

# Mitigation and Resource Protection Program Oversight Committee Environmental Oversight Committee Orange County Transportation Authority

March 21, 2012

Orange County Transportation Authority 600 S. Main Street, Orange CA

9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Room 154

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Approval of February 15, 2012 Minutes
- 3. Restoration Projects

Lesley Hill and Monte Ward, OCTA

- A. Action Recommendation: endorse staff's recommendation to fund the restoration projects, to the Executive Committee and OCTA Board for the Round 2 restoration projects based on the Board-approved Acquisition/Restoration/ Management Criteria and M2 program needs.
- B. Action Recommendation: provide policy guidance on future restoration funding efforts to satisfy M2 freeway project mitigation needs.
- 4. Public Comments
- 5. Committee Member Reports
- 6. Next Meeting TBD
- 7. Closed Session

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Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 to discuss the price and terms of payment for the acquisition of the following real properties.

The negotiators for OCTA are Monte Ward and Dan Phu. The negotiators for the real properties are as specified.

| Real Property                         | Geographic<br>Area        | Assessor's Parcel Number  | Owner's<br>Negotiator                              | <u>Acreage</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|--|----------------|
| Aliso Canyon                          | Coastal                   | 056-240-66  | John Mansour                                       | 150            |
| Irvine Mesa<br>Corridor               | Cleveland<br>Nat'l        | 105-060-02, 105-060-09, 105-060-19, 105-051-36, 876-011-02, 876-011-03, 876-011-19, 876-011-07, 876-011-08, 876-011-11, 876-011-18, 105-051-18, 876-021-15, 876-021-04, 876-021-05, 105-051-33, 105-051-21, 105-051-57, 105-201-12, 105-201-11  | David Meyers                                       | 670            |
| Holtz Ranch (CCRC<br>Farms LLC)       | Cleveland Nat'l<br>Forest | 876-034-01, 876-041-01, 105-051-83, 105-051-84,<br>105-051-85, 105-070-93   | Brad Schnepf                                       | 327.9          |
| MacPherson                            | Cleveland Nat'l<br>Forest | 105-051-06, 105-051-08  | Craig MacPherson                                   | 216.7          |
| Mitchell Properties<br>West           | Trabuco                   | 842-081-12  | Steven U. Parker                                   | 101.7          |
| Saddleback<br>Meadows                 | Trabuco                   | 856-071-01/09, 856-072-01/51, 856-073-01/58, 856-074-01/45; 856-075-01/57, 856-081-01/11, 856-082-01/44, 856-083-01/46, 856-084-01/37, 856-085-01/41, 856-086-01/37, 856-091-02/11, 856-092-01/42, 856-093-01/25, 856-094-01/34, 856-095-01/62, 856-096-01/57, 856-097-01/34, 856-098-01/37 | William Fleissig                                   | 222            |
| Saddleback Valley<br>Christian School | San Juan<br>Capistrano    | 121-070-57, 67, 68  | Ed Carney<br>Saddleback Valley<br>Christian School | 67.9           |
| Sky Ranch                             | Trabuco                   | 842-021-4, 05, 07, 08 and 842-031-04, 05, 08, 09  | Dave and<br>Michael Eadie                          | 526.9          |
| Takahashi (Baker<br>Square LLC)       | Cleveland Nat'l<br>Forest | 105-051-12  | Carl Reinhart                                      | 643            |
| Watson                                | Trabuco                   | 858-021-10, 11  | Dave and<br>Michael Eadie                          | 98.3           |

### 8. Adjournment

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### **Measure M2 Environmental Oversight Committee**

February 15, 2012 Meeting Minutes

### **Committee Members Present:**

Chair Patricia Bates, OCTA Board of Directors
Vice-Chair Melanie Schlotterbeck, Measure M Support Groups
Veronica Chan, US Army Corps of Engineers
Nancy Jimeno, California State University, Fullerton
James Kelly, Measure M2 Taxpayers Oversight Committee
David Mayer, CA Department of Fish and Game
Adam Probolsky, Probolsky Research
Dan Silver, Endangered Habitats League
Jonathan Snyder, US Fish and Wildlife Services
Sylvia Vega, Caltrans
Greg Winterbottom, OCTA Board of Directors

### **Committee Members Absent:**

Chris Flynn, Caltrans
Dave Means, California Wildlife Conservation Board

### **Orange County Transportation Authority Staff Present:**

Marissa Espino, Senior Community Relations Specialist Lesley Hill, Planning Department Project Manager Janice Kadlec, Public Reporter Dan Phu, Project Development Section Manager Monte Ward, Consultant

### 1. Welcome

Chair Patricia Bates welcomed everyone to the meeting at 10:05 a.m. and asked Nancy Jimeno to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 2. Approval of December 7, 2011 Minutes

Chair Patricia Bates asked if there were any additions or corrections to the December 7, 2011 Environmental Oversight Committee (EOC) meeting minutes. A motion was made by Melanie Schlotterbeck, seconded by Nancy Jimeno, and passed unanimously to approve the December 7, 2011 EOC meeting minutes as presented. The motion was carried unanimously.

### 3. Acquisition Properties

Dan Phu said the appraisals for Aliso Canyon and Irvine Mesa have been completed. He notified the EOC that the Shell-Aera property is no longer under consideration for acquisition.

### 4. Restoration Properties

A. Lesley Hill gave background information on the intent and purpose of the Restoration Funding Guidelines and highlighted recent revisions to the guidelines made by the EOC Working Group. She also reviewed the evaluation process for the restoration projects.

Nancy Jimeno said there were some things required such as species mapping, site assessment, guidelines done by a biological/ecological expert or cultural resource biologist, and breeding bird surveys. She asked if these were included in grant money or is it included in grantee money. Lesley said these are standard activities that would have to be done for any restoration project where sensitive habitat is involved and is part of the site assessment. These activities would be folded into the cost of the restoration project

Nancy Jimeno asked if the weed abatement which needed to be done two years ahead of time, would also be folded into the cost. Lesley Hill said yes, this is part of the overall restoration project and incorporated into the total project cost.

Adam Probolsky asked if a restoration spending amount was identified in order to fulfill the mitigation commitment or is money going to be spent beyond this. Monte Ward said there is a policy direction within the amount available – the 80-20 split. Also, once the Natural Community Conservation Plan/Habitat Conservation Plan (NCCP/HCP) is completed, further guidance will be available with respect to the balance of acquisition and restoration. Finally, since the Army Corps of Engineers has been brought into the process along with regional and state water quality control board, there may be a requirement in the future for additional restoration or different types of restoration based on the impacts of waters of the U.S. or the state. Because of this, there is no firm number in terms of acreage or habitat at this point. They are working within the policy constraints and the information available on the initial overlay in terms of freeway impacts.

