

**PARTNERSHIPS
GREAT AND SMALL**

**COLLABORATE AND
EXPAND YOUR
AGENCY'S IMPACT**

May 28, 2026

at

CARPD Conference -
Monterey



Conejo

Recreation & Park District

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and Park
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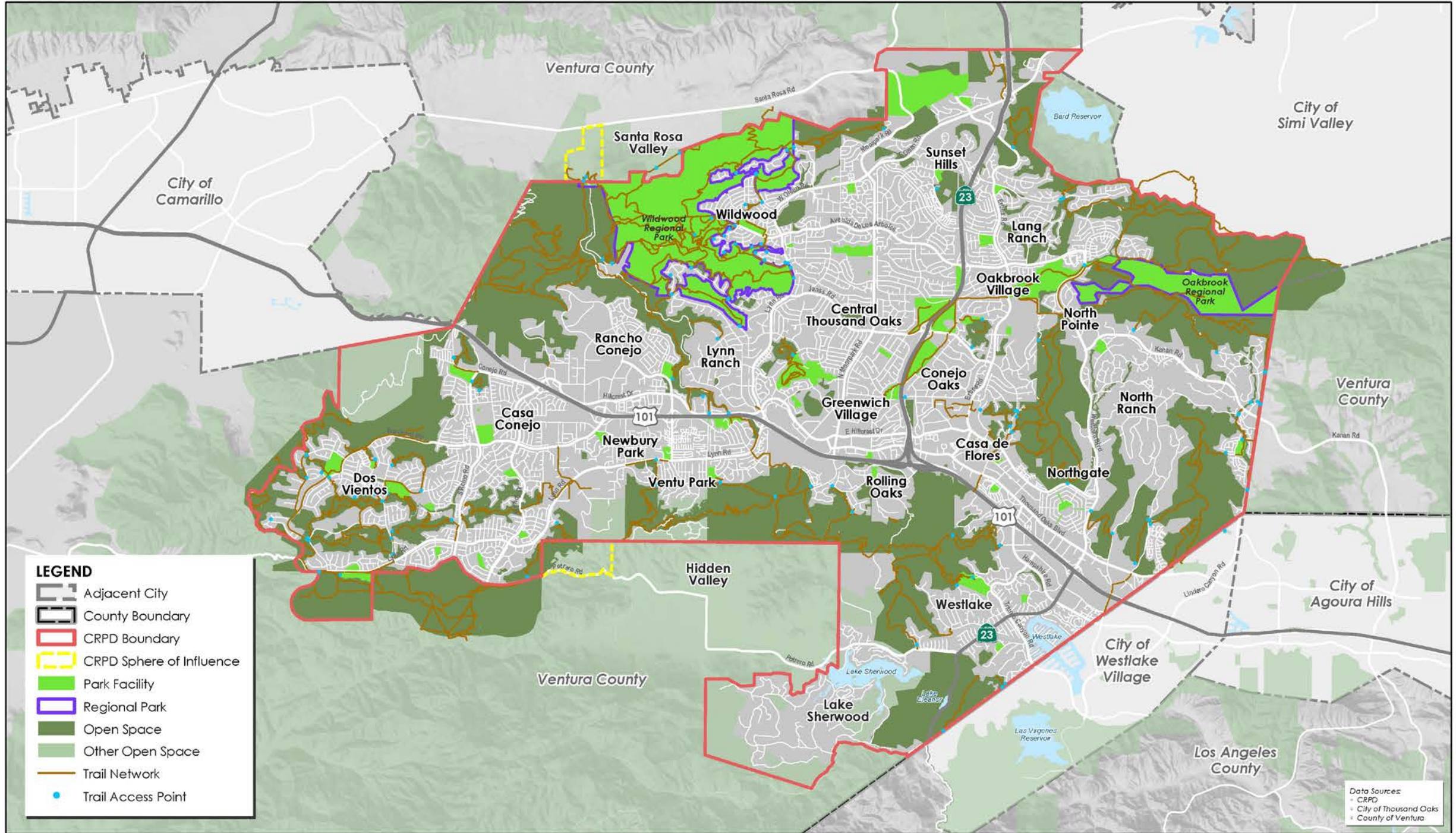


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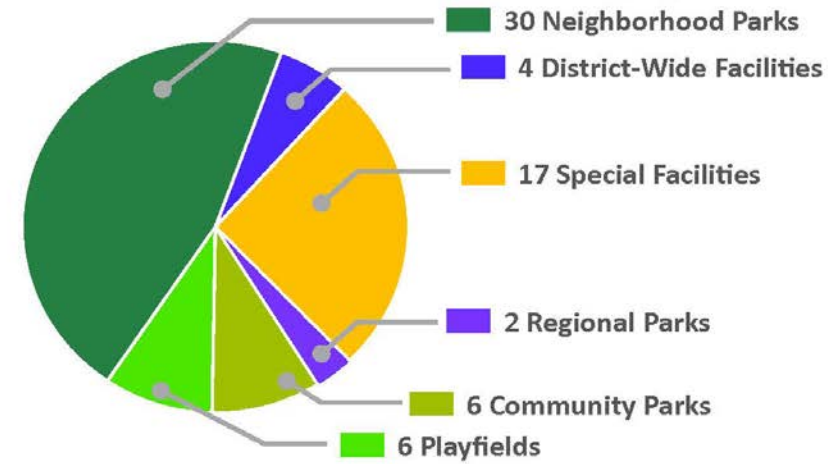
LEGEND

- Adjacent City
- County Boundary
- CRPD Boundary
- CRPD Sphere of Influence
- Park Facility
- Regional Park
- Open Space
- Other Open Space
- Trail Network
- Trail Access Point

Data Sources:
 - CRPD
 - City of Thousand Oaks
 - County of Ventura

Conejo Recreation & Park District

Park & Recreation Facility Snapshot



Snapshot of CRPD Facilities by Type



8 Recreation Centers



65 Sports Fields



88 Sports Courts



3 Community Pools



3 Equestrian Facilities



170 Miles of Open Space Trails



4 1 Dog Park / 3 Off-Leash Areas



11 Miles of Fitness Trails



3 Museum / Visitors Center

Operating Budget:

General Fund:

\$21,000,000 in property tax (approximately 6% of the 1% property tax dollar).

