

## Property Restoration Criteria: Biological Factors

These restoration criteria represent the biological factors (those that relate directly to species/habitat issues and the impacts of the M2 freeway projects). Each criterion includes a brief definition to clarify any potential misunderstandings and guide evaluators.

	Biological Criteria	Overall Result
High	0	0
Medium	0	0
Low	0	0

CONSISTENCY WITH CONSERVATION ASSESSMENT	Y/N	Comments
In Core or Linkage Areas?		

BIOLOGICAL CRITERIA	Y/N	High	Medium	Low	Criteria Score	Comments
<b>Restores Impacted Habitats</b> An inventory of the property shows it includes the same vegetative communities as those habitats lost to freeway projects, including habitats such as: coastal sage scrub, riparian woodlands, grasslands, etc. and possibly includes ties to historical land coverage, and considers project impacts within watersheds (HUC10/HUC8)						
<b>Restores Sensitive Habitats</b> The property's habitat restoration includes the restoration of species, sub-species, and natural communities ranked as sensitive under California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB). Also includes the restoration of wetlands, and waters of the U.S. with high functions and values.						
<b>Benefits Habitat for Covered Species</b> The potential restoration site includes a net benefit (both immediate and long term) in the ecological value for target species through increased breeding/foraging habitat and increases connectivity between areas of suitable habitat.						
Restoration of this site will limit edge effect, supplement existing open space and improve the quantity and quality of core habitat. Restoration would also enhance the contiguity of riparian areas.						
<b>Enhances of Already Conserved Lands for Habitat and Wildlife Connectivity</b> Allows funding of restoration and management endowments on previously conserved lands to benefit species and wildlife connectivity in situations deemed appropriate by the permitting/resource agencies.						

**Property Restoration Criteria: Non-Biological Factors**

These restoration criteria represent the non-biological factors (those that do not relate directly to species/habitat issues) that will be considered in the evaluation process. Each criterion includes a brief definition to clarify any potential misunderstandings and guide evaluators.

	Non-Biological Criteria	Overall Result
High	0	0
Medium	0	0
Low	0	0

<b>TIMING/URGENCY</b>						
These criteria assess the degree of urgency that should be given to a potential restoration project.	Y/N	High	Medium	Low	Criteria Score	Comments
<b>Considers the Potential of Habitat Degradation and Urgency</b> The threat of increasing the amount and coverage of non-native species determines restoration urgency, and there may be unique opportunities for restoration, such as burn areas.						
<b>Future Property Owner</b>						
<b>Future Property Management</b>						

<b>FUNDING</b>						
The following criteria are potential funding considerations for property acquisition. Detailed information regarding some of the funding information may not be available until later in the evaluation process.	Y/N	High	Medium	Low	Criteria Score	Comments
<b>Considers Total Cost</b> In addition to streamlining OCTA's regulatory process, the intent of the comprehensive environmental mitigation program is to provide the greatest possible biological benefit for the region with the available funding. Consequently, the cost of potential acquisitions will be an important factor in selecting mitigation sites. Cost also considers the potential need for restoration, ongoing maintenance and management responsibilities and costs and whether these factors are addressed by the seller.						
- Property Analysis Record (PAR)						
- Potential Need for Restoration						
- Price Per Acre						
- Dedicated Funding Source(s)						
- Landowner Donation						
- Appraisal Value						
<b>Utilizes Partnership &amp; Leveraging Opportunities</b> Working on this acquisition would be enhanced by existing conservation efforts, partnerships and/or includes existing funding.						

<b>MANAGEMENT/COST CONSTRAINTS</b>						
The following criteria are potential constraints to restoration, but detailed information regarding some of these constraints may not be available until later in the evaluation process.	Y/N	High	Medium	Low	Criteria Score	Comments
<b>Determines Hazardous Material Conditions</b> Through a Phase I – Environmental Site Assessment, determine the property's historical use and any potential or known hazardous materials on-site.						
<b>Includes Access to Site</b> The restoration site is accessible for restoration work, maintenance and management.						
<b>Includes Availability and Delivery of Water</b> The water used for the restoration is available, does not increase environmental impacts when delivered to the site and works with local water agencies to ensure groundwater sources are not impacted by water withdrawal.						
<b>Other Complications</b> The property may have unidentified complications associated with restoration and management including, vector control, vandalism, inadequate access, significant obstacles to restoring water quality (toxics, pesticides, salts), etc.						

<b>CO-BENEFITS</b>						
The evaluation considers the presence of the following factors as benefits that can distinguish properties that may have otherwise equal conservation values.	Y/N	High	Medium	Low	Criteria Score	Comments
- Public Access						
- Trail Connectors						
- Watershed Protection						
- Proximity to Underserved Area						
- Archaeological Sites						
- Cultural and Historical Sites						
- Paleontological Site						
- Scenic/View shed						
- Economic Benefits (supports local businesses)						

<b>SUPPORT</b>						
These criteria require a simpler evaluation (such as yes, not maybe) and the answers may play an informational role or serve to distinguish when all other factors are equal.	Y/N	High	Medium	Low	Criteria Score	Comments
<b>Includes Support from Local and State Governments</b> This acquisition is supported by local cities, appropriate JPA's, the county or other governmental entities.						
<b>Includes Support from the Community</b> This acquisition is supported by the public, environmental and community organizations.						