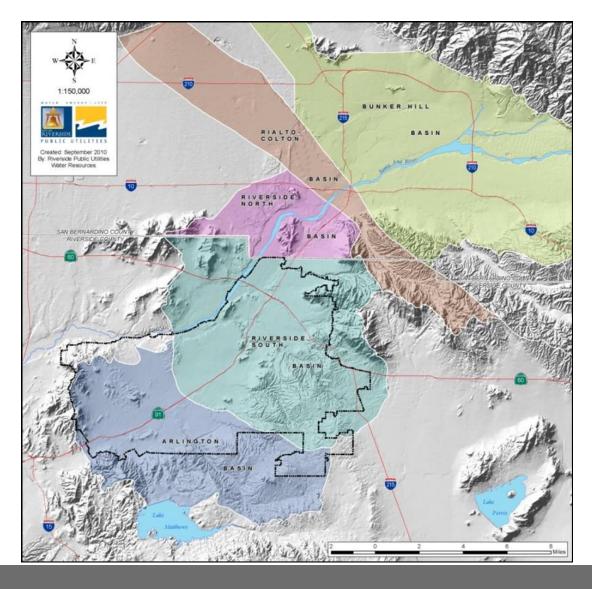


# THE SANTA ANA RIVER HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN AND THE RIVERSIDE HABITAT, PARKS, AND WATER PROJECT

## Board of Public Utilities – Water Committee November 19, 2020



### RIVERSIDE EXPORT WATER RIGHTS



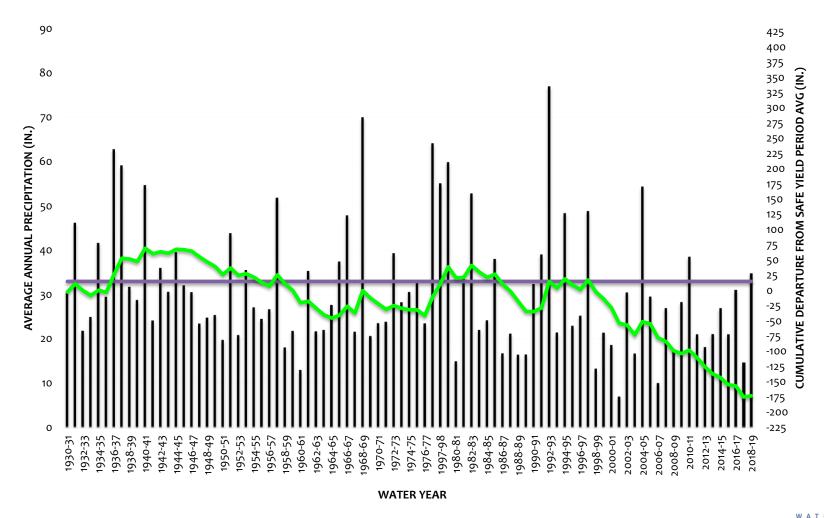
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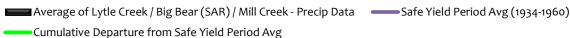
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Riverside North	13%
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Riverside South	20%
• 16,880 AFY Extraction	20%

