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Draft Environmental Assessment and Associated Documents for City of Rancho Palos Verdes Habitat Conservation Plan Available for Public Comment

CARLSBAD, Calif. – A draft Environmental Assessment (EA) that identifies five alternatives for the proposed City of Rancho Palos Verdes Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan (RPV NCCP/HCP) to address 17 City of Rancho Palos Verdes projects/activities and 5 private projects/activities proposed to be covered by the incidental take permit is available for public review and comment.

The Notice of Availability was published in today's [Federal Register](#). Comments on the draft RPV NCCP/HCP, environmental assessment, and associated permit documents will be accepted until December 31, 2018.

The RPV NCCP/HCP was prepared by the City of Rancho Palos Verdes in support of an application under the Endangered Species Act, for a permit authorizing incidental take of 10 species resulting from covered projects/activities and a permit under the State of California's Natural Community Conservation Planning Act of 2002. We request review and comment on the City of RPV NCCP/HCP and the draft EA from local, State, and Federal agencies; Tribes; and the public.

The proposed action is the issuance of an incidental take permit by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to City of Rancho Palos Verdes and their habitat manager, Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy, for the incidental take of covered species within the 8,616.6-acre plan area for 40 years.

The documents are available online at the [City of Rancho Palos Verdes](#) website.

You may obtain copies of the City of RPV NCCP/HCP and the draft EA by the following methods.

- *Email:* katiel@rpvca.gov.
- *U.S. Mail:* A limited number of CD-ROM and printed copies are available, by request, from the following locations:
 - Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, 2177 Salk Avenue, Suite 250, Carlsbad, CA 92008;
 - Rancho Palos Verdes City Hall.
- *In-Person:* Copies are available for public inspection and review at the following locations, by appointment and written request only:
 - Rancho Palos Verdes City Hall, 30940 Hawthorne Blvd., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275 (telephone: 310-544-5267; 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday); and

- Palos Verdes Peninsula Land Conservancy, 916 Silver Spur Road, Suite 207, Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274 (9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday).

Please submit comments electronically to fw8cfwocomments@fws.gov; please include “City of RPV NCCP/HCP” in the subject line.

Written comments and information can also be sent to: Karen Goebel, Attn: RPV NCCP/HCP, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Carlsbad Fish and Wildlife Office, 2177 Salk Avenue, Suite 250, Carlsbad, CA 92008.

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