

# Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) - Update

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- Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Background
- HCP Update
- ICF International contract amendment #9
- Denise Duffy and Associates contract amendment #11

- ▶ 1997 Habitat Management Plan (HMP)
  - Allowed Army to transfer Fort Ord property
  - Established Fort Ord Habitat Reserve System
  - Did not authorize “Take” of special status species
  
- ▶ HCP expected outcomes
  - Funding to manage habitat reserve system
  - Federal and State Take Permits
  - New Joint Powers Authority to manage annual expenditures and ensure HCP compliance

- ▶ US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) July 29, 2016 letter
  - USFWS provided nine general recommendations for HCP changes
  - 1<sup>st</sup> recommendation: “Any mitigation on BLM land must be in addition to BLM’s normal activities”
  - To address recommended change, staff will present options to wildlife agencies
  
- ▶ Schedule
  - Address comments by November 2016
  - Receive wildlife agencies’ feedback by January 2017
  - Publish Public Review Draft HCP by May 2017

- ▶ Provides scope and budget to accomplish:
  - Approach to USFWS's new comments
  - Meetings with wildlife agencies to confirm approach
  - Incorporation of changes into 2<sup>nd</sup> Screen-check Draft
  - Public Draft HCP preparation

- ▶ Provides scope and budget to accomplish:
  - HCP Take Assessment Revisions
  - Preparation of Public Review Draft EIS/EIR
  - Community engagement during public review
  - Final EIS/EIR schedule
  - Administrative Draft Final EIS/EIR
  - Agency coordination and meetings

# Recommendations

- ▶ Receive an HCP status report
- ▶ Authorize ICF contract amendment #9, not to exceed \$74,975 in additional funding.
- ▶ Authorize Denise Duffy and Associates contract amendment #11, not to exceed \$55,912 in additional funding.