#### **85,774 AFY Total**

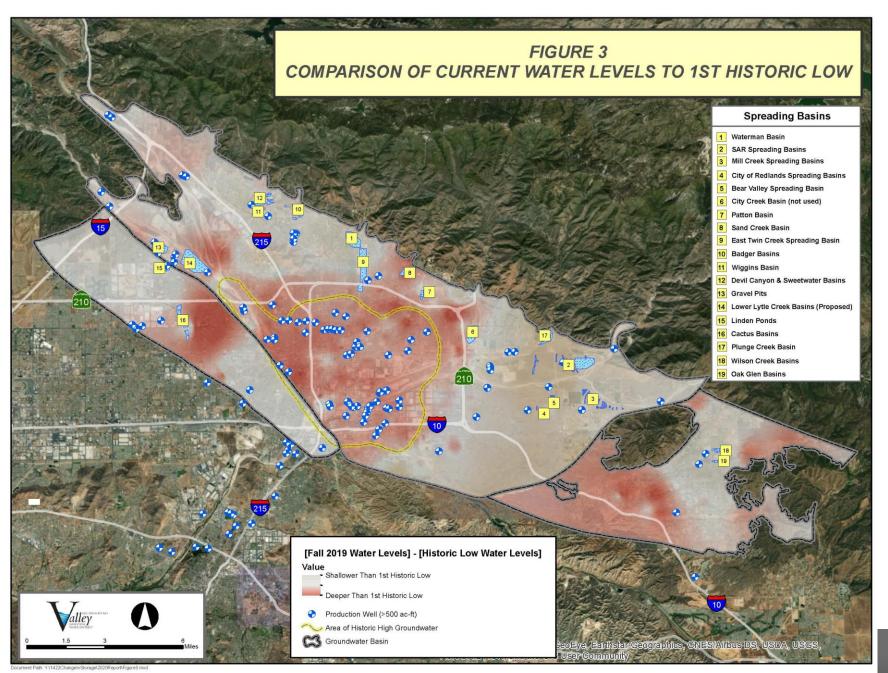


### LOCAL PRECIPITATION









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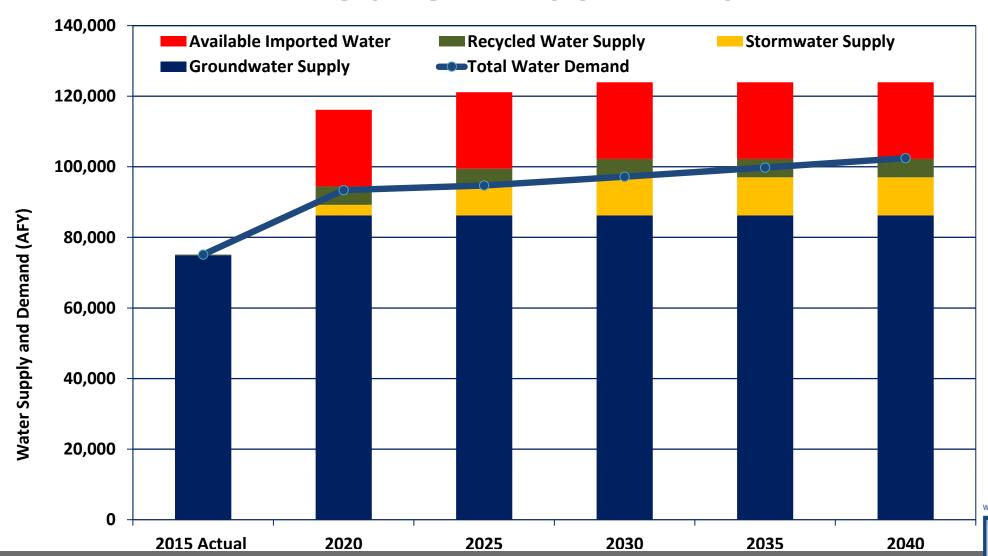
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#### PROJECTED SUPPLY & DEMAND

