

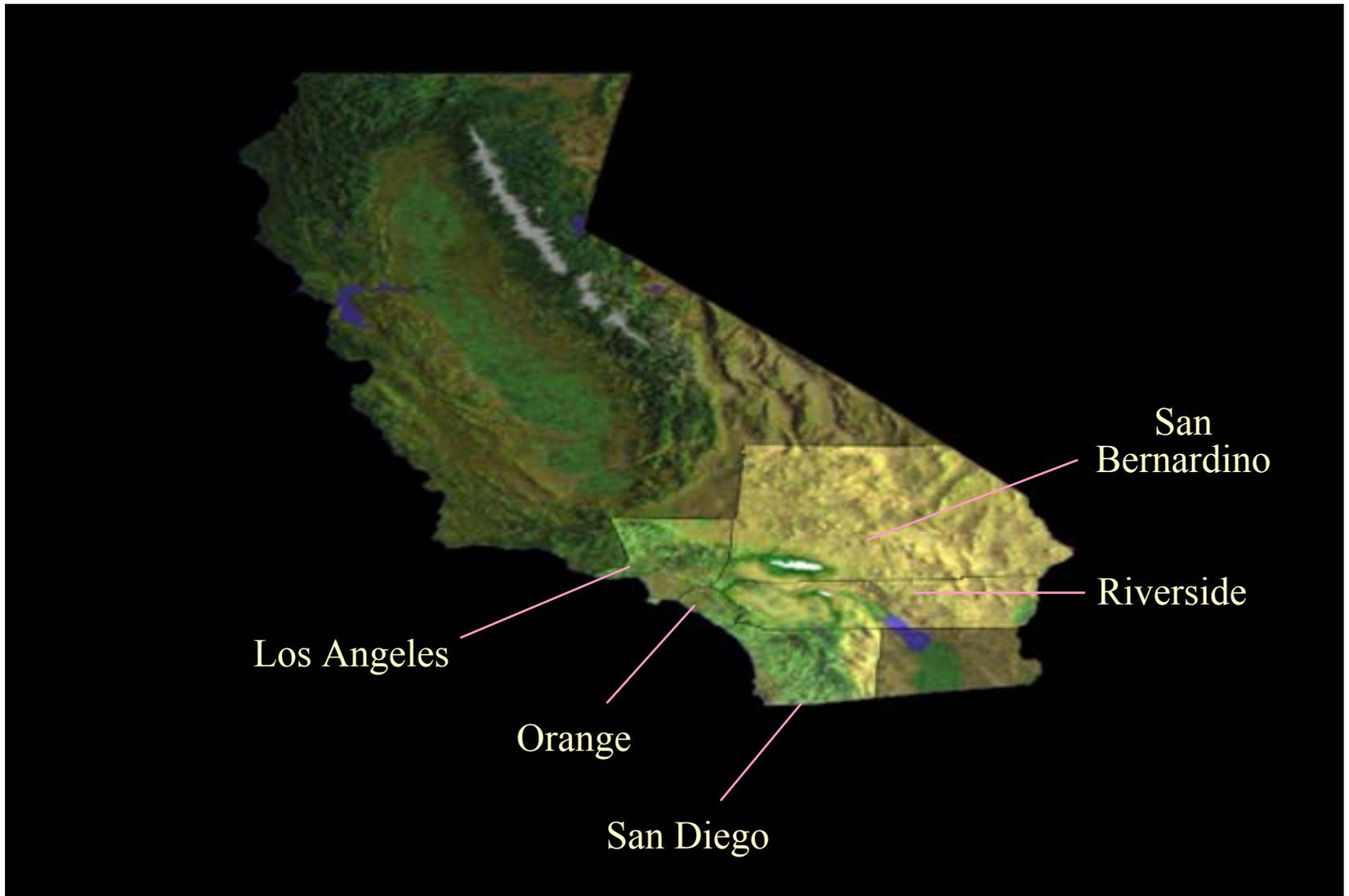


Community and Environmental Transportation Acceptability Process

California Regional
Blueprint Planning
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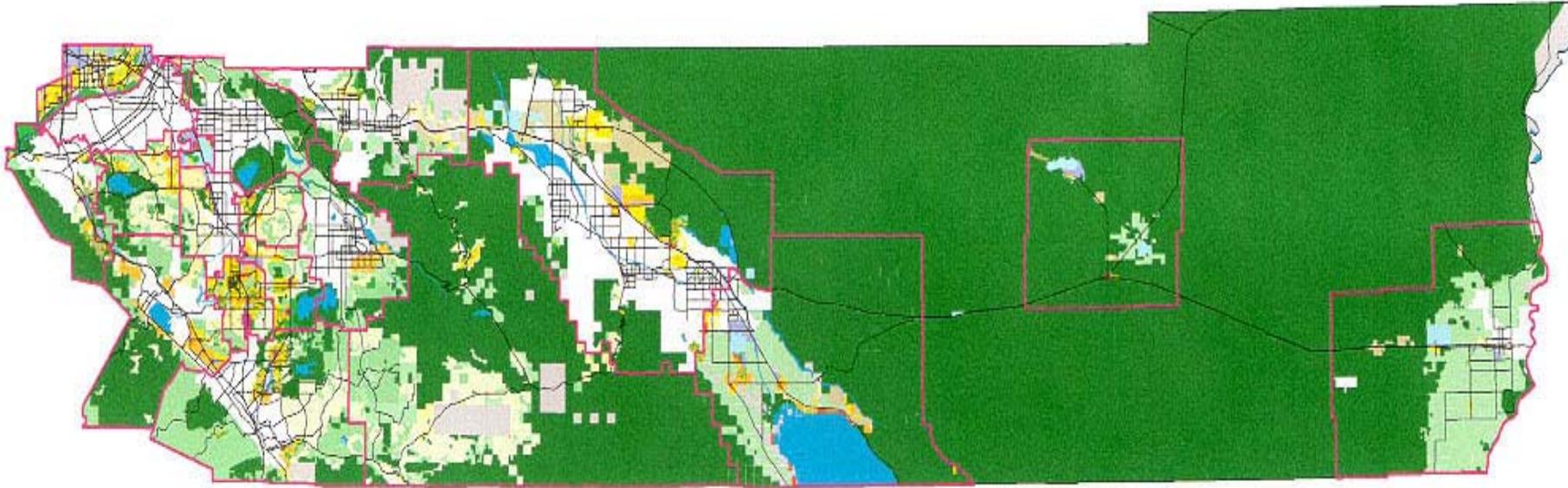
