

County's Fort Ord Habitat Resource Management Plan



Community Workshop
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Welcome & Introductions

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Meeting Logistics

- Meeting being recorded and will be posted on the project webpage
- Participants will be muted and ask video remains off
 - Zoom: Use the “Mute” button
 - Phone: *6 will mute/unmute you
- To comment or ask questions, drop questions in chat or raise your hand
 - Chat: Type question/comment in the “Q&A” anytime
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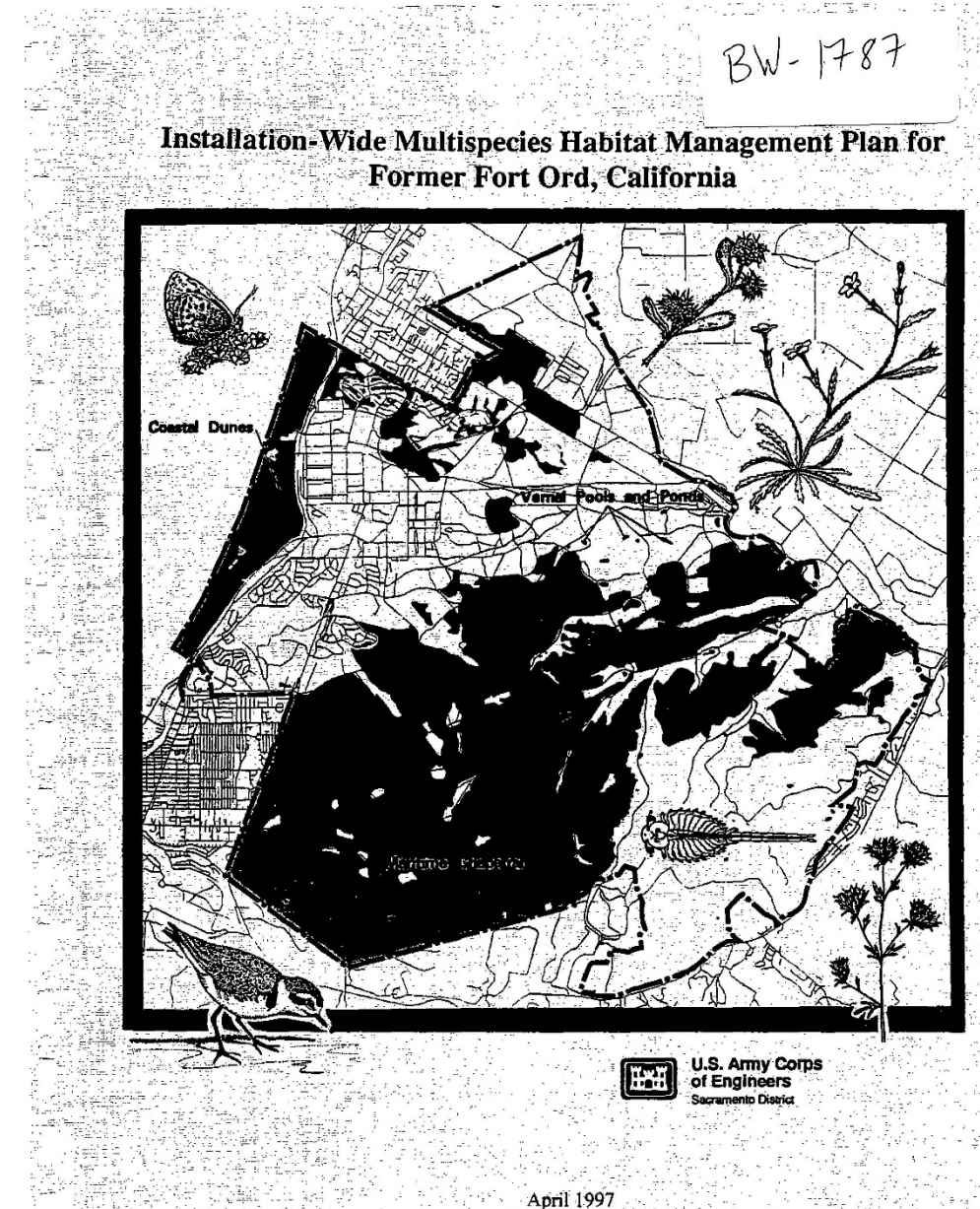
Today's Agenda

