

# 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

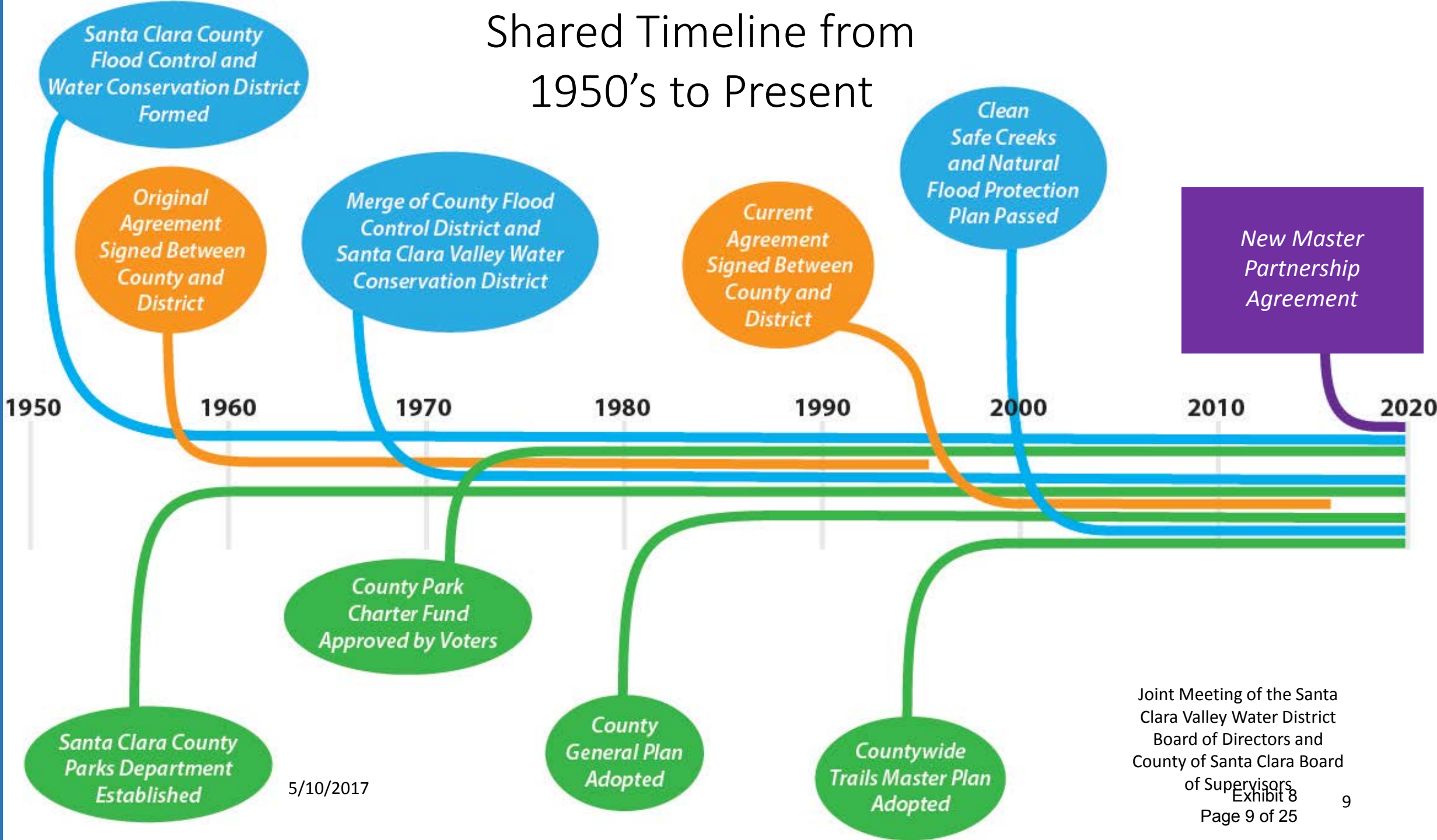
- Acquire, construct, maintain, operate, and install recreational facilities

