

# Environmental Enhancement Committee

December 18, 2020

Consider Proposal to Include Focus Areas in 2021 Request for  
Proposals

# Agenda

1. Introductions and Meeting Format
2. Program Update
3. Proposed Use of Focus Areas in Selection Process
4. Deliberation by Committee
5. Public Comments or Questions
6. Vote by Environmental Enhancement Committee; Focus Areas
7. Wrap up & Overview of Moving Forward

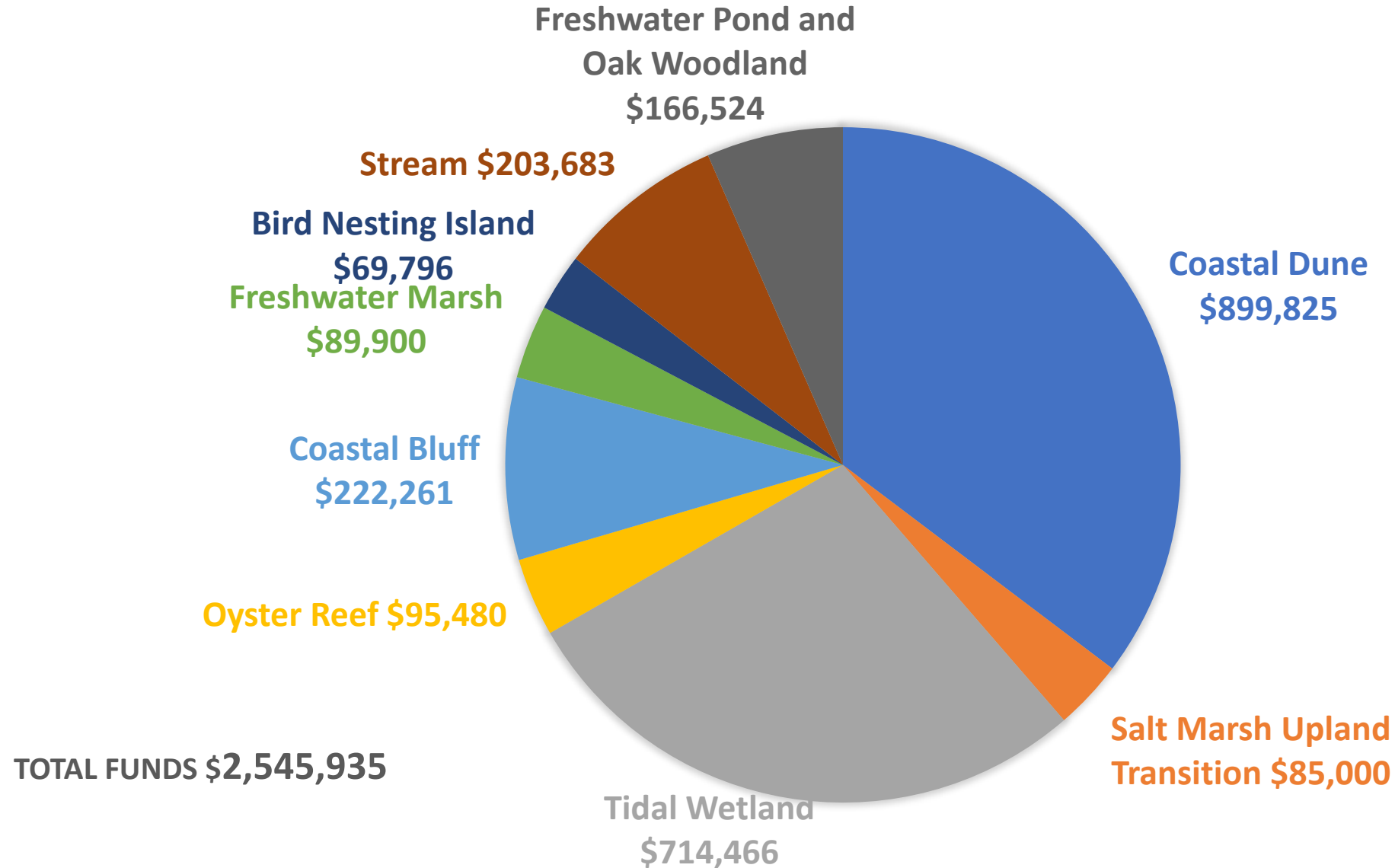
# Meeting Format and Introductions

- Meeting Format
  - Committee Members, Program Coordinator, Legal Advisor, and OSPR supervisors can speak in live format
  - Other staff and members to the public please submit any comments through the Q&A Tab in top right of your screen
    - Please include your name and any organization/affiliation that should be included when your comment is read for the committee
  - I will read questions or comments related to Focus Areas prior to vote, other questions and comments will be addressed at the end of the meeting
- EEC members please introduce yourselves before we begin
- Other staff please introduce yourselves prior to speaking

