

Regional Conservation Investment Strategy (RCIS)

Pilots Projects

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Coordinating Committee Meeting

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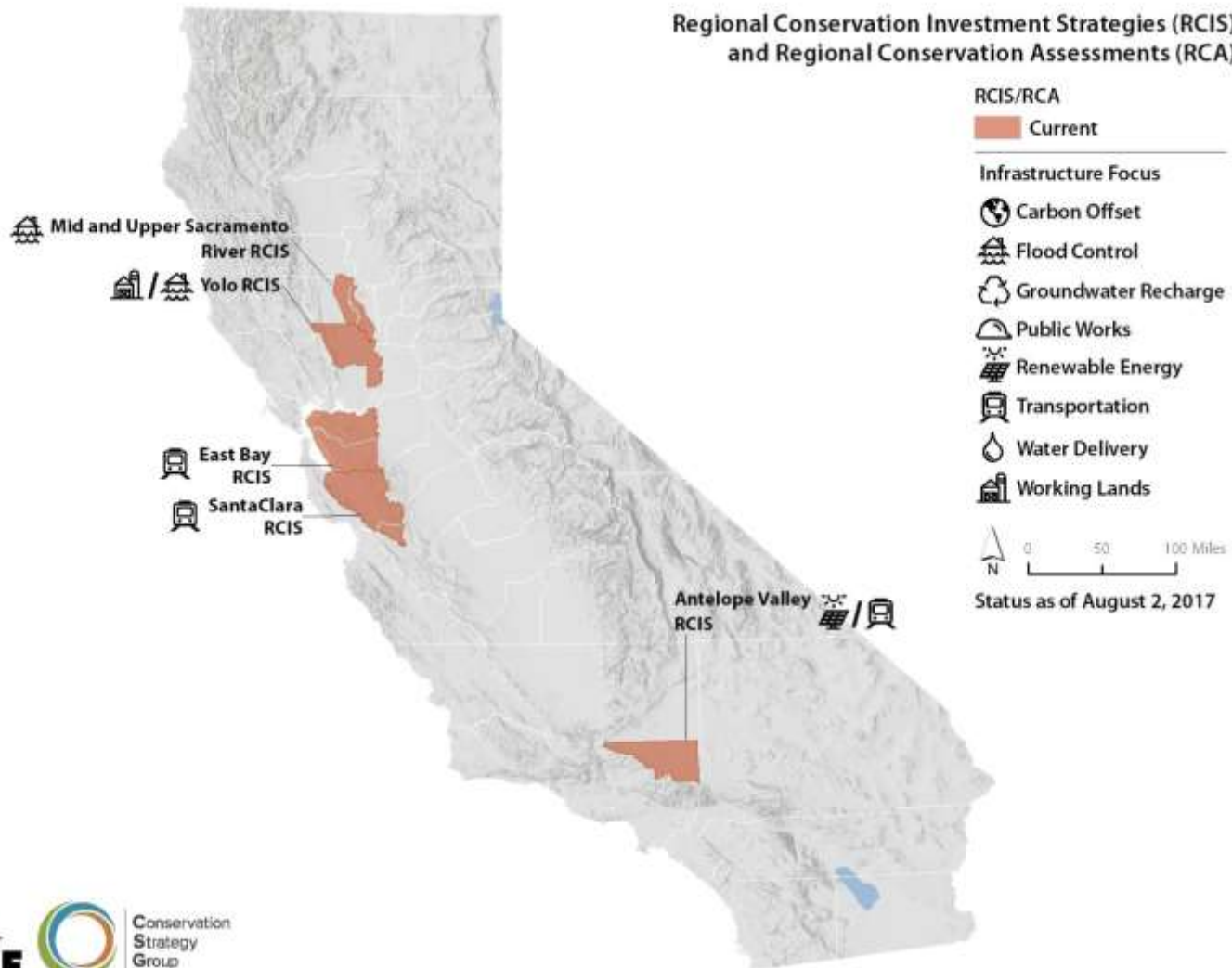
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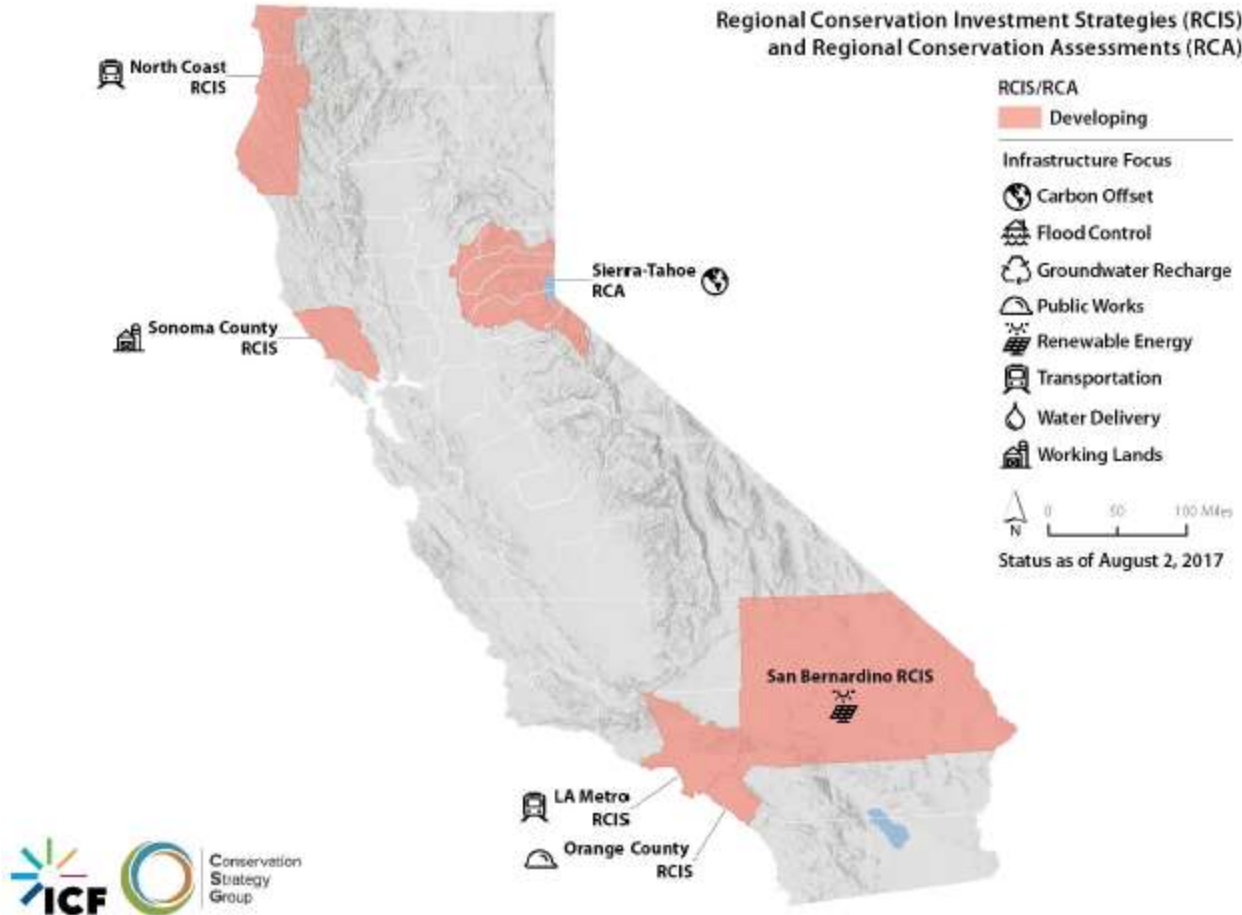
Presentation Outline

