

Action 12:

Encourage Examination & Maintenance of Habitat Connectivity in other Potentially Significant Areas of the East Bay

Description:

Recommend that government agencies examine and maintain habitat connectivity in other areas of the East Bay which may serve, or have the potential to serve, as a habitat link or wildlife corridor between large areas of open space. Areas which may merit attention include:

- corridors or links across Interstate 580 (between Castro Valley and Dublin/Pleasanton),
- links to the Caldecott Corridor (the Gateway Valley and Claremont Canyon),
- other potential links across Highway 24 (the Gateway Blvd. overpass and the Upper Happy Valley Rd. interchange),
- links to smaller habitat patches like the Lafayette Reservoir watershed,
- links around San Pablo Reservoir (both northern Orinda and southeastern Richmond), and
- possible links between the northern patch and other large open space areas via the Martinez shoreline (see Figure 2b).

Analysis of habitat connectivity in these other areas may complement protection of the Caldecott Corridor. Such

work may also help clarify the role and importance of the Caldecott area as a wildlife corridor.

Implementation:

Carry recommendation to full Alameda-Contra Costa Biodiversity Working Group for its consideration and possible formation of new subcommittee(s) to discuss these areas.

Fiscal Impacts:

Long-term personnel costs to government agencies.

Anticipated results:

Potential to identify and maintain other important habitat linkages.

Cautions:

Potential additional demands of agency/citizens time and effort.