Adam Probolsky asked if there is an expectation that more money or less money will be needed. Monte Ward said he would expect what will be seen after the initial round of acquisition would be a need for certain types of restoration activities, particularly activities that deal with wetlands, riparian habitat, etc. Adam Probolsky asked if this would exceed the money allocation. Monte Ward said it would likely not exceed the money but maybe a greater emphasis towards the latter part of the program would be on restoration rather than acquisition.

Adam Probolsky asked if the restoration guidelines document will always guide restoration regardless whether there is a continued requirement to do restoration. Monte Ward said the restoration guidelines will be a living document. Chair Patricia Bates said policy decisions regarding how the money is appropriated out of the M2 Program will continue to be a robust discussion on the OCTA Board as

it goes forward and will depend on the NCCP/HCP and how it fits together with the Freeway Program. Monte Ward said this is correct and as they get more deeply into permitting strategies with the Army Corps and with the state and regional boards, there may be further guidance or recommendations to the OCTA Board regarding the policy decisions between the split between acquisition and restoration or more emphasis on the types of restoration.

Adam Probolsky asked how the restoration funding guidelines affect the approved projects. Monte Ward said agreements have already been signed with the first round of project sponsors. If approved, the restoration funding guidelines would affect new agreements.

A motion was made by Melanie Schlotterbeck, seconded by Adam Probolsky, and passed unanimously to recommend approval of the revised restoration funding guidelines.

B. Lesley Hill presented background on the restoration process and a brief overview of the restoration projects.

James Kelly asked if restoration could be considered on properties OCTA has already acquired. Monte Ward said this has not happened yet, but OCTA could acquire a property and then subsequently there could be a restoration project on the property. OCTA would get credit for the acquisition and then, depending on the type of restoration, get some credit for restoration.

Dan Silver said at this point they are acting under some constraints. One, certain habitats are not necessarily impacted by the freeways. Even if a project may be a great project like a salt marsh, our hands are tied. Secondly, the first round of projects went a great deal to uplands and now they are going back to wetland/riparian. Dan Silver said there is not a great deal of money to spend – is the approach going to be to try to find a piece of each one to fund? Lesley Hill said this may be the case. The Group 1 projects look great and would align well with OCTA's needs. They need to go back to the project sponsors and try to fine tune the costs. They may decide to fund only one or two projects and then use any leftover money to fund some small riparian projects. It all depends on the coordination with the project sponsors. Dan Silver said, in his point of view, this will be an ongoing multiyear or multi decade effort; they are all good projects and should be nurtured. He agreed it should be a case by case analysis.

Chair Patricia Bates asked if any of the proposals made by project sponsors indicated they had matching funds from other grants. Lesley Hill said they had some projects on the list with matching funds. She will investigate and bring back the information to the next EOC meeting.

A motion was made by Chair Patricia Bates, seconded by Melanie Schlotterbeck, and carried unanimously to endorse staff's recommendation for the grouping of the restoration projects based on the Board approved Acquisition Restoration Management Criteria.

C. A motion was made by Chair Patricia Bates, seconded by Melanie Schlotterbeck, and carried unanimously to direct staff to continue to coordinate with the Group 1 and Group 2 project sponsors in order to fine tune project plans and associated costs; once these costs are fine tuned, staff will request a funding endorsement by the EOC.

### 5. Spring Tours

Marissa Espino reported OCTA is partnering with the Toll Roads in their 12th Annual Native Habitat Tour Series. One of the OCTA acquired properties – Saddle Creek South – will be on the tour. The tour will take place on April 12, 2012 from 8 a.m. to noon. Marissa Espino said she will send the members an email with the invitation and encouraged anyone interested to RSVP.

### 6. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

### 7. Committee Member Reports

There were no Committee Member Reports

### 8. Next Meeting – March 7, 2012

The next meeting of the EOC will be on March 7, 2012 in the OCTA offices.

### 9. Closed Session

The regular meeting of the EOC was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. and the EOC went into Closed Session.

### 10. Adjournment

There were no further actions reported in public session. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



### March 19, 2012

**Subject:** Measure M2 Environmental Mitigation Program

Round 2 Restoration Project Recommendations

### Overview

Evaluations of Round 2 proposed restoration projects have been completed for the Measure M2 Environmental Mitigation Program. The Environmental Oversight Committee (EOC) will review and consider the endorsement of six restoration projects for funding. OCTA issued a second round, the 2011/12 Restoration Call for Projects, for the period between June 30, 2011 and August 30, 2011. Subsequent to the call, a total of 19 new restoration proposals were received.

### Recommendations

- A. Endorse staff's recommendation to fund the six restoration projects, to the Executive Committee and OCTA Board for the Round 2 restoration projects based on the Board-approved Acquisition/Restoration/Management Criteria and M2 program needs.
- B. Provide policy guidance on future restoration funding efforts to satisfy M2 freeway project mitigation needs.

### Background

In September 2010, the Board of Directors (Board) authorized the OCTA staff to coordinate and execute contracts with 5 restoration project sponsors, in a total amount of \$5,362,500. These project sponsors have addressed the EOC various times in the past few months to discuss the progress they have made with these funds.

### **Discussion**

Nineteen new restoration proposals were evaluated and considered for the second round of funding that totals approximately \$5 million. The restoration projects previously evaluated, but not recommended for funding during the 2009/10 funding cycle were also considered for the second tranche of funding (twenty-one total). This amounted to a total of forty projects that were evaluated within the Round 2 review.

In conjunction with Caltrans, Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), and the California Department of Fish and Game(CDFG), and United State Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) (collectively known as wildlife agencies), all

restoration proposals have been evaluated based on biological merits. The evaluation of these restoration properties resulted in four hierarchical groups. Group 1 restoration proposals typically possess the highest potential to support similar vegetative communities lost to freeway projects, restore habitat for species that are considered sensitive, provide connectivity/contiguity opportunities, and provide the highest potential to successfully replace lost functions and services of resources lost within the watershed of those at the impact site. Group 2 restoration proposals typically possess good potential for the same criteria.

The restoration projects were also considered to focus on impacts which can be tied back to the 13 M2 freeway projects. Benefits to specific watersheds were considered to address the needs of the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Santa Ana and San Diego) and the ACOE in relation to Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act. This has created an additional layer to address and was a large focus of the decision making process for this round of restoration projects. This regulatory permitting process is a separate but parallel process to the Conservation Plan. OCTA staff is trying to keep these two processes on similar timelines.

