

Item # 28

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Delta Water Update

- California WaterFix, EcoRestore Programs
- Cache Slough Complex: development of General Plan and Zoning Standards

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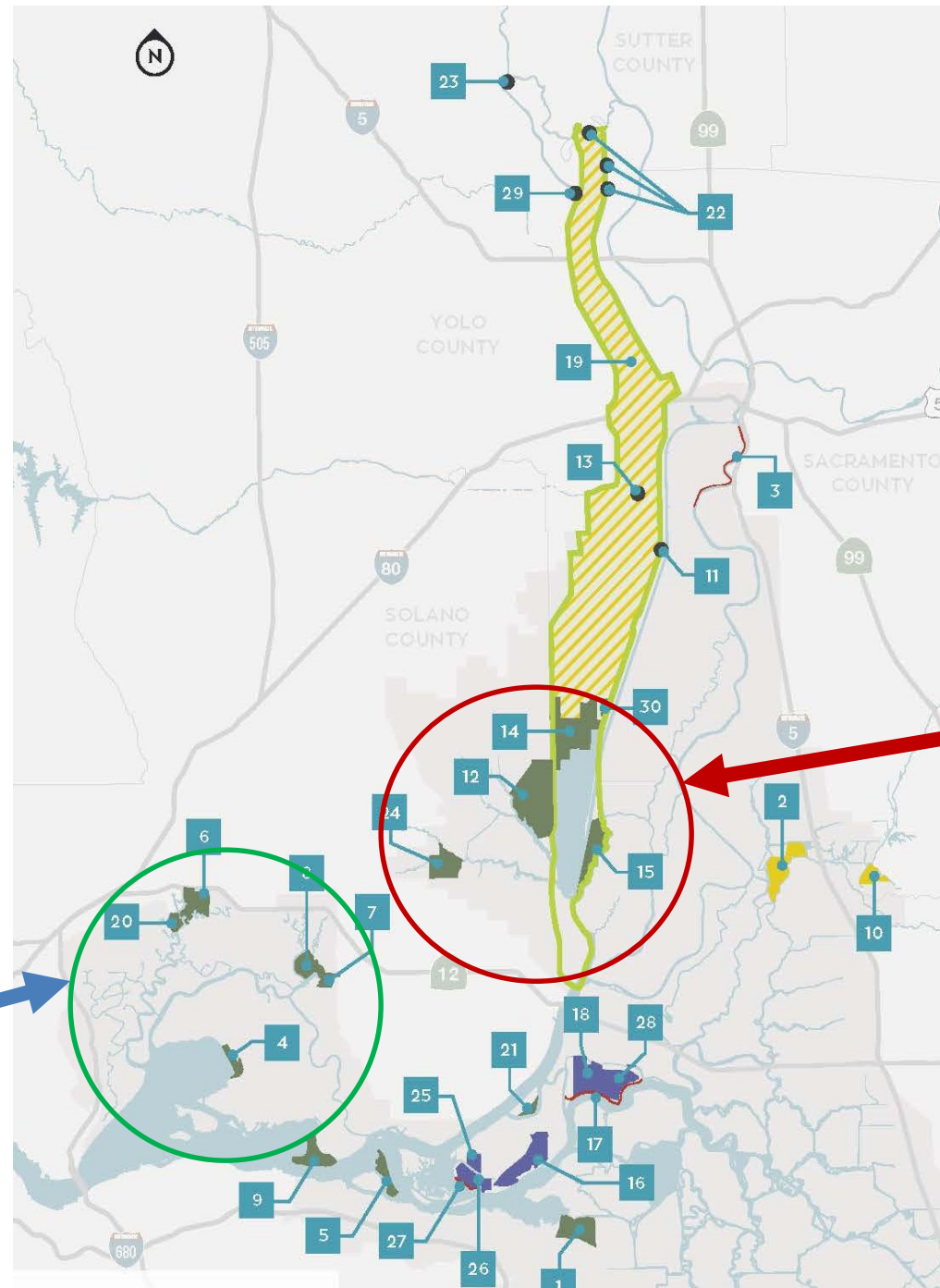
Delta Water Update and Cache Slough Complex

- ☐ Update on Delta Water Activities
 - ☐ Proposed California WaterFix
 - ☐ EcoRestore Program
- ☐ Report on Cache Slough
 - ☐ Status of Ecosystem Projects
- ☐ Consider and Provide Direction on:
 - ☐ Potential new General Plan Policy
 - ☐ Possible Zoning Standard Concepts
 - ☐ Potential Urgency Ordinance

