



**Wildlife Conservation Board
November 15, 2023, 9:00 am Board Meeting
First Floor Auditorium, CNRA Headquarters Building**

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Item 2. Public Forum

Cosumnes River



Item 3. Funding Status - Informational

Snell Valley Ranch



Item 4. Wildlife Corridors – Informational

Alma Bridge



4. Wildlife Corridor Projects

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Wildlife Movement Barriers in California

- Maintaining habitat connectivity is critical to conserving California's biodiversity and ecosystem resilience
- Threats to habitat connectivity and wildlife movement
 - Habitat loss and fragmentation from development
 - Barriers created by linear infrastructure, such as roads, highways, dams, canals, and railroads
- Impacts on wildlife
 - Mortality affecting population demographics
 - Impaired gene flow
 - Climate change resilience



Mule deer illuminated by vehicle headlights in the moment before a vehicle-wildlife collision on U.S. 395 in Lassen County



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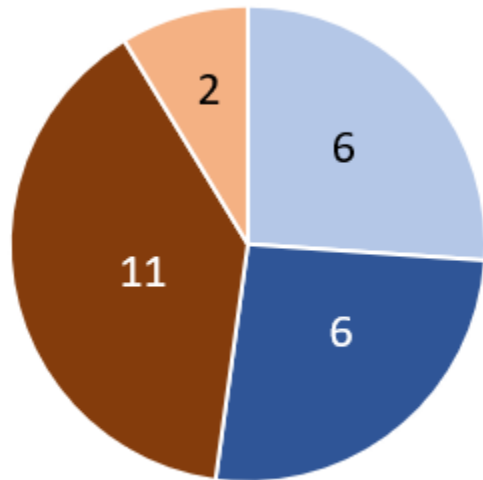
WCB Funded Wildlife Corridor Projects

25 projects totaling \$90,549,750

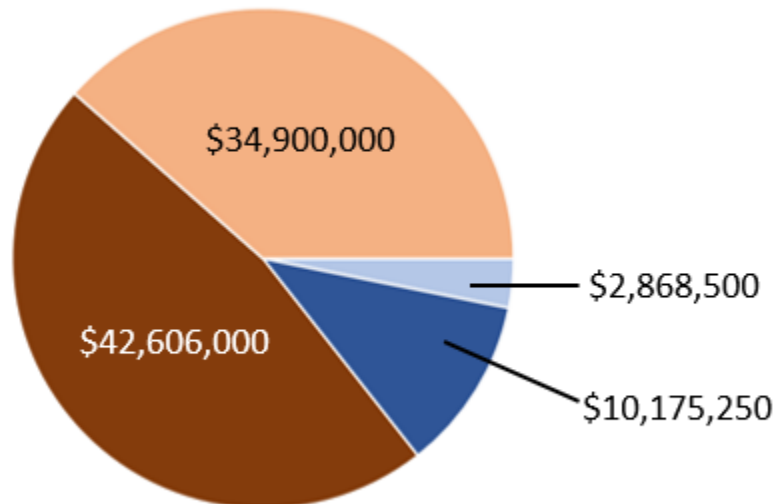
- Proposition 84: 1 project for \$650,000
- Proposition 68: 11 Projects totaling \$10,205,500
- General Fund: 13 Projects totaling \$79,694,250



Project Count



Funding Amount



Underpass Planning Underpass Implementation Overpass Planning Overpass Implementation



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CDFW Wildlife Movement Barrier Priority List

2022 Top Priority Barriers



Region(s)	County(ies)	Segment Name	WCB Funding
1	Humboldt	Hwy 101 near Stone Lagoon and Big Lagoon	Feasibility study February 2021
1	Siskiyou	Hwy 97 near Grass Lake	Overpass final designs August 2021
1,2	Lassen	Hwy 395 near Janesville	Overpass "shovel ready" planning August 2023
1,2	Lassen	395 Hwy 395 near Doyle	Overpass "shovel ready" planning August 2023
3	Santa Cruz	Highway 17 Los Gatos to Scotts Valley	Underpass "shovel ready" planning February 2021
3	Santa Clara	Hwy 101 Old Monterey/Hwy 129	Two overpass "shovel ready" planning projects near CDFW barrier proposed for November 2023
3,4	Santa Clara/ Merced	Hwy 152 Pacheco Pass/San Luis Reservoir	Overpass "shovel ready" planning February 2022; underpass enhancement implementation in February 2021 and May 2022
4	Kern	SR-58 Tehachapi Grade	
5,6	San Diego/ Riverside	I-15 in Rainbow Canyon area near Temecula	Overpass final designs August 2021; underpass enhancement planning May 2020
5,6	Imperial	I-8 near San Diego/Imperial County border	Overpass "shovel ready" planning August 2023
6	Mono	Hwy 395 near Mammoth Lakes	Overpass "shovel ready" planning November 2022
6	San Bernardino	I-15 and Brightline Railway near Soda Mtn	

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Focal Species

Sensitive Species

- Mountain lion
- Peninsular bighorn sheep
- California newt
- Santa Cruz long toed salamander
- Numerous secondary species

Ungulate herds

- Tule elk in Humbolt and Colusa counties
- Mule deer in the Eastern Sierras



Mountain Lion



Peninsular Bighorn Sheep



Tule Elk



Mule Deer



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Underpass Enhancement

Type	Project Name	Approved	Fund	Amount
Planning	Santa Cruz Long-toed Salamander Connectivity	Feb-20	P68	\$172,000
	Santa Ana to Palomar Mountains Linkage	May-20	P68	\$378,000
	Highway 17 Crossings Planning and Design	Feb-21	GF	\$5,000,000
	State Route 94 Wildlife Corridor,	May-21	P68	\$692,000
	State Route 91 B Canyon Wildlife Crossing	Aug-22	GF	\$1,811,000
	<i>Alma Bridge Road Newt Passage Designs*</i>		GF	\$2,122,250
Implementation	Liberty Canyon Wildlife Crossing	Nov-14	P84	\$650,000
	Liberty Canyon Wildlife Underpass	Aug-19	P68	\$390,000
	Marple Canyon Wildlife Crossing Enhancement	Feb-20	P68	\$245,500
	SR-152 at Pacheco Creek Wildlife Connectivity and Corridor Enhancement	Feb-21	P68	\$802,000
	Agua Dulce Creek SR 14 Wildlife Undercrossing	May-21	P68	\$381,000
	Pacheco Pass Wildlife Linkage and Connectivity Improvements	May-22	GF	\$400,000
Total				\$13,043,750

* On November 15, 2023 agenda



Liberty Canyon Road Underpass



Pacheco Creek Under State Route 152



Agua Dulce Creek Culvert



State Route 91 Kinked Culvert



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Overpass Construction

Type	Project Name	Approved	Fund	Amount
Planning	Stone Lagoon Wildlife Connectivity	Feb-21	P68	\$230,000
	Rainbow Canyon Wildlife Crossing	Aug-21	P68	\$1,331,000
	State Route 97 Wildlife Migratory Corridor	Aug-21	P68	\$584,000
	Pacheco Pass Wildlife Overcrossing	Feb-22	GF	\$3,125,000
	Mammoth 395 Wildlife Crossing	Nov-22	GF	\$3,170,000
	Newhall Pass I-5 Wildlife Crossing Design	Nov-22	GF	\$4,724,000
	State Route 97 Wildlife Migratory Corridor Augmentation	May-23	GF	\$560,000
	I-8 Peninsular Bighorn Sheep Crossing	Aug-23	GF	\$5,808,000
	Restoring Connectivity for East Bay Ranges	Aug-23	GF	\$7,094,000
	United States Highway 395 Wildlife Overpass	Aug-23	GF	\$5,375,000
	<i>Coyote Valley Wildlife Connectivity*</i>		GF	\$5,000,000
<i>San Benito County US-101 Wildlife Crossing*</i>		GF	\$5,605,000	
Implementation	Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing	Aug-20	P68	\$5,000,000
	Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing Augmentation	Aug-21	GF	\$20,000,000
	Cortina Ridge <u>Sawato Kamitlitarro</u> Wildlife Crossing	Aug-23	GF	\$9,900,000
Total				\$77,506,000



Liberty Canyon Wildlife Overpass



Cortina Ridge Sawato Kamitlitarro Wildlife Crossing



U.S. 101 in San Benito County



Monterrey Road in Santa Clara County

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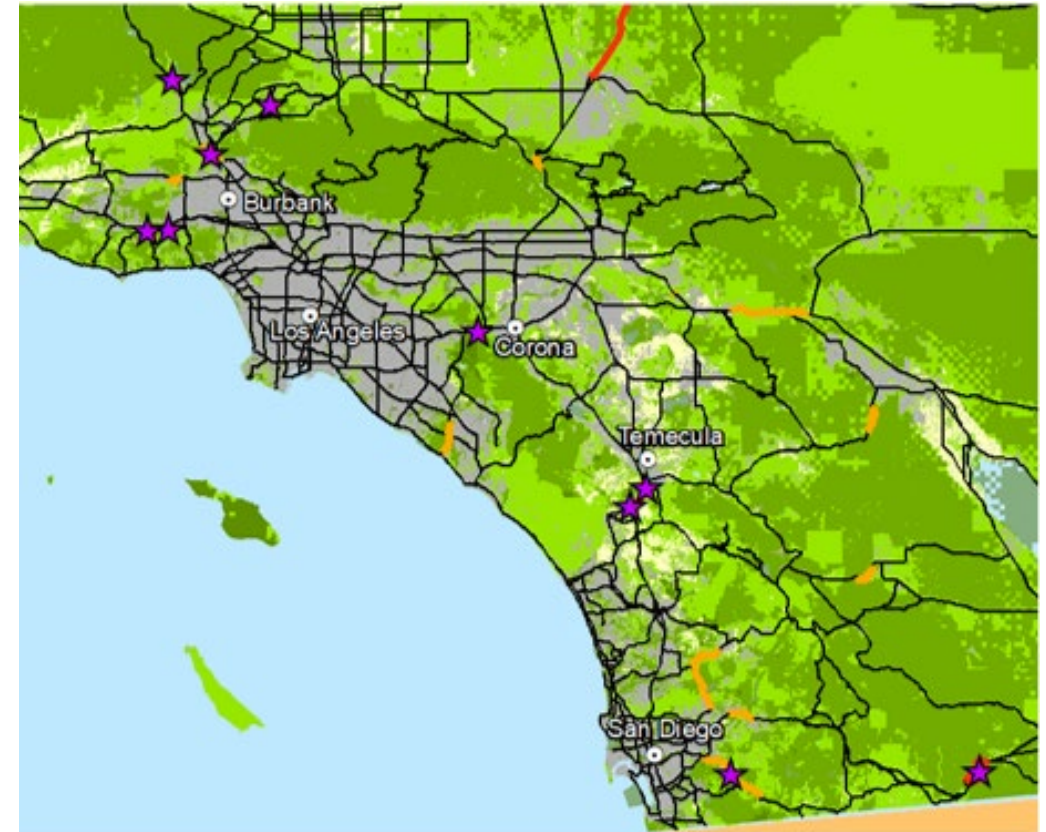


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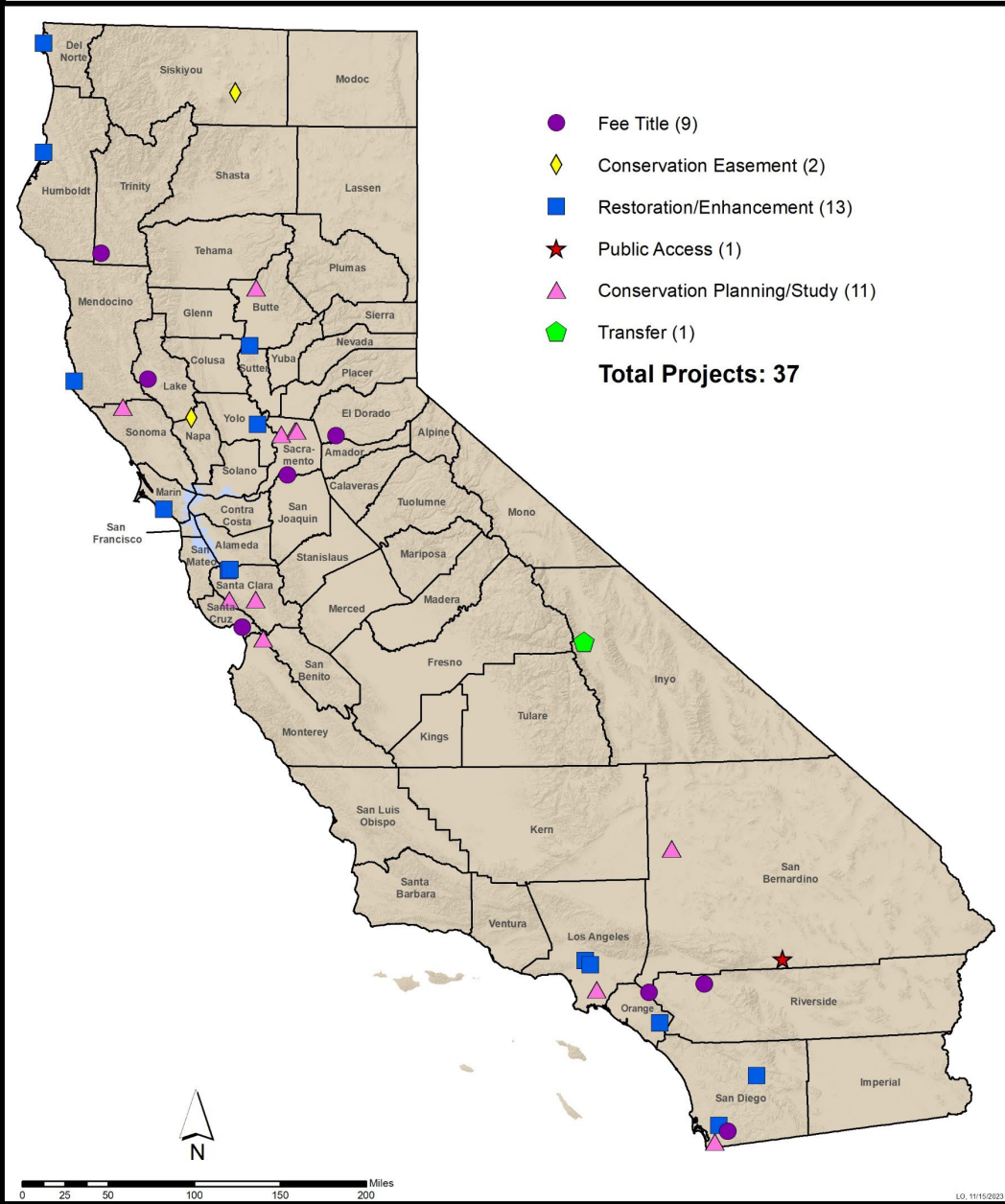
WCB wildlife corridor projects in Santa Clara and San Benito counties



WCB wildlife corridor projects in Southern California



Board Member Updates



Wildlife Conservation Board Meeting November 15, 2023 Project Map



Consent Items 5-31



Item 5. Recovery of Funds

Fund Name	Amount
General Fund	\$91,343.34
Habitat Conservation Fund	\$89,707.45
Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund	\$11,227.07
California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Fund	\$13,181.52
Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006	\$60,825.27
Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Fund of 2014	\$909,759.39
The California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, and Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018	\$606,960.65
<i>Total Recoveries for All Funds</i>	<i>\$1,783,004.69</i>

Project Site

Crescent City

PACIFIC OCEAN

101

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Del Norte Coast Redwoods SP

Six Rivers NF

Del Norte County

Siskiyou County

Klamath NF

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Redwood NP

Hoopa Valley IR
Hoopa

Project Area

Lake Earl WA

Tolowa Dunes SP

Jedediah Smith Redwoods SP

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-  Project Area
-  Connectivity Areas
-  California Department of Fish and Wildlife
-  State
-  Federal
-  Other

Project Area

Mad River Slough WA

Manila

Arcata

Humboldt Bay

Avastide

Yreka

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Fay Slough WA

Eureka

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Project Site

McKinleyville

Arcata

Mad River FH

Eureka

South Spit WA

Eel River WA

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Shasta-Trinity NF

Trinity County

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Weaverville

Trinity River FH

Shasta County

Six Rivers NF

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North Coast Wildlife Areas Enhancement Del Norte and Humboldt Counties



10 Miles

Project Locations

North Coast Wildlife Areas Enhancement

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- Project Locations





North Coast Wildlife Areas Enhancement

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Left: Fay Slough WA with wetland unit covered in blackberry and invasive grasses.

Right: Fay Slough WA showing levee cut with no mechanism to manage tidal water flow.



North Coast Wildlife Areas Enhancement

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Left: Mad River Slough WA showing invasive grasses and overgrown tule/cattail growth.

Right: Mad River Slough WA showing water flowing through open cut in levee.





North Coast Wildlife Areas Enhancement

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Left: Barn at Mad River Slough that will be surveyed for historical significance and repair or demolition.

Right: Example of structure at Mad River Slough to be demolished.



North Coast Wildlife Areas Enhancement

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Left: Lake Earl WA showing wooden water control structure in need of replacement.

Right: Lake Earl WA culvert falling apart.



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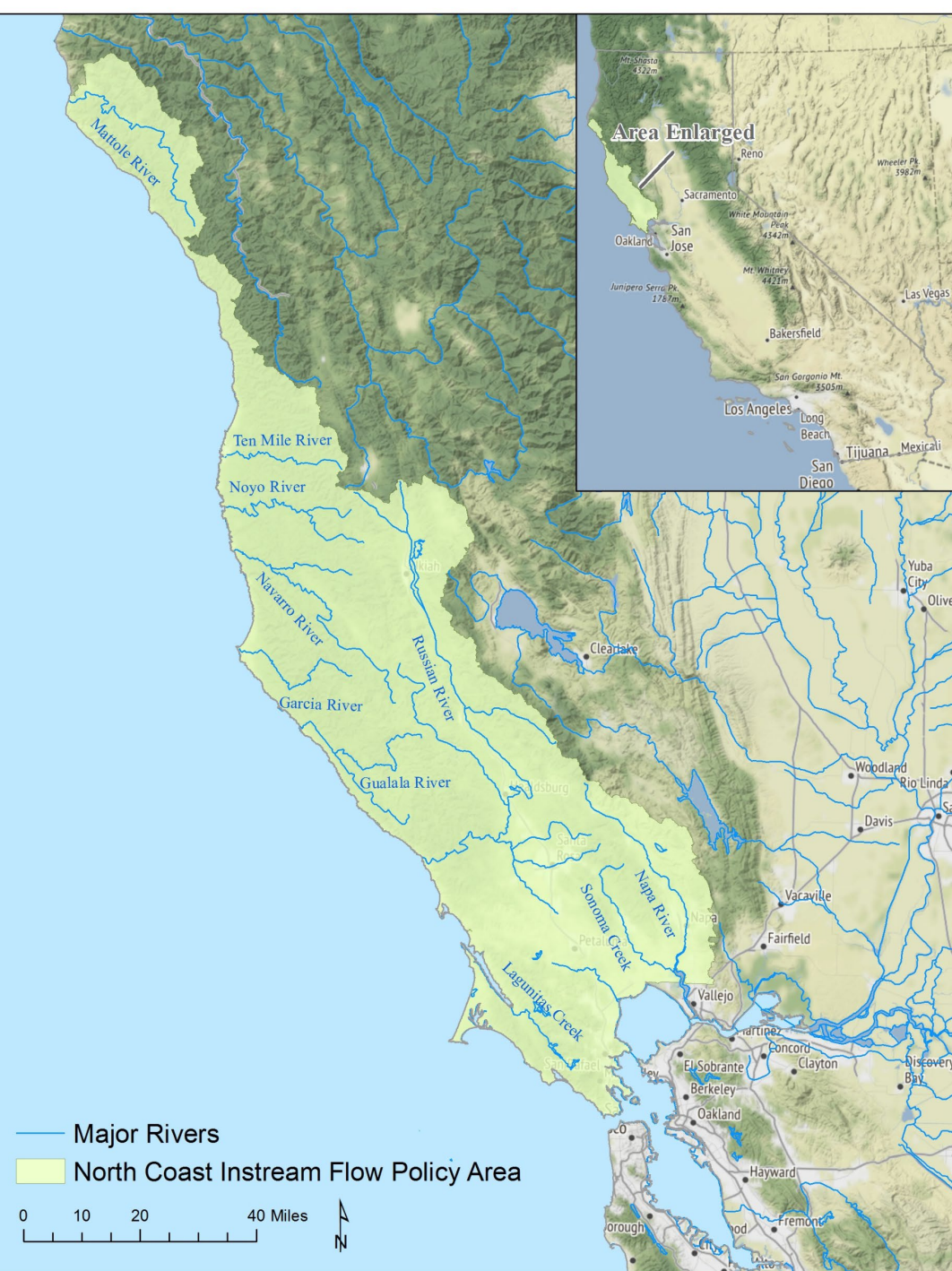
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Left: Lake Earl WA Pebble Beach Access with missing handrails and eroding stair supports.

Right: Lake Earl WA at Pebble Beach Access.

Online Water Availability Tool - Augmentation Multiple Counties





Online Water Availability Tool - Augmentation

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- Major rivers to be covered with the Online Water Availability Tool

Web Presentation Layer

Spatial Mapping



Reporting / Charts / Analysis



Modules



Surface Water
Depletion



Water Rights



Water Budgets



Ecosystems



Sustainability



Application Layer

API Data Processing Engine Predictive Algorithms Machine Learning Models Spatial Analytics



Water Framework Database



Data Translation Modules



Data Layer

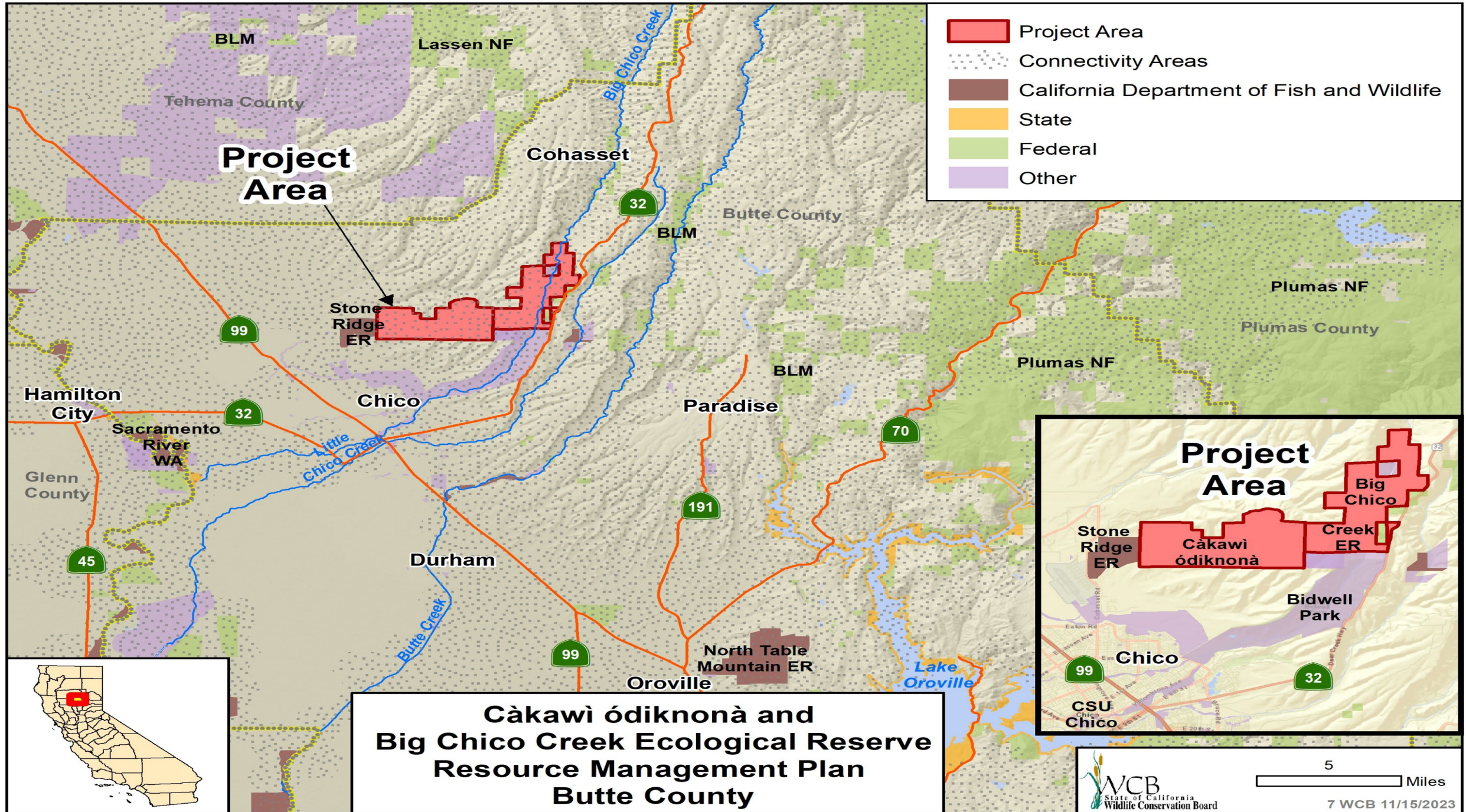
Spatial Data Environmental Monitoring Data Water Use Data Regulatory Data

ASCII / XML CSV HTTP API

Online Water Availability Tool - Augmentation

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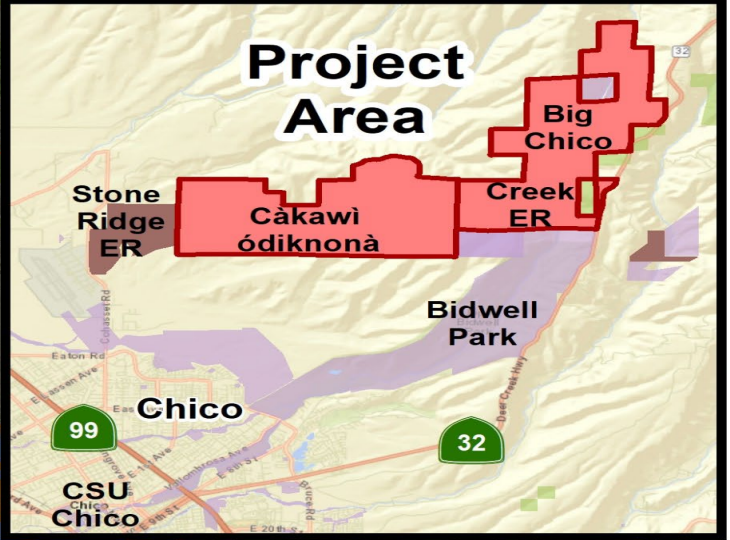
- Example of how the online tool user interface.



- Project Area
- Connectivity Areas
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- State
- Federal
- Other

Project Area

**Càkawi ódiknonà and
Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve
Resource Management Plan
Butte County**



A photograph of an oak woodland landscape. The scene is filled with numerous oak trees of varying heights and shades of green. The sun is positioned in the center of the frame, slightly above the horizon, creating a bright lens flare and casting long, soft shadows across the grassy ground. The sky is a pale, clear blue. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

Càkawì ódiknonà and Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve Resource Management Plan

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Oak woodland on the Càkawì ódiknonà

Photo credit: Chico State Enterprises



Càkawì ódiknonà and Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve Resource Management Plan

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- C' àk'awì ódiknonà boulder field
- Photo credit: Chico State Enterprises

Càkawì ódiknonà and Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve Resource Management Plan

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- Oak woodland canyon on CSE preserve
- Photo Credit: Chico State Enterprises





Càkawì ódiknonà and Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve Resource Management Plan

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- Grassland and canyon view from CSE preserve
- Photo credit: Chico State Enterprises



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**Keithly Preserve
Lake County**



5 Miles

Keithly Wetland Preserve

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Riparian area bordering Manning Creek

Seasonal wetlands

Keithly Wetland Preserve

Slide 2

Looking East from Keithly Wetlands Area

Manning Creek riparian area

Duck Blind

Keithly wetlands



Keithly Wetland
Preserve
Slide 3



Riparian area bordering Manning Creek
(Keithly Property)



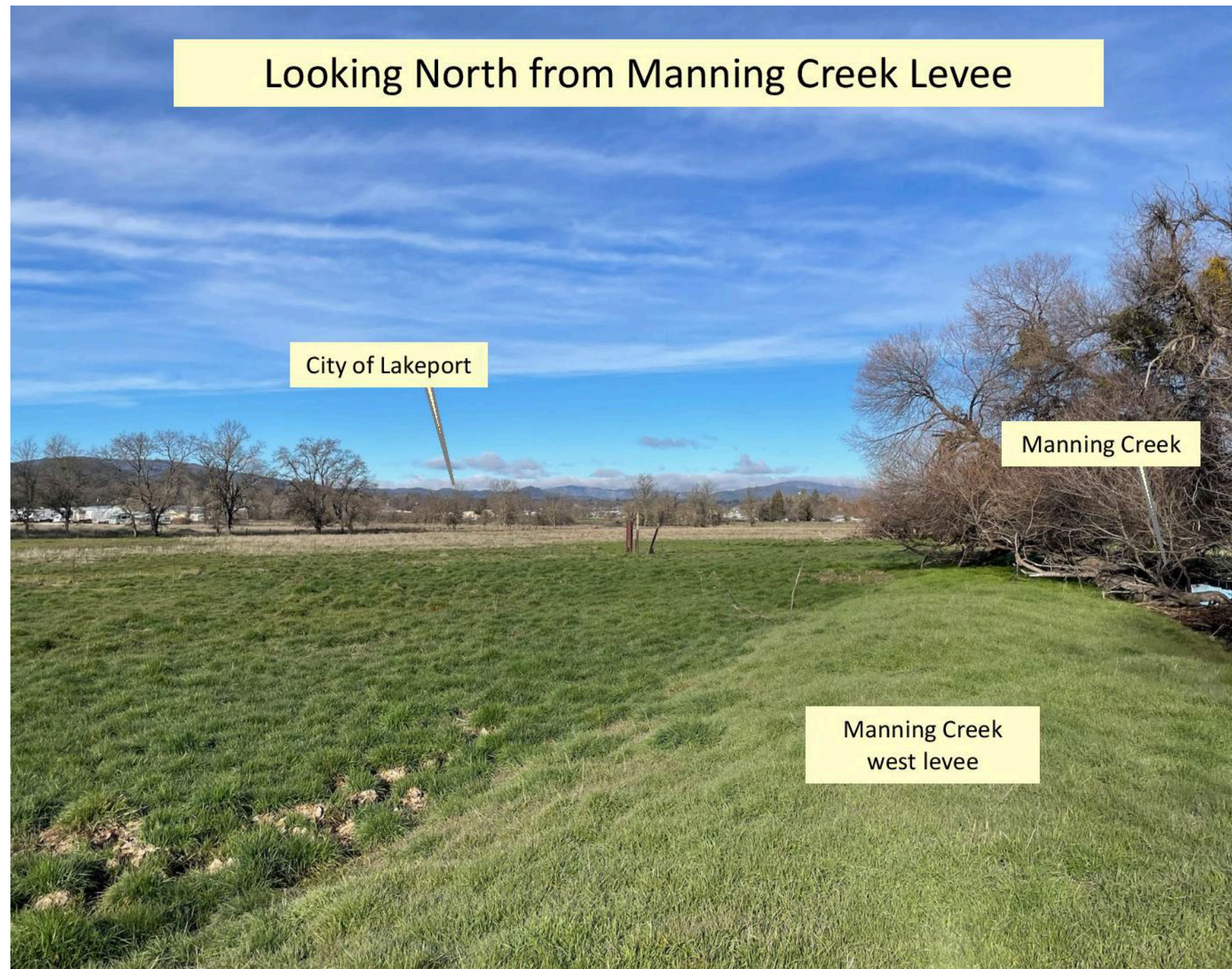
Wright Wetlands
Preserve



Keithly Property
Elevation 1328-1329 (riparian-wetlands transition)

Keithly Wetland Preserve

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Looking North from Manning Creek Levee

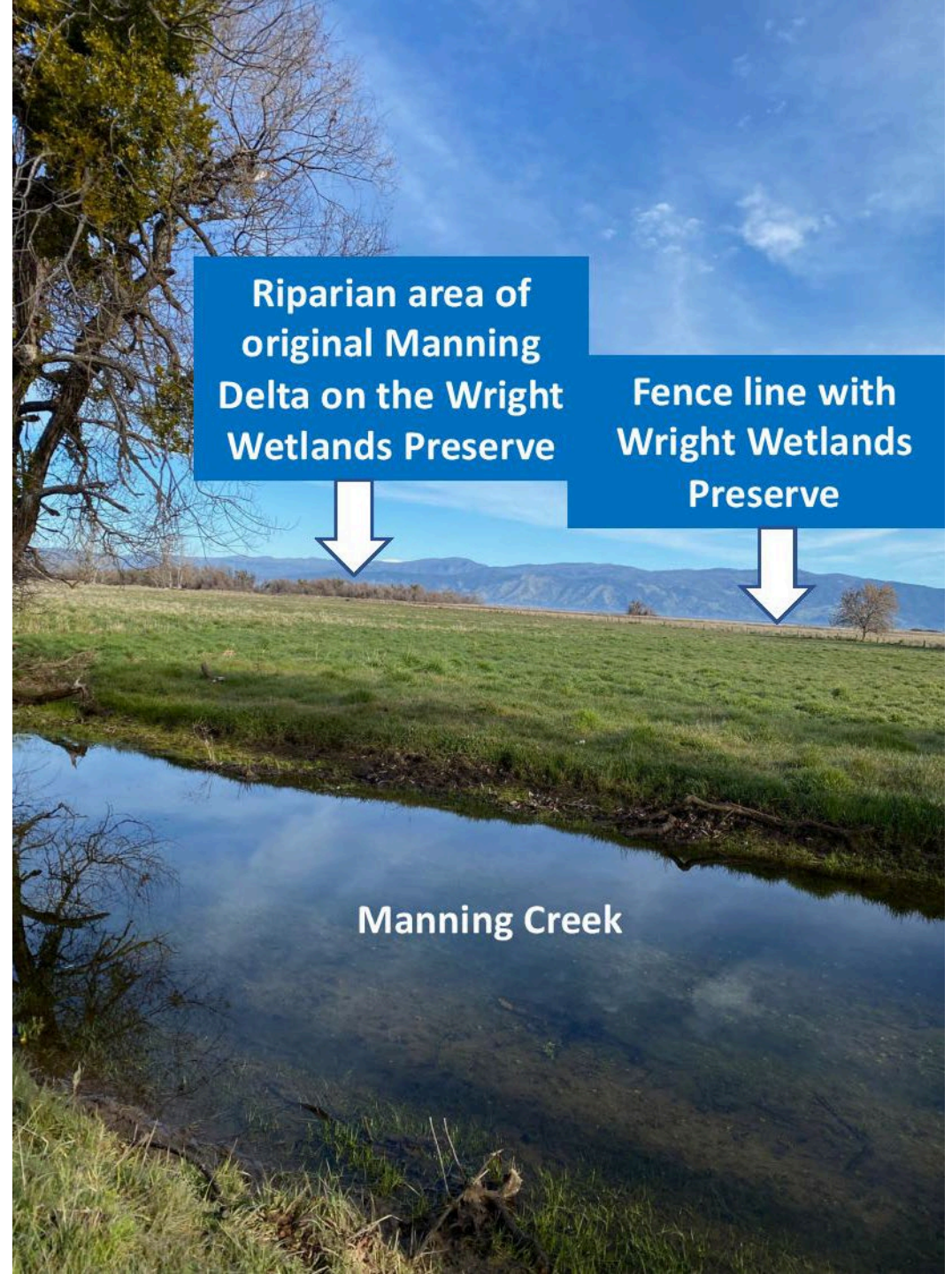
City of Lakeport

Manning Creek

Manning Creek
west levee

Keithly Wetland Preserve

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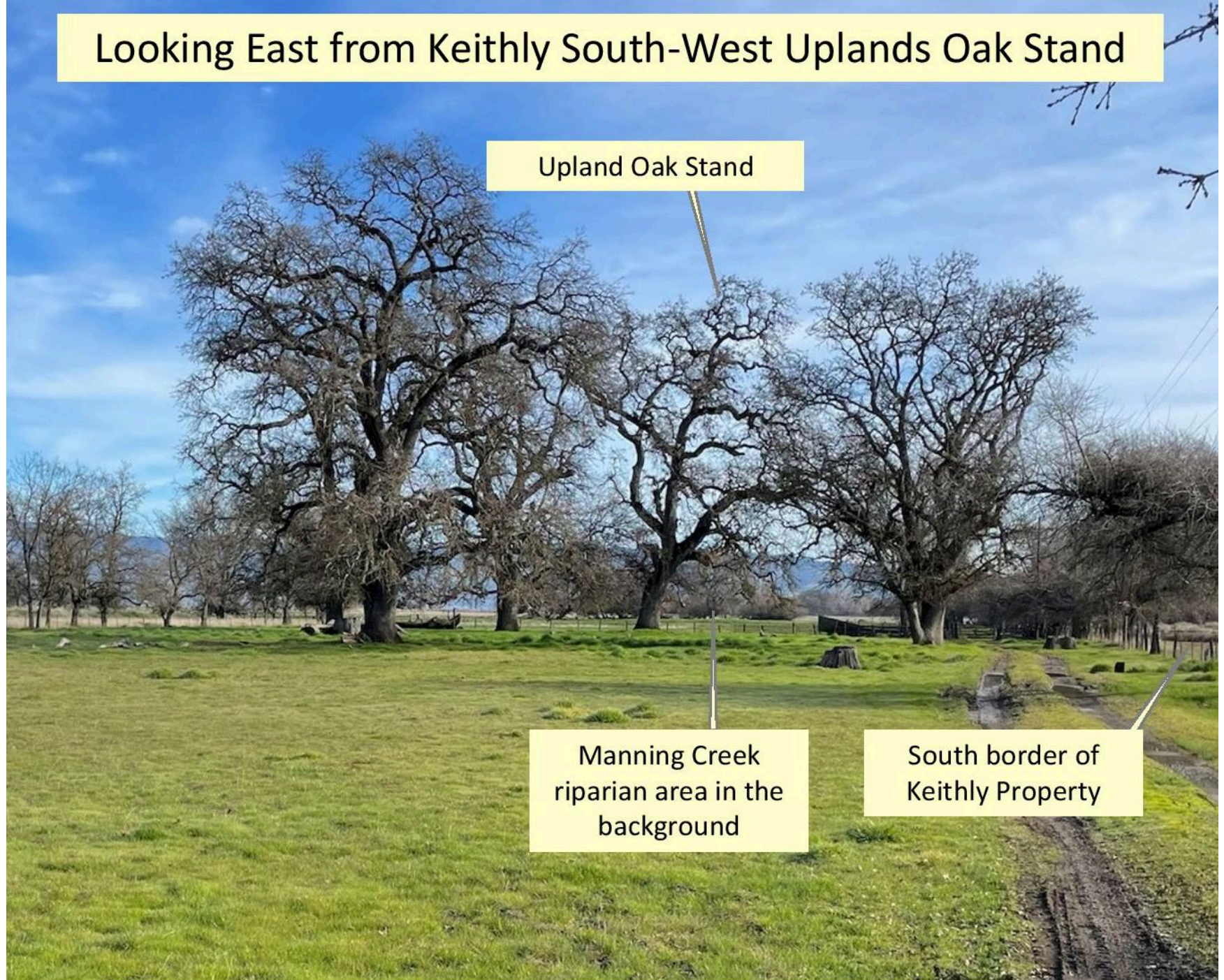
Riparian area of original Manning Delta on the Wright Wetlands Preserve