Through preliminary discussions with the wildlife agencies, restoration proposals within the first two groups (11 total proposals) possess the necessary biological value that would enable OCTA to obtain mitigation assurances for the M2 freeway projects. EOC will consider the approval of six projects for funding.

The remaining restoration projects were not recommended for one or more of the following reasons: the project will not be ready to commence by 2013, the project scope is not clearly defined, the project requires further planning development and engineering, the project does not cover the proposed impacted watershed needs, and/or the proposed restoration components are not considered as high priority as those of the selected projects.

The table below shows the proposed restoration projects as well as the preliminary restoration cost, watershed and biological justifications for each project. The restoration cost could fluctuate slightly as more refined project information is developed based on the approved OCTA Restoration Funding Guidelines. However, the project costs presented in the table are those that will be used for the EOC and ultimately the OCTA's Board consideration. These costs will be finalized before a contract is executed.

| Restoration<br>Projects 2011/12     | Proposed<br>Funding | Watershed<br>HUC* 8/HUC<br>10                                  | Habitat Type/Acreage   |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Aliso Creek                         | \$1,105,000         | San Juan/Aliso<br>Creek - Frontal<br>Gulf of Santa<br>Catalina | 55 acres of riparian (30 acres of invasives removal and 55 acres of native plant installation) |
| Chino Hills State<br>Park (2009/10) | \$193,000           | Santa<br>Ana/Lower<br>San Gabriel<br>River                     | 15 acres of willow riparian and Oak-<br>Walnut woodland and 6 acres of<br>cactus scrub         |
| Harriett Weider<br>Regional Park    | \$475,000           | Santa Ana/Bolsa Chica Channel - Frontal Huntington Harbor      | 7.7 acres of native grassland and coastal sage scrub (CSS) as well as .5 acres riparian        |
| Lower Silverado<br>Canyon           | \$1,399,580         | Santa<br>Ana/Santiago<br>Creek                                 | 44 acres of mostly riparian  |
| North Coal Canyon                   | \$247,500           | Santa Ana  | 5.5 acres of Riversidian Alluvial Fan Sage Scrub (CSS)   |
| West Loma                           | \$1,296,000         | Santa<br>Ana/Santiago<br>Creek                                 | 160 acres of mostly upland, 3 acres of riparian  |
| Total                               | \$4,716,080         |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup> HUC is defined as a Hydrologic Unit Code. The Hydrologic Unit system is a standardized watershed classification system developed by USGS. Hydrologic units are watershed boundaries organized in a nested hierarchy by size. They range in size from regions, to the smaller cataloging units (HUCs), which are roughly equivalent to a local watershed.

Funding these projects would leave approximately \$400,000 of remaining funds. Staff would like to discuss different policy options to help focus these funds in areas that are currently in need of mitigation to fulfill OCTA's regulatory permitting process requirements. One recommended option for discussion would be to utilize these funds towards another call for restoration projects that would be focused on the watersheds with potential mitigation deficiencies.

### **Next Steps**

Upon approval of the restoration projects, staff will continue to move forward with the restoration process by coordinating with the projects sponsor(s). Prior to the issuance of funds, project sponsors will be required to provide a

complete restoration plan or Habitat Mitigation Monitoring Plan (HMMP) per the restoration funding guidelines, which will be reviewed and approved by OCTA, ACOE, CDFG, and USFWS.

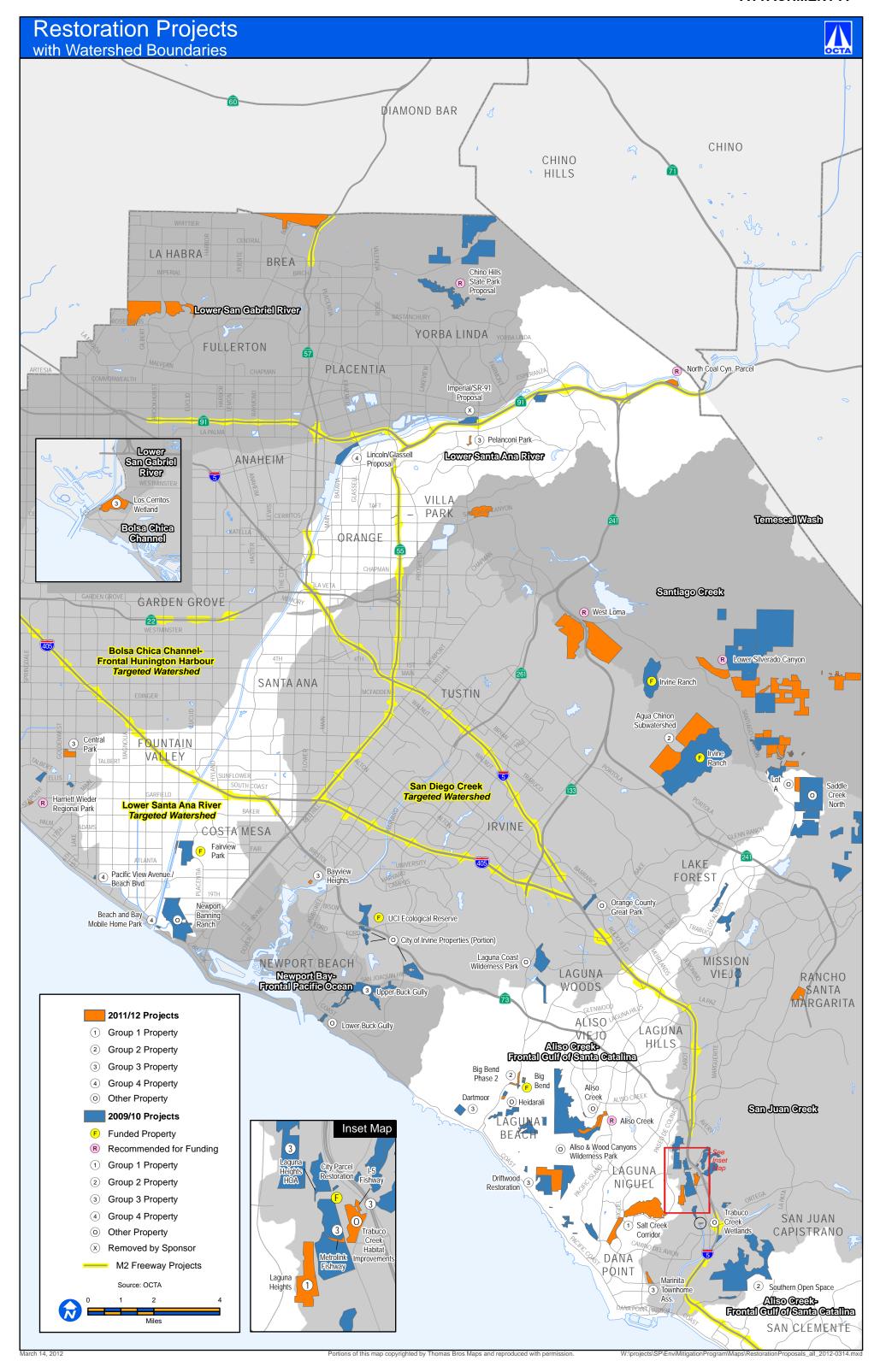
Staff will develop and come back with specific guidance for future calls of restoration projects for EOC endorsement.

