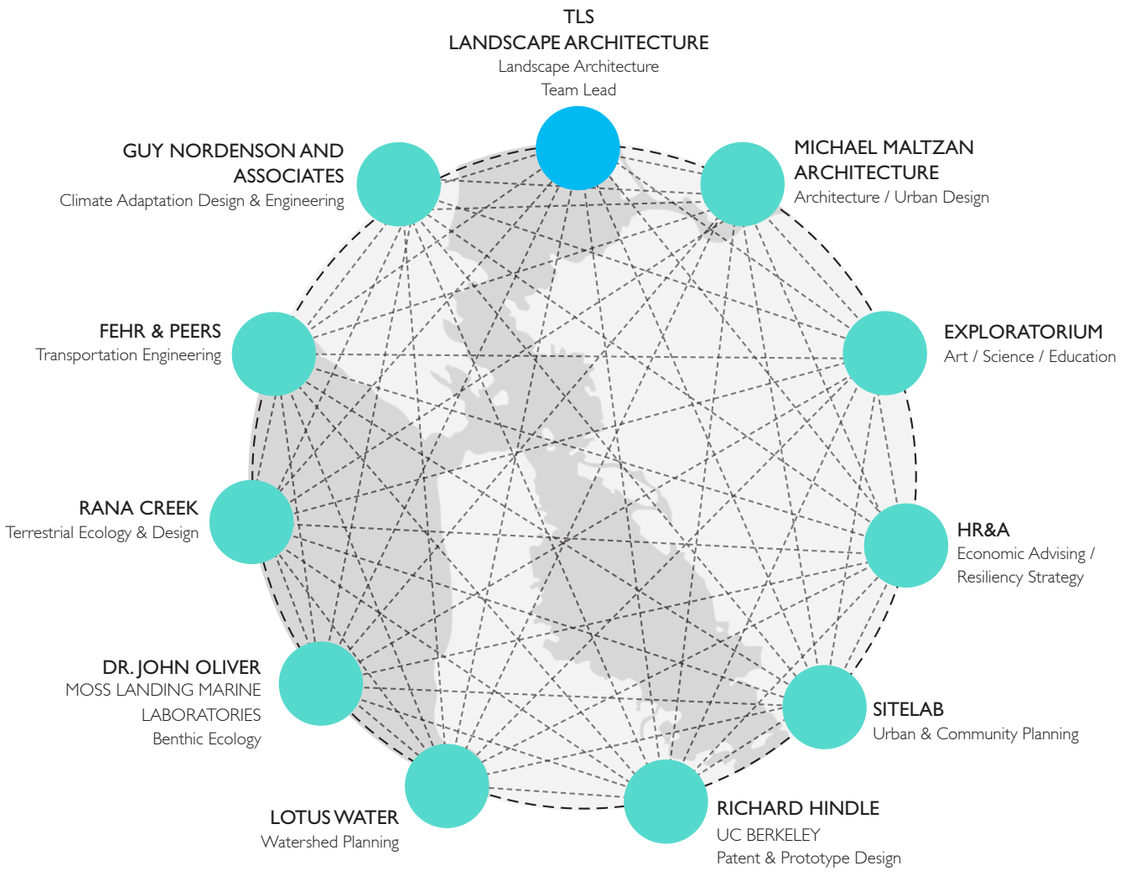
RESILIENT BY DESIGN

BAY AREA CHALLENGE

A collaborative design challenge committed to developing creative, community-driven solutions for building a more resilient future for the Bay Area.

COMMON GROUND
THE TEAM



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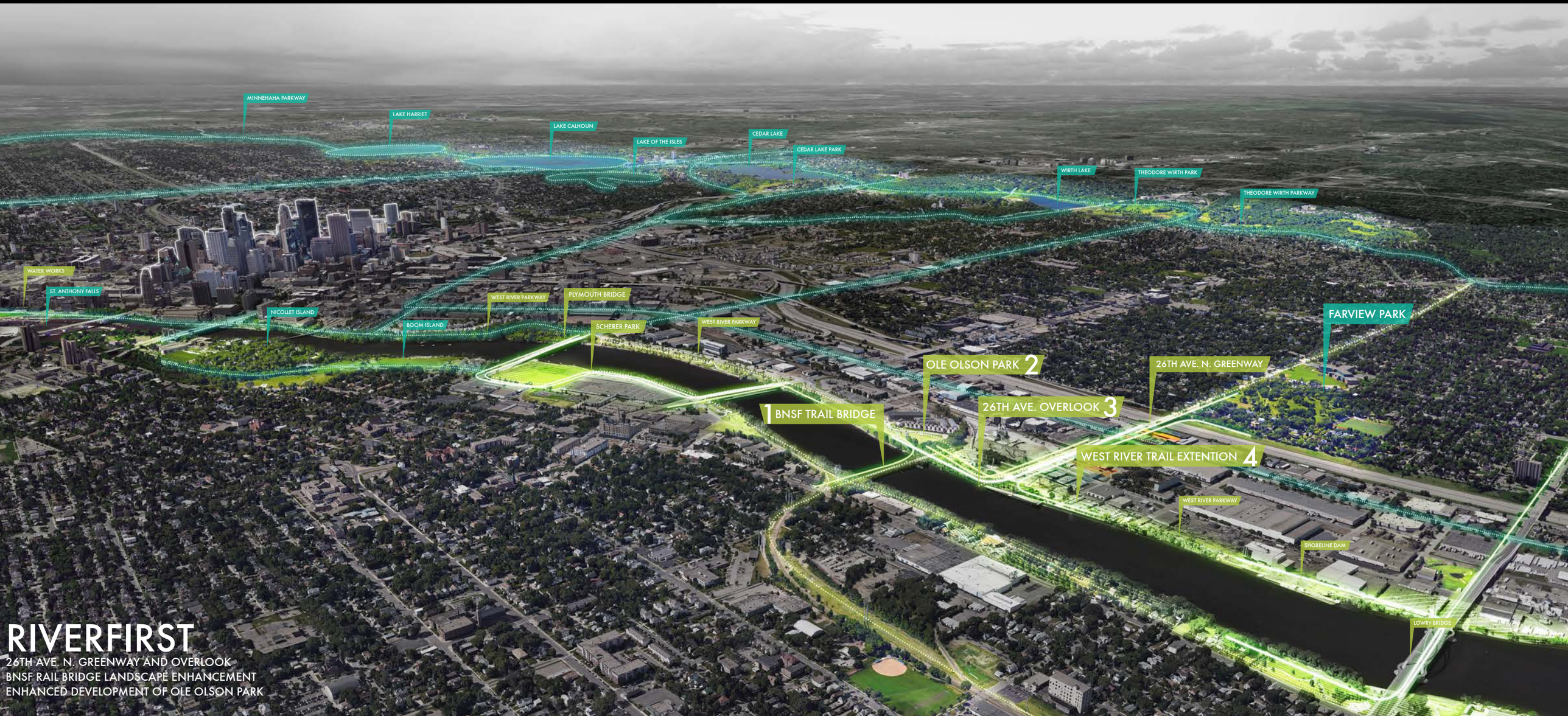

RIVERFIRST

26TH AVE. N. GREENWAY AND OVERLOOK
BNSF RAIL BRIDGE LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENT
ENHANCED DEVELOPMENT OF OLE OLSON PARK

