



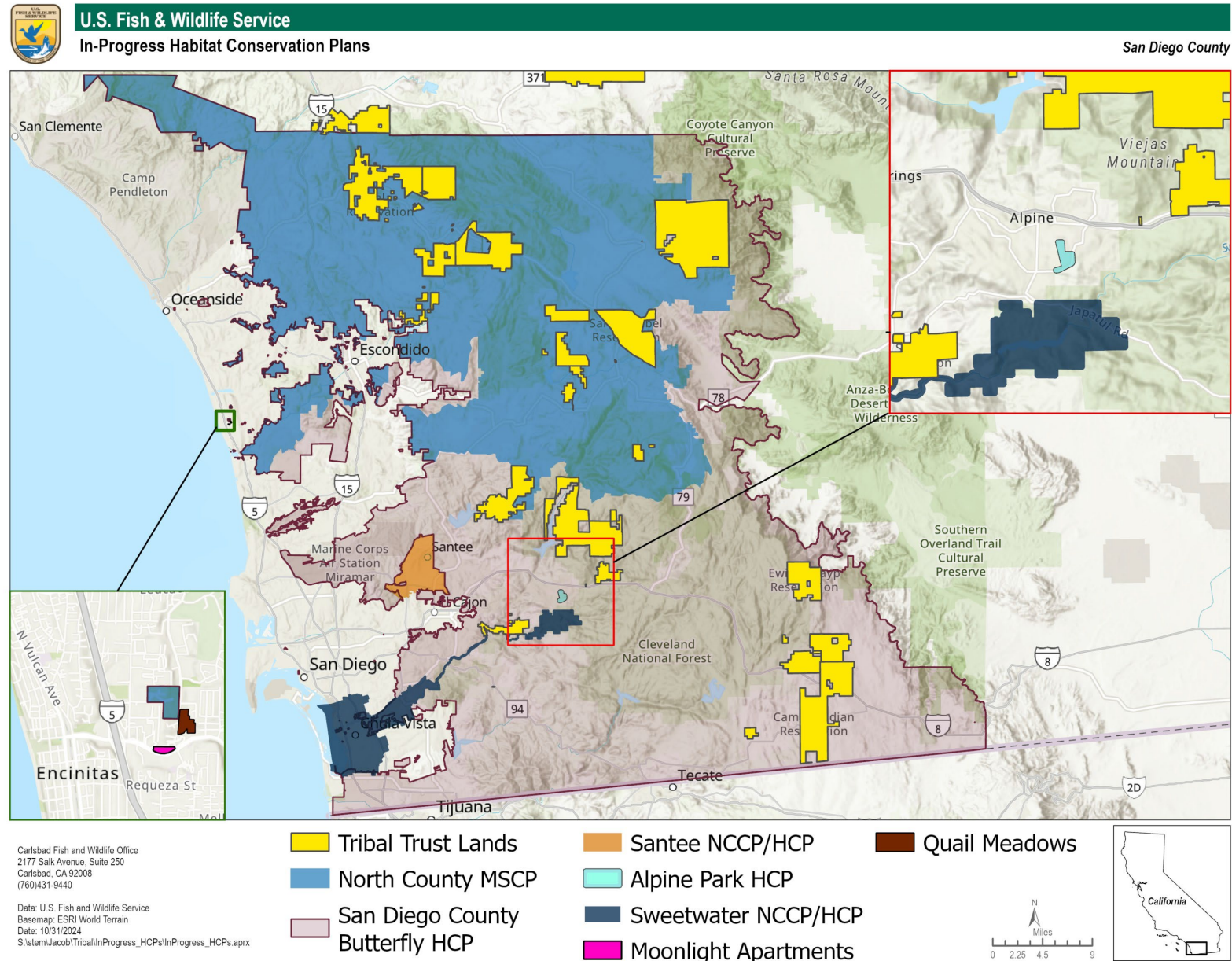
# Habitat Conservation Plan Updates

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# Habitat Conservation Plans in Development in Carlsbad FWO's Jurisdiction



