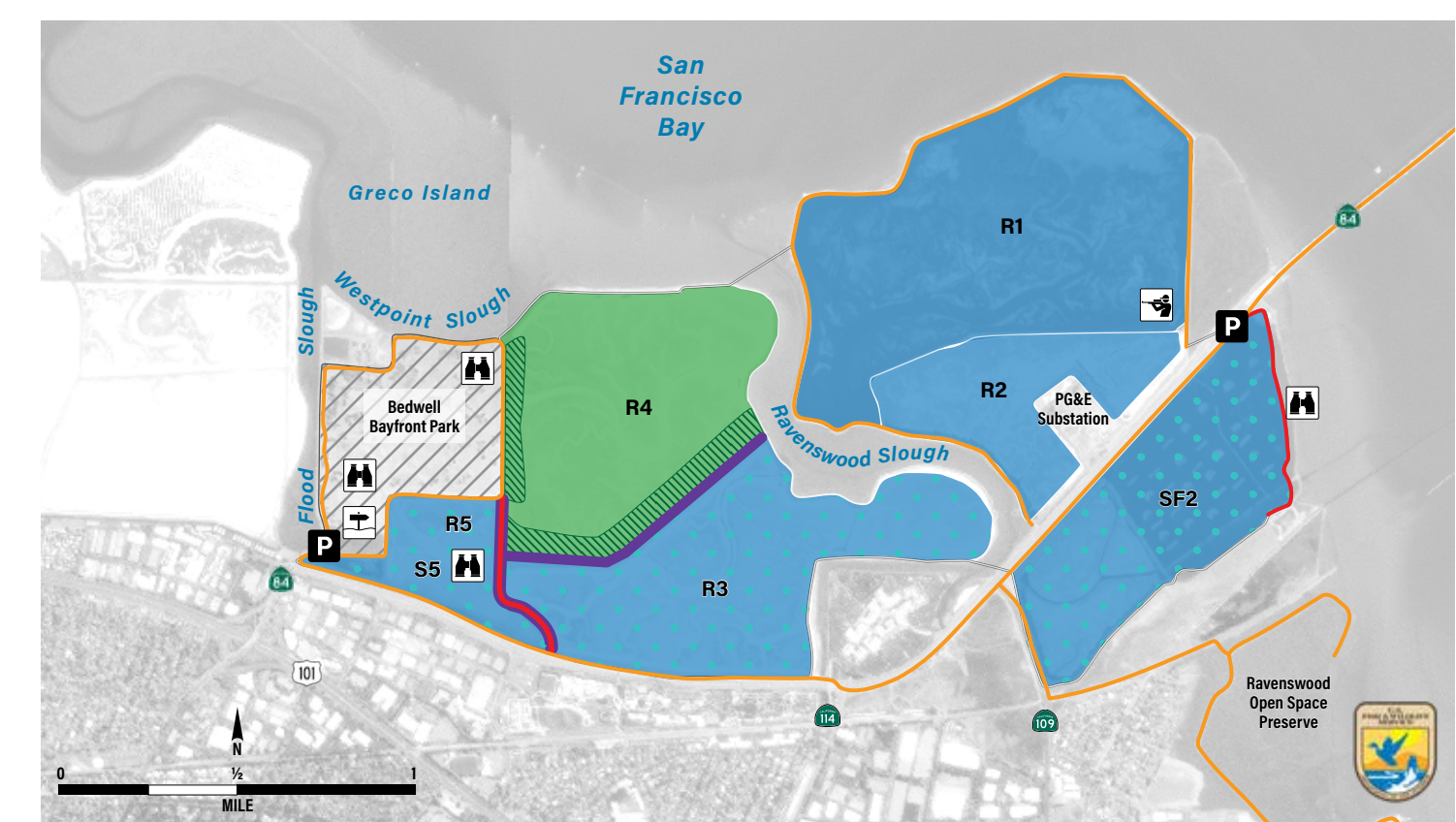


# South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Project

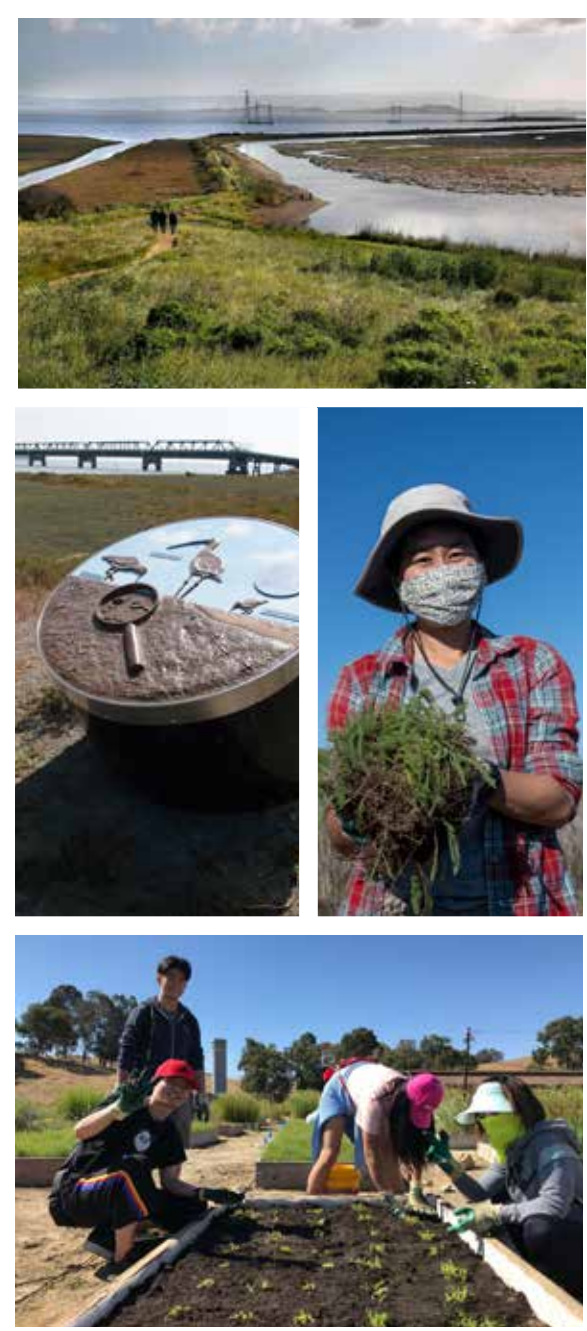
Restoring the Wild Heart of the South Bay

## RAVENSWOOD



**OVERVIEW:** These Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge wetlands are near Menlo Park's Bedwell Bayfront Park, the Belle Haven neighborhood and the Meta (formerly Facebook) campus. They offer opportunities for strolls to view tidal marsh, the Bay, and shorebirds resting and raising young. Dry ponds display stretches of brightly colored salty water. The growing trail network is connecting Bayfront Park, the Bay Trail and the new bridge over Highway 84. Nearby is a public self-guided trail, including a video about the Restoration Project, along Meta's Hacker Way campus.

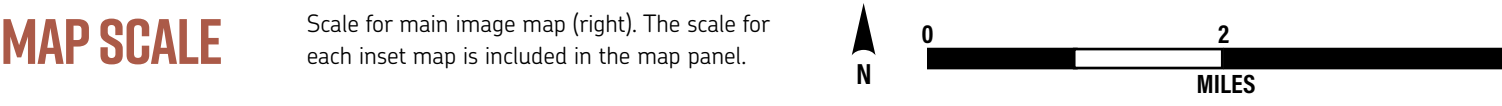
- WHAT WE'VE DONE:**
- RECREATION**
    - Hilltop viewing area with interpretive signs at Menlo Park's Bedwell Bayfront Park
    - Trail (0.7 mile), 2 viewing platforms, interpretive kiosks, and tactile signs along pond, marshes and Bay, south of Dumbarton Bridge (Pond SF2)
    - Pond trail (0.5 mile) with interpretive signs (to open in 2024)
  - HABITAT**
    - 30 shorebird nesting islands and other enhancements on 155 acres (Pond SF2)
    - 355 acres of enhanced dry ponds for threatened snowy plover nesting (Pond SF2, Pond R3)
    - 60 acres of enhanced ponds for ducks and shorebirds (Ponds R5 & S5)
    - 295 acres of restoring tidal marsh and vegetated habitat transition zones (Pond R4)
  - FLOOD MANAGEMENT**
    - Pipe connections to relieve flooding in neighborhoods near Bedwell Bayfront Park by directing stormwater overflows into these ponds
- WHAT'S NEXT:**
- You can check our website for new plans as they develop!



