

Joint Meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors and County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors

- Strengthening the Partnership Between the Santa Clara Valley Water District and the County of Santa Clara
- The Master Partnership Agreement (providing recreational opportunities on District and County properties)

Sixty Years: Multiple Benefits of Shared Use



Sixty Years: Multiple Benefits of Shared Use Roles and Responsibilities



Purpose: Seek Policy Guidance, Based on the District Legislative Act

- Request reaffirmation of our joint agency commitment to provide public recreational access
- Request affirmation of District purpose statements and use of powers granted by the Legislative Act
 - emphasizing stewardship, county parks support, land acquisition, and construction and long-term management of recreational improvements
- Request for support of a balanced apportionment of responsibility and liability with respect to public access and recreation

Legislative Framework: District and County

SCVWD Legislative Act: Section 4: District purposes

comprehensive water management...
beneficial uses.... protection from
flooding.....(c)...take action to do all
the following:.....

- County Charter – County Purposes
- Parks General Plan Parks and Recreation Element – Park Purposes
- Park Charter

Legislative Framework:

District

- (c)(7) Enhance, protect, and restore streams, riparian corridors, and natural resources in connection with carrying out the purposes set forth in this section
- (c)(8) preserve open space in Santa Clara County and support the county park system in a manner that is consistent with carrying out the powers granted by this section.

County

- Regional Parks and Public Open Space Lands
- Trails and Pathways
- Strategies, Policies, and Implementation including interjurisdictional coordination
- Countywide Trails Master Plan
- Master Plans and Strategic Plan
- Acquisition Plan

Santa Clara Valley Water District Act (Legislative Act Creating District): Powers

- Acquisition and conveyance of real and personal property
- Contract and employ labor for full exercise of powers

Section 5: Nature of District;
powers: Subsections 4,
12,16

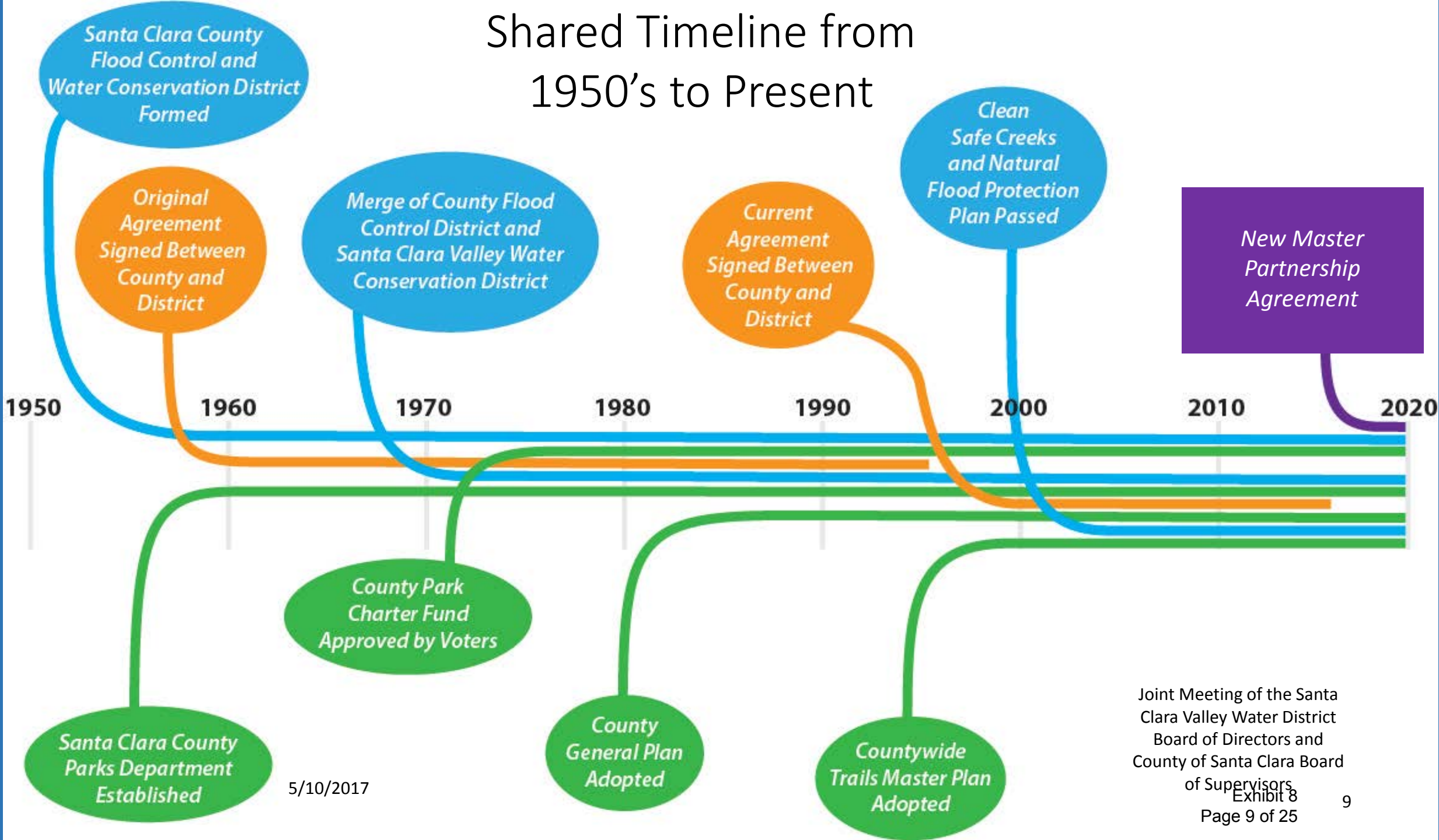
- Acquire, construct, maintain, operate, and install recreational facilities

