



# Onward Oceanside

CEQA Scoping Meeting

June 9, 2021



# PURPOSE OF SCOPING MEETING

1. Provide an overview of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
2. Facilitate submittal of informed comments regarding the environmental review of the Onward Oceanside Project
  - General Plan Update
  - South Morro Hills Community Plan
  - Smart & Sustainable Corridors Specific Plan
  - Climate Action Plan Update
  - Active Transportation Plan
  - Trails Master Plan

# MEETING AGENDA

1. Project Description
2. CEQA Overview
3. Public Comments
4. Next Steps



# ZOOM PROTOCOL

1. Please be respectful. There will be zero tolerance for inappropriate behavior or language.
2. Comments may be added to chat, and will be included as part of the record.
3. During the question answer period, use the “raise hand” function if you wish to speak.
4. All participants will be muted. Individual commenters will be unmuted during the Q&A period.



# PROJECT DESCRIPTION

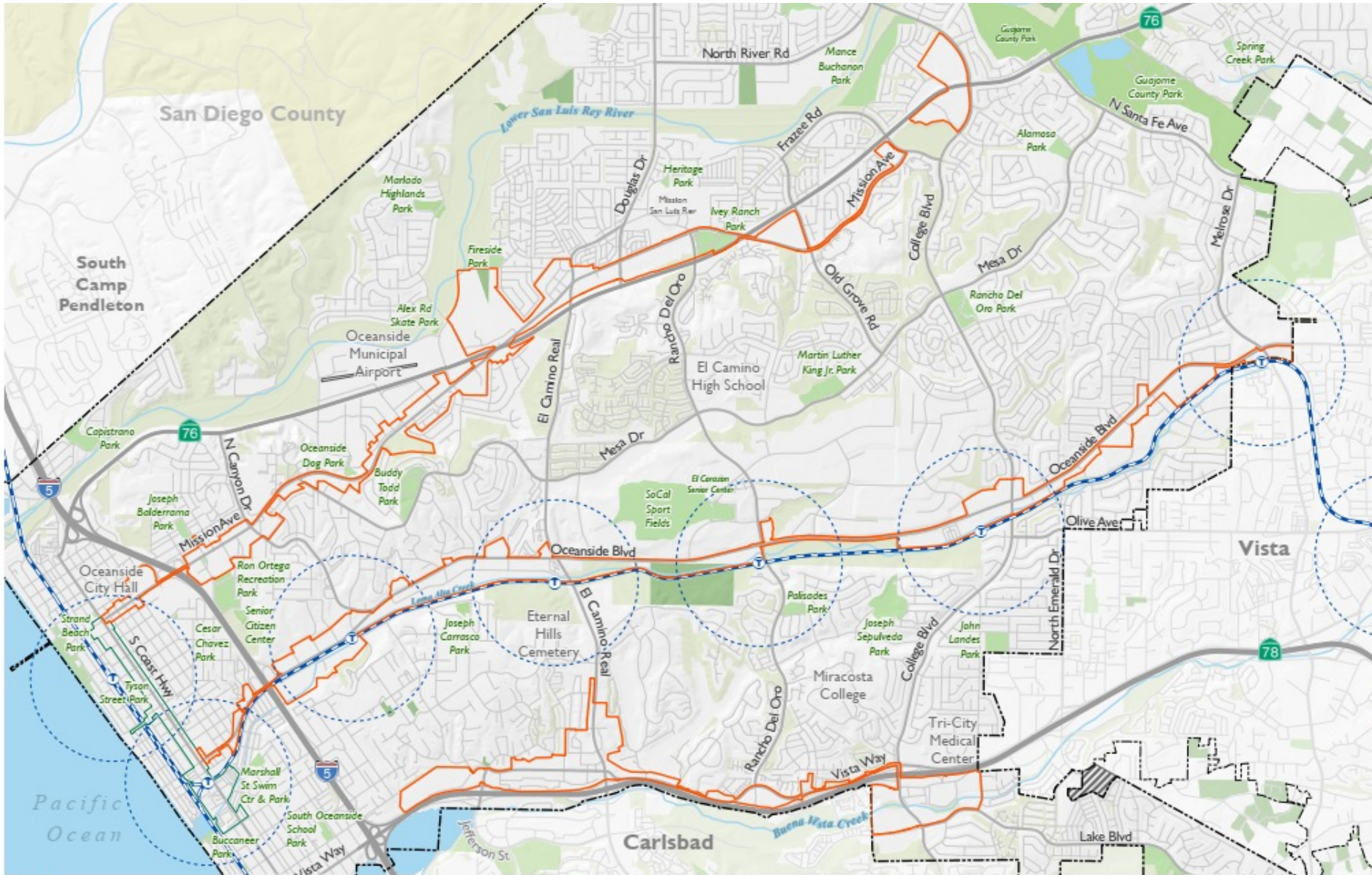
1. State law requires that all cities and counties adopt a General Plan that addresses specific topics (land use, circulation, housing, environmental justice, military readiness, conservation, open space, safety, and noise).
2. The City has never comprehensively updated its General Plan.
3. The first phase of the update was adopted in May 2019.
  - Economic Development Element
  - Energy and Climate Action Element
  - Climate Action Plan

# PROJECT DESCRIPTION

4. The second phase of the update includes several related components.

- Updates of existing GP elements
  - *Land Use*
  - *Mobility (formerly entitled Circulation)*
  - *Housing (addressed by a separate environmental review process)*
  - *Conservation and Open Space*
  - *Community Facilities (optional element adopted in 1990)*
  - *Safety (emphasis on natural hazards)*
  - *Noise*
- South Morro Hills Community Plan
- Smart and Sustainable Corridors Specific Plan
- Active Transportation Plan and Master Trails Plan
- Update of the Climate Action Plan

# SMART AND SUSTAINABLE CORRIDORS



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|--------------------|--|---------------------|-------------------|
| Planning Area      | Sprinter Station                           | City of Oceanside   | Agriculture       |
| Coast Highway      | Rail                                       | Sphere of Influence | Park              |
| Incentive District | 1/2-mile Walkshed around Sprinter Stations | Neighbor City       | Military Training |
|                    |  |                     | Water             |

Map Date: 4/5/2021



# PROJECT DESCRIPTION

5. The project team may decide to take a thematic approach to the organization of the updated General Plan.
  - *Healthy and Safe Community*
  - *Stable and Prosperous Local Economy*
  - *Visually Appealing Environment*
  - *Resilient Resources*
  - *Welcoming and Equitable Community*

The project will be supported by a Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) that identifies and establishes mitigation for potentially significant environmental impacts.



