



Monterey County Regional Conservation Investment Strategy

Stakeholder Meeting

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Welcome & Introductions



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- Stakeholder Introductions





Agenda

- RCIS Overview
- Goal-Setting
- Focal Species and Areas
- Discussion

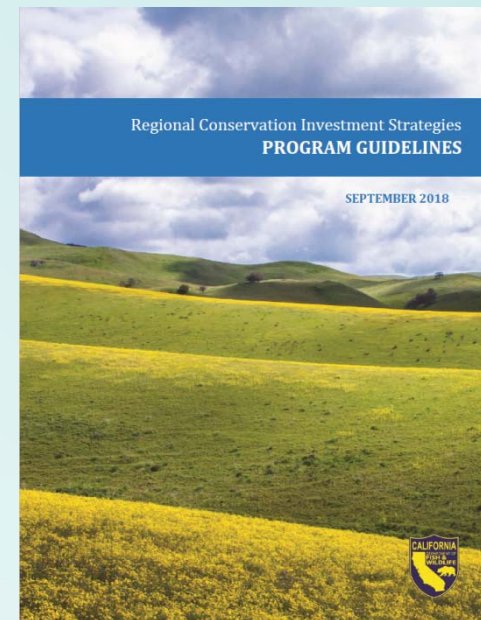


RCIS Overview



RCIS is a *strategy* with *actions* to achieve regional conservation through *strategic, scientifically-grounded conservation* investments.

- Enabled by AB 2087
- Administered and approved by CDFW
- Can be used as basis for mitigation credit agreements



RCIS Project Components



- Engage Stakeholders and Steering committee
- Establish Conservation Goals and Objectives
- Identify Focal Species and Other Conservation Elements
- Conduct Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment
- Develop Conservation Priorities and Actions
- Create Companion Webportal



Monterey RCIS Vision



Deliver *strategic, scientifically-grounded conservation* investments while facilitating permitting of *critical and resilient infrastructure*



Stakeholder Involvement



- Four in-person meetings, one webinar, and two TAMC Board meetings
- Co-Facilitator Option
 - Help frame future discussions
 - Facilitate communication



