

An aerial photograph of Soquel, California, showing a mix of residential houses, commercial buildings, and green spaces. A large, semi-transparent white box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the text 'Soquel Town Hall'.

Soquel Town Hall

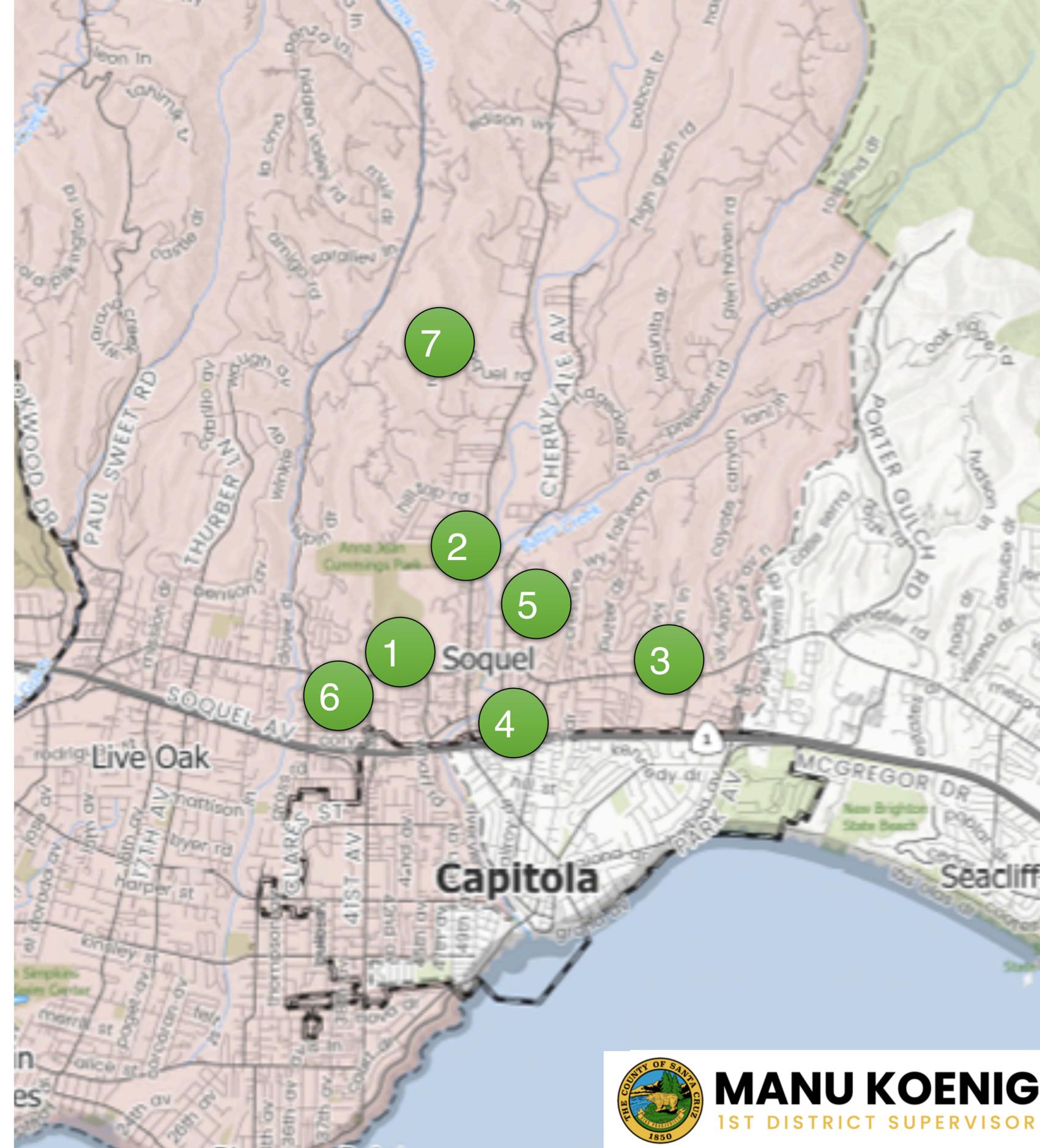
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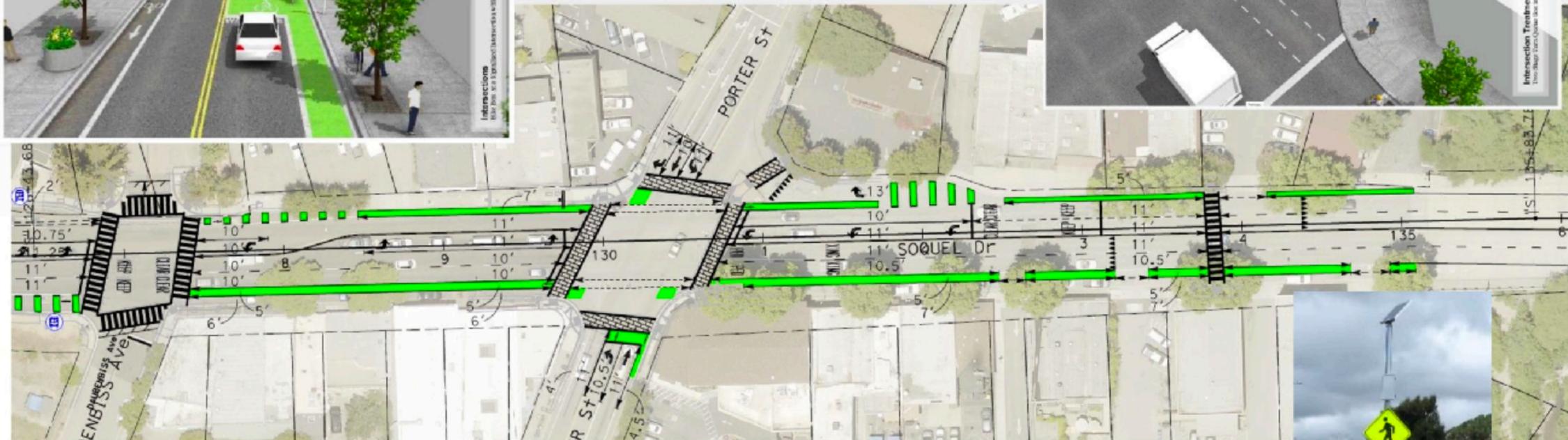
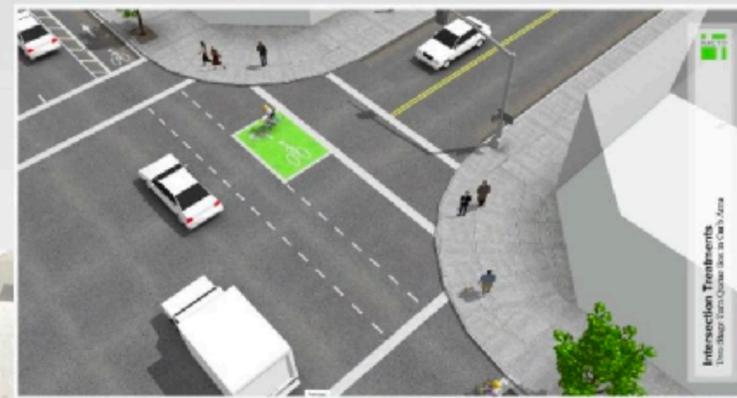
Agenda

