

San Diego River Conservancy
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2008 Work Planning Materials

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Date: March 20, 2008

To: Governing Board / San Diego River Conservancy

From: Michael Nelson, Executive Officer

Subject: Draft 2008 Work Plan

Overview

Before embarking on the preparation of a 2008 Work Plan, I believe it prudent to acknowledge our accomplishments as well as our challenges. Though a tremendous amount of work remains, I believe an objective analysis of the accomplishments of the San Diego River Conservancy would conclude that they are substantial and consistent with the objectives and goals of the Strategic and Infrastructure Plan; notable examples include that SDRC has funded or is a partner in the conservation of 500 of its 1450 acre goal; that the Conservancy is presently pursuing funding or the development of more than 12 miles of the San Diego River Trail; and, invasive non-native plant removal and habitat restoration on 325 of the 900 acres recommend in the Plan.

2007 Highlights

Policy and Administration

- Legislation introduced by Senator Kehoe and signed by the Governor expanded SDRC's jurisdiction to include tributaries, place a statutory emphasis on its history and cultural resources, as well as, adding new members from the County of San Diego's Board of Supervisors and the California Department of Parks and Recreation.
- Successfully promulgated Contracting Regulations through the Office of Administrative Law and have initiated procurements in consultation with the Department of General Services, Department of Justice and the California Coastal Conservancy.
- Seeking reimbursement authority to capture administrative fees from projects and grant proposals for which SDRC has taken the lead.
- Established a new office for the San Diego River Conservancy and hired staff assistant and consultants

Funding

- Secured \$2,935,000 of Proposition 84 funding for SDRC projects.
- Obtained funding from the California Department of Fish and Game (\$200,000) and the San Diego Foundation (\$141,000) for Invasive Non Native Species Removal and Restoration Program.

- SDRC Watershed Invasive Non Native Species Removal and Restoration Program, and the Walker land conservation project in Santee were included in the California Coastal Conservancy's Wetlands Recovery Project's Work Plan and competitively ranked as Tier 1 Projects.

New Partners & Projects

- Negotiated an Inter-Agency with San Diego State University Field Station Program that envisions projects in the following areas: education and research, removal of invasive species, multidisciplinary research and teaching programs and land tenure. Achieved verbal agreement with University of San Diego to develop an internship program.
- Began planning an additional 3500 feet of San Diego River Trail from Mast Park to Carlton Oaks Golf Course with the City of Santee.
- Launched the development of a tributary and canyon project in the City of San Diego which is located within the Mission Valley Reach and the tributary canyon networks that link the valley and river to mesa communities.
- Engaging in the development of a native plant garden along the historic San Diego Riverbed at Old Town State Park with the California Native Plant Society and the State Park.
- Partnered with the Lakeside's River Park Conservancy on a Proposition 50 grant application for an additional mile of the San Diego River Trail.
- Negotiated an Inter-Agency Agreement with the Department of Fish and Game to remove invasive non-native plants from their biological reserve near Qualcomm Stadium.

Acquisition and Construction

- Construction started on projects totaling \$2.5 million dollars: Ocean Beach Bike Path Extension, and Invasive Plant Removal and Re-Vegetation at the Mission Valley Preserve, contract management for both projects is being handled by the City of San Diego.
- Pursuing the acquisition of 380 acres within the watershed: 140 acre Walker Property in Santee which contains a 2 mile riparian corridor and the 145 acres at Hanson Ponds in El Monte valley with Endangered Habits Conservancy and others.
- Provided funding that enabled The San Diego River Park Foundation to purchase an additional 200 acres at the Eagle Peak Preserve.

Challenges

- Progress on the San Diego River Gorge Trail was slowed in 2007 due to staff changes at the Forest Service and trail maintenance work associated with the after effects of the 2007 San Diego County fires which stretched Forest Service personnel. We anticipate these issues will be resolved in 2008 allowing the planned trail and trailhead improvements to begin construction by the fall.
- Progress on the Flume trail was also slowed as research uncovered complicating title issues dating back to the early 1900s which affect a portion of the flume route. Research, including surveys, is proposed for 2008 which will help to resolve these matters. Additionally, decreased property values have reduced the willingness of sellers some of whom are choosing to wait out the market rather than sell at this time.

This listing of highlights is long, but certainly not exhaustive or all-inclusive. It is my hope that it provides the Board with a glimpse of the activities and engagement of SDRC and its staff. Also, I believe these brief summaries provide compelling evidence of the critical role our partners play, not only in the achievements of the Conservancy, but more importantly, the restoration of the San Diego River and the development of a River Park.

Work Planning Methodology

Last year the Governing Board approved a 2007 Work Plan after review and deliberation of a Draft Plan, which analyzed the objectives of the Five-Year Strategic and Infrastructure Plan, project status summaries, and the Annual Work Plan for the San Diego River Coalition.

The Board's approval was granted subject to an understanding that that were ongoing projects that were not listed that SDRC would continue to manage, and that opportunities would emerge which SDRC should pursue. Also, there was an acknowledgment that the Plan should be a dynamic and flexible document.

This year I propose the Board of Governors consider establishing a Plan in similar fashion. A presentation of a Draft Plan would be made in March following a review of an annotated 2007 Work Plan that acknowledged SDRC's progress, as well as its setbacks.

The Board would then entertain a presentation of a 2008 Draft Plan that includes the Annual Work Plan for the San Diego River Coalition and suggestions made at the last meeting.

Finally, the Board would deliberate these documents, and encourage members and our partners to offer suggestions, which would be considered before a final ratification at our May meeting.

SAN DIEGO RIVER CONSERVANCY
2007 WORK PLAN
(Approved 1.18.07)

LAND CONSERVATION

Pursue a preservation strategy through acquisition or other means of 10 key river properties in 3 reaches and establish a donation strategy for all reaches of the San Diego River:

- **Preservation of six key properties in San Diego reaches**

Strategic Plan, Program 1, Project 1.5

(Conducted discussions and preliminary negotiations with key property owners)

RECOMMENDATION: CONTINUE IN 2008

- **Preservation of two key properties in the Santee Reach**

Strategic Plan, Program 1, Project 1.4

(Secured willing seller letters from multiple property owners, appraisals initiated)

RECOMMENDATION: CONTINUE IN 2008

- **Preservation of two key properties in the Headwaters Reach**

Strategic Plan, Program 1, Project 1.1

(Acquisitions completed by San Diego River Park Foundation and San Diego County Parks and Recreation)

- **Streamline policies to encourage land donations**

The Conservancy's effort over the past year to secure the donation of the White property has brought this issue to the forefront. I propose to work with the private and public agencies to implement policies to better support voluntary donations.

Strategic Plan, Programmatic Issues, Projects 1 and 2

(Discussions with public agencies suggest that changing or developing new policies may be more difficult than employing innovation when negotiating with potential donors)

RECREATION AND EDUCATION

Place emphasis on the acquisition and development of key sections of the San Diego River Park Trail, as well as public safety.

- **Feasibility study to connect key area in the Mission Valley Reach**

One of the key connections to the river trail is between the Mission Valley YMCA and Sefton Field. A feasibility study is needed to turn this concept into a project. This 2007 work item will include seeking funding to develop a conceptual plan to make this connection.

Strategic Plan, Program 2, Project 1.9

(Substituted Mission Valley Greenway proposal, a collaborative project of SDRC, the Coalition and the City of San Diego, two projects identified for funding and development)

RECOMMENDATION: CONTINUE IN 2008

- **Continued preservation of the flume in the El Monte Valley Reach**

Continue preservation of the flume properties in the El Monte Valley between Lake Jennings and the El Capitan Reservoir. Work with the private property owners and public agencies to address staging issues. Begin to conceptualize interpretative opportunities along the flume including and seek funding for implementation.

Strategic Plan, Program 2, Project 1.4

(Conducted appraisals, met with property owners, applied for two grants to develop an interpretive program, continued partnership with County of San Diego and the Helix Water District.)

RECOMMENDATION: CONTINUE IN 2008

- **Connecting key areas in the Lakeside Reach**

Work with public and private partners to connect the river trail from Santee Border to the Lakeside River Park Conservancy-owned trail.

Strategic Plan, Program 2, Project 1.6

(Lakeside's River Park Conservancy and SDRC applied for a Proposition 50 grant to build approximately one mile of San Diego River Trail, and have begun a partnership with City of Santee to extend the Trail to the Carton Oaks Golf

Course, these projects at build upon an Inaugural Trail grant that was endorsed by SDRC for the Calmat Property.)

RECOMMENDATION: CONTINUE IN 2008

- **Making the river safe in all reaches**

Place emphasis on the development of public safety projects, such as a volunteer patrol, and strengthen the Conservancy's relationship with the San Diego Police Department and County Sheriff to "Make the River Park Safe."

Strategic Plan, Program 2, Project 3

(Though SDRC participated in a meeting with the San Diego River Coalition and the City of San Diego Police Department, SDRC's role remains undefined.)

RECOMMENDATION: CONTINUE IN 2008

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES PRESERVATION

Support the cultural preservation and interpretation of the river as well as enhancement of its natural resources.

- **Investigate and engage in efforts to determine and Adaptive Reuse of old Caltrans Building in Old Town.**

New item, not in Strategic Plan

(SDRC was a participant in discussions with Old Town State Historic Park and Senator Kehoe's staff regarding the disposition and acquisition of the Caltrans Building.)

RECOMMENDATION: ADD TO 2008 WORK PLAN

- **Map and identify and manage projects to remove invasive vegetation and replant natives.**

Strategic Plan, Program 3, Project 1.1

(SDRC and its consultants have developed a Watershed Invasive Non Native Species Removal and Restoration Program, committed \$1.3 million in Proposition 40 funding, and positioned itself to receive funds from other fund sources. The program has mapped and identified infestations on 325 acres and is developing plans to restore habitat for the Least Bells Vireo.)

RECOMMENDATION: CONTINUE IN 2008

WATER QUALITY AND NATURAL FLOOD CONVEYANCE

- Finalize and sign draft Memorandum of Understanding with Bureau of Reclamation (U.S. Dept. of Interior) to develop Scope of Work for Hydrology Assessment of San Diego River Watershed. Work with the partners to begin implementation of the assessment.

Strategic Plan, Program 4, Project 1

(The City of San Diego, the Regional Water Quality Board, the Bureau of Reclamation and SDRC have agreed to attempt a revision of the Scope of Work for the SDRC's Hydrology Study that would complement and integrate its tasks with a Hydrology Study the City is procuring and is almost under contract.)

RECOMMENDATION: CONTINUE IN 2008

MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS

- Commence building a network and relationships with key state legislators and staff, as well as public officials in state, local and federal government.

(This objective has been partially accomplished. Substantial progress has been achieved with state local and county officials, but a working relationship with the federal government should remain a priority)

RECOMMENDATION: CONTINUE IN 2008

- Examine the practices and operation of other conservancies, particularly their approaches to land conservation. Recommend preferred acquisition procedures, methodologies and relationships with the Board.

(Interviewed and visited four Executive Officers; reviewed the results with the Board.)

- Explore the development of a more direct role for key partners, including ex officio membership, corporate counsels, and government working groups.

(This objective was not accomplished.)

RECOMMENDATION: CONTINUE IN 2008

- Consider an annual retreat to prepare the Annual Work Plan as an addendum to the Five-Year Strategic Plan, which includes the Conservancy's partners.

(This objective was accomplished, but should be an ongoing activity.)

RECOMMENDATION: CONTINUE IN 2008

- Work with Resources Agency to secure Proposition 84 funding and become familiar with funding opportunities that may exist with other recently enacted Propositions.

(Though the Conservancy was fortunate to secure Proposition 84 funding, increasing capital outlay and operating funds should remain a priority.)

RECOMMENDATION: CONTINUE IN 2008

- Pursue partnership with San Diego State University.

(An inter agency agreement has been negotiated with SDSU. A signing ceremony has been scheduled.)

RECOMMENDATION: CONTINUE IN 2008

- Prepare and distribute a letter of introduction to all landowners in SDRC's jurisdiction.

(Though SDRC is engaged in outreach with property owners as part of the implementation of the Invasive Removal and Restoration Project, SDRC should consider whether it has the human and fiscal resources to handle the workload a letter of introduction to all landowners)

RECOMMENDATION: CONTINUE IN 2008

**San Diego River Conservancy
Draft 2008 Work Plan
(3.20.08)**

LAND CONSERVATION

Pursue a preservation strategy through acquisition or other means of key river properties in 4 reaches.

- **Preservation of key properties in 4 reaches of the San Diego River**
Target properties that connect public properties particularly those that establish a riparian corridor from the El Capitan Dam to and including the City of San Diego. Encourage the acquisition programs of state, federal and local governments to include the San Diego River in their land conservation priorities. Seek to engage the services of national non-profits capable of advance funding the purchases of key properties.

