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AGENDA

Santiago Creek Commission October 22, 2025

5:30 PM Regular Session

City Council Chamber
300 E. Chapman Avenue
Orange, CA 92866

BRENDON MOELLER
Chair

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Vice Chair

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

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Commissioner

MICHAEL KNIGHT
Commissioner

SUSAN TILLOU
Commissioner

Welcome to the Santiago Creek Commission meeting. Regular meetings of the City of Orange Santiago Creek Commission are held on the fourth Wednesday of January, April, July, and October at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Agenda Information

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1. OPENING/CALL TO ORDER**1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Susan Tillou

1.2 ROLL CALL**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

At this time, members of the public may address the Commission on matters not listed on the Agenda which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission, provided that NO action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized by law. Public Comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**3.1 Approval of minutes of the Santiago Creek Commission Regular Meeting held on July 23, 2025.****Recommended Action:**

Approve minutes as presented.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
 [July 23, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes](#)

4. COMMISSION BUSINESS**4.1 Review of Draft Santiago Creek Strategic Plan****Recommended Action:**

Review the draft Santiago Creek Strategic Plan and provide direction to staff on any necessary changes.

Attachments: [Staff Report](#)
 [Draft Santiago Creek Strategic Plan](#)
 [Reference Sheet for Segment 1](#)
 [Reference Sheet for Segment 2](#)
 [Reference Sheet for Segment 3](#)

5. ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Santiago Creek Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 28, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber.

I, Lilibet Woolsey, Executive Assistant for the City of Orange, hereby declare, under penalty of perjury, that a full and correct copy of this agenda was posted pursuant to Government Code Section 54950 et. seq., at the following locations: Orange Civic Center kiosk and Orange City Clerk's Office at 300 E. Chapman Avenue, Orange Main Public Library at 407 E. Chapman Avenue, Police facility at 1107 N. Batavia, and uploaded to the City's website www.cityoforange.org.

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Agenda Item

Santiago Creek Commission

Item #: 3.1

10/22/2025

File #: 25-0596

TO: Chair and Members of the Santiago Creek Commission

THRU: Jarad Hildenbrand, City Manager

FROM: Lilibet Woolsey, Executive Assistant

1. SUBJECT

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2. SUMMARY

Submitted for your consideration and approval are the minutes of the above meeting.

3. RECOMMENDED ACTION

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4. ATTACHMENT

- July 23, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.



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MINUTES - DRAFT

City of Orange

Santiago Creek Commission

July 23, 2025

The Santiago Creek Commission of the City of Orange, California convened on July 23, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, 300 E Chapman Avenue, Orange, California.

1. OPENING/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Moeller called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Commissioner Michael Knight

1.2 ROLL CALL

Present: Galera, Adams, Baca, Hillman, Knight, Tillou, and Moeller

Absent: None

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Speakers:

Jeff Haysom is interested in a community teaching garden in East Orange, specifically in the Grijalva Park open area.

Marc Kenton shared his concerns about the unhoused and speeding e-bikes he regularly encounters on trails.

Jensen Hallstrom would like to see ecological conservation efforts for ancient sycamore trees lining Santiago Creek.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 Approval of minutes of the Santiago Creek Commission Regular Meeting held on April 23, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tillou, seconded by Commissioner Adams, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Galera, Adams, Baca, Hillman, Knight, Tillou, and Moeller

Noes: None

Absent: None

4. COMMISSION BUSINESS

4.1 Review and discuss the Santiago Creek Strategic Plan - Segment Three vision statement.

Senior Assistant to the City Manager Jack Morgan presented the staff report.

Public Speakers:

Jensen Hallstrom would like to see native vegetation, ancient sycamore ecological opportunities and native trees referenced in the vision statement

Les Hall suggested water should be considered in the vision statement.

Peter Wetzell likes and endorses the vision plan.

Joel Robinson suggested this segment include considerations for supporting local wildlife.

Commissioners discussed an overarching version of the vision statement focusing on natural habitat, wildlife, water, and continuing items from Segment Two. Commissioners requested that history, recreation and natural vegetation be incorporated. Discussed the potential inclusion of creating connected a trail system.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tillou, seconded by Commissioner Adams to approve the Segment Three vision statement. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Galera, Adams, Baca, Hillman, Knight, Tillou, and Moeller

Noes: None

Absent: None

4.2 Review and discuss the Santiago Creek Strategic Plan - Segment Three recommended projects.

Senior Assistant to the City Manager Jack Morgan presented the staff report.

Vice Chair Galera reviewed proposed projects in her Segment Three Planning Sheet report.

Public Speakers:

Jensen Hallstrom suggested including a map highlighting ancient sycamore trees in the region.

Joel Robinson suggested habitat restoration should be addressed by specialists and biologists.

Les Hall emphasized a focus on wildlife and water.

Commissioners requested an exhibit from the Orange County Water District about the water network that would support the OC Vibe project. Suggested historical markers with creek history specifically identifying the former China Town site, providing information about Native American tribes in the area and mapping the ancient sycamore trees.

Written Comments:

Lisa May submitted an ecomment supporting opportunities to beautify/maintain the area to increase recreational usage and is opposed to a remote control car and bike track.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Galera, seconded by Commissioner Tillou to incorporate the Segment 3 projects as presented with the additional recommendations of: 1) removal of the remote control car and bike pump track; 2) the separation of multi-modal trails in specific areas; and 3) the inclusion of a water network map which supports the OC Vibe project. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Galera, Adams, Baca, Hillman, Knight, Tillou, and Moeller

Noes: None

Absent: None

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

The next Regular Santiago Creek Commission meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber.

Jack Morgan
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Agenda Item

Santiago Creek Commission

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10/22/2025

File #: 25-0581

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1. SUBJECT

Review of Draft Santiago Creek Strategic Plan

2. SUMMARY

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3. RECOMMENDED ACTION

Review the draft Santiago Creek Strategic Plan and provide direction to staff on any necessary changes.

4. FISCAL IMPACT

None.

5. STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Goal 3: Enhance Public Communication Strategy and Quality of Life.

Goal 5: Improve Infrastructure, Mobility, and Technology.

6. DISCUSSION AND BACKGROUND

As an advisory body to the Orange City Council, the Santiago Creek Commission (SCC) is exclusively tasked to advise and make recommendations on:

- The implementation of public projects in/along the Santiago Creek Area.
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Since the September 26, 2024, special meeting, the SCC has proceeded with a systematic approach to evaluate each segment, develop segment vision statements, and recommend projects. Through this past year, the following topics were discussed at the SCC meetings.

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Draft Santiago Creek Strategic Plan

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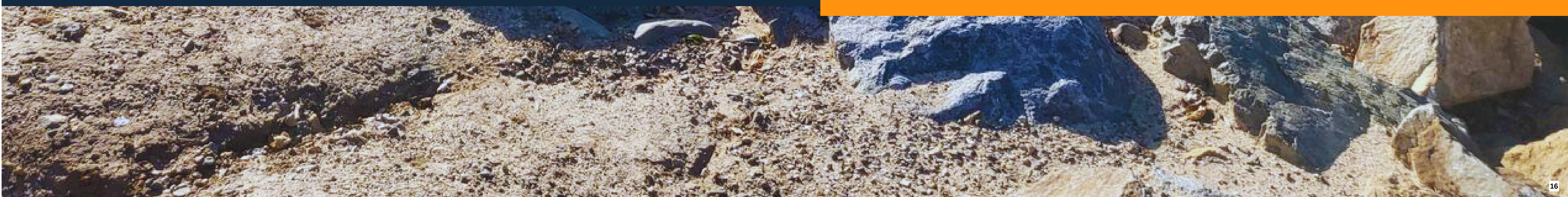
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Santiago Creek Commission

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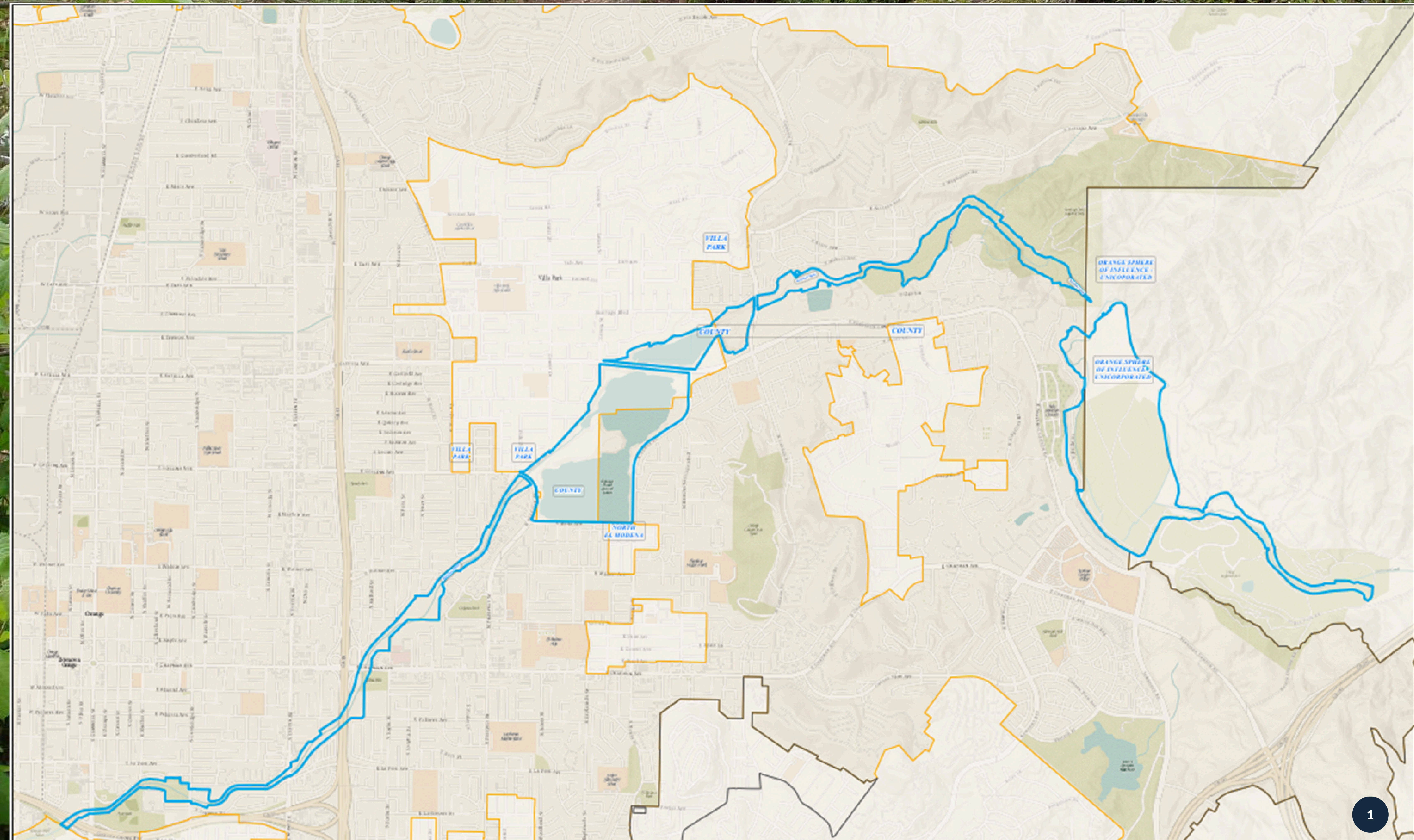
Susan Tillou
Commissioner

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The Santiago Creek in the City of Orange



Glossary of Terms

The following listing includes terms utilized throughout the Santiago Creek Strategic Plan. For reference, when these terms are mentioned, they mean the following:

Watershed:

Geographic area where all precipitation and surface water drains to a common outlet, such as a river, creek, bay, or ocean.

