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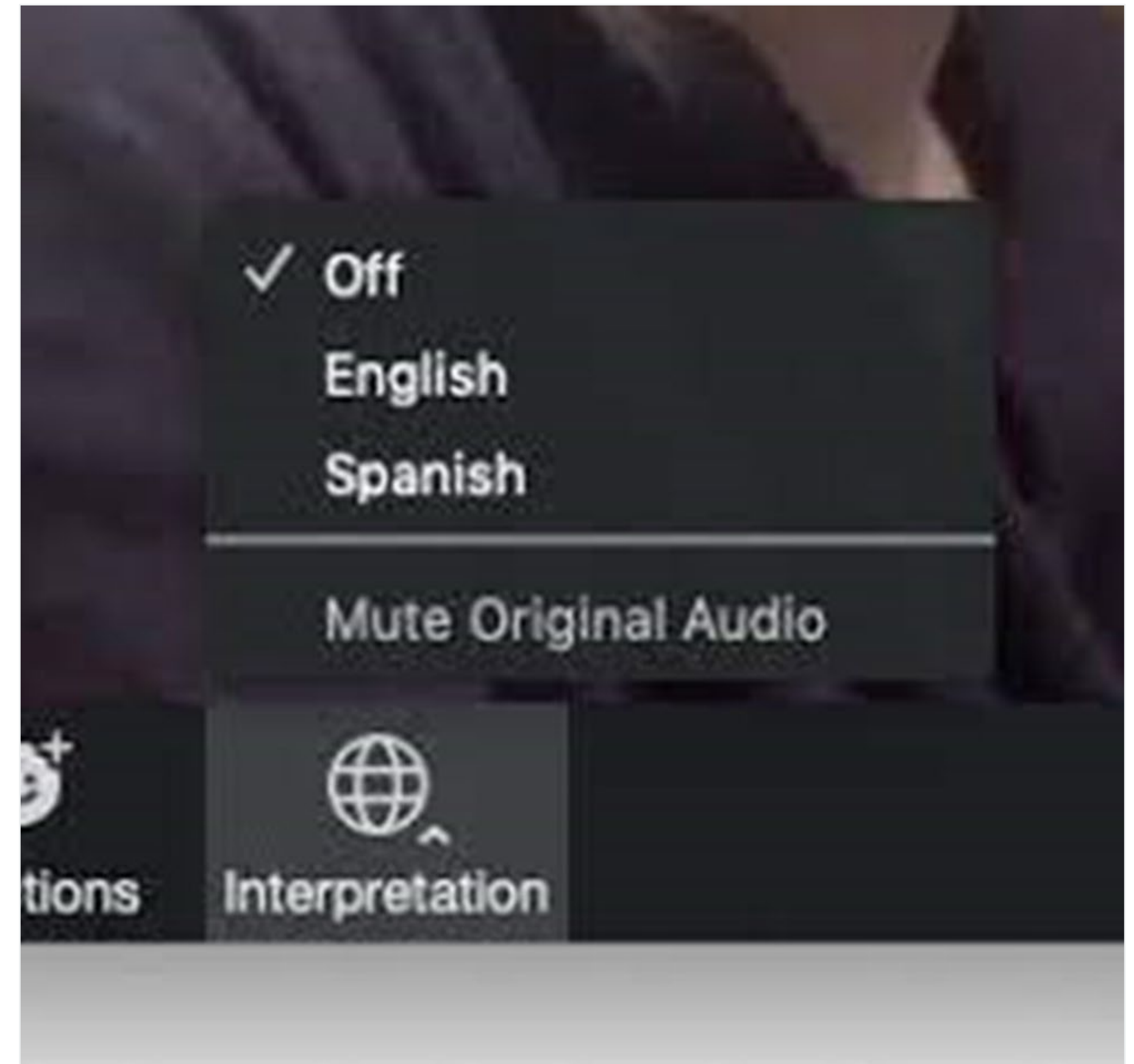
COMMUNITY WORKSHOP #1

April 2024

Harris & Associates

Interpretación en español

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PLANNING TEAM INTRODUCTIONS

PROJECT LEAD	PROJECT CONSULTANT	PROJECT STAKEHOLDERS	PROJECT REVIEW AND ADOPTION
Monterey County Housing and Community Development Department	Harris & Associates	Special Committees and General Public	Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors

OUTREACH EFFORTS TO DATE

Community Survey dates: August 3rd - October 20th

Online Survey (English and Spanish versions): 20 questions

Mail-in (hardcopy) surveys: 11 of the 20 online survey questions

Displays at pop-up events and libraries: 2 of the 20 online survey questions

Total Responses (English, Spanish, Mail-in): 310

Results integrated throughout Existing Conditions Assessment key findings

AGENDA

Safety Element

- What is the Safety Element?
- Safety Element Process
- Safety Element Hazard Areas
- Evacuation Planning

Environmental Justice Element

- What is Environmental Justice?
- Disadvantaged Communities in Monterey County
- What is an Environmental Justice Element?
- Existing Conditions Assessment Topic Areas

Timeline/Next Steps

WHAT IS A SAFETY ELEMENT?

The Safety Element is a required general plan element that assesses hazard risk and defines objectives and policies to:

Protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community

Address public safety hazards, including climate change

Build resilience, preparedness, and responsiveness to hazards

SAFETY ELEMENT PROCESS

Risk Assessment

- Confirm hazards of concern
- Provide information on adaptive capacity
- Confirm evacuation scenarios and define evacuation routes

Goal and Strategy Development

- Draft goals, policies, and strategies that
  a) minimize risk associated with potential hazards,
  b) increase climate adaptation/resiliency and
  c) build capacity to respond to hazard events

Plan Review and Adoption

- Update goals, objectives, and policies based on feedback

SAFETY ELEMENT HAZARD AREAS

Seismic and Other Geologic Hazards*
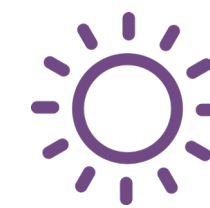
Flooding and Drainage*

Dam Inundation

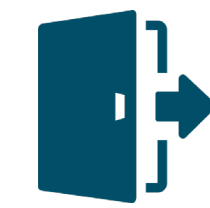Sea Level Rise and Coastal Hazards

Severe Storms

Drought

Extreme Heat

Fire Hazards*

Emergency Preparedness*

Emergency Response*

* Hazards addressed in the existing Safety Element

HIGHEST RANKED HAZARDS

1	**Wildfire/Urban Fires**
2	**Drought/Water Supply**
3	**Extreme Weather Events**
4	**Heavy Rain/Flooding**