- Resource Management Plan (RMP) Overview
- Draft Baseline Inventory Data Overview
- Timeline and Next Steps
- Community Questions & Input



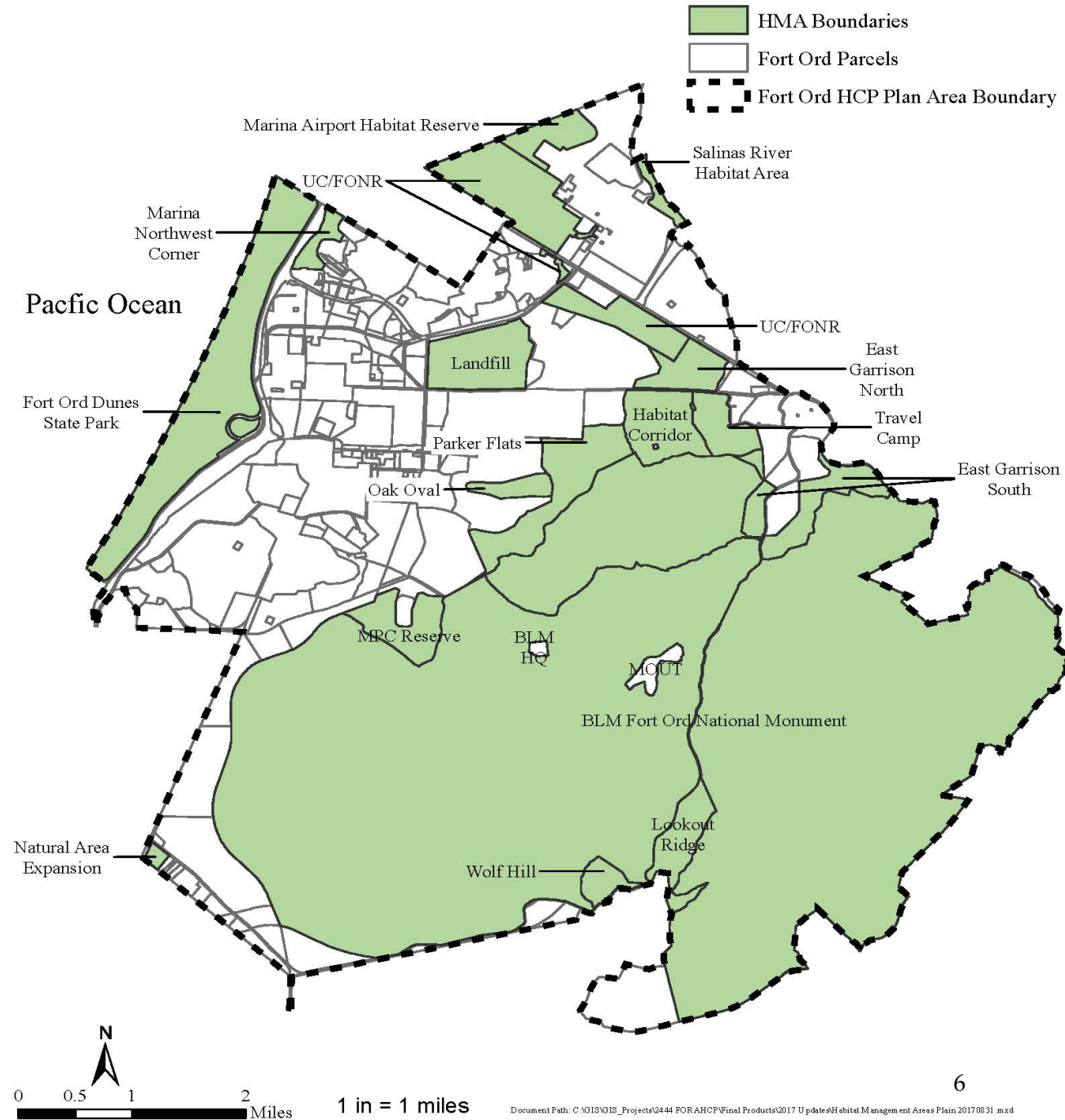
1997 Fort Ord Habitat Management Plan (HMP)

