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# California Coastal Conservancy
# Facts Sheet

- The Coastal Conservancy, established in 1976, is a state agency that protects and improves coastal and San Francisco Bay natural resources and helps the public get to and enjoy the coast. It works in partnership with local governments, other public agencies, nonprofit organizations, and private landowners.

- To date, the Conservancy has undertaken more than 1,200 projects along the 1,100 mile coastline and around San Francisco Bay. These projects often accomplish more than one Conservancy goal. Through such projects the Conservancy:
  - Protects and improves coastal wetlands, streams, and watersheds.
  - Helps people get to coast and bay shores by building trails and stairways and by acquiring land and easements. The Conservancy also assists in the creation of low-cost accommodations along the coast, including campgrounds and hostels.
  - Works with local communities to revitalize urban waterfronts.
  - Helps to solve complex land-use problems.
  - Purchases and holds environmentally valuable coastal and bay lands.
  - Protects agricultural lands and supports coastal agriculture.
  - Accepts donations and dedications of land and easements for public access, wildlife habitat, agriculture, and open space.

- The Coastal Conservancy has a staff of about 77 and a current annual budget of $133 million. Since 1976, the Conservancy has used almost $1.5 billion to do its work. The Conservancy has been funded primarily by state general obligation bonds approved by California voters.

- The Legislature created the Coastal Conservancy as a unique entity with flexible powers to serve as intermediary among government, citizens, and the private sector in recognition that creative approaches would be needed to preserve and improve California's coast and San Francisco Bay lands for future generations. The Coastal Conservancy's non-regulatory, problem-solving approach complements the work of the California Coastal Commission, a distinct agency that regulates land use along the coast and issues development permits.

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# California Coastal Conservancy Governance

The Coastal Conservancy is governed by a seven-member board of directors, appointed by the Governor and California Legislature, consisting of:

- Douglas Bosco, Chair, Public Member
- Ann Notthoff, Vice-Chair, Public Member
- Jeremy Hallisey, Public Member
- Marisa Moret, Public Member
- Mike Chrisman, Secretary for Resources
- Michael C. Genest, Director, Department of Finance
- Patrick Kruer, Chair, California Coastal Commission

Designated alternates:

- Karen Finn, Department of Finance
- Susan Hansch, California Coastal Commission
- Karen Scarborough, California Resources Agency

Six members of the Legislature, three from each house, provide legislative oversight and participate in Conservancy activities. These members are:

- The Honorable Christine Kehoe, Senate
- The Honorable Abel Maldonado, Senate
- The Honorable Joe Simitian, Senate
- The Honorable Patty Berg, Assembly
- The Honorable Loni Hancock, Assembly
- The Honorable John Laird, Assembly

Samuel Schuchat is executive officer of the Coastal Conservancy and Neal Fishman and Nadine Hitchcock are its deputy executive officers.

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*Visit the Coastal Conservancy's Web site at www.coastalconservancy.ca.gov.*

# California State Coastal Conservancy

## Mission

…to preserve, protect and restore the resources of the California Coast

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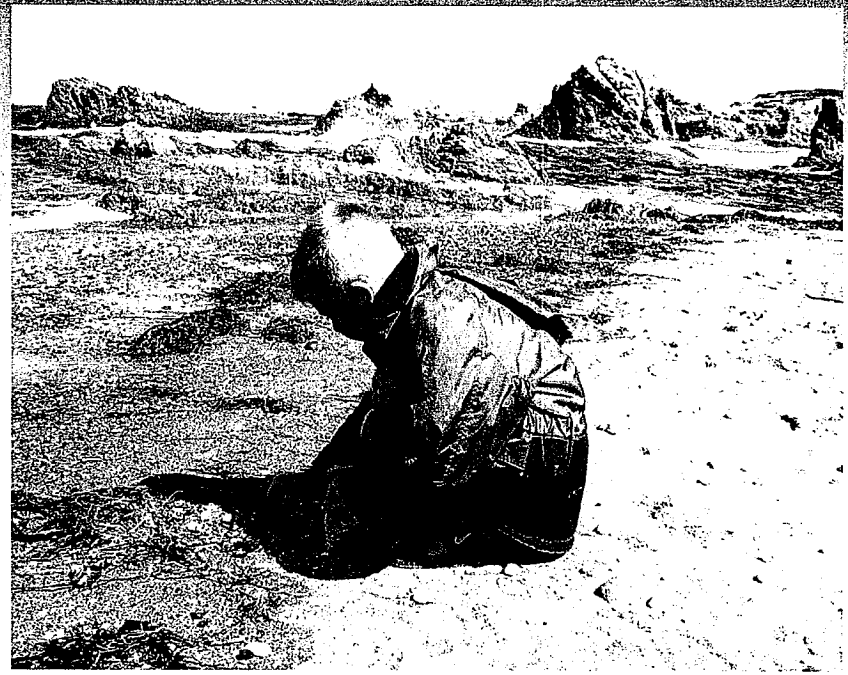
# California State Coastal Conservancy

- State agency created in 1976
- Non-regulatory arm of the State's coastal management program
- Uses entrepreneurial techniques to purchase, protect, restore, and enhance coastal resources, and to provide access to the shore



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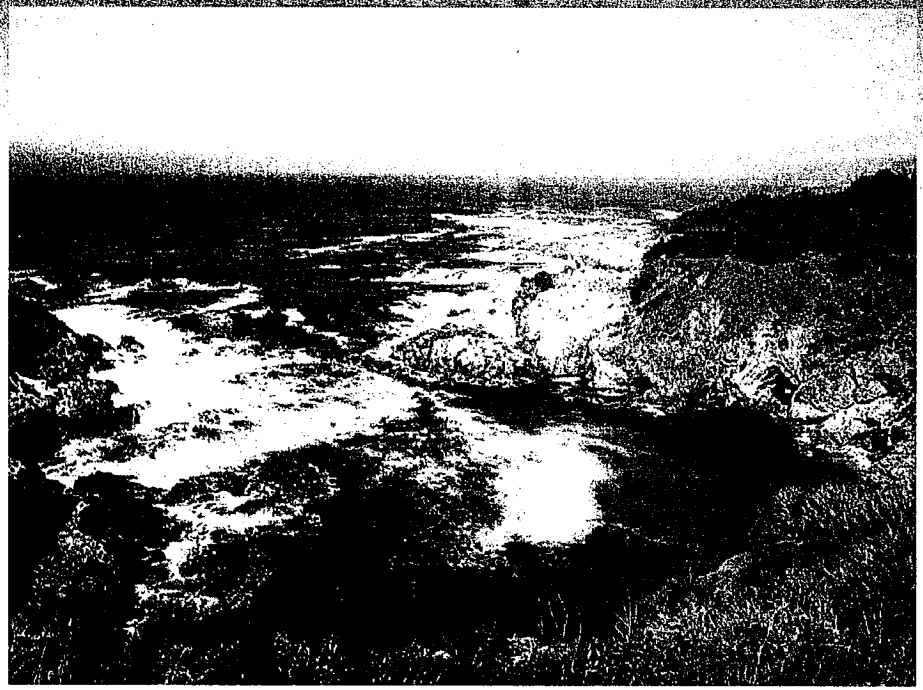