Source: Monterey County Weekly

FEMA FLOOD ZONES
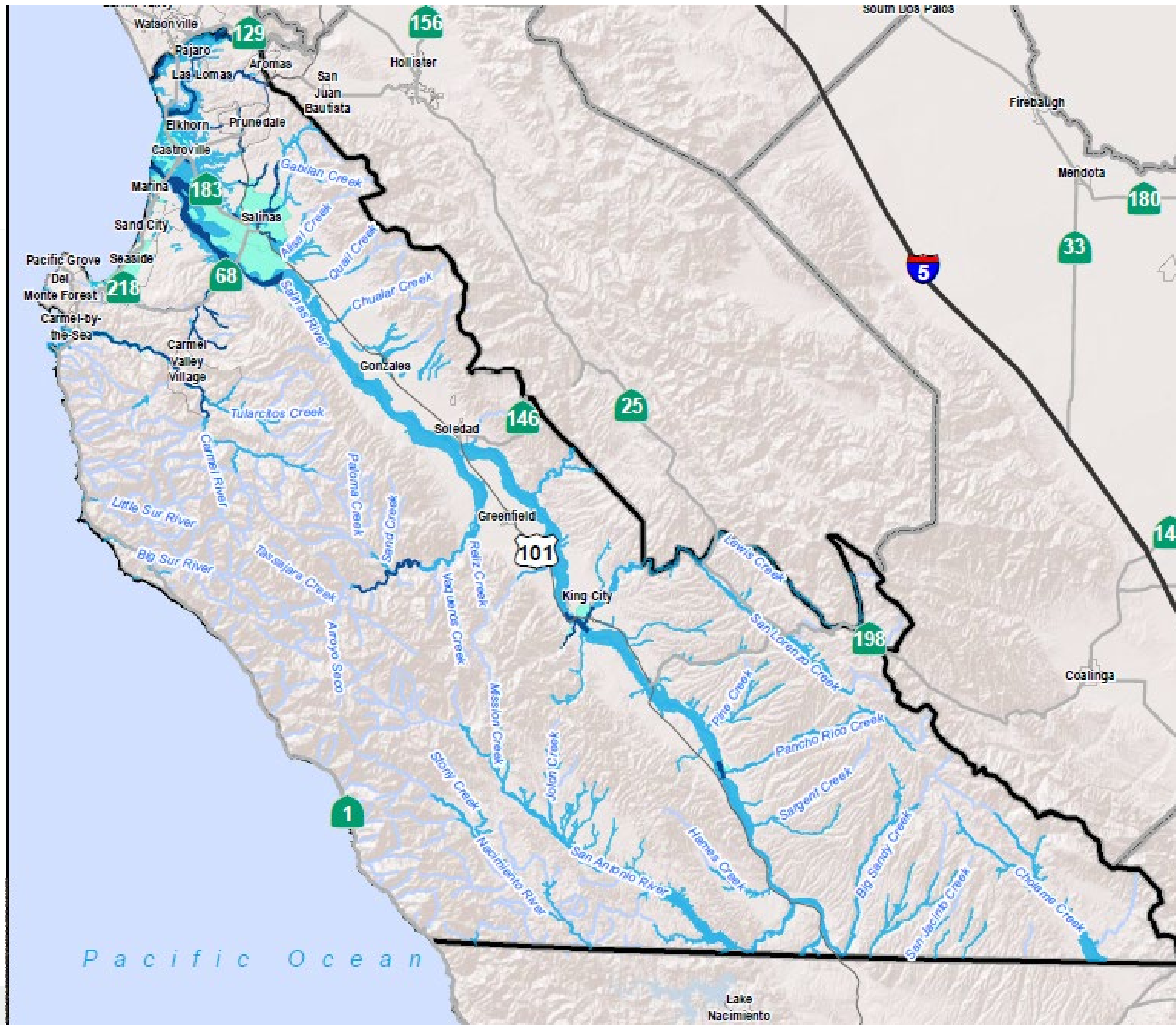
