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Pajaro River



Quail Ridge



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Item 3. Funding Status

WCB Funding in AB 170 FY 21-22

Dam Removal Drought Impacts (less admin) Climate (less admin) Acquisition Restoration Goals of 30x30	Expend by June 2024 \$12,500,000.00 \$52,729,000.00 \$25,971,000.00
Total amount for projects Sec. 54, 3640-102-001 Local Assistance	\$91,200,000.00 Expend by June 2024
Law of 1947 (General authorities) Enhancement of instream flow Acquisition of water rights (1707) Short- or long-term transfers or leases Water for fish and wildlife Improve aquatic and riparian resources Priority to enhance delta outflow Total for Projects (less admin): Sec. 55 3640-301-001	\$95,000,000.00 Expend by
West Coyote Hills Appraisal	June 2023 \$1,000,000.00
Sec. 19.56 Item 81 City of Lake Elsinore - aquatic restoration Sec 19.57 Item 10	\$750,000.00
Lone Pine Ranch Acquisition	\$10,000,000.00

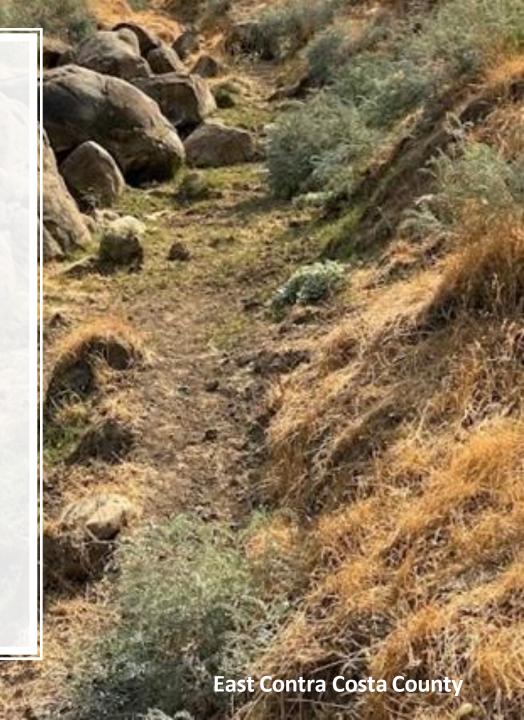


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Item 4. Executive Director's Report

WCB 2021 Legislation

- TB 149 Nonvehicular Wildlife Crossings amends Fish and Game Code to add Chapter 13, Section 1950 to address naming of crossings.
 - Defines nonvehicular wildlife crossing
 - WCB may name crossing if at least 25% of funding to construct is derived from a state source
 - Consultation with CalTrans
 - WCB may adopt criteria for implementation
- AB 379 (Gallagher) amends FGC 1350 to authorize the Department and WCB to enter into agreements with, and make grants to, California Native American tribes.



WCB 2021 Legislation Cont.

- AB 1183 (Ramos) establishes the California Desert Conservation Program at WCB in consultation with and through DFW.
 - Protect, preserve, and restore the natural, cultural, and physical resources of the portions of the Mojave and Colorado Deserts region in California
 - Promote the protection and restoration of the biological diversity of the region
 - Provide for resilience in the region to climate change
 - Protect and improve air quality and water resources within the region
 - o Enhance public use and enjoyment of lands owned by the public
 - Establishes the California Desert Conservation Fund Account.
- AB 1219 (Berman) amends Sections 17053.30 and 23630 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, for the purpose of extending the sunset date of the Natural Heritage Preservation Tax Credit Act of 2000.
 - Renews qualified tax credit for qualified contributions from January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026.



Wildlife Conservation Board Proposed Projects November 18, 2021 Fee Title (10) Conservation Easement (2) Restoration/Enhancement (10) Conservation Planning/Study (7) Public Access (2) **Total Projects: 31**

Wildlife Conservation Board Meeting November 18, 2021 Project Map







Item 5. Recovery of Funds

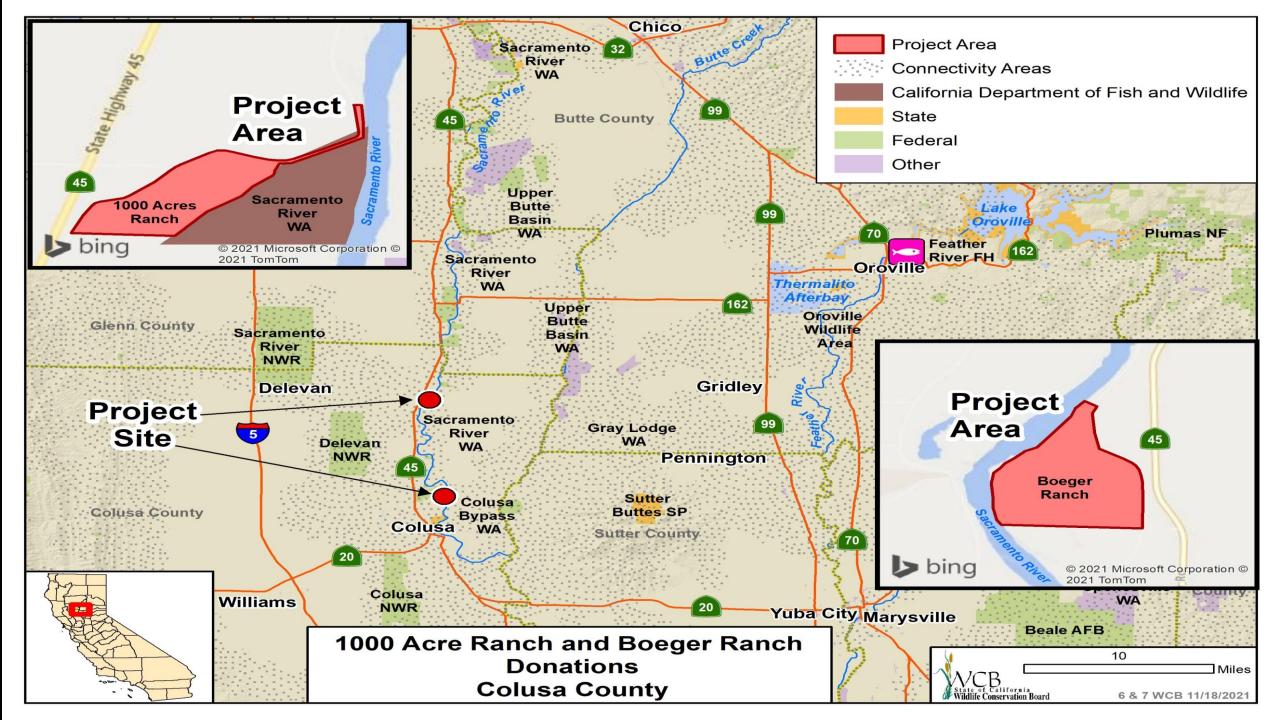
Fund Name	Amount
Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Fund	\$0.00
Habitat Conservation Fund	\$188,418.87
Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund	\$12,783.50
California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Fund	\$26,509.00
Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002	\$0.00
Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006	\$132,965.19
Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Fund of 2014	\$516,051.91
The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018	\$10,000.00
Total Recoveries for All Funds	\$886,728.47







Proposed Calendar Items 26-36



6. 1000 Acre Ranch Donation

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Looking southwest





6. 1000 Acre Ranch Donation

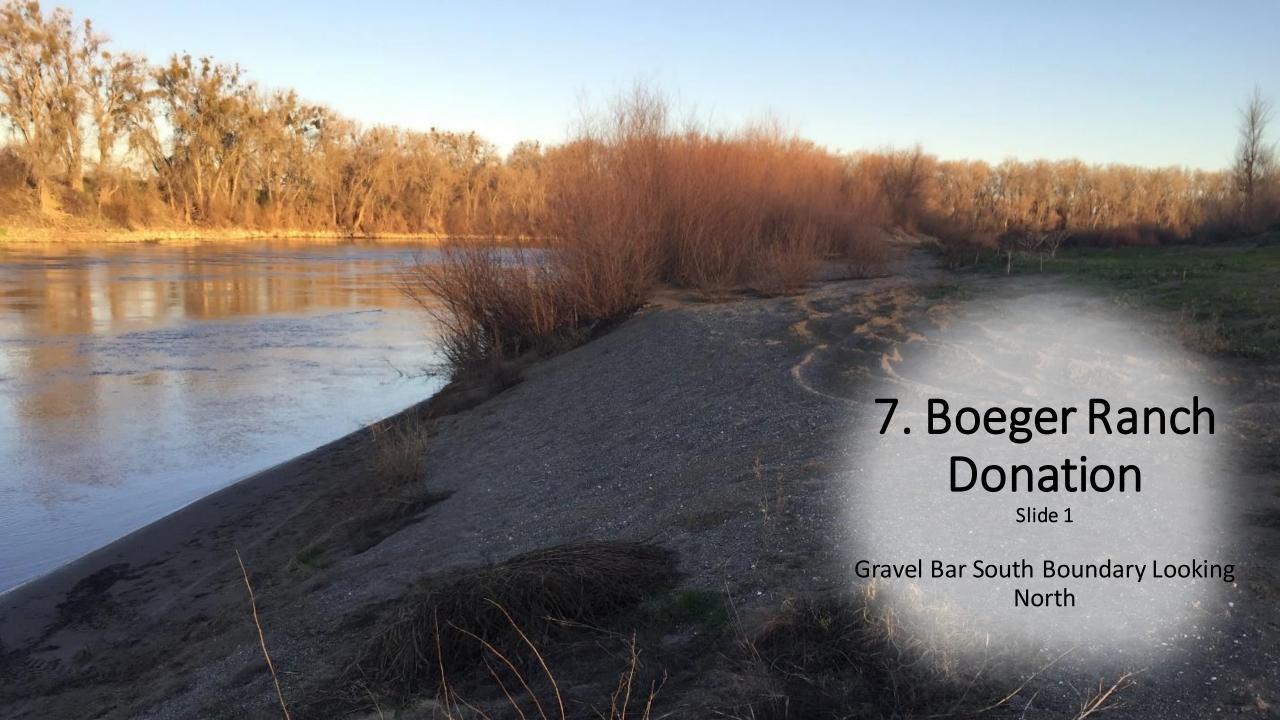
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Looking southeast





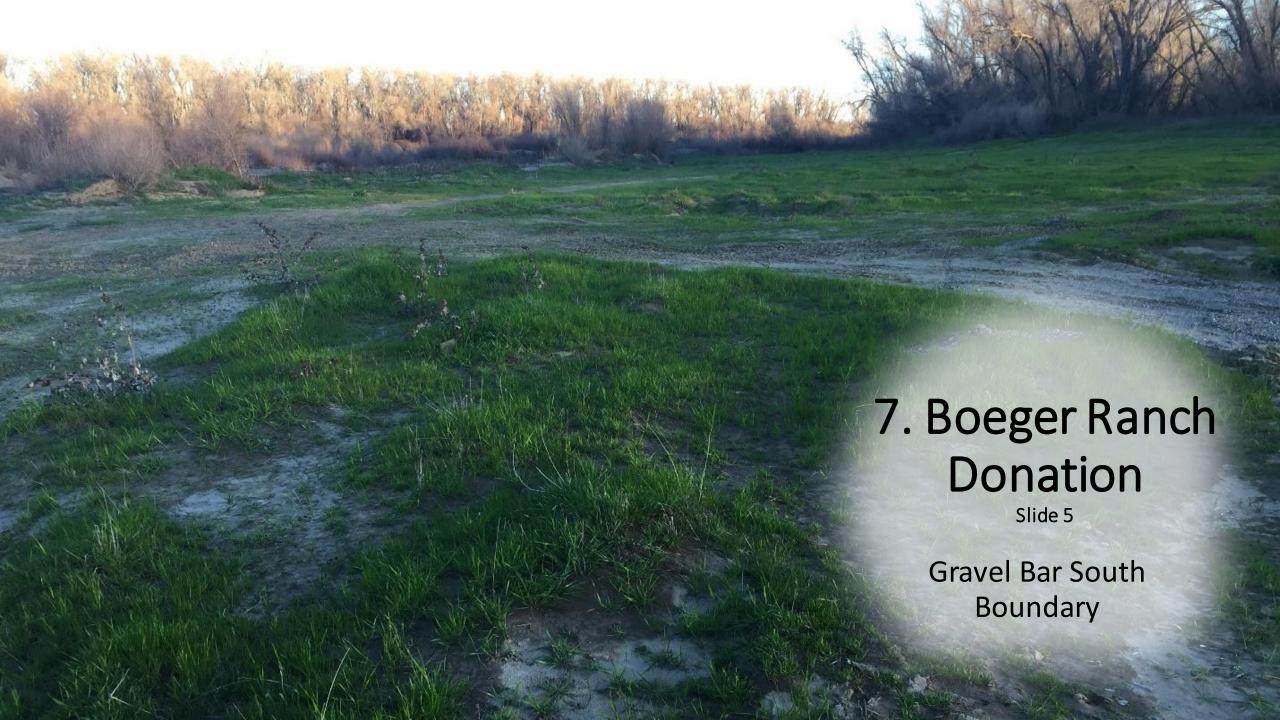


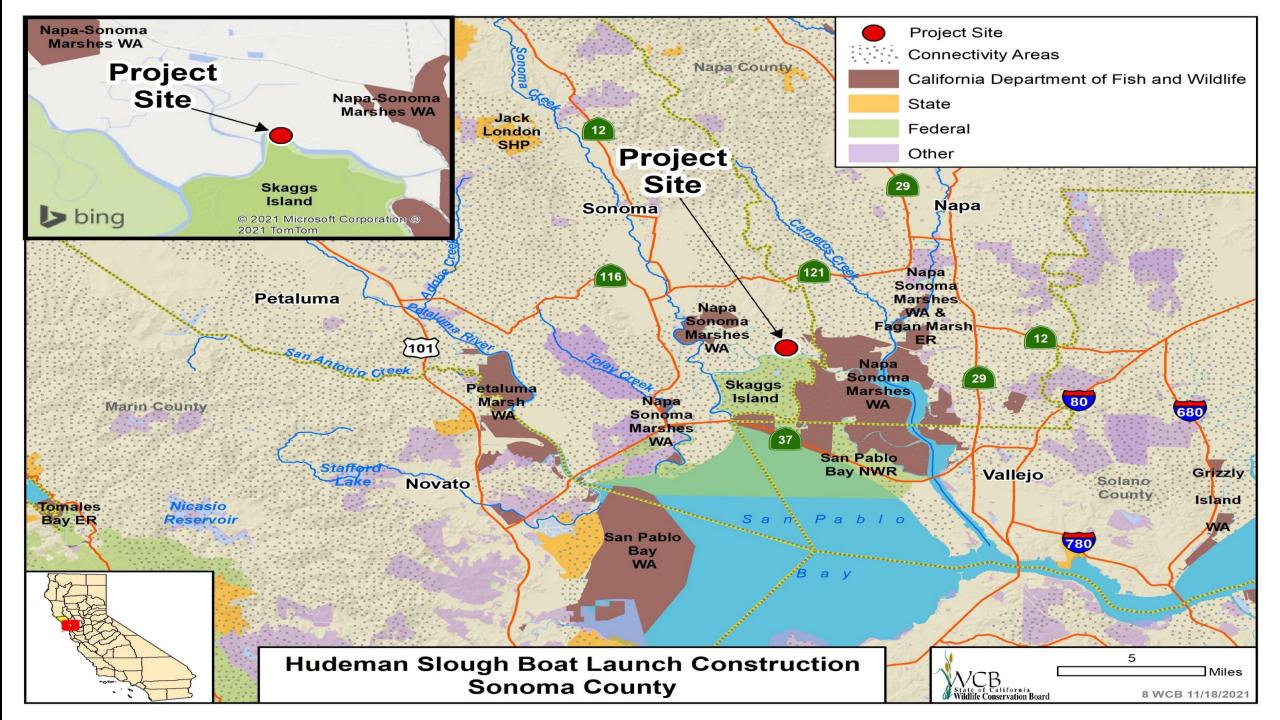












8. Hudeman Slough Boat Launch Construction

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Aerial view of the Hudeman Slough Boat Launch location.

