

Draft Statewide Framework for Regional Advance Mitigation Planning in California



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DRAFT STATEWIDE FRAMEWORK FOR

Regional Advance Mitigation Planning IN CALIFORNIA

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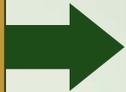
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**Statewide
Framework**



**Regional
Assessment**



Action Plan

Management

Management

*Mitigation
Decisions*

*Analysis and
Funding*

*Analysis and
Funding*

*Environmental
Review*

*Establish
regions*

*High Value
Mitigation
Options*

*Mitigation
action(s)*

Summary of Draft Statewide Framework

- **Purpose:** A Visioning Document – New Methods and Tools for Agencies
- **Contents:**
 - What is RAMP, why it's important and its methods
 - Includes suggestions on policy changes
 - Includes appendices with case studies
- **Level of Support:**
 - Cover letter signed by agency and department leadership
- **Living document:**
 - Next version will incorporate 'lessons learned'

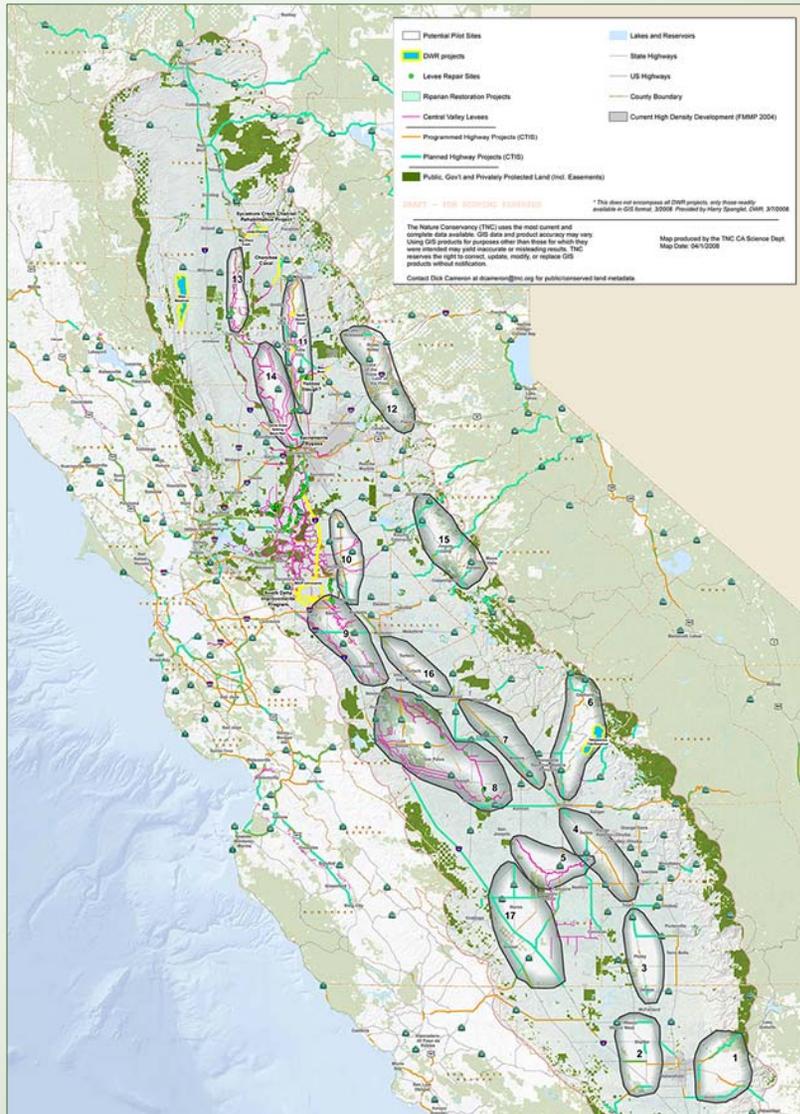
Provides a Vision for RAMP

- Describes the purpose of RAMP and its benefits
- Statewide structure and regional methods
- Highest Priority:
 - financial/funding frameworks and
 - governance models

Goals

- a) improved regional mitigation and conservation planning;
- b) improved mitigation and conservation effectiveness; and
- c) improved efficiency (i.e., faster, better, cheaper).