Strategic Plan, Program 1

Project 1.2 / El Capitan Reservoir to 67 Freeway Reach

Project 1.3 / Lakeside Reach

Project 1.4 / Santee Reach

Project 1.5 / City of San Diego Reach

RECREATION AND EDUCATION

Place emphasis on the acquisition and development of key sections of the San Diego River Park Trail, as well as public safety.

- **Feasibility study to connect key area in the Mission Valley Reach**
One of the key connections to the river trail is between the Mission Valley YMCA and Sefton Field. A feasibility study is needed to turn this concept into a project. This 2008 work item will include seeking funding to make this connection.

- **Pursue the development of the Mission Valley Greenway (Fashion Valley to Qualcomm Stadium).**
Capitalize on investments the City of San Diego has made in this section of the Trail and those that are planned to capture grant funding. Consider using 07-08 Proposition 84 funding to match available appropriations that are available to commence the design of missing links.

Strategic Plan, Program 2, Project 1.9

- **Continued preservation of the flume in the El Monte Valley Reach**

Secure safe and legal public access on the historic six-mile flume trail from El Capitan Reservoir to Lake Jennings.

Continue preservation of the flume properties in the El Monte Valley between Lake Jennings and the El Capitan Reservoir. Work with the private property owners and public agencies to address acquisition and management issues. Continue to seek grant funds to develop an interpretative program as well as funding for implementation and management.

Strategic Plan, Program 2, Project 1.4
- **Connecting key areas in the Lakeside Reach**

Work with public and private partners to connect the river trail from Santee Border to the Lakeside River Park Conservancy-owned trail.

Strategic Plan, Program 2, Project 1.6
- **Establish San Diego River Trail from Mast Park to Carlton Oaks Golf Course (Santee Reach)**

Work with the County of San Diego and the City of Santee. Explore the use of Proposition 40 funds as well as other appropriate fund sources to design and build this connection.

Strategic Plan, Program 2, Project 1.7
- **Making the river safe in all reaches**

Place emphasis on the development of public safety projects, such as a volunteer patrol, and strengthen the Conservancy’s relationship with the San Diego Police Department and County Sheriff to “Make the River Park Safe.”

Strategic Plan, Program 2, Project 3

NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES PRESERVATION

Support the cultural preservation and interpretation of the river as well as enhancement of its natural resources

- **Remove Invasive Non-Native Plants, Restore and Manage the Land**

Initiate and implement the San Diego River Watershed Invasive Non-Native Plant Removal and Restoration Program, which targets more than 325 acres. Establish a focus on public properties with the greatest concentrations of invasives. The program has mapped and identified the most prominent infestations and is developing plans to restore habitat for the Least Bells Vireo.

In addition to the Prop 40 funds that have been set aside, SDRC and its consultants should examine and seek funding from other private and public sources.

Strategic Plan, Program 3, Project 1.5

- **Establish a tributary and canyon project in the City of San Diego**

Seek to develop a project which is located within the Mission Valley Reach and the tributary canyon networks that link the valley and river to mesa communities.

WATER QUALITY AND NATURAL FLOOD CONVEYANCE

Protect and maintain the quality of San Diego River water for all beneficial uses and provide for natural flood conveyance.

- **Finalize and sign draft Memorandum of Understanding with Bureau of Reclamation (U.S. Dept. of Interior) to develop Scope of Work for Hydrology Assessment of San Diego River Watershed.**

SDRC should work with the City of San Diego, the Regional Water Quality Board, the Bureau of Reclamation and SDRC to revise the Scope of Work for the SDRC's Hydrology Study so that it would complement and integrate its tasks with a Hydrology Study the City is procuring, which is almost under contract.

Strategic Plan, Program 4, Project 1

- **San Diego River Stream Flow issues**

Establish a project in cooperation with the State Water Resources Board, the Regional Water Quality Board and the Department of Fish and Game. It would acknowledge the State Board's authority to regulate diversions of waterways, the Regional Board's statutory predisposition to consider stream flow as it relates to impacts on water quality, and Fish & Game's authority to set stream flow levels to protect and preserve viable habitats. The development of this project should clearly define responsibilities for implementation and monitoring.

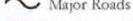
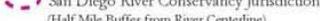
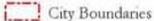
Strategic Plan, Program 4, Project 1

MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS

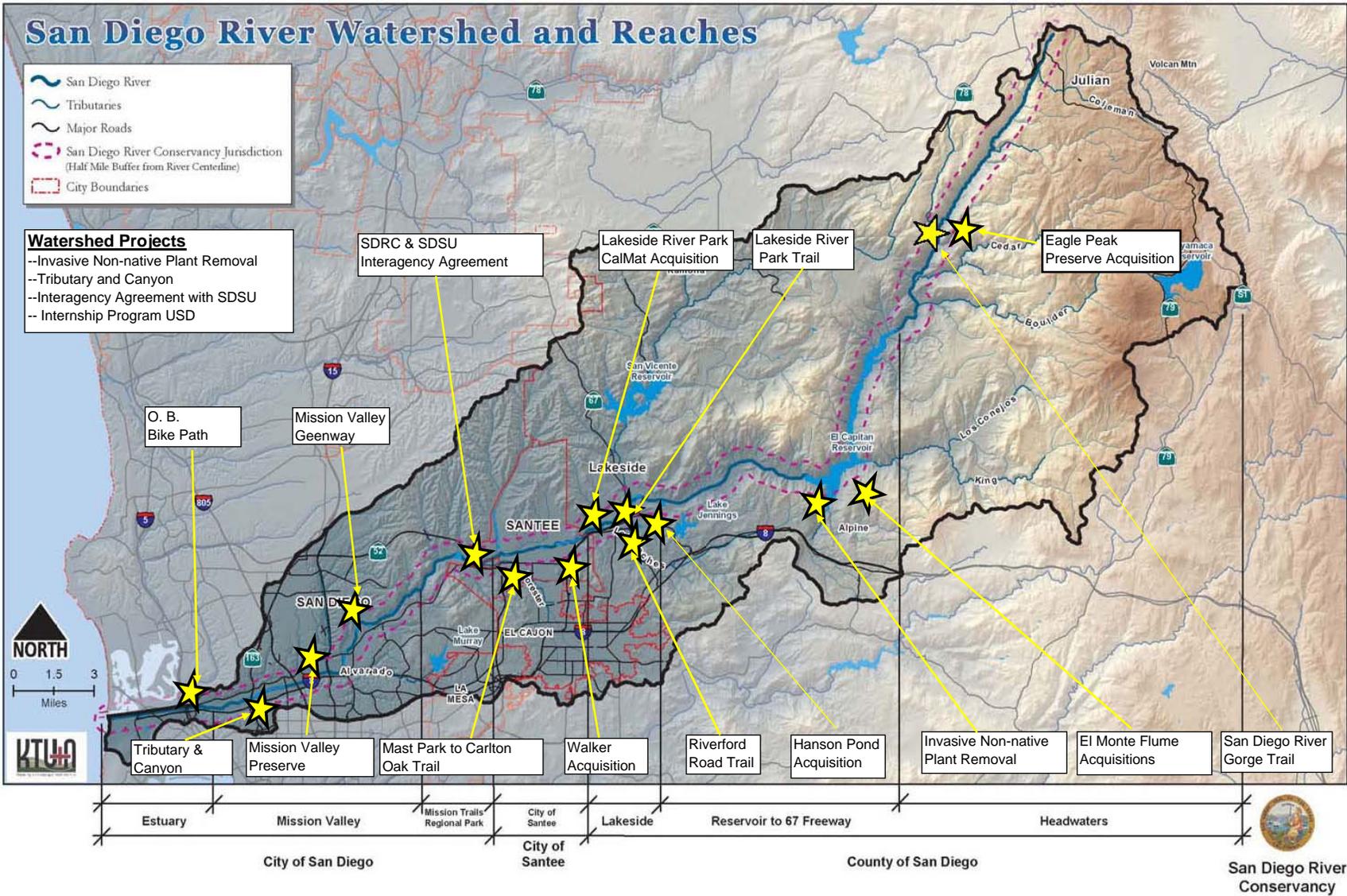
- Recognizing the regional stature of the Board of Governors, SDRC should seek to have its priorities integrated with those of state, municipal, county and federal governments in the watershed. This exercise should result in SDRC's goals and objectives inclusion in the appropriate Capital Improvement Programs for these governments.

- As SDRC implements its Watershed Invasive Non Native species program, it should recognize fire risk and public safety issues associated with invasives and approach agencies engaged in fighting and preventing wildfires as potential funding partners.
- Commence building a network and relationships with key state legislators and staff, as well as public officials in state, local and federal government.
- Explore the development a more direct role for key partners, including ex officio memberships, corporate counsels, governmental working groups jurisdiction.
- Conduct an annual meeting to prepare the Annual Work Plan as an addendum to the Five Year Strategic Plan, which includes the Conservancy's partners.
- Seek opportunities to increase SDRC's operating budget and its capital outlay. Work with Resources Agency to secure Proposition 84 funding, as well as, administrators of other private and public agencies where grant opportunities may exist.
- Draft and distribute a letter of introduction to all landowners in SDRC's jurisdiction.

San Diego River Watershed and Reaches

 San Diego River
 Tributaries
 Major Roads
 San Diego River Conservancy Jurisdiction (Half Mile Buffer from River Centredine)
 City Boundaries

Watershed Projects
 --Invasive Non-native Plant Removal
 --Tributary and Canyon
 --Interagency Agreement with SDSU
 -- Internship Program USD



- O. B. Bike Path
- Mission Valley Geenway
- SDRC & SDSU Interagency Agreement
- Lakeside River Park CalMat Acquisition
- Lakeside River Park Trail
- Eagle Peak Preserve Acquisition
- Tributary & Canyon
- Mission Valley Preserve
- Mast Park to Carlton Oak Trail
- Walker Acquisition
- Riverford Road Trail
- Hanson Pond Acquisition
- Invasive Non-native Plant Removal
- El Monte Flume Acquisitions
- San Diego River Gorge Trail

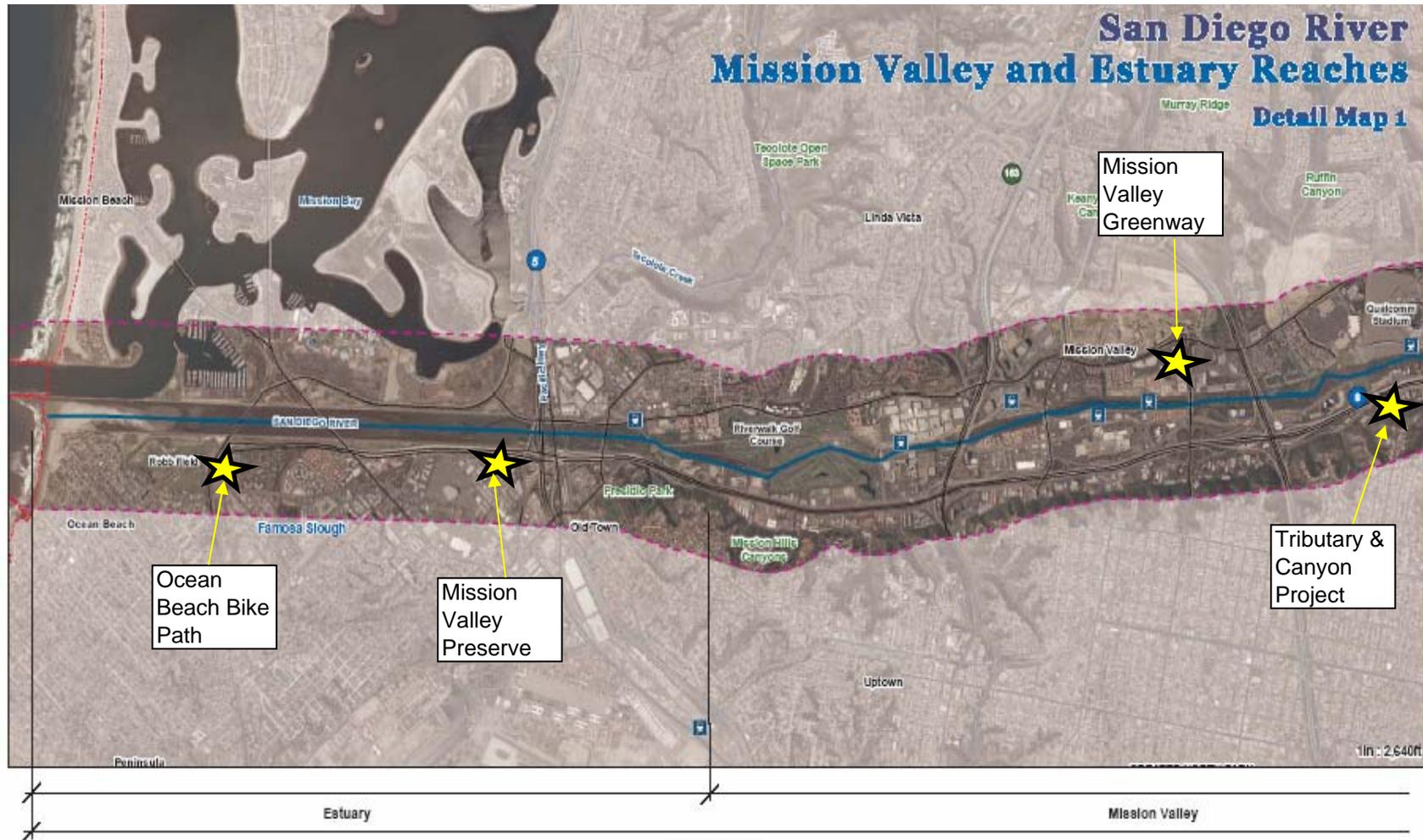
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 City of San Diego | City of Santee | County of San Diego