# WHAT IS CEQA?

## California Environmental Quality Act

- Disclose environmental effects
- Prevent or minimize environmental impacts
- Enhance public participation



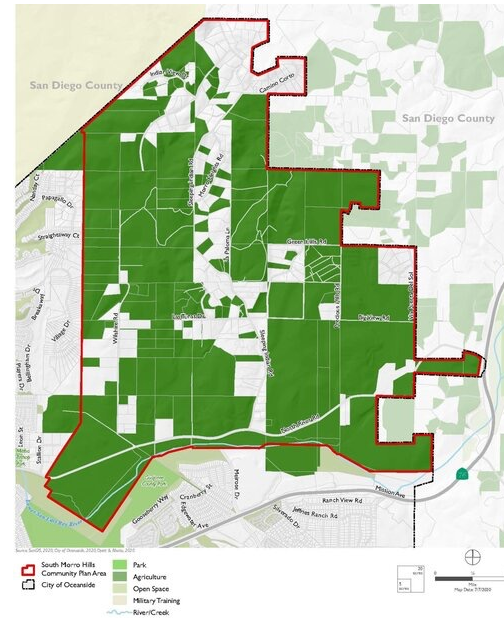
# WHAT IS A PROJECT?

## Project Level



Includes exact details of physical disturbance

## Programmatic



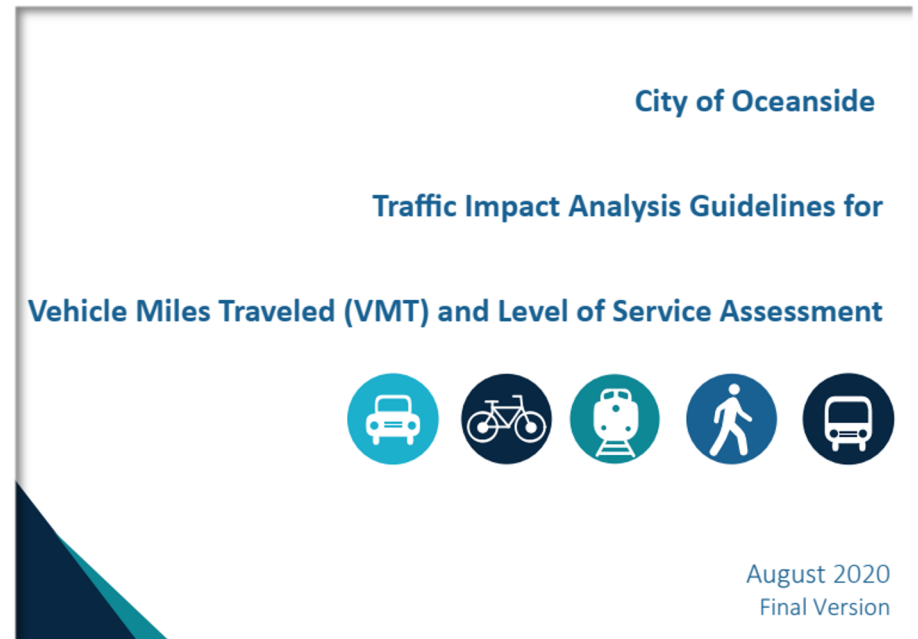
Includes land use concepts but does not authorize specific development

# ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES TO BE ANALYZED

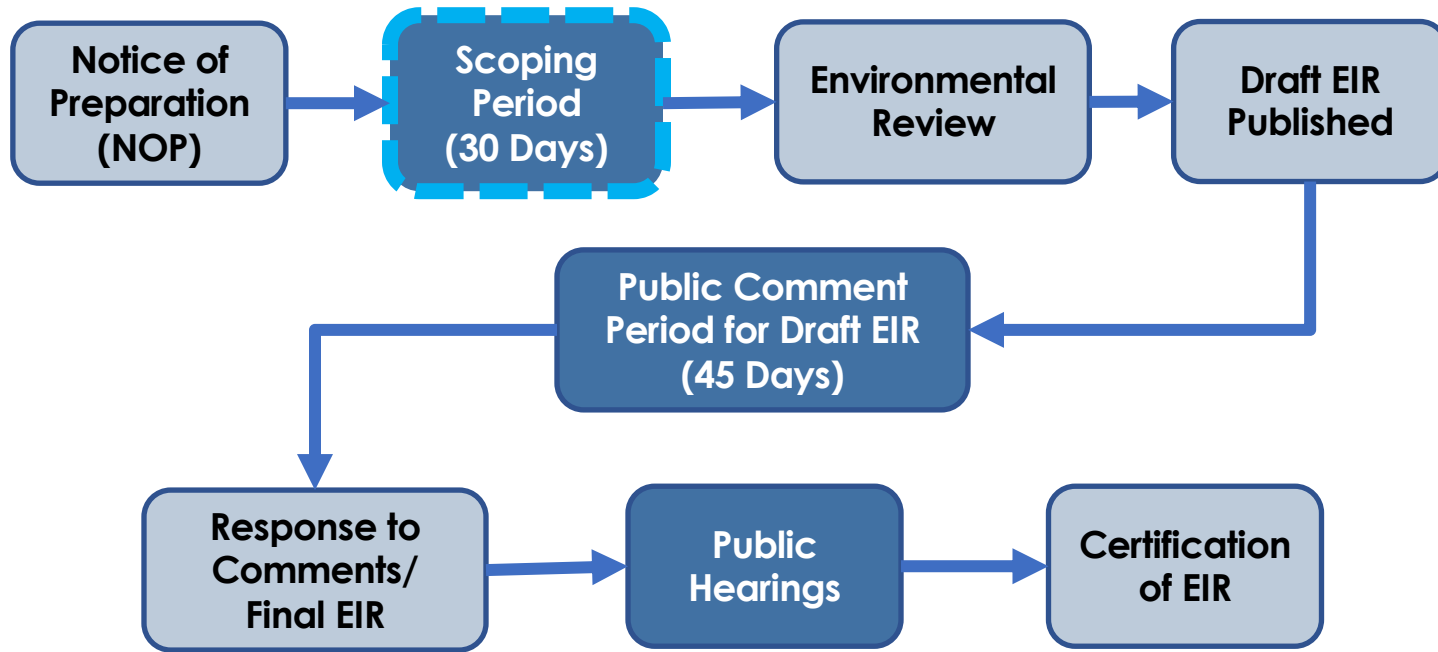
Aesthetics	Agriculture	Air Quality	Biological Resources	Cultural Resources
Geology and Soils	Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Energy Use	Hazards and Hazardous Materials	Hydrology and Water Quality
Land Use and Planning	Mineral Resources	Noise	Population and Housing	Public Services
Recreation	Tribal Cultural Resources	Transportation	Utilities and Service Systems	Wildfire