SITELAB URBAN STUDIO
URBAN DESIGN

EXPLORATORIUM
ART / SCIENCE / EDUCATION

RANA CREEK
ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

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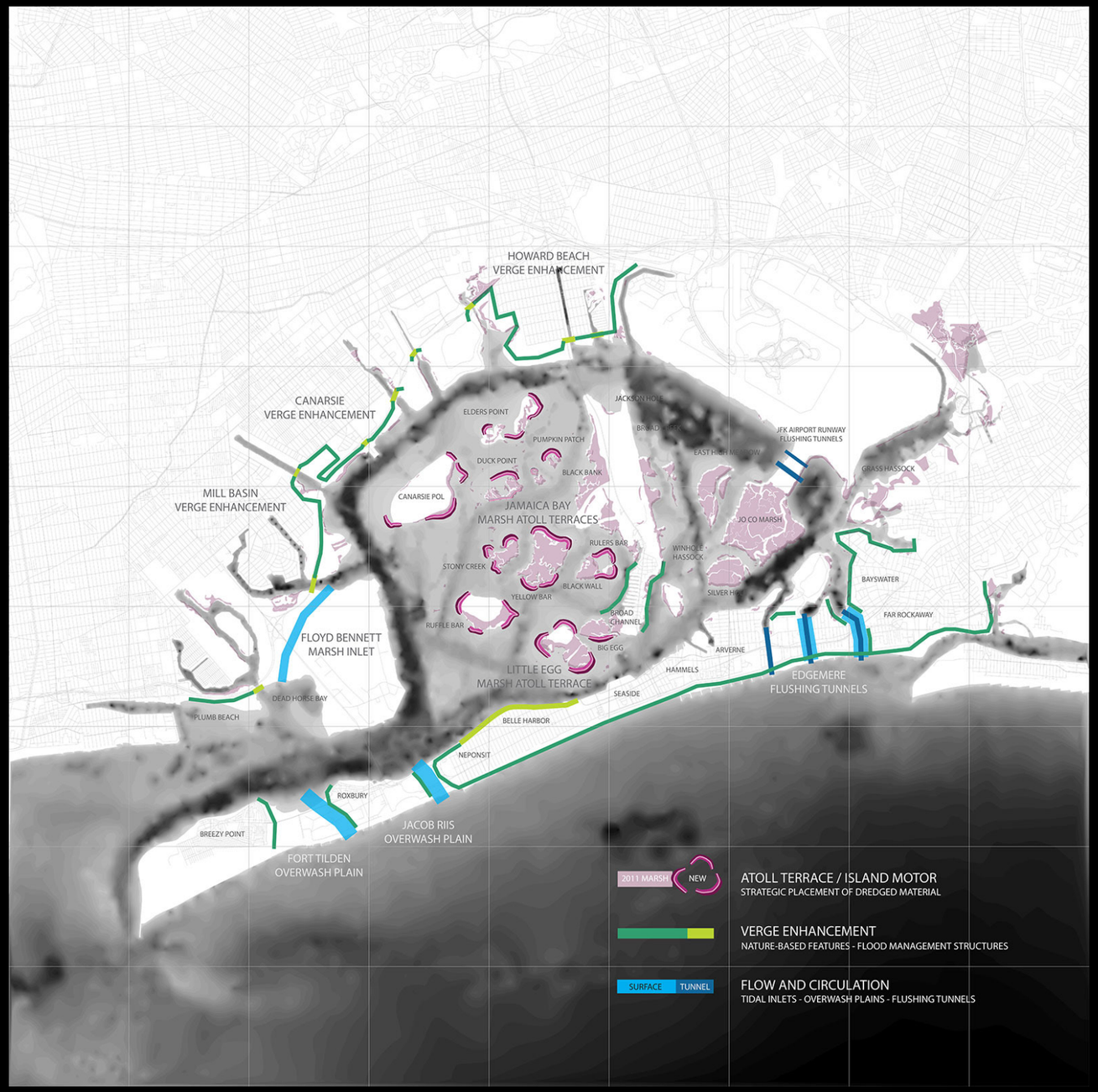
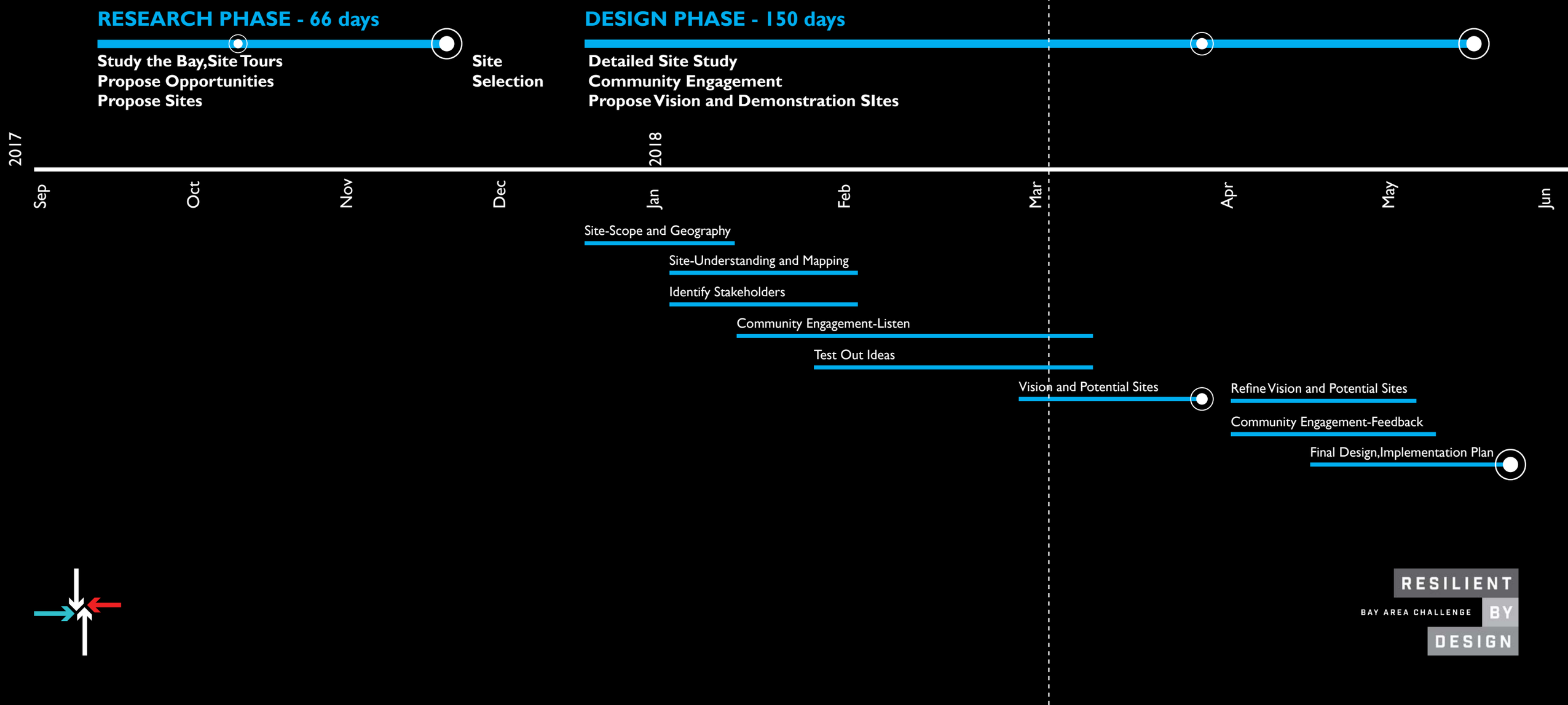
CLIMATE RESILIENCE
STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING



MICHAEL MALTZAN
ARCHITECTURE

COMMON GROUND
PROCESS/TIMELINE



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BAY AREA CHALLENGE

REBUILD BY DESIGN NYC

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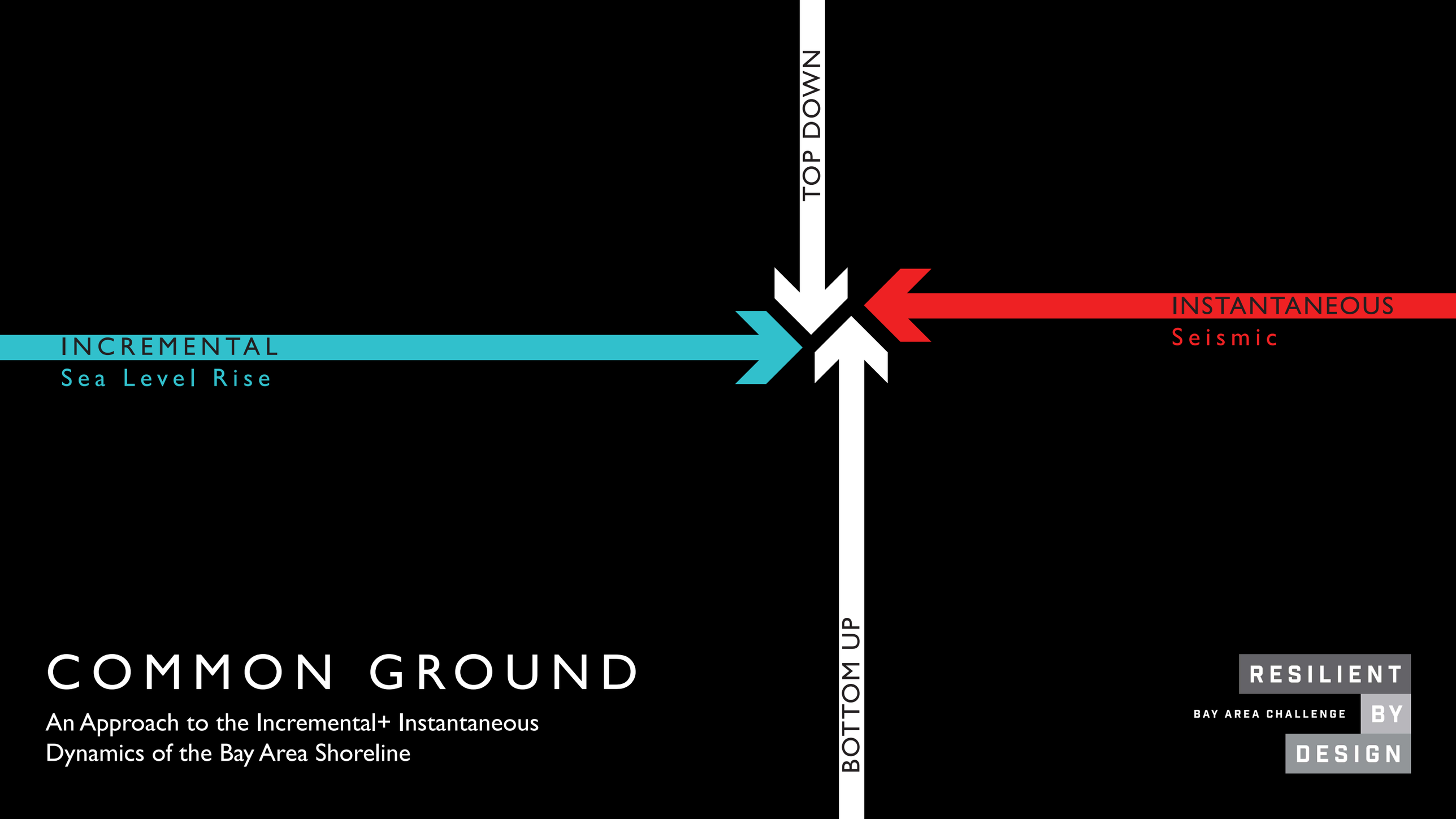
SCAPE