Number of acres saved: **200,000**

Miles of coastal trail and public accessways constructed: **600**

Projects completed: **1000+**

Urban waterfront projects completed: **100+**

Inappropriately-planned subdivision lots retired: **100s**

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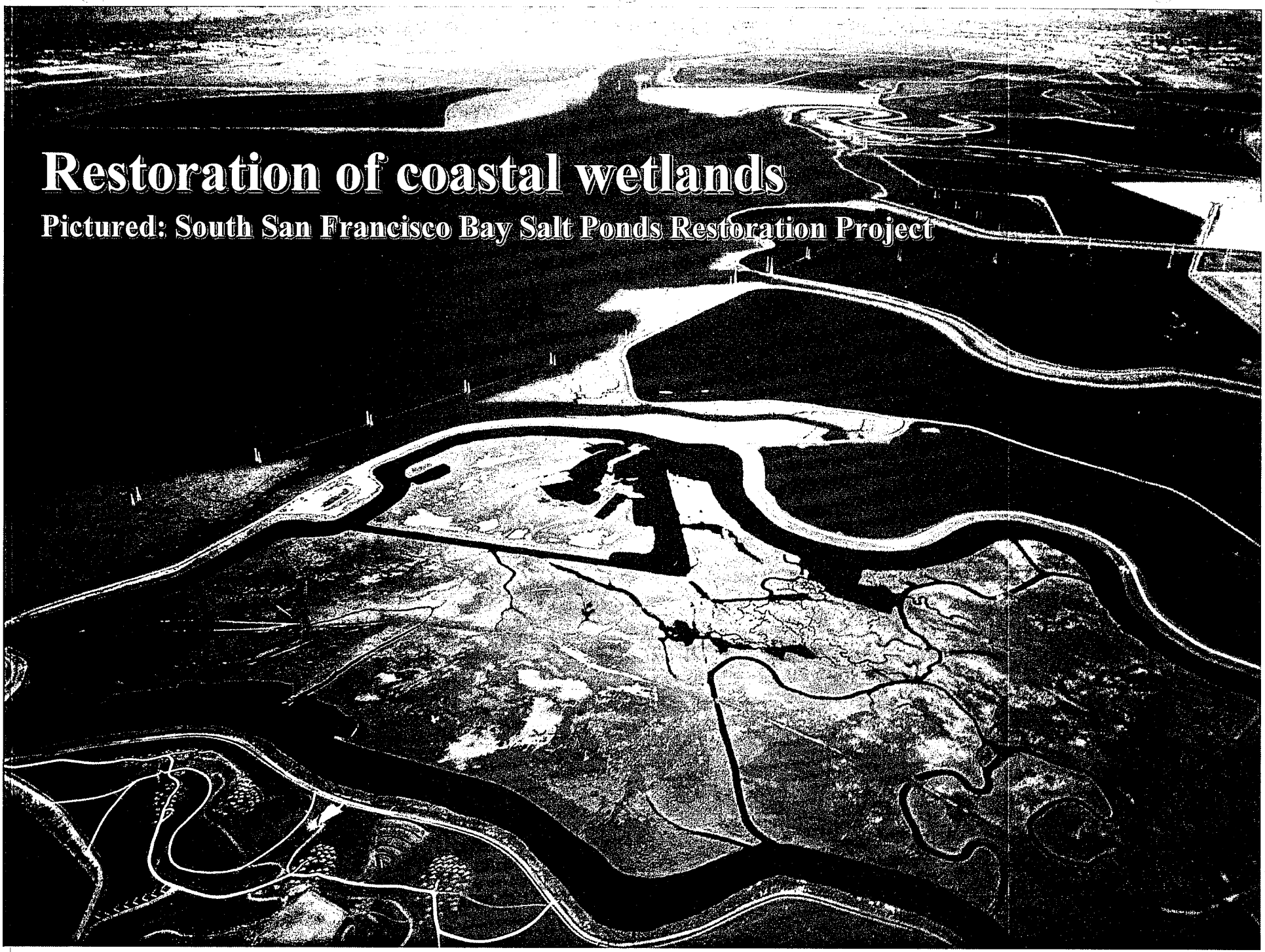
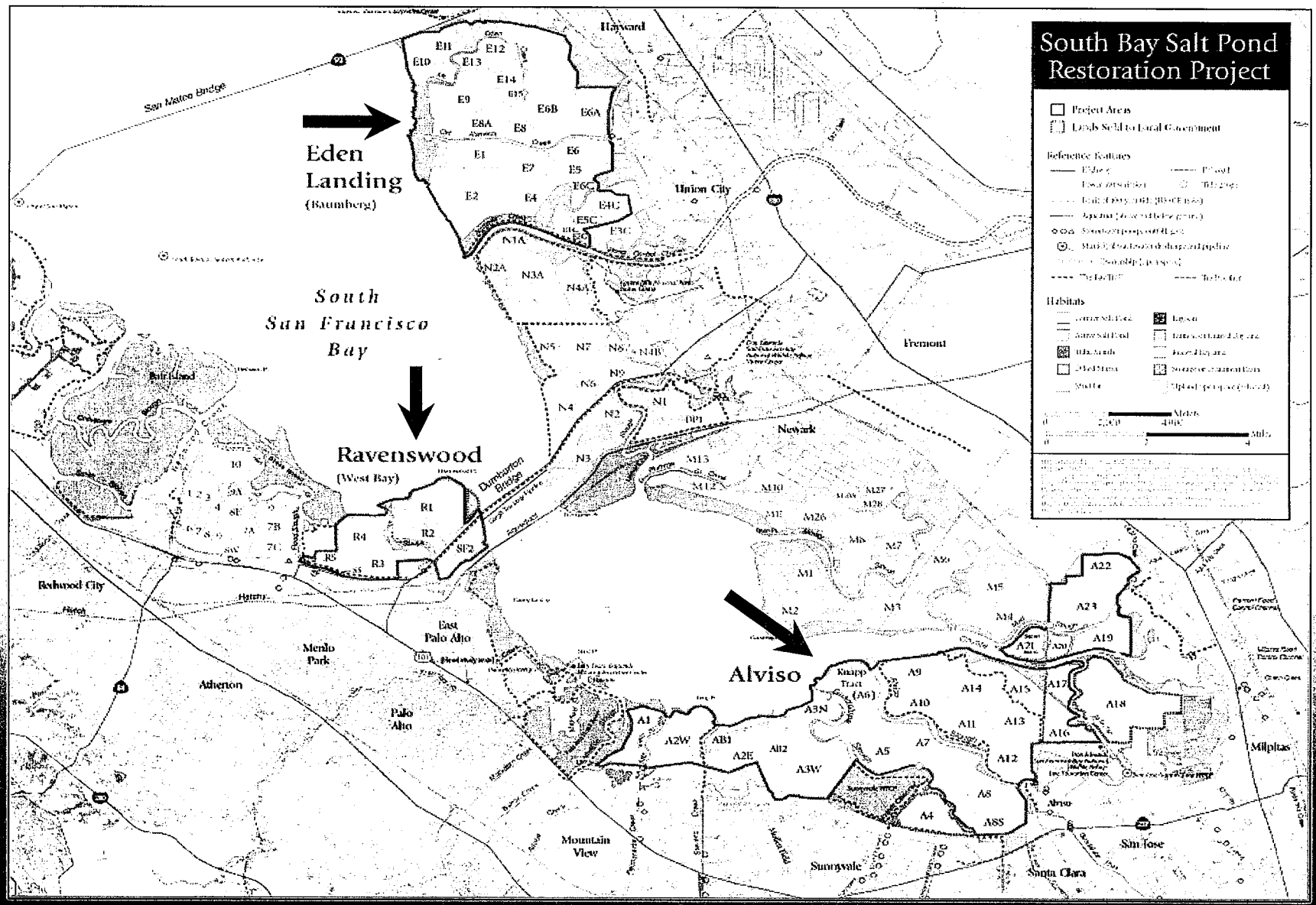
# Restoration of coastal wetlands