Fence line with Wright Wetlands Preserve

Manning Creek

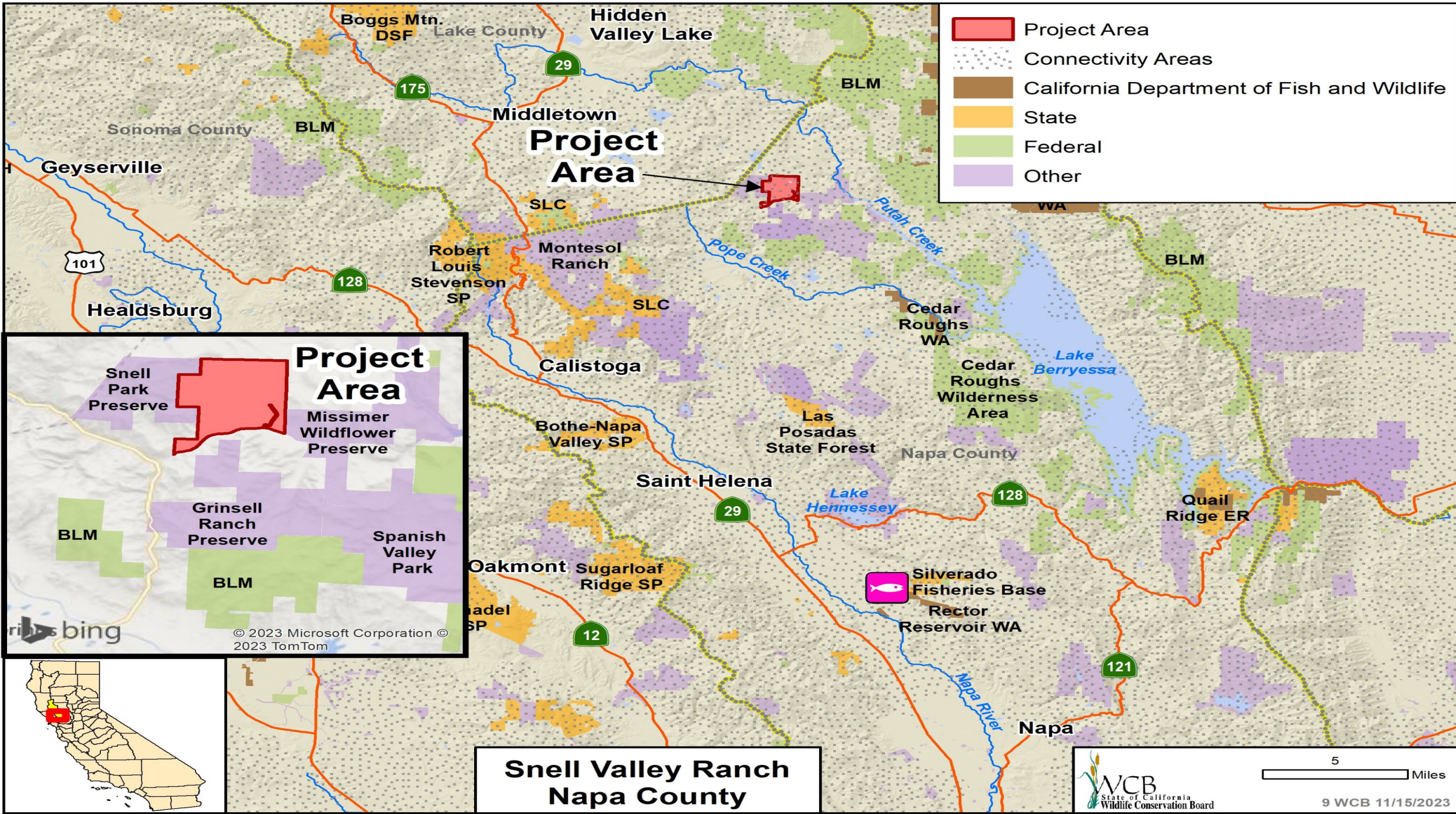
Keithly Wetland
Preserve
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Looking East from Keithly South-West Uplands Oak Stand



Keithly Wetland
Preserve
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Boggs Mtn. DSF

Lake County

Hidden Valley Lake

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BLM

Sonoma County

BLM

Middletown

Project Area

SLC

Robert Louis Stevenson SP

Montesol Ranch

SLC

Pope Creek

Putah Creek

WA

BLM

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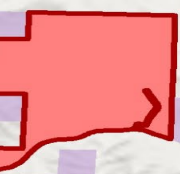
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Healdsburg

Project Area

Snell Park Preserve

Missimer Wildflower Preserve



Grinsell Ranch Preserve

Spanish Valley Park

BLM

BLM

Calistoga

Bothe-Napa Valley SP

Las Posadas State Forest

Cedar Roughs WA

Cedar Roughs Wilderness Area

Lake Berryessa

Napa County

Saint Helena

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Lake Hennessey

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Quail Ridge ER

Oakmont

Sugarloaf Ridge SP



Silverado Fisheries Base

Rector Reservoir WA

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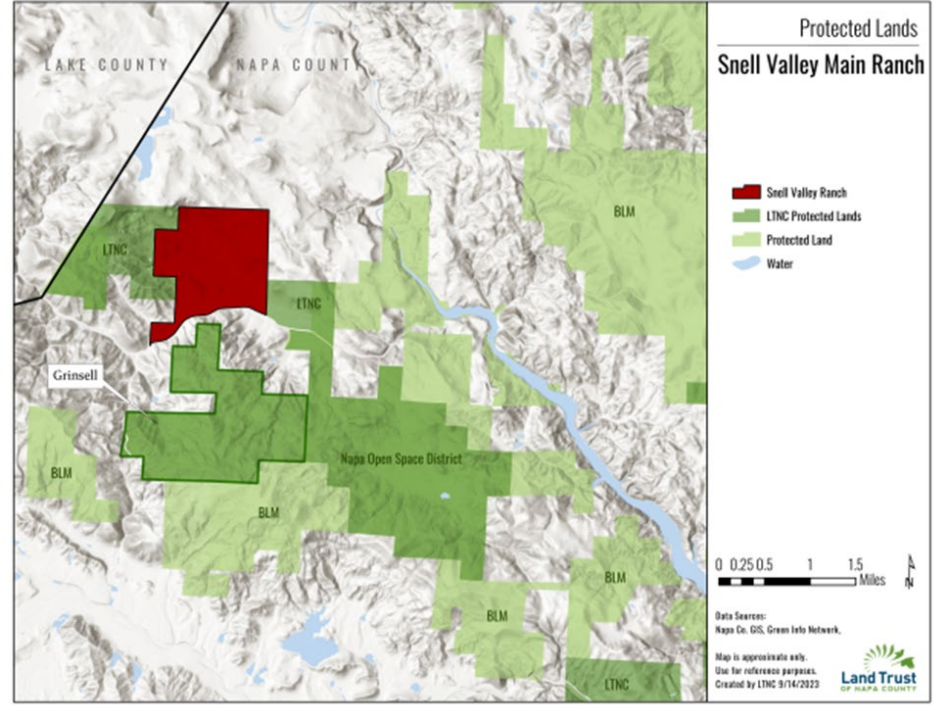
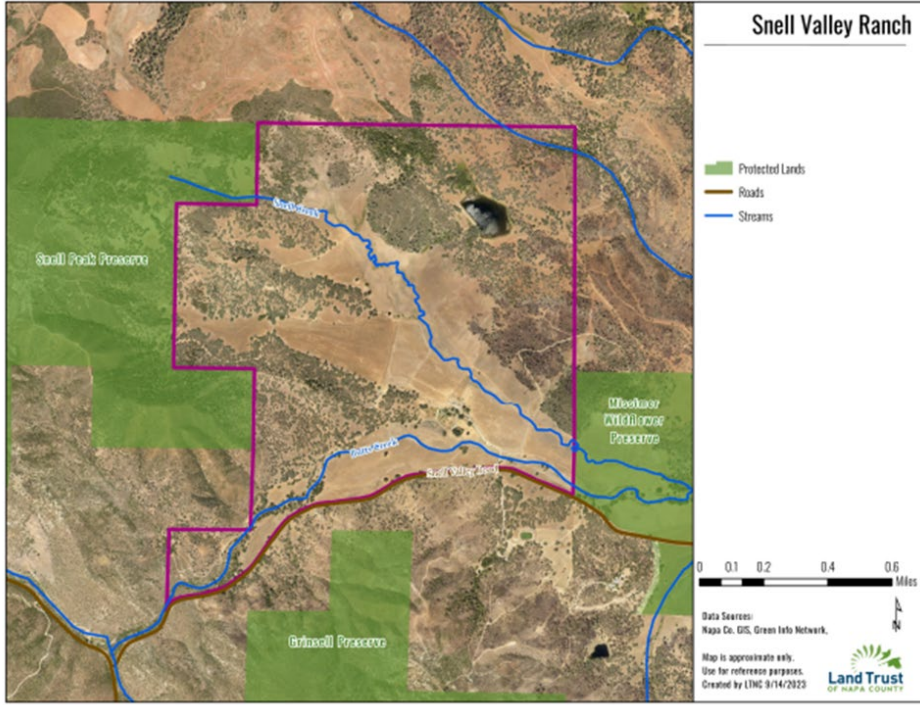
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**Snell Valley Ranch
Napa County**



5 Miles

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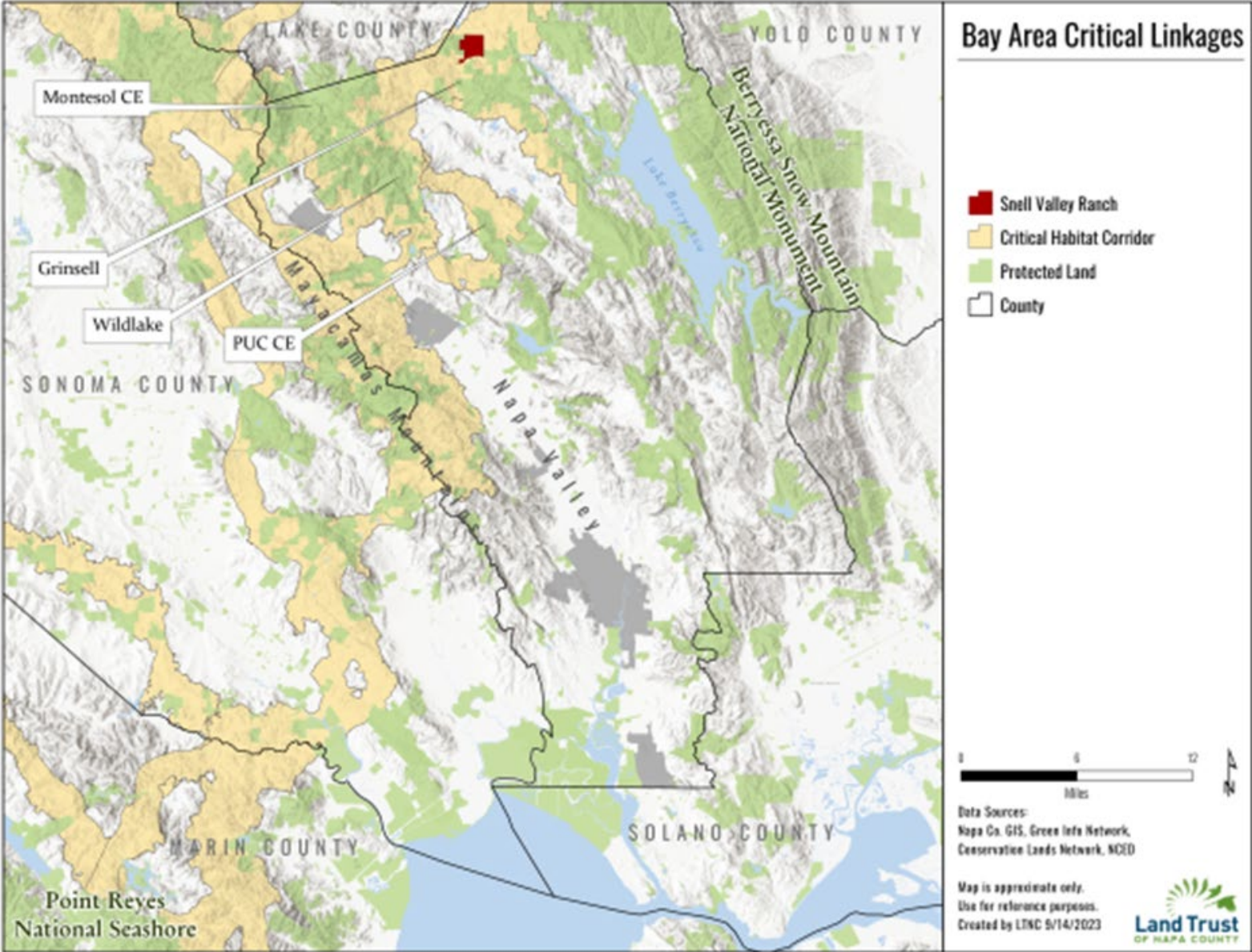


Snell Valley Ranch

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Snell Valley Ranch

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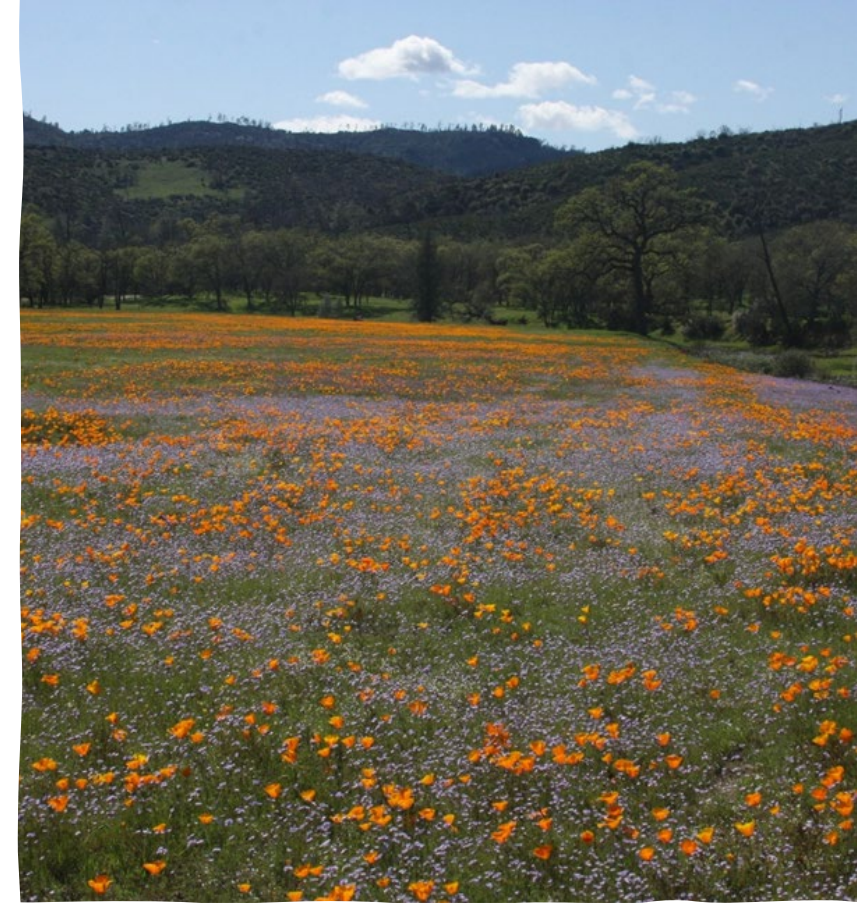


Snell Valley Ranch

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- View from the northern hills of Snell Valley Ranch, looking south across the meadows. The hills in the background are the Grinsell property, protected with the help of WCB in 2020.





Snell Valley Ranch

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Left: Blue Oak woodland in the northern hills of Snell Valley Ranch

Center: Riparian habitat along Butts Creek

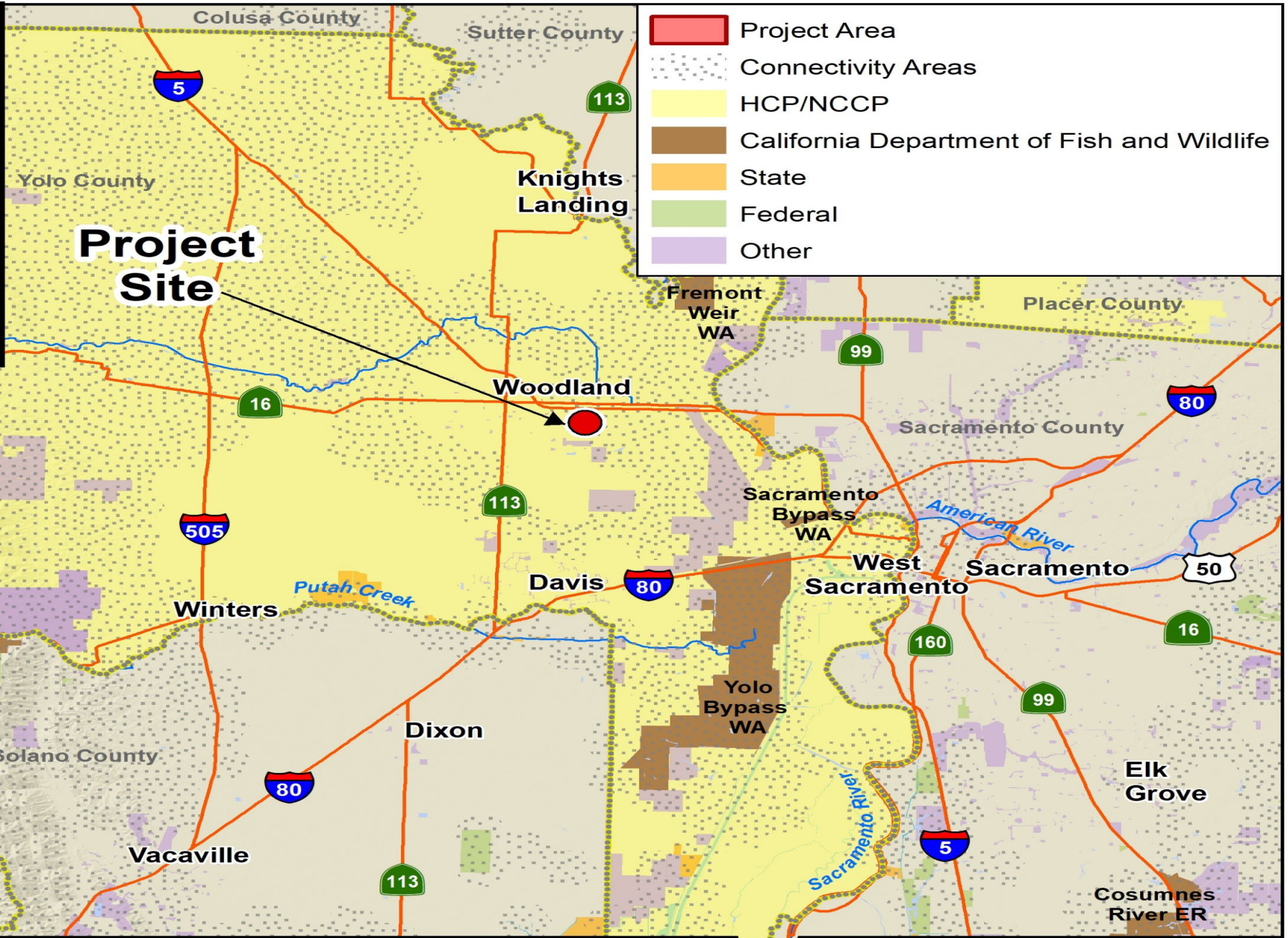
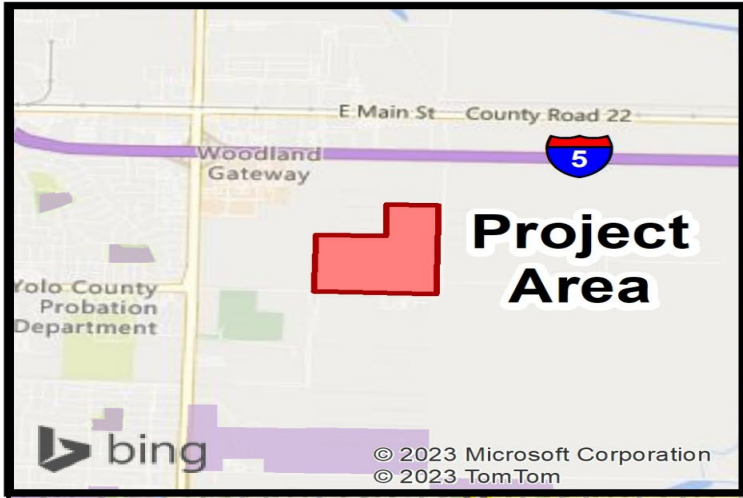
Right: Wildflowers in open meadows at Snell Valley Ranch

Snell Valley Ranch

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Ground disturbance on property abutting Snell Valley Ranch on the north.

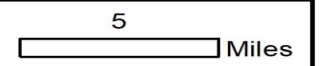




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- HCP/NCCP
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**Woodland North Regional Pond Enhancement
Yolo County**



Woodland North Regional Pond Enhancement

Slide 1

Weedy bank with North
Regional Pond on left



Woodland North Regional Pond Enhancement

Slide 2

Steep weedy bank south of
Clean Water Agency





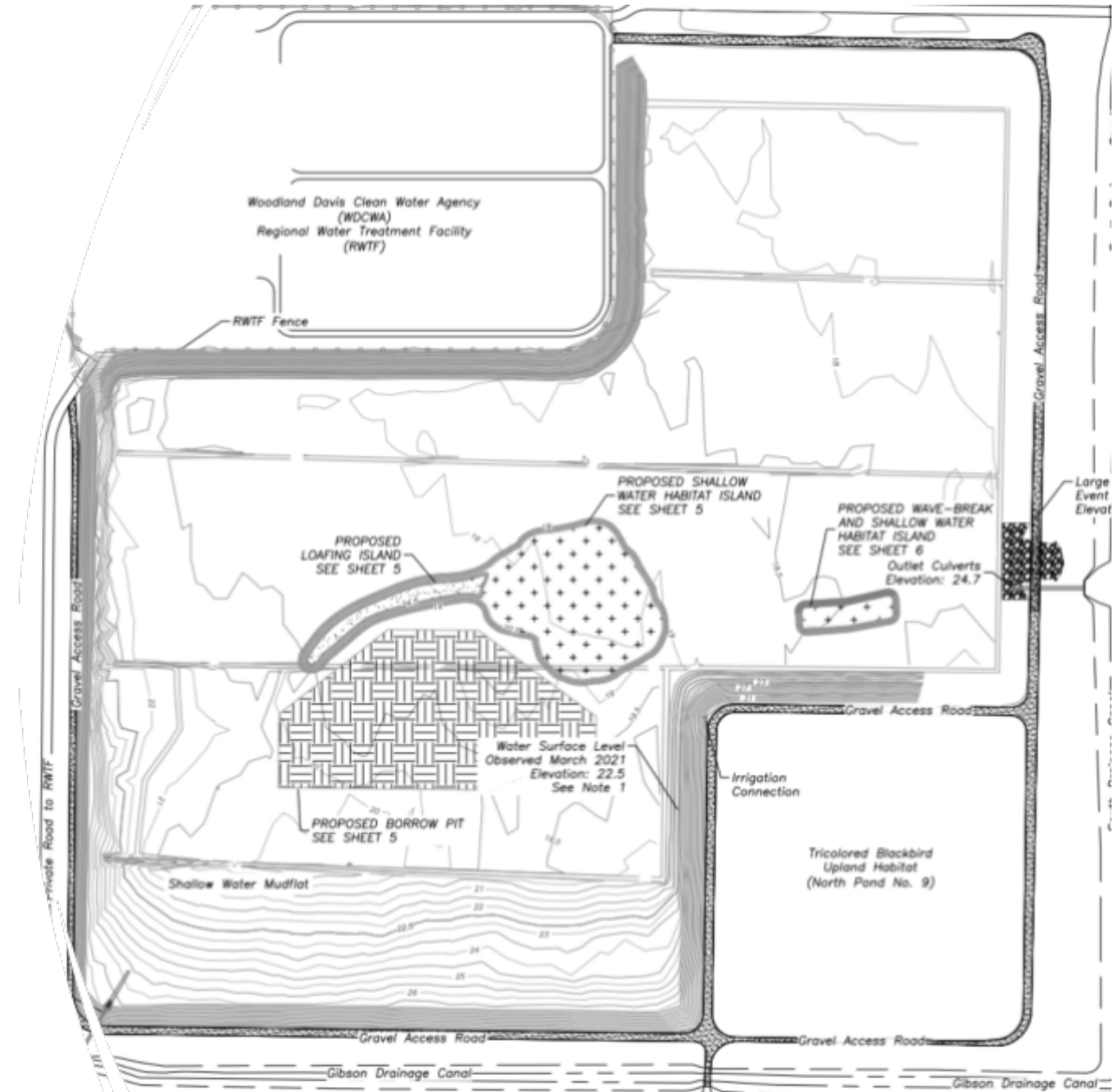
Woodland North
Regional Pond
Enhancement
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Erosion on north bank (left) and southeast corner (right)

Woodland North Regional Pond Enhancement

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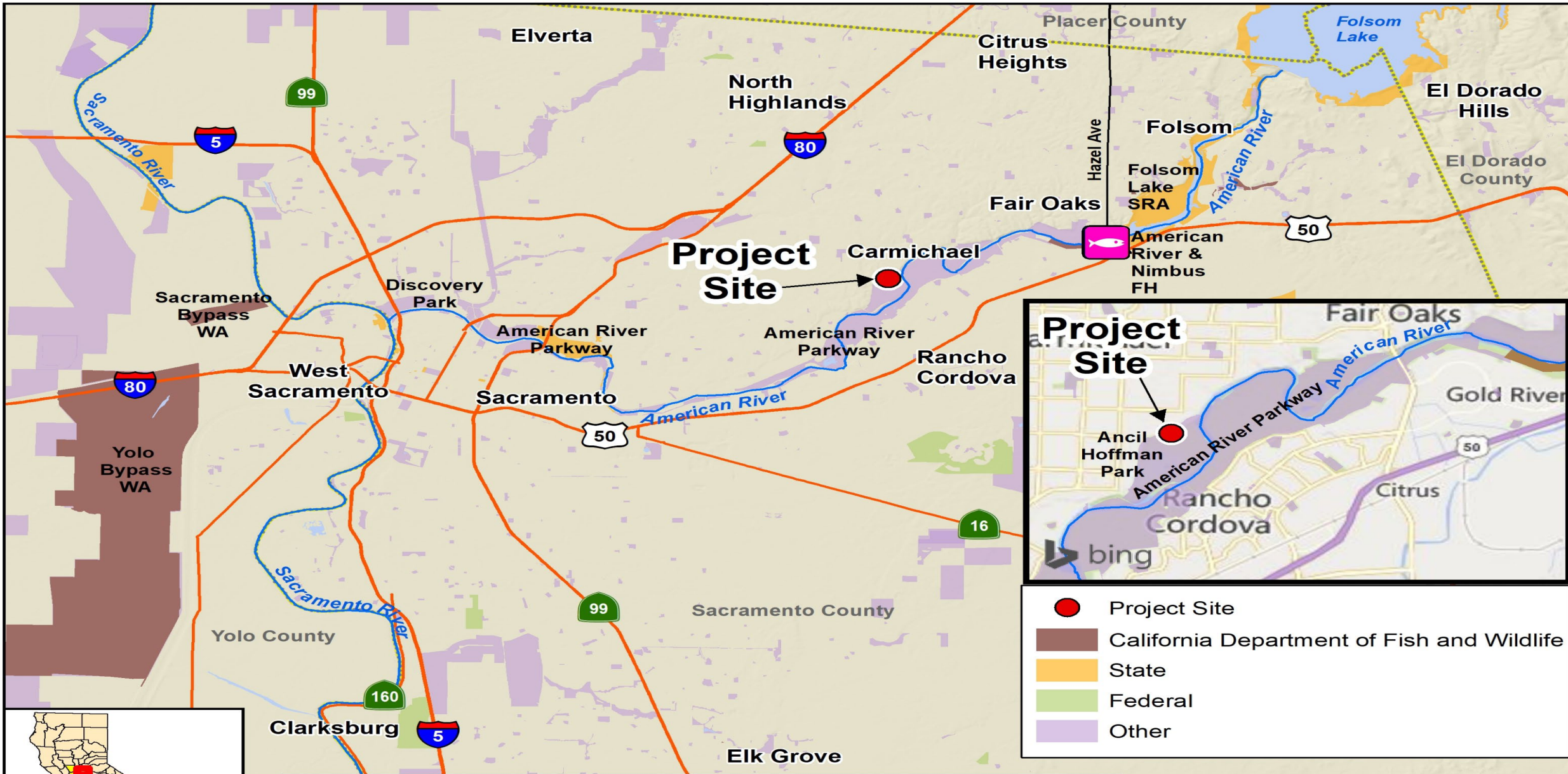
Diagram of project improvements with tricolored blackbird habitat in bottom left





Woodland North Regional
Pond Enhancement
Slide 5

Tricolored blackbird



**Effie Yeaw Nature Center
Facilities Improvement Planning, Augmentation
Sacramento County**



Effie Yeaw Nature Center
Facilities Improvement
Planning Augmentation
Slide 1

- Effie Yeaw Nature Center Museum building (right) and Assembly Building (left).



Effie Yeaw Nature Center Facilities Improvement Planning Augmentation

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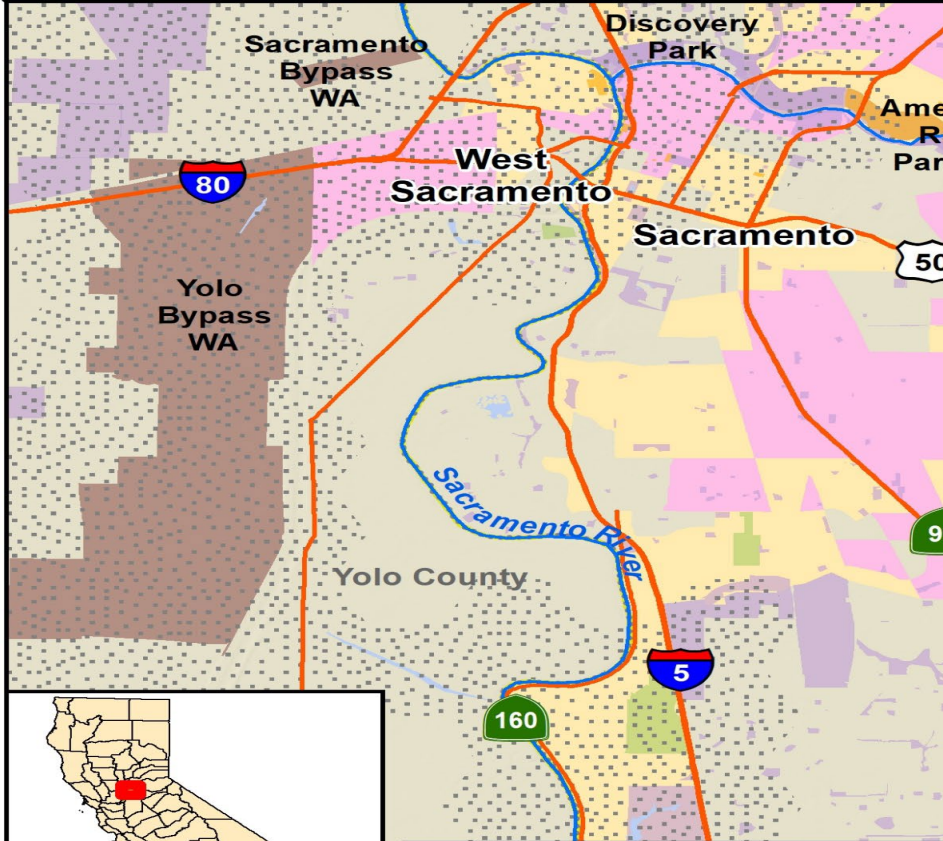
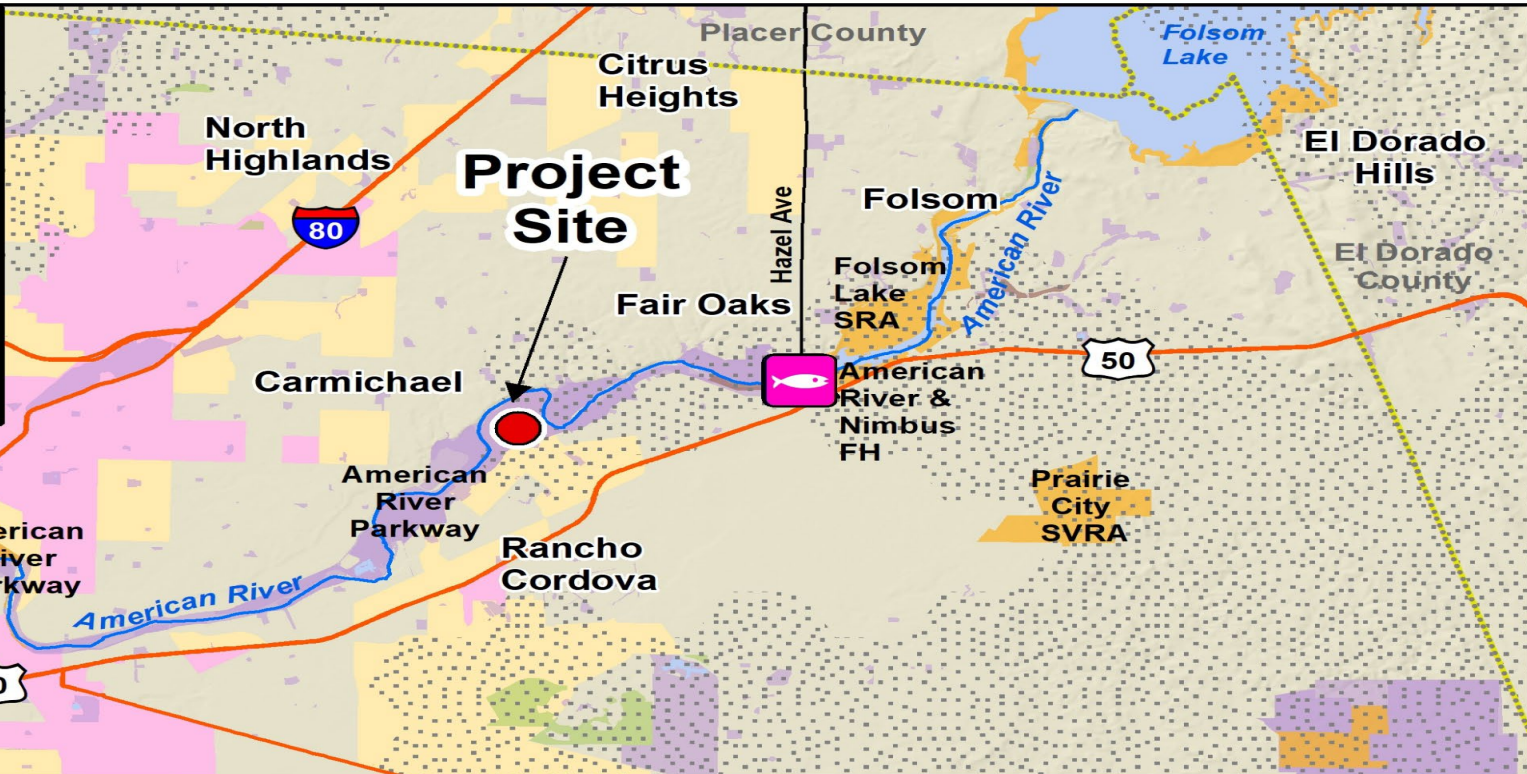
- Left: Proposed accessible path area between Museum and Assembly buildings leading to proposed new outdoor classroom and aviary.
- Right: Existing outdoor classroom. Location of proposed new aviary and show and tell platform between new aviary and new outdoor classroom.



Effie Yeaw Nature Center Facilities Improvement Planning Augmentation

Slide 3

Left: 1 of 4 bird living spaces inside the mew facility.
Right: Existing mew, a pen for birds (the area to the right of the white door).



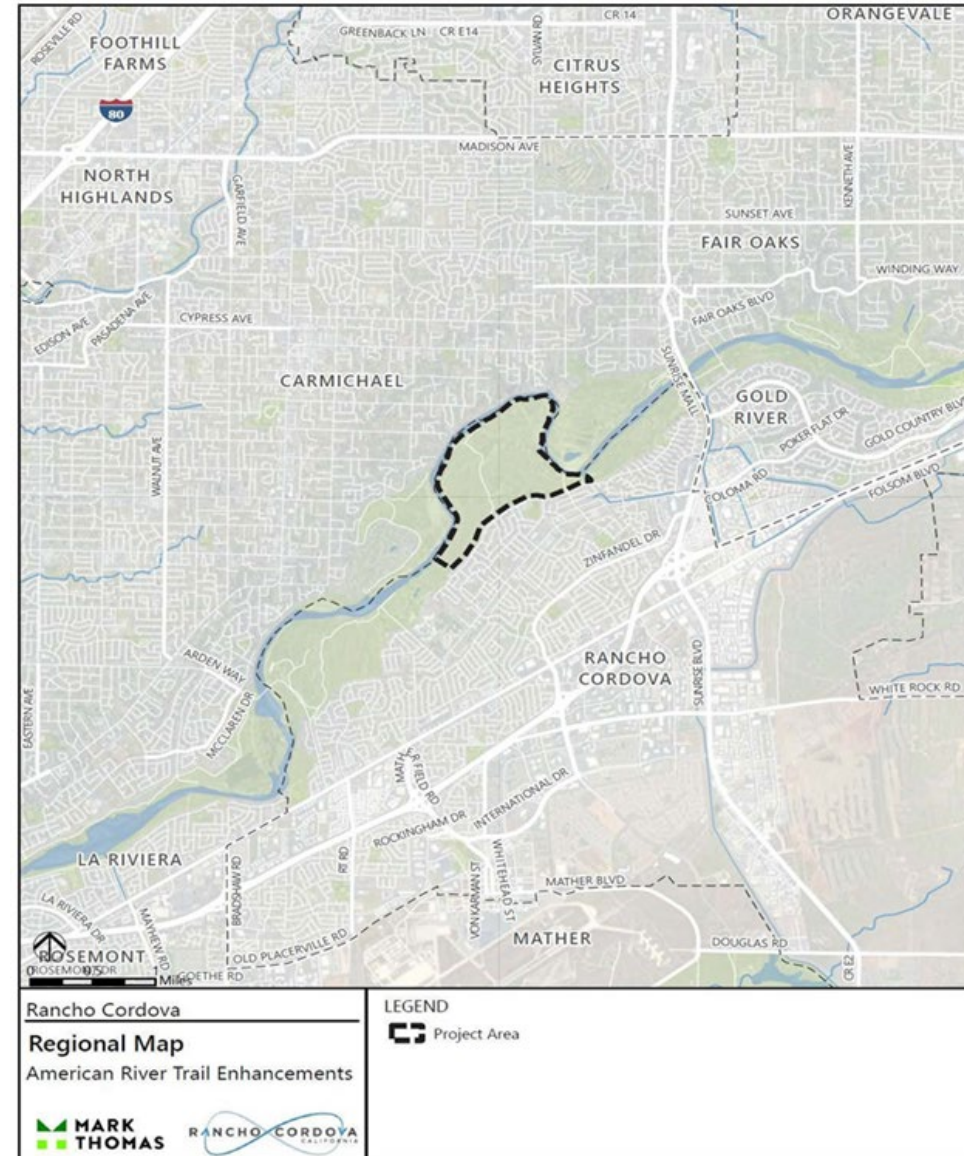
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-  Severely Disadvantaged Community
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**Rossmoor Bar Trail Enhancements Planning
Sacramento County**

Rossmoor Bar Enhancements Planning

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Location Map



Rossmoor Bar Enhancements Planning

Slide 2

Poorly drained trail at
trailhead off main
entrance road.



