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Draft Plan Bay Area 2050 Delta Plan Consistency



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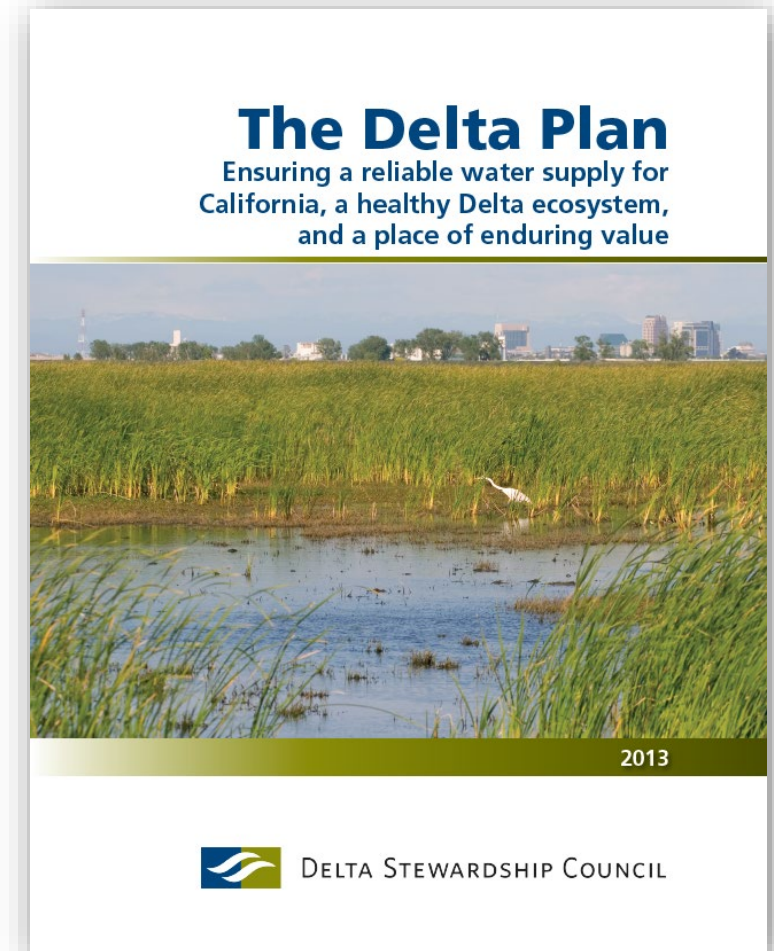
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Statutory Requirements

The **Council is required to review** and provide timely advice to local and regional planning agencies regarding **consistency of plans with the Delta Plan**, including sustainable communities strategies (SCS).

Council's input on local and regional planning documents includes, but is not limited to...

- consistency with the **ecosystem restoration needs of the Delta**; and
- whether the **lands set aside for natural resource protection** are sufficient to meet the Delta's ecosystem needs.

