### Appendix C

# GENERAL, COMMUNITY AND AREA PLANS CONSISTENCY EVALUATION

### GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### PROGRAM'S CONSISTENCY

### **CITY OF SAN DIEGO GENERAL PLAN (March 2008)**

### Public Facilities, Services, and Safety Element

### Goals:

- Public facilities and services that are equitably and effectively provided through application of prioritization guidelines.
- Adequate public facilities that are available at the time of need.
- Protection of beneficial water resources through pollution prevention and interception efforts.
- A storm water conveyance system that effectively reduces pollutants in urban runoff and storm water to the maximum extent practicable.
- Public utility services provided in the most cost-effective and environmentally sensitive way.
- Public utilities that sufficiently meet existing and future demand with facilities and maintenance practices that are sensible, efficient and well-integrated into the natural and urban landscape.

The Master Program would ensure that the City's storm water facilities are cleaned and maintained to maximize their ability to safely convey flood water and minimize flooding risks to life and property along these facilities. Under the Master Program, an annual needs assessment would be conducted to determine which facilities included in the Master Program need maintenance. When a facility is identified as potentially requiring maintenance, a facility-specific hydrology and hydraulic analysis, referred to as an Individual Hydrology/Hydraulic Assessment (IHHA), would be conducted to determine the minimum amount of maintenance needed to improve the capacity to convey flood water. Limiting the maintenance to the minimal amount necessary will reduce impacts on biological resources.

As part of the annual needs assessment, an Individual Water Quality Assessment (IWQA) would be conducted for each maintenance activity to determine if mitigation measures are needed to avoid water quality effects resulting from maintenance. In addition, the Master Program identifies specific maintenance protocols designed to minimize water quality impacts from maintenance including the installation of interim devices (e.g. check dams) to control transport of sediment and pollutants. Lastly, maintenance would improve water quality by removing illegally dumped materials such as trash, appliances, furniture, shopping carts, and tires, as well as debris and polluted sediment.

Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the goals of the Public Facilities, Services and Safety Element relative to storm water facilities.

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### **Recreation Element**

### Goals:

- An open space and resource-based park system that provides for the
  preservation and management of natural resources, enhancement of
  outdoor recreation opportunities, and protection of public health
  and safety.
- Preservation of the natural terrain and drainage systems of San Diego's open space lands and resource-based parks.

Maintenance performed in accordance with the Master Program would not adversely affect recreation within the City of San Diego. Maintenance would not modify the underlying natural drainage courses that may occur within recreational areas. No filling or reconfiguration of the affected storm water facilities would occur as part of the Master Program.

As discussed in association with the Conservation Element of the General Plan, many of the mature trees within drainage courses would be unaffected by maintenance and the understory wetland habitat would be expected to begin re-establishing within one year of maintenance. Thus, the aesthetic and wildlife values to recreational areas would not be significantly impacted by maintenance activities. Furthermore, natural drainages within open space park areas would not require maintenance because no development lies adjacent to these drainage courses that could be adversely affected by flooding.

Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the goals of the Recreation Element of the General Plan.

#### **Conservation Element**

#### Goals:

- Coastal resource preservation and enhancement.
- Protection and restoration of water bodies, including reservoirs, coastal waters, creeks, bays, and wetlands.
- Preservation of natural attributes of both the floodplain and floodway without endangering life and property.
- Preservation of San Diego's rich biodiversity and heritage through the protection and restoration of wetland resources.

Maintenance associated with the Master Program would not conflict with these conservation goals relative to coastal or inland resources. The Master Program would help improve and maintain water quality within affected storm water facilities by removing illegally dumped materials such as trash, appliances, furniture, shopping carts, and tires, as well as debris and sediment. BMPs and mitigation measures contained in Subchapters 4.5

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Preservation of all existing wetland habitat in San Diego through a "no-net-loss" approach.	Hydrology and 4.8 Water Quality would reduce potential water quality impacts to receiving waters such as reservoirs, creeks or coastal waters to less than significant levels.
	The Master Program would not significantly affect the natural attributes of the City's drainages and floodplains. Development within the drainages included in the Master Program would not be allowed in order to provide necessary floodwater conveyance.
	While maintenance activities would eliminate some vegetation within storm water facilities to improve floodwater conveyance, a substantial amount of vegetation is expected to remain after maintenance. Hydrology studies completed on existing facilities have shown that mature trees can be retained, as long as they are at least 50 feet apart. As mature trees generally have a foliage radius of 10-20 feet, the visual sense of a stand of trees would be retained. Furthermore, it is anticipated that vegetation on the side of channels, with a width in excess of 20 feet, would not normally need to be removed to improve floodwater conveyance. In addition, wetland vegetation is adapted to begin to re-establish within a year of disturbance. Thus, the natural character of storm water facilities would not be substantially altered by maintenance. Lastly, the wetland vegetation that would be lost would be mitigated in accordance with the MMRP through enhancement, restoration or creation using the "no net loss" criteria.  Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Conservation Element.
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Clairemont Mesa Community Plan (September 26, 1989, last amended De	cember 5, 2005)
Open Space and Environmental Resources Element	
Goal:  • Provide an open space system which preserves existing canyons and hillsides and dedicate open space areas as infill development	As discussed with respect to the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan, implementation of the Master Program would not