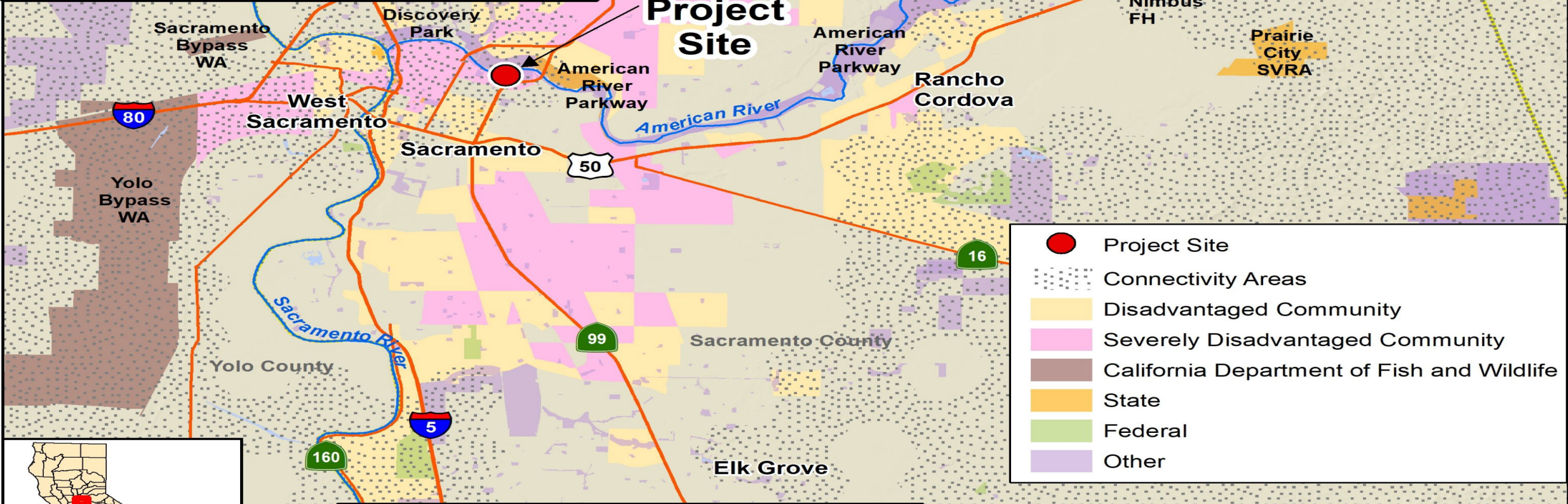
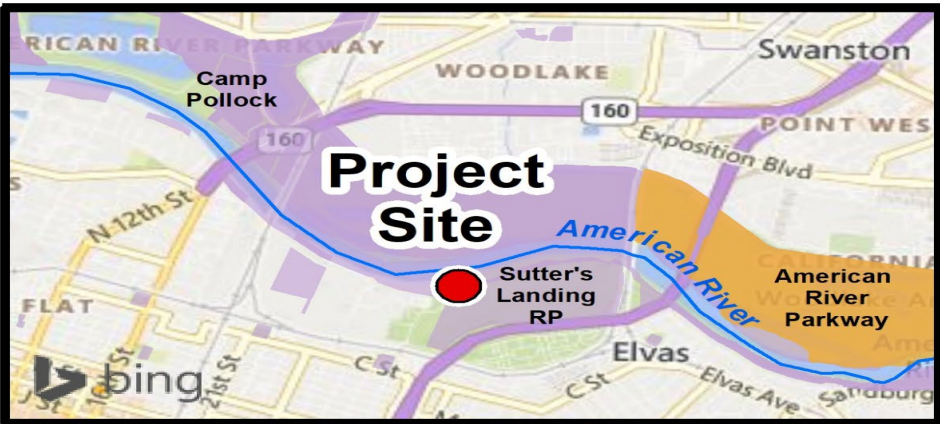


Rossmoor Bar Enhancements Planning

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Left: Social trail to be considered for formalizing and planting native trees for shade and wildlife habitat.

Right: Social trail to be considered for closure and restored with native plants.



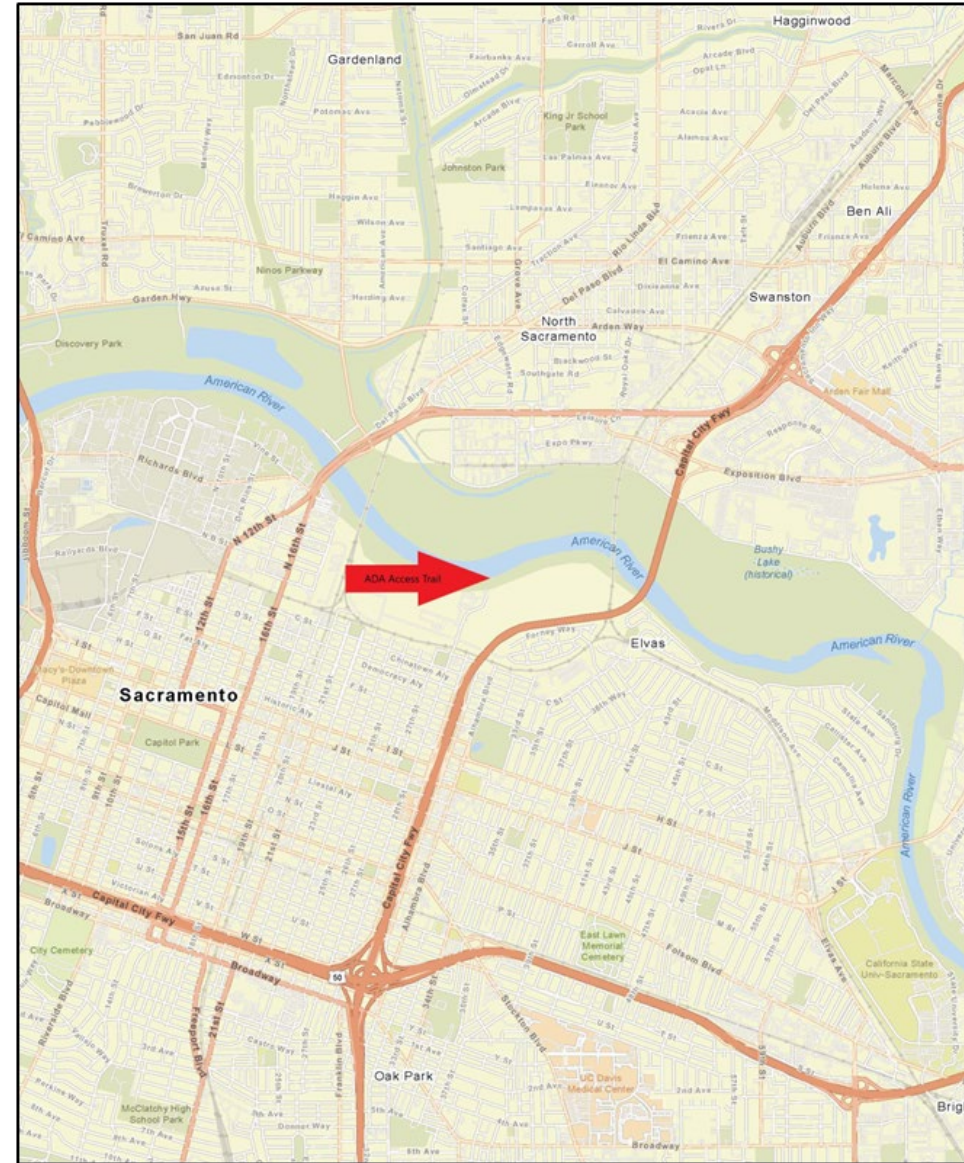
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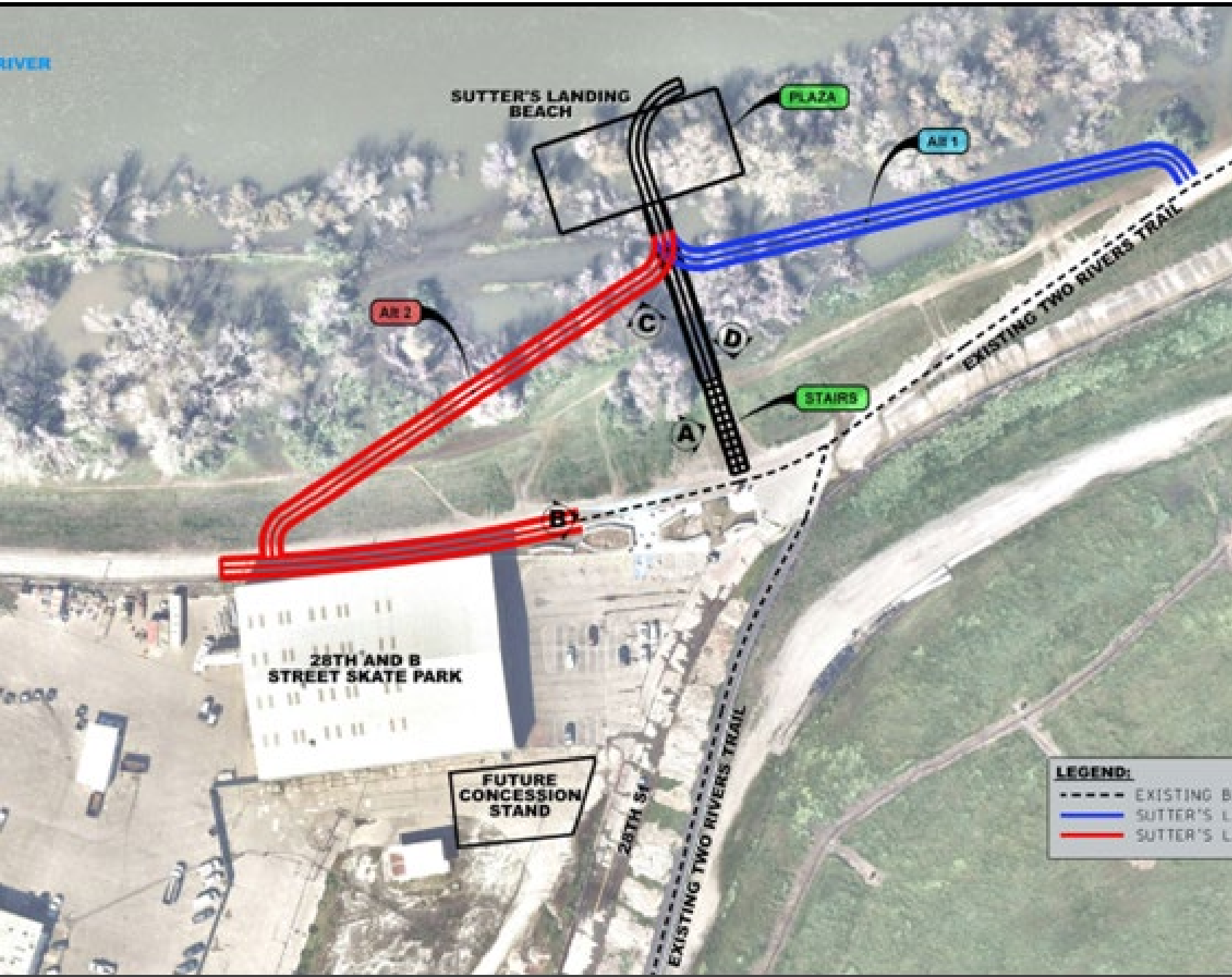


**Sutter's Landing Regional Park
ADA River Access Trail Planning
Sacramento County**

Sutter's Landing Regional Park ADA River Access Trail Planning Slide 1

Project map





Sutter's Landing Regional Park ADA River Access Trail Planning

Slide 2

Conceptual alignments for an ADA-compliant river access trail and boat launch/plaza that will support a separately funded, new concession stand that will provide non-motorized water craft rentals.

Sutter's Landing Regional Park ADA River Access Trail Planning

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Riparian woodland habitat
within project area on the
riverside of the federal
levee.

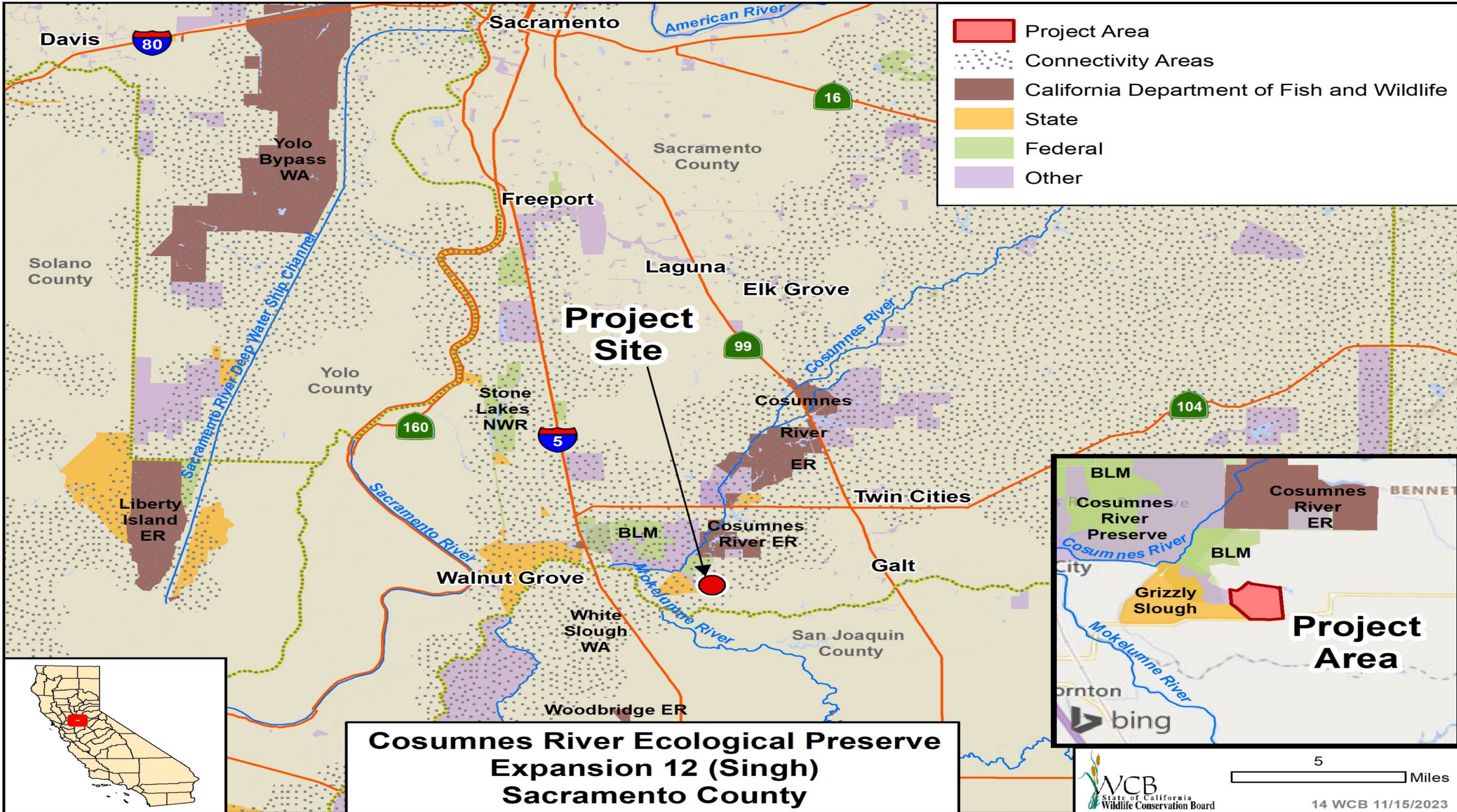




Sutter's Landing Regional Park ADA River Access Trail Planning

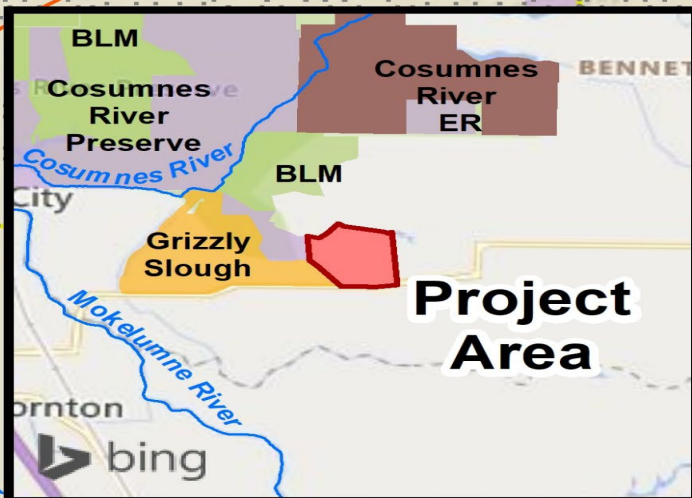
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- Riparian trees at river's edge within project area.



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- Federal
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**Cosumnes River Ecological Preserve
Expansion 12 (Singh)
Sacramento County**





Cosumnes River Ecological Preserve, Expansion 12 (Singh)

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- Left: Bear Slough
- Right: Facing north toward Bear Slough



Cosumnes River Ecological Preserve, Expansion 12 (Singh)

Slide 2

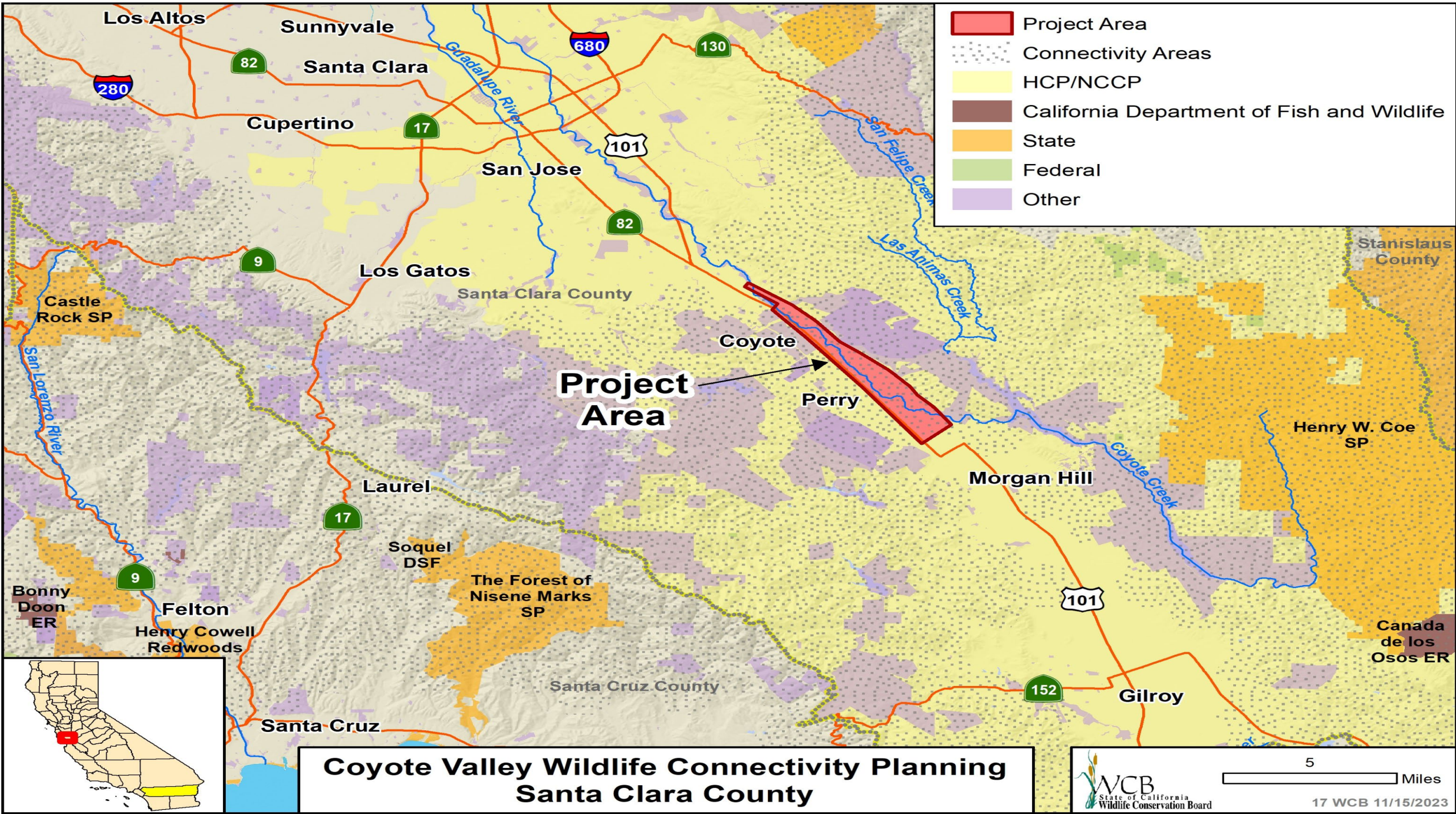
- Left: Bear Slough
- Right: Facing west toward oak woodland / riparian area

Bolinas Lagoon South End Adaptation and Resilience Planning, Augmentation

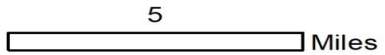
Withdrawn from consideration at this time.

Malech Ranch Conservation Easement

Withdrawn from consideration at this time.



**Coyote Valley Wildlife Connectivity Planning
Santa Clara County**



18. Coyote Valley Wildlife Connectivity Planning

Slide 1

Santa Clara County between the City of San Jose and the City of Morgan Hill

Wildlife movement “Triple Barrier”

- US 101,
- Monterey Rd, and the
- Union Pacific Rail Line.

San Francisco Bay Region’s last remaining large, undeveloped valley floors

Connects 1.13 million acres of core wildlife habitat across the

- Santa Cruz Mountains to the west and the
- Diablo Range to the east.

CDFW’s 2022 Wildlife movement Barriers Priority list



18. Coyote Valley Wildlife Connectivity Planning

Slide 2

Protected lands

- Coyote Creek Parkway
- North- and Mid-Coyote Valley Conservation Areas
- Santa Teresa County Park
- Calero County Park
- Mayyan Oyaakma-Coyote Ridge Open Space Preserve
- Protected private lands and ranches

Past WCB investments:

- \$10M to the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority to purchase the property now known as Spreckels Hill
- \$4M to the Santa Clara Valley Habitat Agency to purchase Tilton Ranch
- \$14M to create the newly renamed Mayyan Ooyakma Coyote Ridge Open Space Preserve.



18. Coyote Valley Wildlife Connectivity Planning

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Bobcat hit at Monterey Rd median



Juvenile puma killed by a vehicle immediately to the west of Monterey Rd.

18. Coyote Valley Wildlife Connectivity Planning

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Project objectives

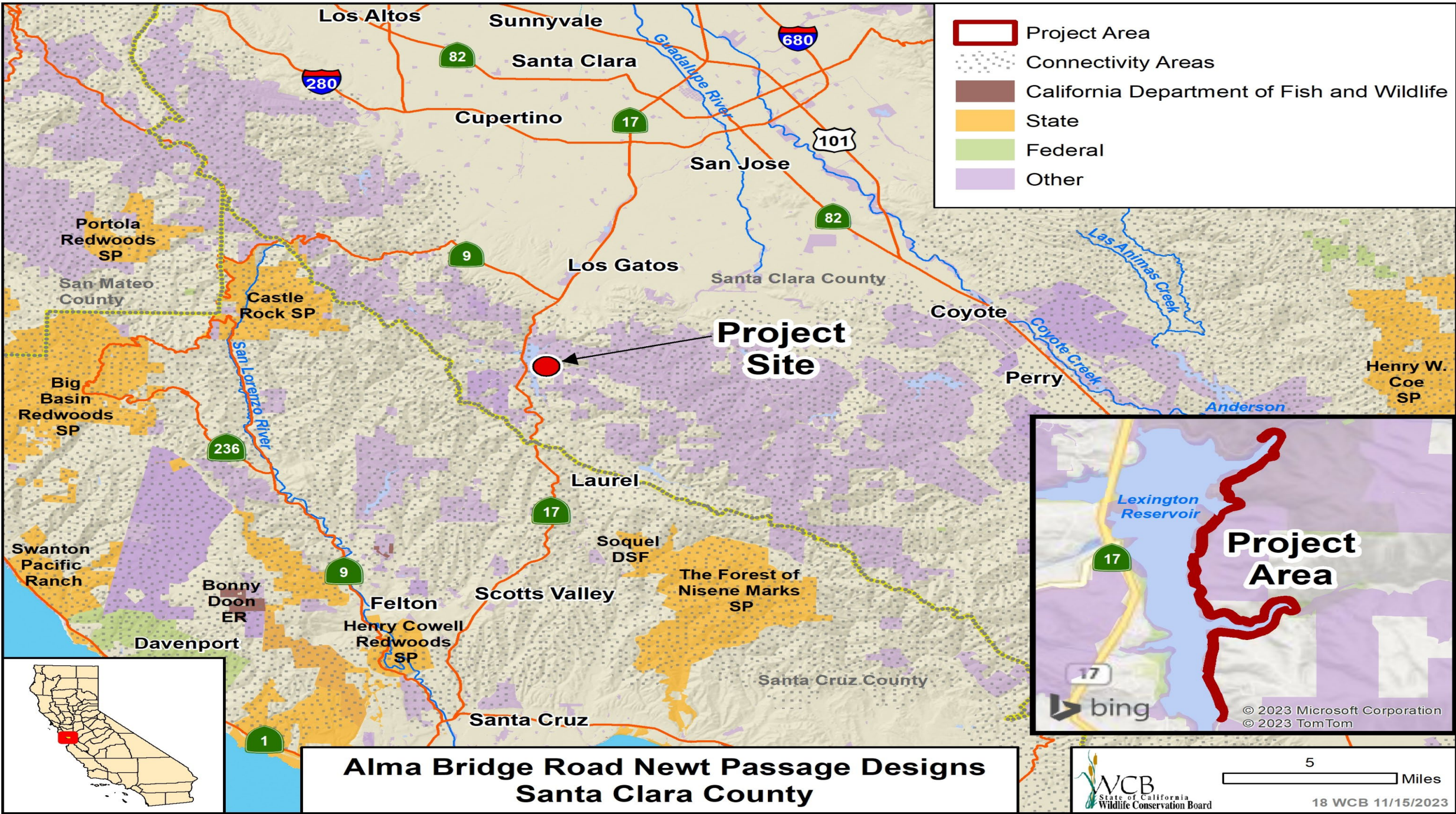
- Reduced wildlife-vehicle collisions,
- Improved genetic viability for mountain lion subpopulations
- Climate change adaptation
- Connection of the existing network of protected lands.

Project elements

- Identifying wildlife permeability enhancements across the triple barrier
- Advancing planning, design, and environmental review for wildlife crossing structures
- 65% design
- CEQA and NEPA.



Bobcat hit along US 101



**Alma Bridge Road Newt Passage Designs
Santa Clara County**



5 Miles

19. Alma Bridge Road Newt Passage Designs

Slide 1

The California newt

California Species of Special Concern

Lives in coastal mountain ranges from central Mendocino County, south to northern San Diego County

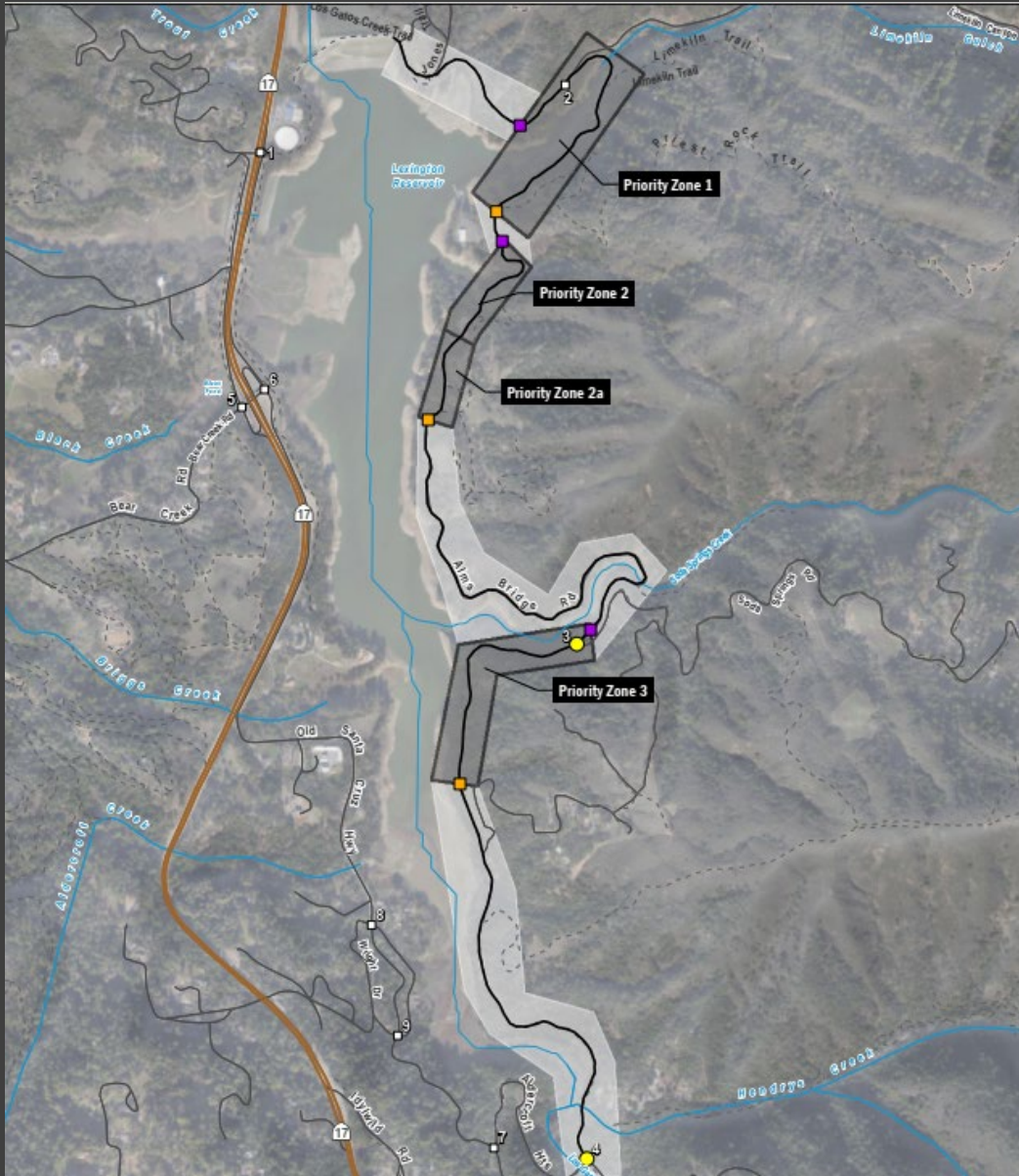
Relatively inactive in subterranean refuges most of the year

- First rains of the season initiate migration to aquatic breeding localities
- Once at the breeding sites, adults may remain in or near these ponds and streams for several weeks.



19. Alma Bridge Road Newt Passage Designs

Slide 2



Alma Bridge Road (ABR)

Parallels the northern and eastern shores of Lexington Reservoir.

Road is two-lanes wide and is owned and maintained by Santa Clara County.

ABR provides access for property owners and residents in the Lexington Hills and Soda Springs neighborhoods and recreational users visiting Lexington Reservoir County Park, St. Joseph's Hill Open Space Preserve, and Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve in Santa Clara County.

Creates a barrier for migrating newts

19. Alma Bridge Road Newt Passage Designs

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Lexington Reservoir in Santa Clara County

- Perennial source of water
- Adjacent to protected open space that provides ideal terrestrial habitat for the newts
- Juxtaposition of the terrestrial and aquatic habitats creates excellent conditions for newt reproduction.

Newt population study at ABR

- 14,000 adult California newts that attempted to cross the road during the 2020-21 rainy season
- Almost 40% were killed by vehicle collisions.

Other surveys conducted since 2017 have shown similar results meaning 5,000 to 7,000 adults are annually killed as they try to cross ABR.

Possible local extirpation of California newts in approximately 57 years.



California Newt Attempting to Cross Alma Bridge Road

19. Alma Bridge Road Newt Passage Designs

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A 2022 feasibility study evaluated potential improvements to connectivity for newts migrating to and from Lexington Reservoir.

- Bridge
- Elevated roadway segments with repeating purpose-built passage structures
- Micro passages and associated fencing

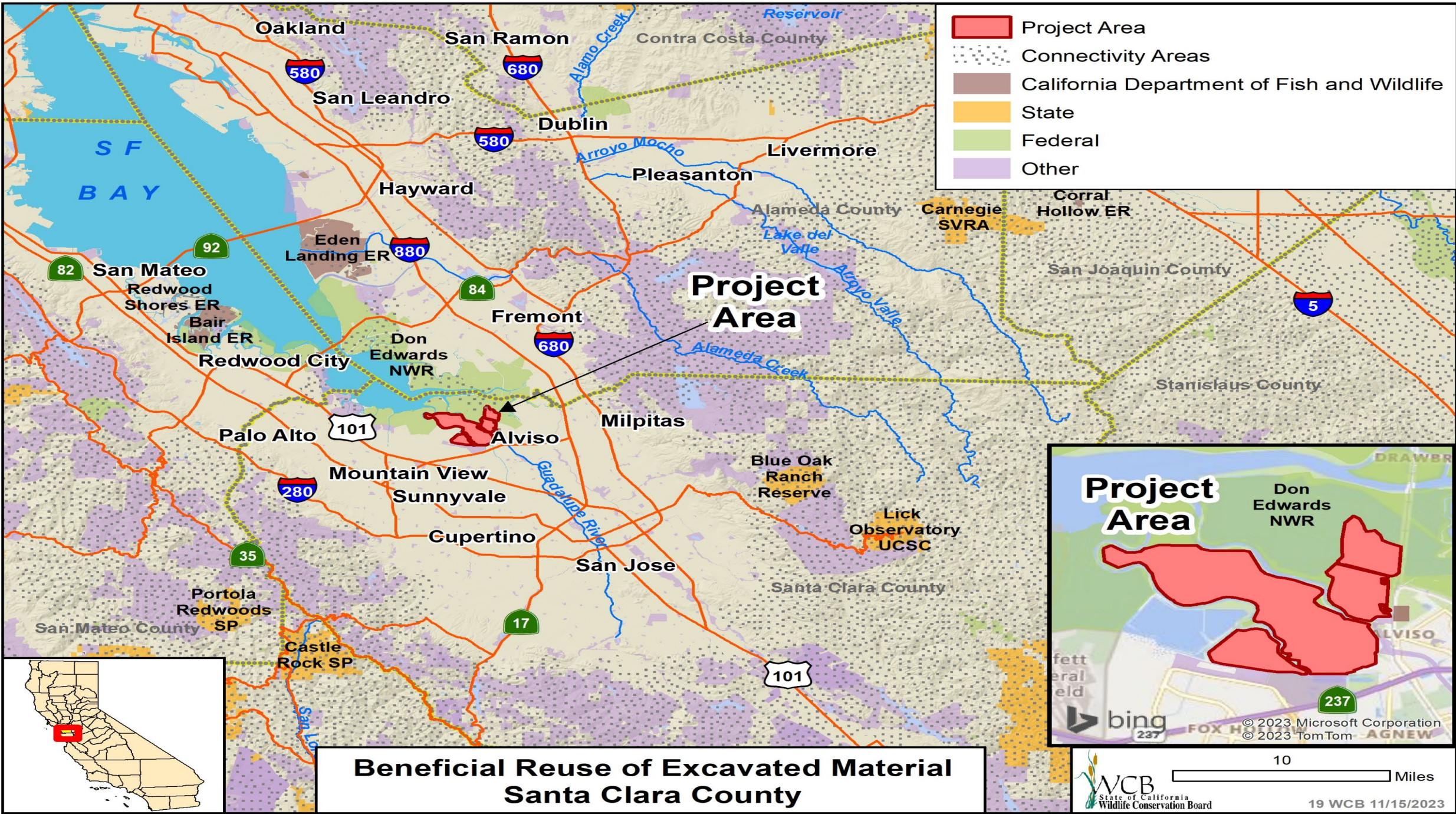
Project elements

- Environmental assessments
- Designs and construction plans for the selected alternatives
- CEQA review
- Permits

Estimated to result in a 56 to 84% increase in newt population size

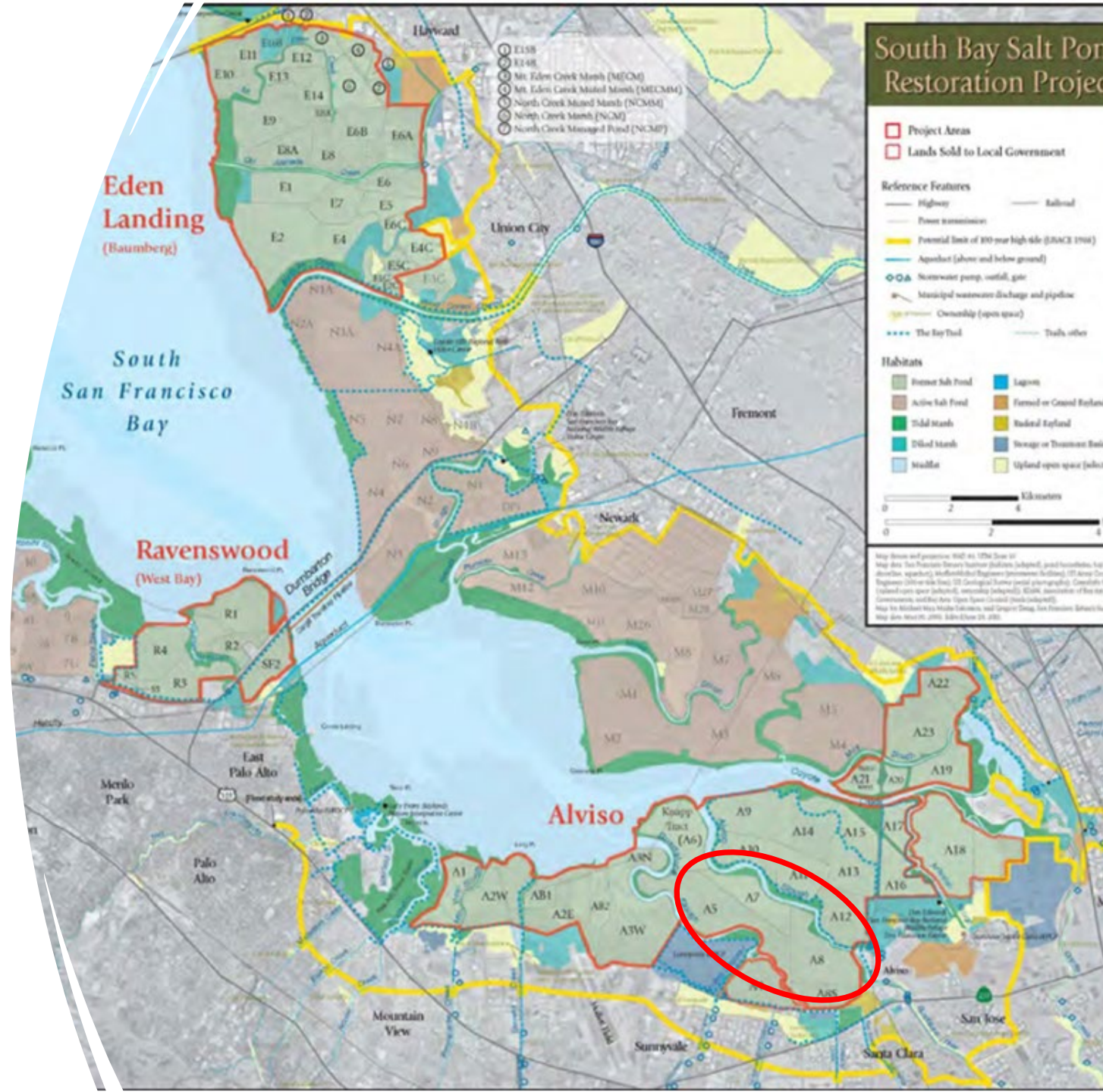


Lexington Reservoir



Beneficial Re-use of Excavated Material

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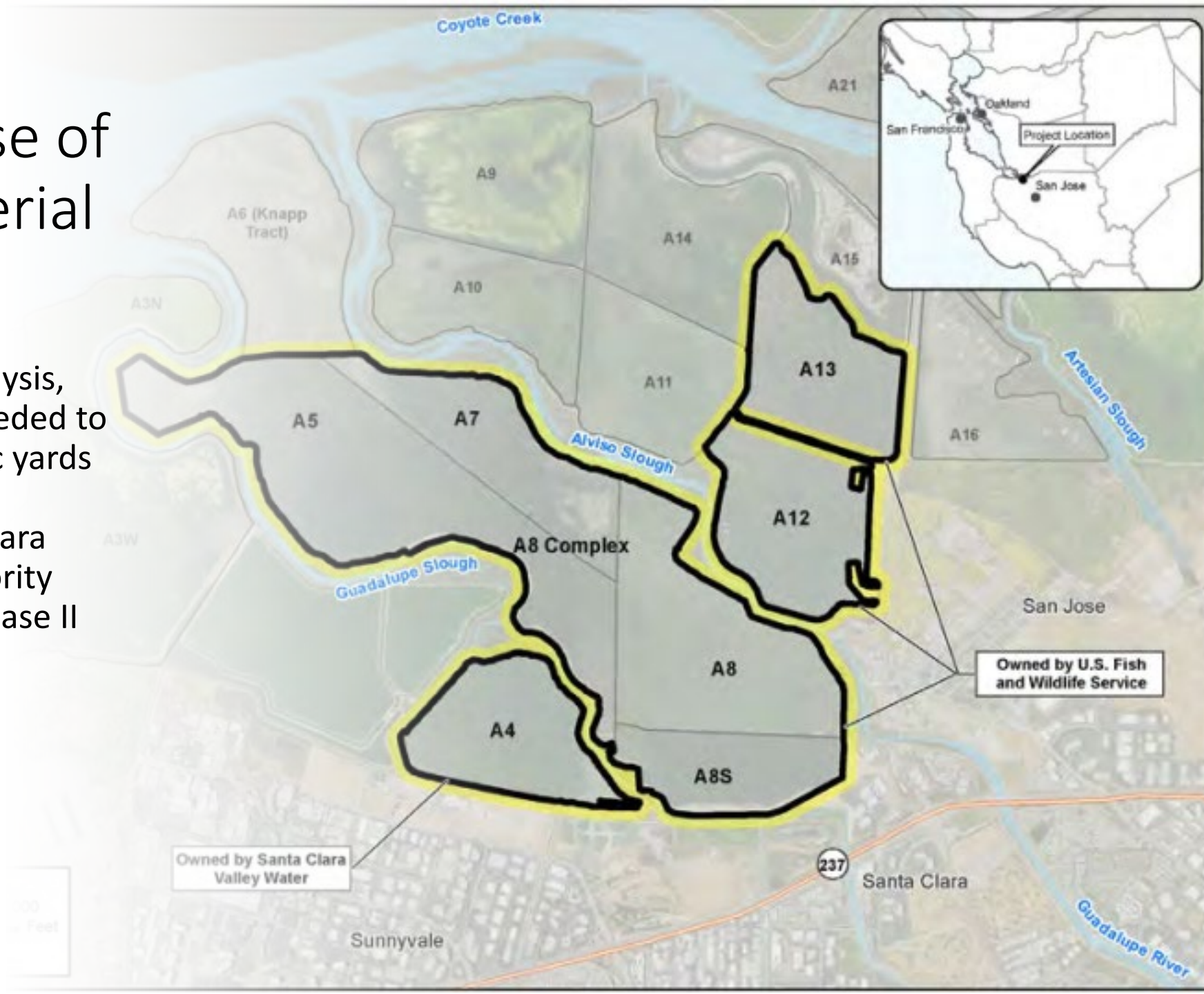


Beneficial Re-use of Excavated Material

Slide 2

Purpose: Complete the analysis, planning and permitting needed to place up to 3.5 million cubic yards of excavated material from construction of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) BART Silicon Valley Phase II (BSVII) Project.