Greenway:

A linear park or open space established along a natural corridor or urban area.

Ground Water Recharge:

The process by which surface water percolates through soil into an underground water table.

Natural Vegetation:

Plants that are native or grow in a specific area without direct human intervention.

Restoration:

The process of removing non-natural vegetation and replacing them with vegetation natural to the area.

Creekbed:

The channel or depression in the ground where a creek flows or has flowed.

Trailhead:

The beginning of a trail.

Spur trail:

A short, often dead end trail often leading to a point of interest.

Pocket Park:

A park that covers less than one acre of land, often in urban areas.

Creek corridor:

The area around the creek that is vital for the Creek's natural function and ecological health.

Class I Bikeway:

Separated right-of-way for the exclusive use of bicycles and pedestrians.

Executive Summary

On October 10, 2023, the Orange City Council adopted Ordinance No. 13-23 creating the Santiago Creek Commission (SCC). Pursuant to Ordinance No. 13-23, seven members comprise the SCC, and have been tasked to advise and make recommendations to the Orange City Council on several matters regarding the Santiago Creek (Creek), including:

- The implementation of public projects in and along the Santiago Creek area.
- The implementation of Santiago Creek plans for the Santiago Creek area regarding public property.
- The preservation and enhancement of public open space within the Santiago Creek area.
- The acquisition of private property if, or when, it becomes available.

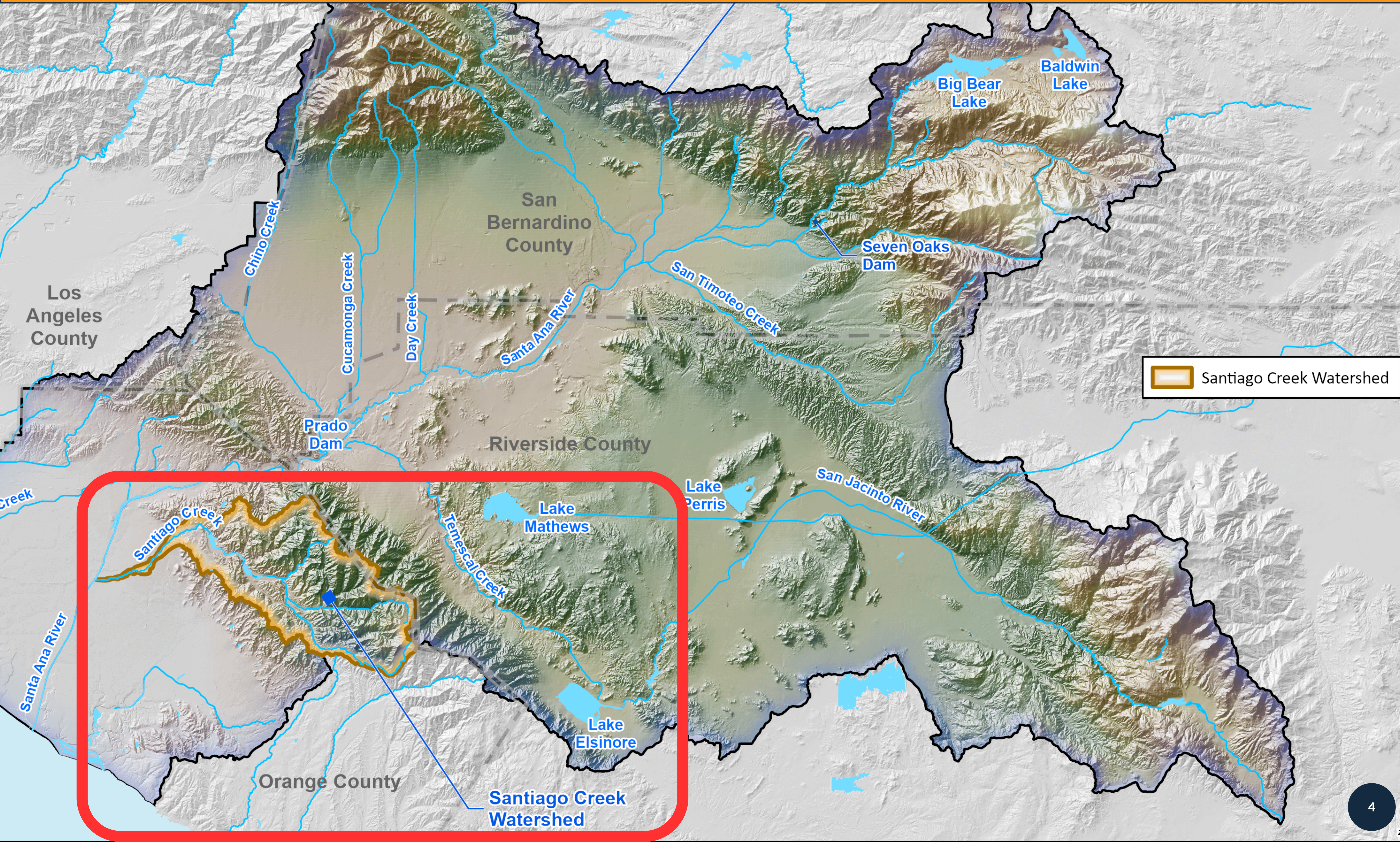
Since their appointments, SCC members have diligently worked with the public to separate the Santiago Creek into three segments for substantive discussions. Vision statements and recommended projects detailed in this document have all been reviewed by the public and SCC during regular SCC meetings. Overall, this document intends to achieve two functions. First, to coalesce the vision of several planning documents into one record; and two, to implement Ordinance No. 13-23's legislative intent via a holistic and comprehensive set of recommendations.

Recognizing the Creek's surroundings and circumstances change significantly from east to west Orange, the recommendations are organized by Creek segments which include:

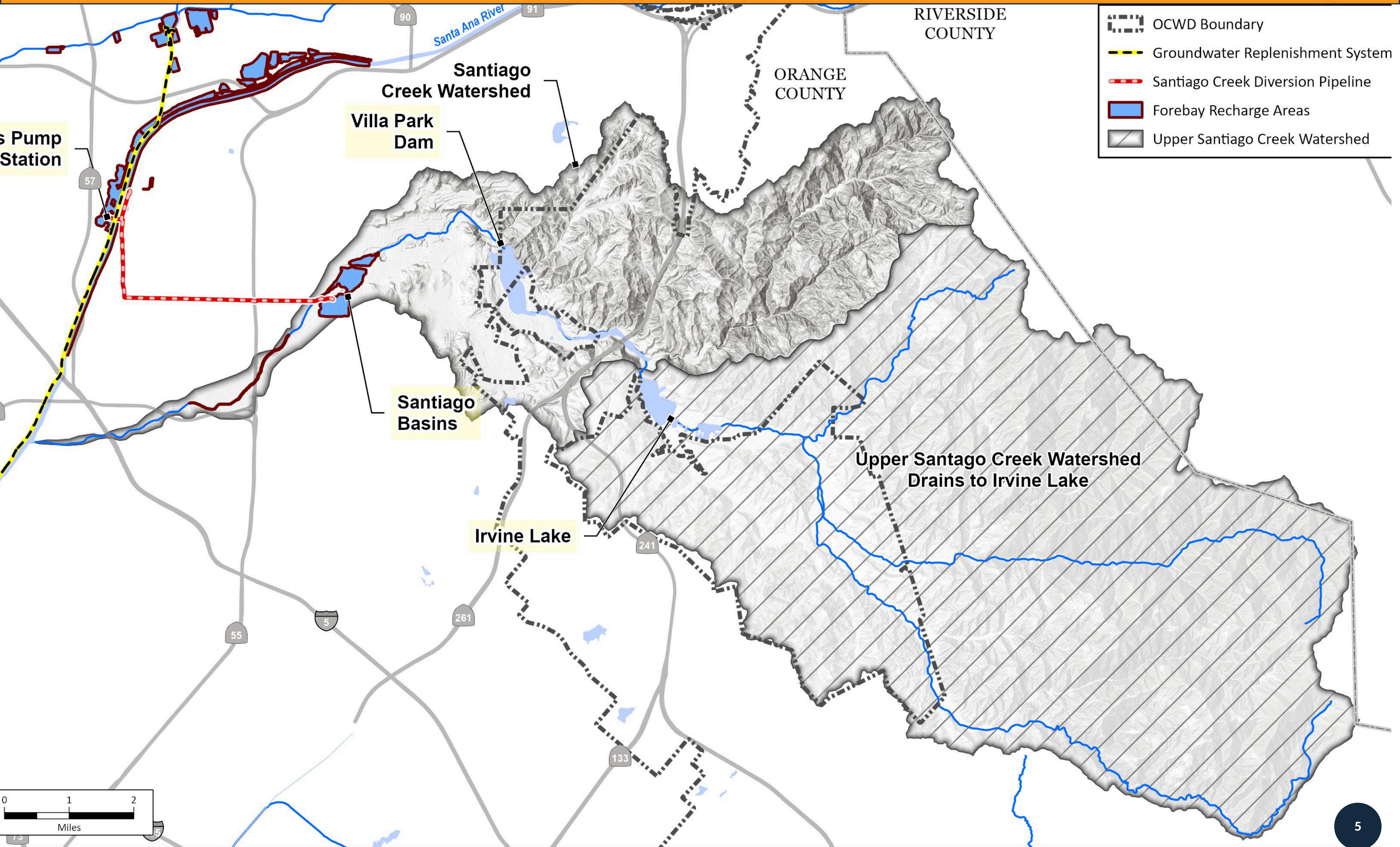
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While the scope and purpose of the recommendations may vary, the general intent of all the recommendations is to preserve and enhance this critical asset while creating more recreational opportunities for all to enjoy.