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Clairemont Mesa Community Plan (September 26, 1989, last amended De	cember 5, 2005)
occurs in the community.  Objectives:  Reduce runoff and the alterations of the natural drainage system.  Protect the resource value of canyon areas and plant and animal wildlife within the community.	significantly affect the City's open space and drainage systems or animals. Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Open Space and Environmental Resources Element of the Clairemont Mesa Community Plan.
College Area Community Plan (May 2, 1989, last amended August 5, 2002	
Public Facilities Element  Maintain public utilities at a level which conforms to citywide standards.	As discussed with respect to the Public Facilities, Services, and Safety Element of the City's General Plan, implementation of the Master Program would assure that the City's storm water system would function as effectively as possible by establishing a system for determining when and how much maintenance should be conducted on an annual basis. This will reduce the risk to life and property associated with flooding. Thus, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Public Facilities Element of the College Area Community Plan.

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	Y PLANS (cont.)
Linda Vista Community Plan and LCP Land Use Plan (December 1, 1998)	
Open Space Element	Tecolote Creek Canyon is excluded from the Master Program and, thus, would not adversely impact this area.
Goals:  • Preserve Tecolote Canyon and its tributary canyons as open space.  Policy:	As discussed with respect to the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan, implementation of the Master Program would minimize impacts to sensitive biological resources and implementation of the mitigation contained in the MMRP would reduce impacts to below a level of significance. Thus,
Sensitive resources, such as coastal sage scrub and riparian (stream side) vegetation, which occur within areas designated for open space, shall be preserved.	the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the goals to maintain riparian habitat, in general
Mid-City Communities Plan (August 4, 1998, amended September 23, 200	(3)
Natural and Cultural Resources Element	
Environmental Quality	
Biological Resources	
Goals:  • Protect canyon, hillside, and creek-side natural wildlife habitats from urban encroachment and conflicting uses.  Water Quality	As discussed with respect to the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan, implementation of the Master Program would not significantly affect the City's open space and drainage systems or the associated plants and animals
Goal: Improve and enhance riparian habitat in Chollas Creek as a means of improving water quality.	As discussed with respect to the Public Facilities, Services, and Safety Element of the City's General Plan, the Master Program requires an IWQA to be conducted for each maintenance activity to assure that water quality impacts are minimized. In addition, the Master Program identifies specific maintenance protocols designed to minimize water quality impacts from maintenance including the installation of interim devices (e.g. check dams) to control transport of sediment and pollutants. Lastly, the removal of pollutants

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### COMMUNITY PLANS (cont.)

### Mid-City Communities Plan (August 4, 1998, amended September 23, 2003) (cont.)

### **Natural and Cultural Resources Element (cont.)**

## Master Program would be consistent with the Community Plan's goal of maintaining water quality. Thus, the Master Program would be consistent with the Mid-City Community Plan's goal of improving water quality.

### Open Space

Land Form – Canyons and Creeks

#### Goals:

- Permanently link and preserve all canyons, slopes and floodways, designated as such in this plan as open space.
- Preserve areas of native vegetation.

### Chollas Creek

Preserve and enhance Chollas Creek as a linear open space system to provide passive recreational opportunities, visual relief and biological habitat preservation.

### Parks and Open Space

#### Goals:

• Protect biological, visual, and topographic resources.

As discussed with respect to the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan, implementation of the Master Program would not significantly affect the City's open space and drainage systems or the associated plants and animals

contained in sediment as well as trash and debris removed during

maintenance would improve water quality with the watersheds. Thus, the

The City expects to pursue wetland habitat restoration opportunities within Chollas Creek to mitigate for maintenance impacts. This would enhance passive recreational opportunities, provide visual relief and promote the establishment and preservation of biological habitat. Therefore, the Master Program would be consistent with the Mid City Community Plan's goal of preserving open space.

As discussed with respect to the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan, implementation of the Master Program would not significantly affect the City's open space and drainage systems or the associated plants and animals. Therefore, the Master Program would be consistent with the Mid-City Community Plan's goal of protecting biological, visual, and topographical resources.

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### **COMMUNITY PLANS (cont.)**

### Mira Mesa Community Plan (October 6, 1992, last amended June 19, 2001)

### **Sensitive Resources and Open Space Element**

Goals: A community-wide open space system that:

- Preserves sensitive resources, including plant and animal habitats, and wildlife linkages.
- Preserves natural drainage systems.
- Provide linkages in the regional open space system of interconnected canyons and hillsides.

### **Policies**

Open Space Preservation:

• Sensitive areas of community-wide and regional significance shall be preserved as open space.

### Resource Management:

- No rare, threatened, endangered, or candidate species, species of concern, or those that qualify for Federal or State listing shall be disturbed without all necessary City, State and/or Federal permit approvals.
- No filling, clearing, grubbing or other disturbance to biologically sensitive habitat shall be permitted without all necessary City, State and Federal permit approvals and completion of mitigation requirements.

As discussed with respect to the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan, implementation of the Master Program would not significantly affect the City's open space and drainage systems or the associated plants and animals. Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Sensitive Resources and Open Space Element of the Mira Mesa Community Plan relative to the establishment of a community-wide open space system.