Estimated treatment acre:
2,500 acres



Beneficial Re-use of Excavated Material - Objectives

Slide 3

- Design and plan for pond bottom fill
- Evaluate fill material per contaminant criteria limits of the Quality Assurance Project Plan
- Finalize environmental clearance and permitting support following soil evaluation

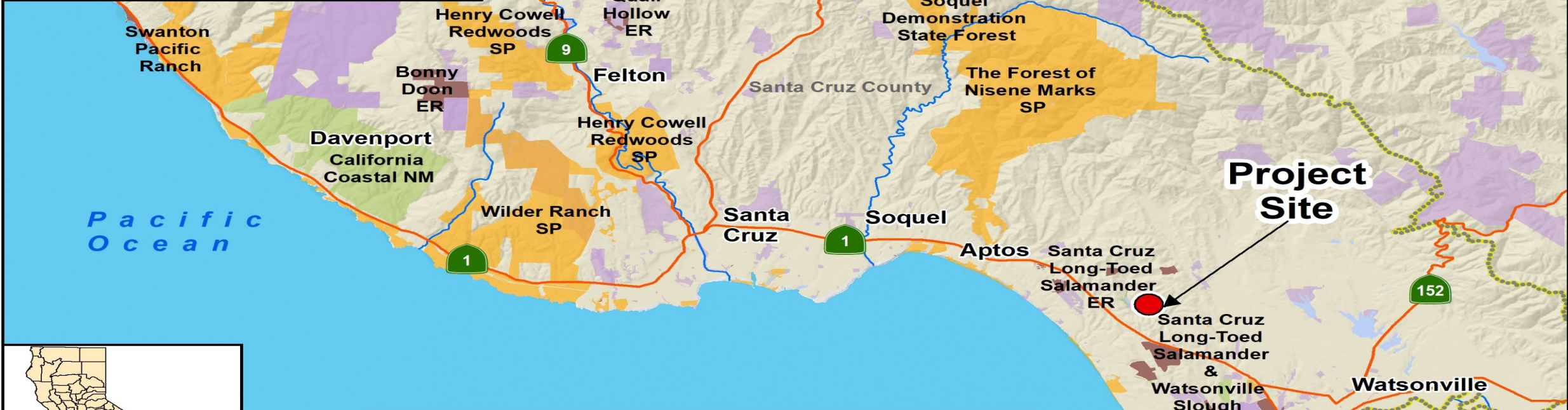
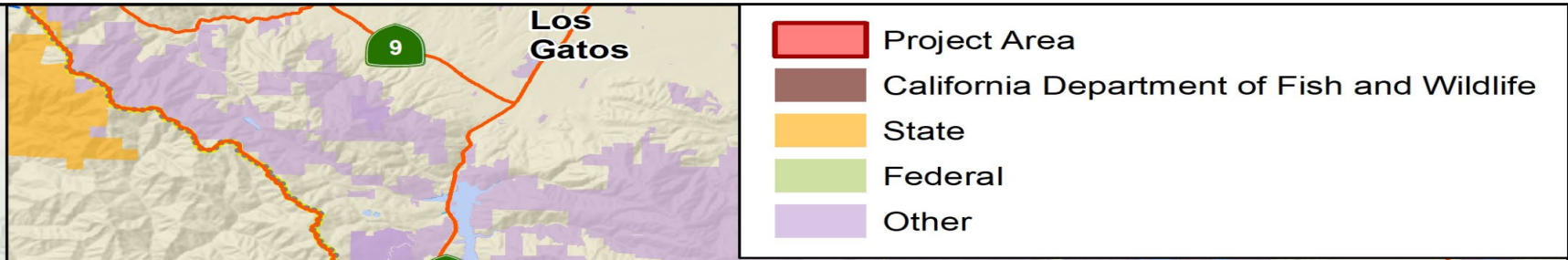
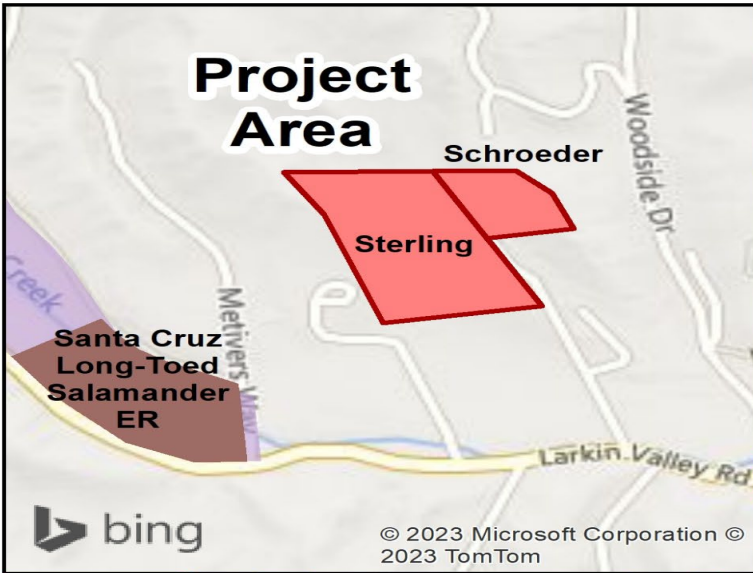


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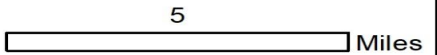
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Existing conditions:





**Santa Cruz Long-toed Salamander
Section 6 (Schroeder & Sterling)
Santa Cruz County**





Santa Cruz Long-toed Salamander Section 6 (Schroeder)

Slide 1

- Left: Northeast corner of property facing northwest with thick chapparral understory upland and dispersal habitat.
- Right: Northwest portion of property facing north. Wet meadow and mixed hardwood forest upland habitat.
- Photo Credits: Land Trust of Santa Cruz County



Santa Cruz Long-toed Salamander Section 6 (Schroeder)

Slide 2

Left: Northwest portion of property facing southeast. Small area of degraded habitat through repeated mowing. The area can benefit from passive restoration, accumulation of leaf litter and large woody debris.

Right: Center of property facing east into thick groundcover of the understory of a mixed hardwood forest. High-Quality upland habitat in thick understory.

Photo Credits: Land Trust of Santa Cruz County



Santa Cruz Long-toed Salamander Section 6 (Sterling)

Slide 1

Left: Center of property facing approximately north. Santa Cruz long-toed salamander dispersal and upland habitat in oak woodland at the high point of the property. In need of passive restoration, leaf litter and large woody debris.

Right: Center of property facing approximately northwest. High Quality dispersal and upland habitat in mixed hardwood forest.

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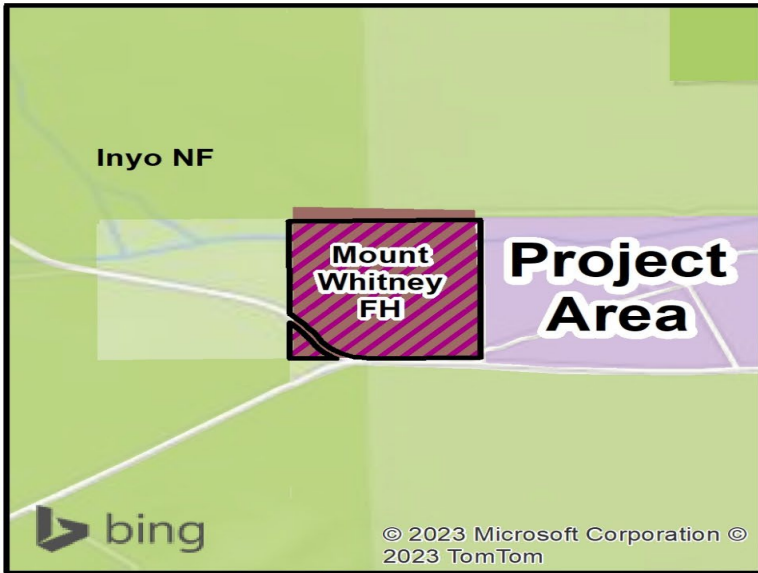
Santa Cruz Long-toed Salamander Section 6 (Sterling)




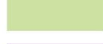

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Left: Southeastern portion of property facing southeast. Historically levelled building area and degraded habitat. Area can be passively restored to high-quality dispersal habitat.

Right: Southeastern portion of property facing west. Undeveloped trail leading from levelled building area into high-quality upland and dispersal habitat in mixed hardwood forest.

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	Project Area
	California Department of Fish and Wildlife
	State
	Federal
	Other



**Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery
Inyo County**



Mount Whitney Fish Hatchery

Slide 1





Mount Whitney Fish Hatchery

Slide 2

Fish raceway



Mount Whitney Fish Hatchery

Slide 3

Interior museum gift shop





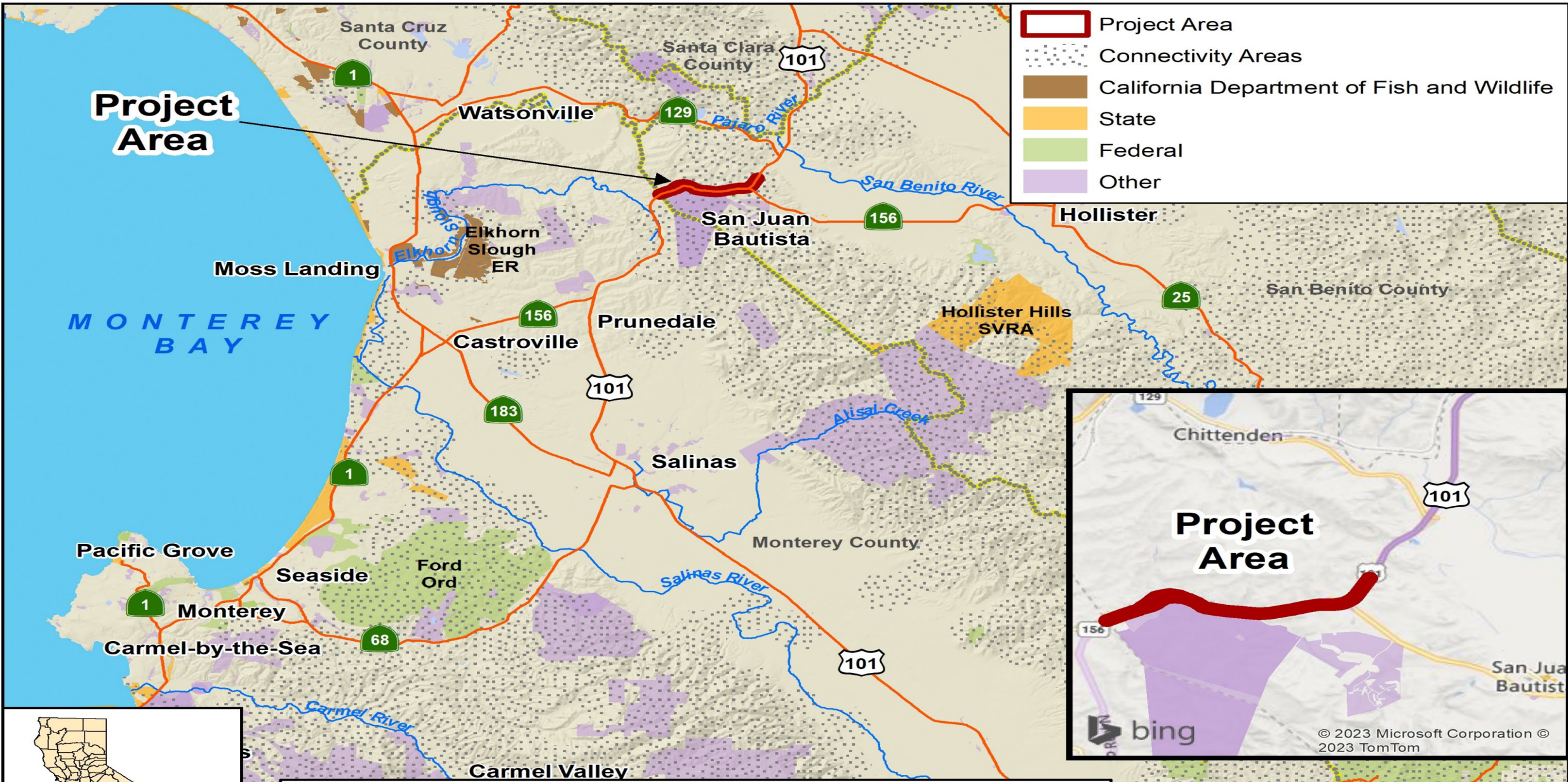
Mount Whitney Fish Hatchery

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Hatchery facilities after 2008 mudslide and flood

Carrizo Plains Ecological Reserve, Expansion 7 (Yang)

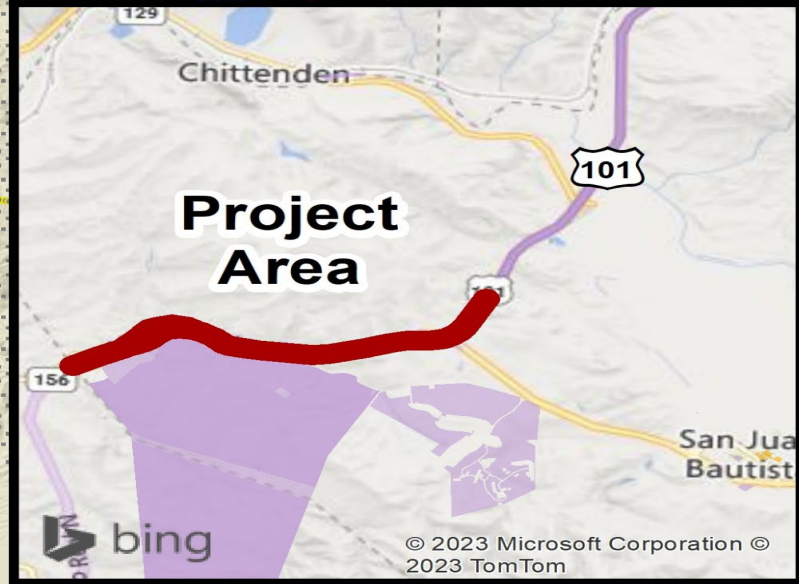
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- Project Area
- Connectivity Areas
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- State
- Federal
- Other



San Benito County US-101 Wildlife Crossing Planning
San Benito County



5 Miles

25. San Benito County US-101 Wildlife Crossing Planning

Slide 1

US 101 in San Benito County

- Santa Cruz Mountains to the north
- Gabilan Range to the south

Focal Species

- Mountain lion
- Black-tailed deer
- American badger
- Bobcat

U.S. Highway 101 (US-101) in the Aromas Hills

- CDFW 2022 Priority Barrier List
- 3 County RCISs
- Santa Cruz Mountains Linkages Conceptual Area Protection Plan
- Conservation Lands Network Bay Area Critical Linkages Study
- UC Davis Regional Wildlife Corridor and Habitat Connectivity Analyses
- The Nature Conservancy Omniscape Landscape Connectivity Report

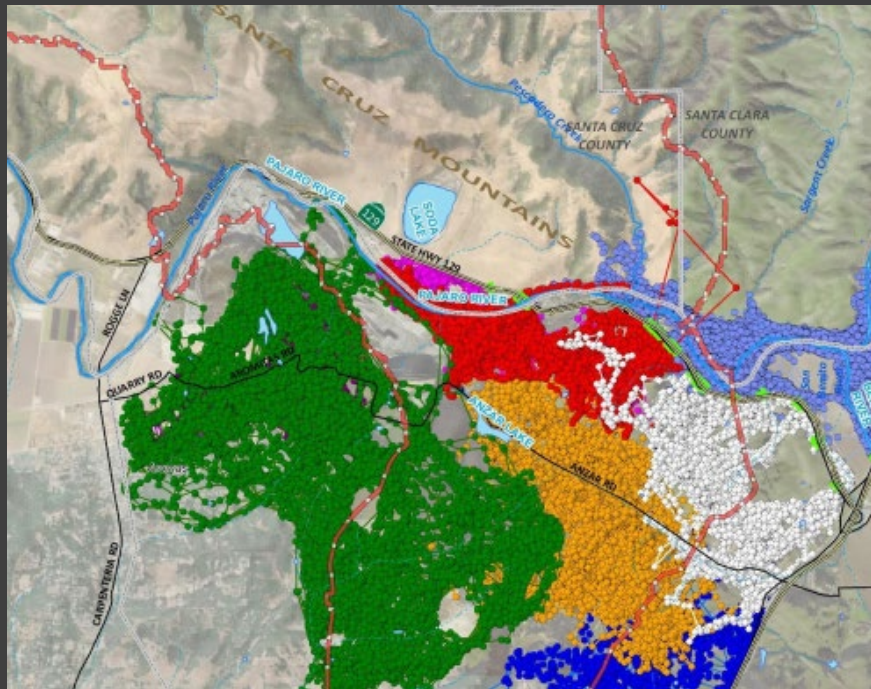
WCB Acquisitions/Easements

- Gabilan Ranch
- Rocks Ranch
- Star Creek Ranch



25. San Benito County US-101 Wildlife Crossing Planning

Slide 2







Collared bobcat ranges

Documented Puma Locations along Highway 101: Camera Data & Wildlife-Vehicle Collision Data



Legend

-  Circular Culverts_3ftPlus_D5
-  Box Culverts_3ftPlus_D5

-  Puma recorded on Camera
-  Puma recorded hit on Highway

Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AEX, GeoEye, AeroGRID, IGN, ISP, swisstopo, and the GIS User Community

25. San Benito County US-101 Wildlife Crossing Planning

Slide 3



U.S. 101 Viewed From Rocks Ranch

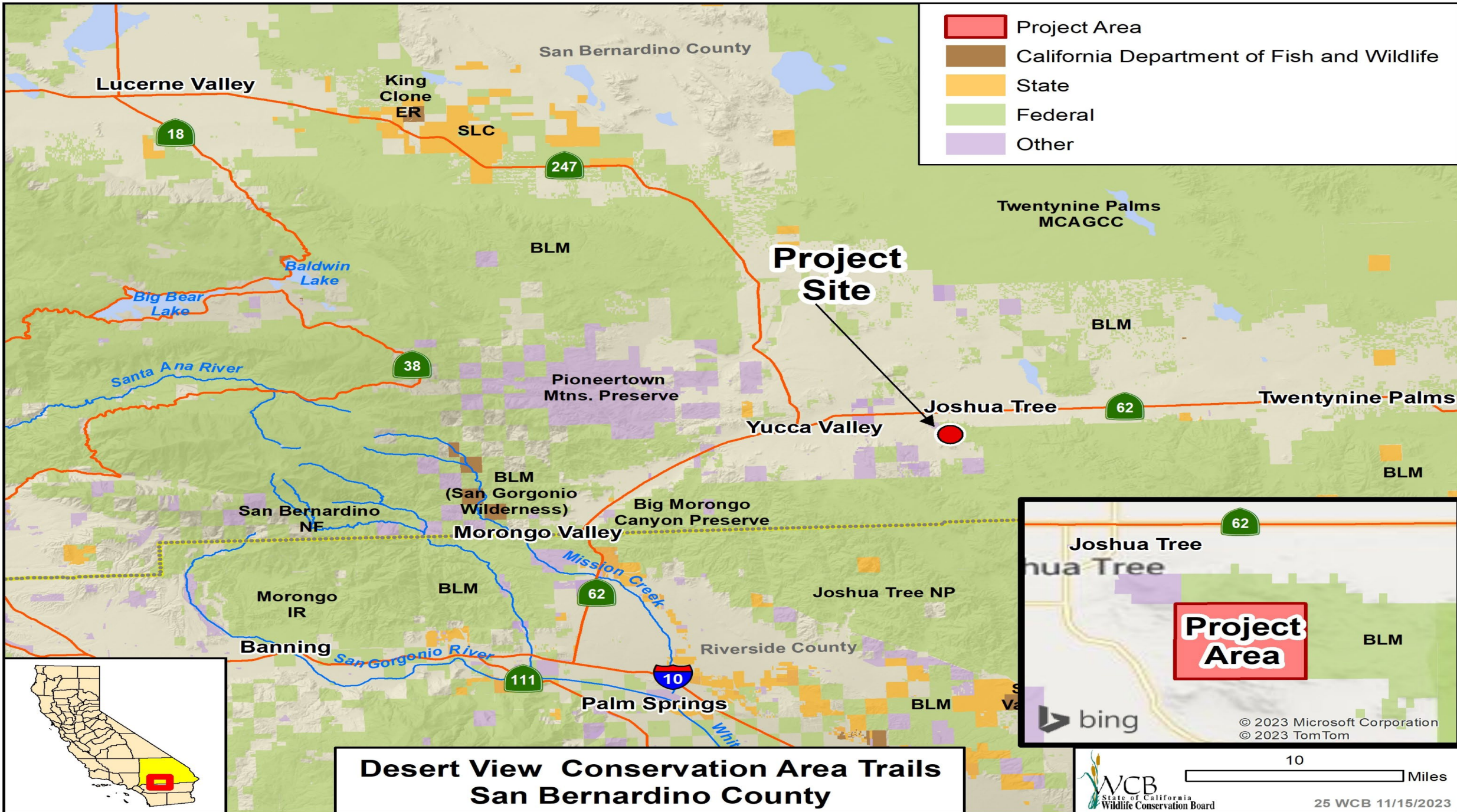
25. San Benito County US-101 Wildlife Crossing Planning

Slide 4

Project Elements

- Coordinate with stakeholders
- Collect existing available data on wildlife use of existing structures
- Identify potential overpass/underpass locations
 - Conduct constructability analysis to determine wildlife overpass possibilities and constraints
- Caltrans Documentation for at least one overcrossing
 - Project Study Report/Project Development Study (PSR/PDS)
 - Preliminary Environmental Analysis Report (PEAR)
 - Project Approval/Environment Document (PA/ED).
- 35% design plans
- CEQA-compliant Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) and NEPA-compliant Categorical Exclusion (CatEx)
- Caltrans-required Design-Level Engineering Technical Reports
- 65% design plans
- 95% Designs





Legend

- Project Area
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- State
- Federal
- Other

Project Site



Inset Map

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**Desert View Conservation Area Trails
San Bernardino County**

WCB
State of California
Wildlife Conservation Board

10 Miles

25 WCB 11/15/2023

Desert View Conservation Area Trails

Slide 1



Desert View Conservation Area Trails

Slide 2

Project Need

- Trespassing
- Poaching
- Sensitive Species
- Disadvantaged Community



Desert View Conservation Area Trails

Slide 3

Project Goals

- Protect sensitive species & habitat
- Educate visitors
- Provide outdoor access to disadvantaged community



Desert View Conservation Area Trails

Slide 4

Solution

- Erect cable/boulder barriers
- Install interpretive & wayfinding signage
- Install wildlife viewing areas
- Manicure trails



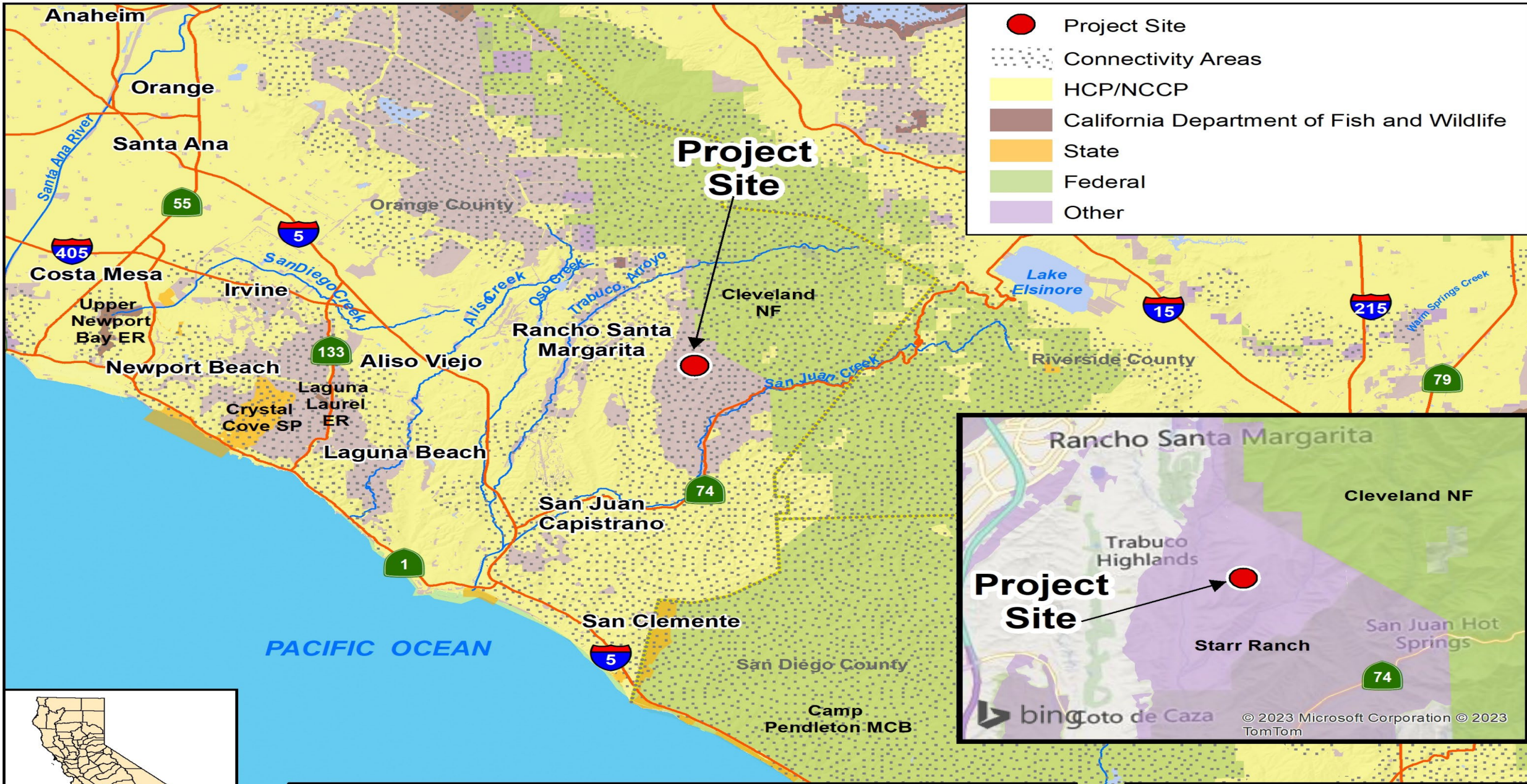
Desert View Conservation Area Trails

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Outcomes

- 2 Discovery shade structures
 - 1 overlook vista
- Educational Signage:
 - Indigenous culture, native plants, wildlife, geology
- Picnic benches, tables and shelters
- 1,000 linear feet barrier
- 16,000 linear feet trail manicuring

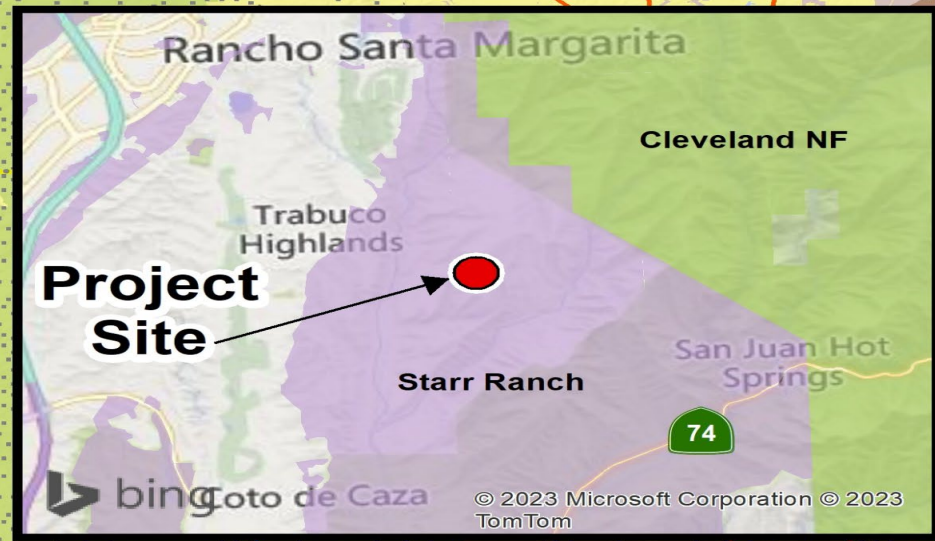




- Project Site
- Connectivity Areas
- HCP/NCCP
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**Audubon Starr Ranch Sanctuary Restoration
Orange County**



5 Miles

An aerial photograph of a landscape with rolling hills. The hills are covered in a mix of green and brown vegetation, suggesting a natural or restored state. The terrain is uneven, with various ridges and valleys. The colors range from dark green to light brown, indicating different types of plants or perhaps the effects of a fire or drought. The overall scene is a vast, open landscape with no buildings or roads visible.

Audubon Starr Ranch Sanctuary Restoration

Slide 1

Starr Ranch Landscape. Photo Credit: Scott Gibson



Audubon Starr Ranch Sanctuary Restoration

Slide 2

- Project area showing habitat to be restored and monitored.





Audubon Starr Ranch Sanctuary Restoration

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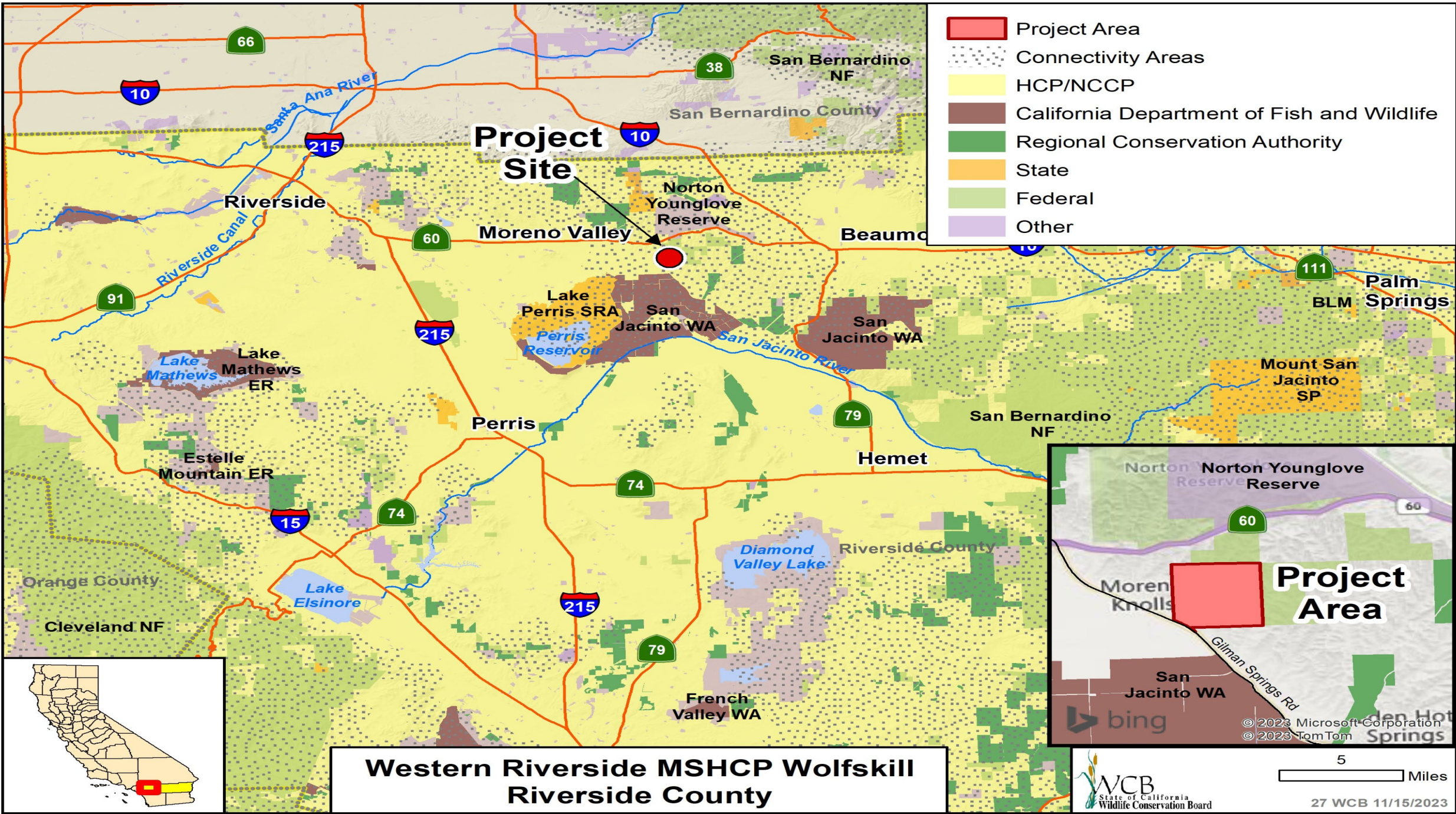
- Left: Cactus scrub site restoration strips
- Center: First coastal sage scrub site restoration strips.
- Right: Second coastal sage scrub site restoration strips.



Audubon Starr Ranch Sanctuary Restoration

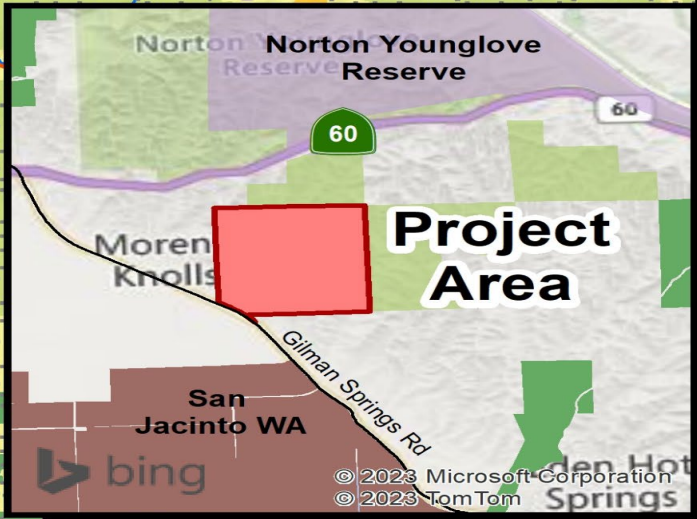
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- Left: First needlegrass site restoration strips.
- Right: Second needlegrass site restoration strips.



- Project Area
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- HCP/NCCP
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**Western Riverside MSHCP Wolfskill
Riverside County**





Western Riverside MSHCP Wolfskill

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View atop the Wolfskill Property facing west with Mystic Lake, part of the nearby CDFW San Jacinto Wildlife Area, seen in the upper left in the background.

Photo by Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority



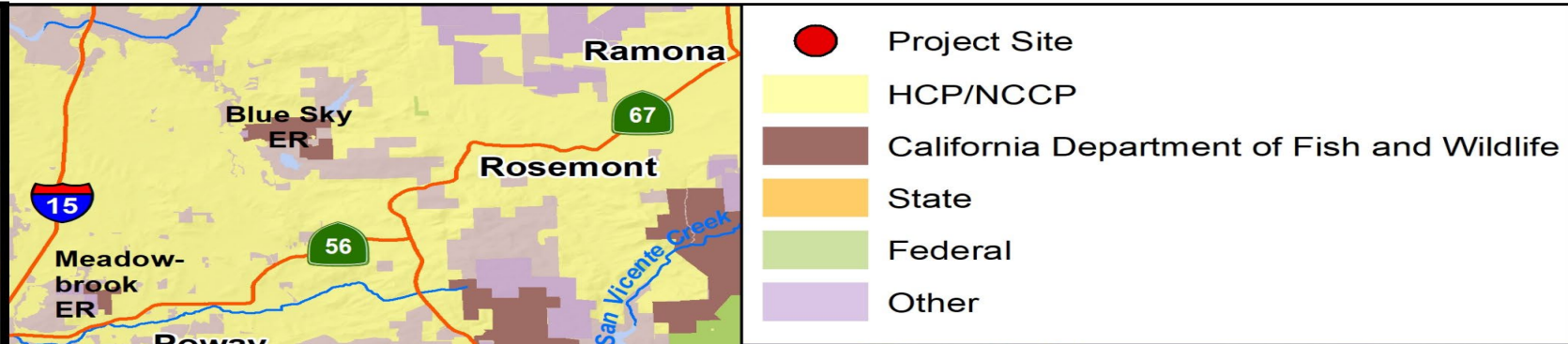
Western Riverside MSHCP Wolfskill

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Left: Coastal sage scrub habitat on the hillsides.

Right: View atop the Wolfskill Property facing east. Mt. San Bernardino and Mt. San Gorgonio are in the far distance.