# 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

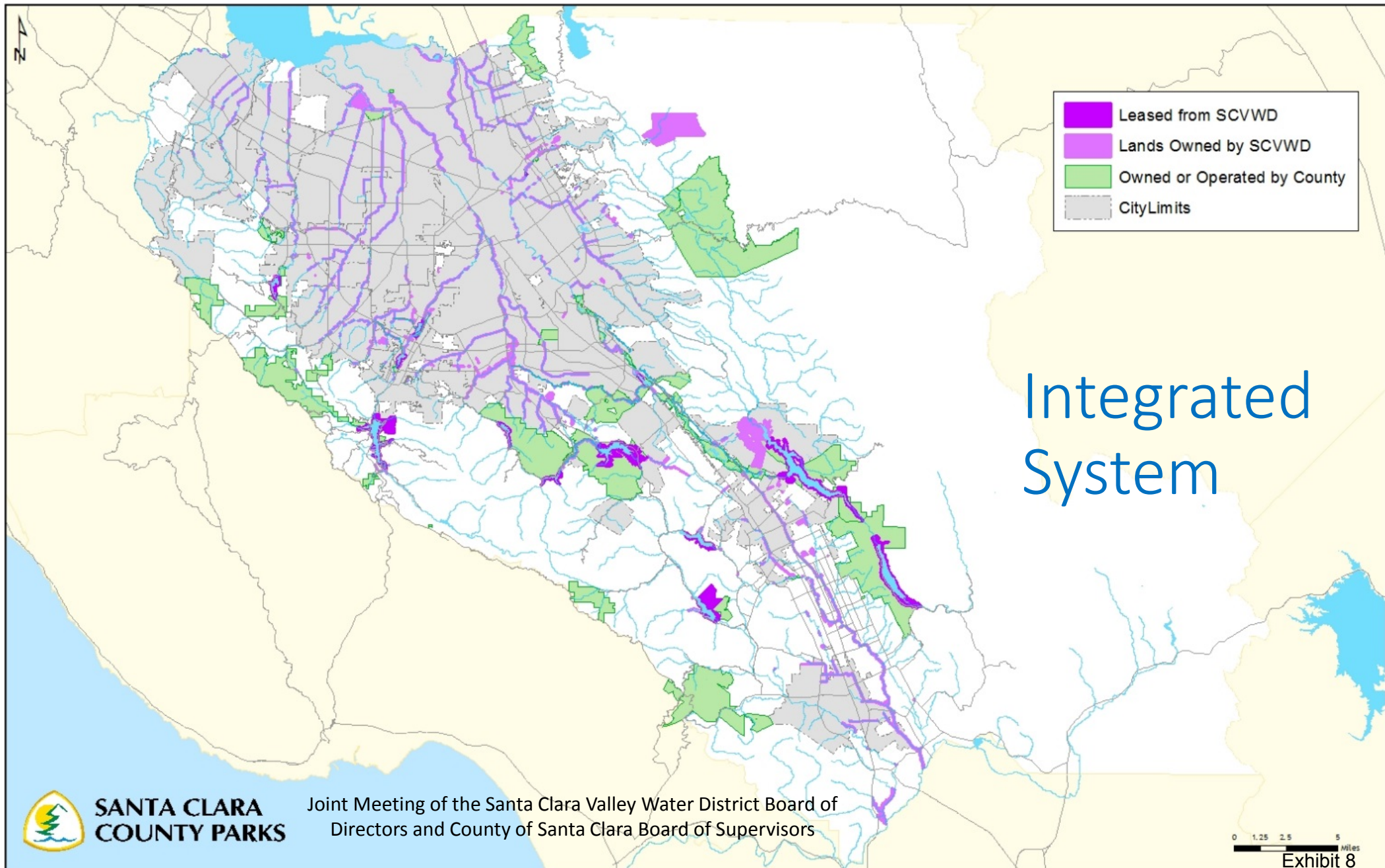
## Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program