BIG



COMMON GROUND

An Approach to the Incremental+ Instantaneous Dynamics of the Bay Area Shoreline

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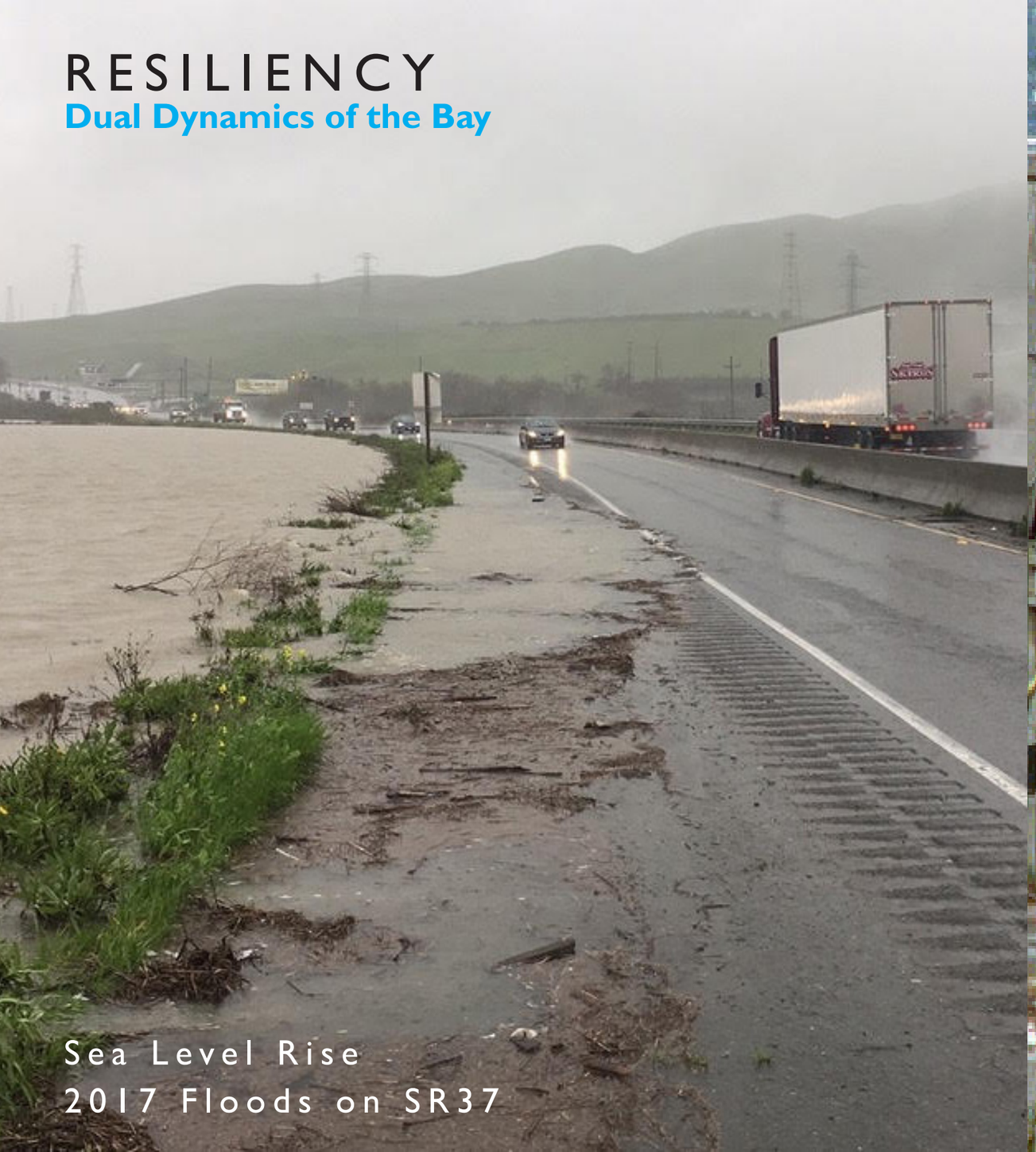
BAY AREA CHALLENGE

RESILIENCY

Dual Dynamics of the Bay



Sea Level Rise
2017 Floods on SR37

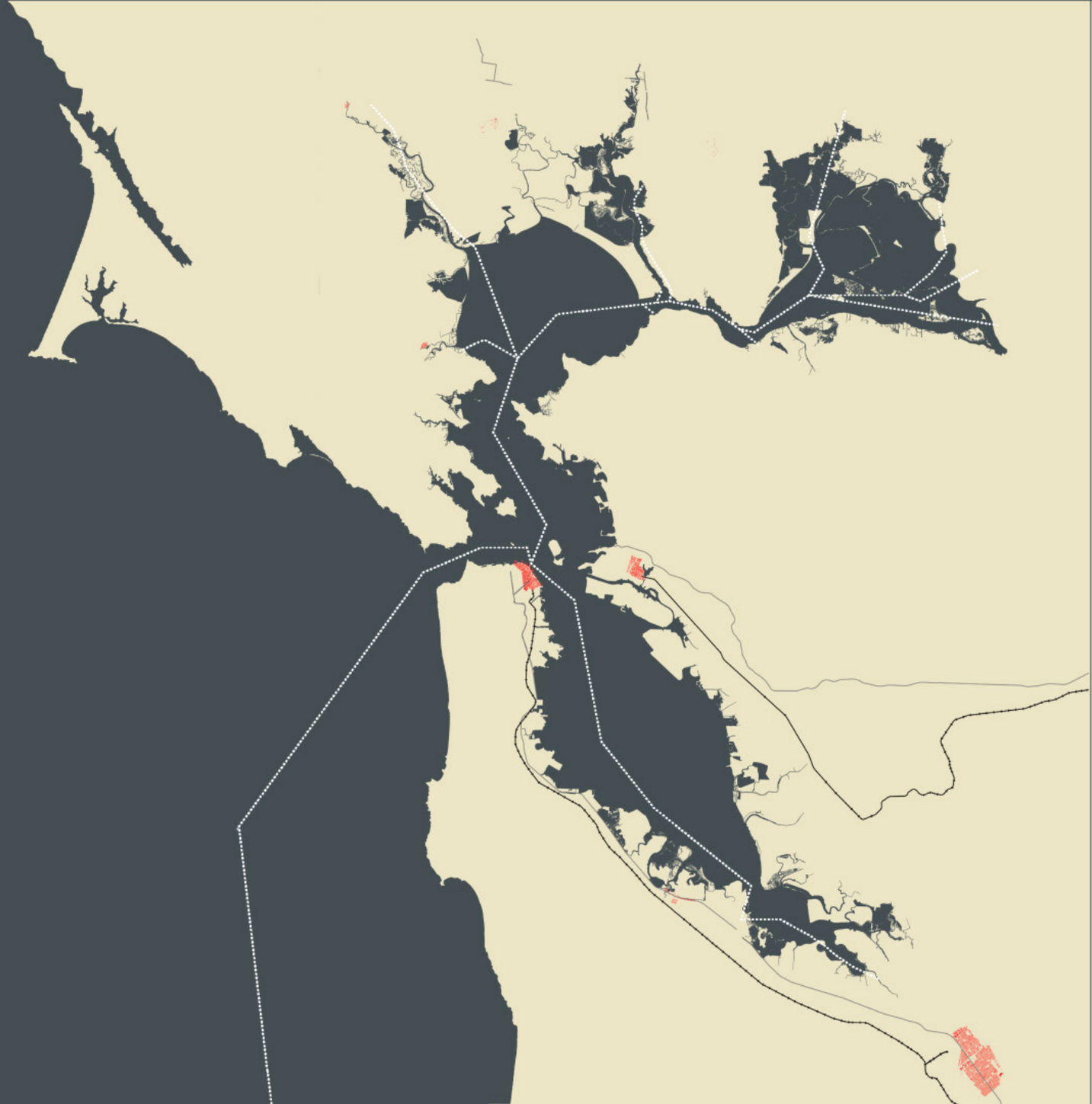
Liquefaction
1989 Loma Preita Earthquake