\$ 7,000,000 in recreation programs, reservations, rentals

\$ 4,000,000 other (MRCA, City/COSCA, interest)

Benefit Assessments

\$ 3,000,000

\$35,000,000 (Plus highly variable capital funding (Quimby Fees / Grants))

Taxpayer's Annual Investment

Property Owners pay CRPD **6% of the 1% ad valorem property tax.**

(Property owner with \$1,000,000 assessed valuation pays \$600/year to CRPD)

PLUS - \$45 per developed parcel/year (Districtwide Assessment)

PLUS - \$350/year (Dos Vientos) or \$120/year (Rancho Conejo) for their LMDs

PLUS - User fees for certain programs, rentals, reservations, cell tower leases

CRPD – Joint Powers Authorities (JPAs)



Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority





Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency COSCA Since 1977

- Joint Powers Authority
 - b/n City of Thousand Oaks & ConejoRPD
- Mission is open space acquisition and conservation
- 5-Member Board of Directors
- Largest landowner in T.O. (12,700 acres)
- 13 full-time staff
 - 2 City Employees
 - 11 CRPD Employees











NOTABLE QUOTE

*"The JPA between CRPD and the City of T.O., which created the Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency in 1977, allows us to permanently conserve the natural open space around the Conejo Valley. Currently, COSCA manages 15,334 acres of protected open space that includes over 150 miles of multi-use trails. **This partnership is an integral part of the community we live in, enabling us preserve natural habitats and provide opportunities for public recreation and education for residents and visitors alike.**"*

Dorothy Sullivan, Vice-Chair

COSCA Board of Directors

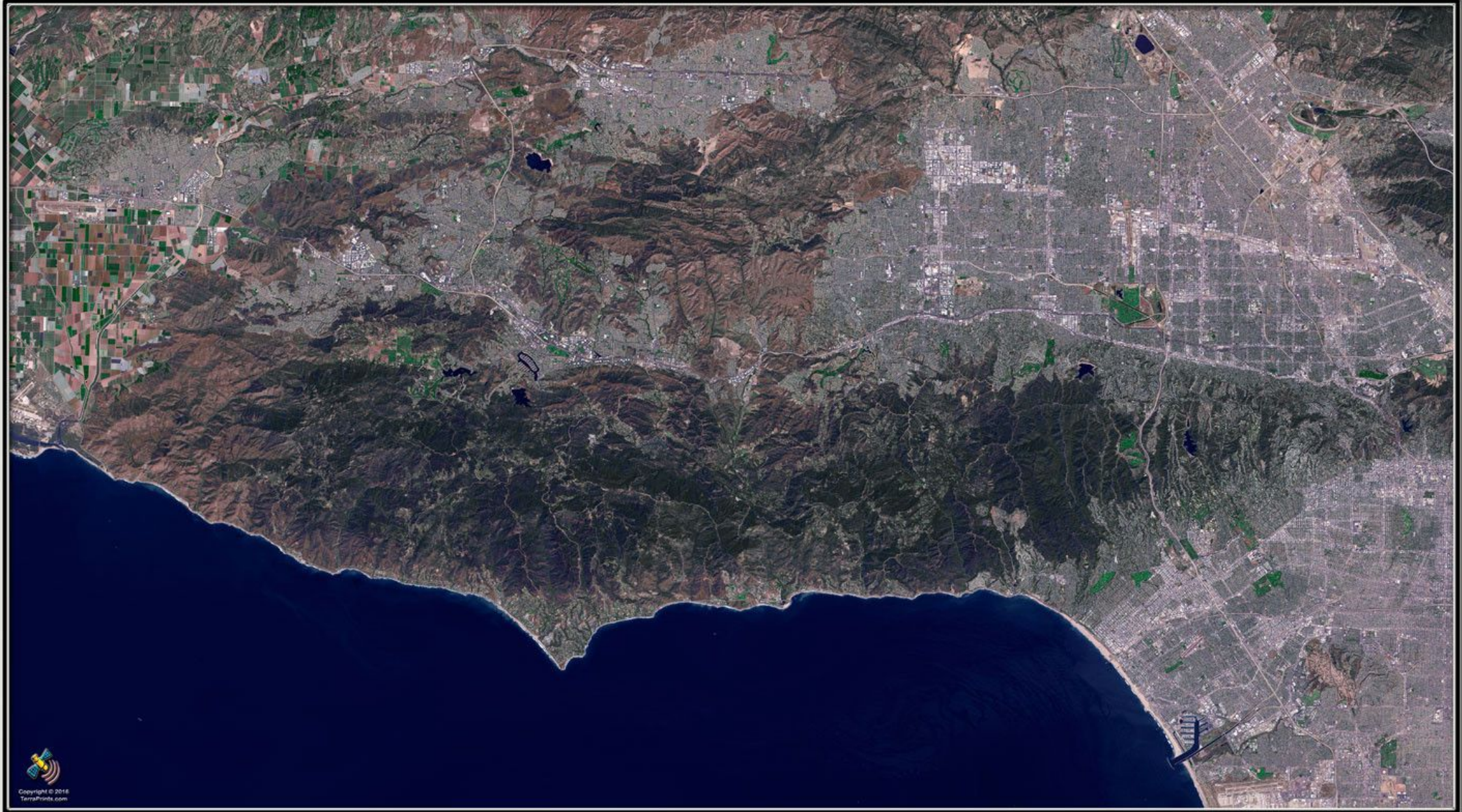


Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority

MRCA
Established 1985



- Joint Powers Authority
 - b/n Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Conejo RPD and Rancho Simi RPD
- Mission is open space acquisition and conservation, park development, trail connectivity, beaches, & LA River.
- 4-Member Board of Directors
- 85,000+ acres of public parkland