As discussed with respect to the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan, implementation of the Master Program would not significantly affect the City's open space and drainage systems or the associated plants and animals. Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Sensitive Resources and Open Space Element of the Mira Mesa Community Plan relative to the preservation of open space.

The Master Program and the MMRP will require that the City minimize impacts to sensitive biological resources, obtain necessary resource permits and mitigate for impacts to sensitive biological resources. The Master Program identifies specific protocols intended to reduce the spread of invasive plants as a result of maintenance. Any planting related to mitigation for maintenance activities would utilize native plants commonly associated with the habitat type for which the mitigation is intended. Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Sensitive Resources and Open Space Element of the Mira Mesa Community Plan relative to resource management.

• All other riparian areas [other than Los Peñasquitos Canyon

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Mira Mesa Community Plan (October 6, 1992, last amended June 19, 200	1)
Sensitive Resources and Open Space Element (cont.)	
<ul> <li>No encroachments shall be permitted into wetlands, including vernal pools. Encroachment into native grasslands, coastal sage scrub, and maritime chaparral shall be consistent with the Resource Protection Ordinance. Purchase, creation, or enhancement of or replacement habitat area shall be required at ratios determined by the Resources Protection Ordinance or State and Federal agencies, as appropriate. In areas of native vegetation that are connected to an open space system, the City shall require that as much native vegetation as possible be preserved as open space.</li> <li>Sensitive habitat that is degraded or disturbed by development activity or other human impacts shall be restored or enhanced with the appropriate native plant community. This is critically important when the disturbed area is adjacent to other biologically sensitive habitats. Manufactured slopes and graded areas adjacent to sensitive habitat shall be revegetated with the appropriate native plant community, as much as is feasible considering the City's brush management regulations.</li> </ul>	The MMRP associated with the proposed Master Program establishes specific requirements for mitigating maintenance impacts on sensitive biological resources. Implementation of these measures would reduce impacts on sensitive biological resources to below a level of significance. Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Sensitive Resources and Open Space Element of the Mira Mesa Community Plan relative to impacts on sensitive biological resources.
<ul> <li>Exotic or invasive plant species shall not be planted within or adjacent to existing sensitive habitats.</li> </ul>	The Master Program and MMRP includes measures that prohibit actions that would promote the spread of exotic and invasive plant species into downstream areas. Thus, the proposed Master Plan would be consistent with this goal.
Riparian areas:  • All other riparian areas [other than Los Peñasquitos Canyon	As discussed with respect to the Conservation Element of the City's General

Plan, implementation of the Master Program would not significantly affect

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### **COMMUNITY PLANS (cont.)**

### Mira Mesa Community Plan (October 6, 1992, last amended June 19, 2001) (cont.)

• Preserve] should be preserved in their natural state with a buffer of adjoining upland habitat having a minimum width of 100 feet. The buffer shall start at the outside edge of the defined riparian habitat, or at the outside edge of the 100-year flood FEMA plain, whichever is wider or outermost.

the City's open space and drainage systems or the associated plants and animals. Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Sensitive Resources and Open Space Element of the Mira Mesa Community Plan relative to the maintenance of open space and drainage systems.

### Proposals:

### Open Space Preservation:

 Preserve the flood plain and adjacent slopes of the five major canyon systems that traverse the community-Los Peñasquitos Canyon, Lopez Canon, Carroll Canyon, Rattlesnake Canyon and Soledad Canyon, and the remaining vernal pool sites (as shown generally on Figure 6 of the Community Plan)-in a natural state as open space. As discussed with respect to the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan, implementation of the Master Program would not significantly affect the City's open space and drainage systems or the associated plants and animals. Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Sensitive Resources and Open Space Element of the Mira Mesa Community Plan relative to the maintenance of natural canyon systems.

### Wildlife Corridors:

Preserve and maintain the wildlife connections as shown generally on Figure 8 (of the Community Plan) in a natural state.

As discussed with respect to the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan, implementation of the Master Program would not significantly affect the City's open space and drainage systems or the associated plants and animals. Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Sensitive Resources and Open Space Element of the Mira Mesa Community Plan relative to the maintenance of wildlife connections.

Resource Management: Carroll, Rattlesnake and Soledad Canyons:

Preserve (or restore if disturbed) riparian areas in Carroll and Rattlesnake Canyons to the full width of the flood plain. In order to foster conditions that allow for healthy ecological functioning and provide for adequate wildlife movement, upland habitat such as coastal sage scrub, grasslands, and maritime chaparral shall be preserved or restored adjacent to the riparian area wherever possible to provide a buffer with a minimum width of 100 feet. Portions of drainages which are not bordered by development are not included in the Master Program and would not be affected by maintenance. Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Sensitive Resources and Open Space Element of the Mira Mesa Community Plan relative to preservation of riparian areas in Carroll and Rattlesnake Canyon.