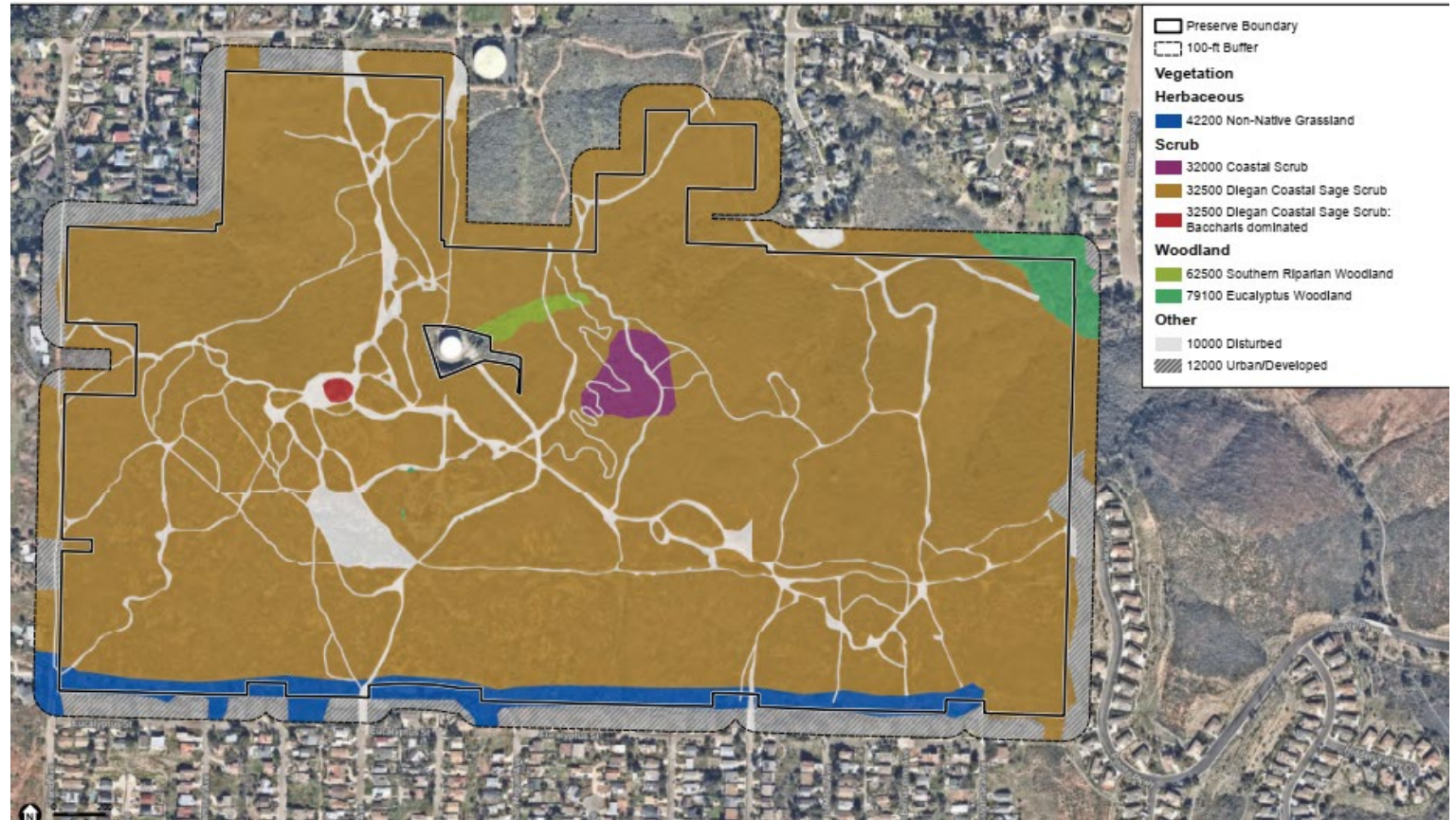
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Coastal California Gnatcatcher Habitat Restoration Augmentation San Diego County

Project Site

29. Coastal California Gnatcatcher Habitat Restoration Augmentation Slide 1





**29. Coastal California
Gnatcatcher Habitat
Restoration
Augmentation**

Slide 2

Dictionary Hill – South of peak



29. Coastal California Gnatcatcher Habitat Restoration Augmentation

Slide 3

Left: Middle north slope

Right: Dictionary Hill – South of peak



29. Coastal California Gnatcatcher Habitat Restoration Augmentation

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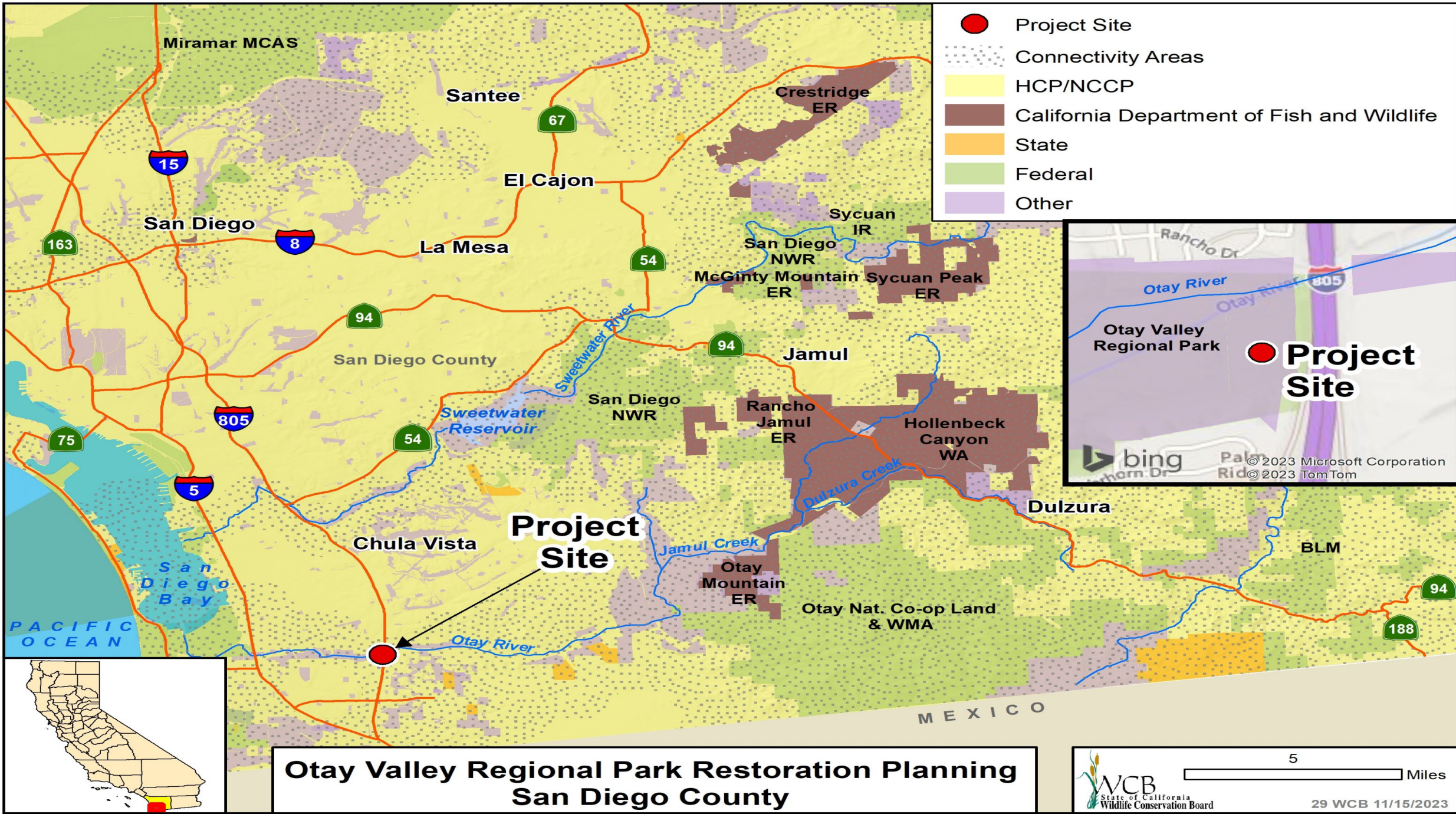
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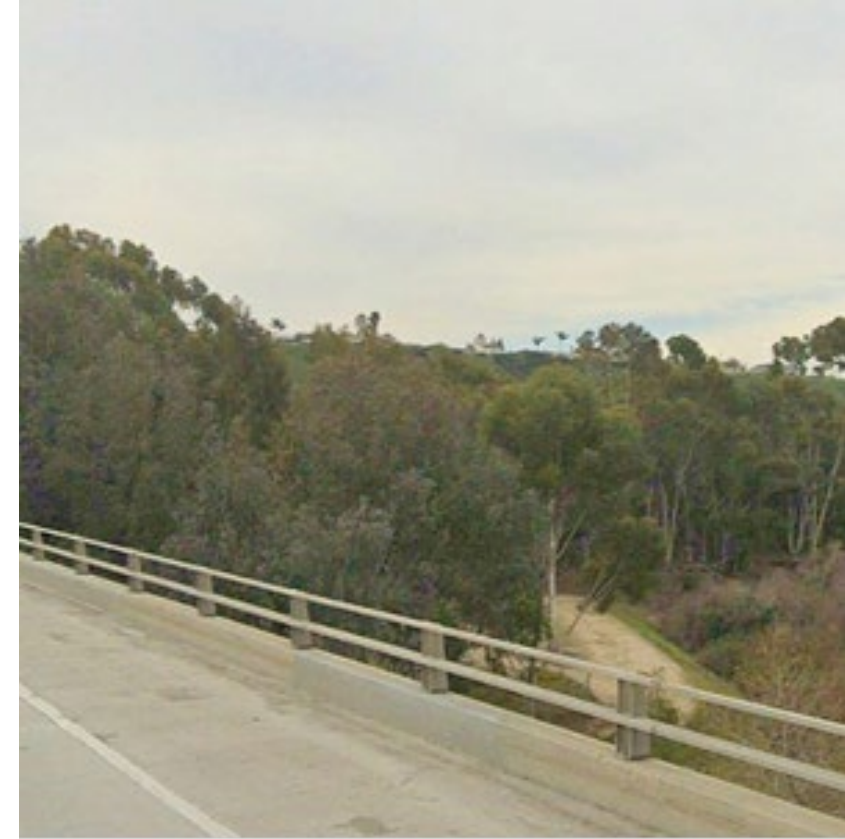
29. Coastal California Gnatcatcher Habitat Restoration Augmentation

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Excess irrigation capacity



Otay Valley Regional Park Restoration Planning San Diego County



Otay Valley Regional Park Restoration Planning

Slide 1

- Left: Eucalyptus Grove/proposed project site from the Greg Cox Bike Path.
- Center: Eucalyptus Grove/proposed project site from I-805 off ramp.
- Right: Eucalyptus Grove/proposed project site from I-805 South.

Otay Valley Regional Park Restoration Planning

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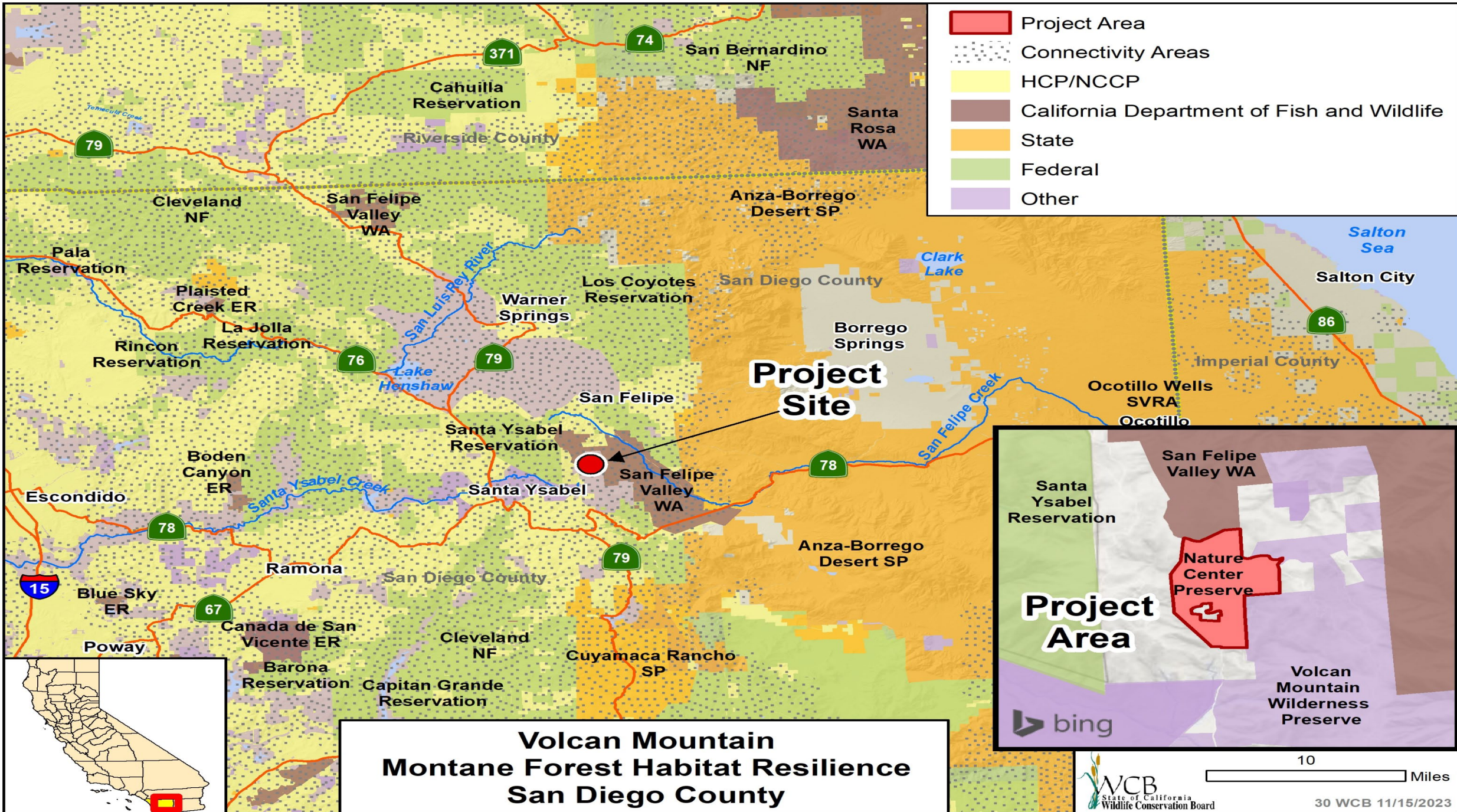
- Aerial view of the Eucalyptus Grove/proposed project site.





Otay Valley Regional Park Restoration Planning

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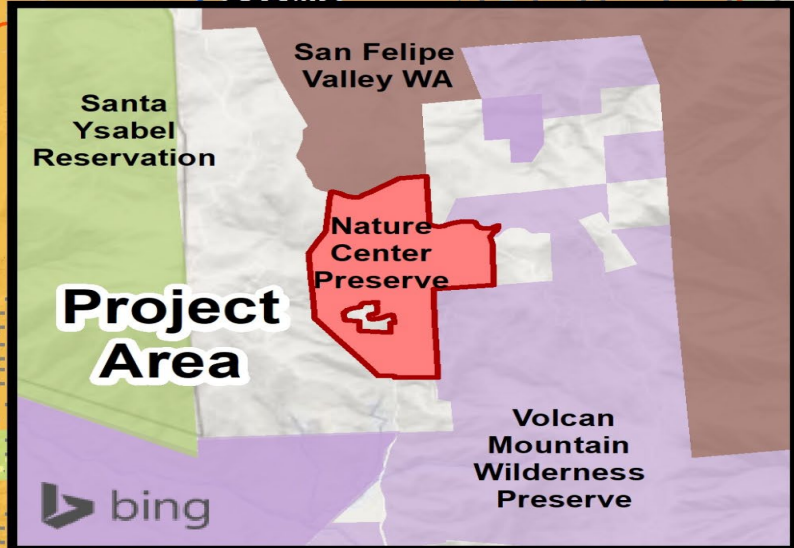


- Project Area
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Project Site

Project Area

**Volcan Mountain
Montane Forest Habitat Resilience
San Diego County**



Volcan Mountain Montane Forest Habitat Resilience

Slide 1

Trail through montane meadow with encroaching vegetation.



Volcan Mountain Montane Forest Habitat Resilience

Slide 2

Montane meadow with
decadent shrub
encroachment and dense
conifer stands on periphery.





Volcan Mountain Montane Forest Habitat Resilience

Slide 3

View from mid elevation area on preserve looking down the canyon, with mature conifers and substantial shrub layer.



Volcan Mountain Montane Forest Habitat Resilience

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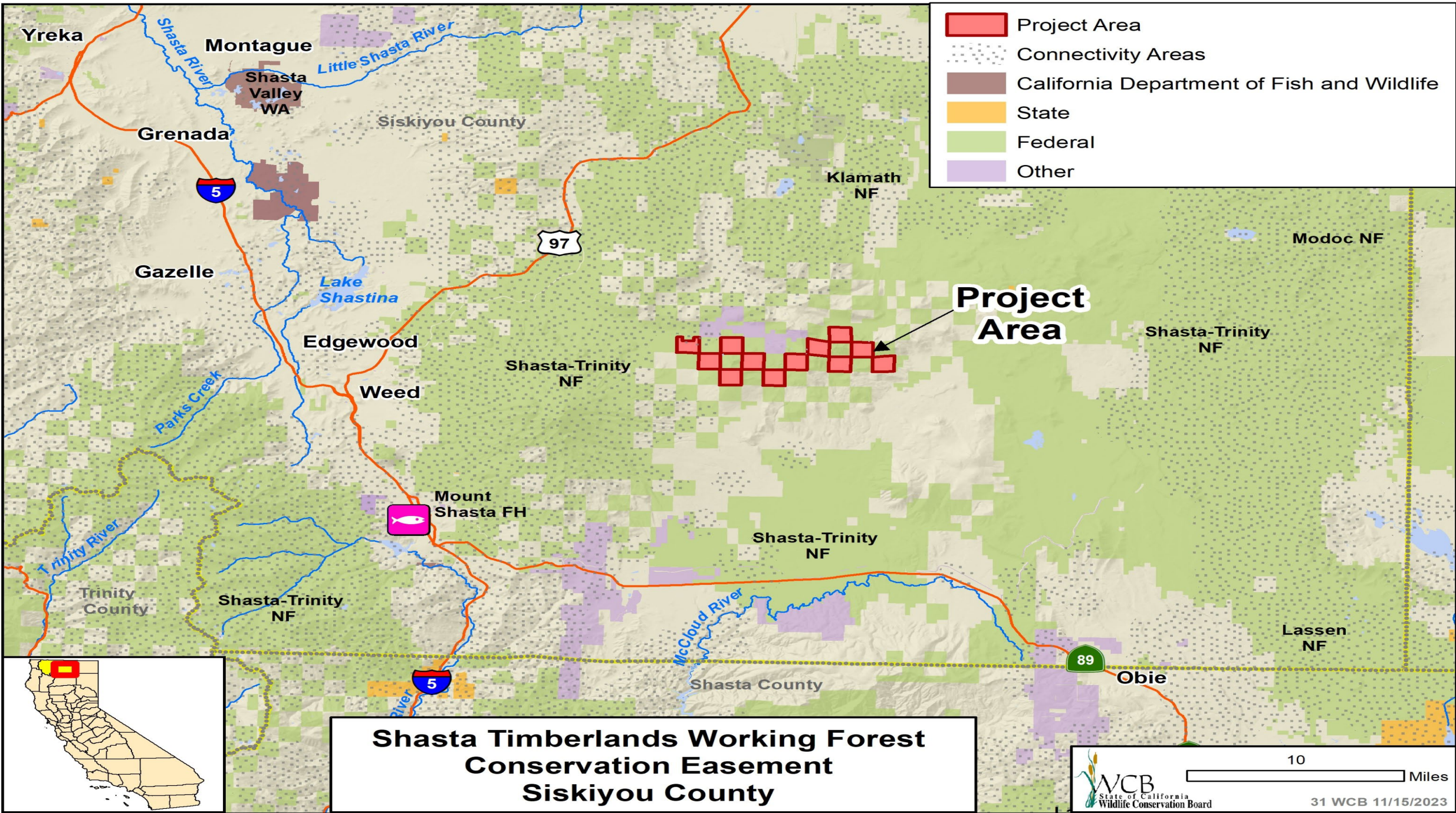


Consent Items 5-31, excluding items 16, 17, & 24 Motion



Presented Items 32-46

Starr Ranch



- Project Area
- Connectivity Areas
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- State
- Federal
- Other

Project Area

**Shasta Timberlands Working Forest
Conservation Easement
Siskiyou County**

Shasta Timberlands Working Forest Conservation Easement Slide 1

- Conifer forest with view of Mount Shasta





Shasta Timberlands Working Forest Conservation Easement

Slide 2

- At the crest of the Klamath and Sacramento Basins, looking northeast from Hemlock Ridge into Antelope Creek watershed. A mix of subalpine conifer, red fir, white fir, and Sierra mixed conifer forest with Hemlock Lake (a mountain tarn) in the foreground



Shasta Timberlands Working Forest Conservation Easement

Slide 3

Left: Trout Creek Headwaters Special Habitat Management Zone

Right: Table Rock Meadow Special Habitat Management Zone



Shasta Timberlands Working Forest Conservation Easement

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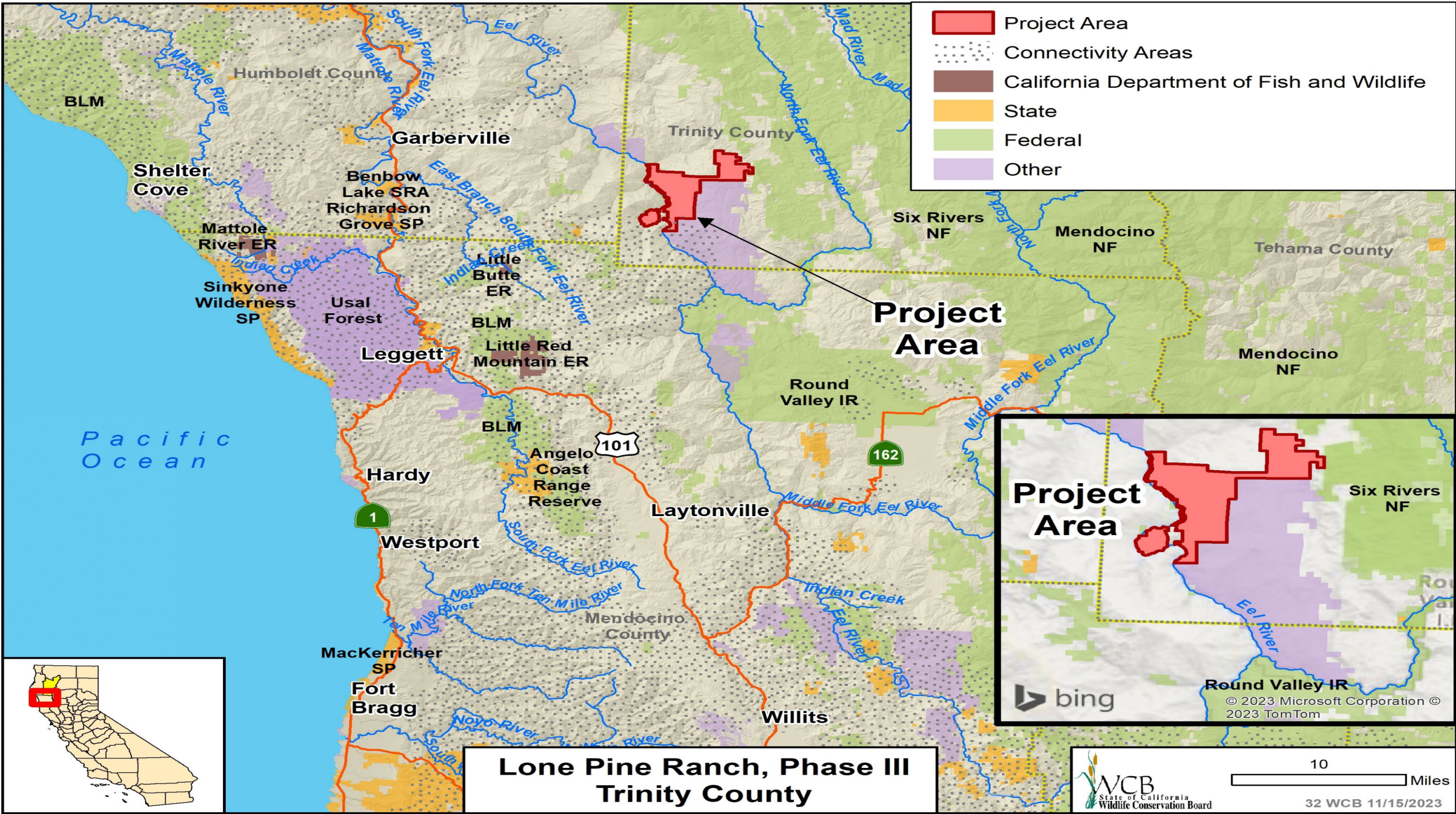
McCloud Redband trout from upper Trout Creek



Shasta Timberlands Working Forest Conservation Easement

Slide 5

Looking west towards the eastern face of Ash Creek Butte across red fir forest in the Swamp Creek watershed. The summit of Ash Creek Butte is a popular destination for hikers and back-country skiers.



**Lone Pine Ranch, Phase III
Trinity County**



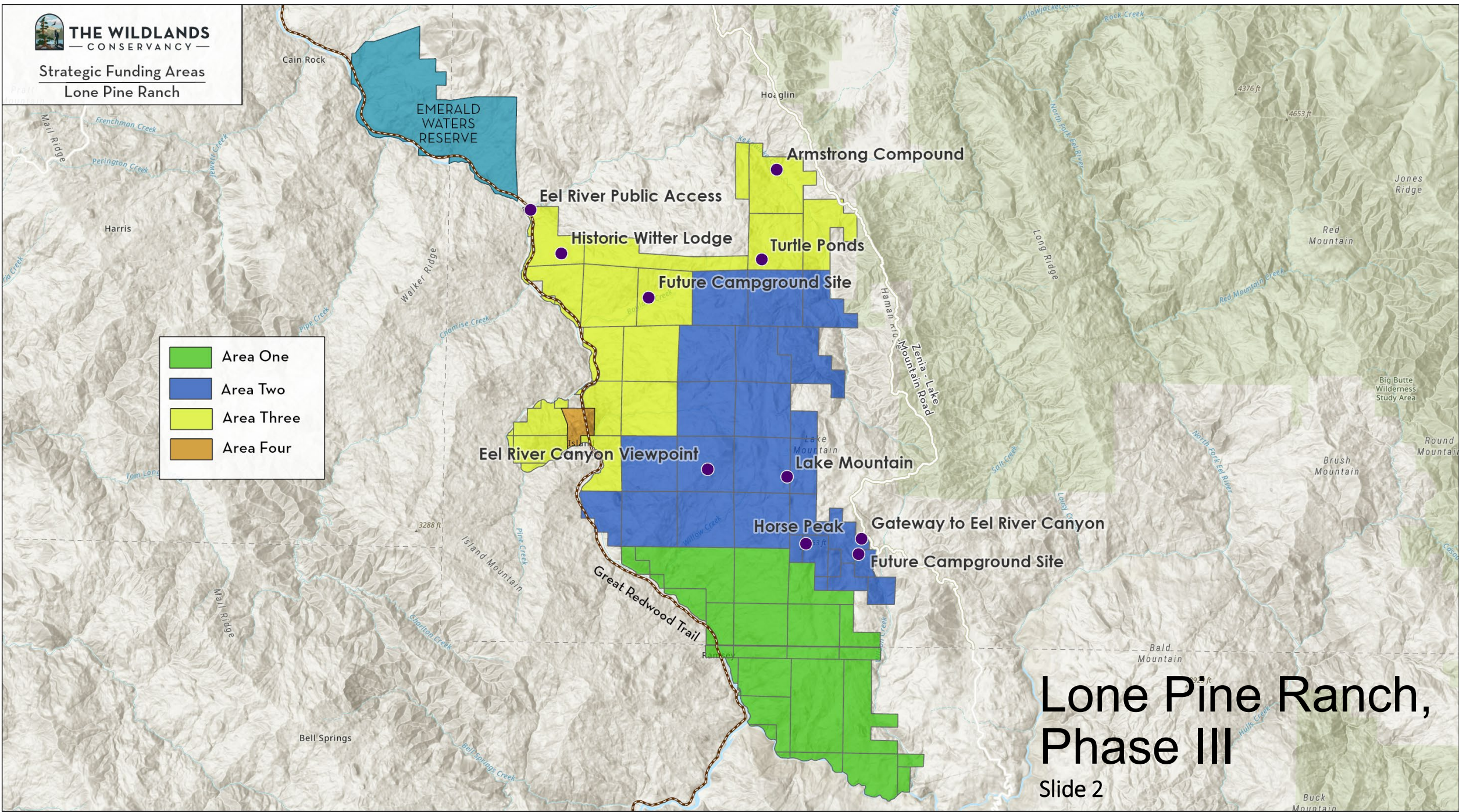
An aerial photograph of a river valley. A vibrant turquoise river flows through a landscape of rolling green hills and dense forests. The river is surrounded by a wide, rocky, and gravelly bed. The surrounding terrain is a mix of green grass and scattered trees, with a more densely forested area on the right side. The overall scene is a natural, scenic view of a river valley.

Lone Pine Ranch, Phase III

Slide 1

Wild and Scenic Eel River and the future Great Redwood Trail

	Area One
	Area Two
	Area Three
	Area Four



Lone Pine Ranch, Phase III



Lone Pine Ranch, Phase III

Slide 2

Left: Oak woodlands and grassland habitat dominate throughout Area 3

Right: Mixed conifer forest throughout the higher elevations on the east side of Area 3




Lone Pine Ranch, Phase III

Slide 3

Left: Multiple creeks throughout Area 3 sustain multiple aquatic species including salmonids, newts, salamanders, and amphibians. Photo of newt in Kekawaka Creek.

Right: Area 3 will protect vital habitat and wildlife corridors utilized by multiple species including resident Roosevelt Elk herds that migrate through the area.



Lone Pine Ranch, Phase III

Slide 4

Area 3 includes impressive spring displays of wildflowers, its very own superbloom in a native flower region undiscovered by most Californians.



Lone Pine Ranch, Phase III

Slide 5

Left: Winter snowfall provides much needed water supply for the Eel River watershed.

Right: Autumn scenery boasts a mosaic of red, orange, green and yellow colors, a captivating scene.



Lone Pine Ranch, Phase III

Slide 6

Top Left: A series of roads transverse Area 3 providing ready-to-go hiking trails for public use.

Top Right: The future 320-mile Great Redwood Trail will pass through Area 3 of the ranch using the defunct Northwestern Pacific Railroad Corridor.

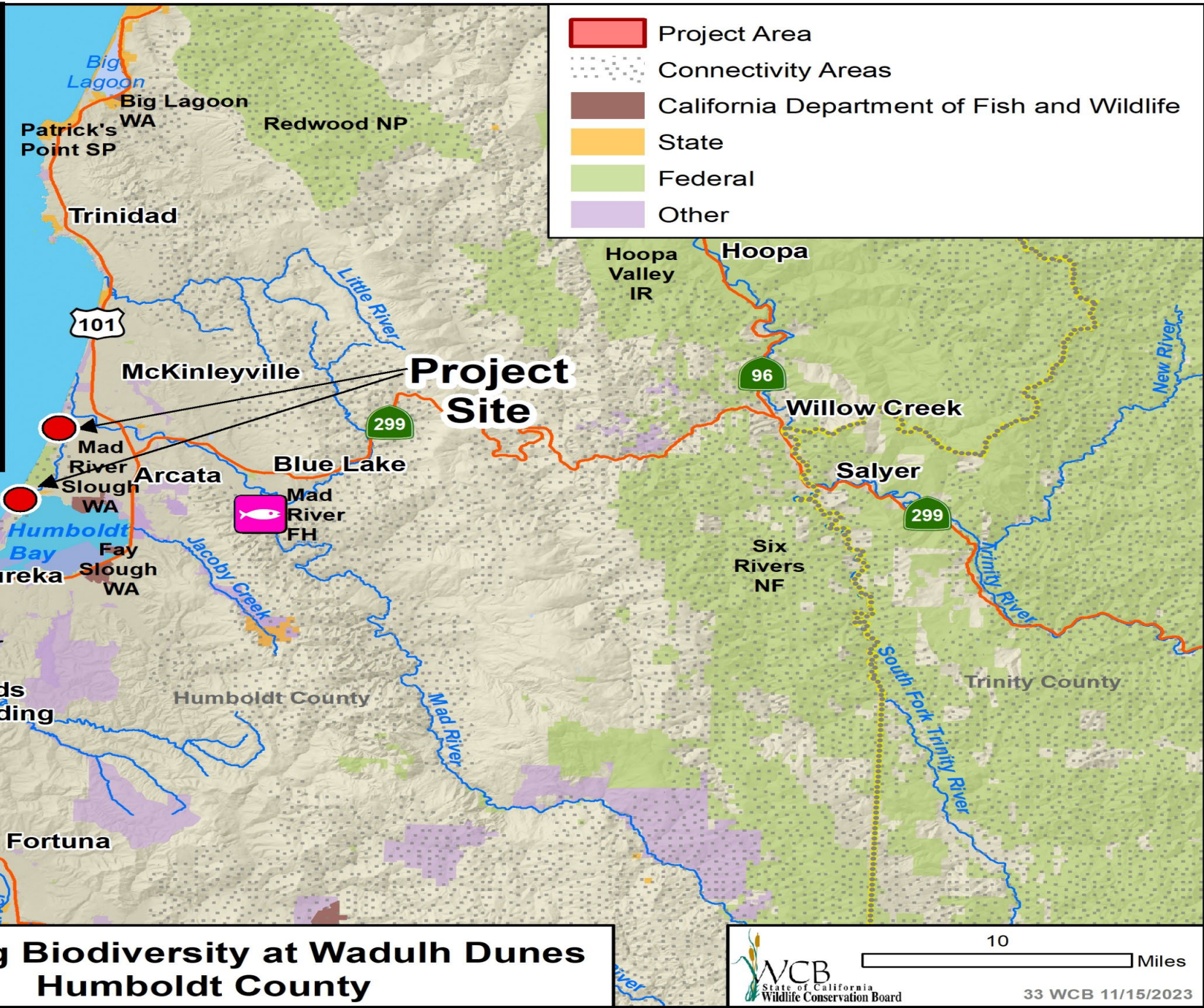
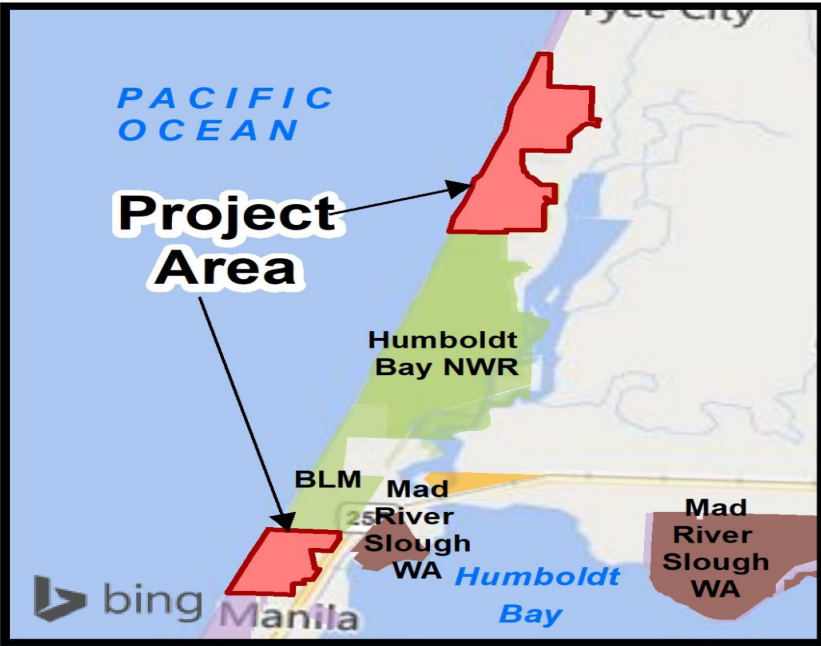
Bottom: Lone Pine Ranch Area 3 will be open to the public free of charge for hiking, camping, wildlife viewing, and much more.



Lone Pine Ranch, Phase III

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Historic Dean Witter Lodge on Area 3 will serve as a hub for regional conservation initiatives.

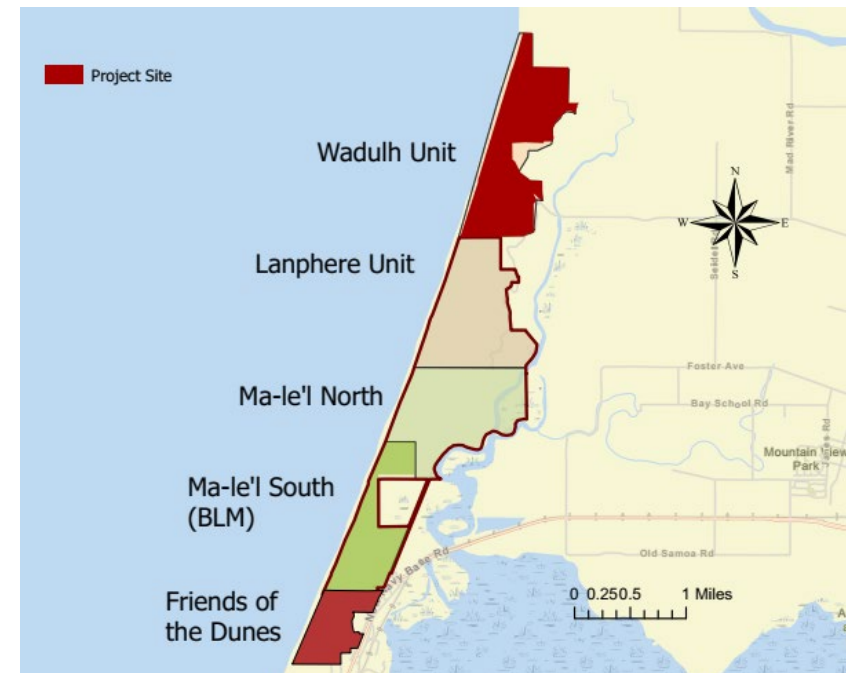


**Restoring Biodiversity at Wadulh Dunes
Humboldt County**

Restoring Biodiversity at Wadulh Dunes

Slide 1

Purpose: Restore 350 acres of coastal dunes at the Wadulh Unit of Humboldt Bay National Wildlife Refuge and the Humboldt Coastal Nature Center, at the end of a previously restored stretch of dunes, resulting in a contiguous reach of 6.5 miles of restored dunes.



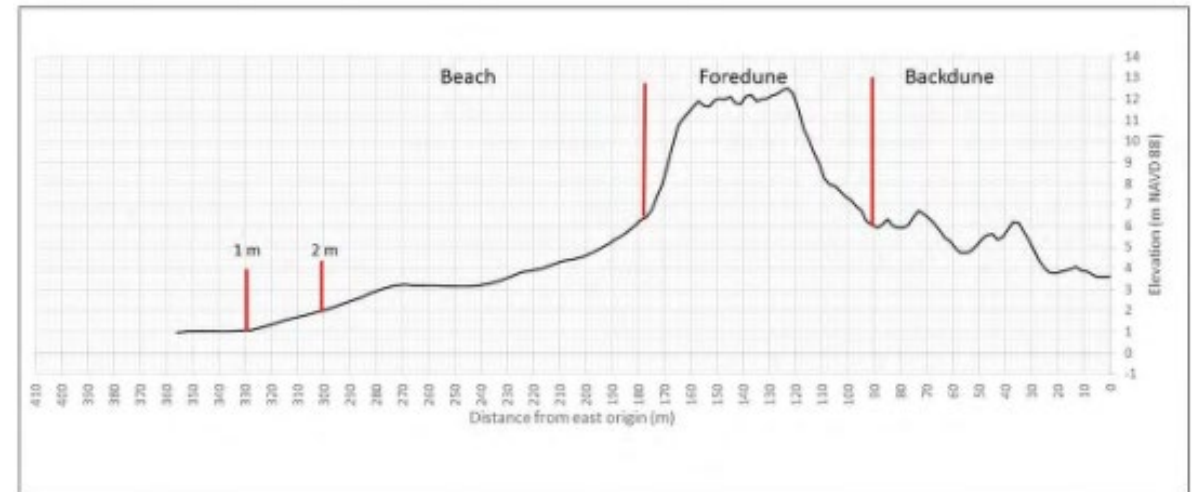
Restoring Biodiversity at Wadulh Dunes

Slide 2

Existing conditions:



- Monoculture of European beachgrass
- Overstabilized foredune and backdune
- Reduced or blocked sediment transfer between beach, foredune, and backdune, inhibiting native plant diversity



Legend

Wadulh Unit

Treatment

- Flame
- Plant DM Elymus
- Manual plant Elymus
- Manual burn Elymus
- Manual plant DM
- Manual plant Trees
- Herbicide plant DM
- Herbicide plant Elymus
- Heavy Equip plant DM

Restoring Biodiversity at Wadulh Dunes

Slide 3

Objectives

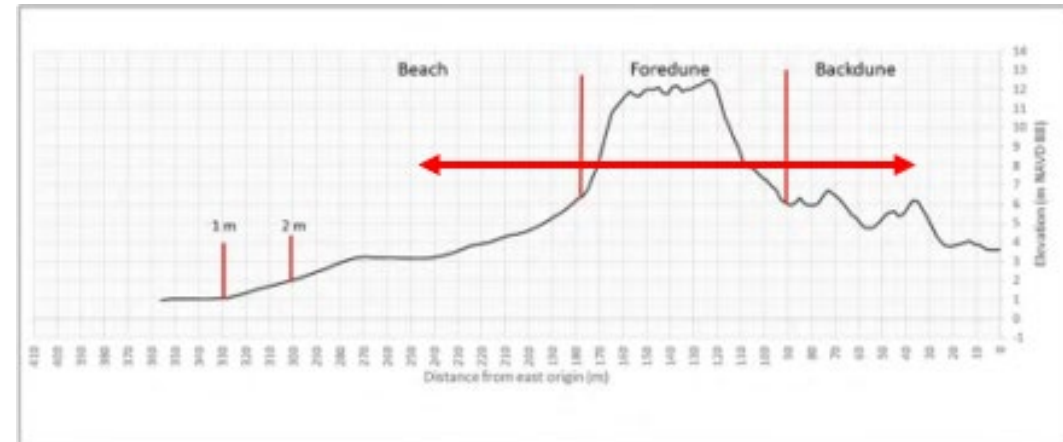
- Restore 32 acres of foredune currently invaded by European beachgrass to a mix of dune mat and native dune grass.
- Restore 311 acres of backdune area currently invaded by European beachgrass and yellow bush lupine (also iceplant, annual grasses and pampas grass) to dune mat.
- Convert 21 acres of backdune currently invaded by yellow bush lupine to dune forest.
- Restore dynamic dune processes.