- Base Closure: Disposal & Reuse
- Endangered Species Act – Section 7 Consultation
 - 1993 Biological Opinion
- Approved Federal Agreement (U.S. Army and USFWS)
- Established Habitat Reserve System on former Fort Ord
- Signatories agreed to fulfill habitat management and borderlands requirements





HMP Conservation Areas





Why a Habitat Resource Management Plan (RMP)?

- Requirements in the Installation-Wide Multispecies Habitat Management Plan (HMP) for Former Fort Ord (April 1997);
- Quitclaim deeds for the subject properties; and
- Biological Opinion issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to Section 7 of the federal Endangered Species Act (ESA).



Goals

- Installation-Wide Multispecies Habitat Management Plan (HMP):
 - Promote preservation, enhancement, and restoration of habitat and populations of specific species while allowing development on selected properties
 - Provide for, at a minimum, no net loss of populations or important habitat for any of the specific species
- Resource Management Plan (RMP):
 - Carryout the goals of the Habitat Management Plan, quitclaim deeds, and the Biological Opinion
 - Preserve, protect, and enhance populations and habitat; avoiding impacts, conserving and promoting their habitat areas; managing reserve and borderland areas



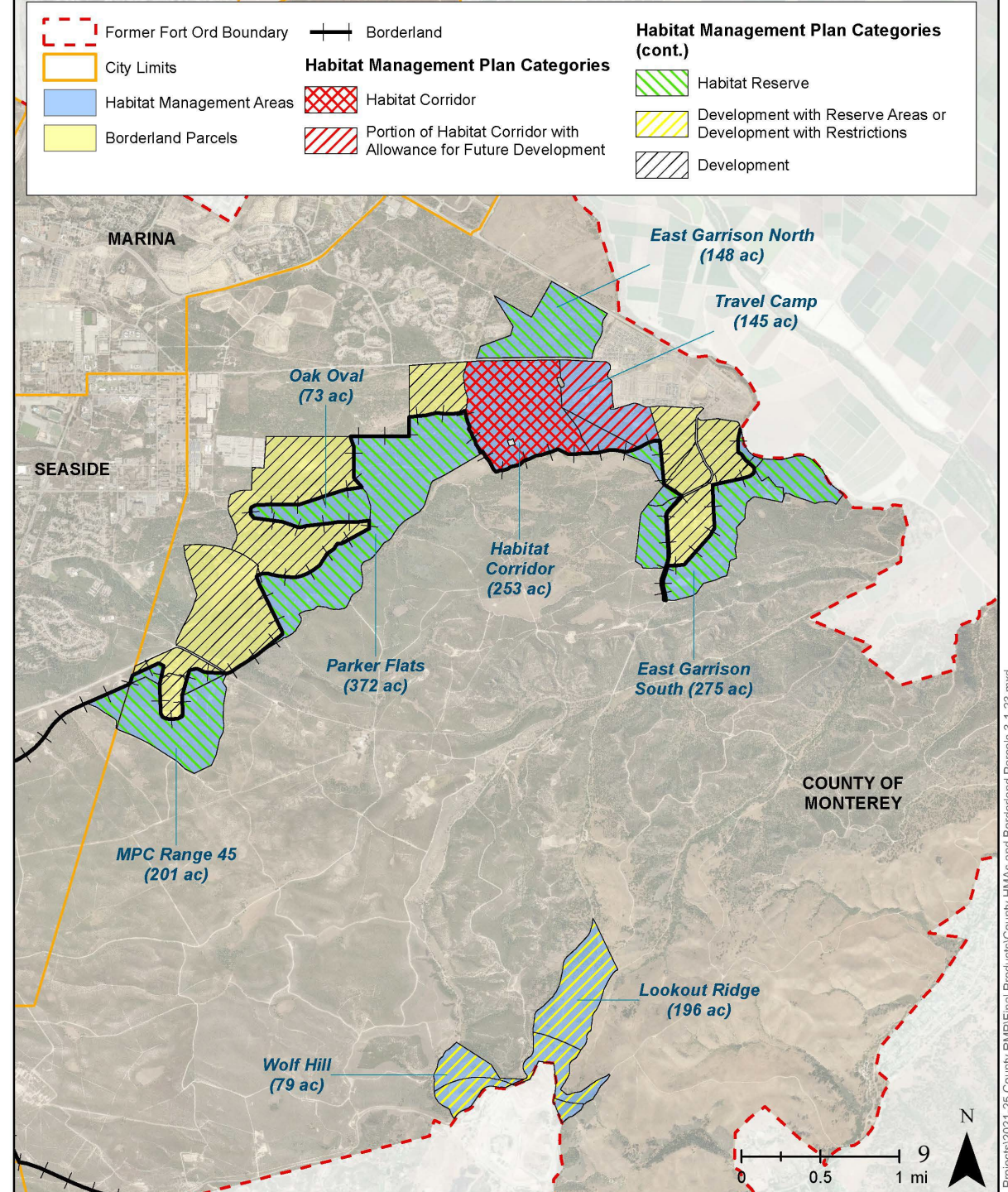
RMP Parcels

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- Total Basewide: 2,600 acres
- In RMP: 2,077 acres
 - Habitat Management Areas: 1,540 acres
 - Borderland Parcels: 537 acres

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- In RMP: 485 acres
 - Habitat Management Area: 201 acres
 - Borderland Parcels: 284 acres





County's RMP Process

- Public & Agency Outreach/Early Coordination (On-Going)
- **Data Collection, Draft Baseline Inventory Maps and Narratives ****
- Admin Drafts RMP, Cost Estimate, and Initiate Environmental Review
- Public Draft RMP and Environmental Review**
- Final RMP, Cost Estimate, Environmental Documents/Findings, and Decision by Board of Supervisors**

These milestones include public opportunity for input via community meeting, document review, and/or public hearing



RMP Contents

- Baseline inventory and narratives
- Goals/objectives
- Habitat management activities
- Borderland parcel requirements
- Avoidance and minimization measures
- Monitoring and reporting program
- Implementation plan
- Adaptive management
- Cost estimate

