

CAC & BAT RECOMMENDATION FOR SEP-HCP COVERED ACTIVITIES

(Note: language based on draft proposal presented to CAC by R. Heilbrun, BAT Chair, and adopted with revisions by CAC on June 7, 2010)

The Plan Area is experiencing rapid growth. Infrastructure improvements, public and private development and construction projects, and other development activities are expected to continue as the population increases. The landscape of the Plan Area will continue to change as new development activities are carried out. Primary impacts will be disturbance, alteration, or removal of occupied and potentially occupied habitat. Direct impacts to covered species may occur if activities results in destruction of habitat. Species may also be indirectly impacted by negative changes in habitat quality, which may occur due to removal of existing vegetation, alteration of drainage patterns, increased habitat fragmentation, increased populations of predatory or competitive species, and other indirect effects of proximity to development activities.

The Permit issued in conjunction with the SEP-HCP will authorize incidental take of the covered species that is associated with otherwise lawful activities. These activities include, but are not limited to:

- The construction, use, and/or maintenance of public or private land development projects, including but not limited to single- and multi-family homes, residential subdivisions, farm and ranch improvements, commercial or industrial projects, government offices, and park infrastructure;
- The construction, maintenance, and/or improvement of roads, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure;
- The installation and/or maintenance of utility infrastructure, including but not limited to transmission or distribution lines and facilities related to electric, telecommunication, water, wastewater, petroleum or natural gas, and other utility products or services;
- The construction, use, maintenance, and/or expansion of schools, hospitals, corrections or justice facilities, and community service development or improvement projects;
- The construction, use, or maintenance of other public infrastructure and improvement projects (e.g., projects by municipalities, counties, school districts);
- Any management activities that are necessary to manage potential habitat for the covered species within the RHCP system that could temporarily result in incidental take; and
- The construction, use, maintenance and/or expansion of quarries, gravel mining, or other similar extraction projects.