Context for Policy Guidance and New Agreement

- Collaboration
- Public Expectations
 - Recent Funding Measures
 - Joint Management
 - Reservoirs and Trails
- Legislation
 - District Legislative Act
 - County Park Charter (Relates to General Plan)
- Habitat Plan



Shared Timeline from 1950's to Present



5/10/2017

Early Days of Public Access





Where we are Today

- Network of District-Owned and County-Owned Lands
- Ownership Indistinguishable to the Public
- Lands Provide Mutual Public Benefits for Natural Resources Stewardship, Water Supply and Quality, Flood Protection, and Park and Recreation Usage
- Countywide Trails Master Plan Linkages and Multi-City Collaboration with District for Trail Implementation



Public Use/Recreation



- Average of 3 million visitors annually



- Average of nearly 23,000 launches annually



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Park Charter Fund

- Measure A, 2016
- 15 years (expires 2032)
- 78.08% Yes

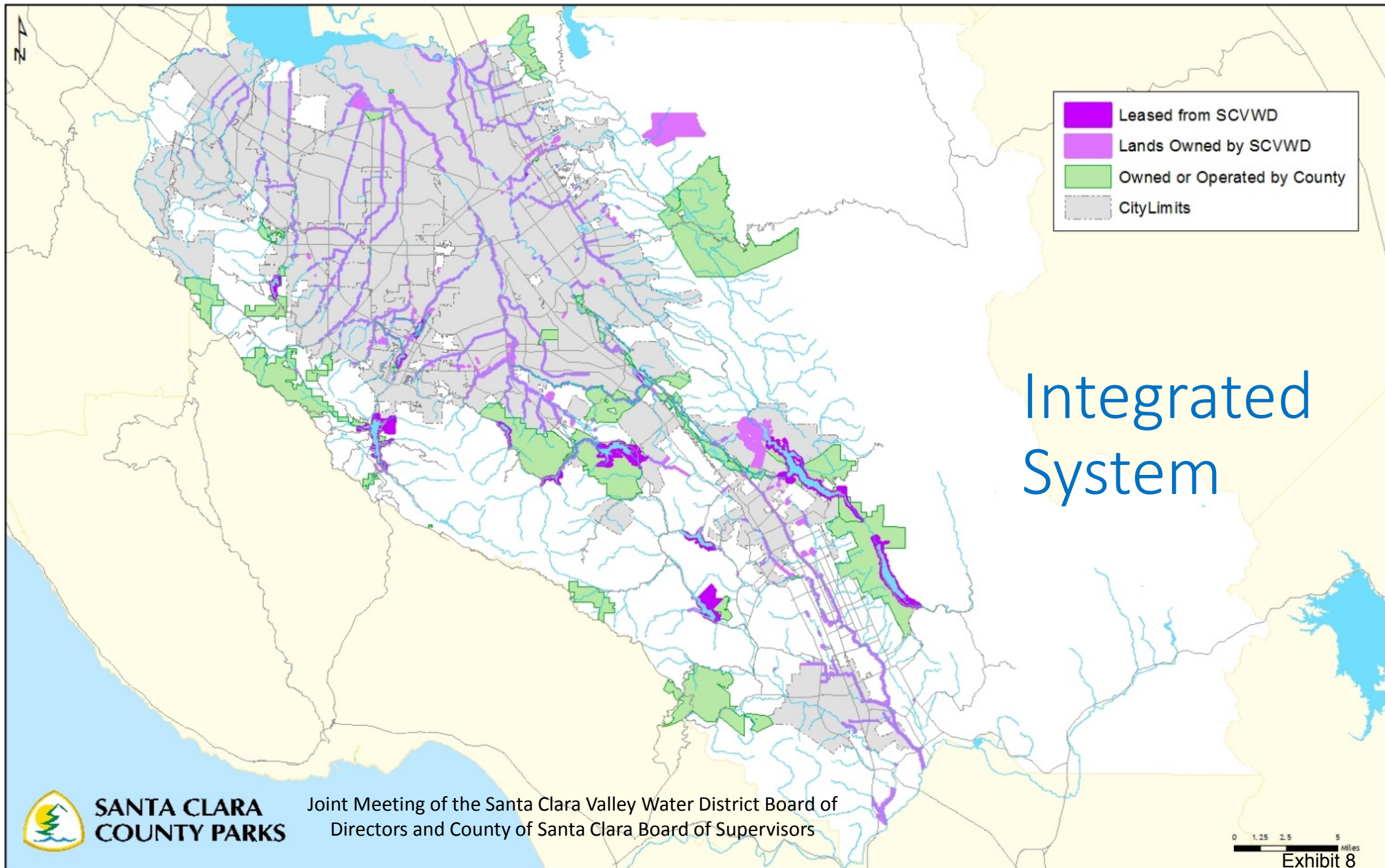
Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program

