

Colorado Lagoon Restoration Program: Where Dredging and Mitigation Banking Meet



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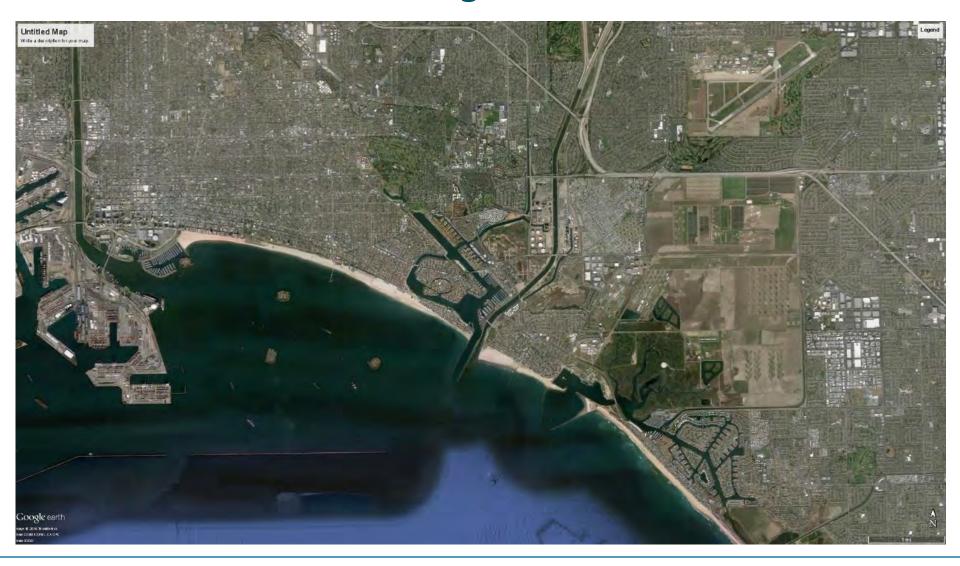
- Partners
 - Tidal Influence
 - Everest International Consultants
 - AECOM
 - AHBE Landscape Design
- Contractors
 - LA Engineering
 - Dixon Marine Services