Statewide Implementation

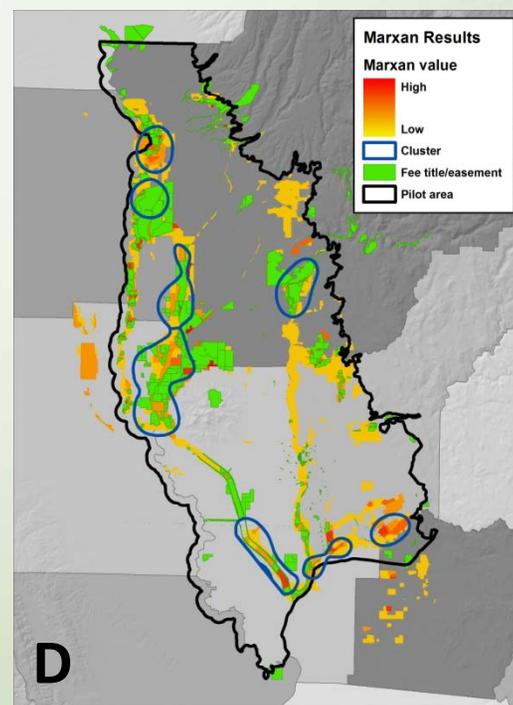
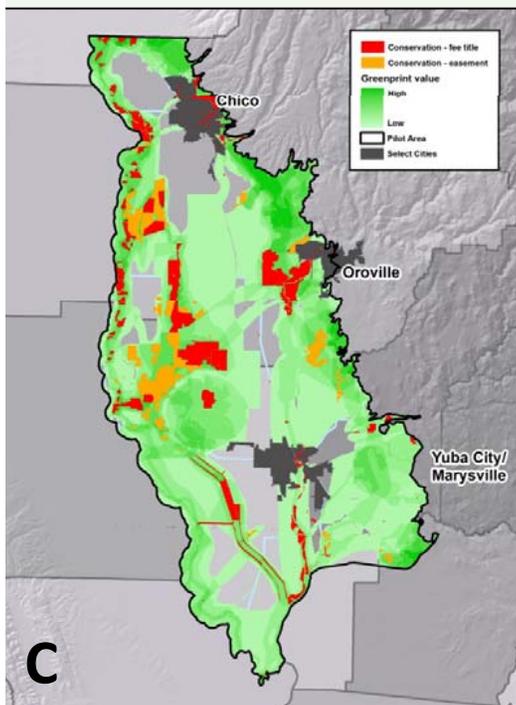
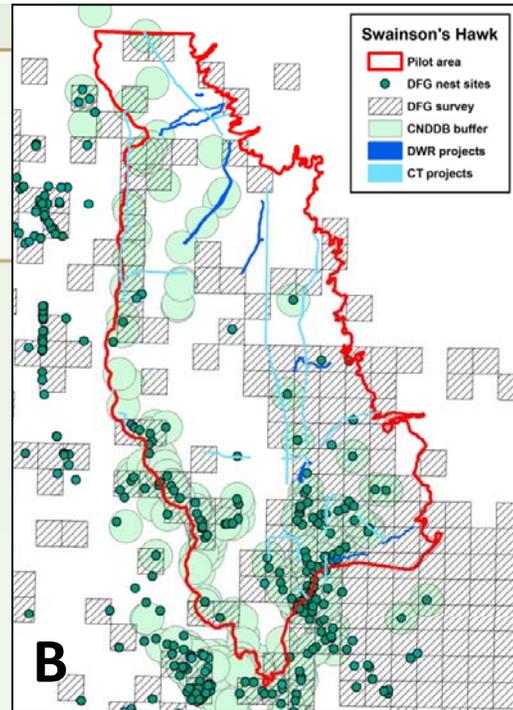
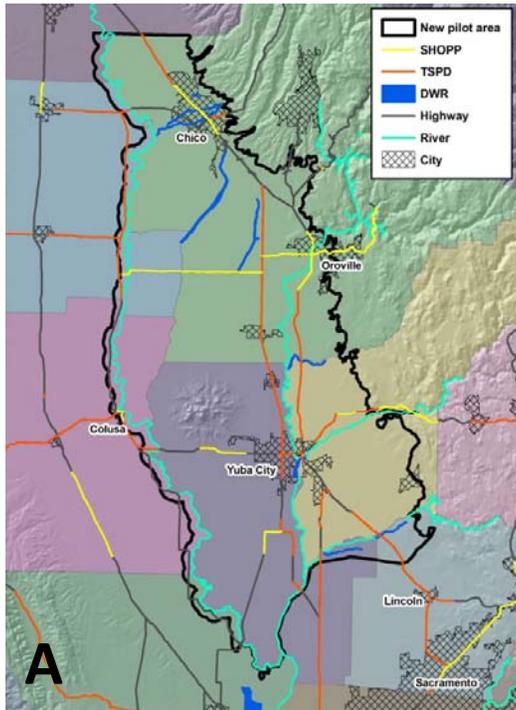