- AB 2087 RCIS Pilot Program Overview
- Yolo County RCIS Overview
- Mid & Upper Sac Region RCIS Overview

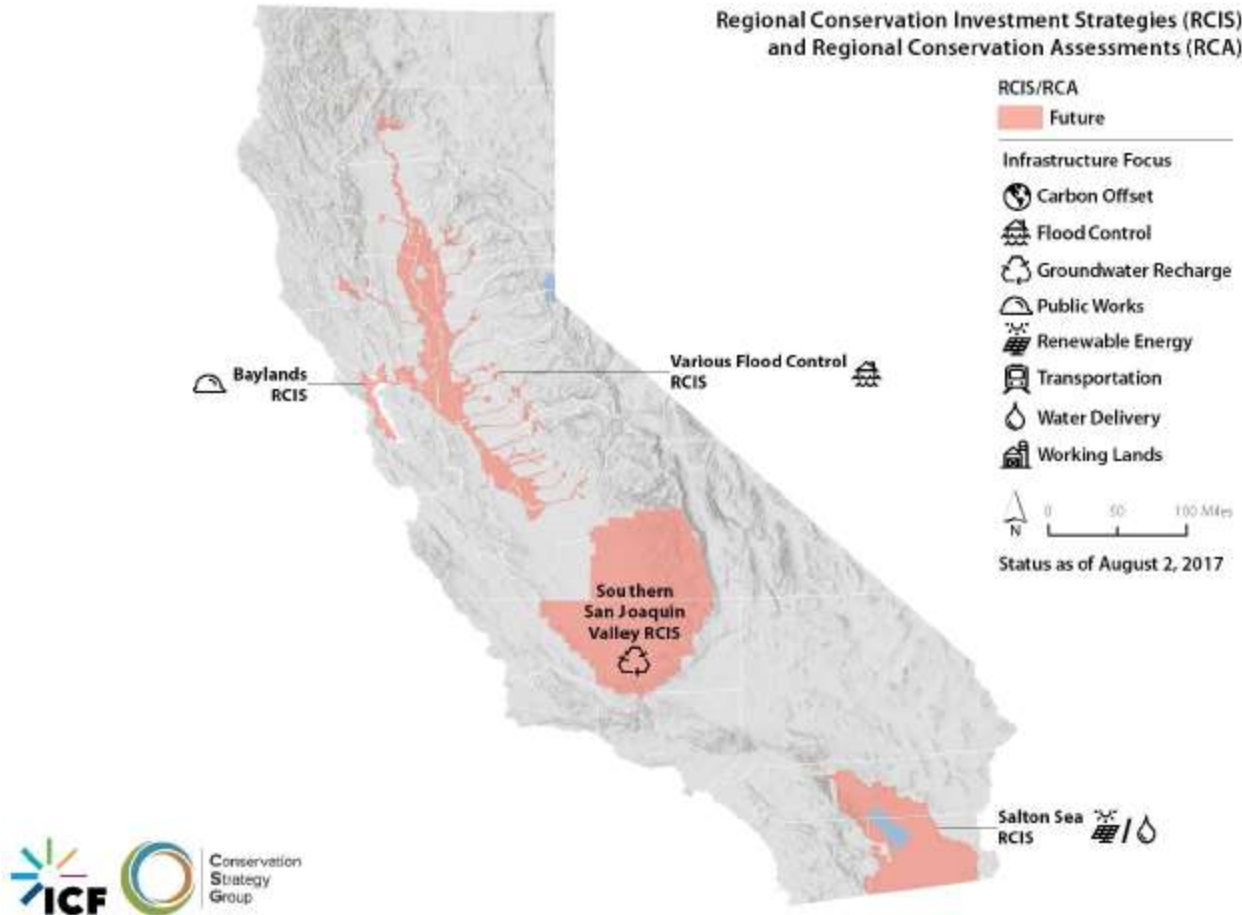
Statewide RCIS Program – Current (2017)