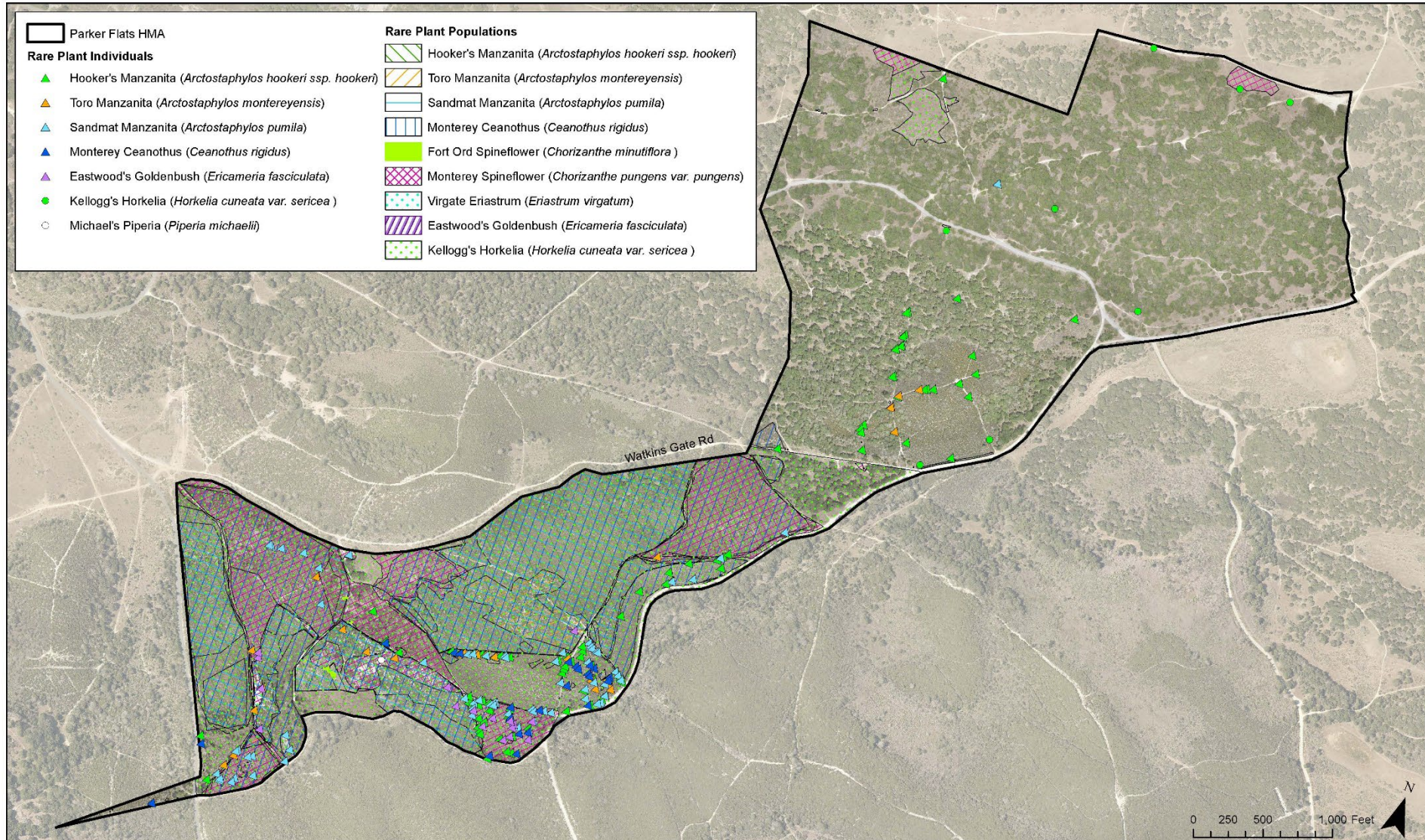


Draft Baseline Inventory Maps

- 35+ Maps
- Special-Status Plants
- Natural Communities, including updated aerial photos by drone
- Invasive Species
- Management Elements
 - Trash/dump sites
 - Trespass
 - Erosion issues
 - Roads and Trails
 - Wildfire planning