## Pictured: South San Francisco Bay Salt Ponds Restoration Project



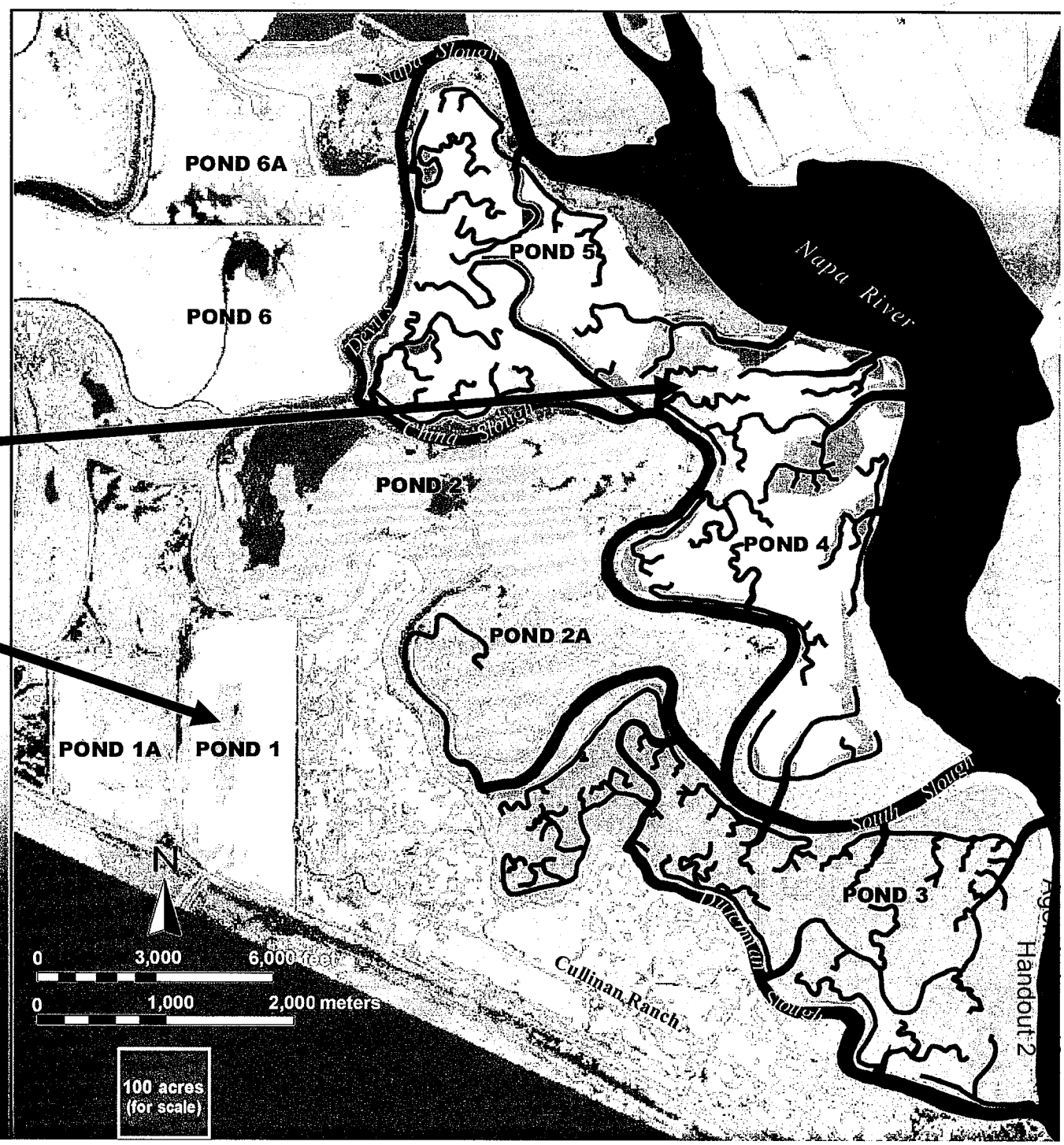
# South Bay Salt Ponds Restoration

(15,100 acres)