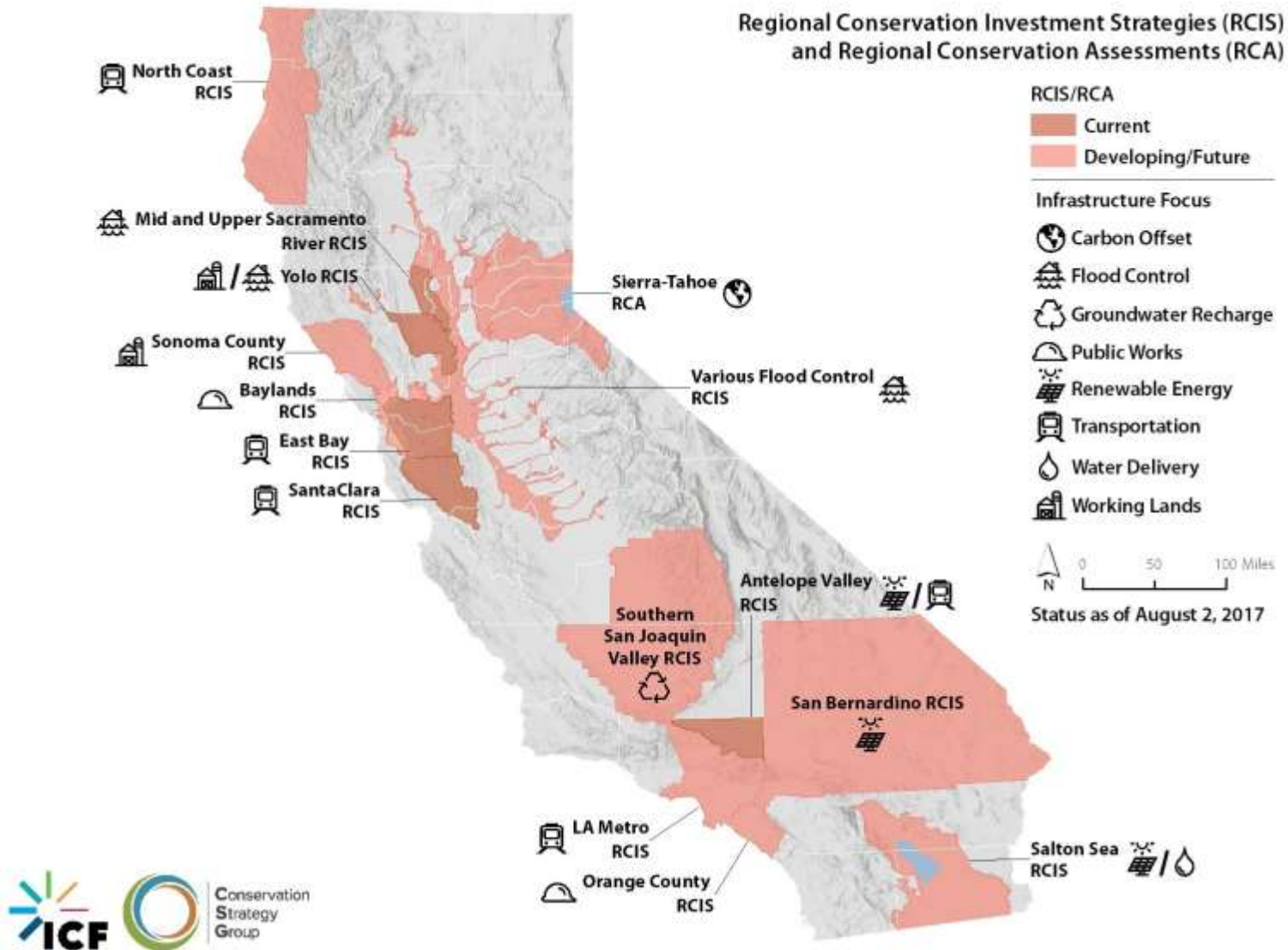
Statewide RCIS Program – Developing (2018)



