Calabazas/San Tomas Aquino Creek Marsh Connection Project

South Bay Salt Ponds
A8 Ponds, and Coyote Creek
Dick Lyons, 2017

STAKEHOLDER MEETING

October 24, 2023

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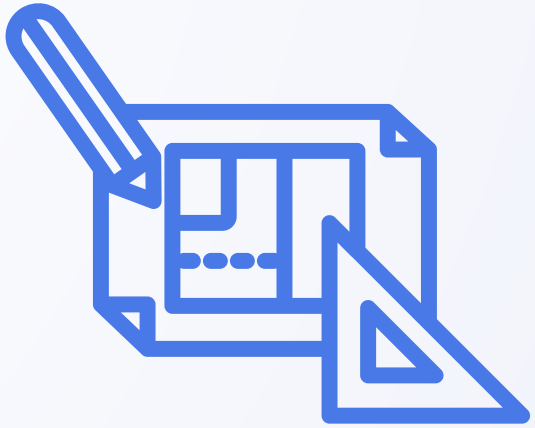
Opening Remarks

MEETING AGENDA

PROJECT OVERVIEW



TRAILS AND PUBLIC ACCESS

DISCUSSION AND NEXT STEPS

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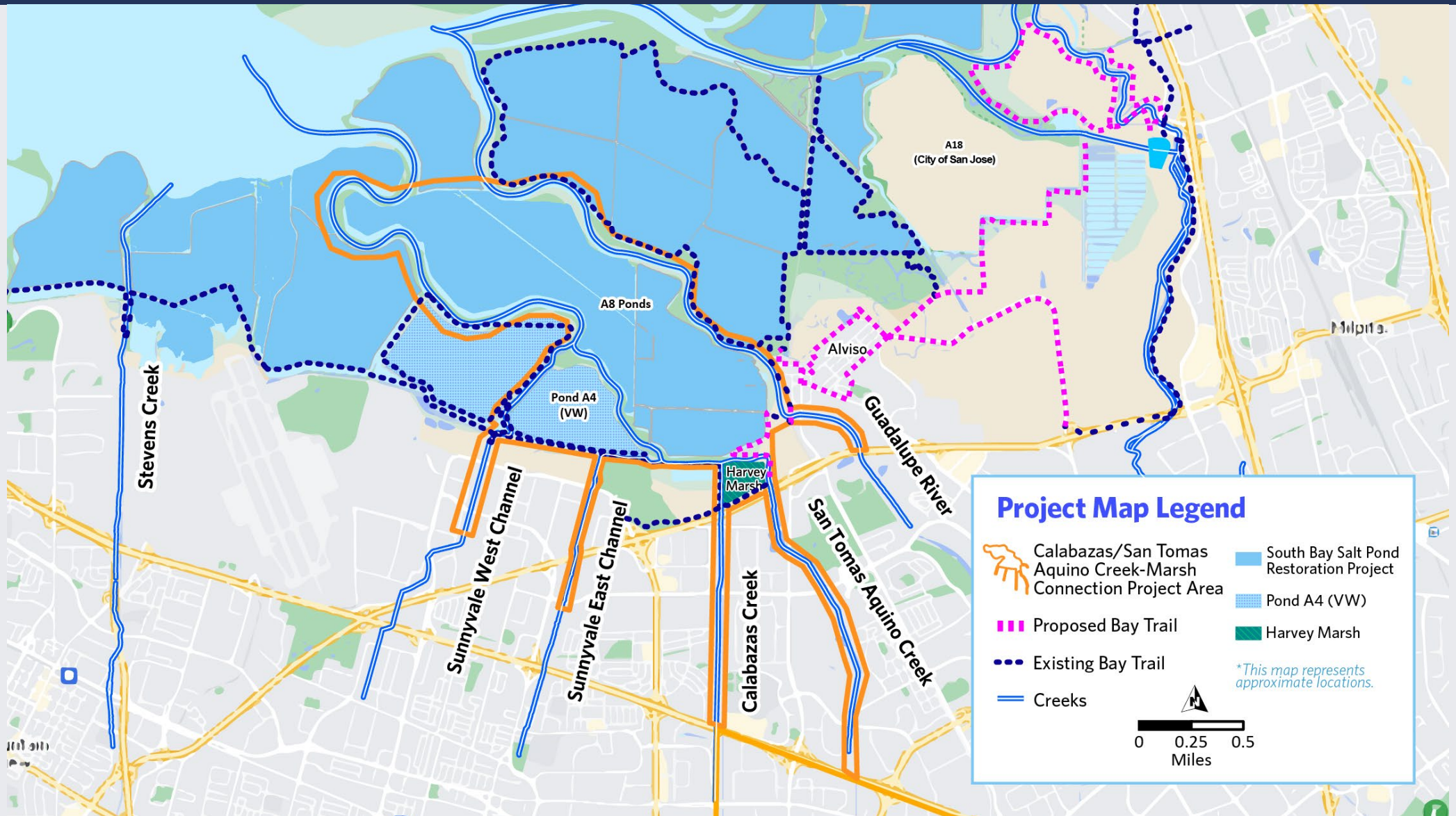
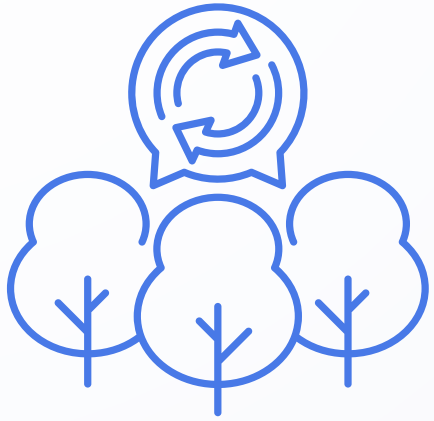


