Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan



Town of Apple Valley

Species of Concern

- 7 Federally and/or State Listed Species
- 26 Sensitive Species

Federally Listed Species



Southwestern Willow Flycatcher

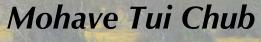
Desert Tortoise





Least Bell's Vireo





State Listed Species



Mohave Ground Squirrel



Swainson's Hawk



Yellow-billed Cuckoo

Endangered Species Compliance Presence of Listed Species requires:

- All projects, public or private, comply with Federal & State Endangered Species Acts (ESAs).
- ESAs prohibit the "Take" of Listed species unless it is authorized by the appropriate Wildlife Agency.
- Compliance with ESAs is handled on a project-by-project basis.

Permitting Under the ESAs:

- Local level permitting is not the end of permitting cycle.
- Projects must also go through a separate and lengthy approval process with Federal & State Wildlife Agencies.
- Often, permitting with the Wildlife Agencies requires additional studies, more mitigation, and even project redesigns.
- The process is time consuming, expensive, and does not take local long-term plans into consideration.

Town of Apple Valley MSHCP

The MSHCP will:

- Give the Town land-use authority to administer ESAs at the local level.
- Allow the Town to analyze and solve local habitat /species issues comprehensively.

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- Provide the Town with the ability to balance natural resource protection with the development of its General Plan—maintaining its "Better Way of Life."
- Create assurance that the Town can implement its General Plan during the term of the permit.
- Shorten the amount of time it takes to permit projects and lessen overall project costs by streamlining the process.

The MSHCP & Vision 2020







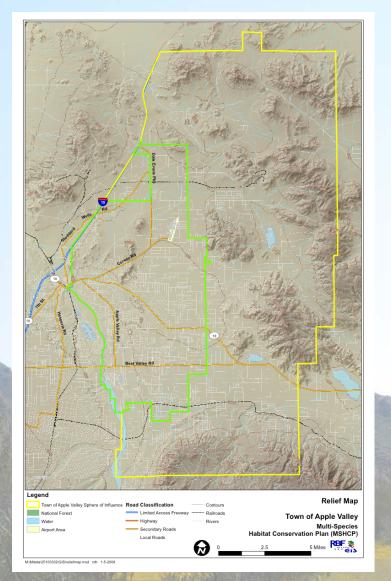
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Vision Statement

"As a premier community, full of first-class amenities, events and employment opportunities, Apple Valley will lead the High Desert in public safety and environmental stewardship defining "A Better Way of Life."

Goals directly supported by MSHCP Goal 2 Economic Development Goal 9 Sustainability

MSHCP Planning Area



- Area within Town's Incorporated Limits

 73 sq. miles
 (46,948 acres)
- Total Area Covered by MSHCP
 265 sq. miles (169,869 acres)

Next Steps

- Continuing Public Outreach
- Meeting with Local Stakeholders
- Meeting with Federal & State policymakers
- Holding a Public Scoping Session
- Completing the Draft MSHCP and Environmental Documents

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