Restoring Biodiversity at Wadulh Dunes

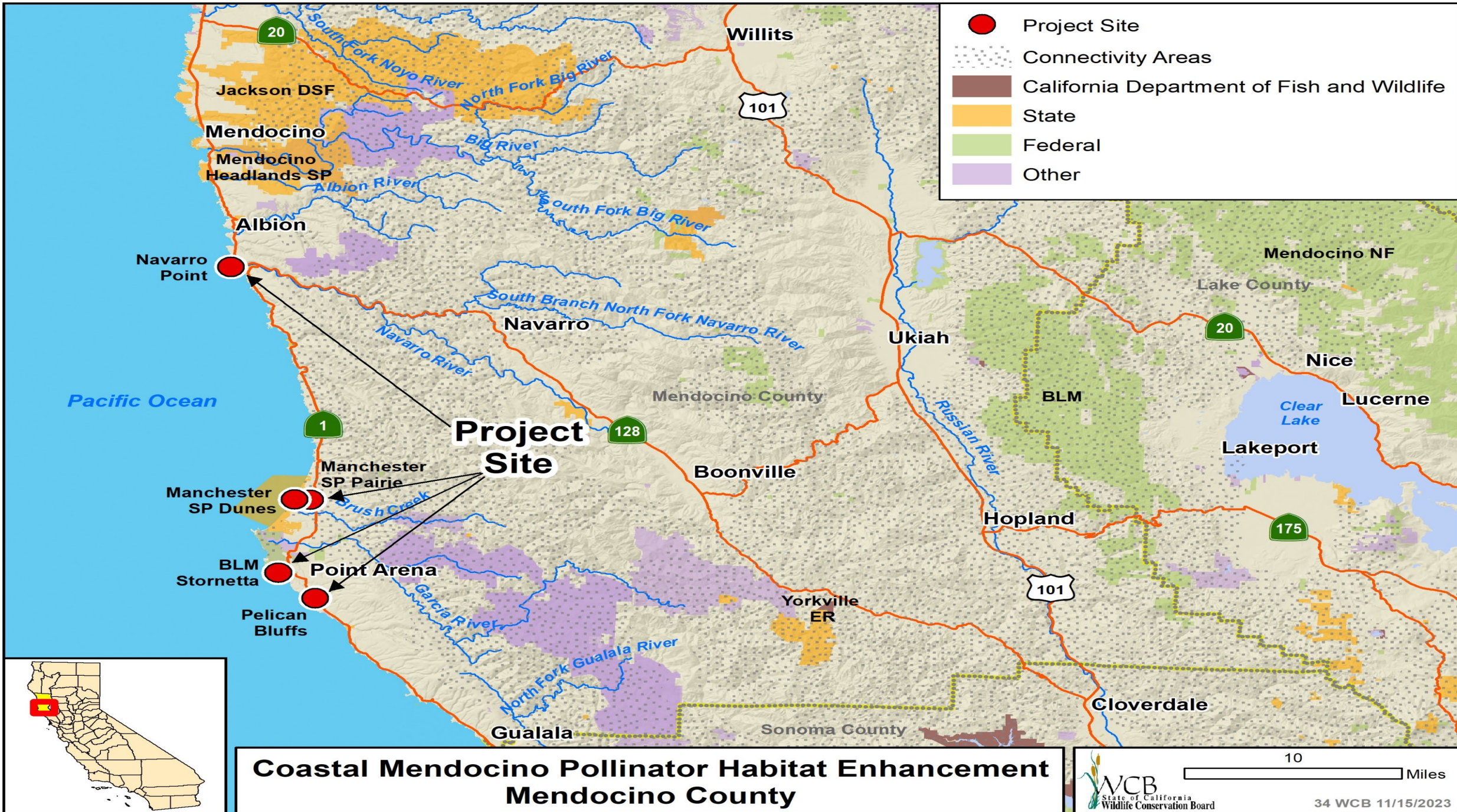
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Targeted conditions:

- Diverse dune mat community of native plants, supported by dynamic sediment transfer between beach, foredune and backdune.
- Foredunes will increase in volume and facilitate migration with sea level rise through the transport of sediments to the backdune.
- Dune mat vegetation diversity supporting special status species such as the endangered Menzie's wallflower (inset).







**Coastal Mendocino Pollinator Habitat Enhancement
Mendocino County**

Coastal Mendocino Pollinator Habitat Enhancement

Slide 1

- Recover the federally endangered Behren's silverspot butterfly.
- Population decline is due to habitat loss and fragmentation.

Photo credit: Mendocino Land Trust

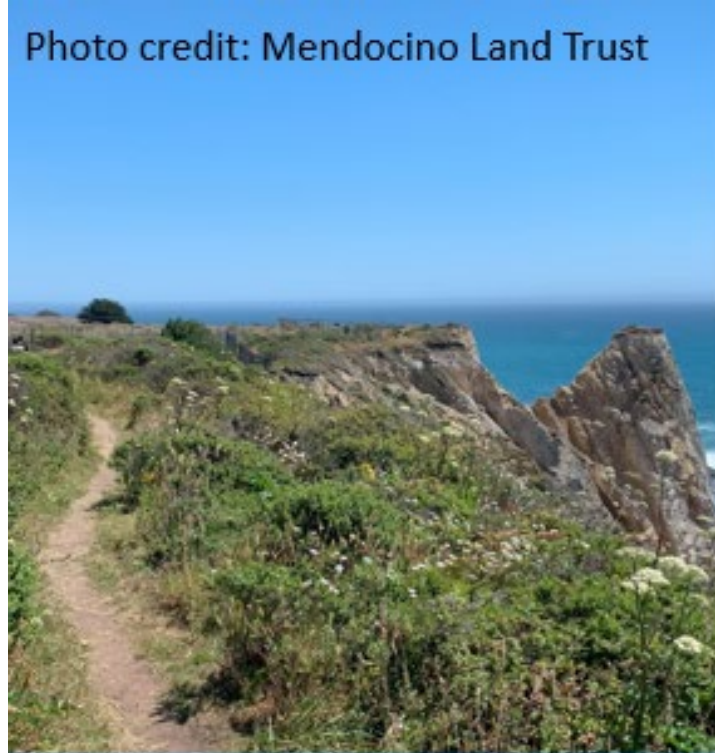
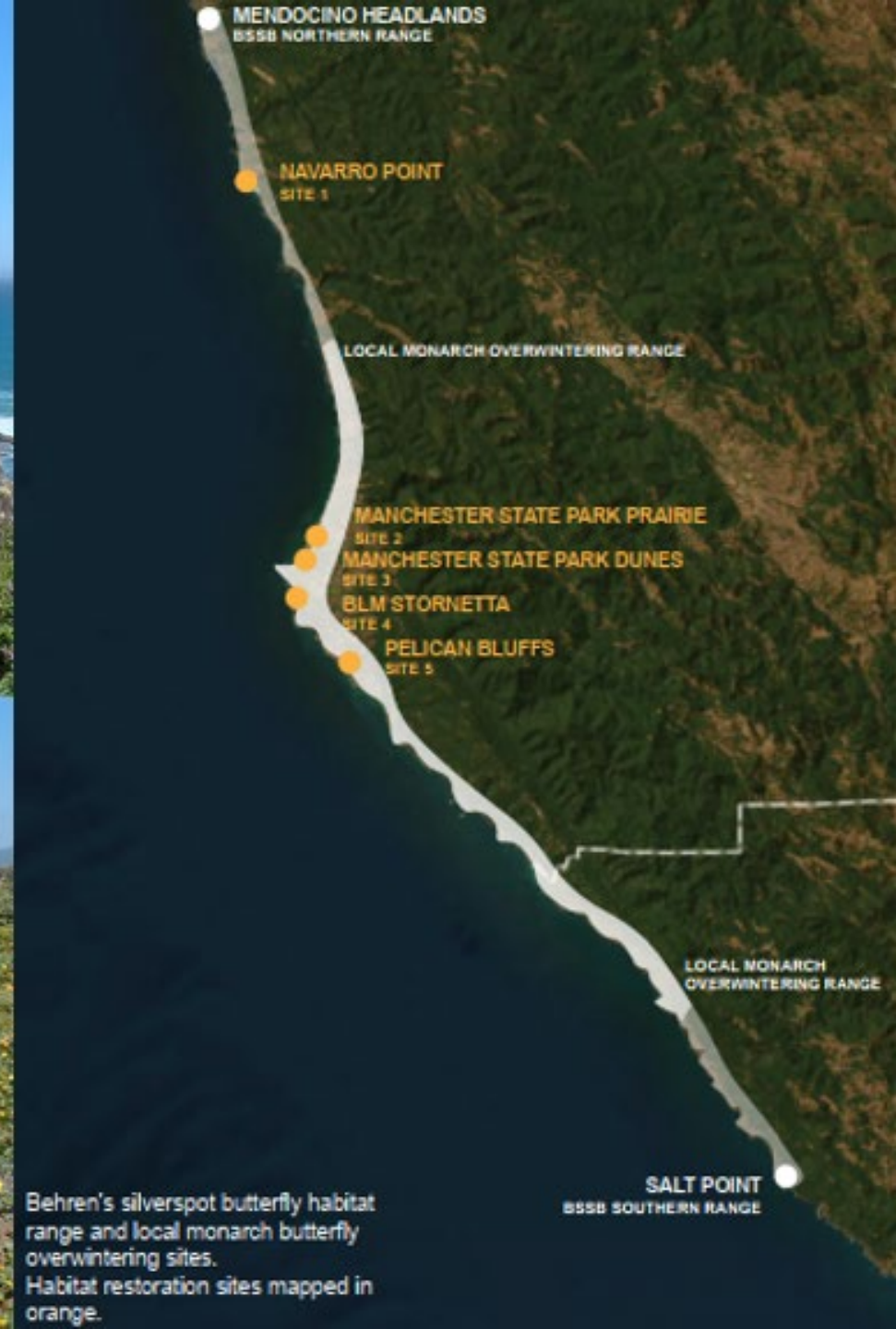


Photo credit: State Parks





Coastal Mendocino Pollinator Habitat Enhancement

Slide 2

Existing Conditions

- Overgrown with invasive grasses and forbs.
- Minimal to no early blue violets and nectar species present.



Coastal Mendocino Pollinator Habitat Enhancement

Slide 3

Project Solutions

- Restore 53.4 acres of native coastal prairie and dune with a focus of planting highly dense patches of early blue violets.
- Remove 47 acres of European beachgrass from dunes.

Outcomes

- High quality pollinator habitat
- Improved habitat connectivity

Previous Manchester State Park Dunes Treatments





Coastal Mendocino Pollinator Habitat Enhancement

Slide 4

Project Solutions

- Captive rear and release program for Behren's silverspot butterfly.
- Annual monitoring for Behren's silverspot butterfly and other native pollinators.

Outcomes

- Increased BSB population
- Monitoring data that will inform conservation strategies

Coastal Mendocino Pollinator Habitat Enhancement

Slide 5



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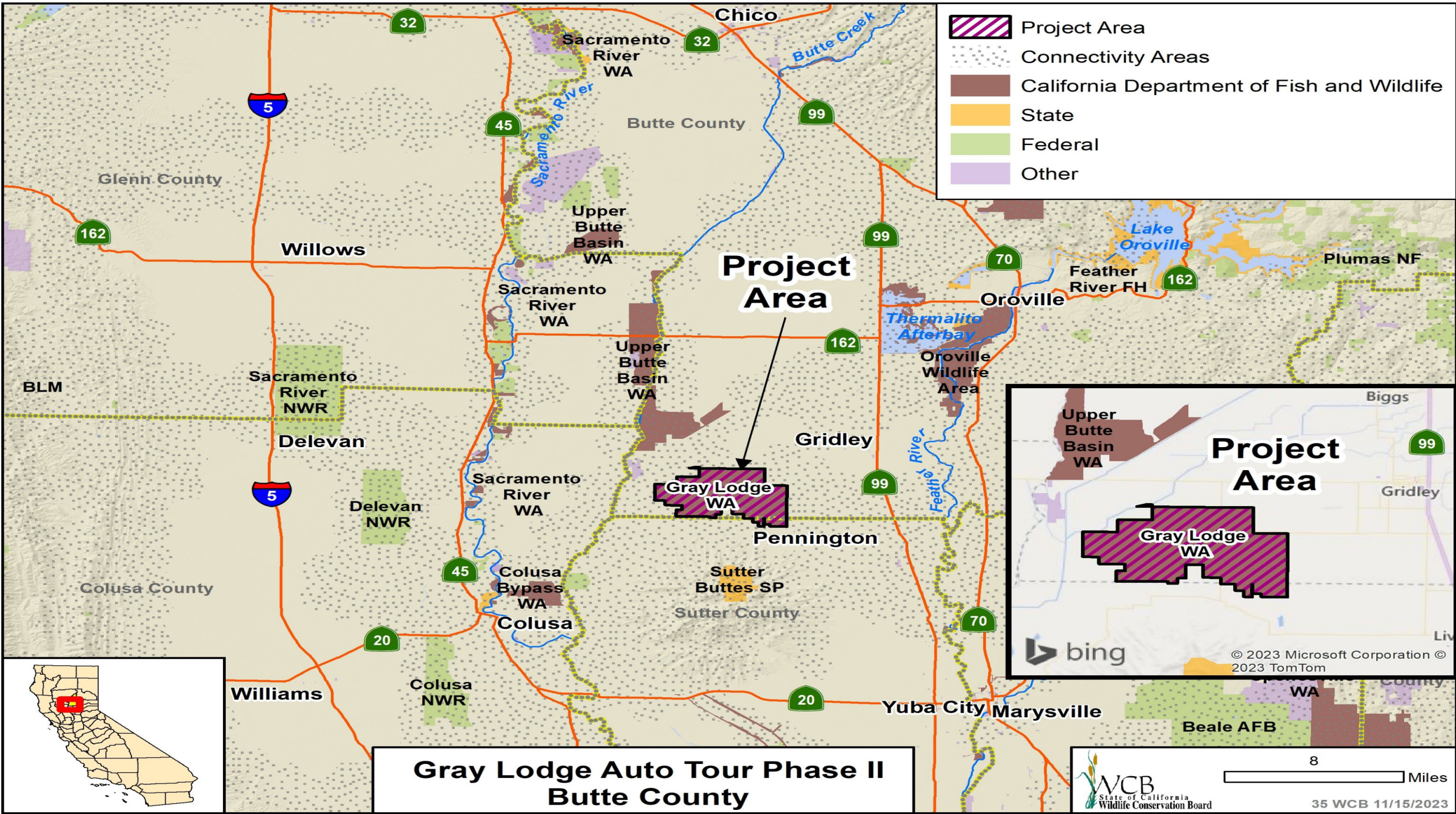
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-  Project Area
-  Connectivity Areas
-  California Department of Fish and Wildlife
-  State
-  Federal
-  Other

**Gray Lodge Auto Tour Phase II
Butte County**



Gray Lodge Auto Tour, Phase II

Slide 1

- Gray Lodge Wildlife Area, photo taken from Auto Tour Route during flyout.



Gray Lodge Auto Tour, Phase II

Slide 2

- Managed wetland on the Auto Tour Route.



Gray Lodge Auto Tour, Phase II

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- Map of Auto Tour Route and project area.



Gray Lodge Auto Tour, Phase II

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- Wetland unit to be enhanced by grading and swale/island construction.



Gray Lodge Auto Tour, Phase II

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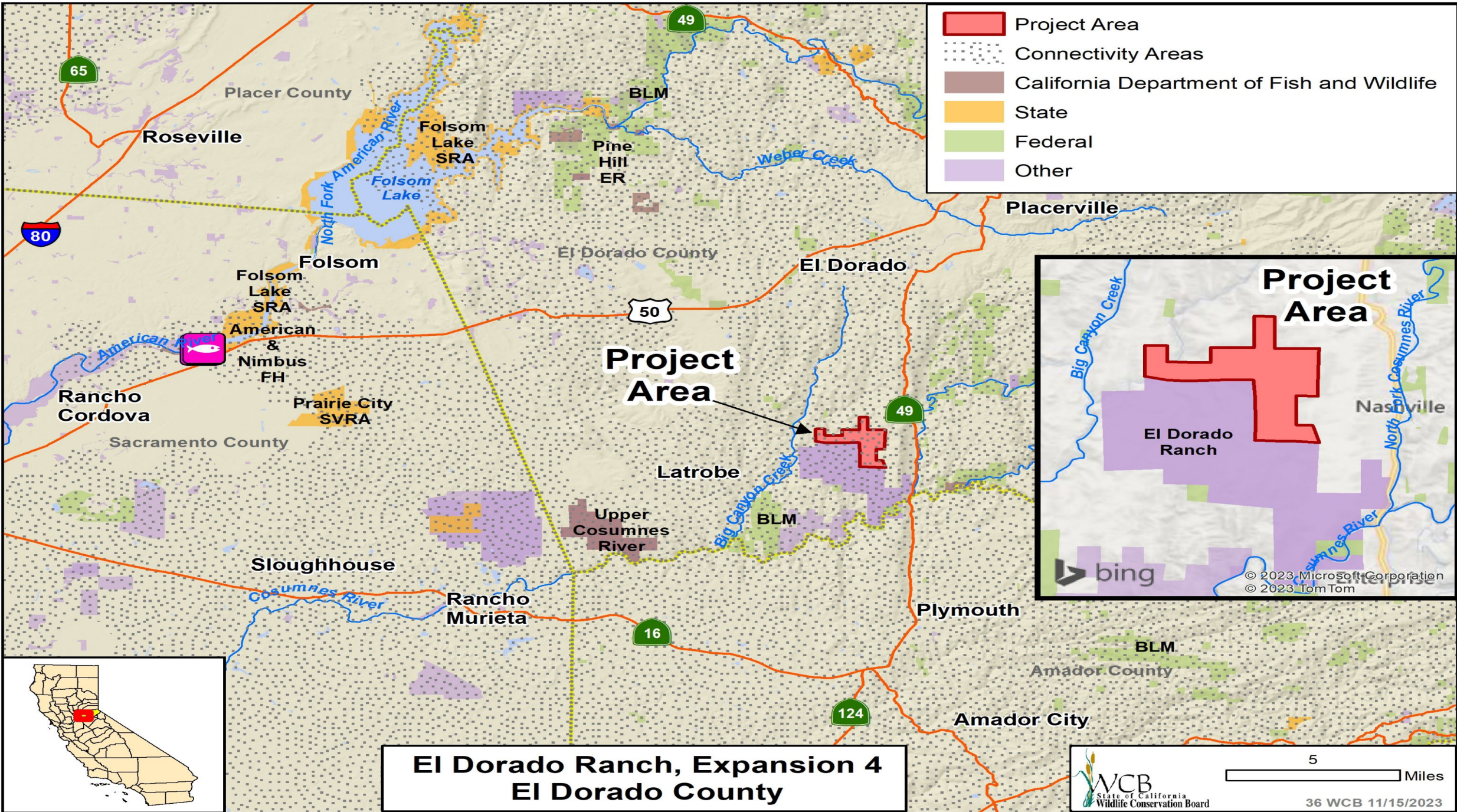
- Left: Water conveyance canal to be cleaned, and water control structures replaced.
- Right: Main drain water control structure to be replaced to improve drainage.



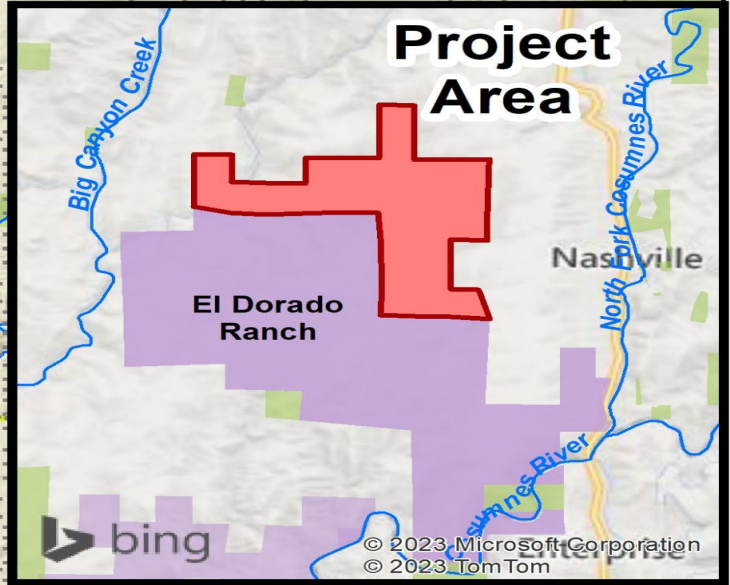
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- Levee side slopes will be regraded and turnouts constructed.



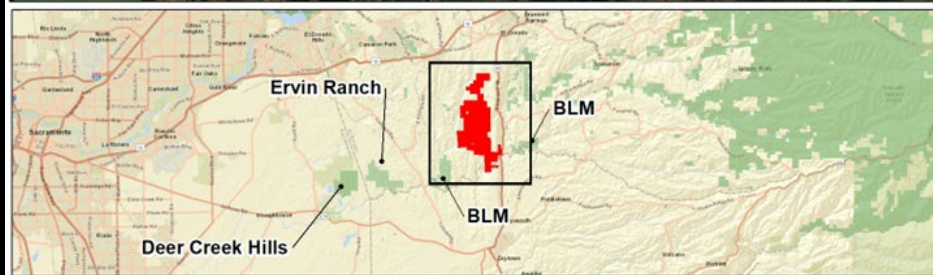
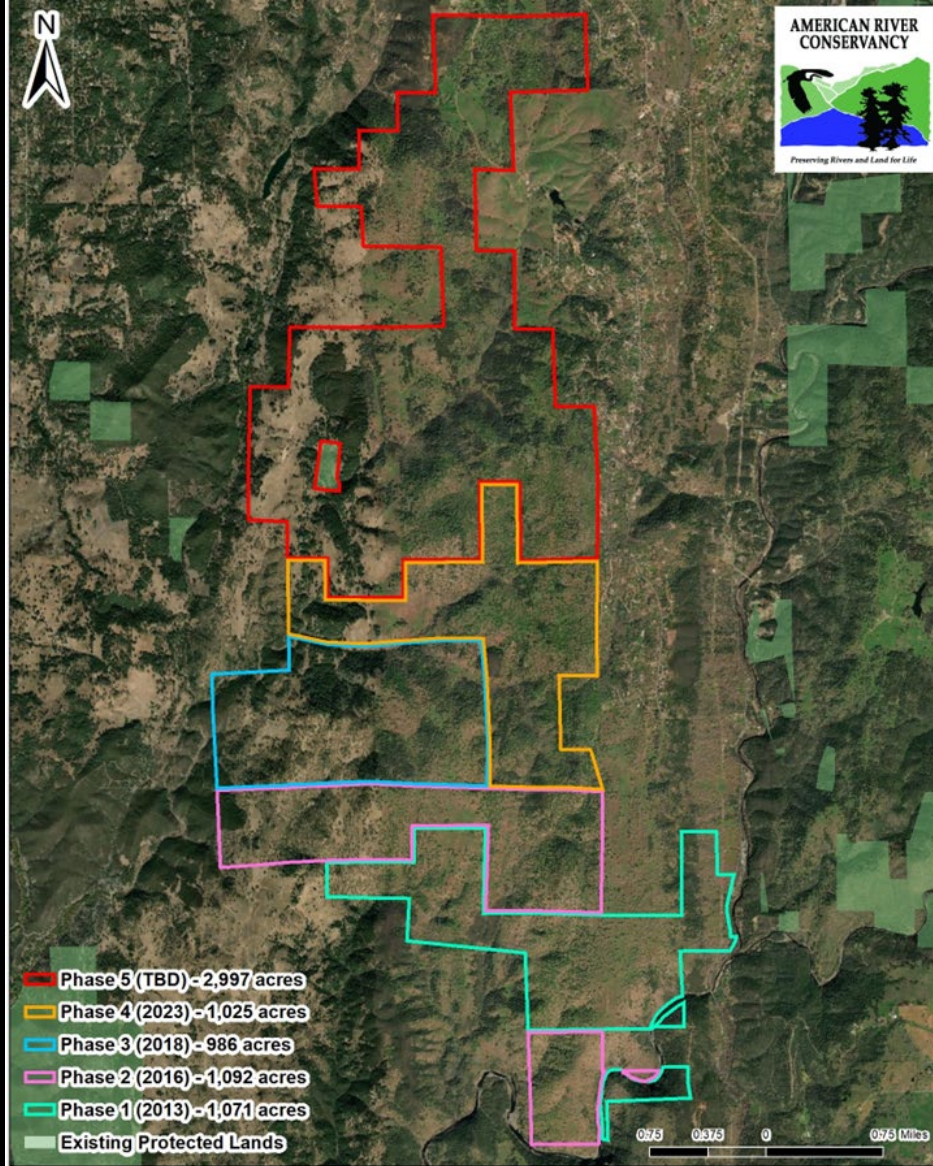
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**El Dorado Ranch, Expansion 4
El Dorado County**

El Dorado Ranch, Expansion 4

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- El Dorado Ranch Acquisition Phases
- Map credit: American River Conservancy



El Dorado Ranch, Expansion 4

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- View of Cosumnes River
- Photo credit: American River Conservancy

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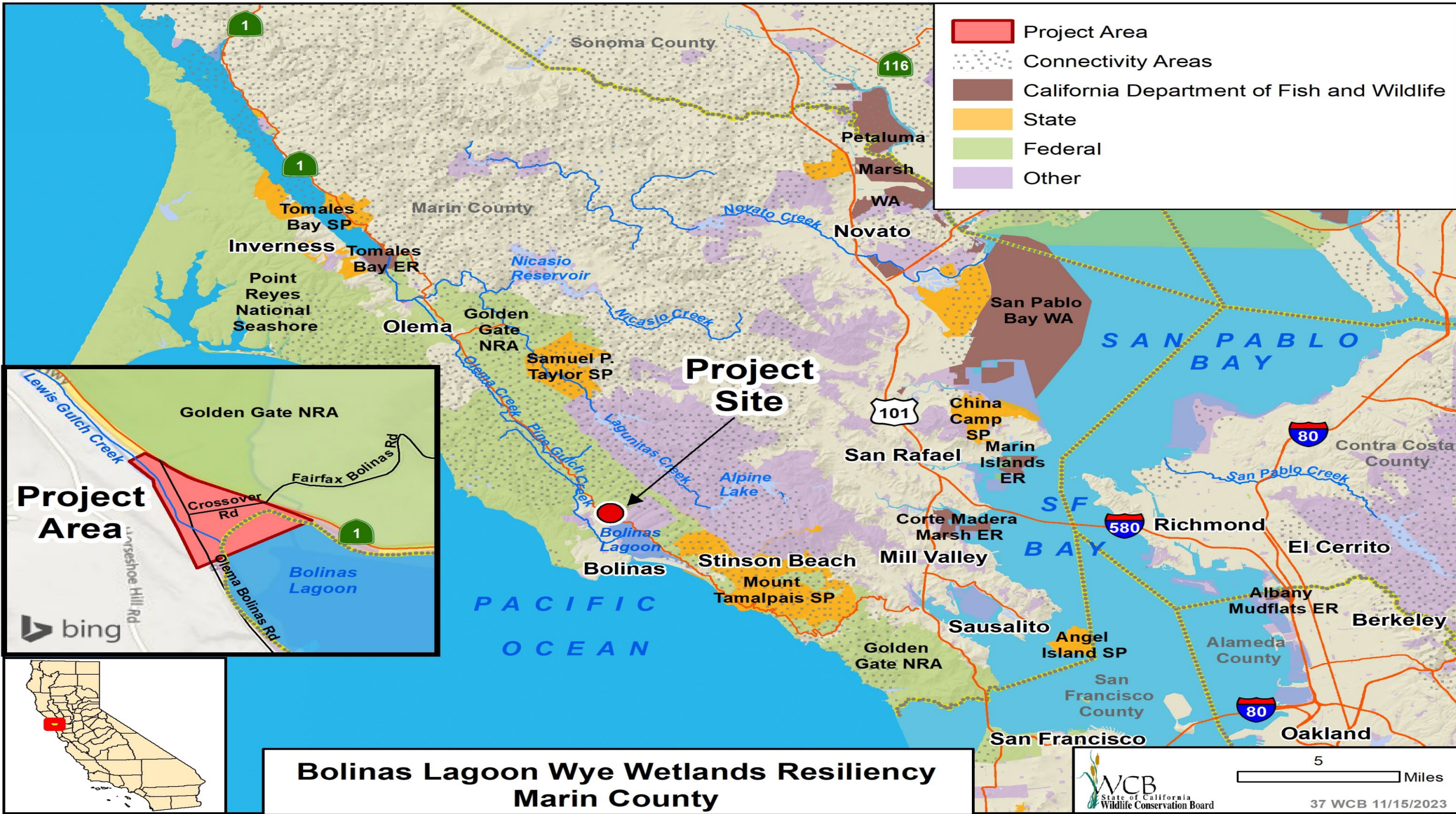
- Slate Creek, tributary to Cosumnes River
- Photo credit: American River Conservancy

El Dorado Ranch, Expansion 4

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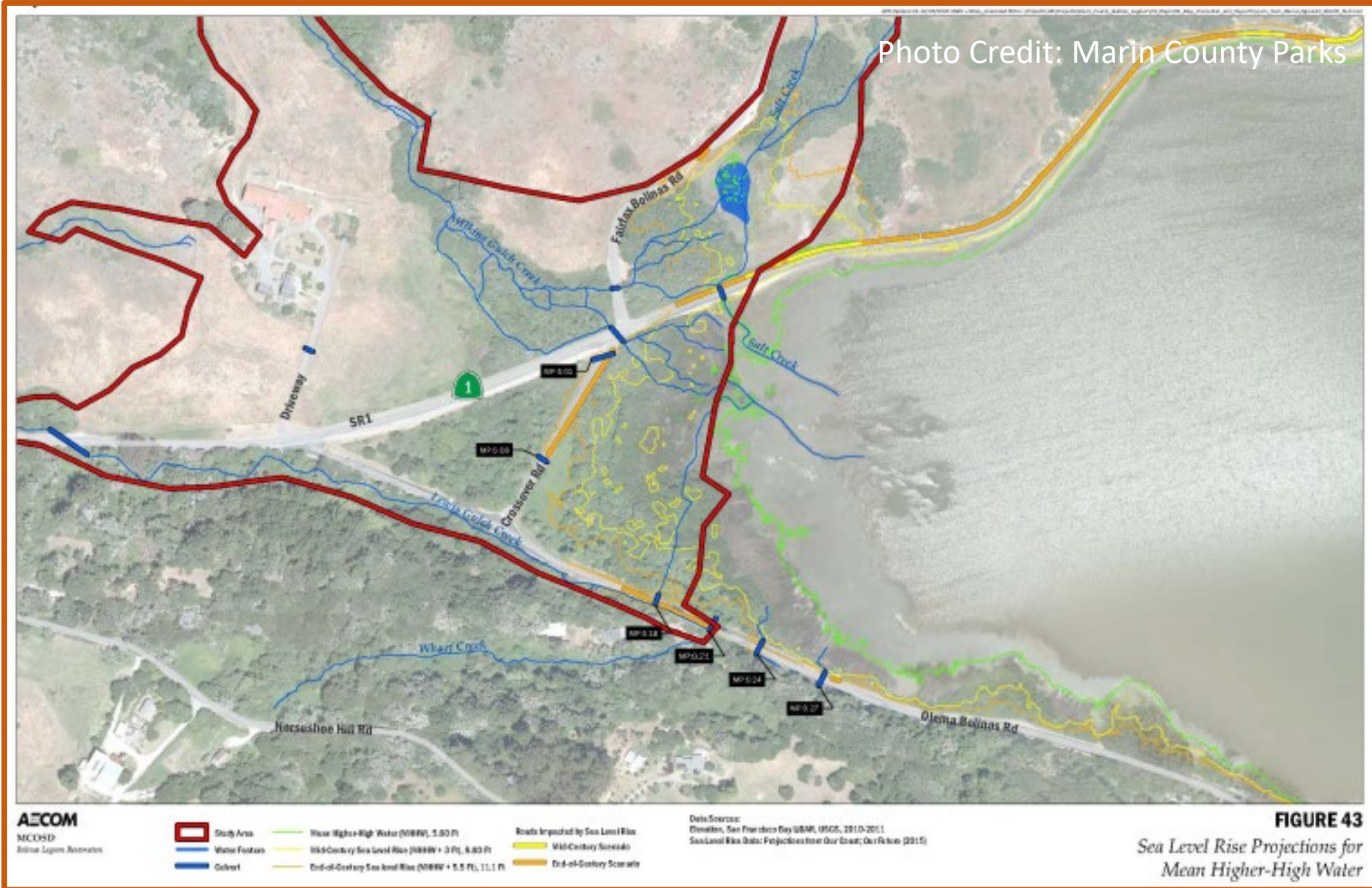


Oak savannah habitat
Photo credit: American River Conservancy



Bolinas Lagoon Wye Wetlands Resiliency

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Bolinas Lagoon Wye Wetlands Resiliency

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Project Need

- Historical Land Use:
 - Roads
 - Undersized culverts
 - Channelization
- Expected by End-of-Century:
 - 5.5 feet SLR
- Invasive Weeds:
 - Cape Ivy
 - Himalayan Blackberry
 - Periwinkle



Photo Credit: Marin
County Parks

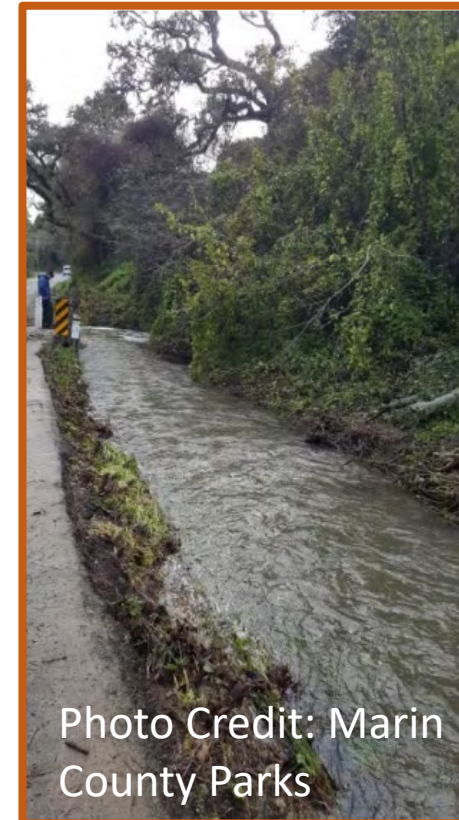


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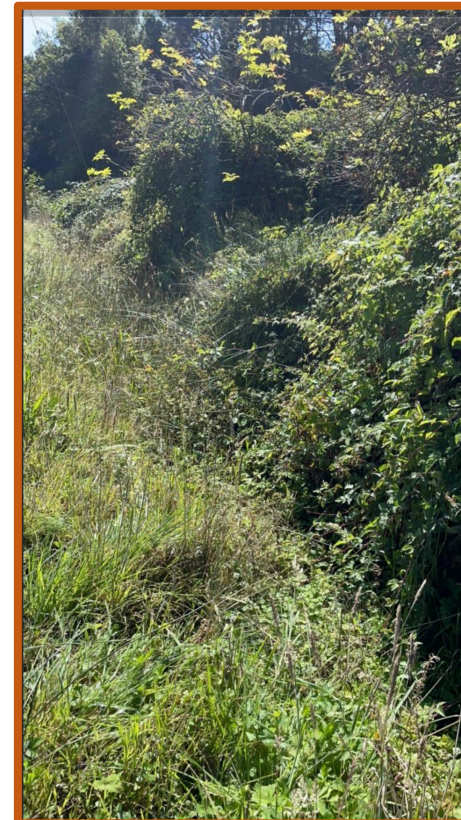




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Bolinas Lagoon Wye Wetlands Resiliency

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Project Goals

- Improve function and resiliency
- Provide habitat for wildlife:
 - California Red-Legged Frogs
 - California Giant Salamanders
 - California Black Rail
 - Tidewater Gobies
 - Central Coast Steelhead
 - Coho Salmon
- Adapt to and avoid flood inundation
- Restore Lewis Gulch Creek to Alluvial Floodplain
- Enhance Vegetation

Bolinas Lagoon Wye Wetlands Resiliency

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Solution

- Remove crossover road
 - Replant with natives
- Raise Olema-Bolinas Road out of flood zone
- Extensive mechanical invasive plant removal
 - 9 acres total
- Replant 3.3 acres
- Redirect Lewis Gulch Creek through restored site
- Create Floodplain
- Monitor progress and results



Bolinas Lagoon Wye Wetlands Resiliency

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Project Outcomes

- 1 Bridge
- 1,375 linear feet realigned/restored creek
- 35 large woody debris
- 1,246 trees planted
- Invasive species cover $\leq 15\%$
- Native Species Cover $\geq 85\%$
- Functional Floodplain