# TRANSPORTATION

1. New Metric is Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)
2. CEQA no longer allows use of Level of Service (LOS) as the transportation metric
3. City has developed VMT Guidelines.
4. Goal - reduce trip length and promote non-vehicular modes of travel.
5. Local Transportation Study evaluating LOS may still be required consistent with the City's TIA Guidelines, but this will be separate from CEQA.



# ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS/ OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT



 = opportunity for public input

 = where we are now

# PUBLIC COMMENT



Comments may include:

- Environmental issues you think should be addressed in the EIR
- Specific information or knowledge about environmental issues in the City that would be relevant to the EIR analysis
- Questions about CEQA or the EIR process

# NEXT STEPS

1. Vision Statement
2. Alternatives /Preferred Plan
3. South Morro Hills Community Plan
4. General Plan Policy Development
5. Smart and Sustainable Corridors Specific Plan
6. Environmental Review
7. Public Hearings

# THANK YOU!

**Please submit all additional comments by  
June 23, 2021 to:**

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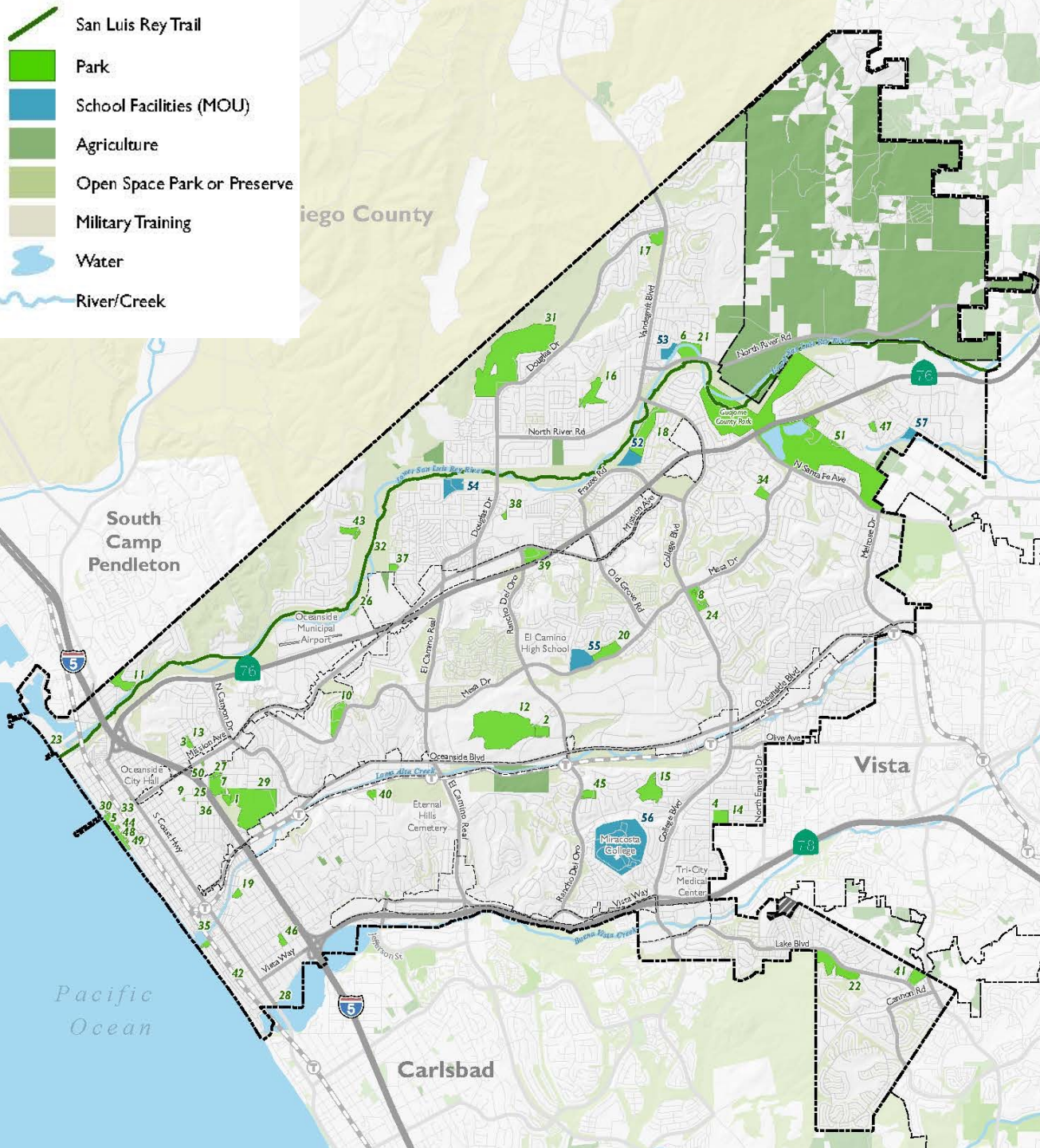
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## Parks and Open Space