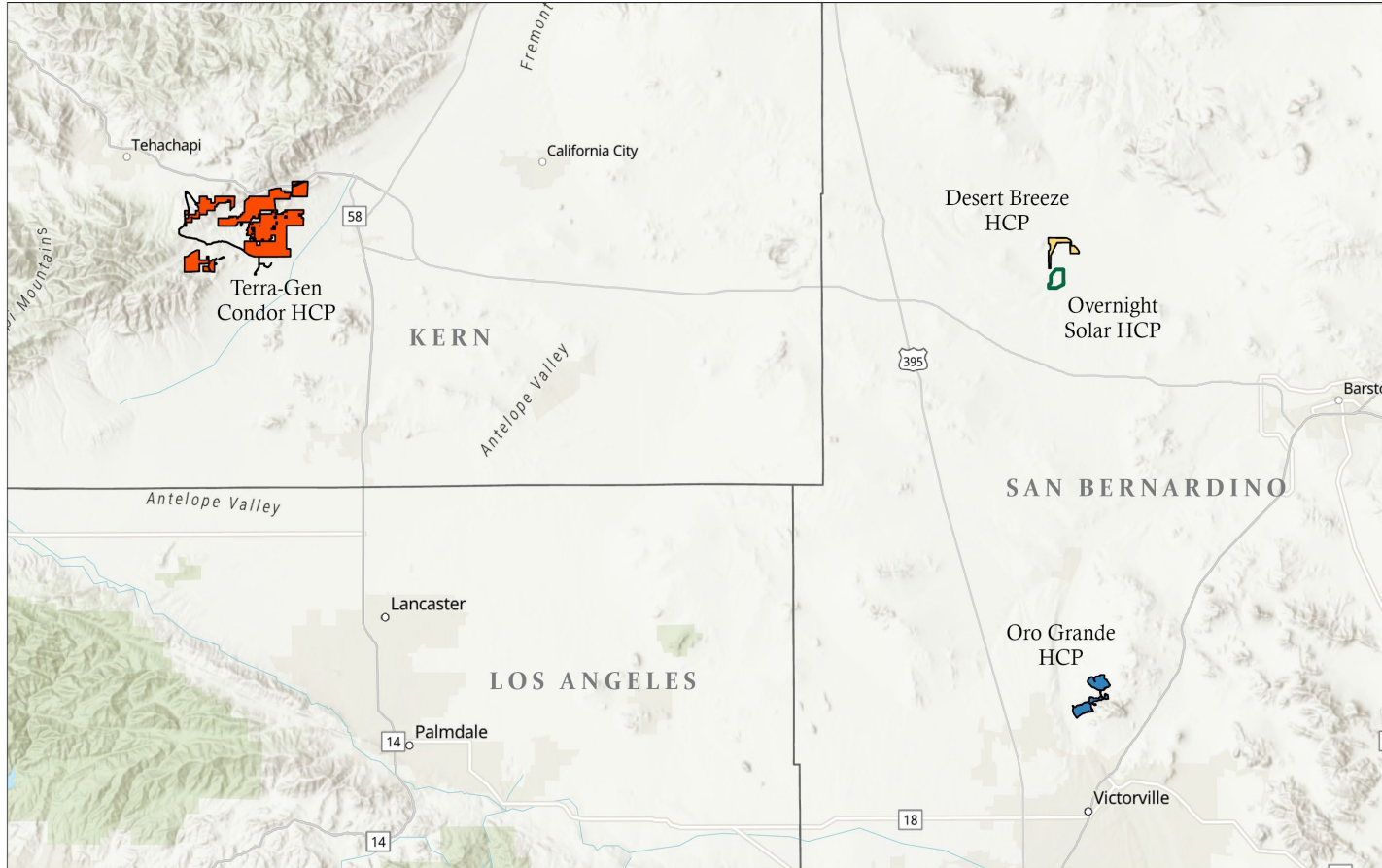
# **HABITAT CONSERVATION PLANS IN CARLSBAD USFWS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION**

- North SD County MSCP: Covers development activities in most of northern San Diego County and addresses multiple species, not including butterflies. Initial Tribal outreach conducted in coordination with the County, but not NHPA section 106 consultation.
- SD County Butterfly HCP: Covers development activities throughout unincorporated San Diego County and addresses Quino checkerspot, Laguna Mountains skipper, Hermes copper, and Harbison's dun skipper. No Tribal coordination to date.
- Santee Subarea NCCP/HCP: Covers development activities in the City of Santee and addresses multiple species. We are aware of Tribal consultation pursuant to AB52 for the Fanita Ranch development, but we have not initiated NHPA section 106 consultation for the Santee NCCP/HCP.
- Sweetwater Authority NCCP/HCP: Covers operation and maintenance within the Sweetwater Authority's jurisdiction from Sweetwater Reservoir down to San Diego Bay. No Tribal coordination to date.
- Alpine Park HCP: Covers park facilities on 25 acres of Wright's Field in Alpine and addresses Quino checkerspot butterfly and western spadefoot. Will be published in the Federal Register soon. NHPA section 106 consultation complete.
- Quail Hill HCP: Covers development of an apartment complex in Encinitas and addresses coastal California gnatcatcher. No Tribal coordination to date.
- Moonlight Apartments HCP: Covers development of an apartment complex in Encinitas and addresses coastal California gnatcatcher. No Tribal coordination to date.