Photo by Sonoma County Regional Parks staff







8. Hudeman Slough Boat Launch Construction

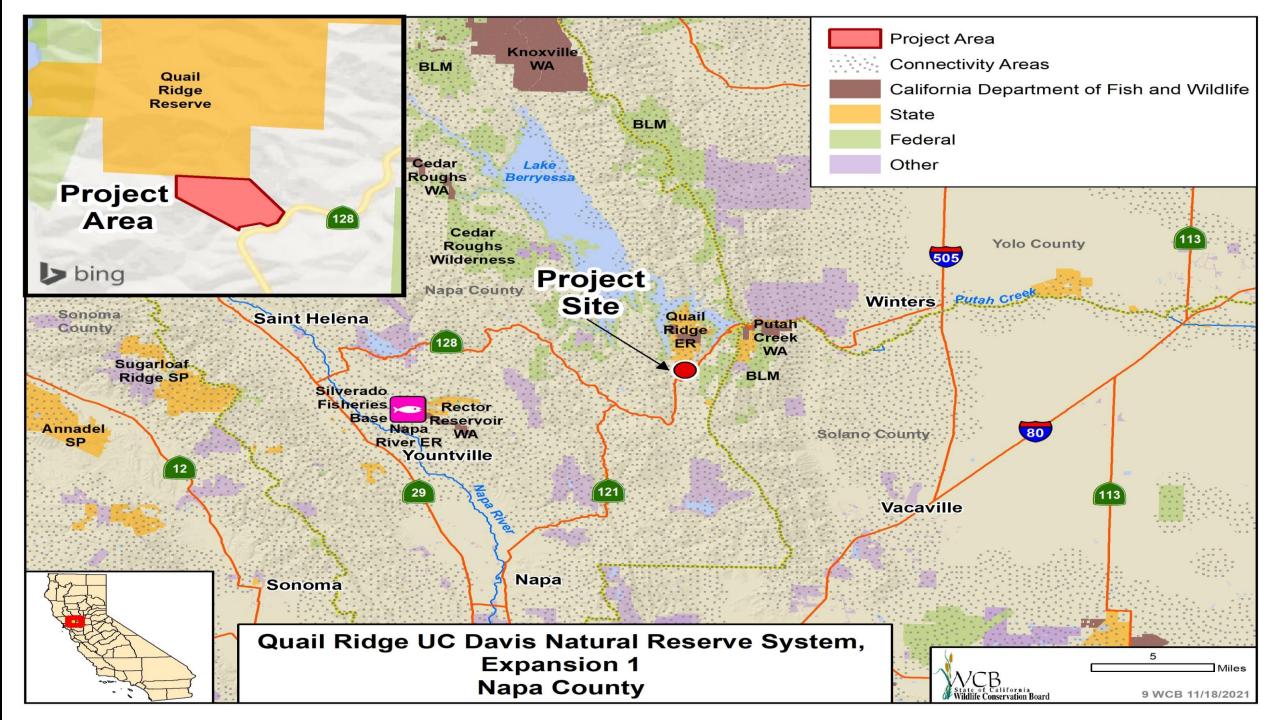
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Construction will include:

- New, one-lane boat launch
- ADA parking and pathways
- New Vault Toilet
- Parking lot improvements
- Bilingual signage

From left to right: Existing boat launch, da maged boat launch, and damaged boarding float. Photos by Sonoma County Regional Parks staff



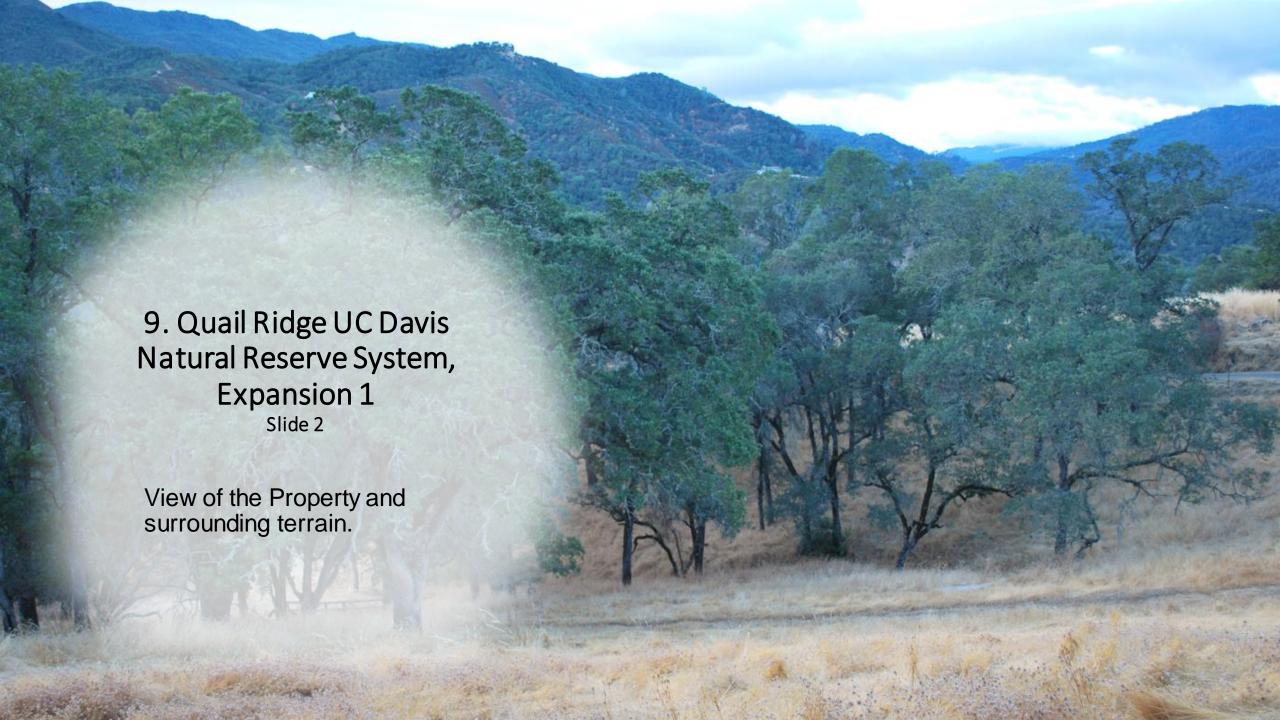


9. Quail Ridge UC Davis Natural Reserve System, Expansion 1

Slide 1

View of road on the Property. The Property is the main access route to the Reserve and its field station.







9. Quail Ridge UC Davis Natural Reserve System, Expansion 1

• The Property has a pond which would be the only pond at the Reserve with perennial water.



9. Quail Ridge UC Davis Natural Reserve System, Expansion 1 Slide 5

Looking downstream to the east.

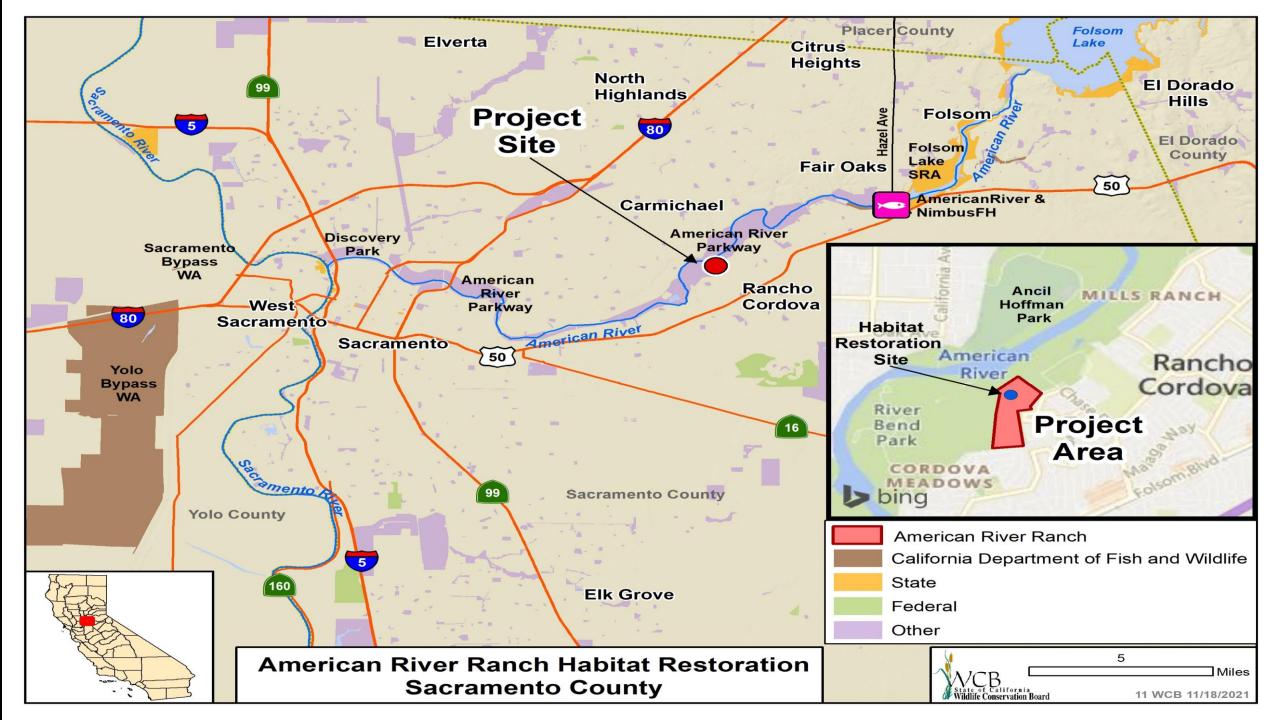


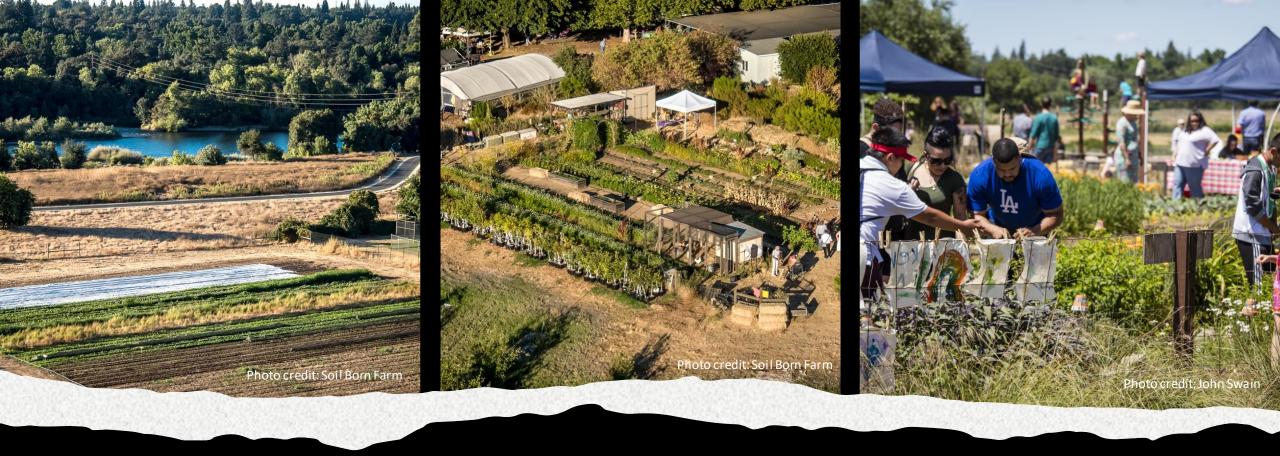




10. American River Ranch Animal Management and **Education Program Planning** Slide 2 Existing animal barn Photo credit: Soil Born Farm







11. American River Ranch Habitat Restoration

Slide 1

Experiential learning programs



11. American River Ranch Habitat Restoration

Slide 2

3-acre project area

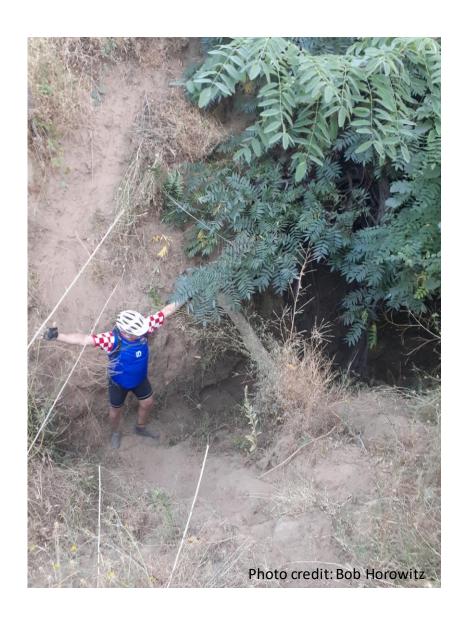


11. American River Ranch Habitat Restoration

Slide 3

Adjacent Cordova Creek Riparian Corridor





12. Cal Expo and Woodlake Crossing Planning Slide 1

Site of washed-out culvert crossing.



12. Cal Expo and Woodlake Crossing Planning

Slide 2

Upstream end of project area and stormwater channel. Beaver is known to use site as evident by remnant beaver dam pipe.



12. Cal Expo and Woodlake Crossing Planning

Slide 3

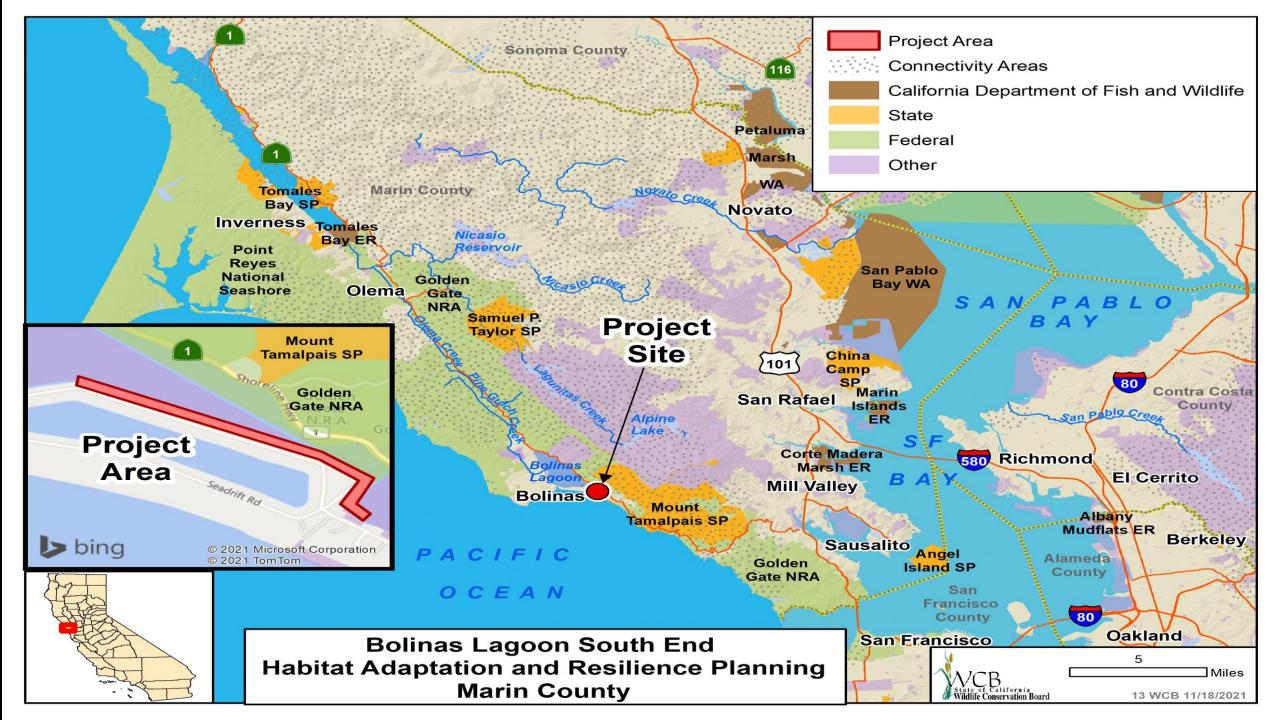
Narrow, entrenched channel with steep banks

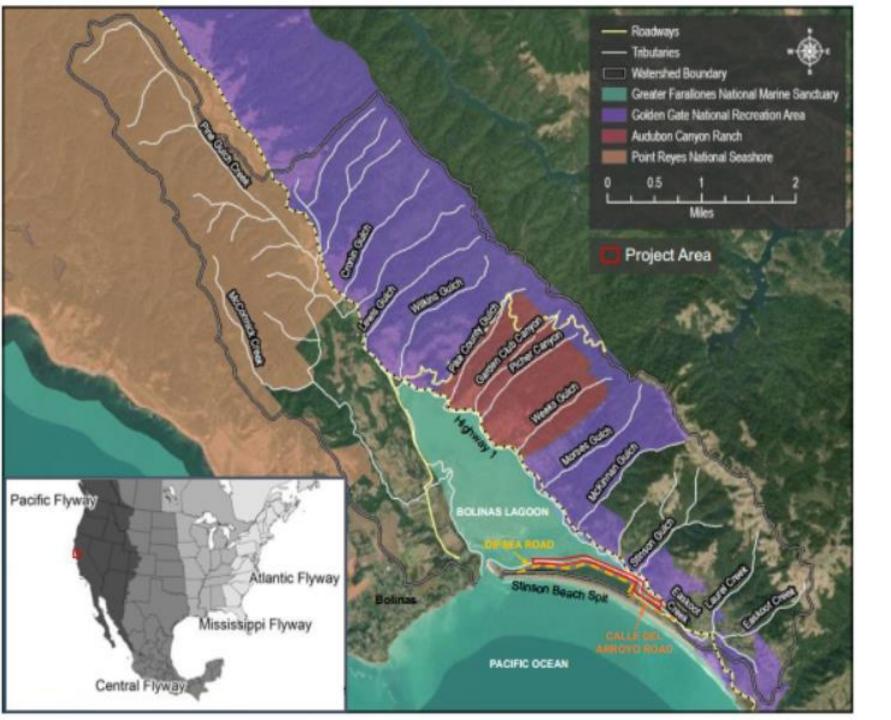


12. Cal Expo and Woodlake Crossing Planning

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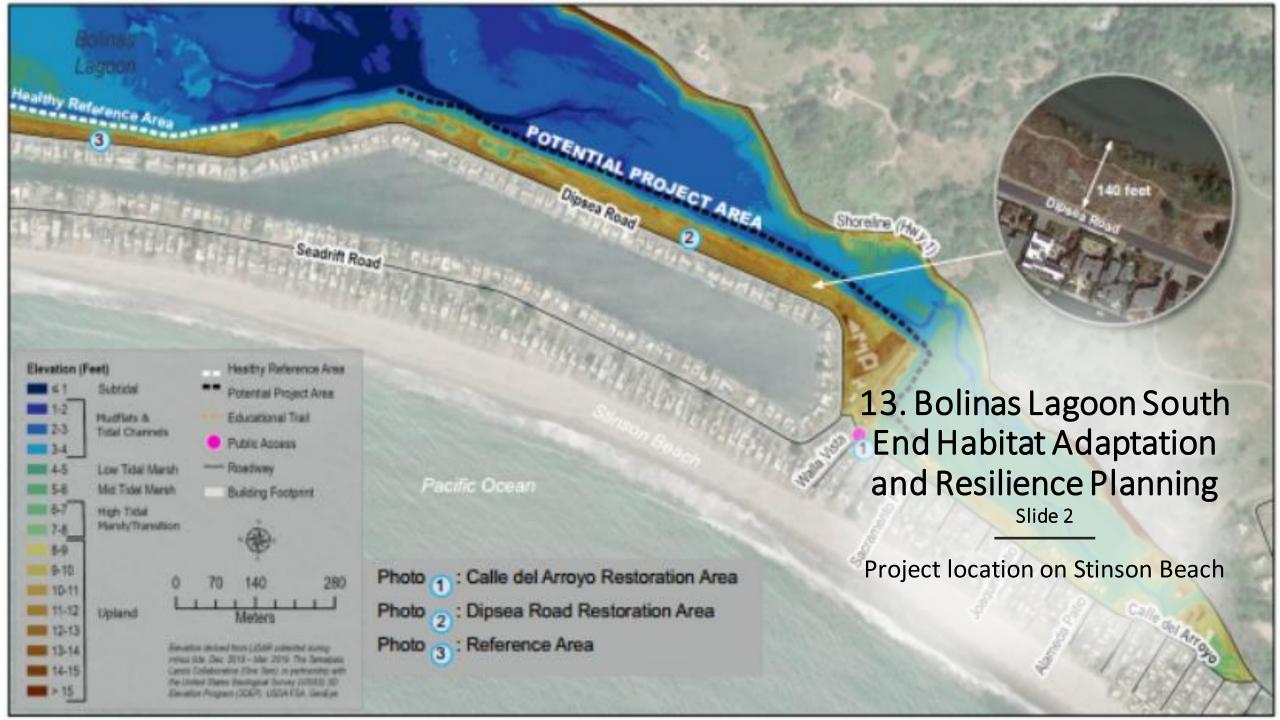
Mouth of stormwater channel into American River