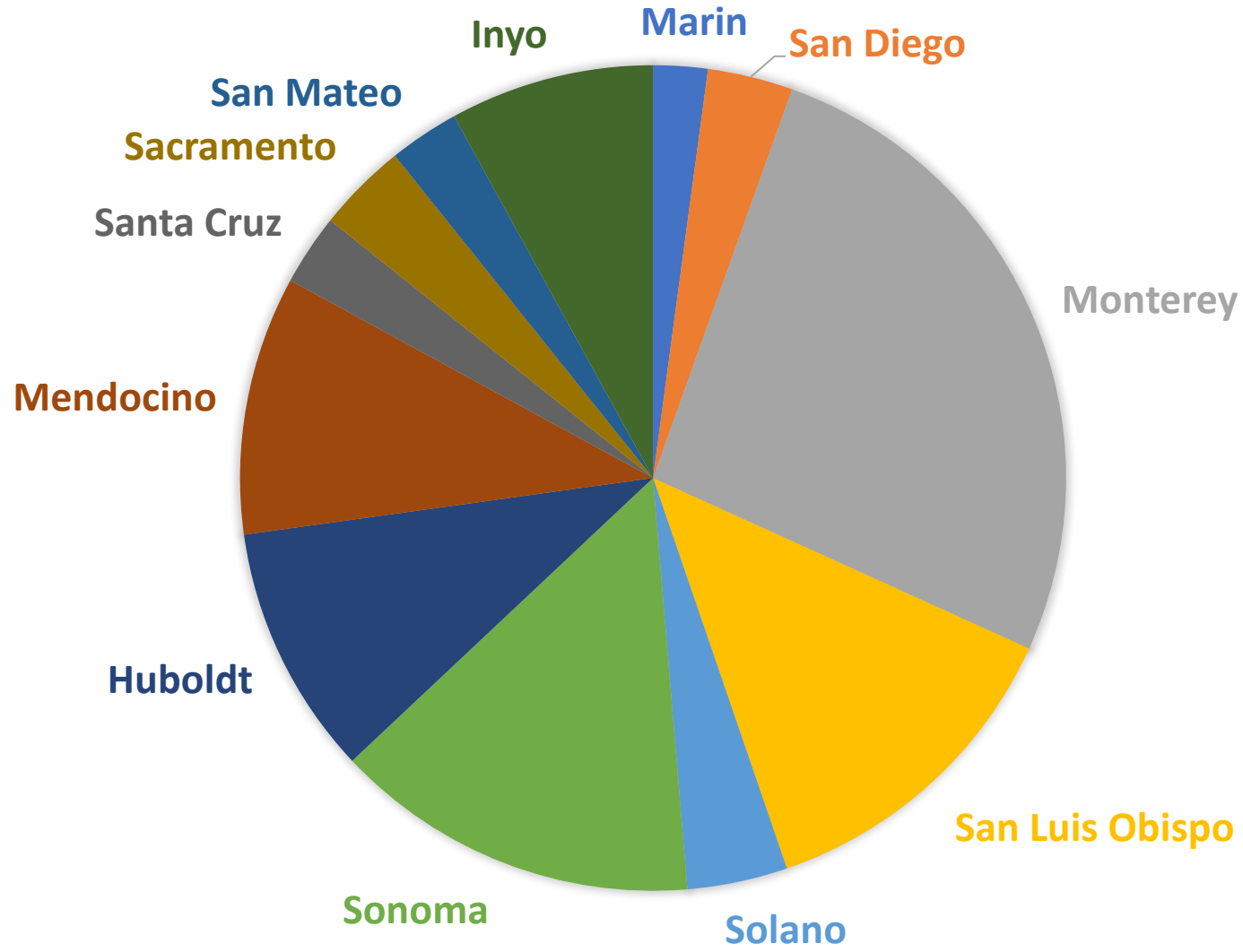
# Environmental Enhancement Fund

- The Environmental Enhancement Fund (EEF) obtains funds taken in by California Department of Fish and Wildlife Office of Spill Prevention and Response for fines and penalties for oil spill cases or administrative actions
- Funds are used to issue grants for environmental enhancement projects within or immediately adjacent to waters of the state
- Project selection is directed by an environmental enhancement committee (EEC)
- In 2011 project selection was organized using a system of requests for proposals, a technical review, and final selection by the EEC.
- Since 2011 \$2,545,935 in grants have been awarded for 16 projects, 5 of which are ongoing