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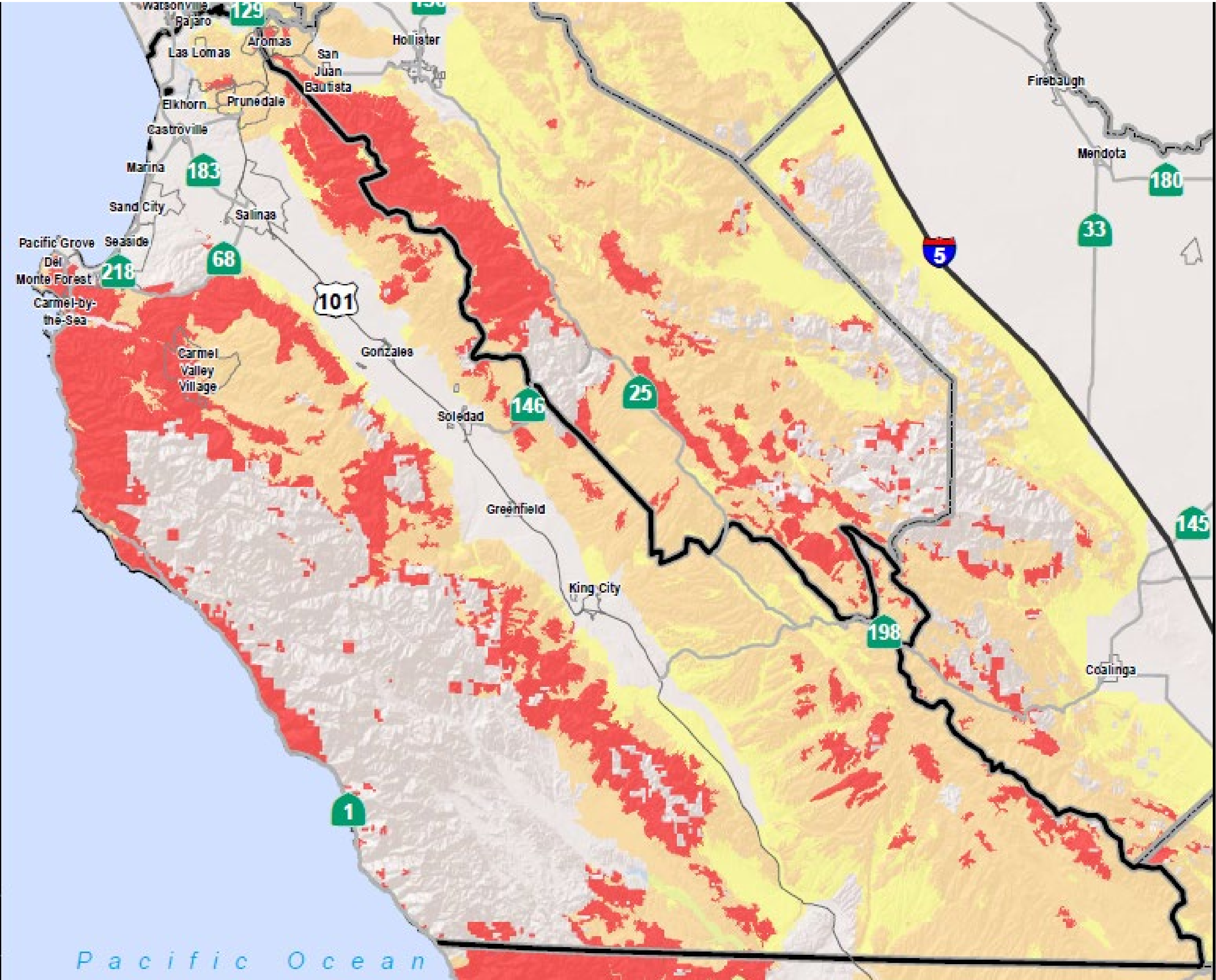
EMERGENCY EVACUATION ROUTE ANALYSIS