Sea Level Rise

Liquefaction+Fault Lines

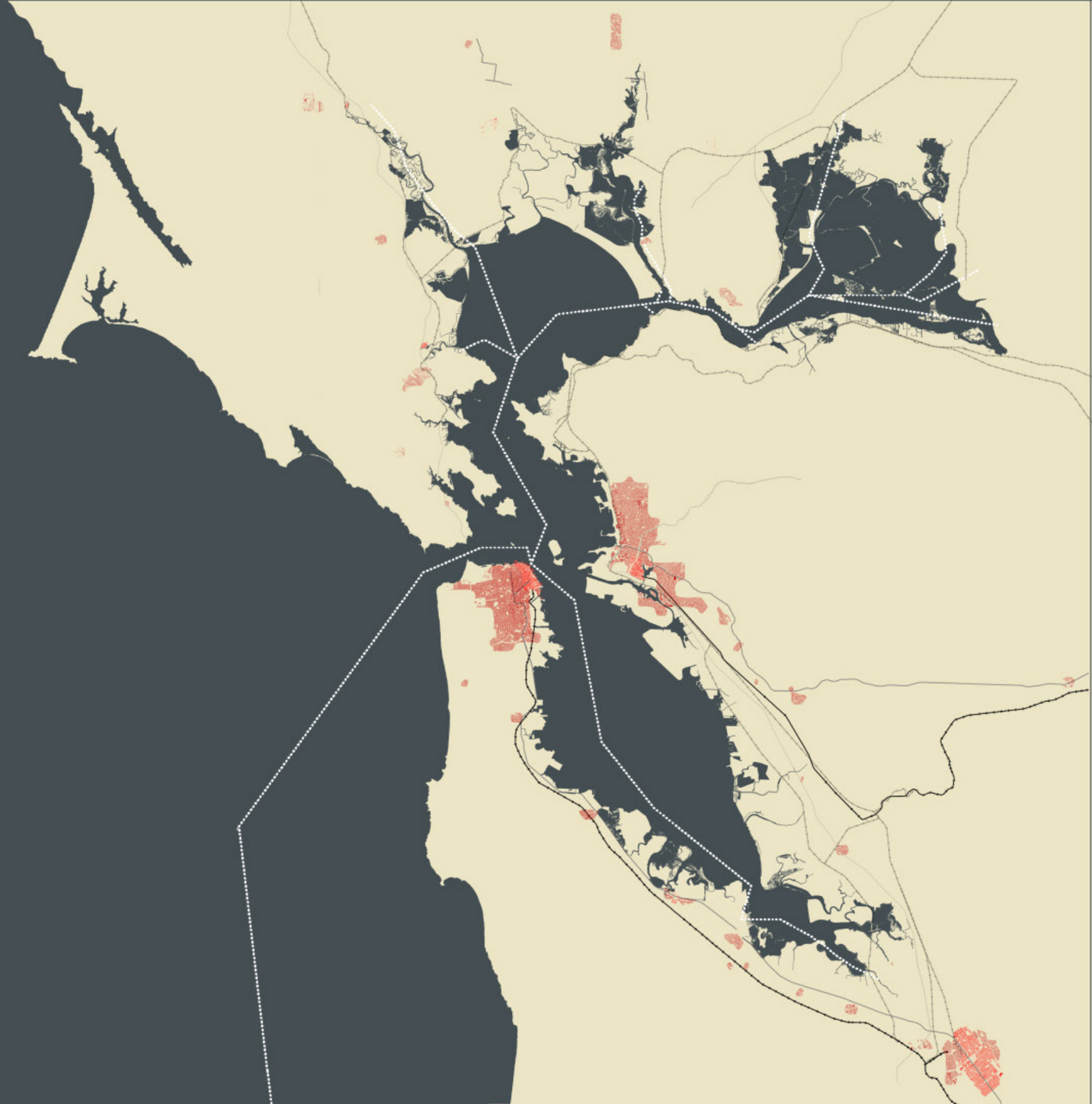
EARLY SETTLEMENT

WATERFRONT
WATER TRANSIT



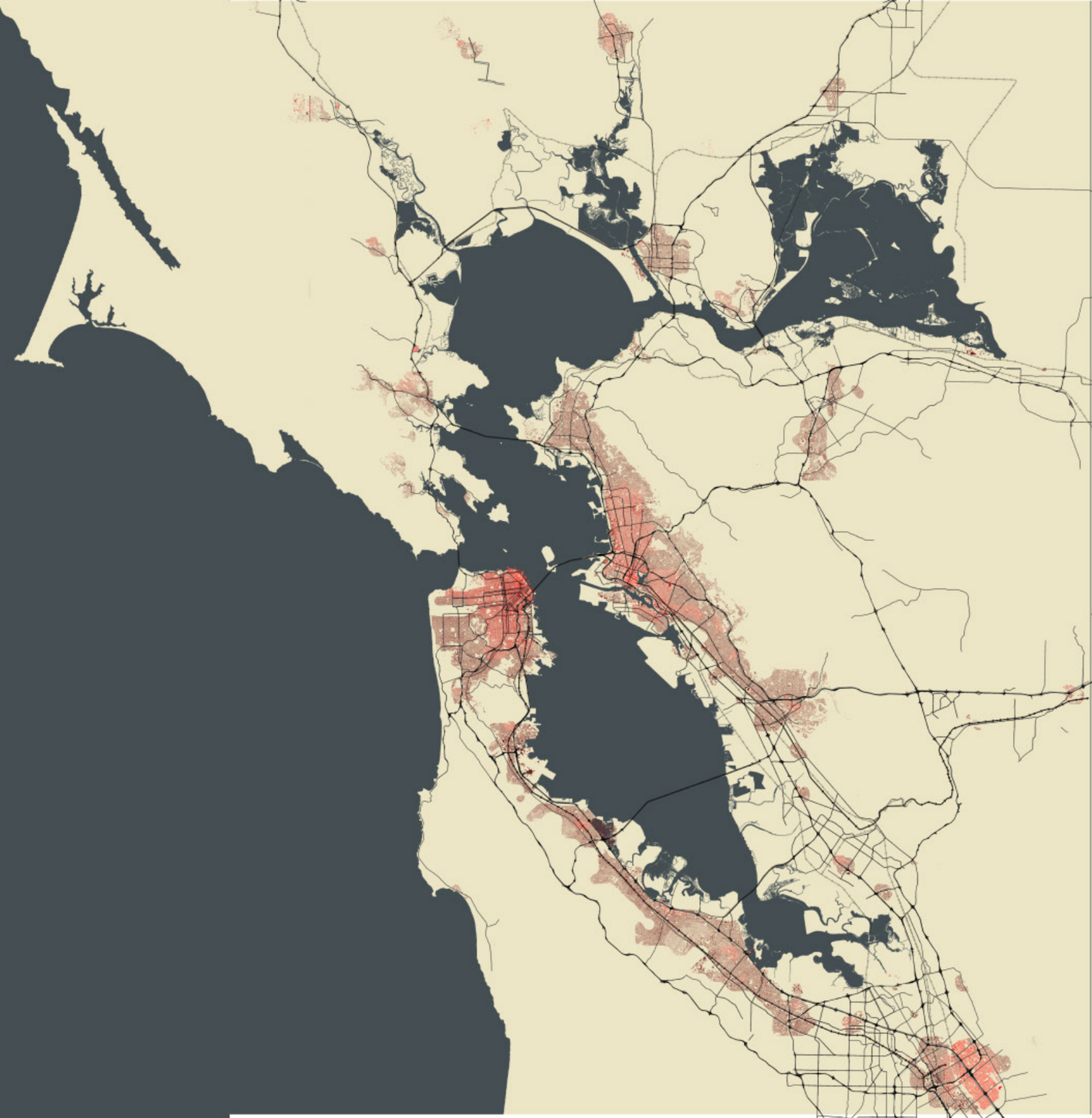
INDUSTRIALIZATION

RECLAMATION ALONG BAY WATERS
RAILROADS



POST WWII

CROSS BAY & INLAND
BRIDGES AND ROAD



TODAY

EXTENDED AUTO COMMUTING
WATERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT

GROW THE BAY?
INCREASED WATER TRANSIT?

SAN PABLO BAY

Agricultural Valleys

San Pablo Bay

San Francisco Bay

South Bay

SAN PABLO BAY - THE WORKING ESTUARY

The Petaluma Heritage Mural in Petaluma, California by Steve Della Maggiora

SCC.

SAN PABLO BAY

CALIFORNIA

From a Trigonometrical Survey

under the direction of A.D.BACHE Superintendent of the

SURVEY OF THE COAST OF THE UNITED STATES

Triangulation by R.D.CUTTS G.A.FAIRFIELD G.DAVIDSON Assists. and A.F.RODGERS Sub-Assist.

Topography by R.D.CUTTS Asst. & A.F.RODGERS Sub-Asst.

Hydrography by the Party under the command of

Commander JAMES ALDEN U.S.N. Assist.

Scale $\frac{1}{80,000}$

1863

Statistical Office

Sealed J.E.McGrath
Assist. Coast Survey
In charge of Office

Statute Miles

Nautical Miles

The Triangulation was executed in	1852 '53 '57 '58 & '59
The Topography do. in	1852 '53 '54 '55 & '56
The Hydrography do. in	1856

SAILING DIRECTIONS

TO ENTER SAN PABLO BAY FROM SAN FRANCISCO BAY

The channel connecting the Bays of San Francisco and San Pablo is clear but in beating, a vessel of heavy draught must avoid the Invincible and Whiting Rocks. A narrow passage between the Brothers and San Pablo Point is generally used by small craft and slow steamers as it shortens the distance. Passing half a mile to the Westward of Red Rock (an shoal of San Francisco) Steer N.N.W.(N.7°W.) until San Pablo Point bears E.1/2N.(E.4°N.) then N.N.E.1/2.(N.6°E.) for five miles when Pinole Point will bear S.by E.1/2E.(South) distant two miles, then N.E.1/2.(N.44°E.) to entrance of the Straits of Karquinez. The channel through San Pablo Bay is wide and deep; but the wind should be used particularly when beating. Shoal Flats make well out between all the headlands on the Northern shore, forming an abrupt bank on that side of the channel, while on the North side the soundings decrease very gradually.

IF BOUND INTO MARE ISLAND STRAITS

When up with the Island haul gradually in till the Floating Dock to open past the Magazine Wharf then stock directly up the Strait keeping the Western shore aboard, so as to avoid Commerson Rock, where the channel is only 230 yards wide.

No sailing directions are required for the Straits of Karquinez the shores being for the most part bold and the water deep.

Latitude of Mare Island S.E. Station	38° 06' 35"5
Longitude of do. do. West from Greenwich Obs'y. as ret	122 15 06.8
Longitude of do. do. do. do. do. in time	8h 8m 0s·4
Variation of the Magnetic Needle in Dec. 1860	5° 45' E.

Annual decrease 0'.8

SOUNDINGS

The soundings are expressed in feet to 18 feet, or within the dotted surface beyond them in fathoms, and show the depth at the mean of the lowest low water of each 24 hours, the plane of reference.

The dotted surface beyond low water mark represent the bottom within the respective depths of 6, 12 and 18 feet. The characteristic soundings only are given on the map; they are selected from the numerous soundings taken in the survey, so as to represent the figure of the bottom.

ABBREVIATIONS

used in the bottoms of this Map

Materials in Capitals	Other qualities here underlined
M. for Mud	hrd. for hard
S. " Sand	sft. " soft
Sh. " Shells	stky. " sticky
Cl. " Clay	

Note. The principal materials and their qualities are represented by larger letters than the subsidiary.

* Signifies Stock Rock.

View of the Entrance to Karquinez Straits and Vicinity from near Pinole Pt.