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



# 2017 Preliminary Strategic Plan Public Priorities





# Integrated System

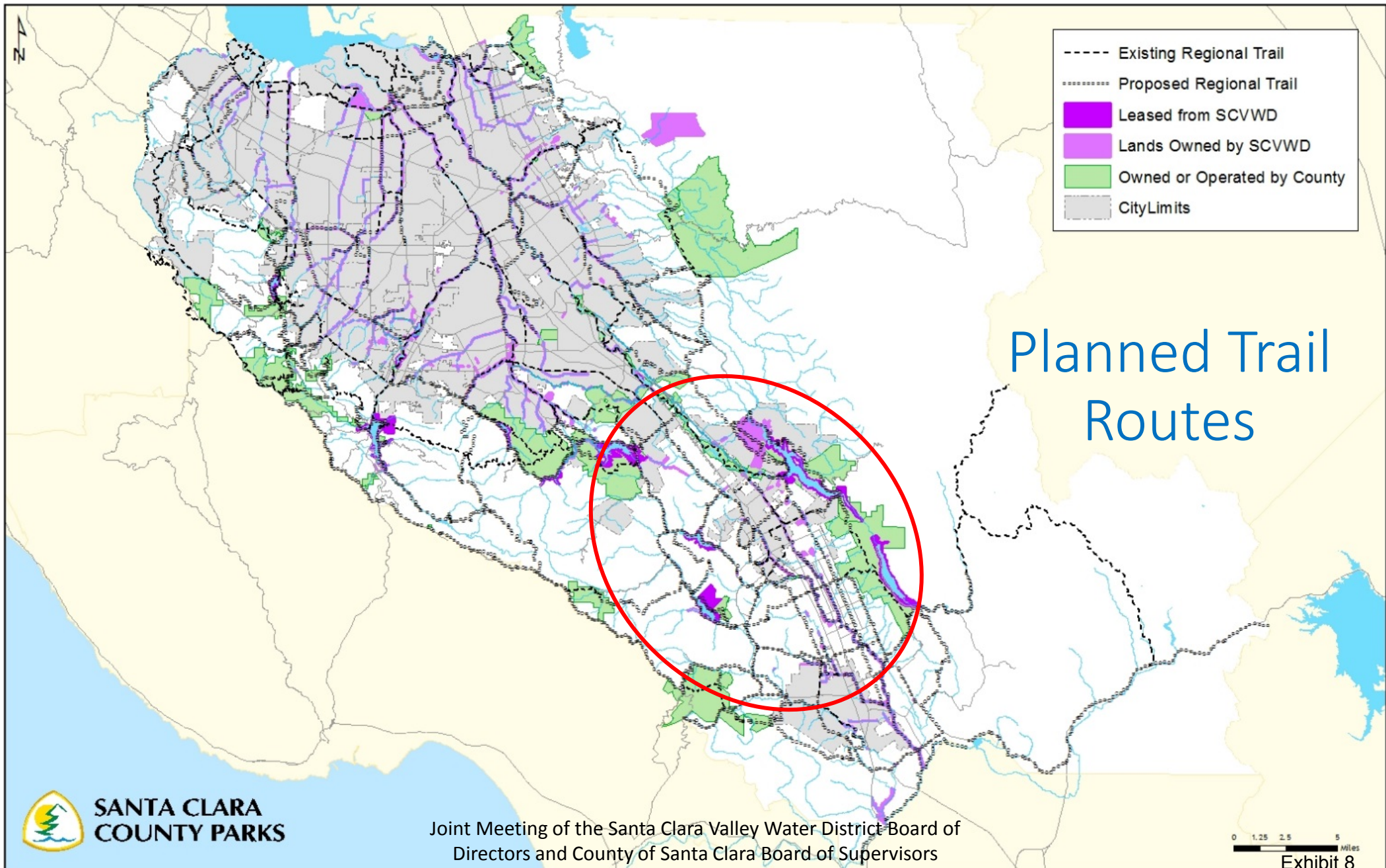


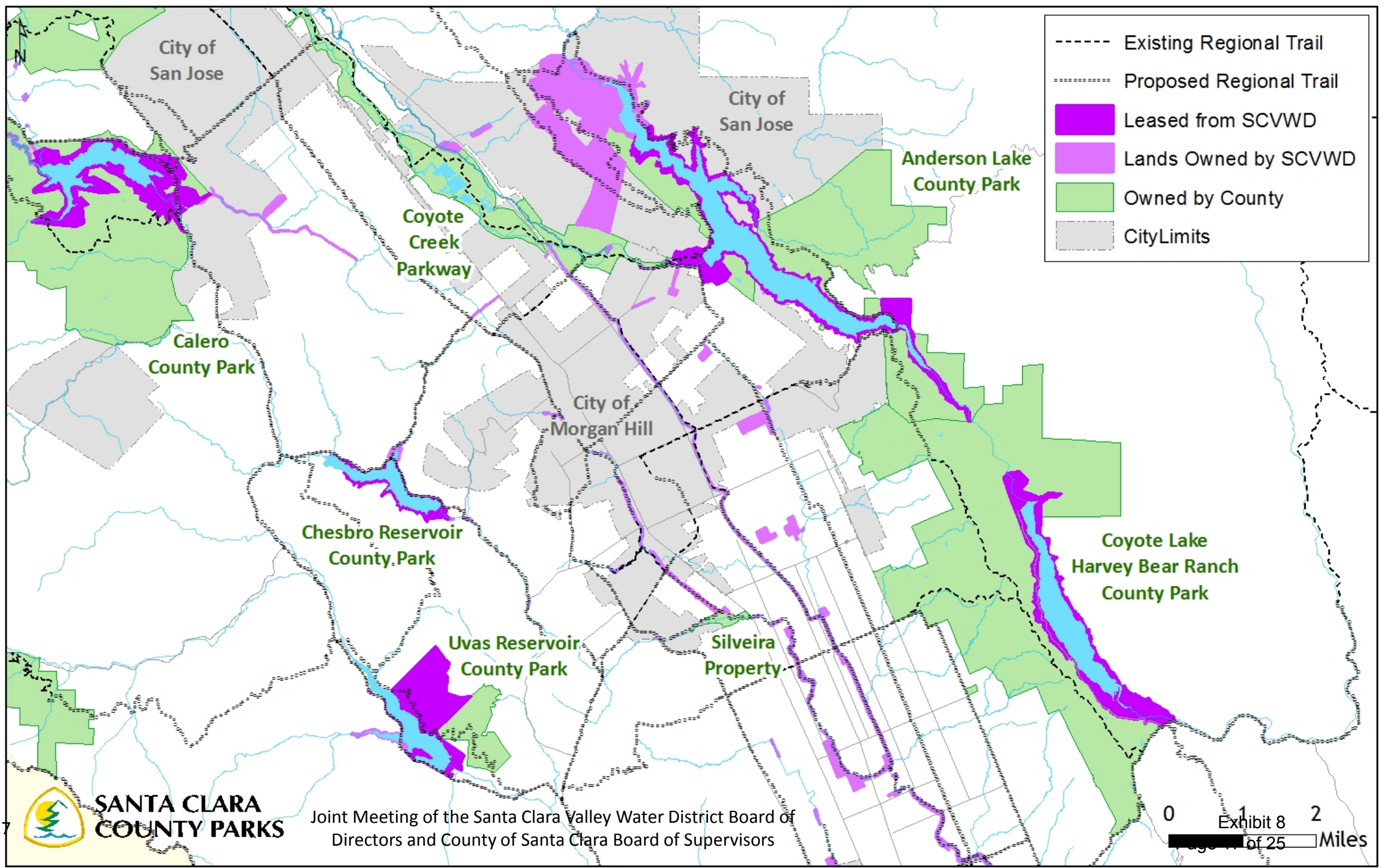
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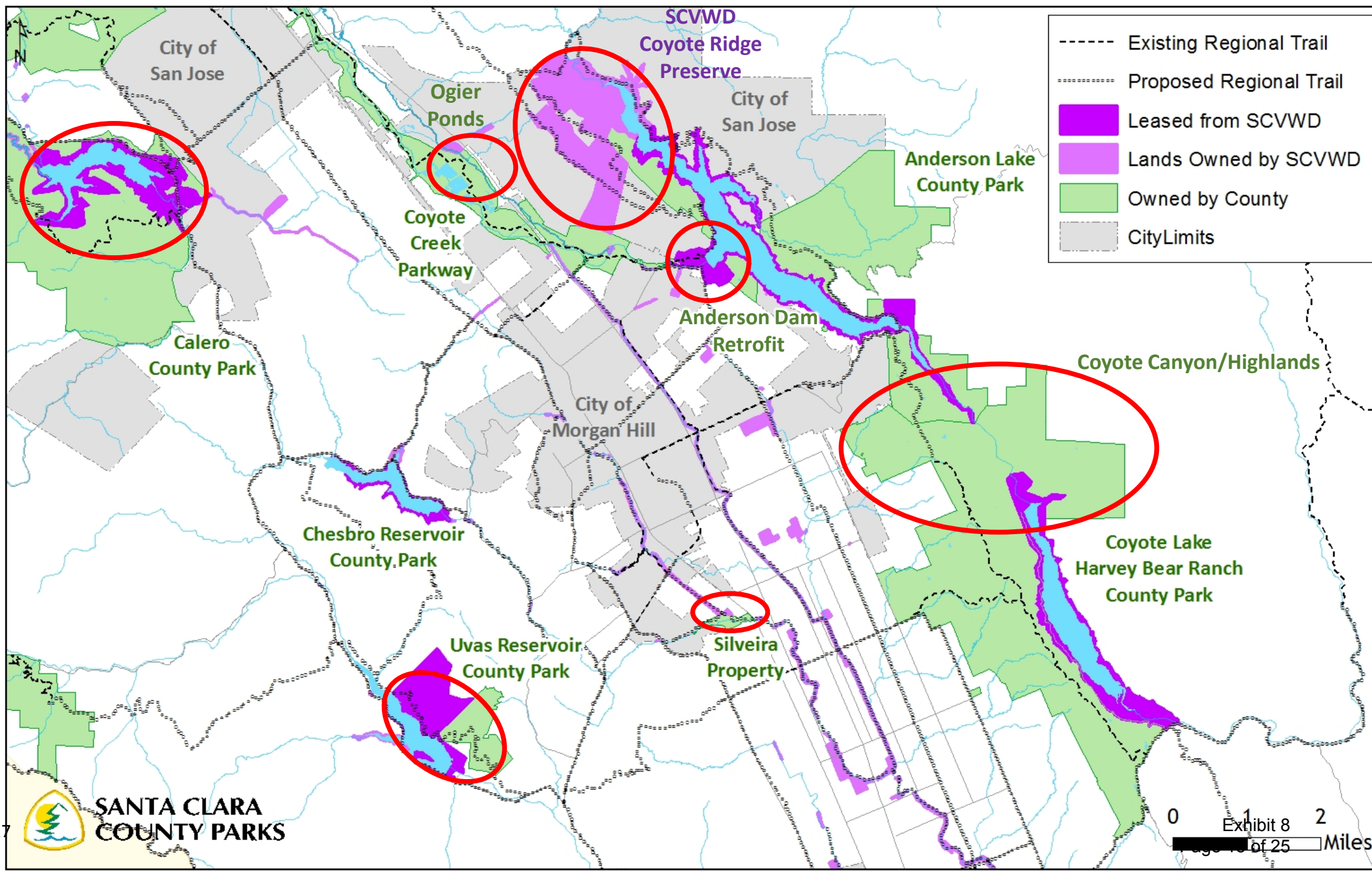
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# Anderson Dam and Opportunities for Collaboration: Infrastructure Developed on District Lands



