



Multiple Species Conservation Program South County Subarea Plan 2024 Annual Report

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MSCP Implementation

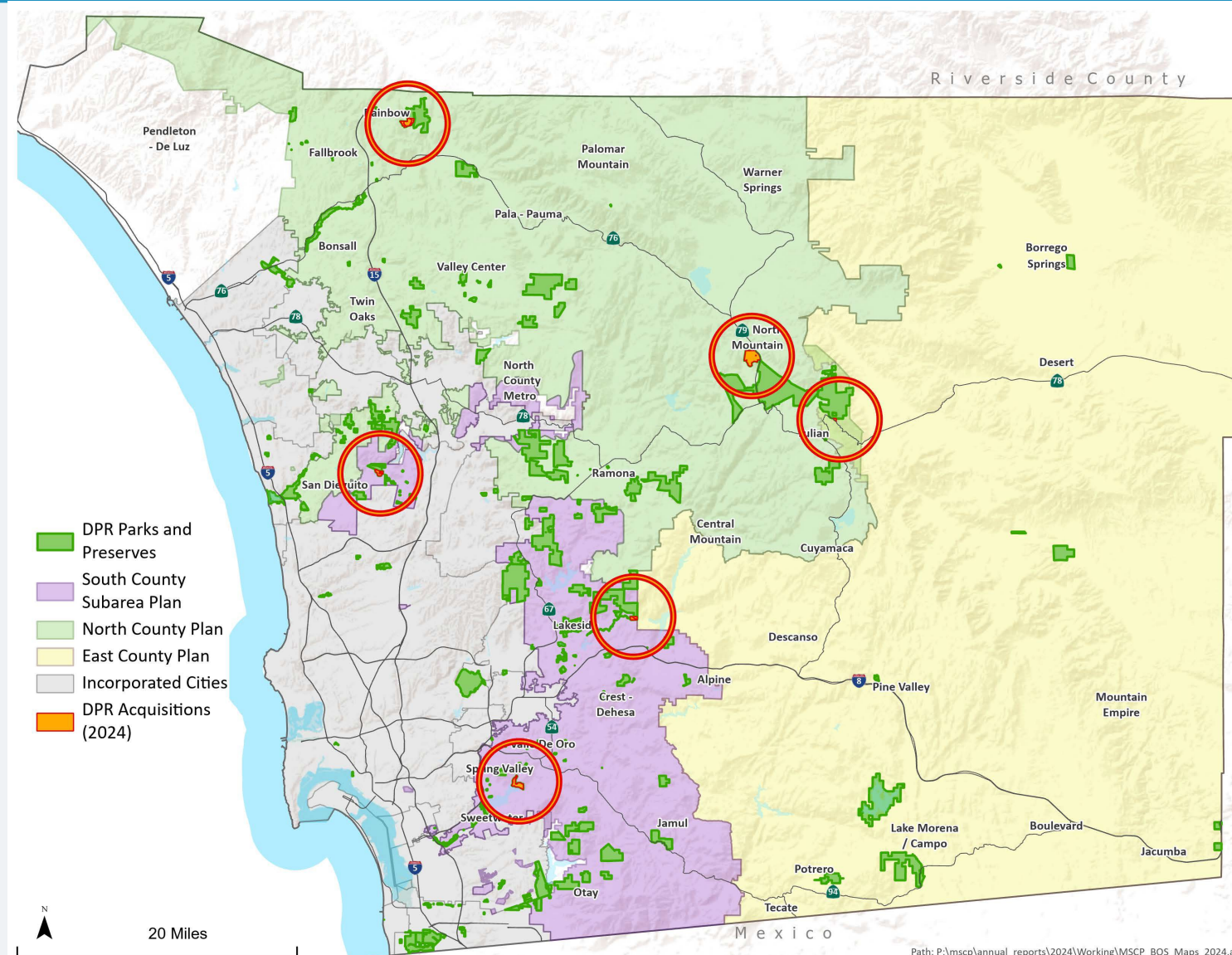
- Acquisition
- Management & Monitoring
- Environmental Education

Ramona Grasslands Preserve



2024 County Acquisitions

- 47,370 acres of DPR owned preserve lands
- In 2024, DPR acquired 1,130 acres
 - 347 acres in the South County Plan Area
 - 783 acres in the draft North County Plan Area