### Summary

Staff is seeking endorsement to fund the six restoration projects, to the Executive Committee and OCTA Board for the Round 2 restoration projects based on the Board-approved Acquisition/Restoration/ Management Criteria and M2 program needs. If these recommendations are endorsed, staff will coordinate further with these identified project sponsors to finalize restoration plans and execute contract agreements for these proposed restoration projets.

### **Attachments**

- A. Restoration Projects with Watershed Boundaries Graphic
- B. FY 2009 12 Call for Restoration Projects Table
- C. M2 EMP 2011-12 Restoration Projects PowerPoint
- D. Recommended Projects Draft Restoration Plans Graphics



### FY 2009 - 2012 Call for Restoration Projects

|   |  |   |  | Biological Justification                        |   |   |   |  |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|---|---|--|
|   | Restoration Project                                | Approximate Acreage of<br>Proposed Restoration<br>Project | Geographic Area/<br>Sponsors                               | Watershed<br>(HUC 10/8)                         | Habitat Types   | Proposed Cost                             | Matching Funds  |  |
| 2009/10                                       | City Parcel Restoration (aka<br>"Shea Restoration) | 53  | Sán Juan Capistráno/<br>City of<br>San Juan Capistrano     | San Juan-Creek/<br>San Juan                     | riparian, Goastal Sage Scrub (CS6), eak woodland,<br>ånd hative grassland   | \$1,500,000                               | Contributions from: Orange County Conservation Corps . \$241,920, San, Juan Capisarano Open Space Foundation . \$400,000, State of Cal. Depart. Of Parks and Rec. \$200,000, Saddleback College Ecological Rest. Program . \$2,000, City of San Juan Cap. Open Space Committee . \$2,000  |  |
|   | *Fairview Park                                     | -23   | Costa Mesa/<br>City of<br>Costa Mesa                       | 'Lower Santa Ana Riveri'<br>Santa Ana           | Wetlahqs; กุลทึงe ชูกูลร์เลก่ส, CSS; riparian, oak<br>woodland  | \$2,000,000                               | Contributions*from: Micean foundation \$350,000 FTA 'Grain, \$500,000 CA Dept.of Parks '8 Rec, Habitat Cons, Grann*\$225,000 CA Dept. of Parks & Rec, Rec. Trail-Grann \$256,000 City of Codta Mesá \$300,000   |  |
| Funded Projects 2009/10                       | Irvine Ranch (Bee Flat<br>Canyor and Aqua Chinon)  | 94.9  | Irvine/<br>Itvine Ranch Conservancy                        | Santiago Creek/<br>Santa Ana                    | chaparral, CSS, coast live oak/sycamore, oak<br>woodland, nattve grassland, and ripartan  | \$1,450,00Q                               | m-kind contibutions estimated at \$350,000 from IRC including staff time, eguipment, materials and volunteer labor.   |  |
| <u> </u>                                      | UCI Ecological Reserve                             | 8,5"  | Irvine/-<br>Nature Reserve of Orange<br>County             | Upland  | cáctuš scrub  | \$325,000                                 | In-kind contributions from NROC estimated at \$42,500 (project management, restoration planning, sensitive species monitoring and report preparation)   |  |
|   | Big Bend   | 3.7   | Laguna Beach/<br>Laguna Canyon<br>Foundation               | ,Aliso Creĕk/<br>San-Juan                       | CSS and ripatian woodland   | \$87,500                                  | Contributions from: City of Laguna Beach (approx. \$3 million land contribution), Orange County Conservation Corps \$15,000, Waştê Mânagêmênt Corps \$6,000, INK, Advertising \$2,000, Schaard Lamsey \$2,000, SchAard Lamsey \$2,000, SchAA Uhivetsity Env. Studies Internship Program \$1,000, Massen Greepe Foundation \$2,000 |  |
|   | Aliso Creek (2 options)                            | 30  | Laguna Niguel/<br>Laguna Canyon<br>Foundation              | Aliso Creek/<br>San Juan                        | 7 acres transitional/23 acres of riparian (30 acres invasive removal and native planting)   | \$770,000                                 | The Orange County Conservation Corps has offered a  |  |
|   |  | 55  |  |   | 7 acres transitional/23 acres of riparian (30 acres invasive removal and native planting) and an additional 25 acres of native planting (totaling 55 acres for project) (costs include JD and CRAM) | \$1,105,000                               | matching grant of \$100,000 (State of CA Workforce<br>Investment Board) as well as \$486,000 (State of CA Prop.<br>84) for this project.  |  |
|   | Laguna Heights                                     | 20  | San Juan Capistrano/<br>Laguna Heights HOA                 | Upland  | 20 acres of CSS   | \$550,000                                 | The Orange County Conservation Corps has offered a matching grant of 1:1 for this project pending award of project.   |  |
| osals (New)                                   | Lower Silverado Canyon (2 options)                 | 44  | Irvine/<br>Irvine Ranch Conservancy                        | Santiago Creek/<br>Santa Ana                    | 44 acres of riparian (costs include JD and CRAM)  328 acres coordinated targeted invasive control (riparian)  | \$1,399,580                               | In-kind match of \$150,000 from IRC (staffing, equipment and materials) and \$50,000 in volunteer labor, but not for capital costs of restoration.  |  |
| Group 1 2011/12 Proposals (New)               | North Coal Canyon Parcel                           | 5.5   | Yorba Linda/<br>California Dept of Parks<br>and Recreation | Upland  | 5.5 acres of CSS  | \$247,500                                 | The Orange County Conservation Corps has offered a matching grant of 1:1 for this project pending award of project.   |  |
| Group   | Salt Creek Corridor Open<br>Space (2 options)      | 52  | Laguna Niguel/<br>City of Laguna Niguel                    | Aliso Creek/<br>San Juan                        | 9.9/7.0 acres of riparian (costs include JD and CRAM)   | \$2,123,814                               |   |  |
|   |  |   |  |   | 13.7/10.6 acres of transitional   | A   | None Identified   |  |
|   |  | 35  |  |   | 28.3/17.3 acres of CSS/grassland  | \$1,832,397                               |   |  |
|   | West Loma (3 options)                              | West Loma (3 options) 160                                 |  |   | 132/80/58 acres of CSS<br>3/3/2 acres of riparian   | \$2,541,000                               | le kind match of \$450,000 from IDC (staffing equipment   |  |
|   |  |   | Irvine/<br>Irvine Ranch Conservancy                        | Santiago Creek/Santa<br>Ana                     | 20/19/19 acres of Elderberry Scrubland  | \$1,669,000                               | In-kind match of \$150,000 from IRC (staffing, equipment and materials) and \$50,000 in volunteer labor, but not for capital costs of restoration.  |  |
|   |  |   |  |   | 1 acre of passive riparian restoration<br>Fencing realignment.  | \$1,296,000                               |   |  |
| + ° ≈ ≝                                       | <del> </del>                                       | 115   |  | Lower San Gabriel                               | 115 acres of CSS  | \$5,750,000 to<br>\$8,625,000             |   |  |
| Group 1<br>2009/10<br>Proposals<br>(Residual) | Chino Hills State Park                             | 6   | Brea & Yorba Linda/<br>Chino Hills State Park              | River/Los Angeles-San                           | 6 acres of cactus scrub   |   | 1 to 1 funding match from OCCC.   |  |
| 2 ≤ 2 × 8                                     |  | 15  |  | Gabriel River                                   | 15 acres of riparian (costs include JD and CRAM)  | \$193,000                                 |   |  |
| Group 2 2011/12<br>Proposals (New)            | Agua Chinon Subwatershed                           | 71.8  | Irvine/<br>Irvine Ranch Conservancy                        | San Diego<br>Creek/Santiago<br>Creek//Santa Ana | ~1.3 acres of riparian ~54.3 (active)/16.2 (passive) acres of CSS   | \$1,259,735                               | In-kind match of \$100,000 from IRC (staffing, equipment and materials) and \$25,000 in volunteer labor, but not for capital costs of restoration.  |  |
|   | Big Bend Phase 2                                   | 4   | Laguna Beach/<br>Laguna Canyon<br>Foundation               | Upland  | 4 acres of CSS  | \$140,000                                 | In-kind contributions towards restoration labor for invasive removal and native planting would be provided in part by Laguna Canyon Foundation volunteer crews.   |  |
|   | Harriett Wieder Regional Park                      | 10  | Huntington Beach/<br>Bolsa Chica Conservancy               | Bolsa Chica Channel/<br>Santa Ana               | 7.7 acres of native grassland and CSS  .5 acre of riparian (costs include JD and CRAM)  1.8 acres of Coastal Terrace Ecotone  | \$475,000 (no Coastal<br>Terrace Ecotone) | The Griswold Foundation has committed \$20,000, the National Fish and Wildlife Service has awarded \$100,000, the Orange County Conservation Corps has awarded \$50,000 and approximately \$42,000 has been volunteered.  |  |
| Group 2<br>2009/10<br>Proposals<br>(Residual) | Southern Open Space (OS)<br>Restoration            | 39.7  | San Juan Capistrano/<br>San Juan Capistrano                | Upland  | Upland CSS  | \$812,927                                 |   |  |