Presentation Outline

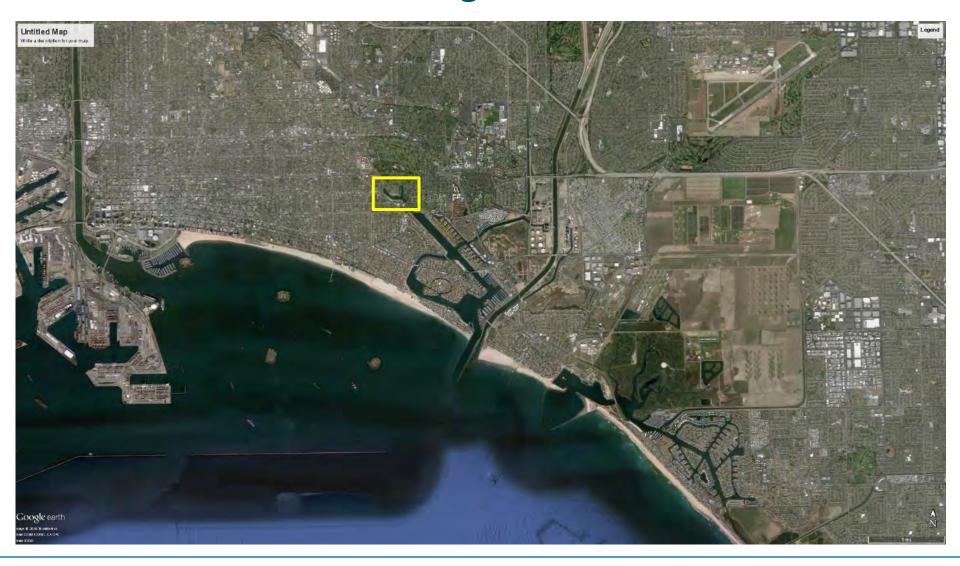


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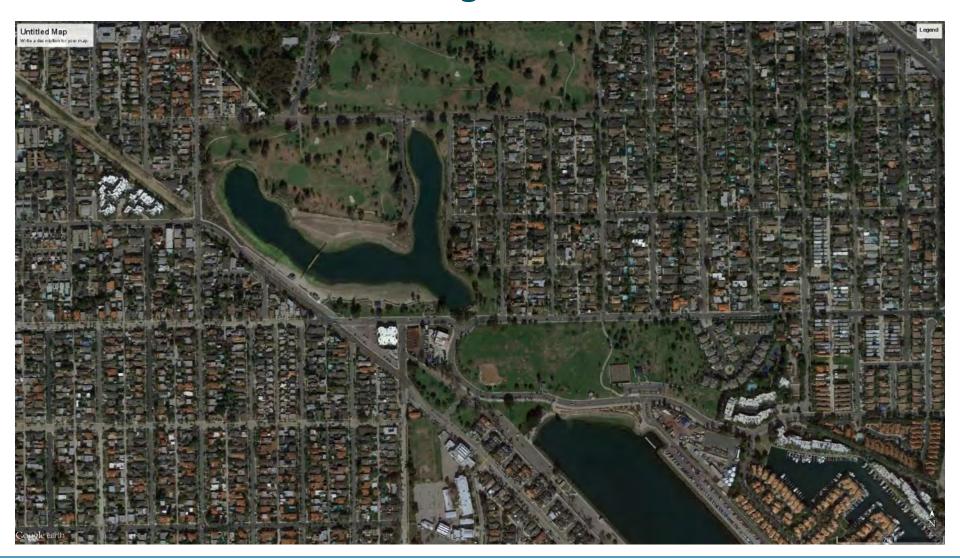
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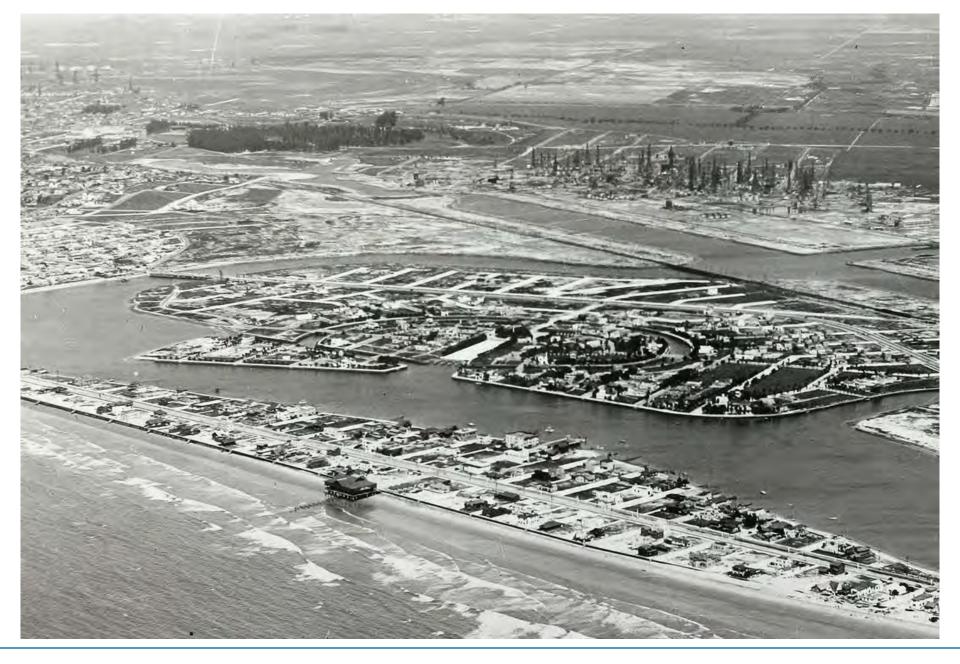




Colorado Lagoon Ecosystem Restoration

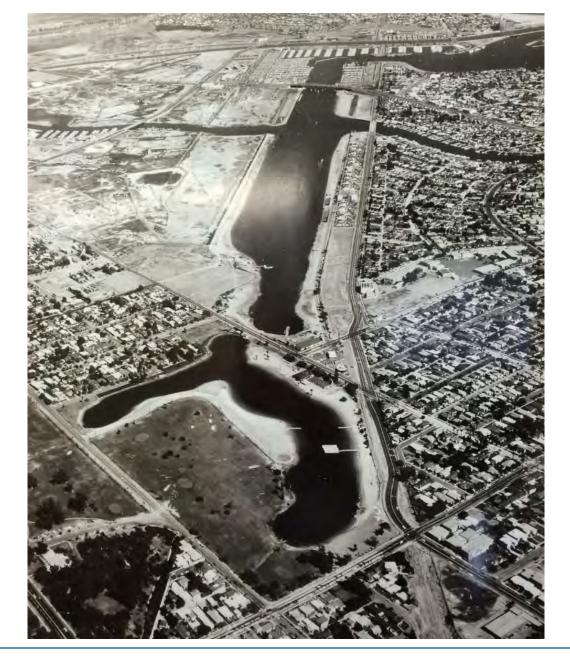
- Multi-phased program
 - Remove/isolate contaminated sediments for TMDL compliance
 - Reduce future stormwater inputs
 - Remove and replace non-native vegetation
 - Create a habitat mitigation bank for current and future City of Long Beach projects
 - Construct open-channel connection to Marine Stadium in Alamitos Bay
 - Re-develop recreational facilities within Marina Vista Park