Photos: Clockwise from top, Bedwell Bayfront Park view, credit Michael Macor, San Francisco Chronicle. Planting photos, credit Save The Bay. Tactile sign, SBSFPR.

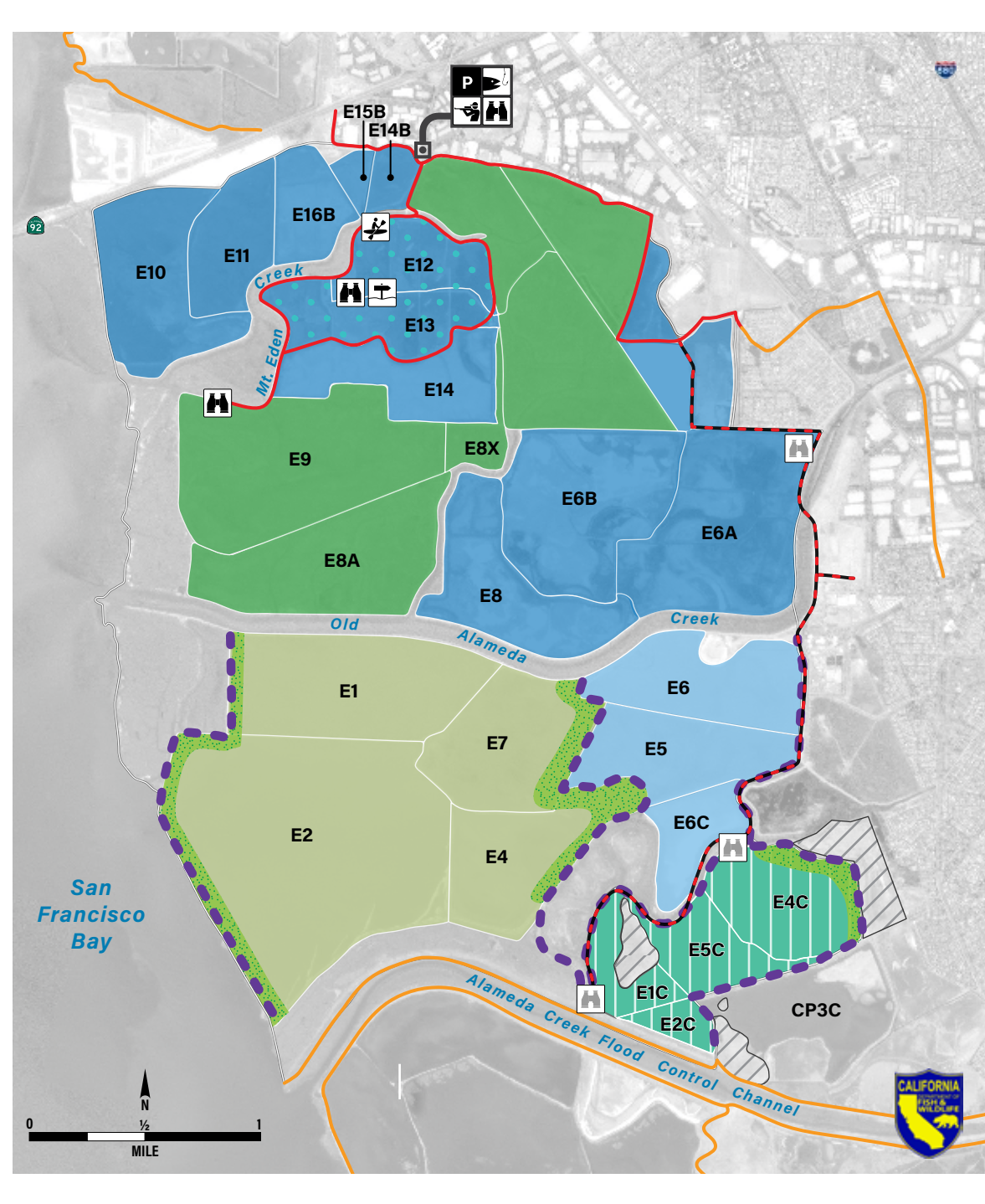
### HOW TO USE THESE MAPS

- The outlined areas on this aerial photo of the South Bay are the three Restoration Project pond complexes: **Ravenswood, Alviso, and Eden Landing.**
- The aerial photo shows our acres as of 2022. **Green** areas contain open water or tidal marsh. **White** areas are dry and salt crusted. **Red** ponds outside Restoration Project areas are still producing salt. The colors there are caused by algae and bacteria that prefer high-salinity waters.
- Find out more about our accomplishments and plans, and what you'll encounter at each pond complex, in the three inset boxes. Each shows the local trail network and our completed recreation, habitat restoration and enhancement, and flood risk management work. They also show work that is planned or underway.
- For directions and detailed recreation information on trails, hunting, and amenities, scan the barcode or visit [www.southbayrestoration.org](http://www.southbayrestoration.org).