13. Bolinas Lagoon South End Habitat Adaptation and Resilience Planning

Regional map





13. Bolinas Lagoon South End Habitat Adaptation and Resilience Planning

Slide 3

The absence of transition zone habitat and low-lying wetlands intensifies high-tide flooding that submerges and overtops the shorelines back barrier. Wetland habitat is this area is unable to keep pace with changing water levels which compounds flooding in low-lying areas. Water levels breached this area 29 times in the last 5 years, with 6 breaches exceeding the shorelines back barrier by more than half a foot (AECOM Technical Memo, 2019). The submerged wetland area approximately outlines a marsh lot owned by Audubon Canyon Ranch, a project partner. (Credit: Kate Bimrose)





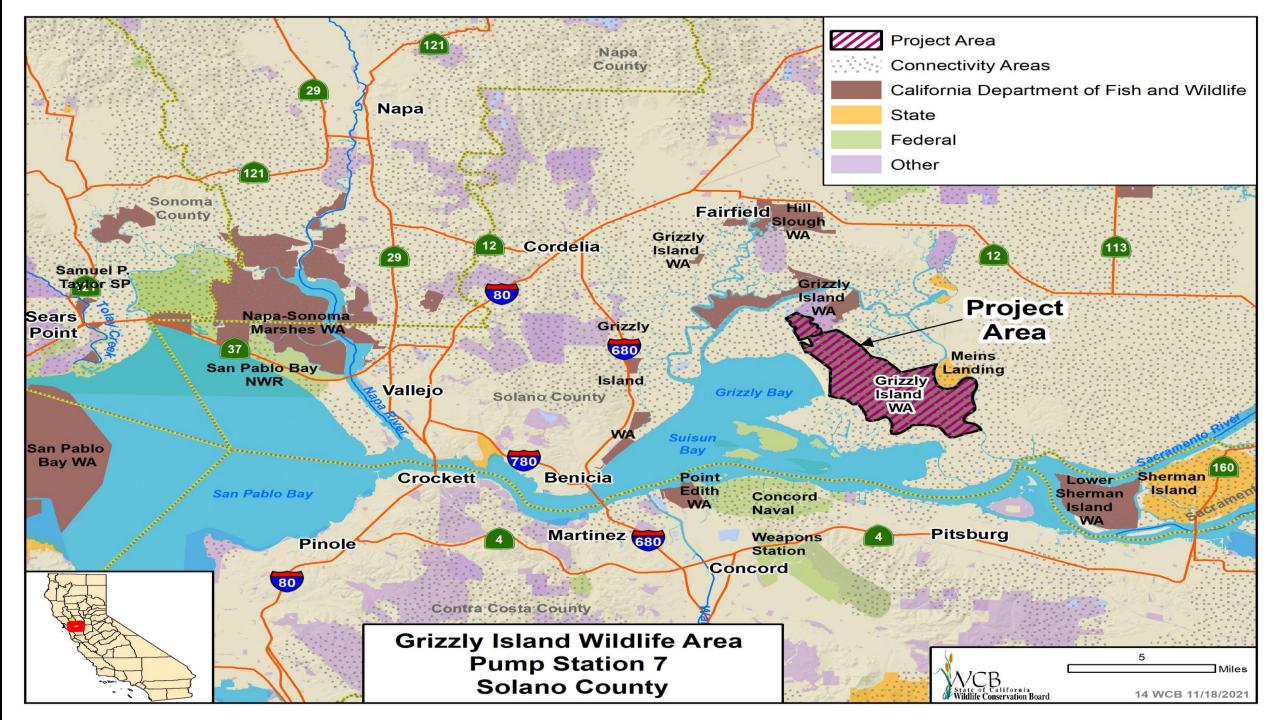
13. Bolinas Lagoon South End Habitat Adaptation and Resilience Planning

Steep, eroding embankments along the eastern span of shoreline fragment the area, compress transition zone habitat, and limit the ability of the lagoon's tidal habitats to migrate upslope in response to rising sea level and increased storm events. Embankment slope in these unstable areas, composed of loose sandy dredged material, is 2:1. (Credit: Wendy Kordesch)

13. Bolinas Lagoon South End Habitat Adaptation and Resilience Planning

 The western shoreline adjacent to the project area has a stable shoreline with a healthier ecosystem and a more natural transition zone slope. Twelve acres along this shoreline will be used as a Healthy Reference Area to draw from and apply to both monitoring and project design. (Credit: Wendy Kordesch)











14. Grizzly Island Wildlife Area Pump Station 7

Slide 3

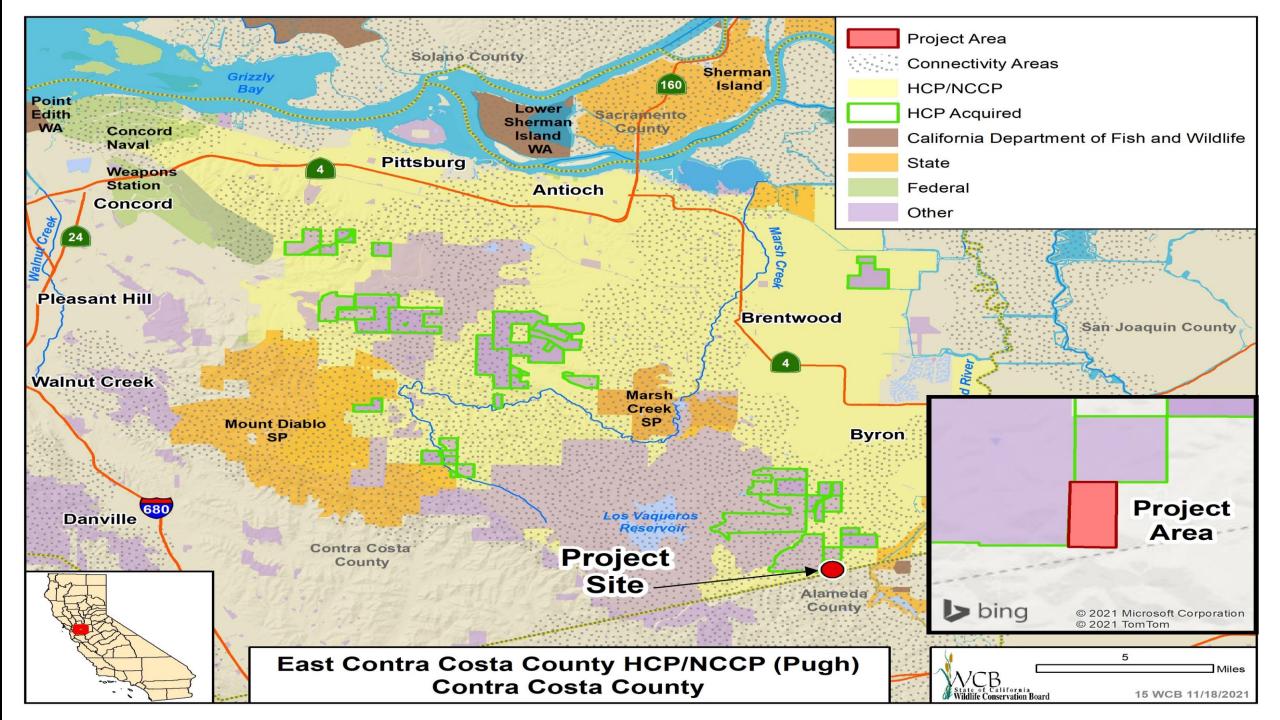
Location of new Pump Station 7 canal gate.



14. Grizzly IslandWildlife AreaPump Station 7

Slide 4

New Pump Station 7 will supply water to wetland field 15.



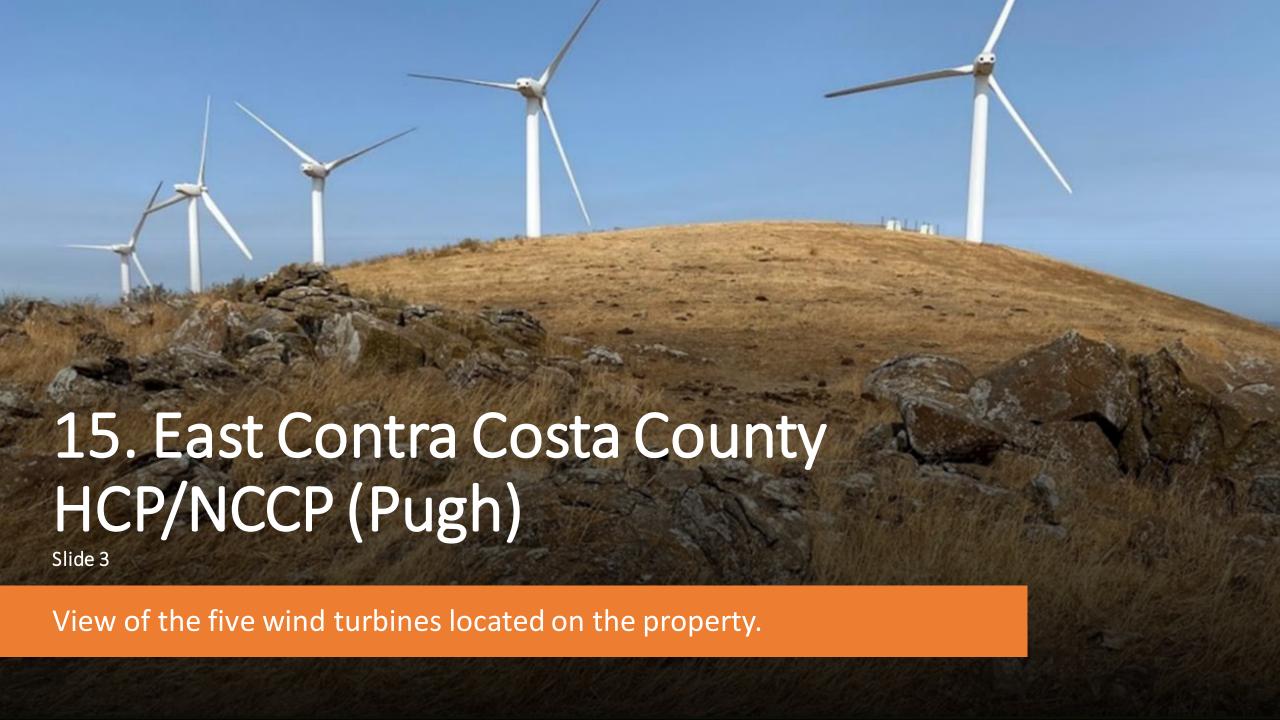


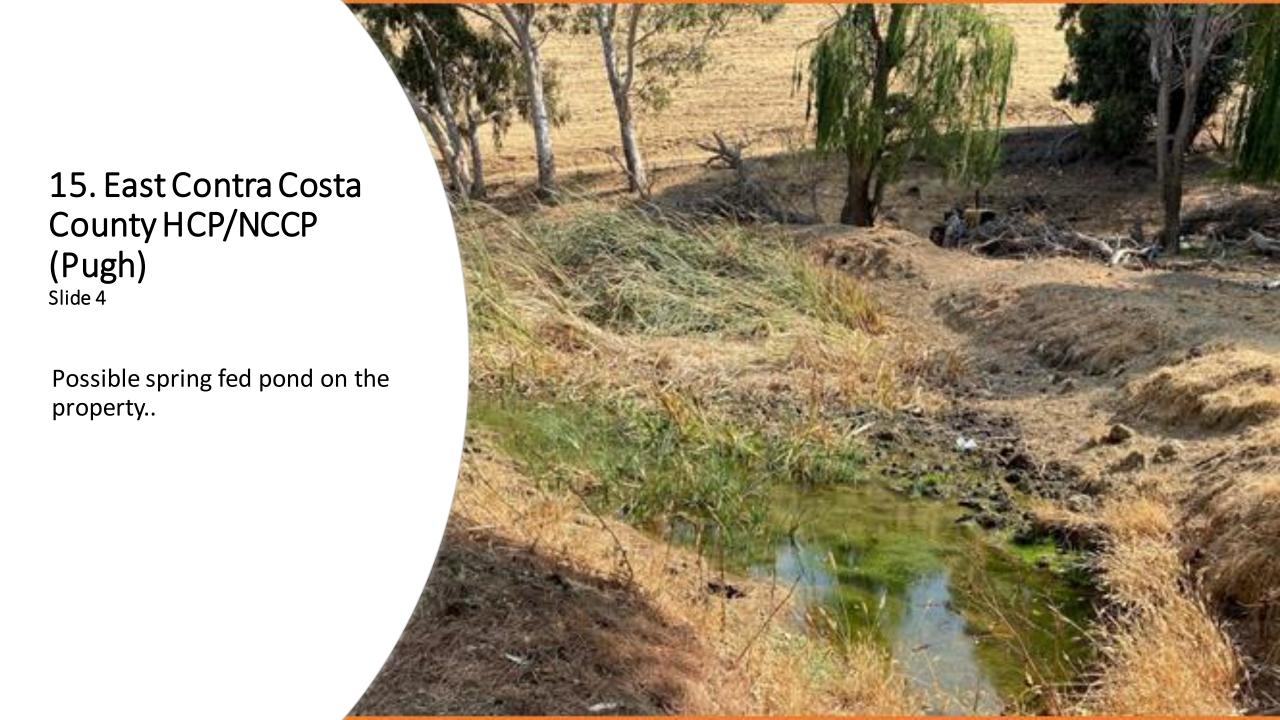
15. East Contra Costa County HCP/NCCP (Pugh)

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View from the northern portion of the property looking south.