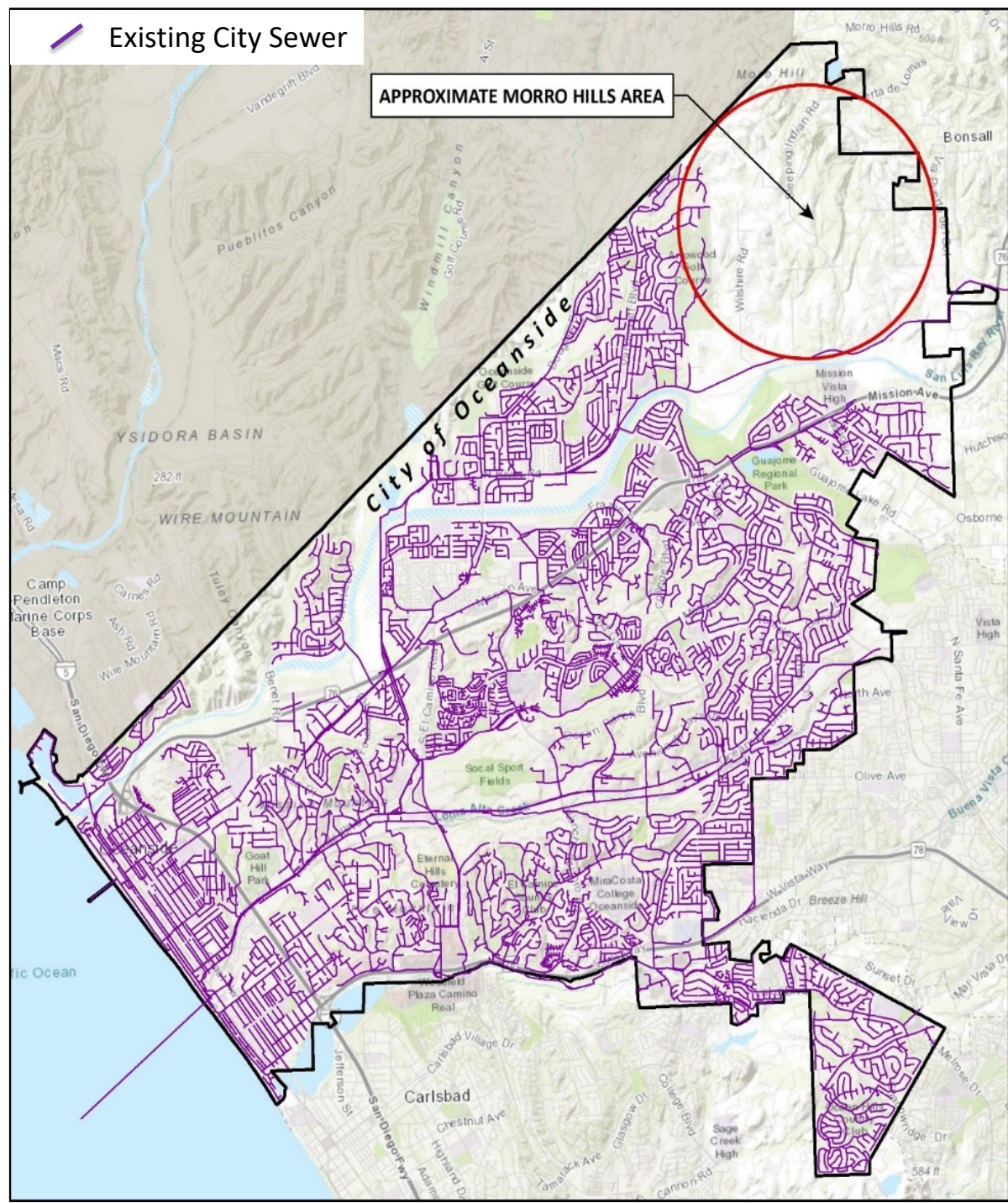
Most parks and community resources in Oceanside are well distributed.

Perceived safety concerns and lack of park activities are main issues.