PROJECT OBJECTIVES



HABITAT RESTORATION

RESILIENT FLOOD PROTECTION

REDUCED MAINTENANCE NEEDS

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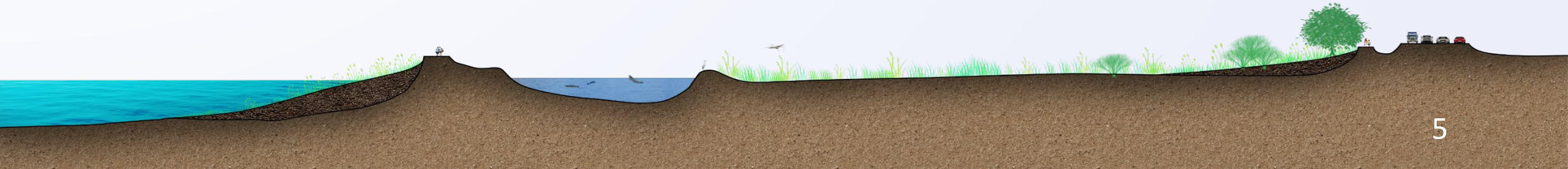

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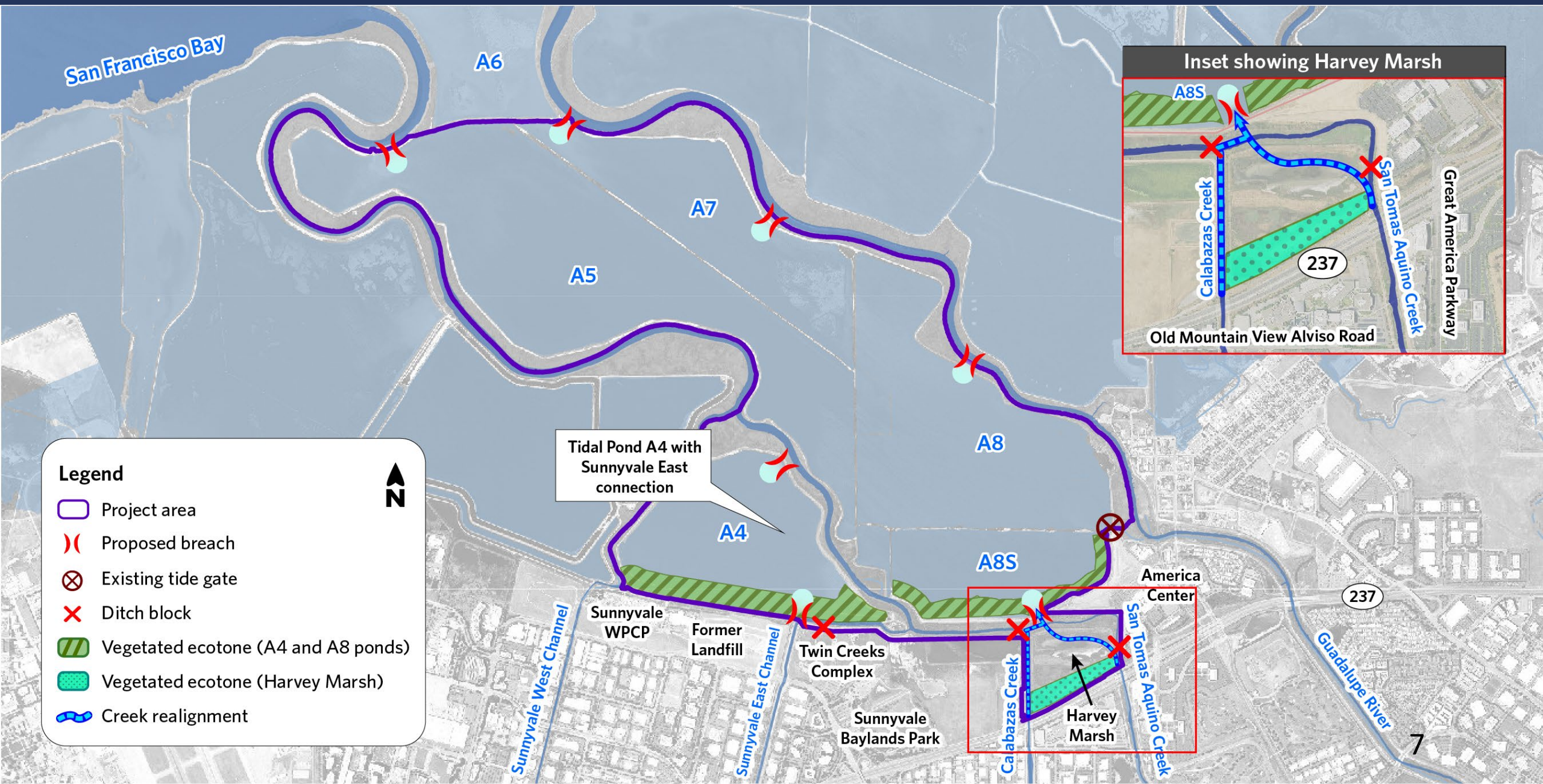
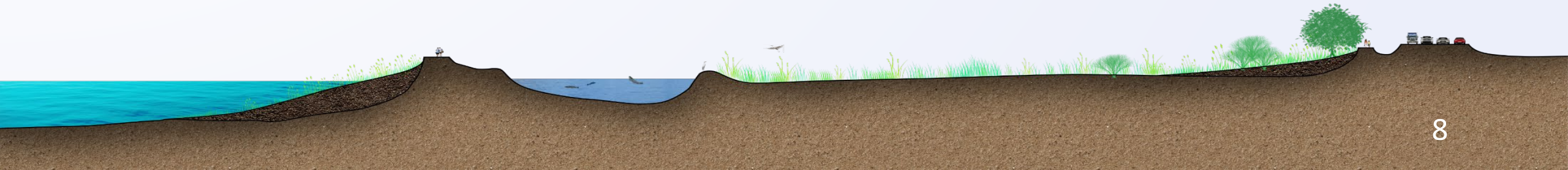
RESTORATION ELEMENTS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR PROJECT



DISCUSSION

- What questions do you have about the following aspects of the project?
  - Objectives
  - Conceptual Alternative Development Process
  - Planning Timeline
  - Anything else?



EXISTING RECREATION AND ACCESS

Sunnyvale Baylands Park

Bay Trail Connections

Boat Ramp Access

PUBLIC ACCESS ENHANCEMENTS

OPPORTUNITIES

- Improve Bay Trail by addressing gap in planned alignment near Alviso neighborhood
- Reroute Bay Trail closer to San Francisco Bay
- Improve wildlife and open water viewing experiences

PUBLIC ACCESS ENHANCEMENTS

CHALLENGES

- Maintain access to A8 Ponds boat ramp
- Balance creek realignment with social trail uses around Harvey Marsh
- Provide buffer for sensitive wildlife habitat adjacent to trails
- Maintain continuous use of Bay Trail during construction
- Consider future trail O&M costs for City of San Jose