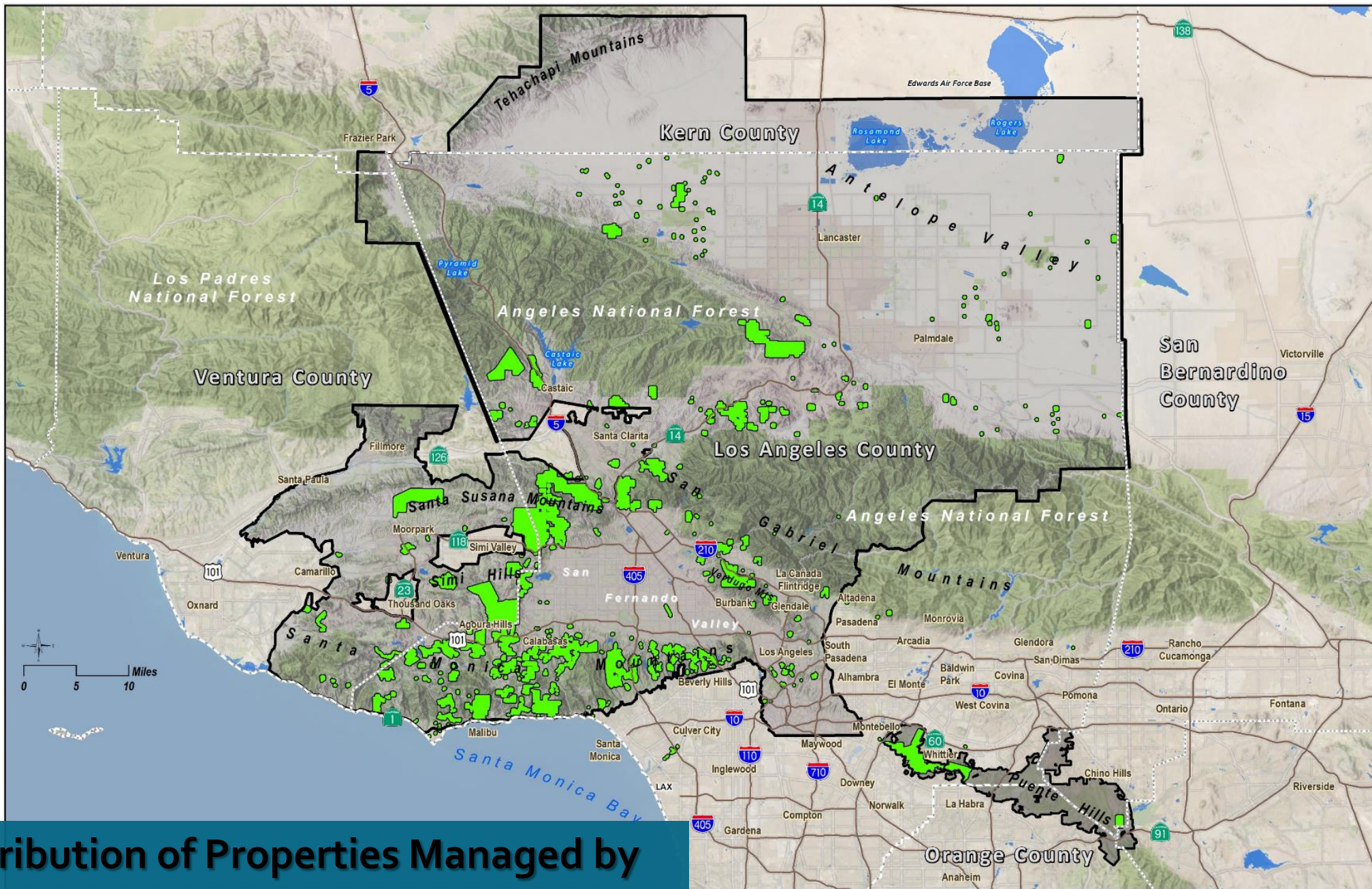
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SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS

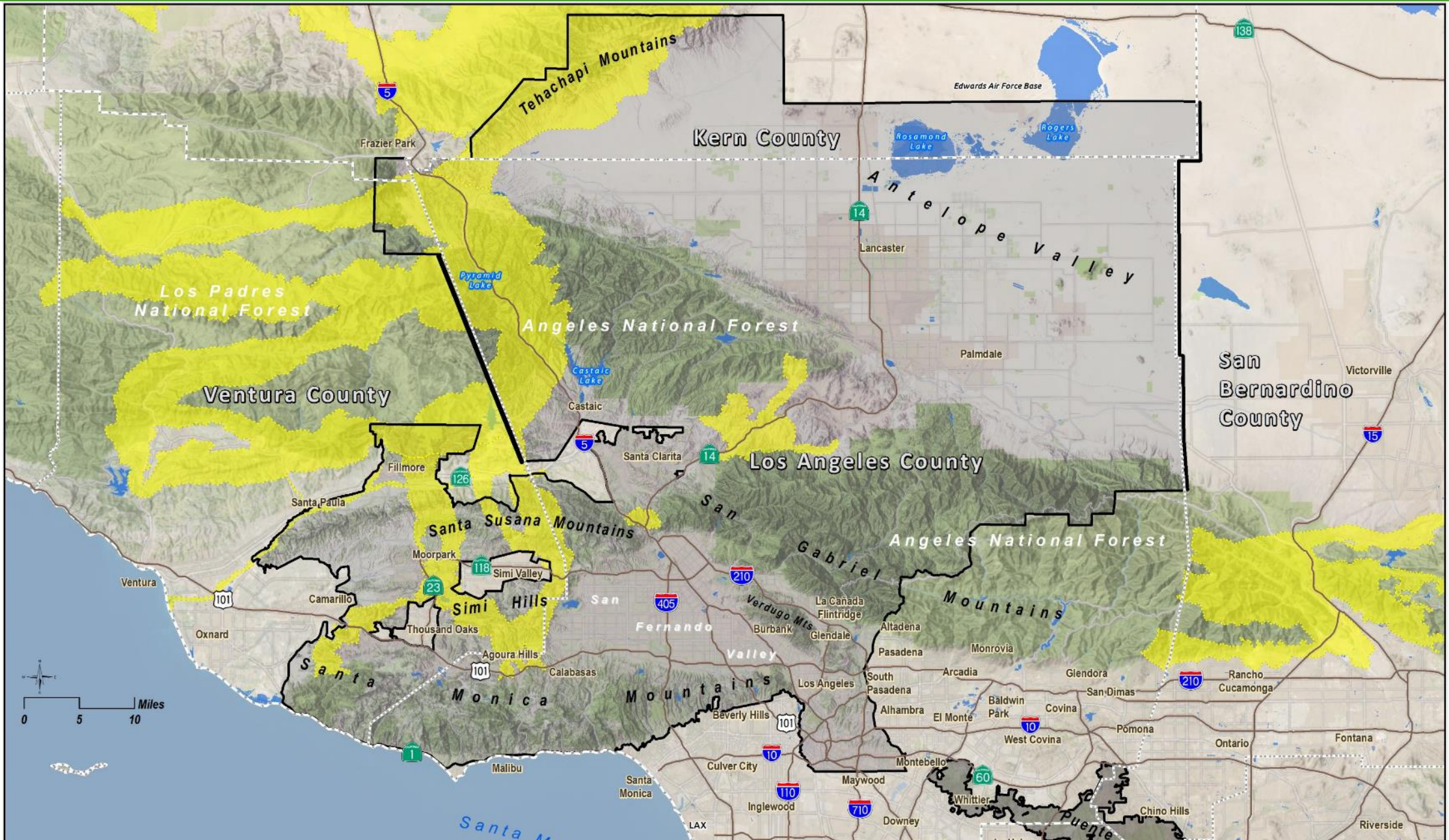


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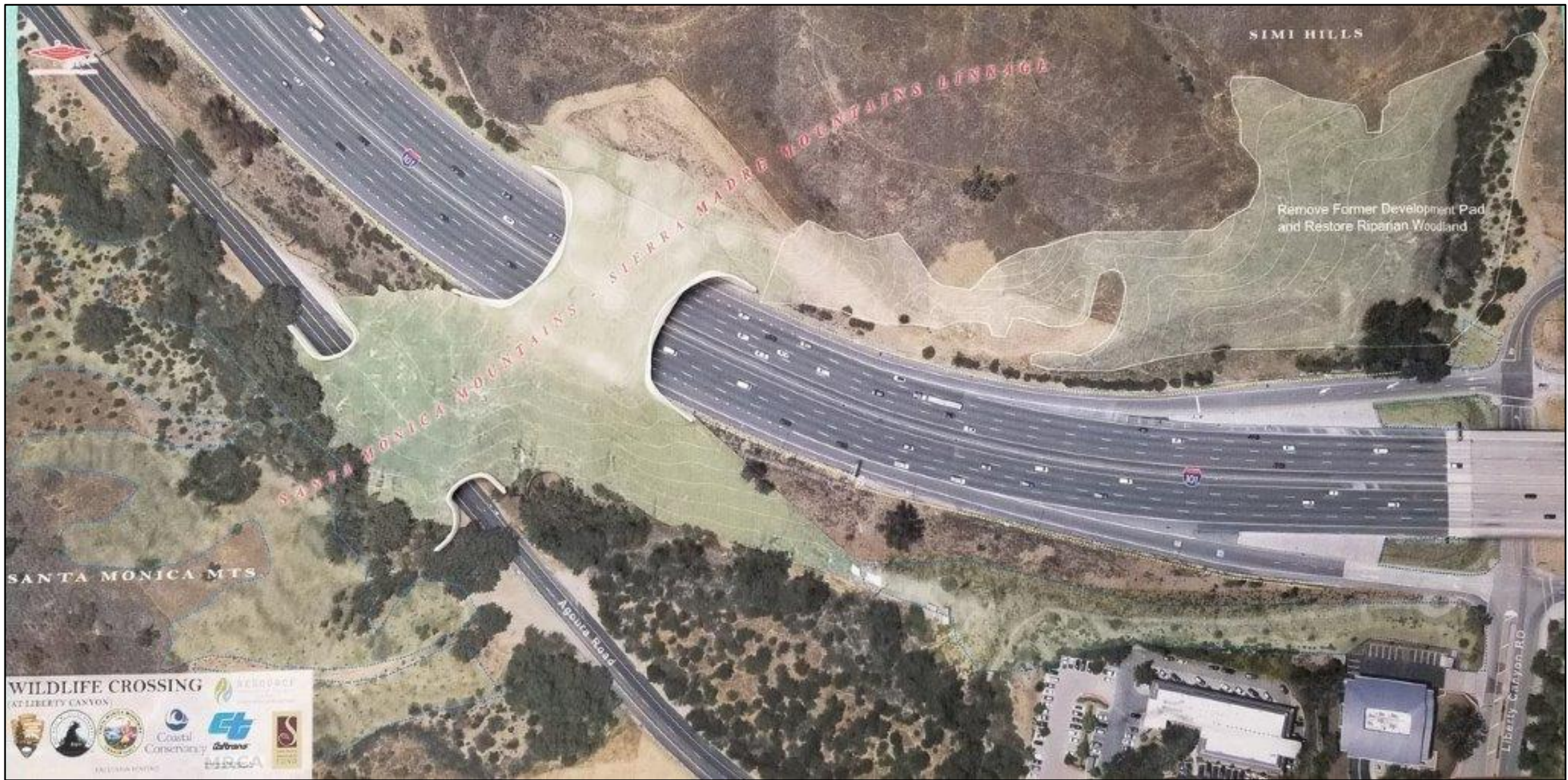




Distribution of Properties Managed by MRCA January 2021



South Coast Wildlands Missing Linkages



SIMI HILLS

SIERRA MADRE MOUNTAINS LINKAGE

SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS LINKAGE

SANTA MONICA MTS

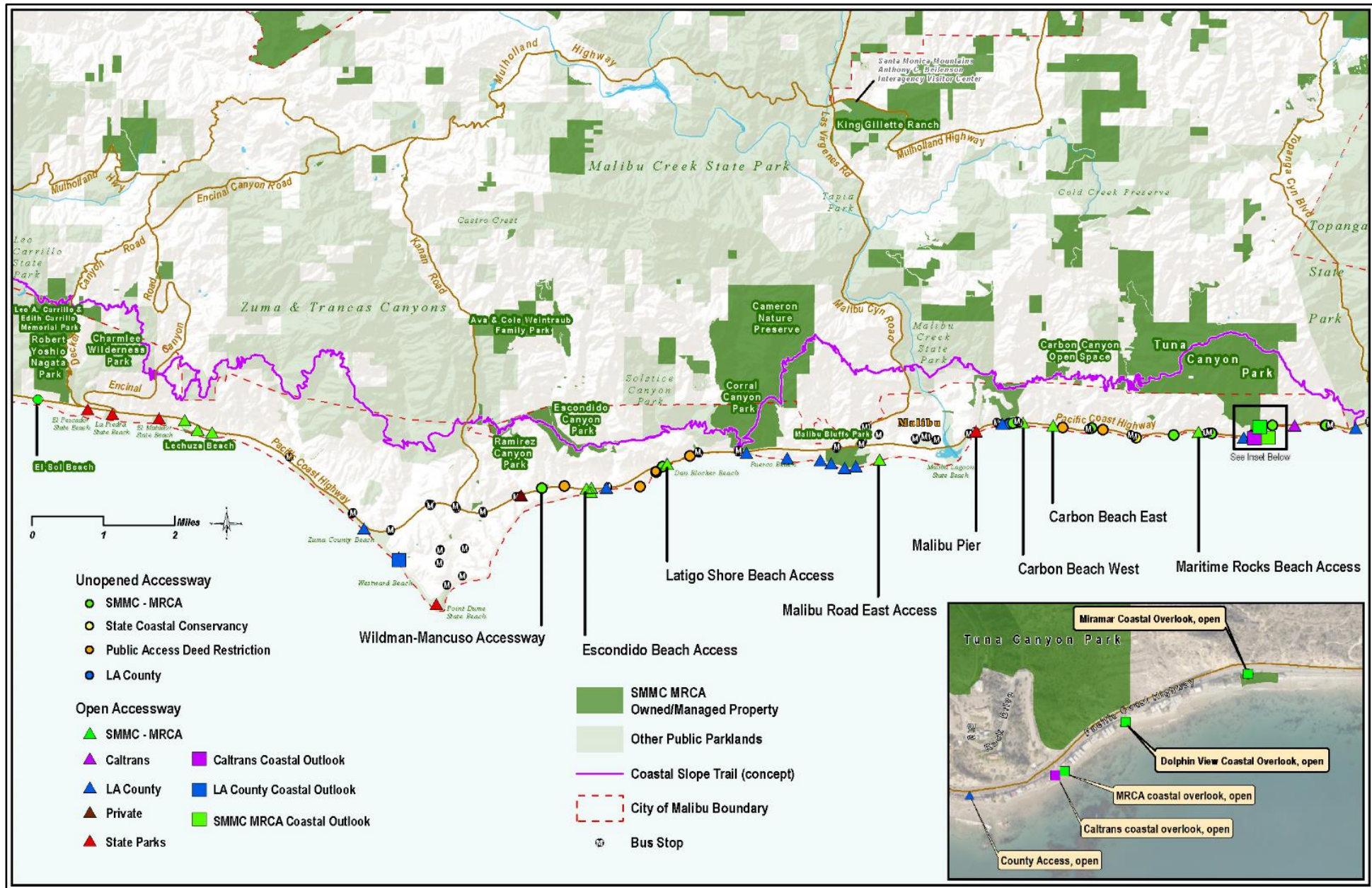
Remove Former Development Pad
and Restore Riparian Woodland