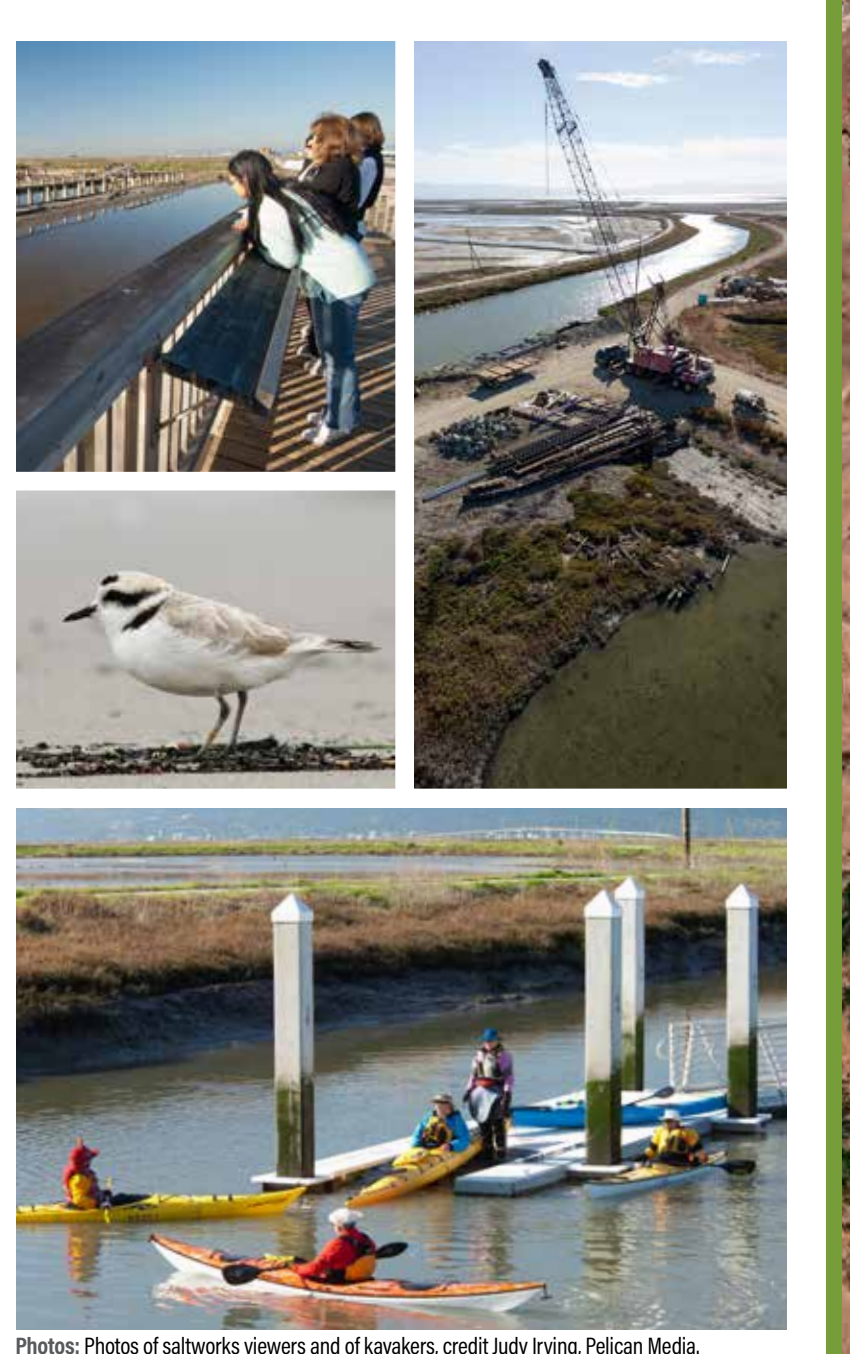


## HAYWARD

## EDEN LANDING

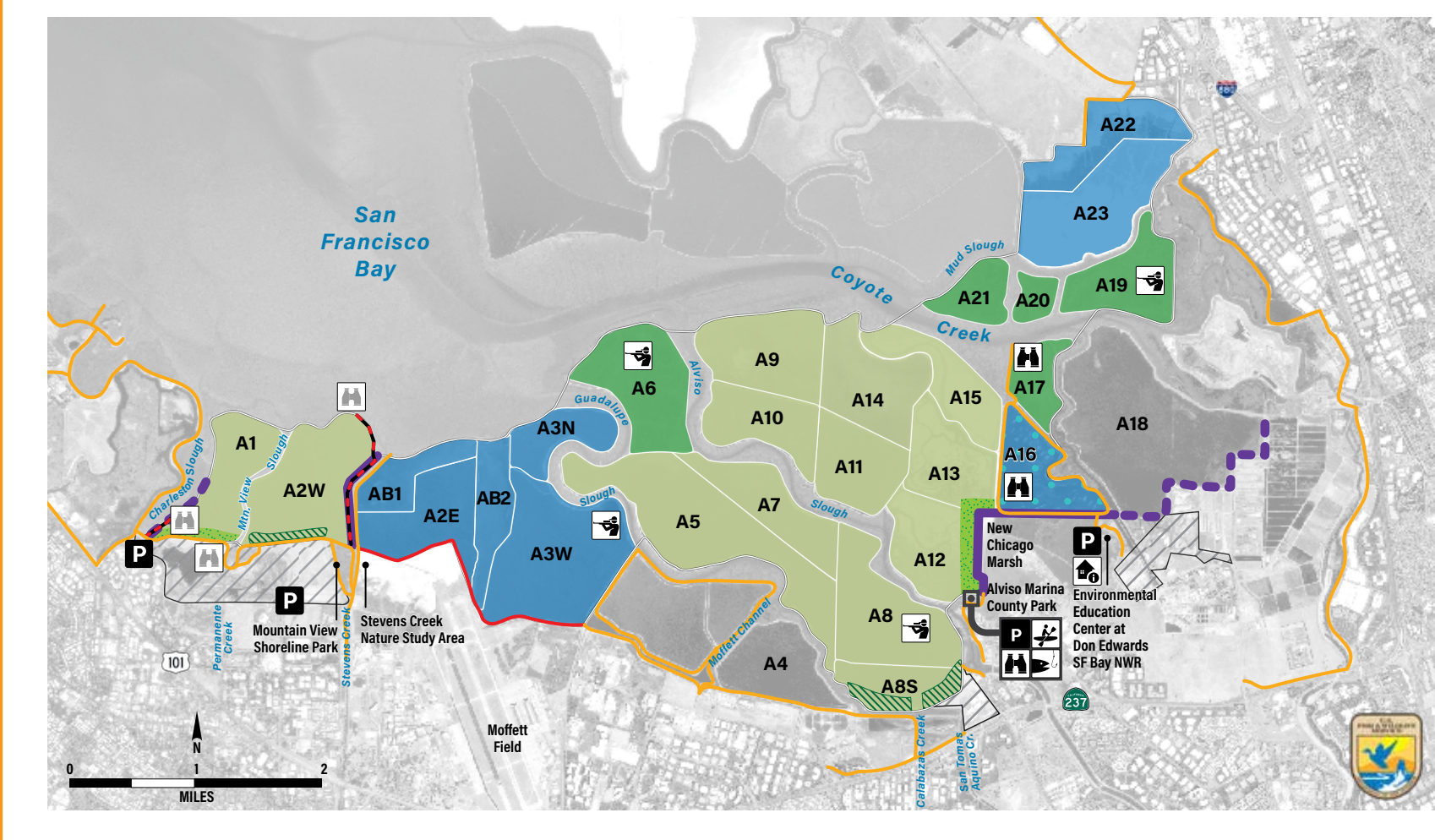


- OVERVIEW:** Industrial salt-making began here in the 1800s and trail-users can see remnants of old buildings, wharves and pumps. Congressman Pete Stark Ecological Reserve at Eden Landing hosts migratory shorebirds and about 80 percent of South Bay threatened western snowy plovers. You can row or paddle from the kayak launch, a San Francisco Bay Water Trail trailhead. North of Eden Landing, across Highway 92, are more trails and the Hayward Shoreline Interpretive Center with natural history displays and programs.
- WHAT WE'VE DONE:**
- RECREATION**
    - 3.8 miles of trails with interpretive signs
    - An ADA-accessible kayak launch
    - A boardwalk overlooking remnants of historic salt works (Pond E12)
  - HABITAT**
    - 630 acres of restored tidal marsh (Ponds E8A, E8, & E9)
    - 230 acres of ponds enhanced for shorebirds (Ponds E12 & E13)
    - 155 acres of dry ponds improved for nesting snowy plovers and terns (E14)
- WHAT'S NEXT:**
- 4-mile Bay Trail segment connecting Hayward to Alameda Creek Regional Trail
  - 1,375 acres of tidal marsh with habitat transition zones
  - Nearly 900 acres of nesting islands and other pond enhancements for waterbirds
  - Stormwater and flood management improvements