### FY 2009 - 2012 Call for Restoration Projects

|   | Biological Justification   |   |  |                                     |  |                     |                |  |
|---|--|---|--|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------|----------------|--|
|   | Restoration Project  | Approximate Acreage of<br>Proposed Restoration<br>Project | Geographic Area/<br>Sponsors   | Watershed<br>(HUC 10/8)             | Habitat Types  | Proposed Cost       | Matching Funds |  |
|   |  |   |  |                                     | riparian and CSS   |                     |                |  |
|   | Bayview Heights  | 0.2   | Newport Beach/<br>Newport Bay Conservancy                            | San Diego Creek/<br>Santa Ana       | 20 yr maintainance fund  | \$350,000           |                |  |
|   |  |   | Huntington Beach/  | Bolsa Chica Channel/                | 15.15 acres Ornamental   |                     |                |  |
|   | Central Park   | 33  | City of Huntington Beach   | Santa Ana                           | 17.53 acres of Wetland vegetation  | \$5,500,000         |                |  |
| posals (New)                            | I-5 Fishway  | 4.5   | San Juan Capistrano/<br>Trout Unlimited, South<br>Coast Chapter #923 | San Juan Creek/<br>San Juan         | Southern California Steelhead  | \$4,000,000         |                |  |
| Group 3 2011/12 Proposals (New)         | Marinita Townhome Assoc  | 20.8  | Dana Point/<br>Azure Property<br>Management for site<br>owner        | Aliso Creek/<br>San Juan            |  |                     |                |  |
| Grot                                    | Metrolink Fishway  | 3   | San Juan Capistrano/<br>Trout Unlimited, South<br>Coast Chapter #923 | San Juan Creek/<br>San Juan         | Southern California Steelhead  | \$4,300,000         |                |  |
|   | Los Cerritos Wetlands<br>Authority, Phase 2                          | 100   | Seal Beach/<br>Los Cerritos Wetlands<br>Authority                    | Lower San Gabriel/<br>San Gabriel   | Tidal channel, wetlands, salt marsh  | \$200,000           |                |  |
|   | Pelanconi Park   | 3   | Anaheim/<br>City of Anaheim  | Lower Santa Ana River/<br>Santa Ana | 3 acres of riparian  | \$450,000           |                |  |
| sals                                    | Dartmoor   | 39.7  | Laguna Beach/<br>Laguna Beach  | Upland                              | High quality CSS, sensitive plants   | \$812,927           |                |  |
| Propos<br>al)                           | Driftwood Restoration  | 6   | Laguna Beach/<br>Laguna Beach  | Upland                              | ESHA replanting, monitoring; high quality CSS  | \$720,000           |                |  |
| .009/10<br>Residu:                      | Laguna Heights HOA   | 20-30   | San Juap Capistrano/<br>San Juan Capistrano                          | Upland                              | Upland CSS, native grassland   | \$540,000-\$810,000 |                |  |
| Group 3 2009/10 Proposals<br>(Residual) | Upper Buck Gully   | 68.3  | Newport Beach/<br>Newport Beach                                      | Newport Bay/<br>Santa Ana           | Active restoration (47.7 acres) Passive restoration (20.6 acres) Total request (\$500,000 [ BARRIERS] & \$367.000 [RESTORATION]  | \$867,000           |                |  |
| osals                                   | Beach and Bay Mobile Home<br>Park                                    | 3   | Newport Beach/<br>Newport Beach                                      | Santa Ana                           | purchase and/or habitat improvement  |                     |                |  |
| 2009/10 Proposals<br>(Residual)         | Lincoln/Glassel Proposal   | 1.6   | Anaheim/<br>Anaheim  | Santa Ana                           | Est. one acre to establish riparian, transitional, and upland native plan communities  |                     |                |  |
| 2009/1<br>(Residi                       | Pacific View Avenue/Beach<br>Blvd.                                   | 1   | Huntington Beach/<br>Huntington Beach                                | Santa Ana                           | Wetland restoration  |                     |                |  |
| Group 4 :                               | Pacific View Avenue/Beach<br>Blvd.                                   | 2.4   | Huntington Beach/<br>Huntington Beach                                | Santa Ana                           | Wetland restoration  |                     |                |  |
|   | Lot A *  | 43.3  | Trabuco Canyon, Live Oak<br>Canyon, County Home Road                 | San Juan                            |  |                     |                |  |
| Others (New)                            | Trabuco Creek (Habitat<br>Improvements) **                           | 4.5   | San Juan Capistrano/<br>Trout Unlimited, South<br>Coast Chapter #923 | San Juan Creek/<br>San Juan         | Southern California Steelhead  |                     |                |  |
| °                                       | Trabuco Creek Wetlands ®   | 2.5   | San Juan Capistrano/<br>City of San Juan                             | San Juan                            |  |                     |                |  |