TIDES

	Mare I.	Benicia
Corrected Establishment	XIIh 0m XI.	XIIh 7m X.
Mean Rise and Fall of Tides	5 ft. R.	5.7 ft.
Mean do. of Spring Tides	5 "	5 "
Mean do. of Neap Tides	4 "	3 "
Mean Duration of Rise (Reckoning from the middle of one	6h 25m	5h 50m
Mean do. of Fall) mark to the middle of the next	6 "	5 "
	H.W. / L.W.	H.W. / L.W.
Difference to Establishment of A.M. and P.M. tides of same day, Average	0m 0s / 0h 30m	0m 0s / 0h 20m
When the Moon's declination is greatest	1 " / 0 "	1 " / 0 "
Difference to height of A.M. and P.M. tides of same day, Average	1 ft / 1 ft. R.	0 ft. R. / 1.1 ft. R
When the Moon's declination is greatest	1 " / 0 "	1 " / 1.1 "
Difference to height of highest high and lowest low tide of same day, Average	6.5 ft. R.	6.0 ft. R.
When the Moon's declination is greatest	7.3 "	7.0 "

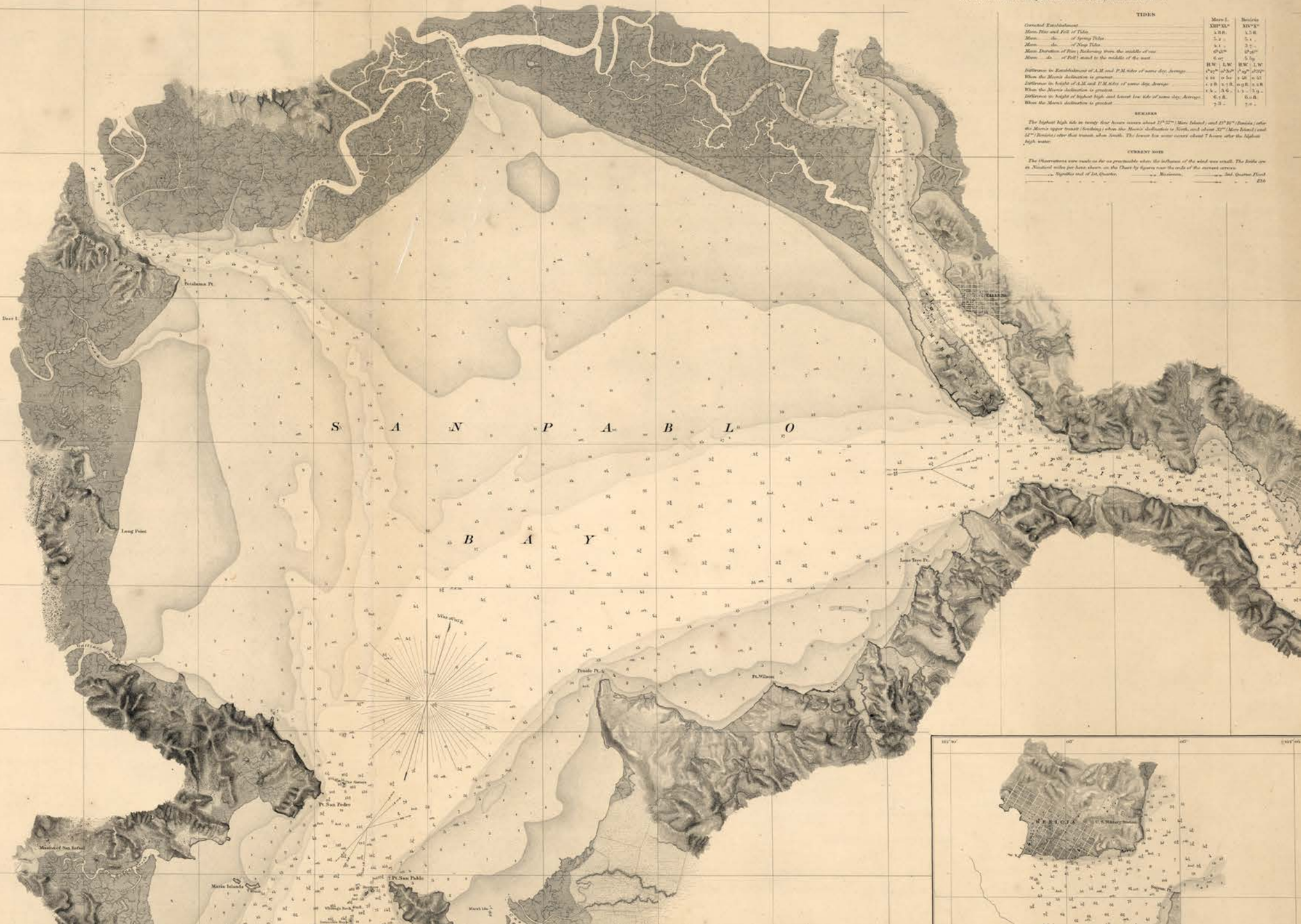
REMARKS

The highest high tide in twenty four hours occurs about 21h 32m (Mare Island) and 23h 27m (Benicia) after the Moon's upper transit (Reckoning) when the Moon's declination is North, and about 22h (Mare Island) and 24m (Benicia) after that transit when South. The lowest low water occurs about 7 hours after the highest high water.

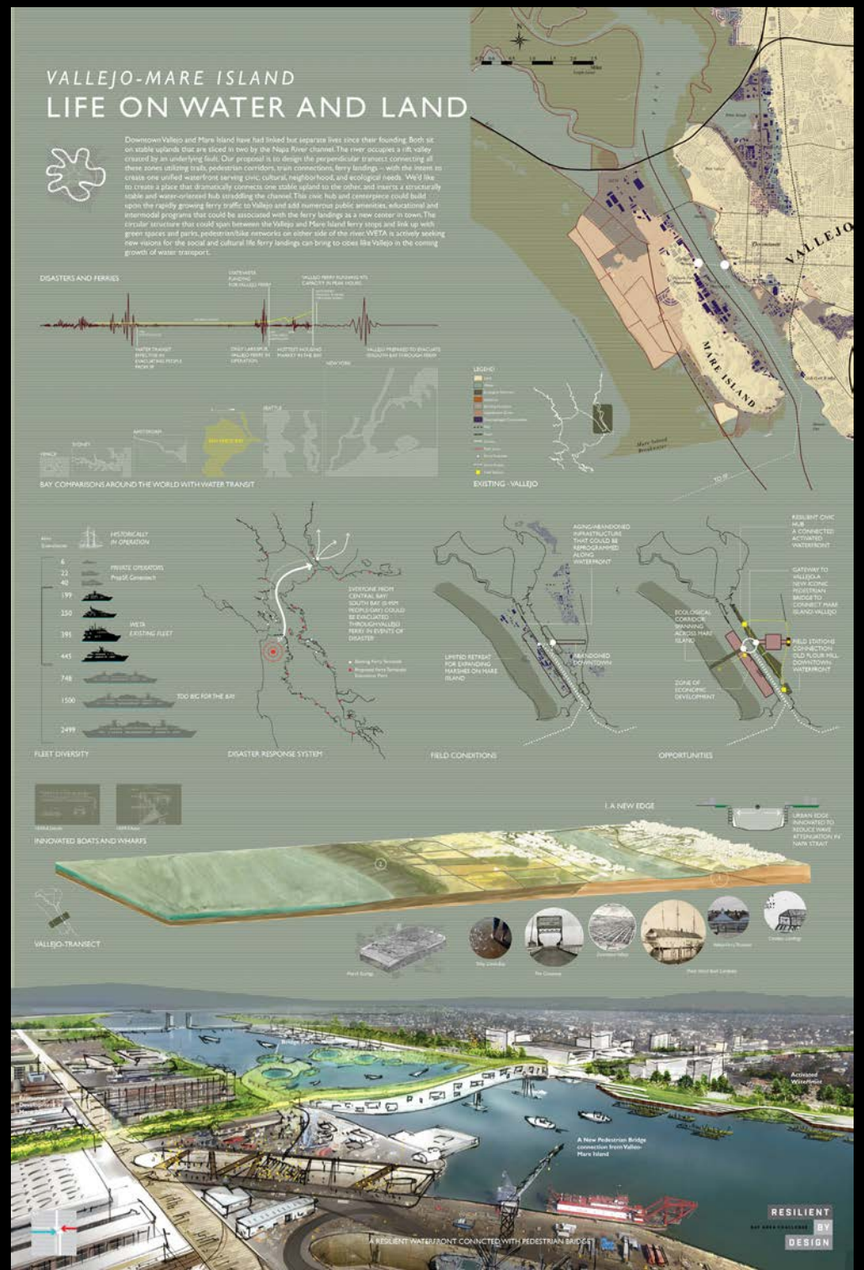
CURRENT NOTE

The Observations were made as far as practicable when the influence of the wind was small. The Tides are in Nautical miles per hour shown on the Chart by figures near the ends of the current arrows.

Signifies end of 1st. Quarter. Maximum. 2nd. Quarter Flood. Ebb.