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Another 18 million people will be added by 2020 in California. Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties will each increase their populations by over 1 million people.

The Challenge



*Balancing population growth with mobility needs,
housing requirements, open space, and
conservation*



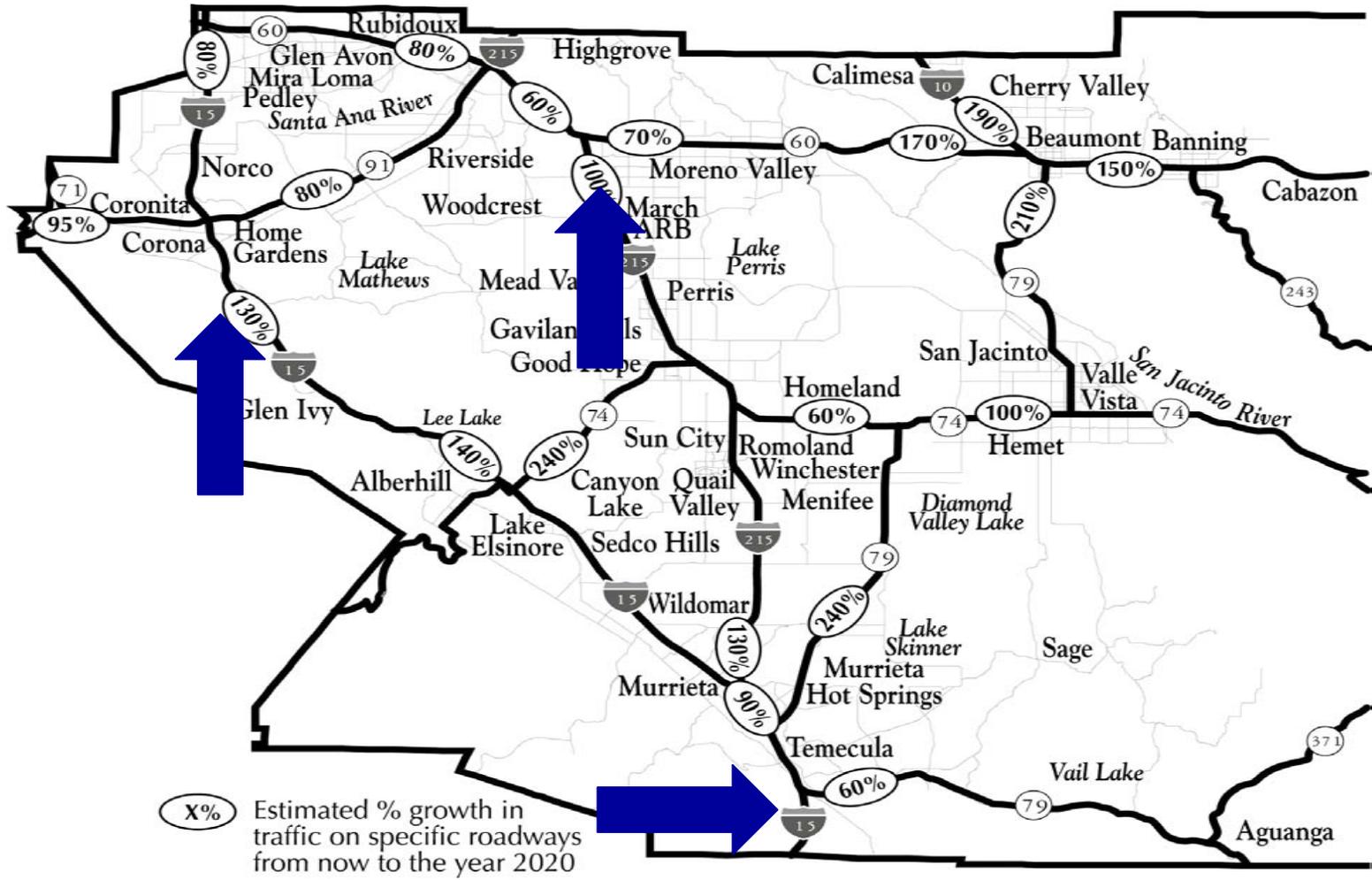
RCIP- The Riverside County Integrated Project

