

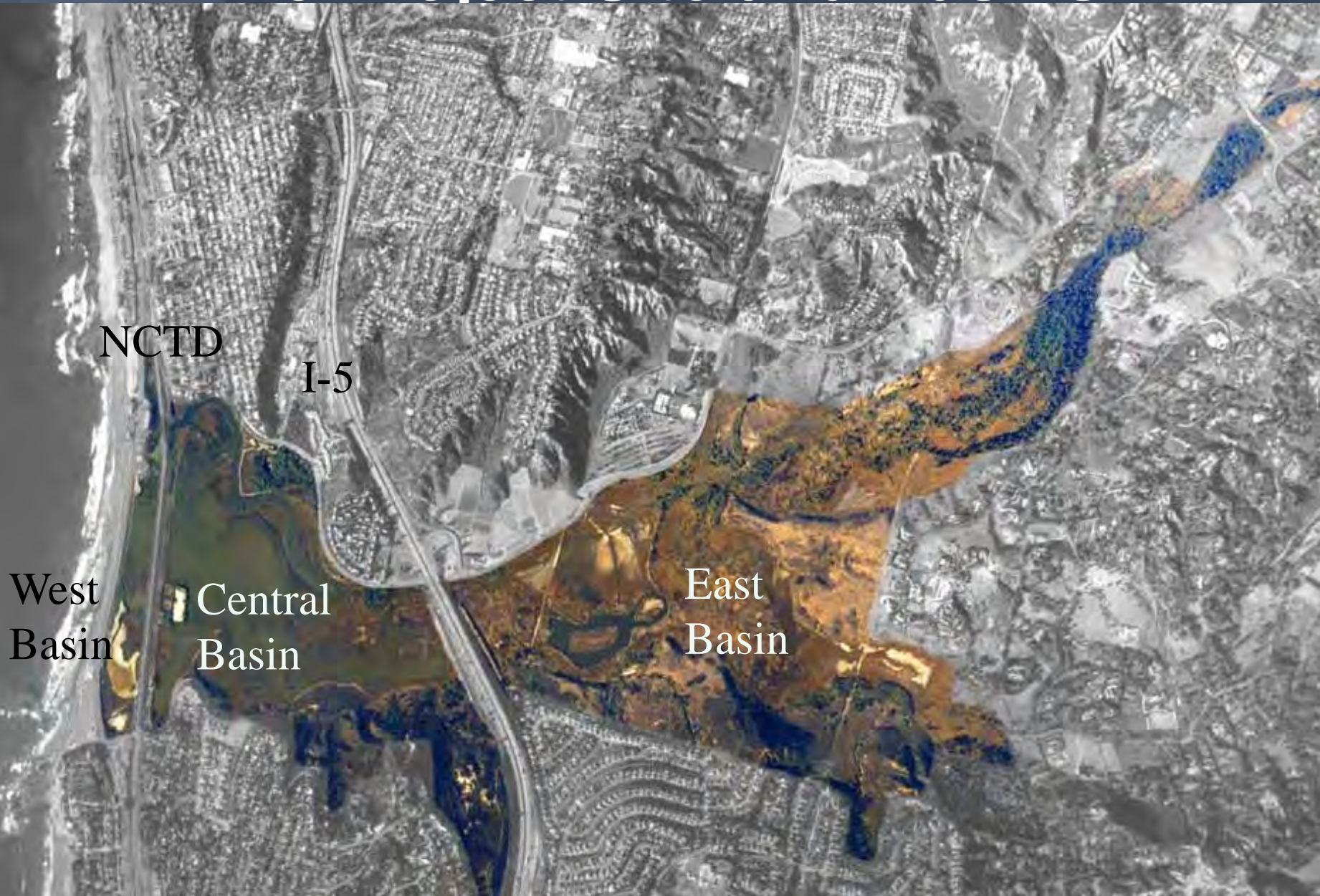
San Elijo Lagoon Restoration

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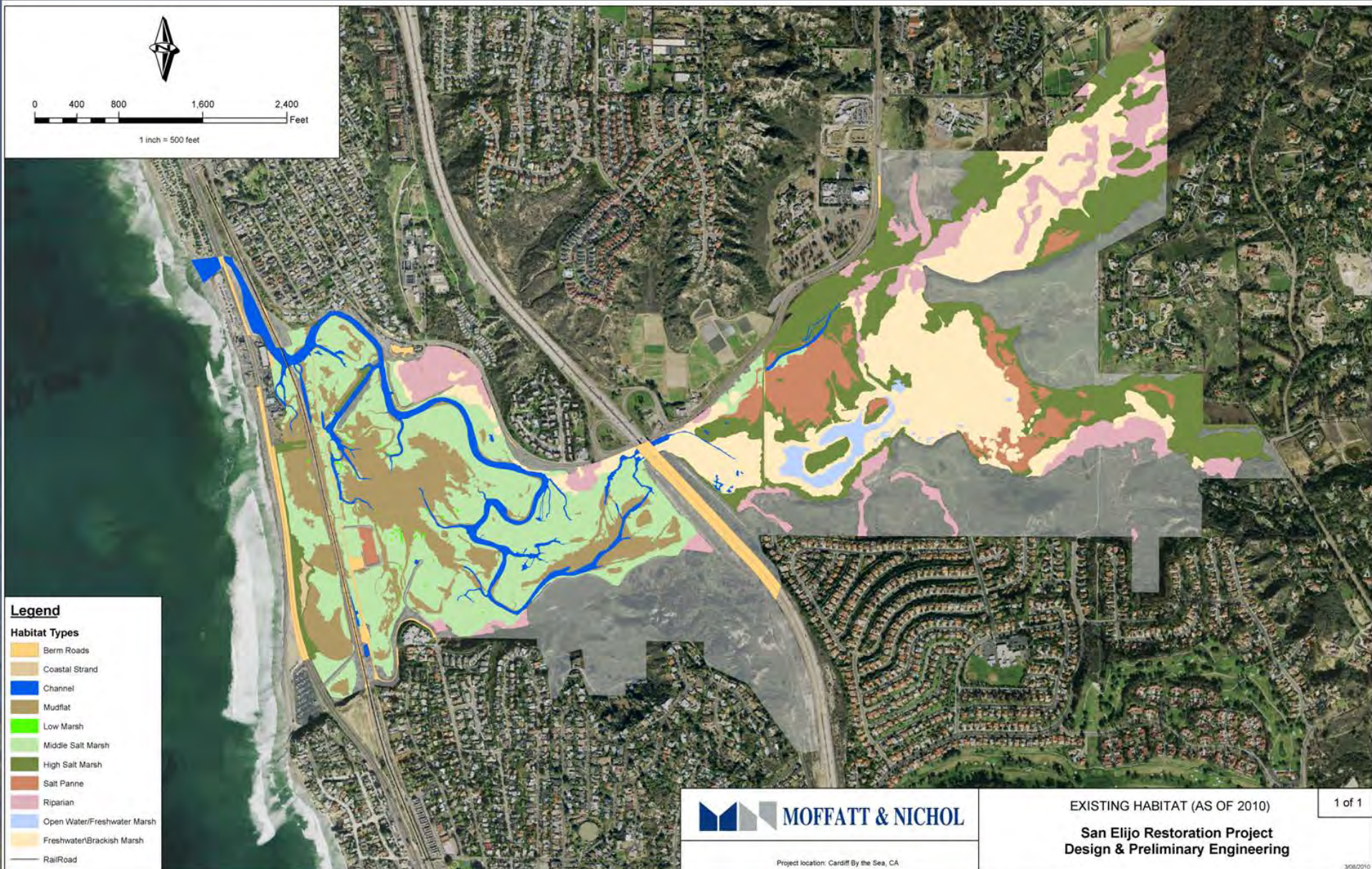
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The Project Site and Basins



Existing Habitat



Timeline

- **22 years-**
 - **10 years of study**
 - **5 years of funding**
 - **5 years of design**
 - **2 years of procurement**
 - **3 years of construction**
 - **5 years of monitoring**