# Napa River Salt Marsh
(10,000 acres)

- 3,000 acres of tidal marsh restored in 2006
- Next phase in 2008

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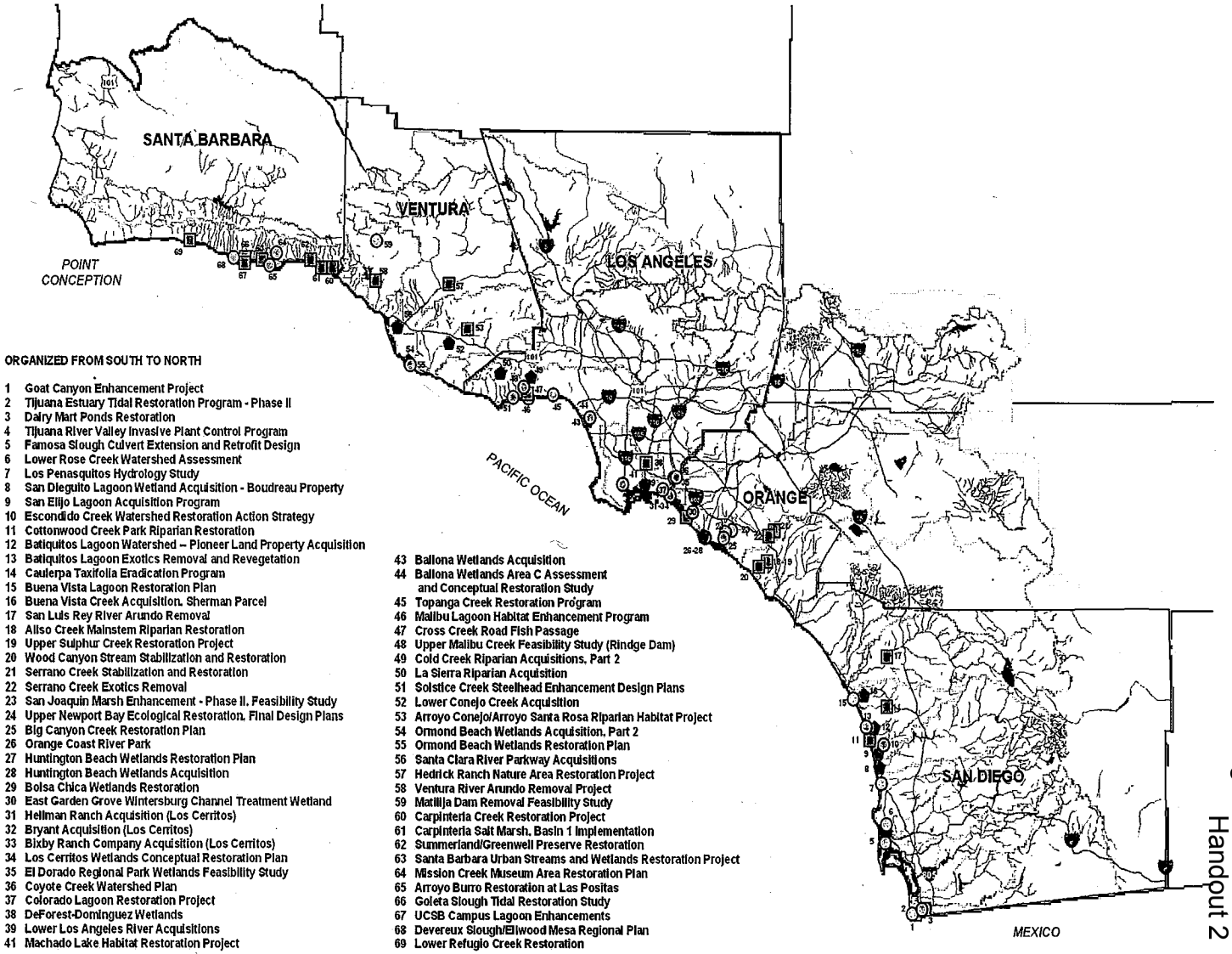
# Restoration of coastal wetlands

## Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project




Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project

**Legend**

**2004 Work Plan Projects**

- Acquisition
- Planning
- Restoration
- Freeways
- Rivers
- Public Land
- WRP Watersheds (sample)
- County

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ORGANIZED FROM SOUTH TO NORTH

1 Goat Canyon Enhancement Project
2 Tijuana Estuary Tidal Restoration Program - Phase II
3 Dairy Mart Ponds Restoration
4 Tijuana River Valley Invasive Plant Control Program
5 Famosa Slough Culvert Extension and Retrofit Design
6 Lower Rose Creek Watershed Assessment
7 Los Penasquitos Hydrology Study
8 San Dieguito Lagoon Wetland Acquisition - Boudreau Property
9 San Elijo Lagoon Acquisition Program
10 Escondido Creek Watershed Restoration Action Strategy
11 Cottonwood Creek Park Riparian Restoration
12 Batiquitos Lagoon Watershed -- Pioneer Land Property Acquisition
13 Batiquitos Lagoon Exotics Removal and Revegetation
14 Caulerpa Taxifolia Eradication Program
15 Buena Vista Lagoon Restoration Plan
16 Buena Vista Creek Acquisition, Sherman Parcel
17 San Luis Rey River Arundo Removal
18 Aliso Creek Mainstem Riparian Restoration
19 Upper Sulphur Creek Restoration Project
20 Wood Canyon Stream Stabilization and Restoration
21 Serrano Creek Stabilization and Restoration
22 Serrano Creek Exotics Removal
23 San Joaquin Marsh Enhancement - Phase II, Feasibility Study
24 Upper Newport Bay Ecological Restoration, Final Design Plans
25 Big Canyon Creek Restoration Plan
26 Orange Coast River Park
27 Huntington Beach Wetlands Restoration Plan
28 Huntington Beach Wetlands Acquisition
29 Bolsa Chica Wetlands Restoration
30 East Garden Grove Wintersburg Channel Treatment Wetland
31 Hellman Ranch Acquisition (Los Cerritos)
32 Bryant Acquisition (Los Cerritos)
33 Bixby Ranch Company Acquisition (Los Cerritos)
34 Los Cerritos Wetlands Conceptual Restoration Plan
35 El Dorado Regional Park Wetlands Feasibility Study
36 Coyote Creek Watershed Plan
37 Colorado Lagoon Restoration Project
38 DeForest-Dominguez Wetlands
39 Lower Los Angeles River Acquisitions
41 Machado Lake Habitat Restoration Project
43 Ballona Wetlands Acquisition
44 Ballona Wetlands Area C Assessment and Conceptual Restoration Study
45 Topanga Creek Restoration Program
46 Malibu Lagoon Habitat Enhancement Program
47 Cross Creek Road Fish Passage
48 Upper Malibu Creek Feasibility Study (Rindge Dam)
49 Cold Creek Riparian Acquisitions, Part 2
50 La Sierra Riparian Acquisition
51 Solstice Creek Steelhead Enhancement Design Plans
52 Lower Conejo Creek Acquisition
53 Arroyo Conejo/Arroyo Santa Rosa Riparian Habitat Project
54 Ormond Beach Wetlands Acquisition, Part 2
55 Ormond Beach Wetlands Restoration Plan
56 Santa Clara River Parkway Acquisitions
57 Hedrick Ranch Nature Area Restoration Project
58 Ventura River Arundo Removal Project
59 Matilija Dam Removal Feasibility Study
60 Carpinteria Creek Restoration Project
61 Carpinteria Salt Marsh, Basin 1 Implementation
62 Summerland/Greenwell Preserve Restoration
63 Santa Barbara Urban Streams and Wetlands Restoration Project
64 Mission Creek Museum Area Restoration Plan
65 Arroyo Burro Restoration at Las Positas
66 Goleta Slough Tidal Restoration Study
67 UCSB Campus Lagoon Enhancements
68 Devereux Slough/Ellwood Mesa Regional Plan
69 Lower Refugio Creek Restoration