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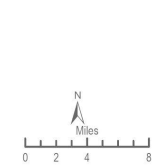


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# HABITAT CONSERVATION PLANS IN PALM SPRINGS USFWS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION

## ➤ Desert Breeze Solar Project HCP (Terra-Gen):

- 677 acres pv solar project northwest of Hinkley
- 39-year ITP for desert tortoise issued in August of 2023.
- Outreach to 4 Federally recognized tribes and 3 non-Federally recognized tribes in August 2023. Follow up with the Morongo Band of Mission Indians and Fort Yuma Quechan
- We received a response from the Moronogo Band of Mission Indians with no comments.

## ➤ Overnight Solar HCP (Atlantica):

- pv solar project proposed on 596 acres northwest of Hinkley.
- 45-year ITP for desert tortoise requested; HCP and EA are still in draft stages.
- Outreach to 4 Federally recognized tribes and 3 non-Federally recognized tribes in May of 2024
- Working with the Yuhaaviatam San Manuel Nation to ensure cultural resource and Tribal monitors during ground disturbance.

## ➤ Oro Grande Cement Mining HCP (CalPortland):

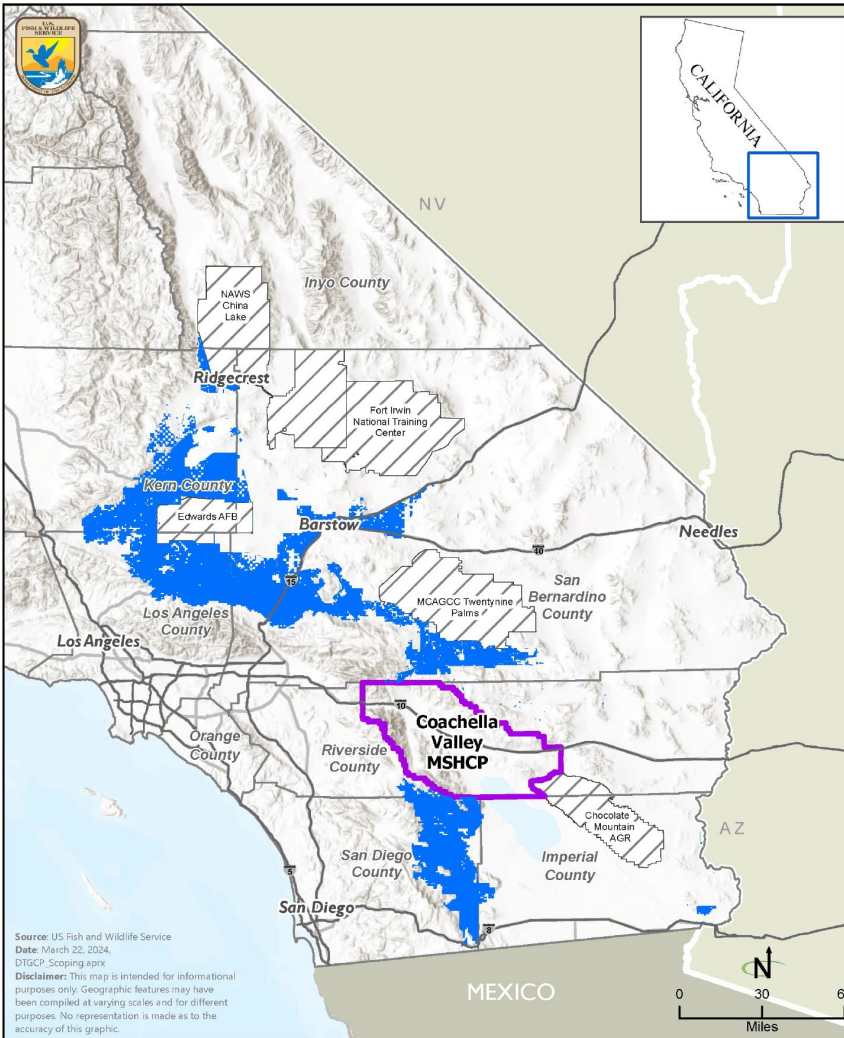
- proposed mine expansion is on 285 acres in San Bernardino County.
- 50-year ITP for desert tortoise requested. The draft HCP and EA are still in progress and in early stages.
- No tribal outreach has occurred to date.

