

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Fish and Wildlife Service**

[FWS-R8-ES-2012-N112:
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**Receipt of Application for the
Amendment of the Incidental Take
Permit for the Multiple Species
Conservation Program County of San
Diego Subarea Plan, County of San
Diego, California**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit
amendment application; request for
comments.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and
Wildlife Service (Service) intend to
amend the incidental take permit (PRT-
840414) issued for the Multiple Species
Conservation Program County of San
Diego Subarea Plan (MSCP Subarea
Plan). The County of San Diego
(Applicant) has requested an
amendment to the incidental take
permit. The amendment would modify
the MSCP Subarea Plan boundary to add
approximately 210 acres of land solely
for conservation purposes. If amended,
no additional incidental take will be
authorized. The Applicant will follow
all other existing habitat conservation
plan conditions. We also announce a
public comment period.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please
send your written comments by July 18,
2012.

ADDRESSES: To request further
information or submit written
comments, please use one of the
following methods and note that your
information request or comment is in
reference to the MSCP Subarea Plan:

- *Email:* Karen_Goebel@fws.gov.
Include "MSCP Subarea Plan" in the
subject line of the message.
- *U.S. Mail:* Field Supervisor, Fish
and Wildlife Service, Carlsbad Fish and
Wildlife Office, 6010 Hidden Valley
Road, Suite 101, Carlsbad, California
92011.

- *In-Person Drop-off, Viewing, or
Pickup:* Call 760-431-9440 to make an
appointment during regular business
hours to drop off comments or view
received comments at this location:

- *Fax:* Field Supervisor, 760-918-
0638, Attn. MSCP Subarea Plan.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms.
Karen Goebel, Assistant Field
Supervisor, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife
Office (see **ADDRESSES**); telephone: 760-
431-9440. If you use a
telecommunications device for the deaf,
please call the Federal Information
Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the
Service, have made a preliminary
determination that amendment of the
permit is neither a major Federal action
that will significantly affect the quality
of the human environment within the
meaning of section 102(2)(C) of the
National Environmental Policy Act
(NEPA), nor will it individually or
cumulatively have more than a
negligible effect on the species covered
in the MSCP Subarea Plan. Therefore,
the permit amendment qualifies as a
categorical exclusion under NEPA as
provided by the Department of Interior
Manual (516 DM 2, Appendix 1 and 516
DM 6, Appendix 1).

Background

On March 17, 1998, the Service issued
an incidental take permit (PRT-840414),
pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the
Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531
et seq.) for 85 species covered by the
MSCP Subarea Plan. The MSCP Subarea
Plan boundary encompasses 252,132
acres of unincorporated land in south
San Diego County, California.
Opportunity for public review of the
original permit application and the
habitat conservation plan was provided
in the **Federal Register** on March 28,
1997 (62 FR 14938) and November 14,
1997 (62 FR 61140).

The Applicant is seeking an
amendment to their incidental take
permit, consistent with section 1.14.2 of
the MSCP Subarea Plan Implementing
Agreement, to modify the MSCP
Subarea Plan boundary to add 210.6
acres of land for conservation purposes
(*i.e.*, a "hardline preserve") in
contemplation of establishing a
privately-owned mitigation bank.
Establishment of the bank would be a
future action that would require a
formalized conservation banking
agreement consistent with section 9.13
of the MSCP Subarea Plan
Implementing Agreement.

The conservation lands are located in
an unincorporated portion of northern
San Diego County in the community of
Ramona, approximately 1 mile north of
the existing MSCP Subarea Plan
boundary. The conservation land
consists of 4 parcels; a single 63-acre
parcel (Assessor's Parcel Number [APN]
277-050-32), and 3 parcels totaling
147.6 acres (APN 277-121-05, 277-
111-09, and 277-121-08) (*i.e.*,
unsectioned lands within Township 13
South, Range 1 West of the U.S.
Geological Survey 7.5-minute San
Pasqual quadrangle). The parcels are
contiguous with other conserved lands
and support vernal pool, riparian, and
nonnative grassland habitats. Sensitive
species documented on the parcels

include the federally listed endangered
San Diego fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta
sandiegonensis*) and the burrowing owl
(*Athene cunicularia*), an MSCP Subarea
Plan covered species. More details on
the specific parcels and their locations
are available in the permit amendment
application (see **ADDRESSES**).

Public Availability of Comments

Written comments we receive become
part of the public record associated with
this action. Before including your
address, phone number, email address,
or other personal identifying
information in your comments, you
should be aware that your entire
comment—including your personal
identifying information—may be made
publicly available at any time. While
you can ask us in your comment to
withhold your personal identifying
information from public review, we
cannot guarantee that we will be able to
do so.

Authority

We provide this notice under section
10(c) the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)
and by NEPA regulations (40 CFR
1506.6).

Jim A. Bartel,

*Field Supervisor, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife
Office.*

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**Proposed Low-Effect Habitat
Conservation Plan for the California
Tiger Salamander, Calaveras County,
CA**

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request
for comment.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and
Wildlife Service, have received an
application from Juan San Bartolome
(applicant) for a 10-year incidental take
permit for one species under the
Endangered Species Act of 1973, as
amended (Act). The application
addresses the potential for "take" of one
listed animal, the threatened Central
California Distinct Population Segment
of the California tiger salamander (tiger
salamander). The applicant would
implement a conservation program to
minimize and mitigate the project
activities, as described in the applicant's