The Santa Ana River Watershed



The Santiago Creek Watershed



A Brief History

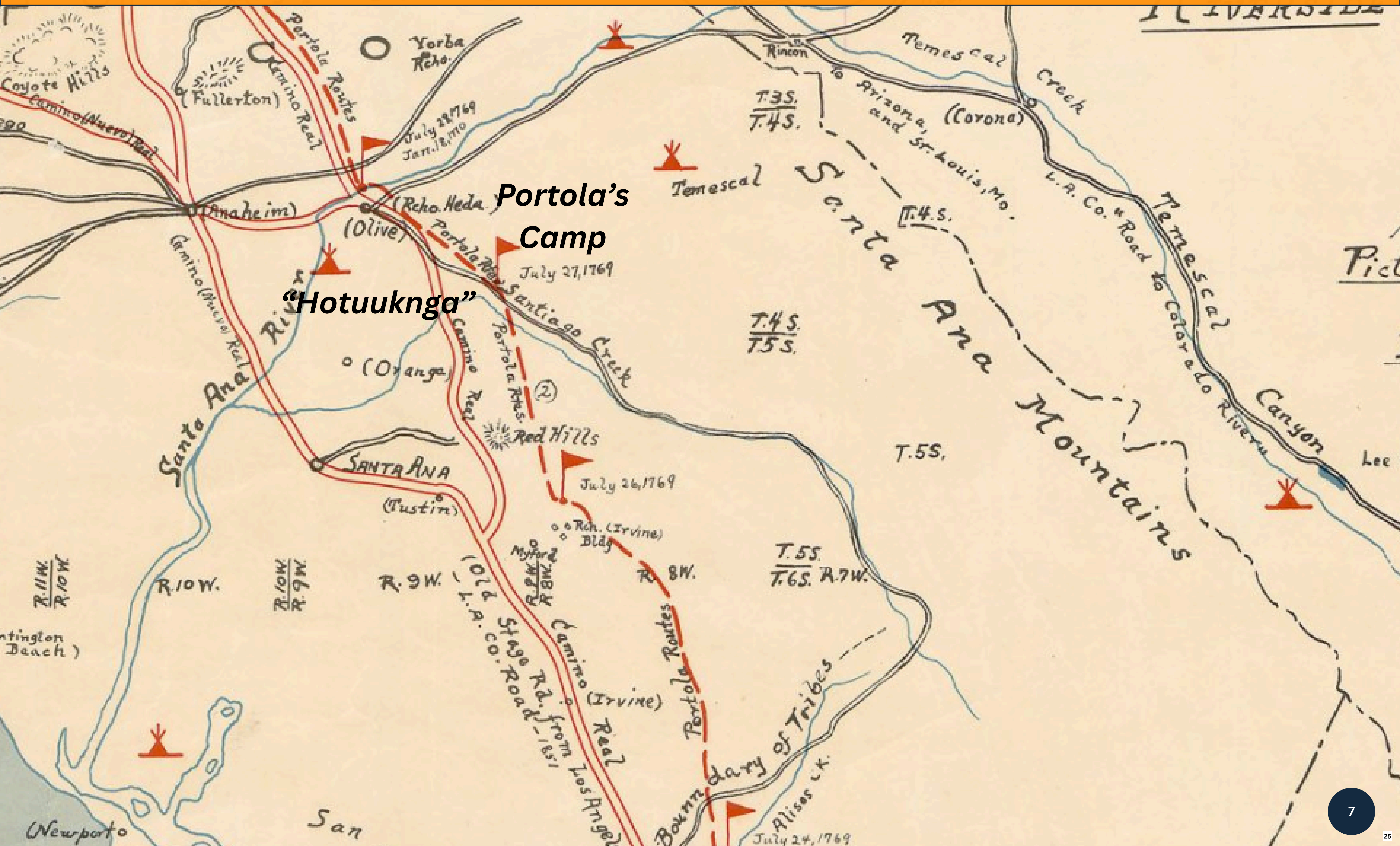
The Santiago Creek (Creek) is the largest tributary to the Santa Ana River. With headwaters in the Santa Ana Mountains, the Creek flows northwestward through Santiago Canyon and then southwestward through the City of Orange. The Creek is a historically significant site that provided water and resources to the Tongva, was chronicled in journals during the Portola Expedition, and supported Orange County's transformation from an agricultural to largely urbanized region.

As the population in central Orange County grew in the early 20th Century, critical infrastructure projects like the Santiago Dam (1931) intended to provide flood control, irrigation, and municipal water uses. However, the mid-20th century ushered in significant changes for the City and County of Orange. Suburban sprawl in the mid-20th century eventually eliminated nearly all agricultural uses and eventually made way for the downstream Villa Park Dam (1963) which continues to operate in conjunction with the Santiago Dam, holding back most of its flood releases to ensure the safety of downstream populations. Similarly, following the Orange County Flood Control Act of 1927, much of the lower Creek was channelized during the same time, solidifying central Orange County's continued transformation to an urbanized region, laying the foundation for continued growth in the City of Orange and surrounding areas.

In relying, in-part, on the Creek's waters to support a heavily agricultural economy in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the Creek played a large role in shouldering Orange County's continuous and prosperous growth until it transitioned to the urbanized region seen today. Although the Creek's role has changed, its importance to the City of Orange and greater community remains. The Creek is a natural respite amid a heavily urbanized area that requires ongoing support and care to ensure its benefits are enjoyed and felt for generations to come.

Residents and community groups have long understood the Santiago Creek's importance, and in response, have committed significant time and resources to develop a series of comprehensive planning documents. These documents set a vision for the Creek – one where natural and historic resources are preserved while recreational amenities are developed, giving our community and posterity the opportunity to experience this defining feature in the City of Orange. The intent of this document is to coalesce this vision into one record, effectively organizing recommended projects for the Orange City Council's consideration.

Historical Map of the Santiago Creek





Mission

Advise the Orange City Council to ensure the preservation and enhancement of the Santiago Creek.

Vision

Preserve this natural resource for its history, archeological significance, and scenic beauty while incorporating recreational opportunities.

Values

Preservation

Maintaining the Santiago Creek's natural beauty and archeological significance.

Restoration

Replacing non-native plant species and remedy any dilapidated public areas.

Recreation

Identifying opportunities for recreational amenities appropriate for each segment.

The Santiago Creek Commission's mission, vision, and values set the foundation of the Segment Action Plan.

Segment Action Plan

Mission

Vision

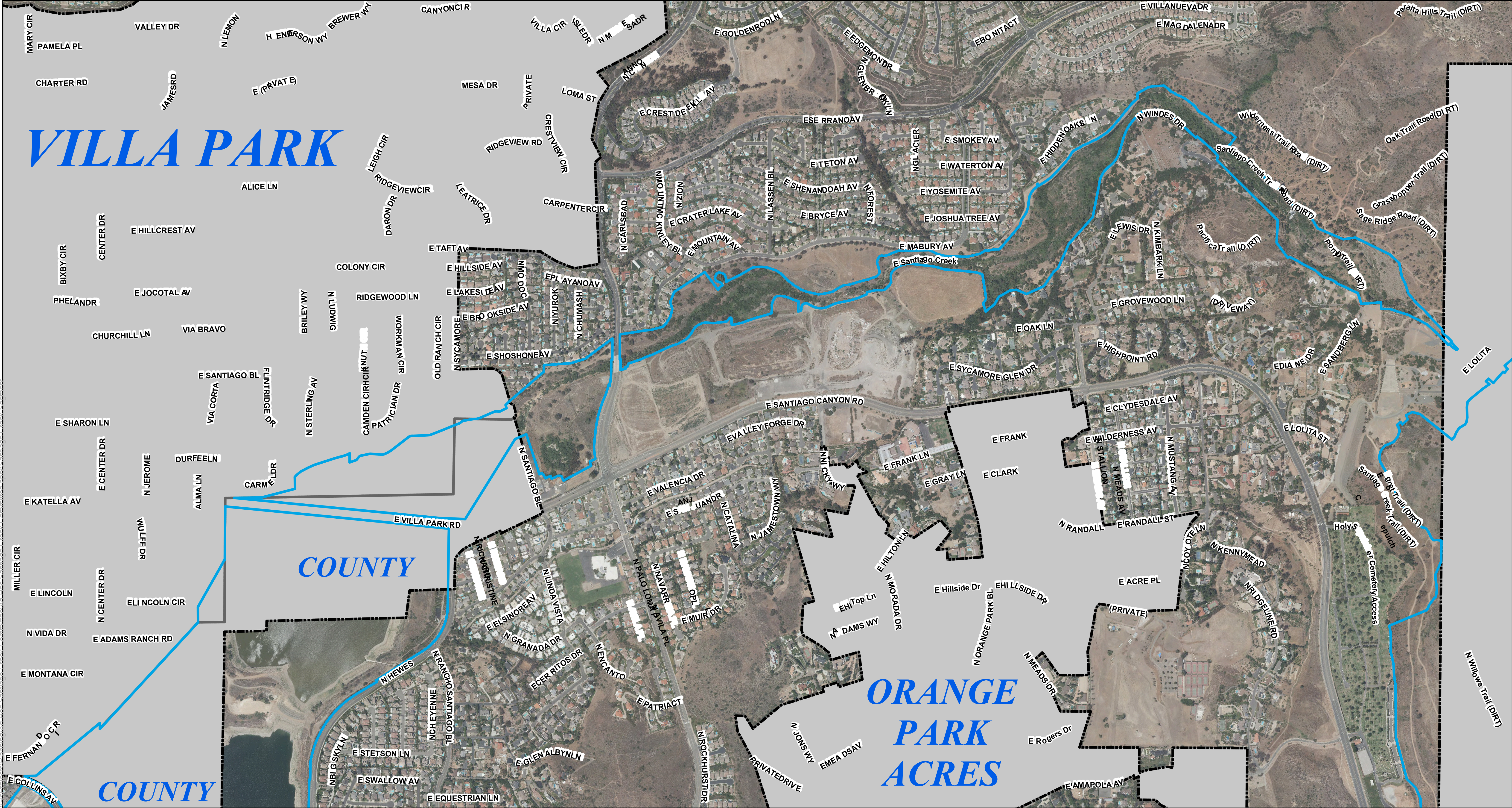
Values

Vision Statement for Segment 1

East Orange Sphere of Influence to Villa Park Road

Segment one extends from the East Orange Sphere of Influence near Holy Sepulcher Cemetery to Villa Park Road. This segment comprises entirely of east Orange and contains unique features making Segment One stand out as an asset for all of Orange County. As the creek flows from Villa Park Dam, it meanders through Santiago Oaks Regional Park and flows west between Orange Park Acres and Mabury Ranch. Much of the Creek within this segment remains wild with a riparian habitat abundant with history and wildlife.

The focus of the projects detailed within Segment One is to preserve this natural resource for its history, archeological significance, and scenic beauty while tactfully incorporating low impact recreational amenities that create connectivity and access, accentuating the Santiago Creek's value to the community

