

## Purpose, Goals, and Structure

Regional Advance Mitigation Planning – Advisory Task Group – Meeting #1

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## October 7<sup>th</sup> 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

## Goals of the RAMP – Advisory Task Group

- Consists of 5 Regional Council Members
- Work with staff to establish a policy framework for advance mitigation in the SCAG region, and help align the SoCal Greenprint with regional policy objectives
- Advise on a white paper on Regional Advance Mitigation Planning (RAMP)
- Report findings to Regional Council and Energy & Environment Committee in April 2022
- Meet 4 times between December 2021 and March 2022

## What is Regional Advance Mitigation?

A science-based approach to identify mitigation opportunities to support regional conservation priorities.

By considering mitigation development early in the planning process prior to design and permitting phases, proponents can identify higher-quality mitigation opportunities.



# RAMP Supports Regional Growth



Beach-Stone Lakes Basin



Cost & time savings

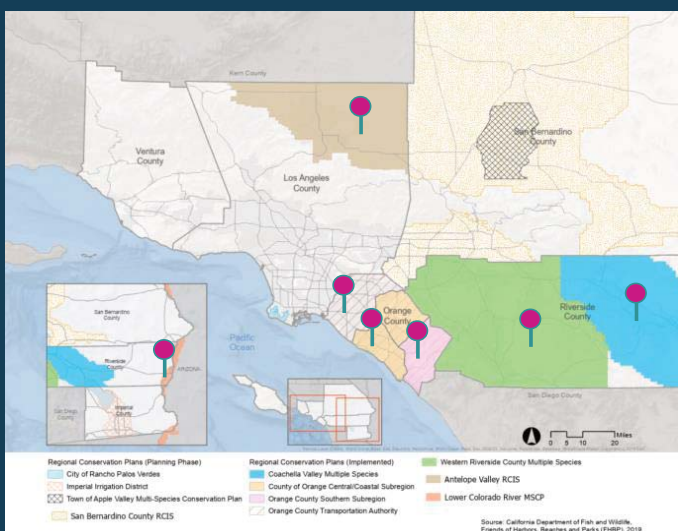


Add certainty & reduce risks



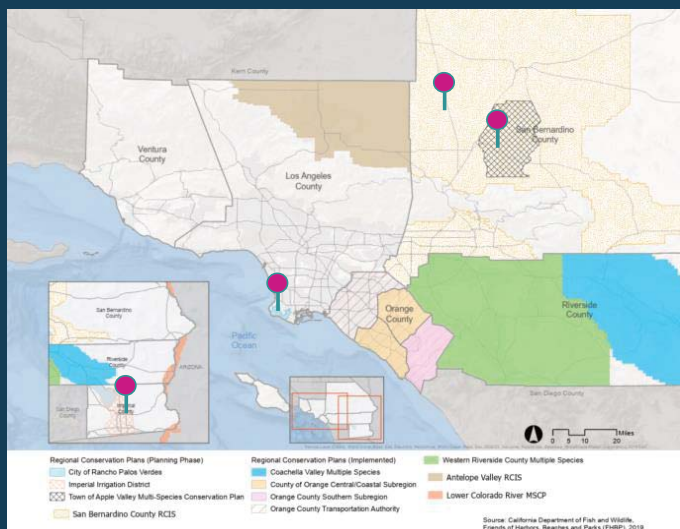
Mitigation potential for housing, energy infrastructure, traffic

# Established RAMPs in the SCAG Region



- Coachella Valley MSHCP
- OCTA Measure M2 NCCP/HCP
- Orange County Central-Coastal NCCP/HCP
- Western Riverside MSHCP
- Antelope Valley Regional Conservation Investment Strategy (RCIS)
- Lower Colorado River MSCP

## Planned RAMPs in Formation in the SCAG Region



- City of Rancho Palos Verdes NCCP/HCP
- Imperial Irrigation District NCCP/HCP
- Town of Apple Valley MSHCP/NCCP
- San Bernardino County RCIS

## Connect SoCal RAMP: Core Vision for Sustainable Development



### Core Vision

“Studies and partnerships will also be pursued to establish a **Regional Advanced Mitigation Program (RAMP)**, a strategic habitat and agricultural land conservation–planning program that identifies mitigation solutions for infrastructure projects early in the planning process.” (p. 48)

### Land Use Tool (Ch. 3)

“Connect SoCal includes a new **Regional Advance Mitigation Program (RAMP)** initiative that will establish or supplement regional conservation and mitigation banks and other approaches to more effectively address impacts for projects that support reduction of per–capita VMT. The initiative can support long–term management and stewardship of mitigated properties.” (p. 56)

## Connect SoCal PEIR Mitigation Measures (RAMP, Greenprint)



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### EXHIBIT A

#### Revised Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Final Connect SoCal PEIR

### SCAG Biological Resources Mitigation Measure

“SCAG will also collaborate with stakeholders to establish a new **Regional Advanced Mitigation Program (RAMP)** initiative to preserve habitat. The RAMP would establish and/or supplement regional conservation and mitigation banks and/or other approaches to offset impacts of transportation and other development projects. **To assist in defining the RAMP, SCAG shall lead a multi-year effort to develop new regional tools, like the Regional Data Platform and Regional Greenprint** that will provide an easily accessible resource to help municipalities, conservation groups, developers and researchers prioritize lands for conservation based on best available scientific data. **The Regional Greenprint effort shall also produce a whitepaper on the RAMP initiative**, which includes approaches for the RAMP in the SCAG region, needed science and analysis, models, challenges and opportunities and recommendations.” (p. 12)

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### SCAG Agriculture & Forestry Mitigation Measures

“SCAG shall develop a Regional Greenprint, which is a strategic web-based conservation tool that provides the best available scientific data and scenario visualizations to help cities, counties and transportation agencies make better land use and transportation infrastructure decisions and conserve natural and farm lands. **SCAG shall use the Greenprint to identify priority conservation areas and work with CTCs to develop advanced mitigation programs or include them in future transportation measures** by (1) funding pilot programs that encourage advance mitigation including data and replicable processes, (2) participating in state-level efforts that would support regional advanced mitigation planning in the SCAG region, and (3) supporting the inclusion of advance mitigation programs at county level transportation measures.” (p. 4)

## Infrastructure Goals of the SoCal Greenprint for RAMP



Early consideration  
of nature in project  
planning



Environmental justice &  
built environment  
themes in advanced  
mitigation



Strategic mitigation  
investments based on the best  
available data

## Issues for Consideration in Developing RAMP 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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