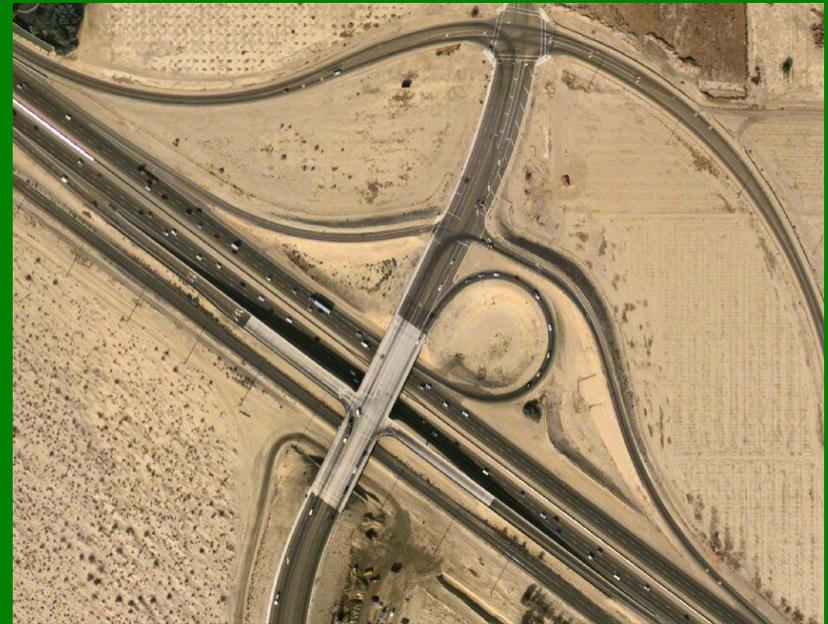


Coachella Valley Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan Natural Community Conservation Plan

