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## **Habitat 2020 Objectives for 2016:**

### **General/Regional Issues:**

- A. Development of a regional conservation strategy in the vision of the CA Heartland Project
1. Ongoing engagement with regional, and state-wide partners in the Sacramento area Council of Governments' (SACOG) "Working Landscapes" initiative for inclusion of a coordinated conservation strategy into the Land Use Scenario in the 2020 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (MTP/SCS) updates
    - a. Facilitate and ensure continued transfer of Connector settlement funds to SACOG for development of the conservation strategy
    - b. Execute scope of work for the Working Landscapes Pilot in coordination with SACOG, UC Davis, and the South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan (SSHCP)
      1. Development of a prototype conservation data-base/modeling tool in the SSHCP geography and the six county region
      2. The prototype will inform the continued technical development of the tool itself and the potential evolution of an Urban Footprint Conservation Module
      3. The prototype will inform the process for expansion of the pilot to the regional-wide strategy
    - c. Seek continued opportunities to further integrate conservation, ecosystem services and water supply considerations into regional and local planning practice to ensure local compliance to state and regional climate goals and local conservation targets.
    - d. Pursue the finalization of a contract to research and develop the "Conservation Commodities Market" investment concept to fund conservation acquisitions
  2. Expand Heartland outreach to build a broad collaborative base for support and contributions to the conservation data-base and the regional conservation strategy
- B. Pursue opportunities to improve the Final Draft 2016 MTP/SCS, working with SACOG staff and regional and state-wide partners to ensure the strongest natural resource considerations possible in the adopted plan. Upon adoption, promote the disparities between the land use scenario of the MTP/SCS and local general plans, to encourage future jurisdictional compliance to the regional plan.
- C. Engage with the Water Forum for completion of the Flow Management Standard for the American River, and unprecedented "dry year" negotiations, advocating for:
1. Increased study of reduced flow regime impacts on fisheries
  2. Full accountability of the purveyors' conservation efforts and ground water usage
  3. Revision of the agreed sustainable yield of the Central Groundwater Basin
  4. Development of a regional "water budget," and improved, transparent regionally integrated water management in preparedness for anticipated future conditions

- D. Work with Sacramento County, SacSplash, wildlife agencies and community members in development of a revised development plan for Mather Field that preserves some of the region's most critically important vernal pool resources
- E. Be proactive in monitoring the future make-up of LAFCo locally, and discussions of potential legislative changes/mandates on LAFCo operations
- F. Monitor the advancement the Capitol Southeast Connector, at both the JPA and jurisdictional levels, and ensure protection of the habitat conservation/growth mitigation strategy
- G. Work for the final approval of a viable South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan
- H. Work to reduce terrestrial impacts of the delta tunnel development in the aftermath of the now-defunct "Bay Delta Conservation Plan," and to maximize the mitigation of those impacts
- I. Investigate potential operations and impacts of hydraulic fracturing in the Delta
- J. Be responsive to requests for action on conservation issues in the region, and support the respective efforts and missions of the Habitat 2020 member organizations

**Specific Project Engagement:**

**Active:**

- Elk Grove development/expansion
- Cordova Hills
- Jackson Highway development proposals
- Folsom water supply and expansion
- American and Sacramento River crossings
- Aerojet clean up
- Zone 40 compliance w/ the USFW biological opinion
- Natomas Vision
- City of Sacramento Urban Forestry Ordinance

**Monitor:**

- hinkle creek
- ongoing levee improvements
- Galt casino siting
- County Parks
- Sutter's Landing

**Fund Raising and Membership**

- A. Seek further general/operational support, \$10,000 budgeted
- B. Explore continued funding possibilities for the Heartland Project and development and implementation of the regional conservation plan, leveraging our success with SACOG thus far
- C. Support efforts to raise funds for Cordova Hills litigation
- D. Raise an additional \$3,000 to \$4,000 from outreach events
- E. Host the Wild & Scenic Film Festival as the primary membership and outreach event for Habitat 2020 and the Heartland Project
  - Seek funding to capacitate an intern coordinate the planning of the festival.