| ļ                                       | Aliso Creek<br>(Within Aliso & Wood Canyon<br>Wilderness Park) ®     | 4   | Capistrano  Laguna Niguel/ County of Orange                          | Santa Ana                           | ecosystem restoration and streambed stabilization  |                     | L              |  |
|   | Aliso & Wood Canyons<br>Wilderness Park ®                            | 4,000   | Laguna Niguel/<br>County of Orange                                   | Santa Ana                           | CSS; riverine habitat  |                     |                |  |
|   | City of Irvine Properties ®  | 203   | Irvine/<br>Irvine  | Santa Ana                           |  |                     |                |  |
| Others (Residual)                       | Harriett Wieder Regional Park<br>(aka Bolsa Chica<br>Conservancy)*** | 25  | Bolsa Chica/<br>Bolsa Chica Conservancy                              | Bolsa Chica Channel/<br>Santa Ana   | coastal wetlands, coastal dune, upland/mesa habitats   |                     |                |  |
|   | Heidarali Sahebekhtiari *  | 38  | Laguna Beach/<br>Heidarali Sahebekhtiari                             | San Juan                            |  |                     |                |  |
|   | Laguna Coast Wilderness<br>Park **                                   | 6,000   | Laguna Beach/<br>Laguna Beach  | Santa Ana/<br>San Juan              | Laguna Lakes/wetlands, upland habitat meadows  |                     |                |  |
|   | Lower Buck Gully ®   | 50  | Newport Beach/<br>Newport Beach                                      | Santa Ana                           | habitat improvements   |                     |                |  |
|   | Newport Banning Ranch **   | 80  | Huntington Beach/<br>Huntington Beach                                | Santa Ana                           | coastal mesa, bluffs, arroyos, and wetlands; cactus<br>wren, maritime succulent scrub, southern coastal bluff<br>scrub, tidal coastal salt marsh, southern willow forest,<br>vernal pools, southern tarplant |                     |                |  |
|   | Orange County<br>Great Park **                                       | 176.4   | Irvine/<br>Orange County Great Park<br>Corporation                   | San Diego Creek/<br>Santa Ana       | 88 acres CSS, 45 acres grasslands, 34 acres riparian and wetlands, 5.4 acres oak, 4 acres cactus scrub   |                     |                |  |
|   | Saddle Creek North ®   | 30  | Trabuco (Unincorporated County)/ Conservation Fund                   | San Juan                            | upland and riparian restoration  |                     |                |  |

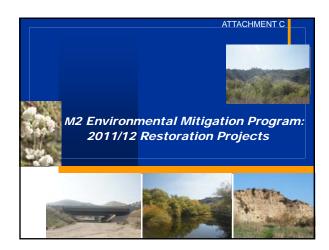
|  | Restoration Project                         | Approximate Acreage of<br>Proposed Restoration<br>Project | Geographic Area/<br>Sponsors | Biological Justification |  |               |                |
|--|---|---|------------------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------|----------------|
|  |   |   |                              | Watershed<br>(HUC 10/8)  | Habitat Types  | Proposed Cost | Matching Funds |
| OCTA Funded Restoration<br>Project, subsequently<br>removed from consideration<br>by project sponsor | Imperial/SR-91 Proposal<br>(Pelanconi Park) | 5-10  | Anaheim/<br>City of Anaheim  | Santa Ana                | Est. five to ten acres to establish riparian, transitional, and upland native plan communities |               |                |

<sup>®</sup> Removed By Project Sponsor

<sup>\*</sup> Submitted as an Acquistion Property

<sup>\*\*</sup> Does Not Align With M2 Funding Cycle

<sup>\*\*\* 2009/10</sup> Submittal. Revisions were made for the 2011/12 Call



# Restoration Projects Recommended for Funding

- Aliso Creek
- Chino Hills State Park
- Harriett Weider Regional Park
- Lower Silverado Canyon
- North Coal Canyon
- West Loma



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# Aliso Creek Laguna Canyon Foundation City of Laguna Niguel 55 acres of riparian and transitional habitat Cost: \$1,105,000

# Aliso Creek (Continued) Aliso Creek (Continued) Scenario B: Site Mag 1

### Aliso Creek (Continued)

- Invasive Removal: 30 acres targeted for arundo, hemlock, mustard, tamarisk, pampas, tree tobacco and italian thistle
- Native Replanting: 55 acres consisting of willow and mulefat scrub and transitional riparianupland habitats (25 acres of invasive removal will be completed by the OCCC/Prop 84 funding)
- Watershed: Aliso Creek-Frontal Gulf of Santa Catalina



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# Aliso Creek (Continued) Orange County Conservation Corps SS86,000 State of CA workforce Investment Board and CA Prop 84 (orange) Same watershed projects: County of Orange Northern segment underway (green) SCOCWA/OC may use S900,000 of Prop 50 funding as well (blue)

### Chino Hills State Park City of Brea and Yorba Linda



15 acres of riparian and 6 acres of cactus scrub habitat

Cost: \$193,000

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### Chino Hills State Park (Continued)

- Enhance and restore up to 15 acres of willow riparian and Oak-Walnut woodland, and 6 acres of cactus scrub
- Watershed: Santa Ana/Lower San Gabriel River
- Matching Funds: Potential 1:1 match from the Orange County Conservation Corps (OCCC)

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# Harriett Wieder Regional Park Bolsa Chica Conservancy City of Huntington Beach