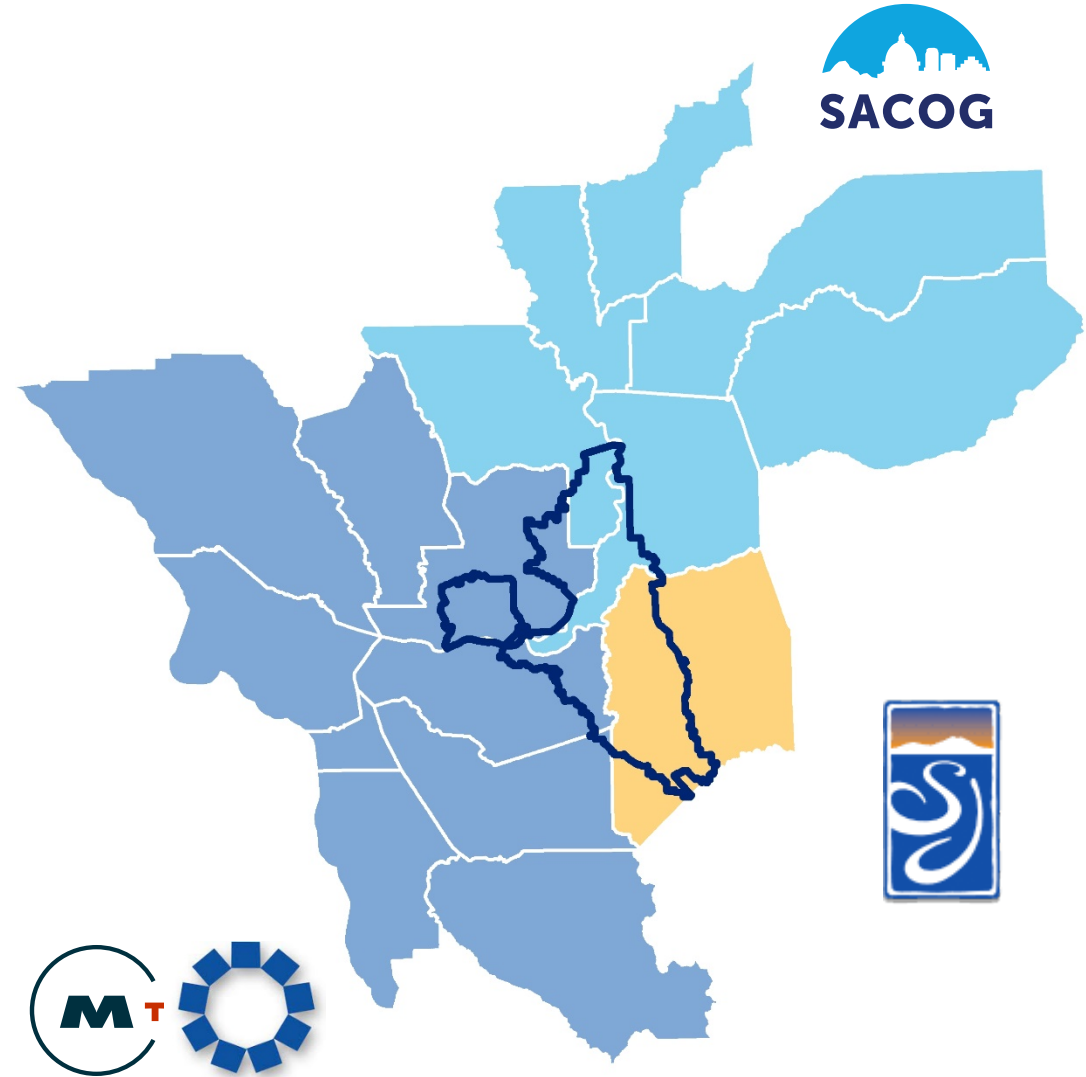


Statutory Requirements

A **metropolitan planning organization (MPO)** preparing a **regional transportation plan** that includes **land within the Primary Zone or Secondary Zone of the Delta** must consult with the Council early in the planning process regarding the issues and policy choices relating to the Council's advice.