# EEF Funds Issued by Habitat Type



# EEF Funds Issued by County

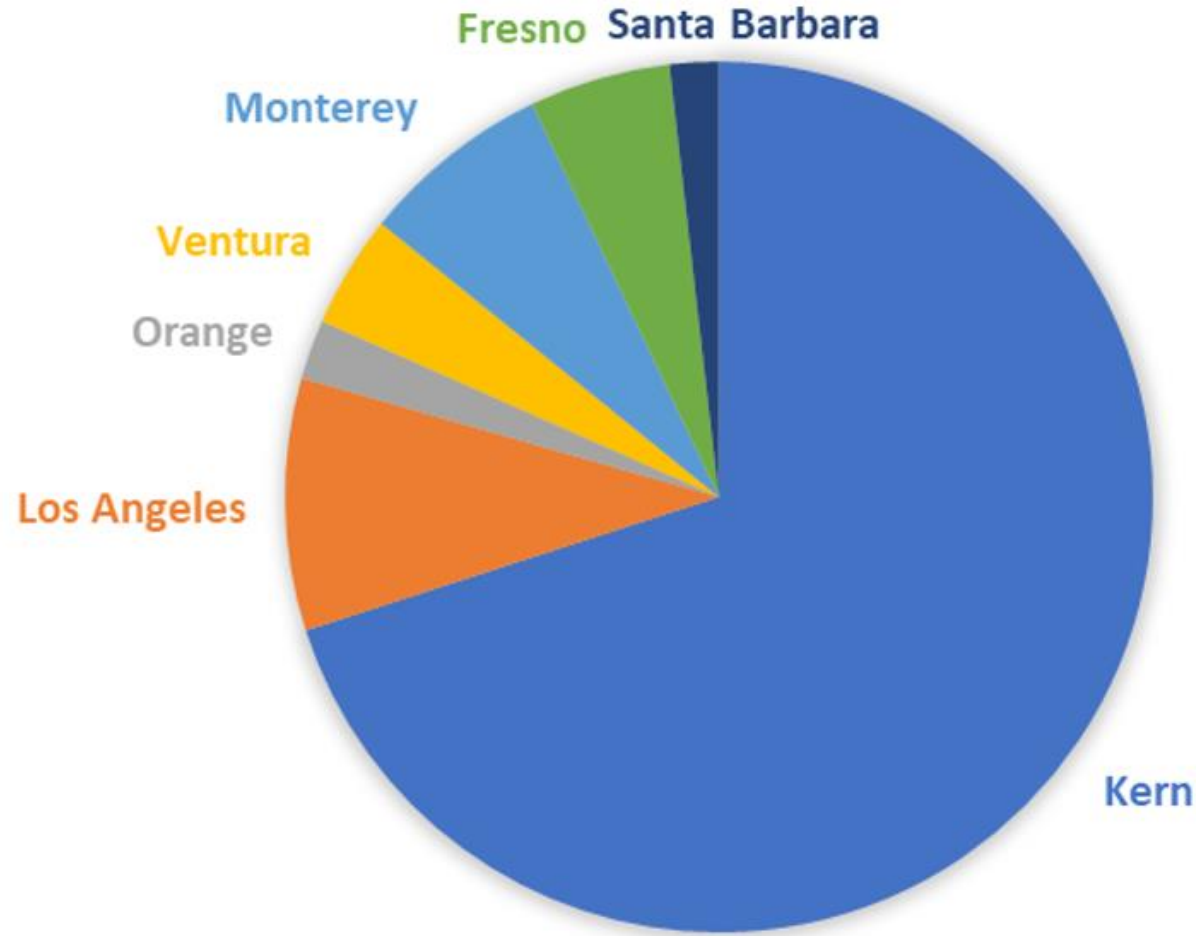


12% in Inland Counties

# Proposed Use of Focus Areas

- Allow future Requests for Proposals to target habits or areas we have yet to benefit
- For the 2021 RFP we have two suggestions:
  - Projects in Kern or Fresno Counties
  - Projects benefiting non-perennial waterways and associated habitats including desert washes and alluvial fans

