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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the following project has been reviewed by the County Environmental Coordinator to determine if it has a potential to create significant impacts to the environment and, if so, how such impacts may be avoided. A Negative Declaration is prepared in cases where the project is determined not to have any significant environmental impacts. Either a Mitigated Negative Declaration or Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is prepared for projects that may result in a significant impact to the environment.

Public review periods are provided for these Environmental Determinations according to the requirements of the CEQA Guidelines. The environmental document is available for review at the County Planning Department located at 701 Ocean Street, in Santa Cruz. You may also view the environmental document on the web at www.sccoplanning.com under the Planning Department menu. If you have questions or comments about this Notice of Intent, please contact Project Planner Mark Connolly at (831) 454-2682

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PROJECT: South County Habitat Restoration Program

APN(S):

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County (RCD) proposes the implementation of the South County Habitat Restoration Program (the Program). The comprehensive program includes the large-scale removal of eucalyptus within the 11,585 acre Program Area in South Santa Cruz County (South County) to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire and property damage and the restoration of native habitat to aid the recovery of the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander (SCLTS) and other endemic wildlife. See Program Area in Figure 1 below.

EXISTING ZONE DISTRICT: R-R, R-UVL, AG, C-C, C-N, C-O, O-R, P, O-C, O-I, and O-U
APPLICANT: Resource Conservation District of Santa Cruz County
OWNER: Multiple property owners
PROJECT PLANNER: Mark Connolly, Principal Planner
EMAIL: Mark.Connolly@santacruzcountyca.gov
ACTION: Adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and approval of the South County Habitat Restoration Program
REVIEW PERIOD: January 29, 2026 to February 28, 2026

This project will be considered at a public hearing by the Planning Commission. The time, date, and location have not been set. When scheduling does occur, these items will be included in all public hearing notices for the project.

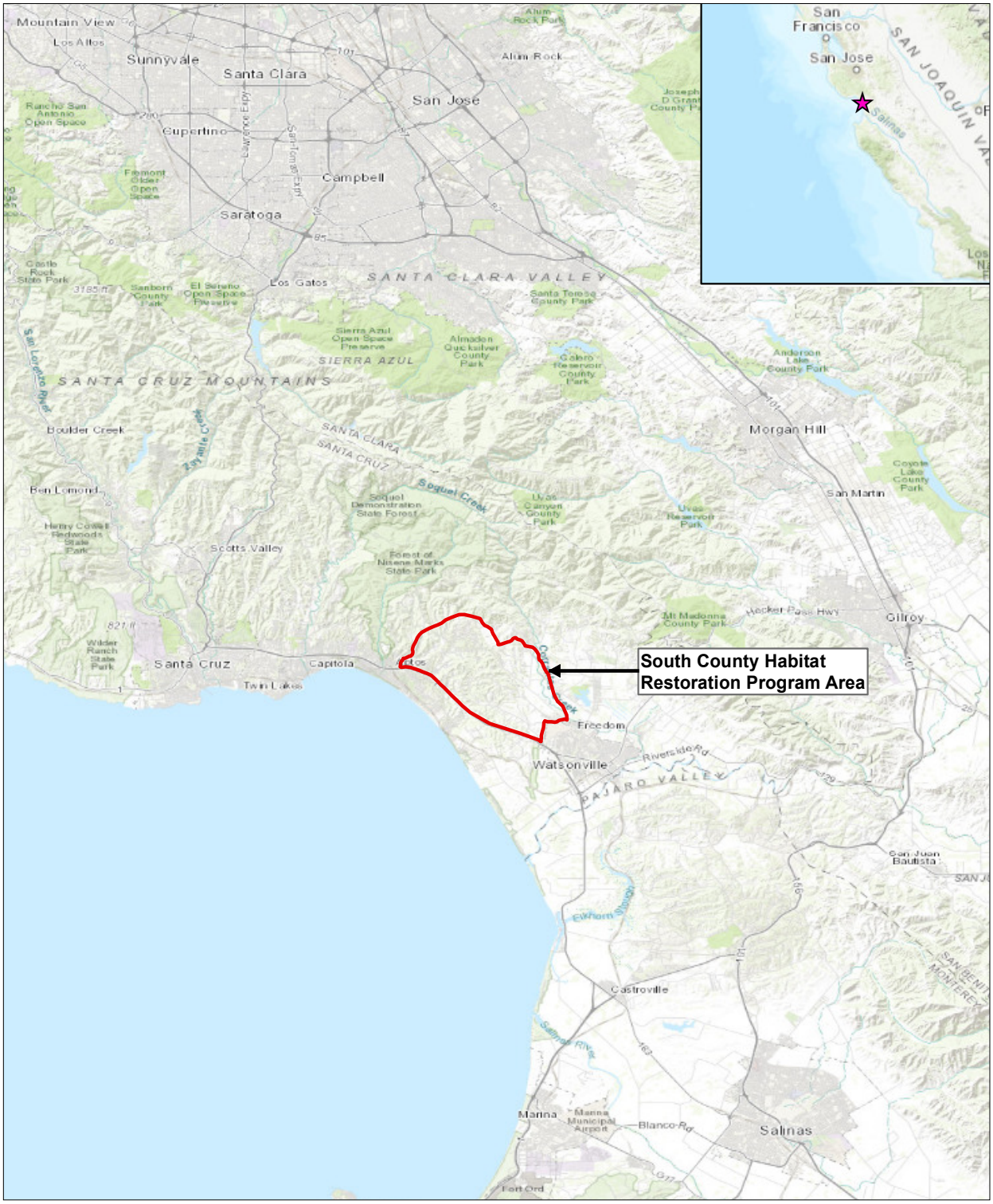


Figure 1 Program Location