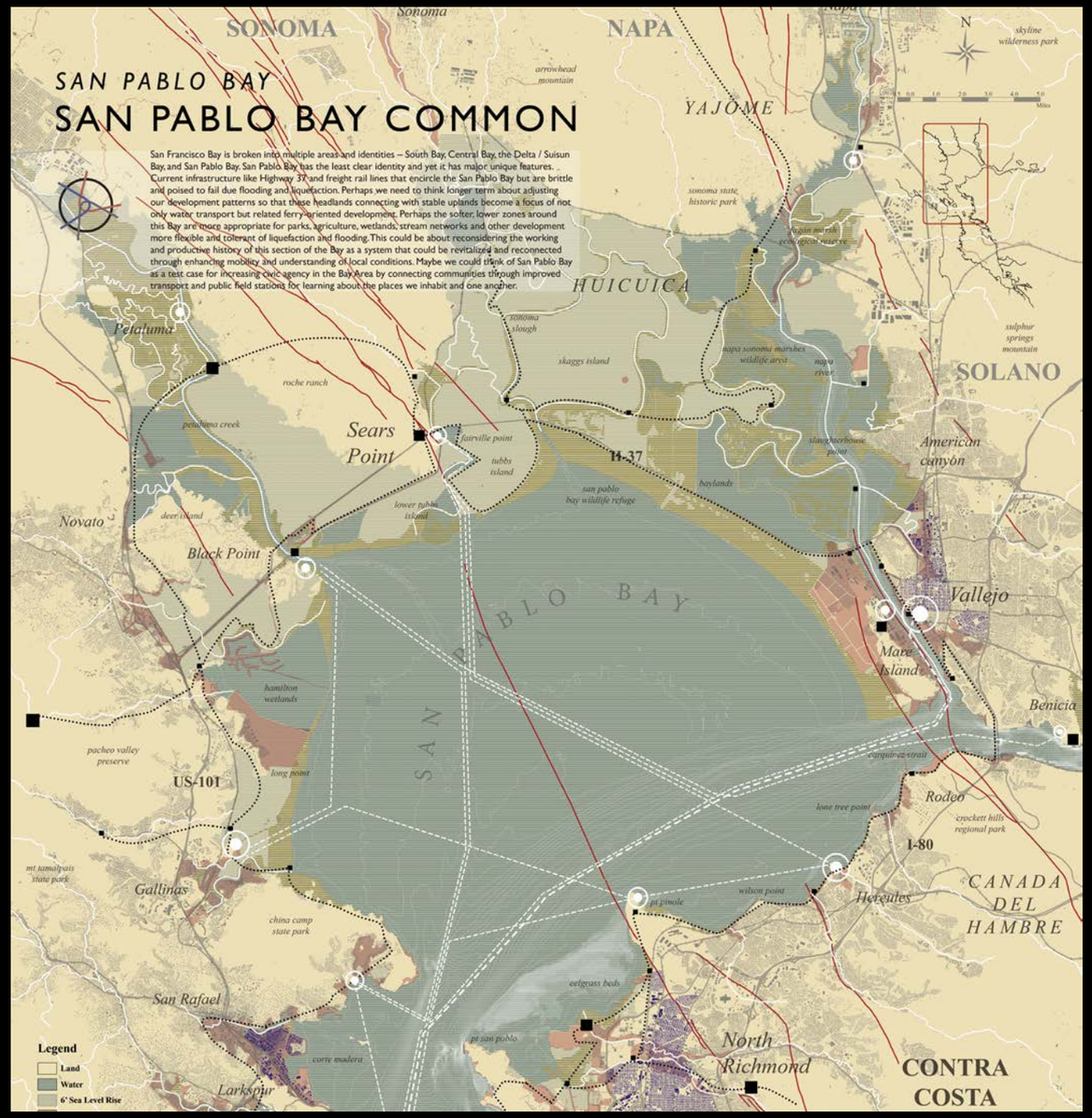


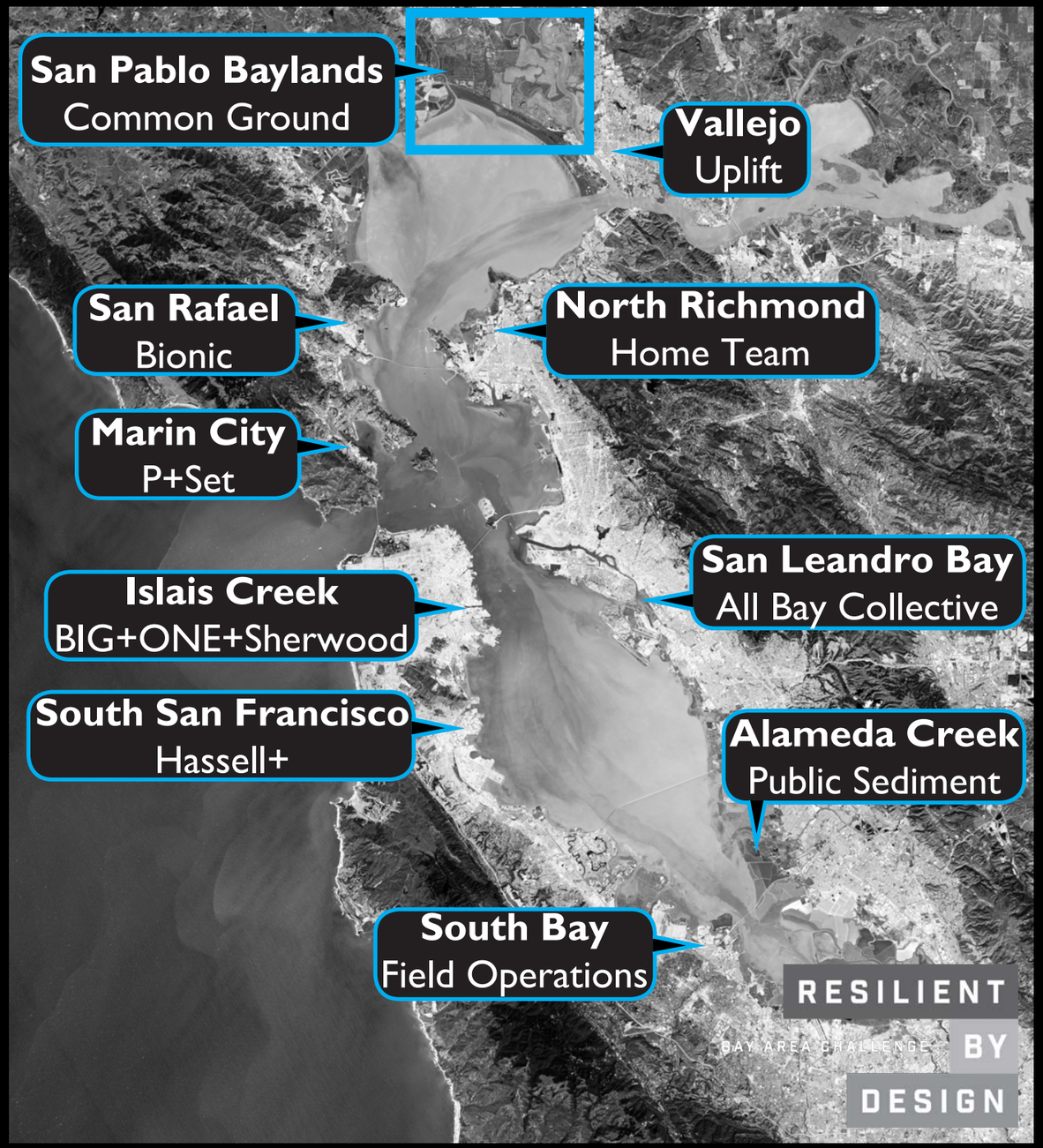
COMMON GROUND
PROPOSED SITES



10 SELECTED SITES

RESILIENT BY DESIGN
BAY AREA CHALLENGE





COMMON GROUND
San Pablo Baylands

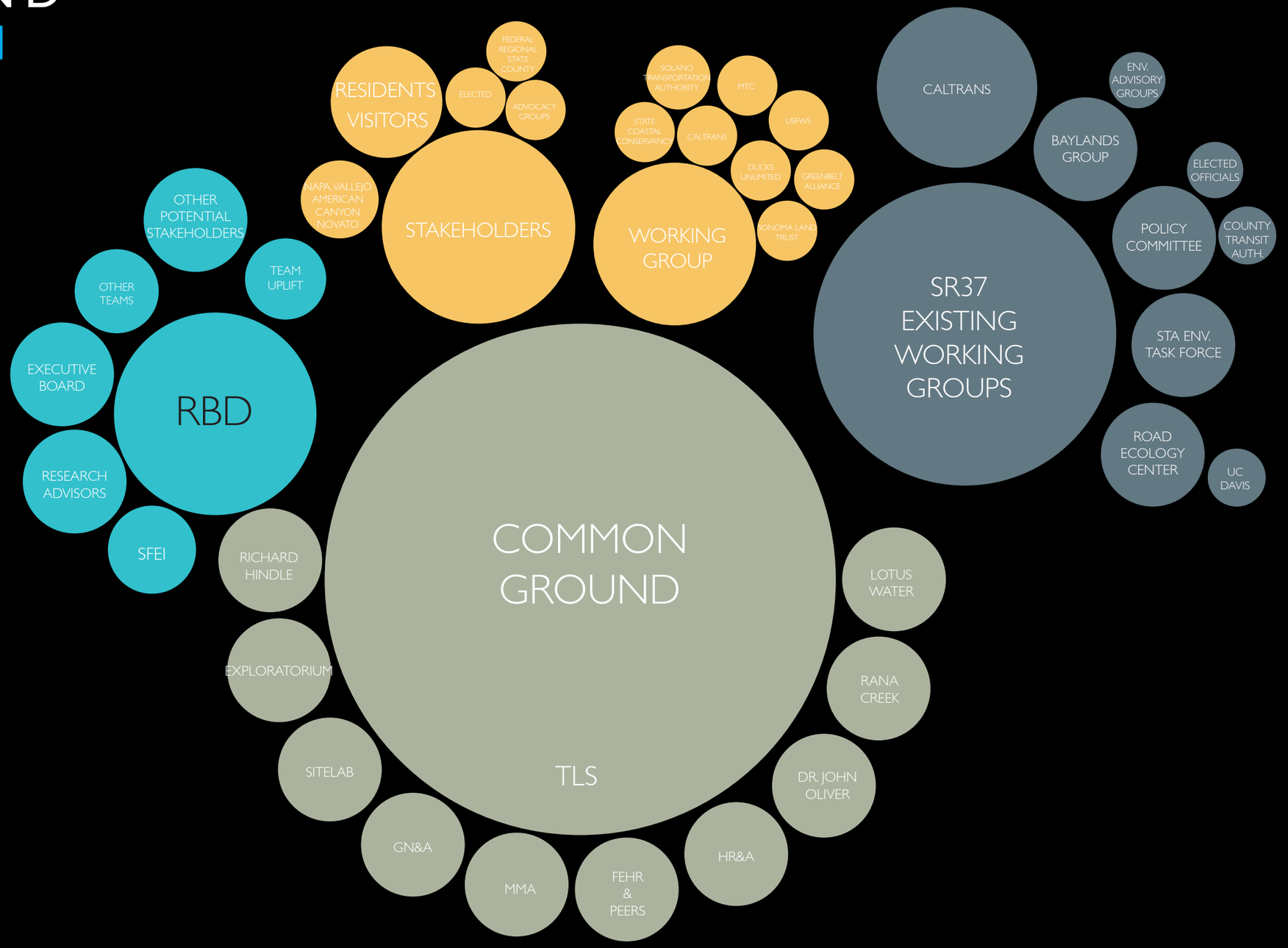
COMMON GROUND
Site

COMMON GROUND
6’ SLR (2100)

