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Subject: County of San Diego Multiple Species Conservation Program Framework
Management Plan, San Diego, California

Dear Mr. Albright:

The County of San Diego submitted a Framework Management Plan (FMP), dated August 31, 2001, to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) and the California Department of Fish and Game (Department), collectively hereafter the Wildlife Agencies, in accordance with section 6.3.1 of the Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP), and section 10.10 of the San Diego County Subarea Plan Implementing Agreement. The FRMP was prepared for that portion of the MSCP preserve that is located in the County's adopted MSCP Subarea (i.e., Lake Hodges, South County and Metro-Lakeside-Jamul Segments).

It has been brought to the Wildlife Agencies' attention that neither the Service nor the Department has provided formal documentation of acceptance of the FMP that was received by us in 2001. A key component of the County's MSCP and FMP is the preparation and development of area-specific management directives (ASMDs) that "...will be developed and implemented to address species and habitat management needs in a phased manner for logical and discrete areas, once conserved as part of the MSCP preserve, including species-specific management required in Table 3-5 or as condition of take authorization" (pages 3-4 of the FMP). The County typically includes these required ASMDs in Resource Management Plans (RMPs) that are prepared by the Park and Recreation Department. Although the MSCP has been implemented since 1997-98, we understand that the County requires written approval of the FMP by the Wildlife Agencies in order to fully implement it, including the provision that the County and Wildlife Agencies would jointly approve of ASMDs (see the FMP, section III, Part A-Preserve Management, pages 4-5). By way of this letter, we are providing our acceptance of the FMP for your documentation purposes and look forward to coordinating with the County in the development and approval of the RMPs/ASMDs for the County's MSCP.

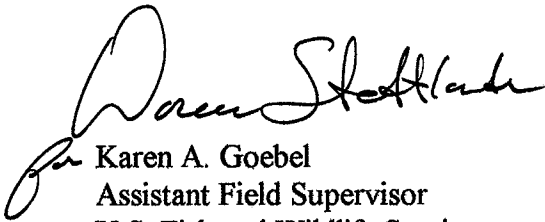
We would also take this opportunity to note that the Wildlife Agencies, in conjunction with the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and the San Diego State University's




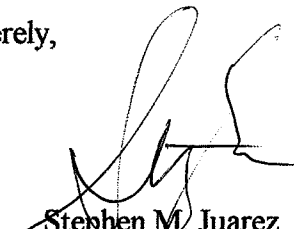
(SDSU) Institute for Ecosystem Monitoring and Management, are working to develop standards for RMPs across San Diego County and to provide recommendations on preserve-level monitoring and adaptive management. Upon completion of this coordinated effort with SANDAG and SDSU, we would like to work with the County to integrate the metrics and recommendations of this effort into the development and approval of future RMPs in the North and East County MSCP Planning Areas, as well as the update of existing RMPs in the County's adopted MSCP Subarea.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Doreen Stadtlander of the Service at (760) 431-9440 extension 223/Doreen_Stadtlander@fws.gov, or Dave Mayer of the Department at (858) 467-4234/DMayer@dfg.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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