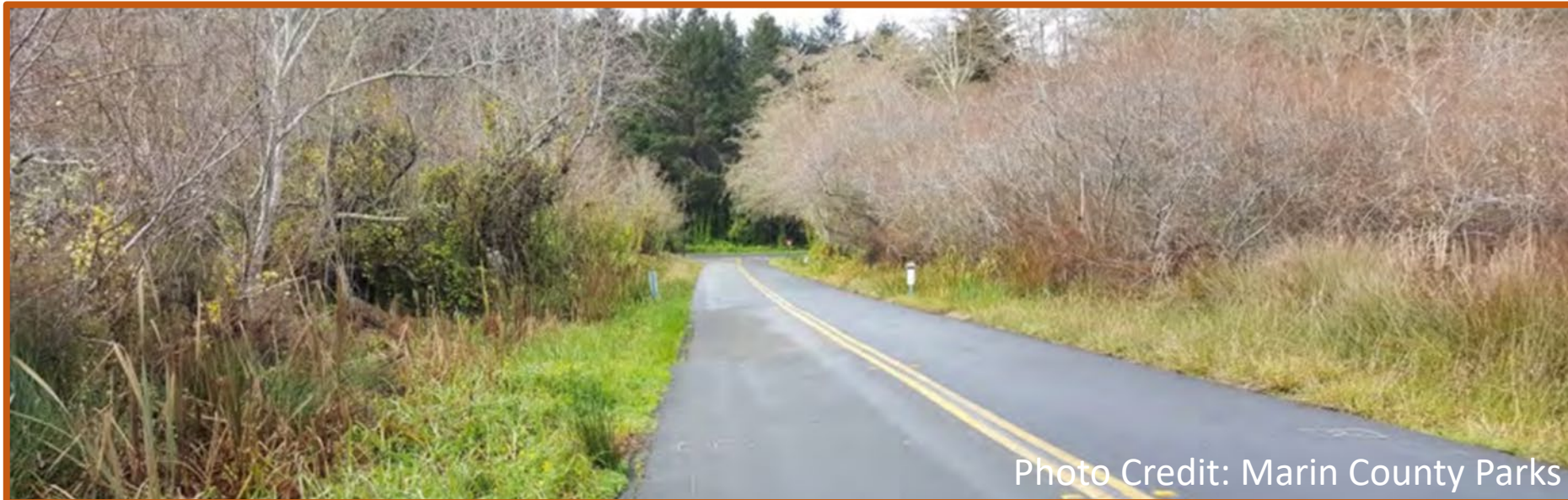
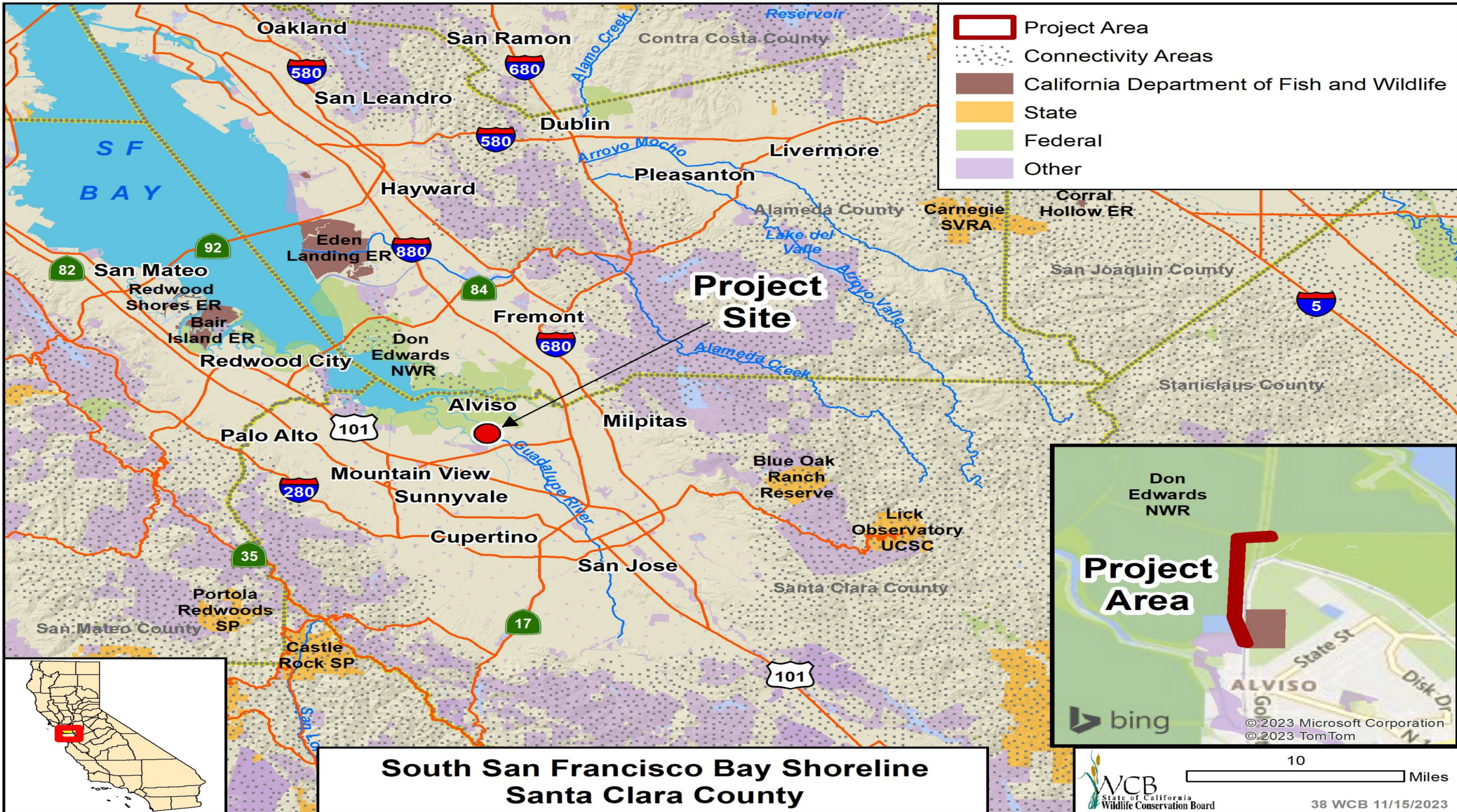


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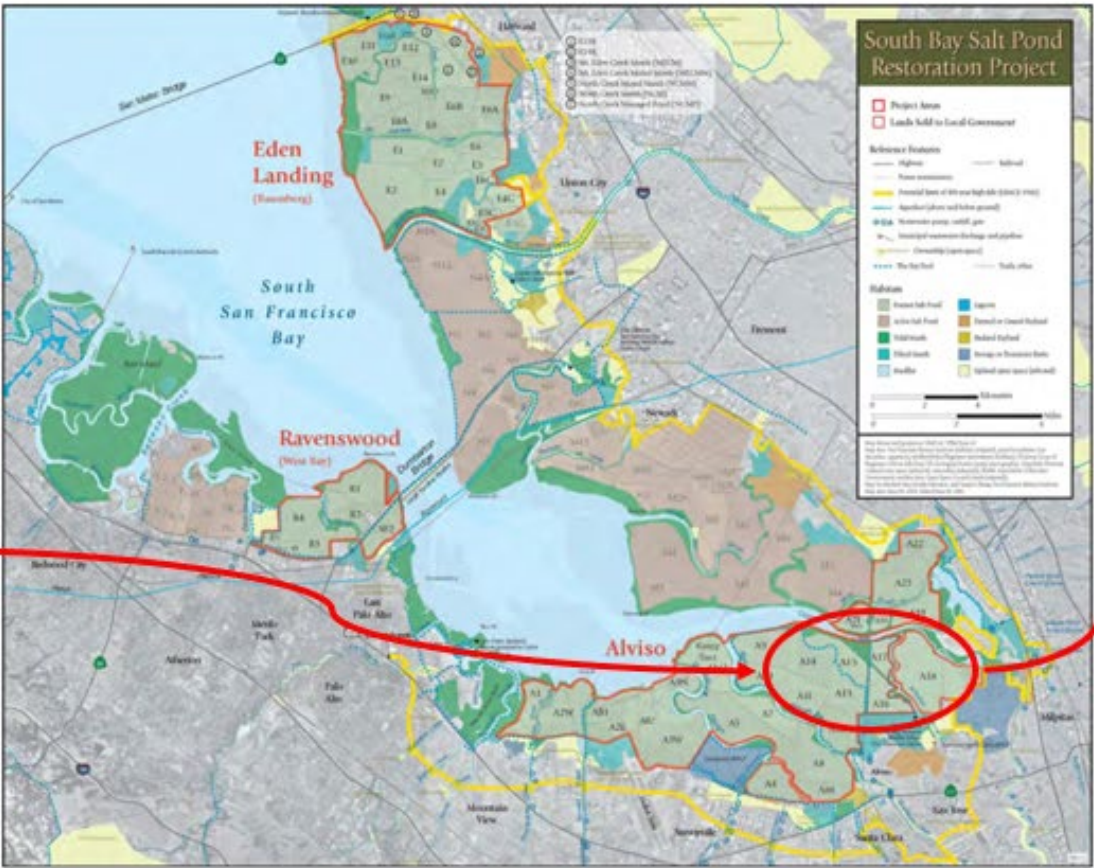
South San Francisco Bay Shoreline

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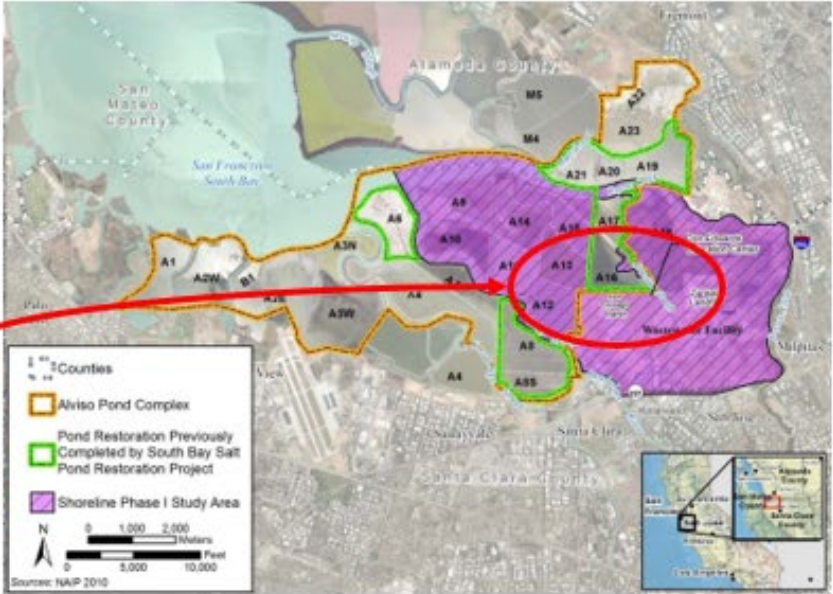
Project Location and Context:



S.F. Bay Area



South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project Area

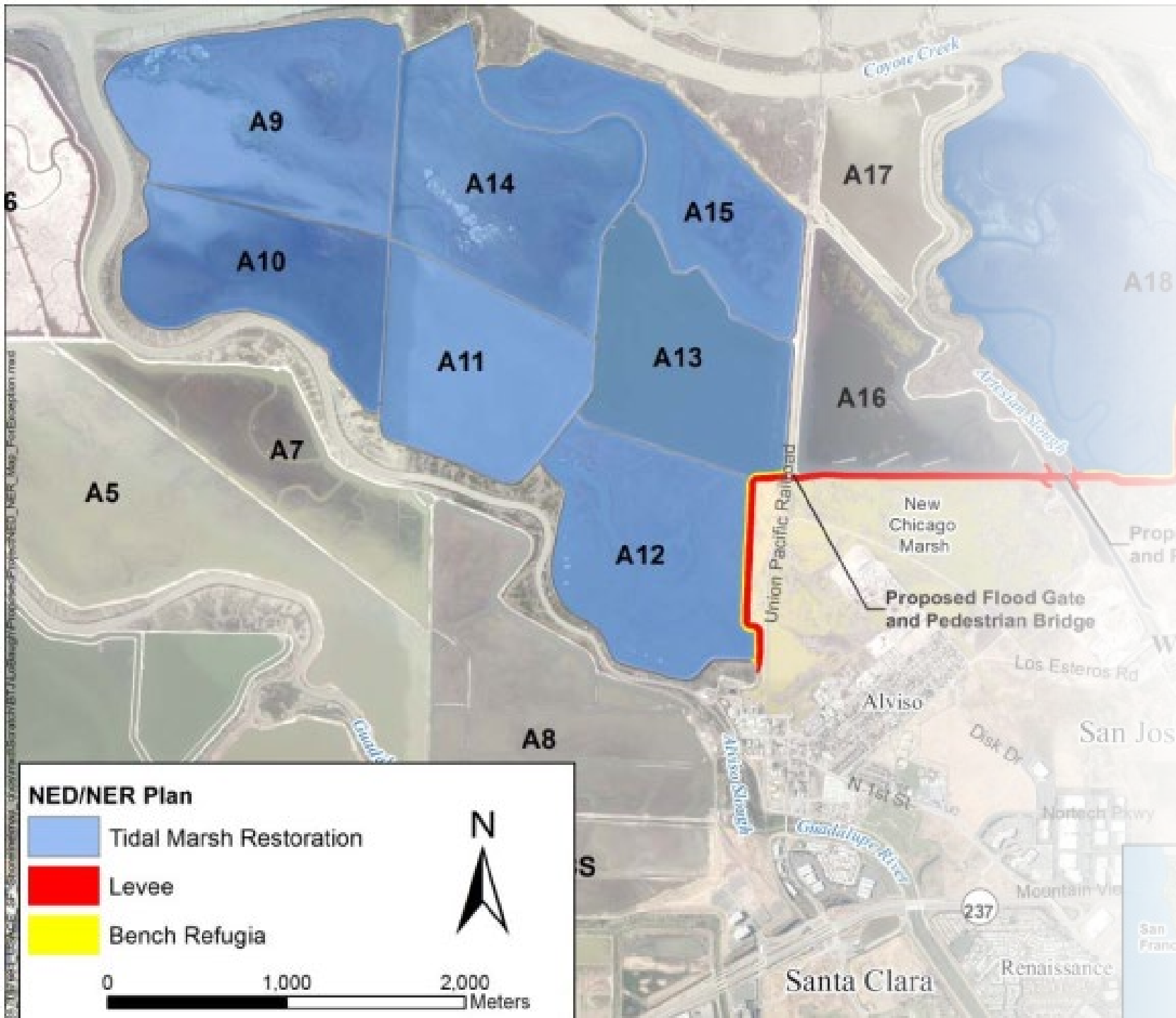


Alviso Pond Complex

South San Francisco Bay Shoreline

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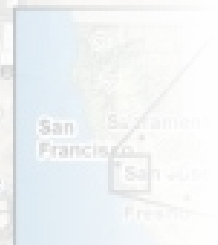
- **Purpose:** Build a 4-mile, FEMA certifiable levee, to allow for restoration of 2,900 acres of tidal marsh at eight former salt evaporation ponds, while improving opportunities for recreational and public access along the south bay shoreline.



NED/NER Plan

- Tidal Marsh Restoration
- Levee
- Bench Refugia

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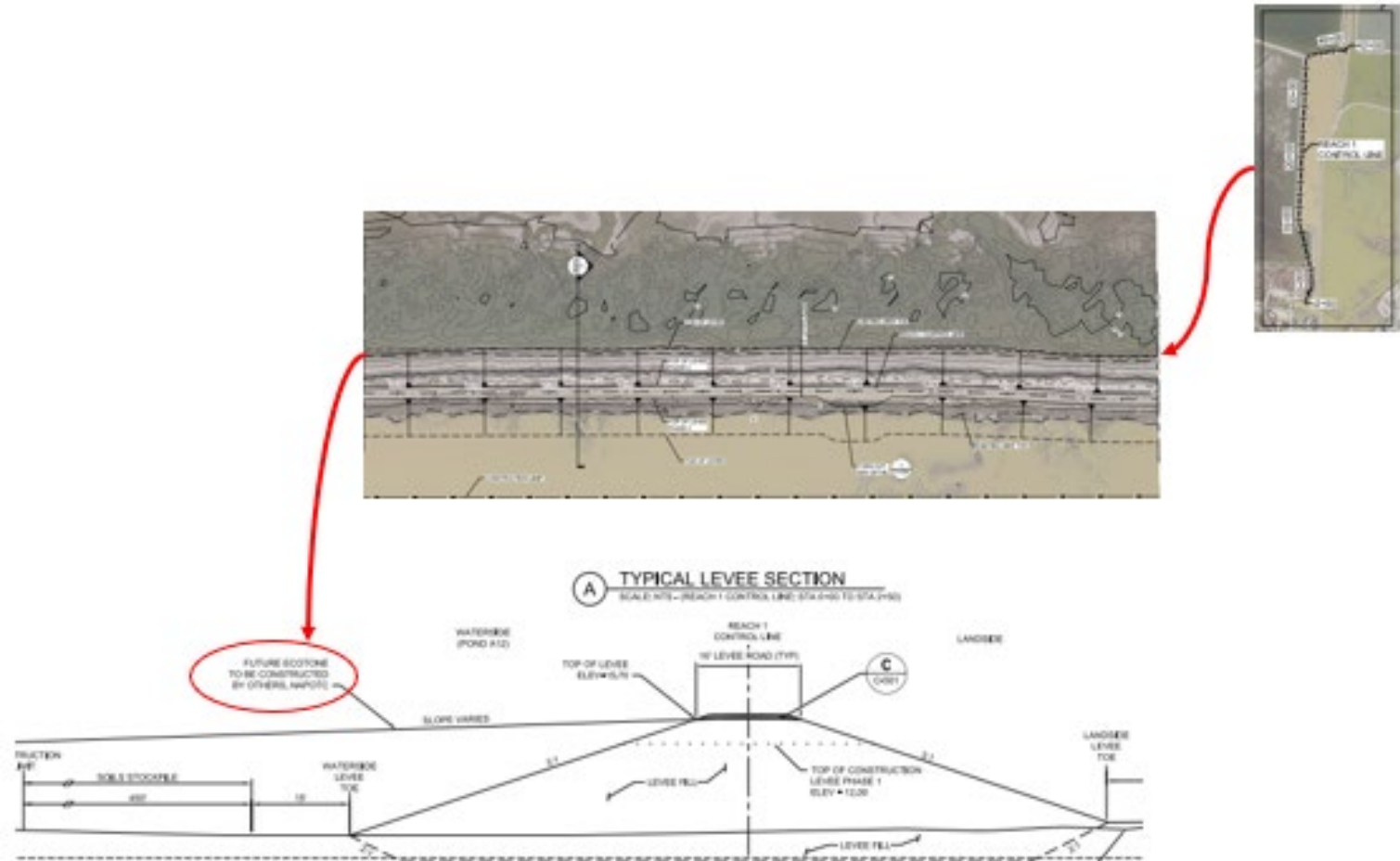


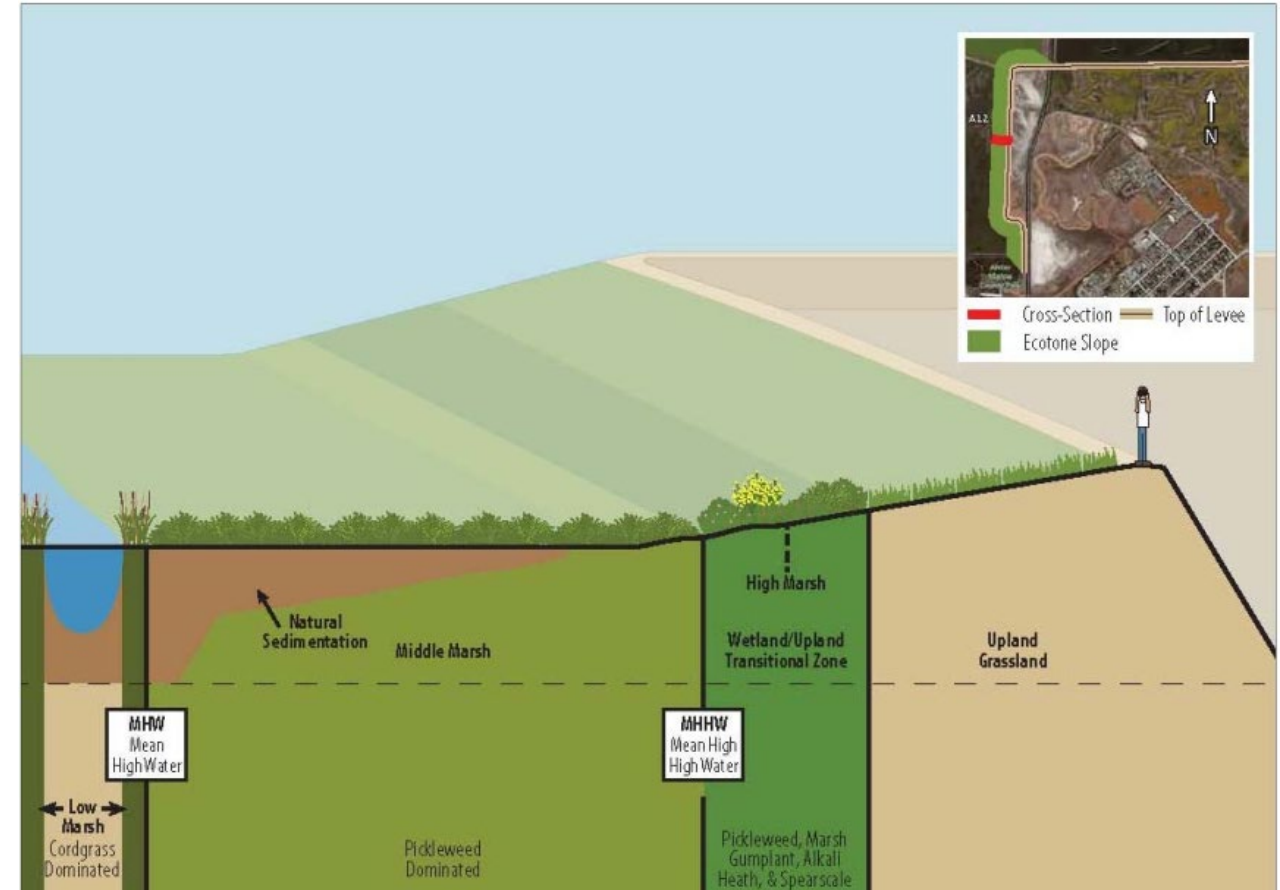
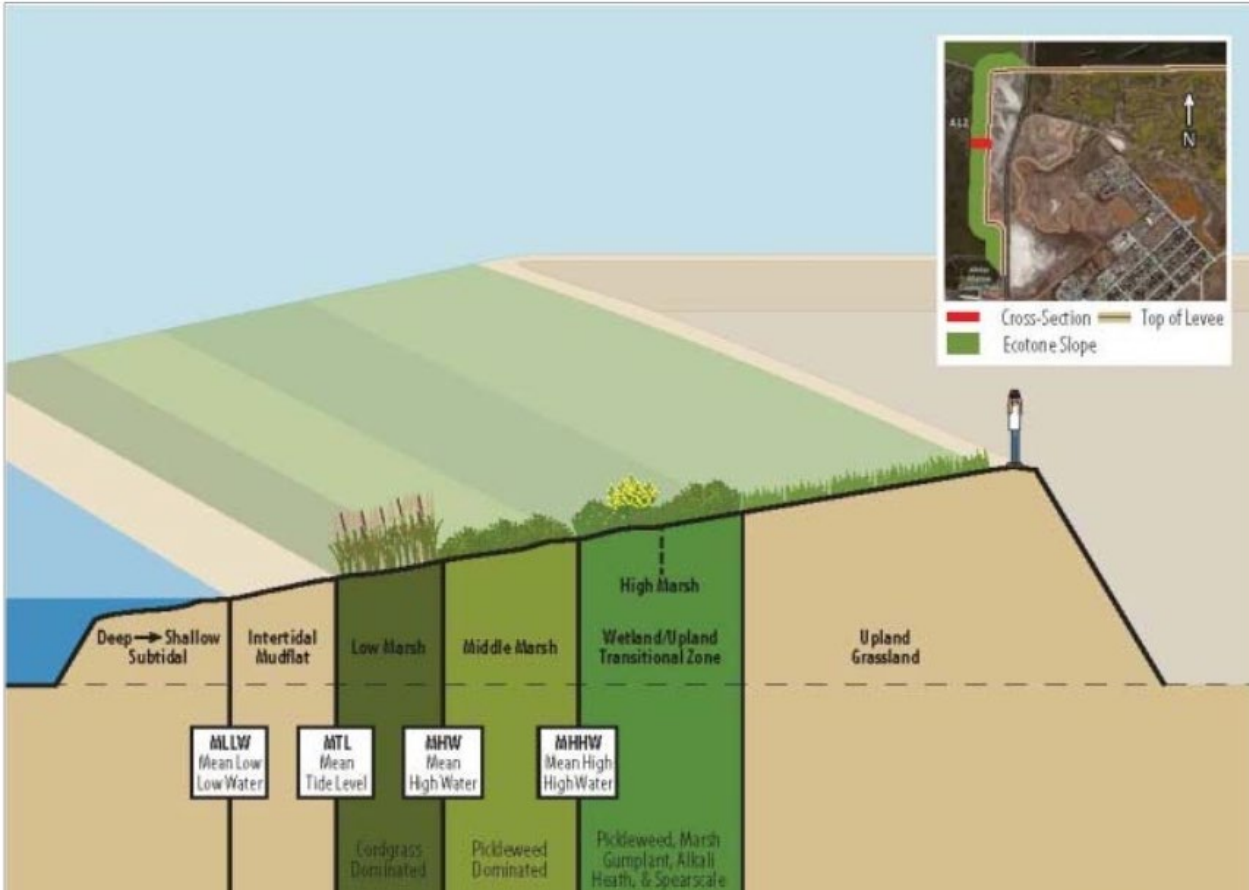
San Francisco Bay Shoreline

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Levee features:

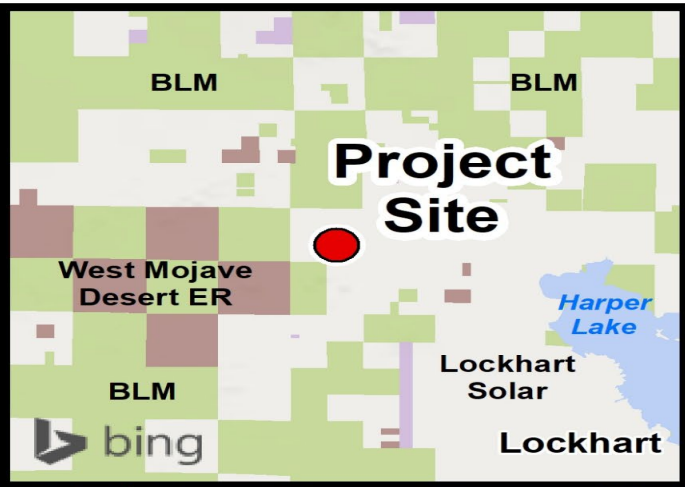
- Flood protection to allow for breaching of salt pond berms to facilitate restoration of 2,900 acres of tidal wetlands
- Ecotone levee: Tidal marsh habitats will be able to move upland as sea level rises
- Provide refugia for salt marsh-dependent species such as the federally and state-listed California Ridgway's rail and salt marsh harvest mouse during storms, high tides, and SLR



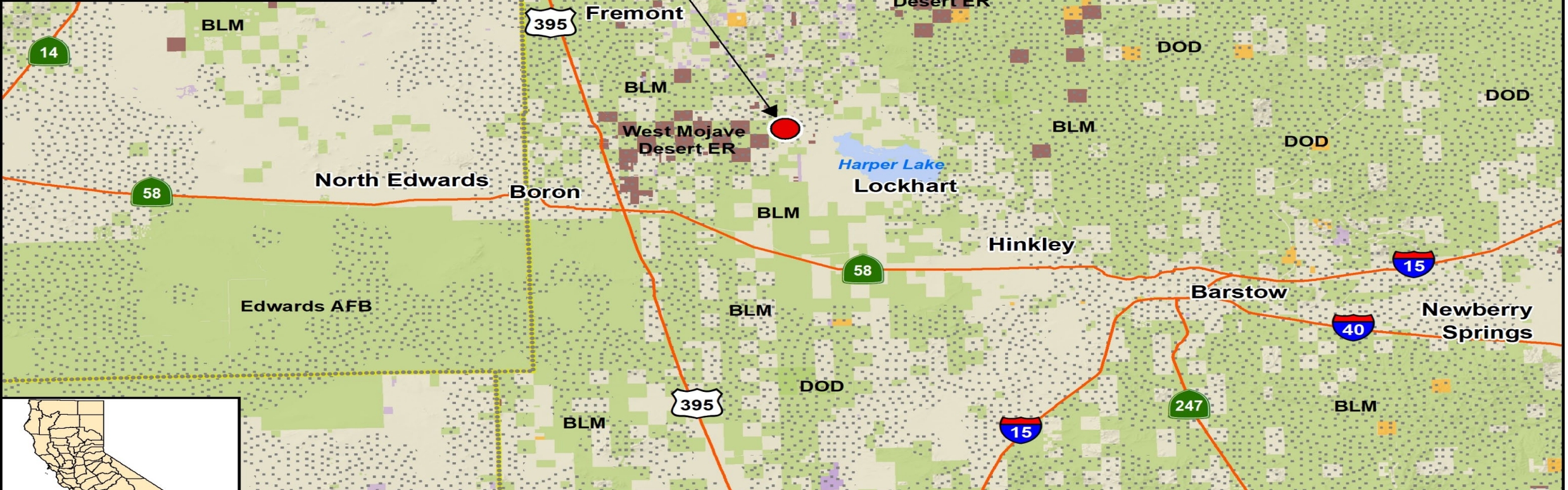


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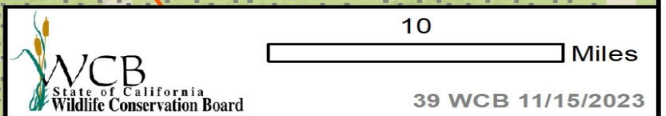
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**Desert Tortoise Conservation Innovations
San Bernardino County**



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Wildlife Conservation Board

10 Miles

39 WCB 11/15/2023



Photo: Tim Shields

Desert Tortoise Conservation Innovations

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Desert Tortoise

Desert Tortoise Conservation Innovations

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Why Are We Here?

- Desert tortoise populations decreasing despite protecting habitat
- Raven predation is decimating juvenile tortoises
- We need to think outside the normal conservation toolbox



Photo: Tim Shields

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If we do
nothing....



Photo: Peter Woodman

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Enter New Technology

- Techno-tort™ 3-D juvenile tortoise replicas
- Lasers



Photo: Sam Easley



Photos: Tim Shields

Desert Tortoise Conservation Innovations

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Goals of the Study

- ❖ Study the effectiveness of a range of techniques to reduce predation by common ravens
 - Egg oiling
 - 3-D Techno-tort™
 - Remote operated lasers
- ❖ Habitat enhancements in known hotspot areas
 - Seed with high quality tortoise food plants with a rainfall collector
 - Install terra cotta plates to act as an artificial drinking site.
- ❖ Understanding hotspots
 - Use of LoRa tracking system (long range transmitters) to track approximately 20 tortoises at each of the 6 study sites (2 hotspots, 2 cold spots, 2 controls) to determine movement, immigration, and emigration. Will also provide info on immediate responses to artificial drinking sites and vegetation augmentation.

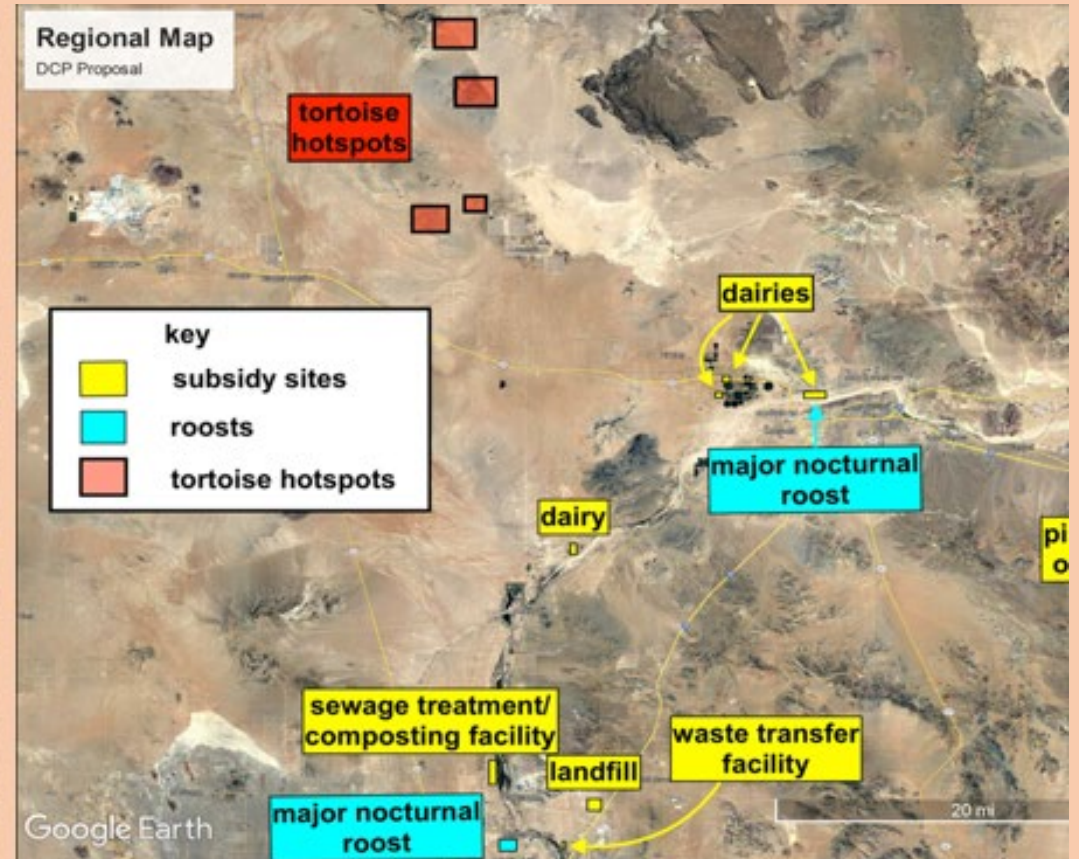
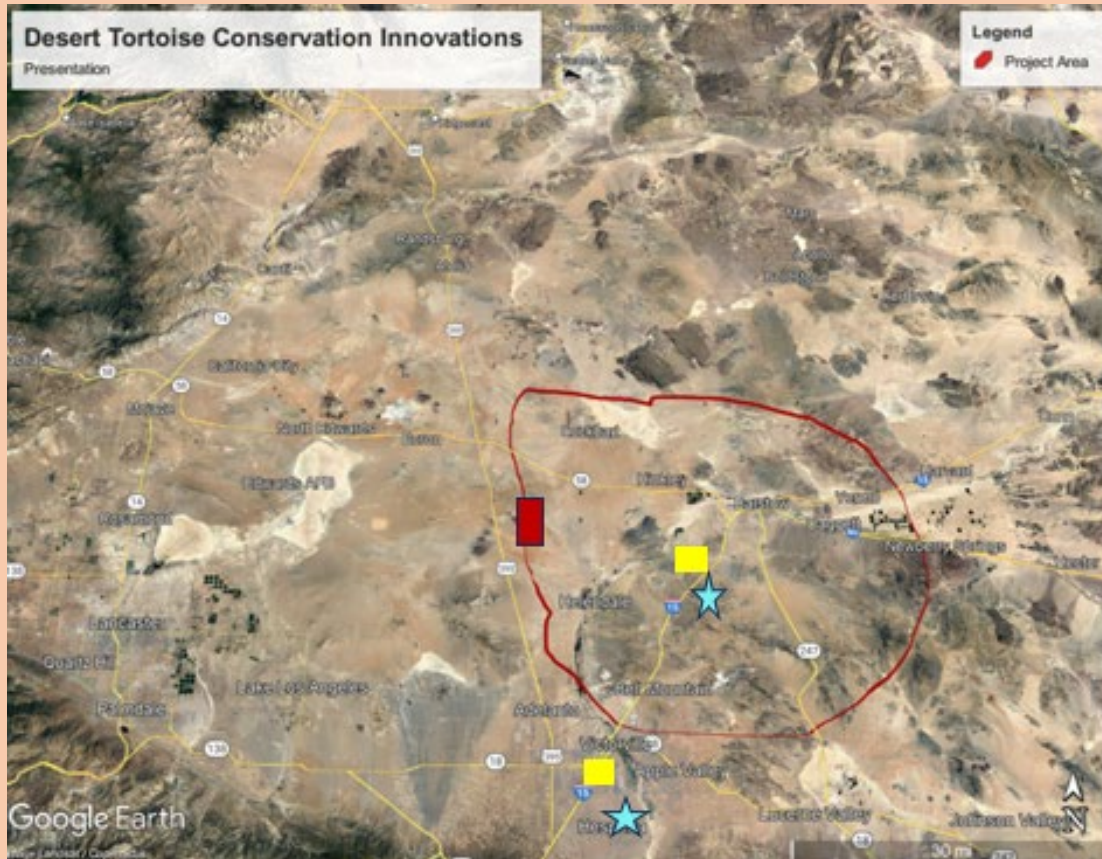


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Study Location





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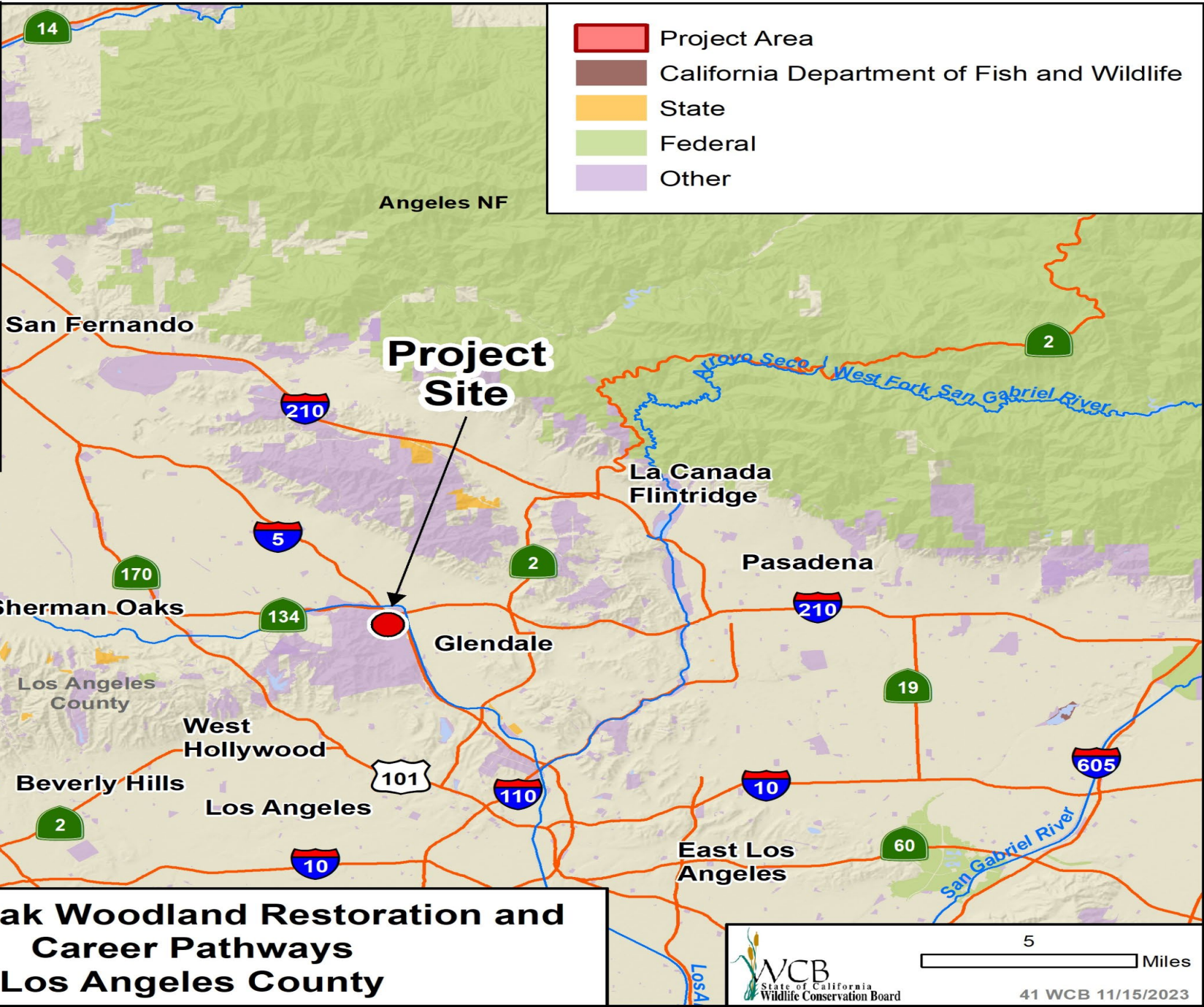
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Questions?

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Ballona Wetlands Restoration Planning

Withdrawn from consideration at this time.



- Project Area
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
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**LA Zoo Oak Woodland Restoration and Career Pathways
Los Angeles County**

Los Angeles Zoo Oak Woodland Restoration & Career Pathways

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Existing Conditions



Aerial view
of restoration site



- LA Zoo & Botanical Gardens
- Oak woodland restoration site



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- Habitat degradation in remnant oak woodland has led to decreased ecosystem function & associated biodiversity reduction.