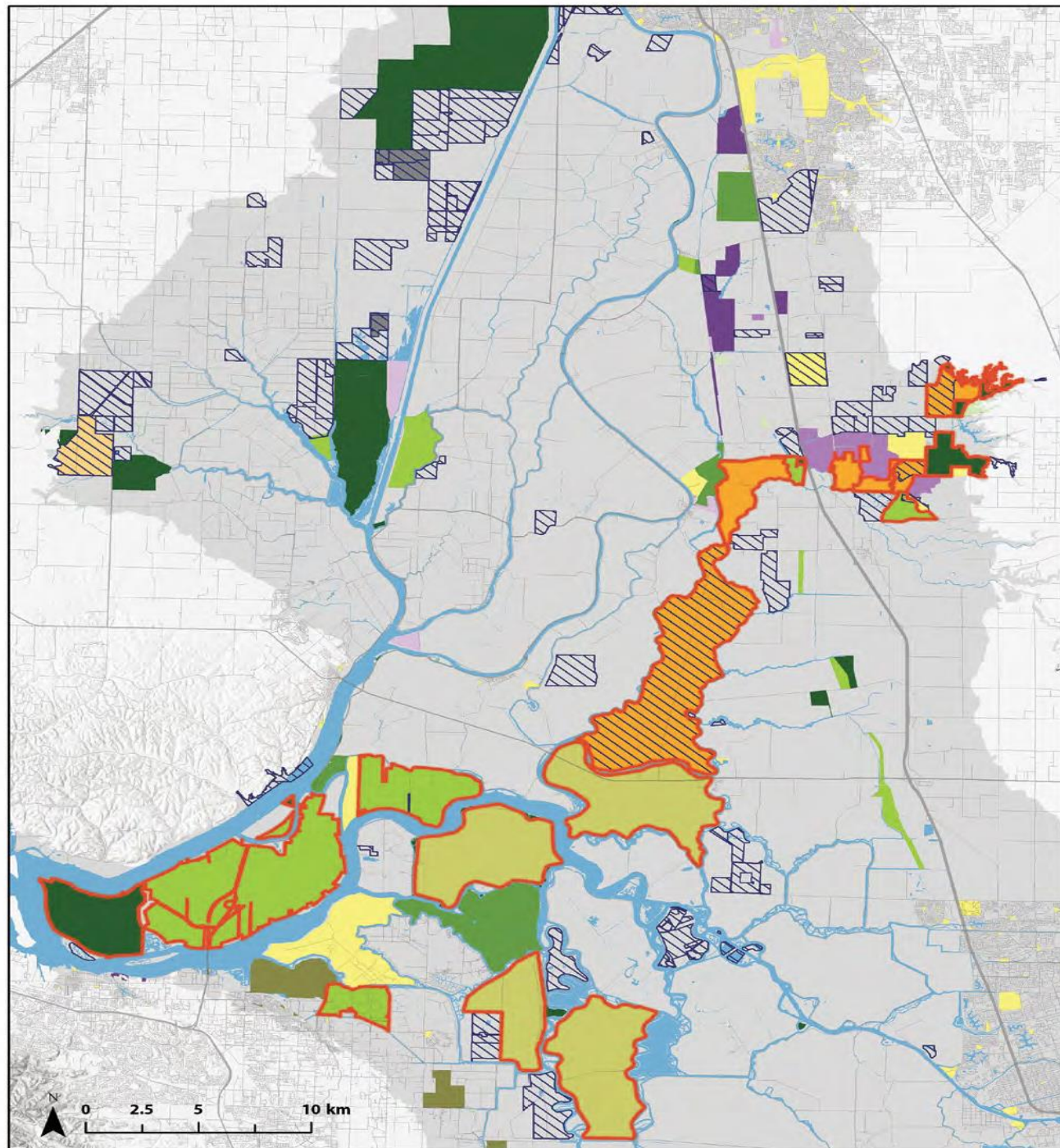
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Delta Public Lands Strategy

