

**Santa Barbara County  
Regional Conservation Strategy**

## **Stakeholder Committee Development Meeting**

### **Agenda for Meeting of November 29, 2006, 10:30 a.m.**

Board of Supervisors Hearing Room

Attendees of this Committee Development Meeting may discuss any or all of the items listed on this agenda. This Committee has not yet been fully developed, nor formally appointed. Any action taken may be subject to additional discussion with subsequently appointed Committee members.

<b>Item #</b>	<b>Start Time</b>	<b>Item of Discussion</b>
1.	10:30	Discussion/Adoption of Meeting Minutes from 10/25/06 (handout)
2.	10:45	Summary of Relevant/Key Findings from ESA Conference Last Week
3.	11:15	Organization of Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Public Comment (when, how much, etc.)</li><li>- Posting of Agenda</li><li>- Posting of Meeting Minutes</li></ul>
4.	11:30	Report on Status of Environmental Participation
5.	11:45	Report and Discussion on Facilitator
	12:15	<b>BREAK FOR LUNCH</b>
6.	1:15	Discussion of Revised Project Goals (handout)
7.	1:30	Consideration of Definition of Consensus (attached)
8.	2:00	Other Issues As Adopted by the Committee
9.	2:30	Additional Public Comment on Issues Not on the Agenda Note: Please limit comments to 3 minutes each.

## Santa Barbara's Regional Conservation Strategy

### **TO BE REVISED BY MARC**

#### **GENERAL PROGRAM GOALS:**

1. Contribute to the recovery of covered species through improved approaches to conservation
2. Utilize the best available science to guide the development of a conservation strategy
3. Be economically feasible to develop, implement and manage
4. Provide greater regulatory predictability and certainty to private land owners and local governments
5. Result in lower mitigation cost to most land owners if not all; higher cost to none
6. Result in a more efficient and less costly ESA compliance process
7. Provide incentives to encourage private landowners to undertake voluntary conservation actions
8. Provide for long term regulatory coverage (30-50 years)
9. Maximize stakeholder participation and support
10. Ensure legal defensibility of the conservation strategy
11. Sustain or enhance long-term economic activity important to Santa Barbara County through enhanced agriculture, development, biodiversity and government efficiency.

## **Consensus Decision-Making**

A consensus decision-making process aims for the maximum agreement of and support by the members of the group. This agreement is reached through information gathering, discussion of different viewpoints, combining and refining proposals and developing new approaches to the issue.

Consensus is reached when there has been a sufficient meeting of the minds that the decision is acceptable to all members. Members of the group must feel they have been given a chance to express their views and that there has been an honest effort by the group to accommodate their viewpoints in the decision.

### Consensus Means:

- The members of the group agree they can live with the decision. This does not necessarily mean unanimity on all points.
- Everyone agrees to actively support the decision and help implement it.
- No one who might block or obstruct the decision will do so. If someone says they will block the decision, there is no consensus.

Everyone has to say they can live with it AND agree to support the decision publicly AND agree not to overtly or covertly try to block it. The latter two points are critical. It is not permitted to agree and say you can live with it and then not support it when asked (e.g.: testify at a Board meeting, speak before a group, etc.). It is also not permitted to say you agree and then go out and secretly (or openly) try to defeat the decision.