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Mira Mesa Community Plan (October 6, 1992, last amended June 19, 200	1) (cont.)	
Restore wildlife connections between Soledad Canyon and Rose Canyon wherever possible.	As discussed with respect to the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan, implementation of the Master Program would not significantly affect the City's open space and drainage systems or the associated plants and animals. Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Sensitive Resources and Open Space Element of the Mira Mesa Community Plan relative to the maintaining connections between Soledad and Rose Canyons.	
Park and Recreation Facilities Element		
Goal:		
Preservation of areas notable for scenic, natural, or cultural attractions as resources-based parks.	The Master Program would not interfere with the scenic, nature or cultural resource within resource-based parks. Drainages within resource-based parks are not bordered by development which requires flood control. Thus, these areas are not included in the Master Program. Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Park and Recreation Facilities Element of the Mira Mesa Community Plan relative to the preservation of resource-based parks.	
Mission Valley		
Open Space Element		
Objectives:     • Protect existing and future development from flood hazard.  Proposals:     • Develop and implement a flood control facility maintenance program in conformance with the Natural Resource Wetlands Management Plan to identify cost responsibilities and to facilitate	The proposed Master Program would provide a comprehensive program to maintain the capacity of the affected segments through Mission Valley and, thus, would be consistent with this objective. Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Open Space Element of the Mira Mesa Community Plan relative to the protection of development from flood hazard.	
permit review and issuance. In the absence of a regional maintenance program, maintenance programs should be developed for all projects proposed along the river.		

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Mission Valley Open Space Element	
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Proposal:	The majorate area and rested existing the marking of the Con Disco Disco
• Utilize the San Diego River corridor for passive recreation.	The maintenance conducted within the portion of the San Diego River through Mission Valley would be limited to periodic removal of accumulated
Objective:	sediment and associated vegetation in areas planned for open water. The
• Link the various sub-elements of the San Diego system into a	vegetation on the islands within the channel bottom as well as on the sides of
visually and physically cohesive unit.	the channel would not be affected by maintenance. Thus, the aesthetic and recreation value of the river would not be affected, and the proposed
Proposals:	maintenance would consistent with the recreation and aesthetic goals of the
<ul> <li>Utilize the San Diego River corridor as the focal point or spine of the open space linkage system.</li> </ul>	Community Plan for the San Diego River.
Objectives:	
<ul> <li>Preserve and maintain the wetlands and riparian habitat areas along both sides of the river.</li> </ul>	
• Enhance and maintain the aesthetic and recreational qualities of the river corridor as part of an open space system.	
Conservation Element	
Objective:	
<ul> <li>Protect and enhance the quality of Mission Valley's air and water resources.</li> </ul>	As discussed with respect to the Public Facilities, Services, and Safety Element of the City's General Plan, the Master Program requires an IWQA to be conducted for each maintenance activity to assure that water quality impacts are minimized. In addition, the Master Program identifies specific
	maintenance protocols designed to minimize water quality impacts from maintenance including the installation of interim devices (e.g. check dams) to control transport of sediment and pollutants. Lastly, the Master Program would not allow the conversion of natural channels to concrete or other non-
	porous material. Thus, the proposed maintenance would be consistent with

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Mission Valley (cont.)	
	the water quality goals of the Community Plan. Thus, the proposed maintenance would be consistent with the water quality goals of the Community Plan.
Navajo Community Plan (December 7, 1982, last amended August 5, 200	2)
Other Community Facilities	
Objective:  • The community's objective is to assure that a high level of all public services is reached and maintained by adhering to standards	As discussed with respect to the Public Facilities, Services, and Safety Element of the City's General Plan, implementation of the Master Program
set forth in the Progress Guide and General Plan as a minimum.	would assure that the City's storm water system would function as effectively as possible by establishing a system for determining when and how much maintenance should be conducted on an annual basis. This will reduce the risk to life and property associated with flooding. Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Navajo Community Plan's objective of assuring a high level of public services.
Proposal:	
Design and implement flood control facilities to insure adequate protection for the community, while preserving the natural topography and minimizing the adverse environmental effects on the community. If channelization is necessary, the channels should be soft-bottomed and soft-sided, and should be designed of sufficient width to support riparian vegetation across the width of the channel.  Community Environment	As discussed with respect to the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan, implementation of the Master Program would not significantly affect the City's open space and drainage systems or the associated plants and animals. Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Navajo Community Plan relative to the maintenance of open space and drainage systems.
Objective	
Objective:  • To preserve and enhance the natural beauty and amenities of the Navajo community.	
Master Programs - Natural:	
<ul> <li>Establish and maintain an open space system to conserve natural resources, preserve scenic beauty, and define urban form.</li> <li>Prevent deterioration of natural watershed areas.</li> </ul>	

