

In-Lieu Fee Program Training
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  - ILFs with pre-identified sites
  - ILFs with possible areas of operation
  - ILFs with decision-making framework for site selection
  - Integration with HCPs and SAMPs
- Reporting requirements of ILF programs

#### Structuring an ILF Program

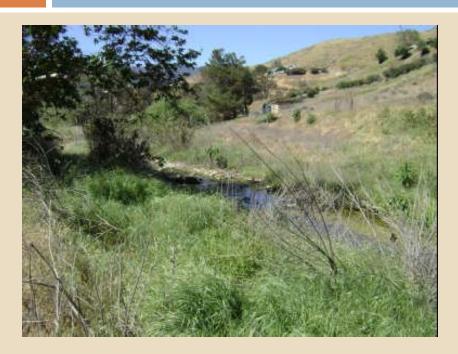
### Compensation Planning Framework must include:

A prioritization strategy for selecting and implementing compensatory mitigation activities

#### Structuring an ILF Program

- 1. ILFs with pre-identified sites
- 2. ILFs with possible areas of operation
- 3. ILFs with decision-making framework for site selection
- 4. ILF integration with HCPs and SAMPs

#### 1. ILFs with pre-identified sites

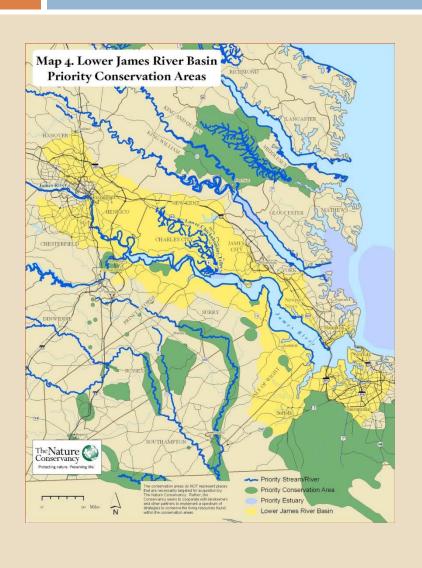


Proposed: Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District In-Lieu Fee Program

**Dawson Canyon** 



## 2. ILFs with possible areas of operation



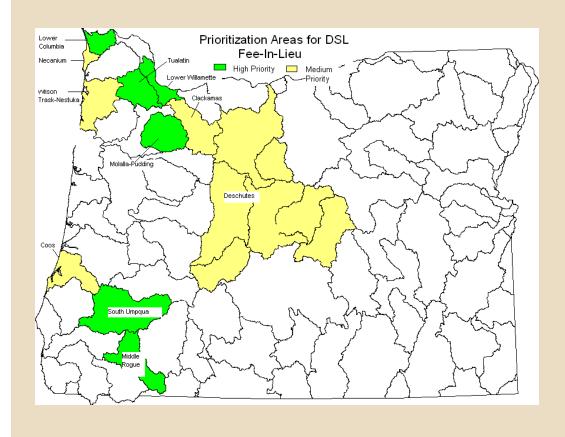
- Priority conservation areas (stream/river, estuarine, karst areas, conservation area)
- Habitat type
- Acres or stream miles

# 2. ILFs with possible areas of operation

Service Area	Wave Exposure Zone <sup>1</sup>			
	1	2	3	4
Hawaiʻi Island	N/A	Papawai Bay	Puakō- Keahole	N/A
Maui Nui	N/A	Ka'anapali-Honokowai	Kanaha	Moloka'i North Shore
Oʻahu	N/A	Kāne'ohe Bay	Maunalua Bay	N/A
Kauaʻi Niʻihau	N/A	Hanepepe	N/A	Ha'ena-Hanalei

Table 5. Possible candidate mitigation project sites (identifying one per wave exposure zone by service area where there are anticipated permitted actions)

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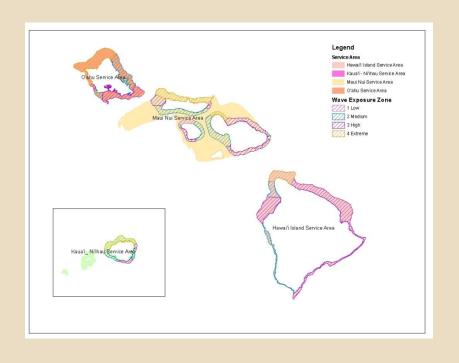


Priority watersheds are selected based on:

- Past mitigation needs
- Future mitigation needs
- Lack of private banks
- Availability of funds

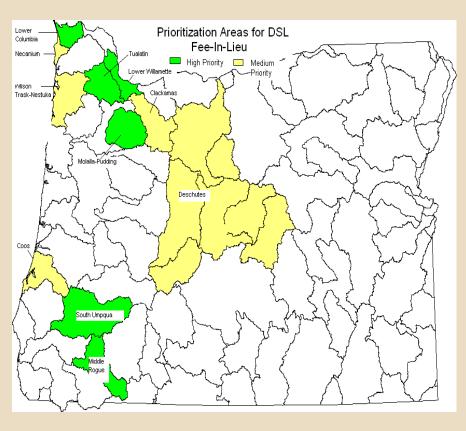
**Priority Watersheds** 

### 3. ILFs with decision-making framework for site selection



- In the same service area (e.g., Oahu)
- Support or have the potential to support the appropriate aquatic resource(s), and
- Within the same wave exposure zone as the impact site.