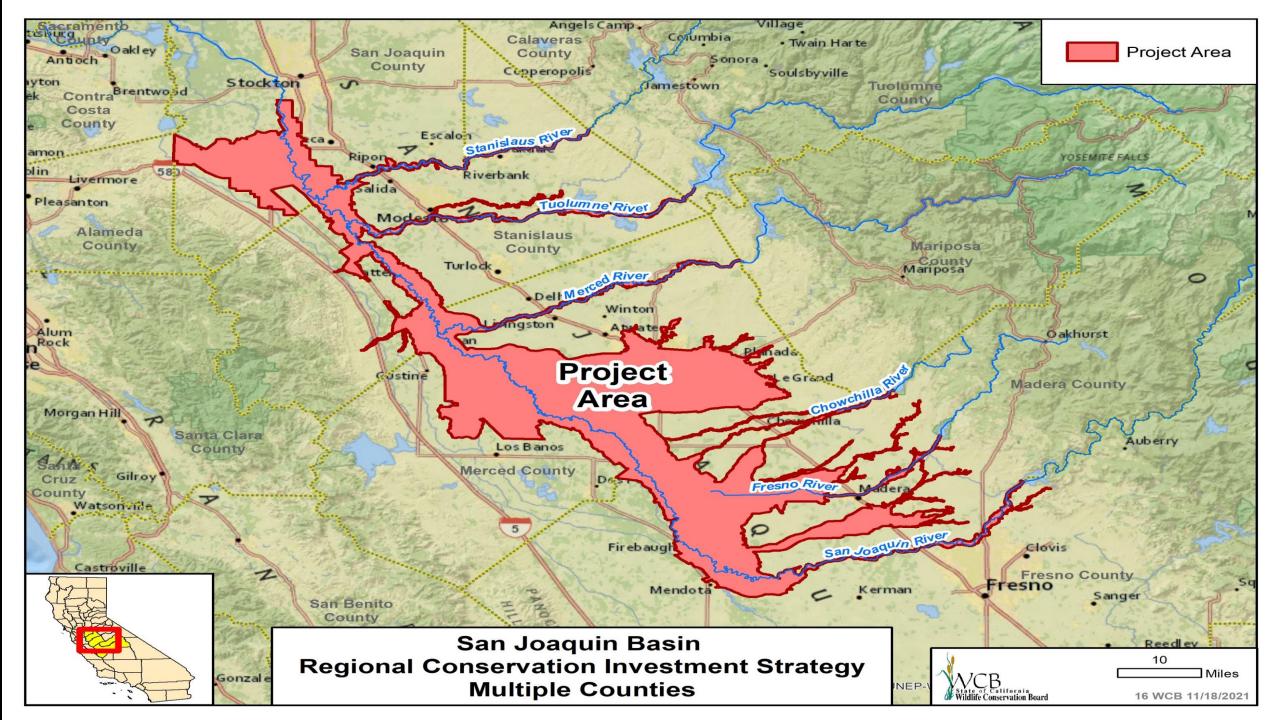






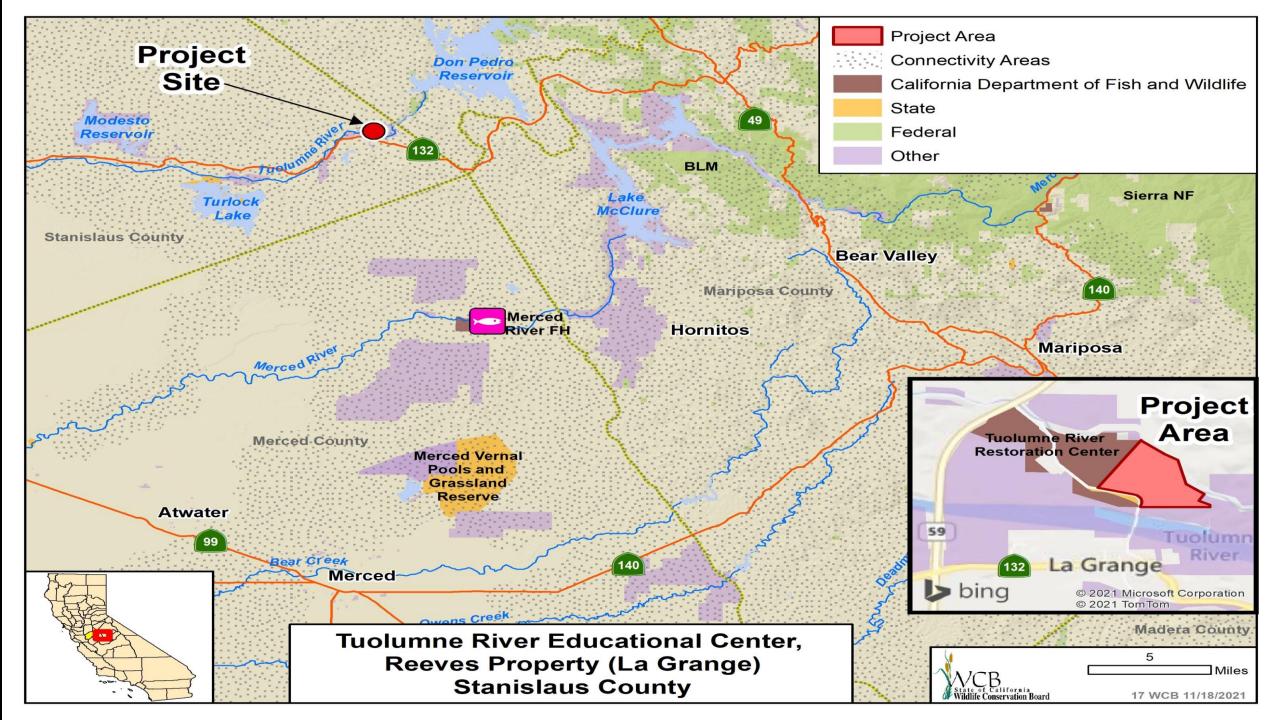
15. East Contra Costa County HCP/NCCP (Pugh)
Slide 5

Onsite structure which will be removed prior to close of escrow.





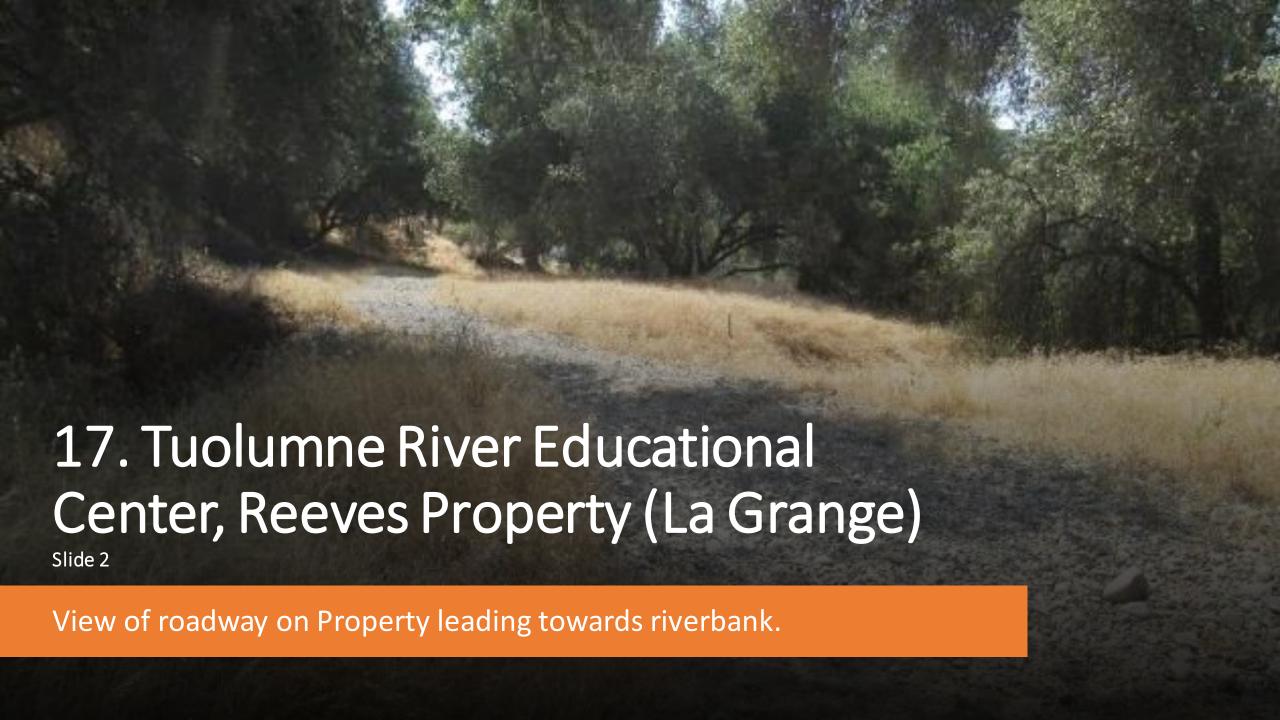






17. Tuolumne River Educational Center, Reeves Property (La Grange)

View of property looking north.

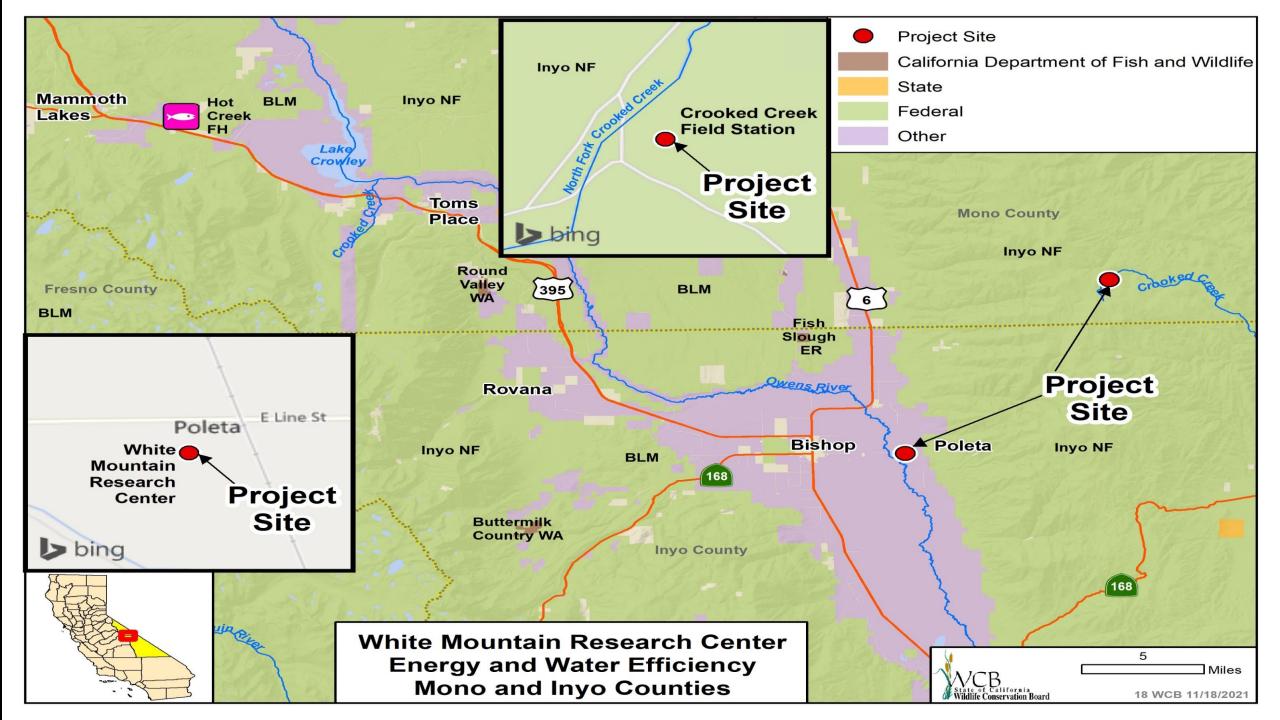




View from the Property looking west towards the Tuolumne River.



View of the Tuolumne River, just south of the Property boundary line.







18. White Mountain Research Center Energy and Water Efficiency

Topographical map, right – WMRC Crooked Creek Station and left – WMRC Owens Valley Station



Crooked Creek Station battery bank – solar panels and garage



Slide 3

Proposed location site for new domestic well – aerial view.



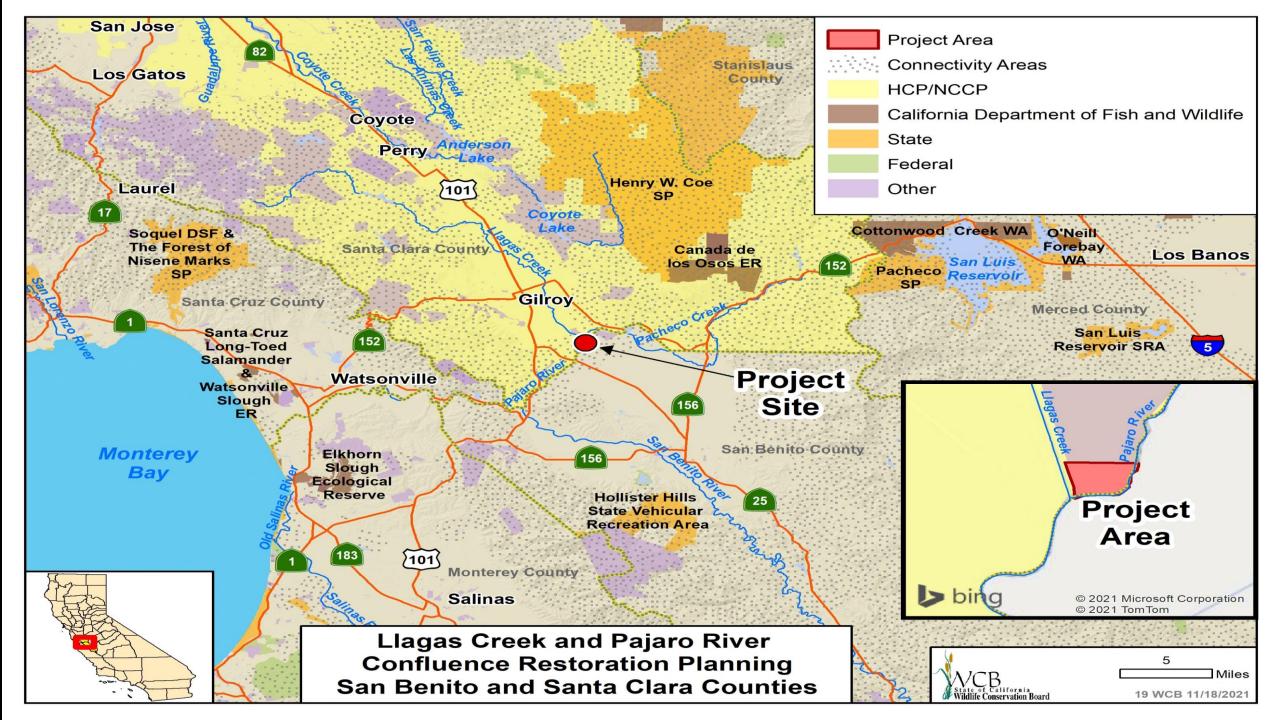
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Owens Valley station 600Amp service upgrade location – aerial view.



Slide 5

Owens Valley Station 32kw Solar Carport parking structure location — aerial view.











19. Llagas Creek and Pajaro River Confluence Restoration Planning Slide 3

Existing agricultural fields behind levees at the Llagas Creek and Pajaro River confluence, looking west at Llagas Creek from the Pajaro River (left) and looking east along the Pajaro River (right).

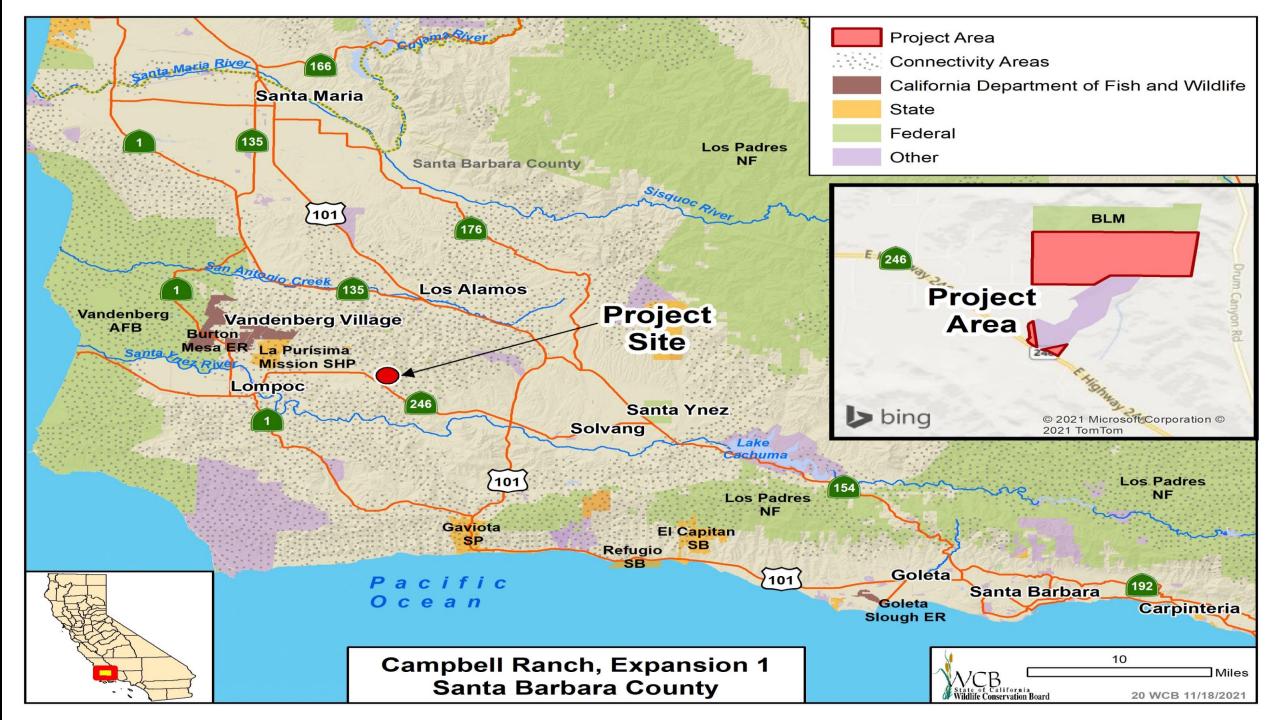


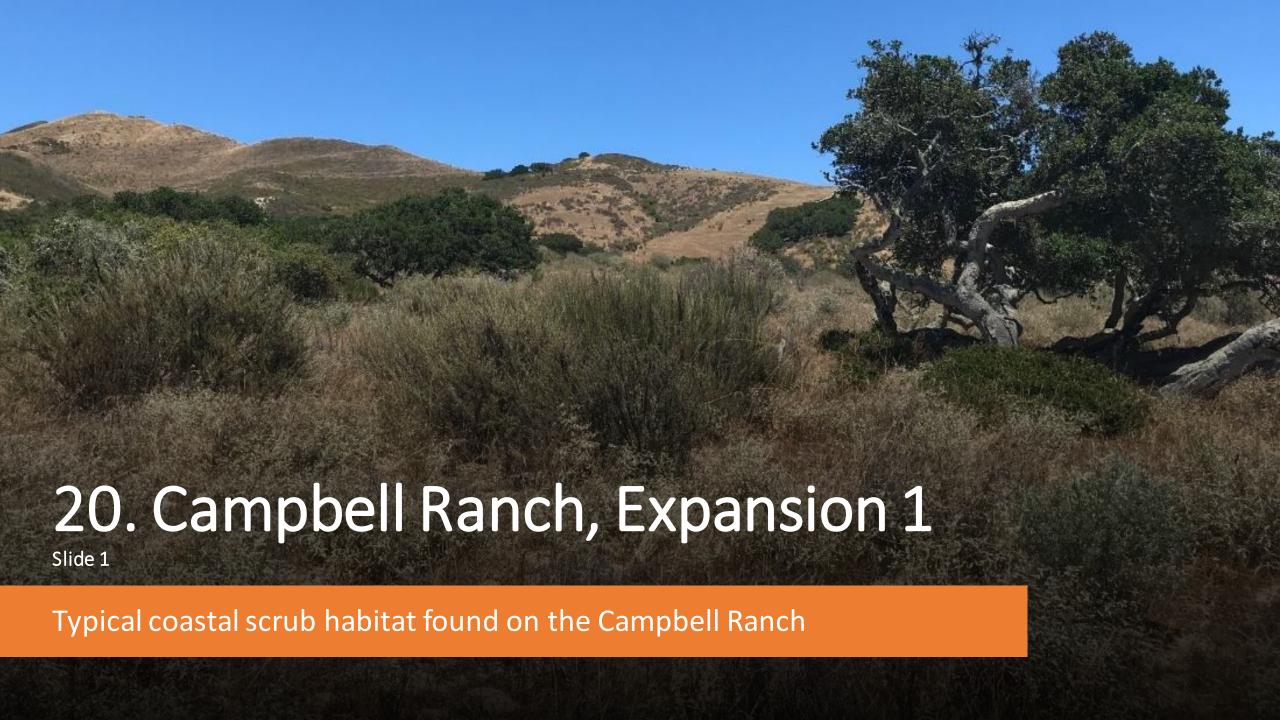


19. Llagas Creek and Pajaro River Confluence Restoration Planning
Slide 4

Left: Llagas Creek and Pajaro River confluence, looking south from the levee.

