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PTAC Meeting 22 August 2018 Agenda item B.1 18-323
Draft Ellwood Mesa/Sperling Preserve Open Space Monarch Butterfly Habitat Management Plan and 2018 Implementation Plan

Please read this paragraph during the discussion portion of this item. If PTAC agrees, I request the questions below be passed to the authors of the draft report for consideration when developing the next draft. I leave it to PTAC to decide if any of the following should be discussed at the meeting. Thank you

Alfred Smith
PTAC Commissioner

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Plan July 2018**

Page 12 Executive Summary

Second paragraph:

Why is the UFMP not mention as a key policy document?
Was the UFMP referenced at all when developing the plans?

Fourth Paragraph:

Recommend the executive summary provides the reader some indication of budget and schedule for each of the four bullet points. Without it, there is no way for the reader to grasp the magnitude of these plans.

Last paragraph

“With adoption and implementation of this MBHMP, the City will fulfill a major commitment to the ...”
What major commitment? Did the City make a commitment?
The sentence implies the entire MBHMP needs to be “adopted and implemented”. Is that the case?
Is there significant benefit by “adopting and implementing” something less?

Page 13 Executive Summary

Is the \$3.9M “one-year money”? That is, does it all have to be spent in the 2018-2019 fiscal year?
What is the fiscal year for this money?
Has the money arrived? If not, when is it expected?

The paragraph states that the money can only be spent on “restore, enhance, manage, and monitor” activities. This does not line up with the “Admin, Management, Outreach, Monitoring, Research, and Adaptive Management” plans identified earlier in the summary. Recommend words are added to clarify which part of the proposed plans are covered and which are not. For the ones that are not (if any), please identify estimated budgets necessary and potential sources.

Page 14 Background

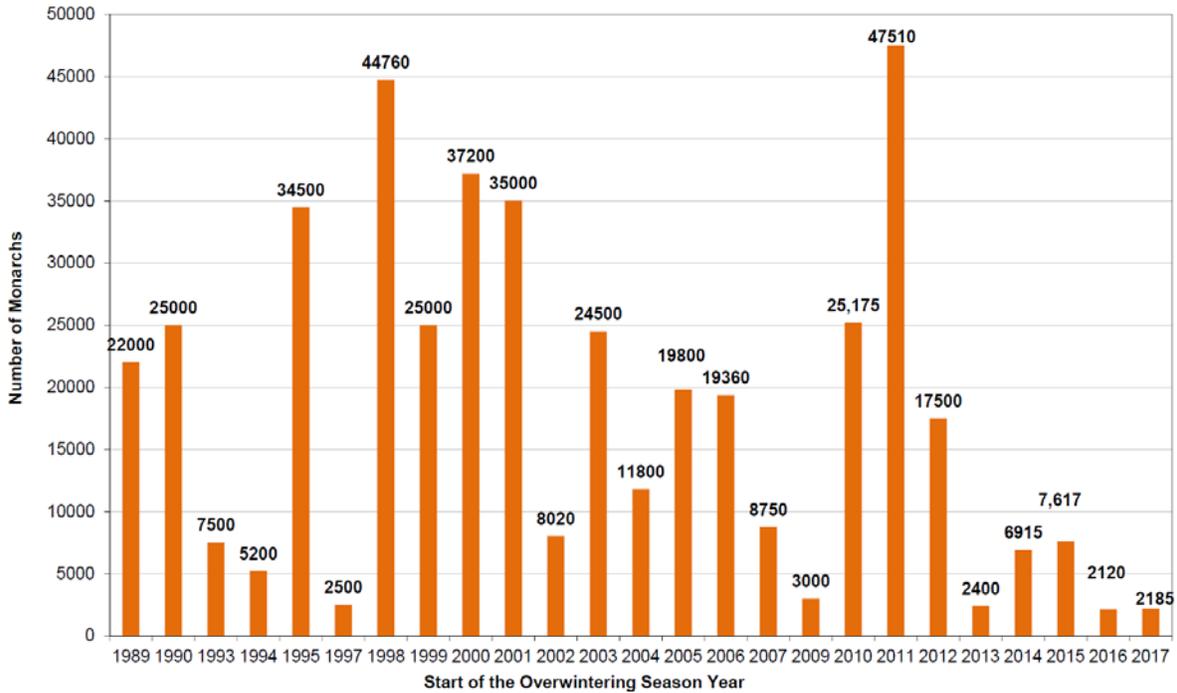
Second Paragraph

“...have numbered in the tens of thousands during some years, Making Ellwood Mesa one of the most important sites for monarch butterflies in California”

Is this statement misleading? “Status of Ellwood Mesa-Related Tree Projects, Emergency Permit And Habitat Management Plan” presented to City Council 20 Feb 2018 indicates 2011 was the last time anything like these numbers have been recorded. All years since then were less than 10,000 and three were less than 3000. Recommend a population by year chart be included in the report to give proper context.

Monarch Count Results (1989 - 2017)

Goleta Butterfly Grove (Ellwood Main) Monarch Population



Is there a reference to support the claim that “Ellwood Mesa <is> one of the most important sites for monarch butterflies in California.”? A reference would add weight to the claim.

Third paragraph

Recommend indicating who is responsible for Ellwood East and what if any support they are providing to the plans. (There is some mention later in the document, but it would help to mention it here as well.)

Last paragraph

Recommend that a footnote be added to provide the implications of of terms like “Special Animals List” and “imperiled to vulnerable”.

How did those designations influence recommendations?

Page 19 Community Wildfire Protection Plan

“...butterfly and wildland fire experts...”

Recommend a footnote to indicate who these experts were.

Methods

Suggest the main focus should also include recommended content of regular, concise reports to track progress and to whom they are delivered.

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Is it possible to indicate anticipated workload by Plan number (top level, not each sublevel)? All but one or two action items identify the Public Works Department as POC.
Is it feasible for the Public Works Dept to undertake all this work?

In cases where more than one POC is indicated, recommend a lead is suggested.