## Eco-Logical Webinar Series

# Implement Agreements and Deliver Projects Step 8 of the Integrated Ecological Framework





How are agencies implementing transportation projects and programs developed through the Eco-Logical approach?

What are key lessons from regional and statewide Eco-Logical implementations in Montana and California?

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### **Key Themes**

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By drawing from established ecological and transportation priorities, agencies can make mitigation decisions that are timely and cost effective for delivering transportation projects.

Using advanced mitigation planning, San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) was able to save \$200 million compared to project-by-project mitigation and reinvested some of these savings into a regional habitat conservation fund, furthering environmental and transportation benefits.

## Piloting an Eco-Logical approach can provide valuable insights for future applications.

ITEEM's pilot application of its approach allowed agencies to pool information, build relationships, and identify opportunities to enhance their coordination on transportation and environmental decision-making.

### Highlighted Resources

#### Overview

- SANDAG TransNet Environmental Mitigation
  Program (EMP) website
- » ITEEM Highway 83 Pilot Study website
- » Regional Advance Mitigation Planning in California (RAMP) website

### Implementation Documents

- » SANDAG TransNet EMP Memorandum of Agreement (2008)
- » EMP Process and Criteria for Land Acquisition (2008)
- » EMP Annual Status Report (2013)
- » ITEEM Highway 83 Pilot Study Final Outcomes and Process Summary Reports



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