

OLD CAPITOL SITE PLAN

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEETING #2
APRIL 23, 2024



AGENDA

1. INTRODUCTIONS
2. PROJECT OVERVIEW & SCHEDULE
3. COMMUNITY INPUT SUMMARIZATION
4. REVIEW OF SITE MAPPING
5. CONCEPT DESIGN PRESENTATION
6. COMMUNITY INPUT AND COMMENT
7. CLOSING COMMENTS



INTRODUCTIONS

PROJECT TEAM

- City of Monterey Parks & Recreation
- BFS Landscape Architects
- EMC Planning Group, Inc.
- Vaughan Forestry and Land Management
- Whitson Engineers

Funding for the Old Capitol Site Plan was provided by the City of Monterey's Neighborhood and Community Improvement Program.



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PROJECT BACKGROUND AND SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE

WE ARE HERE

2024

FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JULY | AUG

PHASE I: Project Kickoff & Surveys

- Site Surveys
- Site Analysis

PHASE II: Public Engagement

- Community Meeting #1
- Online Survey #1
- Community Meeting #2
- Online Survey #2

PHASE III: Design Options and Cost

- Synthesize + Incorporate Feedback
- Suitability Matrix
- Programming Layout Studies
- Draft Concept Plans
- Refine Draft Concept Plans & Develop Cost Estimates

PHASE IV: Final Presentations

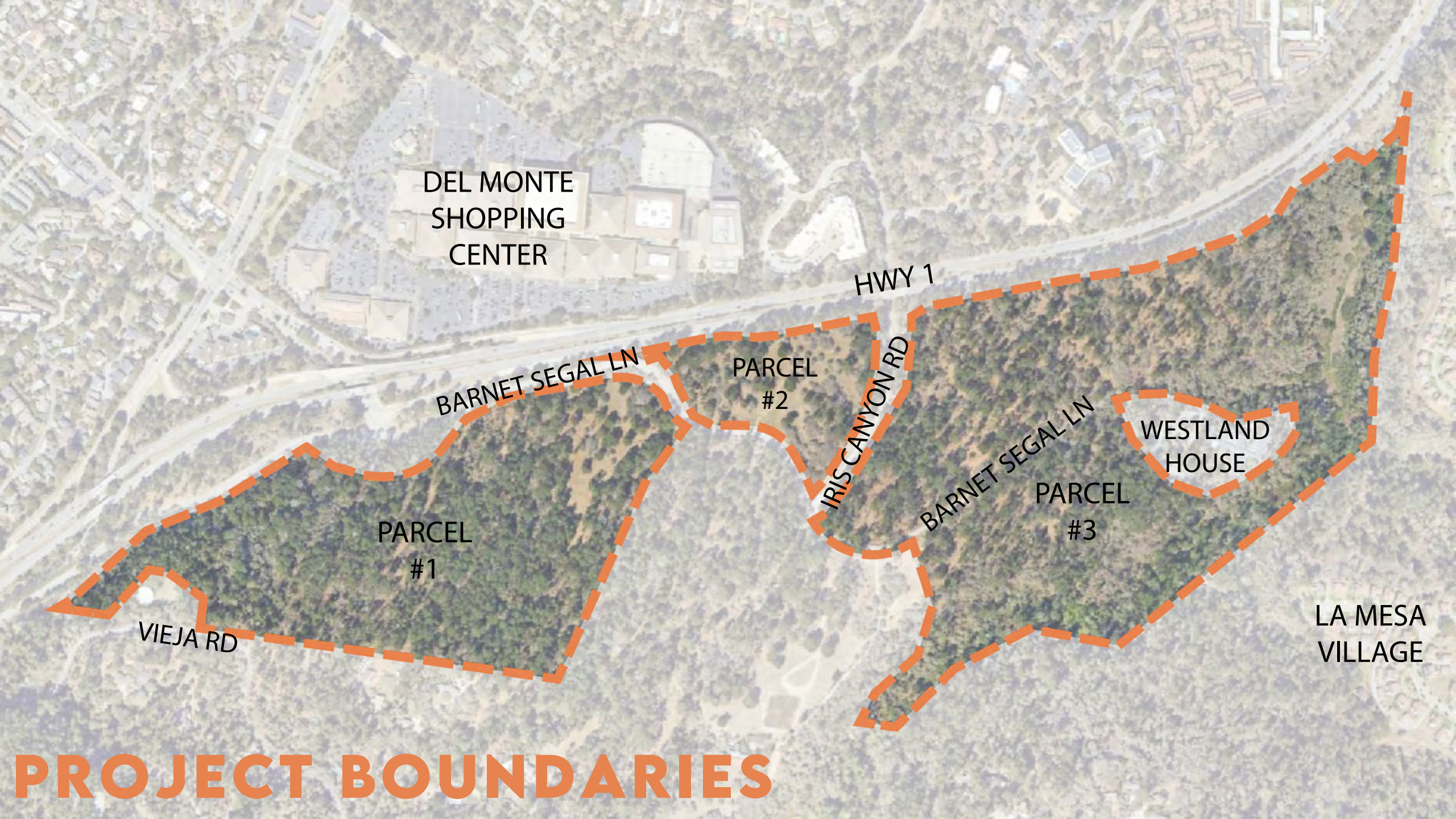
- Parks & Recreation Commission (PRC): Preferred Draft Concept Plan
- City Council: Adopt Final Concept Plan



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- Old Capitol Site is 135 Acres and spans over 3 distinct parcels
- There are several sensitive biotic communities that occur within the project site
- Old Capitol Site includes (2) Special Attention Areas
 - SAA 1-Monterey Pine Easement Area, County Condition 31 – 8.4 acres dedicated to the permanent preservation of the Monterey Pine Forest
 - SAA 2 -Stevenson School Deed Restriction – 9.1 acres dedicated to the permanent preservation of the Monterey Pine Forest