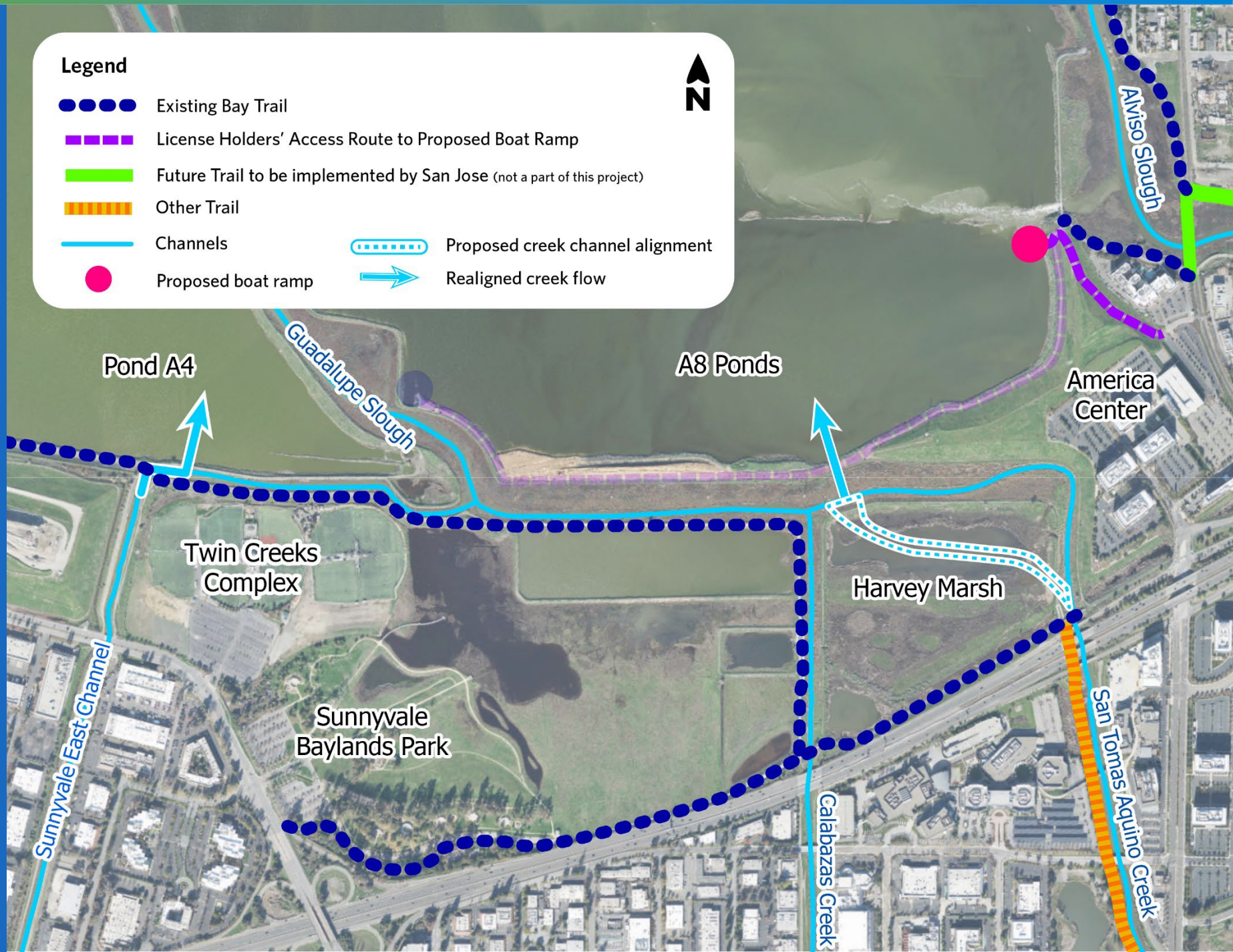
PROCESS TO DATE

- Internal brainstorming discussions
- Review of existing trail planning documents
- Project Partners and Local Agency coordination

