered “additionally managed” within the Wash Plan be permanently conserved for conservation/habitat purposes.*
6. CALIFIORNIA HABITAT CONSERVATION PLANNING COALITION

Recommendation: Task Force should recommend the Distirct join and represent the Wash Plan on the coalition to support funding for HCPs and related legislative efforts.
7. NEXT MEETING
 - Next Meeting of the Task Force- March 26, 2015
 - Notice of Intent Public Meeting – March 18, 2015
8. ADJOURN MEETING