1. Soquel Dr Project
2. BCycle Program/E Bike Regulations
3. Farm Park
4. Lions Park Retaining Wall Project
5. Flood Control District
6. 41st and Soquel
7. AT&T
8. Q&A



Soquel Dr Congestion Buffered Bike Lane & Mitigation Project

SOQUEL VILLAGE AREA IMPROVEMENTS (DAUBENBISS AVE TO MAIN ST)



- 22 smart lights with fiber
- 5 miles of buffered/protected bike lanes
- 10 mid-block crossings with rapid flashing beacons and 96 crosswalk upgrades
- *Expected completion this fall*

Light at Robertson & Soquel Dr Funded!



- Planning in process
- Expected construction in 2025

Soquel Dr Traffic Considerations



BCycle Launch



Soquel locations?

- Heart of Soquel
- AJC
- Lions Park

E-Bikes – Current Law

9.54.010 Regulations.

(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, a “motorized bicycle” as defined by California Vehicle Code Section [406](#)(a), and a “motorized scooter” as defined by California Vehicle Code Section [407.5](#)(a), are authorized to operate on any bikeway under the County’s jurisdiction.

8.23.020 Prohibited areas.

It is unlawful for any person(s) riding in or on, or by means of any skateboard, roller skates, roller blades, coaster, or similar device to go in or on the following prohibited areas:

(C) Soquel Village, Zone A, as defined by SCCC 9.42.030, including the streets and sidewalks within the Soquel Village, Zone A;

(D) Walls, steps, driveways, or parking lots on public property, provided the area is clearly and conspicuously posted with signs stating “Skating and Skateboarding Prohibited (Santa Cruz County Code 8.23.020)”



EBikes – California Vehicle Code

CHAPTER 1. General Provisions [24000 - 24020]

(b) A person operating an electric bicycle is not subject to the provisions of this code relating to financial responsibility, driver's licenses, registration, and license plate requirements, and an electric bicycle is not a motor vehicle.