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Otay Mesa Community Plan (1981, last amended October 12, 1993)	
Land Use Element	
Open Space	
Proposal:  • These open spaces should be initially maintained in their natural state and future uses should be compatible with the open space concept. Examples of these uses are: hiking, horseback riding, bicycling, sightseeing, wildlife and fossil study. Studies should be undertaken to determine if activities which may require minor alterations of the natural open space should be allowed. Examples of these are: picnicking, camping, golf, archery, botanical gardens (natural and man-made), food cultivation, and ornamental landscaping.	As discussed with respect to the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan, implementation of the Master Program would not significantly affect the City's open space and associated recreational opportunities. Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Land Use Element of the Otay Mesa Community Plan relative to the maintenance of open space.
Pacific Beach Community Plan and LCP Land Use Plan (February 28, 19	95)
Parks and Open Space Element Goals:	
<ul> <li>Conserve and enhance the natural amenities of the community such as its open space, topography, beach and plant life and achieve a desirable relationship between the natural and developed areas of the community, as is exemplified by Kate Sessions Park.</li> <li>Preserve significant environmental resource areas, such as the Cityowned Kate Sessions Park, Rose Creek, Coastal Bluffs, and the Northern Wildlife Preserve in their natural state.</li> </ul>	As discussed with respect to the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan, implementation of the Master Program would not significantly affect the City's open space and drainage systems or the associated plants and animals. Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Parks and Open Space Element of the Pacific Beach Community Plan relative to the conservation of open space.
Specific Proposals	
Resource Protection:  • Any public improvement projects adjacent to or within designated open space areas shall be reviewed by the Planning Department through the City Projects Review Task Force for potential	Each individual clearing/maintenance project would be subject to environmental analysis and review by the City's DSD. As part of the environmental review process, public hearings/meetings would be conducted

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Pacific Beach Community Plan and LCP Land Use Plan (February 28, 1995) (	
Parks and Open Space Element (cont.)  environmental impacts and conformance with the policies and proposals of this plan.	to solicit public input prior to final design. Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Parks and Open Space Element of the Pacific Beach Community Plan relative to resource protection.
Peninsula Community Plan and LCP Land Use Plan (July 14, 1987, last a	mended April 27, 2004)
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	As discussed with respect to the Public Facilities, Services, and Safety Element of the City's General Plan, implementation of the Master Program would assure that the City's storm water system would function as effectively as possible by establishing a system for determining when and how much maintenance should be conducted on an annual basis. This will reduce the risk to life and property associated with flooding. Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the goal of maintaining a high level of service for public works.
Conservation and Environmental Quality Element	
Recommendations:  • The Famosa Slough should be recognized as a sensitive habitat area and, as such, it should be protected, preserved and enhanced through designation as open space and dedication as a park, in addition to establishing appropriate development guidelines.	One storm water facility is located adjacent to Famosa Slough; however, due to environmental constraints, maintenance is prohibited. Therefore, the proposed project would be consistent with the goal of preserving Famosa Slough.
Skyline-Paradise Hills Community Plan (June 30, 1987, amended May 24	, 2005)
Open Space Element	
Goal:  • Provide an open space system which preserves existing canyons and hillsides and ensures open space accessibility.	As discussed with respect to the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan, implementation of the Master Program would not significantly affect

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	Y PLANS (cont.)	
Skyline-Paradise Hills Community Plan (June 30, 1987, amended May 24		
Objectives	animals. Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Open Space Element of the Skyline-Paradise Hills Community Plan relative to the maintenance of canyons.	
Objectives:  • Preserve visual and physical access to open space areas from public rights-of-way to increase passive recreational use.  Public Facilities Element	Maintenance associated with the Master Program would not adversely affect visual or physical access to drainage courses related to passive recreational use. Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Open Space Element of the Skyline-Paradise Hills Community Plan's goal of preserving visual and physical access to open areas.	
Goal: Establish and maintain a high level of public facilities and services to meet community needs.	As discussed with respect to the Public Facilities, Services, and Safety Element of the City's General Plan, implementation of the Master Program would assure that the City's storm water system would function as effectively as possible by establishing a system for determining when and how much maintenance should be conducted on an annual basis. This will reduce the risk to life and property associated with flooding. Thus, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Community Plan's goal of maintaining a high level of public service	
Southeastern San Diego Community Plan (July 13, 1987, last amended Oc	ctober 18, 2006)	
Open Space and Recreation Element		
Objective:  • Preserve hillsides, canyons and drainage areas in their natural state to the extent possible.	As discussed with respect to the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan, implementation of the Master Program would not significantly affect the City's open space and drainage systems or the associated plants and animals. Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Open Space and Recreation Element of the Southeastern San Diego Community Plan relative to the preservation of canyons, and drainage areas.	

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COMMUNITY	PLANS (cont.)
Southeastern San Diego Community Plan (July 13, 1987, last amended Oc	
Recommendations:  • Creeks. Preserve creeks and drainage areas in their natural state.  The Chollas Creek system is an important linear open area resource. All creeks in the community should be made available for passive recreation where safe.	As discussed with respect to the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan, implementation of the Master Program would not significantly affect the City's open space and drainage systems or the associated plants and animals. As also discussed earlier, enhancement and restoration of wetland habitat is expected to occur in Chollas Creek as mitigation for maintenance impacts. Lastly, maintenance would not interfere with the passive recreation value of Chollas Creek. Thus, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Open Space and Recreation Element of the Southeastern San Diego Community Plan to preserve creeks and drainages in their natural state and allow them to be available for passive recreation.
Public Facilities Element	state and anoth them to be available for publific recreation.
Drainage/Flood Objective:  • Protect property from flooding while retaining the natural appearance of drainage areas to the extent feasible.	As discussed with respect to the Public Facilities, Services, and Safety Element of the City's General Plan, implementation of the Master Program would assure that the City's storm water system would function as effectively as possible by establishing a system for determining when and how much maintenance should be conducted on an annual basis. This will reduce the risk to life and property associated with flooding. Thus, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Public Facilities Element's goal of protecting property from flooding while retaining the natural character.
Drainage/Flood Recommendations:	
In undeveloped portions of the drainage basin, flood control should be provided which ensures the safety of structures and active land uses upon development.	As discussed with respect to the Public Facilities, Services, and Safety Element of the City's General Plan, implementation of the Master Program would assure that the City's storm water system would function as effectively as possible by establishing a system for determining when and how much maintenance should be conducted on an annual basis. Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Public Facilities Element's goal of protecting structures and active land uses from flood damage.

