

Salinas River Parkway Grant
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Today's Purpose

- Background and context for grant project
- Overview of grant project scope

Regional Context

- Salinas River is 170 Miles Long
- 4,000 square mile watershed
- Largest watershed that outlets to the Monterey Bay
- Upper Salinas Watershed Action Plan – Accepted by State Water Resources Board in 2004



Paso Robles Salinas Corridor

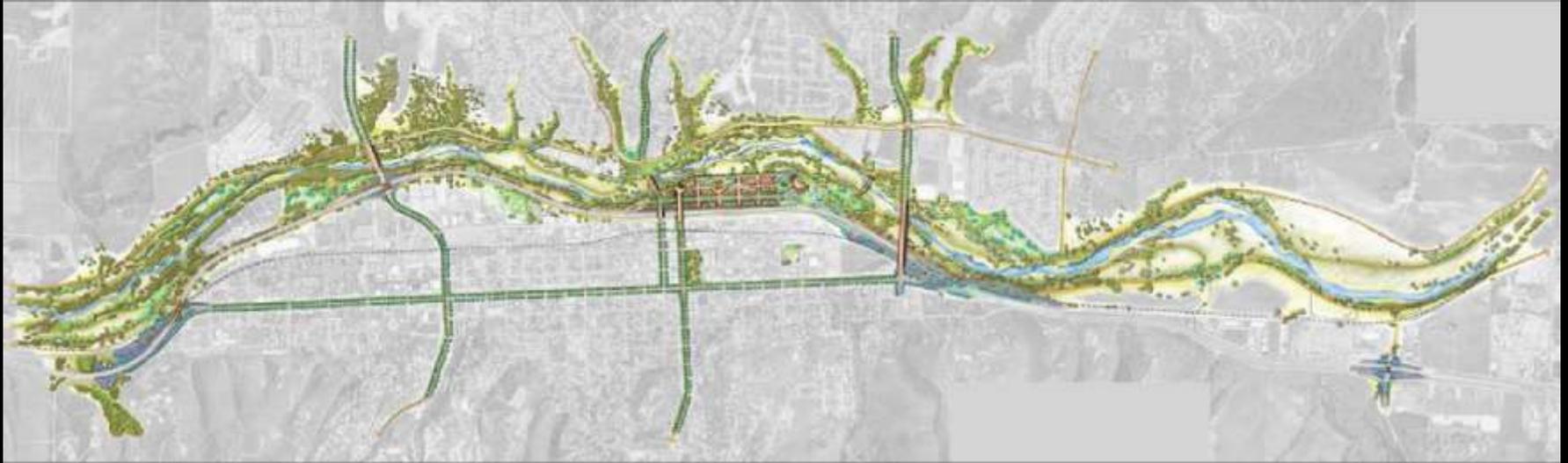


- Four mile stretch within Paso Robles proper
- Less than one third in public ownership
- The focus of an intensive Community Vision Effort since 2003