Right: Pajaro River and existing levee immediately upstream of the Pajaro River confluence.





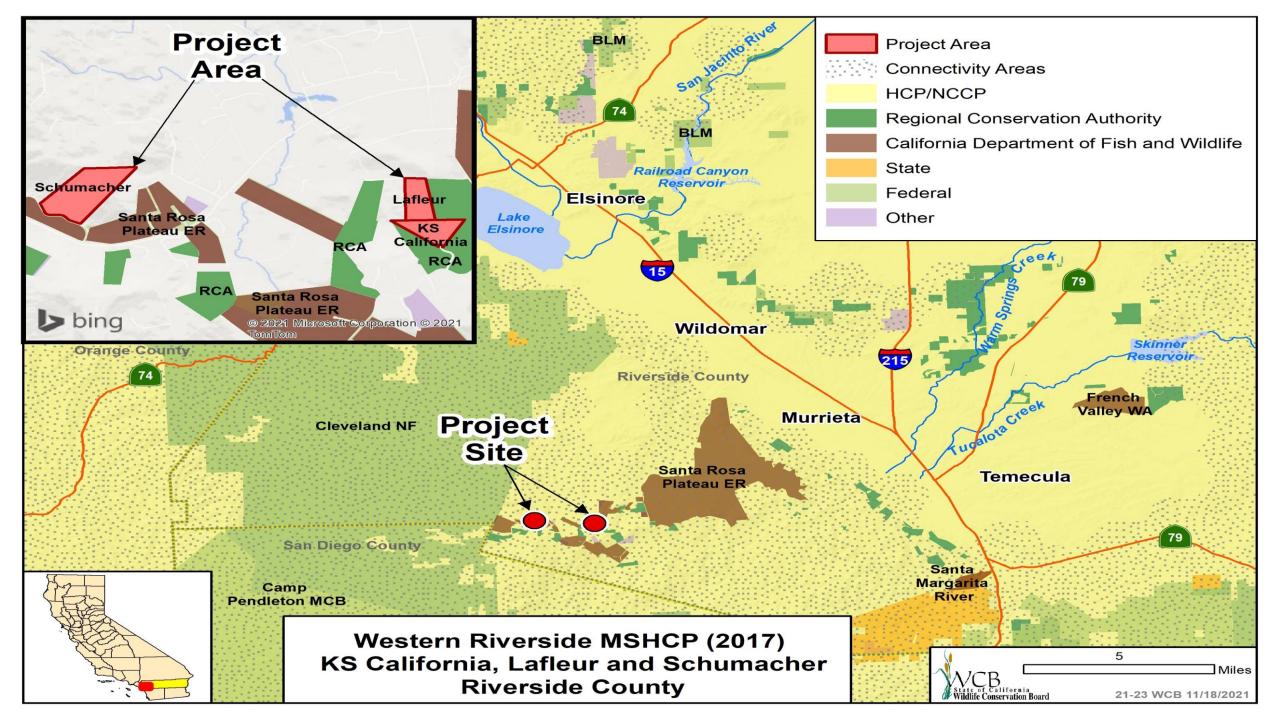




20. Campbell Ranch, Expansion 1

The higher elevations on the Campbell Ranch provide dryer scrub type habitats.







21. Western Riverside MSHCP (2017) KS California

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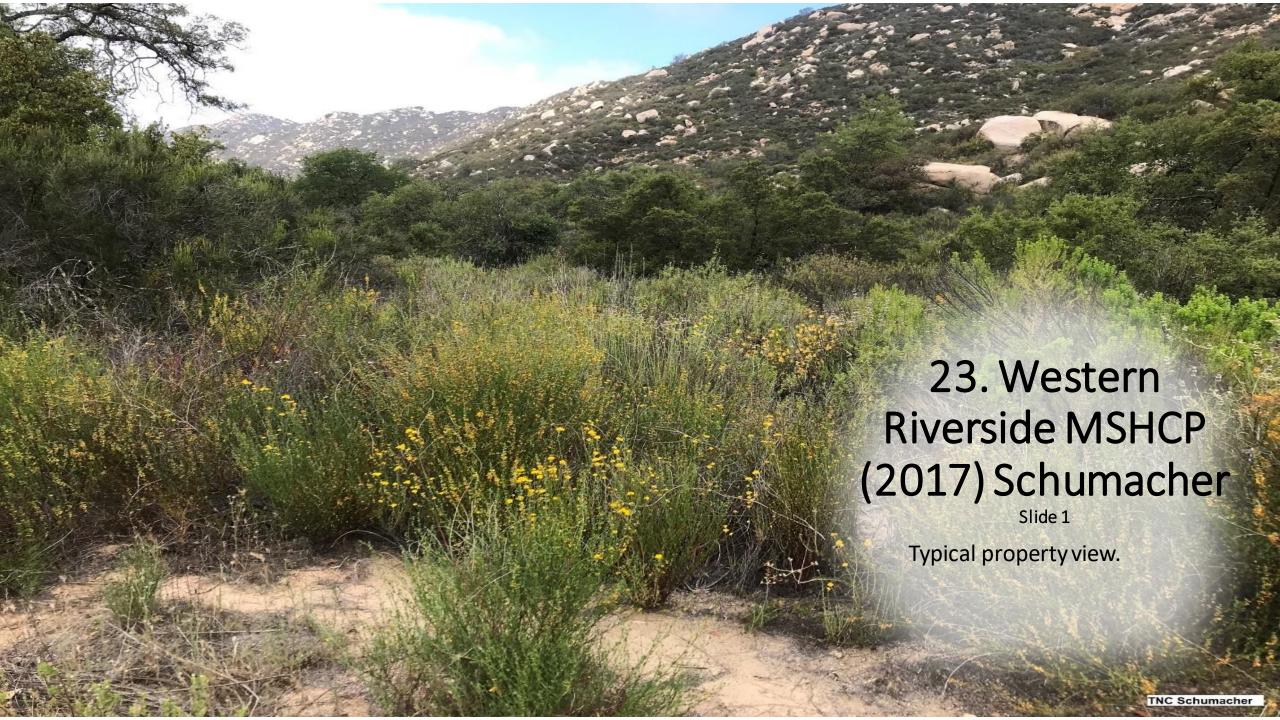
Ridgetop view overlooking property.

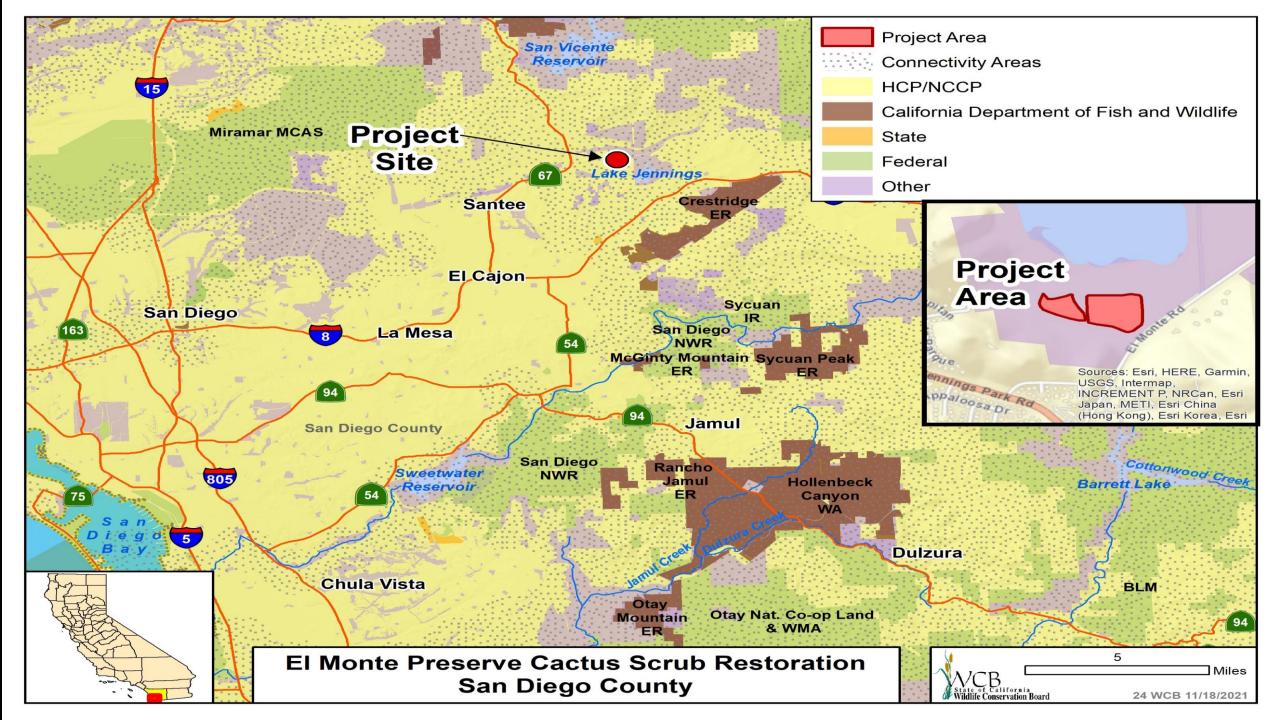


22. WesternRiverside MSHCP(2017) Lafleur

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Ridge view overlooking the riparian area.

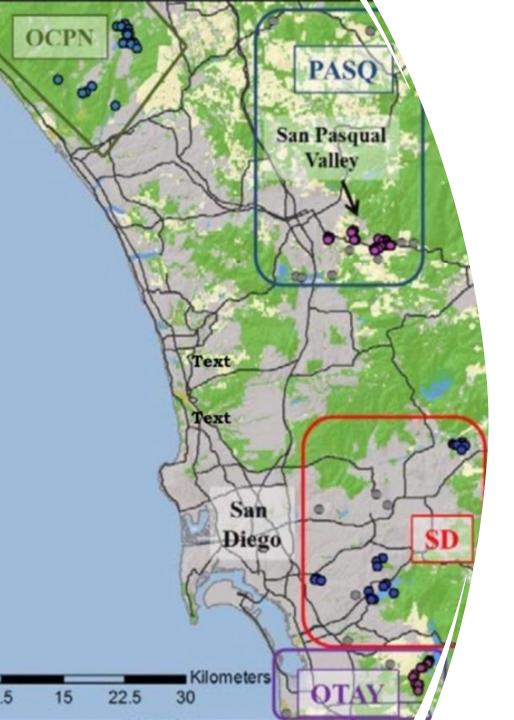






24. El Monte Preserve Cactus Scrub Restoration

Slide 1



24. El Monte Preserve Cactus Scrub Restoration

Slide 2

Genetic clusters of coastal cactus wren in San Diego County.



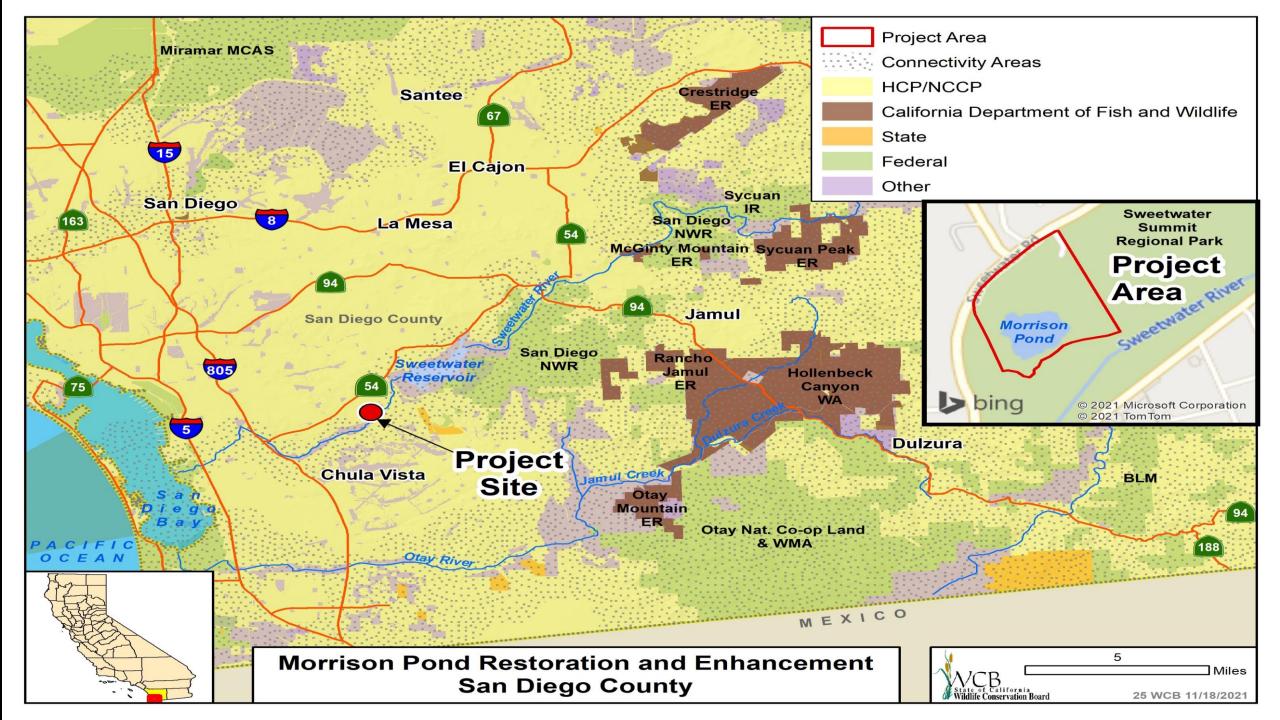
24. El Monte Preserve Cactus Scrub Restoration Slide 3

Proximity to existing habitat areas with nesting cactus wren populations.



24. El Monte Preserve Cactus Scrub Restoration

Portion of the proposed El Monte cactus scrub creation site.





25. Morrison Pond Restoration and Enhancement

Slide 1

Morrison Pond, Facing North



25. Morrison Pond Restoration and Enhancement

Slide 2

Example of Proposed Enhancement Area



25. Morrison Pond Restoration and Enhancement

Slide 3

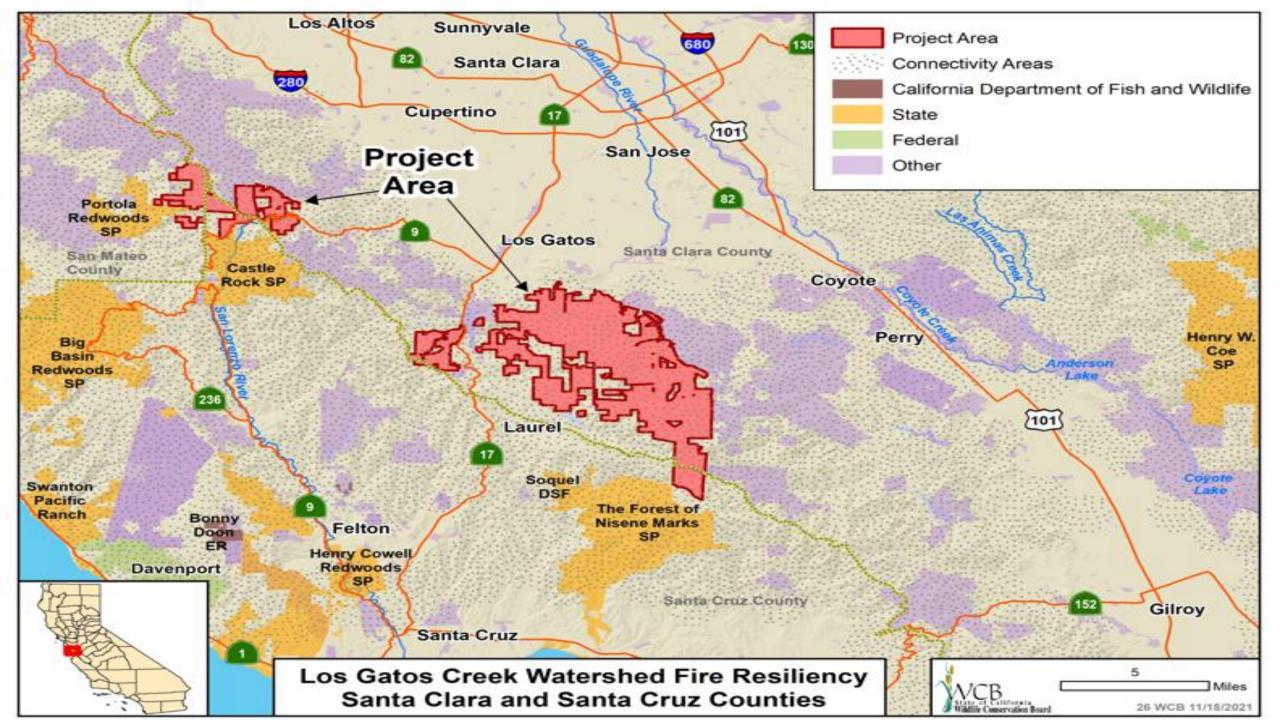
Proposed Enhancement Areas





25. Morrison Pond Restoration and Enhancement Slide 4

Proposed Coastal Sage Scrub Restoration Area, facing southeast (left) and northeast (right).