San Diego River Conservancy

San Diego River Mission Valley and Estuary Reaches

Detail Map 1



Ocean Beach Bike Path

Mission Valley Preserve

Mission Valley Greenway

Tributary & Canyon Project

Estuary

Mission Valley

City of San Diego

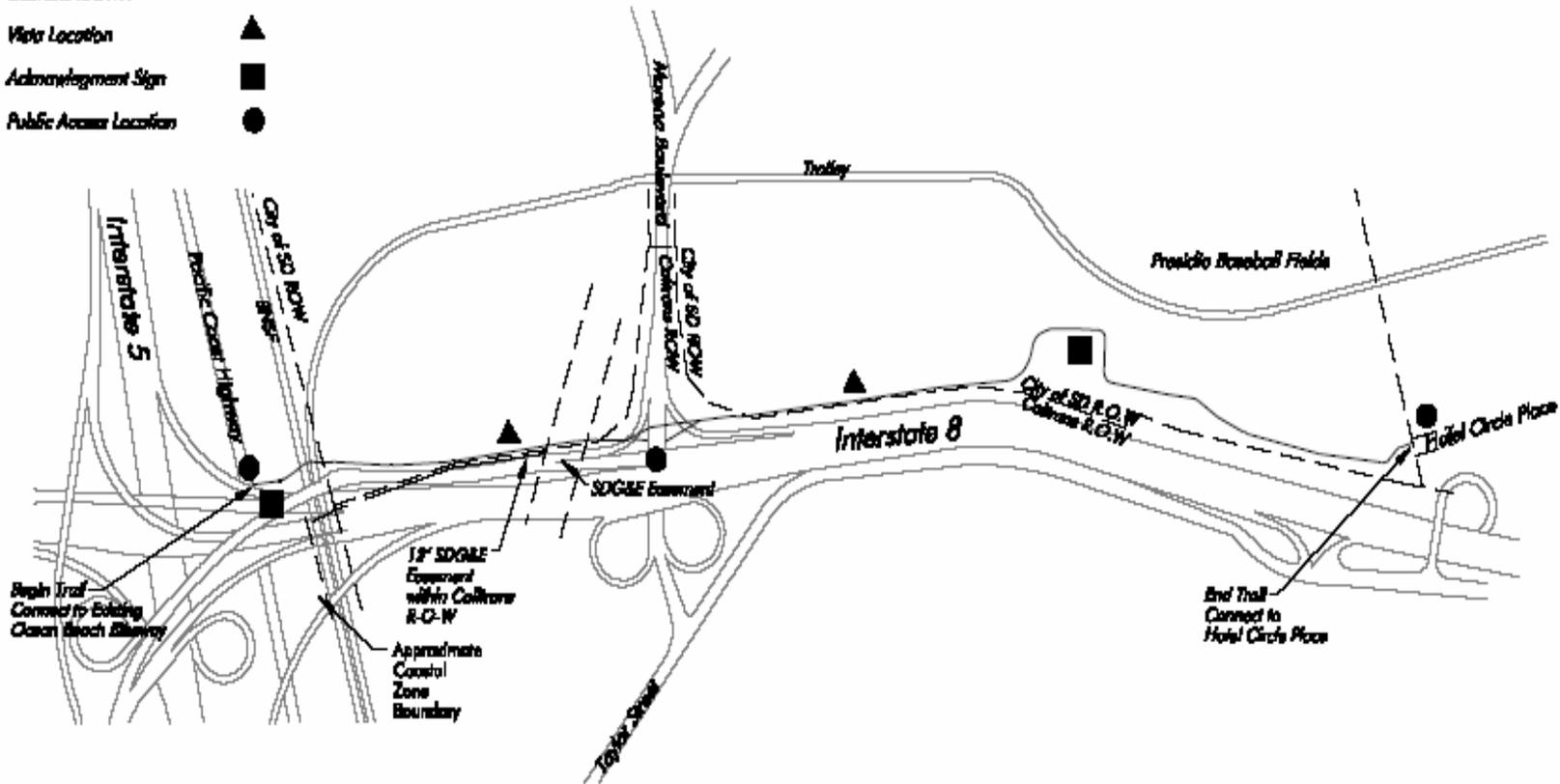


-  San Diego River
-  Tributaries
-  Major Roads
-  San Diego River Conservancy Jurisdiction (Half Mile Buffer from River Centerline)
-  City Boundaries
-  Trolley Stations



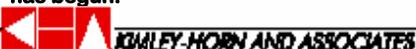
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- 10' Bicycle/Ped Path ———
- City of SD R.O.W. ———
- Viola Location ▲
- Acknowledgment Sign ■
- Public Access Location ●



Ocean Beach Bike Path

At its meeting of September 10, 2004, the Conservancy supported the City of San Diego's grant request for \$2,000,000 from Proposition 40 funds to extend the Ocean Beach bike path approximately 4,100 linear feet from Pacific Highway to Sefton Field. That grant has been awarded by the City and construction has begun.



SITE PLAN
Ocean Beach / Hotel Circle North Bikeway Project

January 4, 2004





Mission Valley Preserve Habitat Enhancement Project

A 4.22 acre project that will eradicate non native vegetation and replace with native plants. The Ocean Beach Bike Path within the San Diego River Trail that is a principal component of the San Diego River Park. The project has begun.

At its meeting of September 10, 2004, the SDRC approved a resolution supporting the project. The City of San Diego's has begun the removal of invasive species revegetation should take place in 2008

San Diego River Mission Valley and Mission Trails Reaches

Detail Map 2



Invasive Non-native Plants Removal (Dept. of Fish & Game Property)



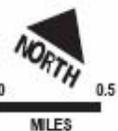
Mission Valley

Mission Trails Regional Park

City of Santee

City of San Diego

City of Santee



- San Diego River
- Tributaries
- Major Roads

- San Diego River Conservancy Jurisdiction (Half Mile Buffer from River Centerline)
- City Boundaries

- Trolley Stations



San Diego River Conservancy

Executive Summary

Introduction

Highlights

Recommendation

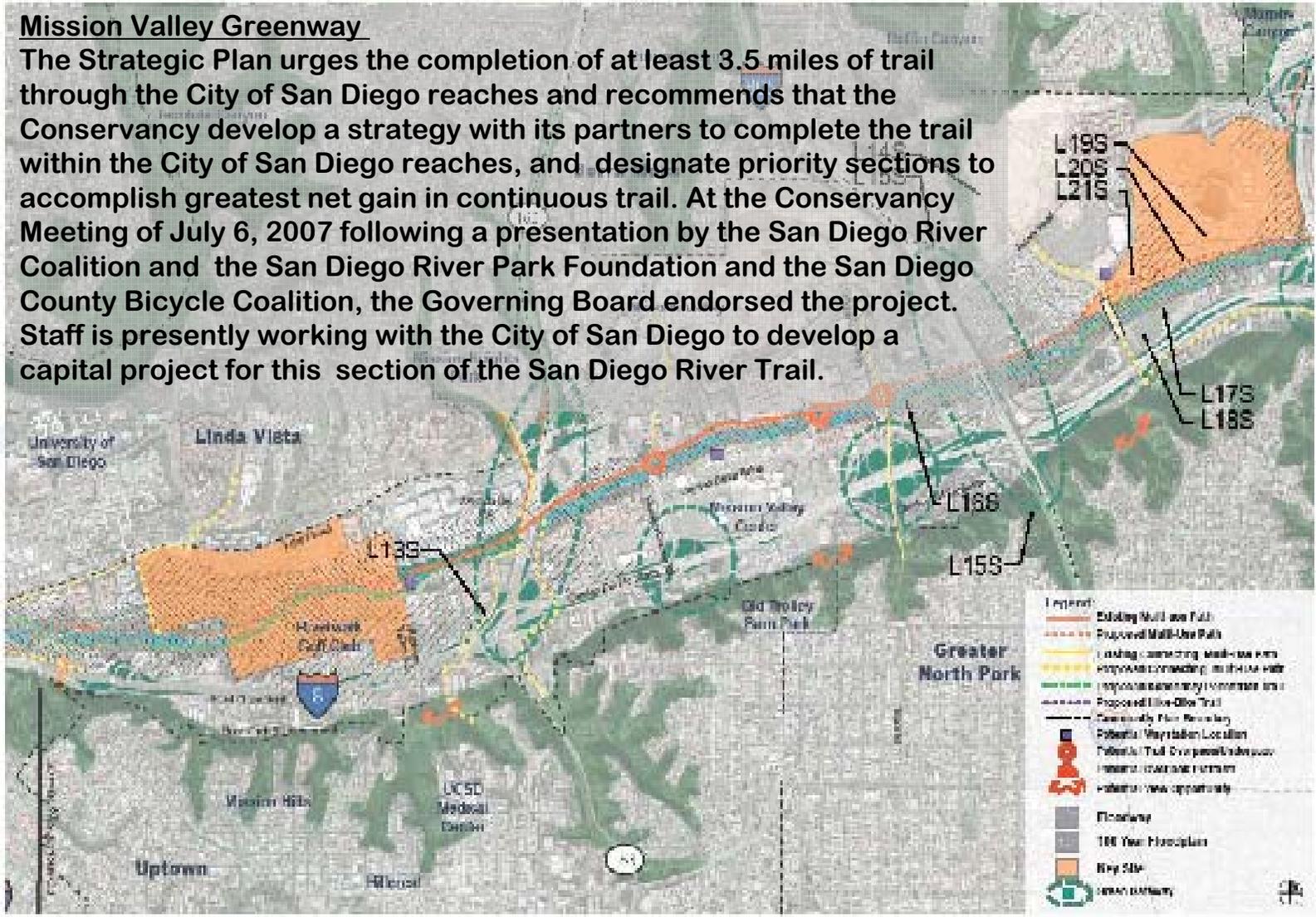
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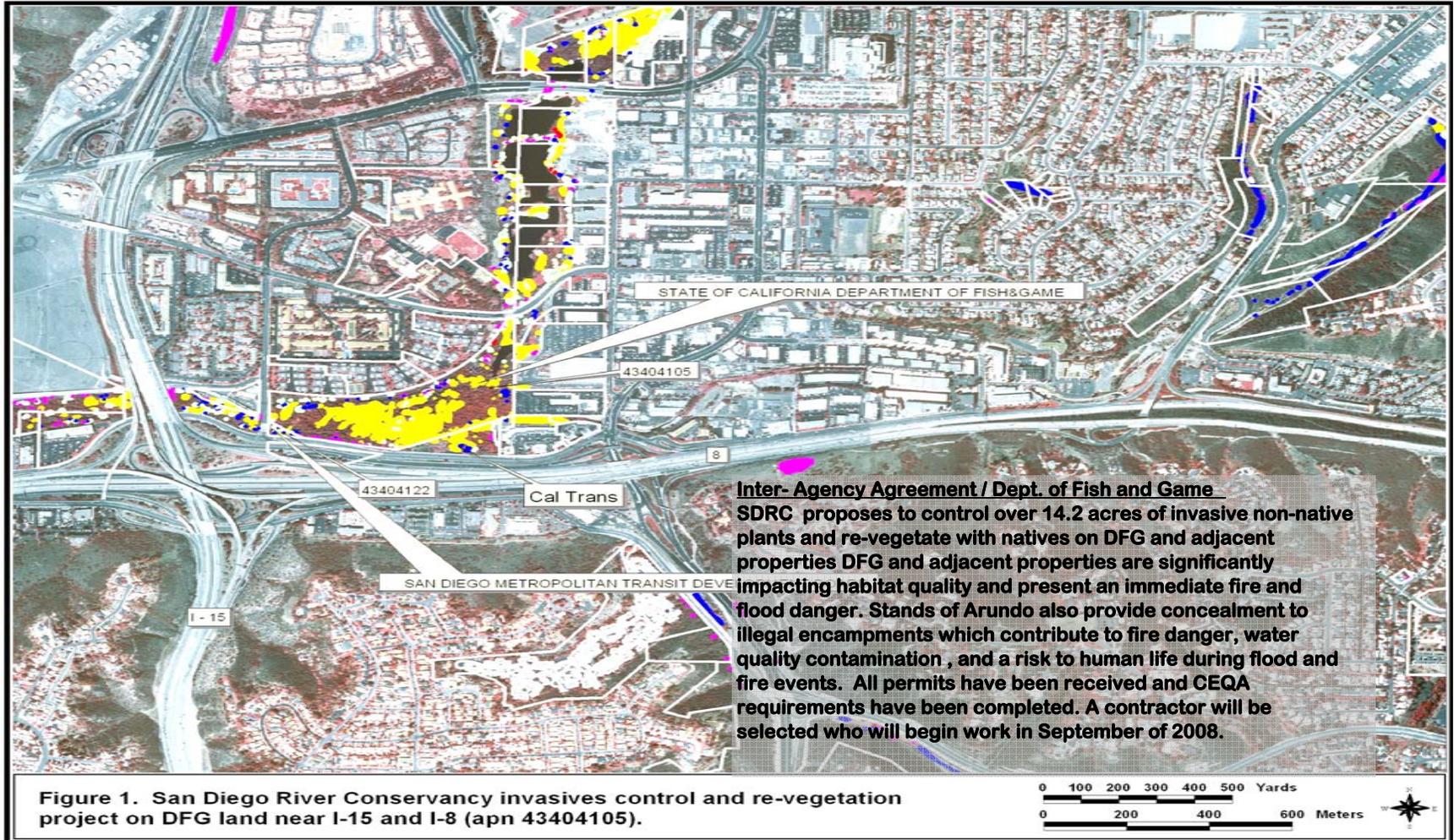
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Mission Valley Greenway