8.2 acres of grassland, coastal sage scrub and riparian habitat



Cost: \$475,000

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# Harriett Wieder Regional Park (Continued)

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- Enhance and restore up to 7.7 acres of native grassland and coastal sage scrub and 0.5 acres of riparian habitat types
- Watershed: Santa Ana/Bolsa Chica Channel Frontal Huntington Harbor
- Matching Funds:
  - Griswold Foundation \$20,000
  - National Fish and Wildlife Foundation \$100,000
  - Volunteer Labor \$42,000/OCCC \$50,000

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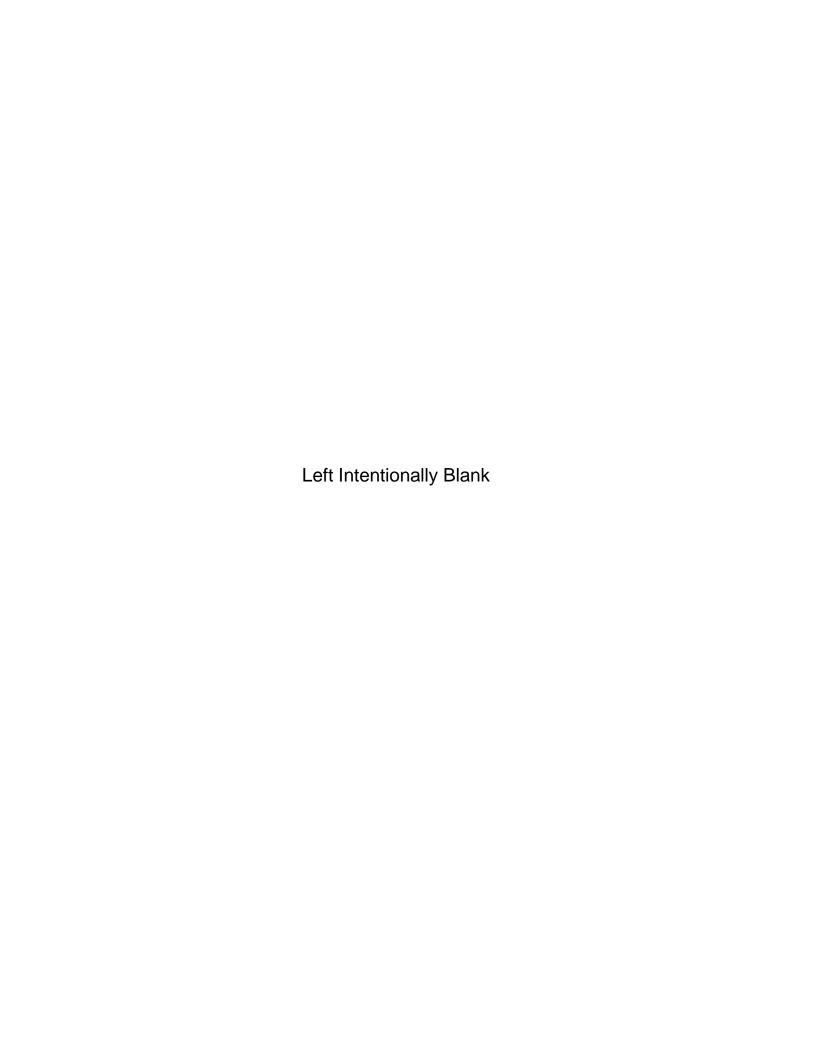


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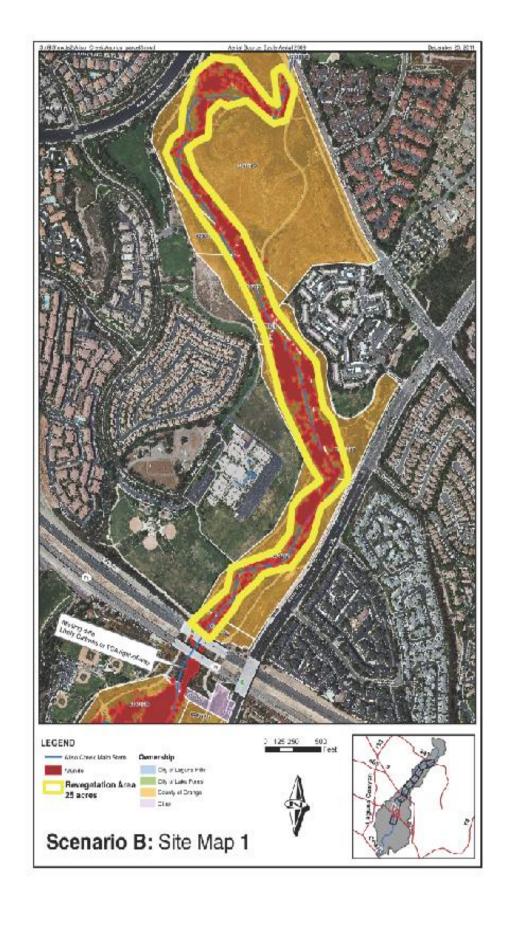
- 40 acres of active restoration (riparian) and 4 acres of passive restoration (riparian)
- Watershed: Santa Ana/Santiago Creek
- Matching Funds: estimated
  - \$150,000 In-kind match (additional IRC staff time, equipment and materials)
  - \$50,000 Volunteer Labor