2005 Design Workshop Effort



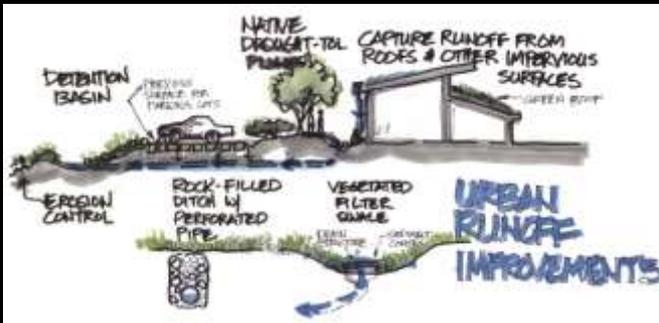
Salinas River Vision Plan



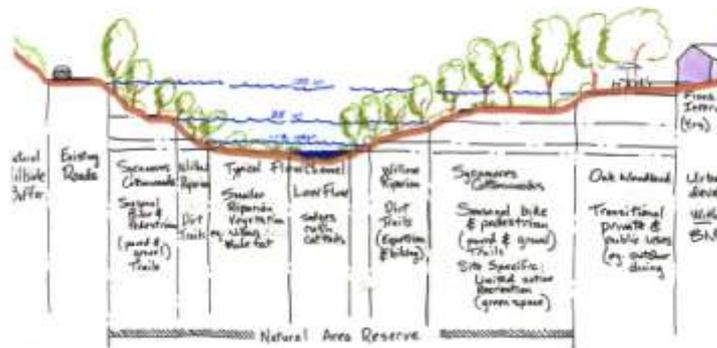
Collaborative effort with:

- State & Federal Resource and Environmental and/or Regulatory Agencies
- Property owners along the Salinas River
- Community Interest Groups

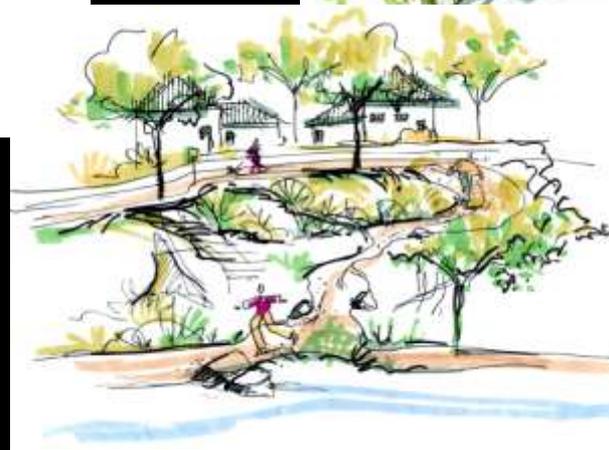
Draft River Vision Plan Embodies Goals to: Conserve & Enhance the Natural Environment