26. Los Gatos Creek Watershed Fire Resiliency Slide 4

Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve – eucalyptus grove.





26. Los Gatos Creek Watershed Fire Resiliency Slide 5

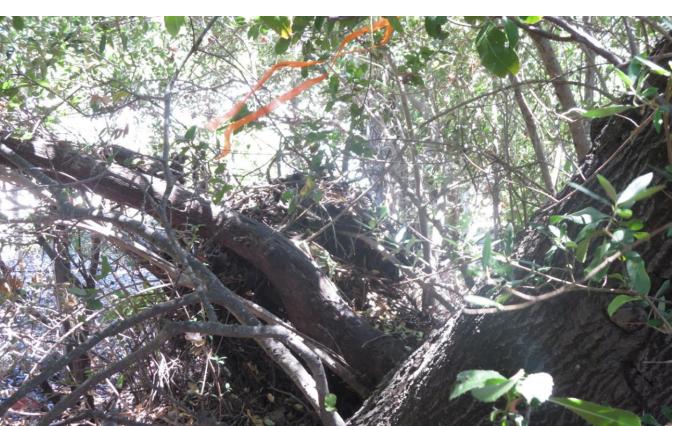
Bear Creeks Redwoods Open Space Preserve – manzanitas to be protected.





26. Los Gatos Creek Watershed Fire Resiliency Slide 6

Bear Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve - woodrat nest flagged for protection.





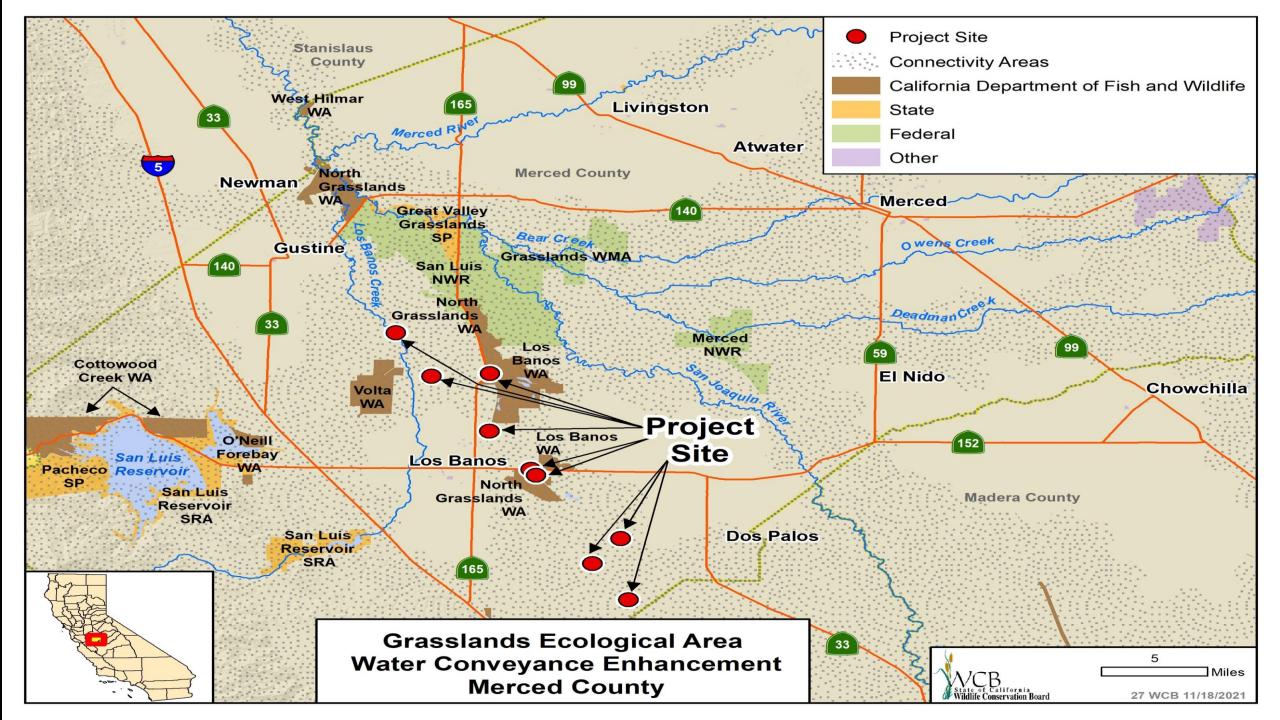
26. Los Gatos Creek Watershed Fire Resiliency

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Bear Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve - ponded area.

(credit: MROSD)







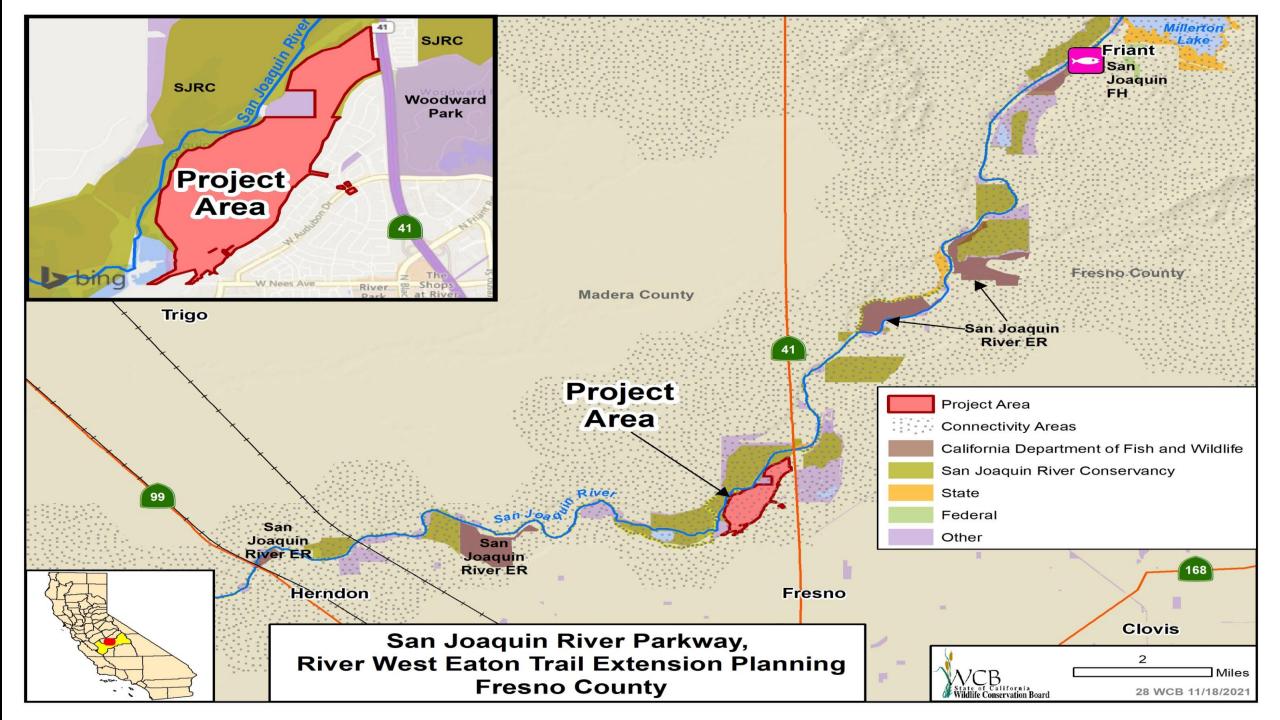














28. San Joaquin River Parkway, River West Eaton Trail Extension Planning

Slide 1 Proposed Project Map

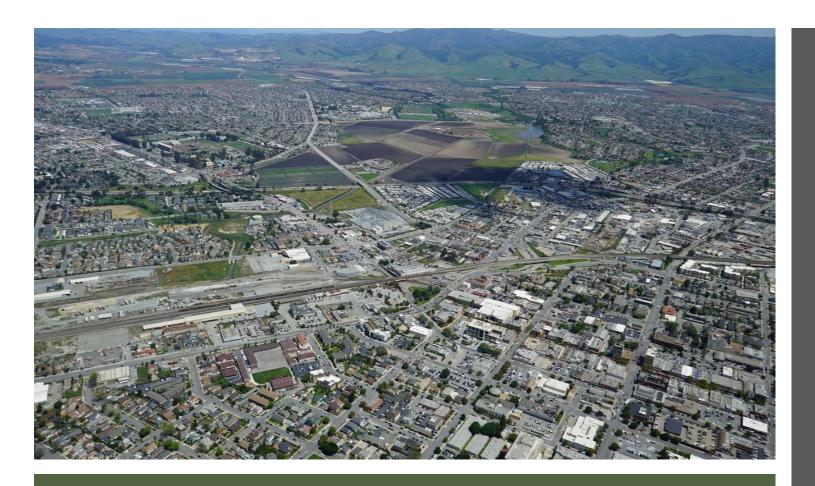










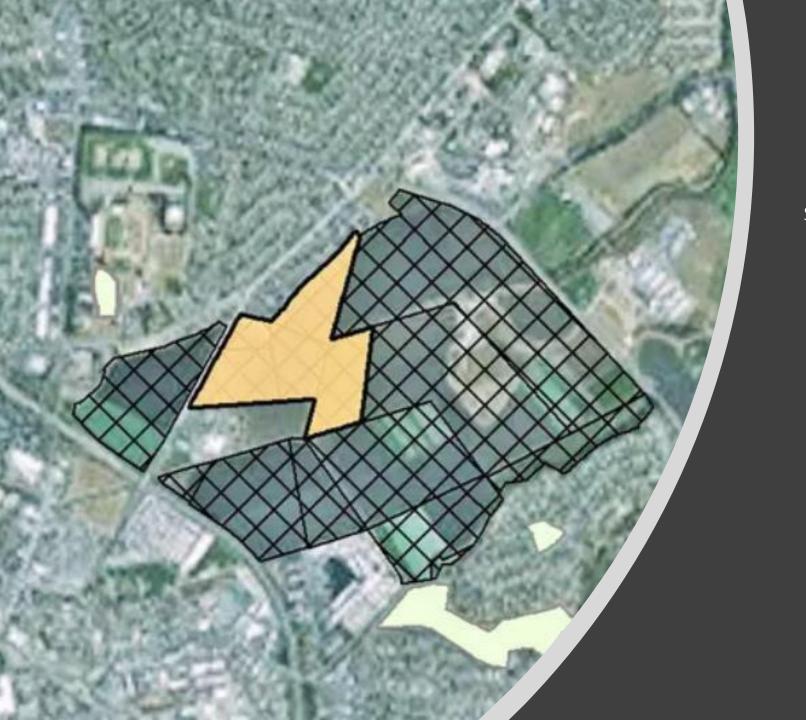


Aerial view of City of Salinas and Carr Lake Basin (center)

29. Carr Lake Restoration Planning Slide 1



Image courtesy Monterey County Weekly.



29. Carr Lake Restoration Planning

Carr Lake Basin, 73-acre segment purchased by BSLT (highlighted) for:

- Wetland/riparian habitat restoration (67 acres)
- Improve water quality
- Maintain flood flows
- Create neighborhood park (remaining 6 acres)

Photo courtesy of The Salinas Californian



29. Carr Lake Restoration Planning

Slide 4

Confluence of Hospital Creek (left) and Gabilan Creek (right).



29. Carr Lake Restoration Planning

Slide 5

Carr Lake Basin, flooding in 2015. Photo by Big Sur Land Trust.



29. Carr Lake Restoration Planning

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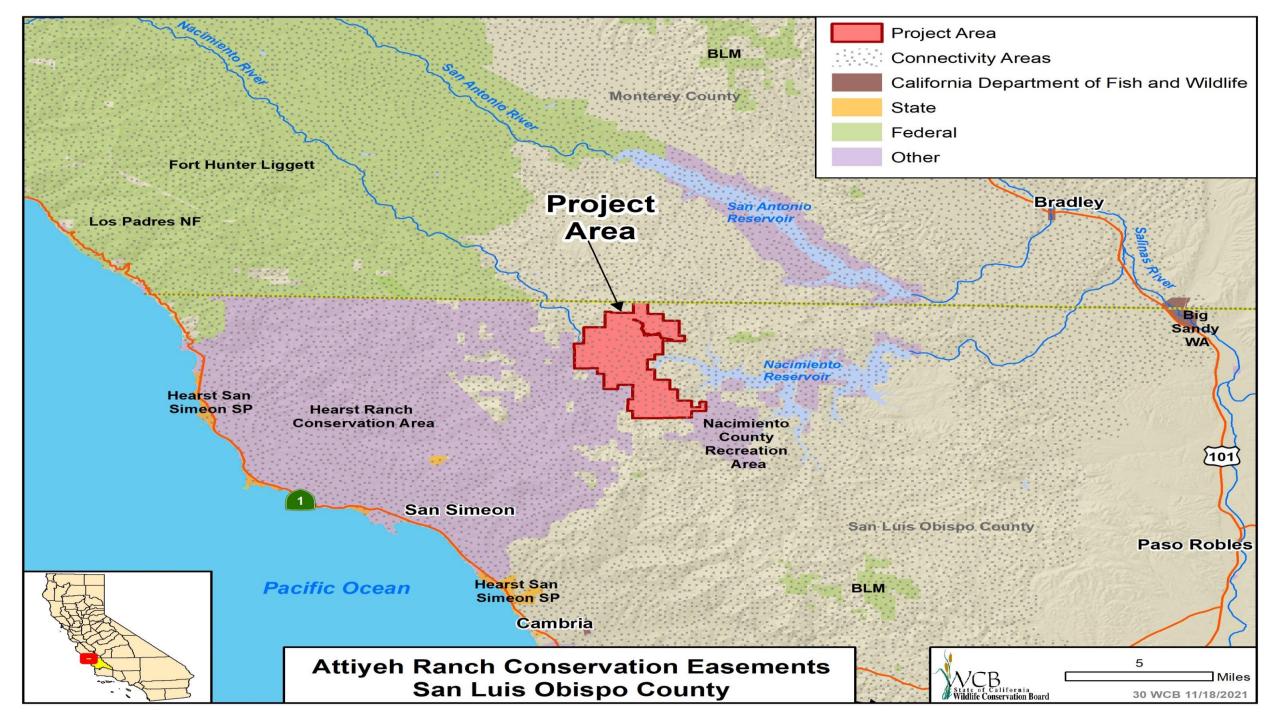
Native Plant Restoration Demonstration Garden. Photo by Big Sur Land Trust.



29. Carr Lake Restoration Planning Slide 7

School Planting Day at Carr Lake Native Plant Restoration Demonstration Garden.





