

Santa Clara Invasive Plant Removal (SCIPR) & Upper Santa Clara Arundo/Tamarisk Removal Program (SCARP)



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Non-Native Invasive Plant Impacts

- Impacts to Special Status Species
- Decreased Habitat Quality
- Decreased Water Quality
- Decreased Water Supply
- Increased Flooding Damage
- Increased Erosion
- Increased Wildfire Intensity and Spread



Programmatic Permitting Goals

- Opportunity to provide input on methodology
- Reduce overall cost of environmental review
- Increased funding available for on-the-ground work
- Builds relationships and trust with the regulatory agencies



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River

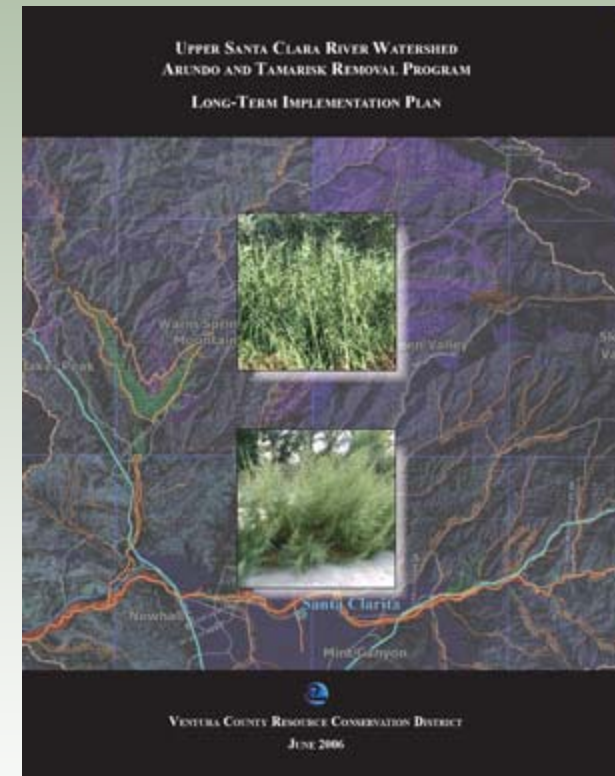
SCARP Project Overview

- Funding Sources
 - Proposition 13
 - Santa Clara River Trustee Council

- Goals
 - Focused on upper Santa Clara River (Los Angeles County)
 - Provide Wide-Ranging Tool Kit of Methodology
 - Develop Best Management Practices (Minimization/Avoidance Measures)
 - Establish Programmatic “Blanket” Permits

SCARP Project Status - Completed

- Long Term Implementation Plan
 - Guidance for stakeholders to develop individual projects
- CEQA Documentation
 - Environmental Impact Report
 - 3 Potential Short-Term Significant Impacts: Noise, Water Quality, and Biological Resources
 - Statement of Overriding Considerations
- Programmatic Permits Obtained
 - California Department of Fish and Game
 - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 - Regional Water Quality Control Board
 - Encroachment Permits (expired)



SCARP Project Status - In Progress

- U.S. Forest Service – Angeles National Forest
 - NEPA Coordination
 - Biological Evaluation/Biological Assessment (no response)
- Programmatic Permit Application Package
 - Guidelines for Individual Projects
 - Single Application Package
- Identify Implementation Funding
 - Proposition 84
 - Upper Santa Clara River Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP)
 - Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County IRWMP



SCIPR Project Overview

- Funding Sources
 - Santa Clara River Trustee Council
 - Additional funding to be determined
- Goals
 - Integrate SCARP with SCIPR to develop watershed-wide program
 - Broaden focus to include all non-native invasive plant species
 - Emphasis on arundo and tamarisk
 - Reduce Potential Impacts
 - Focus on Specific Successful Methodology
 - Revise Best Management Practices
 - Establish Watershed-Wide Programmatic “Blanket” Permits



SCIPR Project Status - Currently Funded

- Vegetation Mapping Review
 - Upper Watershed Survey from VCRC
 - Lower Watershed Survey from Coastal Conservancy
- Long Term Implementation Plan
- CEQA Documentation (Lead Agency: VCRC)
 - Initial Study
 - Potential Significant Temporary Impacts: Noise
 - All Other Impacts Reduced to Less Than Significant with Incorporation of Best Management Practices