- Measure B, 2012
- 15 years (expires 2028)
- 73.69% Yes



2017 Preliminary Strategic Plan Public Priorities



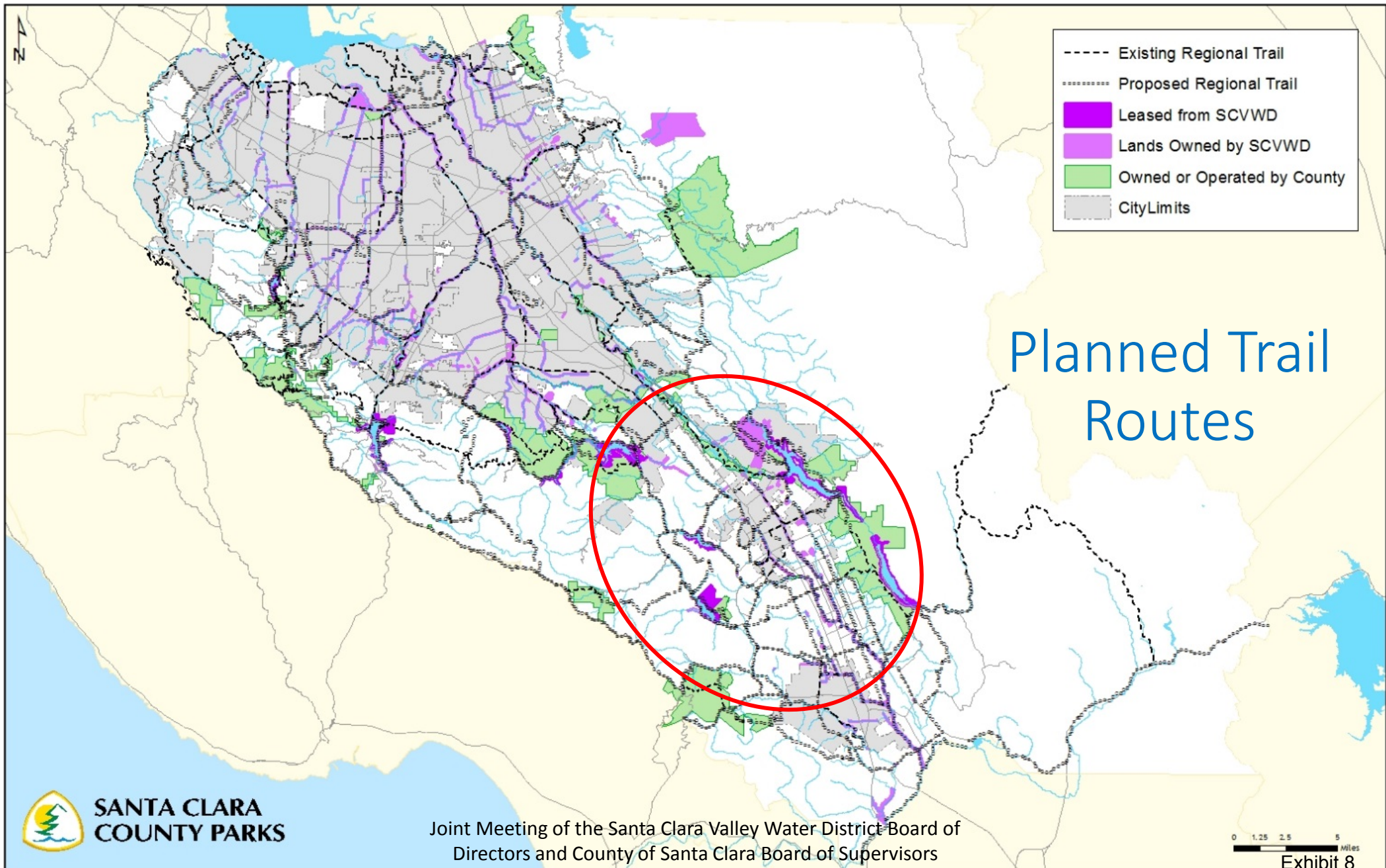


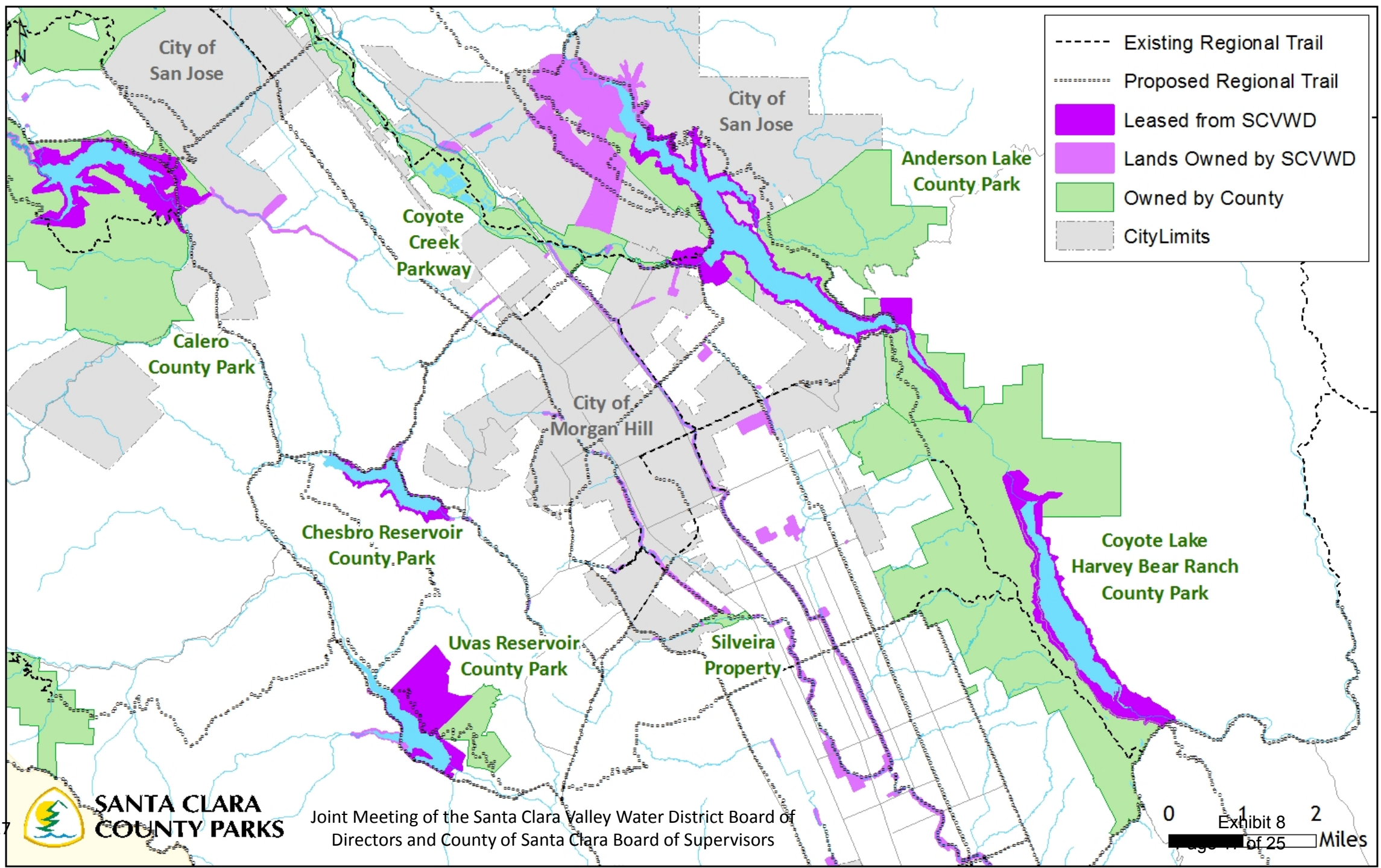
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COUNTY PARKS**