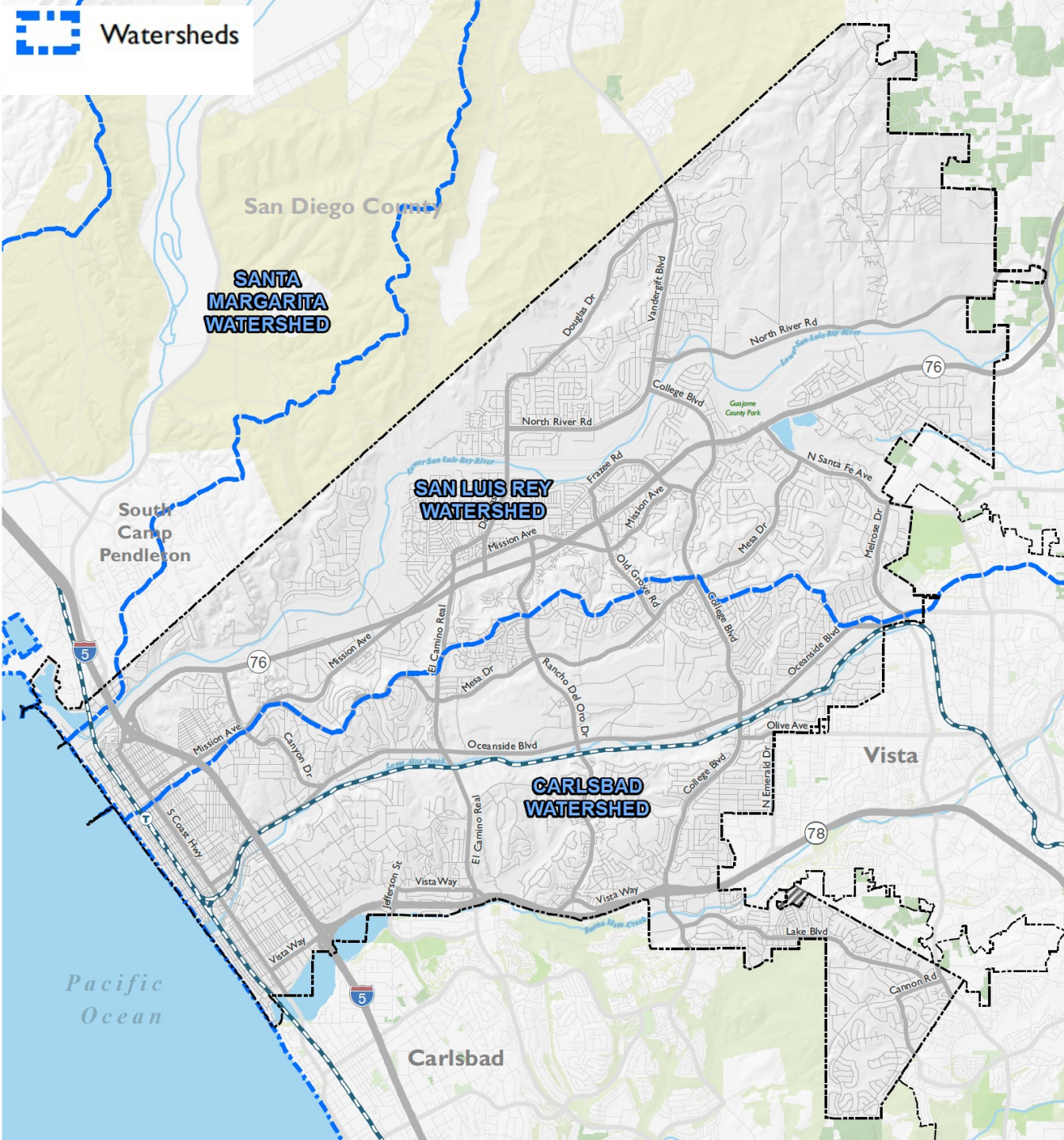
Existing City Sewer

APPROXIMATE MORRO HILLS AREA



# Infrastructure

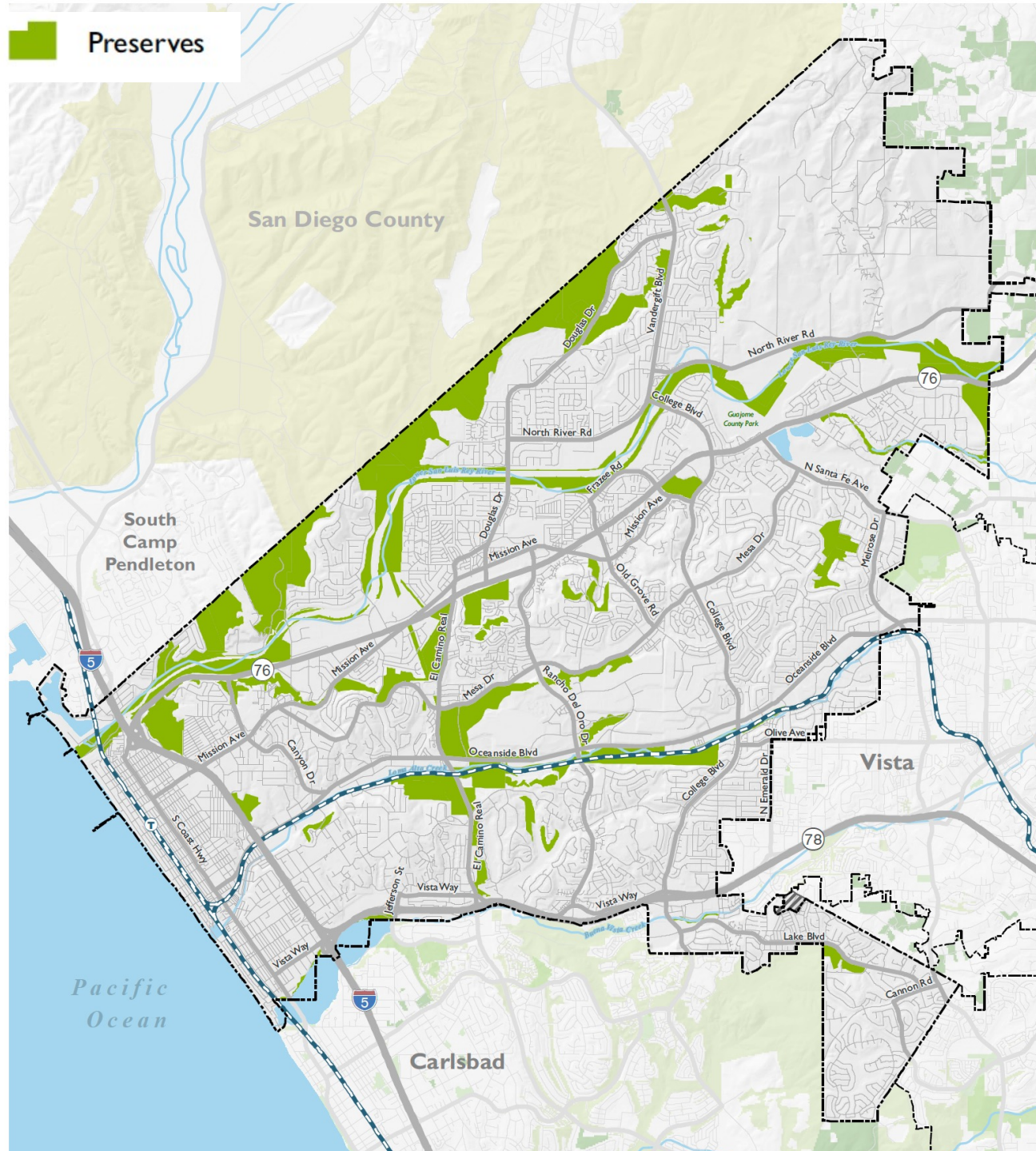
Infrastructure improvements, such as new or upsized sewer pipes, may be needed as more development occurs.