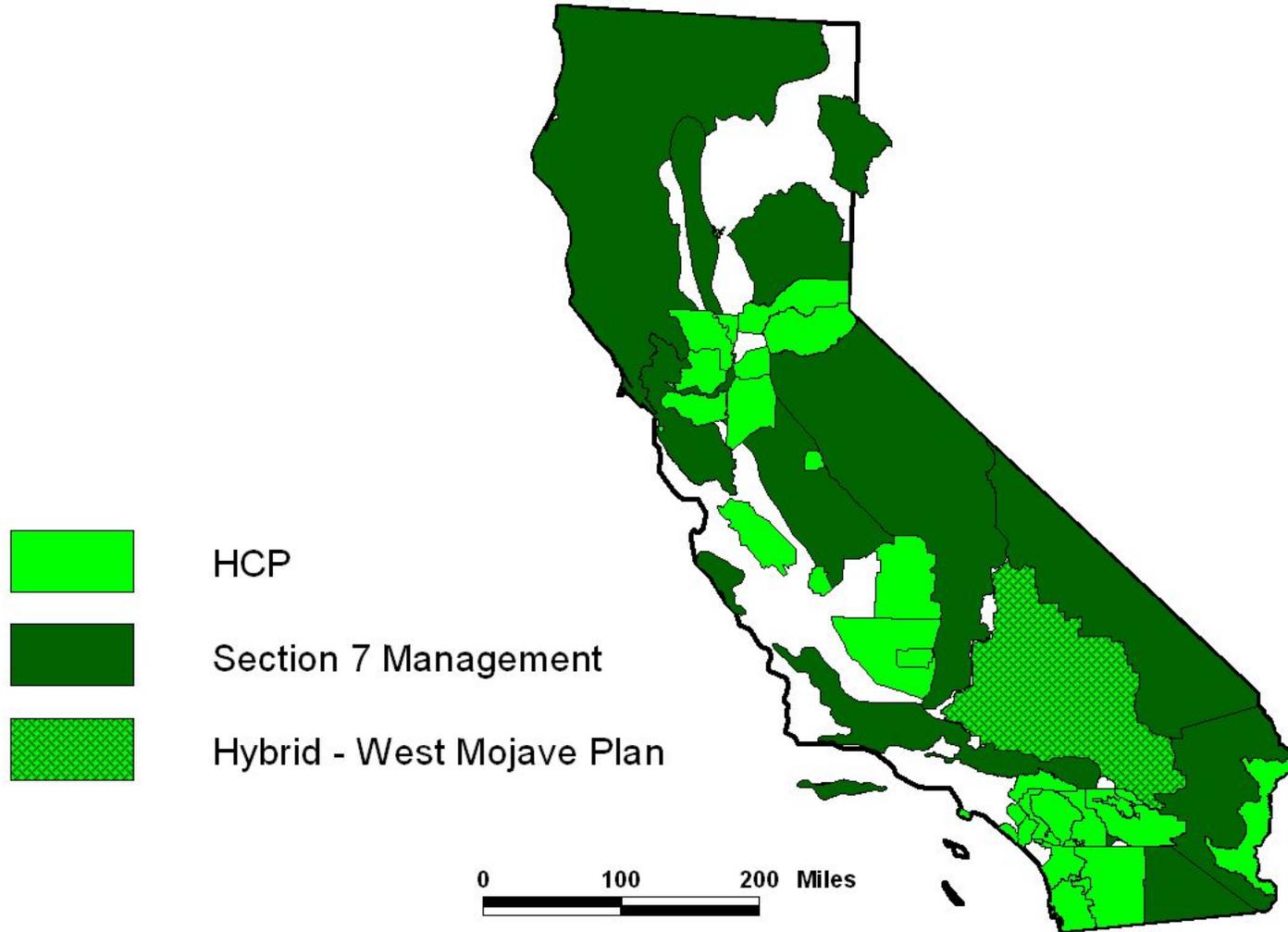


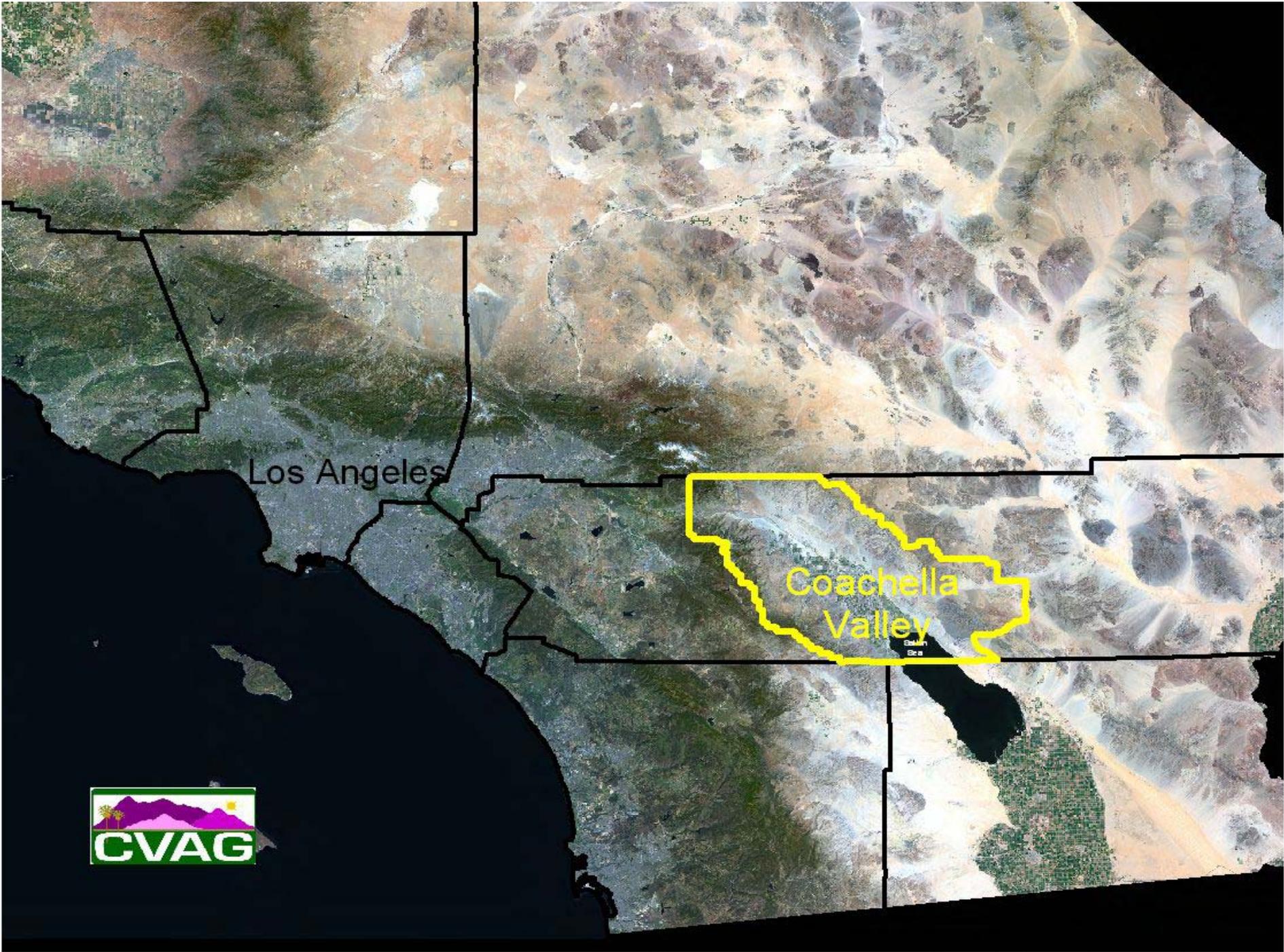
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Endangered Species Act has become the basis of Regional Planning in California