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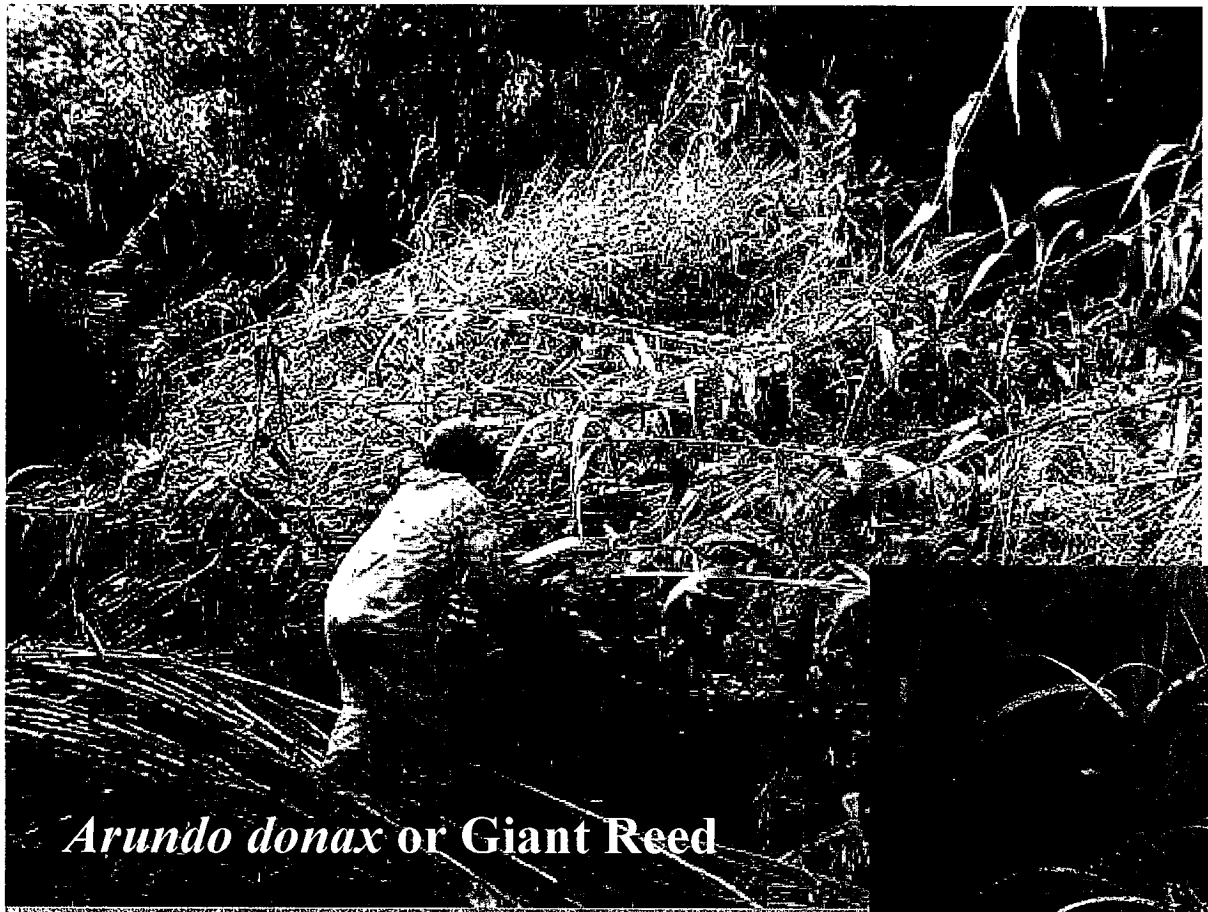
# Control and eradication of invasive species