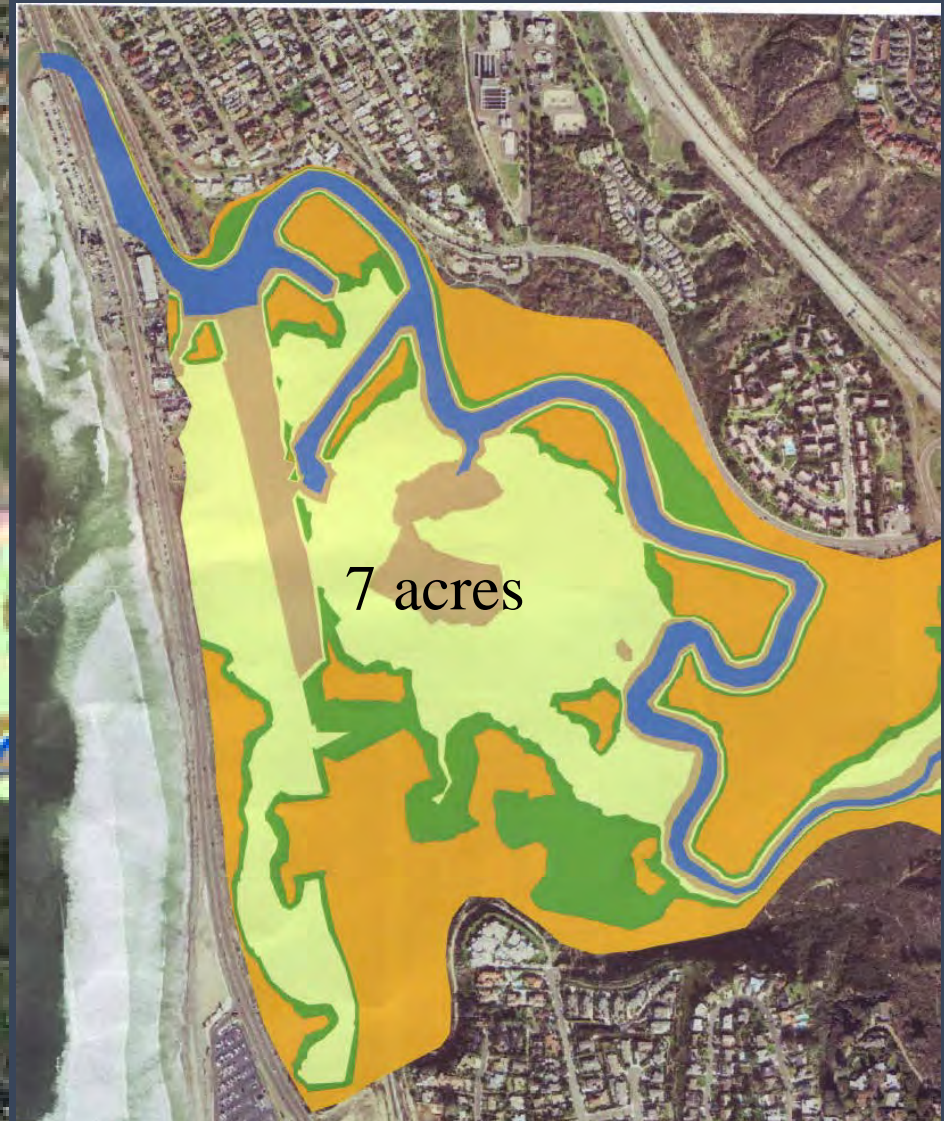
Existing Conditions and Problems

- **Major infrastructure (3 transportation corridors) crosses the site**
 - Causes habitat fragmentation
 - Impedes tidal circulation and storm drainage
- **The watershed is modified from historic conditions and lagoon encroachment occurs**
 - Contributes sediment, nutrients and bacteria
 - Lagoon is 303d listed for all of these
- **The Lagoon is degraded**

Existing Habitat 2010



Predicted Change of Mudflat



Coordination

Phase One (CMGC) Improvements

Highway Phase 1 (includes sound walls on private property (2015-2018) - \$480 million (est.)

- Lomas Santa Fe to Birmingham Drive
- 2 Birmingham Drive to Leucadia Boulevard
- 3 Leucadia Boulevard to Palomar Airport Road
- 4 Palomar Airport Road to SR-78

Railroad Phase 1 (2015-2018) - \$115 million (est.)

- 5 Batiquitos Lagoon Double Track
- 6 San Elijo Lagoon Double Track

Environment Phase 1 (2015-2018) - \$55 million (est.)