- As Development moves away from traditional cities, federal agencies such as the Bureau of Land Management are increasingly involved
- Planners are forced to deal with unfamiliar conservation biology instead of urban development
- Very different worlds of federal and local planning try to cooperate

Regional Habitat Conservation Plans in California



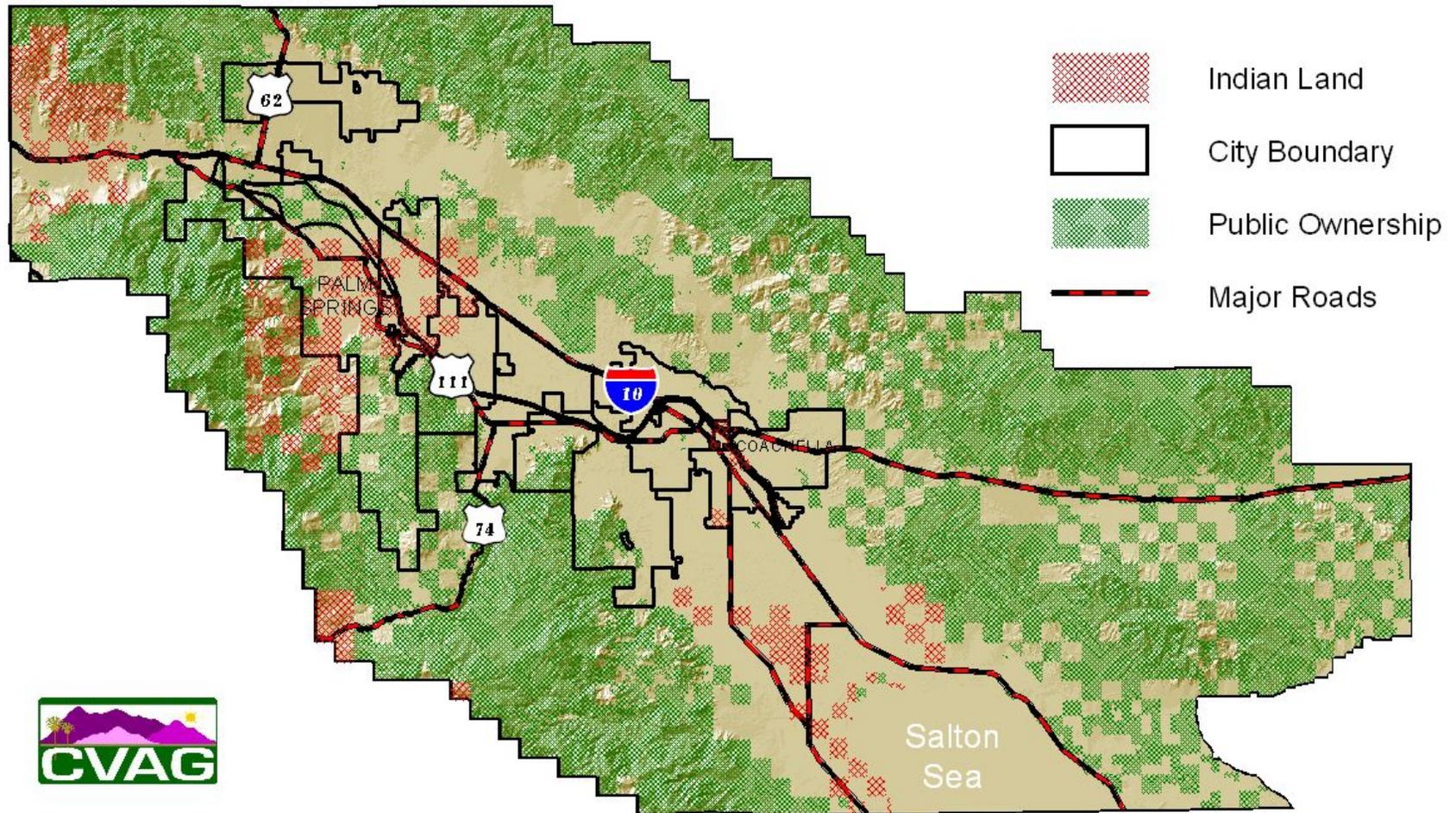


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Land Ownership in the Coachella Valley