Requires local governments to identify evacuation routes and evaluate their capacity, safety, and viability under a range of emergency scenarios.

(AB 747)

➢ **Evaluate evacuation routes**

Requires local governments to identify residential developments in hazard areas that do not have at least two emergency evacuation routes.
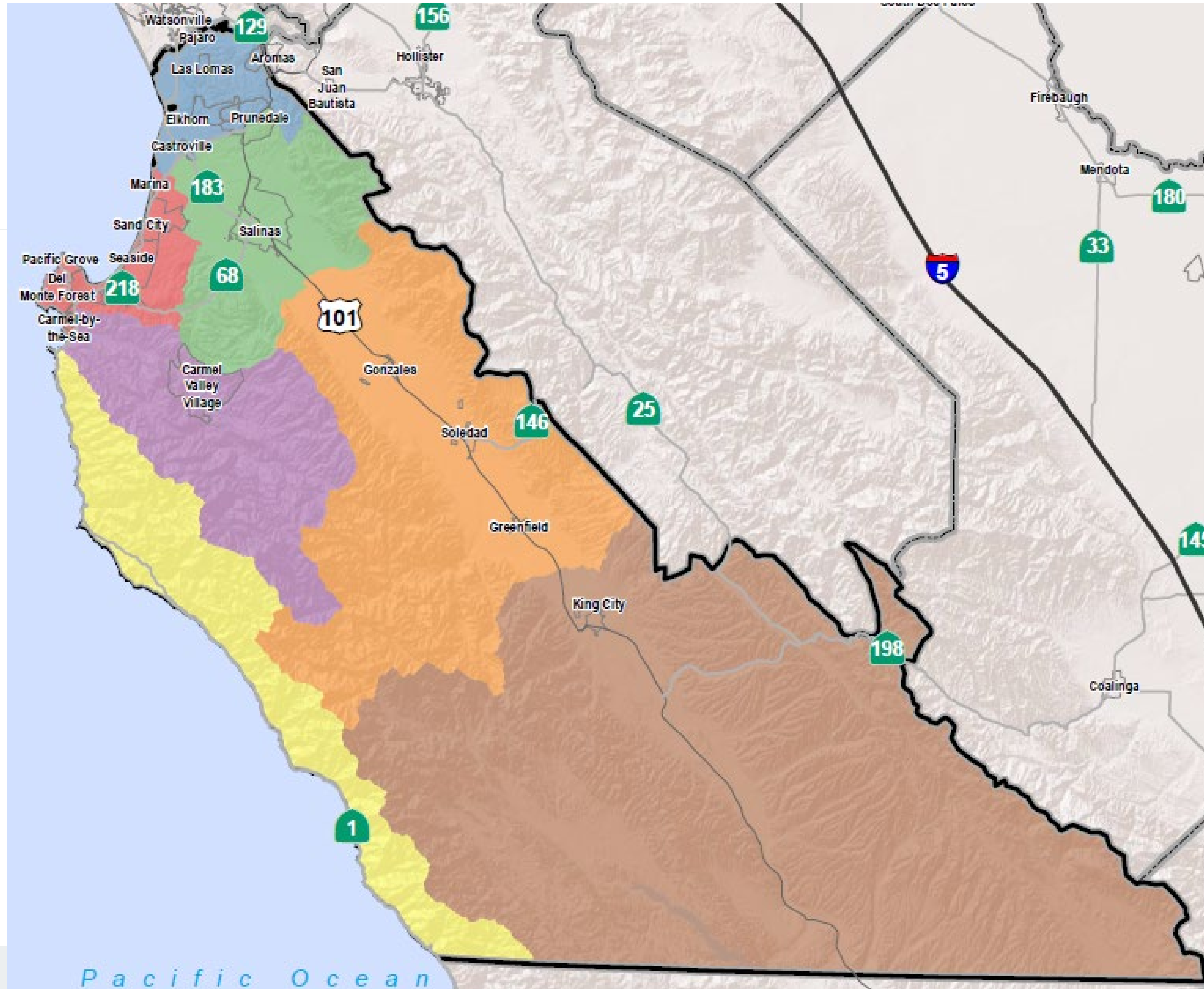
(SB 99)