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Project Activities

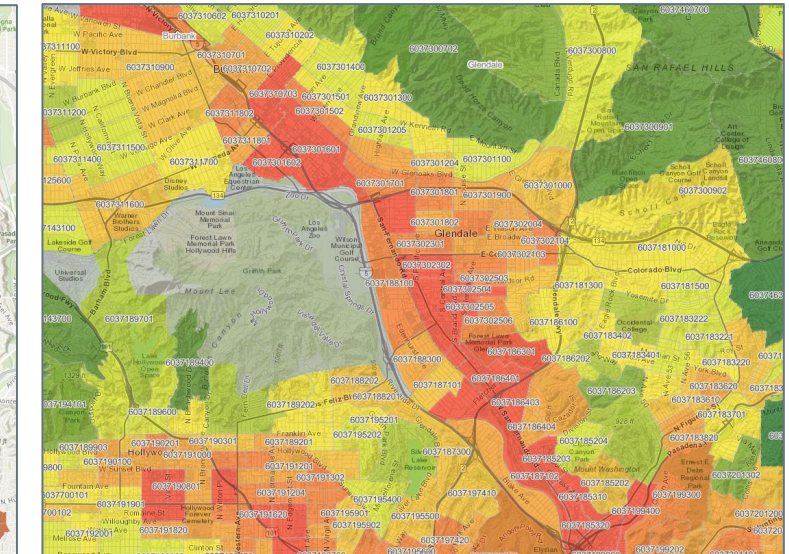
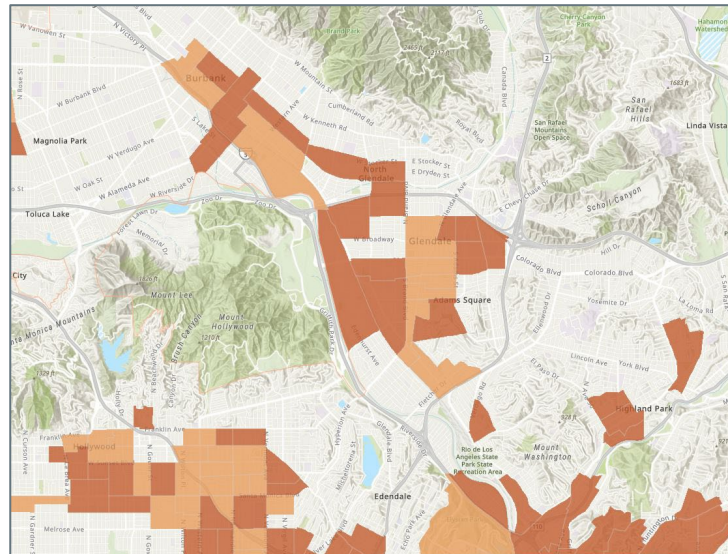


- Outward Bound Adventures and the LA Zoo will restore a 6-acre patch of disturbed habitat as a research site to inform oak management in the face of climate change.

Los Angeles Zoo Oak Woodland Restoration & Career Pathways

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- Research & restoration implementation will be undertaken by participants in a multi-year workforce development program.
- Workforce development program will provide income, mentorship, and pathways to careers in conservation to communities of color that have been significantly underrepresented or excluded from the environmental sector.



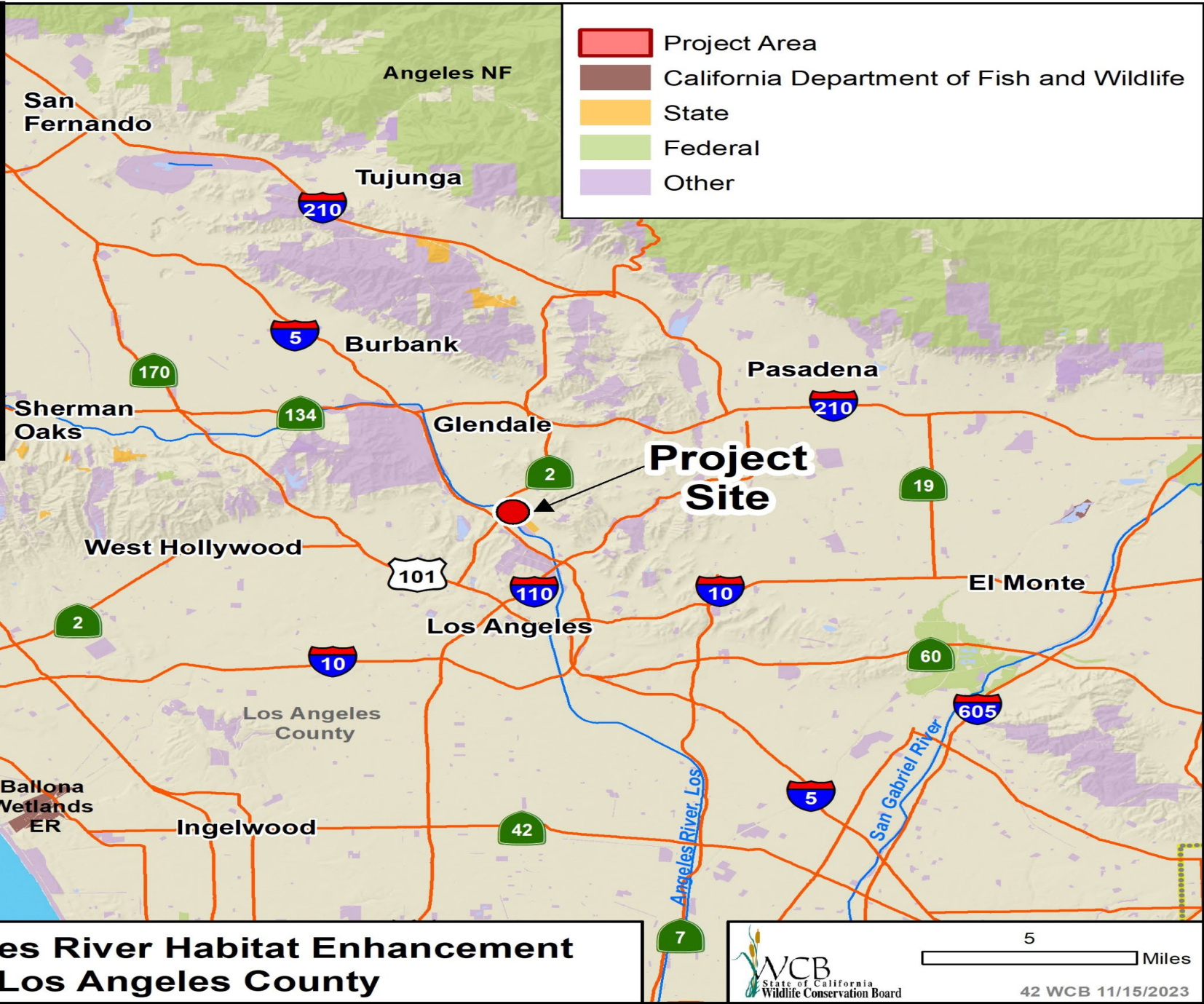
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Project Outcomes

- 6 acres of restored oak woodland.
- Scientist-led and community-driven research effort will employ over 80 youth and adults from disadvantaged communities.
- All research data and findings will be made publicly available online & via outreach events.



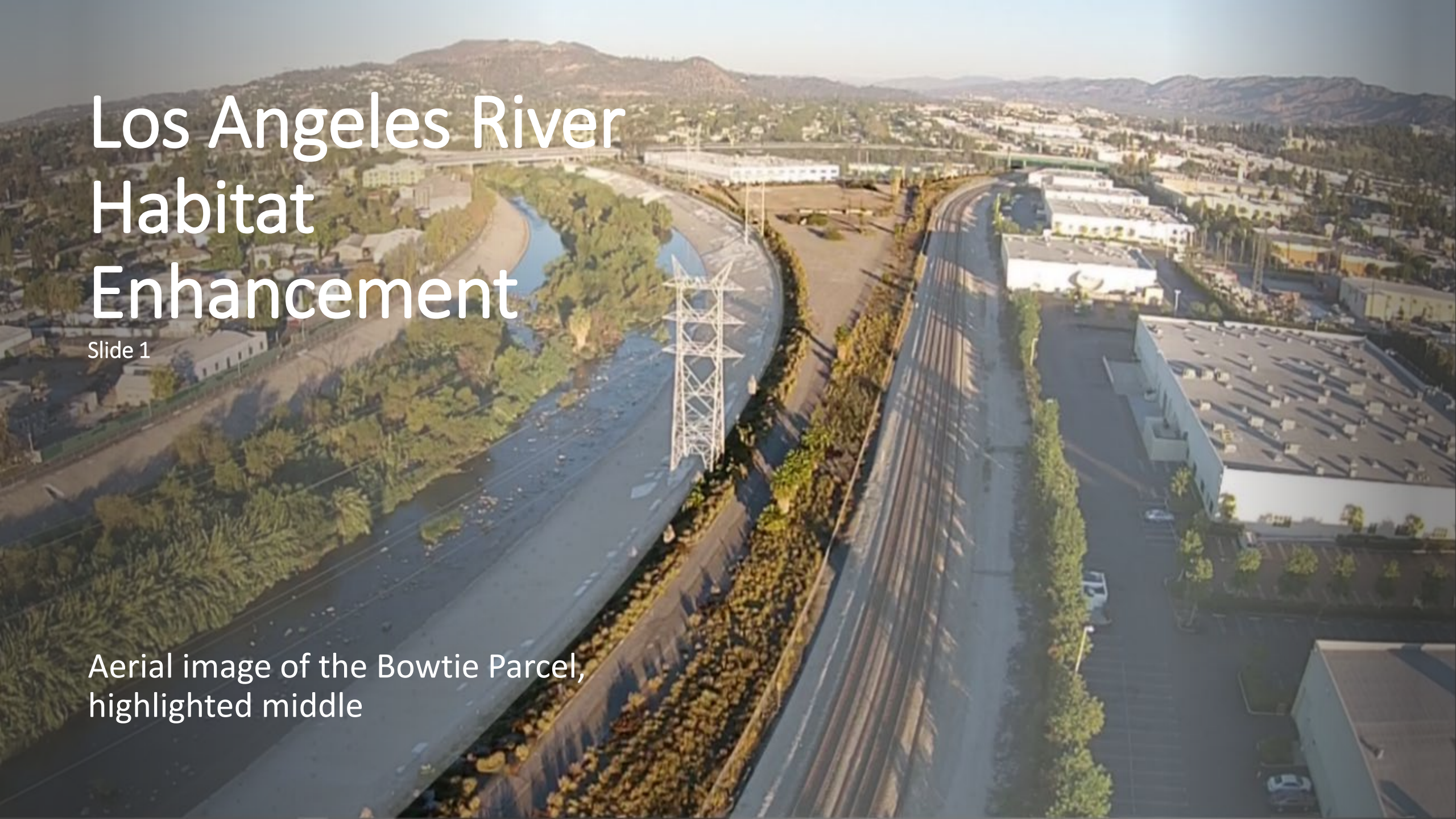


**Los Angeles River Habitat Enhancement
Los Angeles County**

Los Angeles River Habitat Enhancement

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Aerial image of the Bowtie Parcel,
highlighted middle



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Project as part of the 100-Acre Partnership effort





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Left: Looking south from the site entry

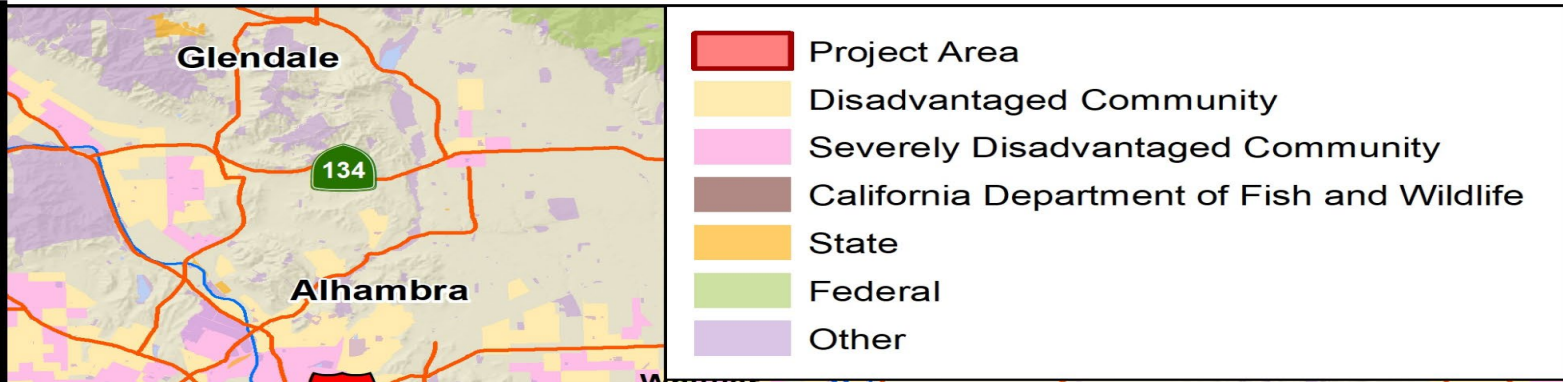
Right: Looking northwest from project boundary



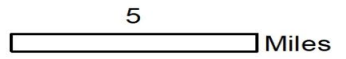
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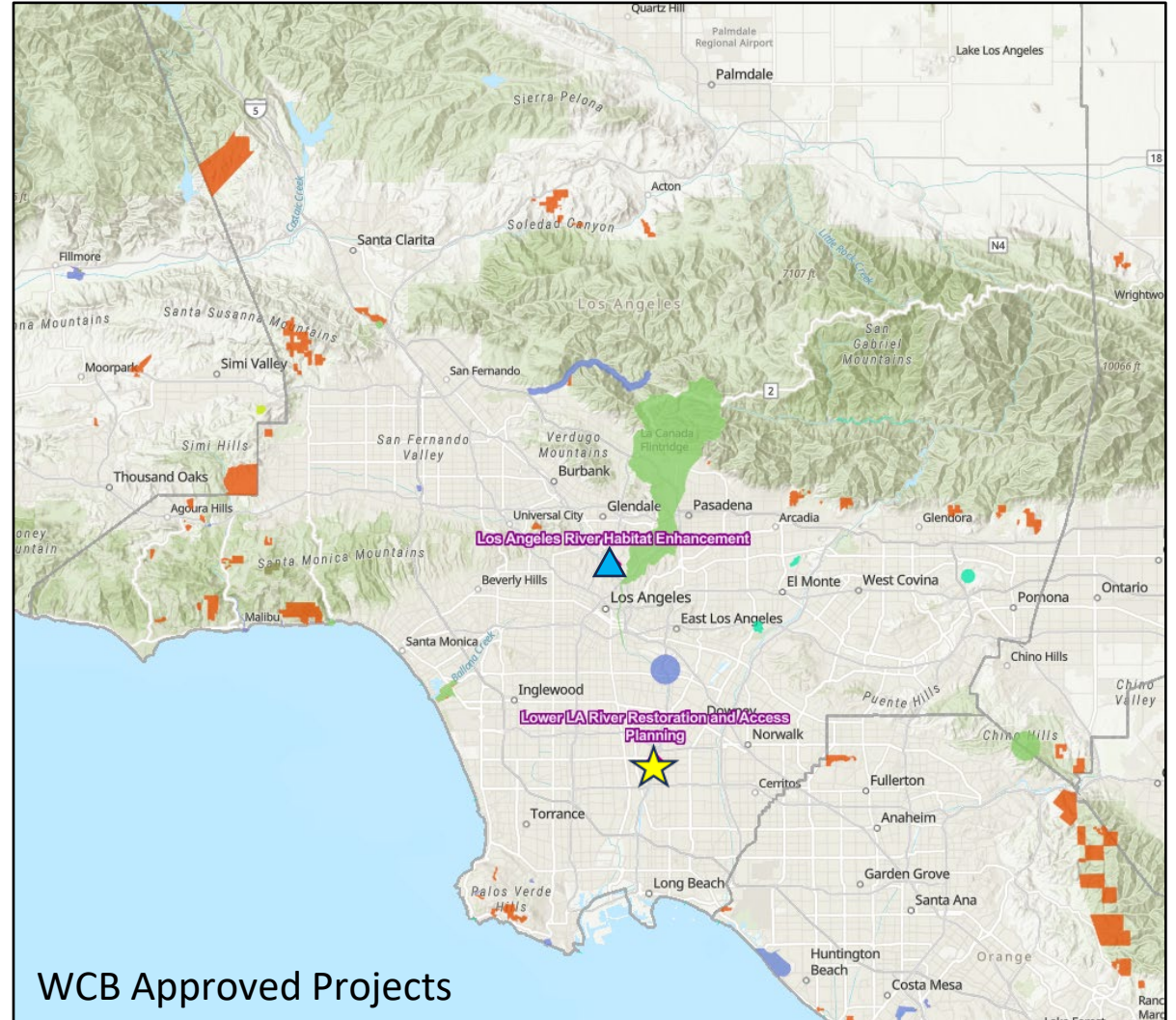
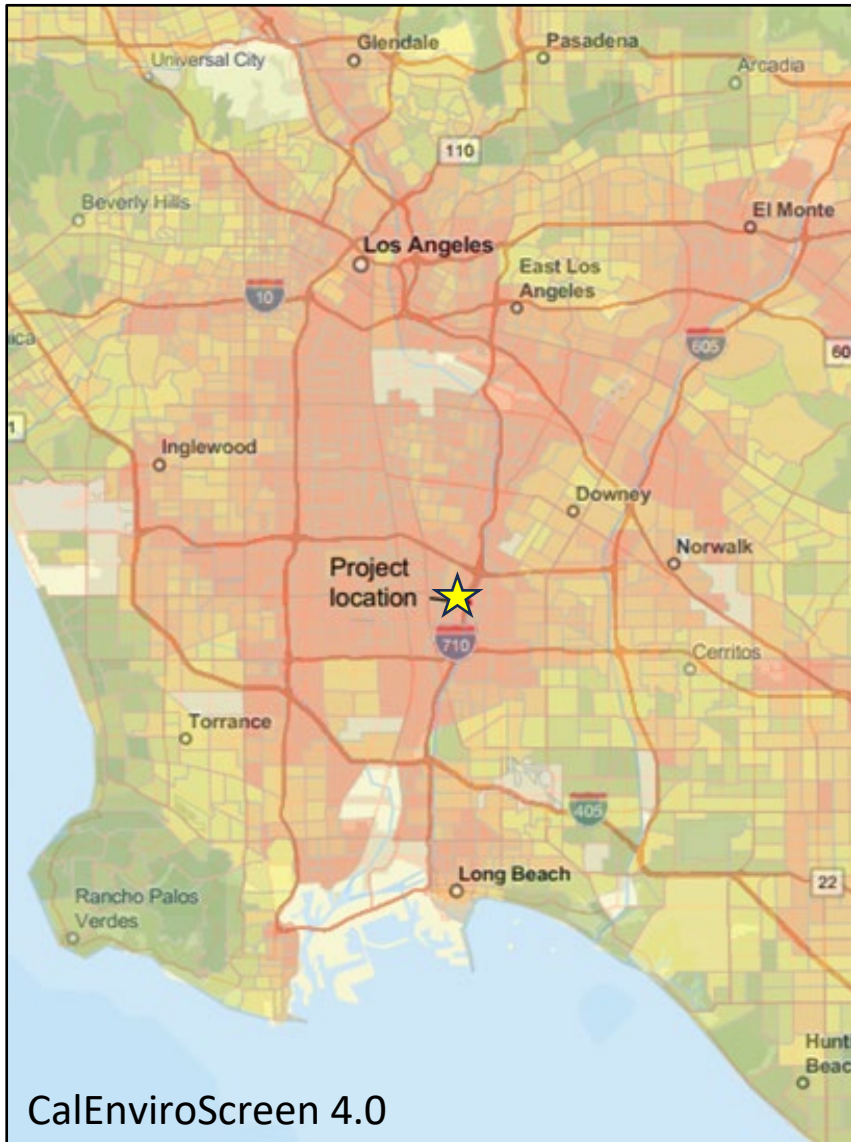
Storm drain that runs underneath the site at
the discharge point into the LA River



**Lower Los Angeles River Restoration and Access Planning
Los Angeles County**



Lower Los Angeles River Restoration and Access Planning – Slide 1



PROJECT GOALS

- Make the efforts of AB 530 a reality
- Advance the Lower LA River Revitalization Plan by:

Designing a Community-led Project that:

- Creates fish and wildlife habitat
- Increases public access to nature
- Reduces climate change impacts
- Fosters youth engagement and education
- Maintains government support
- Produces a shovel ready project



PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Implement meaningful community engagement
 - *Interviews, community meetings, workshops with residents*
 - *3-year Mentorship Program with Odyssey STEM Program*
 - *Long Beach Conservation Corps*
- Design flood-safe fish and wildlife habitat using local, state, and federal guidance.
 - *Tributary treatment wetland*
 - *Vegetated swales with herbs and forbs*
 - *Microhabitat for fish – resting pockets, passage channels*
 - *Oak woodlands and vegetative fill on back of levees*
- Design flood-safe and accessible public access amenities that are community-inspired.
 - *Access ramps*
 - *Overlooks*
 - *River trail entries and wayfinding*
 - *Interpretive panels and art opportunities*
- Initiate early design review and consultation with agencies.



PROJECT OUTCOMES

- Shovel ready project with 65% design plans
- “No surprises” permitting process for construction phase
- Model/template for nature-based solutions within urban setting
- Advances local plans for improving the lower LA River
- Develops climate resilience and environmental justice strategies for underserved communities.
- Direct benefits to SDACs via inclusion, engagement, and education.

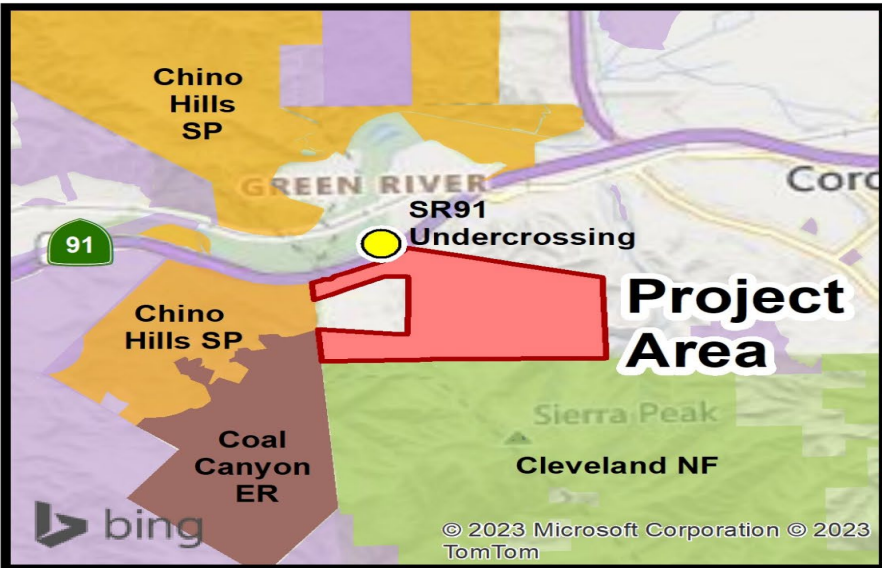




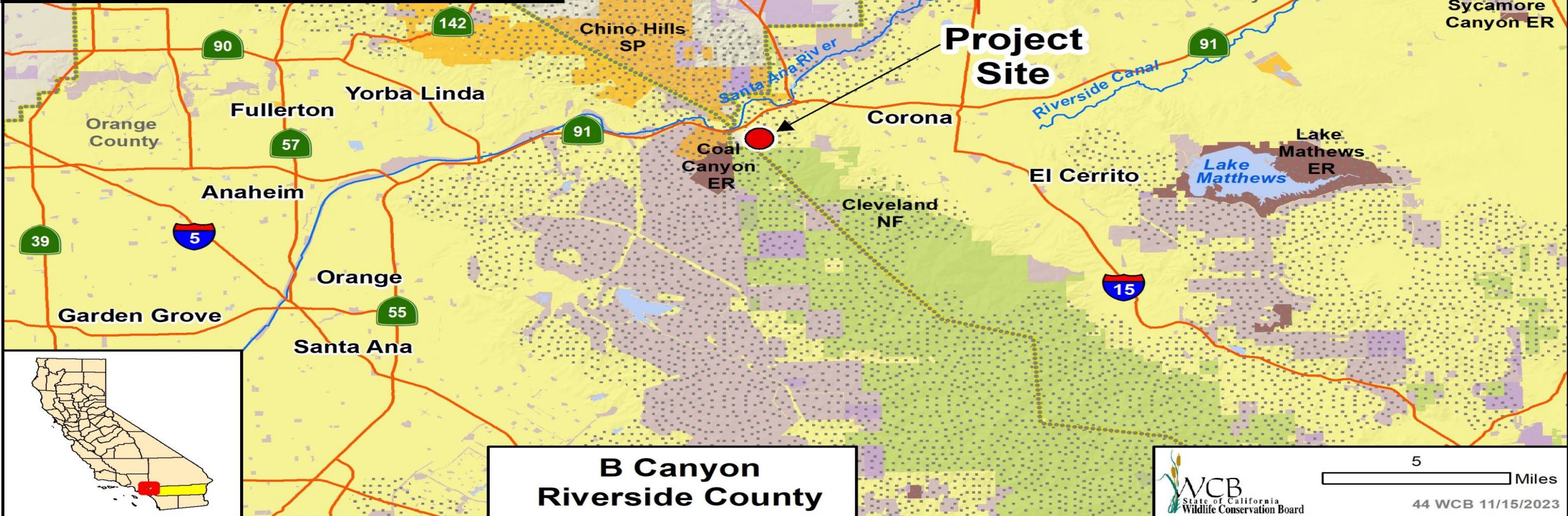
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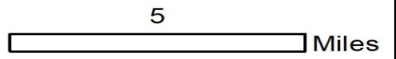
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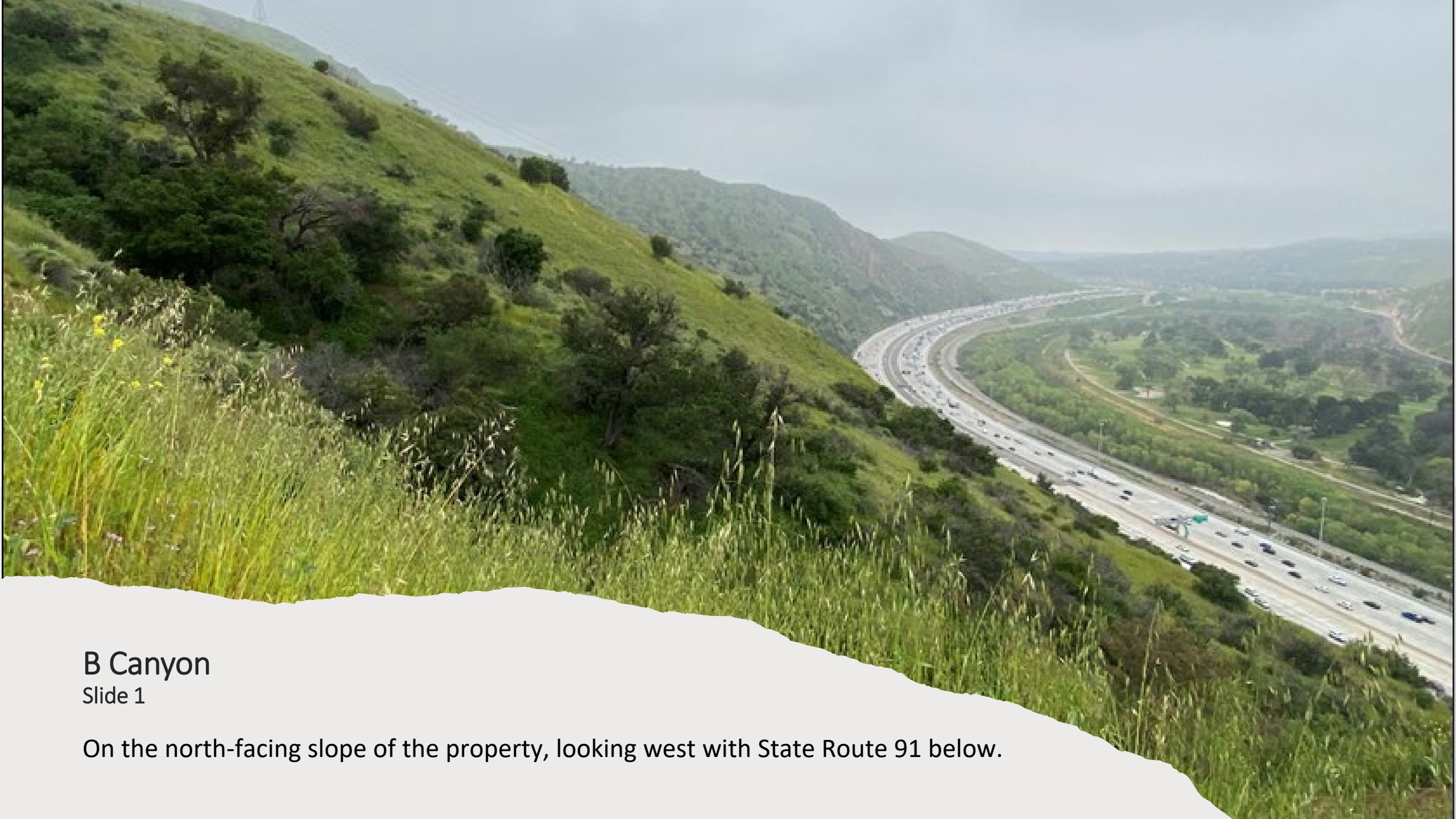


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**B Canyon
Riverside County**

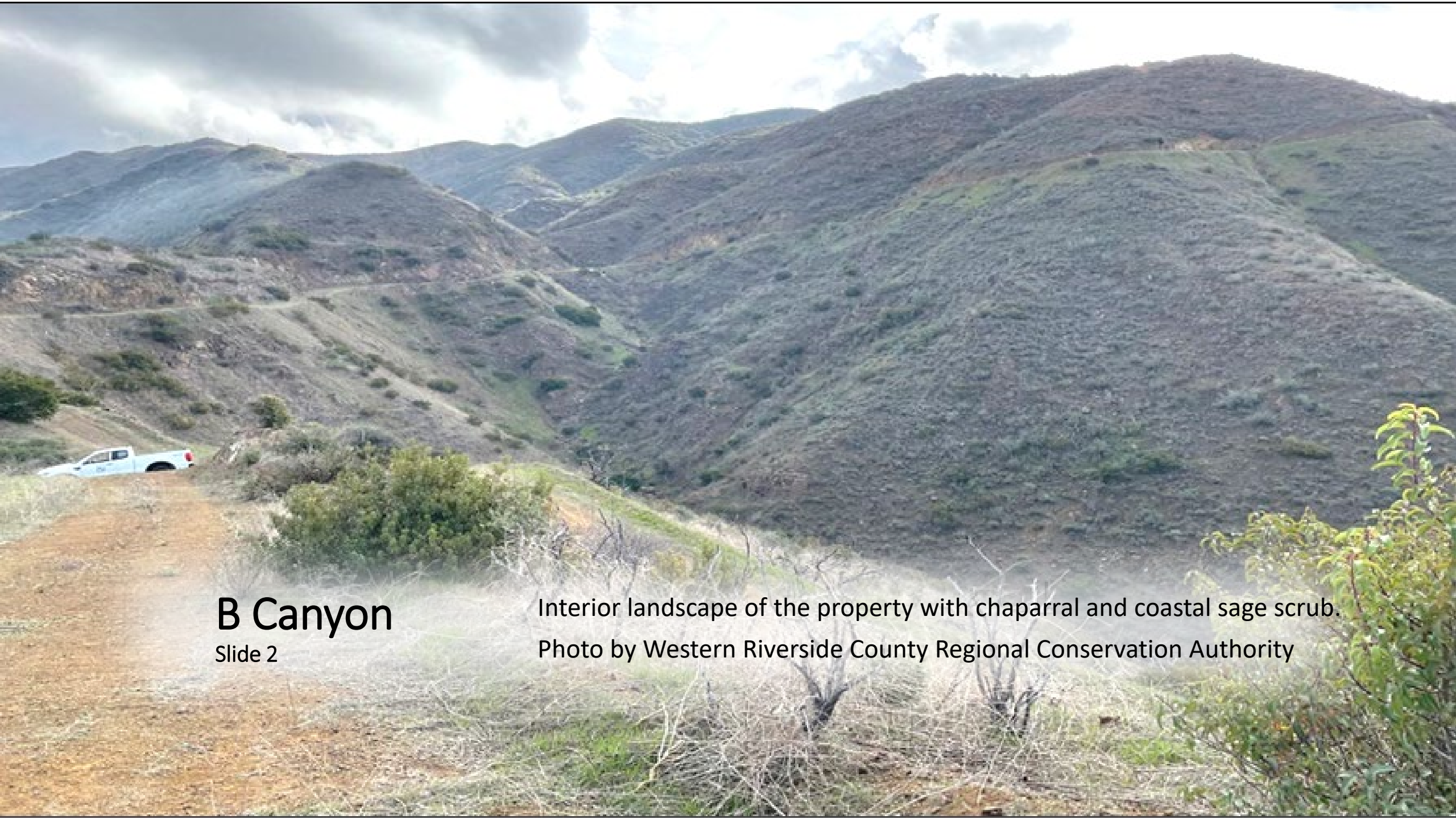




B Canyon

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On the north-facing slope of the property, looking west with State Route 91 below.



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Interior landscape of the property with chaparral and coastal sage scrub.

Photo by Western Riverside County Regional Conservation Authority



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Left: Radio-collared mountain lion M317, which has been confirmed through radio-tracking as using the B Canyon Property. Photo by Juan Gonzalez, University of California, Davis - Wildlife Health Center

Right: Radio-collared mountain lion M317 photographed using the B Canyon/State Route 91 undercrossing. Photo by Devin Adsit-Morris, USGS Western Ecological Research Center

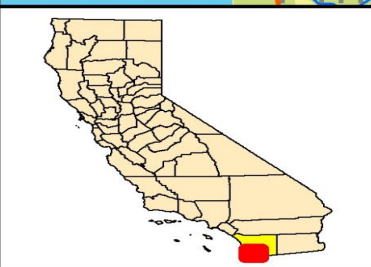
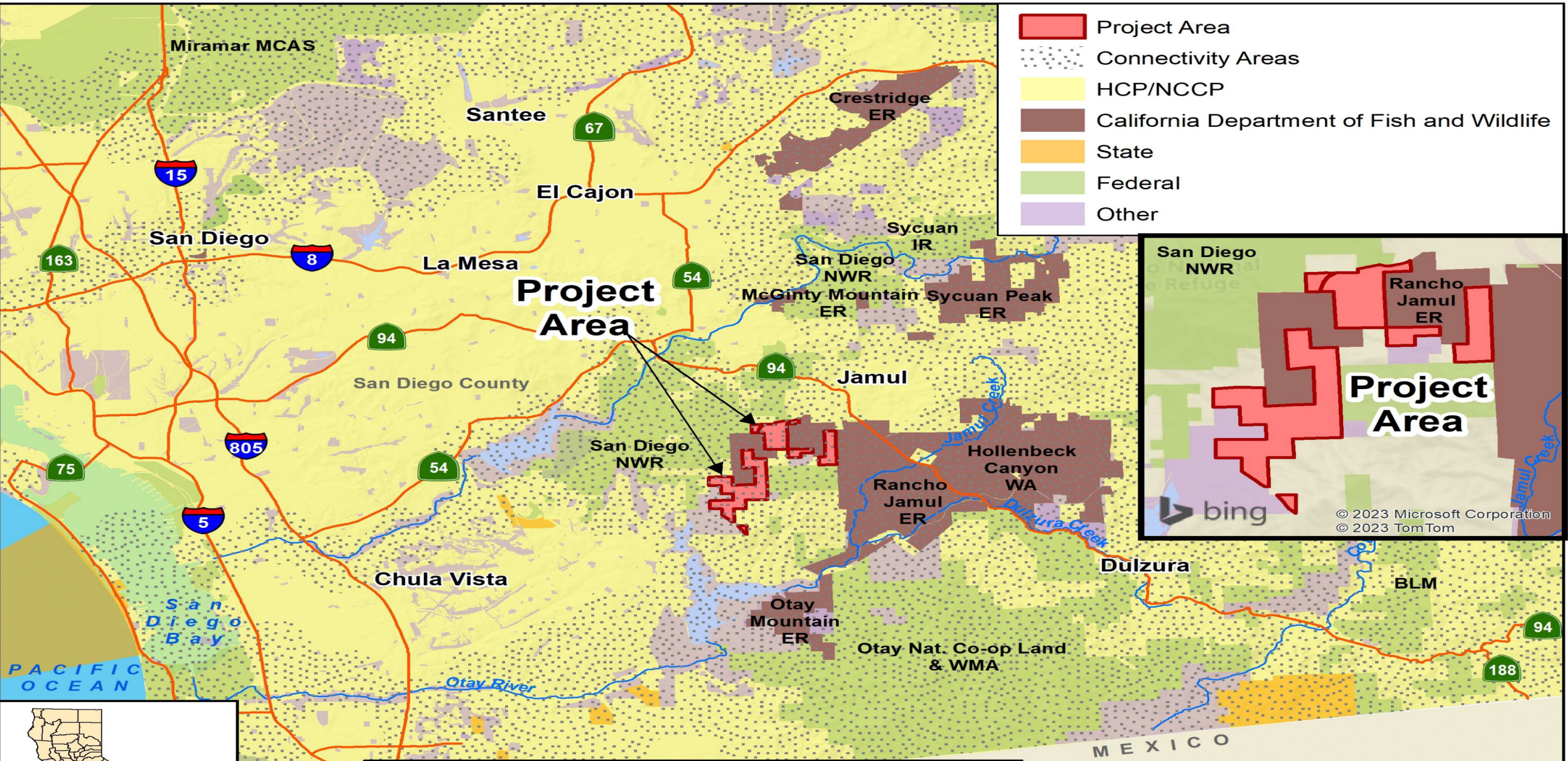
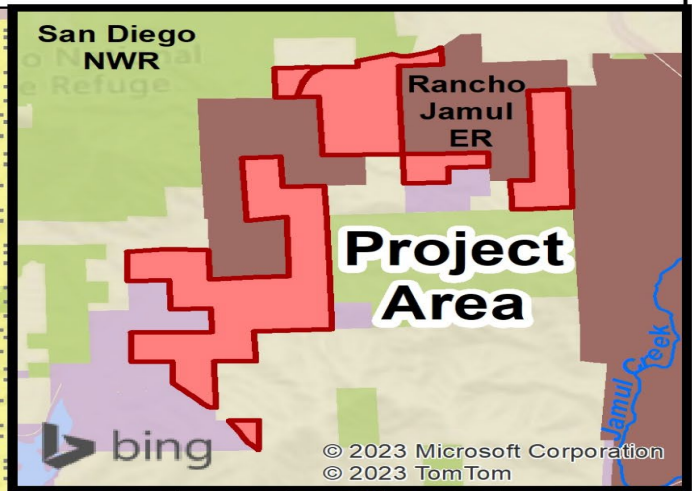
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Waterfall on the property.



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**Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve
Expansion 6
San Diego County**

A landscape photograph showing a valley with green hills and a residential development in the distance. The foreground is filled with green grass and small yellow and purple flowers. The middle ground shows rolling green hills. In the background, a residential development is visible on a hillside.

Northwest property view. Southeast edge of Chula Vista development in the background.

Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve, Expansion 6

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Spring rains brighten the landscape
providing habitat benefits for wildlife.

Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve, Expansion 6

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**Optimal habitat for
endangered Quino
checkerspot butterfly.**





Existing Structures

Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve, Expansion 6

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Rancho Jamul Ecological Reserve, Expansion 6

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**Overlook of Project Area. View of
San Miguel Mountain.**

2024 Board Meeting Dates

A monarch butterfly with orange and black wings is perched on a white flower with a yellow center. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light color.

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Thursday, August 22, 2024

Thursday, November 21, 2024



Executive Director's Report

A close-up photograph of a white daisy flower with a yellow center and a bee on it. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green.

2023 Year in Review Preview

- **126 Projects funded in 2023**
- **WCB Contributed \$500M in funding**
- **Leveraged ~\$300M**
- **77,162 acres protected**
- **41,350 acres restored or enhanced**

WCB worked with 34 new entities in 2023

New grantees include:

- 40 Acre Conservation League
- American Bird Conservancy
- Descanso Gardens Foundation
- Klamath River Renewal Corporation
- Laguna Ocean Foundation
- Mid Klamath Watershed Council
- Mohave Ground Squirrel Conservation Council
- Native American Land Conservancy
- San Diego Habitat Conservancy
- Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
- Tongva Taraxat Paxaavxa Conservancy
- University of California, Merced
- Volcan Mountain Foundation
- Nevada County Office of Emergency Services
- Oswit Land Trust
- Outward Bound Adventures Inc.
- Resource Conservation District Greater San Diego
- San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians Foundation
- Sutter Buttes Regional Land Trust



Executive Session (Not Open to the Public)



Stay Safe and Healthy, Enjoy the Rest of Your Day!
Adjourn

