February 20, 2014 Wildlife Conservation Board Meeting 10:00 AM, State Capitol, Room 112 Sacramento, California 95814

#### Funding Status

The following funding status depicts Capital Outlay appropriations by year of appropriation and by fund source and fund number.

(a) 2013-14 Wildlife Restoration Fund, (0447)

	Budget Act Previous Board Allocations Unallocated Balance	\$1,000,000.00 <u>-1,000,000.00</u> \$0.00
	February 2014 Board Meeting Allocation Total Project Development Projected Unallocated Balance	0.00 0.00 \$0.00
(b)	2013-14 Habitat Conservation Fund, (0262)	
	Budget Act Previous Board Allocations Unallocated Balance	\$20,663,000.00 <u>-5,402,936.00</u> \$15,260,064.00
	February 2014 Board Meeting Allocation Total Project Development Projected Unallocated Balance	-779,264.00 <u>-8,378,800.00</u> \$6,102,000.00
(c)	2012-13 Habitat Conservation Fund, (0262)	
	Budget Act Previous Board Allocations Unallocated Balance	\$20,663,000.00 <u>-1,518,717.00</u> \$19,144,283.00
	February 2014 Board Meeting Allocation Total Project Development Projected Unallocated Balance	0.00 <u>-1,650,000.00</u> \$17,494,283.00
(d)	2011-12 Habitat Conservation Fund, (0262)	
	Budget Act Previous Board Allocations Unallocated Balance	\$20,663,000.00 <u>-10,280,242.00</u> \$10,382,758.00
	February 2014 Board Meeting Allocation Total Project Development Projected Unallocated Balance	-515,000.00 <u>-6,387,000.00</u> \$3,480,758.00

(e)	2010-11 Habitat Conservation Fund, (0262)		
	Budget Act Previous Board Allocations Unallocated Balance	\$20,668,000.00 <u>-14,839,355.00</u> \$5,828,645.00	
	February 2014 Board Meeting Allocation Total Project Development Projected Unallocated Balance	-290,000.00 -2,000,000.00 \$3,538,645.00	
(f)	2009-10 Habitat Conservation Fund, (0262) (2013-14 Reappropriation)		
	Budget Act Previous Board Allocations Unallocated Balance	\$20,668,000.00 <u>-18,325,750.82</u> \$2,342,249.18	
	February 2014 Board Meeting Allocation Total Project Development Projected Unallocated Balance	-812,588.00 -1,470,000.00 \$59,661.18	
(g)	2008-09 Habitat Conservation Fund, (0262) (2012-13 Reappropriation)		
	Budget Act Previous Board Allocations Unallocated Balance	\$20,668,000.00 <u>-15,647,079.00</u> \$5,020,921.00	
	February 2014 Board Meeting Allocation Total Project Development Projected Unallocated Balance	0.00 <u>0.00</u> \$5,020,921.00	
(h)	2007-08 Habitat Conservation Fund, (0262) (2011-12 Reappropriation)		
	Budget Act Previous Board Allocations Unallocated Balance	\$20,674,000.00 - <u>18,826,933.45</u> \$1,847,066.55	
	February 2014 Board Meeting Allocation Total Project Development Projected Unallocated Balance	-920,398.00 -652,001.00 \$274,667.55	

(i)	2006-07 Habitat Conservation Fund, (0262) (2013-14 Reappropriation)		
	Budget Act Previous Board Allocations Unallocated Balance	\$20,699,000.00 - <u>19,797,399.32</u> \$901,600.68	
	February 2014 Board Meeting Allocation Total Project Development Projected Unallocated Balance	0.00 <u>-901,600.68</u> \$0.00	
(j)	2004-05 Habitat Conservation Fund, (0262)		
	Budget Act Previous Board Allocations Unallocated Balance	\$20,577,000.00 - <u>19,962,032.89</u> \$614,967.11	
	February 2014 Board Meeting Allocation Total Project Development Projected Unallocated Balance	0.00 <u>0.00</u> \$614,967.11	
(k)	1999-00 Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coastal Protection Bond Fund, (0005)	d	
	Continuously Appropriated [Sec. 5096.350 (a)(1), (2), (4) & (7)] Previous Board Allocations Unallocated Balance	\$36,100,000.00 - <u>31,224,215.01</u> \$4,875,784.99	
	February 2014 Board Meeting Allocation Total Project Development Projected Unallocated Balance	0.00 <u>-64,444.00</u> \$4,811,340.99	
(1)	2001-02 California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Coastal Protection Fund, (6029)	Parks and	
	Continuously Appropriated (Section 5096.650) Previous Board Allocations Unallocated Balance	\$273,000,000.00 - <u>237,238,256.94</u> \$35,761,743.06	
	February 2014 Board Meeting Allocation Total Project Development Projected Unallocated Balance	-2,035,000.00 <u>-13,451,000.00</u> \$20,275,743.06	

(m)	2002-03 Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002, (6031)		
	Continuously Appropriated (Sections 79565 and 79572), including Chapter 81, Statutes of 2005 2003-04 Budget Act Transfer to HCF from Section 79565 2004-05 Budget Act Transfer to HCF from Section 79565 2005-06 Budget Act Transfer to HCF from Section 79572 2006-07 Budget Act Transfer to HCF from Section 79572 2007-08 Budget Act Transfer to HCF from Section 79572 2008-09 Budget Act Transfer to HCF from Section 79572 2008-09 Budget Act Transfer to HCF from Section 79572 Previous Board Allocations Unallocated Balance February 2014 Board Meeting Allocation Total Project Development	\$814,350,000.00 -21,000,000.00 -21,000,000.00 -3,100,000.00 -3,100,000.00 -17,688,000.00 -5,150,000.00 -5,150,000.00 -674,051,919.23 \$67,360,080.77 -1,000,000.00 -22,032,943.00	
	Projected Unallocated Balance	\$44,327,137.77	
(n)	2009-10 Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006, (6051) (2013-14 Reappropriation)		
	Budget Act (San Joaquin River Conservancy Projects) Previous Board Allocations Unallocated Balance	\$4,800,000.00 - <u>25,000.00</u> \$4,775,000.00	
	February 2014 Board Meeting Allocation Total Project Development Projected Unallocated Balance	0.00 -4,775,000.00 \$0.00	
(0)	2009-10 Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006, (6051) (2013-14 Reappropriation)		
	Chapter 2, Statutes of 2009 (SB 8) Previous Board Allocations Unallocated Balance	\$15,500,000.00 - <u>4,871,875.00</u> \$10,628,125.00	
	February 2014 Board Meeting Allocation Total Project Development Projected Unallocated Balance	-3,124,200.00 -7,190,070.00 \$313,855.00	

2006-07 Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006, (6051)		
Continuously Appropriated (Section 75055a) Previous Board Allocations Unallocated Balance	\$164,700,000.00 - <u>86,356,697.96</u> \$78,343,302.04	
February 2014 Board Meeting Allocation Total Project Development Projected Unallocated Balance	0.00 <u>-56,827,000.00</u> \$21,516,302.04	
Continuously Appropriated (Section 75055(b)) Previous Board Allocations Unallocated Balance	\$123,525,000.00 <u>-80,285,083.48</u> \$43,239,916.52	
February 2014 Board Meeting Allocation Total Project Development Projected Unallocated Balance	-4,590,000.00 - <u>5,335,000.00</u> \$33,314,916.52	
RECAP OF FUND BALANCES		
Wildlife Restoration Fund (a) Projected Unallocated Balance	\$0.00 \$0.00	
Habitat Conservation Fund (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (i) and ( Projected Unallocated Balance	j) \$61,342,554.52 \$36,585,902.84	
Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air, and Coasta Protection Bond Fund (k) Projected Unallocated Balance	l \$4,875,784.99 \$4,811,340.99	
California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Bond Fund (I) Projected Unallocated Balance	\$35,761,743.06 \$20,275,743.06	
Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (m) Projected Unallocated Balance	\$67,360,080.77 \$44,327,137.77	
Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Fund of 2006 (n), (o), (p), (q), (r),(s) and (t) Projected Unallocated Balance	\$156,262,854.58 \$57,440,316.58	
TOTAL – ALL FUNDS Projected Unallocated Balance	<b>\$325,603,017.92</b> \$163,440,441.24	

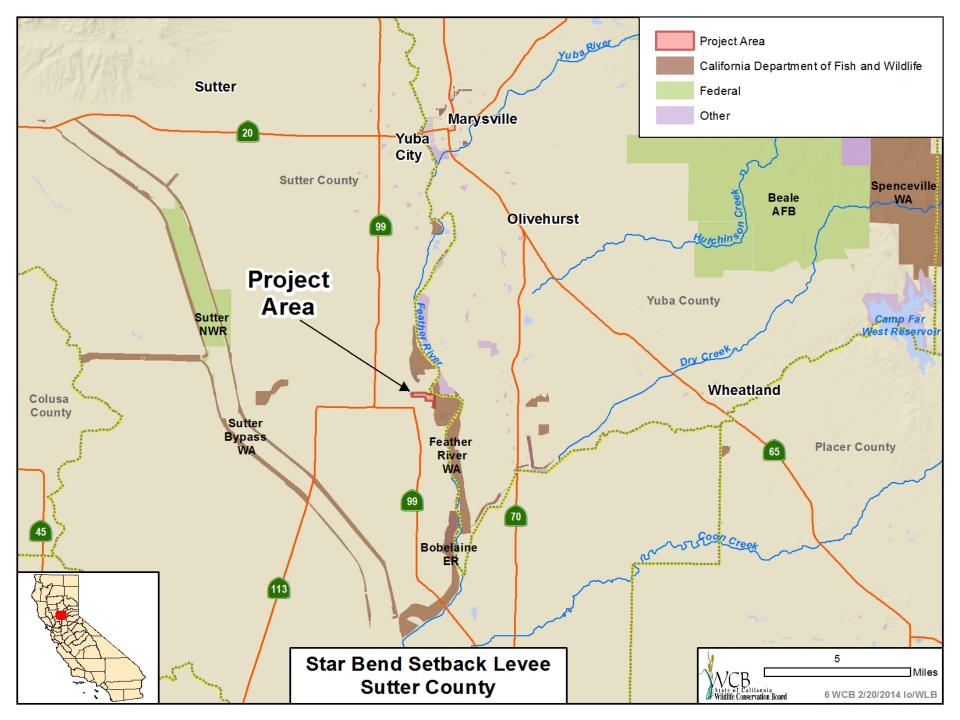
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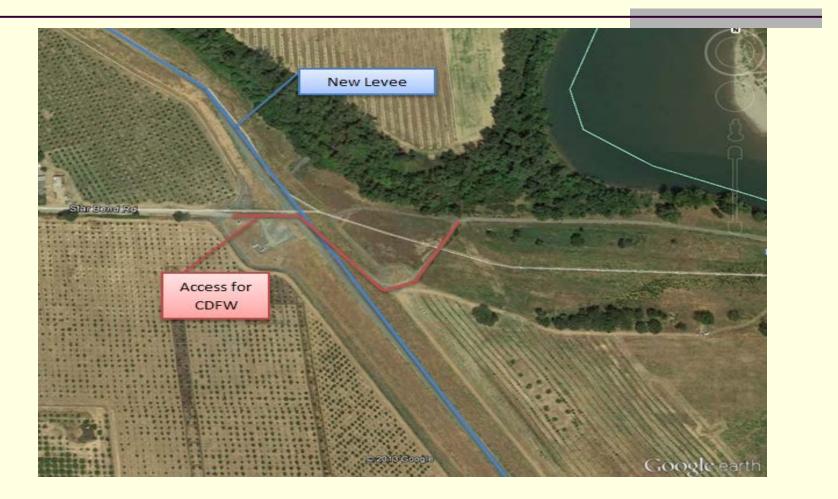
#### **RECAP OF NATURAL HERITAGE PRESERVATION TAX CREDIT ACT OF 2000**