RECOMMENDED CHANNEL MATRIX



Provide Trails and Recreational Opportunities



Increase Educational Opportunities and Public Awareness



Salinas River Nature Center

Improve and Control Connections to the River

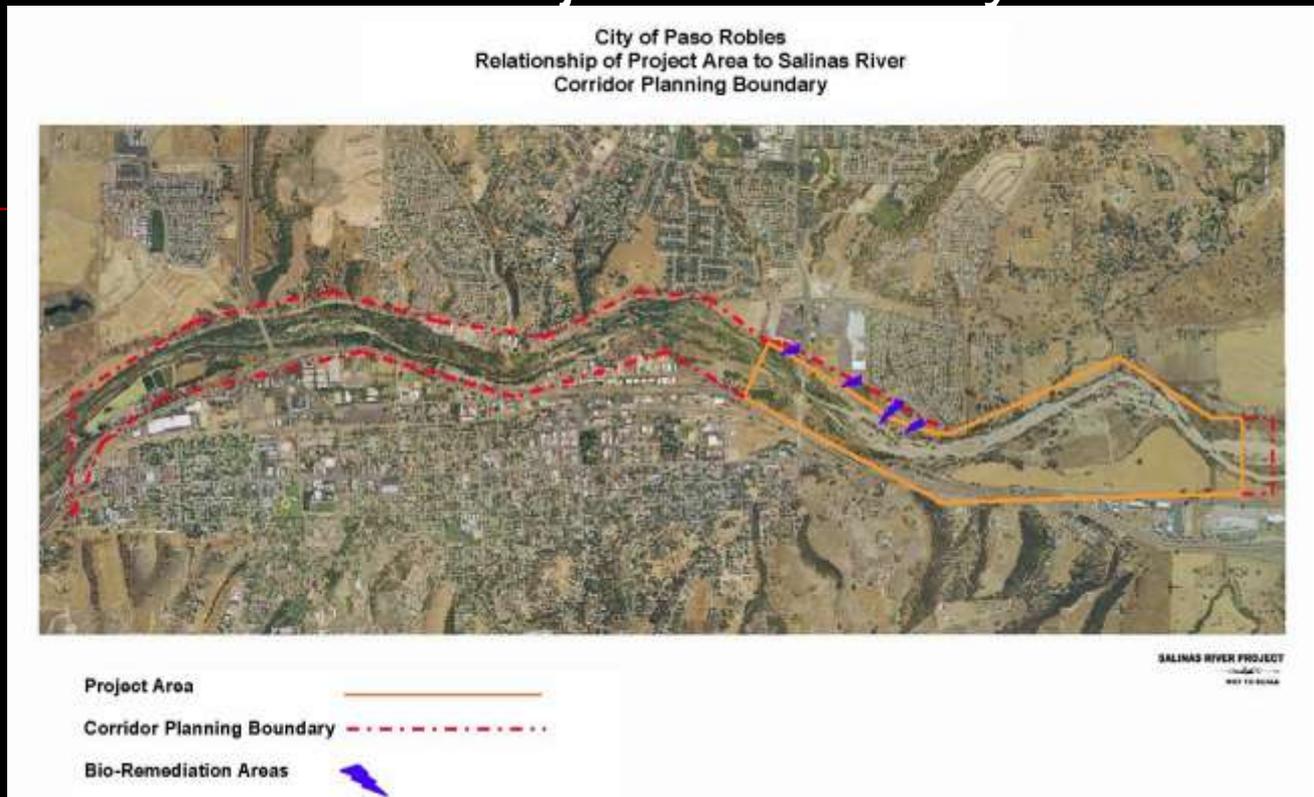


Reduce Inappropriate Use of Resources

- Control/prohibit access by ORV's
- Control trespass and camping



Grant Project Summary



Two Main Components:

- Acquire private property within/adjacent to the Salinas River Corridor for long term management by the City of Paso Robles (\$3.7 million)
- Implement restoration and revegetation efforts on City owned land adjacent to the acquisition site (\$300 thousand)

Project Purpose

- To protect, restore, and enhance the water quality, riparian habitat, flood control, and groundwater recharge values of property along the Upper Salinas River.

Land Acquisition Component

- Urbanization is one of the primary causes of water quality and riparian habitat degradation to the Salinas River.
- Through acquisition of private land and conveyance to the City of Paso Robles for long term ownership and management;
 - urban development will be avoided for approximately 260 acres of privately owned land
 - existing water quality, groundwater recharge, riparian habitat and drinking water sources will be protected
 - future opportunity for protection and restoration will be made possible

Riparian and Storm Water Remediation Component

- Four urban storm water channels currently discharge directly into the Salinas River from east side residential and commercial development.
- Trough riparian restoration activities and bio-remediation of the storm channels;
 - invasive plant species will be removed
 - storm waters surface channels will be enhanced and revegetated to improve bank stability and reduce urban pollutants
 - opportunity provided for public education of the urban watershed
 - restoration can serve as a Demonstration Projection for implementation of the City's Storm Water Management Plan

Land Acquisition Scope

- Acquire approximately 260-acre property adjacent to the Salinas River corridor.
- Area is contiguous to publicly owned property on all sides
- The Trust for Public Land (TPL) will facilitate the acquisition as the City's partner.
 - Negotiate terms of sale with private owners
 - Secure purchase option agreement
 - Commission appraisals
 - Assist with fundraising for gap funding
- The TPL will convey fee-title ownership to the City of Paso Robles for long term management, site control and future enhancements.