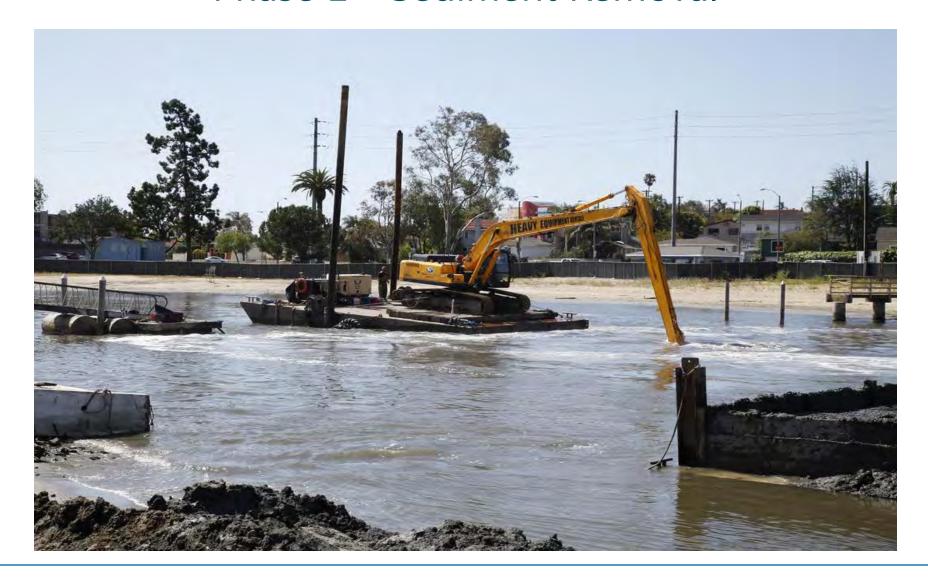








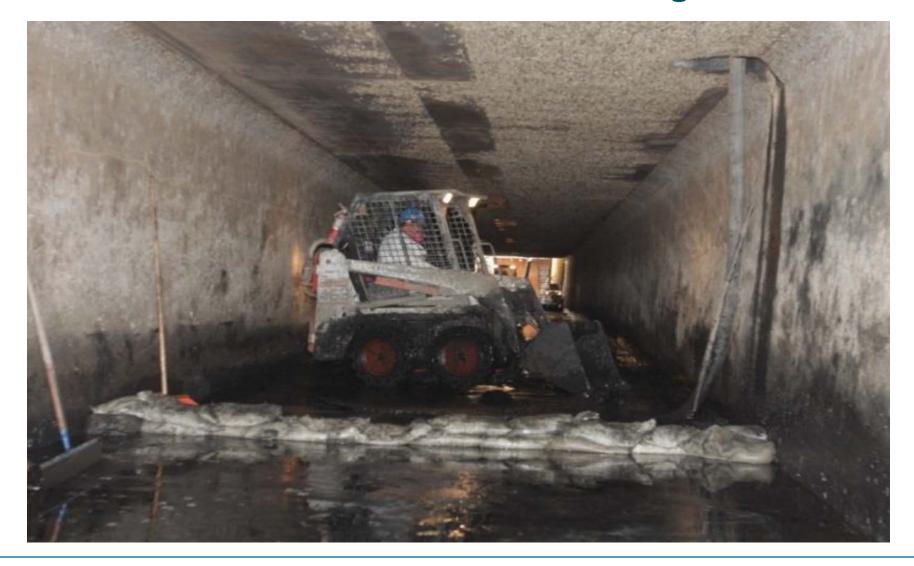
Phase 1 – Sediment Removal



Phase 1 – Termino Avenue Drain



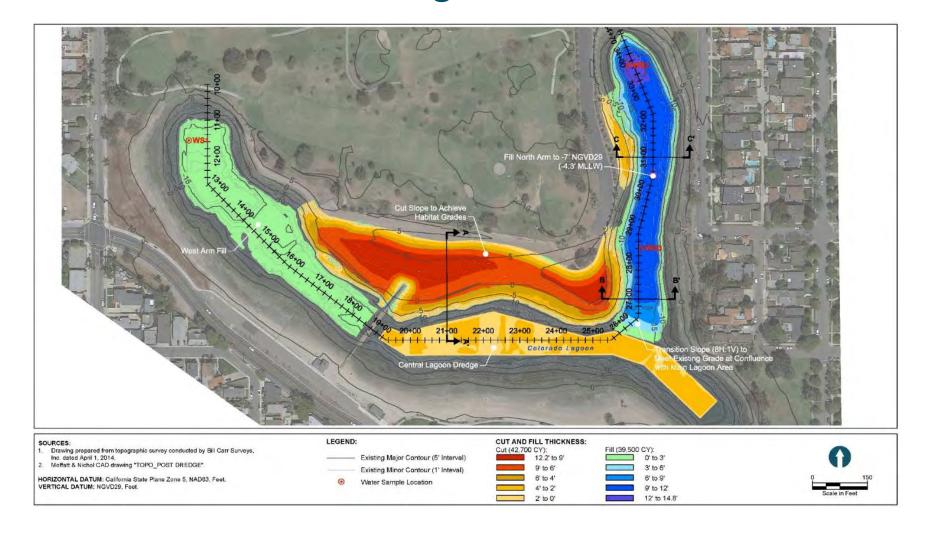
Phase 1 – Culvert Cleaning

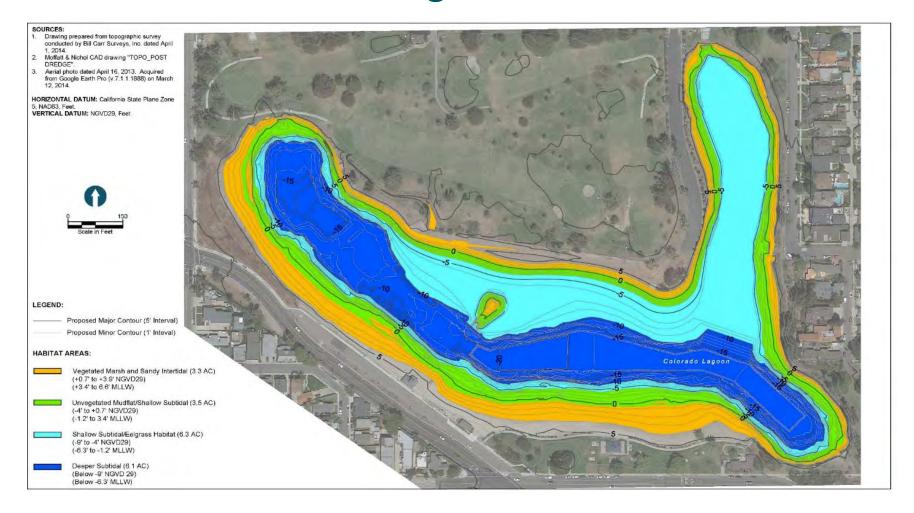




Phase 2 Lagoon Challenges

- No import or export of materials from site
- City recycling requirements
- Ongoing mitigation bank discussions