DEL MONTE
SHOPPING
CENTER

HWY 1

BARNET SEGAL LN

PARCEL
#2

IRIS CANYON RD

BARNET SEGAL LN

PARCEL
#3

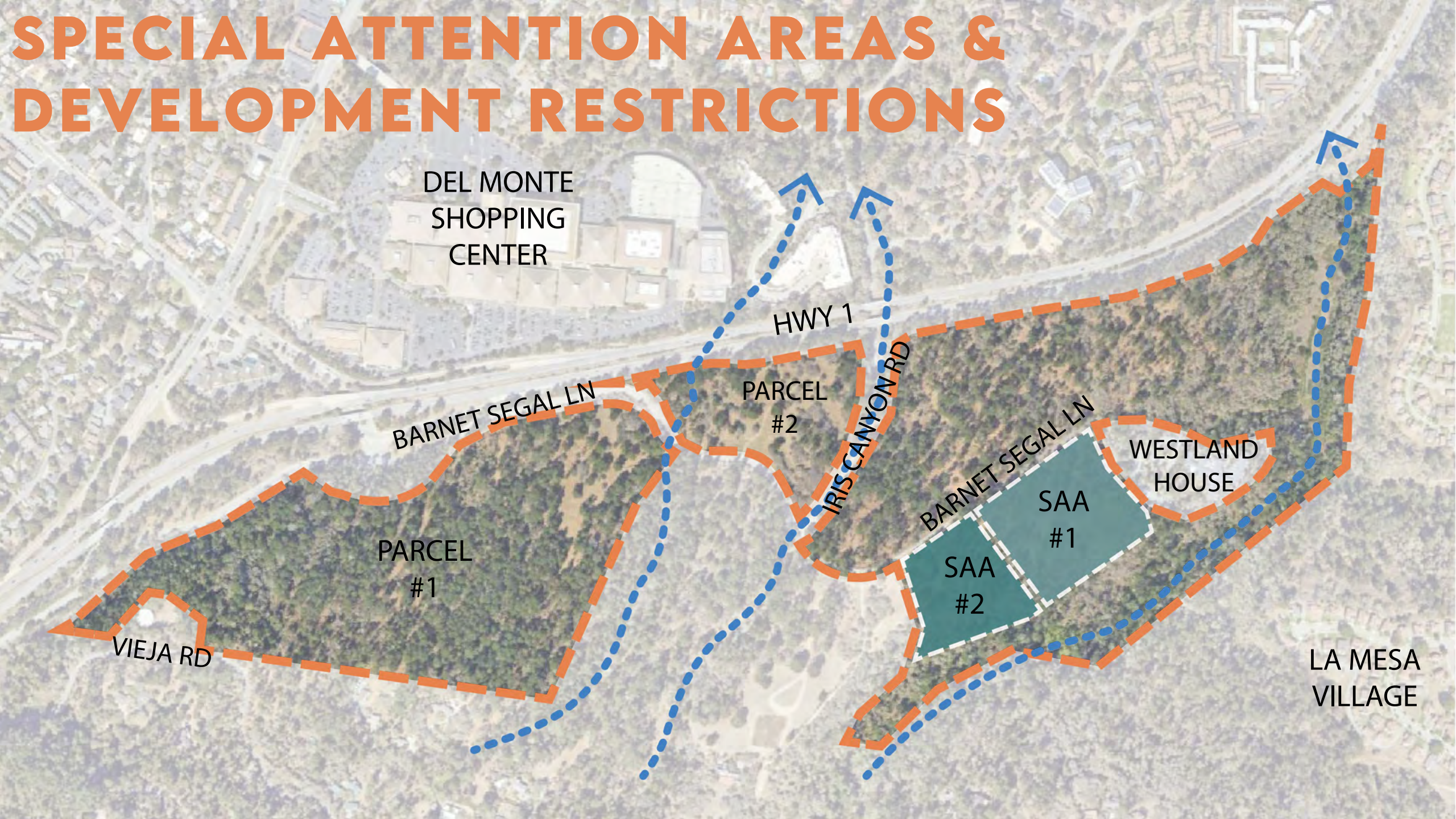
WESTLAND
HOUSE

LA MESA
VILLAGE

VIEJA RD

PARCEL
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PROJECT BOUNDARIES



SPECIAL ATTENTION AREAS & DEVELOPMENT RESTRICTIONS

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- In 2022 the City of Monterey adopted a Fuel Reduction Maintenance Program to reduce the risk of wildfire within the Old Capitol Site
- Existing within the site are several active fire access and maintenance roads. Width varies between 12-20 feet
- Fuel Reduction Maintenance is performed by the City of Monterey and Cal Fire
- City of Monterey has planted seedling oaks within the parcels to promote reforestation





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EXISTING FIRE ROAD ACCESS

SCALE: 1"= 200'-0"



In the Old Capitol Site Plan, I would like to see...

My top priorities for the Old Capitol Site are...

My top 3 concerns for the Old Capitol Site are...

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

MEETING #1 – FEBRUARY 27, 2024

- Outreach Meeting at Casanova Oak Knoll Community Center
- Attendance – 27 attendees not including City Staff and Design Team
- City staff was on hand to provide live Spanish translation if needed
- BFS provided an overview of the project goals, deliverables and schedule via PowerPoint presentation
- Attendees were provided with a (3) minute public comment period



MEETING #1 – FEBRUARY 27, 2024

- Community Input
 - POTENTIAL PROGRAM IDEAS
 - Trails
 - Camping
 - Restrooms
 - On-Site Ranger
 - Zipline
 - Educational and Interpretive Storytelling
 - Integration of sculptural art
 - Kid-friendly elements
 - Dog Park
 - CONCERNS
 - Fire prevention and ongoing fuel reduction
 - Preservation of ecologically sensitive assets
 - Noise and general disruptions to adjacent property owners
 - Displacement of the unhoused that are currently illegally camping within the project site
 - OTHER
 - Explore potential funding sources to offset ongoing maintenance and staffing costs



COMMUNITY SURVEY - ONLINE

- Community Survey was available to the public between February 28, 2024 – March 27, 2024
- Survey was available in both English and Spanish
- Survey Link was shared via the City of Monterey 'Have Your Say Website', City of Monterey newsletter, email blasts and social media
- Survey included approximately 15 questions garnering community input
- (221) online survey responses were received