Agoura Road

Liberty Canyon Rd

WILDLIFE CROSSING
AT LIBERTY CANYON

Caltrans
Coastal Conservancy
MRCA



Coastal Slope Trail Alignment and Beach Accessways in Permit Process by MRCA and SMMC

Notable Quote

*"CRPD had partnered with the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for decades to advance open space conservation, most notably with the agencies joining in 1984 to create the joint powers Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA), which has since become a leading conservation and land management force in Southern California. **CRPD's continuing partnership with both SMMC and MRCA is essential to services provided for ecosystem preservation, land management, and recreational public access."***

Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer

Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy / MRCA





Don't forget . . .

CAPRI is also a JPA and most of you are a part of it!

CAPRI's Mission

The mission of CAPRI is to provide insurance coverages, risk management, safety and loss prevention services through a financially sound risk-sharing pool to districts that are members of the California Association of Recreation and Park Districts.

(Jim's translation: clean-up our mess)





CRPD's Community Partners (partial list)

Government & Institutions

Community-Based Non-Profits

Sports Organizations

"Friends Of . . ." Groups

Service Clubs

Sweat Equity – Volunteers

Basically, anyone

Government & Institutions

City of Thousand Oaks - CRPD

Land Lease and Building Operating Agreements

Alex Fiore Thousand Oaks Teen Center (14,000 sf)

Goebel Adult Community Center (24,000 sf)

Hillcrest Center for the Arts (34,500 sf)

(Plus COSCA JPA)

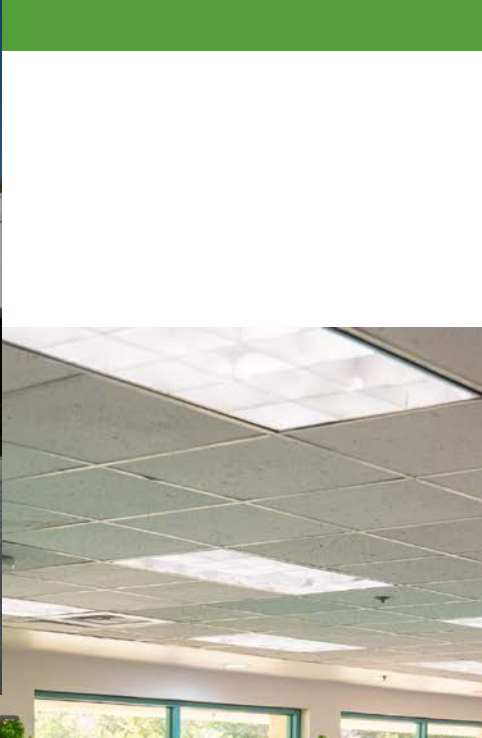


Notable Quote

"Great communities aren't built by a single institution, they're forged by partnerships. The decades-long collaboration between the City of Thousand Oaks and the Conejo Recreation and Park District demonstrates how local agencies, working in trust and alignment, can deliver parks, open space, and community assets that shape quality of life for generations."

Andrew Powers

City Manager, City of Thousand Oaks



Government & Institutions

Conejo Valley Unified School District - CRPD

Joint Use of Facilities (since at least 1988) – Master Agreement

Classrooms, High School Pools in Summer, Theatres, Sports Fields

Property Leases (4 park sites on CVUSD property)

Middle School Gymnasium (City Grant)

Youth Outreach Program - 50/50 (4 PT staff)



Notable Quote

"In the Conejo Valley Unified School District, we believe learning doesn't end when the school bell rings. Our partnership with the Conejo Recreation & Parks District creates meaningful opportunities for students to explore, grow and connect. Through their engaging, hands-on programs and recreational offerings, students build confidence, develop new skills, and form friendships that enrich their lives and school experience every single day."

Mark McLaughlin

Superintendent, Conejo Valley Unified School District

Government & Institutions

State of CA

Tri-Counties Regional Centers – (Lanterman Act – Intellectual Developmental Disabilities)

