

Tri-Agency Partnership

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Purpose of Partnership

- Integrate statewide goals of enhanced mobility and environmental protection
- Engage in concerted, cooperative, and collaborative program relationship
- Deliver projects more efficiently

Objectives

- Ensure timely planning, review, and implementation of intermodal transportation projects
- Protect, enhance, or restore State's environment

Challenges

- Change established ways of doing business
- Coordinate different agency missions and cultures
- Engage Federal agencies in partnerships
- Identify funding and staffing needs

Progress To Date

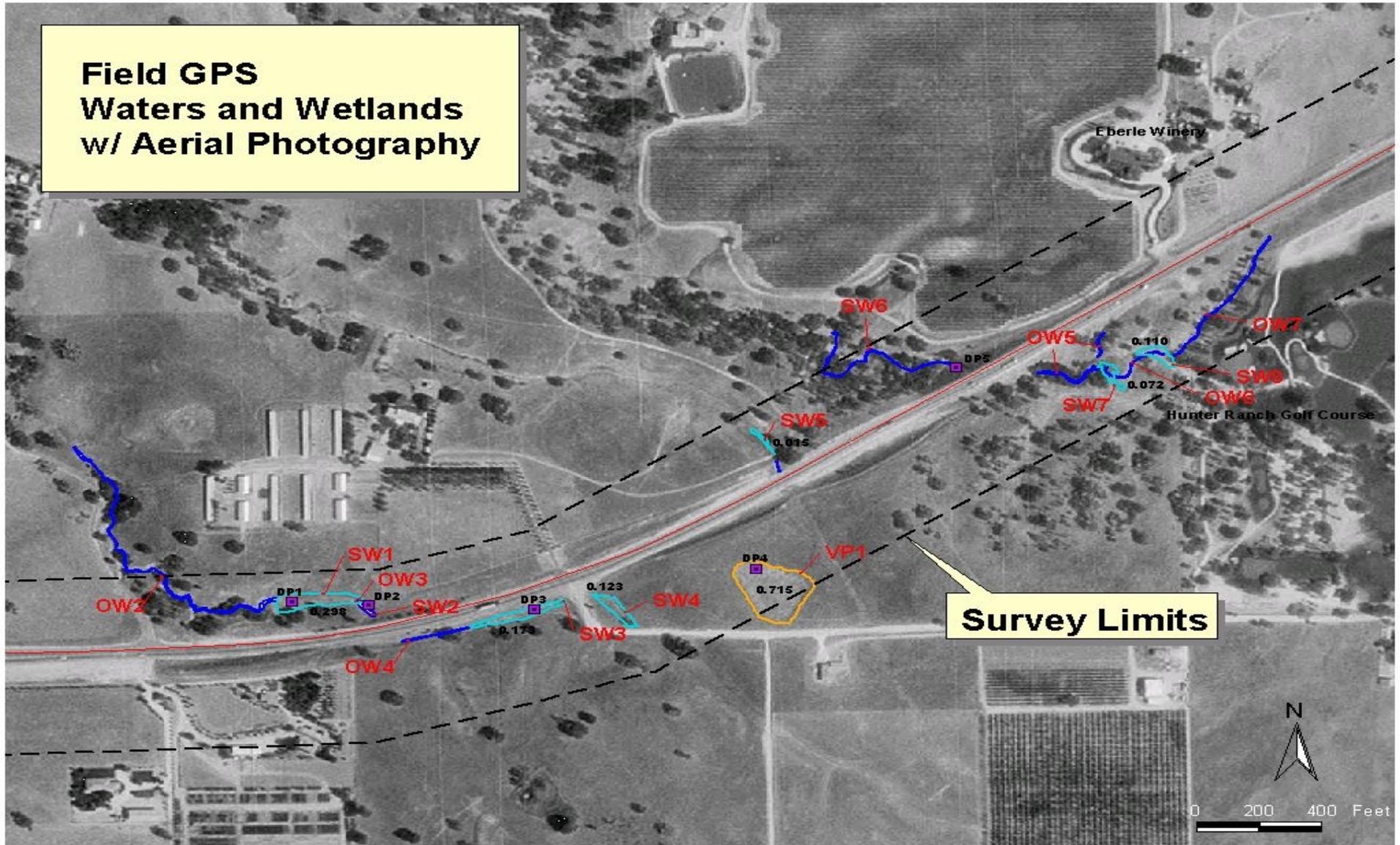
Engage all levels of our agencies in the implementation of this agreement

Identified pilot program, at the project level, for partnering among Caltrans districts/regions, resource and environmental agencies

Proposed East Span of the San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge



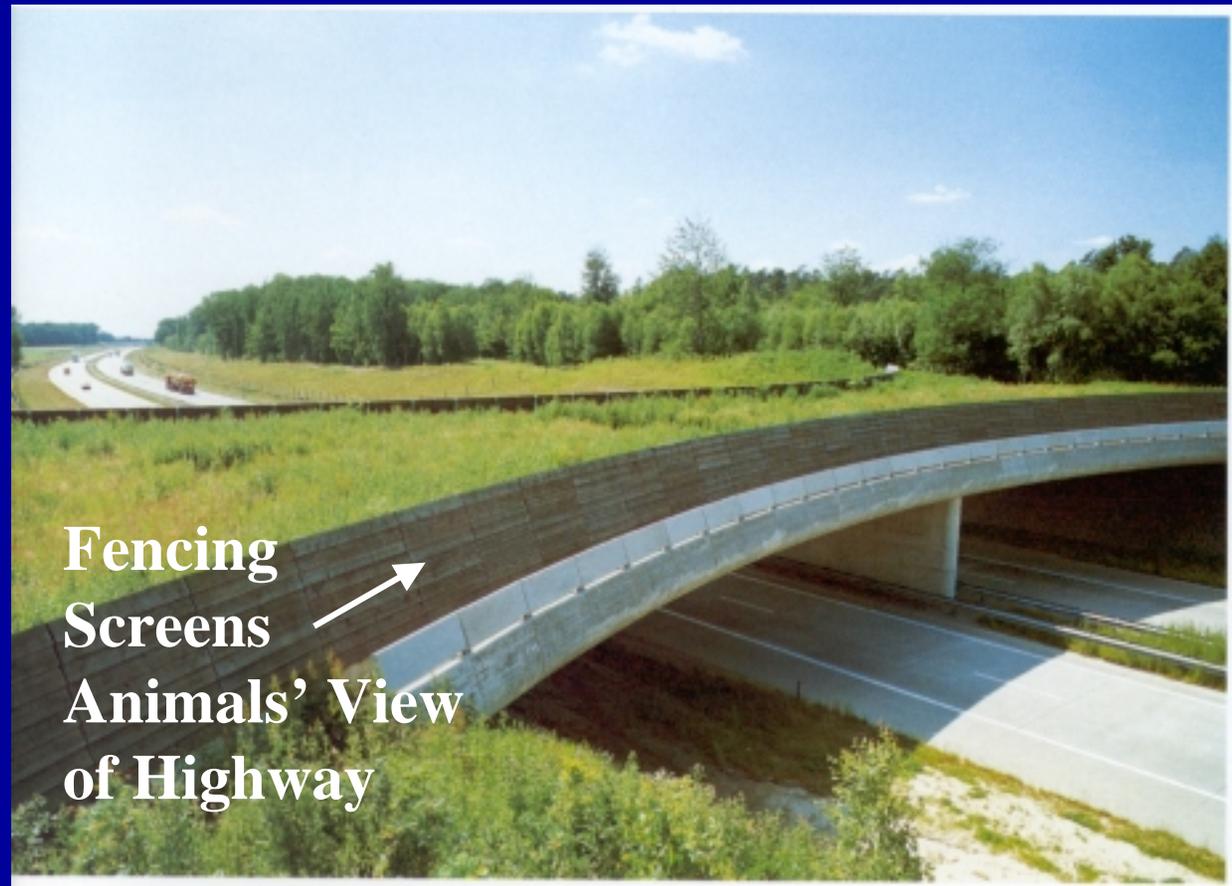
Coordination of Transportation and Environmental Issues Using Communication and Mapping Tools



Vegetated Wildlife Overcrossings

**Maintains
Wildlife
Corridor**

**Allows
Pronghorn
Antelope &
other large
mammals
to cross
highway**



Shredded Tires as Light-Weight Aggregate



Dixon Landing
Road in Alameda
County

Joint training between Caltrans and DF&G staff



**Fish
passage
training**

Caltrans/Regional Water Quality Control
Boards Executive level forums

Caltrans/Dept of Fish & Game Regional
Office meetings with federal agencies

Staff rotation opportunities between
Caltrans, Dept of Fish & Game, Regional
Water Quality Control Boards, SHPO