❖ Four Part Program

- New General Plan for the County**
- Habitat Conservation - MSHCP**
- Special Area Management Plan – SAMP**
- Major Transportation Corridors - CETAP**



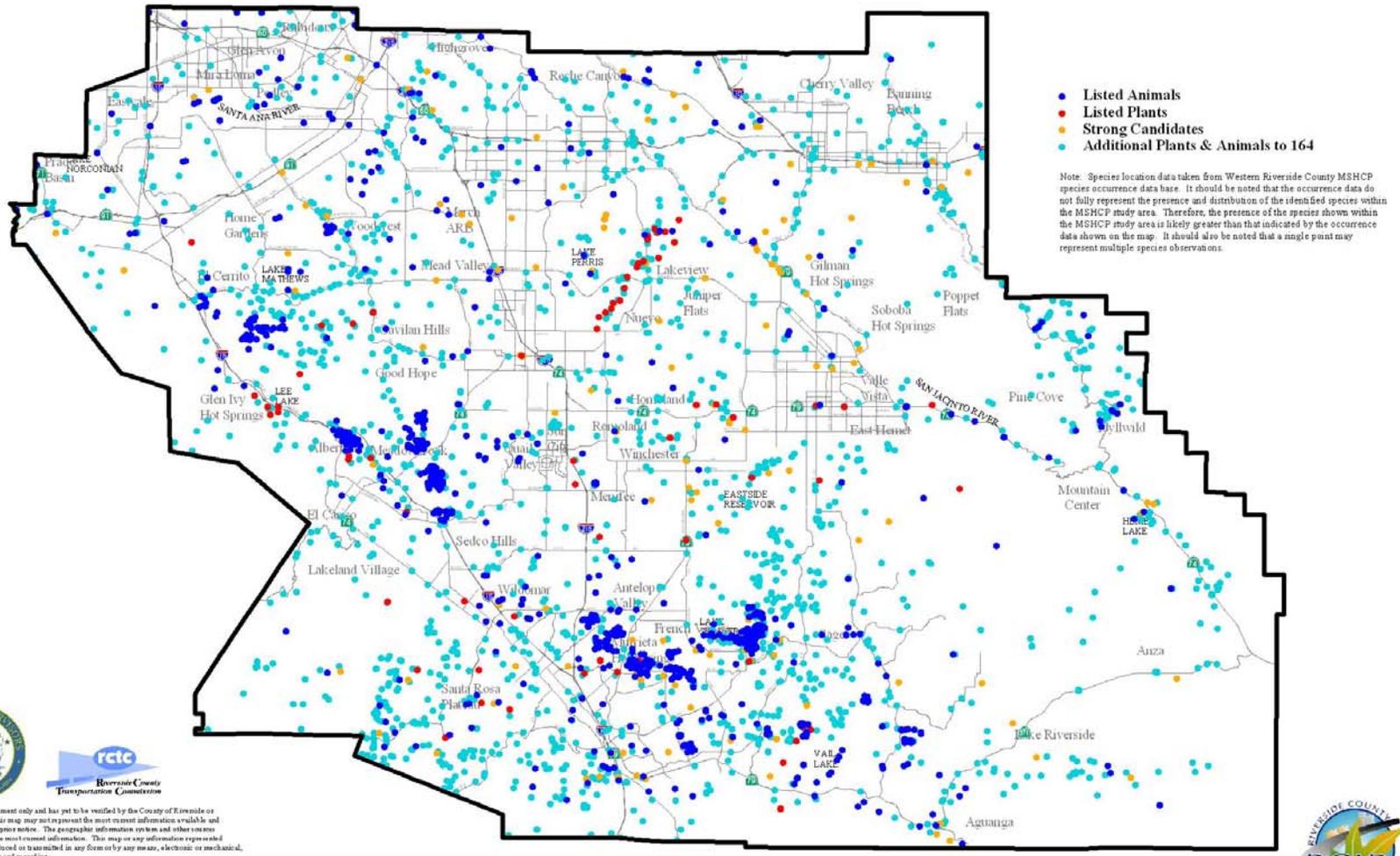
Traffic Volume Increases by Year 2020



Year 2020 with no RCIP Improvements



Species Challenge Considered for Conservation



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Species in MSHCP Study Area Considered for Conservation in August 9 Go/No Go Proposal



The Species Dilemma: Historic Range



Riverside County has the majority of remaining Gnatcatcher habitat. The County pays the price of the past centuries development in those adjoining counties.



History of Species Protection

- ❖ **Federal Endangered Species Act**

- **Fringe Toed Lizard HCP**

- ...\$25M secured 16,000 acres for a single species*

- **Stephen's Kangaroo Rat HCP**

- ...\$42+M secured 41,000 acres for a single species*



Key RCIP Goals

- ❖ **Protect and Enhance Quality of Life**
 - Accommodate the Transportation Needs of an Urbanizing Region
 - Improve economic climate
 - Ensure access to housing, schools and recreation
- ❖ **Develop a Coherent Pattern of Habitat Conservation**
- ❖ **Gain more local control of the environmental process**



Overall Transportation Strategy

- ❖ **Promote job growth**
- ❖ **Serious effort to expand freeway and arterial system**
- ❖ **Develop/expand transit “spine network”**
- ❖ **Promote development at transit nodes**
- ❖ ***Have transportation integrated with conservation efforts and land use decisions***