## ➤ Terra-Gen Wind Energy Projects HCP:

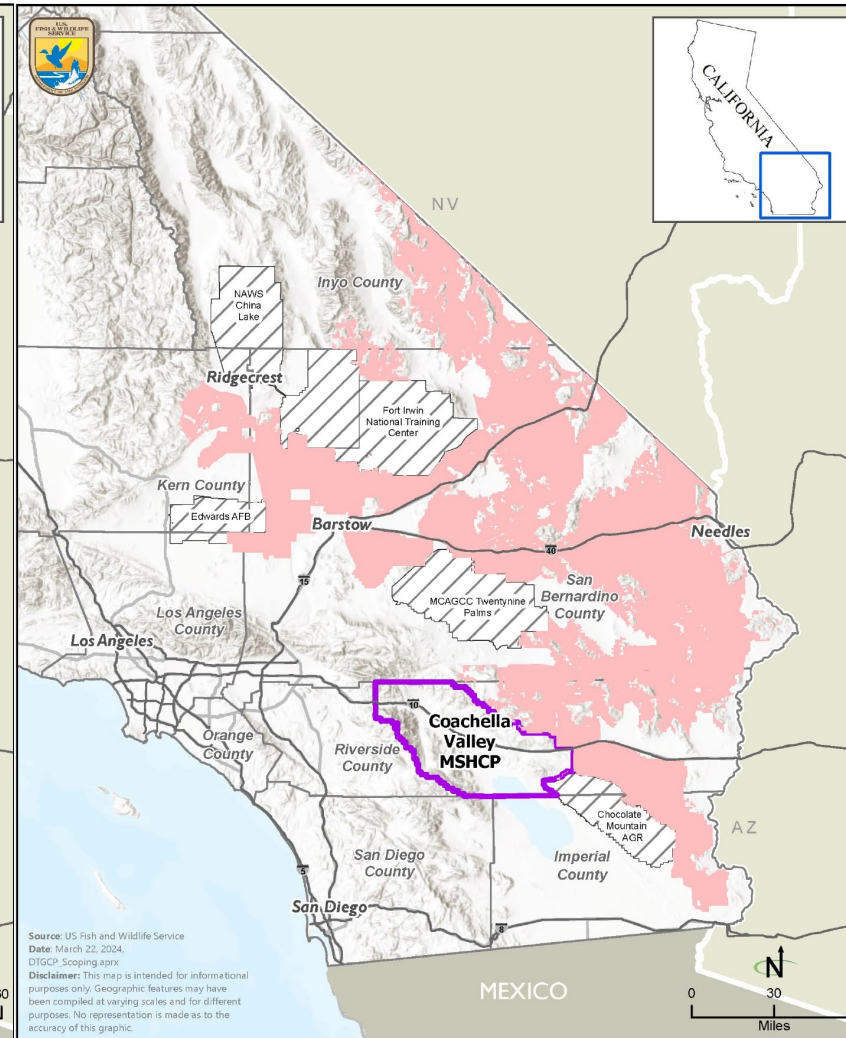
- 14 existing wind energy projects across 11,378 acres in the Tehachapi Wind Resource Area in Kern County.
- 30-year ITP for California condor requested. The draft HCP and EA are still in progress.
- Tribal outreach letter coming soon.

# General Conservation Plan for the Desert Tortoise in California

## Permit Area



## Mitigation Area



- The USFWS has developed a General Conservation Plan (GCP) to address permitting of incidental take of desert tortoise on nonfederal land.
- The plan would provide a streamlined mechanism for applicants engaged in covered activities to meet permit requirements while promoting conservation of the desert tortoise across its range in California.
- Covered activities could include commercial projects (e.g., renewable energy), agricultural, residential, industrial, infrastructure projects, and non-federal rights-of-ways.
- The USFWS conducted scoping in 2023 and published a Notice of Intent (NOI) in the Federal Register on July 17, 2023, for development of an environmental impact statement. We published a Notice of Availability of the draft documents on October 11, 2024.
- We sent outreach letters to Tribes on July 13, 2023, a press release notice on October 15, 2024, and we are preparing additional correspondence to send out shortly.

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