- San Elijo Lagoon Restoration Project



Multiple Benefits Include:

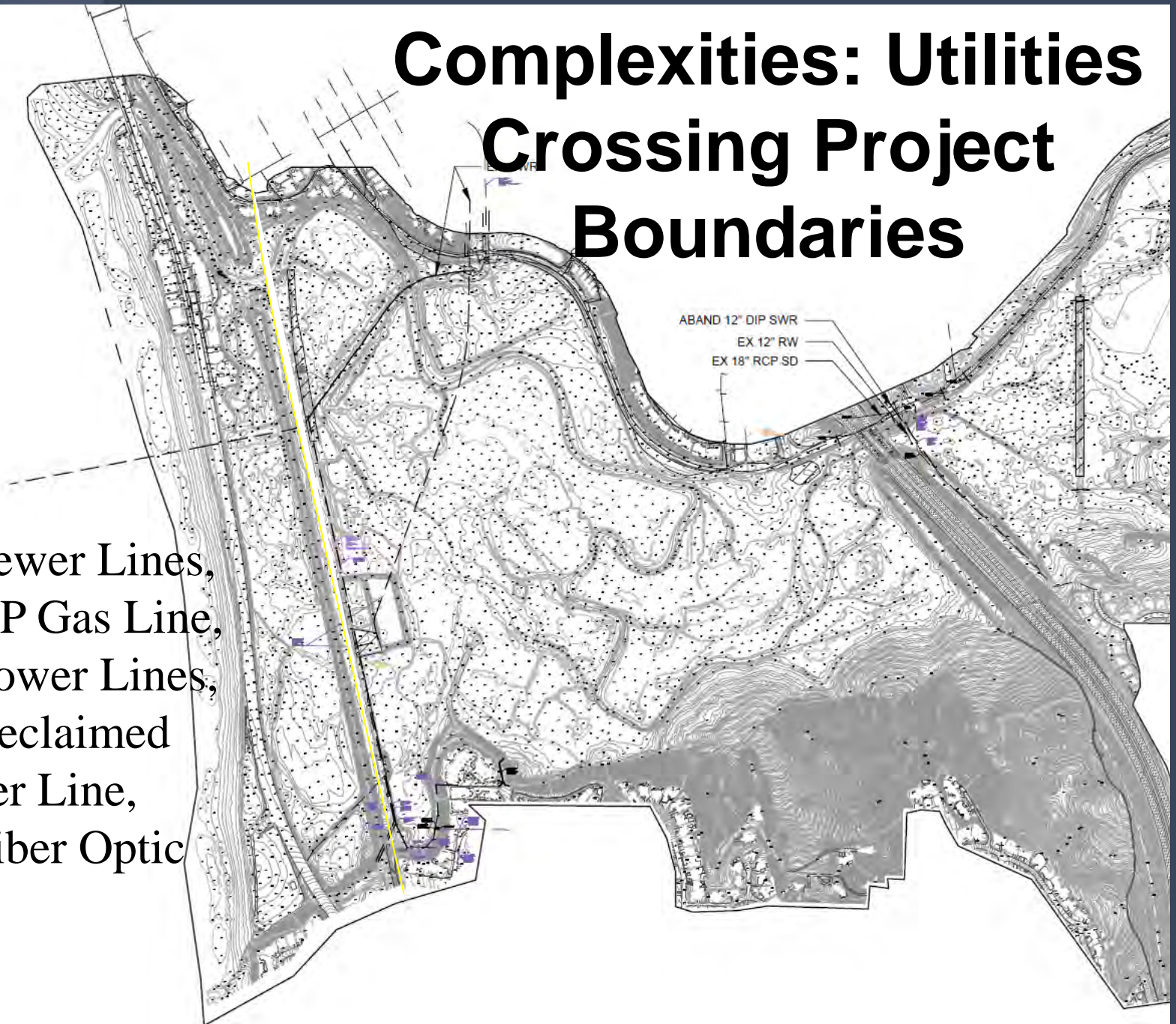
- **Large-scale lagoon enhancement, restoration, preservation, re-creation**
- **Major infrastructure improvements**
 - I-5 bridge replacement and channel widening
 - LOSSAN rail bridge replacement and double-tracking
- **Public amenities**
 - Pedestrian pathways/trails
 - Interpretive opportunities

Coordination – Information and Resource Sharing

- 1. Caltrans**
- 2. SANDAG**
- 3. San Elijo Lagoon Conservancy**
- 4. General Contractor/Construction Manager**
- 5. Designers/Consultants**
- 6. Permit and Resource Agencies**