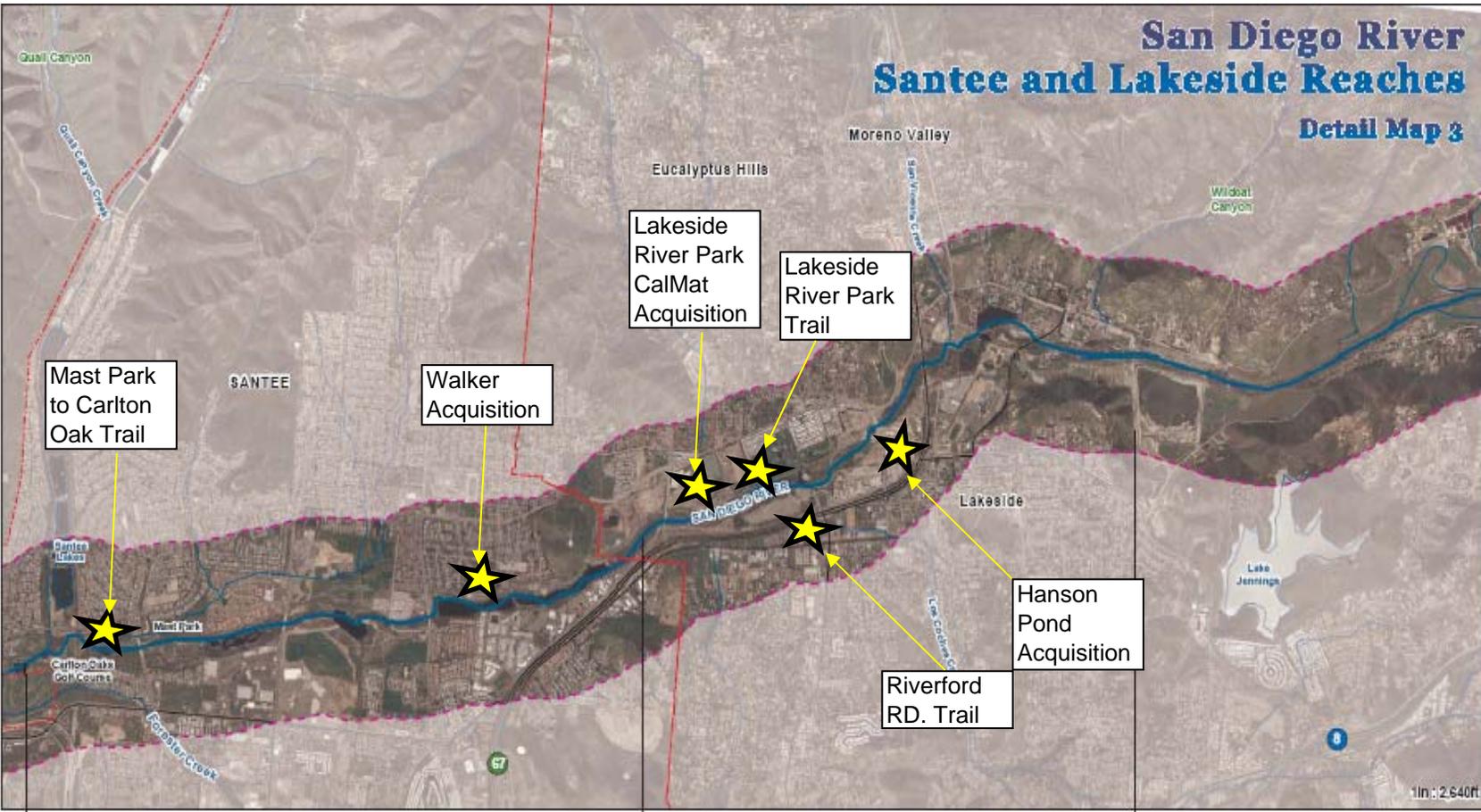
The Strategic Plan urges the completion of at least 3.5 miles of trail through the City of San Diego reaches and recommends that the Conservancy develop a strategy with its partners to complete the trail within the City of San Diego reaches, and designate priority sections to accomplish greatest net gain in continuous trail. At the Conservancy Meeting of July 6, 2007 following a presentation by the San Diego River Coalition and the San Diego River Park Foundation and the San Diego County Bicycle Coalition, the Governing Board endorsed the project. Staff is presently working with the City of San Diego to develop a capital project for this section of the San Diego River Trail.



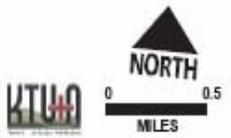
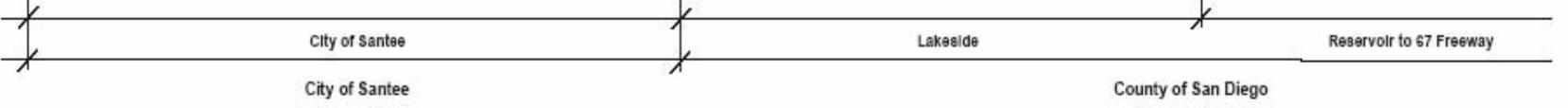


San Diego River Santee and Lakeside Reaches

Detail Map 3



1in.:2,640ft



-  San Diego River
-  Tributaries
-  Major Roads
-  San Diego River Conservancy Jurisdiction (Half Mile Buffer from River Centerline)
-  City Boundaries



San Diego River Watershed Invasive Non Native Plant Control & Riparian Restoration Program
 SDRC has initiated an invasive non-native plant control program. Baseline mapping has been completed, permitting has been initiated, and funding for implementation of control and restoration is being obtained. Over 329 acres of high priority invasive plant species have been mapped in riparian areas that need to be controlled and replanted. Arundo, tamarisk, palms, and pampas grass are the bulk of the acreage, but non-native trees are also in abundance. All of these species degrade habitat quality and pose a significant fire and flood risk.

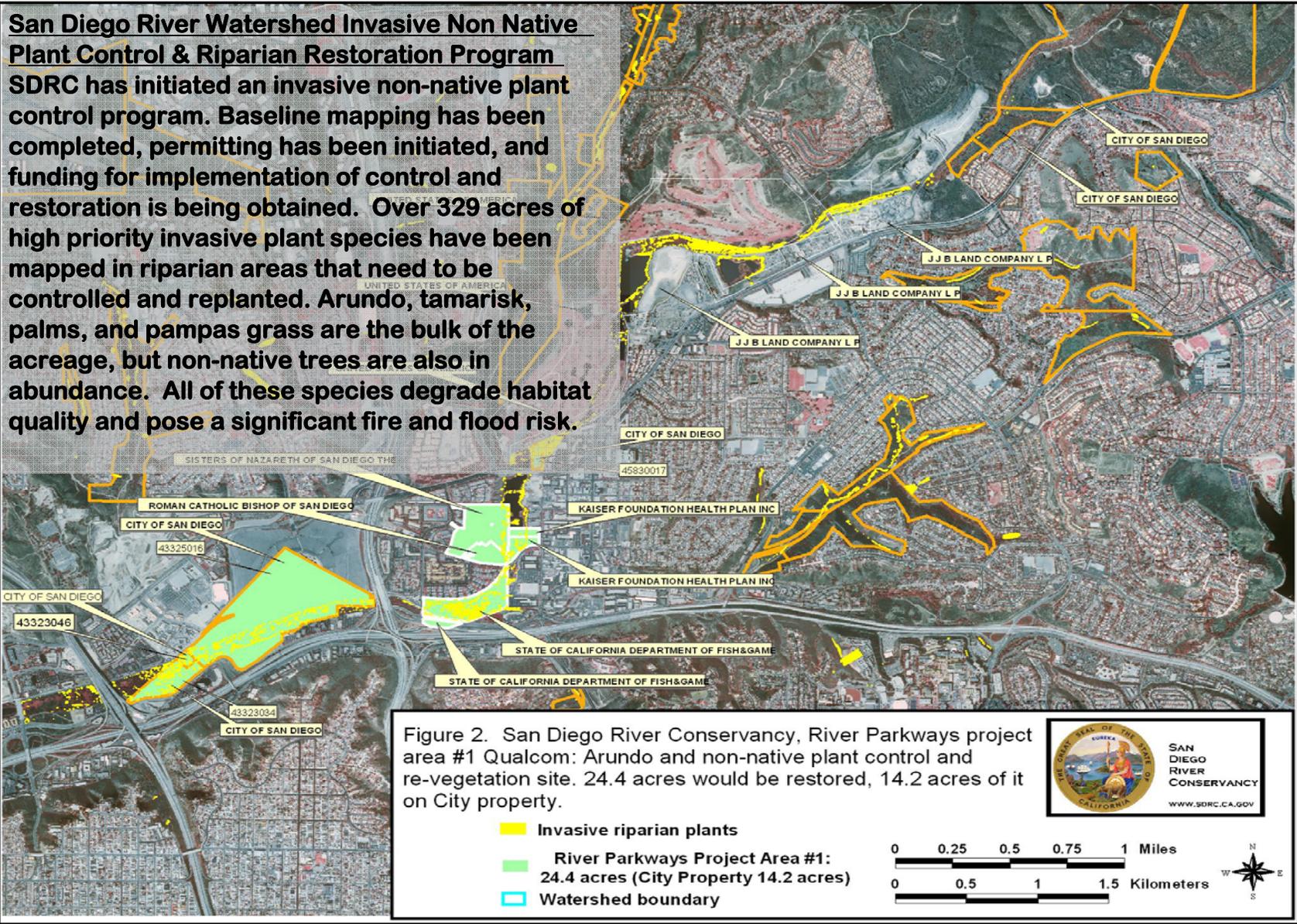
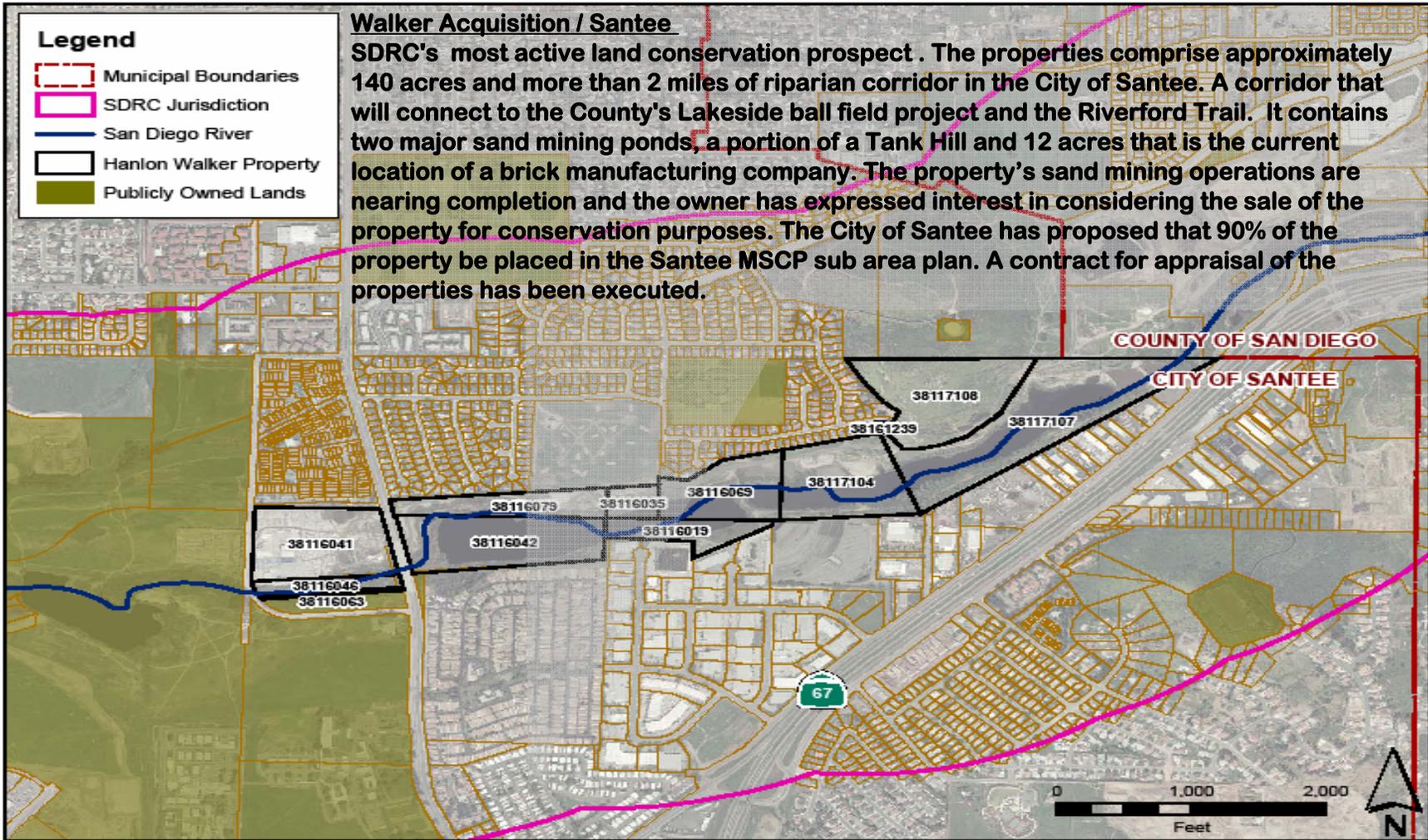


