



Orange County Central-Coastal NCCP/HCP

Balancing Economic Development and Wildlife Conservation

The Orange County Central-Coastal NCCP/HCP is one of the first regional HCPs developed in the country. It represents a voluntary, collaborative planning effort among a variety of partnerships having both conservation and development interests. Its purpose is to provide regional protection and recovery of multiple species and habitat while allowing compatible land use and appropriate development.

The benefits provided by this NCCP/HCP are:

- 1) Creation of a permanent, subregional habitat Reserve System;
- 2) Creation of a membership board to oversee the plan implementation allowing landowners, developers, local governments, and resource agencies to participate in the conservation planning process;
- 3) Early planning by developers for proposed large-scale development;
- 4) Funding for long-term management and monitoring of reserve lands; and
- 5) Certainty to the public and affected landowners where the location of future development and open space will reside

Just the Plan Facts:



coastal California gnatcatcher
Photo: United States Geological
Survey

- Plan was approved in 1996 – 75 year permit
- Participating jurisdictions: 7 cities, The Irvine Company, Metropolitan Water District, County of Orange, UC Irvine, Transportation Corridor Agency
- Planning area covers 208,000 acres
- Plan creates a preservation area totaling 37,378 acres
- 39 species are covered, including 6 federally listed species
- Habitat and focal species covered under the plan include: coastal sage scrub, grasslands, riparian, coastal California gnatcatcher, coastal cactus wren, and orange-throated whiptail

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