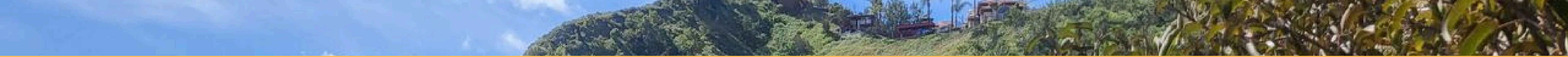


Legend

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- Santiago Creek Creek

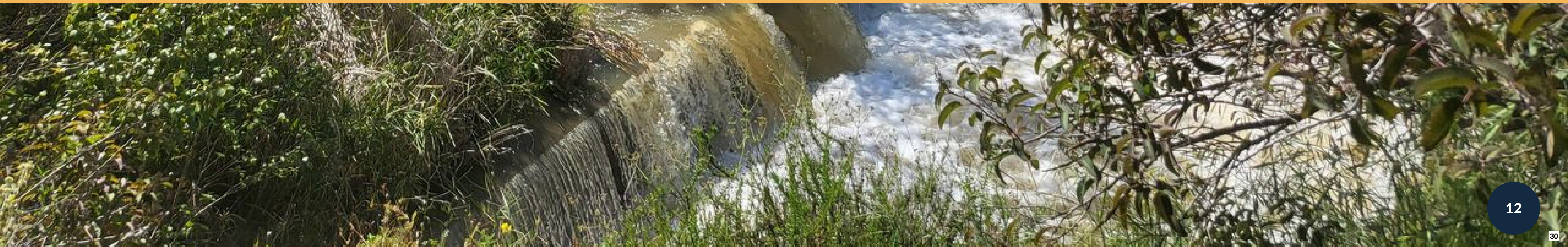
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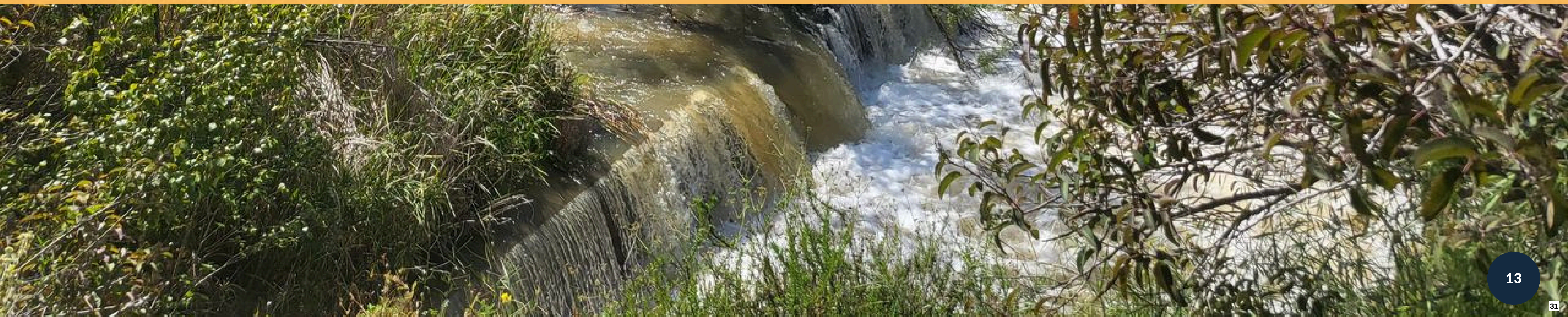
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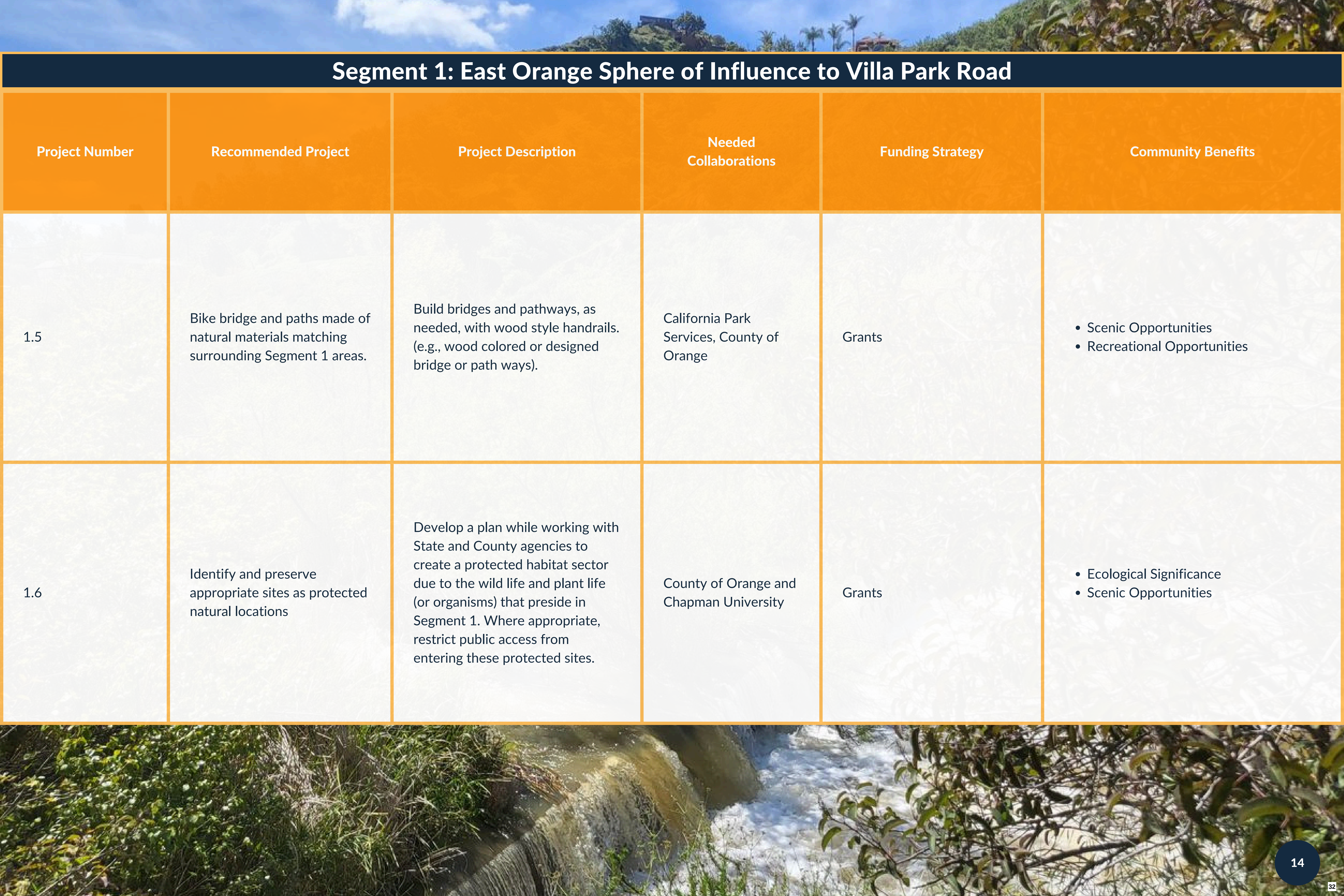
Project Number	Recommended Project	Project Description	Needed Collaborations	Funding Strategy	Community Benefits
1.1	Community of Orange Loop Trail (COLT)	Loop trail that connects four regional parks within Orange. It is envisioned this will be unpaved with horse trails with a bridge extending over Chapman Avenue.	Mabury Ranch Community, County of Orange, and Orange Park Acres.	Grants	• Ecological Significance • Scenic Opportunities • Recreational Opportunities
1.2	Santiago Creek Gap Trail Closure	Support projects that promote the General Plan Circulation Element while encouraging the current City project to close the last 1.5-mile gap in the Santiago Creek Trail.	Mabury Ranch Community	Grants	• Scenic Opportunities • Recreational Opportunities



Segment 1: East Orange Sphere of Influence to Villa Park Road

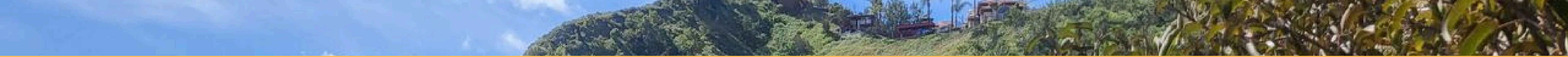
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1.3	General Portola and Fray Juan Crespi digital history showcasing travels through and stay along the Santiago Creek.	Develop another section on the City website next to the Orange Barrio site to showcase another important element in Mexican & Spanish history within Orange.	Orange County Historical Society, Orange Library History Center, Diocese Catholic Church and Cemetery/ local historians, National Museum of the American Latino, Bowers Museum (California Legacies Virtual Highlight), OPA, California State Horsemen Association, California State Parks, Orange County Parks.	Grant Funding and Ongoing City Operations	• Historical/Archeological Significance
1.4	Create a trail that connects Segment 1 to OPA trails without using Orange County Park trails.	Develop a plan to create a merge point of trails that belong to the City giving hikers and horse riders an unpaved route.	OPA, California State Horsemen Association, California State Parks, Orange County Parks.	Grant Funding	• Recreational Opportunities





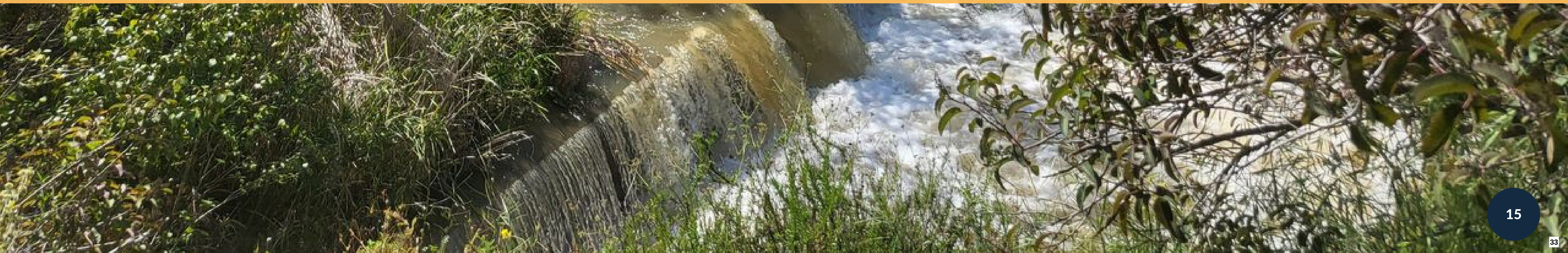
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1.5	Bike bridge and paths made of natural materials matching surrounding Segment 1 areas.	Build bridges and pathways, as needed, with wood style handrails. (e.g., wood colored or designed bridge or path ways).	California Park Services, County of Orange	Grants	• Scenic Opportunities • Recreational Opportunities
1.6	Identify and preserve appropriate sites as protected natural locations	Develop a plan while working with State and County agencies to create a protected habitat sector due to the wild life and plant life (or organisms) that preside in Segment 1. Where appropriate, restrict public access from entering these protected sites.	County of Orange and Chapman University	Grants	• Ecological Significance • Scenic Opportunities



Segment 1: East Orange Sphere of Influence to Villa Park Road

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1.7	Protect and document archeological items already known or identified within this Segment.	Document known items visible or known of by local historians, residents or noted on EIRs. Protect these items and or remove them from the site then relocate to the History Center at the Main Library to prevent flood damage, theft, or vandalism. Keep these items within the City's archives.	County of Orange, AIA Orange County Society, Pacific Coast Archeological Society, OC Parks, American Museum of Natural History, Chapman University Archeology Department	Private sector, donations, and volunteers.	• Historical/Archeological Significance
1.8	Highlight Sully - Miller Construction Company's contributions to Southern California.	Digital documentation of Sully-Miller as a company that provided jobs and careers for the El Modena and Cypress Street barrio communities during times of segregation.	Orange Barrio Historical Society and community groups.	Private donations, volunteers, and grants	• Historical/Archeological Significance



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1.9	Biological survey and cultural resource assessment for the Hurwitz site.	A biological and cultural resource assessment should be done to develop a baseline of endangered species on site and needed habitat restoration at the 14-acre Hurwitz site. The surveys could run from March to June with the analysis and report in October. Subsequent to this analysis, a habitat restoration plan can be determined.	East Orange Community and Chapman University	Grants and Volunteer Efforts	• Ecological Significance
1.10	Preserve, acknowledge, and provide educational opportunities for historic sites along the Santiago Creek.	Preserve and include markers at historical locations along this segment including, but not limited to, the Hoyt House (near the Santiago Creek Recharge Basin), Boy Scouts Camp Jotham Bixby, Old County Park Road, submerged dam at Santiago Oaks Regional Park, and dropped vehicles for flood overflow.	County of Orange	Grants	• Historical/Archeological Significance

Vision Statement for Segment 2: Villa Park Road to the 55 Freeway

Segment Two extends from Villa Park Road near the Santiago Creek Recharge Basin to the 55 Freeway. This segment comprises a small portion of east Orange but quickly pivots to central Orange's more urbanized areas. Segment 2 transitions from a natural creek bed to a concrete channel that begins at East Collins Avenue, and shifts back to a wider and more natural setting near Grijalva Park which continues to the 55 Freeway.

