

**PowerPoint Presentation by  
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**Attachment 2**

San Bernardino Associated Governments

**Countywide Habitat  
Preservation/Conservation  
Framework Study**



# PURPOSE

- **SANBAG lead on Countywide Preservation/Conservation Framework Study**
- **Being guided by Environment Element Group**
- **SANBAG contracted with Dudek**
- **Emphasis of Scope of Work:**
  - **Exploring more comprehensive approaches to conservation – is there a better way than project-by-project?**
  - **Desired outcome – a framework and principles that define path forward**
  - **Scope does not assume specific mechanisms**
  - **Goal is a sustainable environment that can support expected population and economic growth**

# PURPOSE

- **Dudek to conduct Study:**
  - **Documentation of Existing and Past Efforts**
  - **Identification of Data Gaps**
  - **Evaluate potential areas for conservation efforts**
  - **Subarea evaluations**
  - **Create conservation/preservation principles**
  - **Provide next steps analysis**

# WHAT IT IS; WHAT ITS NOT

- **WHAT THIS STUDY INCLUDES:**
  - Documentation of existing conservation efforts
  - Unbiased evaluation of existing data
  - Data gap analysis
  - Evaluation of listed species demographics
  - Identification of potential sub areas
- **WHAT THIS STUDY DOES NOT INCLUDE:**
  - Creating a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP)
  - Providing analysis of Covered Activities
  - Identifying lands to be set aside for conservation/preservation
  - Evaluating each city, town or agency for lands to be set aside

# WHAT WE'VE LEARNED

- There are some HCPs already underway or being prepared
- Some jurisdictions do not see major need for large-scale Endangered Species Act (ESA) permitting based on their development plans
- Some jurisdictions prefer using existing conservation-entities such as the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District (IERCD)
- Some High Desert jurisdictions had bad experiences before, not interested in repeating them
- County Service Area (CSA) 120 is an interesting case study

# WHAT WE'VE LEARNED

- **Wildlife Agencies want to see connected and comprehensive approach to conservation in County**
- **Desert Renewables Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) will create framework for future ESA permitting processes that could help jurisdictions in the future**
- **The County has proactively approached their ESA permitting needs by starting the programmatic permitting process with Regulatory Agencies**
- **County does not have large-scale transportation projects that would need ESA permits**
- **Long term management of conservation lands needs to be looked at**

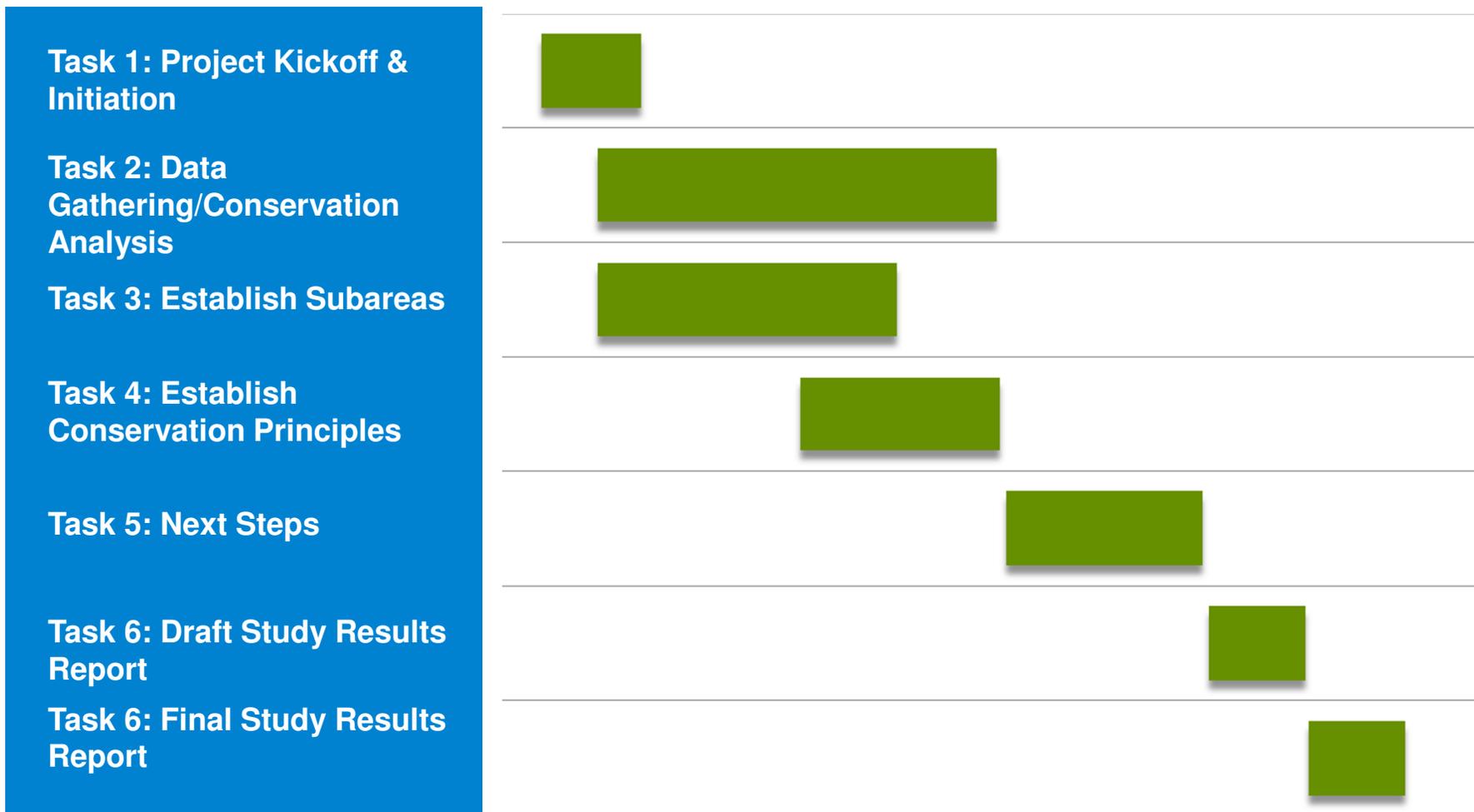
# EXAMPLE PRINCIPLES

**Policy Principle:** Increase certainty for both the preservation/conservation of habitat as well as for land development and infrastructure permitting.

**Biological Principle:** Conservation objectives in San Bernardino County can be achieved through a variety of conservation strategies.

# PROPOSED SCHEDULE

Apr-14 May-14 Jun-14 Jul-14 Aug-14 Sep-14 Oct-14 Nov-14 Dec-14 Jan-15



# NEXT STEPS

- Dudek to gather GIS data from SCAG and evaluate
- Dudek to provide summary to local planning directors and Environment Element Group
- Dudek and SANBAG to prepare draft Principles for Planning Directors and Environment Element Group review and comment
- Recommendations to be brought back to SANBAG and other elected bodies

**Questions?**

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