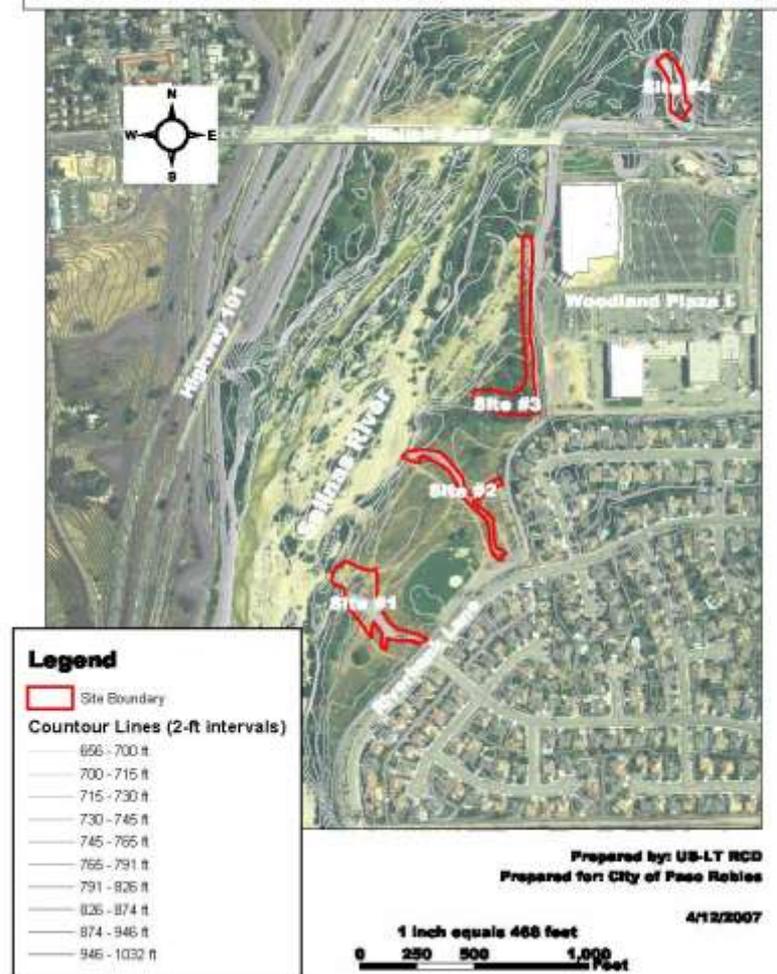
Land Acquisition Alternatives

- If unable to acquire the full 260 acres - pursue alternative property acquisitions.
- Other property owners have come forward expressing willingness to sell their property since the Salinas River Vision Plan was shared at a Community Workshop.

Restoration of Four Urban Stormwater Channels - Scope

- All channels located on publicly owned property
- Same property as recent River Parkway Trail Project where:
 - State Resources Board funded 1.5 miles of river trail
 - Included educational/interpretative elements
- Approximately 3.5 acres of storm water surface channels enhanced
- Complementary enhancements to River Parkway Trail improvements