Complexities: Utilities Crossing Project Boundaries

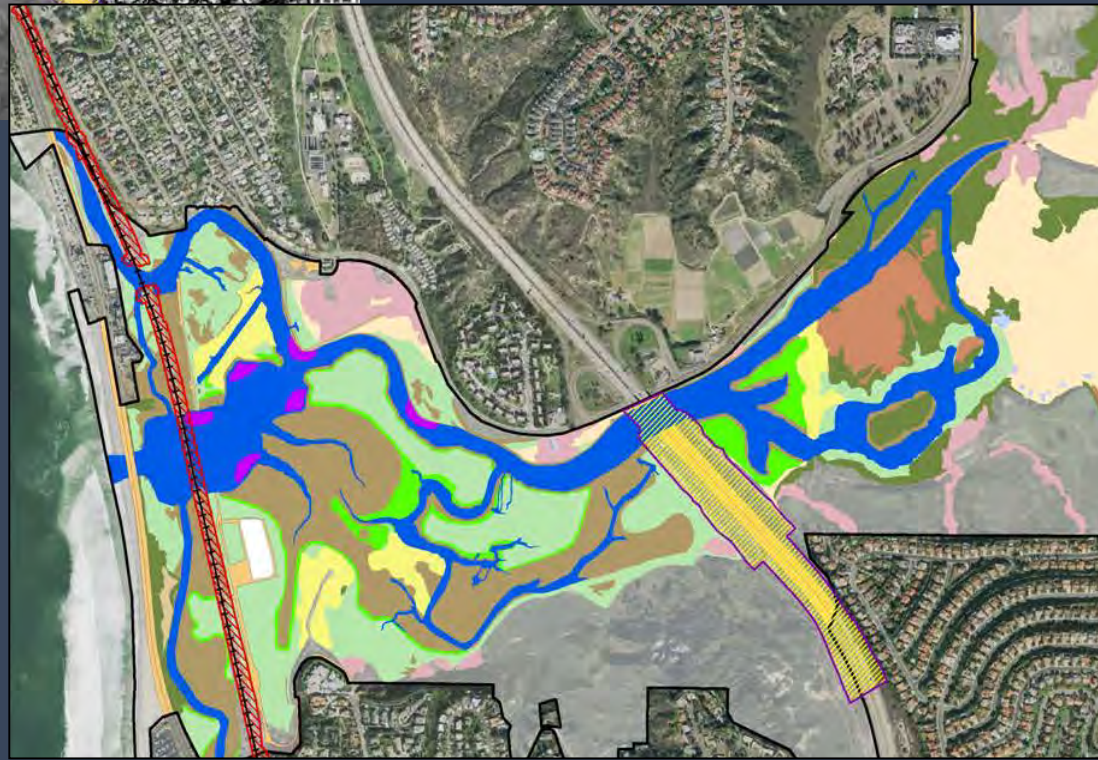
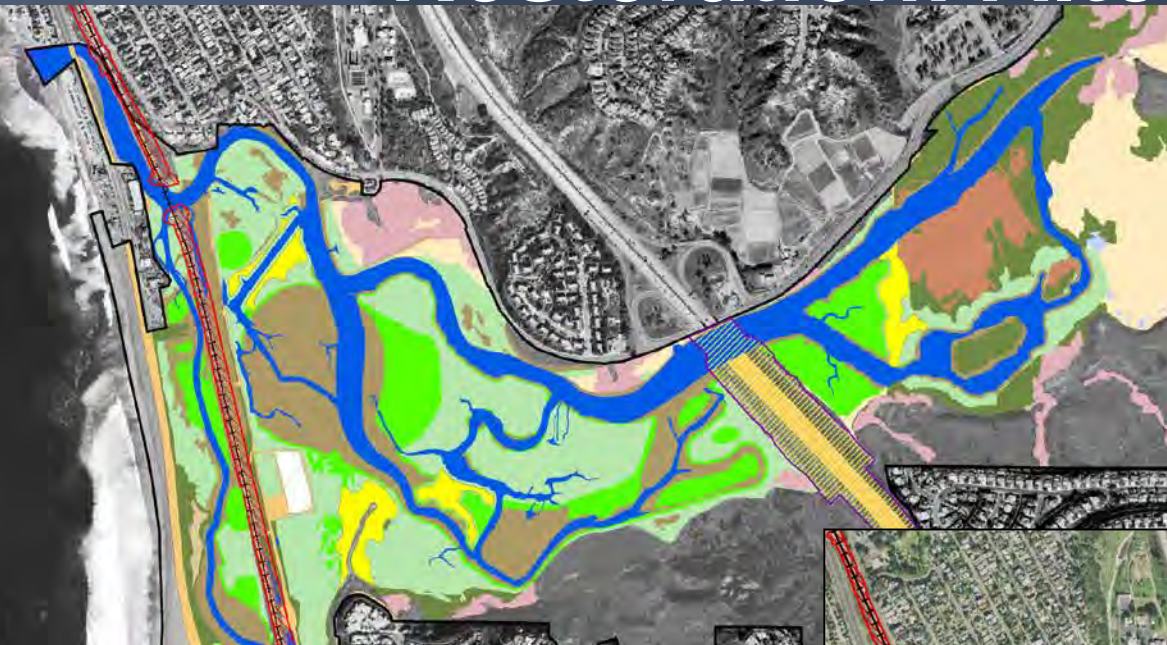
- 3 Sewer Lines,
- 1 HP Gas Line,
- 2 Power Lines,
- 1 Reclaimed Water Line,
- 1 Fiber Optic Line



