

OCTA Taxpayer Oversight Committee

August 13, 2019



- Measure M2 (OC Go) approved - November 2006
- Innovative Freeway Environmental Mitigation Program (EMP)
 - Offsets biological impacts of 13 OC Go freeway projects
 - Purchase of conservation lands (Preserves)
 - Provide funding for habitat restoration
- Approximately 5% of the OC Go freeway program revenue



- Seven Preserves acquired as permanent open space
 - 1,300 acres
- 11 restoration projects
 - 350 acres
 - native habitat
- 1 dam removal project

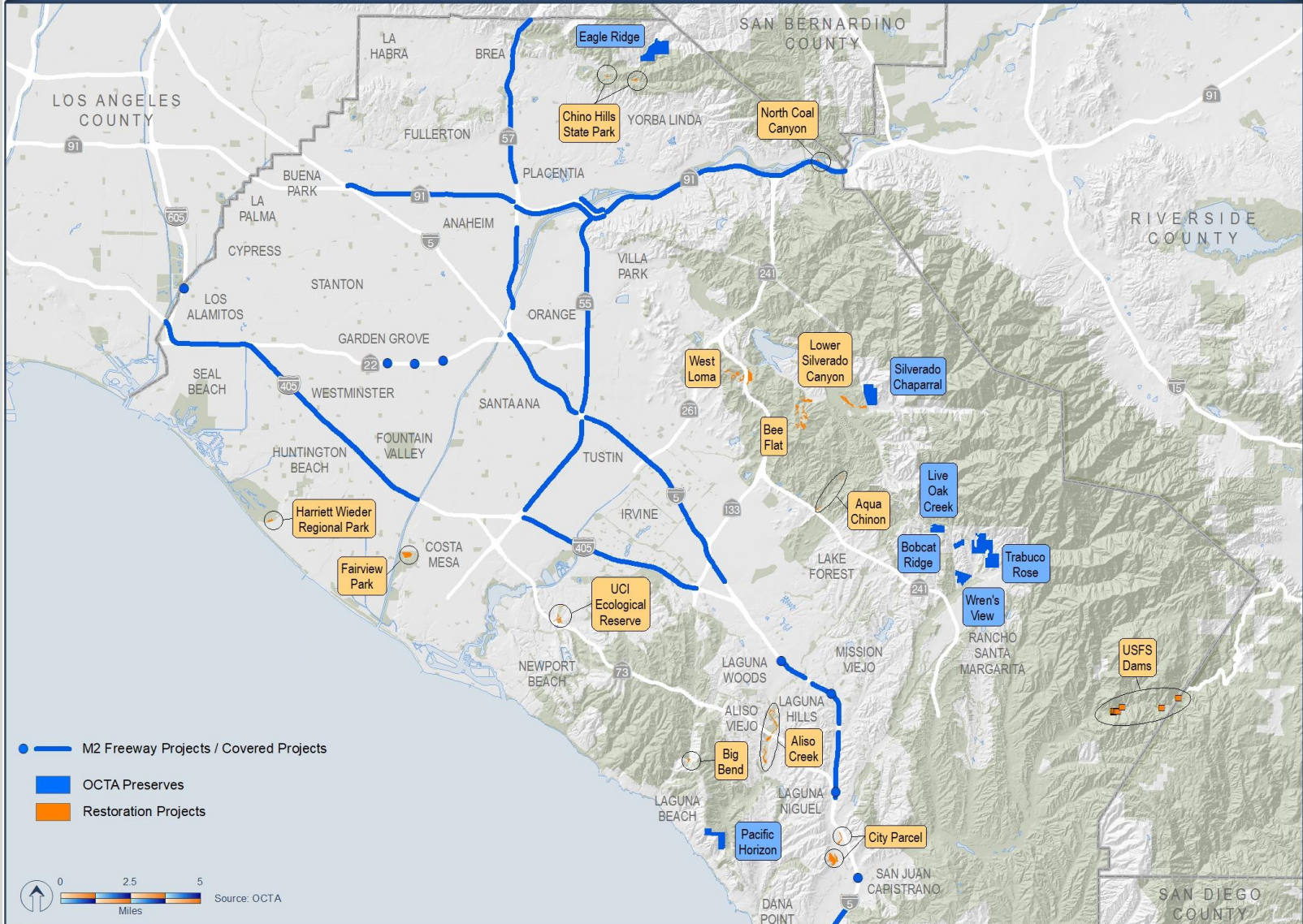




Acquisition and Restoration



OCTA NCCP/HCP Preserves and Funded Restoration Projects





- **Conservation Plan**
- Environmental Documents
- Clean Water Act Permits
- Streamlined Permitting through Partnerships with:
 - California Department of Transportation
 - State and federal wildlife agencies
 - State and federal regulatory agencies



Conservation Plan Annual Report Overview



- Covers:
 - Activities through 2018
- Includes
 - Freeway Project Impacts
 - Covered Activities on Preserves
 - Progress of Restoration Projects
 - Plan Administration
 - Public Outreach
- Approved by Wildlife Agencies





- Environmental Oversight Committee meetings
- OC-Go EMP website
 - **65** EMP events, workshops and public meetings
 - **39** Preserve specific outreach events
 - **8** different regional coordination and collaboration groups





- \$34.5 million Endowment Contribution
 - Fund long-term Preserve management
 - Approved by OCTA Board of Directors
- **Phase 1: Endowment funding**
 - Deposit ~\$3 million/yr. (10-12 yrs.)
- **Phase 2: Determine Single or Multiple Entities to Manage Endowment**
- Balance as of March 31, 2019: **\$9,263,521.79**



United States Forest Service Dam Removal





In Summary



- Meeting commitments
- Created processes and templates
- Continue with program tracking
- Follow resource management plans
- Assess evolving needs