21212.

(a) A person under 18 years of age shall not operate a bicycle, a nonmotorized scooter, or a skateboard, nor wear in-line or roller skates, nor ride upon a bicycle, a nonmotorized scooter, or a skateboard as a passenger, upon a street, bikeway...

(d) A charge under this section shall be dismissed when the person charged alleges in court, under oath, that the charge against the person is the first charge against that person under this section, unless it is otherwise established in court that the charge is not the first charge against the person.

(e) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (d), a violation of this section is an infraction punishable by a fine of not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25).

DMV Website

The operator of a Class 3 electric bicycle:

- **Must** be 16 years old or older.
- **Must** wear a bicycle safety helmet.
- **Must** not transport passengers.
- **May** ride an electric bicycle in a bicycle lane **if** authorized by local authority or ordinance.

- Bicycles are personal property NOT vehicles and cannot be impounded.



Farm Park



- Plan review Fall 2024

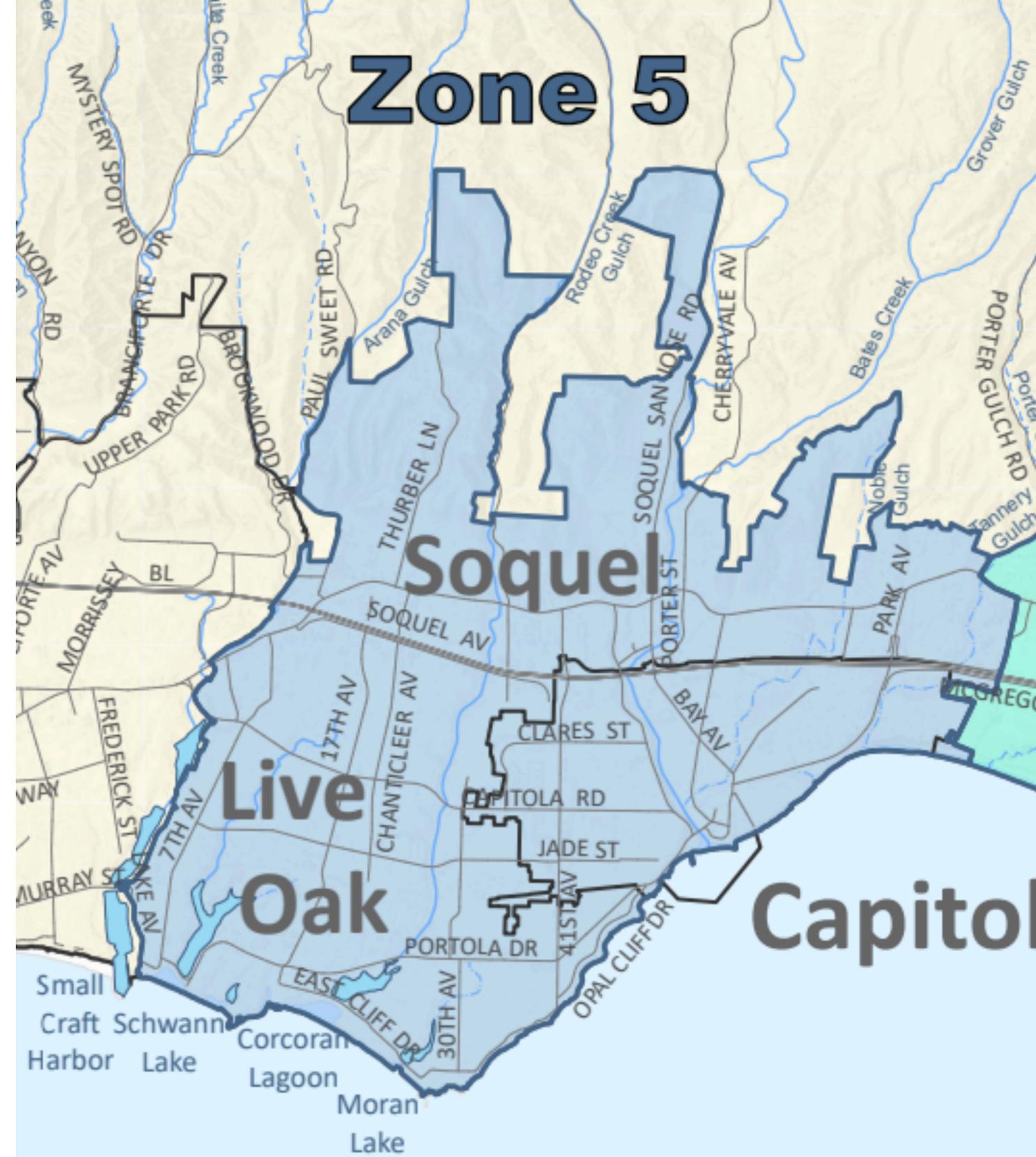
Lions Park Project

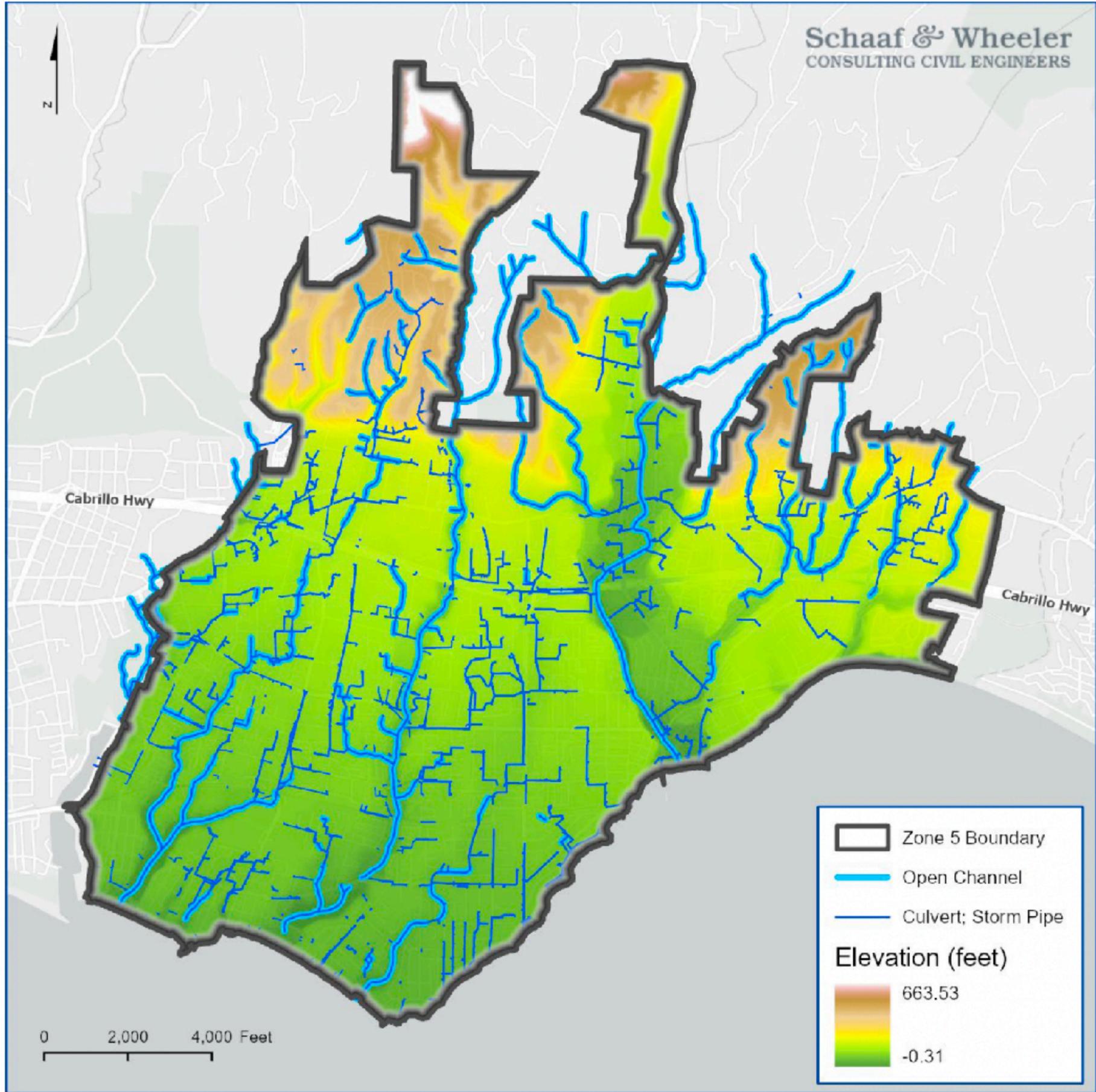
- 2016-17 storm damage repair, retaining wall project this Spring-Fall.



