California Essential Habitat Connectivity Study

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Regional Blueprint Planning Program – Key Components

A State initiative to promote:

- Linkage of land use, transportation, housing, prosperous economy, quality environment, and social equity
- Consensus on preferred growth scenario – "Blueprint"
- Quality of life outcomes:
  - Sufficient housing supply
  - More efficient transportation system
  - Enhanced environmental protection

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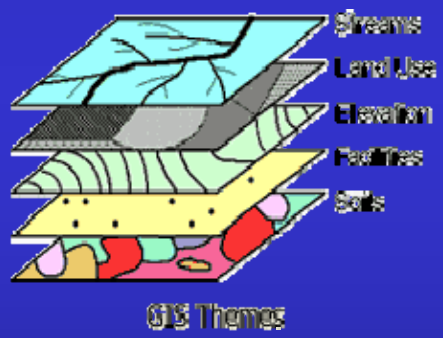
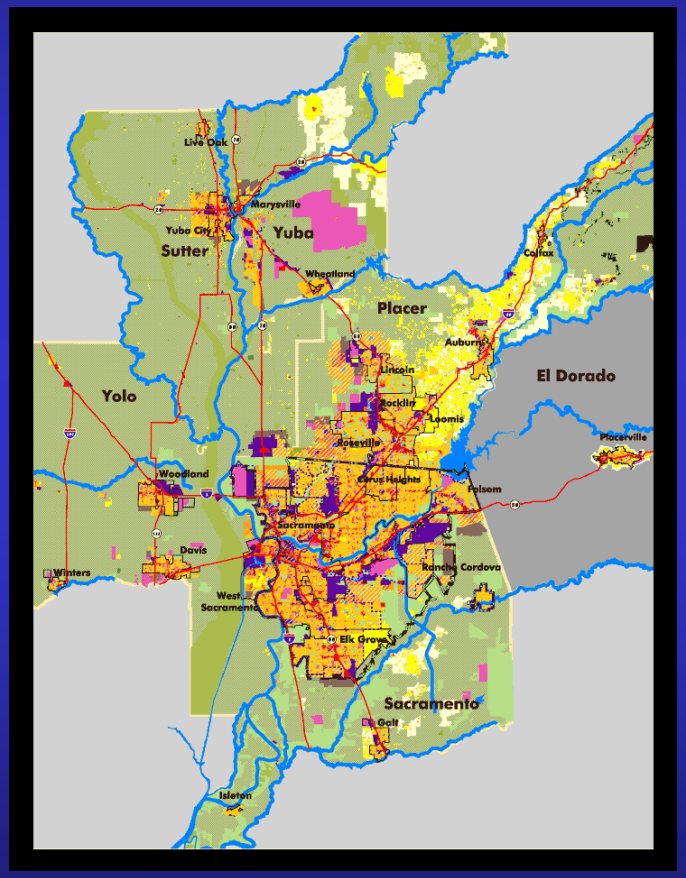
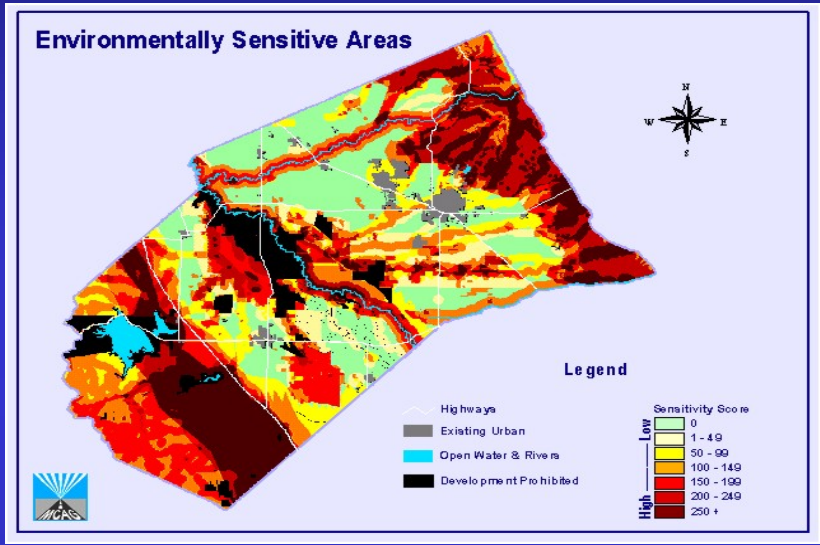
Scenario Planning





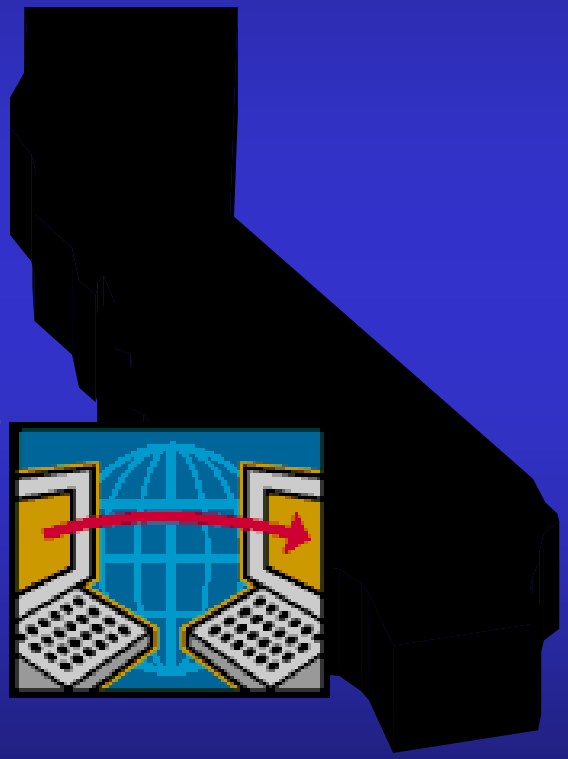
Source: Sacramento Area Council of Governments.

Benefits: Environmental Resources



Source: Merced County Association of Governments.

- Impacts avoided / minimized regionally
- Resource agencies on board
- Mitigation head-start
- Consistent with planned growth

Future opportunities

- Statewide data sets for land use, housing, transportation and environment
- Integrated Statewide Land Use Transportation Model
- More compact growth patterns that alleviate pressure on natural resources