➢ **Identify neighborhoods with limited accessibility**

Requires local governments to identify evacuation locations.

(AB 1409)

➢ **Identify evacuation locations**

EVACUATION ANALYSIS METHODOLOGY

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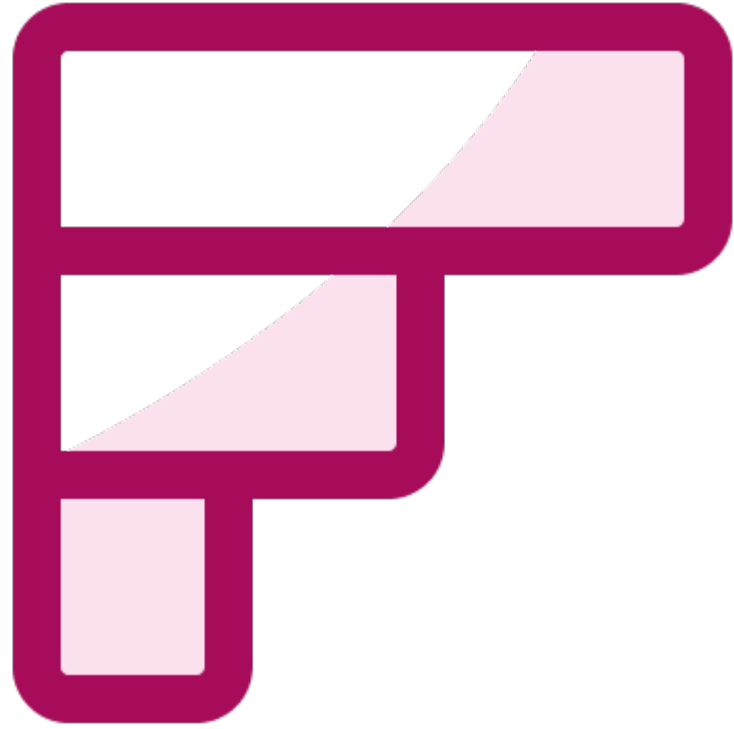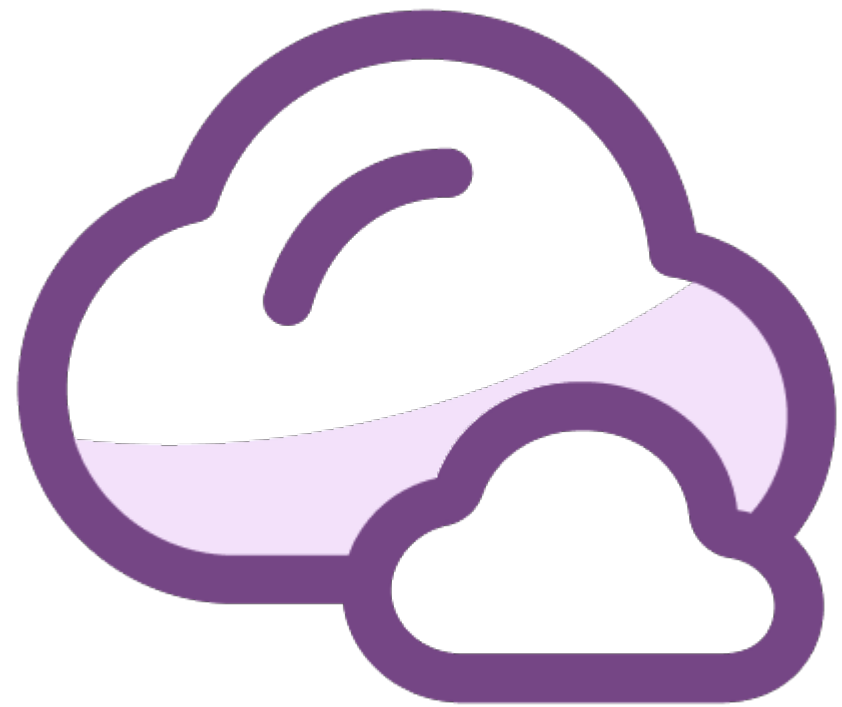
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Who is from one of the disadvantaged communities identified in Monterey County? Who is joining from other communities? I live, work, or affiliate with (select one): / ¿Quién es de una de las comunidades desfavorecidas identificadas en el condado de Monterey? ¿Quién se une de otra comunidad?

