

Public Advisory Committee

SAN BENITO COUNTY CONSERVATION PLAN

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Jennifer Piggott, ICF
November 30, 2022



Agenda

1. Welcome (Jennifer Piggott, ICF)
2. Meeting procedures and ground rules (Jennifer Piggott, ICF)
3. Introductions
4. Project status updates
 - a. Planning agreement (Sara Kern, CDFW)
 - i. PAC Q&A
 - b. Plan and Permit Areas (Bernadette Clueit, ICF)
 - i. PAC Q&A
 - c. Waypoint data demonstration (Emma Brenneman, ICF)
 - i. PAC Q&A
 - d. Next Steps for SBCCP Development (Arielle Goodspeed, County of San Benito)
 - i. PAC Q&A
5. Public comment
6. Next steps



Using Zoom

- If you need help with the Zoom platform, please raise your hand (call-in users press *9)
- To call in to the meeting:
 - Phone number: 1-877-853-5247
 - Meeting ID: 868 0575 0869
 - Password: 897329
- Please close all Apps and programs and limit other streaming or downloads
- All Planning Team and PAC members are participants and can self mute/unmute and turn video on/off
- All non-PAC and public participants are muted. Please hold your questions until the Public Comment portion towards the end of the meeting.



Meeting Objectives

- Update the Public Advisory Committee (PAC) on the status of the San Benito County Conservation Plan (SBCCP).
- Gain a greater understanding of the potential geographic scope of the SBCCP and next steps for plan development.



Meeting Ground Rules

- ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE.** Turn video on and share all relevant information and concerns.
- BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND.** Focus on objectives and common vision.
- THINK SYNERGY.** Create cooperation, seek win/win solutions.
- SPEAK ONE AT A TIME.** Raise your hand and be professional and respectful of other people.
- ACTIVELY LISTEN.** Be open minded, first seek to understand, then to be understood.
- AVOID REDUNDANCY.** Focus on the discussion to avoid repeating.
- TAKE RESPONSIBILITY.** Meetings are not recorded verbatim, point out when a statement needs to be recorded.
- BE REASONABLE.** Use examples that can be achieved and be mindful of budget and staffing constraints.
- BE SPECIFIC.** Use examples and explain reasons behind your statements or questions.
- THINK BIG PICTURE.** Understand the difference between word-smithing and re-phrasing for clarity.
- STAY FOCUSED.** Leave non-SBCCP related issues outside the meeting.
- STRATEGIC MOMENTS.** Work together to discover strategic moments.



Why is this a Virtual Meeting?

- Maximize participation
- Give PAC members a one-voice approach.
- PAC members should feel included, equal, and contribute without physical or perceived barriers during the meeting.
- Future meetings will be held virtually or in person. In-person meetings will be determined by the County, in collaboration with the PAC to encourage maximum participation.
 - We encourage attendance on the same platform, when feasible (e.g., all in person, or virtual.)
 - A remote option will always be available, either via Zoom or phone/dial-in.



Introductions

- When called on by facilitator, provide 30 second introduction
- Include
 - Name
 - Affiliation
 - Interest in SBCCP and participating in the PAC
- Planning Team introductions
- PAC introductions