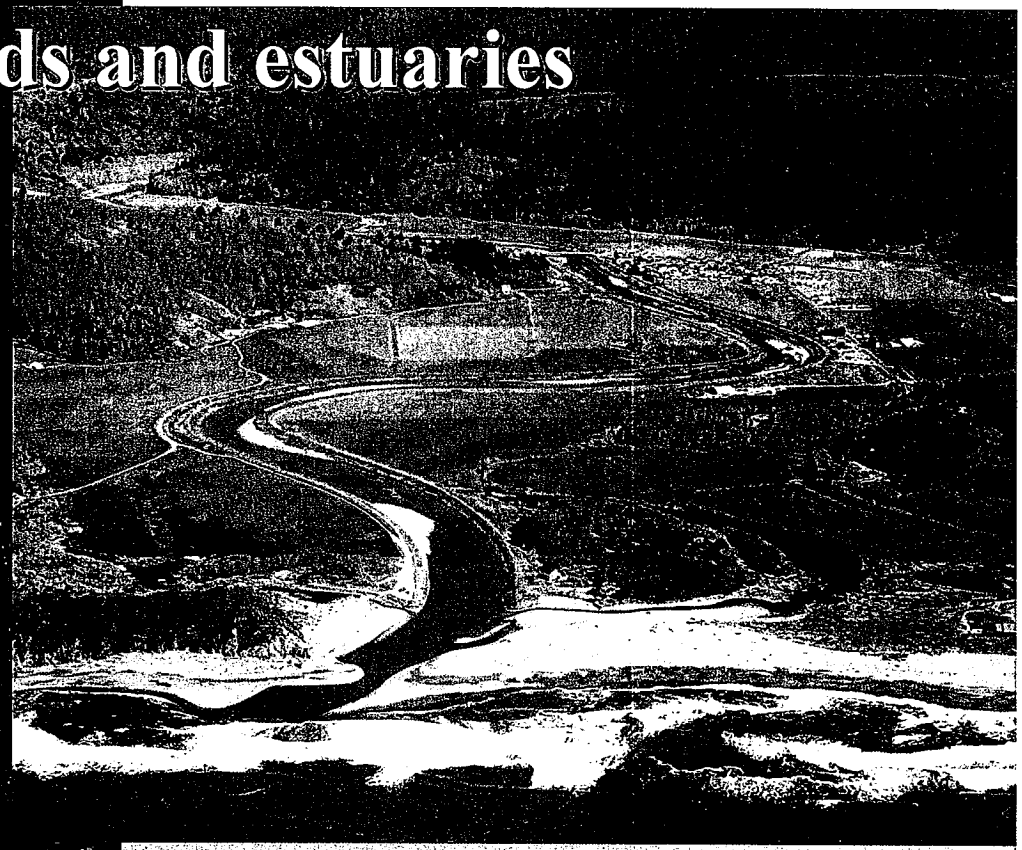


*Arundo donax* or Giant Reed

*Caulerpa taxifolia*

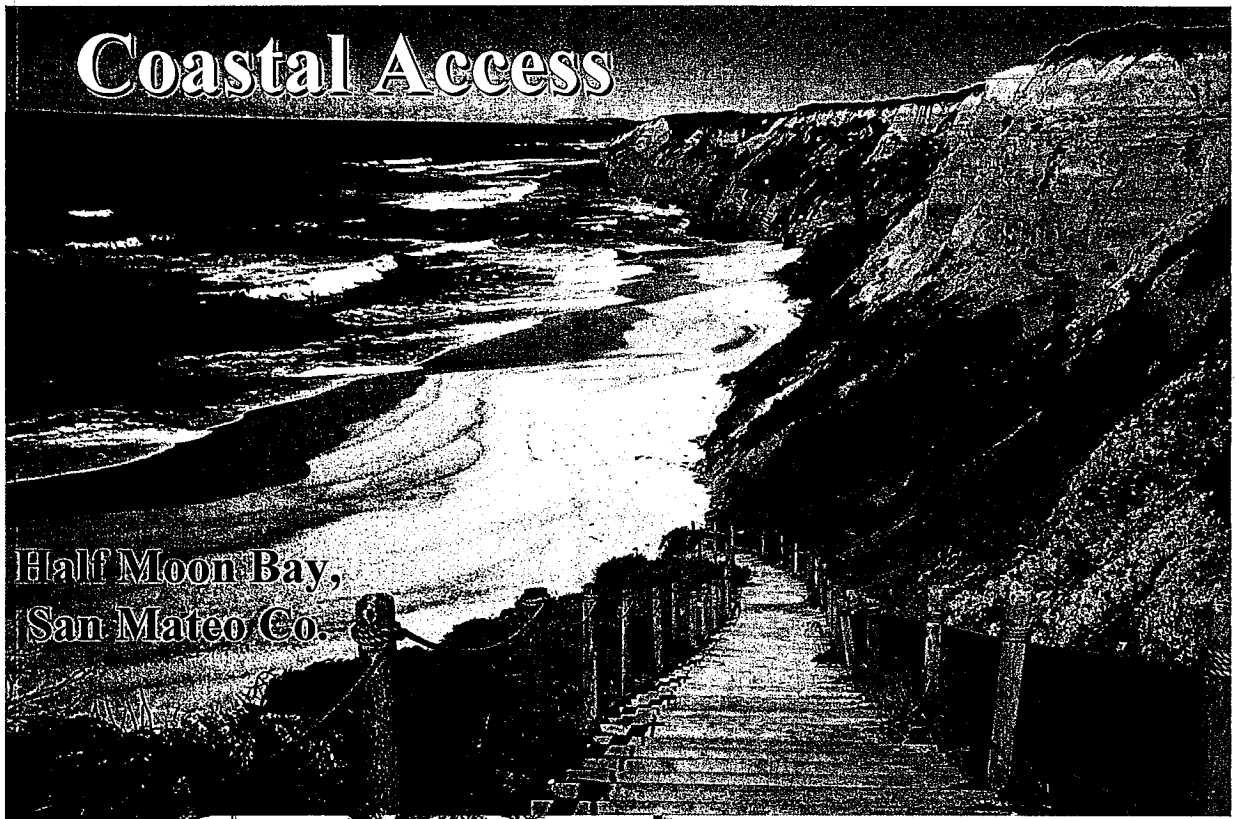
# Protection of watersheds and estuaries

Big River, Mendocino Co.



Redwood Creek, Del Norte Co.