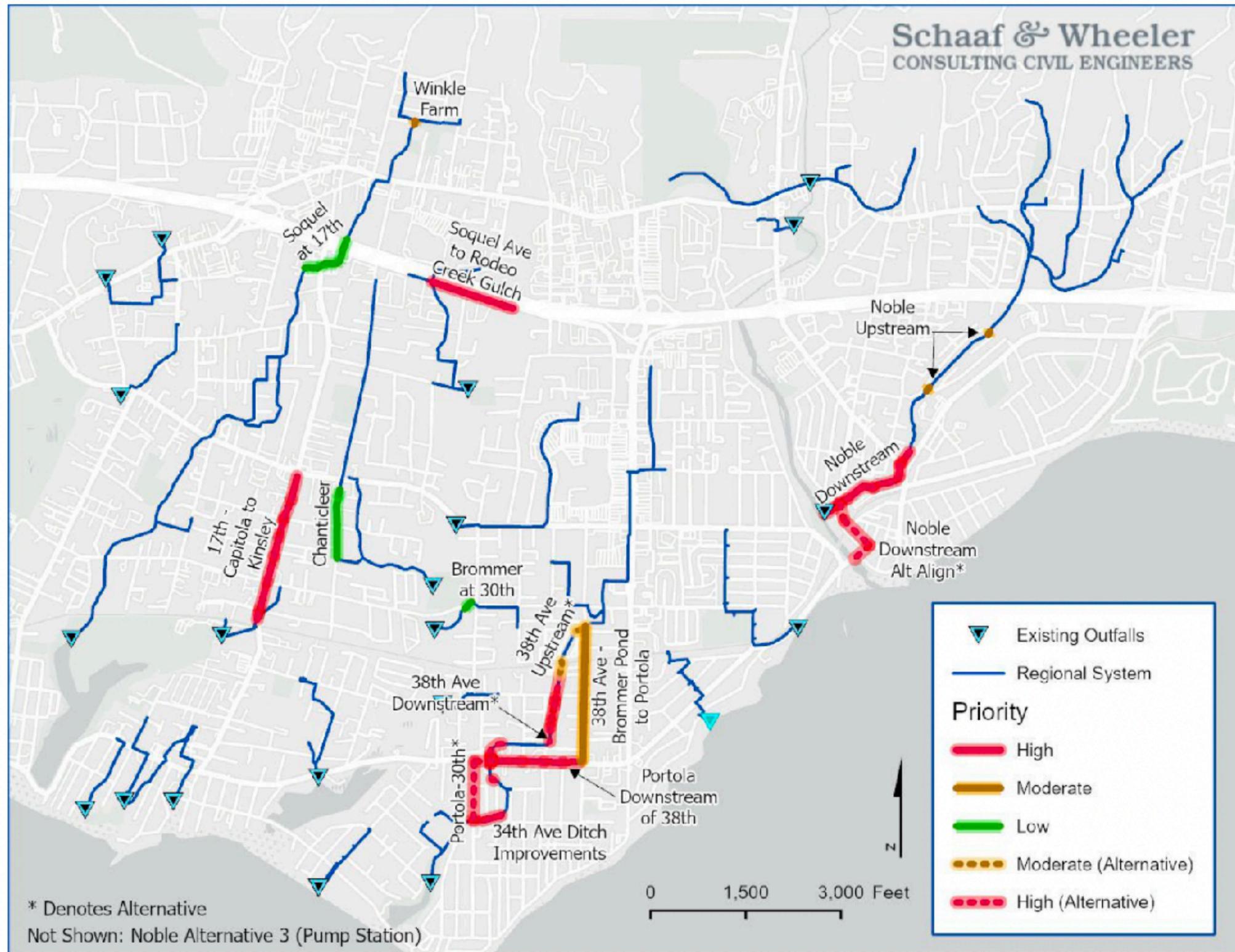
Soquel Creek Flood Control

- Storm water in the Soquel Creek area is managed by the Zone 5 Flood Control District.
- A Master Plan update looked at infrastructure options for the region.