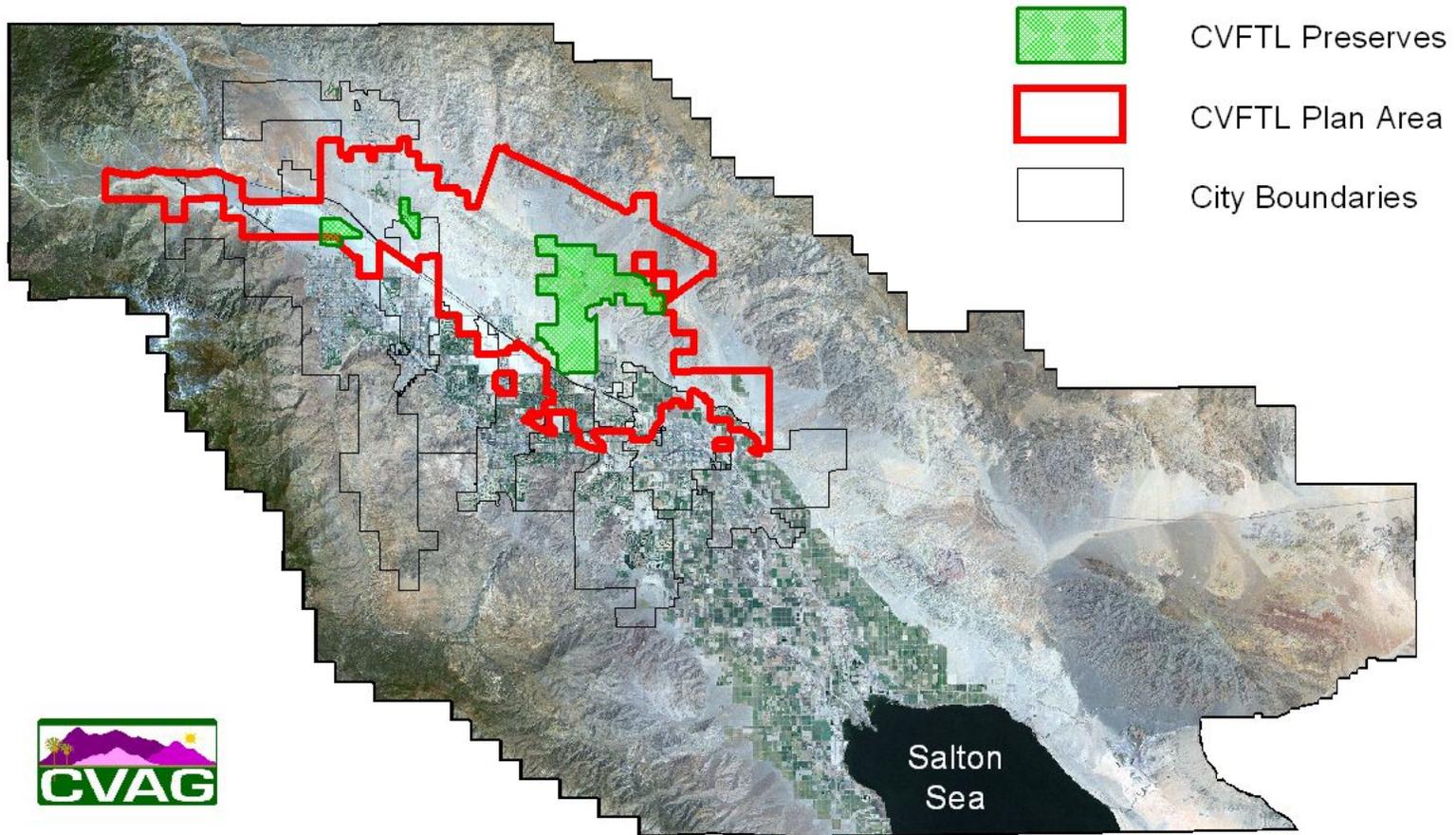


Coachella Valley Valley Fringe-toed Lizard HCP 1983-1986

- **Lead Agency - Coachella Valley Association of Governments**
- **Single species**
- **Fee simple acquisitions**
- **\$600 per acre fee**
- **Very simple**