Figure 2. San Diego River Conservancy, River Parkways project area #1 Qualcomm: Arundo and non-native plant control and re-vegetation site. 24.4 acres would be restored, 14.2 acres of it on City property.

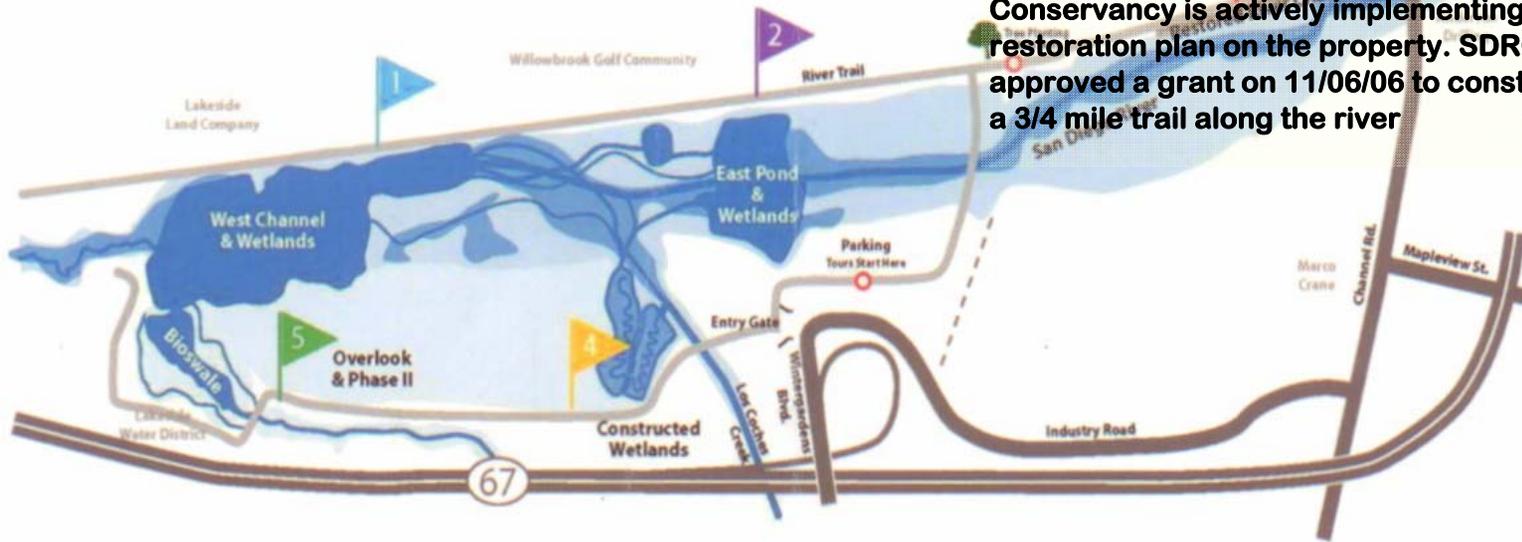






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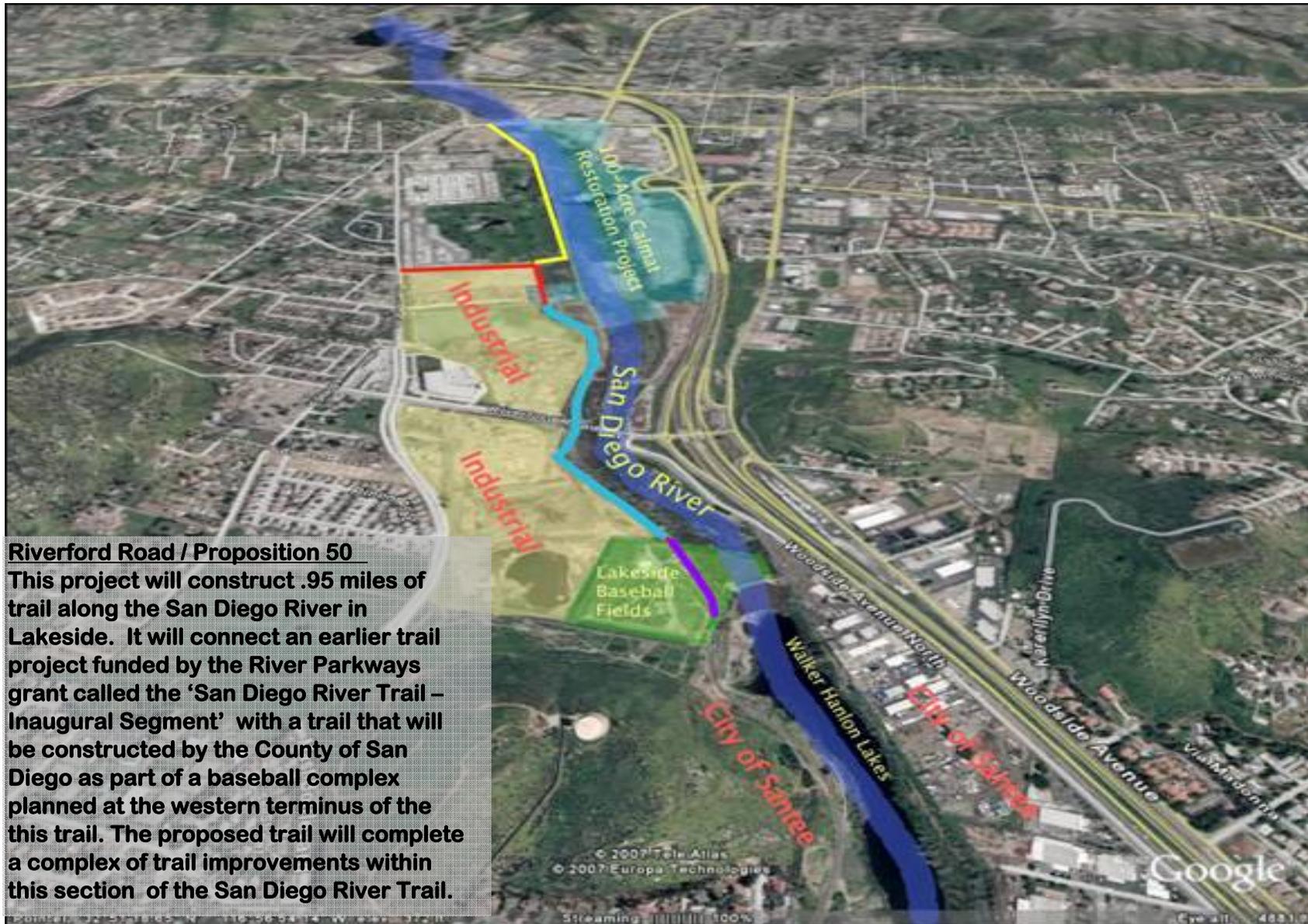
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- 4 Constructed Wetlands
- 5 Bioswale



LAKESIDE'S RIVER PARK CONSERVANCY

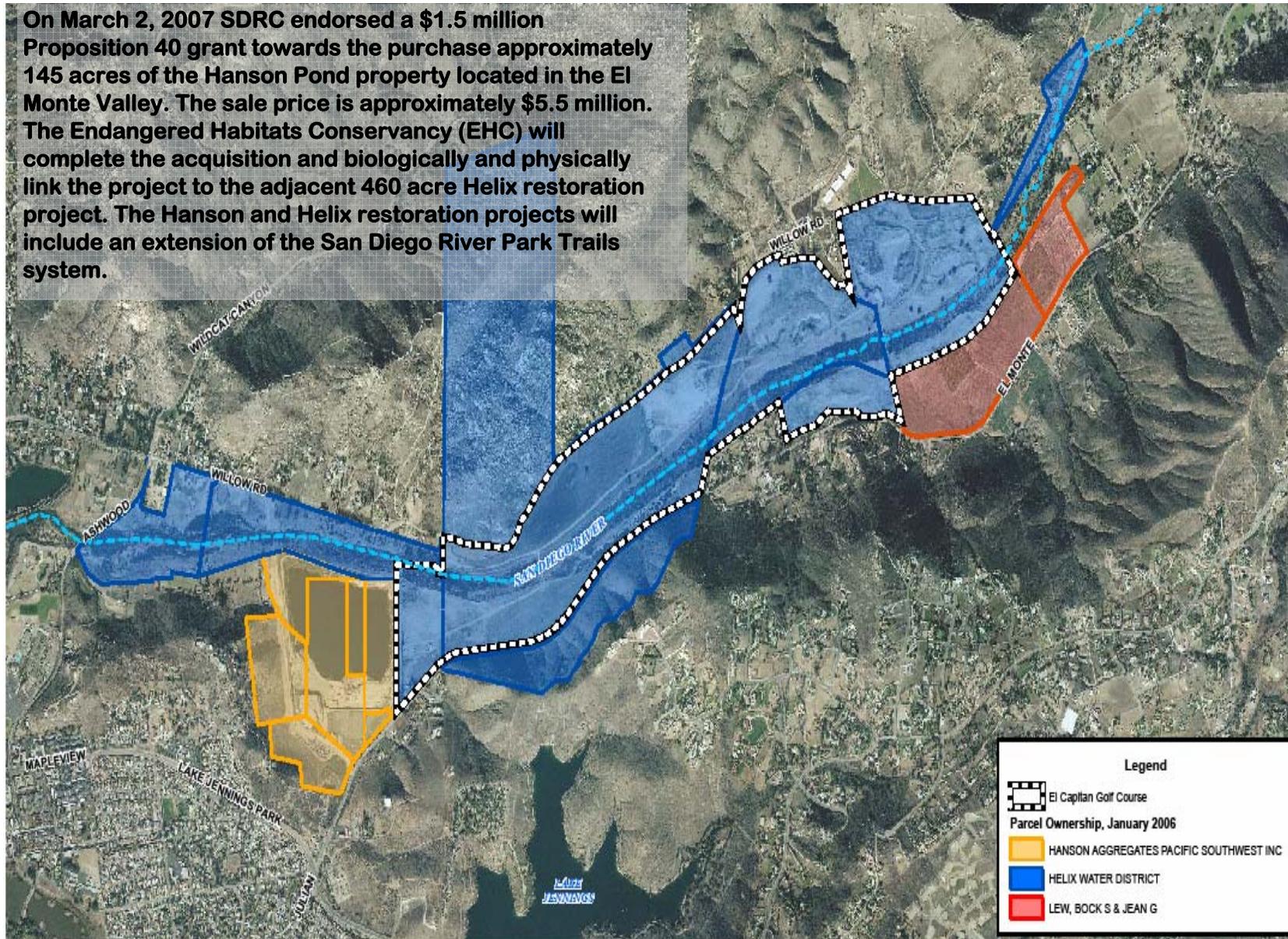
Calmat/Vulcan Acquisition

The State of California awarded The Lakeside River Park Conservancy \$2,200,000 from Prop 40 and \$2,000,000 from Prop 13 to purchase of the 100 acre Calmat-Vulcan property. Though this action occurred before the creation of the SDRC it was an acknowledgment by the State that restoration of the river was a priority. Lakeside's River Park Conservancy is actively implementing a restoration plan on the property. SDRC approved a grant on 11/06/06 to construct a 3/4 mile trail along the river