CalTrans PROW - Porter Bill Leases – trails, parking lots

County of Ventura

Ventura Area Agency on Aging – Senior Nutrition Grant

Trailhead parking/restrooms

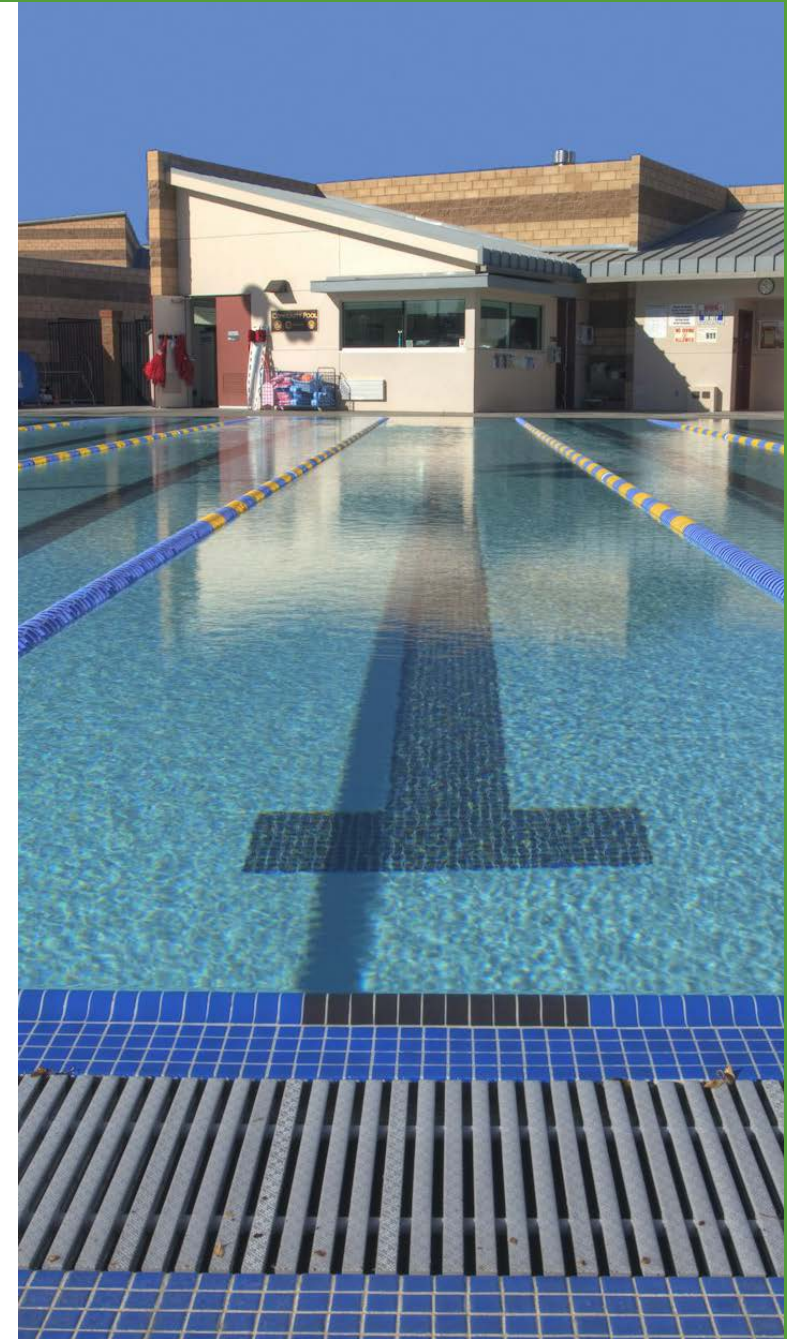
Government & Institutions

California Lutheran University

Community Pool at CLU

Southern California Edison

Utility ROW – trails, parks, parking lots





Community Based Non-Profits Operating CRPD Facilities

Conejo Valley Historic Society - Stagecoach Inn

Conejo Valley Botanic Garden

Oakbrook Chumash Museum

RideOn Therapeutic Horsemanship

Rancho Potrero Community Equestrian Center

Walnut Grove Equestrian Center

McCrea Ranch Foundation – McCrea Ranch

Equestrian Trails Inc. – Corral 37



Community Based Non-Profits Operating CRPD Facilities

Las Flores Community Garden

Conejo Disc Golf Club

Thousand Oaks Soaring Society

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists
Association (CORBA)

Notable Quote

"Strong partnerships between governmental agencies and community organizations are essential to preserving local heritage and enriching public life. . . . Without the support, resources, and stewardship of CRPD, these museums could not exist as vibrant community assets. Together, they preserve the rich history of the Conejo Valley through engaging exhibits, family-friendly events, school field trips, and educational historical presentations. Each year, thousands of visitors experience these cultural treasures, made possible not only by CRPD but also by the dedication of community volunteers who give their time and passion to keep local history alive for future generations."

Nellie Cusworth

Vice President, Conejo Valley Historical Society



Notable Quote

"Without the support of Conejo Recreation and Park District, the Conejo Valley Botanic Garden simply would not exist. Over the last 50 plus years, CRPD has leased us the 33 acres of land for the garden as well as ongoing grant support, water, utilities, trail maintenance, and have been available to help whenever issues arise which enables our volunteer organization to fulfill their mission of native habitat conservation and environmental education."

Monica Barton

President, Conejo Valley Botanic Garden



Notable Quote

"The partnership that the Chumash Indian Museum and the Conejo Recreation and Parks District has built over the last 30+ years has been mutually beneficial, allowing both organizations to better assist the communities and school districts they serve. The Chumash Indian Museum is grateful to have a supportive and responsive partner in the Conejo Recreation and Parks District with which to collaborate in achieving the Museum's mission to preserve and honor the traditions, histories, and contributions of the Chumash people."

Sophia Wong

Director, Chumash Indian Museum



Notable Quote

"Our nonprofit has a 25-year partnership with the Park District. The secret is that we both define success in terms of delivering programming to the community. We manage revenue but judge success by programs. Nonprofits can operate in ways Agencies can't, and Agencies have resources that nonprofits don't. Seek out partners who have a track record of delivering epic programming and leverage that difference."

Bryan McQueeney, Co-CEO,
RideOn





Notable Quote

*"The McCrea Ranch Foundation has had the honor of being in a very productive and meaningful partnership with Conejo Recreation and Park District (CRPD) for over 15 years. **The support of CRPD in achieving our goal of restoring and sharing the historic Joel McCrea Ranch - listed on the National Register of Historic Places - has been one of a mutual effort of preservation to share with many generations to come!** We could not have dreamed of having a better partner in our long term, unique efforts!"*

Wyatt McCrea

President, McCrea Ranch Foundation.

Community Based Non-Profits Operating CRPD Facilities

Equestrian Trails Inc (ETI Corral 37)

Las Flores Community Garden

Conejo Disc Golf Club (Rabbit Flats & Sapwi Trails)

CORBA – Concerned Off-Road Bicycle Association

Thousand Oaks Soaring Society





Notable Quote

"At ETI Corral 37, we are dedicated to preserving and celebrating the equestrian lifestyle, heritage, and open-space stewardship that have long been part of the Conejo Valley community. Through our long-standing partnership with the Conejo Recreation & Park District, Conejo Creek Equestrian Park is a vibrant public resource where riders of all ages can learn, compete, volunteer, and connect through horsemanship, while also serving the broader community through youth programs, therapeutic riding, first responder training, and emergency livestock evacuation support."