## Watersheds

Oceanside has three major watersheds, each of which plays an important part of the City's natural environment.

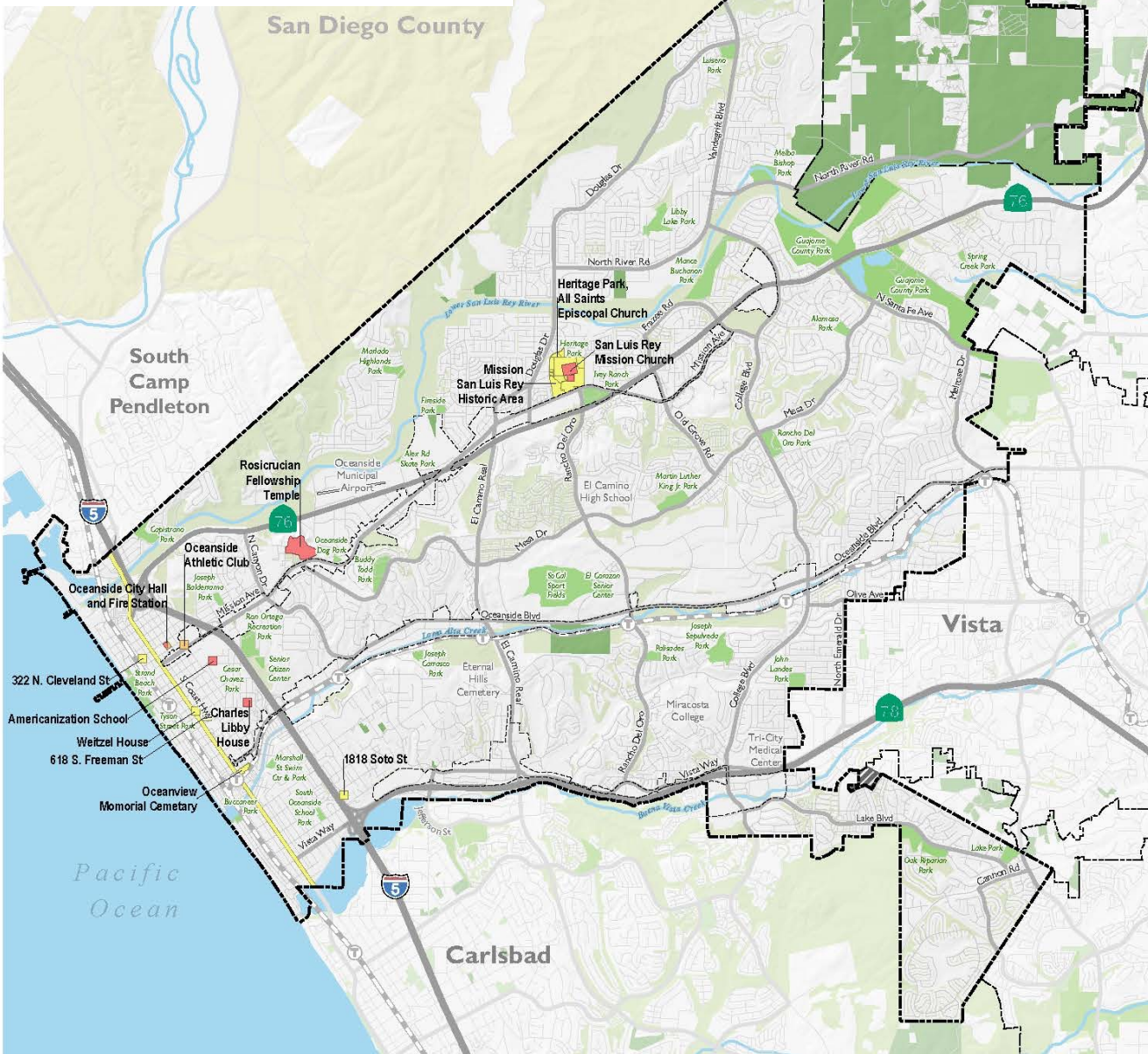
## Preserves



## Existing Open Space

The City's draft Multiple Habitat Subarea Plan (SAP) has never been adopted.

- National Register of Historic Places
- California Register of Historical Resources
- Oceanside Locally Designated Resources
- Coast Highway/Historic Route 101