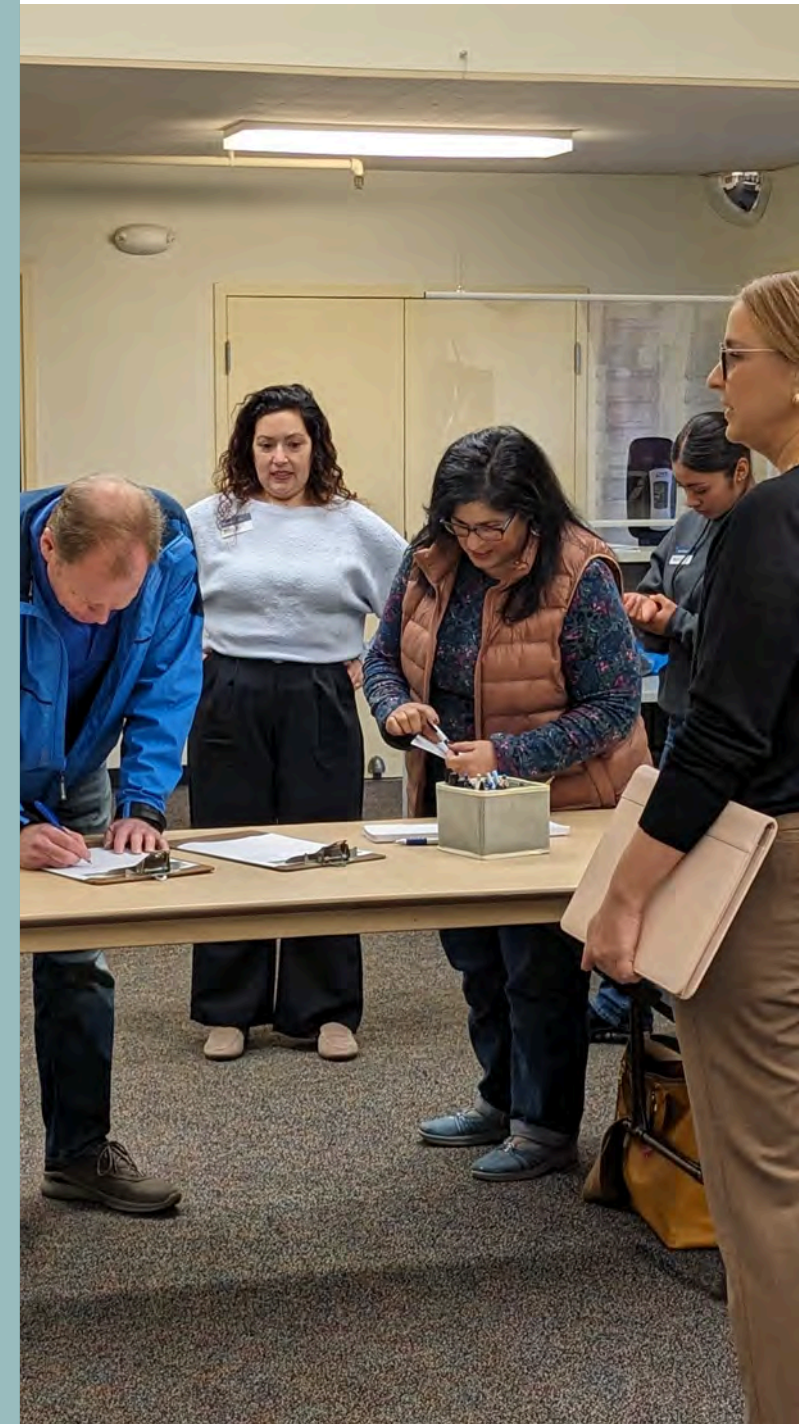
COMMUNITY SURVEY - ONLINE

- Community Input
 - TOP FIVE PRIORITIES
 - Environmental Preservation
 - Day Use Recreation
 - Safety Measures
 - Fuel Management
 - Overnight Camping
 - TOP SIX DESIRED AMENITIES & ACTIVITIES
 - All types of trails
 - Picnic Areas
 - Restrooms
 - Preservation
 - Passive recreation and flexible space
 - Camping
 - TOP SIX NOT DESIRED AMENITIES & ACTIVITIES
 - Increased environmental impacts
 - Camping
 - Fires and BBQS
 - Biking
 - Dog Park
 - Pickleball



COMMUNITY SURVEY - ONLINE

- Community Input
 - TOP 3 CONCERNS
 - Environmental Impacts
 - Illegal Camping
 - Noise, Light and Litter Pollution
 - TOP 5 DESIRED SAFETY MEASURES
 - Management of illegal camping
 - Wayfinding and Signage
 - Secure Parking Lot
 - Active Security / Ranger Presence
 - Visibility and Sight Lines