Segment Two projects promote this highly traveled Segment while bolstering its recreational amenities through an eclectic series of projects that when combined, will thoroughly improve Segment 2. Projects within Segment 2 celebrate and educate the public about Segment 2's historical significance while fostering an active, multi-modal, yet safe recreational environment surrounded by natural vegetation. Finally, the projects recommended for Segment 2 recognize this is a highly accessible trail that should be publicized to attract Orange and non-Orange residents alike, underscoring collective efforts to make the Creek an inclusive asset for all to enjoy.

Segment 2: Villa Park Road to the 55 Freeway

Project Number	Recommended Project	Project Description	Needed Collaborations	Funding Strategy	Community Benefits
2.1	Santiago Creek Habitat Restoration	Remove trash and invasive plants. Install native plants to beautify the Creek, improve ecology, and where appropriate, emphasize shade trees, including California Sycamore and Oak Trees.	Santiago Creek Greenway Alliance, neighbors, community groups, Orange Community, and Irvine Ranch Conservancy	Private Donations, Grants, and Volunteer Efforts.	• Ecological Significance • Scenic Opportunities • Recreational Opportunities
2.2	Implement trailhead and new pocket park at Walnut Avenue.	Install amenities such as drinking fountain, benches, playground, shade, and native landscape at the intersection of the Wanda trail extension and Walnut Avenue.	Community Services Foundation and neighbors	Grants	• Ecological Significance • Scenic Opportunities • Recreational Opportunities
2.3	Improvements on the Wanda trail extension as well as a pocket park	Install amenities such as monument signage, drinking fountains, benches, signage, and native landscape at the Wanda trail extension.	Community Services Foundation	Private Donations and grants	• Ecological Significance • Scenic Opportunities • Recreational Opportunities

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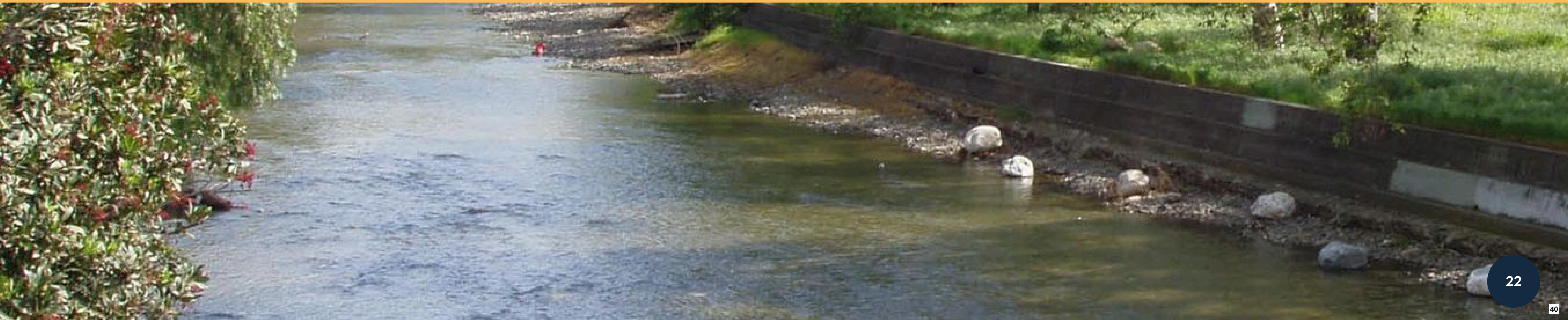
Project Number	Recommended Project	Project Description	Needed Collaborations	Recommended Funding Strategy	Community Benefits
2.4	Preserve, acknowledge, and provide educational opportunities for historic sites along the Santiago Creek.	Install interpretive signage and digital information celebrating and acknowledging historical sites along the Santiago Creek including the Portola expedition, the site of the first Orange orchard, Yorba Park plaque replacement, and opportunities for the Historic El Camino Real bells which highlight the California Mission Trail.	Grants and Non-Profit Organizations.	Grants or private donations	• Ecological Significance • Scenic Opportunities • Recreational Opportunities
2.5	Implement a trail node next to the Santiago Creek	Install amenities such as benches and native landscape overlooking the Santiago Creek	Community Services Foundation	Grants and Private Dontations	• Recreational Opportunities • Scenic Opportunities
2.6	Implement riding and hiking trails on the south side of the Santiago Creek between Yorba and Grijalva Parks	This multipurpose trail will complement the Class I bike path on the north side of the creek and give more access to the creek corridor and help reduce reduce crime	County of Orange and Equestrian Community	Grants and private donations	• Scenic Opportunities • Recreational Opportunities
2.7	Ensure the ongoing safety of Santiago Creek visitors.	Maintain and secure the creek corridor through trash pick-up, crime prevention, and environmental design, particularly in the more secluded areas (e.g., near the 55 Freeway).	Orange Community Emergency Response Team, Santiago Creek Greenway Alliance, The HEART Team	Ongoing City Operatoins and Volunteer Efforts	• Ecological Significance • Scenic Opportunities • Recreational Opportunities

Segment 2: Villa Park Road to the 55 Freeway

Project Number	Recommended Project	Project Description	Needed Collaborations	Recommended Funding Strategy	Community Benefits
2.8	Trail Signage	Install branding, directional, and trailhead monument signs at: • E. Collins & Prospect St. • E. Collins & Wanda Rd. • E. Walnut Ave. • E. Palm Ave. • S. Chapman at the 55 Freeway near Yorba St. Additionally, include signage to increase visibility and public engagement. These signs can also direct to Santiago Oaks Regional Park, Grijalva Park, Yorba Park, Hart Park, Santiago Park, and the OC Loop. Lastly, install safety signage that includes information like the Orange 24/7 Application and Orange Police Department contact information.	County of Orange	General Fund	• Recreational Opportunities
2.9	E-bike & BMX bike opportunities and other trail uses.	Separate e-bikes from dog walkers, equestrian, and recreational bikes, to avoid dangerous conflicts.	Neighbors, parents, and community groups	Grants and Private Donations	• Recreational Opportunities

Segment 2: Villa Park Road to the 55 Freeway

Project Number	Recommended Project	Project Description	Needed Collaborations	Funding Strategy	Community Benefits
2.10	If approved by the appropriate government agencies, perform Creekbed restoration southwest of recharge basin	Subject to approval, recommend to remove concrete lining and restore Creek bed to beautify the Creek and improve ecology.	County of Orange	Grants or volunteer organizations	• Ecological Significance • Scenic Opportunities
2.11	Evaluate opportunities for a Community Garden near Grijalva Park.	Work with non-profit groups and neighborhoods to develop a community garden that includes an education and composting component.	Surrounding Neighborhoods and Non-Profit Groups	Grants and Private Donations	• Recreational Opportunities



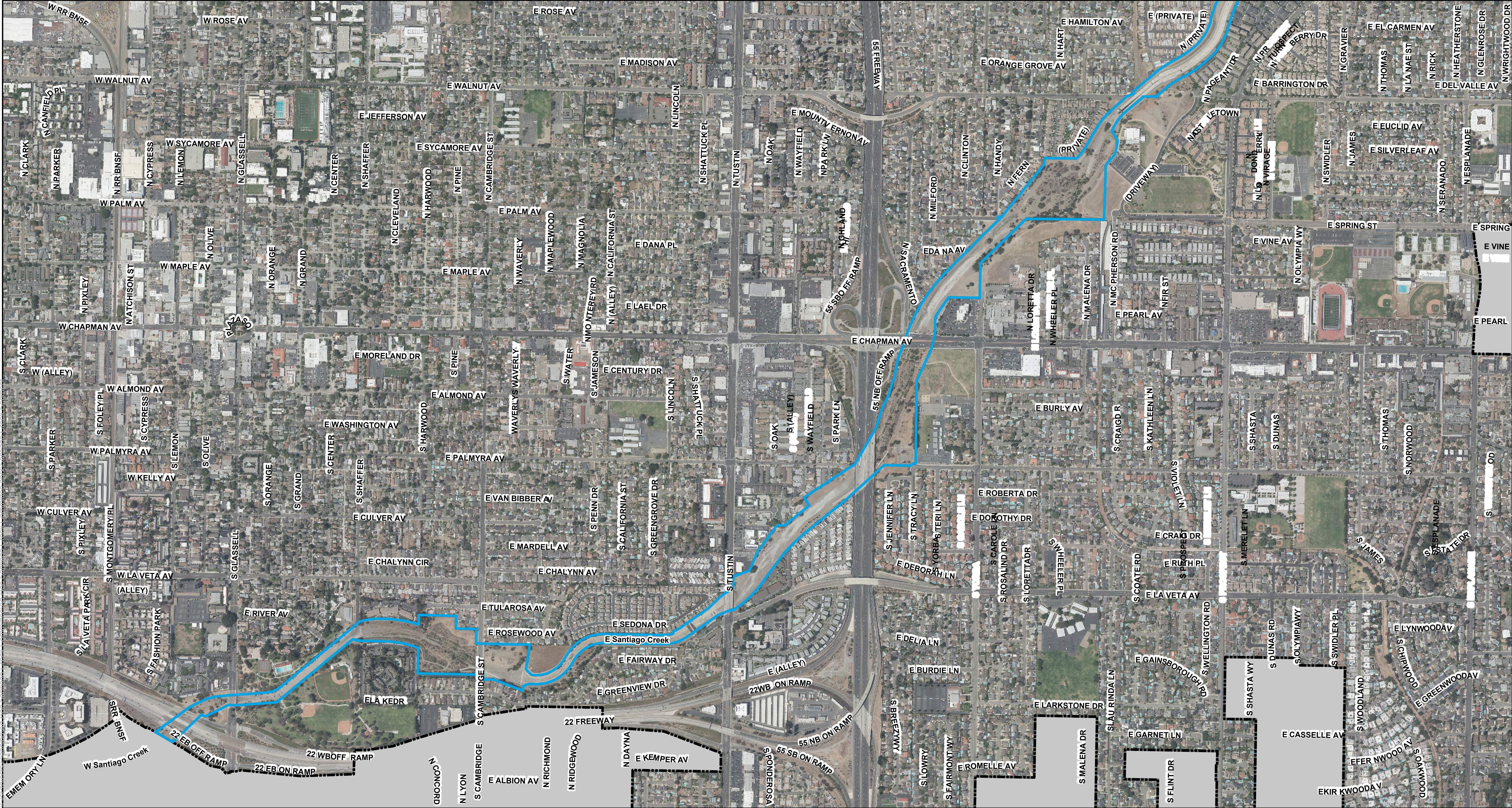
Vision Statement for Segment 3:

55 Freeway to Hart Park

Segment Three extends from the 55 Freeway to Hart Park and the 22 Freeway. This segment comprises central and Old Towne Orange as it meanders to the neighboring City of Santa Ana. Segment Three's features include a mix of concrete channel and natural settings with a significant portion of this Segment adjacent to City of Orange (City) owned property.

Segment Three projects recognize the value of having City-owned property near the Creek, particularly as this highly traveled Segment flows near the City's crown jewel – the Old Towne Orange Plaza. In the spirit of Old Towne, projects within this Segment celebrate and merge Orange's history and vision for the Creek's future. Segment Three focuses on fostering a safe recreational environment encompassed with natural vegetation, ancient sycamore trees, wildlife habitats, and seasonal water flows while offering educational opportunities and historical markers so Orange and non-Orange residents alike may learn about what makes Orange unique.