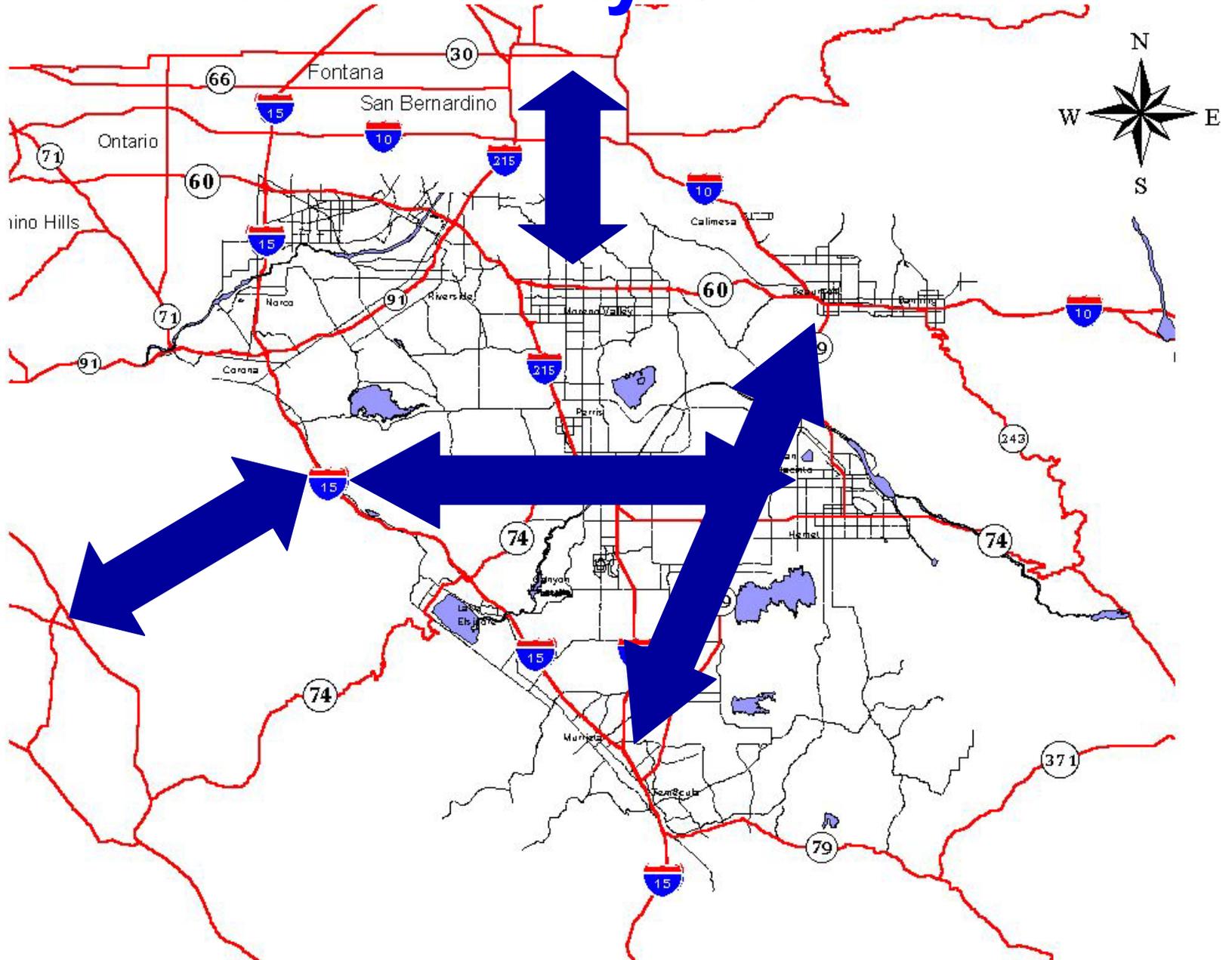


Stakeholder Driven Process

- ❖ **Solicit Input from All Citizens**
- ❖ **Designed for Stakeholder Input at Technical and Policy Levels**
- ❖ **Advisory Groups for Each Plan Element**
- ❖ **Decision Driven Process**



Four Priority Corridors



Western Riverside County Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan

- ❖ **Designed to protect up to 146 species (29 listed species)**
- ❖ **Study area encompasses 1.2 million acres in Western Riverside County**
- ❖ **Approximately 153,000 acres of additional conservation lands**
- ❖ **Total cost estimated at \$1.5B, including acquisition, monitoring and management**



MSHCP

- ❖ Provides mitigation for all western county transportation requirements and all development
- ❖ Develops a Preserve and Linkage Plan
- ❖ Streamlines Regulatory Review Relating to Endangered Species
- ❖ Ensures Local Control
- ❖ Treats the Environment as Part of Infrastructure



MSHCP Funding Strategy

- ❖ Fair share - Local, State and Federal
- ❖ Local development must fully mitigate
- ❖ Property Owner Initiated Habitat Evaluation and Acquisition Negotiation Strategy (HANS)
- ❖ Local Funding
 - *Mitigation fees*
 - *Landfill fees*
 - *Infrastructure mitigation*
- ❖ State participation
- ❖ Federal participation



RCIP Accomplishments

- ❖ Record of Decision for first CETAP corridor received in September 2003
- ❖ New County General Plan adopted in October 2003
- ❖ MSHCP adopted by the County and all 14 western county cities \
- ❖ MSHCP Permit signed in June 2004



CETAP Recognition

- ❖ Identified by AASHTO as one of 10 pilot projects for environmental streamlining
- ❖ Identified as 1 of 7 priority projects for environmental stewardship under Executive Order 13274



Conservation Achieved to Date

- ❖ **Approximately 23,000 acres acquired or funded and in negotiation**
- ❖ **Between 1000 and 2000 acres conserved through development review**
- ❖ **Total funding to date over \$150 M**
 - **Approx 60% state, 20% federal, 20% local**



Lessons Learned

- ❖ The process worked. Integration of all elements was essential.
- ❖ Important to have a strong, politically connected Project Champion.
- ❖ Senior level Resource Agency support is critical to the project.
- ❖ Elevate sooner.
- ❖ Extensive outreach important to build consensus. Must have “win-win”.



Questions/Comments?