INITIAL COMMUNITY INTERESTS

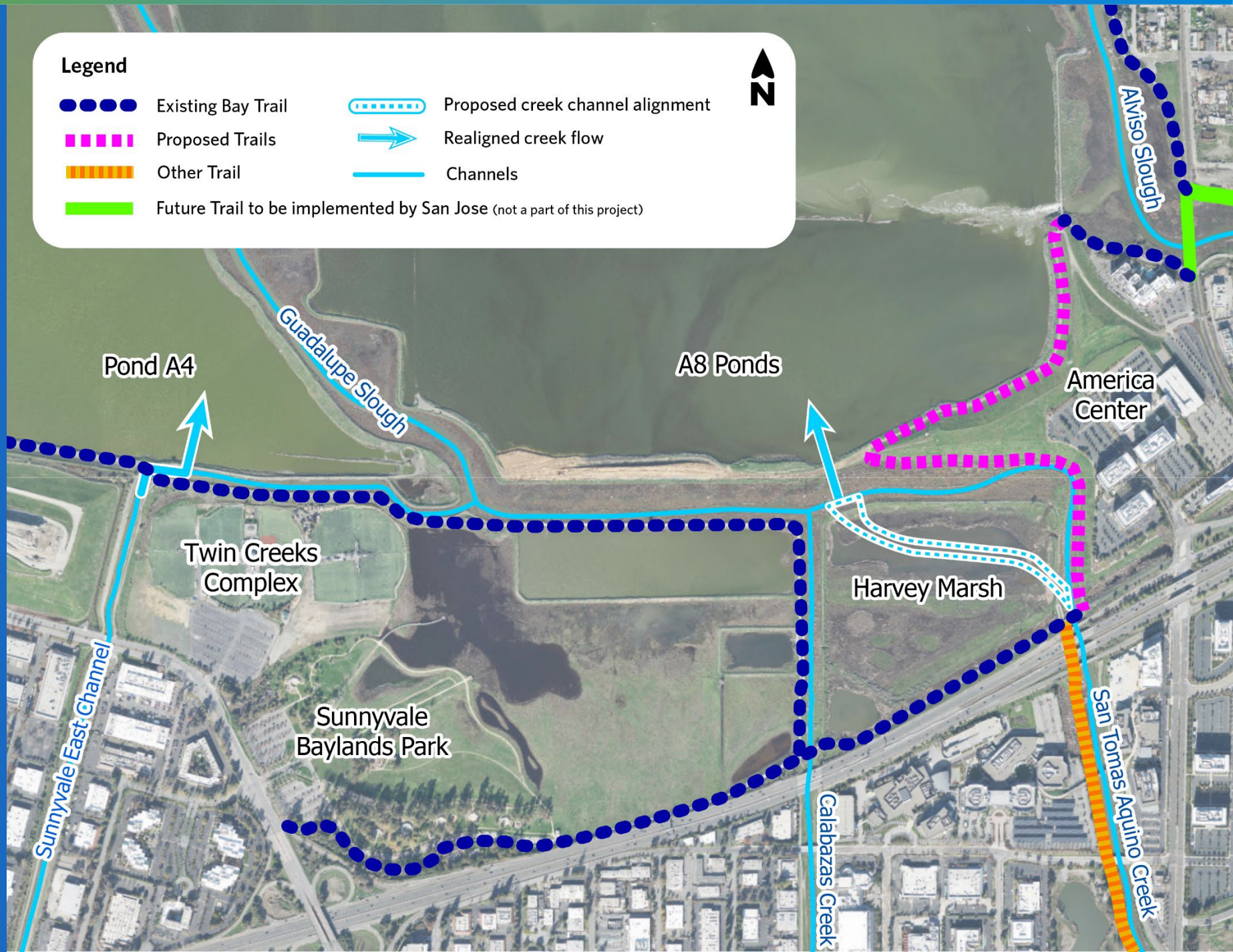
- Public access during and after construction
- Habitat impacts
- Access to A8 ponds
- Access to social trails
- Continued outreach