Chapter 113, Statutes of 2000 and Chapter 715, Statutes of 2004 Tax credits awarded through June 30, 2008 \$48,598,734.00

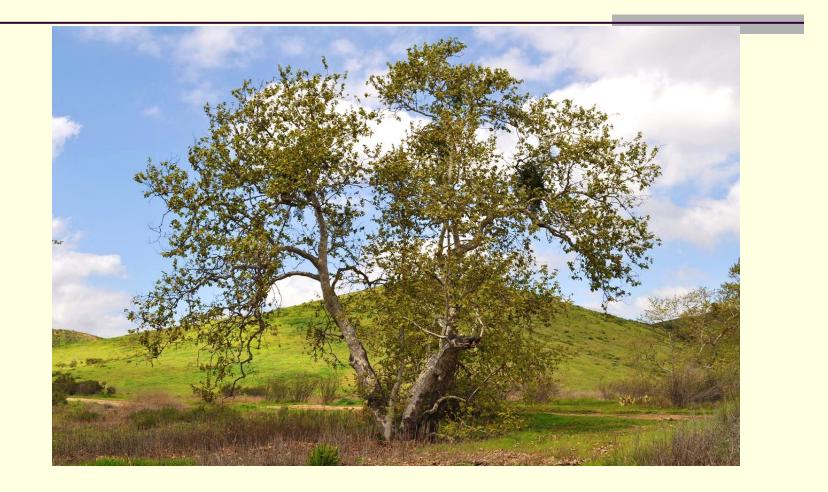
Chapter 220, Statutes of 2009 (effective January 1, 2010) Tax credits awarded

\$0.00





Easement is approx. 0.22 acres, 9,583 sq feet and 1,358 linear feet

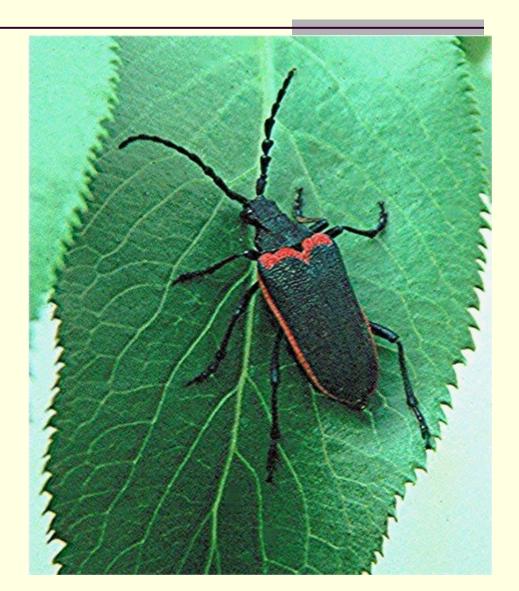


California Sycamore



Valley Oak

#### Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle





Western portion of access easement looking west



Western portion of access easement looking east



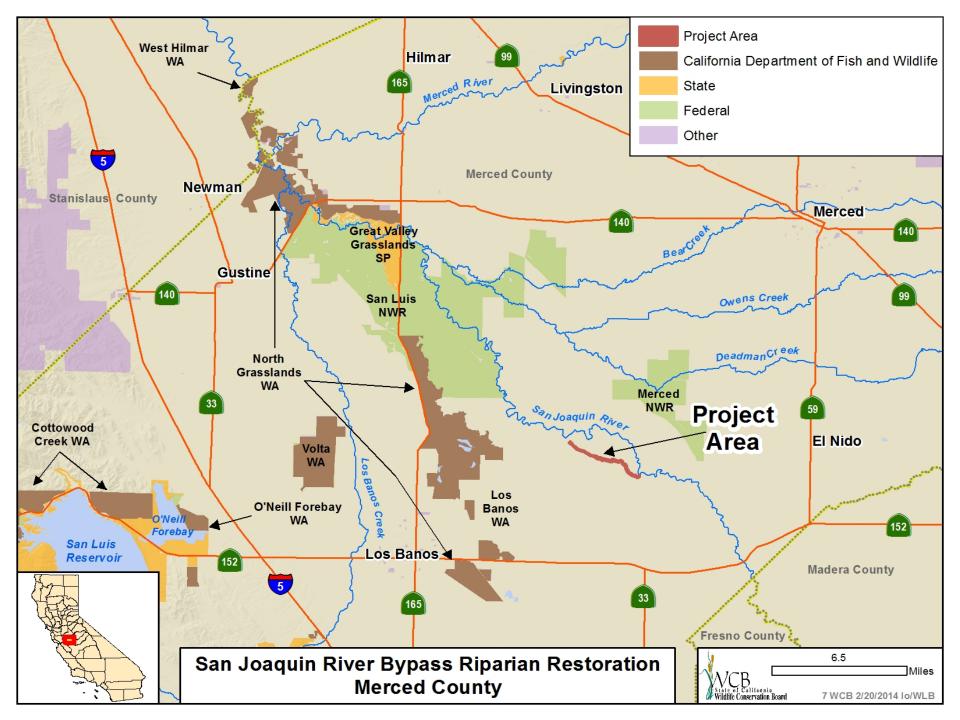
Eastern portion of access easement looking south

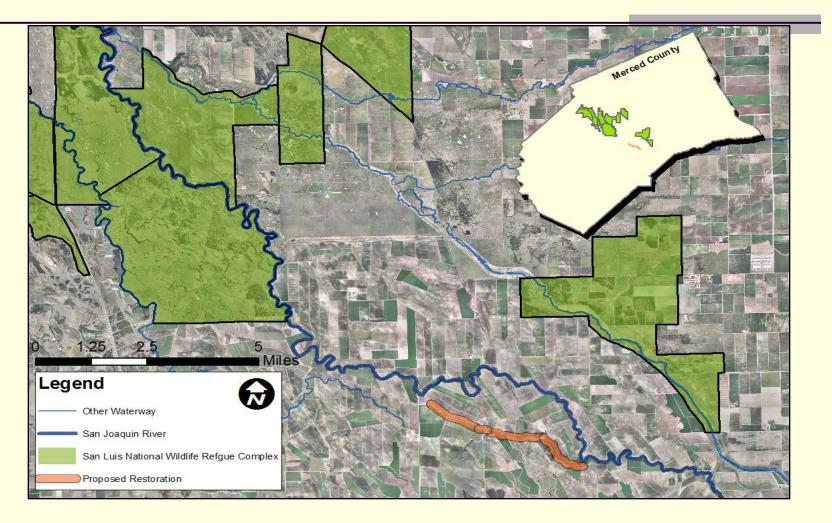


Eastern portion of access easement looking north



Eastern portion of access easement looking east at the tie-in to CDFW property

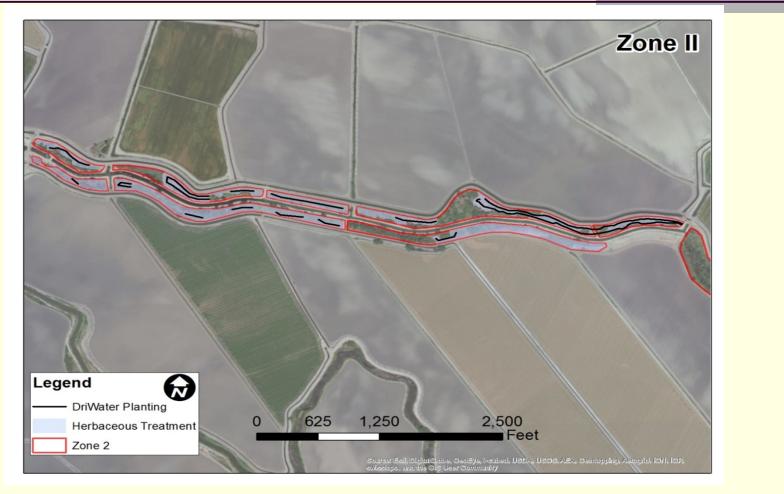




Proposed Site in relation to San Joaquin River



 Western section of project site – very little existing riparian habitat



Center section of project site-some remnant riparian habitat



Eastern section of project site-good to excellent riparian habitat;
San Joaquin River upper right



