

Planting a Dream for a New Park in Salinas

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Founded in 1978

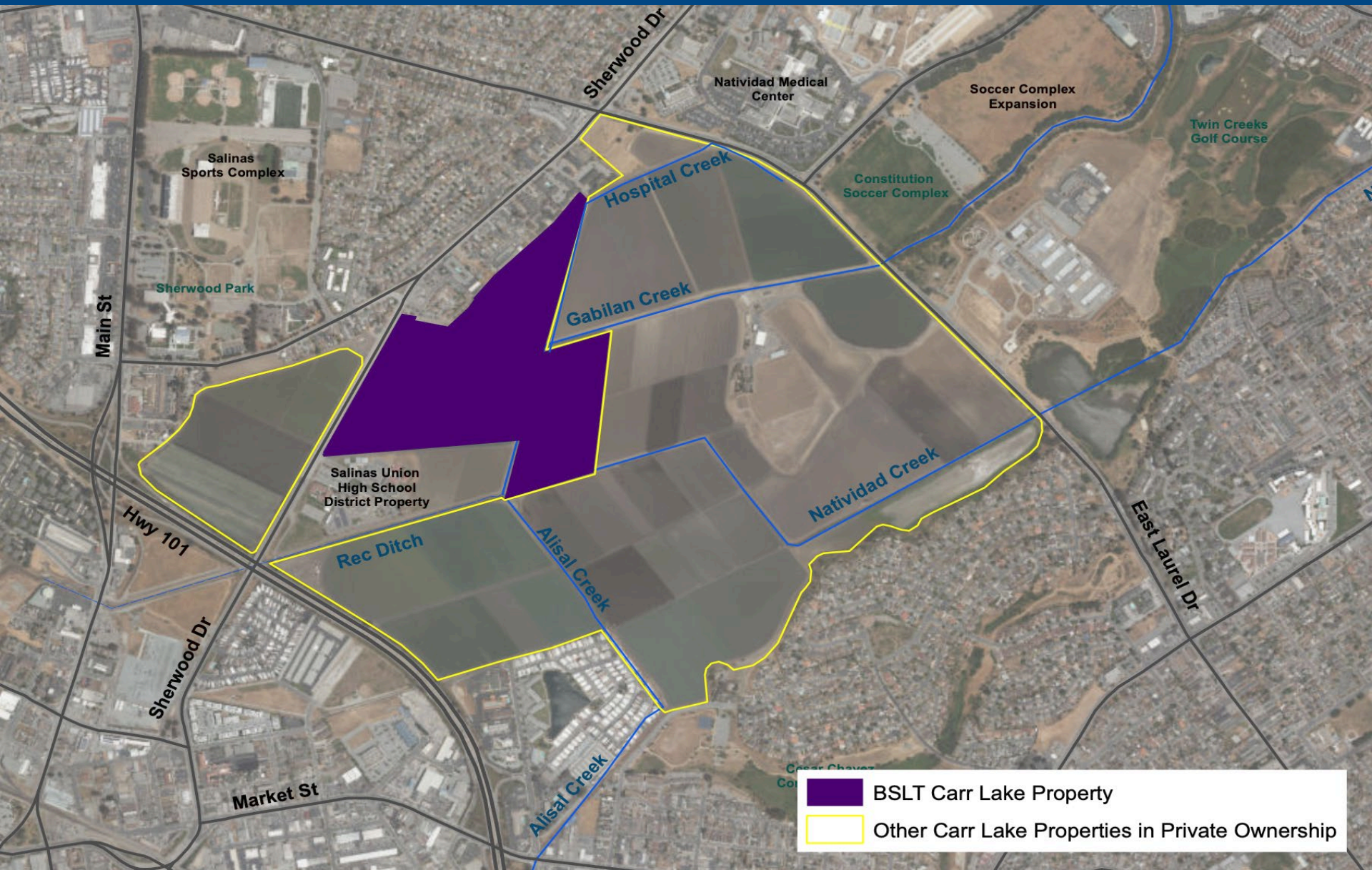
Conserved over 45,000 acres
in Monterey County

Mission:

- To inspire love of land across generations
- Conserve our unique Monterey County landscapes
- Provide access to outdoor experiences for all



73-acres Acquired At Carr Lake In 2017



Ensen Community Park Project Goal

Work with the community to design, build and maintain a multi-benefit park and open space*



***Salinas: Only 1.7 acres of accessible park space per 1,000 residents**

Ensen Community Park Public Outreach



Planting Days



Community Meetings



Site Tours



School Field Trips



Volunteer Events



Convergence Art Exhibit

Project Support and Approvals

Supported by:

- State Coastal Conservancy
- Wildlife Conservation Board
- California Natural Resources Agency
- Department of Water Resources
- California State Parks and Recreation
- City of Salinas

Permits and approvals secured:

- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Army Corps of Engineers
- Regional Water Quality Control Board
- NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service/USFWS
- FEMA
- City of Salinas

Existing Conditions



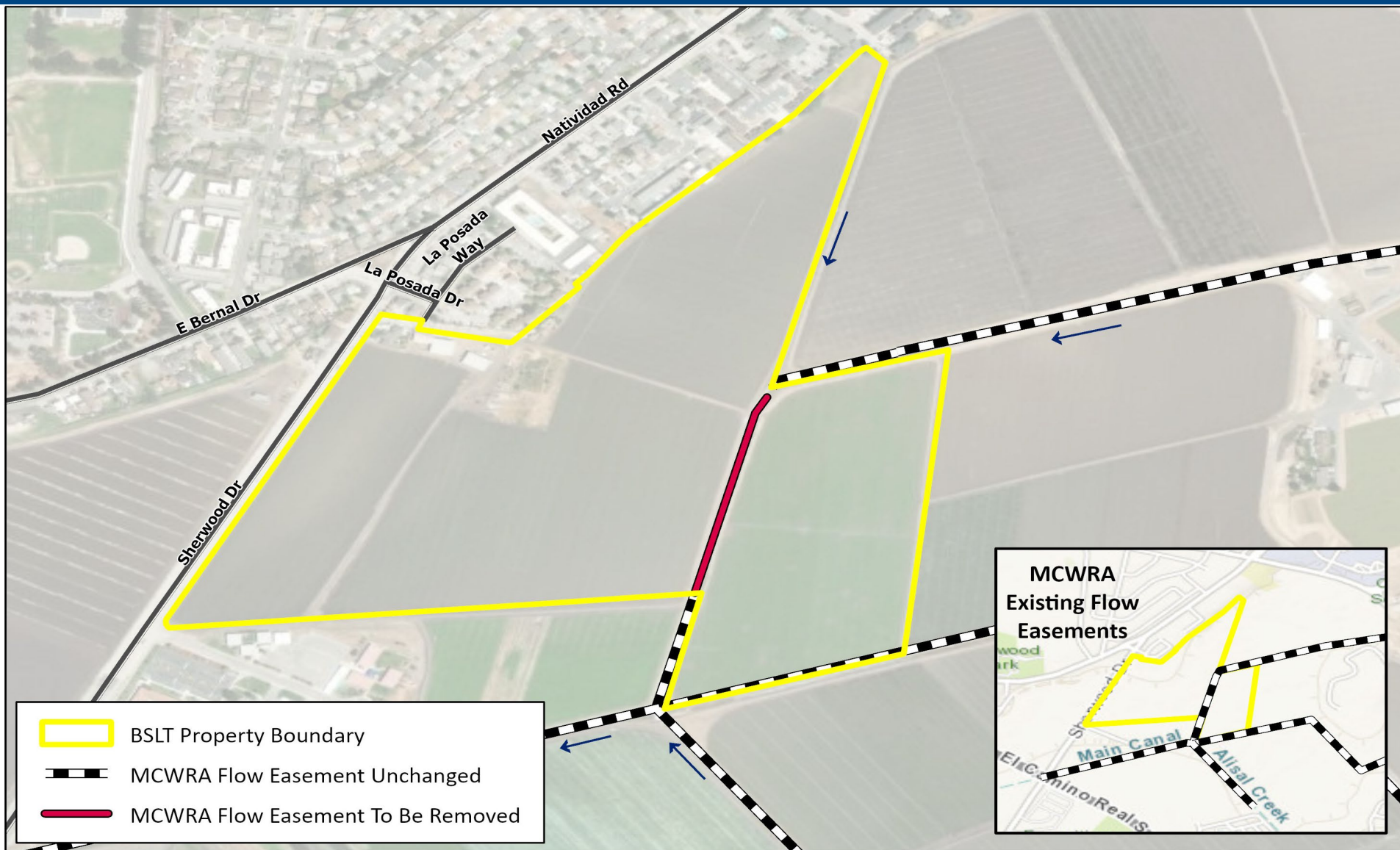
Restoration Design



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MCWRA Easements



Our Request Today:

MCWRA Board approval of Quit Claim Easement.

- BSLT staff have worked with MCWRA staff to amend existing maintenance easement via quit claim, thus relieving MCWRA of responsibility to maintain portion of the ditch that will be removed as a result of BSLT project. The proposed revised easement information is in your Board packet.
- Amendment of existing easement will allow BSLT to construct the most appropriate project to restore historic habitat in Carr Lake.

Timeline & Process



Questions?

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