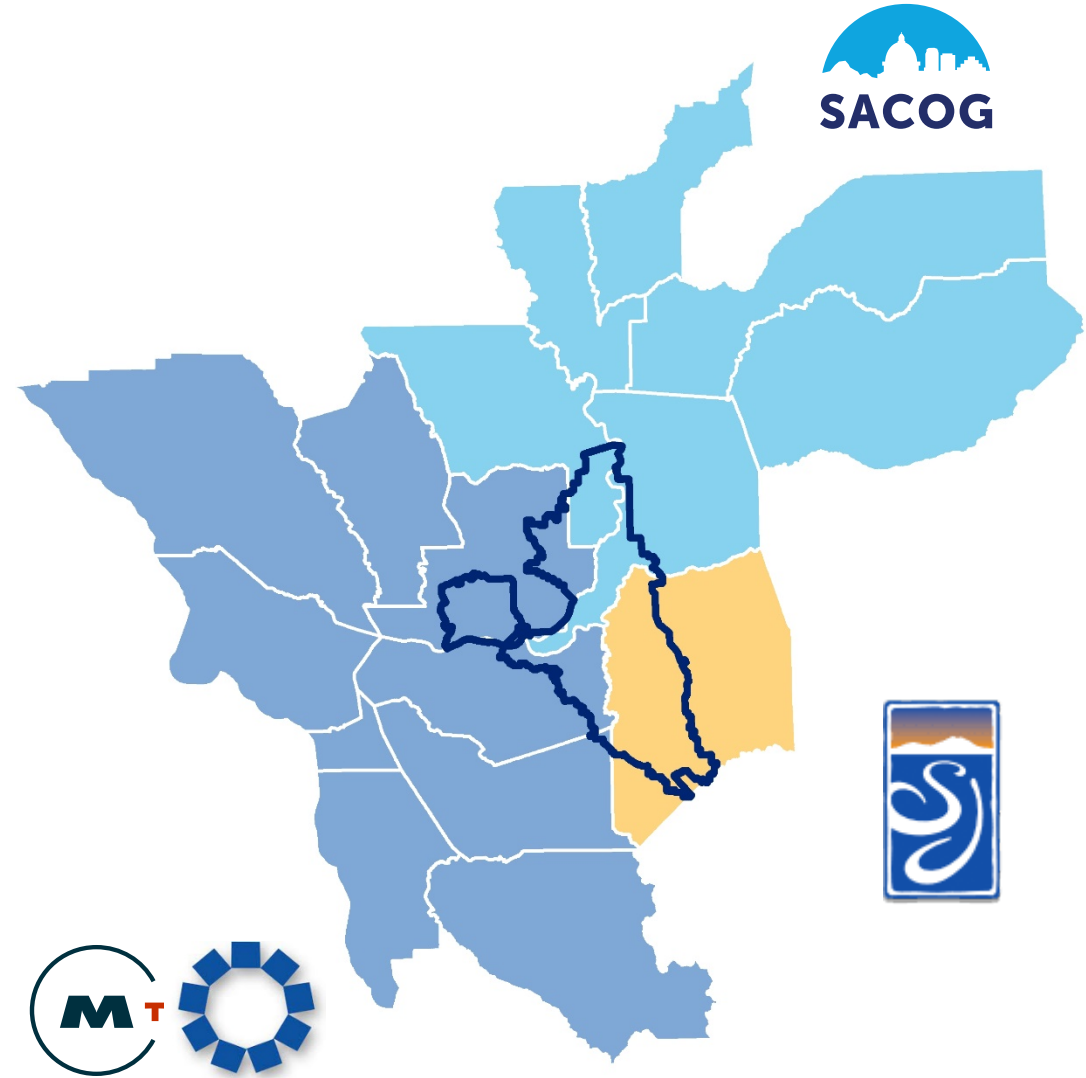
3 MPOs with jurisdiction in the Delta:

- **SACOG** – updated in 2019
- **SJCOG** – update expected in 2022
- **MTC/ABAG** – adoption hearing Oct 2021