Planned restoration site – Zone 1



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Restoration Zone 1



Riparian scrub at restoration site – Zone 2



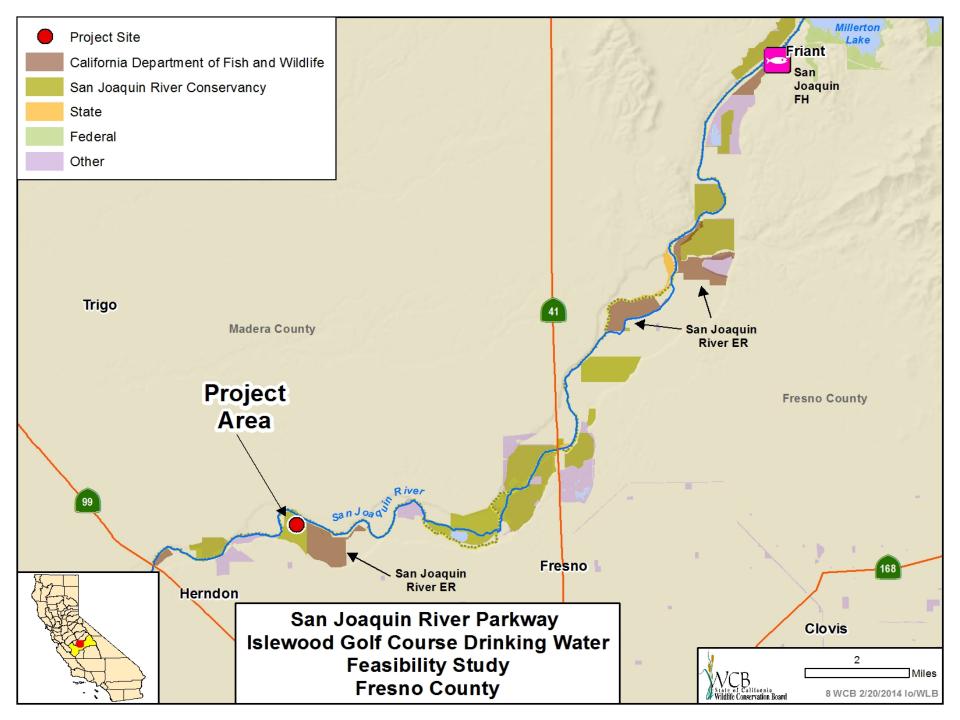
Restoration Site – Zone 3

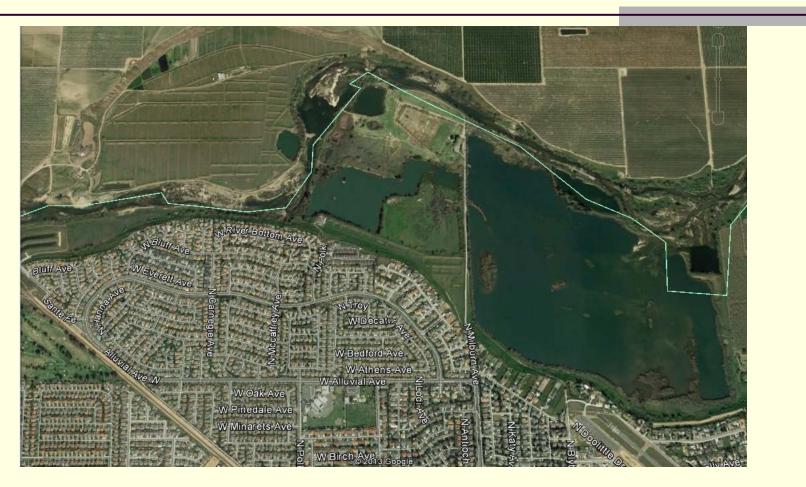


Mature riparian forest – San Joaquin River



The San Joaquin River is the upper watercourse, with the Pick Anderson Bypass beginning below and stretching to the left





#### Aerial view of Islewood Golf Center



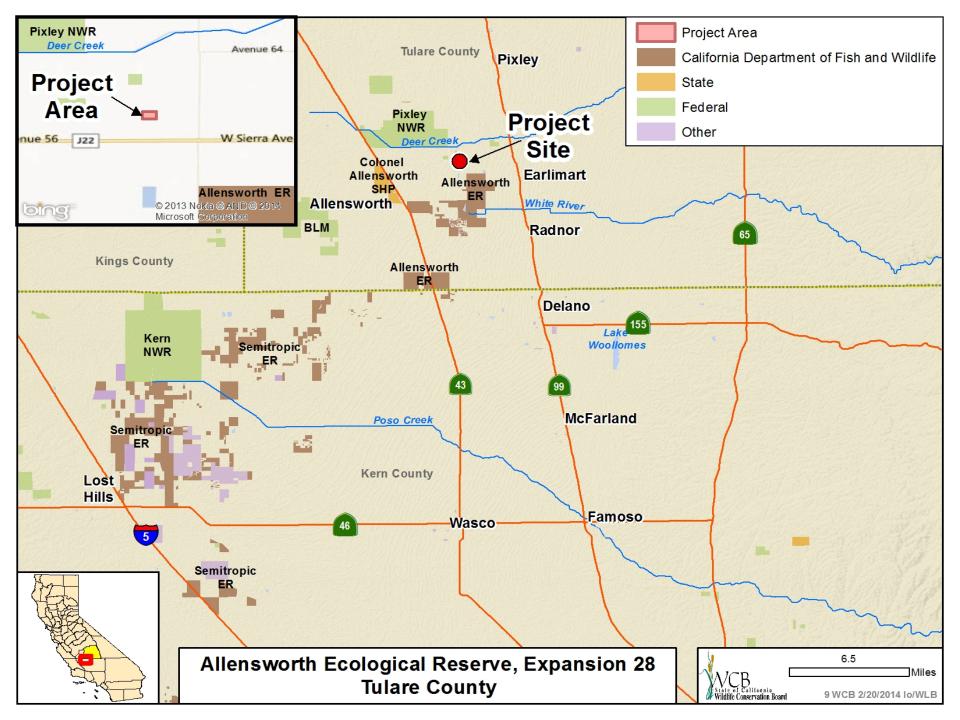
View from Milburn Avenue, looking north to Islewood Golf Center



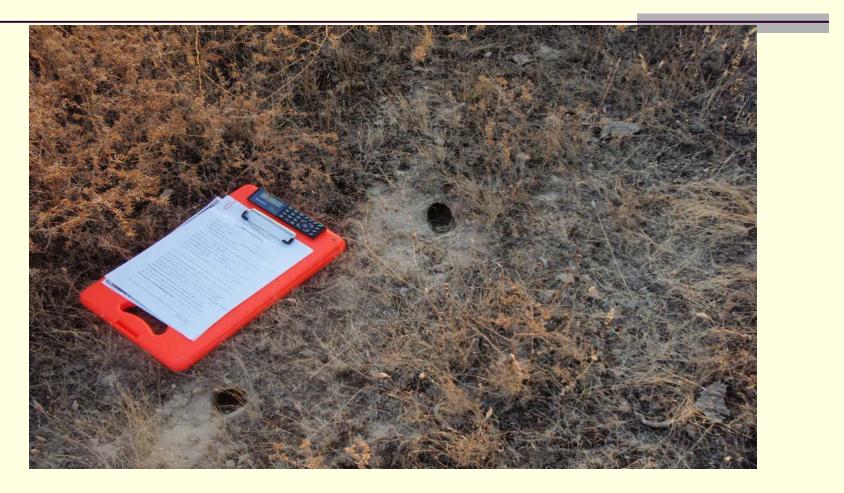
Looking south towards Fresno from driving range