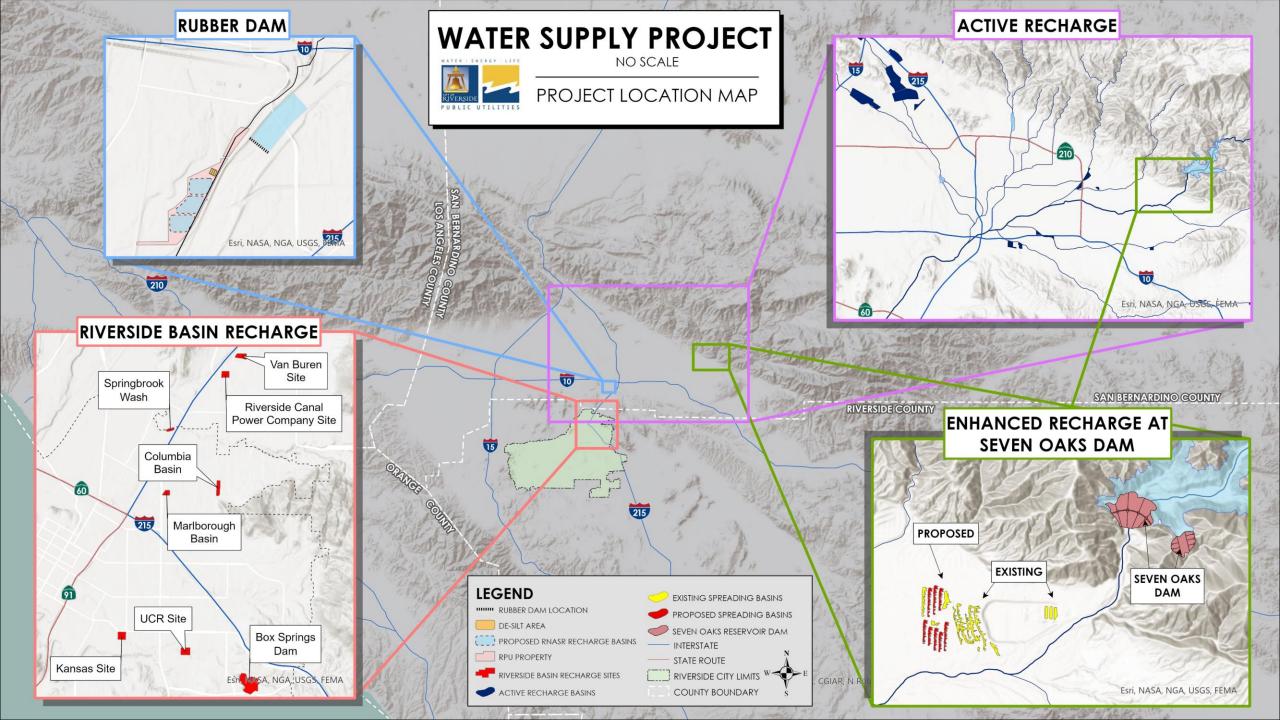


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#### **WATER SUPPLY - RECHARGE**

- 1. MWD 2022 Tier 2 cost \$1,146 per AF
- 2. Enhanced Recharge at Seven Oaks Dam
  - a. Phase 1A 1,719 AFY
  - b. Phase 1B & 1C (in progress) 711 AFY, \$12M or \$1,100/AF
- 3. Active Recharge (planning in progress)
  - a. Up to 8,047 AFY, minimum est. capital \$50M or \$400/AF
- 4. Rubber Dam (planning in progress)
  - a. Up to 2,000 AFY, \$16.7M or \$540/AF
- 5. Riverside Basin (planning in progress)
  - a. Up to 2,440 AFY, \$21.3M or \$570/AF





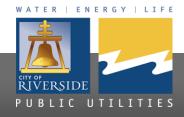
## FUTURE SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS & NEEDS

- 1. North Waterman Treatment Plant (remove perchlorate)
- 2. Pipeline replacements (including under river crossings)
- 3. Well Replacements
- 4. Property Site Management
- 5. Energy efficiencies / Solar



## SINGLE, LARGEST PROJECT CHALLENGE

- 1. Environmental Issues
- Listed (Endangered or Threatened) species and/or their habitat have halted or significantly slowed water supply development and maintenance projects
  - a. Enhanced Recharge at Seven Oaks Dam
  - b. Active Recharge
  - c. Rubber Dam
- 3. RPU-specific projects where environmental challenges occur:
  - a. Select well replacements
  - b. Pipeline replacements at river crossings
  - c. Property maintenance
  - d. RPU's share of regional water supply projects