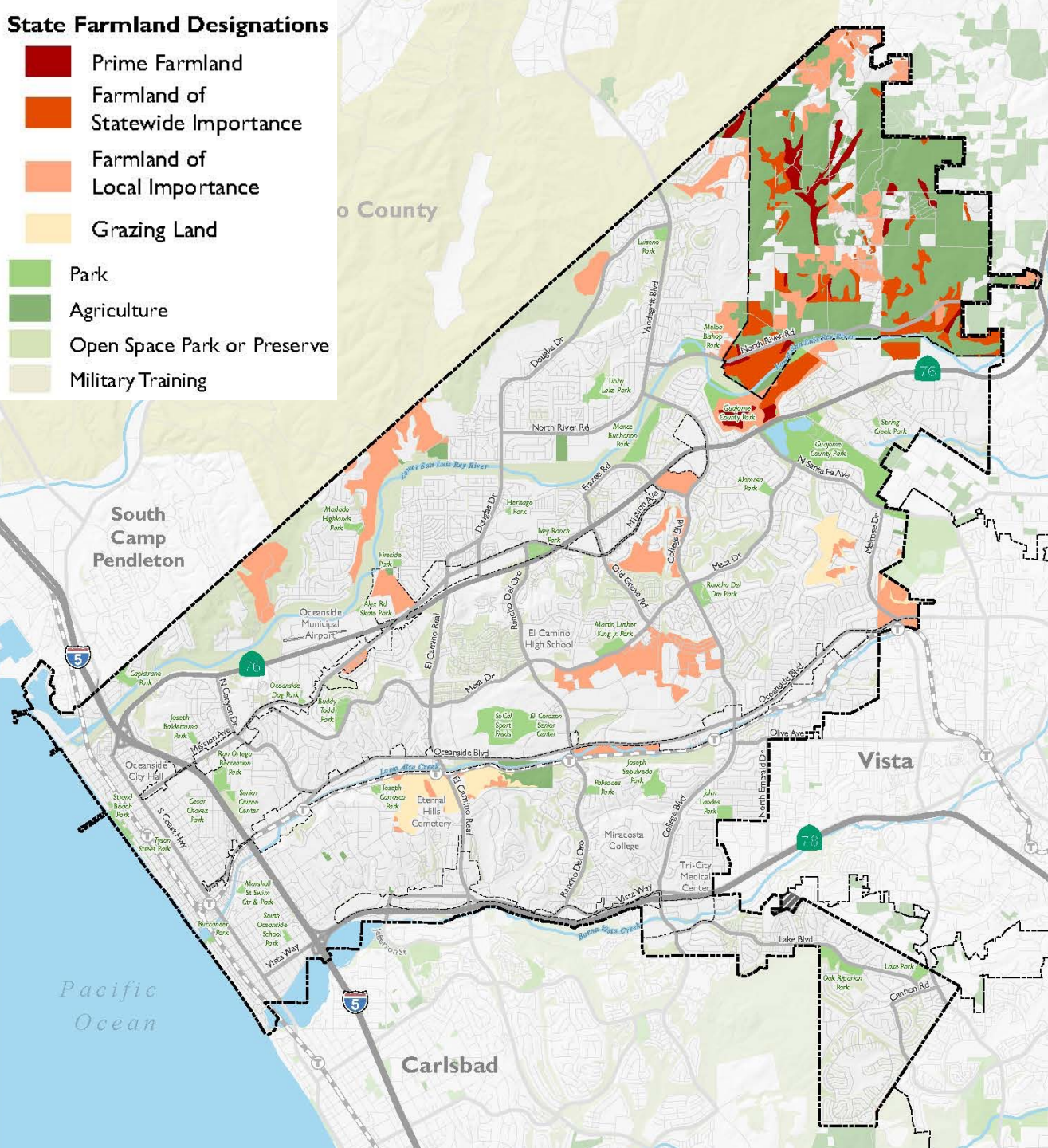
## Historic Resources

Oceanside's national, state, and locally designated historic resources are primarily found west of I-5, and near Mission San Luis Rey.

Oceanside's most recent historical survey was conducted in 1992.

# State Farmland Designations

- Prime Farmland
- Farmland of Statewide Importance
- Farmland of Local Importance
- Grazing Land
- Park
- Agriculture
- Open Space Park or Preserve
- Military Training



## Prime Farmland

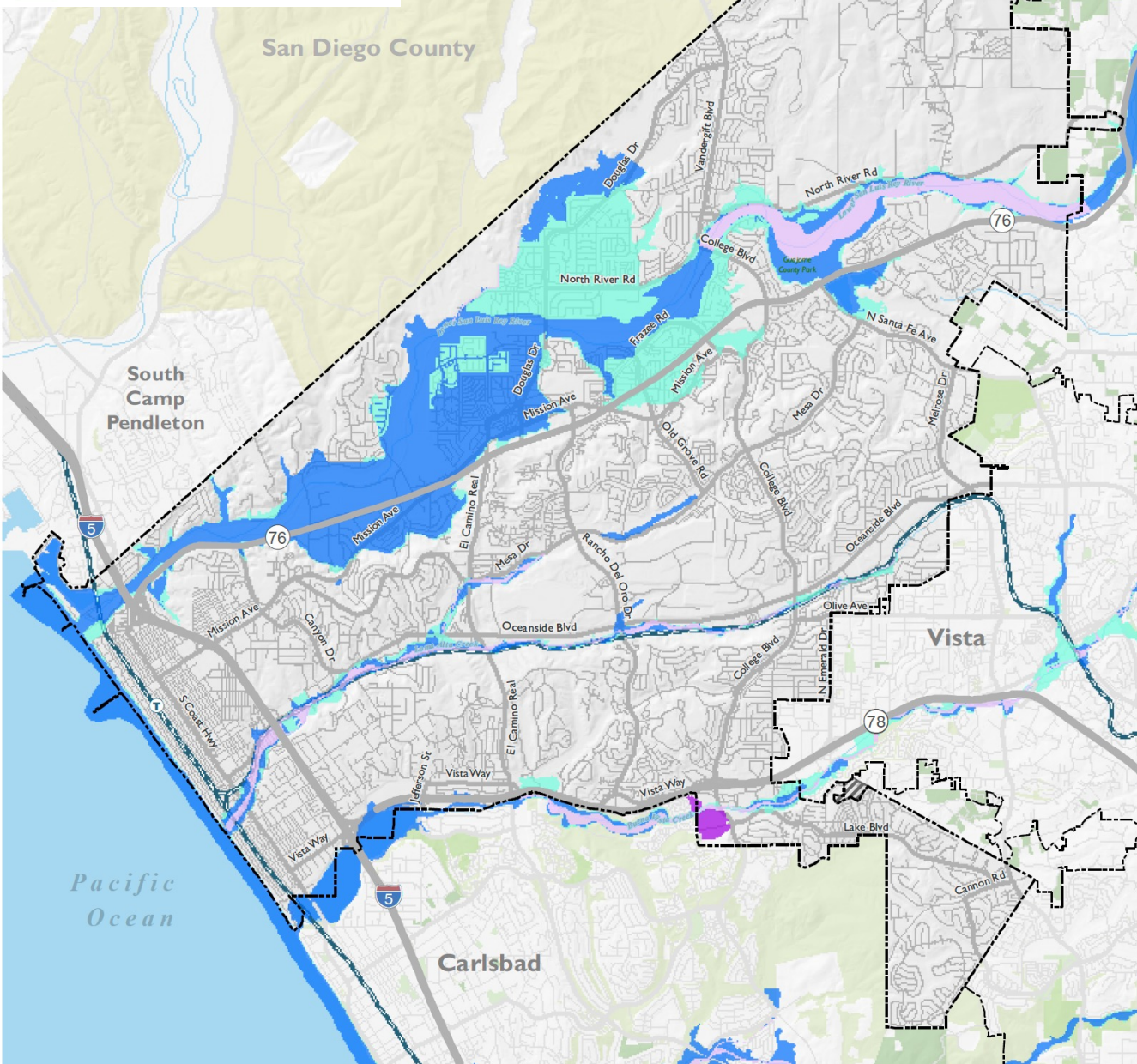
Several areas of Oceanside, especially in South Morro Hills, are designated by the US Department of Agriculture as important farmland, or land with unique characteristics for growing crops.