Sharyn Henry

President, Equestrian Trails Inc. 37





Notable Quote

"Amateur Baseball Development Group working with CRPD since 2004 has allowed us to build and maintain one of the nicest baseball fields in the Conejo Valley and surrounding areas. Thousands of families and baseball players of ages 13 to 65 use the field annually to enjoy America's national pastime."

Randy Riley, President

Amateur Baseball Development
Group

Notable Quote

"Sapwi Bike Park is so successful and immensely popular thanks to a decade-long partnership between CORBA and CRPD, proving that empowering volunteers builds a community rather than just a recreational amenity. This collaboration is a true win-win that makes CORBA a stronger organization, while helping CRPD to be directly responsive to shifting recreational trends."

Steve Messer

President, Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association



Notable Quote

"For the Conejo Disc Golf Club, the partnership with the CRPD has created an incredibly positive bond and level of trust with community members that has promoted the sport of disc golf in the Conejo Valley to a level impossible to reach with either entity working without the other. Our partnership has created many genuine friendships and we enjoy working together for the benefit of our community."

Mike Byrne

President, Conejo Disc Golf Club



Notable Quote

"AYSO Region 9 is grateful for the partnership we have had with CRPD over the past several decades. With their help and support we have been able to meet our mission to provide quality soccer programs for our community. Through their grant programs and our own fund raising we have also participated in several CIP projects at Conejo Creek South that not only benefits AYSO Region 9 they also benefit other user organizations."

Dave and Mary Hobert,
Commissioners, AYSO Region 9



Notable Quote

"The Partnership between Titans Youth & Adult Cricket Clubs and CRPD is a tremendous example of community collaboration that helps expand access to cricket for youth, adults and families. Without CRPD's facilities and support, Titans members and families previously had to travel long distances to play cricket, but today this partnership allows the club to grow locally, strengthen community connections and provide meaningful opportunities for the players close to home."

Satya Tanuku, Board Member

Titans Youth and Adult Cricket Club





Tips



Cooperate & Collaborate



Establish a main point of contact (On both sides!)



Get understandings in writing



Create simple 1 page graphic to remind folks of your collective efforts



Invite/Require Annual “Special Presentation” by Non-Profit at Board Meeting



Visit your Partners Periodically – (City Council/School Board)

Tips

Create and annually Rotate “Board Buddies” (for Electeds)

Create your own coffee club of community leaders/sounding board

Recognize long-time valuable partners (Gratitude Circle)

If its not working – cut it loose

TIPS

Recognize & Celebrate
Your Partners

*"It is amazing what you can
accomplish if you do not
care who gets the credit."*

Harry S. Truman

2024 CRPD Gratitude Circle



So

What Would the
Conejo Recreation and Park District
Look Like
Without its Partners?

Amenity	CRPD Alone	CRPD with Partners
Recreation Centers	5	8
Sports Fields	55	65
Sport Courts	80	88
Dog Park	1	1
Museums / Visitor Centers	0	3
Community Pools	0	3
Equestrian Facilities	0	3
Disc Golf Courses	0	2
Bike Jump Parks	0	1
Botanic Gardens	0	1
Open Space Acres	2,000	15,000
Miles of Multi Use Trails	25	170
NOTE: This Table doesn't include assets of the MRCA's 85,000 acres		



www.crpd.org/agreements



Thanks for listening

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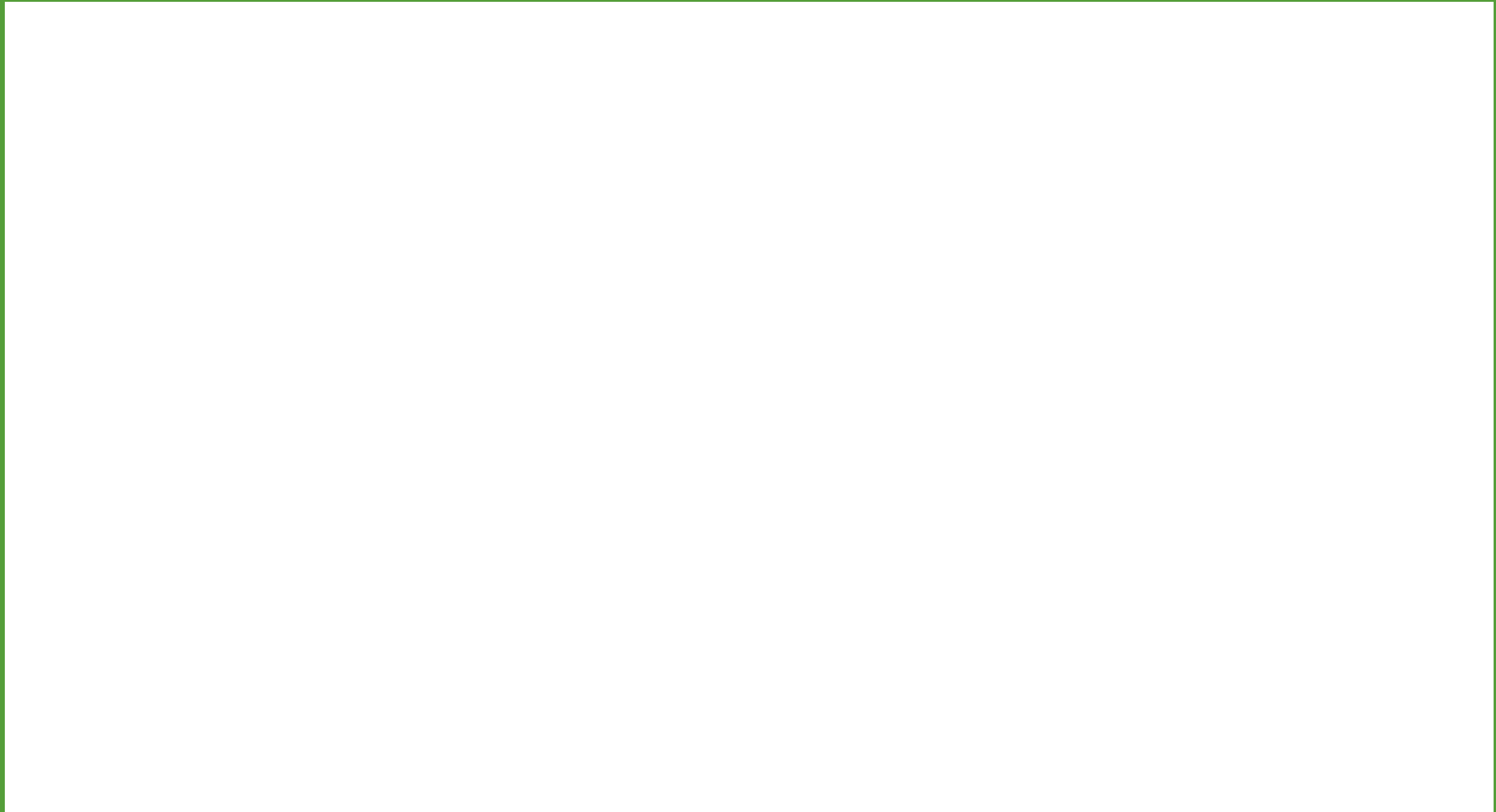