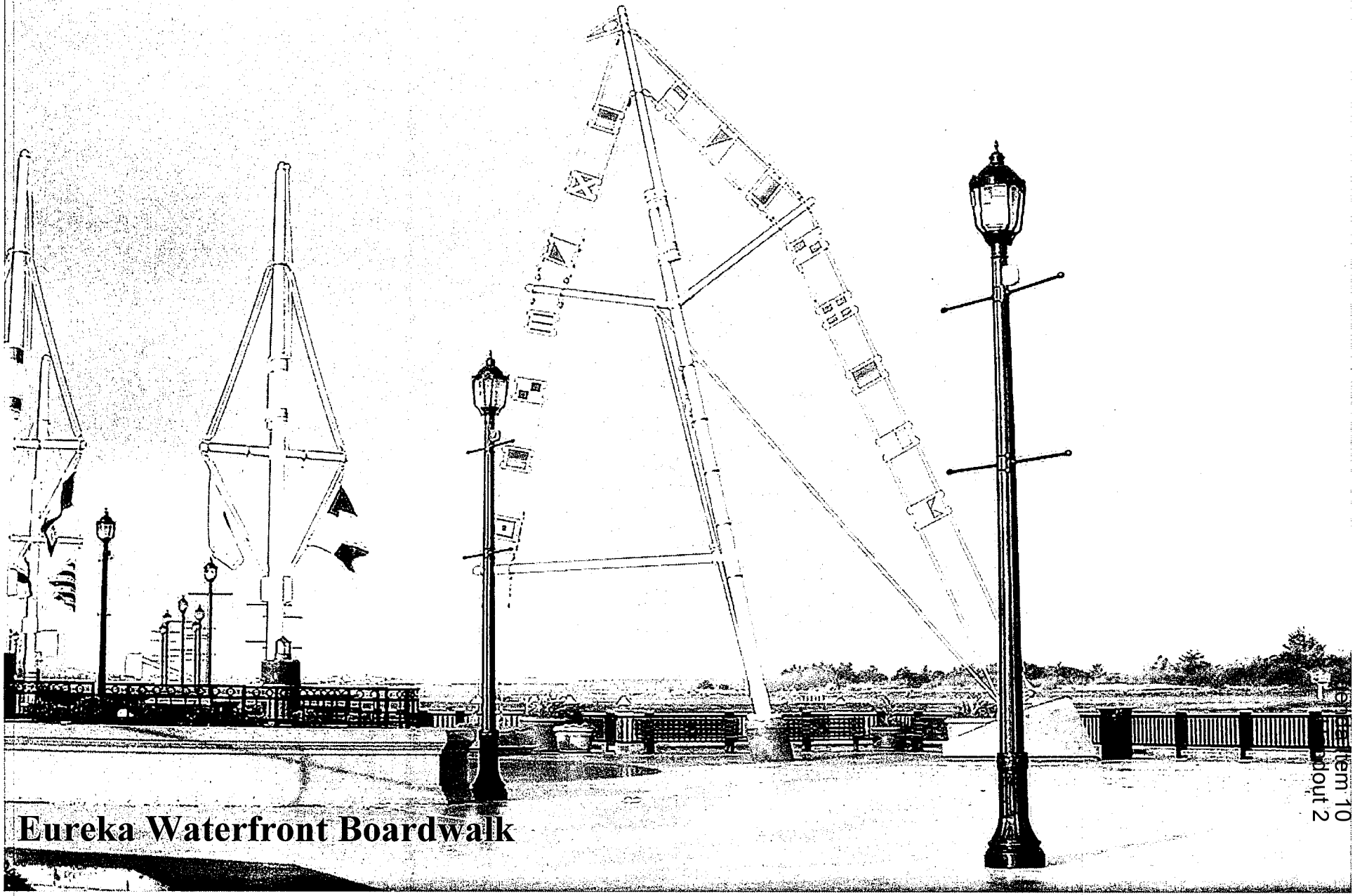
# Coastal Access



Half Moon Bay,
San Mateo Co.

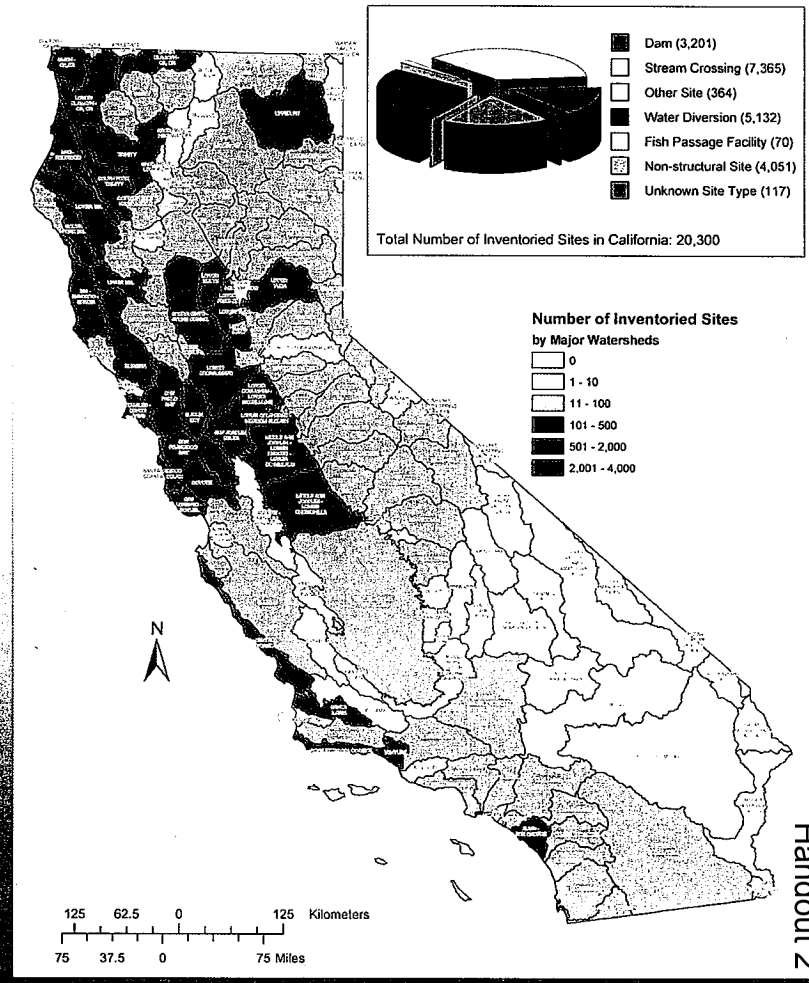
Montara,
San Mateo Co.

