

**Santa Barbara County**  
**Regional Conservation Strategy**  
**Project Goals**

The Conservation Steering Committee adopts the following mission statement and subsequent project goals, and proposes to follow them to guide the development and implementation of a regional conservation strategy for the covered species:

PROJECT MISSION STATEMENT

Contribute to the protection of the California tiger salamander and other threatened or endangered species within its range through designated approaches to conservation, while sustaining or enhancing long-term economic activity important to Santa Barbara County through enhanced agriculture, development, biodiversity and government efficiency.

PROJECT GOALS

1. Utilize the best available science to guide the development of a conservation strategy/plan.
2. Maximize stakeholder participation in and support for a conservation strategy/plan.
3. Develop a strategy/plan that is economically feasible to develop, implement and manage.
4. Develop a strategy/plan that provides regulatory streamlining, predictability and certainty.
5. Develop a strategy/plan that results in lower mitigation cost to most land owners if not all and higher cost to none.
6. Establish a plan and process that creates a conservation strategy for the covered species that satisfies the requirements of the federal ESA resulting in incidental take authorization for the covered species.
7. Develop a strategy/plan that results in more efficient and less costly CESA, ESA, CEQA, and NEPA compliance processes.
8. Develop a strategy/plan that provides incentives to encourage private landowners to undertake conservation actions.
9. Develop a strategy/plan that provides for long term regulatory coverage (30-50 years).

10. Develop a strategy/plan that is legally defensible.
11. Develop a strategy/plan that does not preclude adaptation to a wide range of properties and projects.