Salinas River Parkway Site Vicinity Map



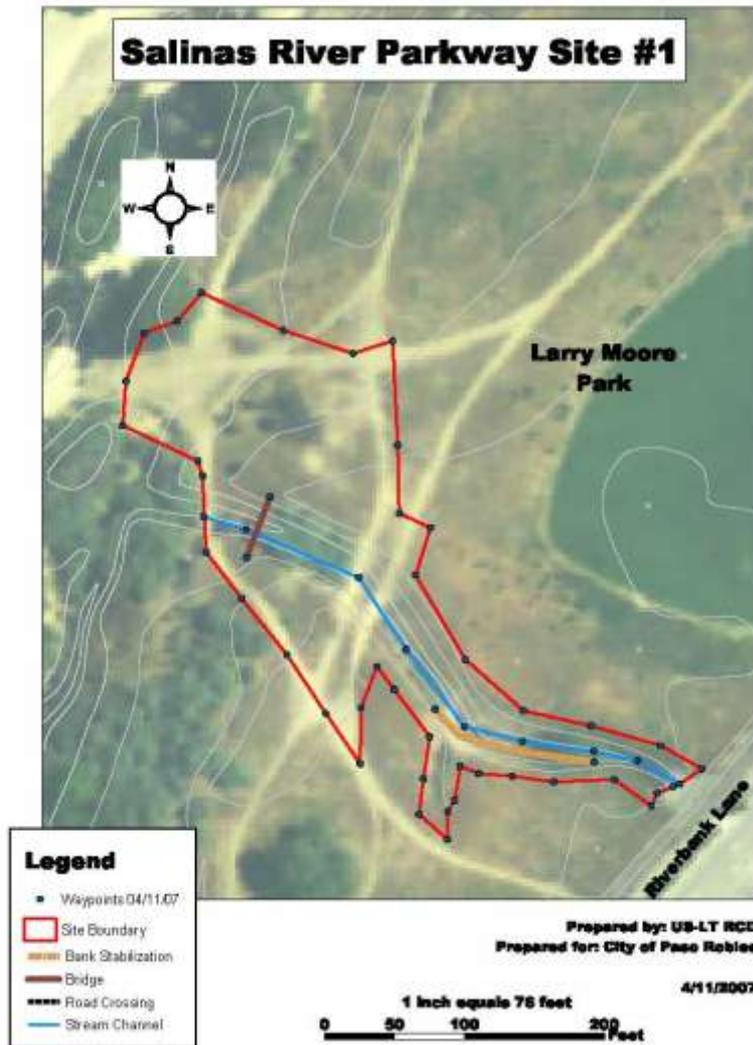
Restoration of Four Urban Stormwater Channels

Upper Salinas – Las Tablas Resource Conservation District (RCD) will contract with the City to conduct the Design, Permitting, Education and Construction Components.

- Mapping and Evaluation of Site Conditions
- Coordination and Consultation with Public Permitting Agencies
- CEQA Environmental Review assistance (City is Lead Agency)
- Design and Bio-Engineer the Restoration Work
- Design Monitoring and Performance Plan
- Conduct Performance Measurements and Documentation
- Process and Obtain Permits
- Develop and Assist in Public Training and Education
- Remove Non-Native Vegetation
- Install Remediation and Enhancement Improvements

Salinas River Parkway Site #1

- Located at most southerly end of public site
- Remediation will be tailored for specific problems of each channel



Salinas River Parkway Site #1

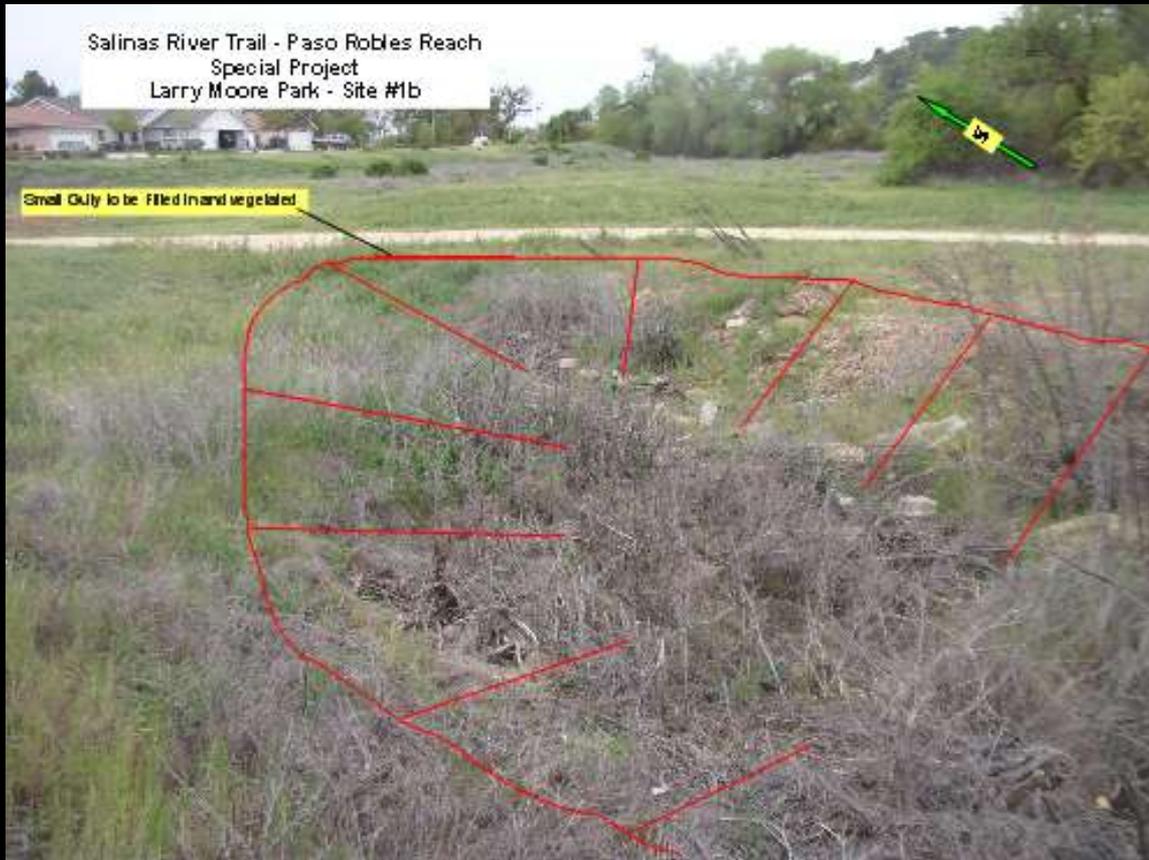
Vegetation in
channel causing
sediment to
deposit in the
storm water pipe