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With respect to flood control within Chollas Creek, the Master Program would not allow the creation of any new concrete channels for flood control. Thus, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Public Facilities Element's goal of controlling floods through the use of natural and/or landscaped facilities,		
As discussed with respect to the Conservation Element of the City's General		
Plan, implementation of the Master Program would not significantly affect		
the City's open space and drainage systems or the associated plants and animals. Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with		
the Neighborhood Element's goal of retaining canyon systems.		
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Not applicable.		
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As discussed with respect to the Conservation Element of the City's General		
Plan, implementation of the Master Program would not significantly affect		
the open space and drainage systems or the associated plants and animals		

Table 4.1-1 (cont.) GENERAL, COMMUNITY AND AREA PLANS CONSISTENCY EVALUATION	
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COMMUNITY	PLANS (cont.)
Torrey Pines Community Plan (March 6, 1975, amended January 10, 1995)	
<ul> <li>Retain viable, connected systems of wildlife habitat, and maintain these areas in their natural state.</li> <li>Preserve, enhance, and restore all natural open space and sensitive resource areas, including Los Peñasquitos Lagoon and associated uplands, Torrey Pines State Park and Reserve Extension areas with its distinctive sandstone bluffs and red rock, Crest Canyon, San Dieguito Lagoon and River Valley, Carroll Canyon Wetland/Wildlife Corridor through Sorrento Valley, and all selected corridors providing linkage between these areas.</li> </ul>	within the Torrey Pines Community Plan area. Thus, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Resource Management and Open Space Element of the Torrey Pines Community Plan relative to the conservation, retention, and preservation of sensitive habitat areas.
Policies:  • Riparian vegetation in channels through the Sorrento Valley industrial area shall be preserved in its natural state in order to maintain its vital wildlife habitat value. When vegetation removal is necessary for flood control, the required State and Federal permits shall be obtained.	Maintenance with this area has been performed in the past and any maintenance performed under the proposed Master Program would not be initiated without the appropriate state and federal permits. Thus, maintenance under the Master Program would be consistent with this policy.
Preserve and enhance all open space and wildlife corridors (see Figure 6 of the Community Plan), especially those linking the Los Peñasquitos Lagoon with Torrey Pines State Reserve Extension and the Carroll Canyon Creek corridor.	As discussed with respect to the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan, implementation of the Master Program would not significantly affect the open space and drainage systems or the associated plants and animals within the Torrey Pines Community Plan area. Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Resource Management and Open Space Element of the Torrey Pines Community Plan relative to preserving drainages for wildlife movement.

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Balboa Park: East Mesa Precise Plan	
Recommendations:	
Retain and enhance riparian habitat along Florida Canyon	As discussed with respect to the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan, implementation of the Master Program would not significantly affect the open space and drainage systems or the associated plants and animals within the Precise Plan area. Thus, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the relevant recommendations of the East Mesa Precise Plan for Balboa Park relative to the conservation of riparian habitat within Florida Canyon.
Chollas Creek Enhancement Plan (Please also see the discussions under the Mid-City Communities and Southeastern San Diego community plans for additional goals, objectives, and recommendations related to Chollas Creek.)  Design/Development Guidelines	
Natural Setting:	
• Existing vegetation should be preserved, enhanced and maintained. All non-native, invasive plant material should be removed from the creek. Retention of the natural ravines, watercourses, drainage areas, and topographic features shall be a primary consideration. In addition, new landscaping should complement the natural selections. Watercourses should not be altered, nor should they be covered, or undergrounded. When some alteration of watercourses has to occur, a natural setting should be re-created, without concrete channeling, and without covering the channel.	As discussed with respect to the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan, implementation of the Master Program would not significantly affect the City's open space and drainage systems or the associated plants and animals. Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Design/Development Guidelines of the Chollas Creek Enhancement Plan relative to the maintenance of open space and drainage systems.

### GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### PROGRAM'S CONSISTENCY

### PARK AND PERSERVE PLANS

**Chollas Creek Enhancement Plan (cont.)** (Please also see the discussions under the Mid-City Communities and Southeastern San Diego community plans for additional goals, objectives, and recommendations related to Chollas Creek.)

### **Design/Development Guidelines (cont.)**

### **Avoid Channelization**

Avoid new channelization: channelizing the creek creates in turn a new set of environmental problems, visual dilemmas and physical safety issues that can be avoided by improving the creek's edge and upland area. The creek can be wrapped with stepping edges to ensure a safe exit from the channel

The proposed Master Program would not allow new channelization of storm water facilities, but would include the clearing of storm water facilities. Thus, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the goal of avoiding new channelization.