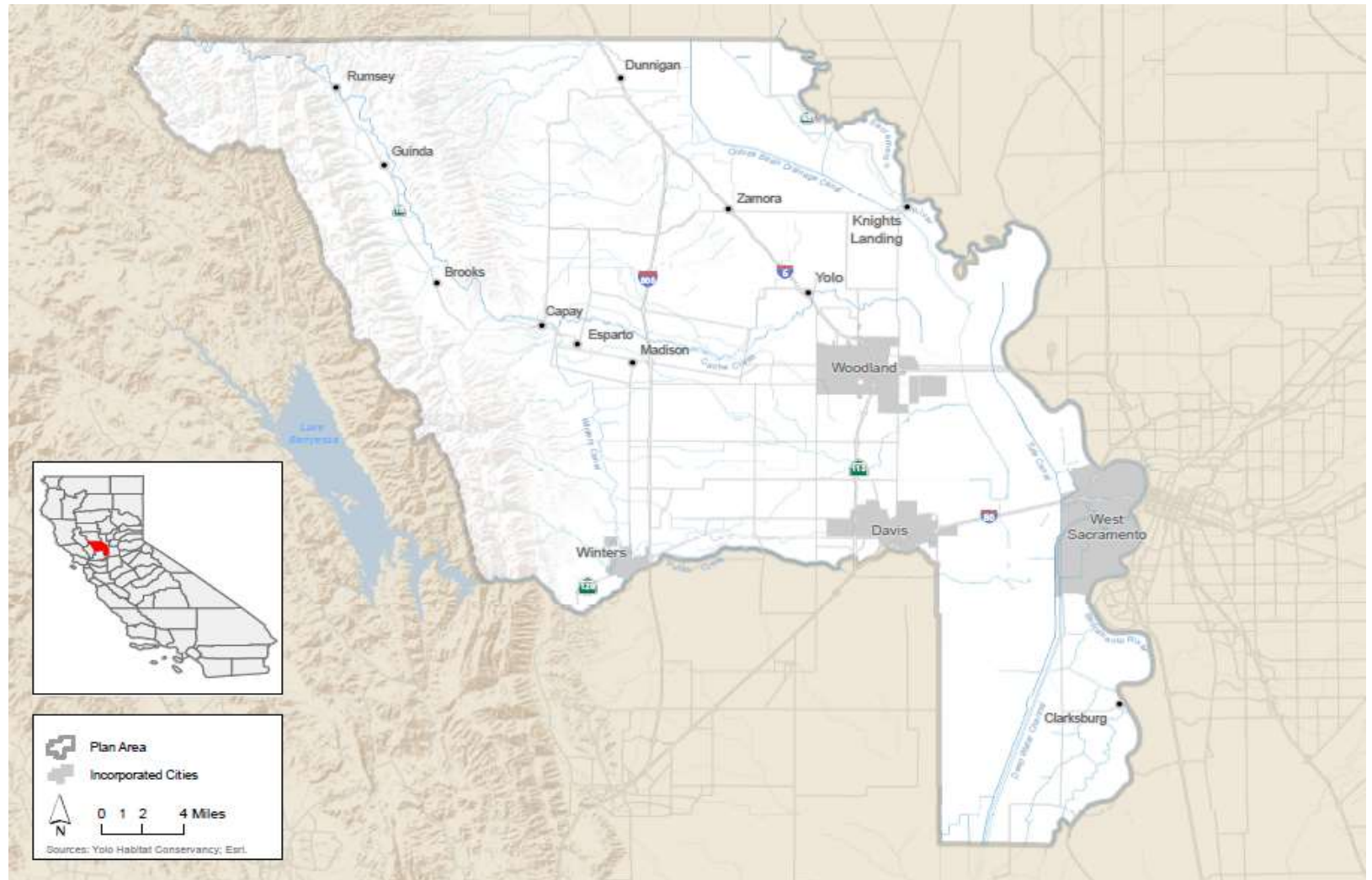
Statewide RCIS Program – Future (2019-2020)



Statewide RCIS Program (2017-2020)



Yolo County RCIS Area



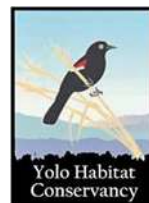
RCIS/LCP Project Team and Engagement: Steering Committee

Core Team

- Yolo County
- Yolo Habitat Conservancy
- Department of Water Resources
- The California Natural Resources Agency
- ICF
- Conservation Strategy Group

Additional Members

- Representative from Advisory Committee (Yolo County LCP)
- American Rivers
- Environmental Defense Fund





Yolo Conservation Investment Strategy (RCIS)

Goal: Strategy to inform science-based conservation actions to advance conservation and infrastructure priorities

- Are consistent with draft and approved infrastructure plans, NCCPs and regional HCPs, approved recovery plans
- Voluntary, non-binding and led by public agencies