View of driving range and golf course



# #9. Allensworth Ecological Reserve, Expansion 28



Burrowing Owl Habitat



San Joaquin kit fox

#### Tipton Kangaroo Rat





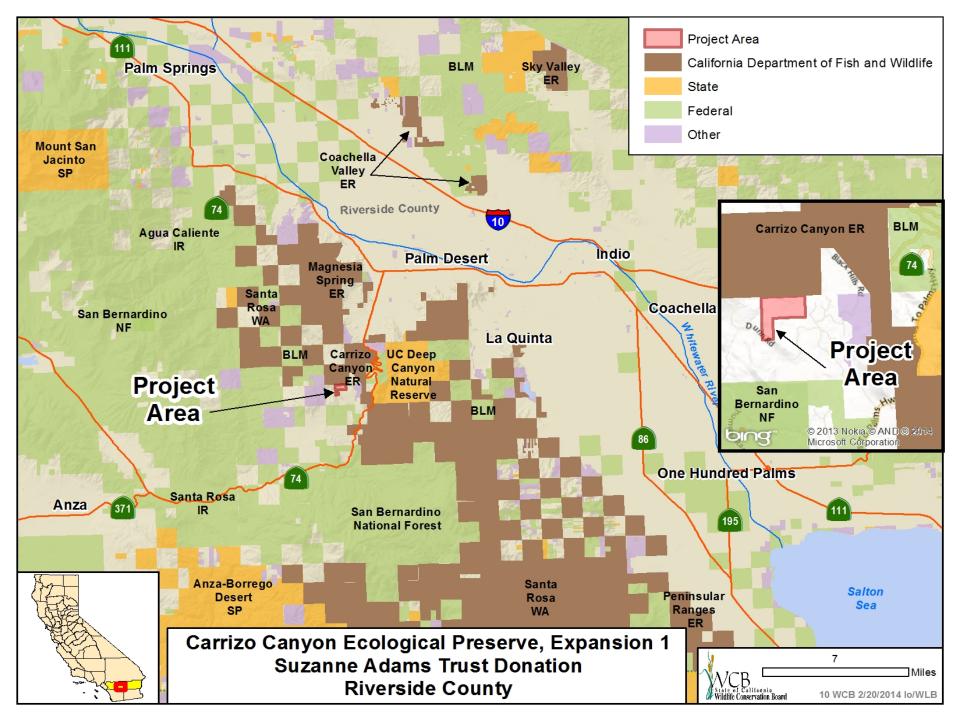
Blunt-Nosed Leopard Lizard



View looking south

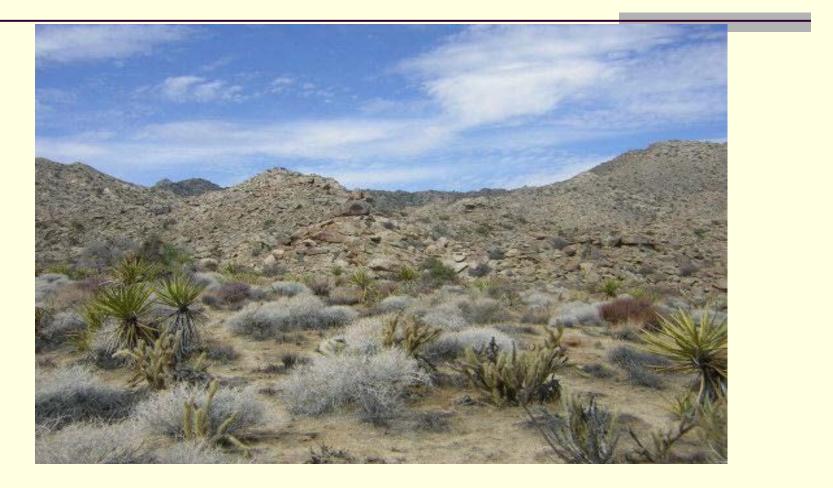


View looking west





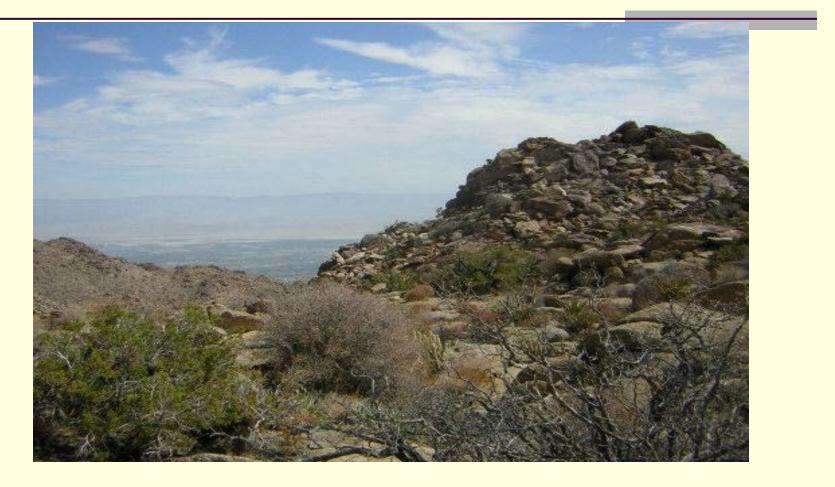
Property looking east toward BLM lands



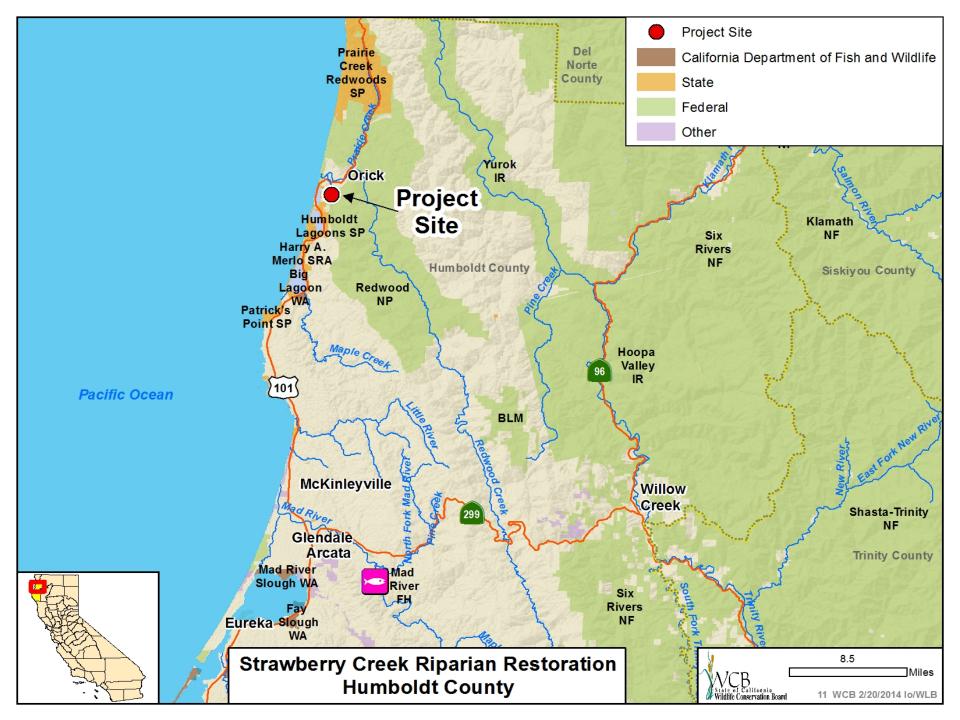
Open space area, Peninsular Bighorn Habitat



Rock outcroppings adjacent to CDFW property



View north looking back to Coachella Valley





Lower project reach of Strawberry Creek choked with invasive grasses.

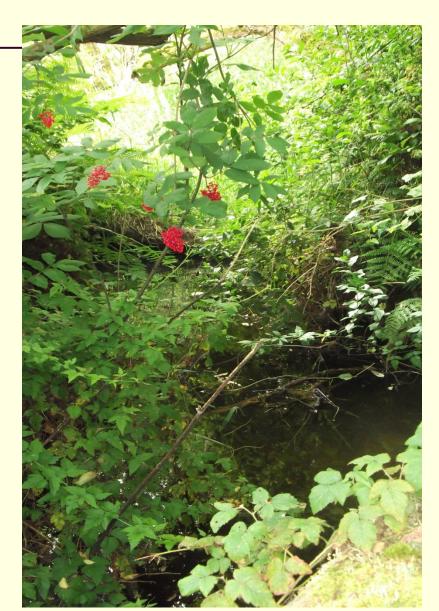
Invasive Canary grass blocking stream channel.





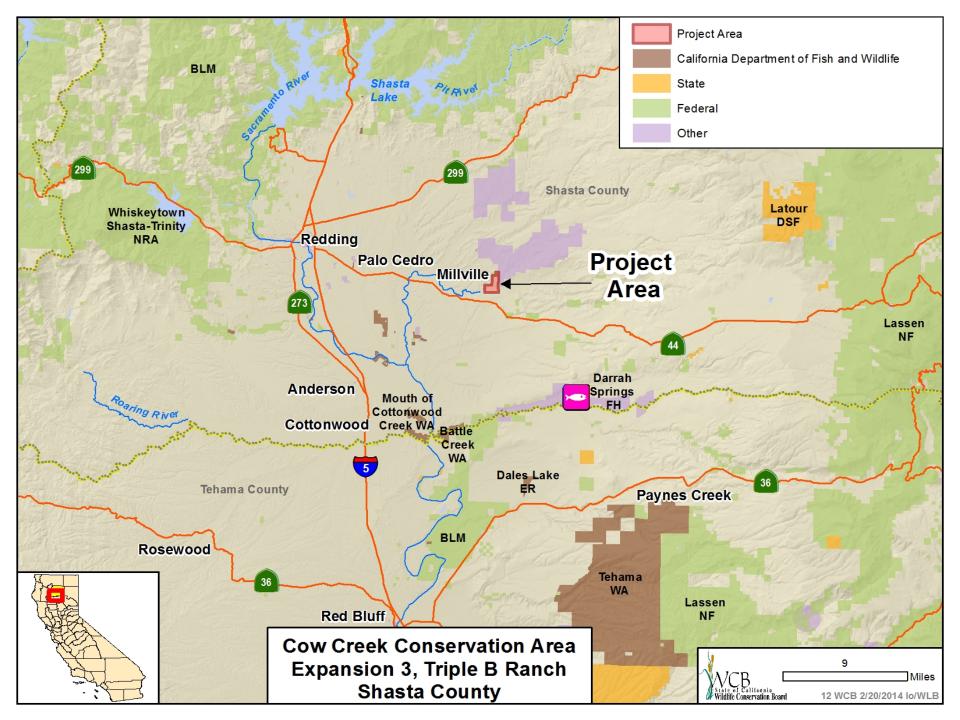
Two year old riparian restoration of earlier project phase. Instream clearing will continue until willows and spruce trees are adequately tall to shade out invasive grasses.

#### Shaded, clear, cool water.



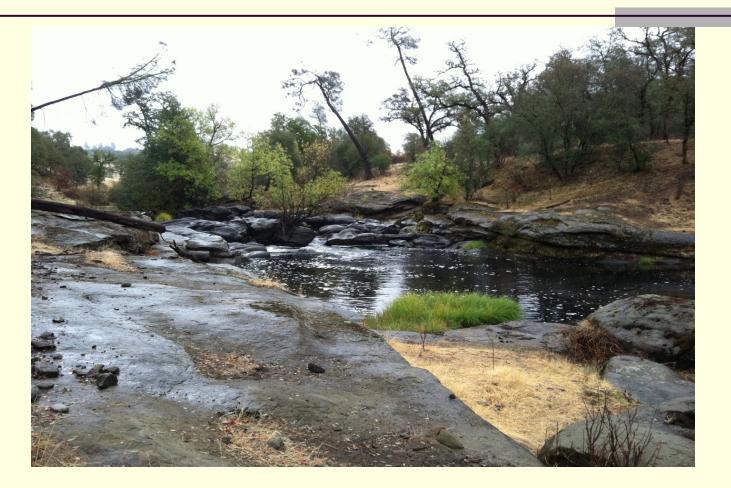


Uppermost project reach. Trees will be protected from foraging elk until old enough to sustain foraging pressure



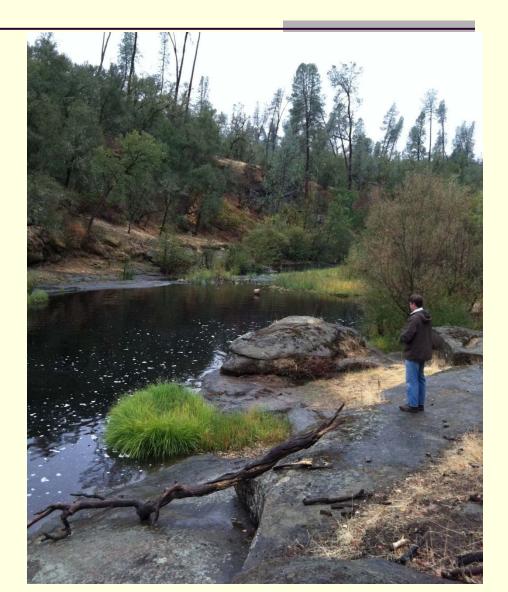


Cow Creek riparian corridor



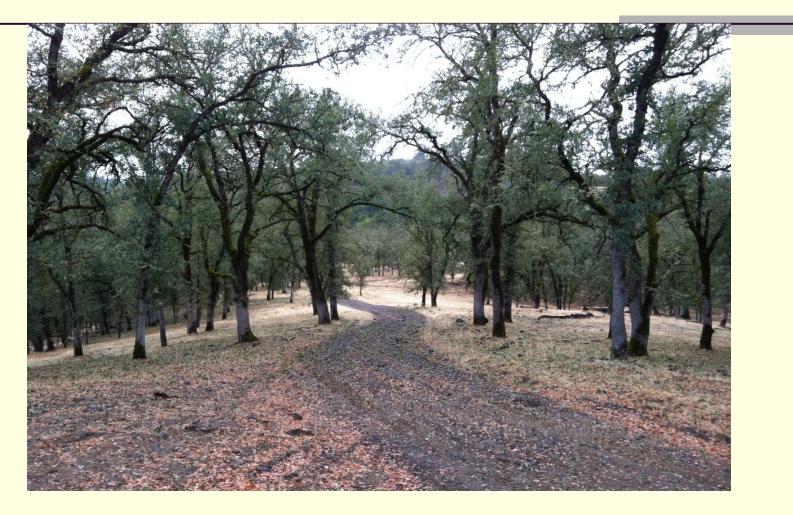
 Northern property border with JS Ranch Conservation Easement

