

# Coastal Resilience Ventura

Climate Adaptation on an Urban Coast

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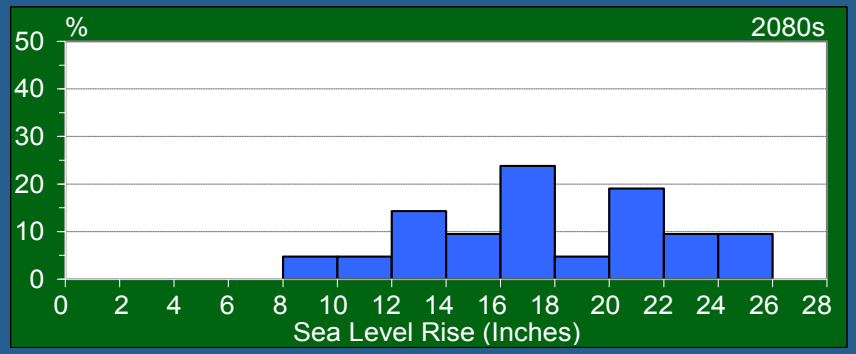
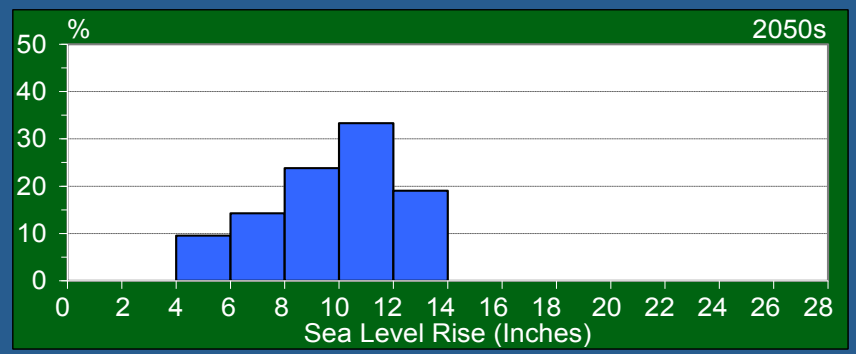
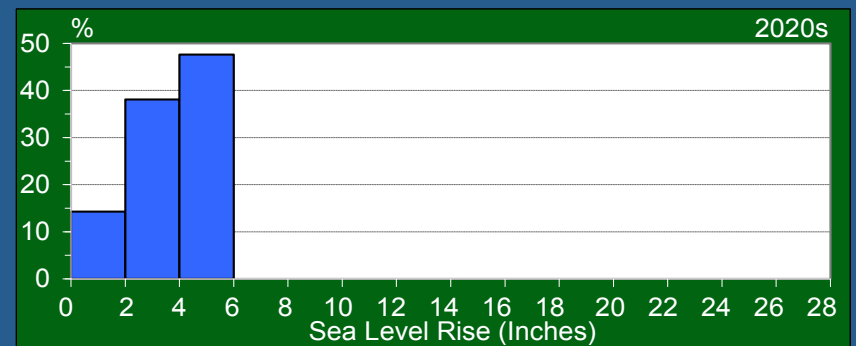
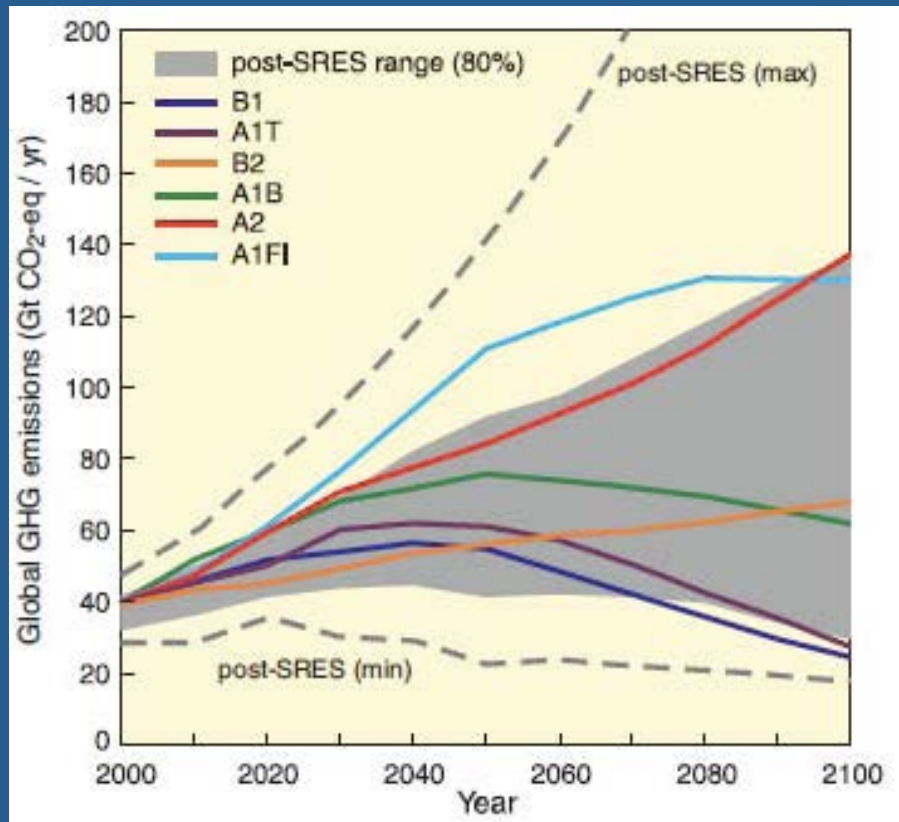




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Case	Temperature change <sup>a</sup>		Sea level rise <sup>b, c</sup>
	Best estimate	Likely range	Model-based range
Year 2000 <sup>d</sup>	0.6	0.3 - 0.9	Not available
B1	1.8	1.1 - 2.9	0.18 - 0.38
A1T	2.4	1.4 - 3.8	0.20 - 0.45
B2	2.4	1.4 - 3.8	0.20 - 0.43
A1B	2.8	1.7 - 4.4	0.21 - 0.48
A2	3.4	2.0 - 5.4	0.23 - 0.51
A1F1	4.0	2.4 - 6.4	0.26 - 0.59



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# Coastal Resilience Ventura Aspects

- Stakeholder process
- Analysis of Local SLR Planning Tools
- Coastal Hazards
- Habitat Evolution
- Blue Carbon
- Green vs Grey Adaptation Tradeoffs

# Partnerships



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# COASTAL RESILIENCE VENTURA CATALOGUE AND ANALYSIS OF LOCAL SEA-LEVEL RISE PLANNING TOOLS

February 8, 2013

## Interviewed:

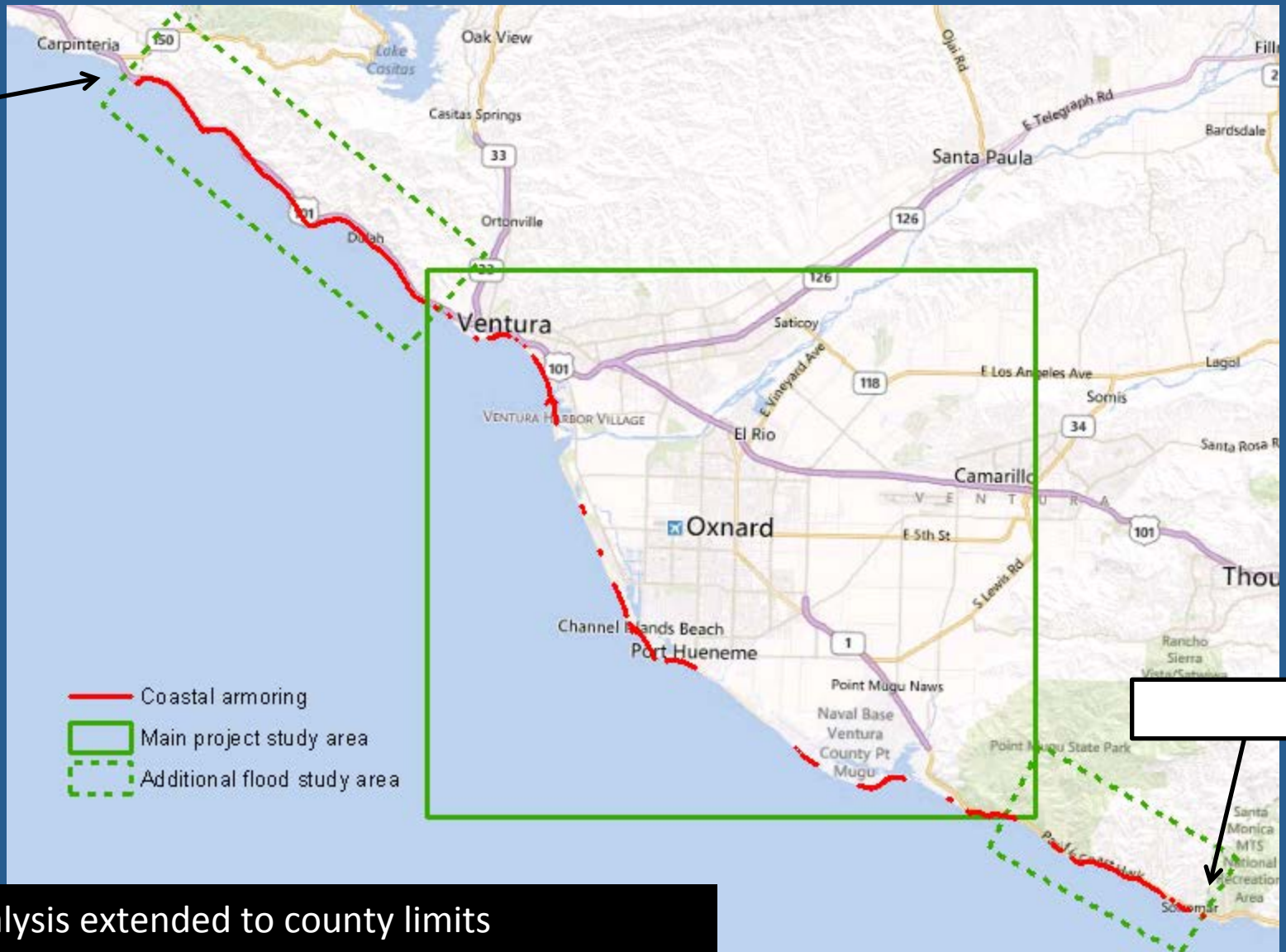
- City of Oxnard
- City of Ventura
- City of Port Hueneme
- County of Ventura
- Coastal Commission
- Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC)

## Evaluated:

- Regional Plans (SCAG SCS, Ventura Alliance)
- General Plan and LCP Updates
- Specific Plans and Overlays
- Land Use Regulations
- Permitting and Compliance



# Study Area(s)



- Flood analysis extended to county limits
- Erosion study area kept same (extensive armor)



## Scenarios

### Sea Level Rise:

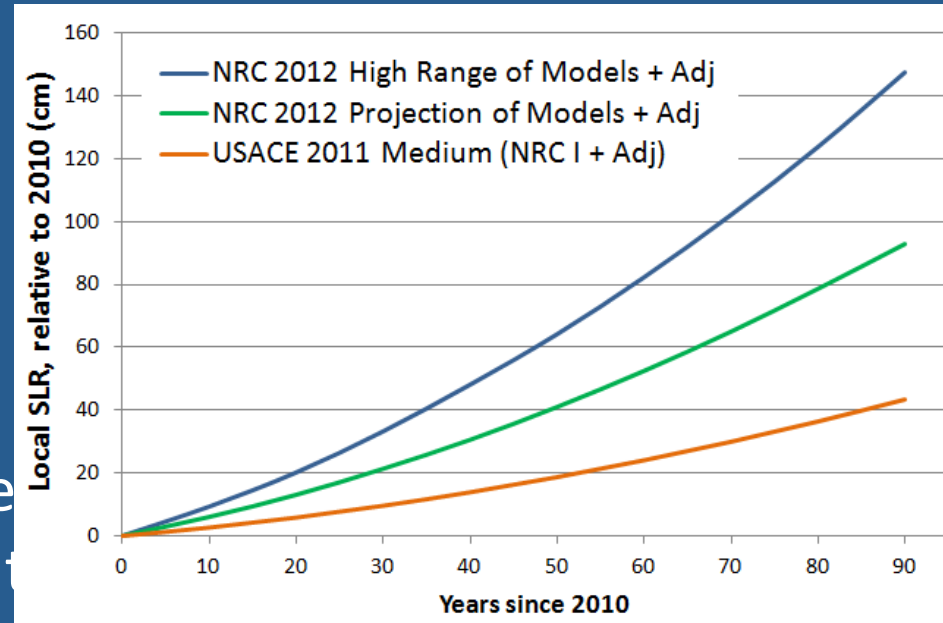
- Low: 0.44 meters by 2100
- Medium: 0.93 meters by 2100
- High: 1.47 meters by 2100