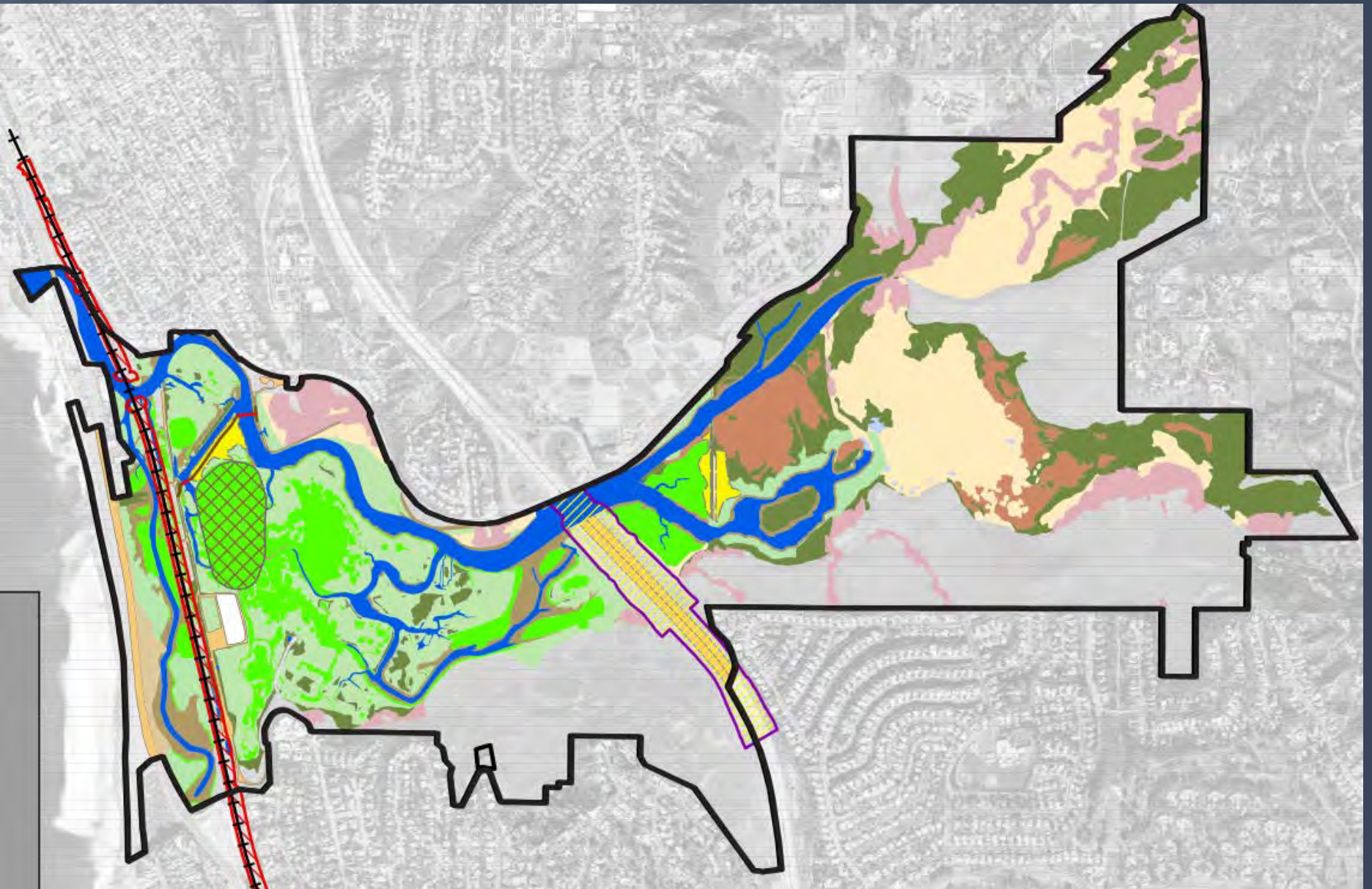
SELRP Permits/Coordination (Partial)