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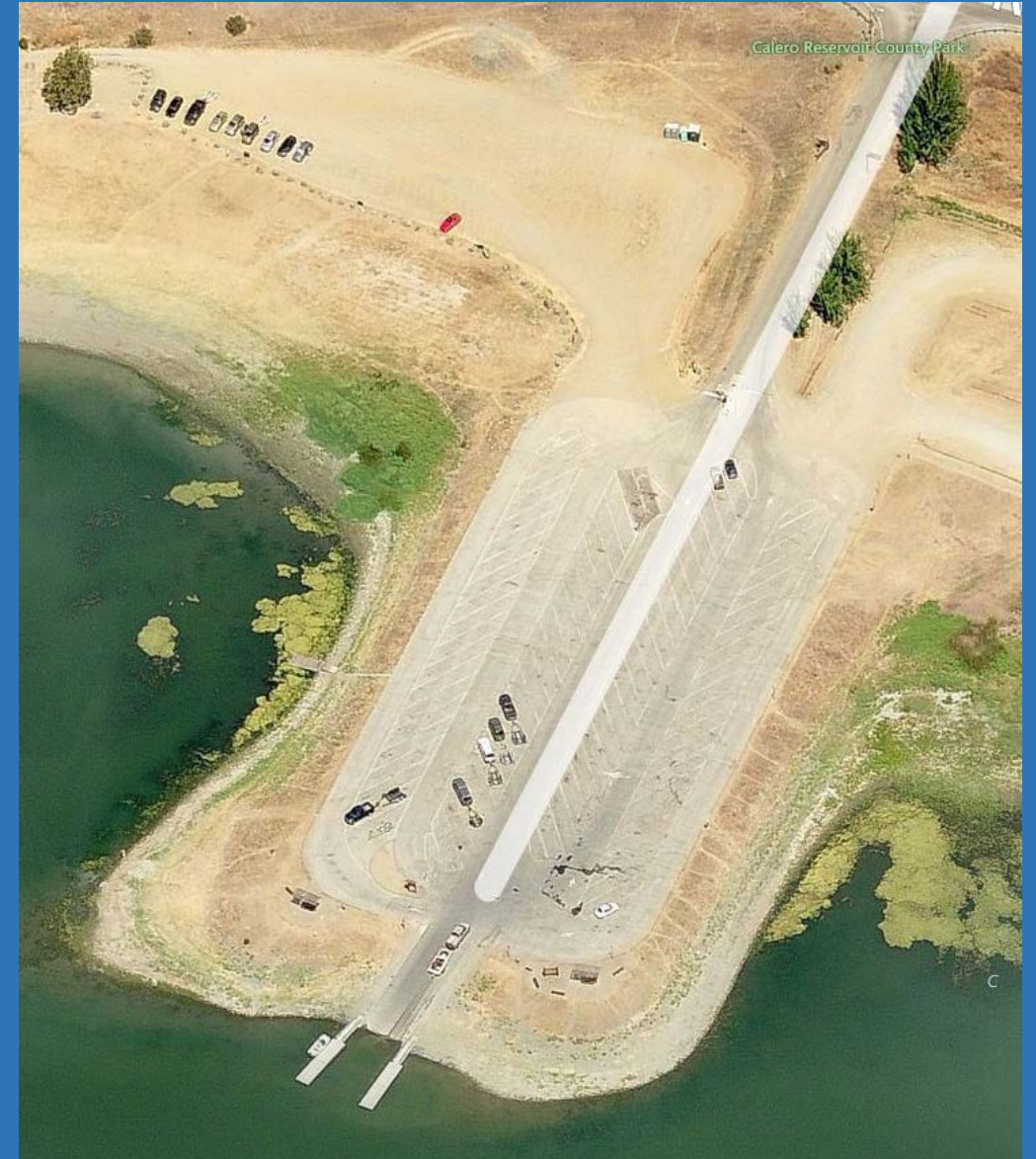
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# Infrastructure Developed on District Lands at Calero

## 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

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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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