Located adjacent to Santa Ana, Segment 3 is a point of convergence that seeks to connect trail users to a vast recreational trail system both east and west while delivering a bold approach that makes Orange immediately stand out and welcome all Creek visitors to the City of Orange.



Legend

----- City Boundary

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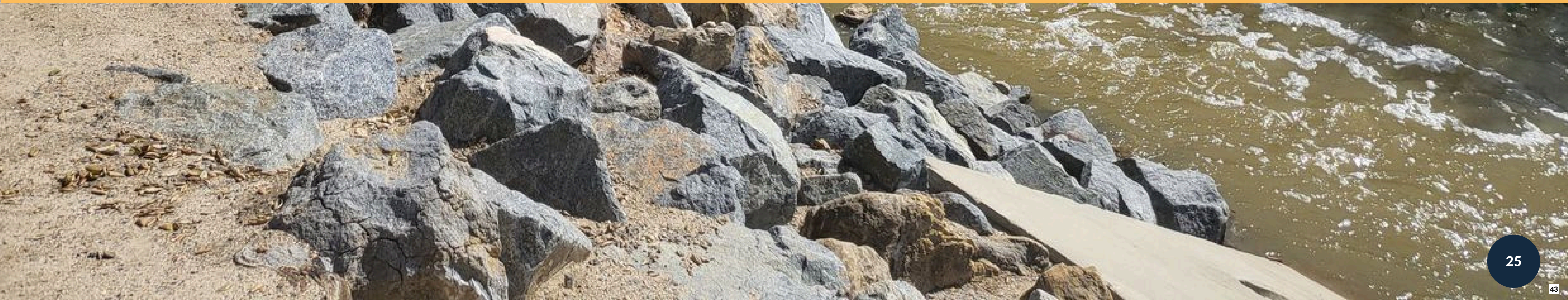
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Segment 3: 55 Freeway to Hart Park

Project Number	Recommended Project	Project Description	Needed Collaborations	Recommended Funding Strategy	Community Benefits
3.1	Santiago Creek Habitat Restoration	Remove trash and invasive plants. Install native plants with an emphasis on shade trees.	Santiago Creek Greenway Alliance, neighbors, and community groups	Grants and Private Donations	• Ecological Significance • Scenic Opportunities • Recreational Opportunities
3.2	Research and develop opportunities for pocket parks and trailheads along the Creek	Where appropriate, install amenities such as drinking fountains, benches, playground, shade, and native landscape.	Community Services Foundation and surrounding neighbors	Operating expenditures and Grants	• Ecological Significance • Scenic Opportunities • Recreational Opportunities



Segment 3: 55 Freeway to Hart Park

Project Number	Recommended Project	Project Description	Needed Collaborations	Recommended Funding Strategy	Community Benefits
3.3	Increase Accessibility to the Creek	Create new Creek trail access to surrounding neighborhoods.	County of Orange and Community Groups	Grants and Private Donations	• Recreational Opportunities
3.4	Implement a recreational trail on the north side of the Creek between Yorba and Hart Parks	This multipurpose trail will complement the Class I bike path on the south side of the Creek and give more access to the Creek corridor. Recommend that this separate any potentially dangerous conflicts (e.g., dog walkers vs. bicycles or e-bikes).	County of Orange and neighborhoods	Grants	• Scenic Opportunities • Recreational Opportunities
3.5	Active Recreation for young families	Identify areas and uses along this segment of the Creek that may be used for active recreation purposes that are specifically geared for young families and children.	Community Services Foundation, neighbors, and community groups	Private donations and grants	• Recreational Opportunities



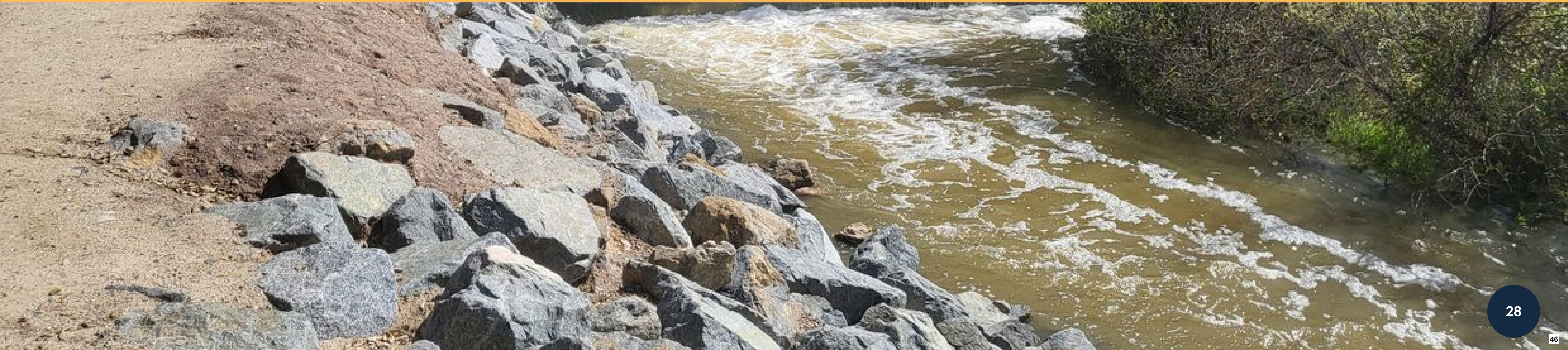
Segment 3: 55 Freeway to Hart Park

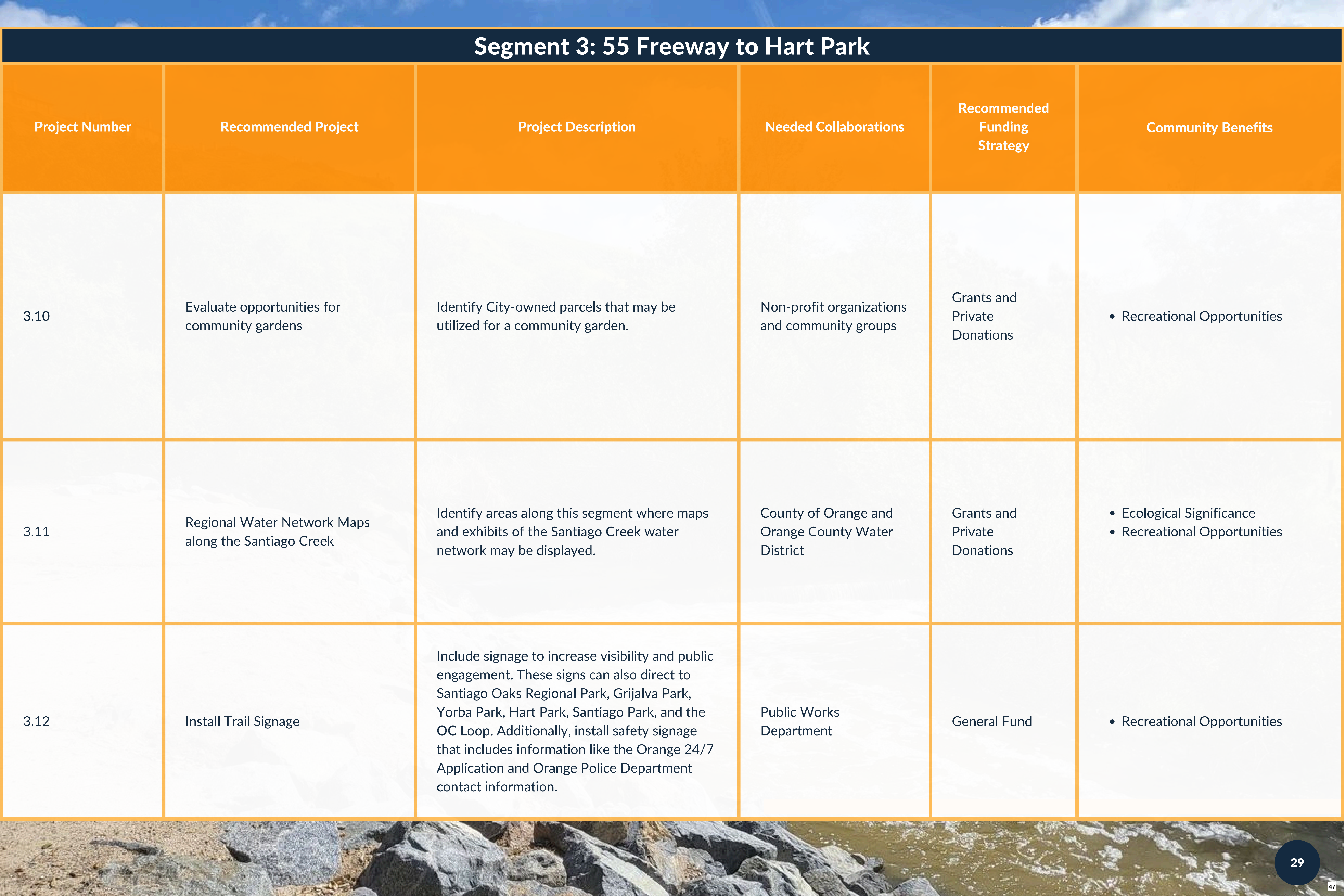
Project Number	Recommended Project	Project Description	Needed Collaborations	Recommended Funding Strategy	Community Benefits
3.6	Historic Markers and Preservation	Install interpretive signage and digital information to highlight the history of the Creek in this segment, including the historic China Town area and Native American history.	County of Orange and Historic Preservation Groups	Grants or Private Donations	• Historic/Archeological Significance.
3.7	Ongoing Crime Prevention and Maintenance	Maintain the Creek corridor with crime prevention through environmental design (e.g., improved lighting in the underpasses), neighborhood watch programs, and homeless outreach. This will prompt further use of the corridor while reducing crime and any fire danger in the area.	Santiago Creek Greenway Alliance, CERT, and continued support from the Orange Police Department	Ongoing City Operations and Grants	• Ecological Significance • Scenic Opportunities • Recreational Opportunities



Segment 3: 55 Freeway to Hart Park

Project Number	Recommended Project	Project Description	Needed Collaborations	Recommended Funding Strategy	Community Benefits
3.8	Improve the creek corridor between Glassell St. and the 22 Freeway	Install amenities such as drinking fountain, benches, playground, shade, and native landscape.	Santiago Creek Greenway Alliance and other non-profit organizations	Grants or private donations	• Ecological Significance • Scenic Opportunities • Recreational Opportunities
3.9	Creek trail adoption/naming program	Develop a specific trail adoption and asset naming program for the Santiago Creek trail. This will allow individuals and groups to have a specific section of the trail named after them in exchange for ongoing maintenance and clean up of that respective trail section.	Community Services Department	Non-profit organizations and community groups.	• Ecological Significance • Scenic Opportunities • Recreational Opportunities