Coachella Valley Finge-toed Lizard HCP - 1986

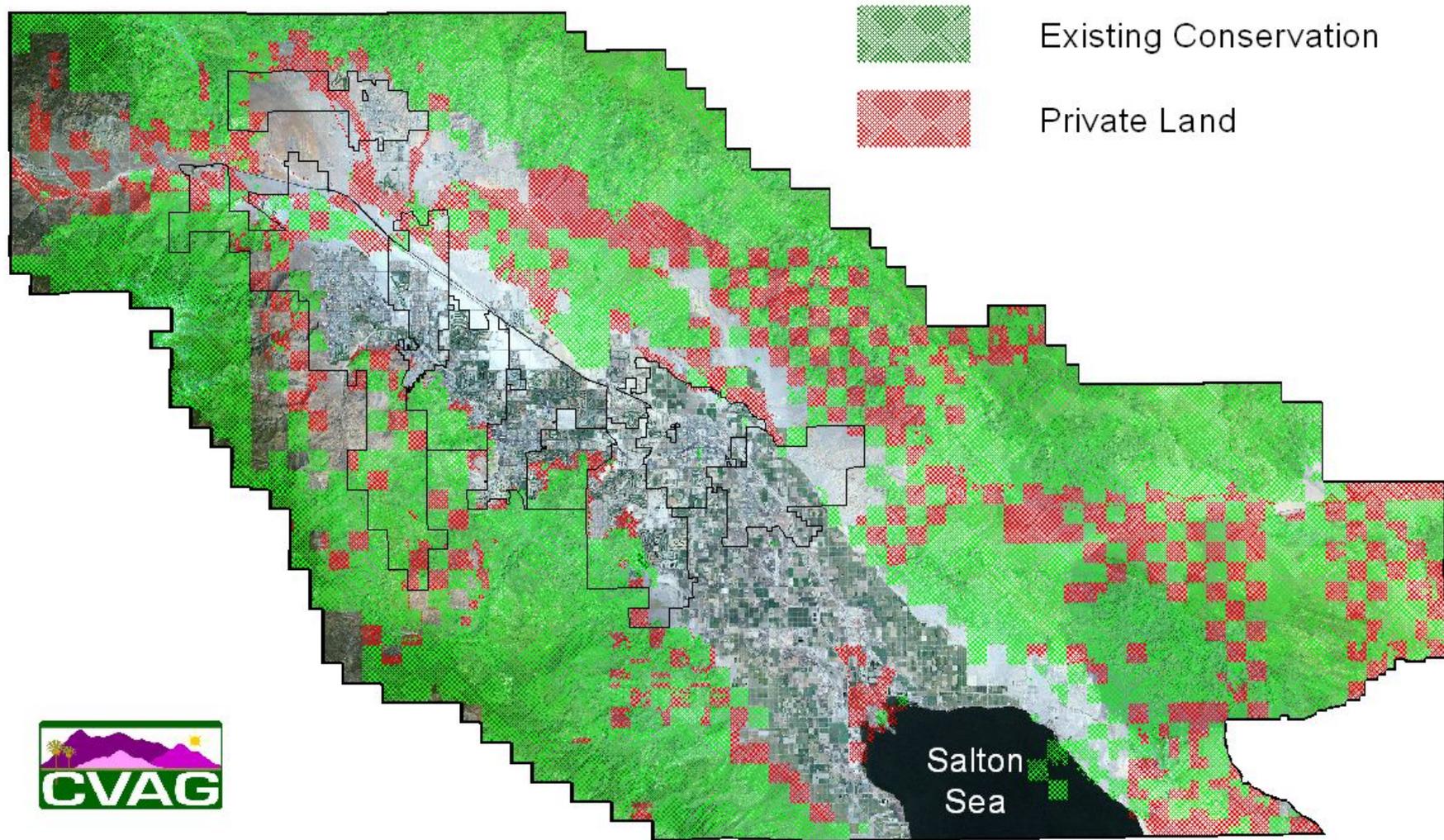


Coachella Valley Multiple Species HCP

- 27 species, 24 natural communities
- 9 cities, County, 3 water districts, state agencies
- New County General Plan provides a foundation for the Coachella Valley MSHCP – no major upzoning for 5 years
- BLM integrated with Desert Plan Amendment
- CVMSHCP Trails Plan will be adopted as BLM Trails Plan