### 3. ILFs with decision-making framework for site selection



- Likelihood of success
- Multiple objectives
- Supports regional conservation initiatives
- Capacity of the applicant
- Fund leveraging and project costs
- Long-term management

**Priority Watersheds** 

# 4. Integration with HCPs and SAMPs

Special Area Management Plans (SAMPs) Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs)

#### Watersheds with SAMPS



- Orange County:
  - San Diego Creek
- Orange County:
  - San Juan Creek/ San Mateo Creek
- Riverside County:
  - San Jacinto River
  - Upper Santa Margarita River
- San Diego County:
  - Otay River

### Multiple HCPs

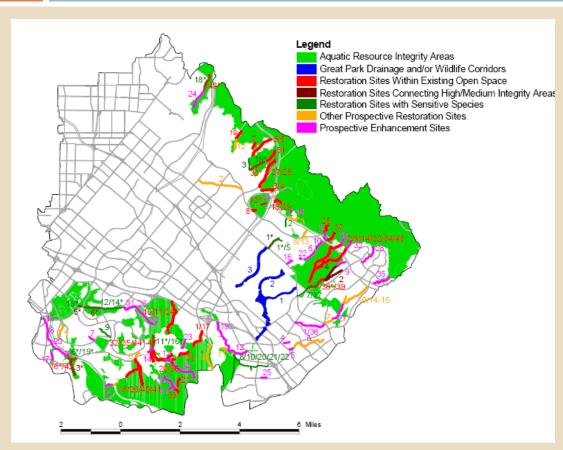


Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan

## Opportunities to Integrate HCPs and SAMPs with ILF Programs

- Coordinate planning withCompensation Planning Framework
- Coordinate with permitting

### **Coordinate Planning: San Diego Creek Watershed SAMP Strategic Mitigation Plan**



- Aquatic Resource Integrity sites
- Restoration sites
- Enhancement sites

Prioritized riparian ecosystem restoration and enhancement opportunities

#### **Coordinate with permitting**

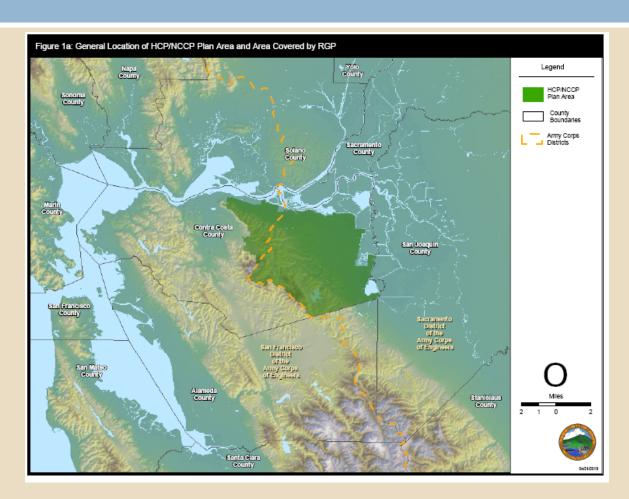
- □ Types of permits:
  - Individual permits
  - General permits
    - Nationwide permits (NWP)
    - Programmatic general permits (PGP)
    - Regional general permits (RGP)

# Regional General Permits in the LA District



RGP 22: Colorado River Backwater Imperial National Wildlife Refuge Yuma, Arizona

#### **Integrating HCPs and ILFs**



Proposed East Contra Costa County Habitat Conservancy ILF Integrated with HCP

### Integrating HCPs and ILFs



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#### ILF Reporting Requirements

- 1. Monitoring Reports
- 2. Credit transaction notification
- 3. Annual program report: financial and credit accounting
- 4. Annual financial assurances and long-term management funding report

#### 1. Monitoring Reports

- Purposes. To determine if:
  - The project is meeting its performance standards
  - Measures are necessary to ensure that the project meet its objectives
- Monitoring requirements are developed for each individual project and are included in the project-specific mitigation plans
- Corps must provide to interested parties upon request

#### 2. Credit transaction notification

- Documentation of credit transaction
- Must include:
  - Signature of sponsor
  - Permit number
  - Statement indicating the number and type of credits purchased

# 3. Annual program report: financial and credit accounting

- Financial program account
  - All income received and interest earned for program and by service area
  - All permits for which fees were accepted by service area
  - Description of program expenditures/disbursements
    - for program and by service area

# 3. Annual program report: financial and credit accounting

- Ledger (credit) reporting:
  - The balance of advance credits and released credit –
     by program and service area
  - Permitted impacts for each resource type
  - All additions and subtractions of credits
  - Other changes in credit availability

### 4. Financial assurances and longterm management report

- Beginning and ending balances of the accounts
- Deposits into and withdrawals from the accounts
- Information on the amount of required financial assurances and the status of those assurances, including their potential expiration.





Questions?