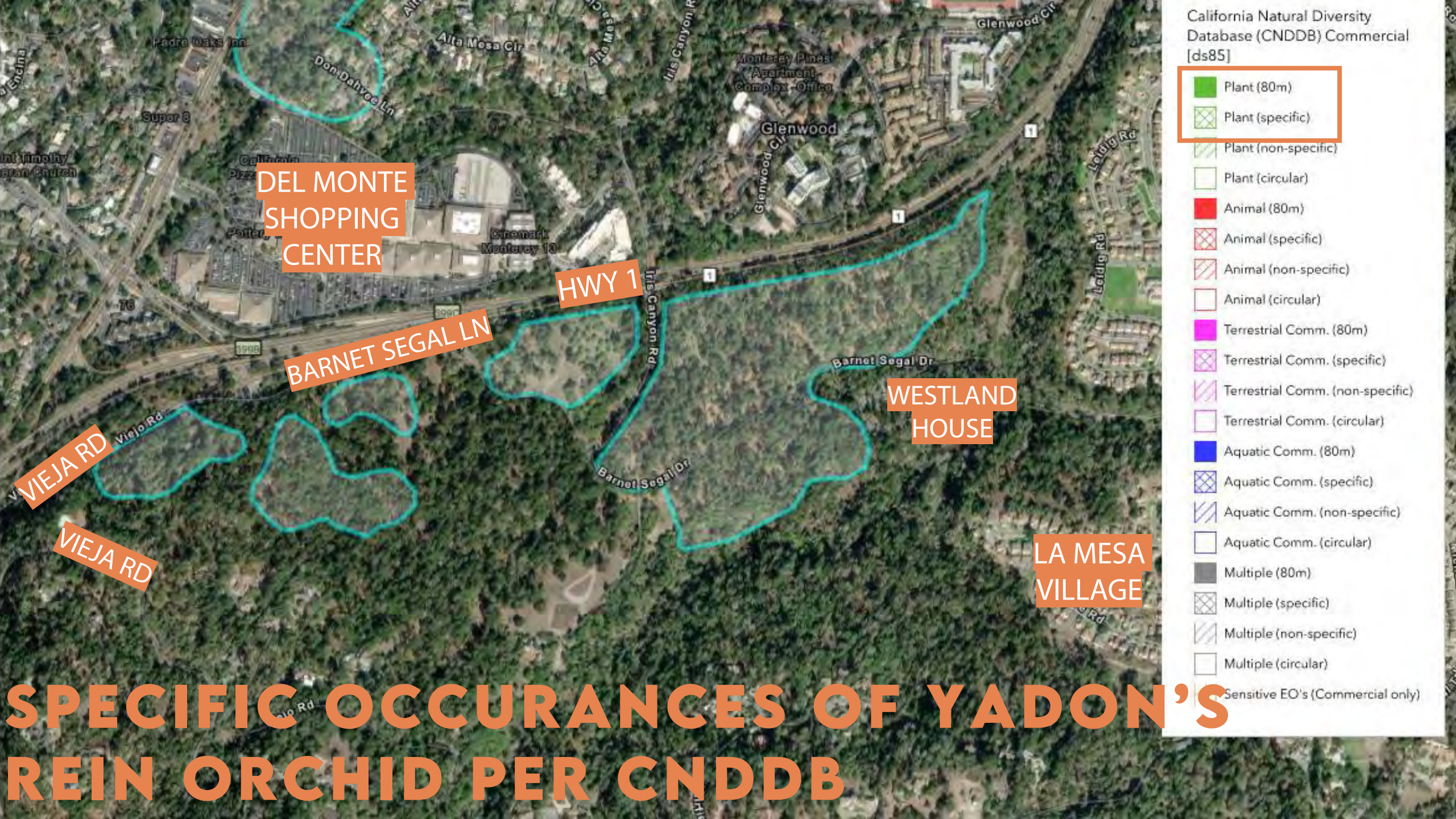


SITE ASSESSMENTS

BIOTICS

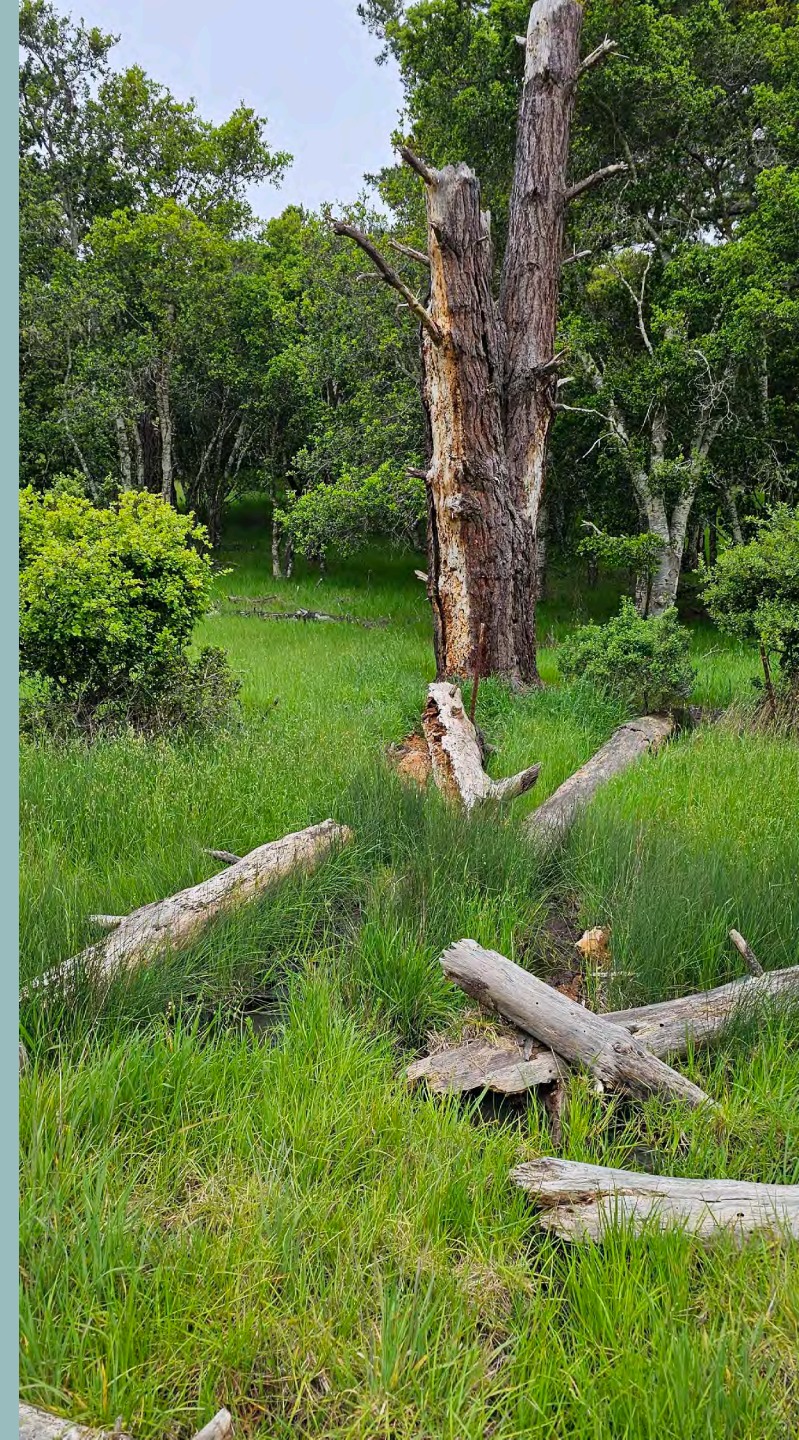
- There are (2) sensitive natural communities and (3) special-status species that occur within the Old Capitol Site
 - Monterey Pine Forest-Sensitive Plant Community
 - Central Maritime Chapparal-Sensitive Plant Community
 - Monterey Pine – Special Status Plant Species
 - Hooker's Manzanita – Special Status Plant Species
 - Yadon's Rein Orchid – Special Status Plant Species
- Health of the Monterey Pine Forest varies through the property, some areas have had degradation, and some areas and other areas are healthy and thriving
- At this point only reconnaissance level survey's have been conducted. Full assessments and inventories will be completed during the CEQA process