### Wave Climate:

- No changes
- A doubling of El Nino frequencies
- A 500-year or an Arkstorm event doubling of El Nino frequencies

### Fluvial Climate Scenarios:

- Existing conditions
- A2 Climate Scenario
- B1 Climate Scenario



# Coastal Hazard Analysis

## Assessed 4 contributing factors:

### 1. Erosion hazard zones

*Future erosion increases hydraulic connection and risk of flooding*

### 2. Coastal wave impact hazard zone - *momentum impact*

### 3. Tidal extent - *duration*

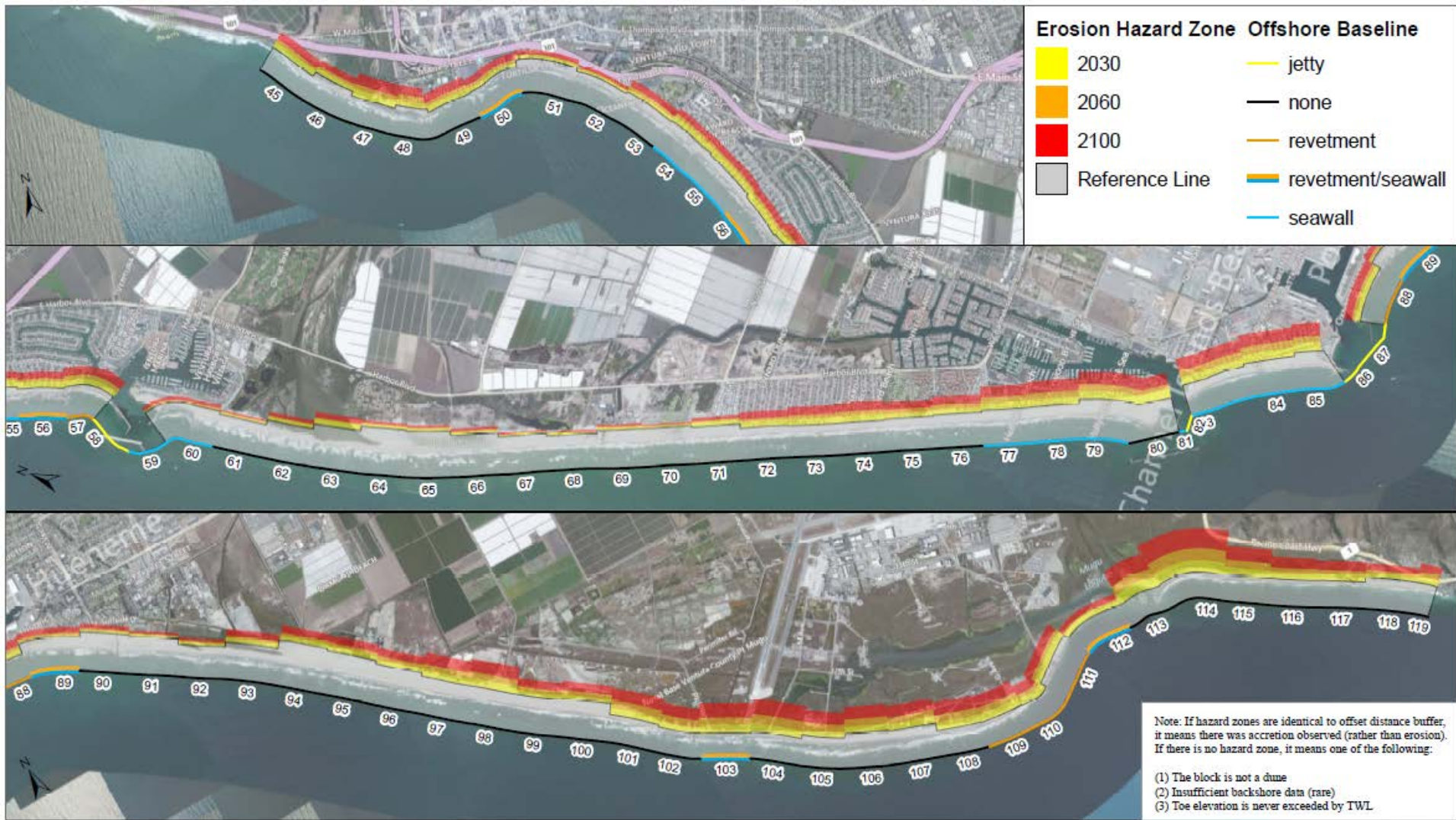
### 4. River floodplains

*Ventura and Santa Clara Rivers*

Year	Low SLR + Existing Fluvial Flood	Medium SLR + B1 Climate Fluvial Flood	High SLR + A2 Climate Fluvial Flood
2030	X	X	X
2060	X	X	X
2100	X	X	X

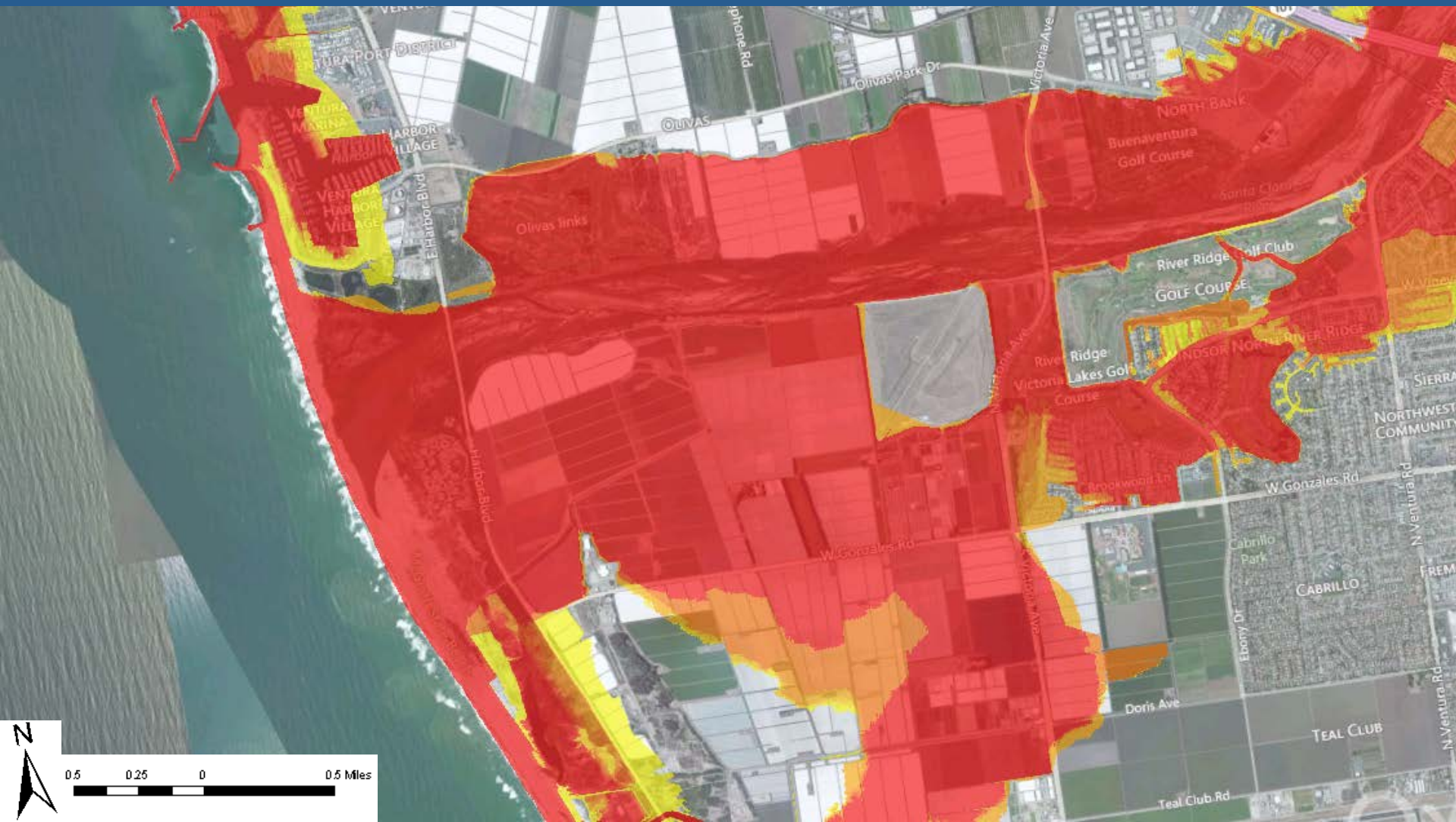
# Coastal Erosion Hazard Zones

High SLR, Arkstorm & Double El Niño Frequency



# Santa Clara River – Relative Risk

## *Spatial aggregation*



# Fluvial Flooding



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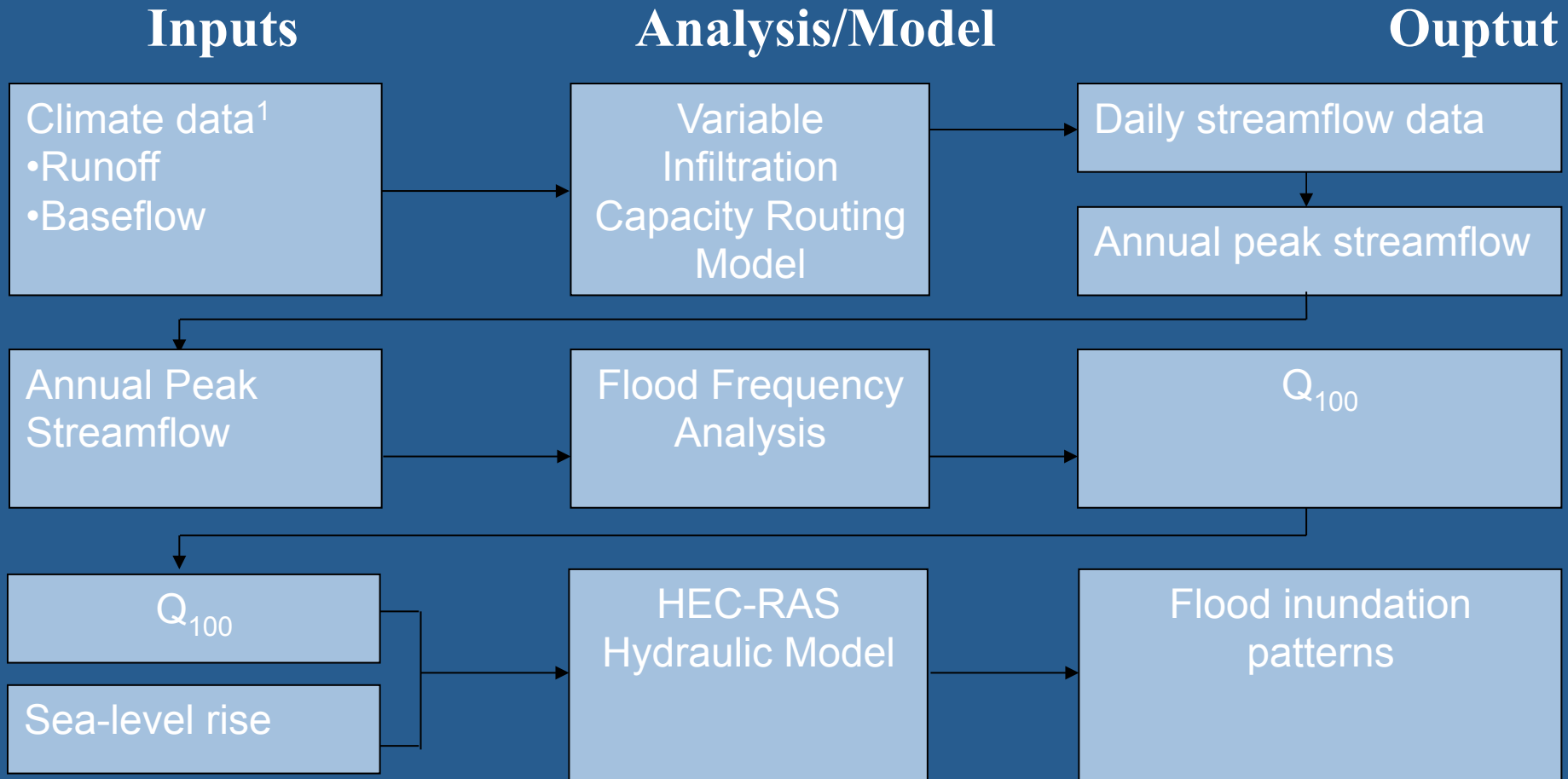