# Urban waterfront revitalization



**Eureka Waterfront Boardwalk**

# Removal of Fish Passage Barriers

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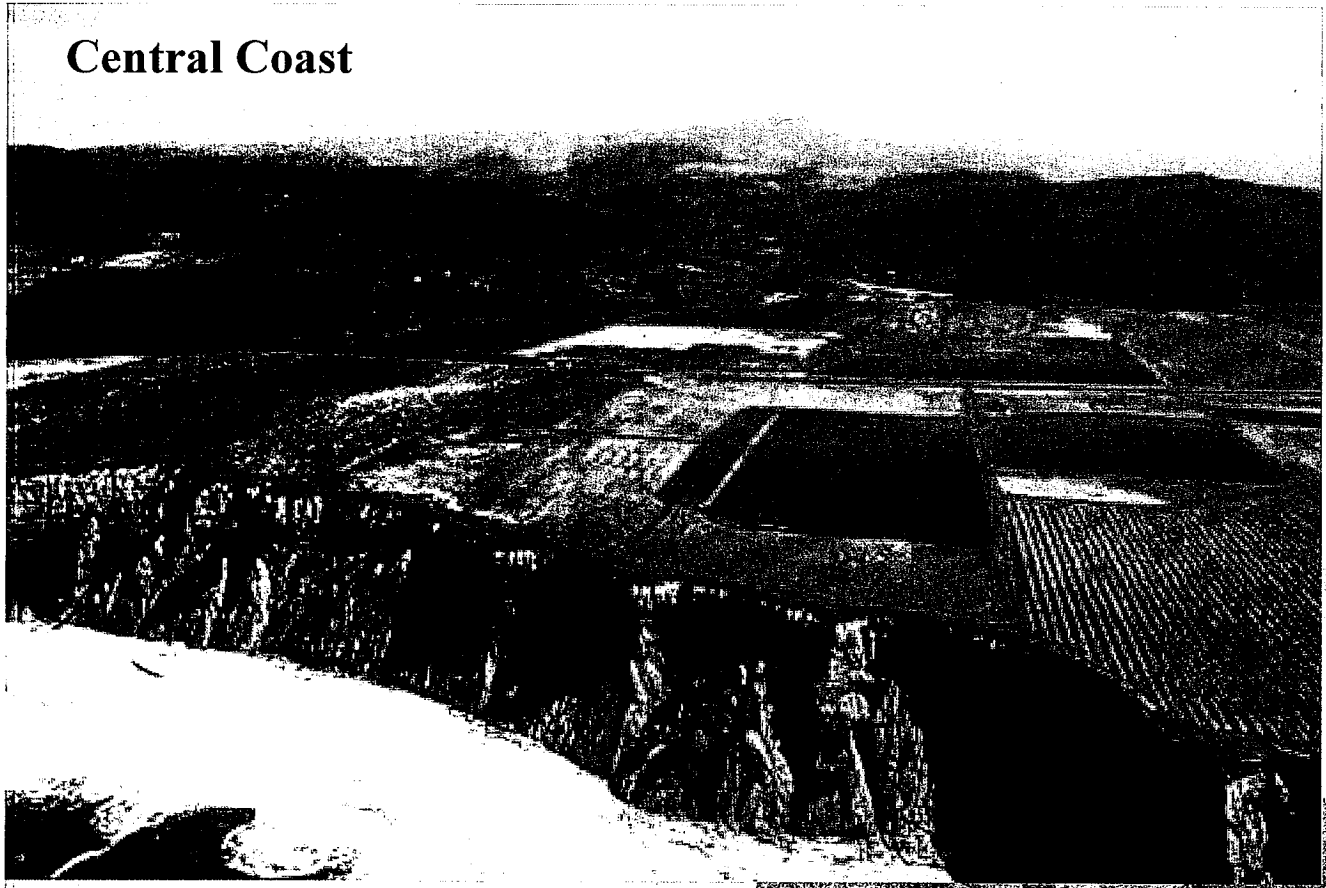
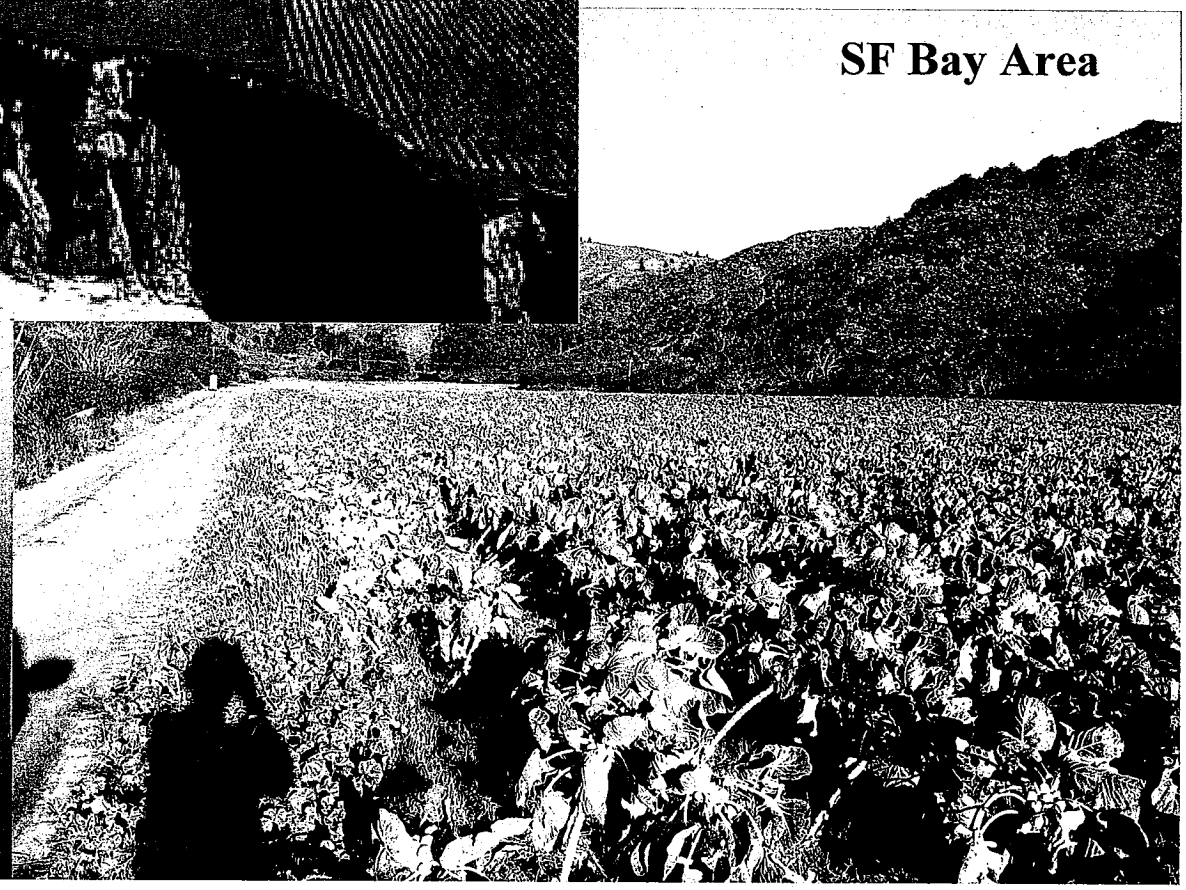
# Fish Passage Improvements: Clark's Creek

Before

After




# Coastal agriculture preservation