Ben Miles observing fall-run Chinook salmon

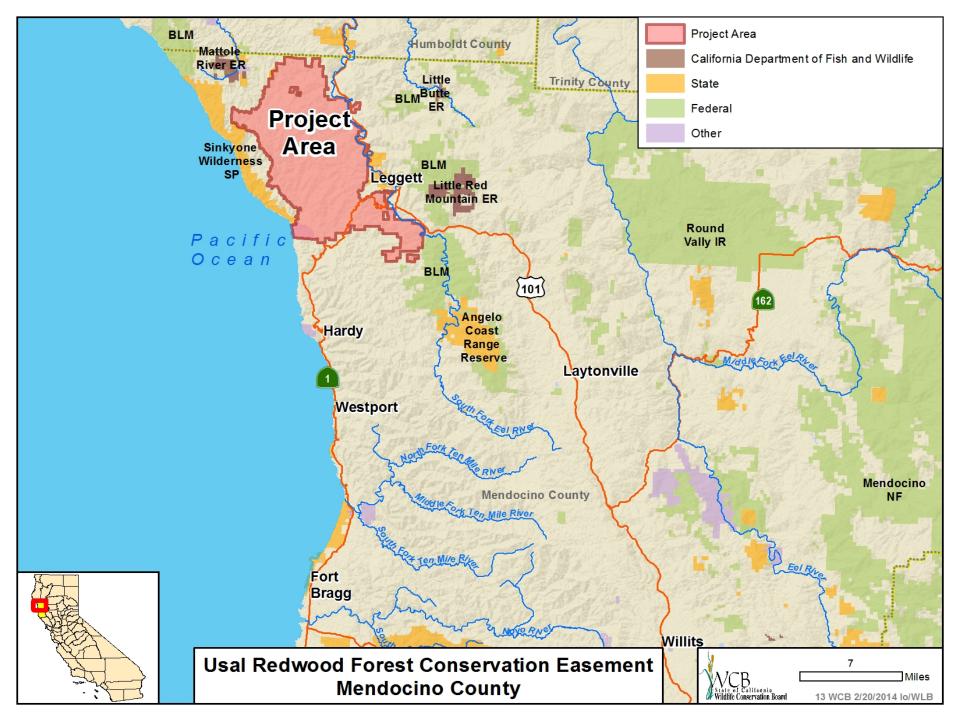




Diverse habitat on the property



Access road to creek through the oak habitat





Aerial view of the forest



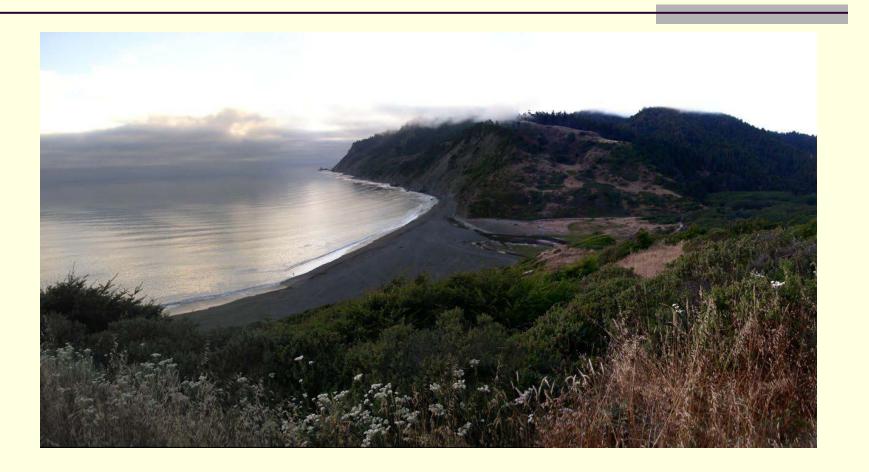
Riparian habitat found on the property



View toward ocean from interior of the property



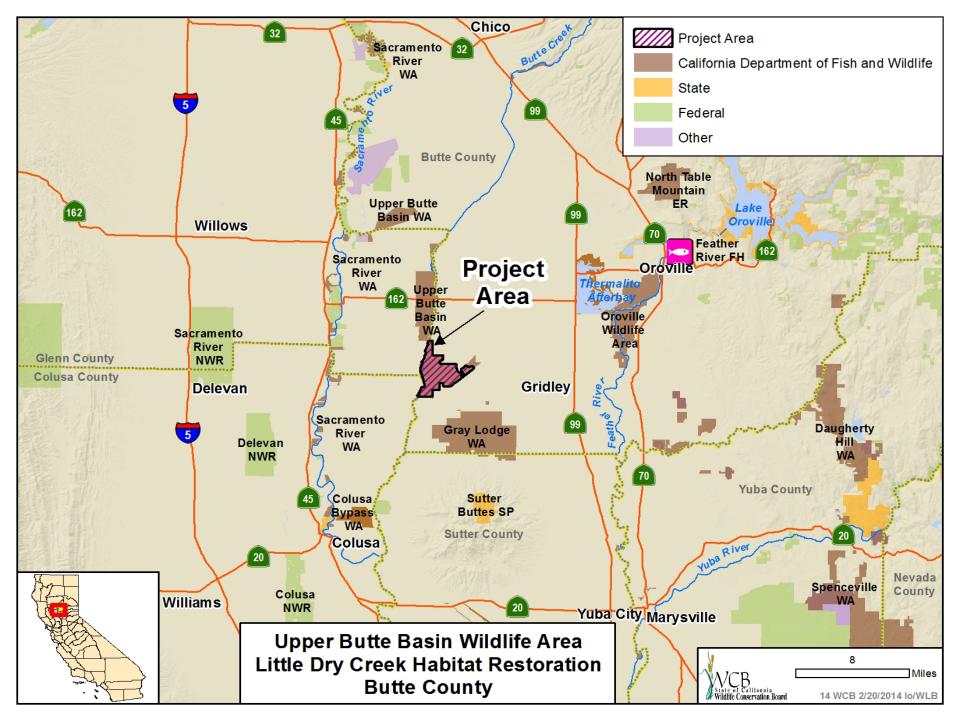
Elk found on property





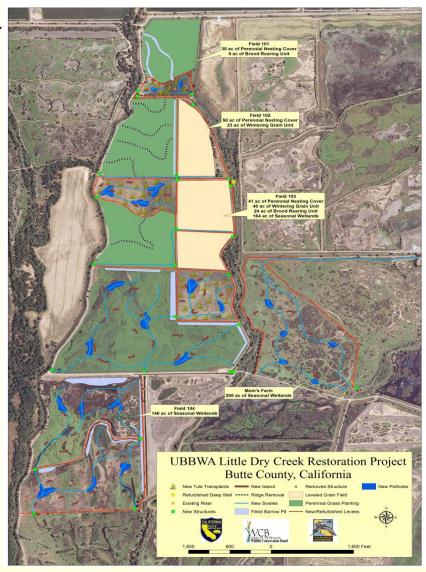


Aerial view of property



#### Acres to be Restored

- 121 perennial nesting cover
- 32 semi-permanent
- 71 wintering grain
- 310 seasonal wetlands
- Acres to be Enhanced
  - 200 seasonal wetlands





Location of a future semi-permanent brood rearing wetland unit.



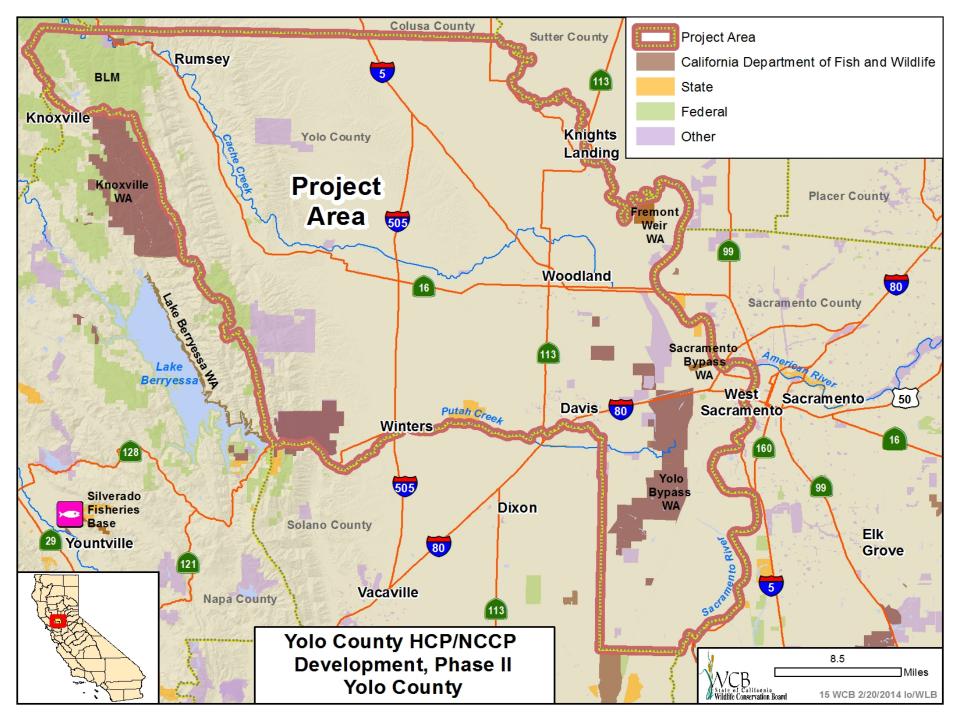
 Future seasonal wetland unit providing wintering resources for migratory birds



Area to be seeded with perennial grasses to improve nesting cover.



