

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

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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