

Regional Advance Mitigation Planning in the Bay Area Faster-better-cheaper

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Alignment with Plan Bay Area

A sound strategy for a **sustainable** region with a focus on **regional planning**

- Implementation tool:
 - Regional Advance Mitigation Planning
 - Builds upon the Plan's support of environmental conservation



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Status Quo = Inefficient and Ineffective

- Infrastructure:
 - Inefficient project-by-project approach
 - Delayed project delivery
 - Costly mitigation
- Environment:
 - Isolated islands of habitat ineffective and at risk of failure
 - Lost opportunities due to conversion

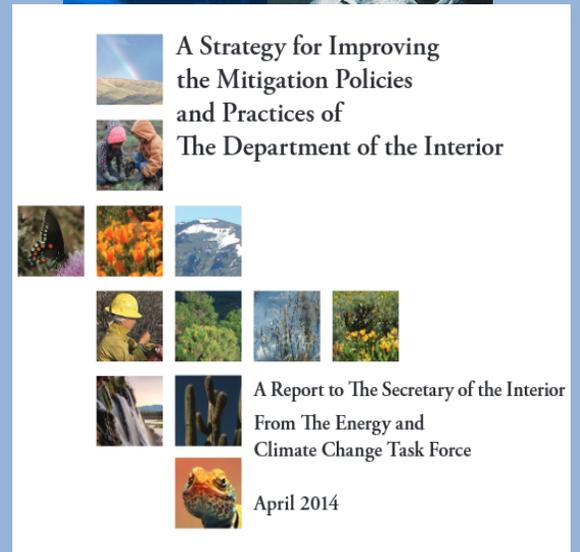
Trend: Landscape-scale mitigation

Infrastructure Benefits:

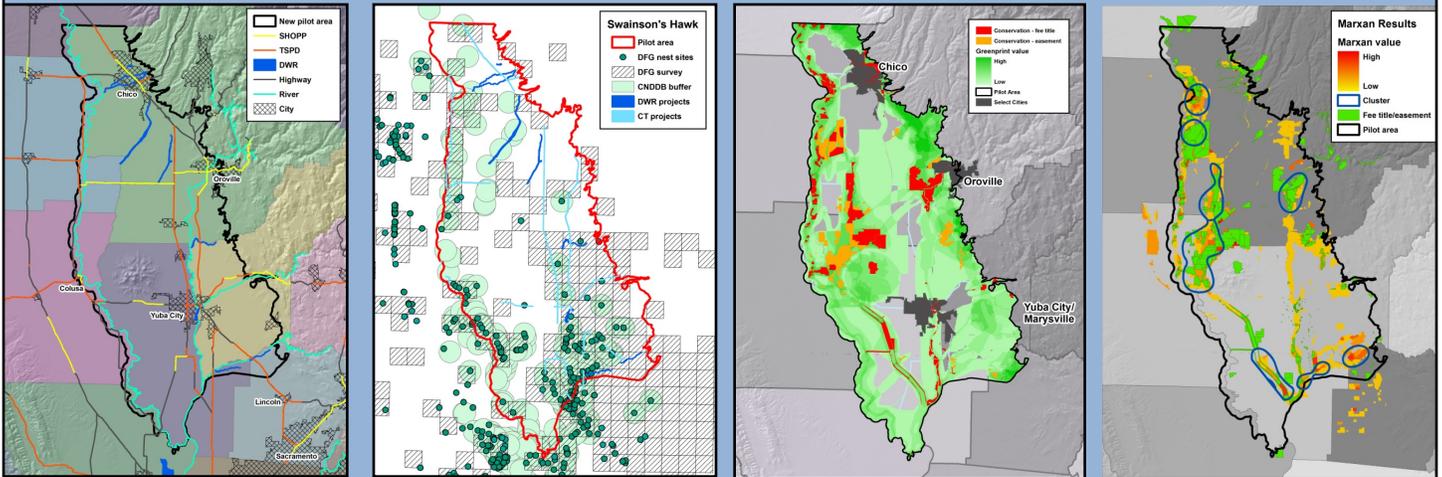
- Cheaper
- Faster project delivery
- More certainty and reduced risk
- Improved relationship with regulatory agencies

Environmental Stewardship:

- More effective conservation
- Contributes to climate goals
- Helps reduce impacts



RAMP Methodology



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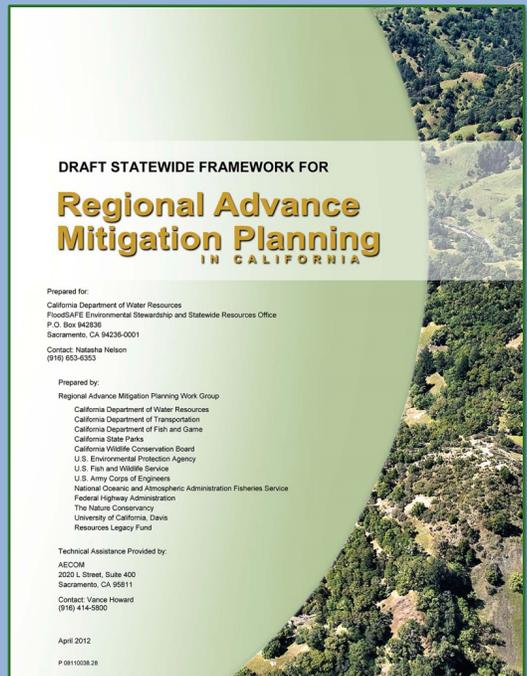
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Central Sacramento River Pilot

Agency Support



Other MPO RAMP Programs

- San Diego:
 - Secured mitigation for all early action projects in first six years of the program
 - Roughly half the estimated cost

- Orange County:

OCTA's environmental program serves as a model... establishing an open public process for collaboration between the public, environmental organizations, business leaders and an infrastructure provider.

-- Darrell Johnson, CEO



RAMP in the Bay Area

- Goal: Expedite project delivery and achieve meaningful conservation outcomes
- Process:
 - Estimate the mitigation needs for several planned infrastructure projects
 - Drive mitigation funds to most productive ecological lands
 - Mitigate in advance
 - State Coastal Conservancy as potential partner

Benefits

- Efficient and cost-effective mitigation
- Advance regional conservation priorities
- Consistency with Plan Bay Area
- Productive engagement with regulatory agencies
- Engagement with Bay Area's parks and open space districts
- Leadership and innovation