Participate in early interagency coordination and consultation

Regional Strategic Transportation
Planning

Early Coordination in Projects

Identify State's Sensitive Habitats

Collaborative Planning

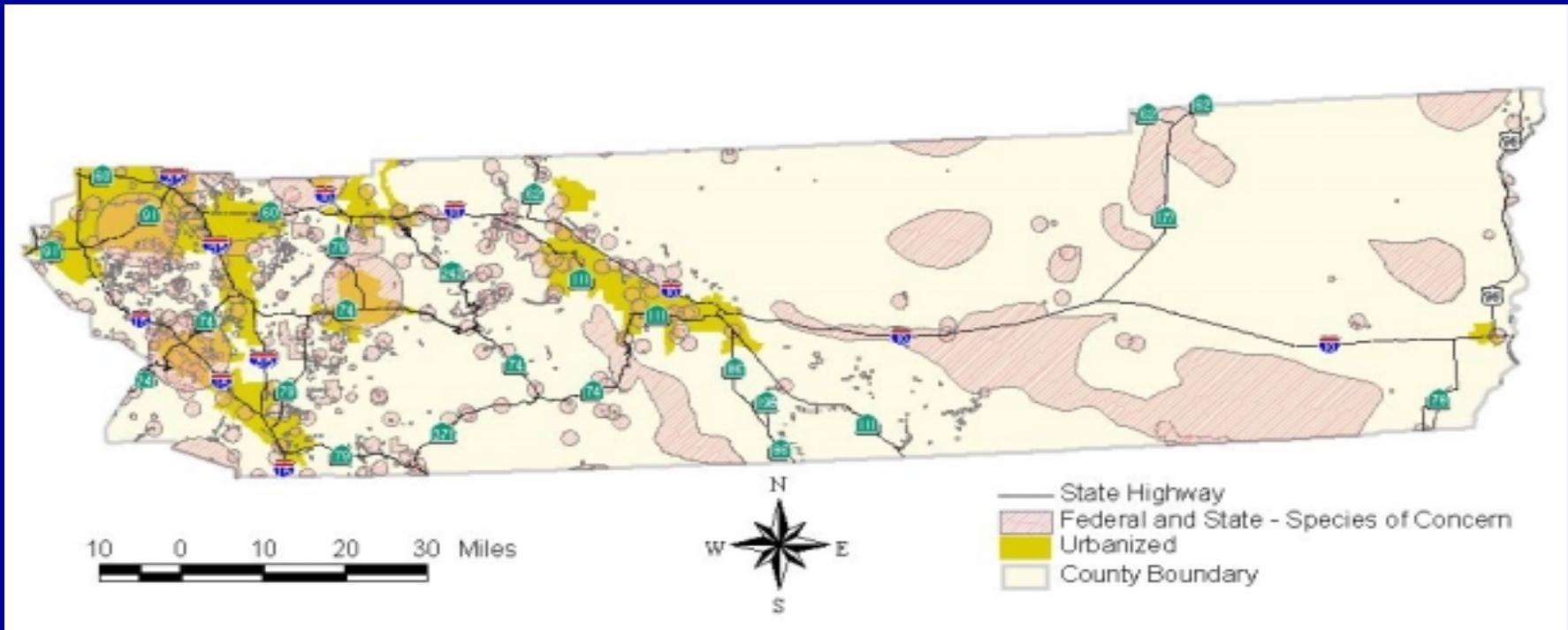
Past Planning Practices

- React to Development
- Project by Project
- Single Purpose

Future

- Community Needs for Infrastructure and Resource Protection and Enhancement are met by Timely Local, State and Federal Decisions

Riverside County Integrated Process



- General Plan
- Transportation Plan
- Multi-species Habitat Conservation Plan



Merced Pilot Partnership for Integrate
Planning Includes UC Campus Planning

Similar efforts taking place in 16 Counties:

Alameda

Sacramento

Butte

San Benito

Contra Costa

San Bernardino

Merced

San Diego

Nevada

Santa Clara

Orange

Solano

Placer

Yolo

Riverside

Yuba



Assessing and Comparing Geographic Units for:

- ❖ 624 Units
- ❖ Average Size:
161,000 acres

- Natural Resources
 - Terrestrial and Aquatic
 - Agriculture, Grazing, Forestry
 - Watershed Health
 - Recreation
- Risks
- Opportunities
 - Land Ownership and Use
 - Current conservation planning efforts

Continue cooperative development of GIS data layers

Coordination with California Legacy
Project

Coordinating data transfer between Fish and
Game and Caltrans

Initiate coordination & partnerships with federal resource agencies

Meetings are underway among Caltrans,
FHWA, US Fish & Wildlife Service, &
National Marine Fisheries Service

Department of Fish and Game, State and
Regional Water Quality Control Boards

Begin to identify pre-project mitigation opportunities

Regional Habitat Conservation Plan

Programmatic Mitigation

Project-Specific Mitigation

The Future

Federal Transportation Reauthorization and
Other Opportunities to Improve Federal
Process

Continued Integration of Regional Planning
Processes

Programming of Dual-Purpose Projects and
Enhancements

Implementation of Programmatic
Mitigation

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“Integrating Transportation and Environmental Protection”