

4.0 Assembling the MSHCP Conservation Area



4.6.1 Private Conservation Banks and Mitigation Areas in the MSHCP Plan Area

As of July 2002, the following Conservation banks and mitigation areas have or are in the process of recording a Conservation easement and are selling credits to parties seeking Mitigation Lands; all of the Conservation banks and mitigation areas have draft mitigation banking agreements and draft or approved management plans:

- Goldrich Conservation Bank -- 445 acres, 322.63 credits remaining for sale (May 15, 2000)
- Silverado Ranch Conservation Bank -- 746 acres, 544 credits remaining for sale
- Wilson Valley/Won Yoo Conservation Bank -- 800 acres, 94 credits remaining for sale
- Sedco Hills Conservation Bank -- 180 acres, 75 credits remaining for sale
- Wilson Creek/Joe A. Gonzalez Conservation Bank -- 800 acres, 400 credits remaining for sale
- Four Seasons Conservation Bank -- 99 acres (easement pending), 99 credits remaining for sale

The MSHCP considers the remaining credits within these Conservation banks and mitigation areas to be included within the estimates of privately owned Habitat that will be conserved. The MSHCP anticipates the Conservation of these Conservation banks and mitigation areas, whether through the sale of credits or through other mechanisms as may be negotiated between the parties and the owners of the banks. However, the Permittees are not obligated to purchase any credits in any existing Conservation bank or mitigation area. Owners of Conservation banks and mitigation areas may choose to initiate the HANS Process as set forth in *Section 6.1.1* of this document.

4.6.2 Establishment of Future Private Conservation Banks or Mitigation Areas

Private parties may establish private Conservation banks or mitigation areas. Proposed Conservation banks or mitigation areas should follow the official policy adopted by the California Resources Agency and the California EPA as well as the supplemental policy issued by the USFWS and CDFG for the NCCP region of Southern California. An owner of Habitat may voluntarily conserve Habitat