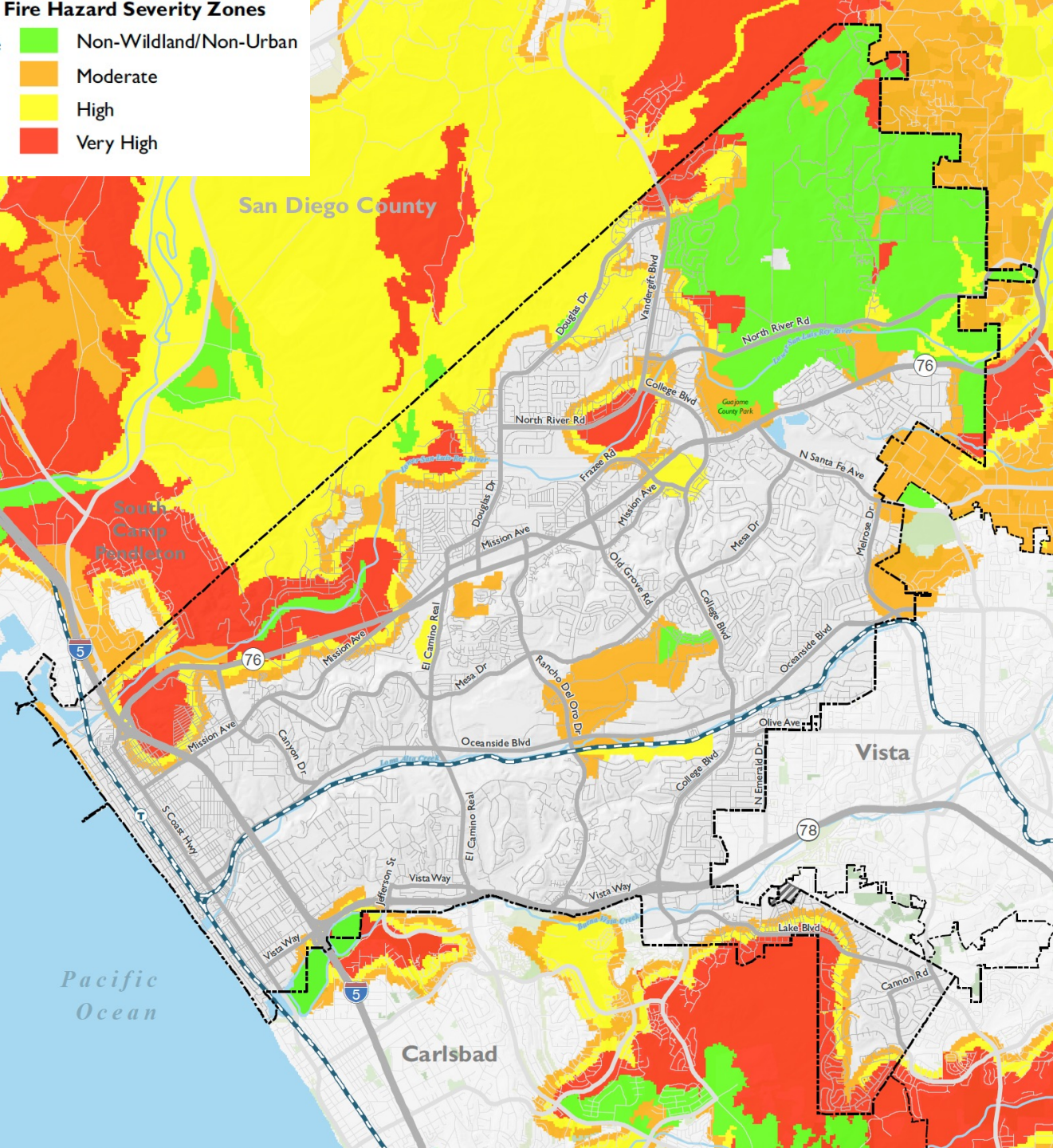
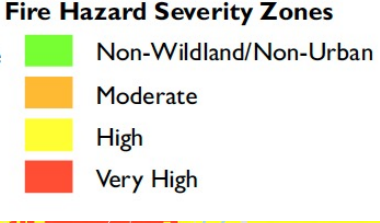
## FEMA Floodplains and Floodways

- 500-year Floodplain
- 100-year Floodplain
- Floodway
- Area with Reduced Risk Due to Levee



## FEMA Flood Zones

Flood zones follow major corridors in Oceanside. The San Luis Rey River presents the greatest risk from flooding.



# Fire Hazard Severity Zones

The western and southeastern edge of the city and small portions of South Morro Hills are classified as very high fire hazard severity zones.