

# Multiple Species Conservation Program South County Subarea Plan 2023 Annual Report

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# **MSCP** Implementation

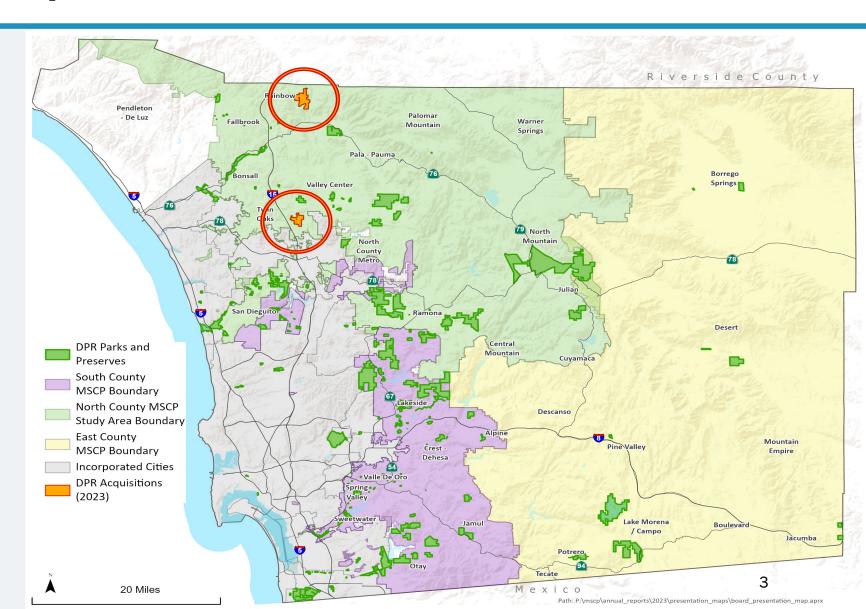
- Acquisition
- Management & Monitoring
- Environmental Education





#### **2023 County Acquisitions**

- 46,000 acres of DPR owned preserve lands
- In 2023, DPR acquired446 acres in the draftNorth County Plan Area



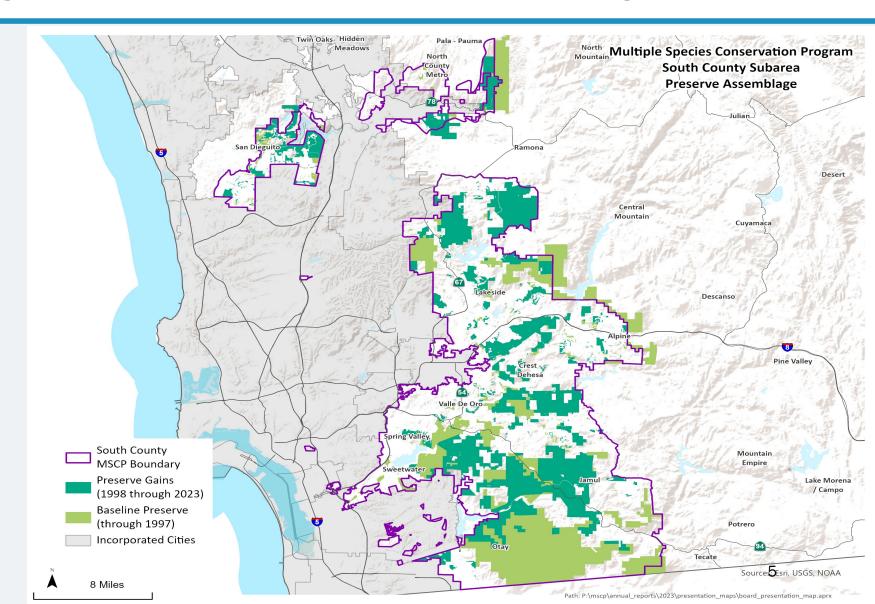
### 26 Years of County Land Preservation

- Acquisitions Since 1998: 27,120 acres
  - 8,480 acres in South County Plan Area
  - 15,820 acres in draft North County Plan Area
  - **2,820** acres in future East County Plan Area
- 43 County Preserves created or expanded
- Since 1998, a total of \$235 million has been spent on acquisitions
  - \$138 million County funds
  - \$97 million from partnering entities and grants



# South County Plan Preserve Assembly

- Preservation Goal: 98,379 acres
- Through 2023:
  - Preserved80,519 acres
  - 82% of Plan Goal
  - Includes approx.
     13,383 acres of
     County preserve
     lands
  - 411 acres added in2023



# **Management & Monitoring Activities**

- Management Activities
  - Resource Management Plan
  - Land stewardship

- Monitoring Program
  - Inventory surveys
  - Targeted Monitoring Plan
  - Regional partnerships



# Management & Monitoring Accomplishments

- Land Stewardship
- Habitat Restoration
- Comprehensive Tree Planting
- Monitoring
  - Plant and animal species
  - Special-status species
  - MSCP covered species in South County Plan Area
  - Rare Plant Monitoring



#### **Educational Outreach**

- Annually, 23,000 participants
- Environmental Education Programs
  - Ranger-led hikes
  - Hawktober
  - Park-ology
  - Discovery Program
  - Nature Explorers Program



#### **Private Development & Mitigation Lands in South County**

Private Development Projects

 Over 4,400 development permits approved since 1998

- Permitted in 2023:
  - 62 single-family related projects

- Private Mitigation Lands
  - 6,947 acres preserved since 1998
  - 385 acres preserved in 2023



#### Private Development Resource Management Plans (RMPs)

- 57 Countywide Private RMPs
  - South 28 RMPs
  - North 24 RMPs
  - East 5 RMPs
- 21 covered species documented



#### **Going Forward – Future Goals**

- Acquire the remaining 18% of the South County Plan Preserve
- Support the goals of the Climate Action Plan
- Update DPR Resource Management Plans (RMPs)
- Expand regional monitoring efforts
- Expand partnership opportunities
- Expand education and outreach programs
- Develop and adopt the North and East County Plans



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