Salinas River Parkway Site #1



Eroded banks
requiring minor
grading and
revegetation



Salinas River Parkway Site #1

Old headcut filled with debris along trail
in Larry Moore Park



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Eroded banks
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Salinas River Parkway Site #1

Vehicle crossings
just upstream from
the Salinas River



Salinas River Parkway Site #1

Old vehicle
crossings
requiring
revegetation



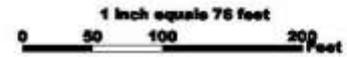
Salinas River Parkway Site #2



Legend

- Wypoints 04/11/07
- Site Boundary
- Bank Stabilization
- Bridge
- Road Crossing
- Stream Channel

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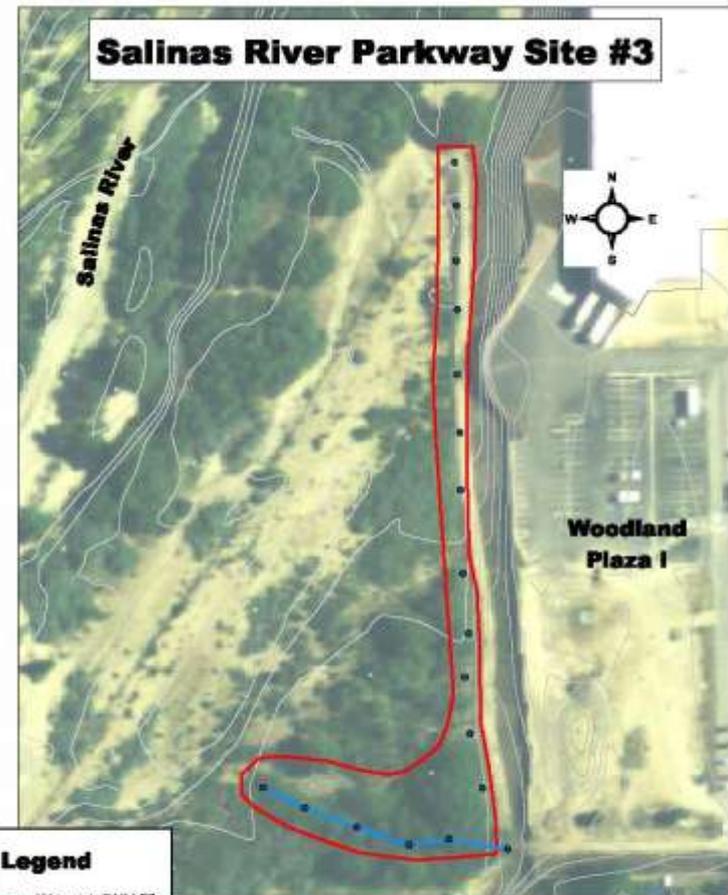