PLANNING AGREEMENT UPDATE



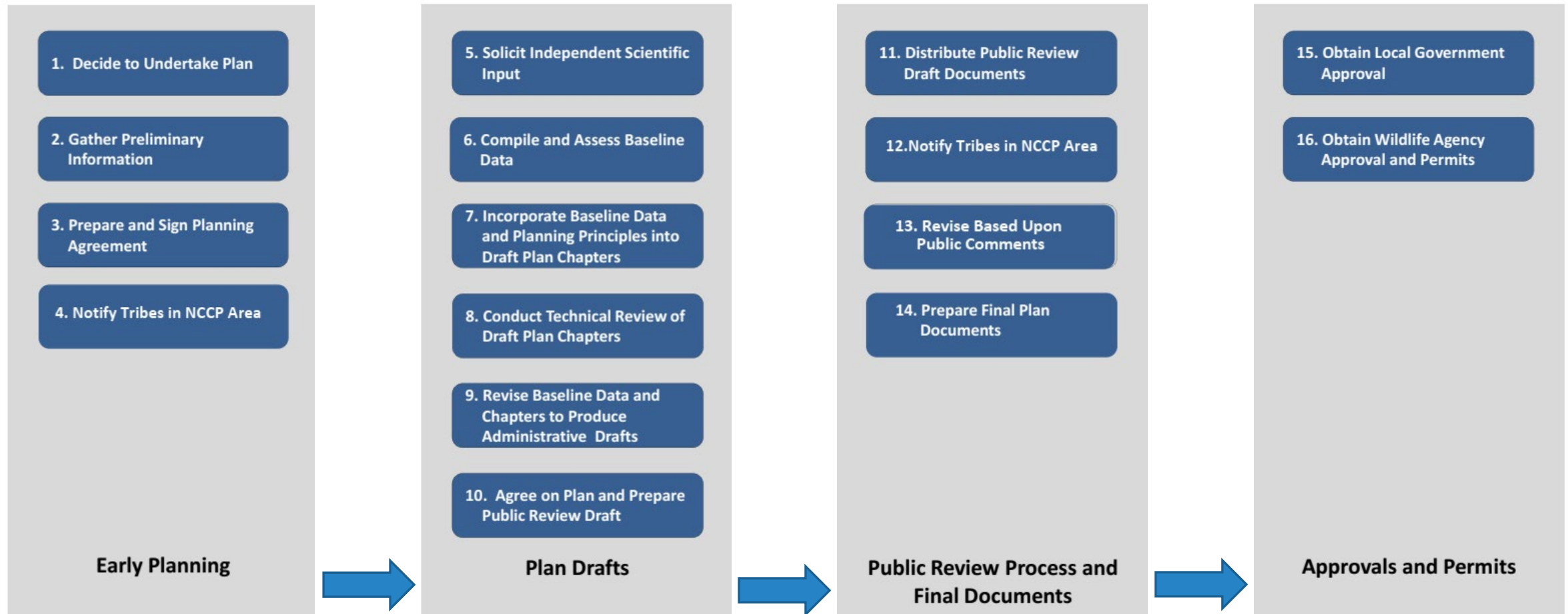
SAN BENITO HCP/NCCP

California Department
of Fish and Wildlife
Planning agreement status update
11.30.22