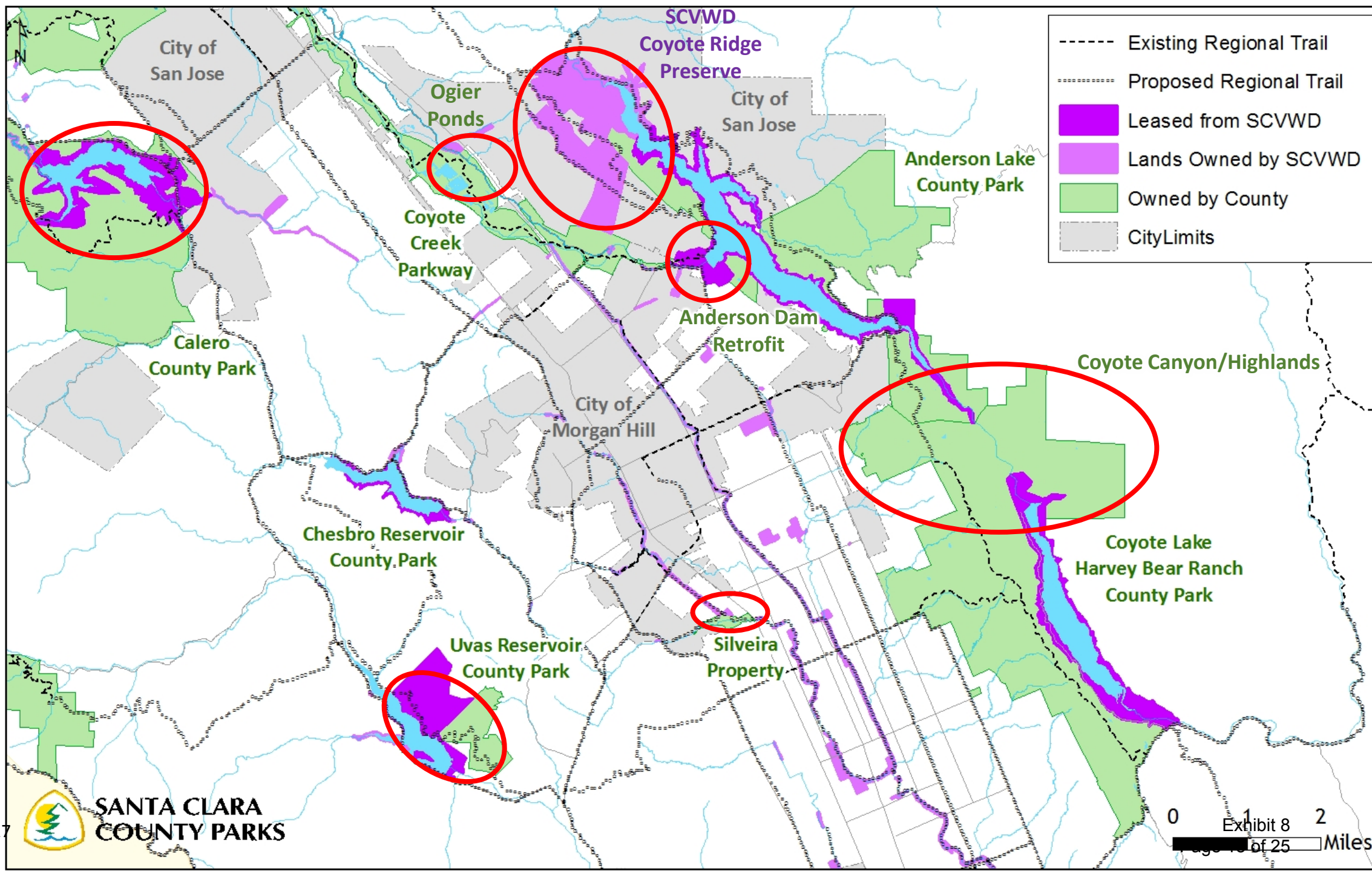
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Anderson Dam and Opportunities for Collaboration: Infrastructure Developed on District Lands

