



Matilija Dam  
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# Matilija Dam Ecosystem Restoration Project

## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Improve Aquatic and Terrestrial Habitat Along Matilija Creek and Ventura River
- Restore Natural Processes to Support Beach Sand Replenishment
- Enhance Recreational Opportunities
- Restore Fish Passage



Artist rendition of  
Matilija Creek  
after dam removal



### Arundo donax Removal

Restore riparian habitat by the removal of this invasive reed throughout the watershed

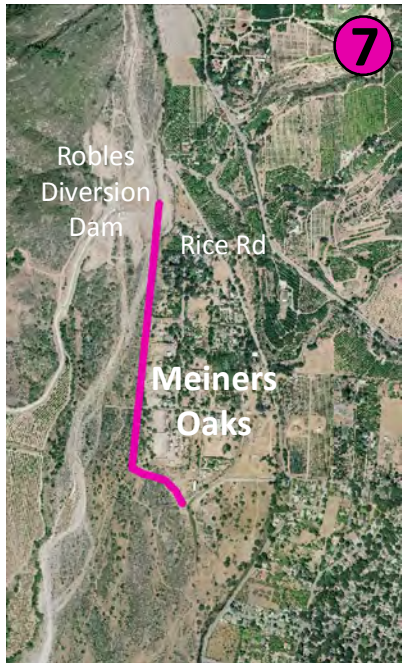
### Robles Diversion Modification

High flow bypass will flush sand, gravel and boulders through the diversion during floods



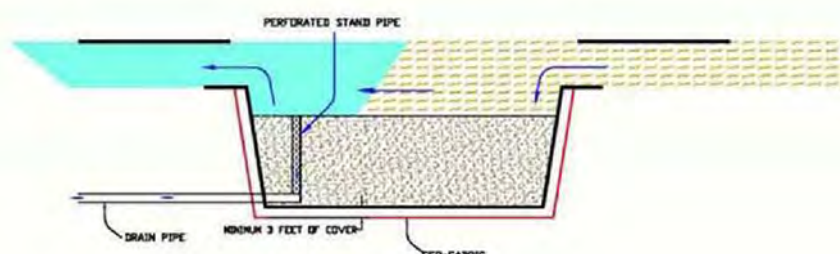
### Meiners Oaks Levee

A new levee downstream of the Robles Diversion will protect residential community from increased flood risk



### Desilting Basin

Sediment settling basins will prevent fine sediments from entering Lake Casitas



### Foster Park Wells

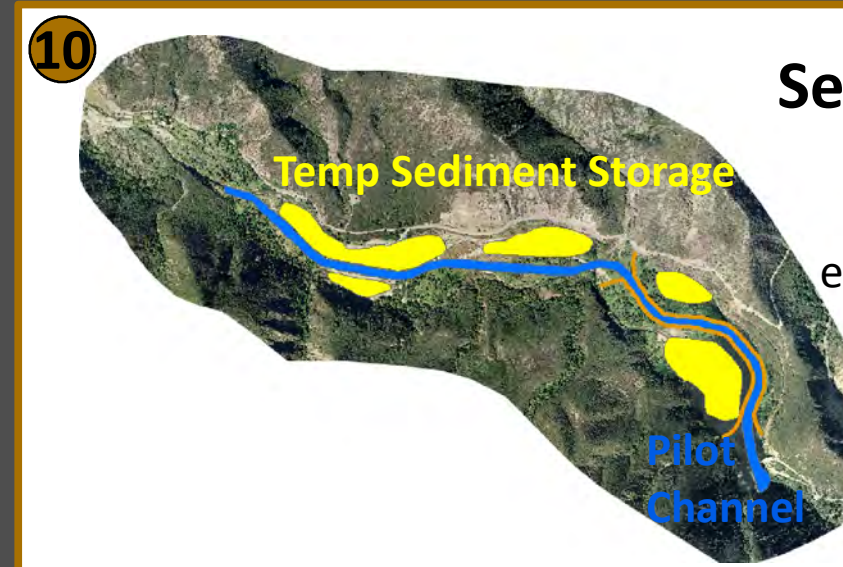
Two new water wells to ensure water supply for the City of Ventura



**Dam Removal**  
Matilija Dam will be removed after the downstream project components are constructed

### Historic Steelhead Habitat

Dam removal will allow Steelhead to regain access to prime habitat in the Matilija Creek



### Sediment Management

Dredge and slurry 2 million cubic yards of fine sediment and then excavate a 'pilot channel' upstream of the dam and temporarily stabilize remaining 4 million cubic yards of sediment (from fines to large boulders)



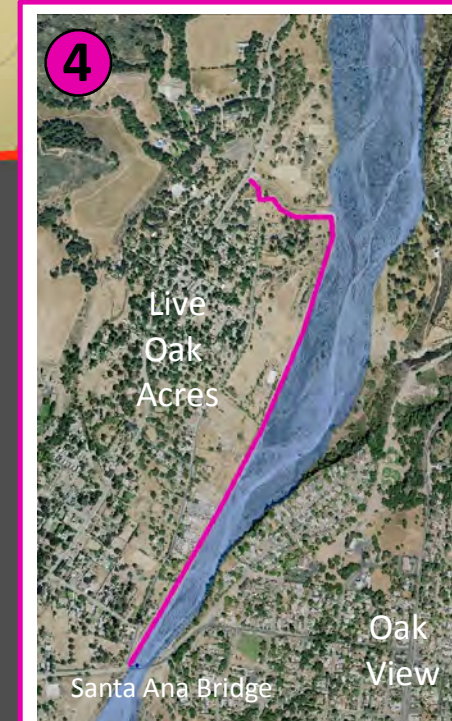
### Camino Cielo Bridge

New bridge will accommodate increased sediment flow



### Slurry Deposition Sites

A pipeline will deliver 2 million cubic yards of fine sediment (silt and clay) from the Matilija Reservoir to temporary storage areas within the floodplain downstream of the Robles Diversion



### Live Oak Levee

Reconstruction will bring levee up to FEMA flood control standards



### Santa Ana Bridge

Widening will reduce floodplain constriction to accommodate increased sediment flow

### Beach Replenishment

Dam removal will allow sediment to move downstream to naturally replenish and protect beaches and coastal property



## Matilija Dam Project Components

The 2004 Feasibility Plan will remove the dam and allow controlled release of sediment while protecting water supply and downstream property

Approximate order of the plan components:

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|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 Arundo Removal    | 6 Robles Diversion Modification |
| 2 Foster Park Wells | 7 Meiners Oaks Levee            |
| 3 Santa Ana Bridge  | 8 Camino Cielo Bridge           |
| 4 Live Oak Levee    | 9 Slurry Disposal               |
| 5 Desilting Basins  | 10 Sediment Management          |

Water Supply Bridges Levees Biological Sediment

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