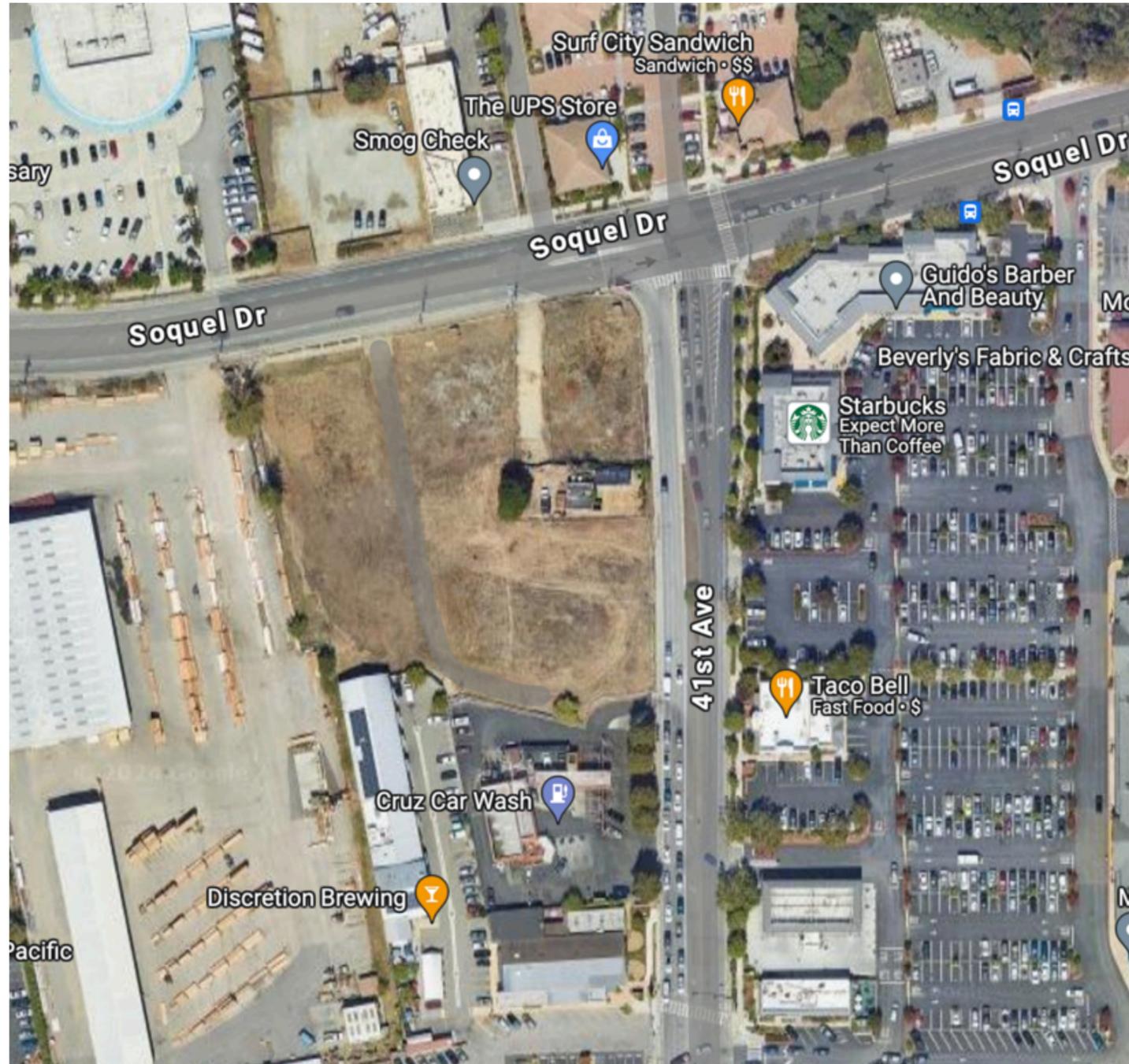
Zone 5 Regional Systems Storm Drain Master Plan Update
Evaluation of Storm Drain Systems



- Projects to address capacity and condition deficiencies: \$37 - \$63 million
- Soquel Creek overtopping projects could double costs and require Army Corp of Engineering and numerous environmental and permitting agencies
- Funding mechanisms
 - Property related fee
 - Special tax
 - Development impact fees

Figure 5-11: Map of Prioritized System Capacity Projects

41st and Soquel Dr



- Being considered for 100% housing project.
- Needs to apply for funding, still uncertain

ATT Update



- AT&T applied to stop being the Carrier of Last Resort (COLR) for copper landlines.
- Board passed resolution opposing AT&T's CPUC application.
- Public hearing 2/27 at Board of Supervisors meeting.

Questions/Contact Info



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