- Creation of Regions
- Management structure
- Financial changes
 - Policies to implement or change
 - Ways to incorporate transparency and accountability

Regional Implementation



- Administration Tools for Regions
 - Management and accountability
 - Financial models
 - Partnership models
- Selection Tools
 - Identifying high value mitigation strategies
 - Developing a conservation greenprint to select lands
- Assessment Tools
 - Assessing unavoidable impacts and potential mitigation needs



RAMP Methodology

- A. Map planned infrastructure projects
- B. Map resources that may need mitigation due to potential unavoidable impacts
- C. Map locations of existing conservation land and other conservation priorities
- D. Select mitigation sites that fall within the sustainability visions or greenprint of the area

Regional Assessment



Action Plan

Consider:

Partners

Projects

Greenprint

Mitigation Assessment

Identify High Value Mitigation Options:

Mitigation Bank

Participation in NCCP/HCP

Create Agency bank

Choose mitigation actions

Environmental Clearance

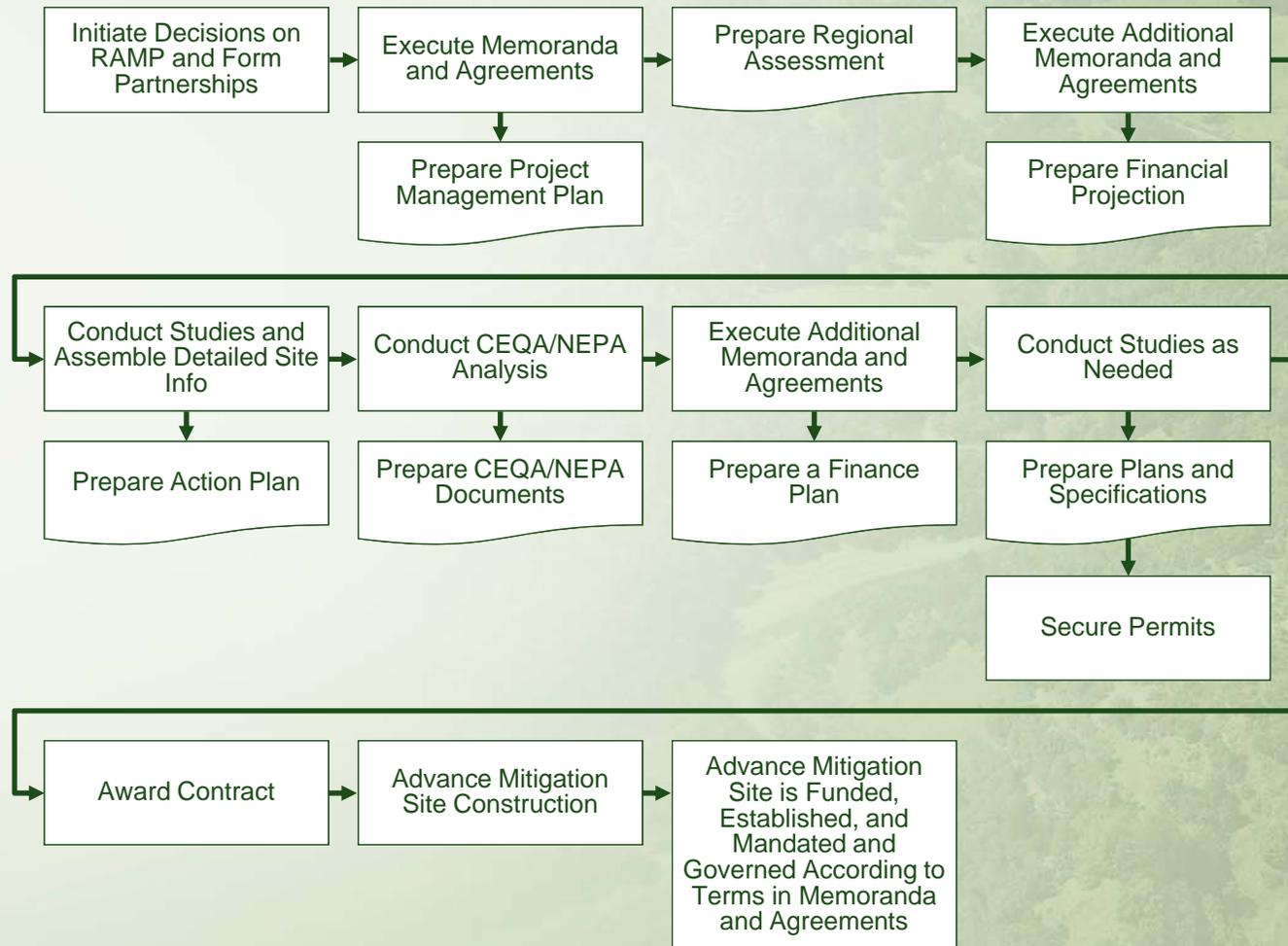
Funding and agreements

Implement mitigation

10-20 year timeframe

7 year timeframe

Example Process: Regional Assessment to Mitigation Action for an Advance Mitigation Site



Legal and Policy Frameworks

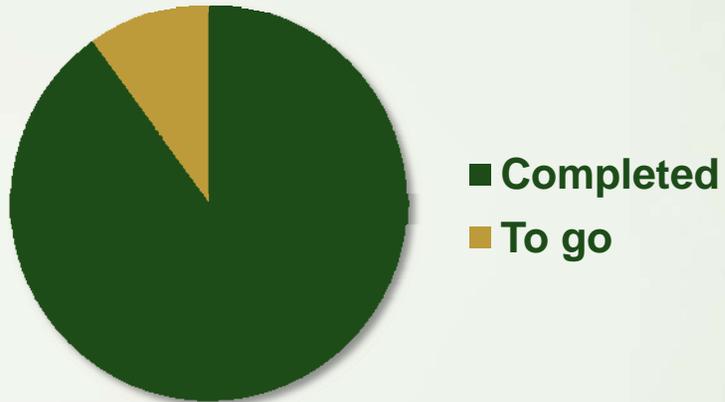
- What it is not
 - No changes to existing laws
 - CEQA, NEPA, Sec. 404, ESA, etc. compliance is done
- What is different
 - Landscape scale or ecosystem approach to mitigation and conservation planning
 - Meeting long term stewardship needs in partnership
 - Working and integrating with NCCPs/HCPs
 - Meeting state guidance on climate change
 - Financing larger solutions to mitigation

