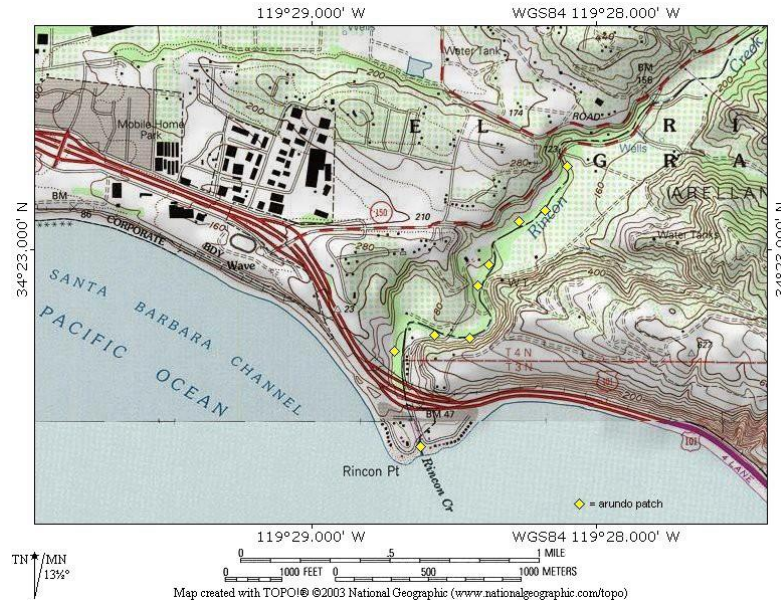


## Rincon Creek Arundo Removal

The County of Santa Barbara Agricultural Commissioner's Office requested funding from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), Office of Spill Prevention and Response to conduct a project to eradicate *Arundo donax* along the riparian corridor of Rincon Creek. The project was started with funding provided by a CDFW Fisheries Restoration Grant and a County of Santa Barbara Coastal Resources Enhancement Fund grant.



**Project Location Map**

The project is working on eliminating infestations of *Arundo donax* that were detected during the production of the Rincon Creek Watershed Plan. The plan, completed in May 2007 by the Santa Barbara County Water Agency, designates giant reed eradication as a high priority in its list of recommended projects. The Plan suggests that given the current small magnitude of the *Arundo donax* infestation, an aggressive eradication program could eradicate this species from the watershed.

Rincon Creek is a tributary to the Pacific Ocean. The creek, in portions, approximately indicates the border between Santa Barbara County and Ventura County. The project is located in Township 4N, Section 25 W, and Range 36 S of the Pitas Point and White Ledge Peak 7.5 Minute U.S.G.S. Quadrangles as depicted in Figure 1 Project Location Map. The project encompasses approximately 1.3 miles of creek. All *Arundo* eradication sites are in the lower Rincon Creek of Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties, below the confluence with Casitas Creek, Ventura County.