## LOCAL SPECIES & HABITAT CONCERNS

- 1. Santa Ana sucker, threatened (2000), Critical Habitat (2010)
  - a. Impacts to water supply within Santa Ana River
- 2. San Bernardino Kangaroo Rat, endangered (1998), Critical Habitat (2008), State listing in progress
  - a. Impacts to RPU and Gage property
- 3. Santa Ana River Woollystar, endangered (1987)
  - a. Impacts to RPU and Gage property
- 4. Southwestern willow flycatcher, endangered (1995), Critical Habitat (2013)
  - a. Impacts to RPU and Gage property
- 5. Riversidian Alluvial Fan Sage Scrub (RAFSS)
  - a. Key habitat type continually shrinking with time
  - b. Found on RPU and Gage property



### SANTA ANA SUCKER

- The Santa Ana sucker was the driver behind implementing the Santa Ana River HCP
- 2. 2010, Critical habitat listing put regional water supply projects at risk
  - a. Enhanced Recharge (currently 7,643 AFY for the region)
  - b. Active Recharge
  - c. Rubber Dam
- 3. 2011-2016, Litigation efforts failed
- 4. 2014, Valley initiated planning efforts for the Santa Ana River HCP







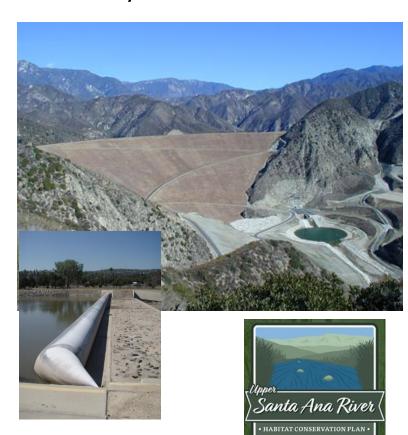
#### SANTA ANA RIVER HCP

- A Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) is a planning document required for incidental take of a listed species and identifies the take and how to mitigate the take and improve the species occurrence
- 2. Water Agencies working with Wildlife Agencies to promote and mitigate impacts to endangered species while enabling construction of new water supply projects on a regional scale.
- 3. Proposed mitigation efforts
  - a. Protect minimum flow needs for species
  - b. Improve, expand, create & manage habitat
  - c. Relocate species
  - d. Maintain & adaptively manage a mitigation bank
- 4. 50-year term permit



#### **HCP TEAM**

- 1. Funding Partners (% derived from activities covered in HCP)
  - a. City of Rialto (2%)
  - b. East Valley Water District (7%)
  - c. Inland Empire Utility Agency (20%)
  - d. Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (2%)
  - e. Orange County Water District (1%)
  - f. Riverside Public Utilities (5%)
  - g. San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (40%)
  - h. San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District (3%)
  - i. San Bernardino Municipal Water Department (5%)
  - j. West Valley Water District (1%)
  - k. Western Municipal Water District (15%)
- 2. Incidental take will be covered for 23 species
- 3. 65 Covered Activities
  - a. New Water Supply, Enhanced Water Capture, Maintenance
- 4. 87,000 AFY on average of water supply covered in the HCP