VENTURA HARBOR  
1969

# Fluvial Analysis

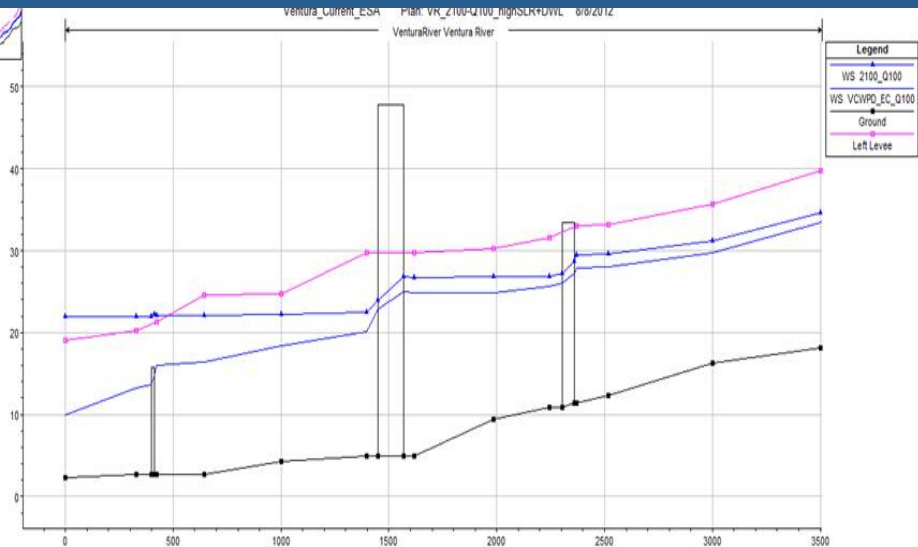
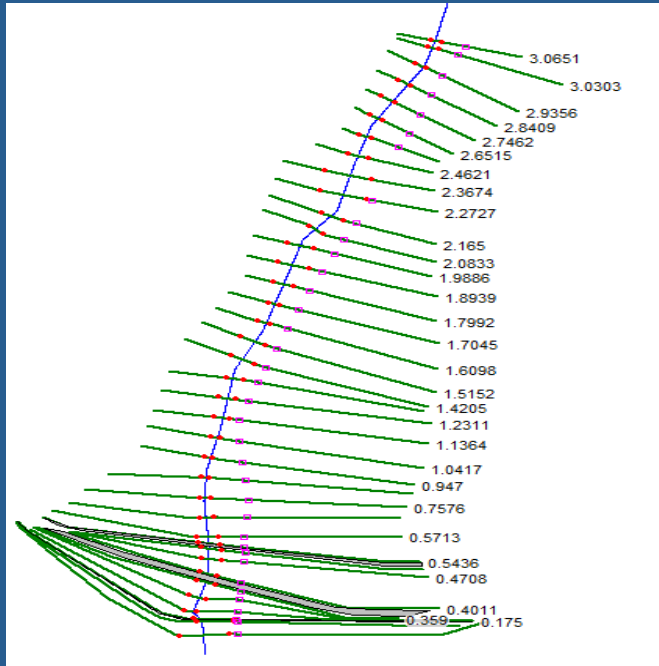
**Hec -RAS models:**

- Ventura River
- Santa Clara River

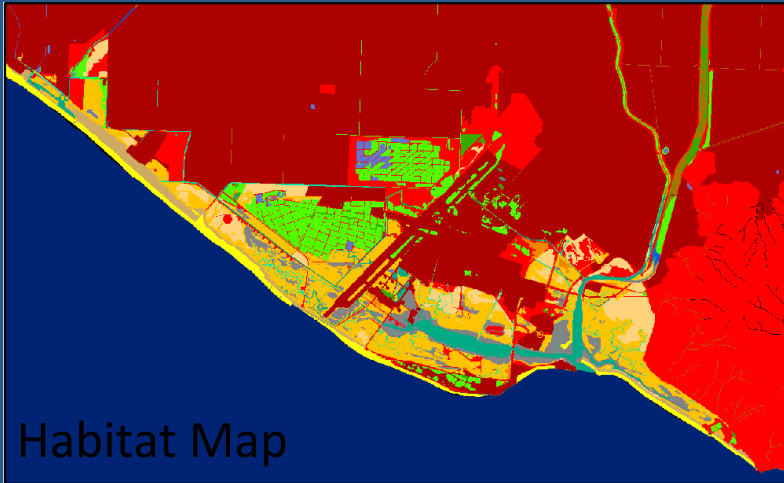


<sup>1</sup>Data produced by California Climate Change Center

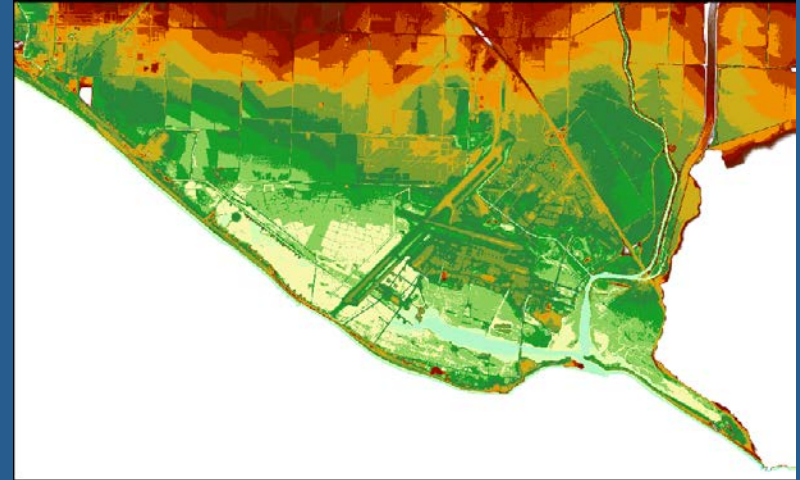
# Ventura River Modeling and Mapping



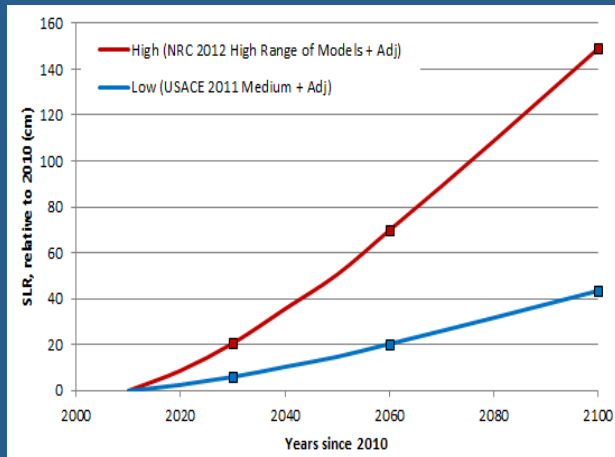
# Habitat Evolution - SLAMM?



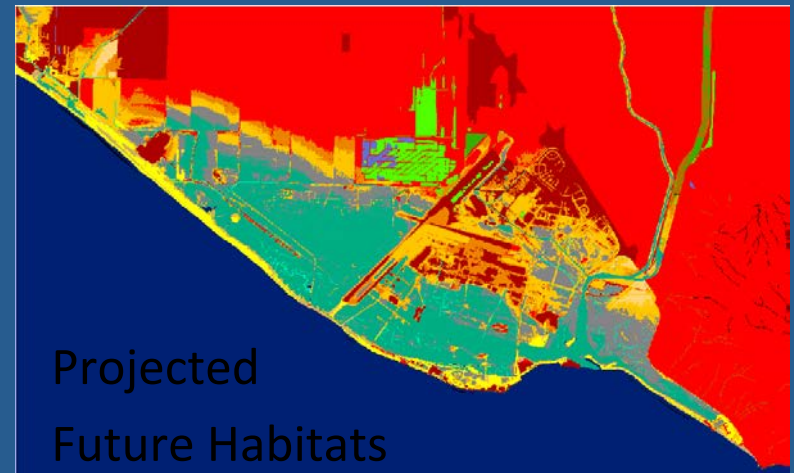
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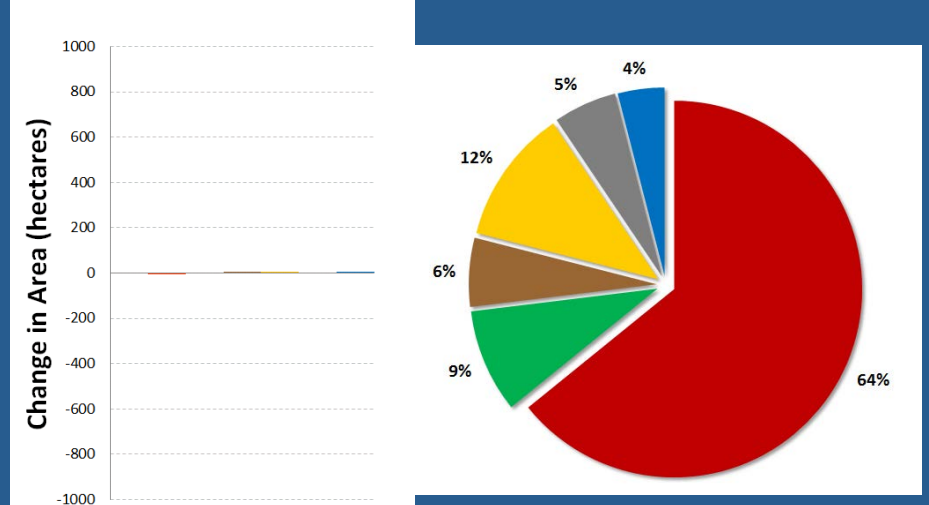
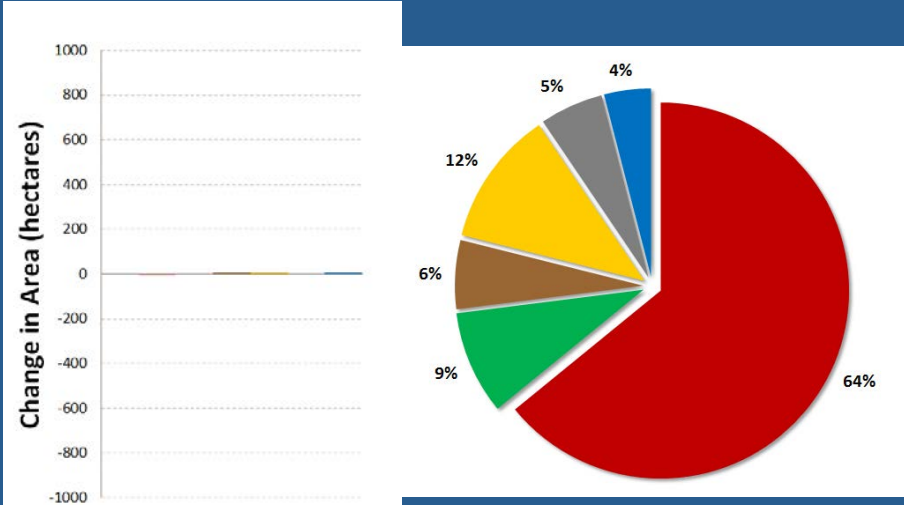
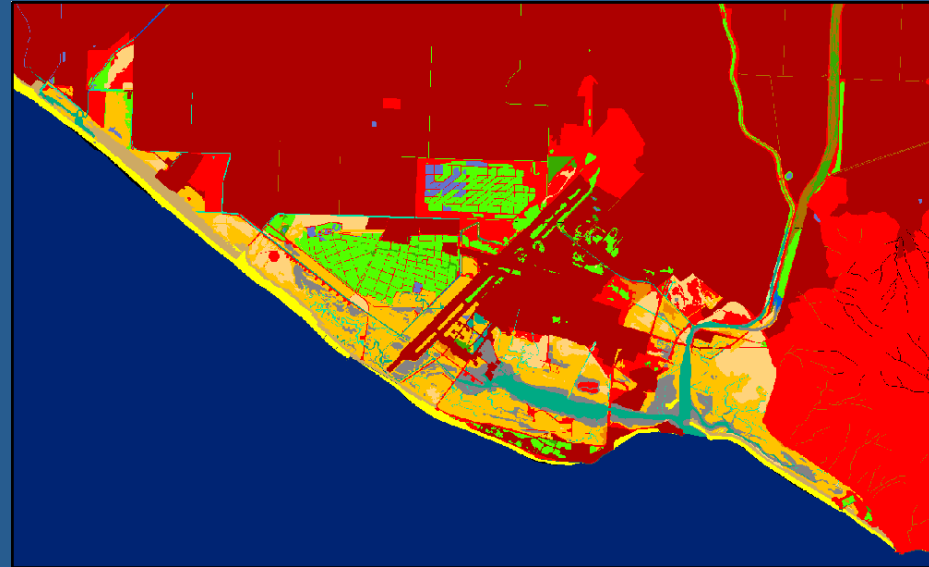
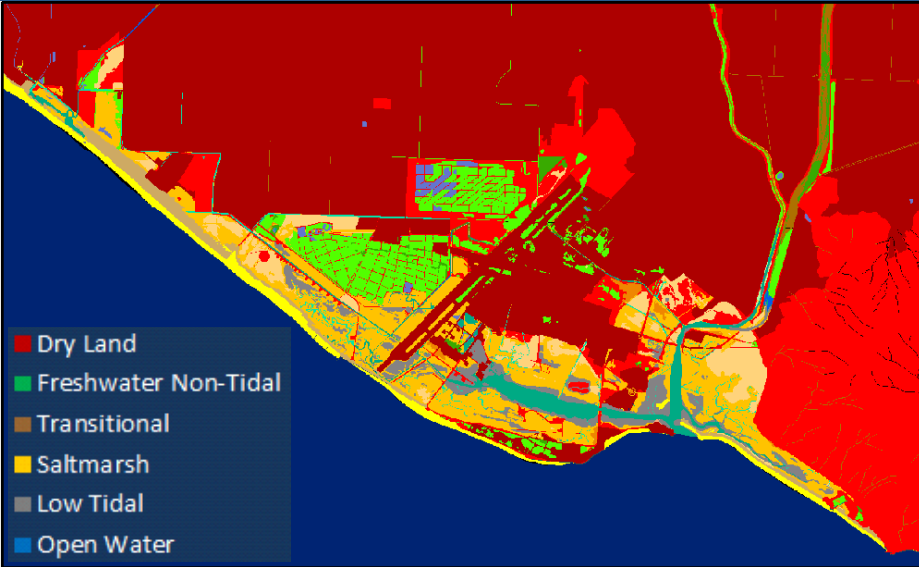