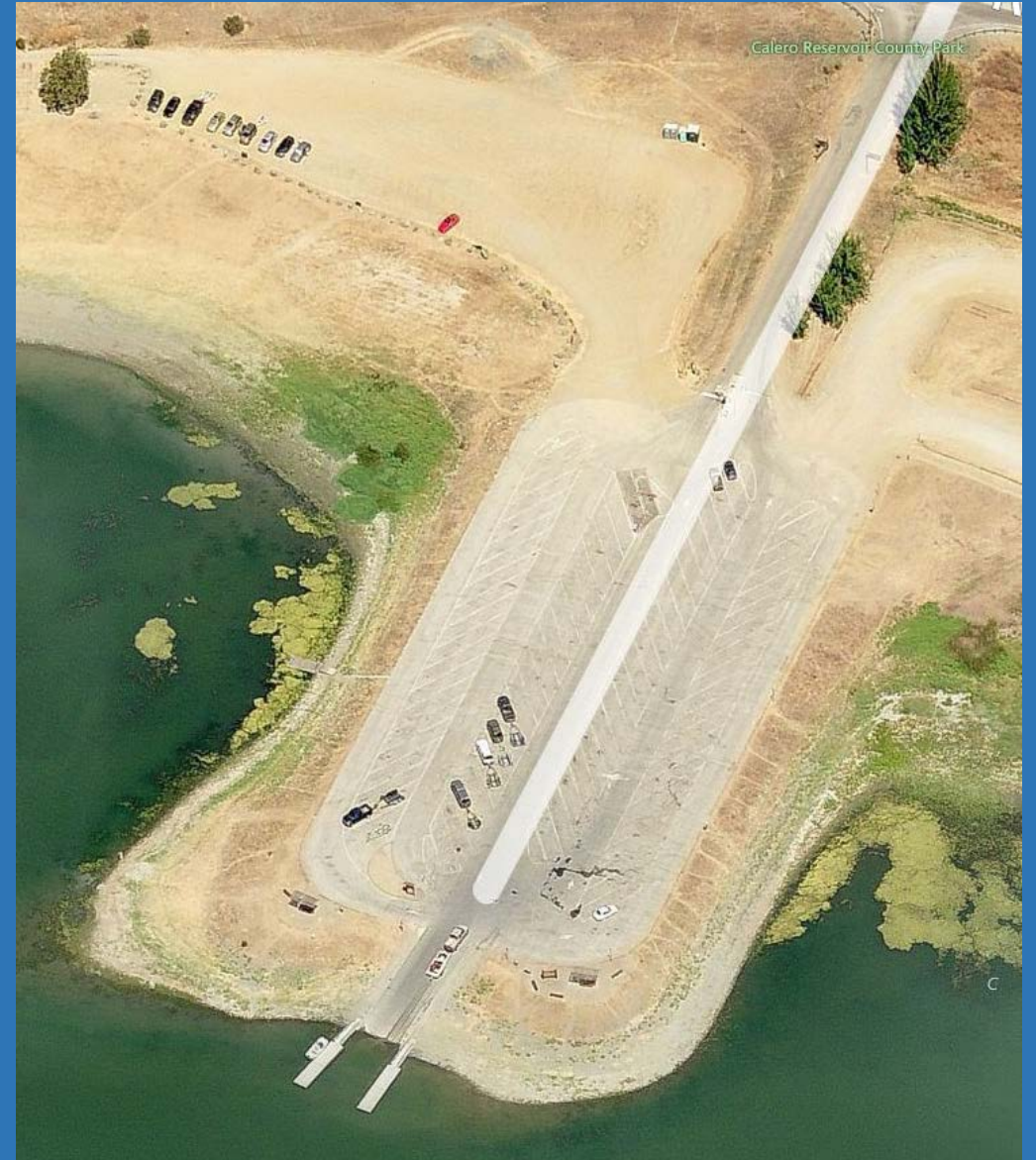


Infrastructure Developed on District Lands at Calero

Calero Park Office, Maintenance Shop & Staging Area



Calero Boat Launch



Looking Forward: Collaboration on Capital Projects

- Opportunities for Consideration of Funding or Cost Share:
Request for Joint Planning – Near and Long-Term
 - Recreational improvements related to water access (boat ramps, dock installation)
 - Trail linkage and construction parallel to riparian corridors (Use of existing/planned levees)
 - Incorporate trails and other recreational improvements into public works
 - Use of District properties not currently covered by agreement for trail and/or recreational uses
 - Other possible future partnerships (e.g. visitor centers, shared use facilities)
 - Other possibilities not yet considered

County Requests for Strengthened Commitment At Policy Level within new Master Agreement

Public Access and Recreational Use of District Property

- Affirm commitment to continuing recreational use of District facilities by:
 - Clarifying limited conditions for discontinuing recreational use
 - Removing County responsibility for paying to remove recreational amenities
 - Agreeing to consider mitigating the loss of recreational use due to District decisions and project impacts
 - Agreeing to balanced apportionment of liability
- Include, in master agreement, a commitment to mutual systematic and early engagement in system and project plans.
- Consider constructing or contributing towards the cost of constructing recreational facilities on District property

Key Issues to Resolve

Issue	District Proposal	County Proposal
Assets Upon Termination or Discontinued Access to Some Reservoirs	<p>County removes any County improvements incompatible with subsequent use of property.</p> <p>District to clarify what conditions may allow it to terminate/discontinue early, and notice period.</p>	<p>Discontinuance of Use limited to critical public safety or other defined need.</p> <p>District to bear costs for removal of recreational amenities.</p> <p>District to consider mitigation for loss of public access and recreational use</p>
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