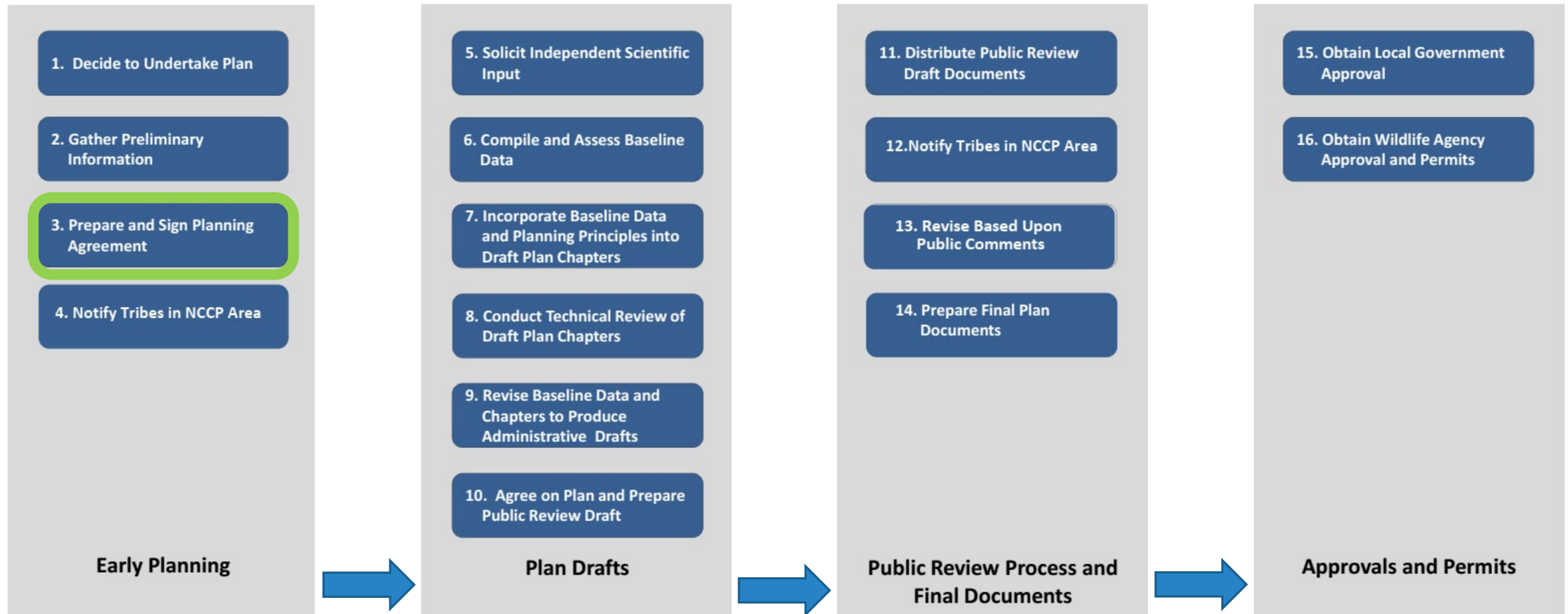


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NCCP PROCESS OVERVIEW



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PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD

THE DRAFT PLANNING AGREEMENT HAS BEEN POSTED TO THE CDFW WEBSITE:

WILDLIFE.CA.GOV/CONSERVATION/
PLANNING/NCCP/PLANS/
SAN-BENITO



BLM photo by Bob Wick

NCCP Plan Summary – San Benito County HCP/NCCP



- Public Notice: A draft Planning Agreement for the San Benito HCP/NCCP is available for public review and comment through December 6. (PDF) [↗](#)
- Covered Species List (PDF) [↗](#)

Documents and Status

Document	Status
Draft Planning Agreement (PDF) ↗	The proposed planning agreement is available for public review and comment until December 6, 2022. (PDF) ↗ See above notice for information on submitting comments.



PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD

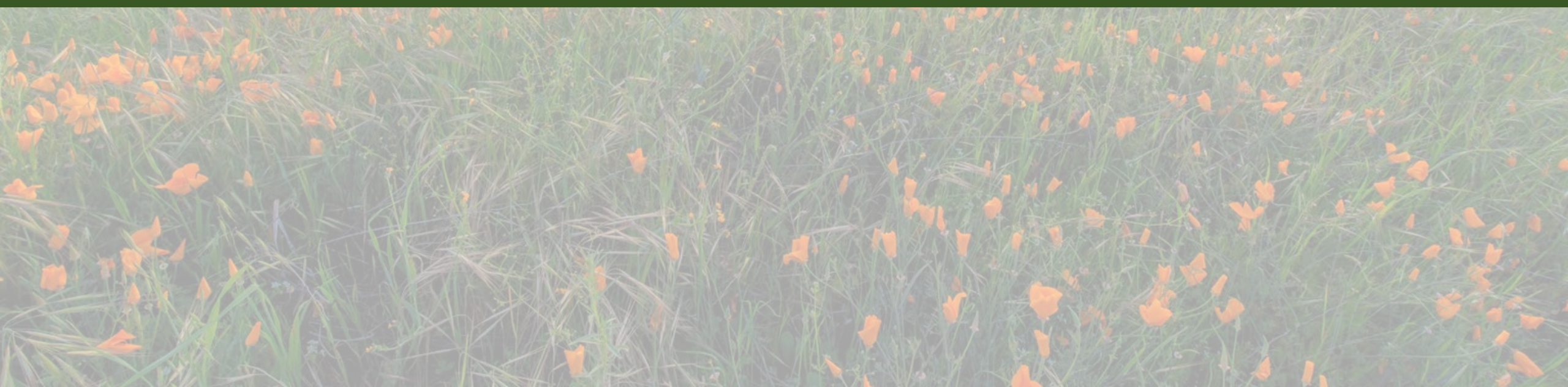
Prior to department approval of the planning agreement, the public shall have 21 calendar days to review and comment on the proposed planning agreement.

Comments received on or before
December 6, 2022 will be reviewed.

All comments should be sent to
sara.kern@wildlife.ca.gov.



SBCCP BOUNDARY TYPES



Considerations for Defining Boundaries

- No minimum or maximum size for an HCP; NCCP requires regional scale plan
- Existing boundaries meaningful to the plan:
 - Political boundaries
 - Land ownership boundaries
 - Physical and ecological boundaries
- Where do covered activities occur?
- Permit area must include:
 - Entire footprint of covered activities and associated areas of direct and indirect impact
 - All potential mitigation sites
- Defining boundaries is iterative throughout plan development



HCP Plan Area

Comprised of all areas that will be used for any activities described in the HCP, including covered activities and the conservation program.