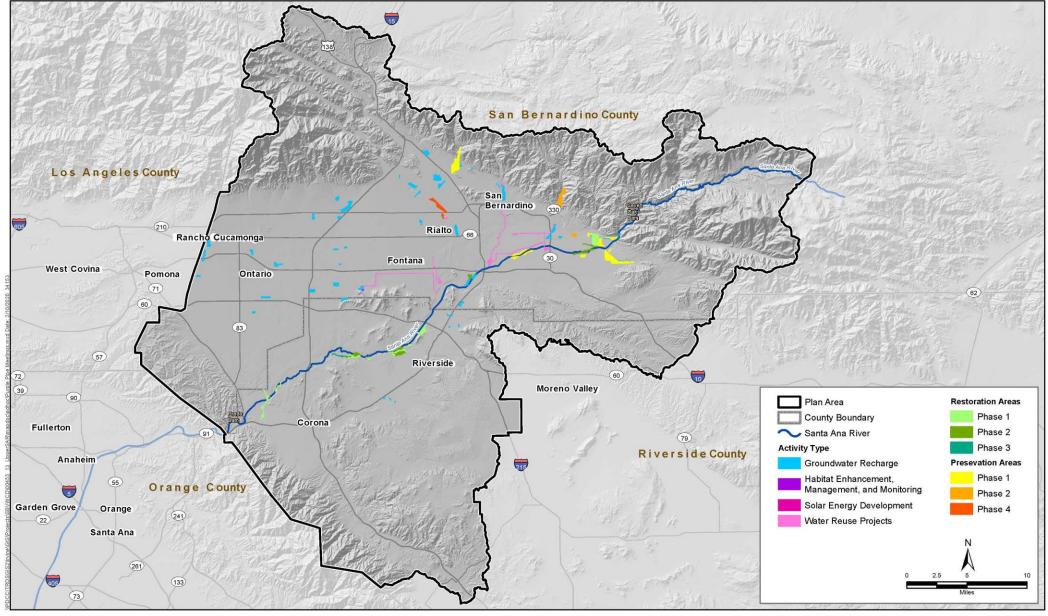




Figure 1-1 Upper Santa Ana River Habitat Conservation Plan Extent

### **HCP STRUCTURE**

- Joint Incidental Take Permit (USFWS)
  - a. Operate collectively under one permit, but each agency responsible for own project
  - b. Other necessary permits will be streamlined in coordination with the HCP: CDFW & USACE
- 2. Governed by a Joint Power Authority (JPA)
  - a. JPA made up of 1 elected official from each agency
  - b. HCP Executive Committee composed of GMs to act as liaison between the JPA and Permittee Agencies
  - c. An Agency may withdraw however must make the HCP whole for any costs incurred
- 3. Pay-as-you-go Structure
  - a. Pay mitigation costs once ready to implement Covered Activity
- 4. Total Implementation Costs \$187.5M (over 50-years)
  - a. Capital Costs \$71M
  - b. Operational Costs \$116.5M
- 5. RPU's proposed JPA Operational costs \$200,000 / year



### RPU'S COVERED ACTIVITIES

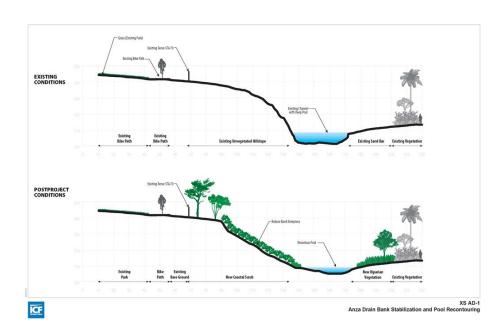
- Riverside North Aquifer Storage & Recovery Project
- 2. Riverside Basin Recharge Project
- Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin Wells & Pipelines
- 4. RPU / Upper SAR Regional Recycled Water Project
- 5. North Waterman Treatment Plant
- 6. Various RPU Solar Projects
- 7. Gage Canal Transmission Main Replacement

- 8. Waterman Pipeline Upsizing Project
- 9. Flume & Riverside Canal Pipeline Replacements
- Future Gage Canal Transmission
   Main
- 11. Weed Abatement & Property Maintenance
- 12. Facilities Maintenance
- 13. Jurupa Ditch Company
- 14. Pipeline crossing from RIX
- RPU is also a partner on Enhanced & Active Recharge Projects