CHANGES IN POND ACCESS



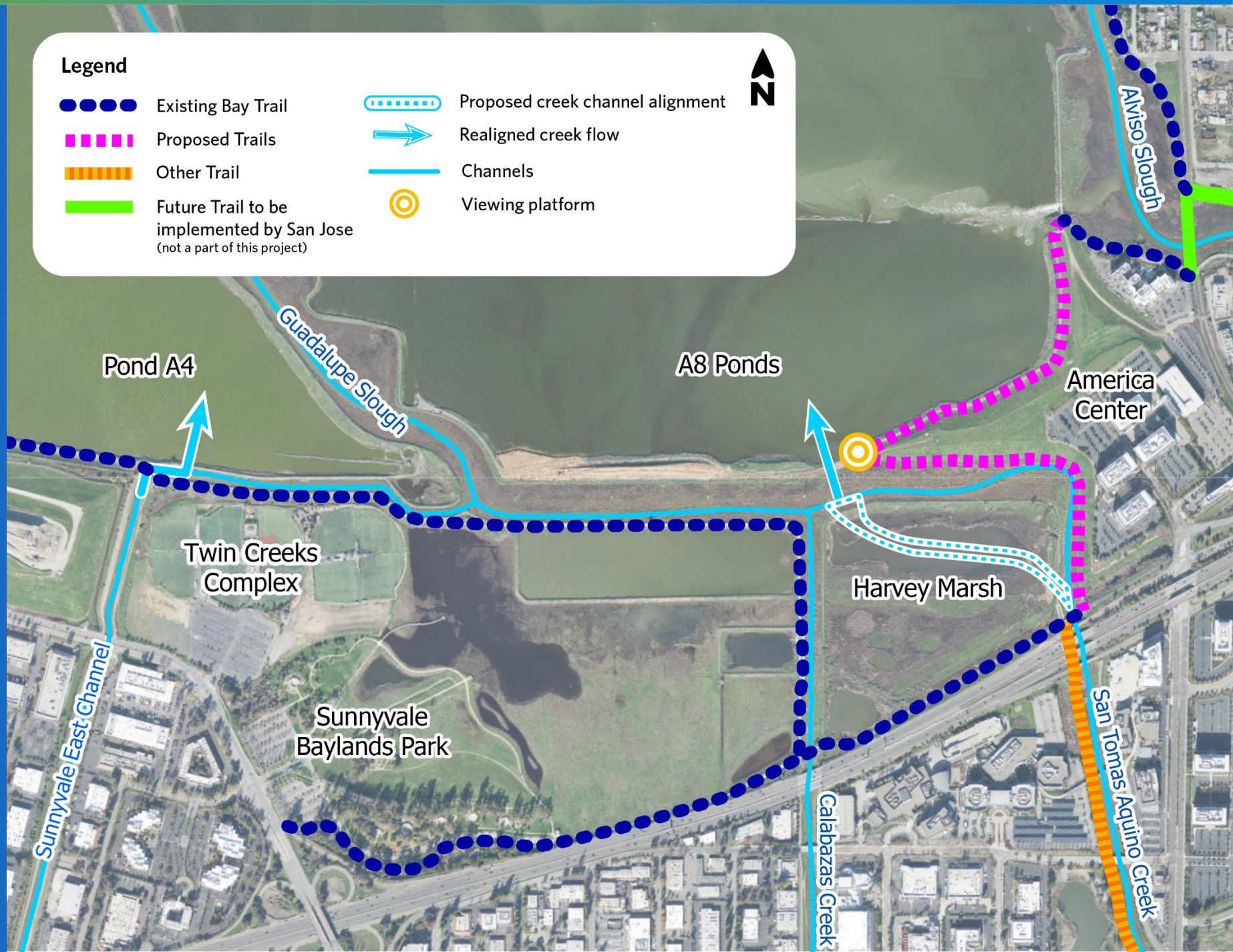
TRAIL CONCEPT 1

Planned Bay Trail



TRAIL CONCEPT 2

Planned Bay Trail with Harvey Marsh Viewing Platform



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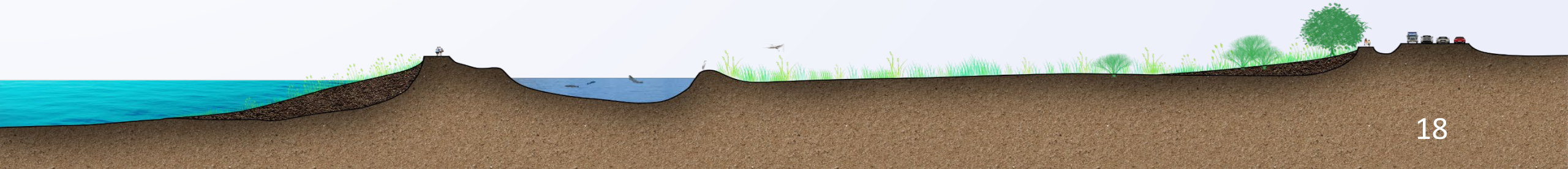
DISCUSSION

- What questions do you have about the trails and public access concepts?
- What initial input do you have on the trail concepts and access considerations?
- What amenities would you like to see in the area?



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