Anticipated results of wetland development





Vernal Pool



Native Grasslands at Conaway Ranch



Burrowing Owl burrows in grasslands



Burrowing Owl



Irrigated pasture



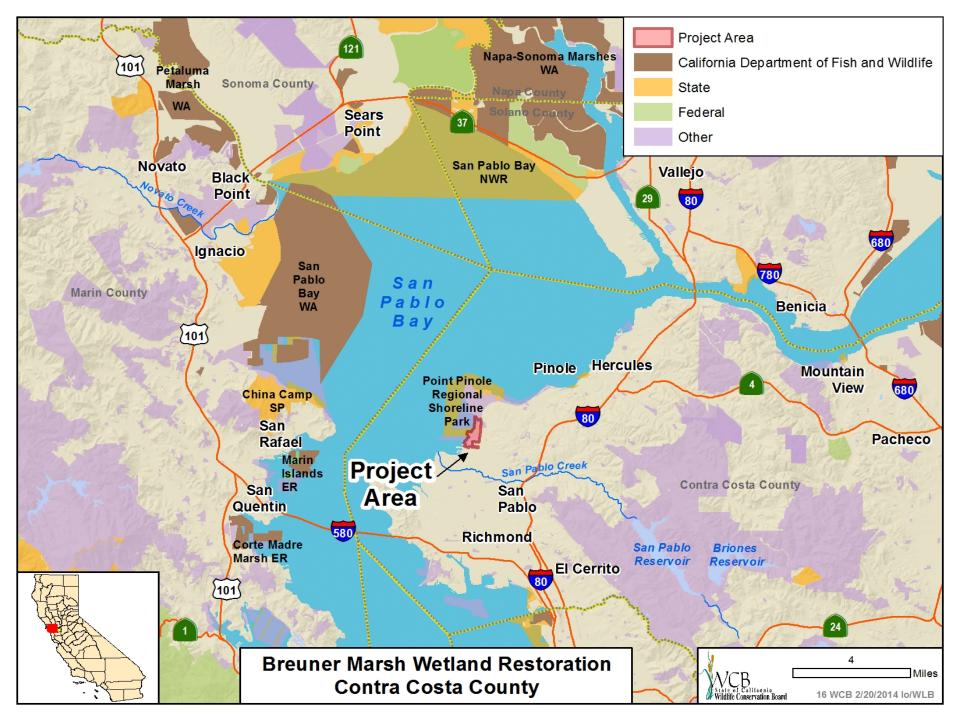
Alfalfa field

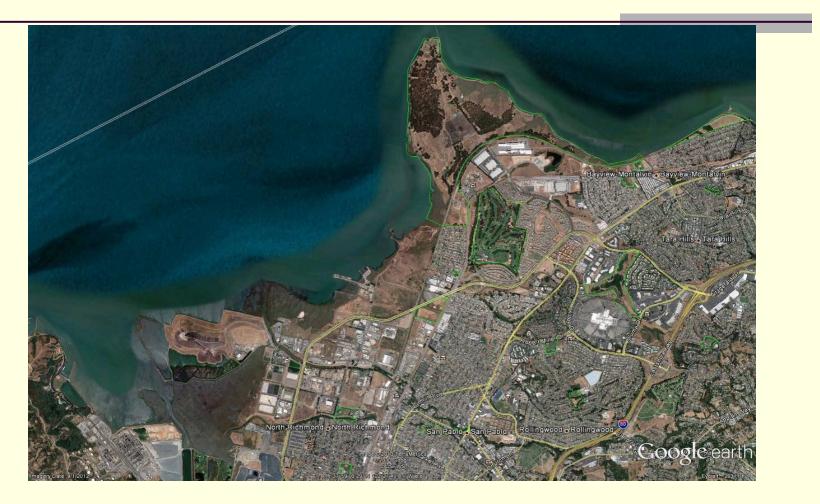


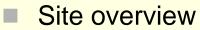
Tri-colored blackbird



Vernal pool and grassland habitats

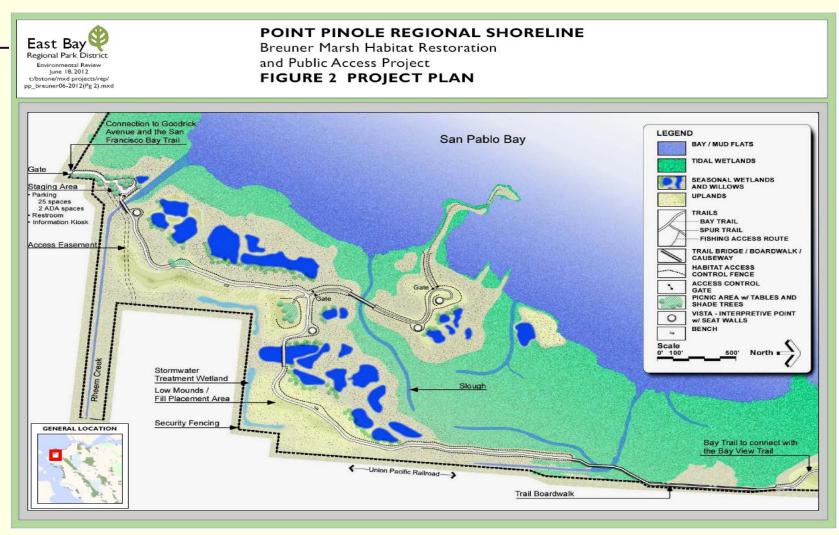








Site location adjacent to Point Pinole Regional Shoreline



 Site plan: Tidal and seasonal wetlands, public access trails and facilities



Project will create tidal and seasonal wetlands with a net gain of 25.9 acres tidal wetland habitat



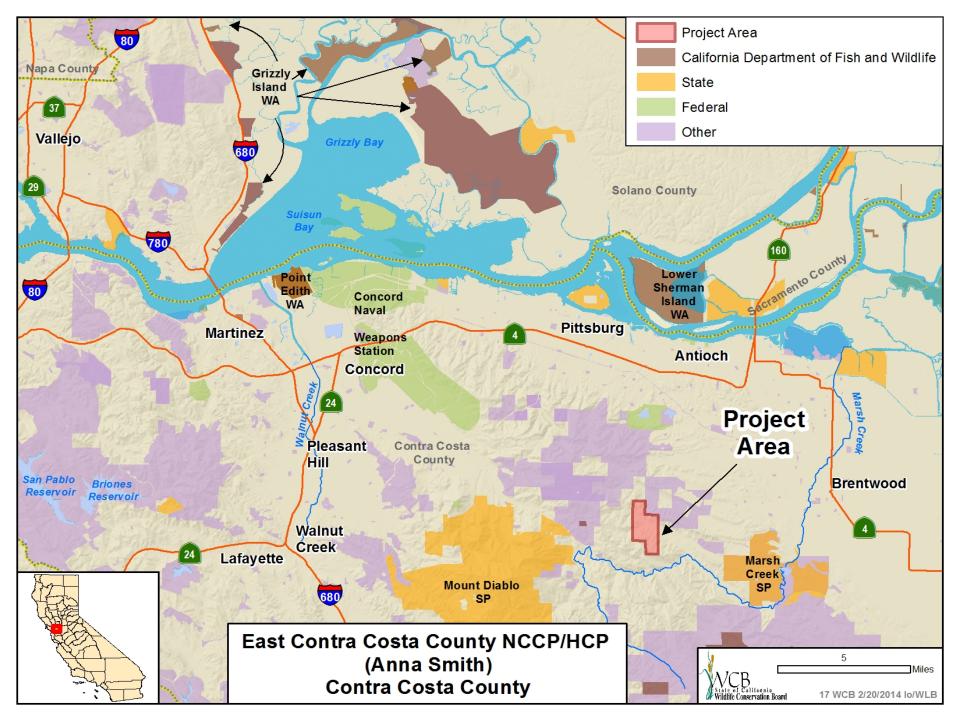
Tidal marsh supports listed species including California clapper rail, Black rail, and Salt marsh harvest mouse

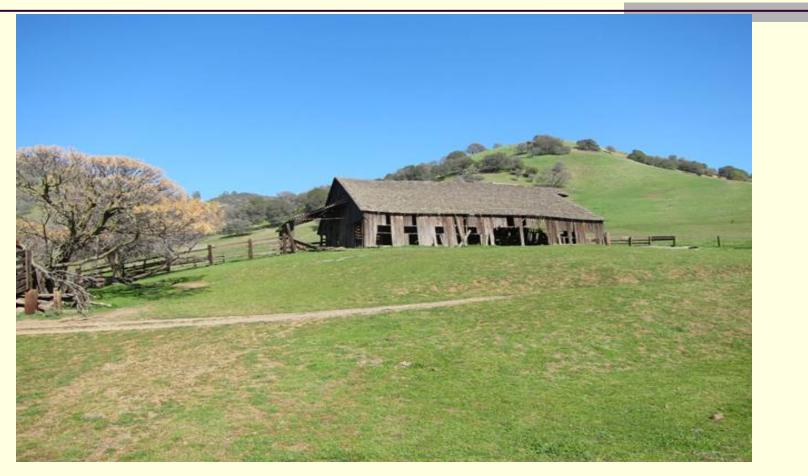


Upland sites will be planted with native perennial grassland species



Tidal and seasonal wetland habitat to be created onsite





Looking north at deteriorated barn.



Looking north across main access road.



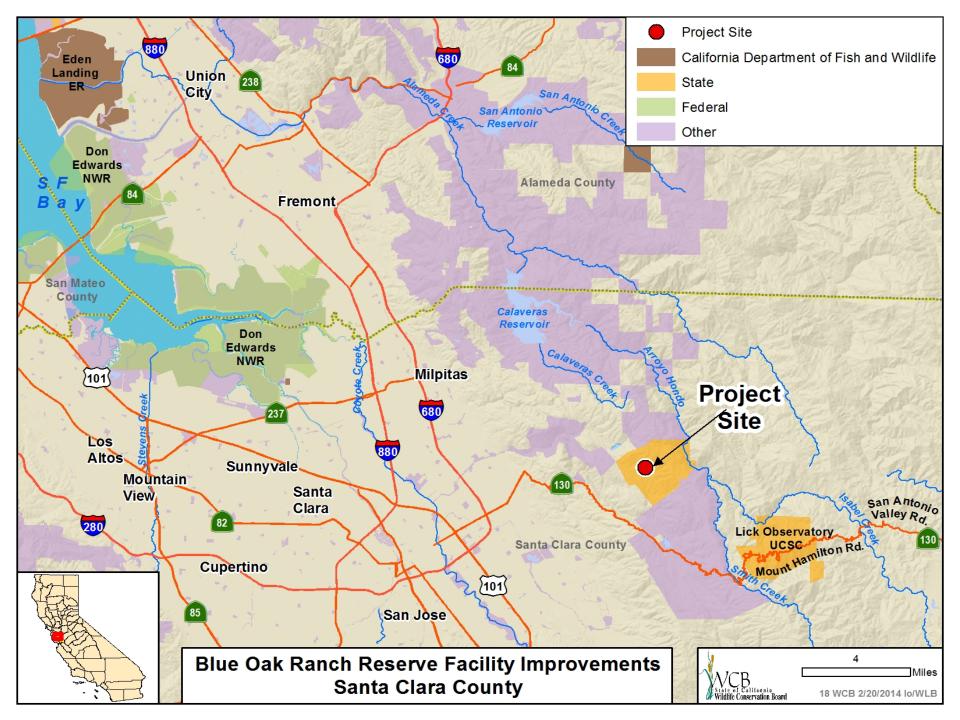
View east across meadow.