Potential Yolo Bypass/Cache Slough Flood and Ecosystem Improvements

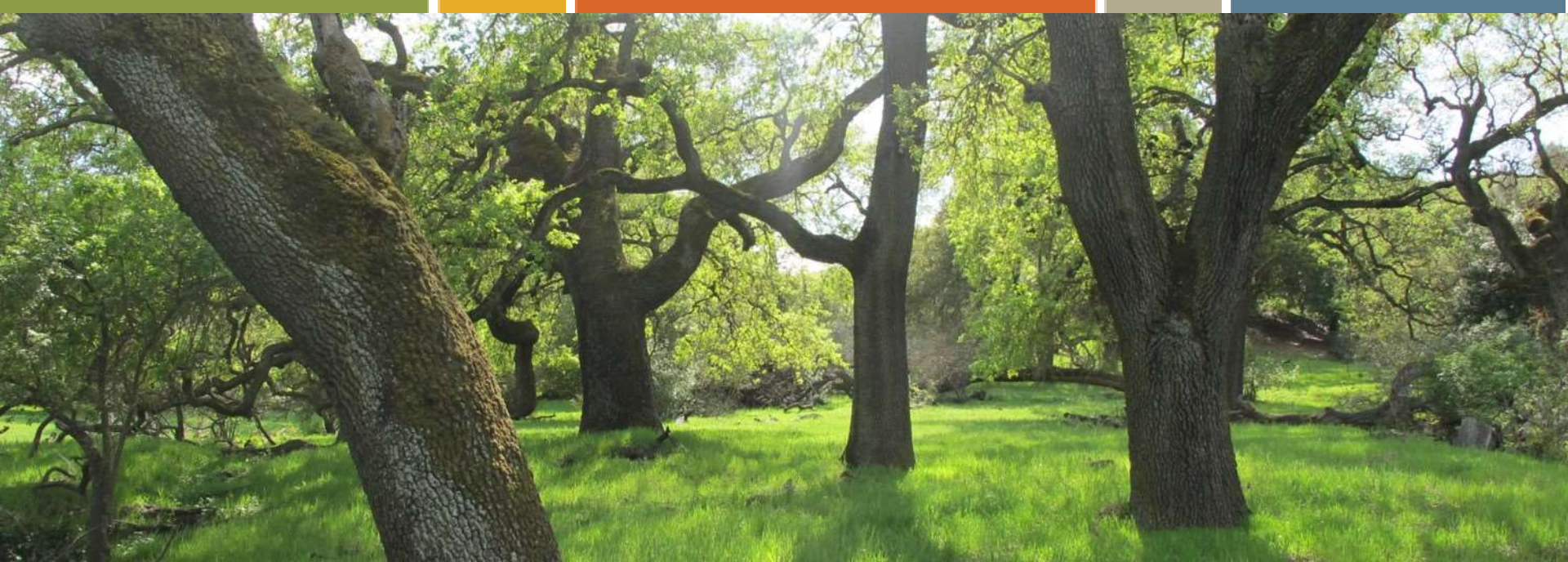
Concepts reflect local, state, and federal planning infrastructure and conservation efforts.





Focal Species Goals and Objectives

- Focal species: state or federally listed, or may be listed in the foreseeable future, and may require mitigation
- 41 focal species (7 plants, 6 invertebrates, 8 fish, 3 amphibians, 2 reptiles, 14 birds, 1 mammal)
- Some focal species will be grouped for goals and objectives