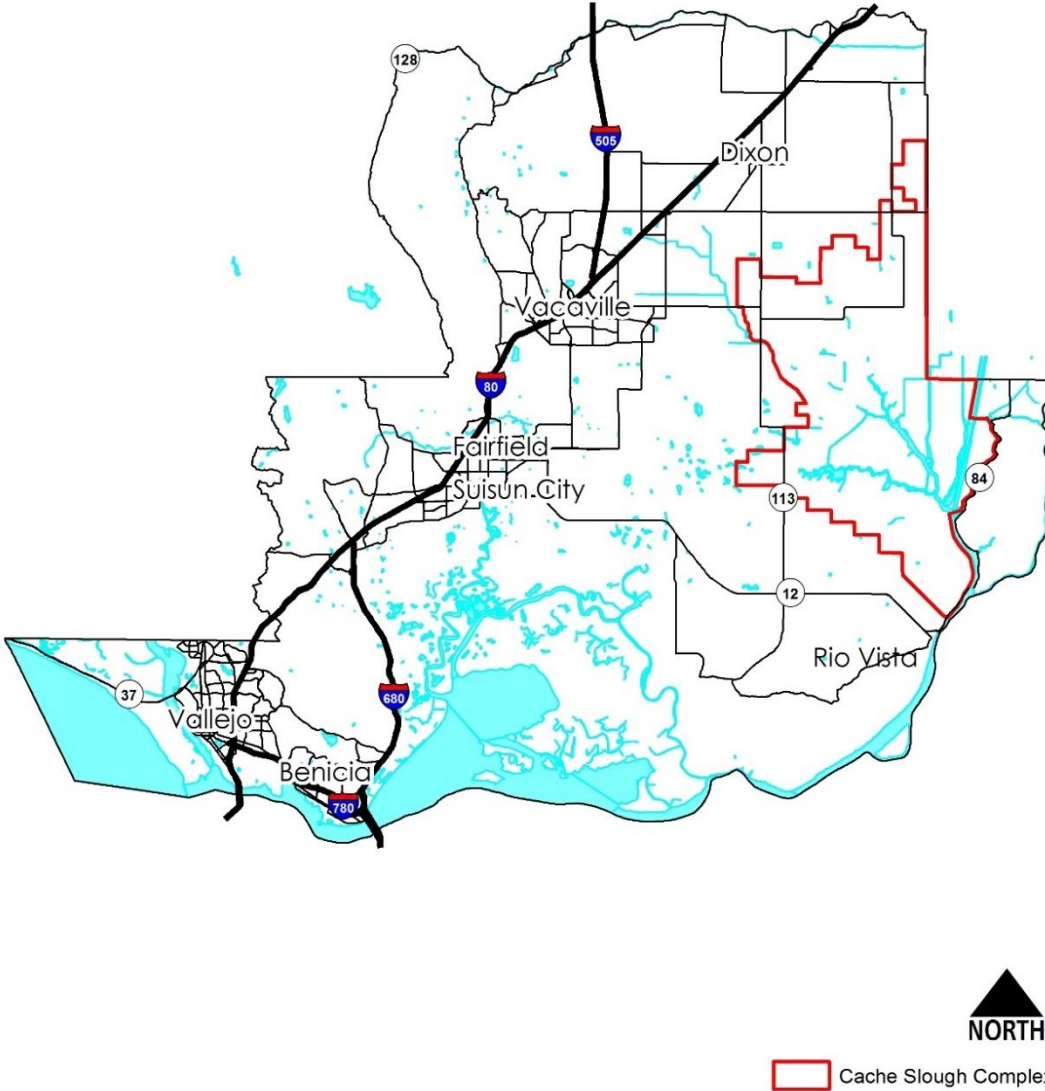


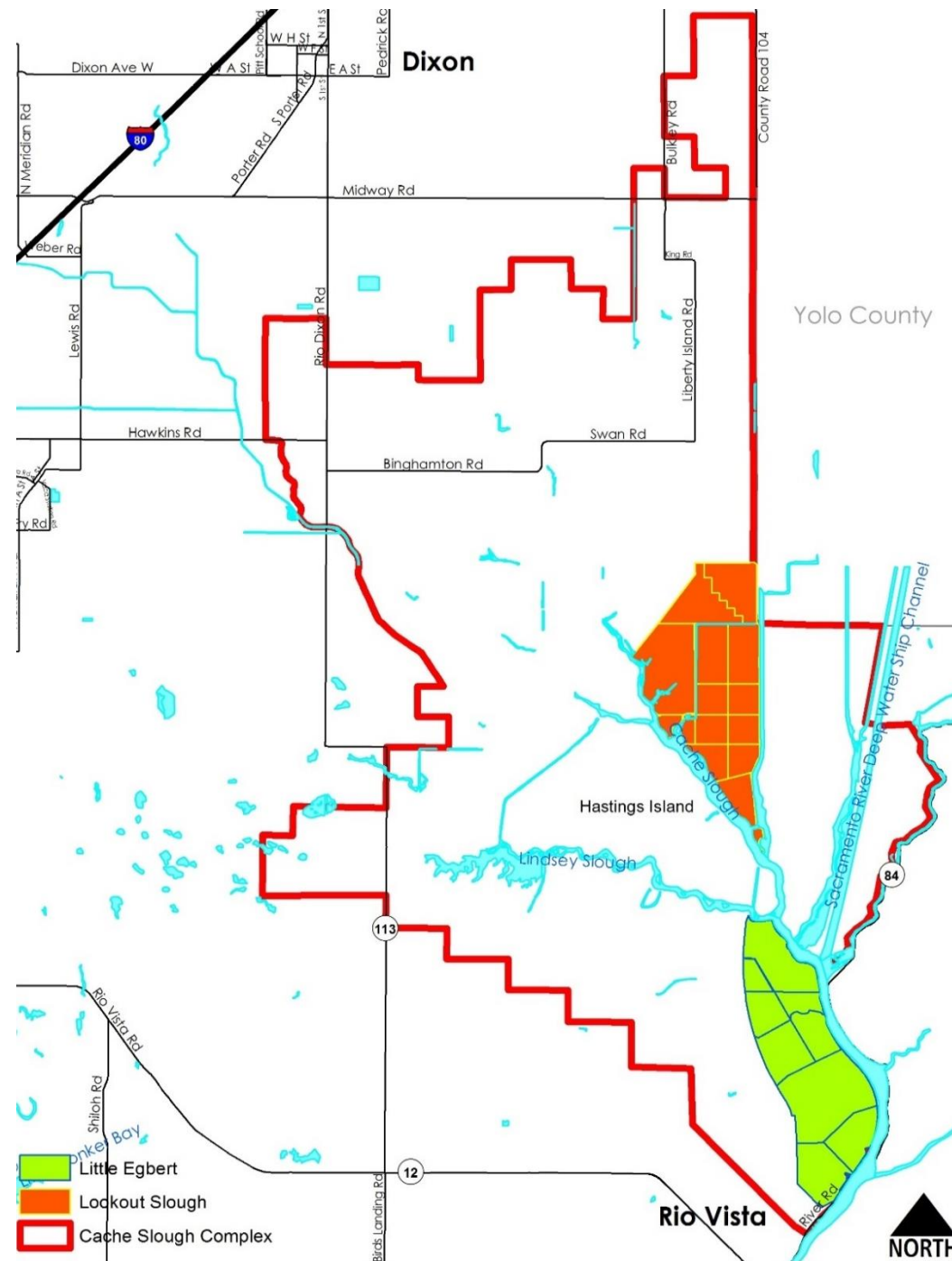


Cache Slough Complex

- ❑ Cache Slough: strategic location presents risk to agriculture
 - ❑ 65,000 acres of 'undeveloped' lands within Primary Zone of Delta
 - ❑ Best elevations for tidal habitat restoration and adjoining uplands; remaining native fish species in area
 - ❑ Yolo Bypass flood improvements
- ❑ Ag conversion projects
 - Lookout Slough – 3400 acres tidal restoration
 - Little Egbert – 3000 acres of ag land under flood easement in Bypass
 - Prospect Island – 1600 acres transitioned to ecosystem
 - Other (willing seller)

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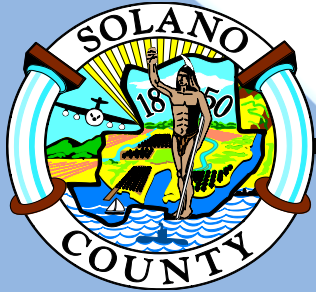






Cache Slough Complex

- ☐ General Plan designated Agriculture, Zoned A-80 and A-160
 - ☐ cattle ranching and crop production
- ☐ Prime Farmland; much under Williamson Act Contract
- ☐ Water Rights: North Delta Water Agency contract, mix of pre- and post-1914 and riparian
- ☐ Current County regulations: ecosystem restoration subject to Conditional Use Permit



REGULATORY OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- ☐ Adopt new General Plan policies for Cache Slough that protect agriculture and water supply; provide guidelines for ecosystem projects
- ☐ Update Zoning Ordinance, establish a Cache Slough Zoning District Overlay
- ☐ Develop an agricultural sustainability mitigation program
- ☐ Prepare a Cache Slough Complex Management Plan
- ☐ Interim Cache Slough Urgency Ordinance as needed to allow time to develop a Cache Slough Program and assurances for the region



OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- ☐ Establish a County-wide Agricultural Farmland Mitigation Program
- ☐ Develop mitigation tools for loss of farmland – conservation easements, in-lieu fees, credit for flood protection, intake assurances, water rights retention, other ag sustainability measures
- ☐ Payment of fees could fund Agricultural Sustainability Fund – support agricultural viability
- ☐ Develop an outreach program to engage landowners and others



Questions