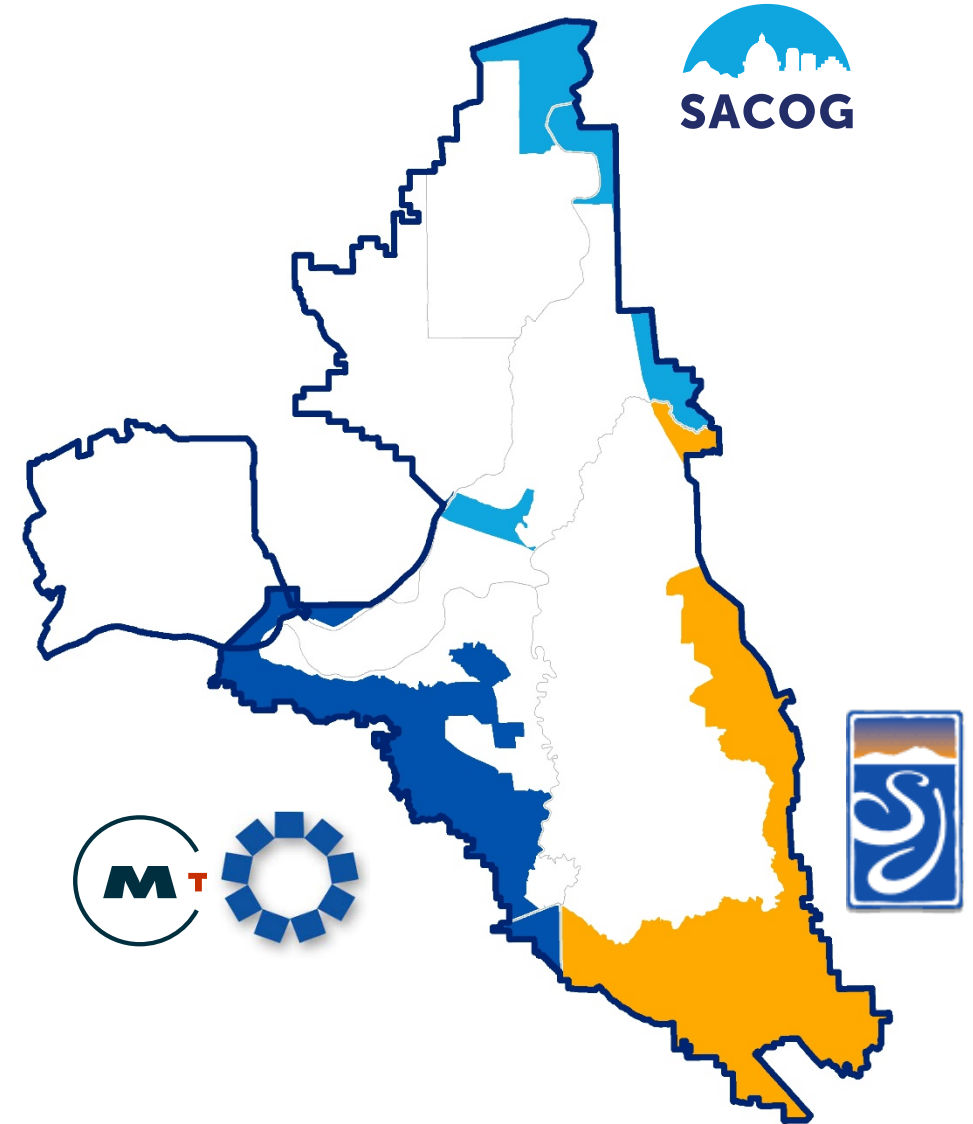
Statutory Requirements

- The MPO must provide a draft SCS no later than 60 days prior to adoption of the final RTP.
- If the Council concludes that the submitted draft SCS is inconsistent with the Delta Plan, it must provide a written notice of the claimed inconsistency prior to the adoption of the final RTP/SCS.
- If the MPO receives a timely written notice of inconsistency from the Council, the adoption of the final RTP/SCS must include a detailed response to the Council's notice.



Why is this important?