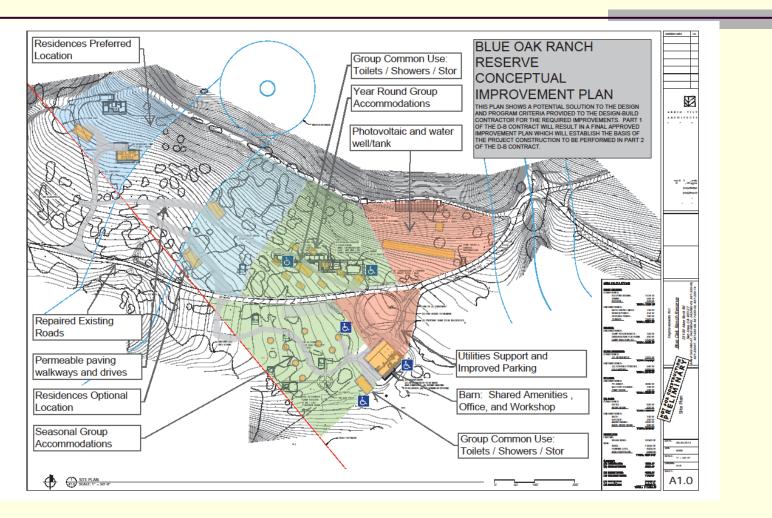


Old wagon with oak woodlands in the background.



Cattle grazing along the western property boundary.





Project objective



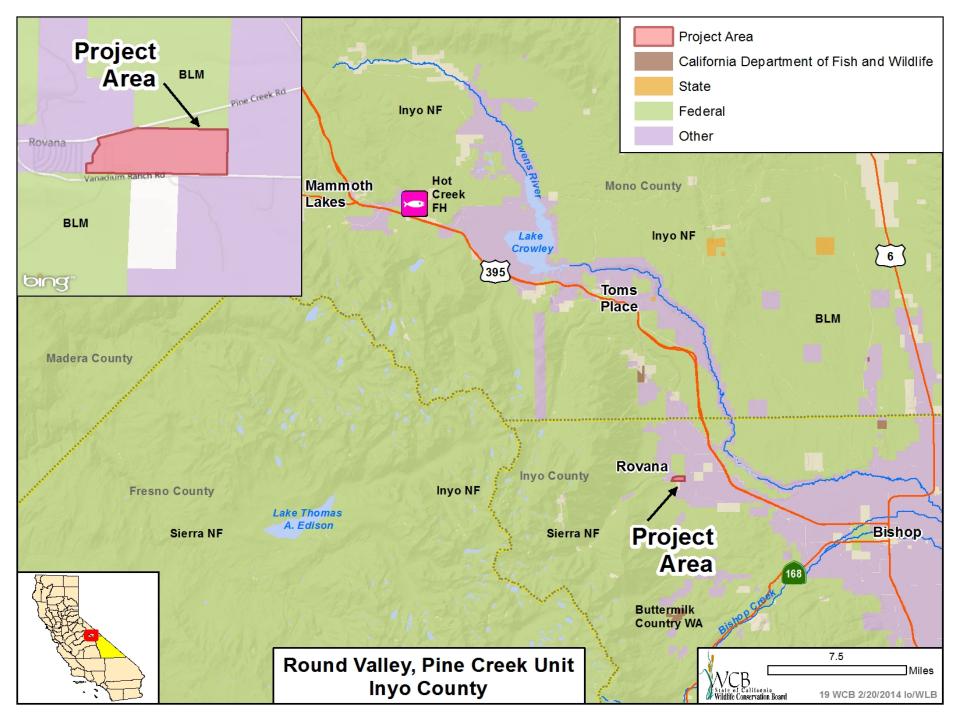
Currently, this barn is the only permanent functional structure on site.



This project will enhance campground area with camping platforms and restroom facilities.

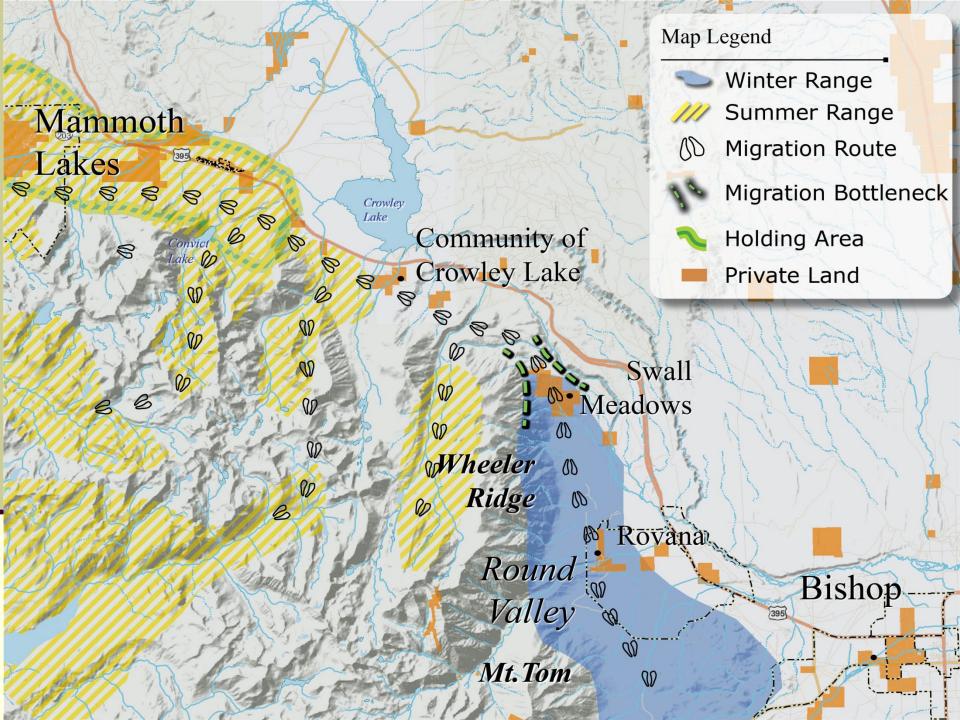


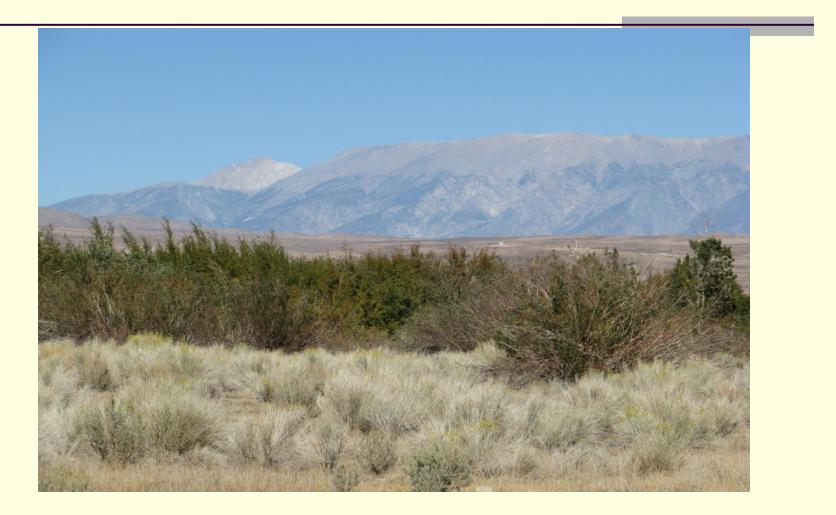
Project will provide two residences for the director and site steward.

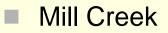




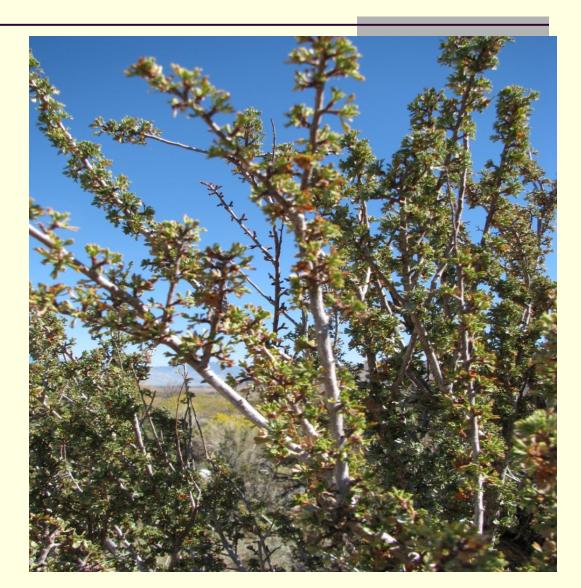
Round Valley Deer







Bitterbrush





Pine Creek



Arcularius Ditch

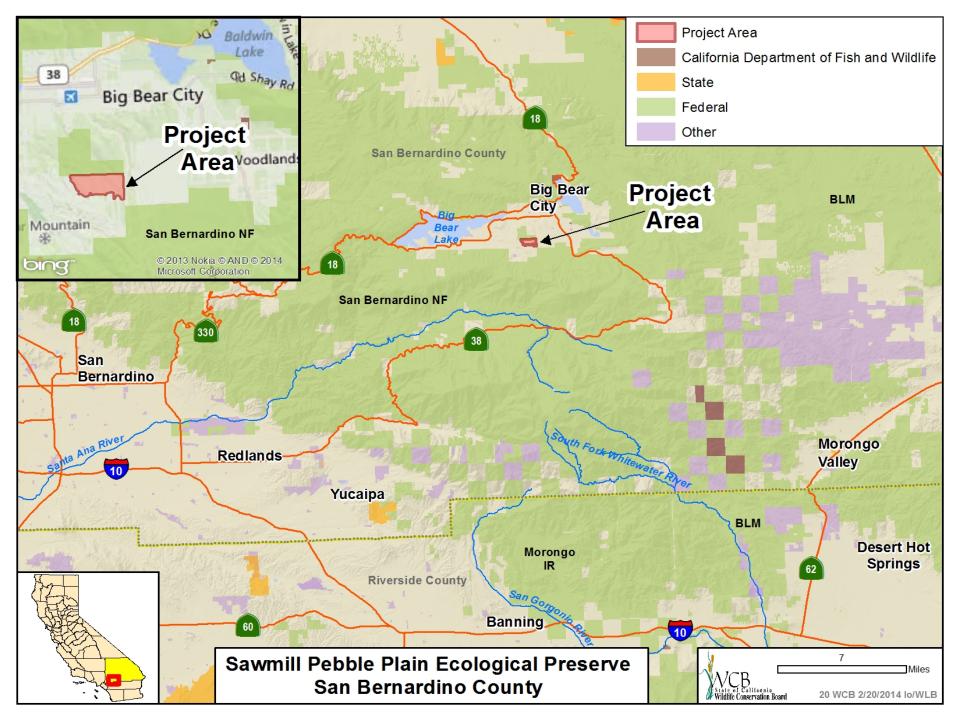




#### Project site at the base of Mt. Tom

# #19. Round Valley Pine Creek Unit







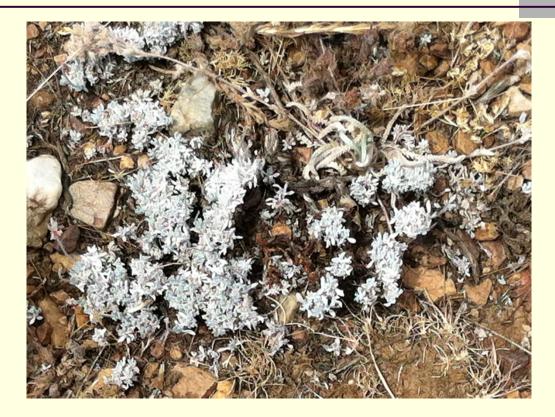
#### Undisturbed area of Pebble Plain habitat