- Golf course runoff management
- TMDL compliance
- Community expectations

















Dredge and Capping

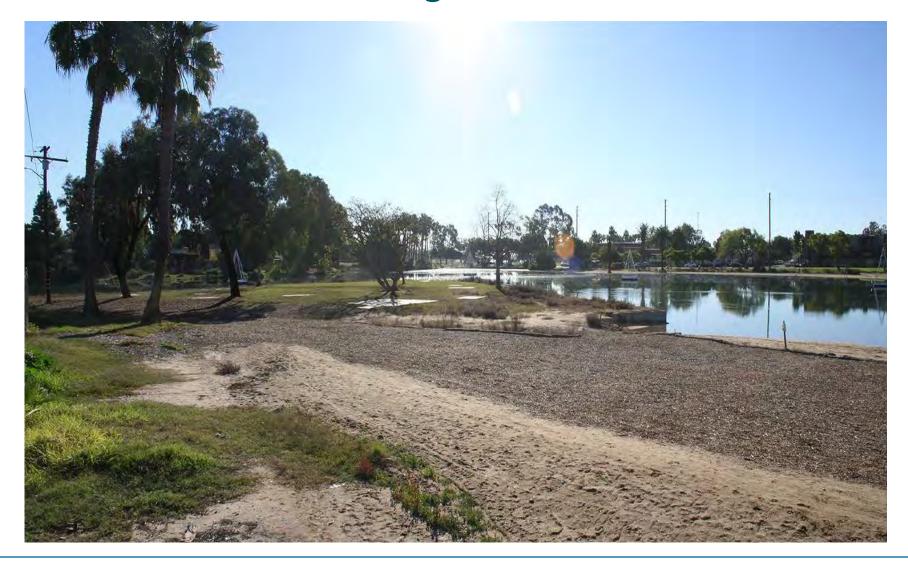
- Hydraulically dredged 10,000 cy Central Basin
- Hydraulically excavated 41,000 cy from shoreline to West and North Arms
- Average daily production between 500 and 1200 cy
- Dredge unit price ranged from \$17 to \$29/cy
- Total project cost is \$3M





