- USACE
- NMFS
- USCG
- USFWS
- CCC
- CDFW
- State Parks
- Caltrans
- SLC,
- City of Encinitas & Solana Beach,
- SCE,
- SDGE,
- Water Districts (3),
- NCTD
- APCD,

Restoration: Alternatives



Modified Alt 1B Refined (Chosen)



Restoration: Resiliency to Climate Change

- Existing transitional habitat areas in the Central and East Basins to provide future salt marsh areas
- Include raised areas in the design now
- Design marsh elevations and slopes to preserve marsh areas over time



Construction Phasing

Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
Over-Dredge Pit to Cardiff & Solana Beach	Central Basin to Pit-(Overlap)	East Basin to Pit	West Basin/Tidal Inlet to Pit, Nest Site
Feb 2018 – June 2018	July 2018- Oct 2018 (16") Dec 2018- April 2019 (10")	Nov 2018- Apr 2019	April 2019- December 2019
Dredge 500kcy with a 16" Dredge 6500cy/day	Dredge 270k cy and pump to Pit	Dredge 322k cy and pump to Pit	Dredge 30,000 by pump to cap pit and nest site as cover



- Dike Construction



- Temporary Dikes



- Pit Dredging



- Dredging OD Pit
- Beach Construction at Cardiff State Beach



- Pipeline Installation



- Beach Building

- Beach Construction at Cardiff State Beach



Before – Nov 3, 2017



During - Mar 21, 2018



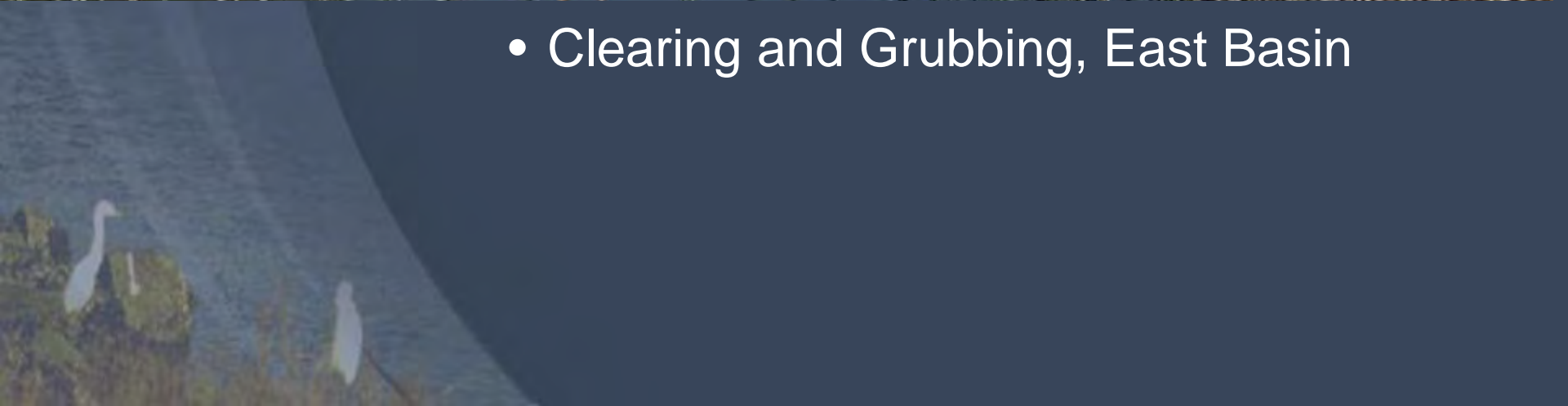
- Water control system



- Amphibious Excavator



- Clearing and Grubbing, East Basin

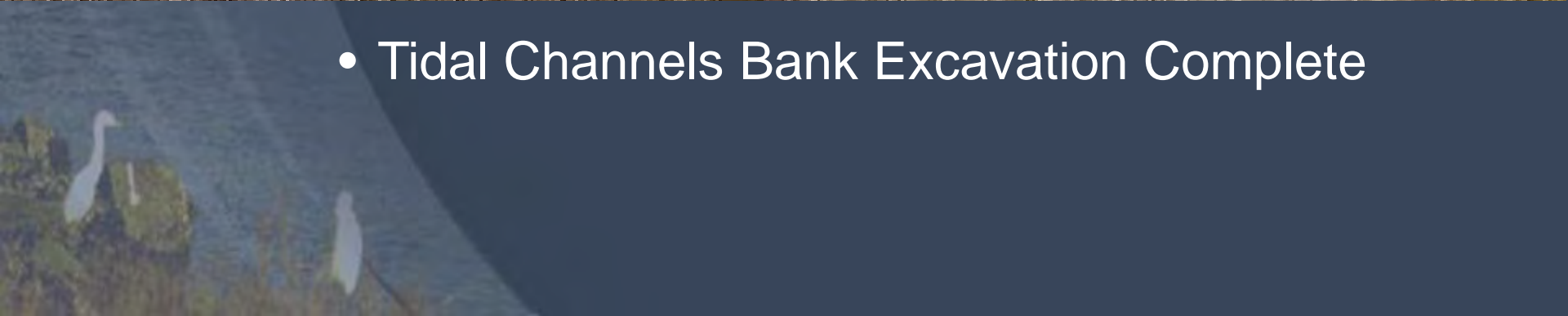