Photos: Photos of saltworks visitors and of kayakers, credit Judy Irving, Pelican Media. Construction, credit Cris Benton. Plover, credit Steve Berardi, BY-NC-SA 2.0.

## ALVISO



- OVERVIEW:** The largest pond complex within the Restoration Project, in the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, boasts an Environmental Education Center, with displays and programs, and trails connecting to a regional trail network, including those around Stevens Creek. Nearby Alviso Marina County Park has a boat launch for both motorized and non-motorized boats and offers interpretive boat tours.
- WHAT WE'VE DONE:**
- RECREATION**
    - 2.5 miles of new Bay Trail between Mountain View and Sunnyvale
  - HABITAT**
    - Nearly 1,000 acres of restored tidal marshes (the Island Ponds A19, A20 & A21; and Ponds A6 & A17)
    - 1,440 acres of muted tidal ponds – similar to a lagoon – for birds (Ponds A5, A7, A8 & A8S)
    - 240 acres of shallow ponds for migratory birds with 12 nesting islands (Pond A16)
    - Habitat transition zones to expand native plant habitats, help wildlife escape tides and storms, and protect nearby lands from wave erosion (Pond A8)



Photos: Clockwise from top left, Alviso Slough kite view, credit Cris Benton. Walkers and train, credit Judy Irving. Pelican Media. Artesian Slough and tour participants, credit Ronald Herri. Levee breach and pelican photos, credit Judy Irving, Pelican Media.

### LEGEND

PROJECT AREA	FLOOD MANAGEMENT