### Restore Disturbed Areas

 In general, disturbed areas where some form of channelization has taken place with relatively wide earth bottoms make wetland and vegetative restoration possible. Channels can be replaced by berms or "block-crete" that support steep grading and permit water drainage, aquifer recharge, and plant growth between structural elements. The City expects to look for disturbed areas within Chollas Creek that can be enhanced or restored as mitigation for maintenance impacts. Thus, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Design/Development Guidelines of the Chollas Creek Enhancement Plan relative to the restoration of disturbed areas..

### Restore Native Wetland Vegetation:

• Restore native soils and vegetation in the Creek channel and sides to re-establish its natural wetland function and appearance.

### Maintain Natural Drainage Patterns:

 Natural drainage should be maintained by: preserving slopes and soil elevation to maintain natural runoff patterns; maintaining soil composition that allows natural water filtration, and carefully assessing appropriate ground cover and new soil import to assure that the natural runoff and drainage patterns are not changed. As discussed with respect to the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan, implementation of the Master Program would not significantly affect the City's open space and drainage systems or the associated plants and animals. Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the goal of maintaining natural drainage systems.

### GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### PROGRAM'S CONSISTENCY

### PARK AND PERSERVE PLANS

Chollas Creek Enhancement Plan (Please also see the discussions under the Mid-City Communities and Southeastern San Diego community plans for additional goals, objectives, and recommendations related to Chollas Creek.) (cont.)

### **Design/Development Guidelines (cont.)**

### Recharge the Creek's Aquifer:

 Maintain porous and natural materials to permit the natural recharge of the aquifer. If grading in the creek is undertaken, assure that a soil analysis is made and new soils or surfaces applied will allow for proper drainage, filtering, and aquifer recharge.

### Maintain and Enhance Water Quality:

Maintain and enhance the creek's water filtering function, if at all
possible, by maintaining natural soils. If grading is necessary,
replace with new soils and ground cover that will maintain and
enhance water quality. Sandy soils, porous soils, and plant
materials that provide cleansing action should be used to restore
disturbed areas.

### Control Erosion:

 Prior to any grading or changes in topography, an analysis should be made of erosion-related issues through an evaluation of new soils or surfaces applied, projected water velocity, vegetation impacts on the slowing down of water, and siltation conditions.
 Water deceleration structures and erosion control structures may need to be considered where high erosion levels are identified. The Master Program would include removal of vegetation and sediment within storm water facilities to maintain flow and avoid flooding. These activities would not affect the drainage, filtering, and aquifer recharge of the creek. Thus, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Design/Development Guidelines of the Chollas Creek Enhancement Plan relative to the recharge of the Chollas Creek Aquifer.

As discussed with respect to the Public Facilities, Services, and Safety Element of the City's General Plan, the Master Program requires an IWQA to be conducted for each maintenance activity to assure that water quality impacts are minimized. In addition, the Master Program identifies specific maintenance protocols designed to minimize water quality impacts from maintenance including the installation of interim devices (e.g. check dams) to control transport of sediment and pollutants. Lastly, the Master Program would not allow the conversion of natural channels to concrete or other non-porous material. Thus, the proposed maintenance would be consistent with the water quality goals of the Community Plan.

The Master Program identifies specific maintenance protocols designed to minimize erosion impacts from maintenance including the installation of interim devices (e.g. check dams) to control transport of sediment and pollutants. Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Design/Development Guidelines of the Chollas Creek Enhancement Plan relative to erosion control.

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	ERVE PLANS (cont.)	
Famosa Slough Enhancement Plan		
Goal:  •to restore and preserve the Slough and Channel as a natural habitat, to provide sanctuary for wildlife, and to educate the public in the appreciation of the plants and animals that comprise a wetland system.	No maintenance would occur within the sensitive portion of Famosa Slough. Thus, the proposed Master Plan would be consistent with the goal of preserving restoration and preservation opportunities in Famosa Slough.	
Otay Valley Regional Park Concept Plan		
Open Space/Core Preserve Area  Policies:  • Maintain the natural floodplain; prohibit channelization of the floodplain.	As discussed with respect to the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan, implementation of the Master Program would not significantly affect the City's open space and drainage systems or the associated plants and animals. Thus, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Open Space/Core Preserve Area portion of the Otay Valley Regional Park Concept Plan relative to floodplains.	
Western Otay Valley Regional Park Natural Resource Management Plan		
<ul> <li>Objectives:</li> <li>To enhance and restore native habitats in the Park.</li> <li>To manage native habitat and wildlife species for their survival.</li> <li>To identify and maintain important wildlife corridors and the connectivity between open space areas.</li> <li>To control erosion throughout the Park and protect the watershed.</li> </ul>	As discussed with respect to the Conservation Element of the City's General Plan, implementation of the Master Program would not significantly affect the City's open space and drainage systems or the associated plants and animals. The Master Program and MMRP are specifically designed to protect sensitive species during maintenance activities. Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Western Otay Valley Regional Park Natural Resource Management Plan relative to native habitats.	
	The Master Program identifies specific maintenance protocols designed to minimize erosion impacts from maintenance including the installation of interim devices (e.g. check dams) to control transport of sediment and pollutants. Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with	