Protect Developed Dry Land (including agriculture)  
vs. Allow marshes to transgress

## Example Scenario: 2010

### Allow wetlands to transgress

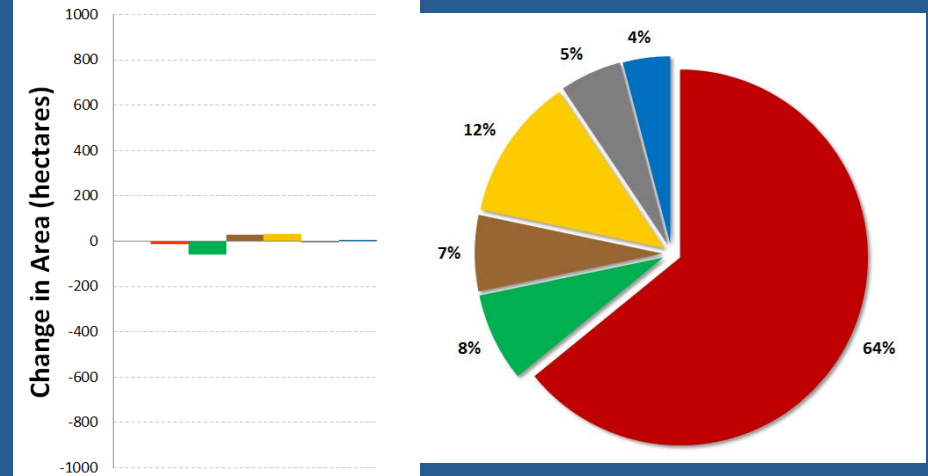
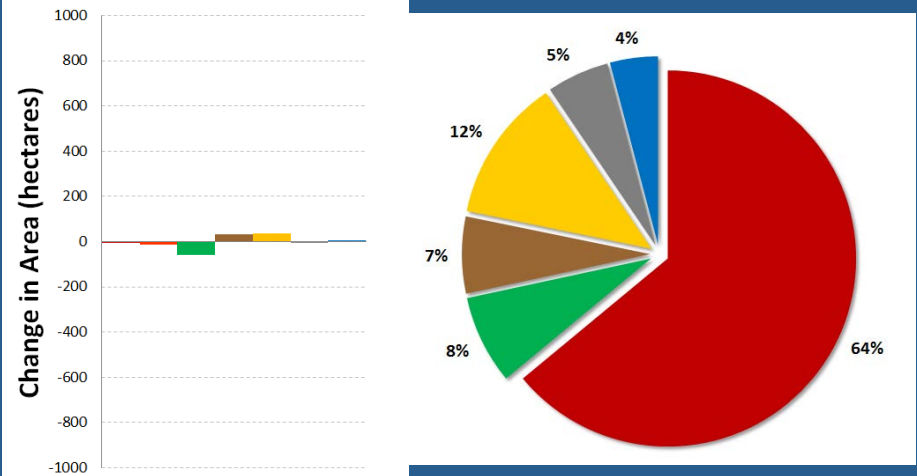
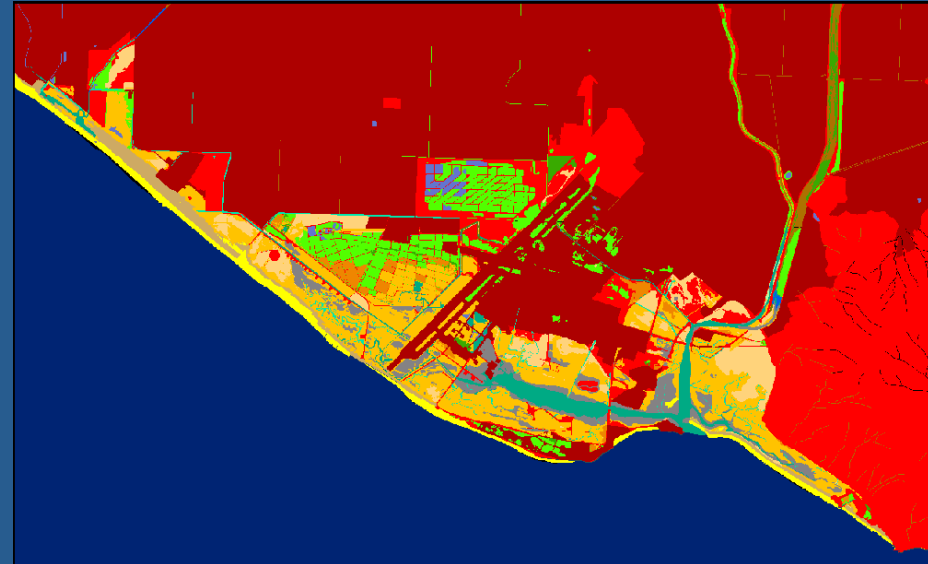
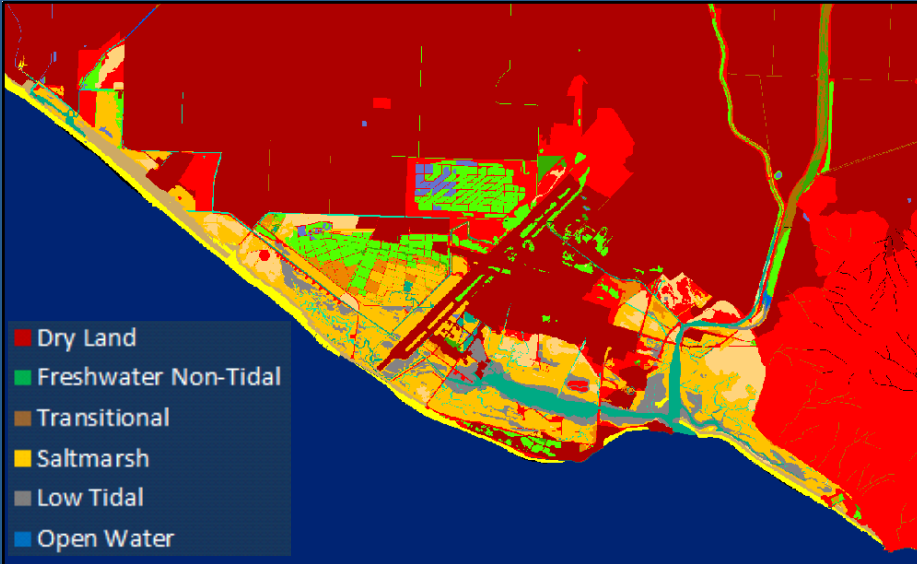
### Protect developed dry land



## Example Scenario: 2030

### Allow wetlands to transgress

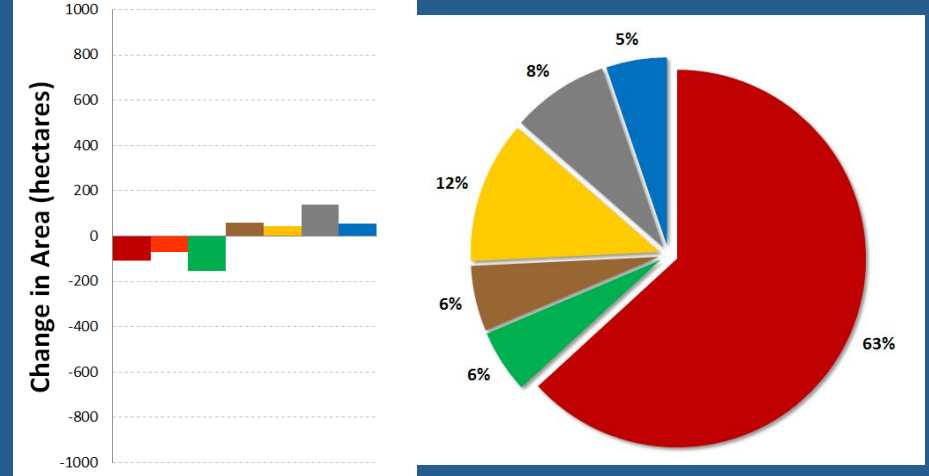
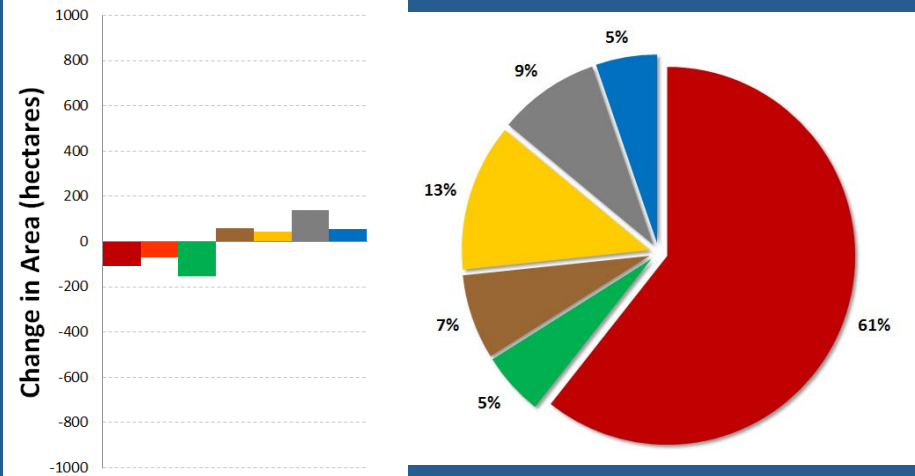
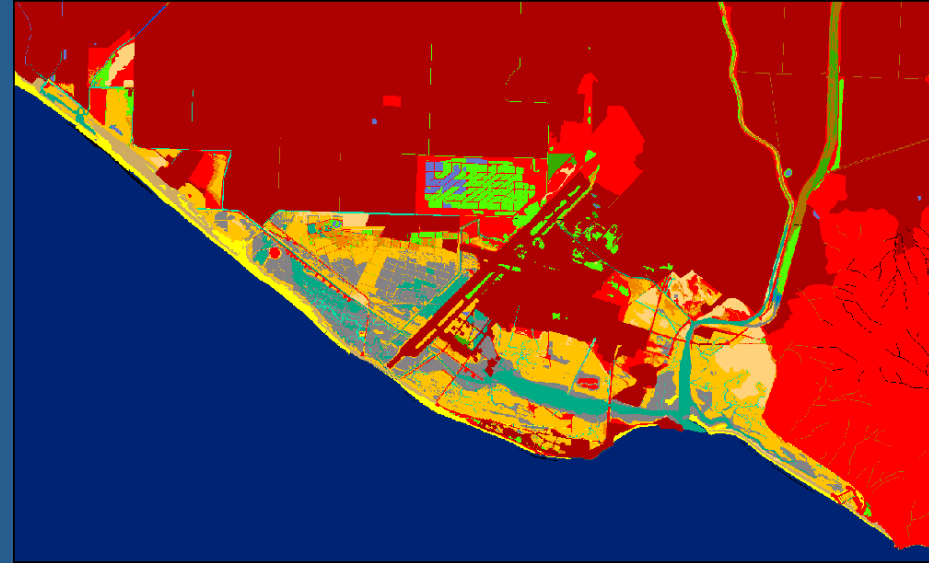
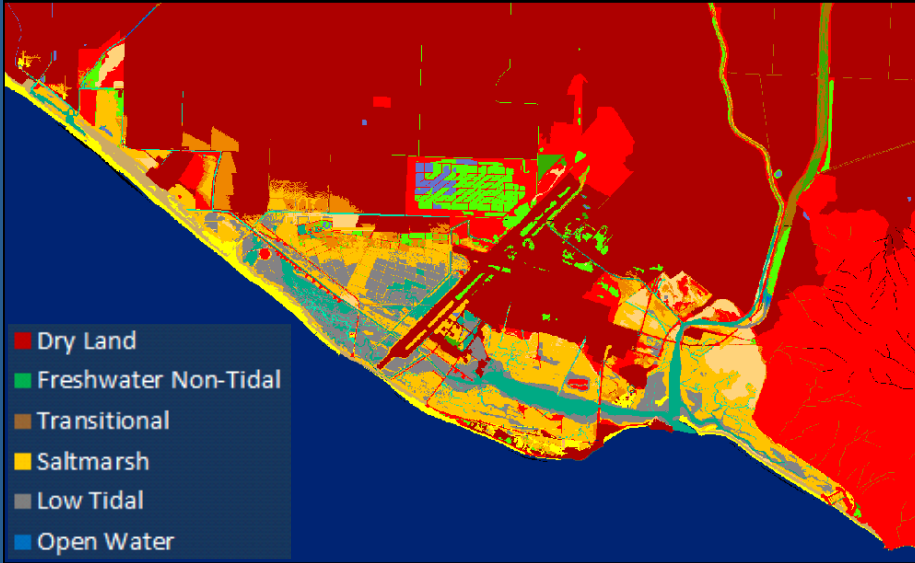
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## Example Scenario: 2060