Segment 3: 55 Freeway to Hart Park

Project Number	Recommended Project	Project Description	Needed Collaborations	Recommended Funding Strategy	Community Benefits
3.10	Evaluate opportunities for community gardens	Identify City-owned parcels that may be utilized for a community garden.	Non-profit organizations and community groups	Grants and Private Donations	• Recreational Opportunities
3.11	Regional Water Network Maps along the Santiago Creek	Identify areas along this segment where maps and exhibits of the Santiago Creek water network may be displayed.	County of Orange and Orange County Water District	Grants and Private Donations	• Ecological Significance • Recreational Opportunities
3.12	Install Trail Signage	Include signage to increase visibility and public engagement. These signs can also direct to Santiago Oaks Regional Park, Grijalva Park, Yorba Park, Hart Park, Santiago Park, and the OC Loop. Additionally, install safety signage that includes information like the Orange 24/7 Application and Orange Police Department contact information.	Public Works Department	General Fund	• Recreational Opportunities



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Reference Sheets for Segment 1
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Segment One: East Orange Sphere of Influence to Villa Park Road - Proposed Projects

Recommended Project	Recommended Priority	Project Description	Lead Department / Stakeholders	Needed Collaborations	Recommended Funding Strategy	Zoning Information and Limitations (if any)	Reference Documents	Other Matters of Interest
Community of Orange Loop Trail (COLT) 1.1	2	Loop trail that connects 4 regional parks within Orange. Intent is for this to be a trail with horse trails eventually. Not a paved over or cemented sidewalk. Hurdle is bridge over Chapman Ave.	Public Works	County of Orange (owner of regional parks)	Grants	Width of trails could be a constraint		☒ Ecological Significance ☒ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☒ Recreational Opportunities
Santiago Creek trail bridge on Cannon St. 1.2	2	Extends Santiago Creek trail across Cannon Street so trail can connect. It currently continues but there is no connection point other than 2 busy intersections (Taft/Cannon & Santiago Canyon/Cannon).	Public Works	None	Grants	Maintenance costs and placement of bridge need to be taken into account.		☐ Ecological Significance ☒ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☒ Recreational Opportunities

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Recommended Project	Recommended Priority	Project Description	Lead Department / Stakeholders	Needed Collaborations	Recommended Funding Strategy	Zoning Information and Limitations (if any)	Reference Documents	Other Matters of Interest
General Portola and Fray Juan Crespi digital history showcasing travels through and stay along the creek 1.3	2	Develop another segment on the city website next to the orange barrio site to show case another important element in Mexican & Spanish history within Orange	Library History Center /OC historical society/ Local Hispanic historical organizations/ Hispanic Heritage Month/ OUSD	Orange county historical society, orange library history center, diocese catholic church and cemetery/ local historians/ CU/ Latinos In American History, Bowers Museum (California Legacies Virtual Highlights Tour)	Apply for grants Latinos In Heritage Conservation (organization), Institute of Museum and Library Services, ALHC grants, National Park Services Grants for Latino Heritage	Private property restrictions with cemetery.	Multiple sources on Fr Juan Crespi. His diaries are published detailing his travels through OC. Documented information via countless books available to the public	☐Ecological Significance ☐ Scenic Opportunities ☒Historical/Archeological Significance ☐Recreational Opportunities



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Create a spur trail connection this segment of the creek trails dedicated horses into the OPA trails not requiring the use of OC parks. 1.4	3	Having staff develop a plan to create a point of merge of the trails that belong to the city creek routes giving the hikers and horse riders a dirt route like trail or rest point. No current focus is provided by the city for this historic community outside of private support or county. Also ensure trail uses abide by the Orange Municipal Code or consider the safety of other users by considering complementary uses to be incorporated into the OMC where necessary (e.g., not allowing electric bicycles).	OPA, California State Horsemen Association, California State Parks, Orange County Parks,	City of Orange community development, OC Parks, California Trails Program Non-motorized,	Same as noted in sector 4	Unknown at this time	Possible private property within the creek pathways unknown about (noted by markers) or current projects in play that would be affected in the future of a development	☐ Ecological Significance ☐ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☒ Recreational Opportunities
Implementing markers on route of the exploration of the creek by Spanish & Mexican explorers in the 1700s 1.3	2	Installation of markers indicating the pathway of these explorers for educational purposes, county and state history. This would fall in the category of the digital documentation located on the National Parks Services website detailing some of this information. Further detailing Latino history within the area prior to it being founded as the City of Orange.	National Parks Services, Library History Center /OC historical society/ Local Hispanic historical organizations/ Hispanic Heritage Month/	CA State Parks, National Park Services,		Donations, volunteer work,	Possible private property restrictions due to land acquired by new ownership. Installation	☐ Ecological Significance ☐ Scenic Opportunities ☒ Historical/Archeological Significance ☐ Recreational Opportunities



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			OUSD, possibly involve CU, Phil Brigandi's research books					
Bike bridge and paths made of natural materials matching surrounding segment 1 area 1.5	3	Build all bridges and pathway similar to Tahoe Pyramid trails. Wood style handrails where needed or barriers. Wood colored or designed bridge or path ways as an example. Vice Chair mentioned "wilderness look" in prior meeting	City of Orange, OPA, OC habitat preservation organizations	OC Parks, California Park Services, OC water district,	Active Transportation Program for the state of California, People for Bikes Community Grant Program, Recreational Trails Program from the department of parks and recreation, Transportation Development Act – SB821, Wildlife conservation board public access	Unknown at this time depending on city or county ownership	Research Tahoe Pyramid bike trails and paths	☐ Ecological Significance ☒ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☒ Recreational Opportunities
Preserve the chandler site as protected nature locations 1.6	2	Develop a plan while working with state and county agencies to create a protected habitat sector due to the wild life and plant life or organisms that now reside there in that location. Restrict public access from entering these protected sights by monitoring or means of a neighborhood	City of orange community development department, city of orange parks and facilities.	City of orange community development department, city of orange parks and facilities	Orange county community foundation, California native plant society, The Transportation Corridor Agencies, octa – environmental mitigation program, California state parks,	None noted at this time with city property once grounds are officially acquired by the city of orange	Orange county southern subregion habitat conservation plan (HCP), OCTA community conservation plan/ habitat conservation plan (nccp/hcp), Natural	☒ Ecological Significance ☒ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☐ Recreational Opportunities

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						access during investigative processes		
Highlight Sully - Miller's contributions to the Mexican communities and their historical impacts to our city brining jobs for those needing work who could not find it 1.8	1	Digital documentation of the company "Sully-Miller" as a company that provided jobs / careers for the Mexican Americans of El Modena and Cypress St barrio during times of segregation. The company help build locations like Disneyland and LAX	City of orange history center, orange barrio historical society, El Modena families and current employees who still work for the company because of their relatives	Unknown	Volunteer groups relating to Latino history. Further research. Possibly Sully-Miller to assist since some employees work for them that are related to those who worked for the company many years ago. Also a chance to foster ties with the company due to its historical significance.	NONE	Ownership of original site that broke ground in 1930s	☐ Ecological Significance ☐ Scenic Opportunities ☒ Historical/Archeological Significance ☐ Recreational Opportunities

Segment One: East Orange Sphere of Influence to Villa Park Road - Proposed Projects

Recommended Project	Recommended Priority	Project Description	Lead Department / Stakeholders	Needed Collaborations	Recommended Funding Strategy	Zoning Information and Limitations (if any)	Reference Documents	Other Matters of Interest
Biological survey and cultural resource assessment for the Hurwitz site. 1.9	2	A biological and cultural resource assessment should be done to develop a baseline of endangered species on site and needed habitat restoration at the 14-acre Hurwitz site. The surveys could run from March to June with the analysis and report in October.	City of Orange/OPA/East Orange Community	East Orange Community	Grand funding, OCTA-M2, Private funding	Resources	N/A	☒ Ecological Significance ☐ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☐ Recreational Opportunities
Habitat restoration for the Hurwitz site. 1.9	2	A habitat restoration plan can be determined once the biological survey is completed. It is important to get expert guidance for this watershed	City of Orange/OPA/East Orange Community	East Orange Community / Irvine Ranch Conservancy	Grant funding, OCTA-M2, Private Funding	Resources	N/A	☒ Ecological Significance ☐ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☐ Recreational Opportunities

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Recommended Project	Recommended Priority	Project Description	Lead Department / Stakeholders	Needed Collaborations	Recommended Funding Strategy	Zoning Information and Limitations (if any)	Reference Documents	Other Matters of Interest
Hoyt House 1.10	2	Historic preservation: Identify and acknowledge historic sites along the creek.	City of Orange	Unknown	Grant Funding	N/A		☐ Ecological Significance ☐ Scenic Opportunities ☒ Historical/Archeological Significance ☐ Recreational Opportunities
Submerged dam at Santiago Oaks Regional Park 1.10	2	Historic preservation: Identify and acknowledge historic sites along the creek.	City of Orange	County of Orange	Grant Funding	N/A		☐ Ecological Significance ☐ Scenic Opportunities ☒ Historical/Archeological Significance ☐ Recreational Opportunities



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Vehicles that were dropped to help flood overflow 1.10	2	Historic preservation: Identify and acknowledge historic sites along the creek.	City of Orange	Possibly County Orange	the of	Grant Funding	N/A		☐ Ecological Significance ☐ Scenic Opportunities ☒ Historical/Archeological Significance ☐ Recreational Opportunities
Camp Jotham Bixby 1.10	2	Historic preservation: Identify and acknowledge historic sites along the creek.	City of Orange	Boy Scouts of America		Grant Funding	N/A		☐ Ecological Significance ☐ Scenic Opportunities ☒ Historical/Archeological Significance ☐ Recreational Opportunities
Old County Park Road 1.10	2	Historic preservation: Identify and acknowledge historic sites along the creek.	City of Orange	Possibly County Orange	of	Grant Funding	N/A		☐ Ecological Significance ☐ Scenic Opportunities ☒ Historical/Archeological Significance ☐ Recreational Opportunities



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Reference Sheet for Segment 2

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Segment Two: Villa Park Road to the 55 Freeway - Proposed Projects

Recommended Project	Recommended Priority	Project Description	Lead Department / Stakeholders	Needed Collaborations	Recommended Funding Strategy	Zoning Information and Limitations (if any)	Reference Documents	Other Matters of Interest
Restoration of the creek by removing trash and invasive plants and installing native plants 2.1	high	Remove trash and invasive plants. Install native plants with an emphasis on shade trees.	Santiago Creek Greenway Alliance	Neighbors and community groups	Private Donations. The Santiago Creek Greenway Alliance has monthly creek cleanups and the adopt-a-tree program.	Whole creek corridor		☒ Ecological Significance ☒ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☒ Recreational Opportunities
Implement trailhead and new pocket park at Walnut Ave. 2.2	medium	Install amenities such as drinking fountain, benches, playground, shade, and native landscape at the intersection of the Wanda trail extension and Walnut Avenue.	Public Works or Parks	Community Services Foundation and Neighbors	Grants especially Recreational Trails Program, Prop 4, and Land & Water	segments 23 (northwestern corner, 24, 25, and 26.		☒ Ecological Significance ☒ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☒ Recreational Opportunities



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Improvements on the Wanda trail extension 2.3	medium	Install amenities such as monument signage, drinking fountains, benches, signage, and native landscape at the Wanda trail extension	Public Works or Parks	Community Services Foundation	Private Donations and grants	Segments 33 and 34		☒ Ecological Significance ☒ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☒ Recreational Opportunities
Implement a trail node next to the creek 2.5	low	Install amenities such as benches, and native landscape overlooking the creek	Public Works or Parks	Community Services Foundation	Private Donations and grants	Segment 27 and 32		☒ Ecological Significance ☒ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☒ Recreational Opportunities
Implement riding and hiking trail on the south side of creek between Yorba and Grijalva Parks 2.6	high	This multipurpose trail will complement the class 1 bike path on the north side of the creek and give more access to the creek corridor to reduce crime	Public Works or Parks	Equestrian and running community	Grants and/or adjacent private developers	Segment 21 and on Flood Control District property	Circulation element of the general plan	☐ Ecological Significance ☒ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☒ Recreational Opportunities