Includes all lands necessary for the HCP to be fully implemented.

Must at a minimum include the permit area, but often includes lands outside of the permit area.

Must be clearly delineated in the HCP with a map and written description.

May also be called *HCP area*, *study area*, or *planning area*.



NCCP Planning Area



The geographic area to be addressed in the Plan is referred to as the *planning area*.



Defined in the Planning Agreement.



Must be of sufficient size to address the NCCP Act requirement of conservation at the landscape or ecosystem scale.



Proposed SBCCP Planning Area

- The County of San Benito
- Proposed Planning Area is 890,604 acres



Permit Area

Geographic area where the impacts of the covered activities occur for which incidental take permit coverage is requested.

No minimum permit area size.

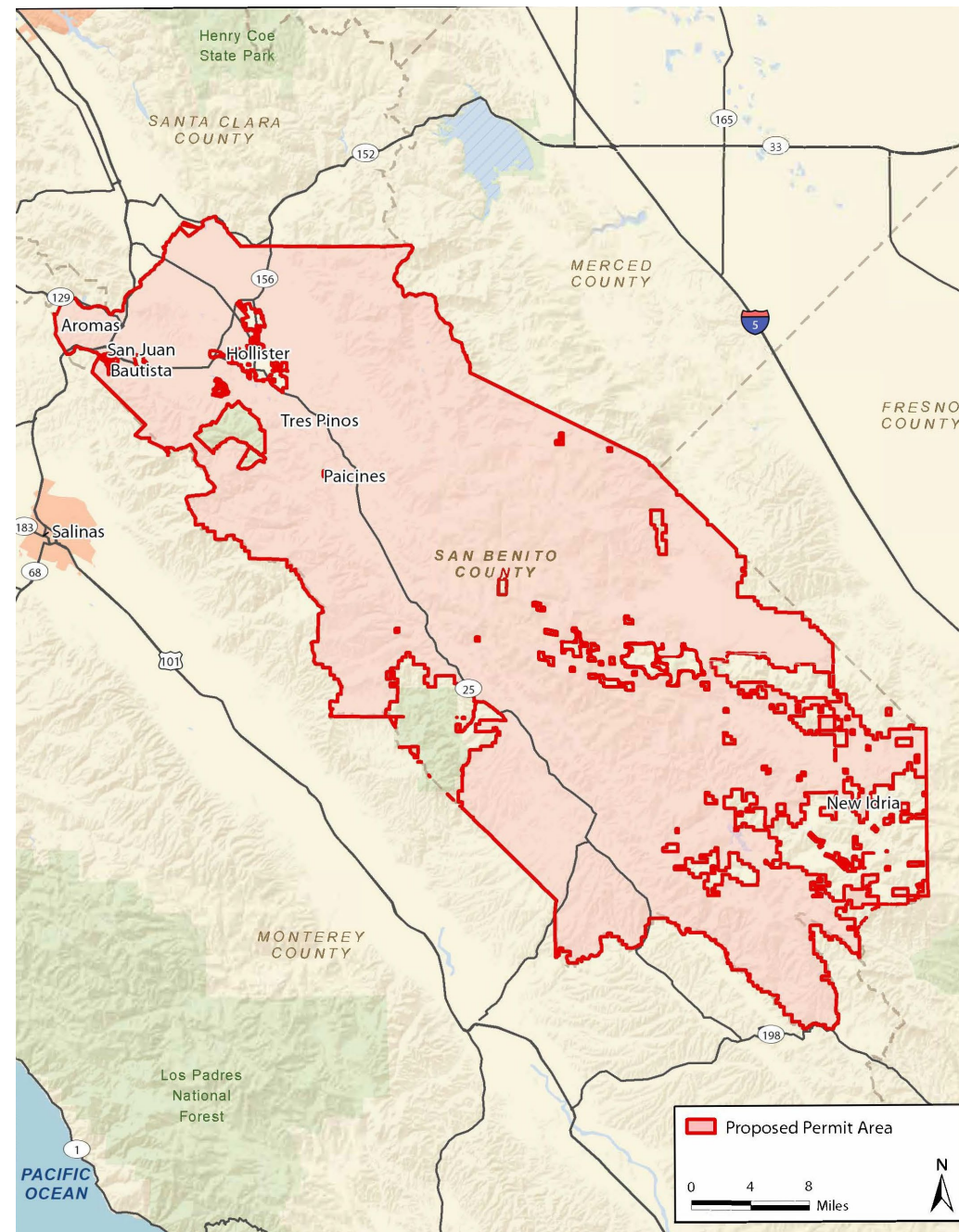
Must be within the plan area and under control of the permittee or holder of a certificate of inclusion.

