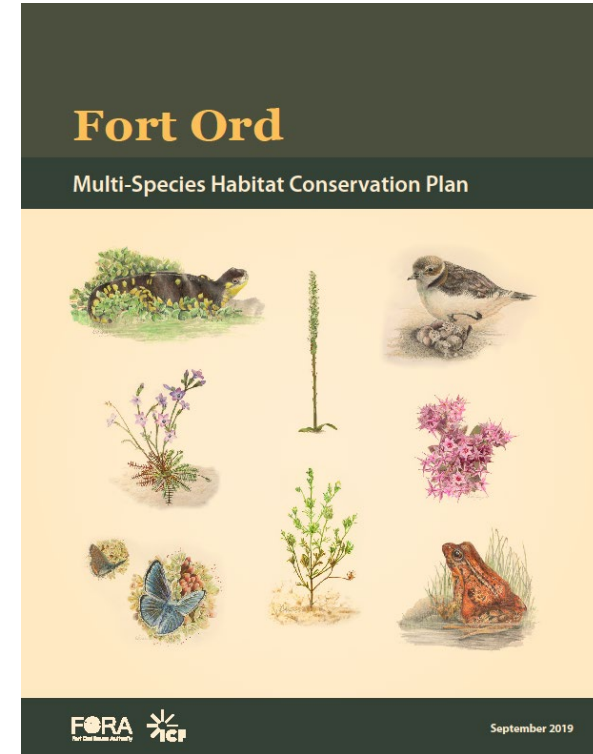


**Consider Certification of the
Final Environmental Impact Report
for the
Draft Fort Ord Multi-Species Habitat
Conservation Plan**

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- Public Review 45 days: November 1 to December 16, 2019
- 35 Comment Letters Received
- Prepared Final EIR
 - Comments received during public review period and responses to those comments
 - Relevant text changes to the Draft EIS/EIR and Draft HCP
- <https://www.fora.org/habitat.html>



- Responses to Significant Environmental Issues Raised
- Chapter 3: Master Response – Funding and Cost of Implementing the Draft HCP
- Chapter 4: Comment Letters and Responses
- Support and Opposition
- Clarifications on Project and Permitting Process
- No New Significant Issues Raised
- Resulted in minor revisions to Draft EIS/EIR and Draft HCP (Chapters 6 and 7)

Reduced/Phased HCP Alternative

- Describes and analyzes new alternative (Chapter 5)
- More realistic development projections
- Reduce take under ESA and CESA
- Potential to reduce cost
- Reduces impacts compared to Draft HCP
- Encourages development in disturbed/develop/blighted areas
- Does not result in any new or substantially more severe impacts than previously analyzed

- Further reduce the identified take limit for CTS - from 220 acres to 97 acres
- Requesting revision to Table 5-2 of Final EIR
- Further reduces impacts to CTS
- Does not introduce new or substantially more severe impacts than analyzed

CEQA Requirements for EIR Certification

- CEQA Guidelines Section 15090(a) requires prior to approving a project, lead agency shall certify:
 - The final EIR has been completed in compliance with CEQA;
 - The final EIR was presented to the decision-making body of the lead agency, and that the decision-making body reviewed and considered the information contained in the final EIR prior to approving the project; and
 - The final EIR reflects the lead agency's independent judgment and analysis.

- Adopt the Resolution of Findings (Attachment A) which certifies the Final EIR including the Responses to Comments to the Draft EIR for the HCP
 - Recommend including the revision requested by UC to Table 5-2, as presented
- Take no action approving or disapproving the Project

Questions?