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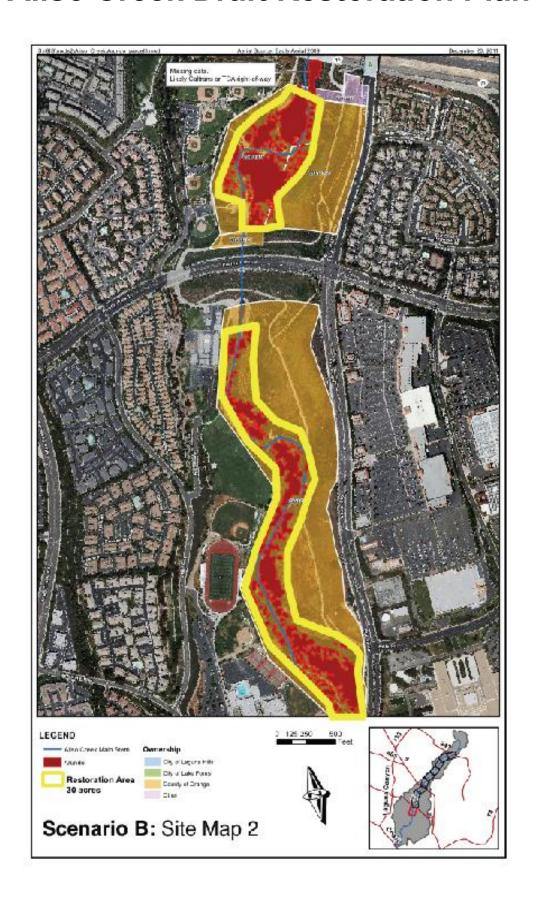
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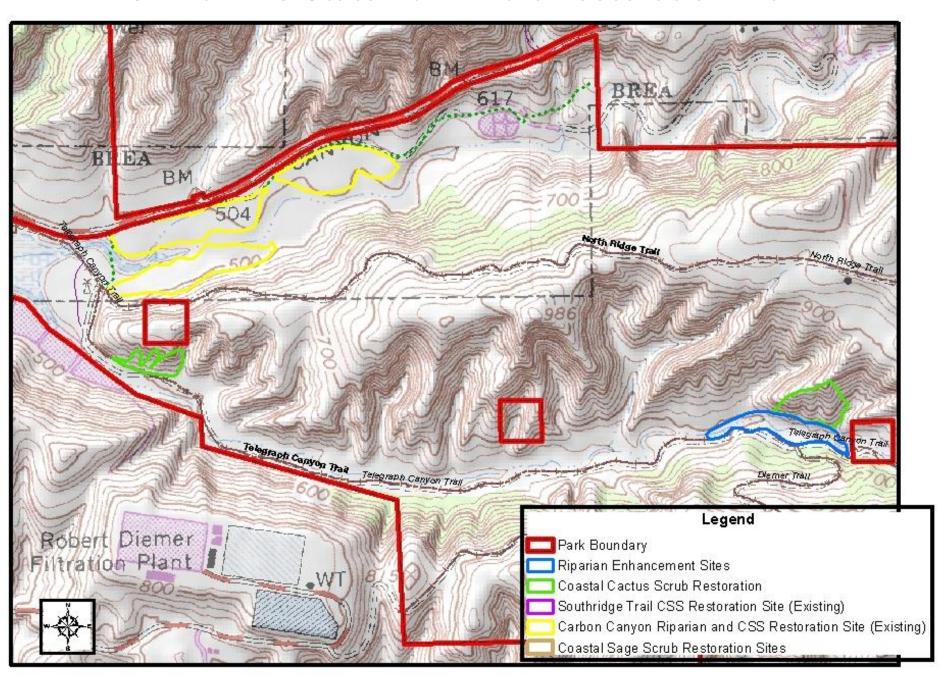
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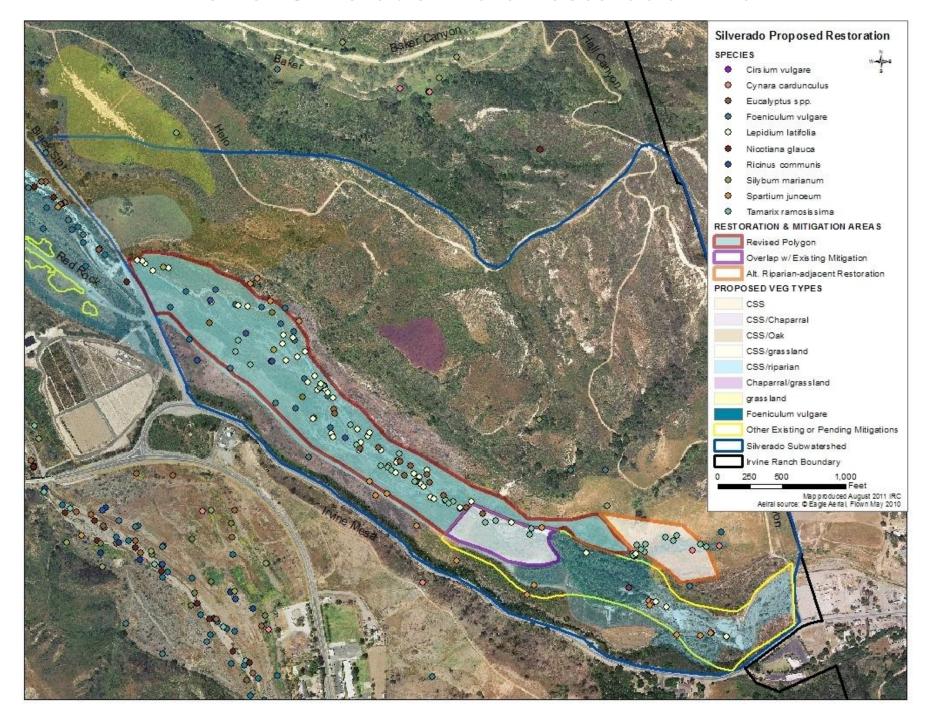


## **Harriet Weider Draft Restoration Plan**

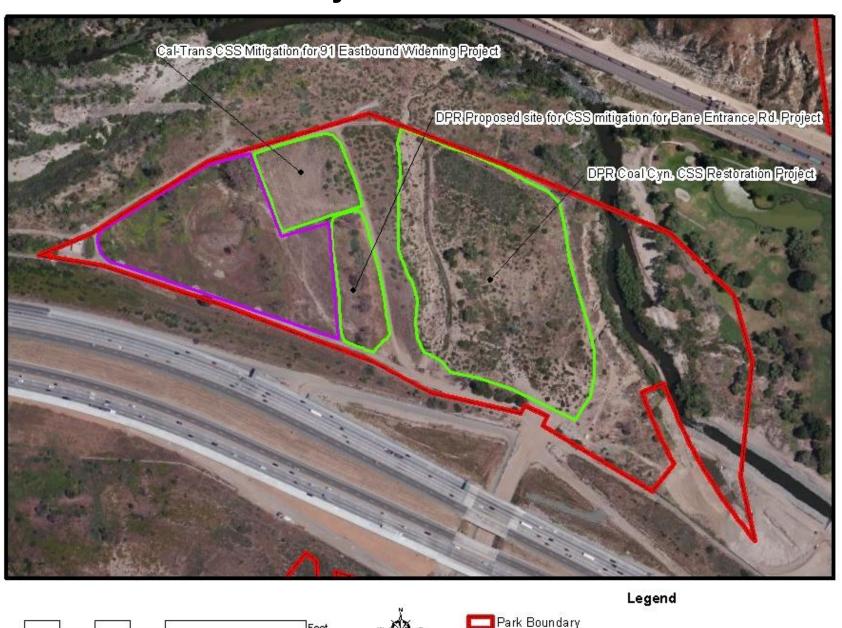


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## **Lower Silverado Draft Restoration Plan**



# North Coal Canyon Draft Restoration Plan





## **West Loma Draft Restoration Plan**