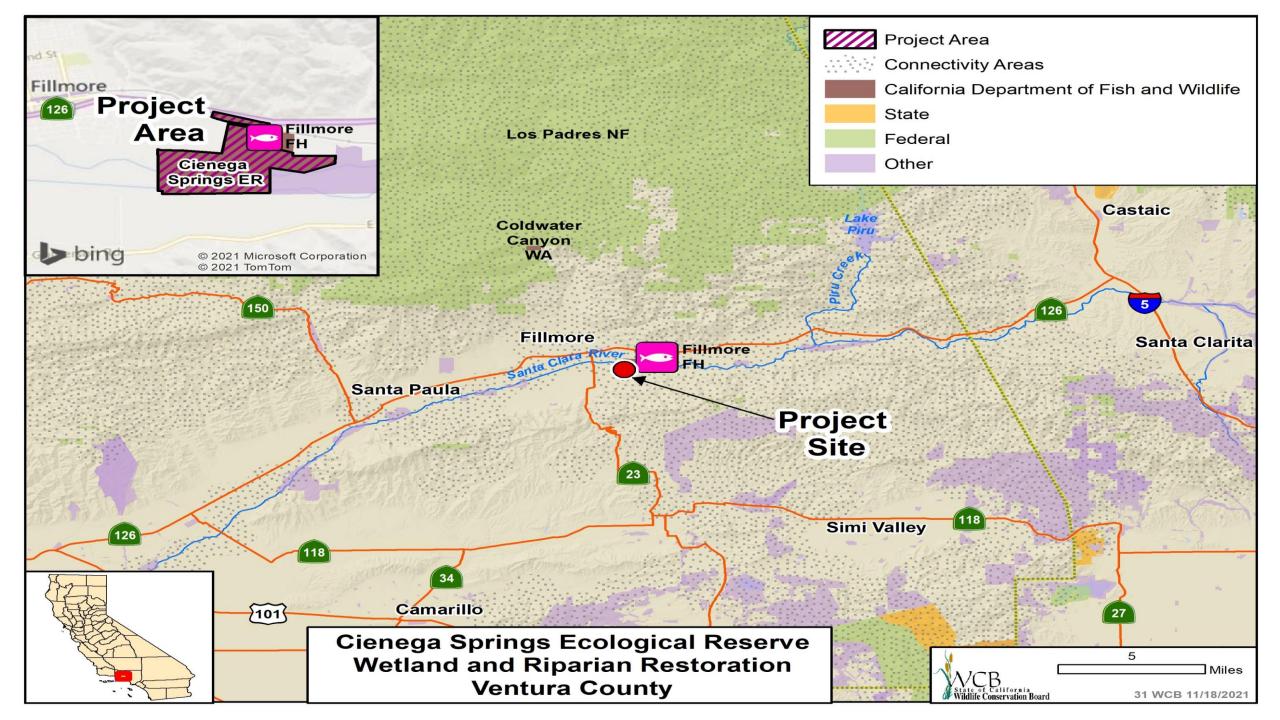




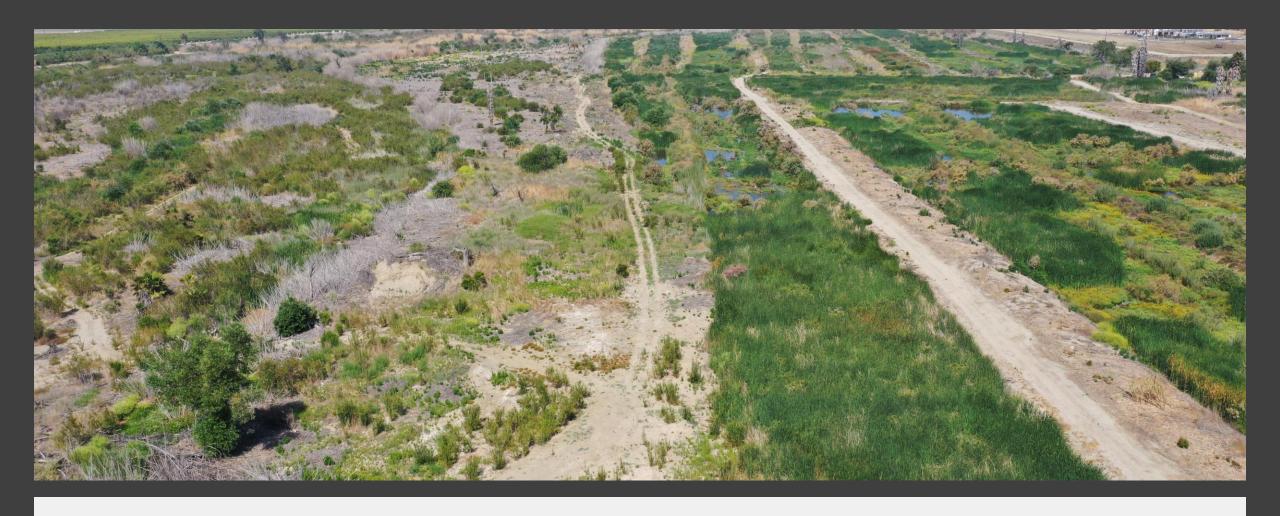












31. Cienega Springs Ecological Reserve Wetland and Riparian Restoration Slide 2

Aerial photo of project area

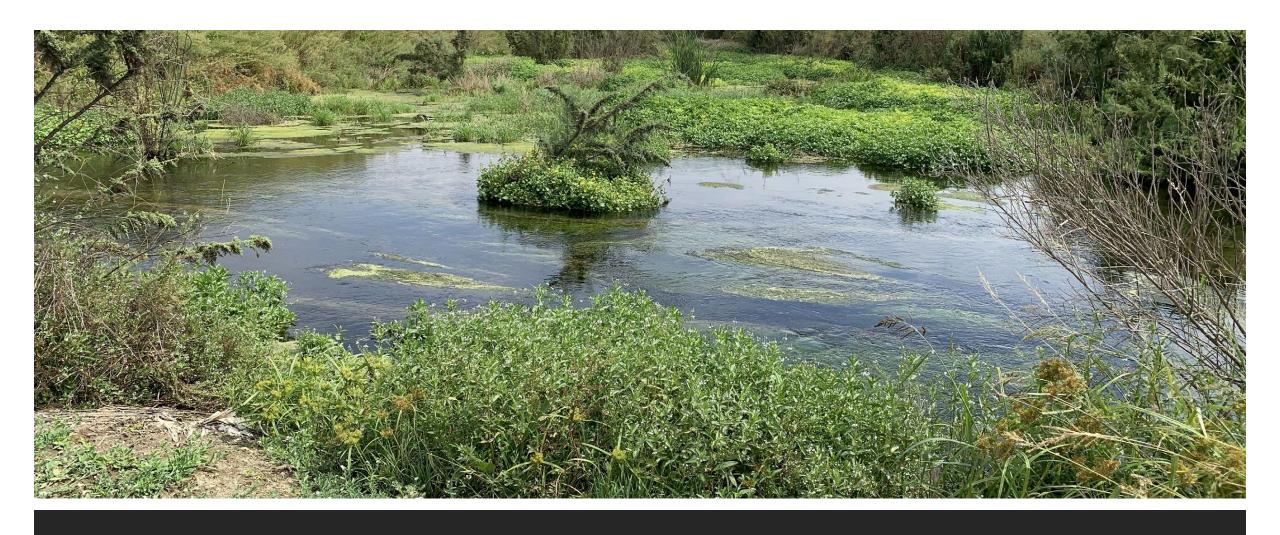




31. Cienega Springs Ecological Reserve Wetland and Riparian Restoration

Area to be revegetated with native plants

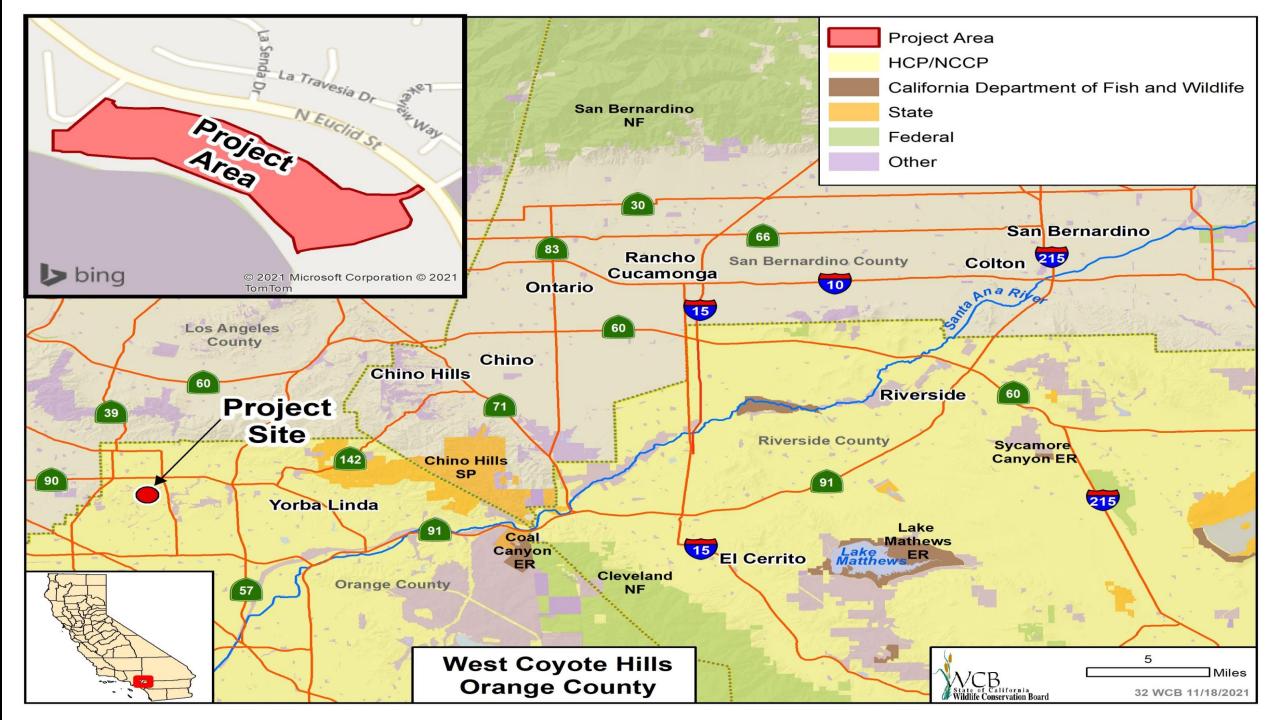




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Riparian area to be revegetated

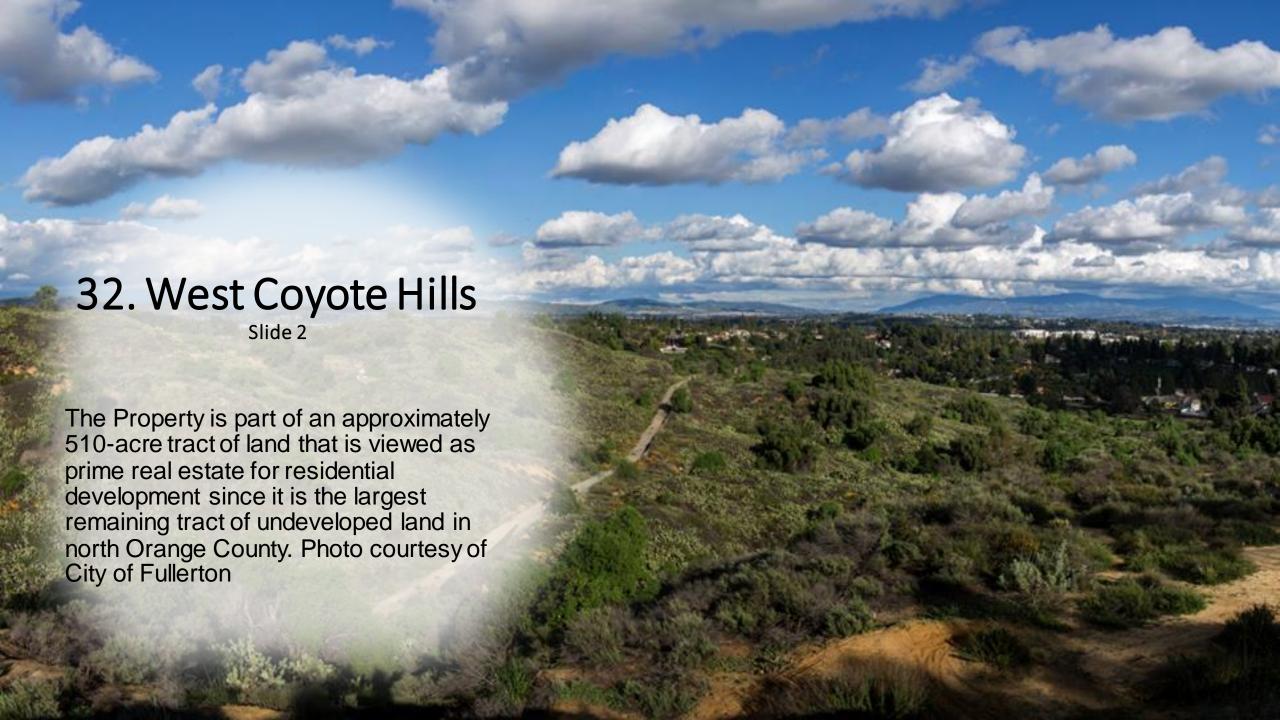




32. West Coyote Hills

510-acre tract

Slide 1



32. West Coyote Hills

Slide 3

 Naturally occurring vegetation on the Property includes coastal sage scrub, clustered tarweed, elderberry woodland, southern cactus scrub, and toyon sambucus chaparral. Photo courtesy of City of Fullerton



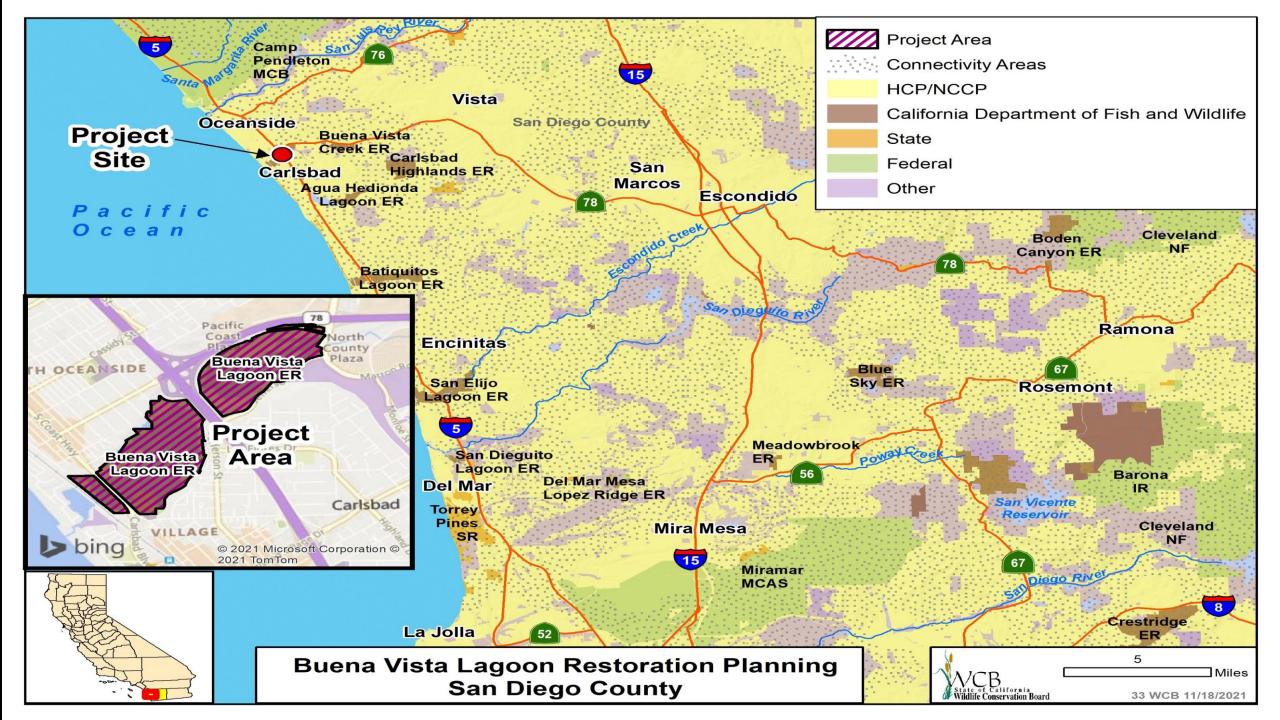


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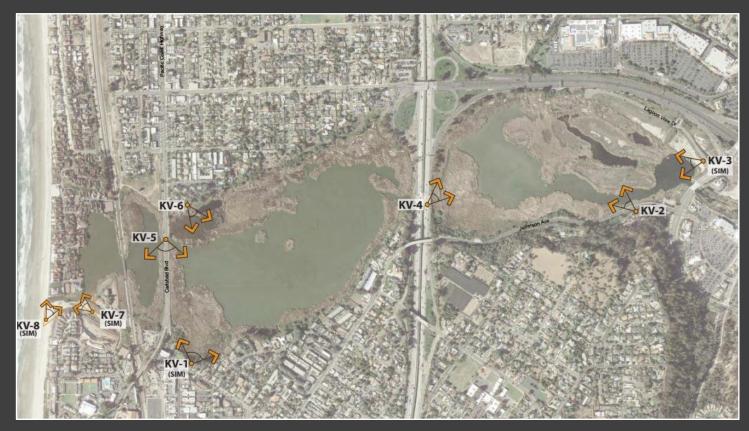
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 This Project would eliminate the development of one of two proposed residential neighborhoods. Photo courtesy of City of Fullerton





33. Buena Vista Lagoon Restoration Planning



Buena Vista Lagoon

- Tidal-influenced saltwater system during dry conditions
- River-influenced freshwater system during wet conditions
- Weir installed at the lagoon outlet precludes saltwater from entering the lagoon
- Sedimentation accumulates within the lagoon basins
- Conversion of the wetland to freshwater marsh
 - Continuously expanding stands of dense cattails
- Urban runoff and sewage spills.
 - Impaired water body for bacteria, nutrients, and sedimentation

33. Buena Vista Lagoon Restoration Planning Slide 2



33. Buena Vista Lagoon Restoration Planning Slide 3





- Ten sensitive plant species are known to have potential to occur within the lagoon
 - Southwestern spiny rush was detected within the lagoon
- 114 special-status wildlife species with the potential to occur onsite
 - Seven wildlife species listed as federally and/or state threatened or endangered are considered resident/breeding within the lagoon
 - 22 non-listed special-status wildlife species are considered resident/breeding within the lagoon

33. Buena Vista Lagoon Restoration Planning Slide 4

- Three restoration alternatives (Saltwater, Freshwater, and Hybrid) were considered in an Environmental Impact Report
- Refinement during the public review stage resulted in development of the proposed Modified Saltwater Alternative (MSA)
 - Saltwater regime
 - Emphasizing lower elevation salt marsh habitats and subtidal/open water
- Restored areas will be native coastal lagoon habitats
 - Open water
 - Mudflats
 - Southern coastal salt marsh (nontidal, high, mid, and low)
 - Riparian enhancement