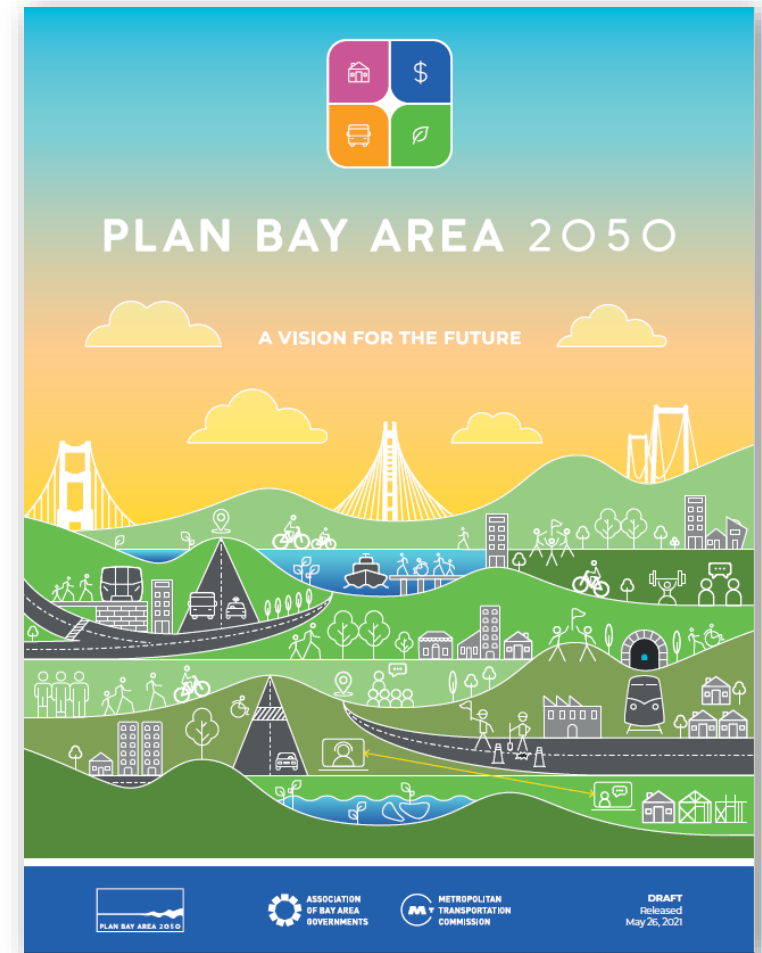
Actions within the Secondary Zone of the Delta that a metropolitan planning organization determines are **consistent with a sustainable communities strategy** that the State Air Resources Board has determined would achieve regional greenhouse gas emission reduction targets are exempt from the Council's covered actions process.



Land within the Secondary Zone

Consultation on Plan Bay Area 2050

- December 12, 2019 meeting with MTC/ABAG staff
- January 22, 2020 meeting with MTC/ABAG staff
- February 25, 2020 comment letter on proposed Growth Geographies
- April 7, 2020 MTC/ABAG response to comments
- October 28, 2020 comment letter on the NOP
- July 20, 2021 comment letter on the Draft Plan Bay Area 2050 and Draft EIR