SCIPR Vegetation Map Analysis

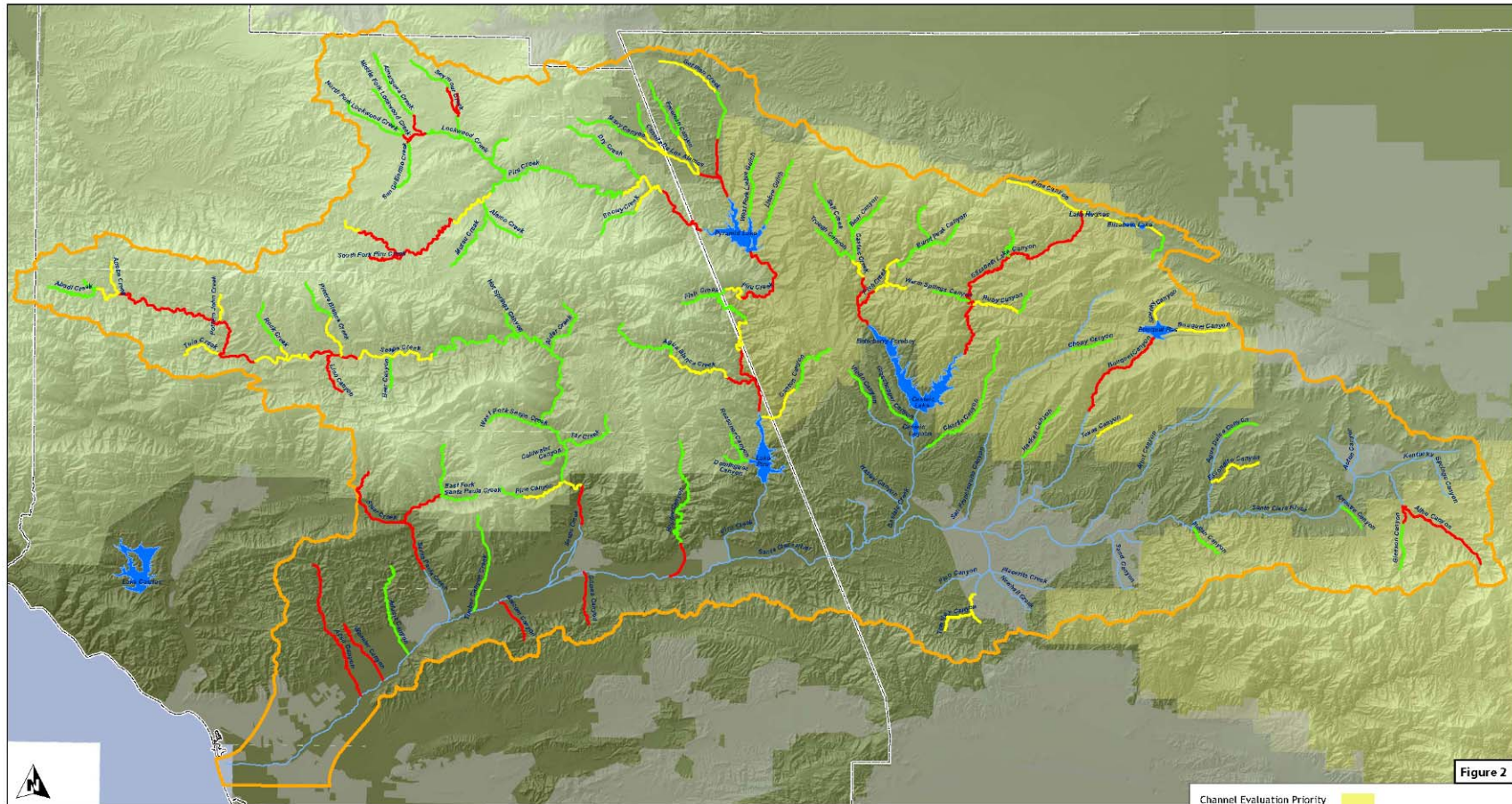


Figure 2

Santa Clara River Watershed Invasive Plant Removal (SCIPR) Program
Vegetation Data Gap Analysis - Channel Evaluation Priority

0 1 2 4 6 8 10 Miles

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SCIPR Status - Need Funding to Complete

- CEQA Documentation
 - Environmental Impact Report
- NEPA Documentation
 - Potential Lead Agency: NRCS
 - Environmental Assessment
- Programmatic “Blanket” Permits
 - California Department of Fish and Game
 - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
 - Regional Water Quality Control Board
 - Encroachment Permits
- Updated Watershed-Wide Vegetation Map



Participation

- Memorandums of Understanding
- Comments and input on the project development
 - Data Collection
 - Vegetation Mapping Methods
 - Invasive Plant Removal Methods
 - CEQA Document Review
- Public Outreach

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