October 7th Regional Council Action & Next Steps

Regional Council Action
Continued the pause on implementation of the SoCal Greenprint, allowing further engagement with stakeholders to ensure the tool advances required PEIR mitigation measures and is aligned with regional policy objectives

Next Steps
• Establish policy framework & white paper for advance mitigation
• Develop Greenprint with focus on cities, counties & transportation agencies
• Review and revise proposed data layers with feedback from strategic & scientific advisors, stakeholders, and RAMP-ATG members
• Conduct user testing
• Disclosure statement & acknowledgement
• Return to RC to seek feedback and remove the pause
RAMP: Connect SoCal & PEIR

Core Vision & Land Use Tool
• Identify mitigation solutions for infrastructure projects early in planning process
• Supplement regional conservation & mitigation banks
• Support long-term management & stewardship

Mitigation Measures
• Develop new regional tools, like the Regional Data Platform and Regional Greenprint
• Produce whitepaper on the RAMP initiative
• Greenprint tool identify priority conservation areas
• Work with CTCs

Interviews With CTCs on Regional Advanced Mitigation

Ventura County Transportation Commission
Metro
San Bernardino County Transportation Authority
ICTC
Orange County Transportation Authority
RCTC
Interviews With Other Organizations

• Potential Benefits of RAMP:
  • Address data gaps, providing input on land use, sharing data
  • Enhance cross-jurisdictional and cross-county collaboration
  • Encourage continued collaboration between SCAG and CTCs to address mitigation project-by-project & at a county scale
  • Incentives for advanced mitigation
  • Provide solutions for reducing the impacts of projects

Summary of Feedback from CTCs
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- Concerns on establishing a RAMP:
  - Potential duplication and/or conflicting mitigation efforts between regional, county, and local approaches
  - May hold a gap in direct application to local conditions

- Suggestions on establishing a RAMP:
  - RAMP can be valuable across multiple sectors, not just transportation
  - Menu of mitigation options and approaches for each county
  - Focus on water resources in addition to biological resources
  - Transparent engagement with CTCs, partner agencies, utility agencies

Summary of Feedback from Other Organizations

- Feedback on establishing a RAMP:
  - Brings private and public entities together towards a common goal
  - Increases public awareness of environmental resources
  - Expressed support for multi-county approach, especially when collaborating across Caltrans Districts for development of multi-species regional plans
  - Encouraged development of a credit system that could provide consistency across management of multiple mitigation banks
  - Interested in collaborating on advance mitigation, specifically multi-agency advance mitigation projects
**Timeline of the RAMP-ATG & SoCal Greenprint**

**December 2021 – March 2022**
- RAMP Advisory Task Group

**January/February 2022**
- Greenprint Science & Strategic Advisory Committee Meeting

**April 2022**
- Present policy framework to Regional Council

**May 2022**
- Finalize list of data layers based on feedback from strategic & scientific advisors, stakeholders, and RAMP-ATG members

**June – August 2022**
- Complete draft tool and conduct user testing

**Fall 2022**
- Present tool to Regional Council & Energy & Environment Committee (EEC)

**Issues for Consideration In Developing RAMP Policy Framework**

- What could a program for advance mitigation be in the SCAG region? What regional policies should be emphasized?
- How can we effectively satisfy SCAG’s requirements in Connect SoCal and the PEIR related to RAMP?
- What is the state of advanced mitigation in SCAG region? How can SCAG enhance this?
- What priorities, parameters and governance could be considered in development of the Greenprint tool to align with RAMP opportunities?
Thank you!

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