Must be clearly delineated with a map and written description in the HCP and the incidental take permit.



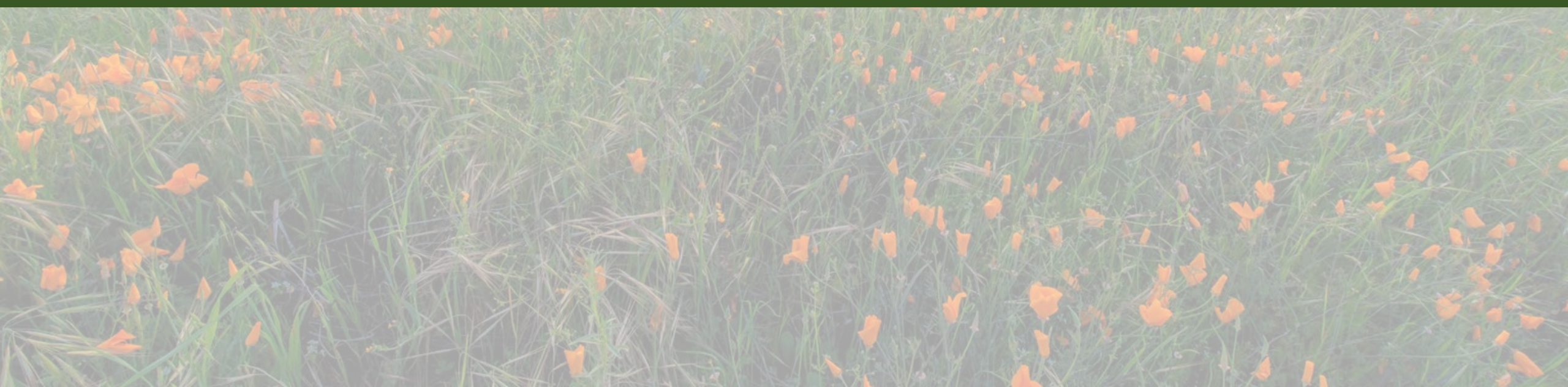
Proposed Permit Area

- All unincorporated lands within San Benito County, excluding lands owned or managed by Tribal, local, state, or federal governments and other protected lands.
- Proposed permit area is 769,080 acres.
- Lands currently not considered in permit area –
 - Cities of Hollister and San Juan Bautista
 - Pinnacles NP
 - Fremont Peak SP
 - BLMS areas
 - CA State Lands Commission areas
 - Hollister Hills SVRA
 - San Justo Reservoir
 - Pajaro River Mitigation Bank
 - Gonzalez Farm
 - Rancho Larios OSP
 - Rocks Ranch