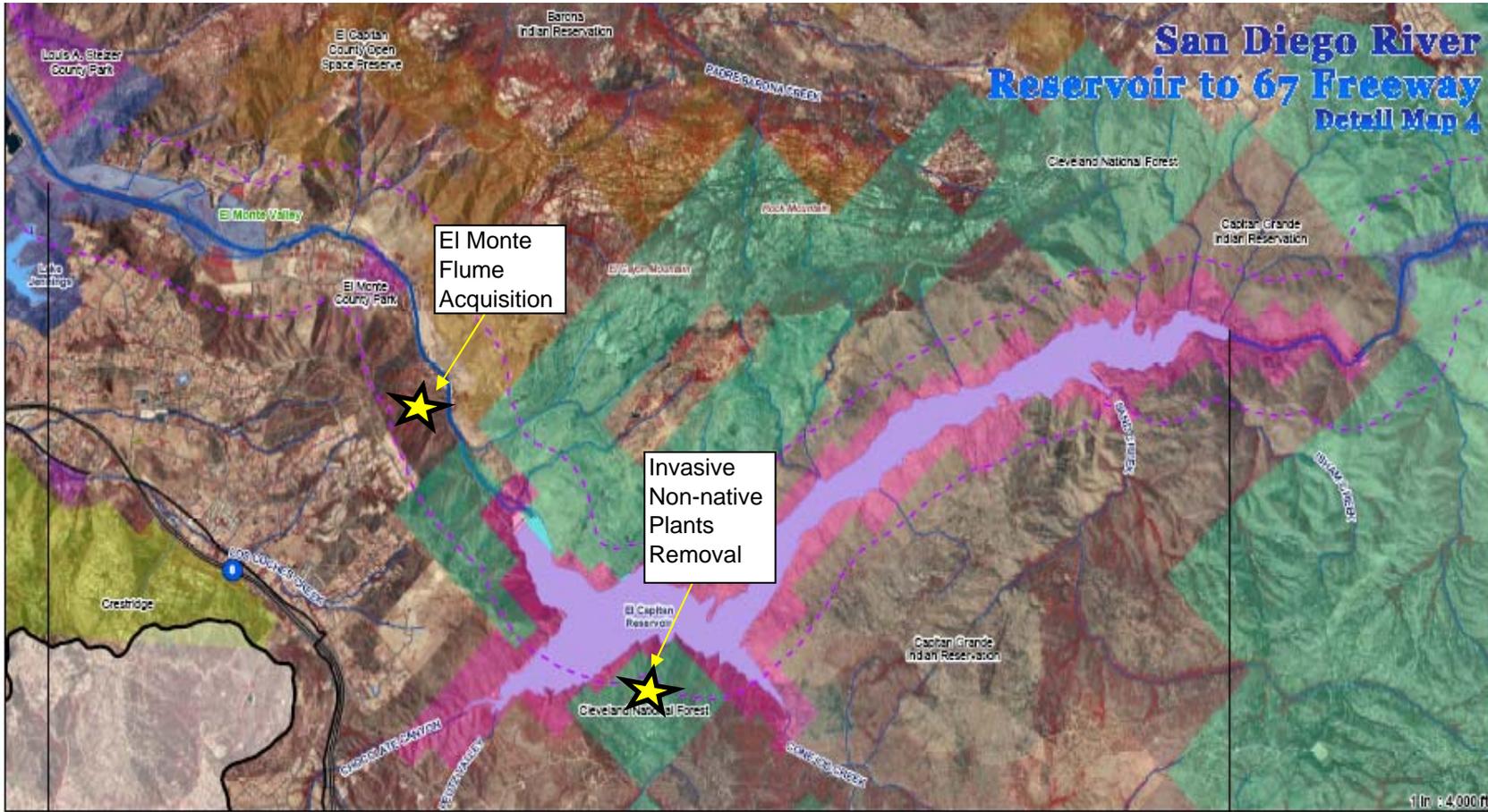


Riverford Road / Proposition 50
This project will construct .95 miles of trail along the San Diego River in Lakeside. It will connect an earlier trail project funded by the River Parkways grant called the 'San Diego River Trail – Inaugural Segment' with a trail that will be constructed by the County of San Diego as part of a baseball complex planned at the western terminus of the this trail. The proposed trail will complete a complex of trail improvements within this section of the San Diego River Trail.

On March 2, 2007 SDRC endorsed a \$1.5 million Proposition 40 grant towards the purchase approximately 145 acres of the Hanson Pond property located in the El Monte Valley. The sale price is approximately \$5.5 million. The Endangered Habitats Conservancy (EHC) will complete the acquisition and biologically and physically link the project to the adjacent 460 acre Helix restoration project. The Hanson and Helix restoration projects will include an extension of the San Diego River Park Trails system.



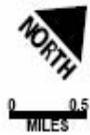
San Diego River Reservoir to 67 Freeway Detail Map 4



Reservoir to 67 Freeway

Headwaters

County of San Diego



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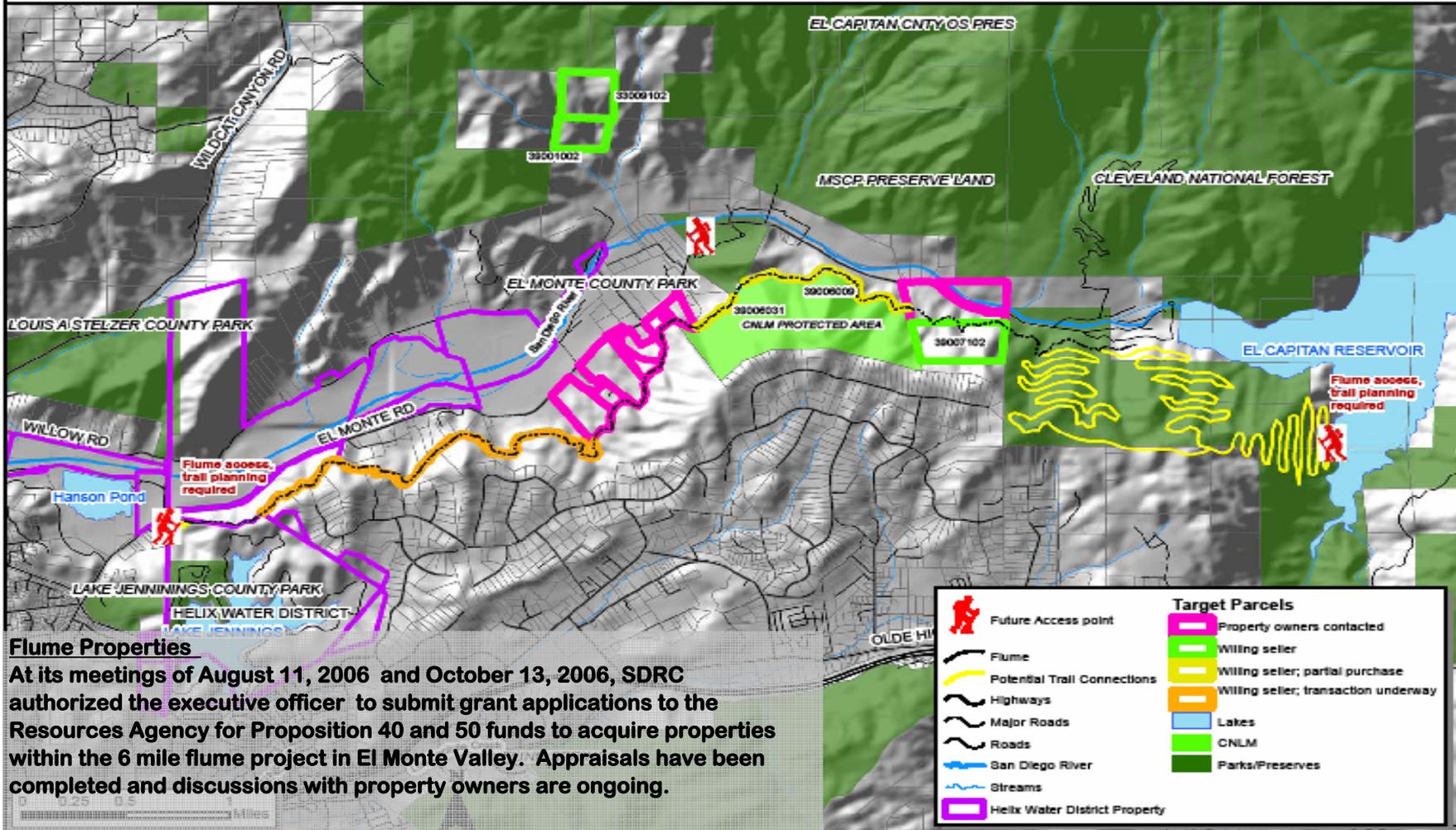
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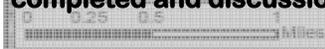
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SAN DIEGO RIVER CONSERVANCY FLUME PROJECT DETAILED VIEW: PUBLIC LANDS



Flume Properties

At its meetings of August 11, 2006 and October 13, 2006, SDRC authorized the executive officer to submit grant applications to the Resources Agency for Proposition 40 and 50 funds to acquire properties within the 6 mile flume project in El Monte Valley. Appraisals have been completed and discussions with property owners are ongoing.



El Capitan Dam / Invasives Non- Native Plant

Removal

The Board adopted Resolution 07-2 authorizing the San Diego River Conservancy and the San Diego State University-Field Stations Program, to begin a project to remove invasive non-native plants in at the base of the El Capitan Dam in properties owned by the City of San Diego and the U.S. Forest Service. SDRC would apply to the Resources Agency for River Parkway Funds for the project. SDSU has performed initial biological surveys of the area.