33. Buena Vista Lagoon Restoration Planning Slide 5



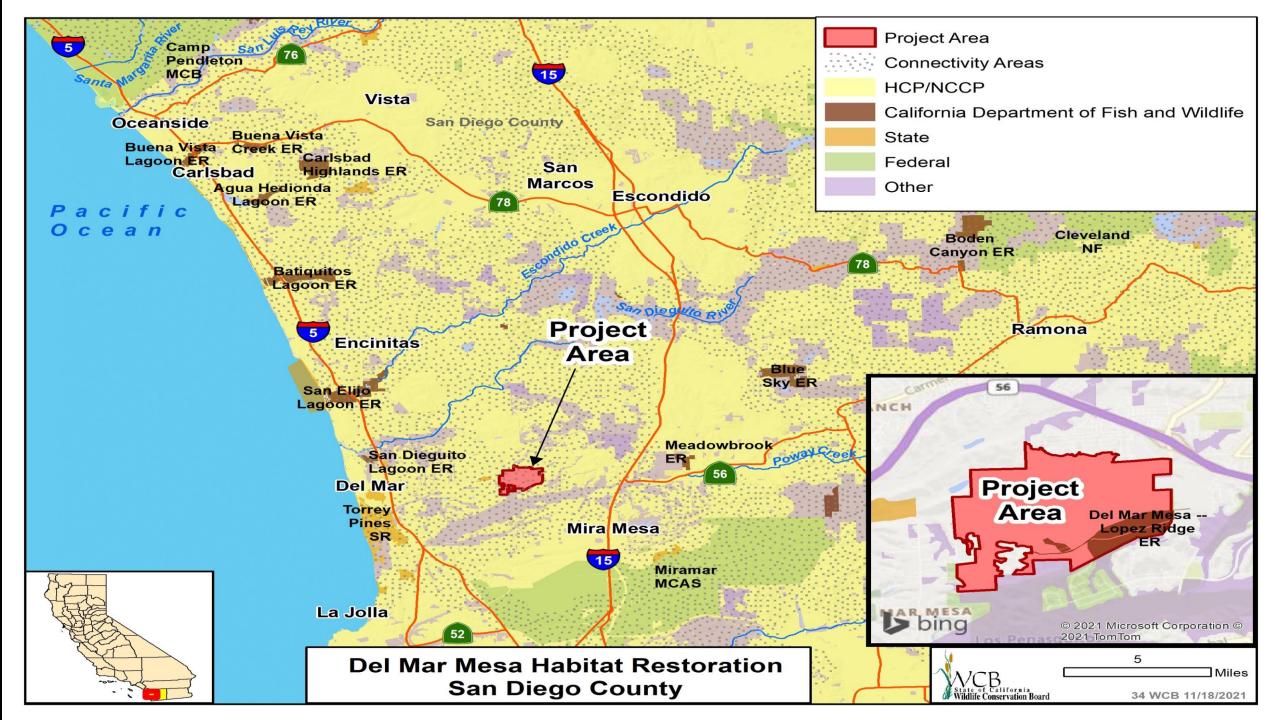
Buena Vista Lagoon

33. Buena Vista Lagoon Restoration Planning

Project Goals

- Restoring a system of native wetland and terrestrial vegetation communities
- Protect, improve, and maintain water quality
- Reduce disease vector concerns by minimizing potential mosquito breeding habitat
- Maintain or reduce current flood risk to existing infrastructure and adjacent development
- Maintain or enhance public access to the lagoon and recreation opportunities that are consistent with resource protection
- Assist with adaptation to climate change by allowing the wetland to migrate as sea level rise

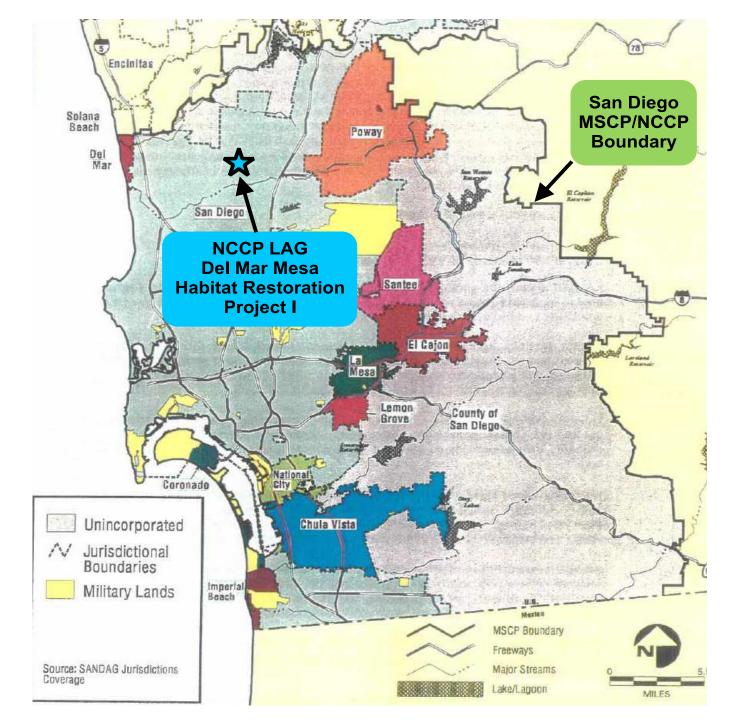




34. Del Mar Mesa Habitat Restoration

Slide 1

Project area, within overall Del Mar Mesa.



34. Del Mar Mesa Habitat Restoration Slide 2

The Del Mar Mesa Preserve



34. Del Mar Mesa Habitat Restoration Slide 3

Closed dirt roads on vernal pool areas.







Vehicular damage to vernal pool areas.



34. Del Mar Mesa Habitat Restoration Slide 5

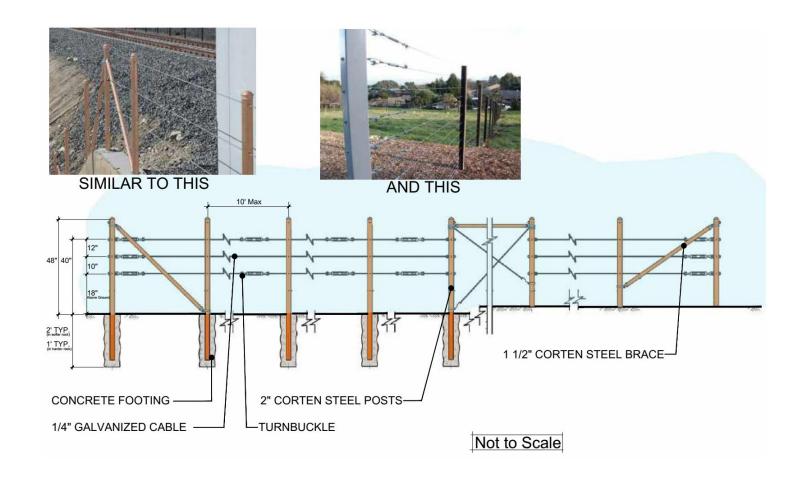
Existing fence lines





34. Del Mar Mesa Habitat Restoration

Exclusion fencing



34. Del Mar Mesa Habitat Restoration

Illegitimate trail

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34. Del Mar Mesa Habitat Restoration Slide 8

Fence line relocation – protecting cryptobiotic soils



34. Del Mar Mesa Habitat Restoration Slide 9

Invasive weeds



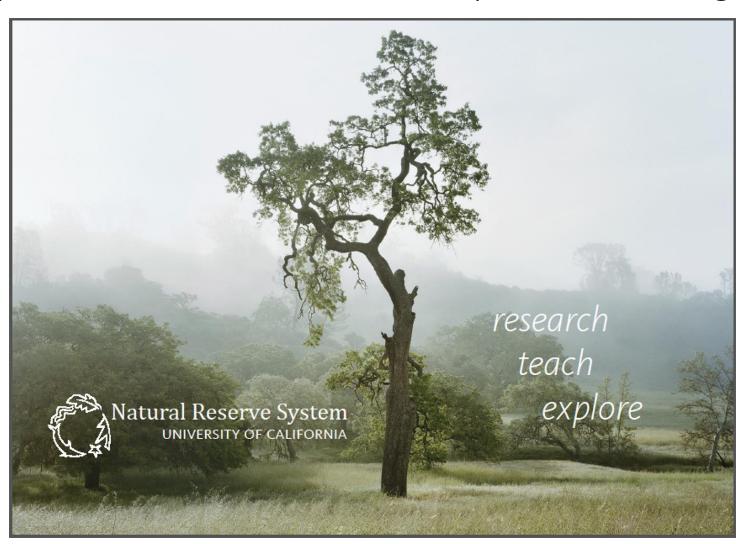


34. Del Mar Mesa Habitat Restoration Slide 10

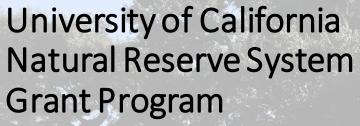
Native plants for protection



Wildlife Conservation Board's University of California Natural Reserve System Grant Program

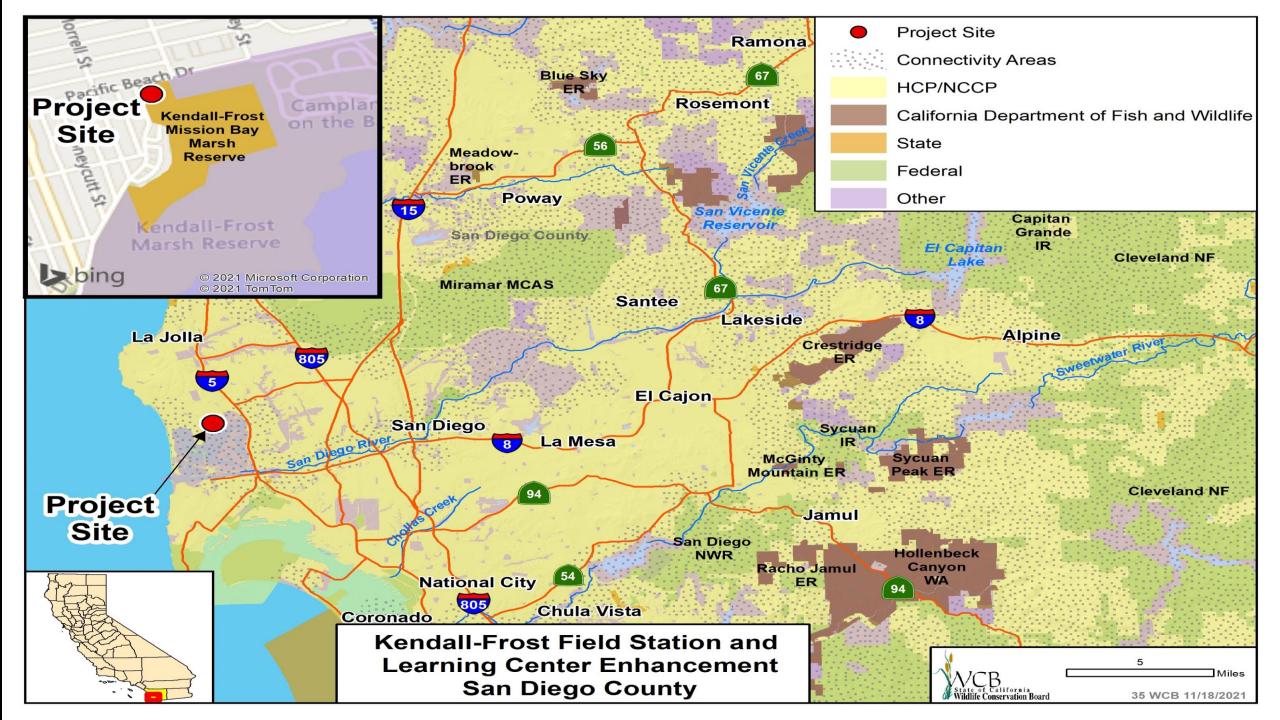






- Background:
- Continues WCB/UCNRS partnership started under Proposition 84
- Funding allocation provided by Proposition 68 of up to \$10,000,000
- Eligible entities include nine general campuses within the University of California system
- The grant program has a 25% match/cost share requirement
- WCB administers the solicitation and application process
- UCNRS administers the ranking and selection process











35. Kendall-Frost Field Station and Learning Center Enhancement

Kitchenette with countertop workstation on right



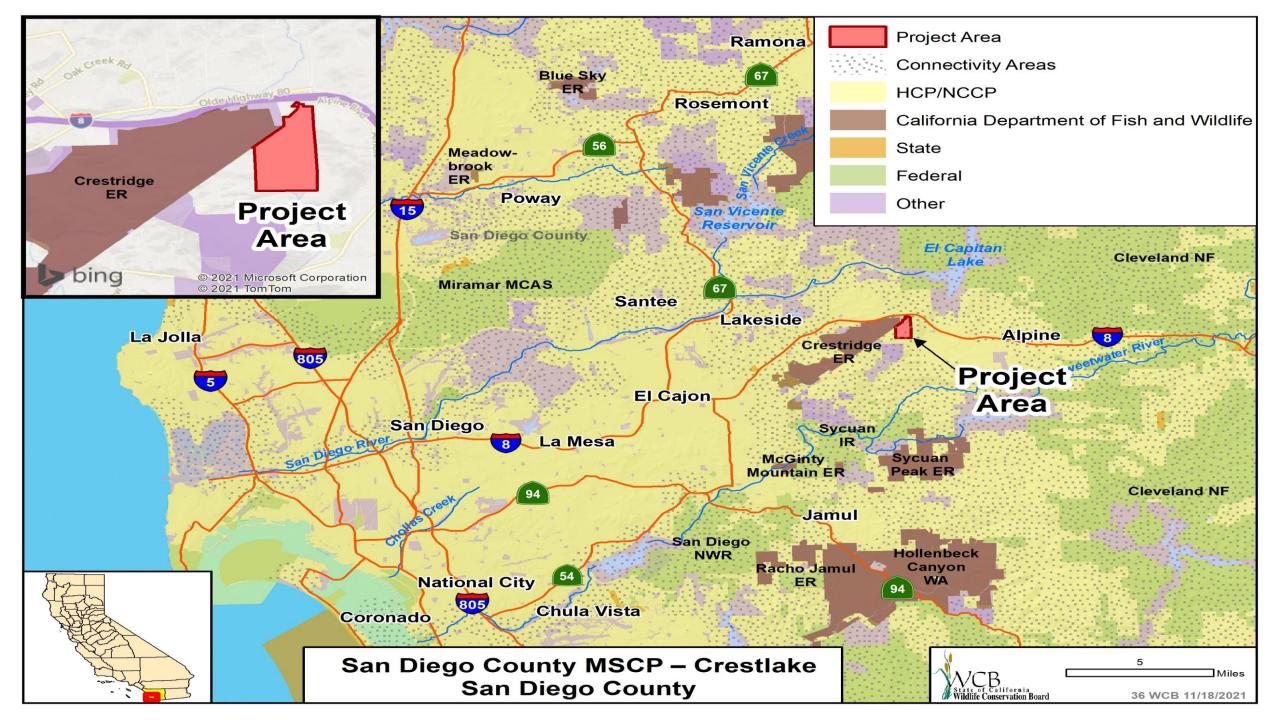
35. Kendall-Frost Field Station and Learning Center Enhancement

• Communications hub for Reserve computers, weather station & bird nest cameras









36. San Diego County MSCP - Crestlake

Slide 1

Taken from near the center of the Crestlake property, this photo offers an overview of the habitat and topography of the property.



36. San Diego County MSCP - Crestlake

Slide 2

A view from the eastern side of the property showing Coastal Sage Scrub habitat.



36. San Diego County MSCP - Crestlake

Slide 3

Southeasterly view across the Crestlake property highlighting chaparral habitat found on the property.











Proposed Items 26-36 Motion

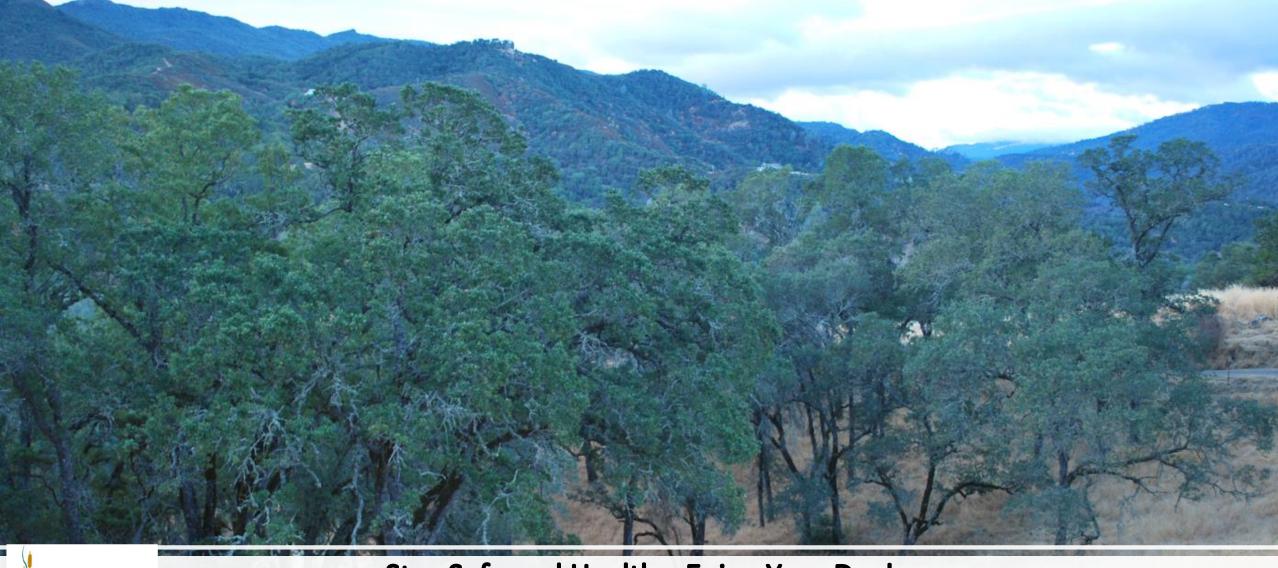




37. Board Resolutions

38. 2022 Board Meeting Dates

- Thursday, February 24, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
- Thursday, May 26, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
- Thursday, August 25, 2022, 10:00 a.m.
- Thursday, November 17, 2022, 10:00 a.m.





Stay Safe and Healthy, Enjoy Your Day! Next Board Meeting February 24, 2022