ARCHEOLOGY

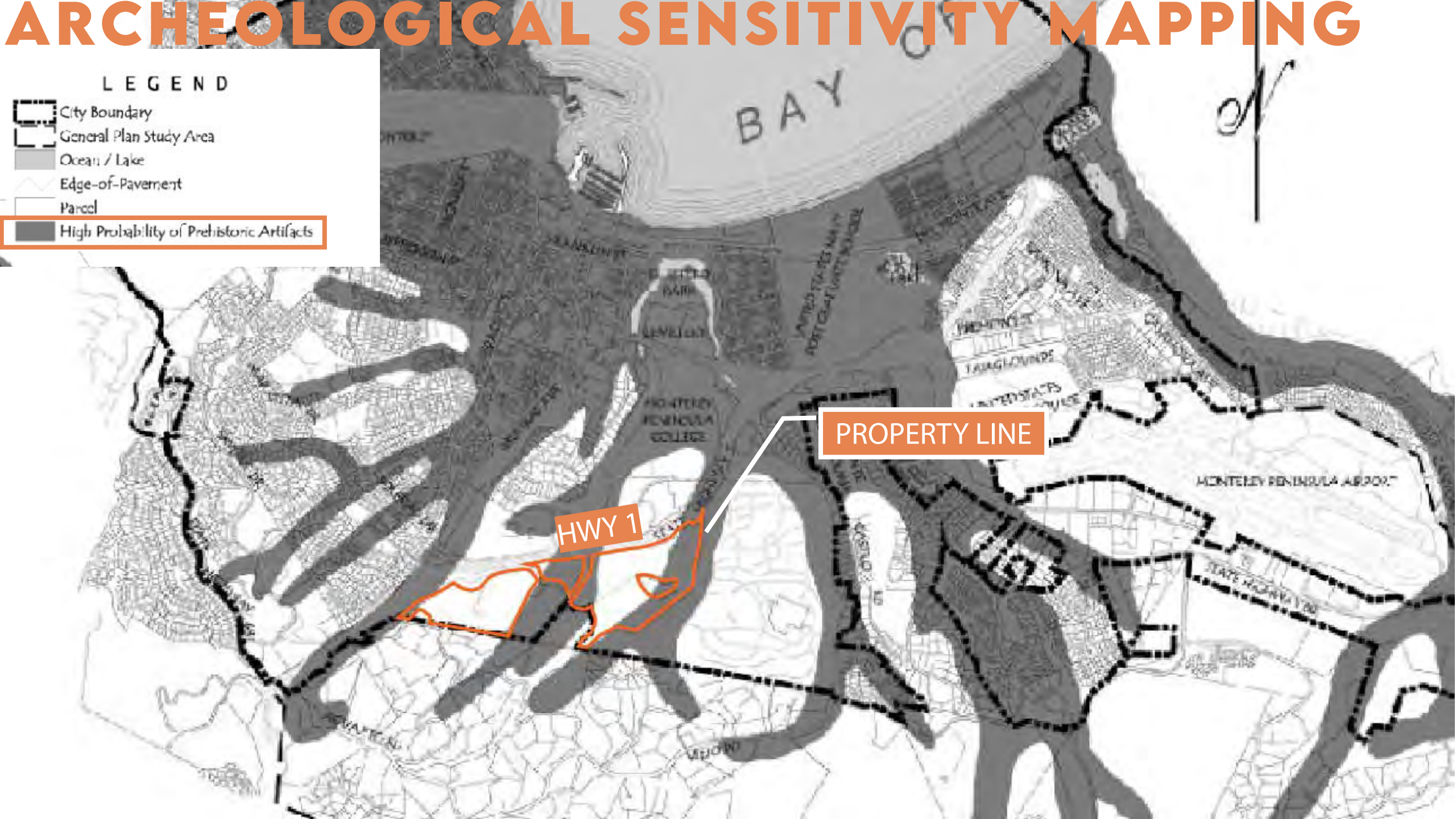
- City of Monterey mapping indicates that portions of the site are archeologically sensitive
- Tribal consultation will be conducted by the City of Monterey during the CEQA process



ARCHEOLOGICAL SENSITIVITY MAPPING

LEGEND

-  City Boundary
 General Plan Study Area
 Ocean / Lake
 Edge-of-Pavement
 Parcel
 High Probability of Prehistoric Artifacts



SURVEY & BOUNDARY MAPPING

- The purpose of the survey and boundary mapping was to identify:
 - Property Lines and Parcels
 - Easements
 - Utilities
 - Deed Restrictions
- Identified Easements include:
 - City of Monterey Sanitary Sewer Easement
 - PG&E Easement
 - City of Monterey Right of Way
 - Cal-Am Water Line Easement
- Identified Utilities
 - Cal-Am Water Line
 - PG&E Electrical and Transmission Lines
 - Sanitary Sewer Lines
 - Telecom Lines



SPECIAL ATTENTION AREAS

- There are (2) Special Attention Areas within the project site
- The Special Attention Areas are portions of land that have deed restrictions placed upon them, creating Conservation Areas. Development such as parking and trails can not occur within these areas
- The deed restrictions include the limitation of development for the sake of enhancing, protecting and preserving habitat.
- The deed restrictions do allow for both vegetation and forest management. This management helps keep the forest healthy and reduces fire risk.