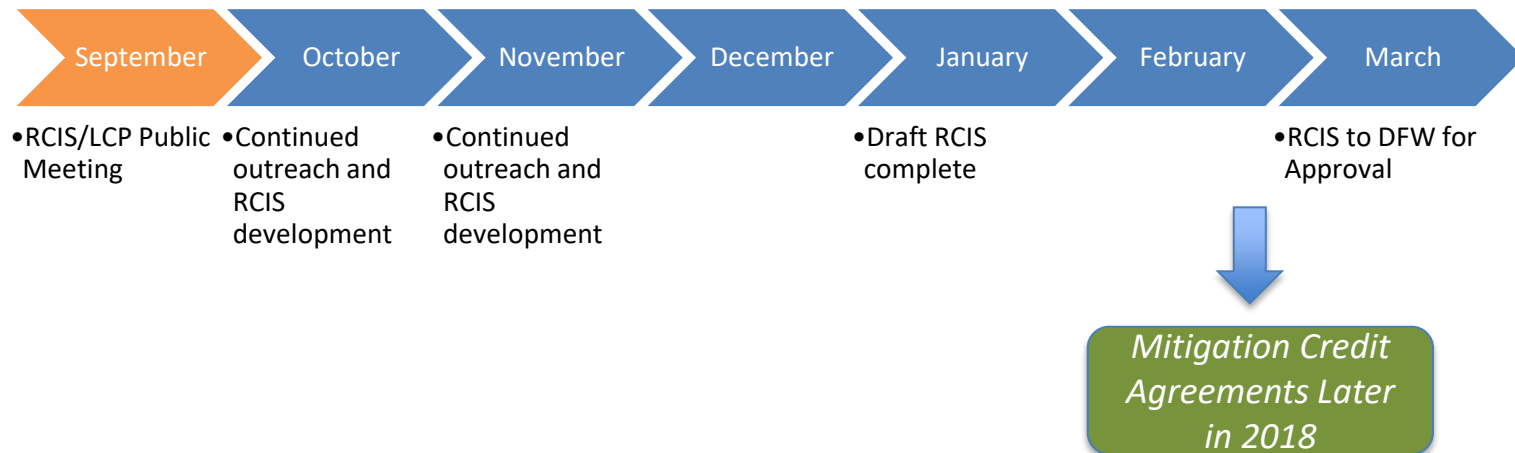


Conservation Species

- Other species of local conservation concern
- 72 conservation species (47 plants, 2 invertebrates, 15 birds, 8 mammals)
- No specific goals and objectives
- Presence of conservation species will be a factor in prioritizing conservation lands