### Allow wetlands to transgress

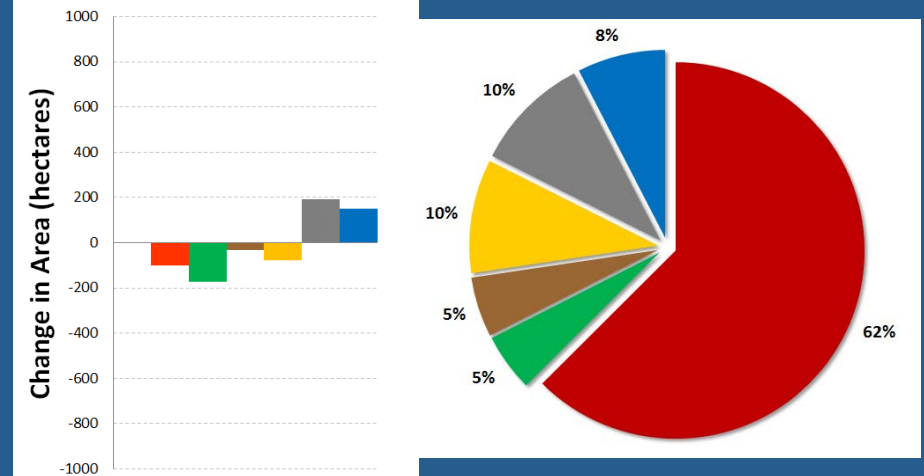
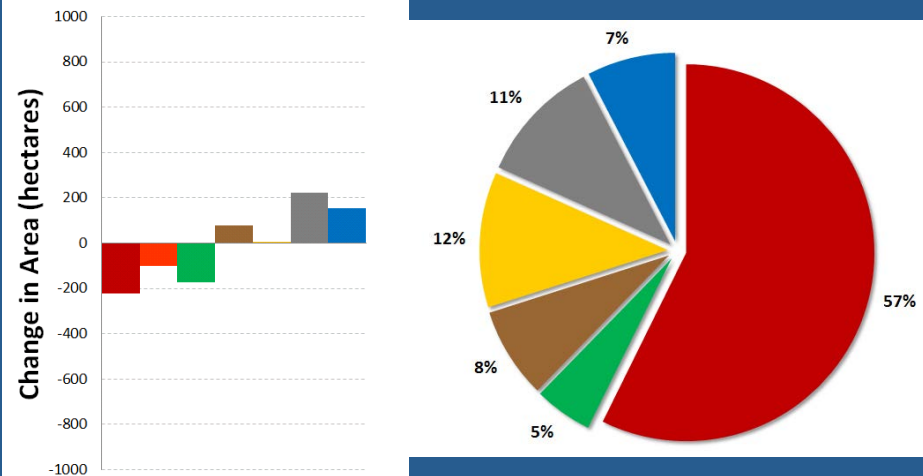
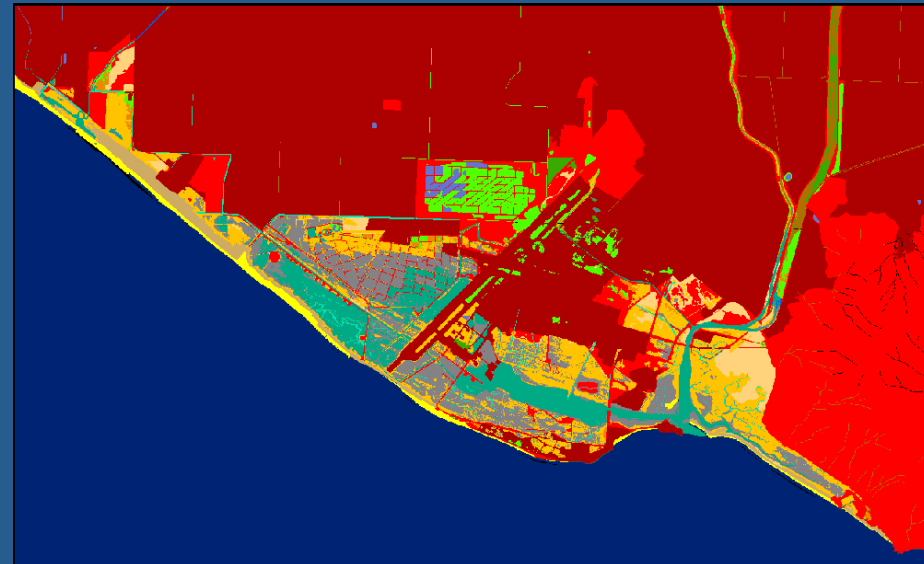
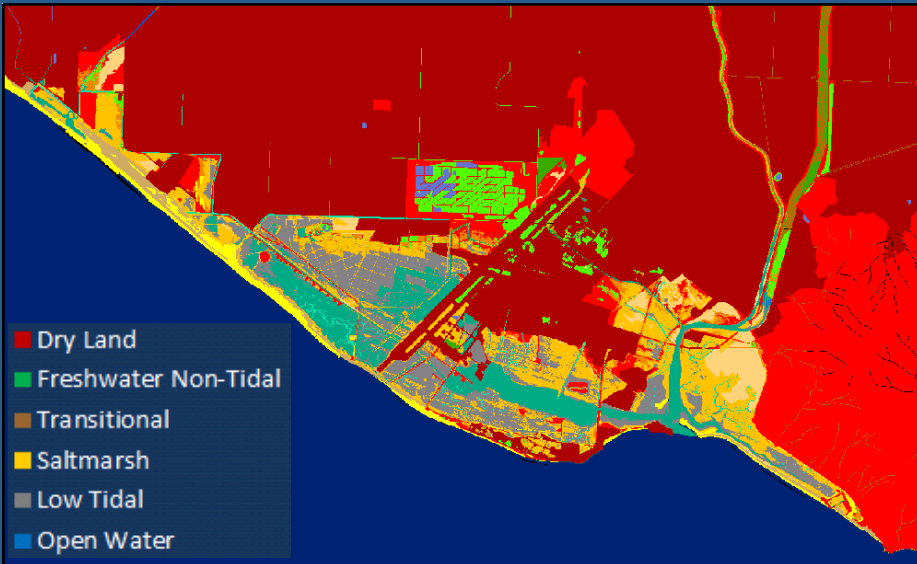
### Protect developed dry land



## Example Scenario: 2070

### Allow wetlands to transgress

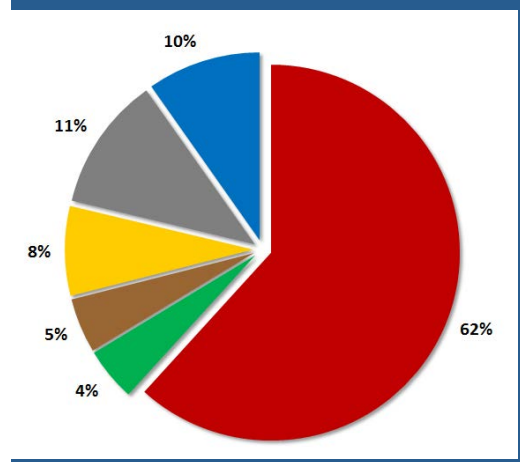
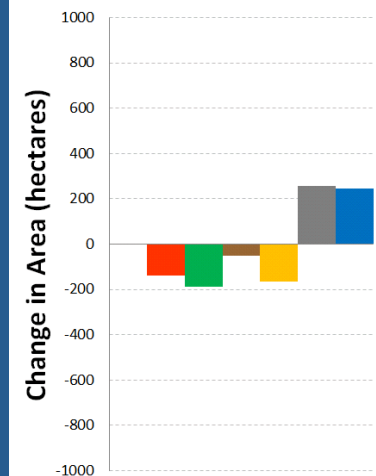
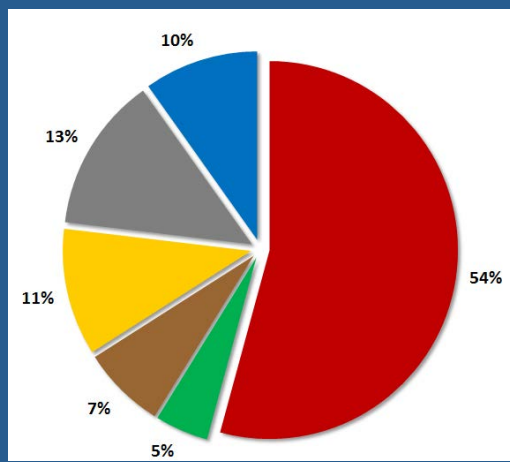
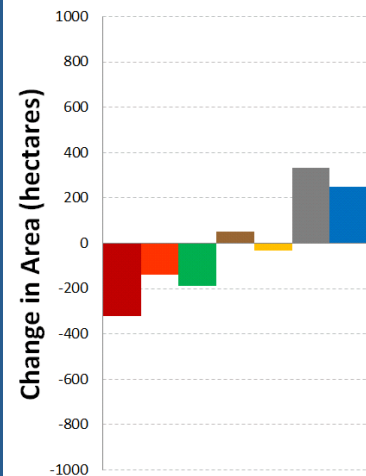
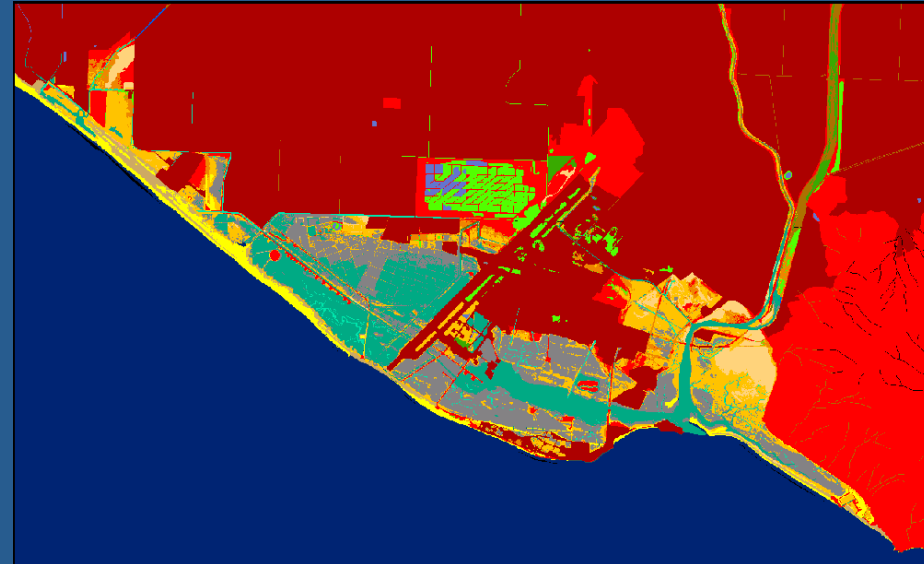
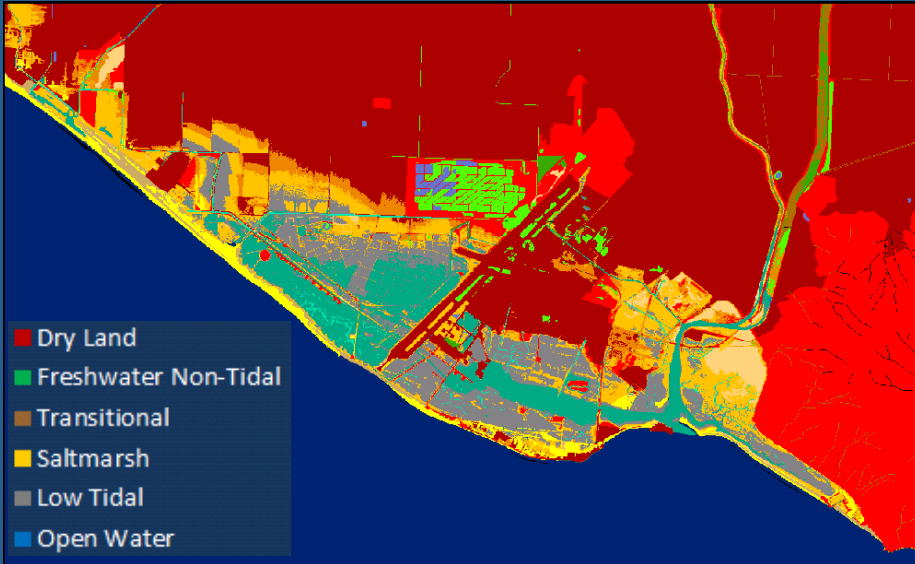
### Protect developed dry land