# California Oil Production By County: May 2020



75% was produced in Kern and Fresno Counties









# Sensitive San Joaquin Valley Resources

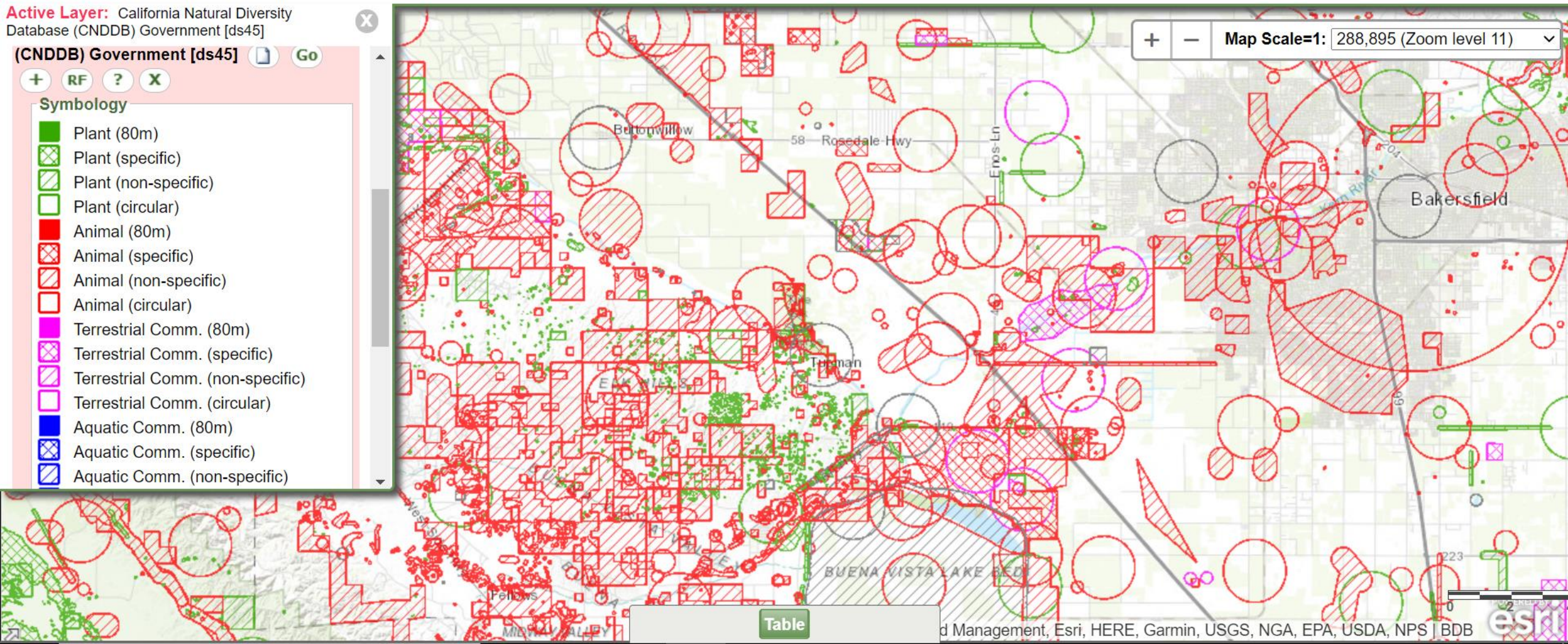
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## Symbology

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-  Plant (circular)
-  Animal (80m)
-  Animal (specific)
-  Animal (non-specific)
-  Animal (circular)
-  Terrestrial Comm. (80m)
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# Oil Companies Are Profiting From Illegal Spills. And California Lets Them

California may be a global leader on combating climate change, but state regulators have allowed companies like Chevron to make millions from inland oil spills that can endanger workers and damage the environment.

THE TOXIC legacy of old oil wells:  
California's multibillion-dollar problem

## California's ranking as an oil-producing state is slipping

### Behind the Battle for the Future of California's Oil

By Ted Goldberg  Oct 23



## Why Does Green California Pump the Dirtiest Oil in the U.S.?

BY JUDITH LEWIS MERNIT · OCTOBER 19, 2017



# 2021 RFP Proposal

- Propose EEC include focus areas during RFP and selection process
- Two focus areas:
  - Projects in Kern or Fresno Counties
  - Projects benefiting non-perennial waterways and associated habitats including desert washes and alluvial fans
- Propose that current technical review committee score projects based upon projects benefits to focus area(s)
- Modest score increase
- EEC will be provided summary of scores with/without focus area consideration for final decisions

# Deliberation and Questions

# Moving Forward

- The Environmental Enhancement Fund received significant deposits in 2020 from legal settlements
  - \$1,050,000 for the Refugio Beach Oil Spill
  - \$570,000 for the Grove Incident
- The fund had a significant balance prior to 2020
- Expected authority for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 is \$1,000,000
- Expect a Request for Proposals in Mid-January 2021 once the Governor's budget is released
- Next EEC meeting to select projects in June 2021
- Target date of October 15, 2021 for release of funds
- Based on income and projected fund balance expect another RFP in 2022

Thank you