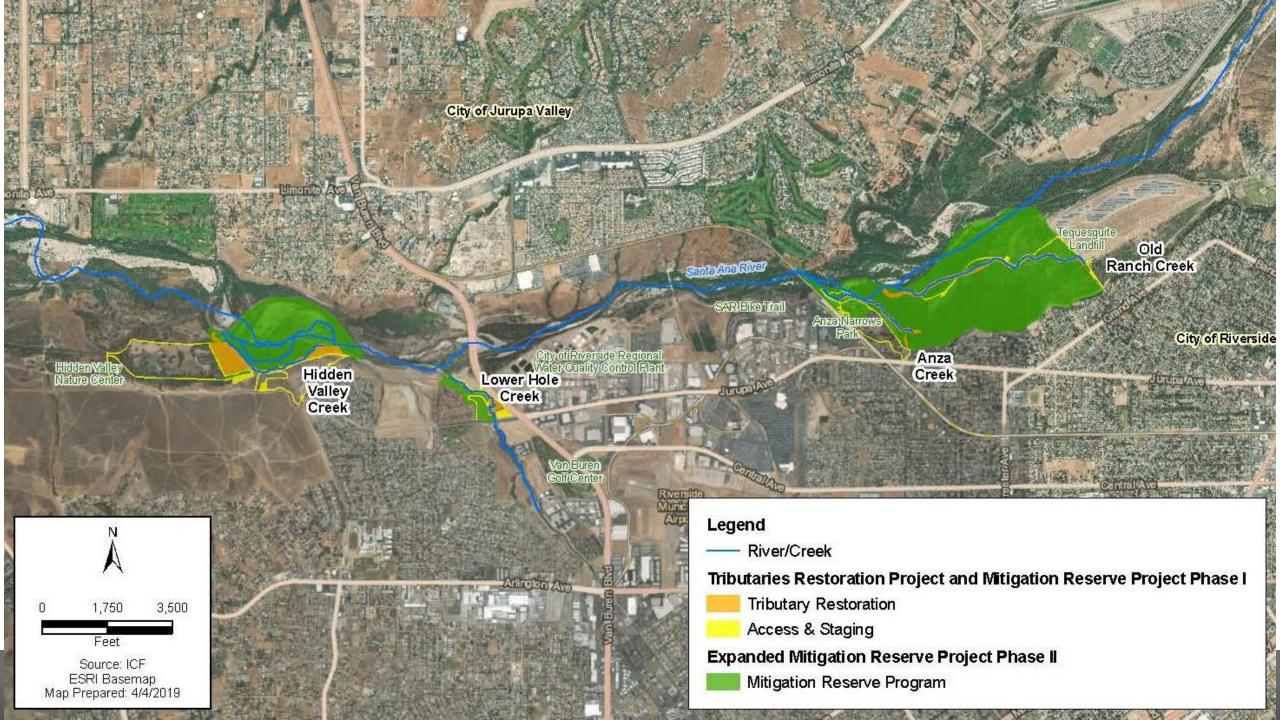


### MITIGATION EFFORTS

- 1. Mitigation Bank (located in Riverside)
  - a. Tributaries (\$4 million prop 84 funding)
    - i. Improvements to Hole & Anza Creeks
    - ii. Creating Old Ranch & Hidden Valley Creeks
  - b. Upland habitat
  - c. Hidden Valley Wetlands
  - d. Lake Evans Creek area
- 2. Land Management
  - a. Protect and manage habitat & land
- 3. Fish Translocation
- 4. Improving Species Occurrence