## Example Scenario: 2080

### Allow wetlands to transgress

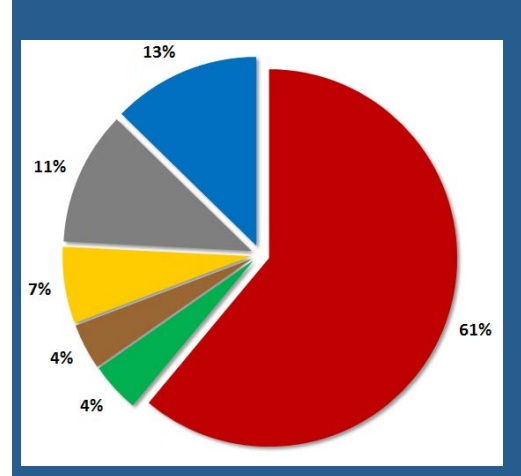
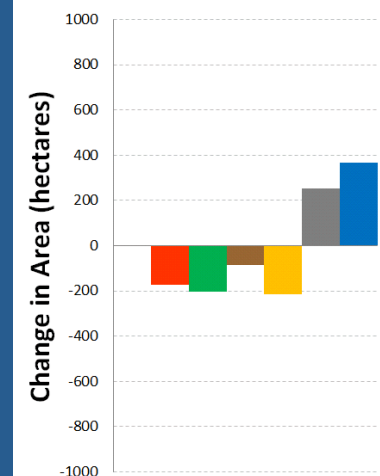
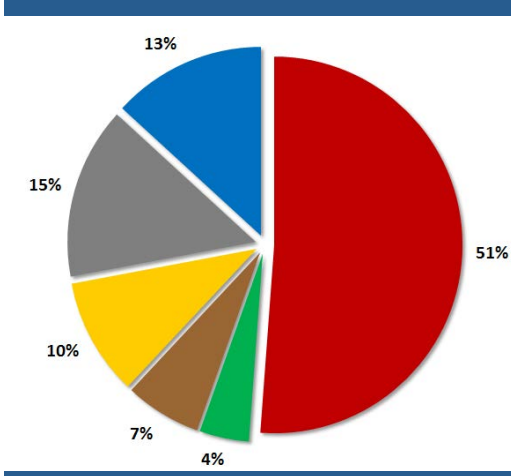
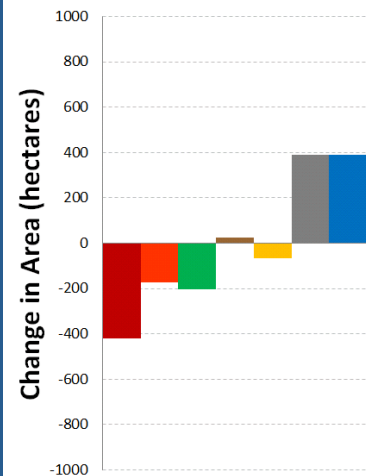
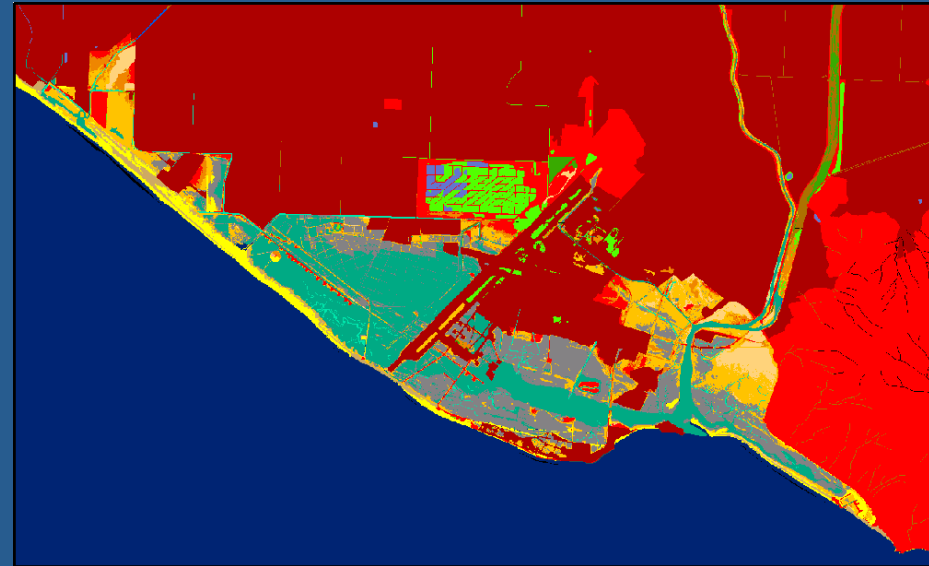
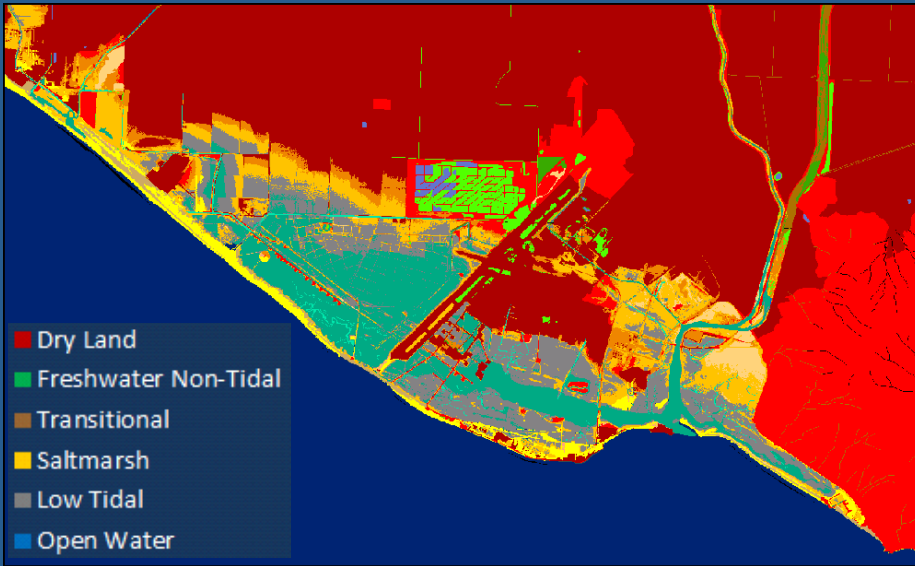
### Protect developed dry land



## Example Scenario: 2090

### Allow wetlands to transgress

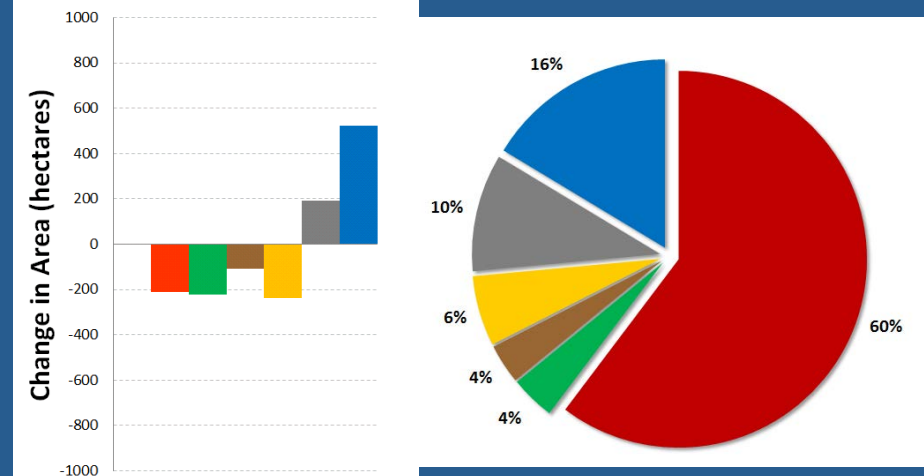
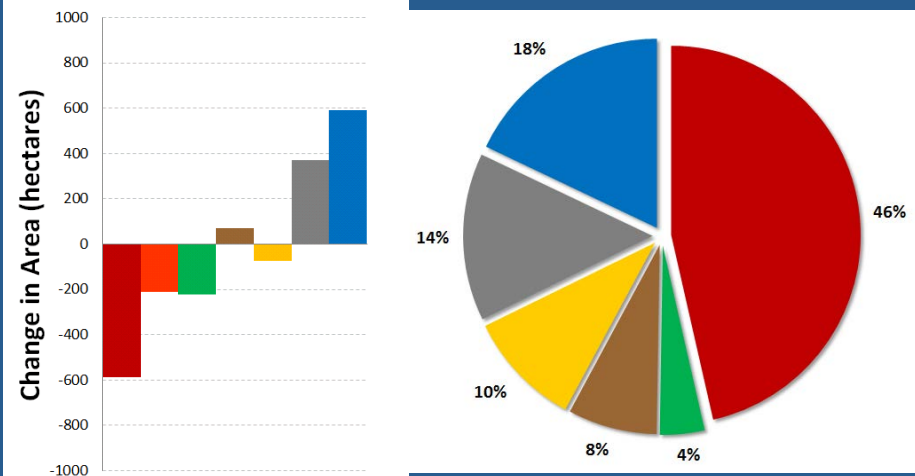
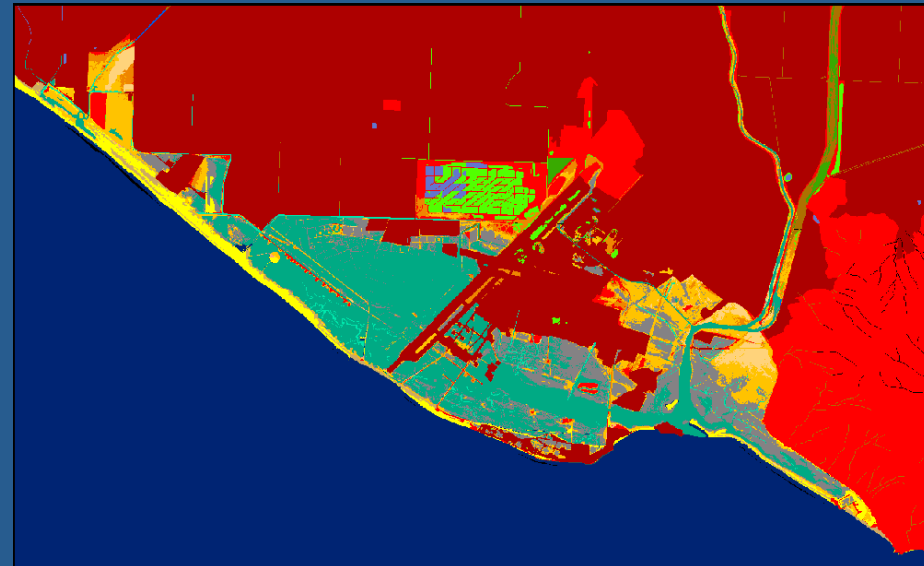
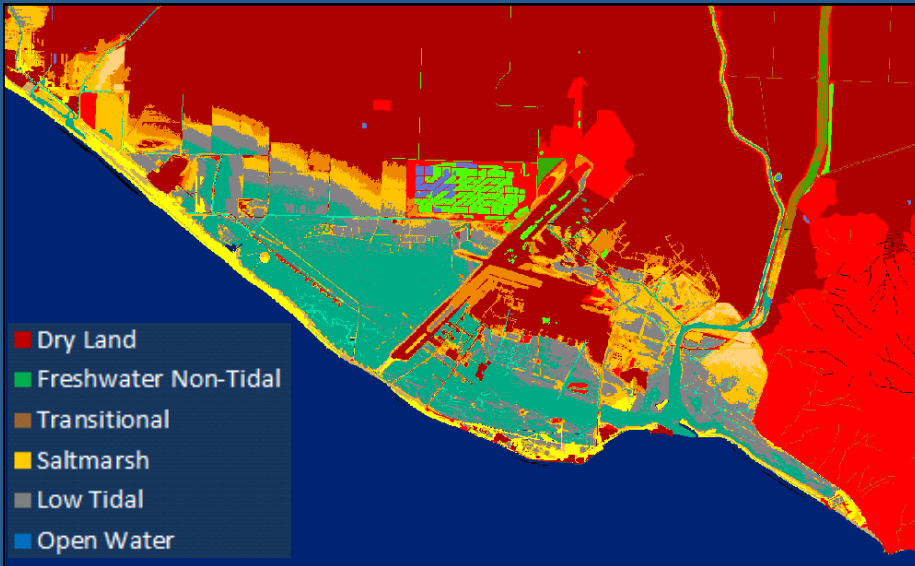
### Protect developed dry land



