



Measure M Freeway Environmental Mitigation Program Update

August 11, 2015

Background



- Measure M2 (M2) includes a provision for comprehensive mitigation of freeway projects
 - Satisfies state and federal Wildlife Agencies' permitting processes
 - Satisfies other mitigation needs (e.g., state and federal Clean Water Act permits)



Acquisitions and Restoration



- Seven properties acquired as permanent open space
 - 1,300 acres
 - Brea, Laguna Beach, Silverado Modjeska, and Trabuco Canyon
- Eleven funded restoration projects
 - 400 acres
 - Replacing invasive plant species with native habitat



Ferber Ranch Wilderness Preserve Hikes and Rides



EMP Accomplishments to Date



- Acquired 7 properties
- Funded 11 habitat restoration projects
- Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan (NCCP/HCP)
 - Public review between November 2014 and February 2015
 - Majority of comments on public access



Conservation Plan



- Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan (Conservation Plan)
- Examines potential environmental benefits and impacts
- Identifies conservation and mitigation measures to protect habitat and species
- Approved by state and federal wildlife agencies
- Final anticipated to be completed late 2015/early 2016

Preserve Management and Monitoring



- Monitoring required on the Preserves and Restoration projects
- Establish framework for endowment to fund long-term management
 - Revenue stream to pay for long-term land management of Preserves
 - Begin funding endowment in 2016/17
- Resource Management Plans (RMPs) outline specific Preserve needs (available summer/fall 2015)



Next Steps



- Finalize Conservation Plan
- Establish endowment
- Release RMPs
 - Solicit public input
 - Hold public meetings
- Review program expenditures/revenues to determine potential future funding needs