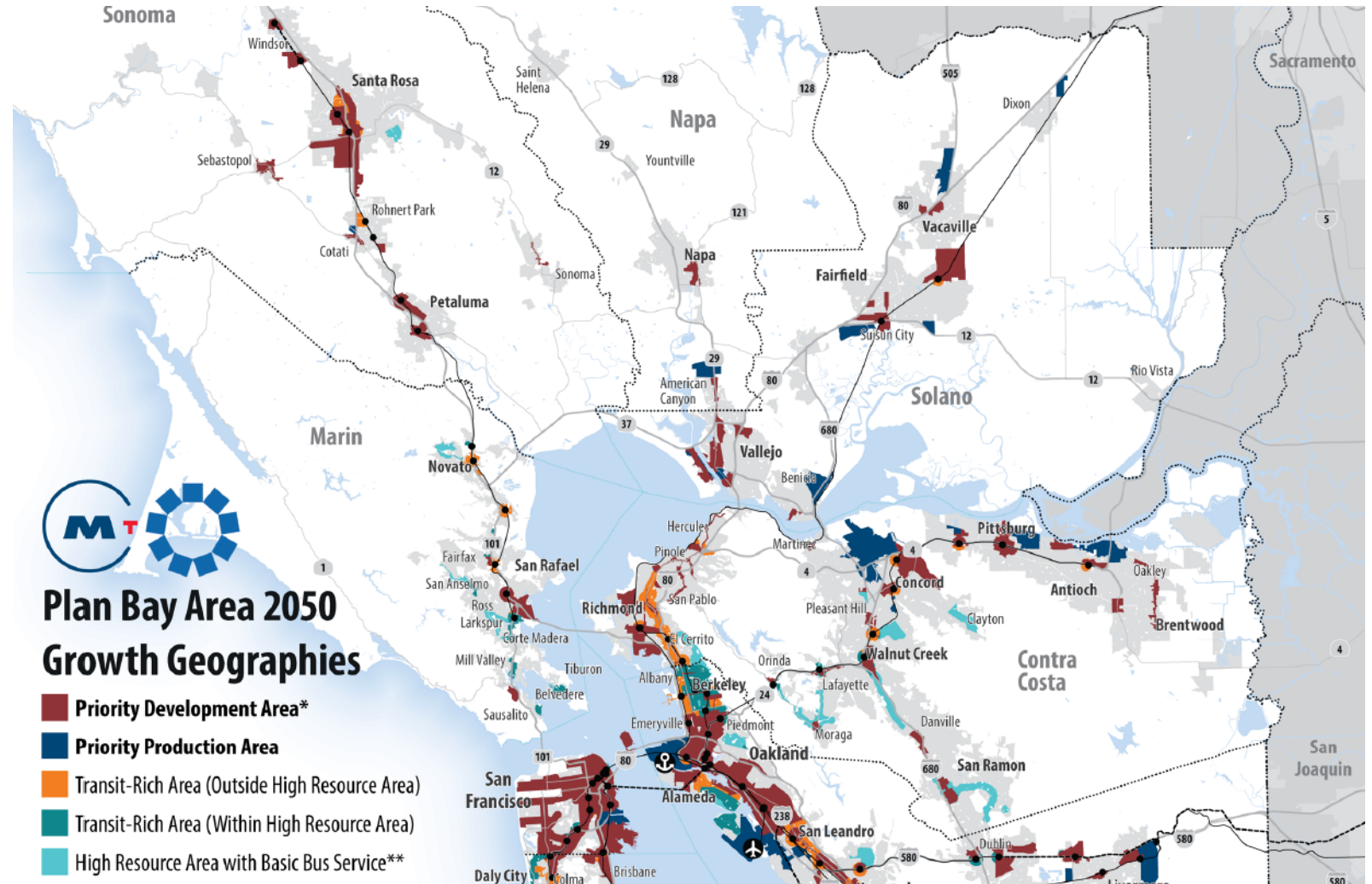


MTC/ABAG Presentation

Review of Draft Plan Bay Area 2050

Review of Growth Geographies

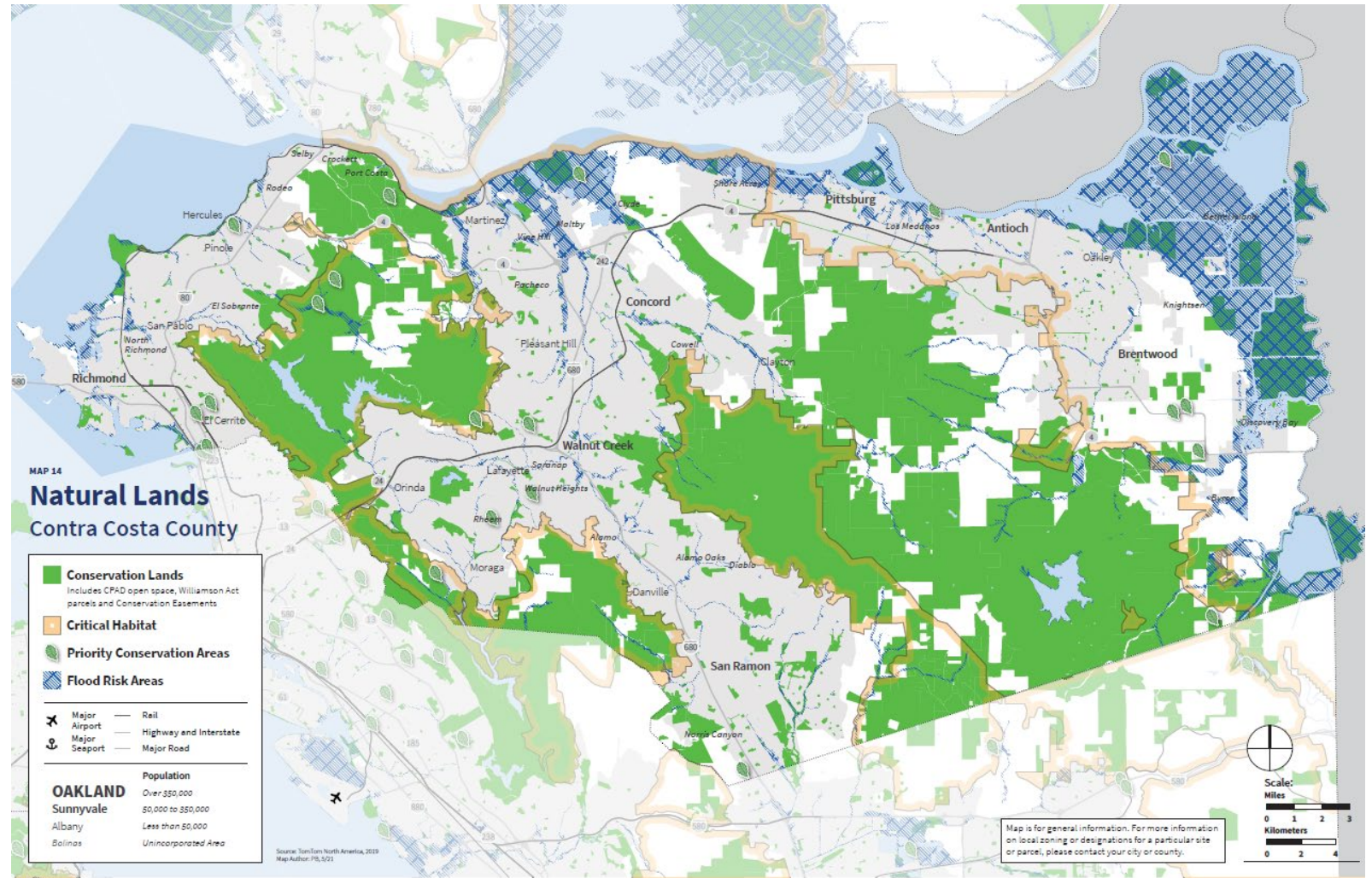
- PDAs and PPAs must be located within an established urban growth boundary
- 2 TRAs within the Delta, both within the ULL
- No HRAs within the Delta



Review of Draft Plan Bay Area 2050

Review of Priority Conservation Areas

- Existing PCAs align with Delta Plan Priority Habitat Restoration Areas (PHRAs)
- New PCA proposed for Cache Slough



Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Council approve the preliminary findings provided in the July 20, 2021 comment letter to MTC/ABAG.

Summary of Preliminary Findings

Based on review of Draft Plan Bay Area 2050 and the Draft EIR, in compliance with the Delta Reform Act, section 85212:

- the Council has not identified any inconsistency of Draft Plan Bay Area 2050 with Delta Plan Policy DP P1; and
- the Council has not identified that lands set aside for conservation and restoration in Draft Plan Bay Area 2050 are inconsistent with the ecosystem restoration needs of the Delta.

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