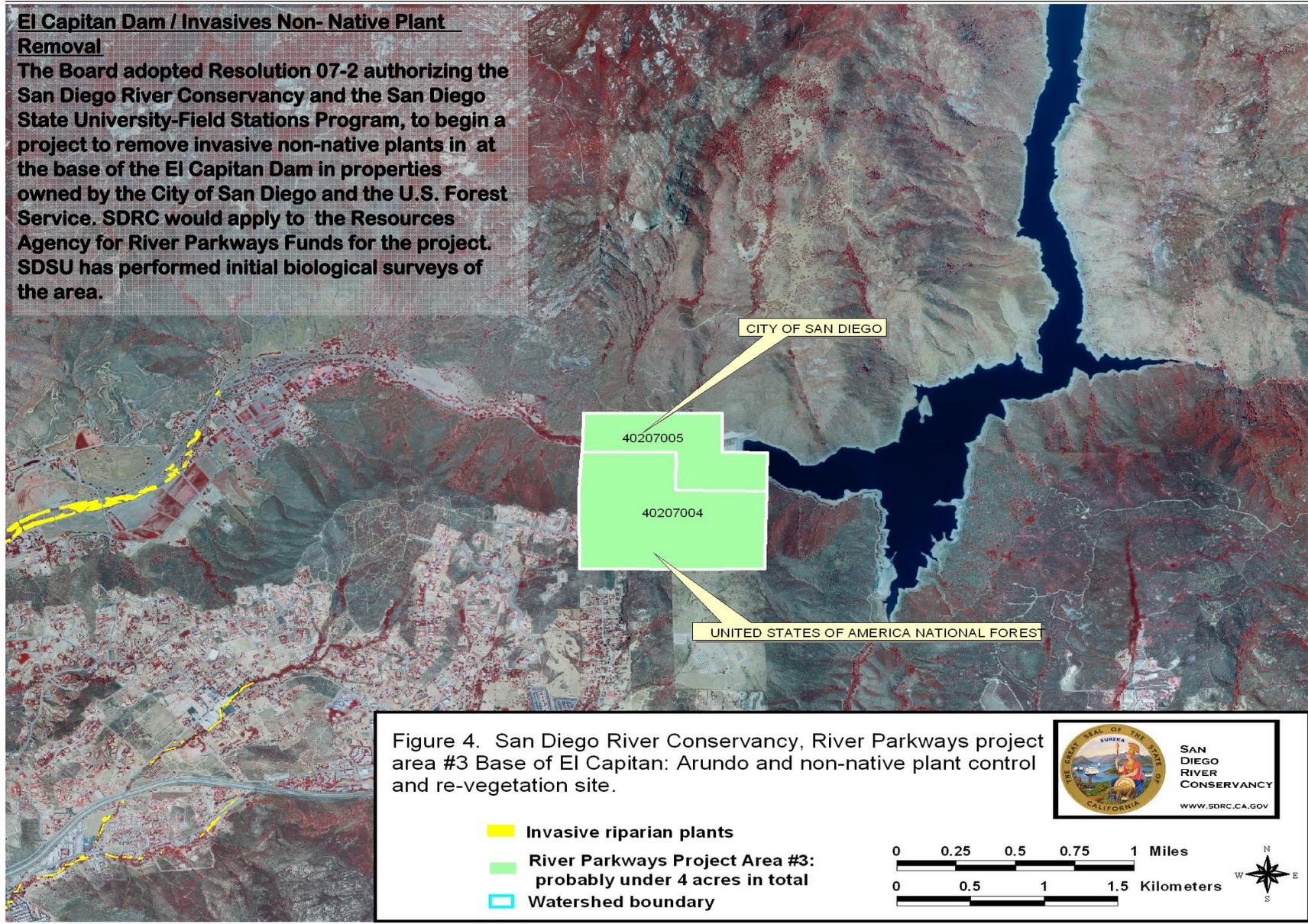
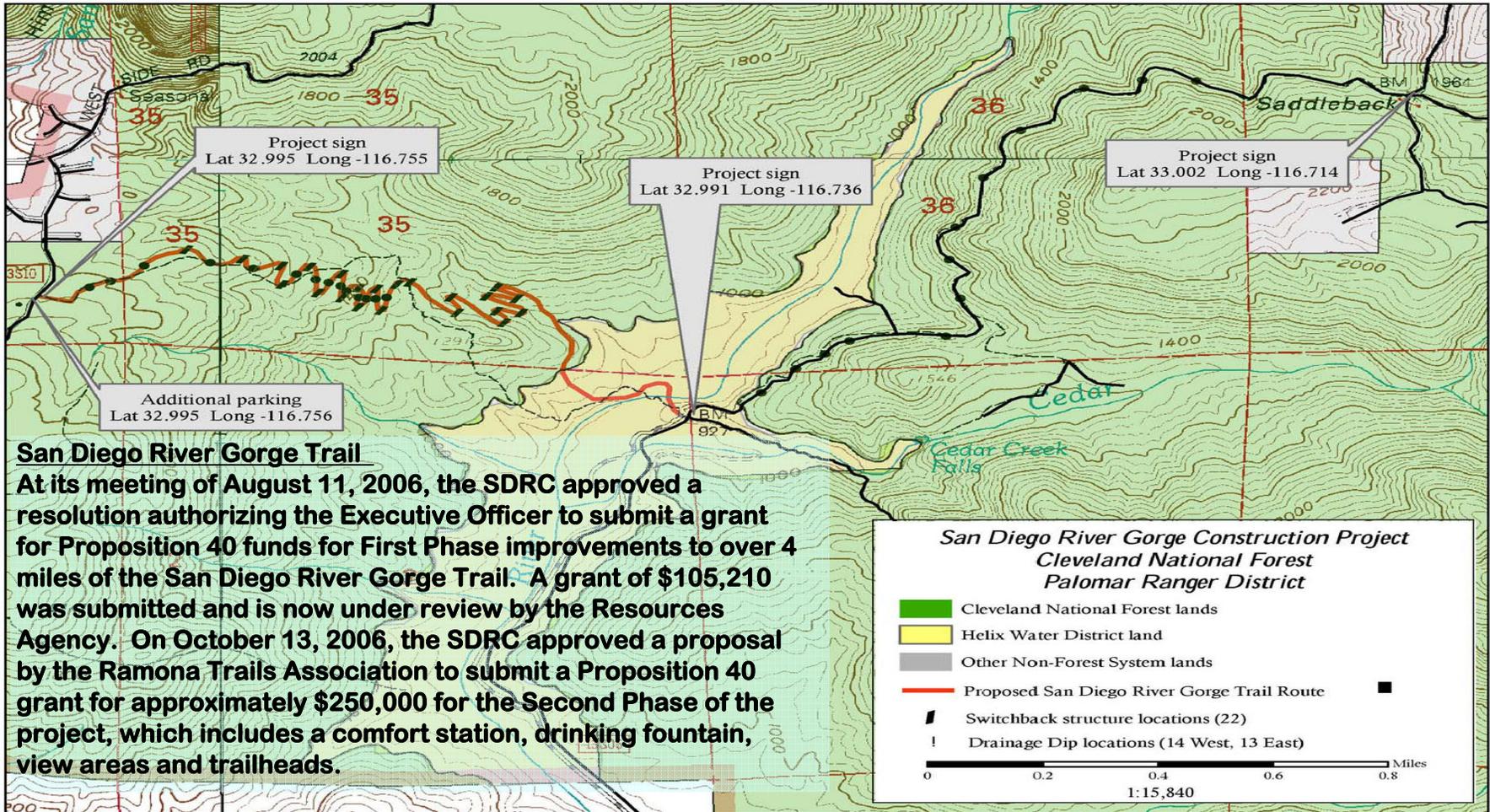
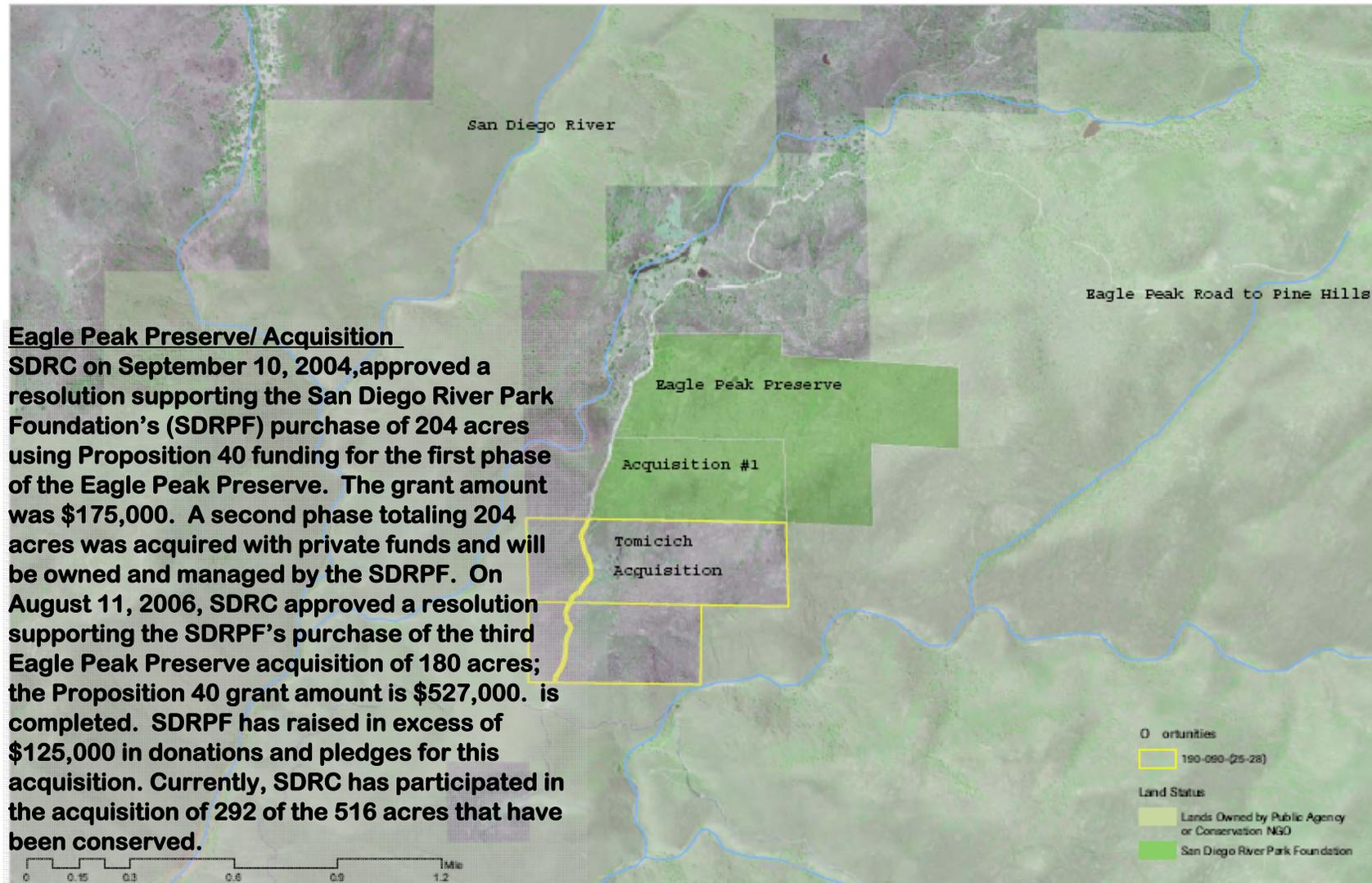


Figure 4. San Diego River Conservancy, River Parkway project area #3 Base of El Capitan: Arundo and non-native plant control and re-vegetation site.





Eagle Peak Preserve/ Acquisition

SDRC on September 10, 2004, approved a resolution supporting the San Diego River Park Foundation's (SDRPF) purchase of 204 acres using Proposition 40 funding for the first phase of the Eagle Peak Preserve. The grant amount was \$175,000. A second phase totaling 204 acres was acquired with private funds and will be owned and managed by the SDRPF. On August 11, 2006, SDRC approved a resolution supporting the SDRPF's purchase of the third Eagle Peak Preserve acquisition of 180 acres; the Proposition 40 grant amount is \$527,000. is completed. SDRPF has raised in excess of \$125,000 in donations and pledges for this acquisition. Currently, SDRC has participated in the acquisition of 292 of the 516 acres that have been conserved.

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Land Conservation	Grantee	Estimated Cost	Fund	Funds Available	Funds Leveraged	Status	Strategic Plan	2007 Work Plan	Project Description	Board Approval Date
Eagle Peak Preserve Acquisition Phase 1	SDRPF	N/A	Prop 40	\$175,000	\$55,000	Project completed		NA	Acquired 112 acres of land within the SD River Watershed	10-Sep-04
Eagle Peak Preserve Acquisition Phase 3	SDRPF	\$674,000	Prop 40	\$527,000	\$258,000	Project submitted	Yes	Yes	Acquired 180 acres of land within the Headwaters Reach	11-Aug-06
El Monte Valley Flume Properties	SDRC	TBD	Prop 40	\$800,000	TBD	Project in refinement	Yes	Yes	Secure land along the six mile historic flume in El Monte Valley for use as a public trail.	19-Jan-07
Hanson Pond Acquisition	EHC	TBD	Prop 40	\$1,521,000	\$4,050,000	Project submitted	Yes	No	Proposed acquisition of 143.5 acre Hanson Property for habitat restoration and public access to the river	2-Mar-07
CALMAT Acquisition	Lakeside RPC	N/A	Prop 40	\$2,200,000	\$12,000,000	Project completed	N/A	NA	Acquired 100 acres Calmat Property. Nucleus of Lakeside's River Park.	Prior to establishment of SDRC
		N/A	Prop 13	\$2,000,000						
Walker Acquisition Santee	SDRC	TBD	Prop 84	N/A	N/A	NEW PROJECT	Yes	Yes	Appraising 140 acres of land in Santee, comprising 2 miles of riparian corridor.	9-Nov-07
Land Conservation Subtotals:				\$7,223,000	\$16,363,000	227%			Total Acres 535.5	
Recreation and Education	Grantee	Estimated Cost	Fund	Funds Available	Funds Leveraged	Status	Strategic Plan	2007 Work Plan	Project Description	Board Approval Date
Lakeside River Park Trail	Lakeside RPC	\$450,000	Prop 40	\$203,000	\$260,000	Project approved and underway	Yes	No	Construct .75 miles of trail adjacent to the San Diego River in the City of Lakeside	11-Aug-06
San Diego River Gorge Phase 1	SDRC	\$190,644	Prop 40	\$127,204	\$63,440	Project approved and underway	Yes	No	Construct 4.75 miles of multi purpose trail on the east and west sides of the SD River Gorge.	12-Aug-05
San Diego River Gorge Phase 2	SDRC	\$515,504	Prop 40	\$431,062	\$84,442	SDRC is revising grant to reflect its new project lead	Yes	No	This project will construct trail improvements at the west San Diego River Gorge Trailhead.	13-Oct 06 & 09-Nov-07