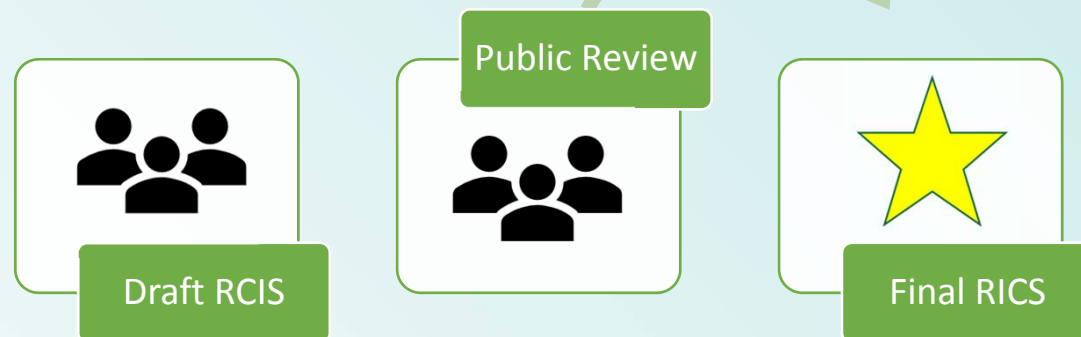
RCIS Timeline

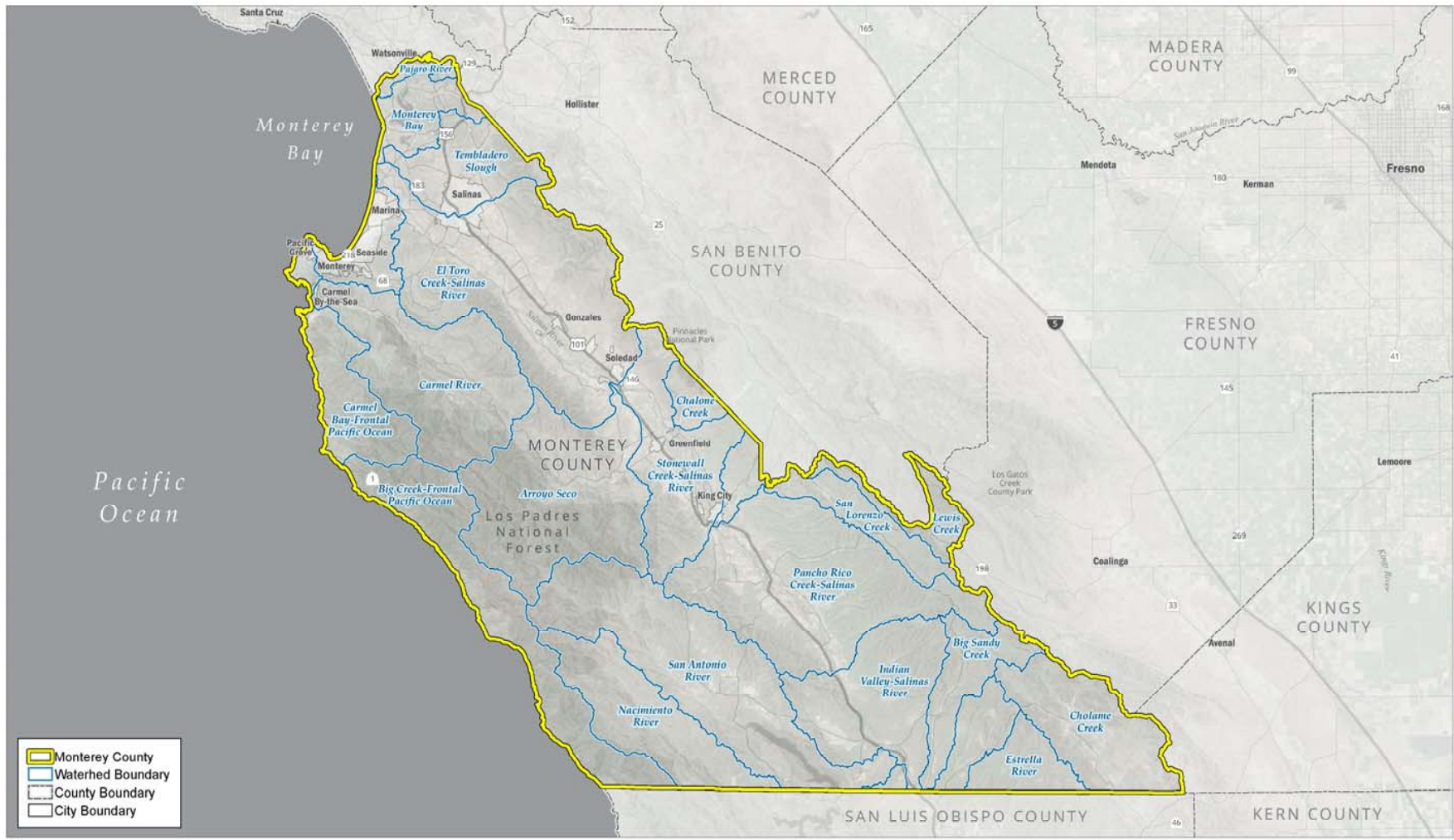


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MONTEREY COUNTY RCIS ACTION AREA

Conservation Goal-Setting



Work in groups of 4 – 6 to create one goal for overall conservation in Monterey County and write it on large sheet of paper



Conservation Goal Setting



Example: Sustain and enhance the biodiversity and ecological function of habitat for the benefit of biological communities and focal species.

Example: Protect known breeding locations of California tiger salamander and allow for expansion of metapopulations by protecting suitable breeding habitat in the RCIS area.





What is a Focal Species?

- **Occurrence** in RCIS area
- **Available data** is sufficient for the species
- **Status** by state or federal resource agencies
- **Rarity** as recognized by Nature Serve, State Wildlife Action Plan, or California Native Plant Society
- Provides **other conservation benefit**



Required Focal Species Info



- Summary and map of the species' range
- Regulatory status
- Known occurrences and potential distribution
- Ecological requirements
- Historic, current, and projected pressures and stressors





Focal Species

- Divide into four groups
- Each group has one map, slips of paper with species, and tape
- Review the species, and create slips for any missing species you think should be considered focal





Focal Species

Stick the name of each species to the location on the map that corresponds to its habitat, known occurrences, or important linkages/corridors





Focal Species

- Do the species fit the criteria for a focal species?
- Were any potentially focal species missing?
- What areas that are critical for the focal species?





Wrap-up

- Future meeting locations
- Reaching out to stakeholders who did not attend today
- Next steps



Thank You



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