## TRIBUTARIES NEED RELIABLE WATER SUPPLY



Old Ranch Creek

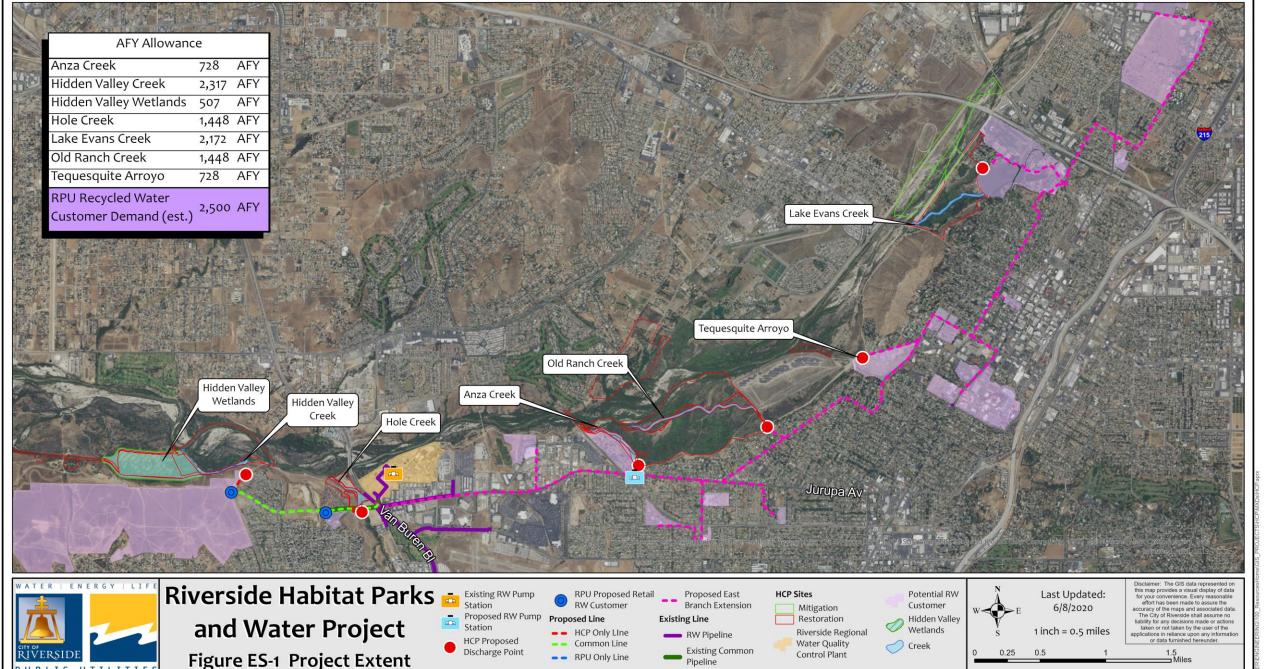


Hole Creek



Hidden Valley





Pipeline

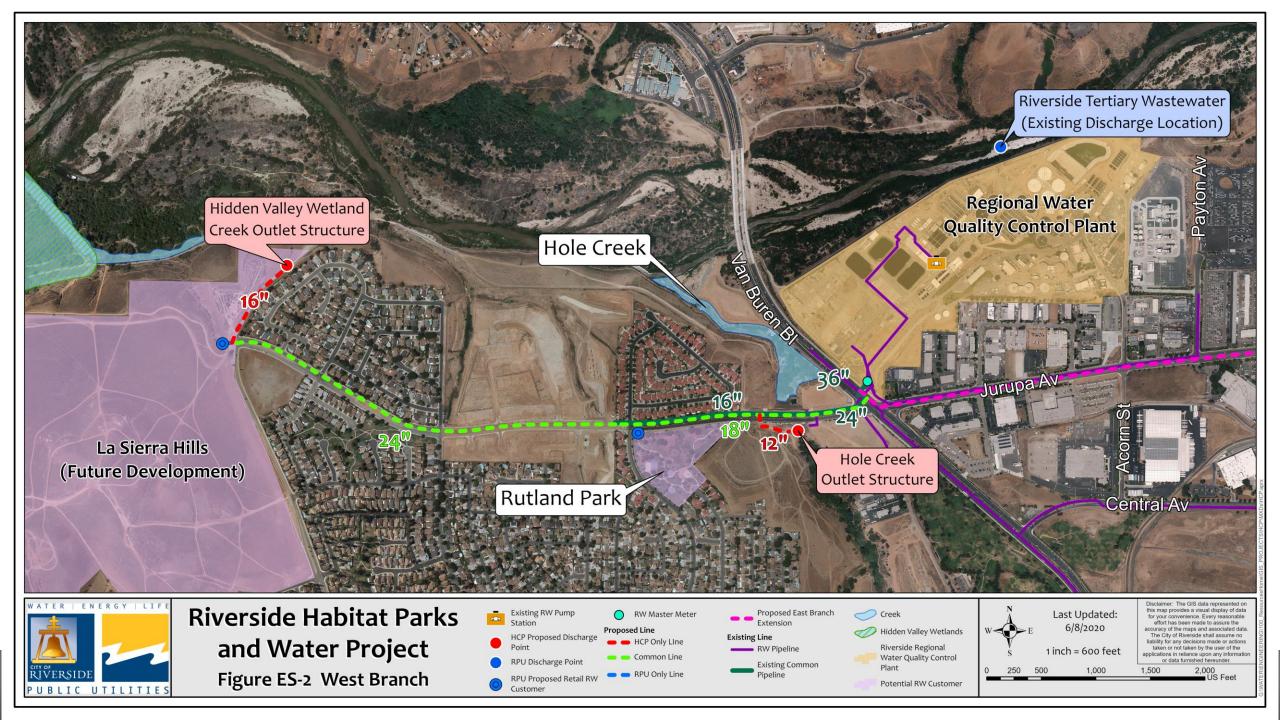
## RIVERSIDE'S EXISTING DISCHARGE OBLIGATIONS