Table 4.1-1 (cont.) GENERAL, COMMUNITY AND AREA PLANS CONSISTENCY EVALUATION		
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	ERVE PLANS (cont.)	
Western Otay Valley Regional Park Natural Resource Management Plan		
	the Western Otay Valley Regional Park Natural Resource Management Plan relative to erosion control	
<ul> <li>To enhance and maintain the quality of water resources in the Park.</li> <li>To develop procedures for facility and utility siting, maintenance, and repair which are sensitive to species, habitat, and aesthetics.</li> <li>To develop response procedures for unexpected public health and safety emergencies which safe-guard sensitive species and habitat</li> </ul>	As discussed with respect to the Public Facilities, Services, and Safety Element of the City's General Plan, the Master Program requires an IWQA to be conducted for each maintenance activity to assure that water quality impacts are minimized. In addition, the Master Program identifies specific maintenance protocols designed to minimize water quality impacts from maintenance including the installation of interim devices (e.g. check dams) to control transport of sediment and pollutants. Lastly, the removal of pollutant contained in sediment as well as trash and debris removed during maintenance would improve water quality with the watersheds. Thus, the Master Program would be consistent with the Community Plan's goal of maintaining water quality. Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Western Otay Valley Regional Park Natural Resource Management Plan relative to water quality control.	
Maintenance, Usage, and Development Guidelines:  • Applicable city, state, and/or federal permits shall be required prior to conducting any maintenance activity. Additionally, all such activity shall comply with guidelines in the Natural Resource Management Plan (NRMP). Approval from the City of San Diego Park and Recreation and City of Chula Vista Planning and Building departments is required for all maintenance activity design, implementation, and mitigation to ensure the guidelines adopted in the NRMP are being incorporated.  A Memorandum of Understanding or Letter of Agreement with each utility which conducts maintenance activities within the WOVRP should be developed to outline specific conditions for maintenance of their facilities and easements.	All appropriate local, state and/or federal permits would be obtained prior to initiation of any maintenance activities. The SWD would coordinate with the City of San Diego Park and Recreation and City of Chula Vista Planning and Building departments, as required, to ensure that the guidelines adopted in th NRMP are being incorporated into maintenance activity design, implementation and mitigation. Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Maintenance, Usage, and Development Guidelines contained in the Western Otay Valley Regional Park Natural Resource Management Plan relative to utility maintenance.	

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PARK AND PERSERVE PLANS (cont.) Western Otay Valley Regional Park Natural Resource Management Plan (cont.)		
Maintenance, Usage, and Development Guidelines: (cont.)	(cont.)	
All SDG&E, Otay Water District (OWD), and City work crews shall undergo training programs to make crews alert to the sensitivity of the habitats in which they are working. The City of San Diego and SDG&E have training programs for crews working in environmentally sensitive areas, as well as sensitive plant, animal, and habitat reference guide. Crews should be routinely trained and advised on how to minimize environmental impacts during maintenance activities.	The SWD work crews would undergo training programs to make crews alert to the sensitivity of the habitats in which they are working. Crews would be routinely trained and advised on how to minimize environmental impacts during maintenance activities. Thus, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Maintenance, Usage, and Development Guidelines contained in the Western Otay Valley Regional Park Natural Resource Management Plan relative to third party work crews.	
If work crews find an unidentified, potentially sensitive plant, nest, or burrow in the maintenance area, the Project Biologist shall be contacted. The Project Biologist will determine appropriate action to avoid or minimize impacts prior to resuming work.	The Master Program includes a maintenance protocol that requires maintenance materials to be disposed of properly and restricts storage of equipment in the vicinity of drainages. Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Maintenance, Usage, and Development Guidelines contained in the Western Otay Valley Regional Park Natural Resource Management Plan relative to the discovery of sensitive plants and animals.	
<ul> <li>All construction and maintenance materials shall be disposed of in an appropriate manner and not in or near wetlands.</li> <li>All construction and maintenance activities should use best management practices for erosion control at construction/work site and should provide for park user safety, such as temporary signs and/or barricades.</li> </ul>	Several types of BMPs would be used during maintenance operations to prevent erosion impacts to adjacent properties and sedimentation downstream. Signs and barricades would be employed to protect the public during maintenance activities. Thus, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Maintenance, Usage, and Development Guidelines contained in the Western Otay Valley Regional Park Natural Resource Management Plan relative to construction and maintenance activities.	

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PARK AND PERSERVE PLANS (cont.)		
Western Otay Valley Regional Park Natural Resource Management Plan	(cont.)	
Maintenance, Usage, and Development Guidelines: (cont.)		
<ul> <li>Erosion on access roads shall be minimized using appropriate measures, such as water bars.</li> <li>For all grading work, dust shall be controlled with regular watering.</li> </ul>	Appropriate erosion control measures would be implemented on access roads used to transport maintenance equipment to the maintenance area.  Project activities would be conducted in accordance with San Diego Air Pollution Control District standards which may require dust suppression methods such as the use of water trucks.  Therefore, the proposed Master Program would be consistent with the Maintenance, Usage, and Development Guidelines contained in the Western Otay Valley Regional Park Natural Resource Management Plan relative to erosion, dust, and grading work.	