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Rank which hazards concern you the most: / Clasifique los peligros que más le preocupan:

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Are there other hazards you would like discussed in the Safety Element? / ¿Hay otros peligros que le gustaría que se discutieran en el Elemento de seguridad?

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Do you feel prepared for an evacuation? (select one) / ¿Te sientes preparado para una evacuación? (seleccione uno)

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What are your biggest concerns with evacuation? (select all that apply) / ¿Cuáles son sus mayores preocupaciones con respecto a la evacuación? (seleccione todas las que correspondan)

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What do you feel you need to be prepared in the event of an evacuation? (select all that apply) / ¿Qué cree que necesita para estar preparado en caso de una evacuación? (seleccione todas las que correspondan)
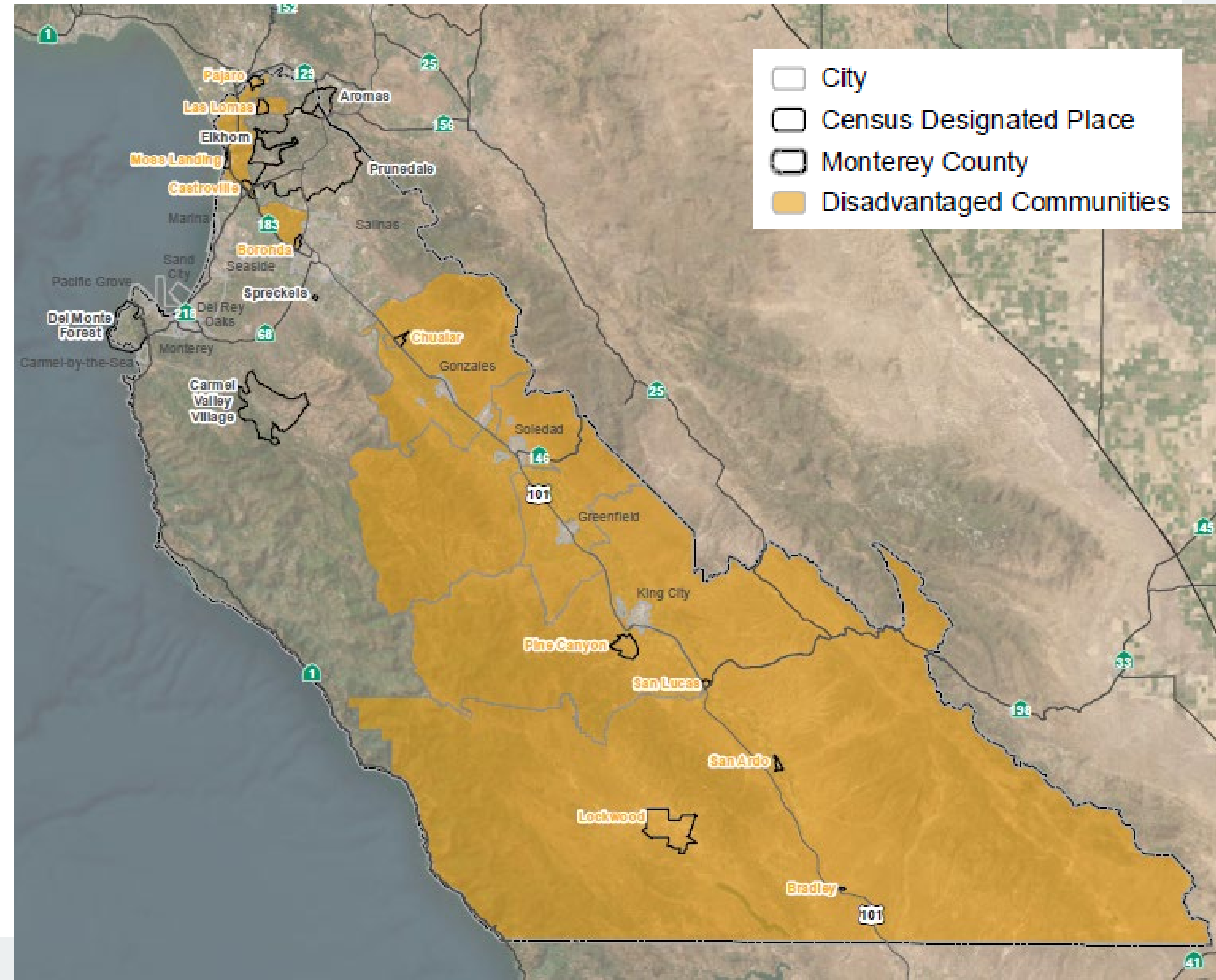
WHAT IS ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE?

Environmental Justice is defined in California Law as the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.

STATE DEFINED "DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES" IN MONTEREY COUNTY

34 census tracts including the following areas:

- Boronda
- Bradley
- Castroville
- Chualar
- Las Lomas
- Lockwood
- Moss Landing

- Pajaro
- Pine Canyon
- San Ardo
- San Lucas
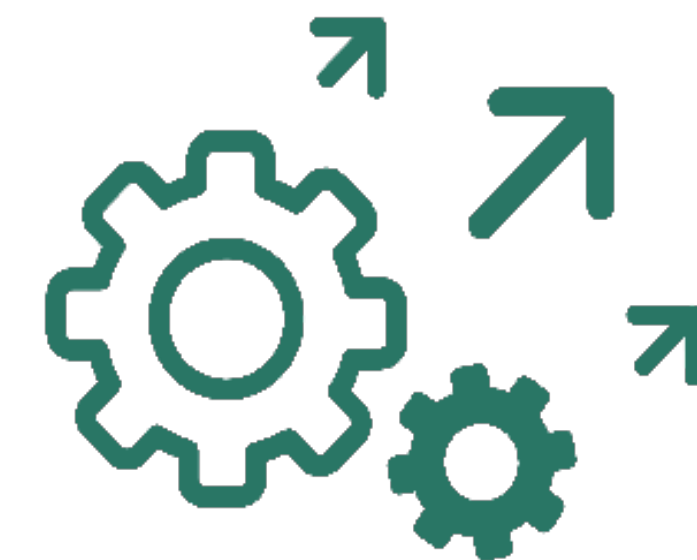- Other unincorporated county areas

WHAT IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT?