- 1. 1969 Santa Ana River Judgment
  - a. Riversides holds an agreement with Western to discharge 15,250 / 12,420 AFY in Vicinity of Narrows (dependent on credits)
- 2. 2008 Wastewater Change of Use Petition (WW-0045)
  - a. Riverside agreed to discharge no less than 25,000 afy at RWQCP & could utilize excess flows for recycled water
  - b. Recession + Drought + Conservation = minimal recycled water
  - c. 28,640 af discharged in 2019



### PROPOSED DISCHARGES

- Discharge volumes agreed to with Western to support the Santa Ana River Judgment
- 2. Relocate up to 5,000 AFY of treated effluent to upstream tributaries for improved environmental habitat
  - a. Bucket-for-bucket concept with HCP
- 3. Remove up to 4,750 AFY of treated effluent for recycled water use



#### PROJECT SUMMARY – WEST BRANCH

- RWQCP to Hidden Valley Wetlands
- 2. Customers
  - a. RPU: Rutland Park & La Sierra Hills
  - b. HCP/Valley: Hole Creek, Hidden Valley Creek & Wetlands
- 3. Capital Costs (estimated)
  - a. RPU: \$7,500,000
  - b. HCP/Valley: \$12,200,000
- 4. O&M (estimated)
  - a. RPU: \$165,000
  - b. HCP/Valley: \$975,000
- 5. Commodity
  - a. Discharges consist of Riverside's obligation under agreement with Western
  - b. Gesture to the Environmental groups
- 6. \$400 \$540 per AF



#### **COST SHARE AGREEMENT**

- 1. Agreement with Valley District to fund:
  - a. Overall Project CEQA Environmental Impact Report (est. at \$500,000)
    - i. RPU & Valley to share costs 50/50%
  - b. Discharge Technical Study Dechlorination of Recycled Water (\$400,000)
    - i. Valley & RPU to share costs 50/50%
  - c. Overall Project WW Change Petition (\$50,000)
    - i. RPU to finance 100%
  - d. West Branch Extension Design (\$1,200,000)
    - i. RPU & Valley to share costs 50/50%
- 2. Cost sharing Totals
  - a. RPU to request approval for approximately \$1,100,000
  - b. Valley District to request approval for \$1,050,000



#### RHPWP BENEFITS

- 1. Water reuse on regional, integrated scale
- 2. Habitat creation, improvement & sustainability
- 3. Landscape irrigation & sustainable public parks
- 4. Improved water quality by increasing velocities
- 5. Integration with HCP & public outreach & education components

Santa Ana River

6. Water supply (HCP & RPU)



## HCP, RIVERSIDE BENEFITS

#### 1. Mitigate Water Supply and Infrastructure projects

- a. Obtain necessary environmental permits enabling new water supply projects and supporting maintenance activities
- b. Supports up to 15,000 AFY of new water to Riverside over the next 50 years

#### 2. Riverside Habitat, Parks & Water Project

a. Up to 9,750 AFY of new water supply for Riverside

#### 3. Restoration

- a. Tributary creation and restoration in Riverside
- b. Hidden Valley Wetlands revitalization and management

#### 4. Management

- a. Protect & manage habitat
- b. River Rangers
- c. Integration with Parks & Rec (hiking trails, viewing centers, interpretive signage)

#### 5. Fairmount Park

- a. \$2 million Prop 1 grant
- b. Lake Evans Creek

