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# Regional Habitat Conservation Taskforce

## FY 2023 Workplan

The Regional Habitat Conservation Taskforce (RHCT) meets quarterly to provide technical expertise, background knowledge and cross-agency coordination on regional habitat conservation issues, including input on issues related to coordination and implementation of the Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP). This workplan will serve as a roadmap for tasks and activities that promote regional habitat conservation, including implementation of the Regional Habitat Conservation Vision in the Regional Plan, as well as promote best practices and provide scientific data that helps local jurisdictions and land managers implement regional conservation strategies. The workplan is intended to provide focus and will be updated on an annual basis. The workplan is a living document and may be amended as new initiatives emerge during the course of the year, and additional RHCT meetings may be needed to accomplish the listed activities.

### **Regional Habitat Conservation**

- Recommendation on the annual allocation of the Regional Habitat Conservation Fund of the EMP.
- Recommendation on the funding, criteria, and selection of grantees for the EMP Land Management Grant Program.
- Regional Funding and Needs Assessment Report
- North County MSCP Planning Update
- MHCP Planning Update

### **Regional Management and Monitoring**

- Highlights of completed and future land management grant projects
- Enforcement – Strategic Needs Assessment
- Regional Fire Milestone Update
- Invasive Species – update on efforts and results across the region
- Regional Management and Monitoring Access Permits

### **State of the Science**

- Gnatcatcher Genetics
- Regional Connectivity – mountain lions
- Grazing as a Management tool
- Vegetation Monitoring Update
- Butterfly and Pollinator Update
- USGS Science Update – (arroyo toad, southwestern pond turtle, golden eagle, southwestern willow flycatcher, tricolored blackbird, etc.)

### **Nature Based Climate Solutions**

- Identifying Nature Base Carbon Sequestration Projects

### Tentative Topics for FY 23

Date	Topics
Q1 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Draft Regional Habitat Conservation Taskforce Charter and FY 2023 Work Plan</li><li>• Regional Management and Monitoring FY 2023-2024 Workplan and FY 2023 Annual Funding</li><li>• Regional Funding Update</li><li>• Regional Management and Monitoring Access Permits</li></ul>
Q2 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regional Habitat Needs Assessment – review Acquisition data; management and monitoring costs data gathering</li><li>• Preserve Metrics Dashboard</li><li>• Gnatcatcher genetics</li><li>• Highlights of the LMG Grant Program – completed and future projects</li></ul>
Q3 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regional Habitat Needs Assessment – finalize Acquisition data, review management and monitoring costs</li><li>• Grazing and vegetation monitoring</li><li>• Enforcement – needs assessment</li><li>• Nature Based Climate Solutions/Carbon Sequestration</li></ul>
Q4 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Formation of ad hoc committee for recommendation of FY 2024 annual funding for regional management and monitoring.</li><li>• Draft report on Regional Habitat Conservation Needs Assessment</li><li>• USGS Science update</li></ul>