Phase 2A – Open-Channel Connection



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Phase 2A – Open-Channel Project Overview



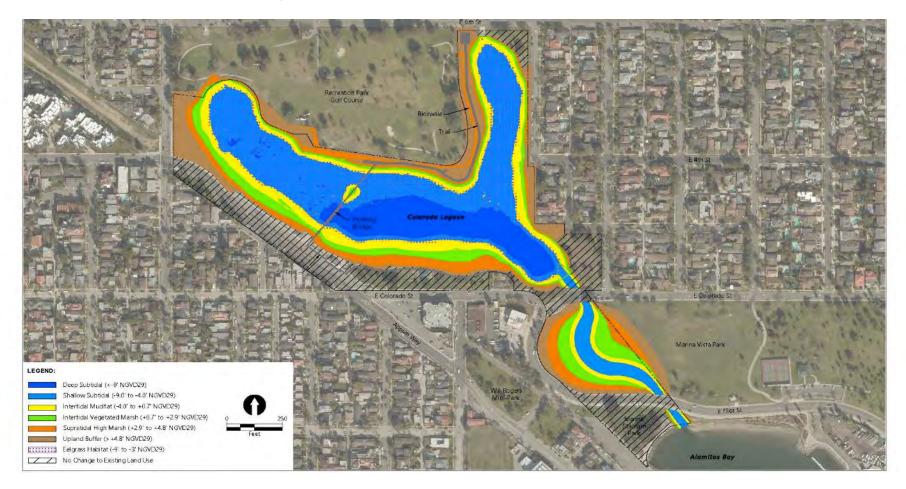
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Mitigation Bank Credit Areas



Mitigation Bank Credits

Elevation Range					
Habitat Zone	Tidal Influence	Feet NGVD29 Vertical Datum	Feet MLLW Vertical Datum	Habitat Type (Aquatic Resource)	
Subtidal and intertidal	Below MHHW	<2.9	<5.5	Subtidal soft bottom, mudflat, low marsh, mid-marsh	
Supratidal	Between MHHW and highest astronomical tide	2.9 to 4.8	5.5 to 7.4	High marsh, transitional marsh	
Eelgrass	MLLW to deeper subtidal	-2.6 to -9.0	0 to -6.4	Subtidal eelgrass	

- The City of Long Beach submitted the Bank Enabling Instrument (BEI) to the Interagency Review Team (IRT) on June 21, 2017
- BEI includes both Colorado Lagoon and the open channel
- IRT has 45-day period to review and approve the BEI
- Initial post-construction ecological monitoring of the lagoon is scheduled for August 2017

Mitigation Bank Credits

Mitigation Activity	Subtidal/ Intertidal Credits	Supratidal Credits	Eelgrass Credits
Establish tidal habitat by converting existing upland/grassy area to an open earthen channel via excavation and grading	221	0.83	0
Re-establish tidal habitat in lagoon by converting existing lagoon upland via increased high-tide inundation from the open channel	0	0.37	0
Rehabilitate existing lagoon tidal habitat via open-channel connection	9.33	1.05	0
Establish eelgrass in lagoon via fill and planting	0	0	8.10
Establish tidal habitat in lagoon by converting existing lagoon upland area via excavation and grading	0.72	0.54	0
Total	12.26	2.79	8.10

Project Summary



- Colorado Lagoon remediation complete
- Lagoon portion of mitigation bank complete
- Open-channel construction targeted for 2019
- Project completion estimated for summer 2021



Questions

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