Uncontrolled area of destroyed Pebble Plain habitat

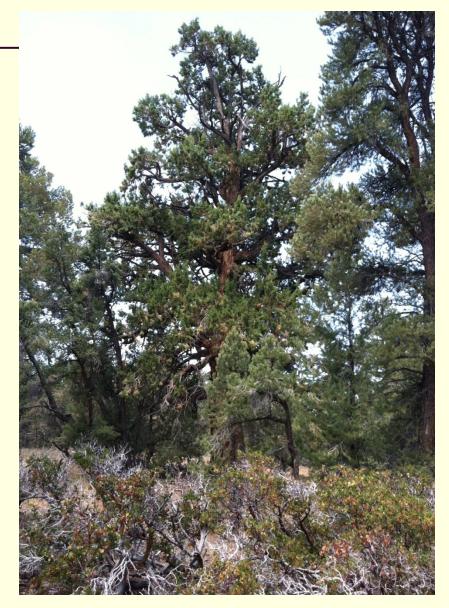


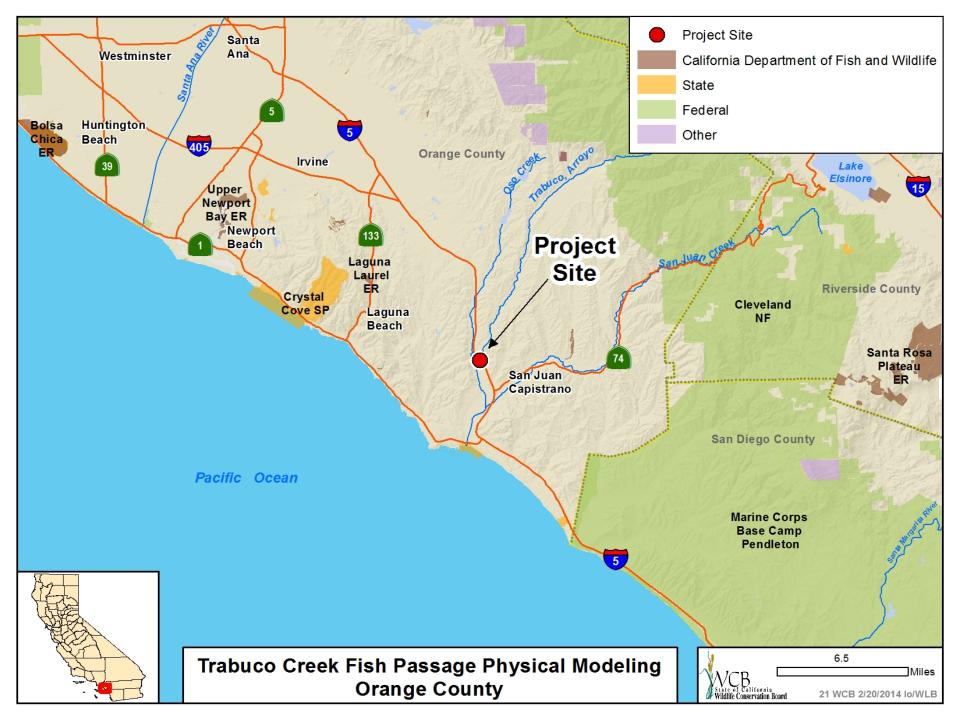
Existing trail through native pebble plain habitat



Small pebble plants- the kennedy buckwheat, southern mountain buckwheat. The smaller plant to the right is the silverhaired ivesia, rat-tails

 Western juniper. The trees surrounding the western juniper are singleleaf pinyon pines. The plants/shrubs in the foreground are manzanitas

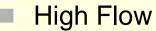




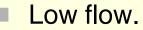


Trabuco Creek at Metrolink.











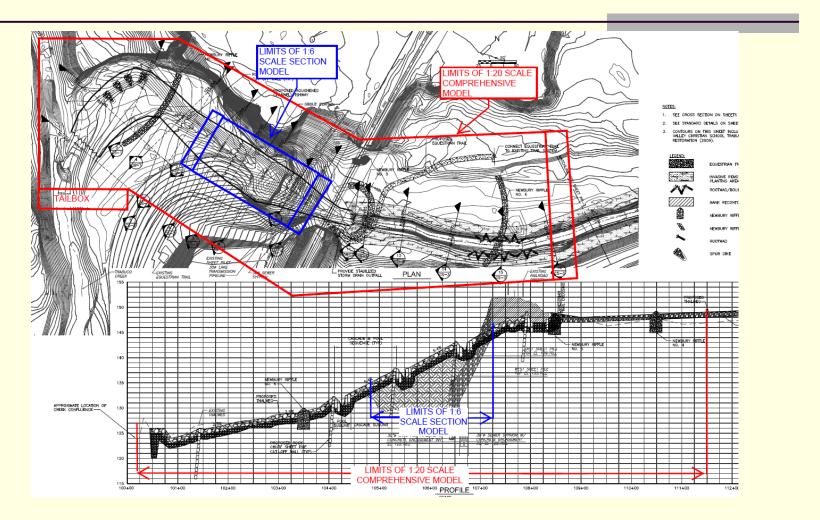
Undercut stream revetment.



Steam undercrossing at I-5. Engineered primarily for floodwater conveyance.



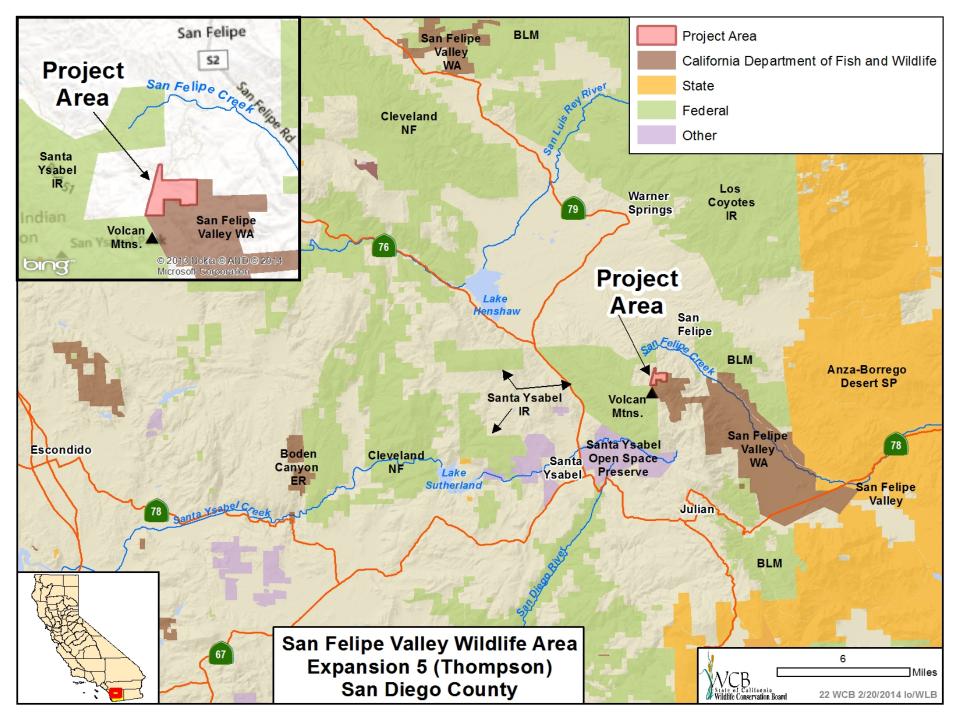
View downstream of project site, natural substrate.



Proposed project engineering will provide a low maintenance floodwater conveyance channel and fish transport.



The goal - a self-sustaining steelhead population in Trabuco Creek.





Looking east on property



Looking southeast on the property



Least Bell's Vireo



Southwestern willow flycatcher

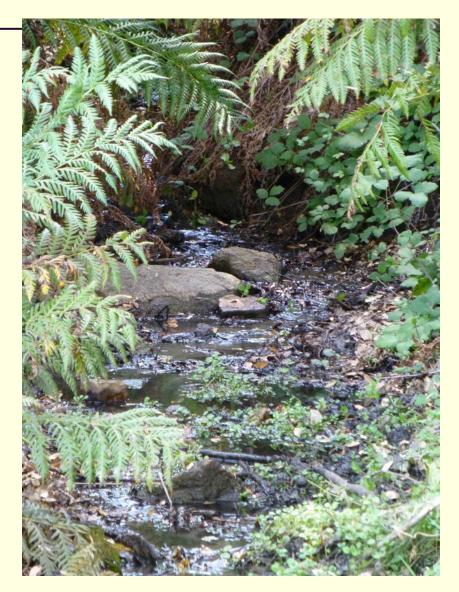
#### Cooper's Hawk





Ring-tailed cat

Year Round Spring on property running north to south





Looking west on property

# Potential Criteria for Priority Project Determination

WCB Public Review Draft Strategic Plan

With respect to Goal A Environmental Protection and Conservation, and Goal B Environmental Restoration and Enhancement, a priority project is one that:

- Aligns with the conservation actions in the Wildlife Action Plan (WAP) bio-regions.
- Demonstrates consistency with relevant conservation plans, e.g., HCPs, NCCPs, etc.
- Provides organizational capacity for long-term stewardship.
- Addresses:
  - Climate change resiliency and adaptation
  - Water management best practices
  - Appropriate public use (without degrading ecosystems)
  - Species strongholds or refugia
  - Habitat connectivity
  - Threatened and endangered species
  - Under-served communities
- Leverages multiple funding sources (both public and private).

WCB Public Review Draft Strategic Plan

With respect to Goal C Public Use and Enjoyment, a priority project is one that:

- Accommodates a diversity of recreation types.
- Addresses the needs of under-served communities.
- Demonstrates an expected level of use with no degradation of ecosystems.
- Provides the organizational capacity for ongoing maintenance and operations.