WAYPOINT DEMONSTRATION



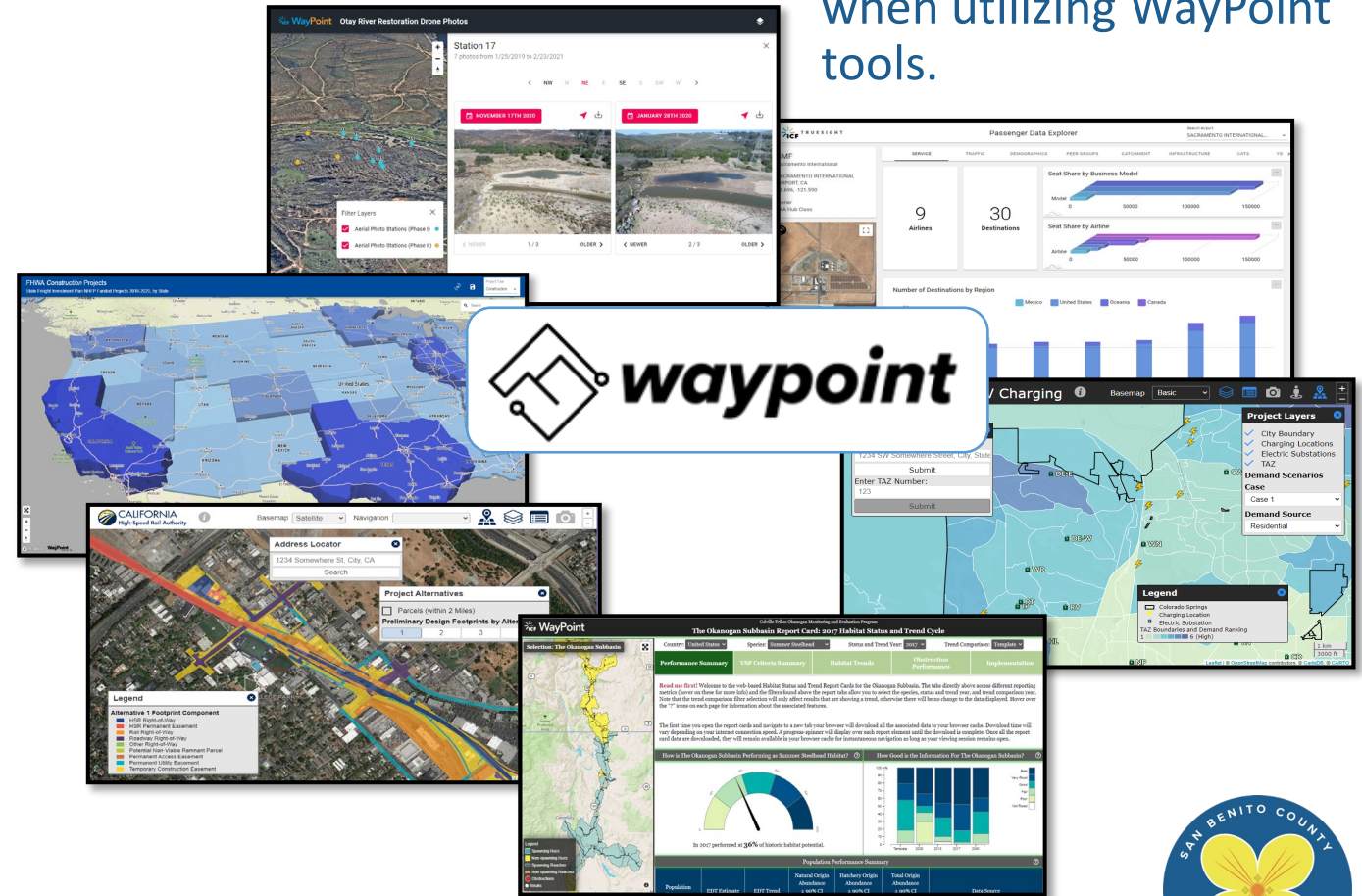
What is ICF Waypoint?

ICF Waypoint is a cost- and time-efficient web-based toolkit utilized by project teams, stakeholders and clients across the country to:

- Facilitate data sharing and visualization needs between the client, consultant team, and other stakeholders;
- Support field work, analytical result presentation, automated analysis and reporting; and
- Integrate public facing content to provide stakeholder resources and engagement tools.

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Hours of data management services are typically saved over the course of a year when utilizing WayPoint tools.





NEXT STEPS FOR PLAN DEVELOPMENT



Land cover mapping

- Foundational information for the SBCCP

Covered Activities

- Compiling list of all potential covered activities
- Outreach to other potential plan participants
- Refining list of activities to include in plan

Continued updates of SBCCP Website

- Additional resources and examples coming soon



Public Comment

- Use raise hand feature in Zoom if you are a member of the public (i.e., not a PAC or Planning Team member) and you wish to provide a comment or ask a question.
- If you called in from a phone, type *9 to raise your hand.
- Please limit comments to 3 minutes per person.
- Comments/questions must address agenda items and/or the SBCCP



Next Steps

- 2023 Q1 Public Advisory Meeting on Wednesday February 22, 3:00 pm
- For more information, please contact Arielle Goodspeed, County of San Benito
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