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TWO SAN JOAQUIN PLANNERS LAUDED FOR CONSERVATION WORK

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STOCKTON - Federal wildlife officials recognized two San Joaquin Council of Governments planners last week for their efforts with the county's decade-old Habitat Conservation Plan.

The plan is intended to preserve open space while still allowing for development. Landowners seeking to build pay a fee to the Council of Governments, which then buys land elsewhere for permanent habitat easements. The habitat plan was the first in California to cover an entire county.

Planners Steve Mayo and Anne-Marie Poggio were honored for their efforts by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Mayo helped the county focus on buying land for habitat, and Poggio has helped developers and local government understand how the plan works, Fish and Wildlife officials said.

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