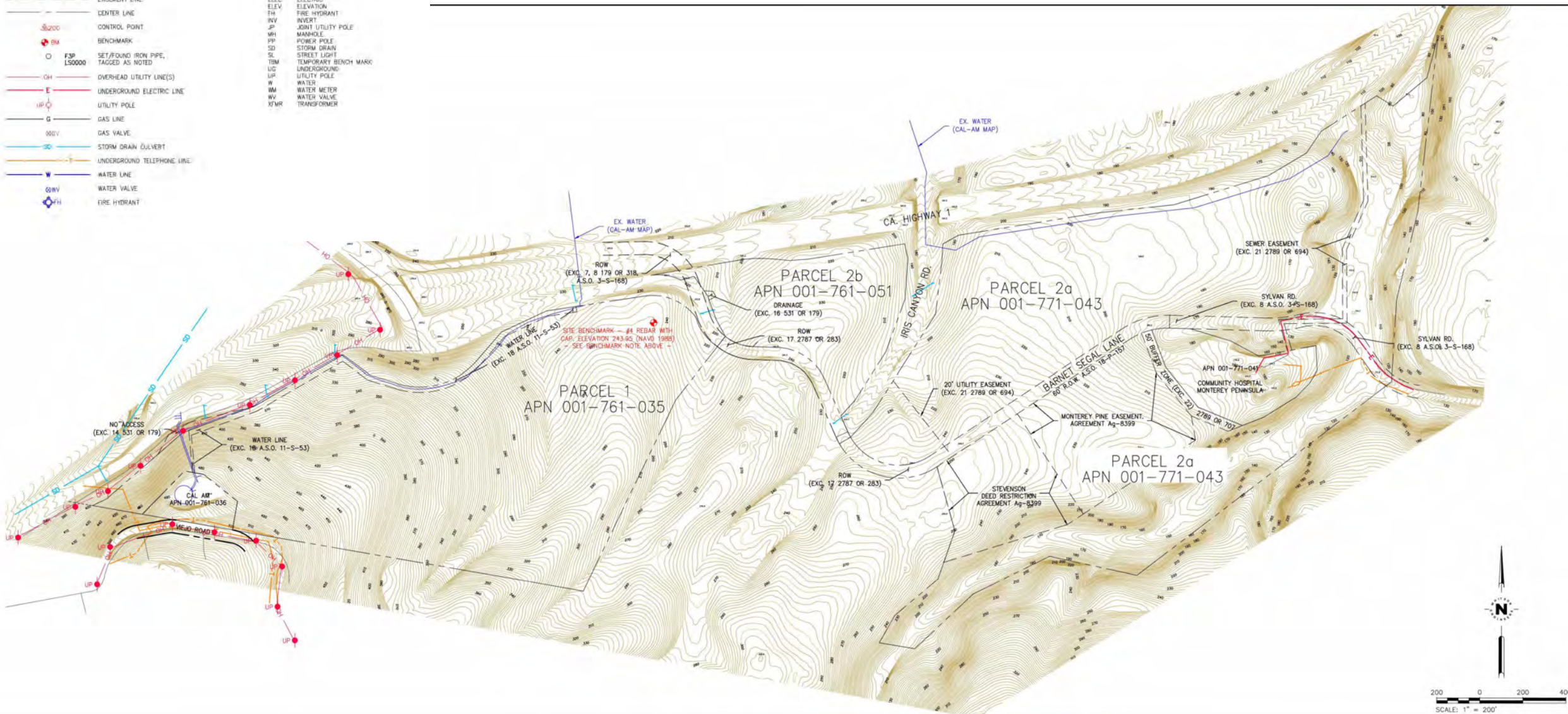


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	EASEMENT LINE
	CENTER LINE
	CONTROL POINT
	BENCHMARK
	SET/FOUND IRON PIPE, TAGGED AS NOTED
	OVERHEAD UTILITY LINE(S)
	UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC LINE
	UTILITY POLE
	GAS LINE
	GAS VALVE
	STORM DRAIN CULVERT
	UNDERGROUND TELEPHONE LINE
	WATER LINE
	WATER VALVE
	FIRE HYDRANT

ABBREVIATIONS

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A.S.O.	AS SHOWN ON
ELEC	ELECTRIC
ELEV	ELEVATION
FH	FIRE HYDRANT
INV	INVERT
JP	JOINT UTILITY POLE
MH	MANHOLE
PP	POWER POLE
SD	STORM DRAIN
SL	STREET LIGHT
TBM	TEMPORARY BENCH MARK
UG	UNDERGROUND
UP	UTILITY POLE
W	WATER
WM	WATER METER
WV	WATER VALVE
XTMR	TRANSFORMER