Partnerships Great & Small

For staff reports including the
agreements / contracts / leases and MOUs

Visit:

www.crpdp.org/agreements



Conejo Recreation & Park District

Park & Recreation Facility Snapshot

Acres of CRPD Parks, Playfields, and Facilities



- Community Parks** (6 Community Park)
- Playfields** (6 Playfields)
- Neighborhood Parks** (30 Neighborhood Parks)
- District-Wide Facilities** (4 District-Wide Facilities)
- Undeveloped Parks** (4 Parks / 1 Park Expansion)

CRPD Outdoor Recreation, Major/Special Use Facilities, and Athletic/Sports Facilities



Community Based Non-Profits Operating CRPD Facilities



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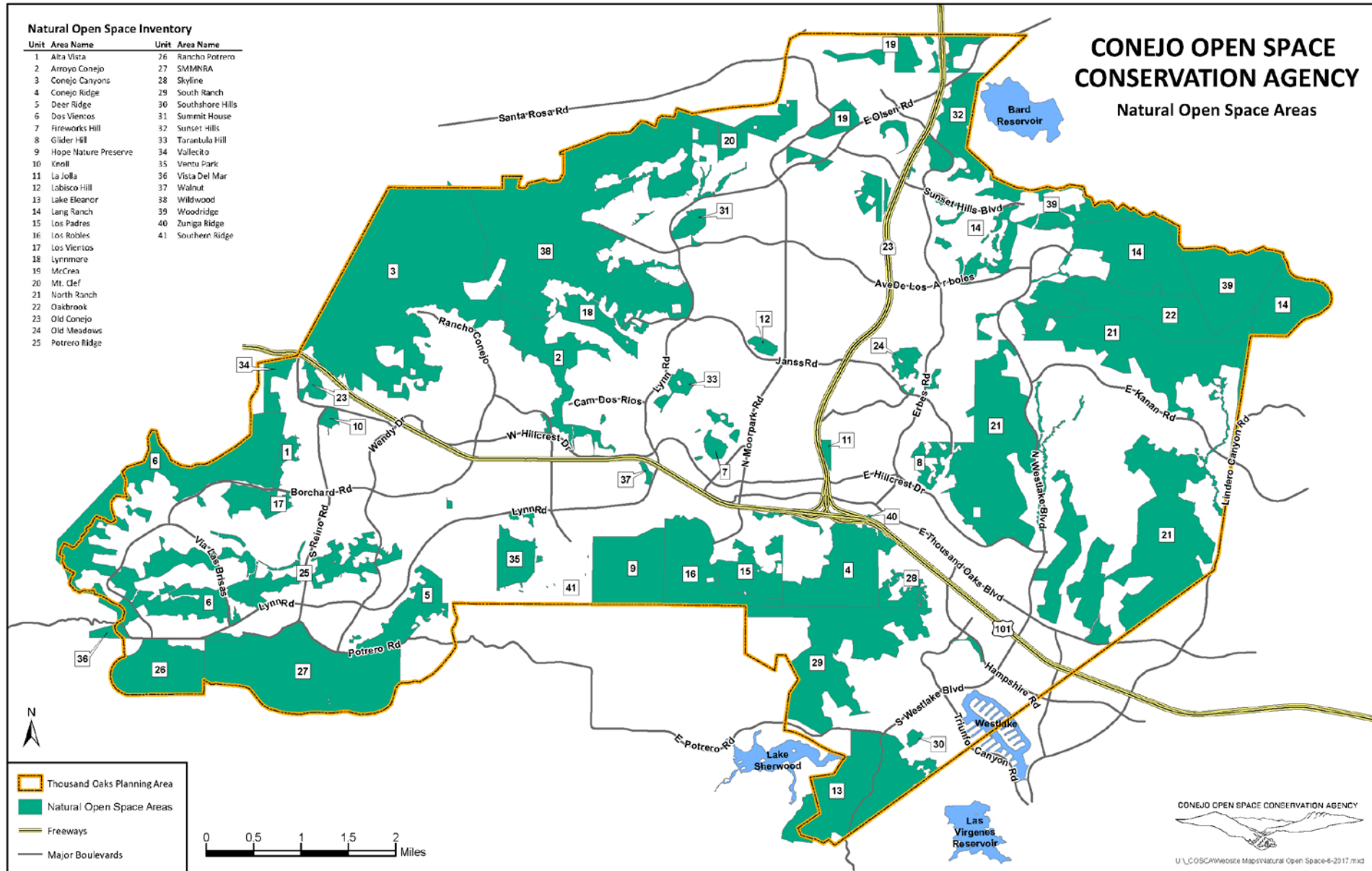


Natural Open Space Inventory

Unit	Area Name	Unit	Area Name
1	Alta Vista	26	Rancho Potrero
2	Arroyo Conejo	27	SMMNRA
3	Conejo Canyons	28	Skyline
4	Conejo Ridge	29	South Ranch
5	Deer Ridge	30	Southshore Hills
6	Dos Vientos	31	Summit House
7	Fireworks Hill	32	Sunset Hills
8	Glider Hill	33	Tarantula Hill
9	Hope Nature Preserve	34	Vallecito
10	Knoll	35	Vantu Park
11	La Jolla	36	Vista Del Mar
12	Labisco Hill	37	Walnut
13	Lake Eleanor	38	Wildwood
14	Lang Ranch	39	Woodridge
15	Los Padres	40	Zuniga Ridge
16	Los Robles	41	Southern Ridge
17	Los Vientos		
18	Lynnmore		
19	McCrea		
20	Mt. Clef		
21	North Ranch		
22	Oakbrook		
23	Old Conejo		
24	Old Meadows		
25	Potrero Ridge		

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Natural Open Space Areas



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