Salinas River Parkway Site #2

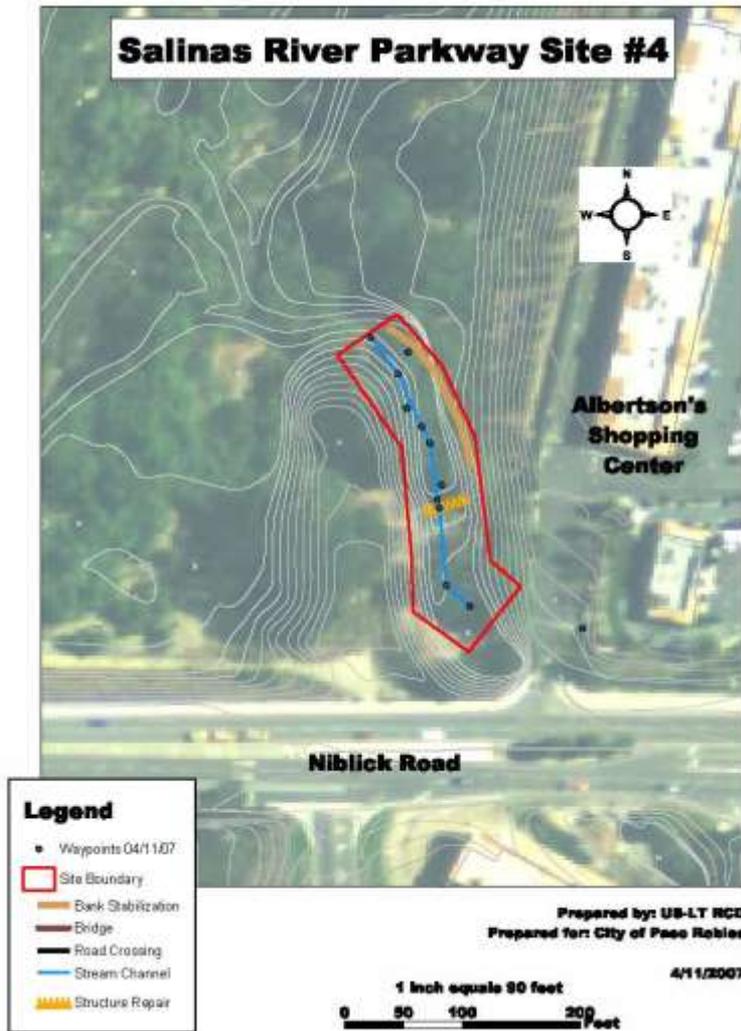
Banks are highly
subject to
erosion and
must be
stabilized;
location of an
active headcut

Salinas River Parkway Site #3

- Debris removal
- Non-native plant species removal



Salinas River Parkway Site #4



- Northern most channel
- Most significant stream channel (blue-line)
- Will require Army Corps permit consultation