Reduce unique or compounded health risks in DACs

Promote civic engagement in the public decision-making process

Prioritize improvements and programs in DACs

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EXISTING CONDITIONS ASSESSMENT TOPIC AREAS

Pollution exposure

Access to public facilities and services

Access to healthy food

Access to physical activity and recreational opportunities

Access to safe and sanitary homes

Exposure to health risks related to climate change (e.g., extreme heat)

POLLUTION EXPOSURE

Trash and debris

Air pollution from freeways and roadways

Noise pollution

ACCESS TO PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Affordable/ reliable internet

Parks and open space

Child and senior daycare and activity centers

Health clinics and urgent care

ACCESS TO HEALTHY FOOD

Affordable produce

Assistance with food purchase

More stores or markets that provide healthy options

ACCESS TO PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Bicycle lanes and routes

Sidewalks, crosswalks, and walking paths

ACCESS TO SAFE AND SANITARY HOMES

Insurance

Air conditioning and/or heating

Unsafe/ unhealthy

EXPOSURE TO HEALTH RISKS RELATED TO CLIMATE CHANGE

Wildfire

Drought/water supply

Extreme weather events

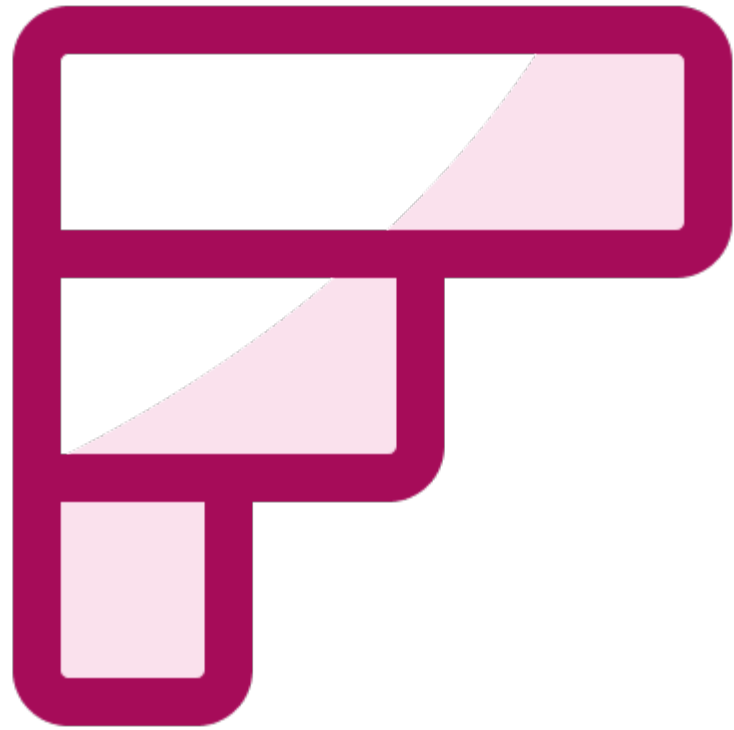Heavy rain/flooding

Extreme heat

Sea level rise/coastal hazards

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Rank the topic areas that concern you the most: / Clasifique los temas que más le preocupan:

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Are there any other or more specific concerns (e.g., noise pollution) that you think should be addressed in the Environmental Justice Element? / ¿Hay alguna otra preocupación más específica (por ejemplo, la contaminación acústica) que usted cree que debería incluirse en el Elemento de Justicia Ambiental?

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While the State uses the term "disadvantaged communities" (DACs), people in these communities may prefer another term. The top two options that were voted on in the Environmental Justice Community Advisory Committee meetings were: DACs and disproportionately burdened communities.

Which is your preferred term to describe these communities? /

El Estado utiliza el término "comunidades desfavorecidas" (DACs, por sus siglas en ingles), las personas de estas comunidades pueden preferir otro término. Las dos opciones principales que se eligieron en las reuniones del Comité Asesor Comunitario de Justicia Ambiental fueron: los DAC y las comunidades desproporcionadamente agobiadas.

¿Cuál es su término preferido para describir estas comunidades?

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Are there other languages besides English and Spanish that the County should distribute materials in to encourage more participation in community planning from those who are not traditionally able to participate in the planning process? / ¿Hay otros idiomas además del inglés y el español en los que el Condado debería distribuir materiales para aumentar mas participación en la planificación comunitaria de aquellos que tradicionalmente no pueden participar en el proceso de planificación?

NEXT STEPS

Draft Hazard Profiles and Existing Conditions Assessment → Community Meeting 1 → Draft Goals, Policies, and Actions → Community Meeting 2 → Public Review of Draft Safety and EJ Elements → Community Open House → Submit to Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors → Ongoing Engagement/ Implementation

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