- Amphibious Excavators Tidal Channels



- Tidal Channels Bank Excavation Complete





- Dredging Central Basin- Prestaged Bank Material

Dredge Stats

- **16” Cutter Suction- Dredge #10 (Ross Island)**
 - 2x 900 HP diesel
 - 6000 cy/day, (Beach and nearby channel)
 - 3000 cy/day (Distant/tight geometry)
- **10” Cutter Suction- ‘Baracuda’ dredge (Dixon)**
 - 460 HP Diesel
 - 1,000 cy/day
 - Swinging Ladder





- Dredging Central Basin (Main Channel)



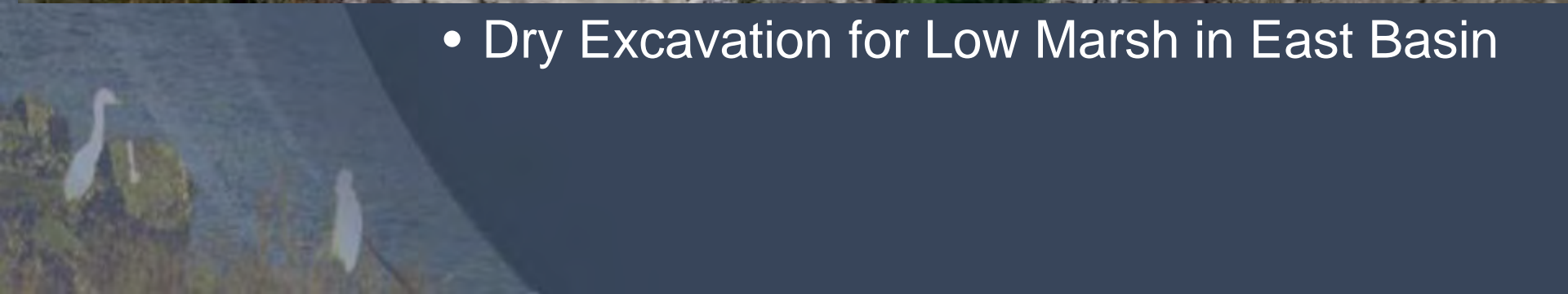
- Overview of Construction in Central Basin



- Excavation for Low Marsh in East Basin



- Dry Excavation for Low Marsh in East Basin





- Temp Access Road in Channel



- Rock Toe Excavation



- Rock Placement



- Channel Excavation

Schedule (Dredging)

1. Overall Dredge= 1 yr 10 mo. (1.2 mcy)
2. Beach phase= 5 mo (500k cy)
3. Central Basin (270 k cy) 2 dredges, 2 phases)
10 mo
4. East Basin (322 k cy)= 6 mo
5. West Basin (30k cy)= 7 mo

Note: Overlap with dredges.

Costs

1. Overall project= \$100 million
2. Overall dredge including Mob=\$40.4 mil
3. Unit rates-
 1. Beach nearby = \$10.24/cy
 2. Beach distant=12.75/cy
 3. Pit nearby= \$33.13/cy
 4. Pit distant=\$40.8/cy
 5. Pit close quarters=\$58.7
 6. Mob/Demob (both dredges/onsite remob)=\$5.7 mil

Next Steps

1. Remove water control structures
2. Planting and 1 year plant establishment
3. Demob
4. Monitoring (5 years)
5. Enjoy the wetlands