Salinas River Parkway Site #4



Unstable
concrete
debris and
eroding
channel banks

Salinas River Parkway Site #4

Unstable
concrete
debris and
eroding bank



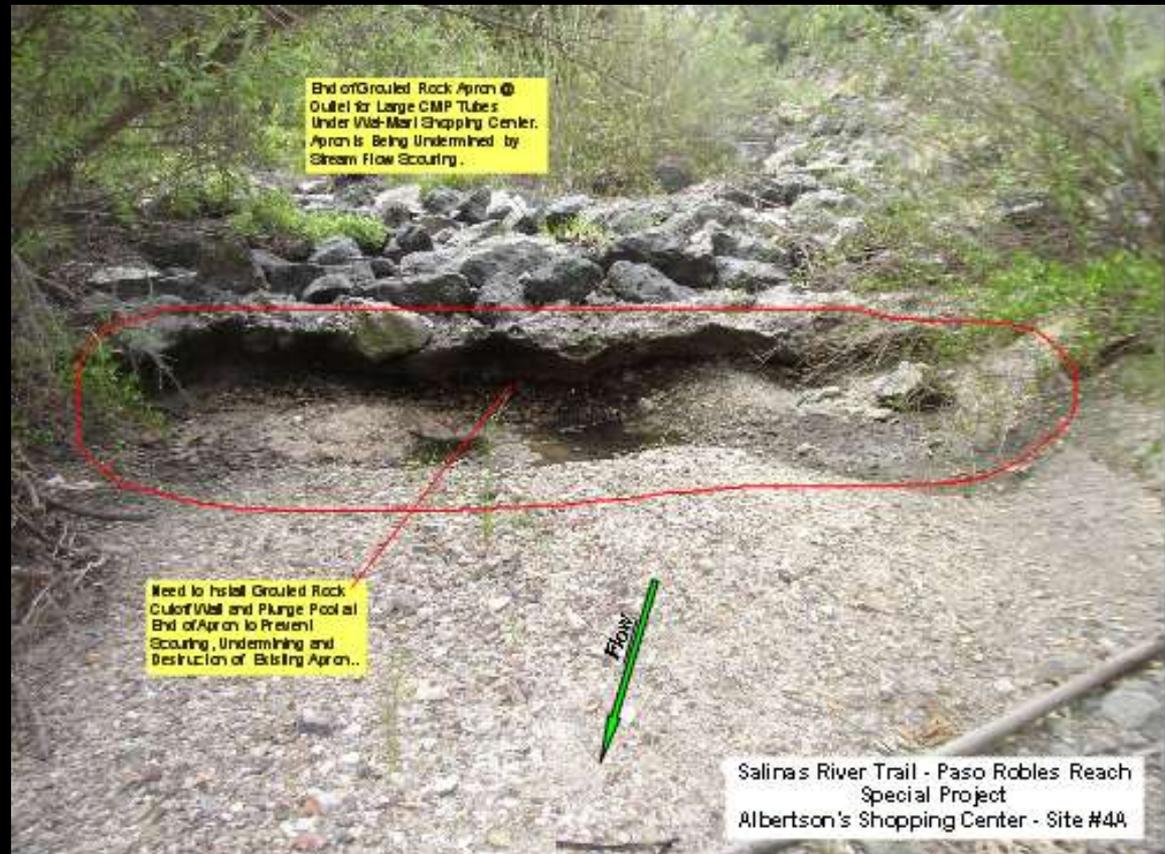
Salinas River Parkway Site #4



Concrete
debris along
the channel
bank

Salinas River Parkway Site #4

Grouted
rock apron
below
Albertsons
shopping
center is
being
undermined



Timeline

Acquisition

- Property owner negotiations underway
- Appraisals are being commissioned
- CEQA Categorical Exemption anticipated May 2007
- Appraisals by June 2007
- Purchase Agreement by August 2007
- Close of Escrow and Conveyance to City by July 2008

Restoration

Restoration

- Mapping underway
- Consultation with Agencies underway
- Monitoring and Performance Plan by end of April 2007
- Remediation Design complete by May 2007
- CEQA Documentation for Categorical Exemption in May 2007
- Agency Permit clearance anticipated by August 2007
- Notice to Proceed to Enhancement Installation by August 2007
- Public Training Plan by December 2007
- Restoration Enhancements complete by July 2008
- Monitoring Reporting by July 2008

- Final Project Report August 2008

- Project Wrap Up Meeting with Regional Board Staff – August 2008

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Thank You for your Attention

Questions and Answers

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