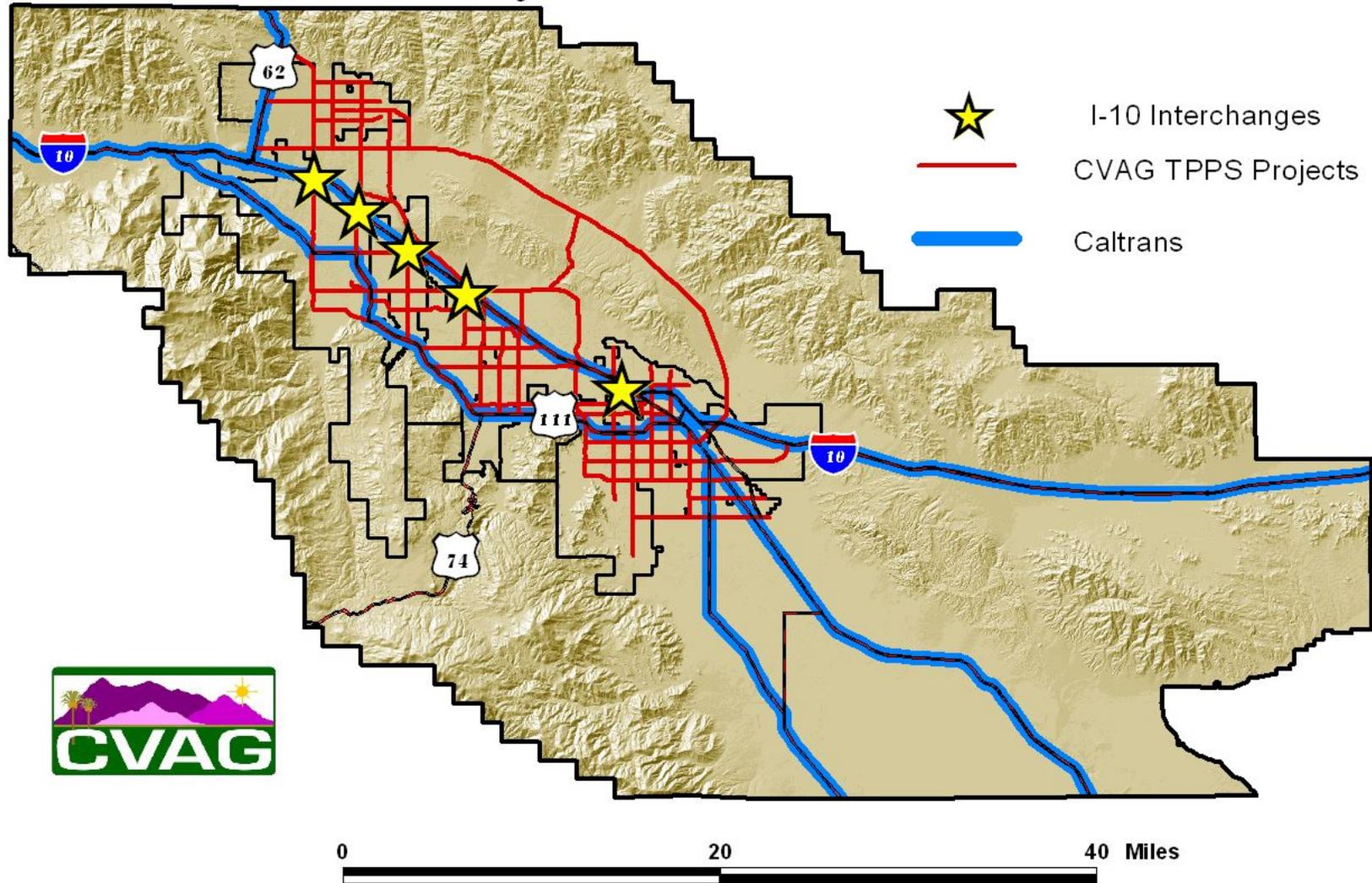


Coachella Valley Multiple Species HCP



Regional Transportation Projects in CVMSHCP

-Individual City Roads Are Also Covered



Permittee Commitments

- Ensure the MSHCP Reserve System is established
 - Land acquisition- 30 year program
 - Land use regulation- adherence to general plan
 - Avoidance and minimization measures
 - Land use adjacency guidelines
- Ensure the Reserve System lands have adequate biological monitoring and management – establish endowment over the 75 year life of permit

Funding Sources

- Development mitigation fee (estimate used in current draft was \$455 per dwelling unit, \$1,818 per acre commercial/industrial)
- Tipping fees
- Transportation Project Mitigation
- Regional Infrastructure Mitigation
- Eagle Mountain Landfill Open Space Fund
- Other

Factors favoring Cooperation

- Coachella Valley isolation has produced a strong regional identity
- History of cooperation on regional issues
- No one jurisdiction dominates – regional planning agency is important in local affairs
- Strong political leadership
- Coachella Valley is resort/retirement – Quality of Life is the foundation of the local economy

Combining Conservation & Regional Planning

- Endangered Species Act can provide basis for sound regional planning and conservation
- Need for stakeholders to broaden perspective look beyond project-by-project battles
- Need to understand planning as well as conservation biology
- Defenders of Wildlife and Endangered Habitats League show environmentalists are realizing the need for planning – positive, proactive instead of simply opposing projects