Policy Changes Needed

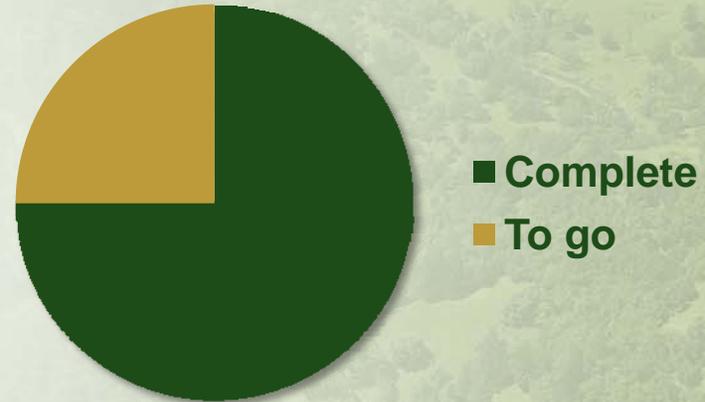
- Examples of administrative actions needed
 - Institutionalize RAMP in the agencies' hierarchies
 - Develop accepted methods of regulatory support
 - Develop funding and financing models and approval processes for advance mitigation
 - Develop mechanisms to coordinate interagency funding and staff resources
- Examples of state legislation needed
 - Establish the management structure
 - Establish a revolving fund
 - Allow future bonds to be used in endowments
 - Allow the Wildlife Conservation Board to buy land for advance mitigation purposes

Progress to Date

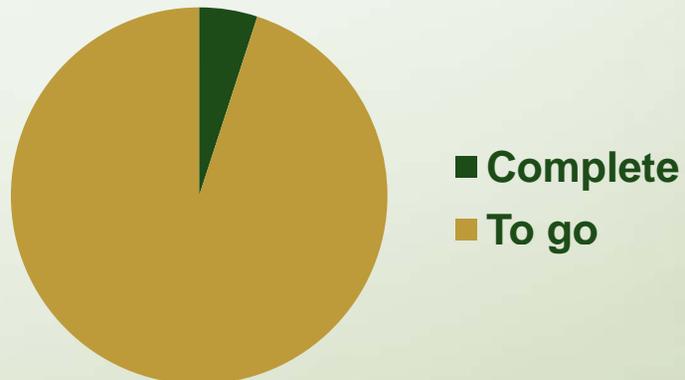
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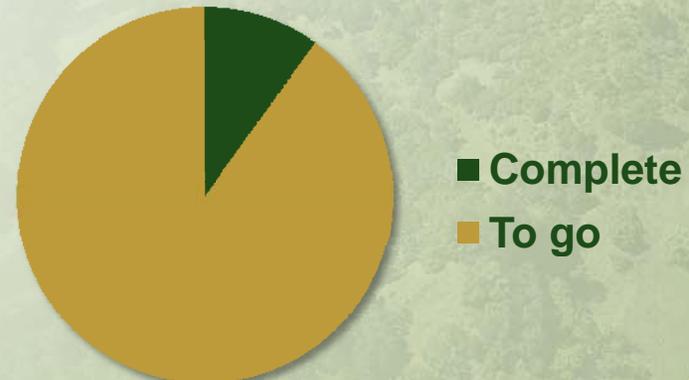
Regional Assessment



"How To" Manual



Action Plan



RAMP Statewide Framework Timeline

	2008	JAN 2011	APR 2011	AUG 2011	APR 2012	Early 2013	2014
RAMP Workgroup formed							
Administrative draft statewide framework for RAMP work group review							
Draft statewide framework for RAMP work group review							
2nd draft statewide framework for RAMP work group review							
Draft statewide framework ready for internal circulation for leadership approval							
Draft statewide framework approved for internal and limited external distribution							
Revise draft and produce final statewide framework for internal agency use and public distribution							

Engagement

- External engagement needs
 - Statewide Framework
 - Strategic Growth Council
 - Regional engagement
- Internal engagement needs
 - Education and feedback
 - Problem solving



Next steps

- Version 2.0 expected 2013-2014 with revisions from lessons learned and feedback
- “How to” Manual expected 2013-2014
- Continue to work on policy changes needed
- Comments on Statewide Framework accepted at: <https://rampcalifornia.water.ca.gov> (under Forum)
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