Tentative RCIS Timeline



Upper Mid Sac Region RCIS Area*

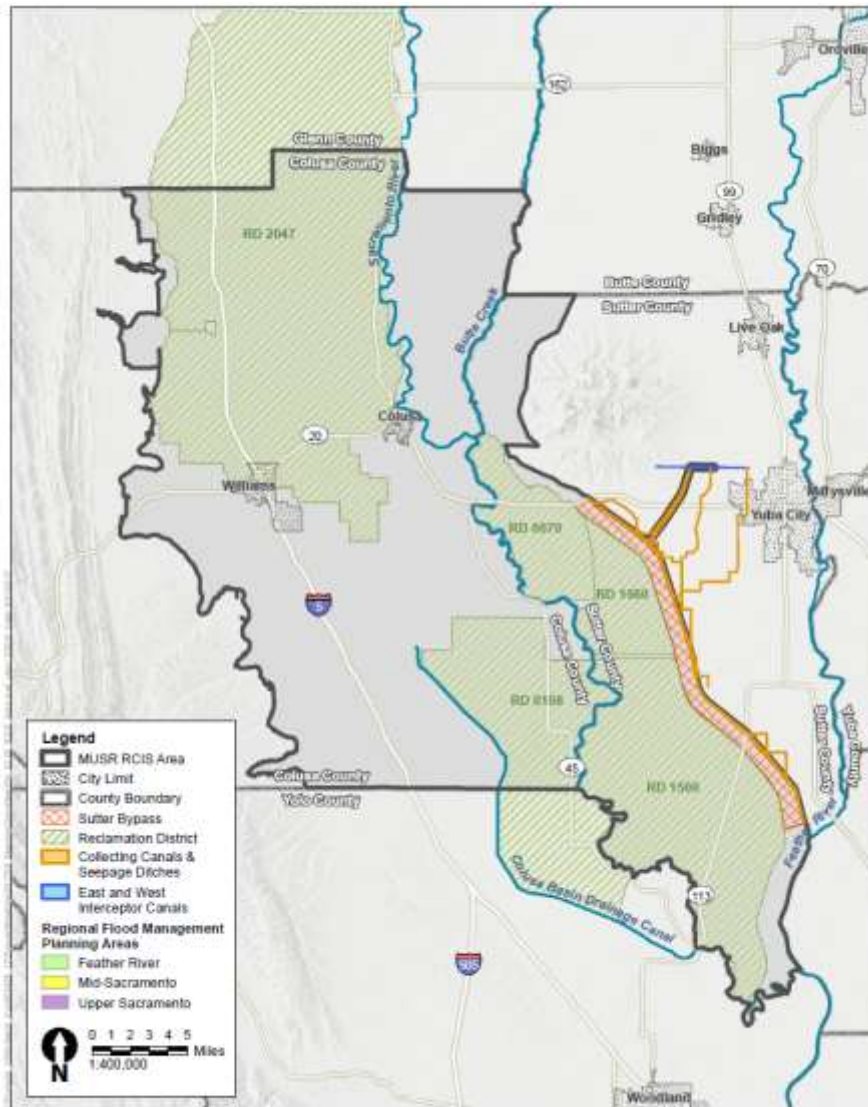
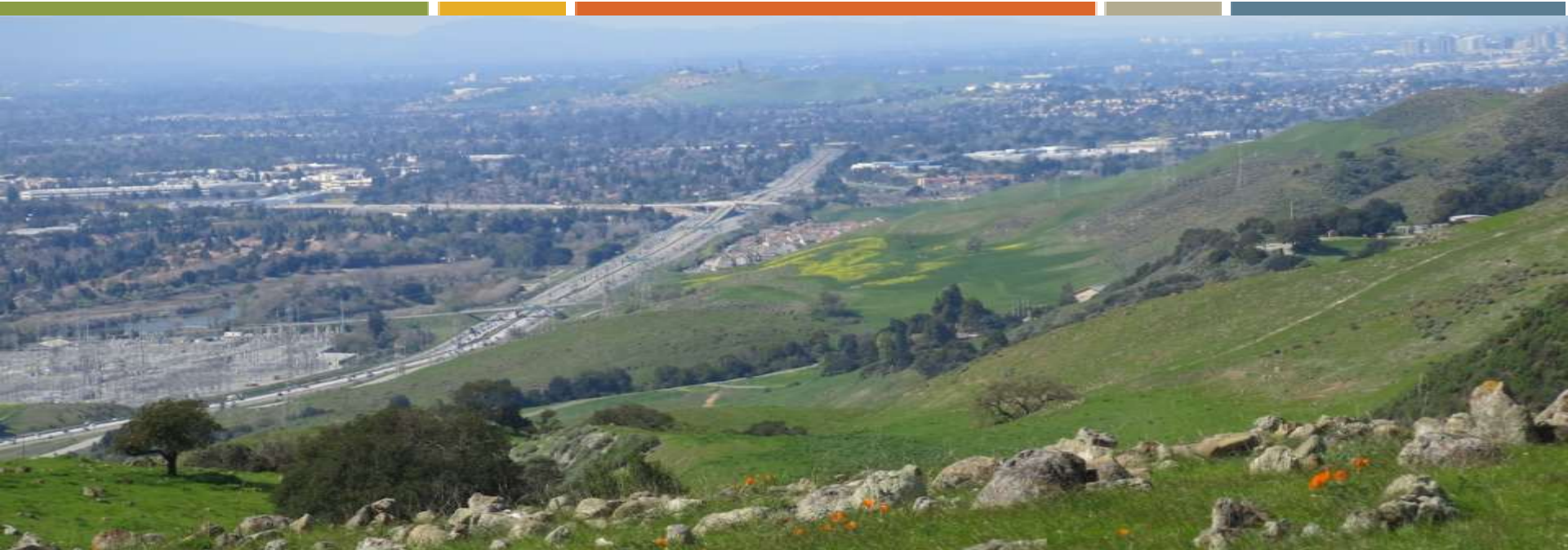


Figure 1-2
Mid and Upper Sacramento River RCIS Area

Upper Mid Sac Region RCIS

- Sponsoring Agency: RD 108
 - In partnership with CNRA, DWR and stakeholders
- Will include regional infrastructure and conservation goals and objectives
 - 2017 CVFPP, Conservation Strategy, info from supporting documents.
- Focuses on 12 focal species
- Expected to be completed by mid-2018



Mitigation Credit Agreements

Dual Goals:

- Achieve meaningful conservation outcomes
- Add efficiencies to infrastructure project delivery through effective and efficient mitigation and regional conservation