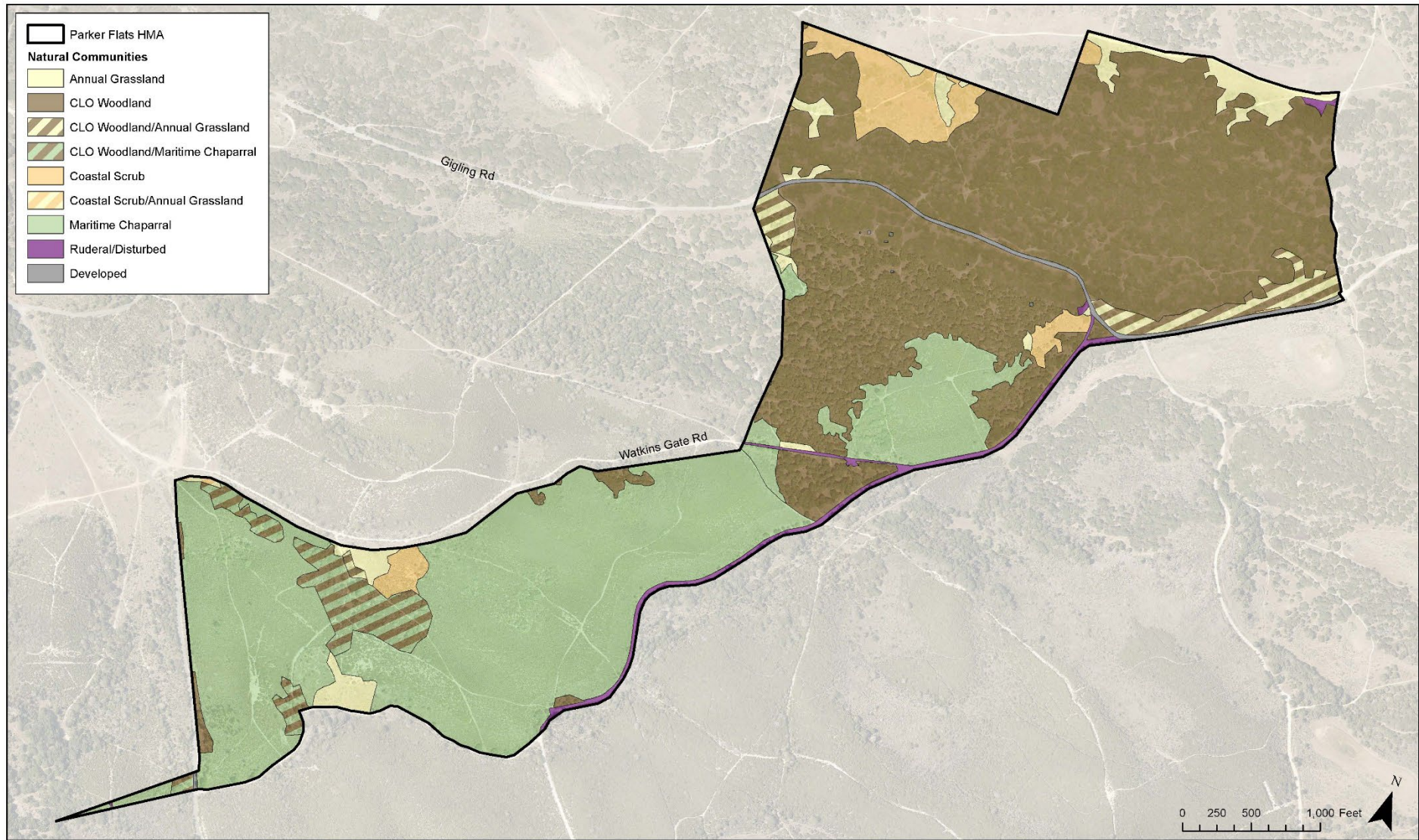


Parker Flats: Special-Status Plant Species



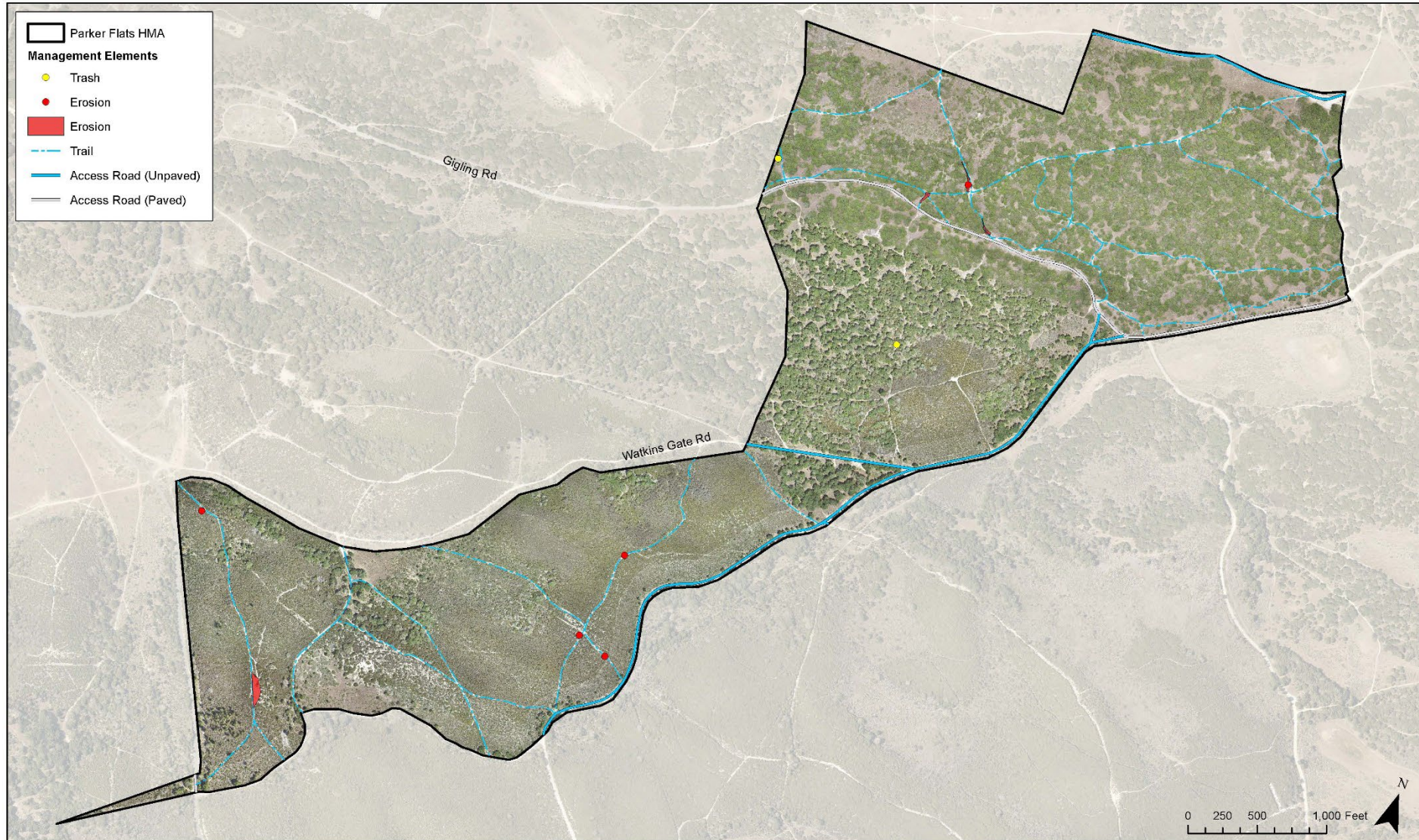


Parker Flats: Natural Communities





Parker Flats: Management Elements





Draft Baseline Narratives

- Documents describing:
 - Special-Status Species (plants and wildlife)
 - Natural Communities (dominant species and distribution)
 - Management Elements (issues and locations)



Potential Habitat Management and Borderland Activities

- Fire-wise planning
 - Fuel-break creation and maintenance
 - Setbacks for proposed development
- Erosion Control
- Non-native species control
- Security and access control
 - volunteer trails, off path, motor vehicles, trash/debris
- Road and trail maintenance
- Signage
- Conservation
- Restoration and Enhancement
- Education
- Annual monitoring & reporting
- Coordination with BLM, resource agencies, community, stakeholders, and others



Timeline & Next Steps

- Spring/Summer 2023 - Admin Drafts RMP (County/Agency Review)
- Fall 2023 – Public Draft RMP & Environmental Review
- Winter 2024 – Final RMP & Environmental Review



Tell Us Your Thoughts!

Provide input on baseline inventory/existing conditions & potential management activities:

- Documents available at the County's website at

<https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/departments-a-h/housing-community-development/planning-services/advance-planning/ordinances-plans-under-development/fort-ord-resource-management-plan-ref220021>

- Trouble Accessing – Contact Damian Bye
- **Submit written comments by April 9, 2023:**
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Thank You!

Get Involved! Questions? Comments?

Sign Up for Notification Tonight (drop email in “chat”)

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