## Example Scenario: 2100

### Allow wetlands to transgress

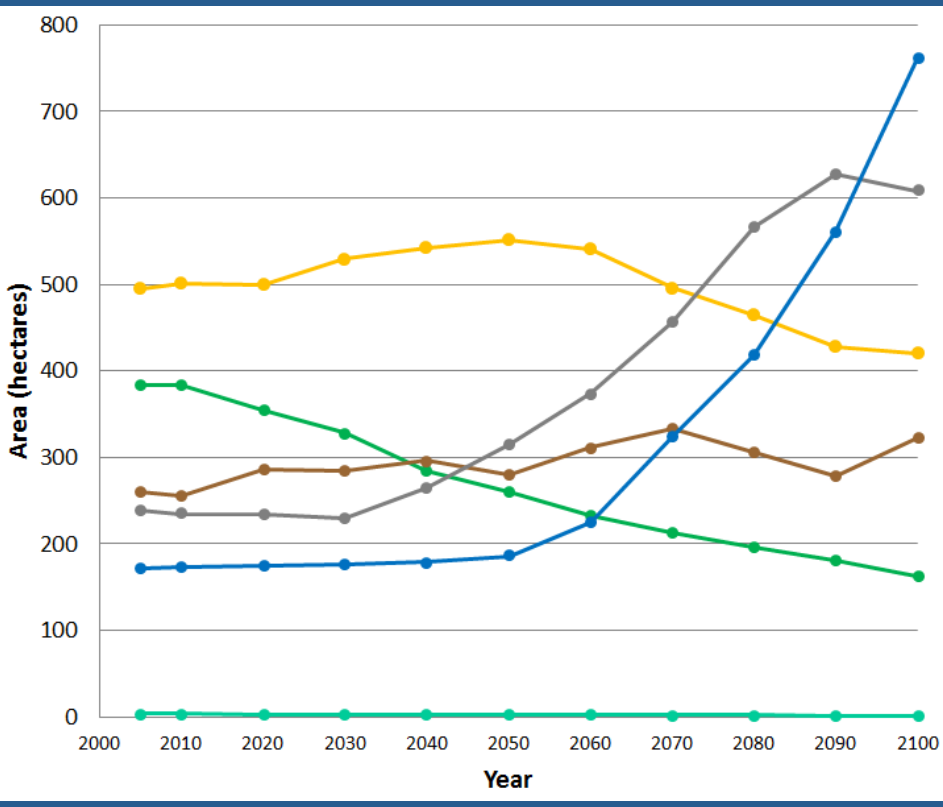
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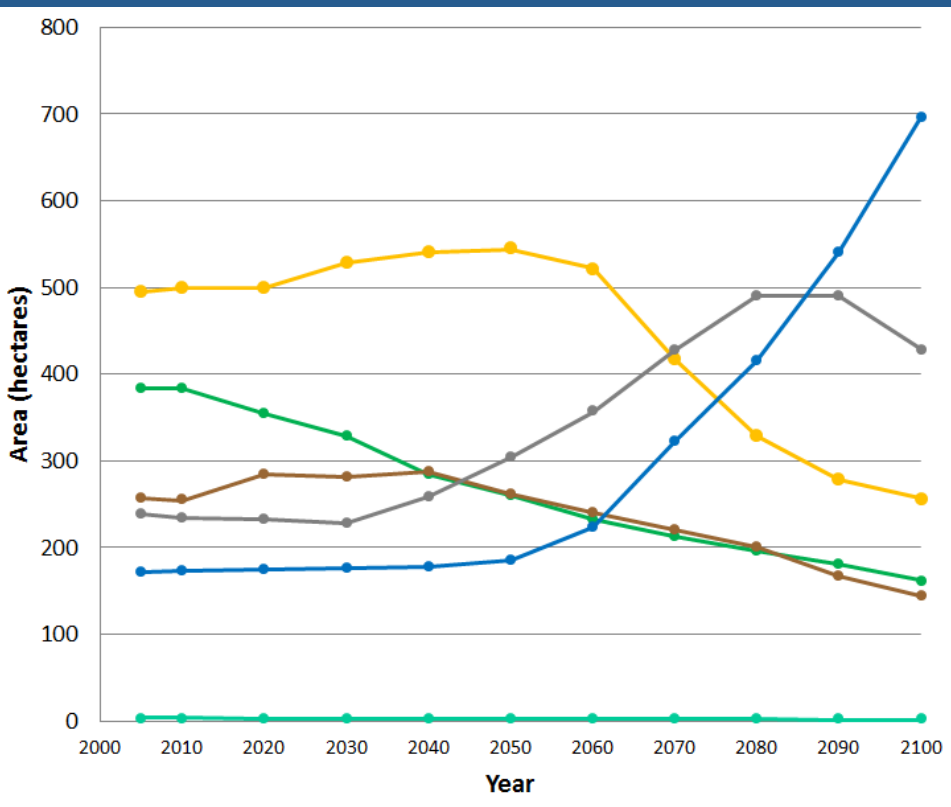


# Habitat Area over Time

Allow wetlands to transgress



Protect developed dry land



- Freshwater Non-Tidal
- Transitional
- Freshwater Tidal

- Saltmarsh
- Low Tidal
- Open Water

# Coastal Ecosystems: Long-Term Carbon Sequestration and Storage

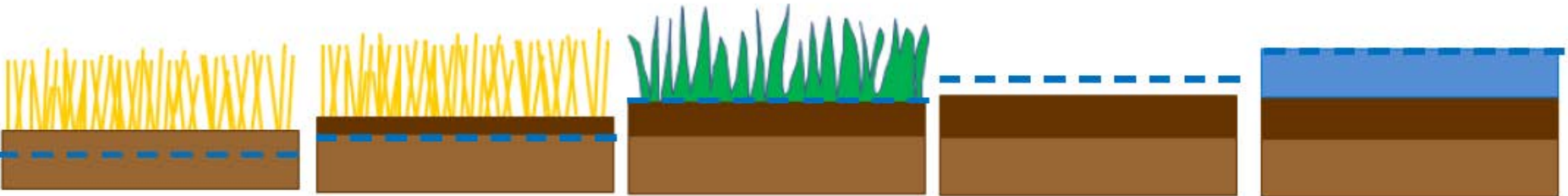


$\Delta$  Aboveground Biomass = 0  
 $\Delta$  Soil Carbon  $\uparrow$

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$\Delta$  Aboveground Biomass  $\downarrow$   
 $\Delta$  Soil Carbon  $\sim 0$

$\Delta$  Aboveground Biomass = 0  
 $\Delta$  Soil Carbon = 0



(a) Agricultural land remains agricultural land

(b) Agricultural land converts to salt marsh

(c) Salt marsh converts to mudflat

(d) Mudflat converts to open water

--- Mean high water (approx.)

Note: This is an example and does not show all possible habitat conversions.

Mean sea level shown for reference only. Time between transitions is not specified and depends on land elevations, rate of sea level rise, and accretion rate.

*figure 4*

*Ventura County Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment*

**Conceptual Model of Accounting Framework**

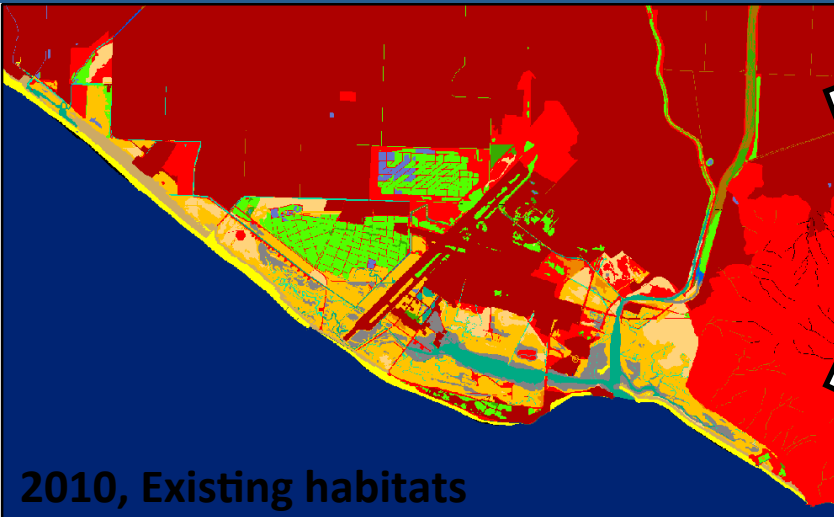
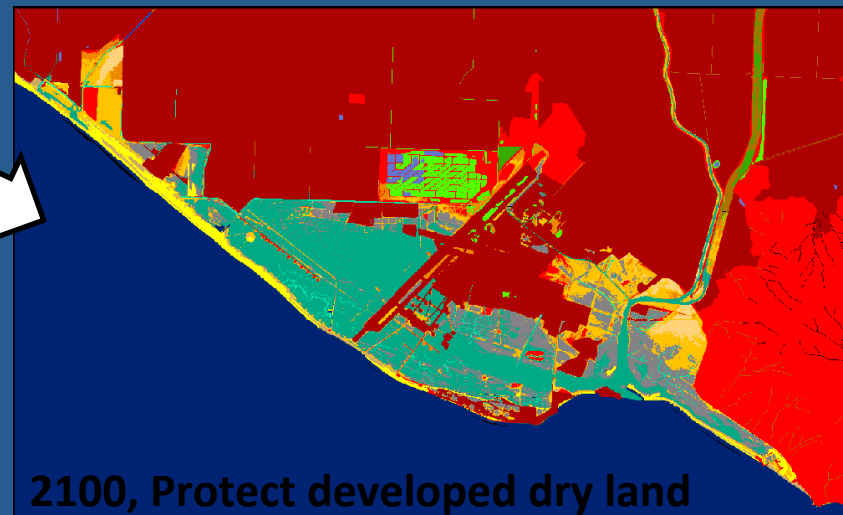
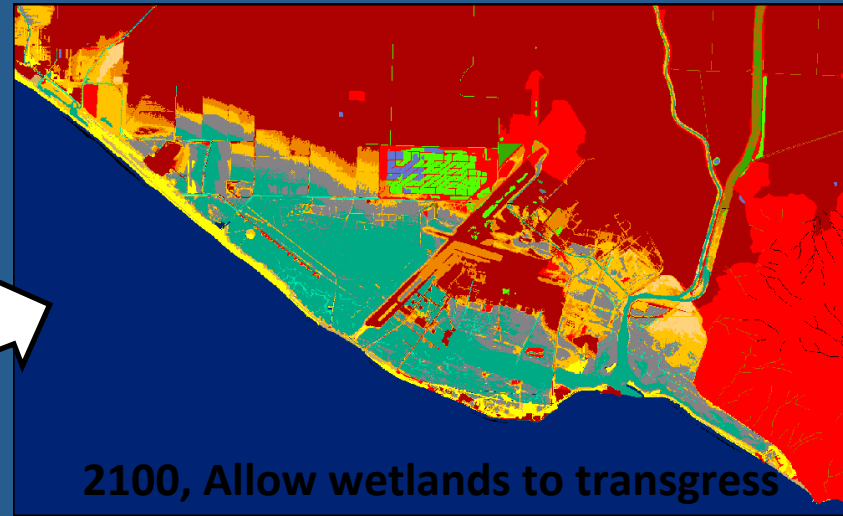
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# Approach in Mugu Lagoon