COMMON GROUND+RBD
WORKING GROUP

Adding Value to Existing Efforts

COMMON GROUND
COLLABORATION



COMMON GROUND
GOALS for RESILIENCY

LISTEN

Understand and incorporate the goals of stakeholders and local communities.

BUILD

Build from the efforts of other working groups.

SUPPORT

Support the ongoing process to redesign SR37 and restore marshlands.

ENVISION

Provide a vision for the future that addresses sea level rise and offers positive outcomes for nearby communities, wildlife, and transportation.

COMMON GROUND
OUTREACH

FLYWAY FESTIVAL
MARE ISLAND
FEB 10th & 11th

San Pablo Bay
Suisun Bay
Hercules
Pinole
San Rafael
Corte Madera
Richmond
El Cerrito
Concord
Walnut Creek
Lafayette
Berkeley
Sausalito
San Francisco Bay
Emeryville
Oakland
San Ramon
Alameda
San Francisco
San Leandro
WHERE A
PLEASE M
LIVE

WHAT PARTS OF THE BAY
HAVE YOU VISITED?
PLEASE MARK WITH A
Rail
Highway/Major Roads
Bay Trail
County Boundary
1"=24,000'

COMMON GROUND
OUTREACH

WHAT NAME would you use to identify this region?

¿QUÉ NOMBRE usaría para identificar esté región?

Industry & Marsh

HAVE YOU VISITED the marshes around Highway 37? Why?

¿HA VISITADO los pantanos del Highway 37? ¿Por qué?

not properly... don't know the right spots to check out!

What would you like to see in the Baylands **IN THE FUTURE?**

¿Qué le gustaría ver en Baylands EN EL FUTURO?

trails

bird sanctuaries

educational markers, signs, museums

WHAT NAME would you use to identify this region?

¿QUÉ NOMBRE usaría para identificar esté región?

SAN PABLO BAY wetlands

HAVE YOU VISITED the marshes around Highway 37? Why?

¿HA VISITADO los pantanos del Highway 37? ¿Por qué?

I have but its hard to get because hwy - it takes too much time / Bird watching

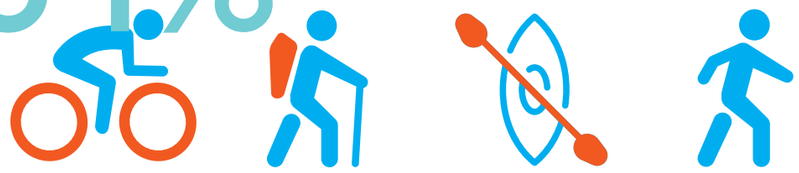
What would you like to see in the Baylands **IN THE FUTURE?**

¿Qué le gustaría ver en Baylands EN EL FUTURO?

Access points / get the road up so wildlife + water to occur

the majority of you were:

64% **PRO-RECREATION**



63% **PRO-ACCESS**

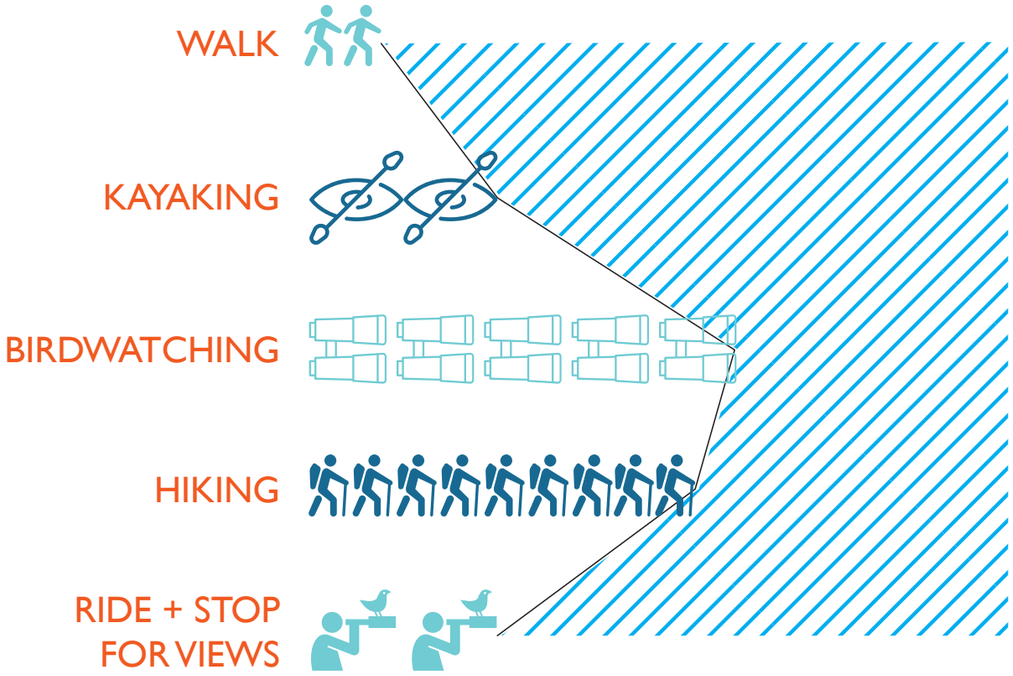
we asked you what name you use to

IDENTIFY THIS REGION

- SEARS POINT
- SONOMA-NAPA MARSHES
- NORTH BAY
- NAPA ESTUARY
- SAN PABLO BAY
- NORTH BAY WETLANDS

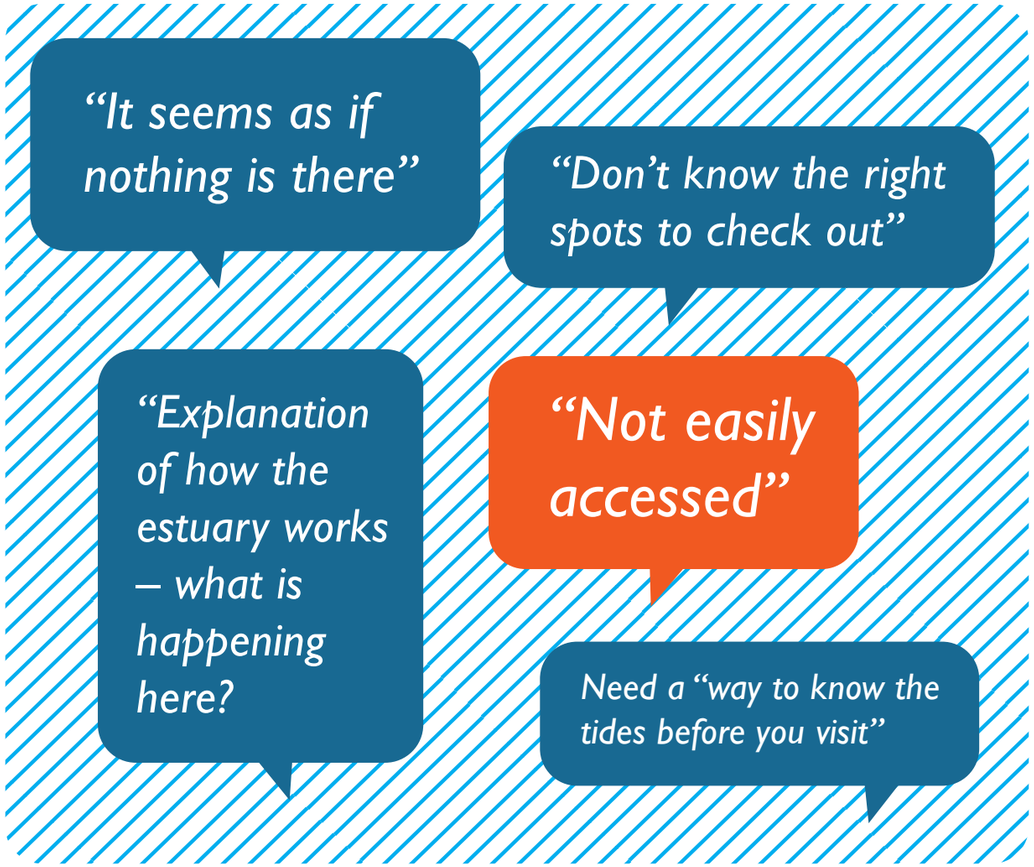
why you visit the

MARSHES AROUND HIGHWAY 37



WHY YOU HAVEN'T VISITED

the marshes around Highway 37...