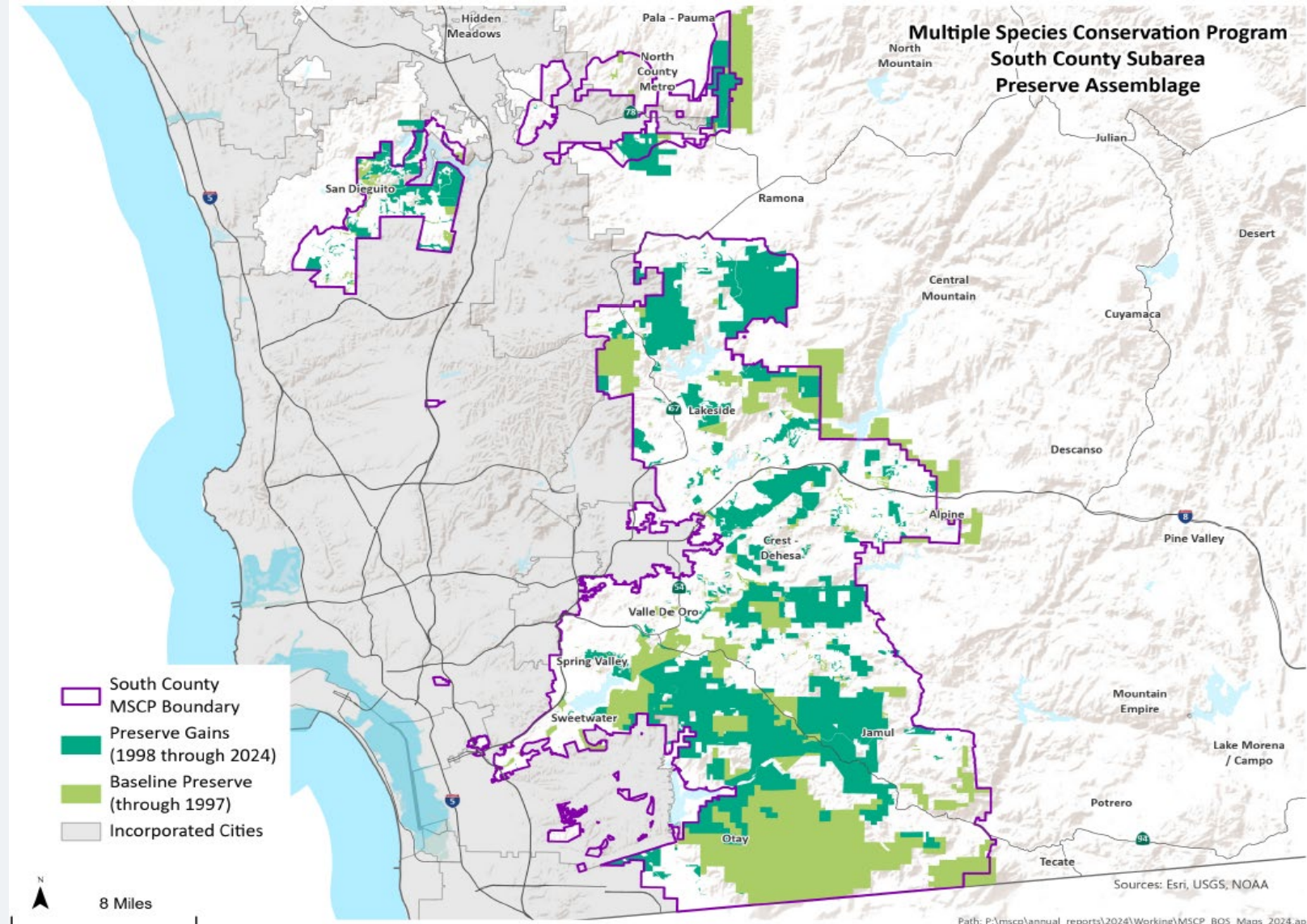
27 Years of County Land Preservation

- **Acquisitions Since 1998: 28,250 acres**
 - 8,830 acres in South County Plan Area
 - 16,600 acres in draft North County Plan Area
 - 2,820 acres in future East County Plan Area
- **43 County Preserves created or expanded**
- **Since 1998, a total of \$246 million has been spent on acquisitions**
 - \$149 million County funds
 - \$97 million from partnering entities and grants



South County Plan Preserve Assembly

- **Preservation Goal:**
98,379 acres
- **Through 2024:**
 - Preserved
81,566 acres
 - 83% of Plan Goal
 - Includes approx.
13,729 acres of
County preserve
lands
 - 1,047 acres added
in 2024



Management & Monitoring Activities

- **Management Activities**
 - Resource Management Plan
 - Land stewardship
 - Habitat Management and Restoration
- **Monitoring Program**
 - Inventory surveys
 - Targeted Monitoring Plan
 - Regional partnerships



Management & Monitoring Accomplishments

- Land Stewardship
- Habitat Restoration
- Comprehensive Tree Planting
- Monitoring
 - Plant and animal species
 - Special-status species
 - MSCP covered species in South County Plan Area
 - Rare Plant Monitoring



Orcutt's bird's-beak at Tijuana River Valley Regional Park

Educational Outreach

- Reached over 21,000 participants
- Environmental Education Programs
 - Ranger-led hikes
 - Hawktober
 - Hike-a-Thon
 - Green Friday
 - TRACK Trails Program
 - Astronomy Programs
 - San Diego Festival of Science & Engineering
 - Nature Explorers Programs
 - Discovery Program



Private Development & Mitigation Lands in South County

- **Private Development Projects**
 - Over 4,448 development permits approved since 1998
 - Permitted in 2024:
 - 39 single-family related projects
- **Private Mitigation Lands**
 - 6,783 acres preserved since 1998
 - 35 acres preserved in 2024



Private Development Resource Management Plans (RMPs)

- 53 Countywide Private RMPs
 - South – 26 RMPs
 - North – 22 RMPs
 - East – 5 RMPs
- 23 covered species documented



Going Forward – Future Goals

- **Acquire the remaining 17% of the South County Plan Preserve**
- **Support the goals of the Climate Action Plan**
- **Update DPR Resource Management Plans (RMPs)**
- **Expand regional monitoring efforts**
- **Expand partnership opportunities**
- **Expand education and outreach programs**
- **Develop and adopt the North and East County Plans**



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