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Ocean Beach Bike Path	City of San Diego	\$2,550,000	Prop 40	\$2,000,000	\$550,000	Project Started	Yes	No	Extended the Ocean Beach bike path .75 miles from Pacific Highway to Hotel Circle	10-Sep-04
Mast Park to Carlton Oaks San Diego River Trail	Santee	400,000	Prop 40	\$200,000	TBD	NEW PROJECT	Yes		SDRC and the City of Santee will develop an additional 3500 feet of the San Diego River Trail	TBD
Riverford Road Trail Project San Diego River Trail	Lakeside RPC	\$828,000	Prop 50	N/A	N/A	NEW PROJECT	Yes	Yes	SDRC and Lakeside River Park Conservancy are working to develop an additional mile of San Diego River Trail.	9-Nov-07
Mission Valley Greenway San Diego River Trail	City of San Diego	N/A		N/A	N/A	NEW PROJECT	Yes		Working with San Diego River Coalition and the City of San Diego to develop the San Diego River Trail from Fashion Valley to the Stadium.	28-Sep-07
Recreation and Education Subtotals:				\$2,961,266	\$957,882	32%			6.25 miles	
Natural and Cultural Resources Preservation	Grantee	Estimated Cost	Fund	Funds Available	Funds Leveraged	Status	Strategic Plan	2007 Work Plan	Project Description	Board Approval Date
San Diego River Watershed Invasive Non-Native Plant Removal	SDRC	\$5,000,000	Prop 40 & Prop 84	\$1,391,896	TBD	Project in refinement	Yes	Yes	Control and replant over 329 acres of high priority invasive plant species beginning on the main stem of the river and proceeding down stream	2 Mar 07 & 9 Nov 07
Mission Valley Preserve	City of San Diego	\$500,000	Prop 40	\$500,000	TBD	Project Started	Yes	Yes	Eradicate 4.22 acres of non-native vegetation and replace it with native plants within the Mission Valley Preserve.	10-Sep-04
Tributary & Canyon Project	SDRC	TBD	Prop 84	TBD	TBD	NEW PROJECT	Yes		Designing a project(s) to connect a tributary, a canyon, and a community to the San Diego River.	28-Sep-07
Natural and Cultural Resources Subtotal:				\$1,891,896	\$0	0%			Total Acres: 333.22	

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Water Quality/ Natural Flood Conveyance	Grantee	Estimated Cost	Fund	Funds Available	Funds Leveraged	Status	Strategic Plan	2007 Work Plan	Project Description	Board Approval Date
*San Diego River Hydrology Study	SDRC Bureau of Reclamation	\$719,000	Special Deposit Fund	\$200,000		Project in refinement			Provide analysis for implementation of the San Diego River Watershed Management Plan.	12-Aug-05
Water Quality Subtotal:				\$200,000	\$0					
Miscellaneous	Grantee	Estimated Cost	Fund	Funds Available	Funds Leveraged	Status	Strategic Plan	2007 Work Plan	Project Description	Board Approval Date
SDSU & SDRC Interagency Agreement						NEW PROJECT	Yes		Will execute an Interagency Agreement.	2-Mar-07
University of San Diego and SDRC						NEW PROJECT			Developing an Internship Program	28-Sep-07
Grand Total:				\$12,276,162	\$17,320,882	141%				

Note: This report will be updated as projects evolve and funding is secured.

Capital Outlay	Amount
Prop 40	\$10,000,000
Prop 13	\$2,000,000
Prop 84	\$2,935,000
Total Allocation	\$14,935,000

* Project funded by Special Deposit funds, not Capital Outlay

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Trails

	Project	Action	Description	Coalition Point of Contact	Project Lead	Partners	Cost	Status
1	El Monte Road to Cactus County Park	Feasibility Study	Determine feasibility of creating this trail segment. Include relationship to horse trails	LRPC	TBD	County of SD		
2	Lakeside Segment	Construction	Construct trail along River in Lakeside on existing riverfront segment.	LRPC	LRPC	County of SD		
3	Mast Park to West Hills Parkway / MTRP	Feasibility Study	Explore feasibility of constructing this portion of the San Diego River Trail including horse trail and paved trail. Include connection to Fanita Parkway/Santee Lakes and Forester Creek	SDRPF	City of SD	SDRC, City of Santee, SDRPF, SDCBC, MTRPCAC		
4	Mission Valley Greenway Initiative	Construction	1. FSDRIP Road Crossing Demonstration Project: Implement a demonstration project based upon recommendations of feasibility study being conducted 2. 163 Under or Over Crossing - North Side: Conduct feasibility study extension of trail and connections to Friars Road. Include bridge design feasibility and connection to Trolley Station 3. Mission Valley Library to Stadium: Construct trail segment from Fenton Marketplace to Stadium	SDCBC	City of SD	TBD		
5	Sefton Field Crossing	Feasibility Study	Extension of the Trail from Sefton Field to north side of the River, connecting YMCA and Friars Road.	SDCBC	City of SD	SDRPF		
A	Lake Jennings to River Trail	Feasibility Study	Investigate alignment opportunities to establish trail connection between Lake and River Park	LRPC	County of SD			
B1	Normal Heights to River Trail	Feasibility Study	Explore opportunities to create connection from Normal Heights to River Park using the existing Mission City Parkway	Friends of Normal Heights Canyo		TBD		
B2	Ruffin Canyon to River Trail	Feasibility Study	Explore opporrtnuity for connection of trail from Ruffin Canyon to River Trail	Friends of Ruffin Canyon				

Park Assemblage & Acquisition

	Project	Action	Description	Coalition Point of Contact	Project Lead	Partners	Cost	Status
1	River Park - General	Acquisition/Access	Whenever opportunity exists to work with a willing seller, acquisition should be strongly considered- acquisition in fee title or by easement. Agreements may also be reached with owner to achieve goals of River Park.	Project Committee				
2	Watershed - General	Acquisition	Whenever opportunity exists to work with a willing seller, acquisition should be strongly considered- acquisition in fee title or by easement. Agreements may also be reached with owner to achieve goals of watershed protection	Project Committee				
3	Hanson Aggregates Pond	Acquisition	Complete acquisition of 100+ acre pond to become element of River Park	SDRPF, LRPC	SDRPF, LRPC, EHC	EHL, LRPC, Hanson, SDRC		
	NOTE: Park Assemblage is the putting together of the pieces of the park. This can be accomplished in a variety of ways including acquisition, by agreement, through easement, and other actions.							

Habitat and Wildlife

#	Project	Action	Description	Coalition Point of Contact	Project Lead	Partners	Cost	Status
1	Riparian Restoration - Lakeside	Construction	Remove non-native vegetation and restore habitat in Lakeside stretch of River Park	LRPC				
2	Riparian Restoration - Mast Park - West Hills Parkway	Construction	Remove non-native invasive vegetation between Mast Park mitigation project and West Hills Parkway	SDRPF	City of SD			
3	Riparian Restoration - SD Mission Rd to Ward Rd	Construction	Work with Department of Fish and Game to remove non-native invasive vegetation on the property east of Ward Road	SDRPF	DFG			
A	Habitat Restoration Strategic Plan	Planning	Create a comprehensive plan for the eradication of non-native invasive vegetation and providing and improving habitat within river park natural areas. Explore permitting and financing options	Project Committee	TBD			
B	Pursue a mechanism to implement invasive, non-native vegetation controls along river	Planning	A watershed approach may be required. Consider Weed Management Areas (either creating a new one or incorporating into existing San Diego WMA) or other mechanisms. Review existing models in the County and elsewhere for case studies. Include public education components	Project Committee	TBD			
C	Wildlife Corridor and Connection Study	Study	Explore issues related to the current status of wildlife corridors along the river and to nearby/adjacent open space areas. Identify current barriers and habitat needs as well as opportunities for enhancements on a species specific basis. Also explore the influence of urban runoff and its effect on habitat conditions. Develop recommendations for future projects.					

River Structure & Water Quality

#	Project	Action	Description	Coalition Point of Contact	Project Lead	Partners	Cost	Status
1	Hydrology and Hydraulics Study	Study	Conduct a study and establish a model for the hydrology and hydraulics of the river including an analysis of river crossing options and impacts.	Coalition	SDRC			
2	San Diego River Tributary Natural Channels Study	Study	Conduct a study to determine locations and feasibility of returning tributaries and side drainages in Mission Valley to natural channels; i.e., "daylighting" the channels	SDRPF				
2	Tributary Pre-Treatment Study	Study	Investigate opportunities to treat runoff from canyons prior to entering San Diego River. Include a range of options including treatment ponds and other LID projects	SDRPF				
4	Expand Citizen Monitoring Programs	Program	Support the expansion of existing programs	SDRPF	SDRPF	SDRPF; SDST; FoFS; LRPC		
5	Estuary Sediment Transport Model and Management Practices Study	Study	Conduct a study of sediment movement in the estuary and investigate viability of river mouth opening. Develop any management recommendations required.	SDRPF	SDRPF			
A	El Monte Valley Restoration	Design and Construction	Support efforts to restore El Monte Valley and provide river park and trail elements					
B	Siltation Removal at Kumeyaay Lakes	Construction	Remove accumulated siltation at Kumeyaay Lakes	MTRP	City of SD	MTRPCAC		
C	Berm Restoration MTRP	Construction	Restore berm					
D	San Diego Mission Road	Feasibility Study	Investigate feasibility of raising road crossing to create all-weather crossing. Consider opportunity for seasonal trail under bridge	SDRPF				
E	Murray Creek Treatment Wetlands	Feasibility Study	Conduct study to create treatment wetlands in Murray Creek along 163 between Friars and Hazard Center Road	SDRPF				
F	Estuary Cobble Removal	Construction	Remove cobble in Estuary west of I-5	SDAS				
G	Famosa Slough Pond #1 Refurbish	Construction	Refurbish Pond #1 treatment wetlands At Famosa Slough	FoFS	FoFS	TBD		

Visitor Facilities & Services

#	Project	Action	Description	Coalition Point of Contact	Project Lead	Partners	Cost	Status
1	Lakeside River Park Site Plan - Hanson Site	Planning	Develop planning and programmatic documentation for the creation of an active park on the Hanson site in Lakeside.	LRPC	LRPC	TBD		
2	Lakeside Nature and Cultural Center	Planning	Develop planning and programmatic documentation for the creation of a Nature and Cultural Center on the Hanson site in Lakeside	LRPC	LRPC	TBD		
3	Tierrasanta Blvd View Overlook	Preliminary Design	Explore View Overlook opportunities at or near end of Tierrasanta Blvd to create a waystation and potential future trail connection	TCC	City of SD	TBD		
4	Historic Mission Flume Protection and Interpretation	Study	Explore protection of old flume from western boundary of Mission Trails Regional Park (outside of park) to Admiral Baker Recreation Area. Investigate needs for additional interpretation, with a primary goal of protecting the flume	CHCC	SDRC	SDRPF, Landowner		
5	River Garden	Construction	Create a public native plant garden on City-owned land at Camino del Rio N and Mission City Parkway	SDRPF	SDRPF	City of SD		
6	Discovery Center	Planning	Mission Valley Signature Project	SDRPF	SDRPF			
7	Sefton River Park / Gateway	Construction	Pursue conversion of ballfields to dedicated park with improvements to entry, comfort station and park-serving amenities	SDRPF	City of SD	FoMVP, SDRPF		
8	Old Caltrans Building	Planning & Acquisition	Pursue acquisition for incorporation into State Park and redevelopment of site to build connections with river and history of the area	SDRPF	State Parks			
9	Estuary Signage Program	Construction	Install entry kiosks, trail markers, interpretive and regulatory signs, & benches from Dog Beach to I-5 on both sides of River, including Famosa Slough	SDRPF	SDRPF	City of SD; MBPC, FoFS, SDAS, FoDB, FoSDRM, OBTC		
10	Estuary Interpretive Center	Conceptual Study	Investigate the feasibility of creating an interpretive facility for the River and Mission Bay on the north side of the river	MBPC	City of SD	SDRPF, SDAS,		
A	Trolley Education Project	Construction	Work with MTS to develop a information campaign at the SD Trolley stations along the River	SDRPF	SDRPF	MTS		
B	Trail Entrance (Gateway) Project	Construction	At an entry to the River Park, create an artistic entry gate.	SDRPF	SDRPF	City of SD		
C	Camping Needs Assessment	Study	Conduct a study to explore the opportunities to have an integrated camping experience along the River and determine the feasibility and needs of the facilities as well as user serving amenities/businesses					