UTILITY & TOPOGRAPHY MAPPING

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HI-RES AERIAL MAPPING



CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT

DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

COMMUNITY
OUTREACH

+

CITY
INFORMATION

=

PROGRAM
OPTIONS

PROGRAM
OPTIONS

+

SITE
ASSESSMENTS

+

CITY
RESOURCES

=

PROGRAM
SUITABILITY



CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OPTIONS



GOALS

GOAL #1: Preservation of special-status & sensitive habitat

GOAL #2: Activate property for public – use with low impact recreation features

GOAL #3: Increase environmental education & awareness through the landscape

GOAL #4: Wildfire mitigation through fuel reduction and modification

GOAL #5: Improve safety and alleviate illegal camping

GOAL #6: Align with City resources, both funding and staffing

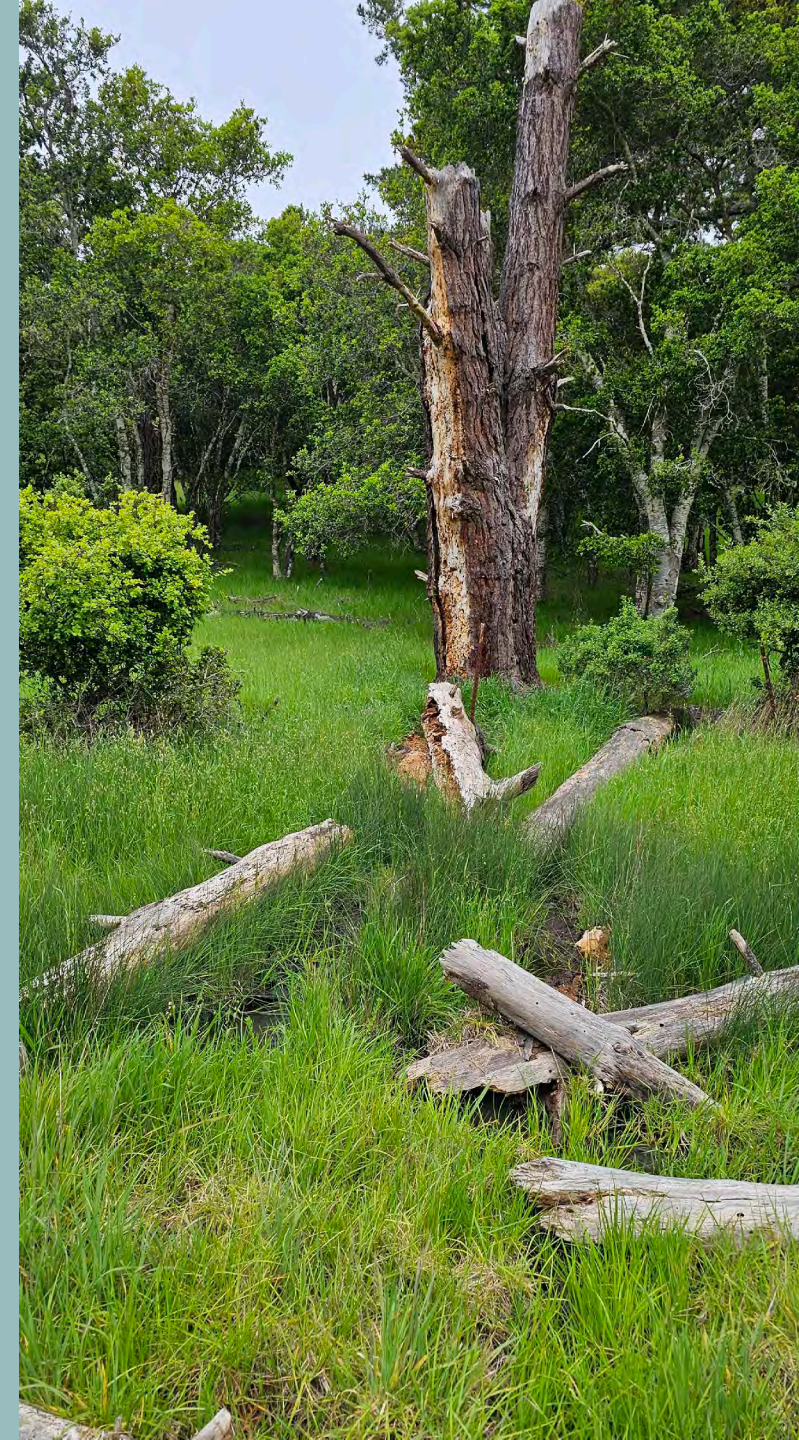


SUITABILITY MATRIX

PROGRAMMING	TOPOGRAPHICALLY SUITABLE	MINIMAL DISTURBANCE TO HABITAT	FEE GENERATION POTENTIAL	NEIGHBOR FRIENDLY	MINIMAL IMPACT ON CITY RESOURCES	NO WILDFIRE RISK
Preservation of Habitat						
On-Site Parking						
Restrooms						
Hiking Trails						
Biking Trails						
Camping						
Dog Park						
Zipline						
BBQs						
Boardwalks & Viewing Platforms						
On Duty Ranger / Park Attendant						
Interpretive and Wayfinding signage						
Self Guided Environmental Education						
Nature Play Features						
Lighting						
Large Group Gathering Space						

CONCEPTUAL DESIGN ELEMENTS

- AMENITIES
 - Off-street parking
 - Centralized trail-head with restroom and trash
 - Trail
 - Self-guided
 - Interpretation and education about flora, fauna, and Indigenous peoples
 - Benches and tables for single family use
 - Discovery nodes with existing logs and stumps for child education
- DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS
 - User Safety – Sightlines, view corridors and activation of site
 - Maintenance – Day to day and forest management
 - Fire Safety – Preservation of existing fire roads and ongoing fuel reduction work



PROGRAMMING SUITABILITY STUDY #1

LEGEND

-  NODE
-  BOARDWALK AT WETLAND
-  PEDESTRIAN-ONLY TRAIL
(FORMALIZING SOCIAL TRAILS)
-  PEDESTRIAN / FIRE TRAIL
(FORMALIZING EXISTING FIRE ROADS)
-  EXISTING MST LINE 8 STOP
-  GRAVEL PARKING (10 CAR CAPACITY)
-  WAYFINDING / INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE

- 2 miles of self-guided walking and hiking trails
- ½ mile ADA trail
- Boardwalk viewing platform
- Limited new trail development - dual purposing existing fire roads
- Way-finding signage
- Interpretive / Discovery Nodes
- Connection to MST Bus Stops
- Off street parking – 10 car maximum capacity

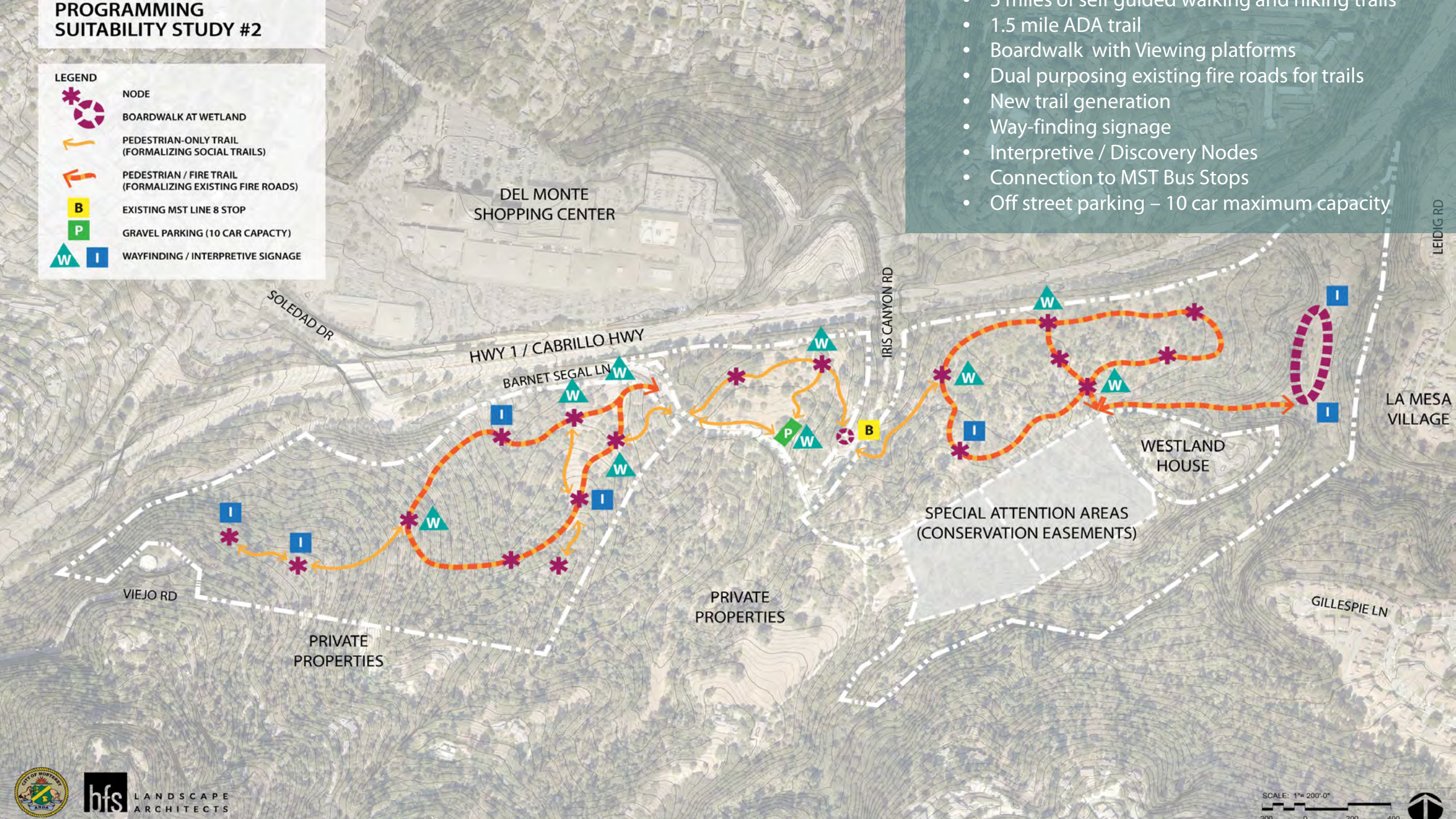


PROGRAMMING SUITABILITY STUDY #2

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-  PEDESTRIAN / FIRE TRAIL (FORMALIZING EXISTING FIRE ROADS)
-  EXISTING MST LINE 8 STOP
-  GRAVEL PARKING (10 CAR CAPACITY)
-  WAYFINDING / INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE
-  WAYFINDING / INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE

- 5 miles of self guided walking and hiking trails
- 1.5 mile ADA trail
- Boardwalk with Viewing platforms
- Dual purposing existing fire roads for trails
- New trail generation
- Way-finding signage
- Interpretive / Discovery Nodes
- Connection to MST Bus Stops
- Off street parking – 10 car maximum capacity



PARKING & TRAILS



BOARDWALKS & INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE



WETLAND BOARDWALK



WETLAND BOARDWALK



BOARDWALK OUTLOOK



INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE



INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE



WAYFINDING SIGNAGE

PUBLIC ART & DISCOVERY NODES



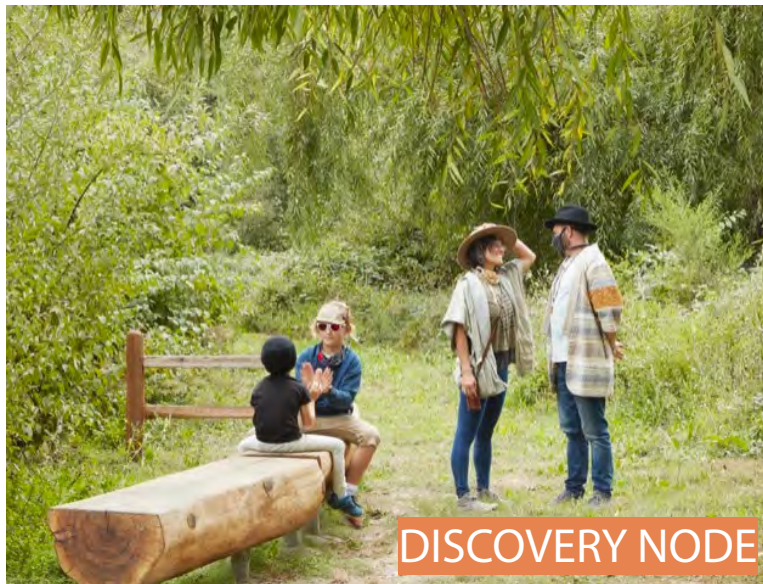
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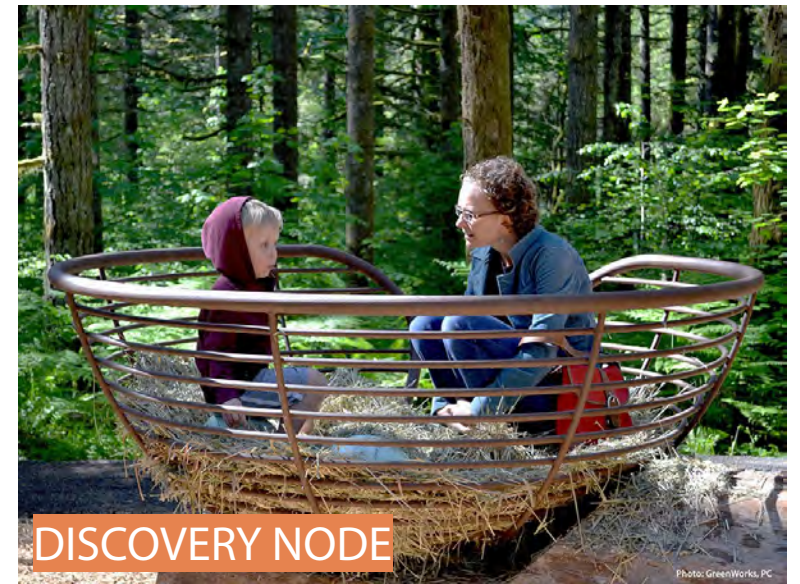
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DISCOVERY NODE

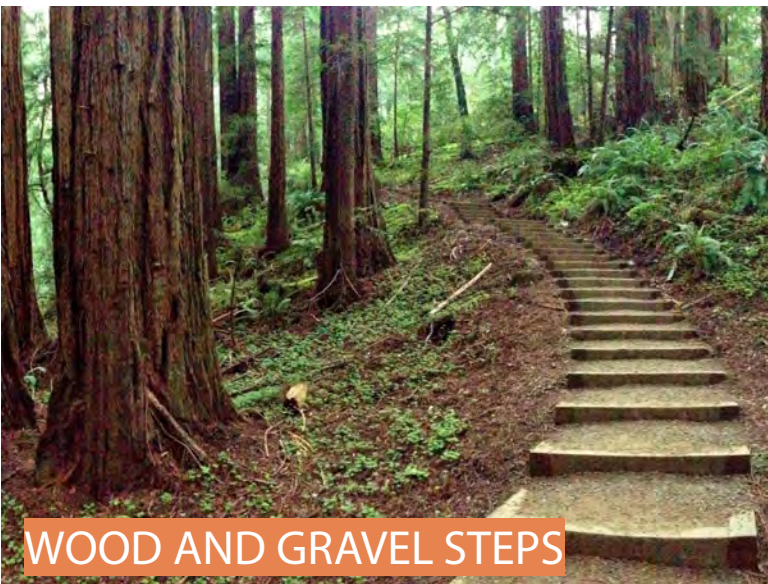


DISCOVERY NODE



DISCOVERY NODE

SUPPORTING AMENITIES



COMMUNITY INPUT

COMMENTING FORMAT & OPTIONS

- Every community member will receive 3 minutes to provide their comment.
- If you filled out a card, this will be read out loud.
- After the community comment portion, City and project team to respond as appropriate.
- Thank you for your participation!



NEXT STEPS

STAY INFORMED & PARTICIPATE IN THE PROCESS!



- Subscribe to the <https://haveyoursaymonterey.org/oldcapitol/site>
- Take the online survey
- Look for project updates and announcements
- Share with your community

NEXT EVENT: PRC MEETING SUMMER 2024





THANK YOU