Eden Landing, Ravenswood, and Alviso	Completed Levee/Berm Improvements
<b>HABITAT TYPES</b>	Proposed Levee/Berm Improvements
<b>Managed Ponds</b>	High Ground
Managed Pond	<b>TRAILS</b>
Completed Enhanced Pond	Existing Trail
Proposed Enhanced Pond	Completed Project Trail
<b>Tidal Marsh</b>	Proposed Project Trail
Completed Tidal Marsh	<b>OTHER RECREATIONAL</b>
Proposed Tidal Marsh	Parking
<b>Other Habitats</b>	Kayak Launch
Proposed Muted Tidal	Fishing
Completed Habitat Transition Zone	Environmental Center
Proposed Habitat Transition Zone	Hunting
	Historic Site
	Viewing or Interpretive Area
	Proposed Viewing or Interpretive Area

**WHAT'S NEXT:**

- 710 acres of new Mountain View tidal marsh, sloping habitat transition zones, and nesting islands (Ponds A1 & A2W)
- 1.3 miles of new Mountain View trails

New levees to manage flood risks are rising along the Santa Clara County shoreline, built by the South San Francisco Bay Shoreline Project, a collaborative of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Valley Water, the State Coastal Conservancy and local landowning agencies. The project will also build trails and transform 2,900 acres of Alviso ponds (A9 through A15) to tidal marsh. The Restoration Project is also partnering with Valley Water on a plan to connect some Alviso ponds (A5, A7, A8, A8S) to the Bay and local creeks and expand trails and habitats.