Current habitat areas  
x (sequestration rate – emissions rate)  
= Total sequestration

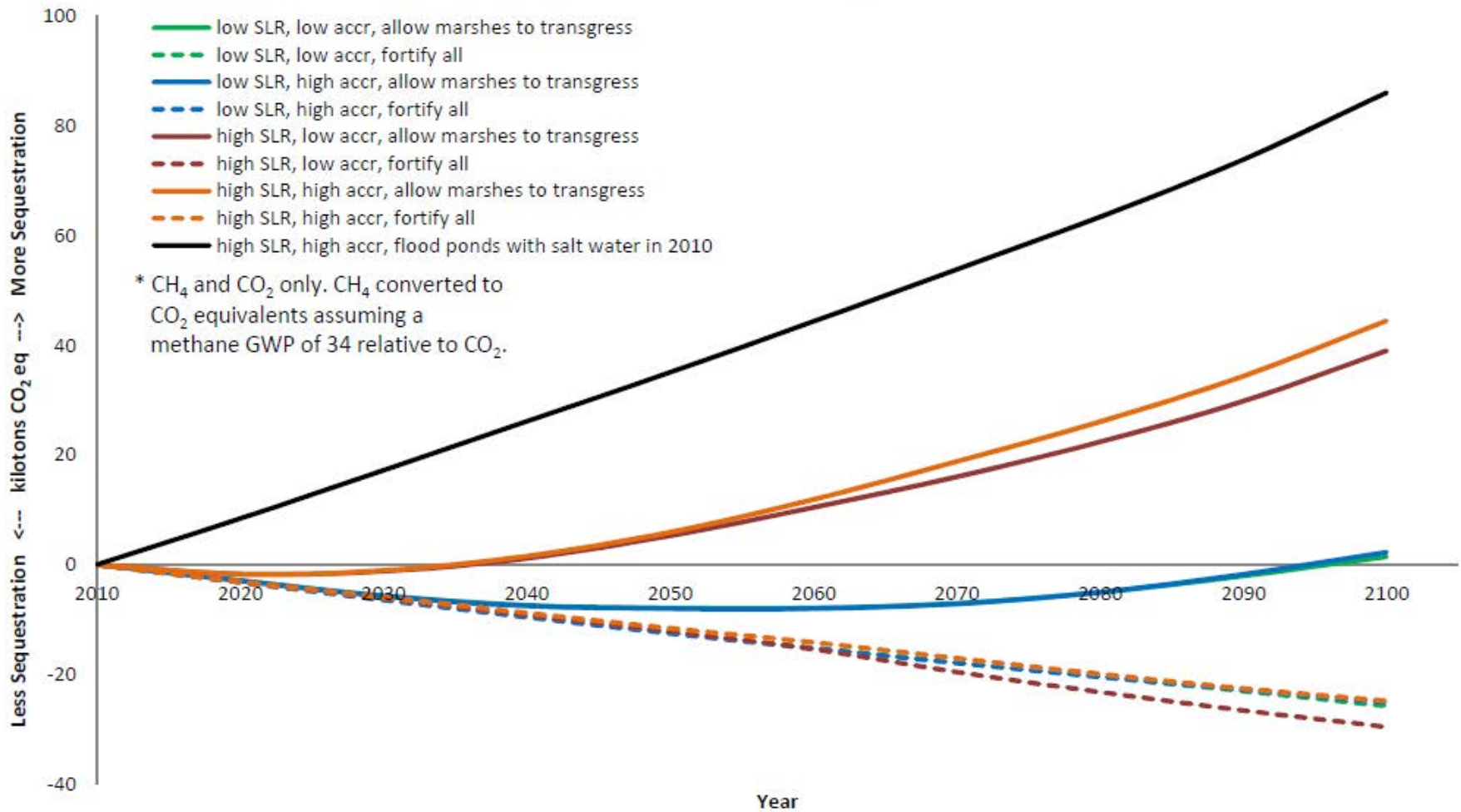
Future Scenarios. For example...



## Approach in Mugu Lagoon

- Estimate emissions with historic land use change
  - Assessment of created accommodation space
  - Estimate of soil carbon density.
  - Estimate of CH<sub>4</sub> emissions across salinity gradient, if possible
- Explore whether emissions are likely to be ongoing
  - Soils maps
- Estimate emissions and reductions for future scenarios
  - Time series assessment of land use change (from model)
  - Estimate of emissions and change through time.

# Total Greenhouse Gas Sequestration\*



Normally, GHG accounting results are presented in tonnes or megatons. In this case, the size of the Mugu Lagoon and Ormond Beach study area lends itself to kilotons, a less typical unit of analysis.

*figure 12b*  
Ventura County Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment

Total GHG Sequestration (Methane 100-yr GWP of 34)

# Emission/Sequestration Data

- IPCC 2006 Guidelines for GHGs – Vol 4
- IPCC 2013 Wetlands Supplement
  - Guidance for accounting for wetland conversion and restoration in coastal, freshwater, and constructed wetlands*
- CalEEMod 2013 – GHG accounting software for projects
- Elgin 2012, Soil organic matter in SoCal marshes
- Formeller et al 2008, Carbon accounting for Cal Poly Pomona campus
- San Francisco Bay marsh carbon sequestration studies
- Others? *In particular, methane emissions from duck ponds*

# Land Use/Land Cover Data

Soil Map (SSURGO 2008)





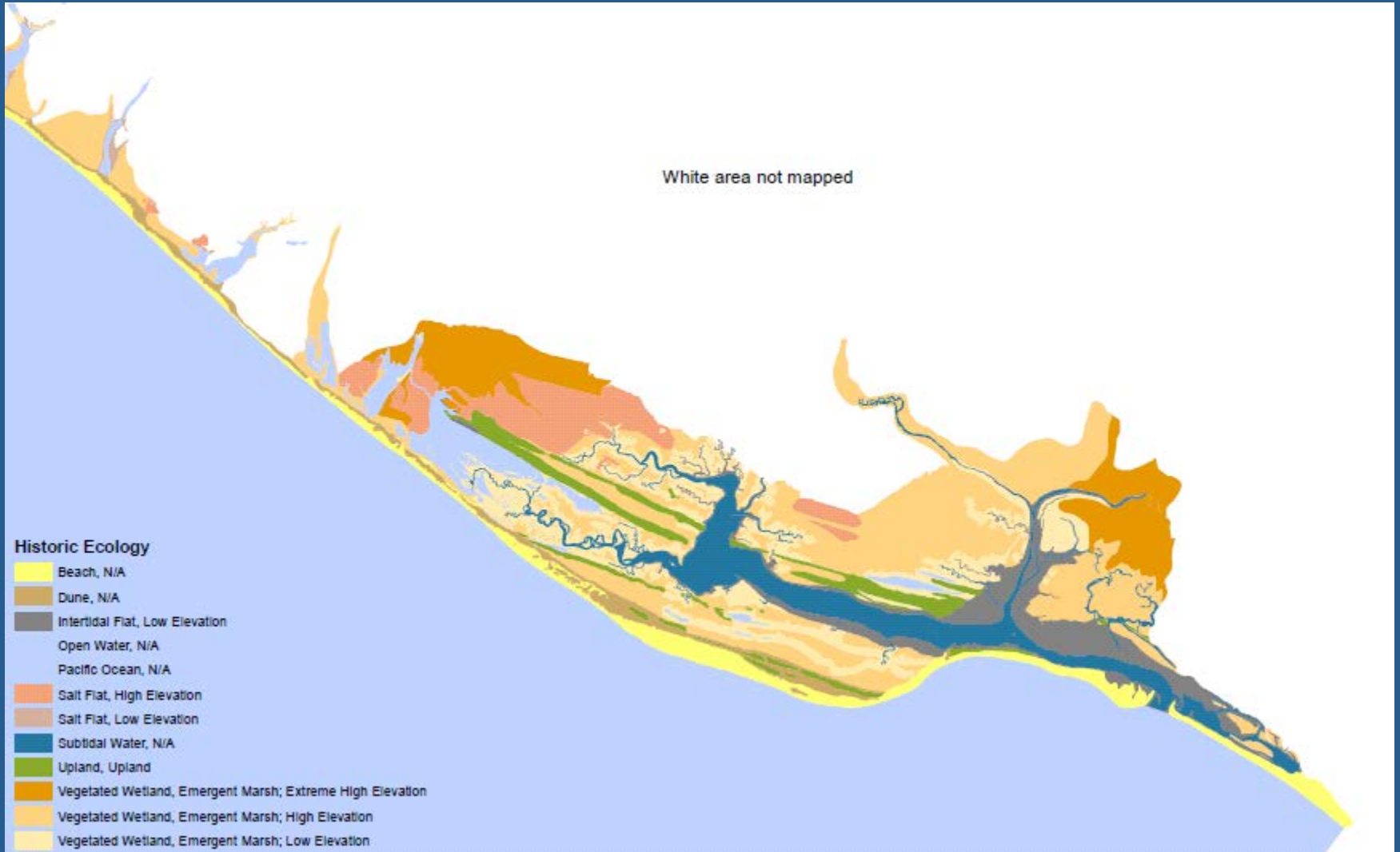
# Land Use/Land Cover Data

Crop Map (Ventura County Ag Commission 2013)



# Land Use/Land Cover Data

Historic Wetland Map (USGS Digital T-Sheets)



# Green vs Gray

- Focus group interviews of potential adaptation strategies
- Evaluate changes to physical extent of hazards
- Economic analysis (initial effort)
  - Risk reduction
  - Cost estimate of construction
  - Impacts to Agriculture
  - Recreation
  - Ecosystem Services

**Table 30 – Summary of All Benefits - NBA**

TOTAL	2030	2060	2100
Mean High Water	\$7,806	\$255,517	\$81,170,752
Storm	\$2,690,360	\$18,314,525	\$104,141,000
Wave	\$1,631,100,669	\$2,119,289,355	\$2,188,197,047
Erosion	\$352,635,184	\$640,307,560	\$650,244,754
<b>Total NBA</b>	<b>\$1,986,426,144</b>	<b>\$2,747,959,211</b>	<b>\$3,562,581,861</b>

**Table 31 – Summary of All Benefits - EBA**

TOTAL	2030	2060	2100
Mean High Water	\$9,702	\$203,139	\$99,910,177
Storm	\$15,025,983	\$68,732,214	\$312,797,682
Wave	\$1,714,421,453	\$2,217,111,389	\$3,005,868,254
Erosion	\$431,162,955	\$735,754,201	\$780,745,704
<b>Total EBA</b>	<b>\$2,160,610,391</b>	<b>\$3,021,597,803</b>	<b>\$4,099,411,639</b>

**Risk Reduction Only!**

# Decision-Support

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