

From: [Anne Wells](#)
To: [Monarch Butterfly Habitat Management Plan](#); [Chris Noddings](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Butterfly HMP Availability & Upcoming Workshop Notice
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This probably qualifies as a public comment.

From: Lara Drizd [lara_drizd@fws.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 27, 2018 5:38 PM
To: Anne Wells
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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Butterfly HMP Availability & Upcoming Workshop Notice

Hi Anne,

Thanks so much for giving me the chance to look over your draft Management Plan and Implementation Plan. Unfortunately I'll be out of town all of next week so I won't be able to make it to the stakeholder meeting but I've put together some comments for your consideration. These do not need to be shared at the meeting (some are just questions for clarification), but I will say that both documents look great. I'm in full support of what your group has put together and I don't think any major changes are needed. You all did an awesome job!

Below are my comments. All of the page numbers reference the MBHMP. I wasn't sure if I was able to view all of the figures in the Implementation Plan because a couple of blank pages towards the end didn't include the blank page notice.

- Pg 1 - It was unclear to me how Ocean Meadows is being treated. The Implementation Plan seems to imply that it's not on City Property. I'm guessing the difference is that it doesn't regularly have monarchs, despite the trees being in fairly good health?
- Pg 16 - Signage/Fencing - It wasn't clear to me if these activities would be done outside of the OW time period. I would just add a note that installation and maintenance of signage and fencing will be conducted in such a way as to not disturb overwintering monarchs.
- Pg 39-41 - Interpretive Program - If there's anything we can do to help with outreach and education, please let us know. Diana has already sent me her curriculum for the Monarch MOVES program which I'm currently going through. We also have a biologist in our office here who has been planting pollinator gardens with school groups for years and we could help out if you're interested in having kids involved in restoration and planting efforts.
- Pg 63 - Appendix 3 - I noticed that you included detailed instructions for tree planting efforts in the Implementation Plan. I'd just like to add that the planting methods for natives can be quite different than they are for species we typically plant in our gardens. For instance, you usually want to avoid digging a hole much larger than your pot. I might suggest adding a sentence to this paragraph here stating something to the effect of "natives will be planted according to appropriate planting methods which may vary by species."
- Pg 64 - Plant List - You might consider adding black figwort (*Scrophularia atrata*) to the list. Black figwort is an important local species (really only found in SB county), drought tolerant, and great for bees and butterflies. And it was recommended by our botanist. :)

Thanks, Anne. I hope you're enjoying your vacation and CONGRATS on getting that funding from the state!

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On Thu, Jul 26, 2018 at 3:02 PM Anne Wells <awells@cityofgoleta.org> wrote:

Good Afternoon Ellwood Butterfly Habitat Management Plan Stakeholders:

The Draft Ellwood Mesa Open Space / Sperling Preserve Butterfly Habitat Management Plan and 2018 Implementation Plan are available for download at:

<http://www.cityofgoleta.org/city-hall/planning-and-environmental-review/monarch-butterfly-inventory-and-habitat-management-plan>

Hard copies will be available for you on Monday at the City Hall Planning and Building counter.

In addition to our August 2 Stakeholder Meeting, we will shortly be posting a notice of a family-friendly public workshop. Stay tuned for the email notice. The date/time/location of the workshop is:

August 16, 2016 at 6 P.M.

Goleta City Hall, Council Chambers

130 Cremona Drive, Suite B

I will be on vacation, returning on August 2. If you have questions, please contact Charis at (805) 869-1677 or cvdheide@rinconconsultants.com. See you in a week!

-Anne

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