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Interpret the Portola Expedition 2.4	low	Install interpretive signage and digital information celebrating the Portola expedition and history of the creek	Public Works or Parks	Historic communities	Grants or private donations	Segment 23 next to Grijalva gym	☐ Ecological Significance ☐ Scenic Opportunities ☒ Historical/Archeological Significance ☐ Recreational Opportunities
Maintenance 2.7	high	Maintain the creek corridor with Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design criteria to reduce crime, fire danger and encourage use of the corridor. Remove trash and invasive plants and maintain native landscape.	Public Works or Parks	Community, Fire and PD	General Fund	Whole creek corridor	☒ Ecological Significance ☒ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☒ Recreational Opportunities
Implement separate dog walking trails 2.9	low	Separate dog walkers from equestrian, commuter bikes, and e bikes to avoid dangerous conflicts.	Public Works or Parks	Dog owner community	Grants	Whole creek corridor	☐ Ecological Significance ☐ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☒ Recreational Opportunities



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Improve Safety 2.7	high	Implement neighborhood watch programs, improve lighting in the underpasses, and engage the unhoused population.	housing	PD, Fire, and neighbors	Housing and homeless funds	The whole creek corridor	☐ Ecological Significance ☐ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☒ Recreational Opportunities
E-bike & BMX bike opportunities 2.9	low	Separate e-bikes from dog walkers, equestrian, and recreational bikes, to avoid dangerous conflicts.	Public Works or Parks	Neighbors, parents, and community groups	Private Donations	Segment – TBD Possibly Segment 21 and on Flood Control District property	☐ Ecological Significance ☐ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☒ Recreational Opportunities
Trail Signage 2.8	low	Install Signage Directional; (Santiago Oaks, Grijalva/Yorba/Hart/Santiago Park, OC Loop) Safety (24/7 App & OPD)	Public Works, Parks	Public Works, Community, and OPD	General Fund	Whole creek corridor	☐ Ecological Significance ☐ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☒ Recreational Opportunities



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Segment Two: Villa Park Road to the 55 Freeway - Proposed Projects

Recommended Project		Recommended Priority	Project Description	Lead Department / Stakeholders	Needed Collaborations	Recommended Funding Strategy	Zoning Information and Limitations (if any)	Reference Documents	Other Matters of Interest
Replace Historic Plaque	2.4	2	Replace the missing historic plaque at Yorba Park that commemorates the 1789 Portola expedition	City of Orange	Orange Community	Grant funding/private	Open Space	N/A	☐ Ecological Significance ☐ Scenic Opportunities ☒ Historical/Archeological Significance ☐ Recreational Opportunities
Habitat Restoration	2.1	2	Restore the creek with native plants and trees on the portion of the creek just north of the Chapman Avenue Bridge. This section is approximately 400 yards of disturbed Creek bottom.	City of Orange/Orange Community	Orange Community / Irvine Ranch Conservancy	Grant Funding, OCTA-M2, private	Open Space	N/A	☒ Ecological Significance ☐ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☐ Recreational Opportunities



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Habitat Restoration 2.1	2	Plant more native Oak trees north of the Grijalva Park pedestrian Bridge on the east side of the creek in the open space between the bike trail and the neighboring condominium development.	City of Orange/Orange Community	Orange Community / Irvine Ranch Conservancy	Grant Funding / OCTA-M2 / private	Open Space	N/A	☒ Ecological Significance ☐ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☐ Recreational Opportunities
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Recommended Project	Recommended Priority	Project Description	Lead Department / Stakeholders	Needed Collaborations	Recommended Funding Strategy	Zoning Information and Limitations (if any)	Reference Documents	Other Matters of Interest
Comprehensive branding & signage program 2.8	2	Develop branding & signage that increases public awareness of Santiago Creek and guides public perception.	City Manager	Community Services	City fund			☐ Ecological Significance ☐ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☐ Recreational Opportunities
Construct trailhead monument sign near E Collins Ave & Prospect St trail access point 2.8	2	Construct a trailhead monument sign, trailhead wayfinding signage, and other trailhead amenities to increase visibility, increase public engagement, and improve user experience.	Community Services	County of Orange	Grants	County land		☐ Ecological Significance ☒ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☒ Recreational Opportunities



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Perform creekbed restoration southwest of recharge basin 2.10	2	Remove concrete lining and restore creekbed to beautify the creek and improve ecology.	Public Works	Community Services	Grants	Special District Orange Flood Control District	Santiago Creek Vision Plan, pg 21	☒ Ecological Significance ☒ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☐ Recreational Opportunities
Restore native vegetation south of N Mallard St cul-de-sac (City lots 27 & 32) 2.1	1	Restore native vegetation to beautify and improve ecology.	Community Services		Grants or volunteer organizations		Santiago Creek Vision Plan, pg 21	☒ Ecological Significance ☒ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☒ Recreational Opportunities
Construct trailhead monument sign at E Collins Ave, N Wanda Rd, & abandoned railroad ROW trail access point 2.8	2	Construct a trailhead monument sign, trailhead wayfinding signage, and other trailhead amenities to increase visibility, increase public engagement, and improve user experience.	Community Services	County of Orange	Grants	County land		☐ Ecological Significance ☒ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☒ Recreational Opportunities



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Restore native vegetation along trail at abandoned railroad ROW (City lots 25, 33, & 34) 2.1	1	Restore native vegetation to beautify and improve ecology.	Community Services		Grants or volunteer organizations			☒ Ecological Significance ☒ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☐ Recreational Opportunities
Restore native vegetation and construct neighborhood pocket park at end of abandoned railroad ROW trail (City lot 24) 2.3	2	Restore native vegetation and construct community pocket park to beautify the creek, provide recreation resources, and improve ecology.	Community Services		Grants or volunteer organizations	Long term maintenance		☒ Ecological Significance ☒ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☒ Recreational Opportunities
Construct trailhead monument sign at end of E Walnut Ave trail access point 2.8	2	Construct a trailhead monument sign, trailhead wayfinding signage, and other trailhead amenities to increase visibility, increase public engagement, and improve user experience.	Community Services		Grants			☒ Ecological Significance ☒ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☒ Recreational Opportunities



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Construct trailhead monument sign at end of E Palm Ave trail access point 2.8	2	Construct a trailhead monument sign, trailhead wayfinding signage, and other trailhead amenities to increase visibility, increase public engagement, and improve user experience.	Community Services		Grants			☒ Ecological Significance ☒ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☒ Recreational Opportunities
Restore native vegetation along creek near E Chapman Ave, 55 Fwy, & Providence Urgent Care (City lot 21) 2.1	1	Restore native vegetation to beautify and improve ecology.	Community Services		Grants or volunteer organizations		Santiago Creek Vision Plan, pg 17	☐ Ecological Significance ☐ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☐ Recreational Opportunities
Construct monument sign at south side of Chapman/55 Fwy exit 2.8	2	Construct a monument sign, to increase visibility, increase and public engagement.	Community Services		Grants			☐ Ecological Significance ☒ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☐ Recreational Opportunities



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Construct trailhead monument sign S side of Chapman between 55 fwy and S Yorba St at trailhead (City lot 20) 2.8	2	Construct a trailhead monument sign, trailhead wayfinding signage, and other trailhead amenities to increase visibility, increase public engagement, and improve user experience.	Community Services		Grants			☐ Ecological Significance ☒ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☒ Recreational Opportunities
Construct monument sign E of 55 fwy (City lot 18) 2.8	2	Construct a monument sign, to increase visibility, increase and public engagement.	Community Services		Grants			☐ Ecological Significance ☒ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☐ Recreational Opportunities



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Reference Sheet for Segment 3

Red numbers in "Recommended Project" column denote the "Objective Number" in the draft Strategic Plan.

Segment Three: 55 Freeway to Hart Park and the 22 Freeway - Proposed Projects

Recommended Project	Recommended Priority	Project Description	Lead Department / Stakeholders	Needed Collaborations	Recommended Funding Strategy	Zoning Information and Limitations (if any)	Reference Documents	Other Matters of Interest
Restoration of the creek by removing trash and invasive plants and installing native plants 3.1	high	Remove trash and invasive plants. Install native plants with an emphasis on shade trees.	Santiago Creek Greenway Alliance	Neighbors and community groups	Private Donations. The Santiago Creek Greenway Alliance has monthly creek cleanups and the adopt-a-tree program.	Whole creek corridor		☒ Ecological Significance ☒ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☒ Recreational Opportunities
Implement trailhead and new pocket parks 3.2	medium	Install amenities such as drinking fountain, benches, playground, shade, and native landscape.	Public Works or Parks	Community Services Foundation and Neighbors	Grants especially Recreational Trails Program, Prop 4, and Land & Water	segments 12, 35 and 13 along with 10 and 11		☒ Ecological Significance ☒ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance

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Implement a recreational trail on the north side of the creek between Yorba and Hart Parks 3.4	high	This multipurpose trail will complement the class 1 bike path on the south side of the creek and give more access to the creek corridor	Public Works or Parks	Dog walkers and running community	Grants and/or adjacent private developers	Segment 14	Circulation element of the general plan	☐ Ecological Significance ☒ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☒ Recreational Opportunities
Interpreting the concrete pillars 3.6	low	Install interpretive signage and digital information to highlight the history of the creek	Public Works or Parks	Historic communities	Grants or private donations	Segment 8 and 9 in Hart Park, and wherever they occur		☐ Ecological Significance ☐ Scenic Opportunities ☒ Historical/Archeological Significance ☐ Recreational Opportunities
Maintenance 3.7	high	Maintain the creek corridor with Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design criteria to reduce crime, fire danger and encourage use of the corridor. Remove trash and invasive plants	Public Works or Parks	Community, Fire and PD	General Fund	Whole creek corridor		☒ Ecological Significance ☒ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☒ Recreational Opportunities



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		and maintain native landscape.						
Implement separate dog walking trails 3.4	low	Separate dog walkers from equestrian, commuter bikes, and e bikes to avoid dangerous conflicts	Public Works or Parks	Dog owner community	Grants	Whole creek corridor		☐ Ecological Significance ☐ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☒ Recreational Opportunities
Improve Safety 3.7	high	Implement neighborhood watch programs, improve lighting in the underpasses, and engage the unhoused population.	PD	PD, Fire, and neighbors	Housing and homeless funds	The whole creek corridor		☐ Ecological Significance ☐ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☒ Recreational Opportunities



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Improve the creek corridor between Glassel St. and the 22 Freeway 3.8	medium	Install amenities such as drinking fountain, benches, playground, shade, and native landscape. Install information celebrating the original China town	Public Works or Parks	Historic community, and Neighbors	Grants or private donations	Segment 1 and 2	☒ Ecological Significance ☒ Scenic Opportunities ☒ Historical/Archeological Significance ☒ Recreational Opportunities
Trail Signage 3.12	low	Install Signage Directional; Safety (24/7 App & OPD)	Public Works, Parks	Public Works, Community, and OPD	General Fund	Whole creek corridor	☐ Ecological Significance ☐ Scenic Opportunities ☐ Historical/Archeological Significance ☒ Recreational Opportunities