COMMON GROUND
OUR FOCUS

IDENTITY

Strengthen the identity of the San Pablo Bay Region to encourage better understanding of the baylands as a major ecological and educational resource.

ADAPTATION

Provide new strategies for adaption of the San Pablo Baylands in response to sea level rise.

MOBILITY

Deliver long-term inter-modal connections around and across the San Pablo Baylands.

ACCESS

Provide more equitable access to the communities of San Pablo Bay, with particular attention given to programs for disadvantaged communities to broaden the constituency for these baylands.

SITE
EXISTING CONDITIONS

N

0 1 mile

MUDFLAT

SUBSIDING LAND
(FORMER MARSHLAND)

HW37

FLOODED AREA
(FORMER MARSHLAND)

LEVEED
SLOUGH

SITE ANALYSIS
SEDIMENT SOURCES

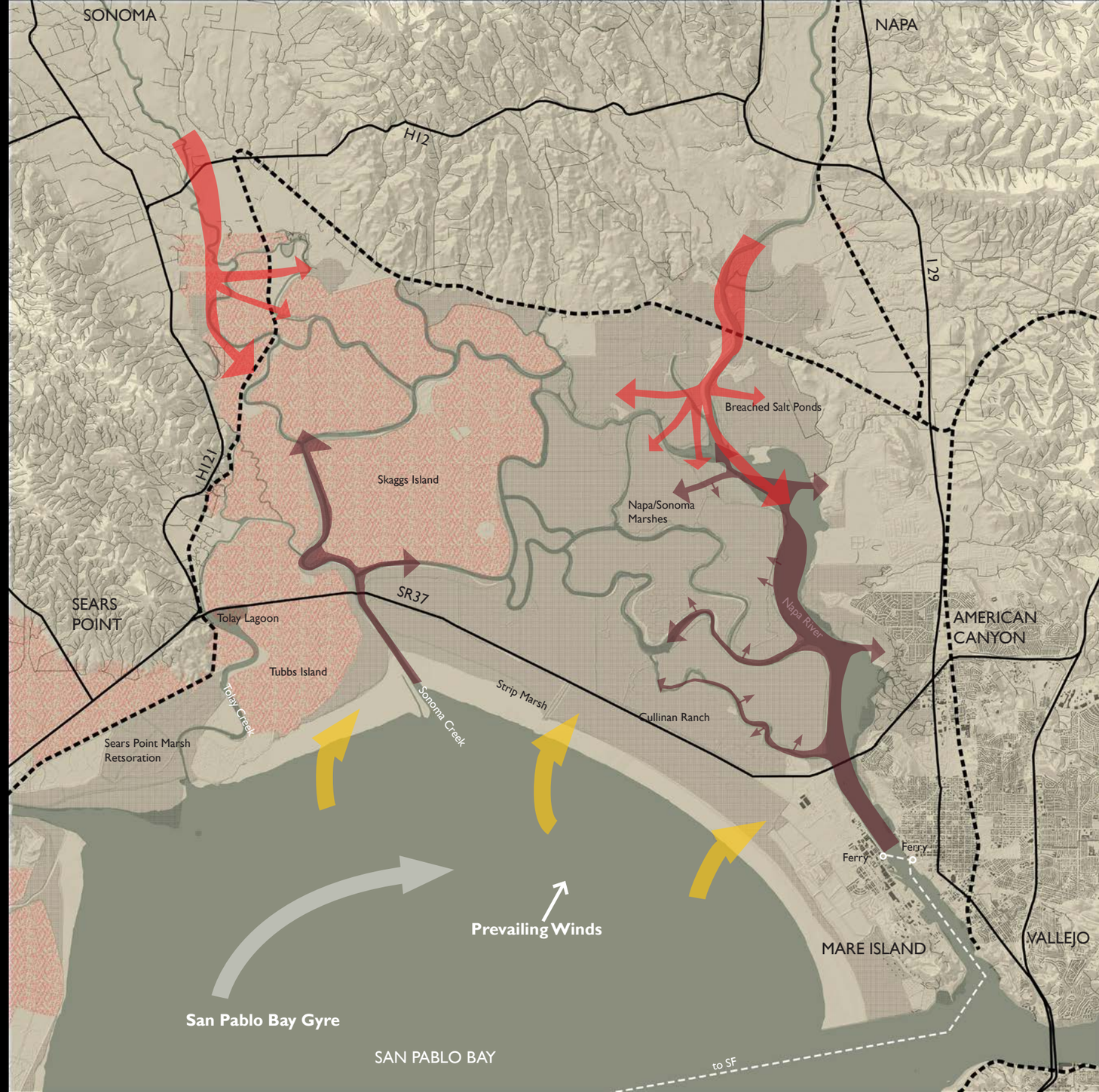
RIVER/CREEK (from north)
Sonoma Creek and Napa River account for 1/3 of total sediment entering the bay

TIDAL (from sides)
Sloughs, Tolay Creek, Sonoma Creek, Napa River

WAVE (from south)
From waves from San Pablo Bay
This has led to strip marsh accretion of 20'-30'/year over the last 150 years but is predicted to slow with sea level rise.

Diked land parcels subsided up to 7' below current sea level

Restored/in process of restoration wetlands protected by strip marsh berm



SITE
SAN PABLO BAYLANDS

STRATEGIES

- **ELEVATION CAPITAL**
- **SR 37 CAUSEWAY**
- **TERRAFORMING**
- **LOOPS & GATEWAYS**

OPPORTUNITIES

- **SCENIC SR37**
- **NATURAL & CULTIVATED ADAPTION**
- **INCREASE ACCESS AND LEGIBILITY**

IDENTITY

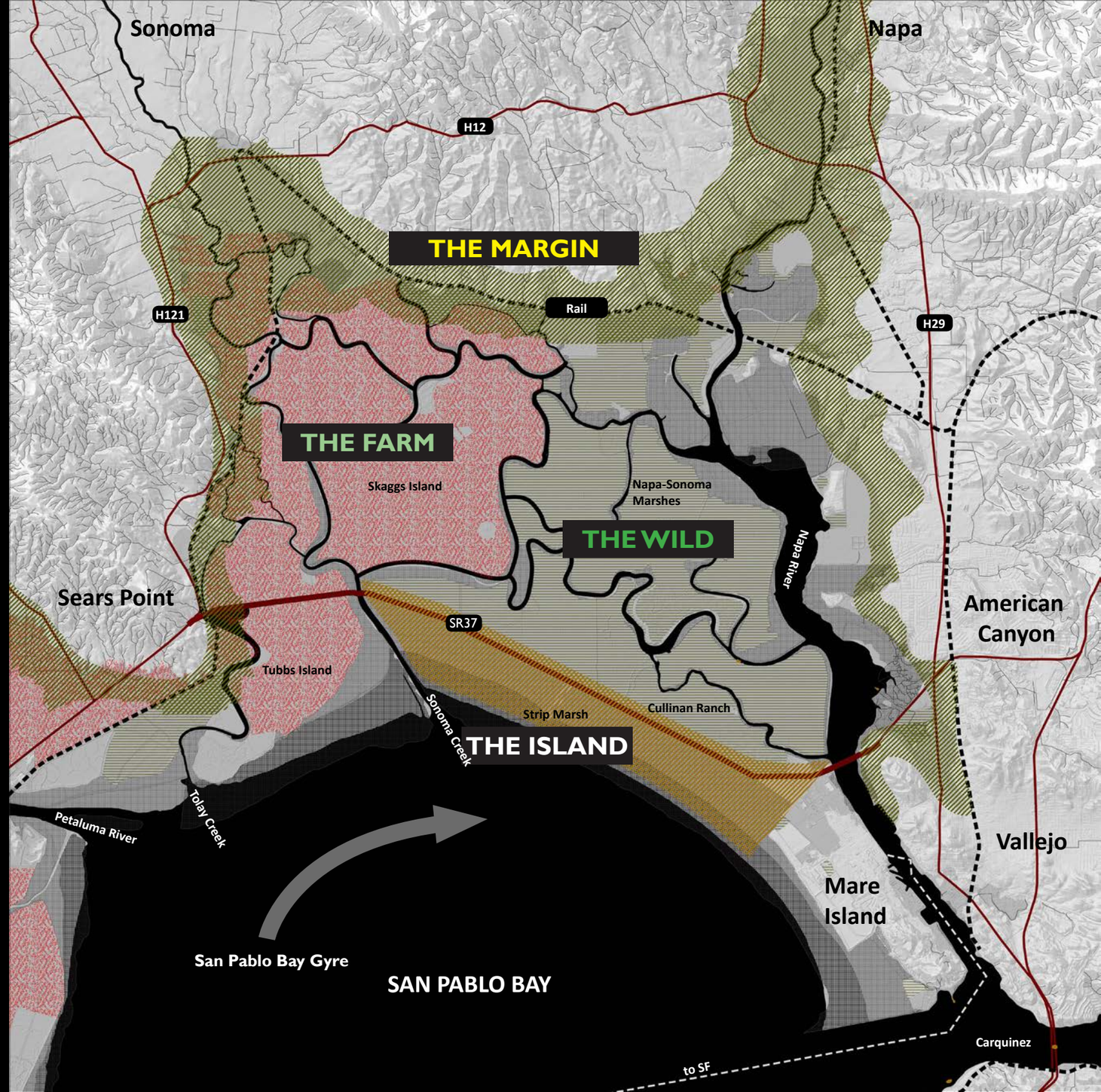
SAN PABLO BAY WILDLIFE REFUGE ?

SCENIC CORRIDOR ?

REGIONAL PARK ?

STATE PARK ?

BAYLANDS NATIONAL SEASHORE?



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