



Watersheds Coalition of Ventura County Proposition 84 IRWMP Implementation Grant Attachment 10 – Disadvantaged Community Assistance

The WCVV IRWM Region contains various pockets of disadvantaged communities (DAC). While the projects in this Proposal do not specifically address a critical water supply or water quality need of a DAC, project implementation will effectively benefit DACs located within the areas served by the projects. The Region, including DACs, will benefit from enhanced supply reliability, improved water quality, enhanced water-related recreational access, and reduced flood related impacts. A DAC in the City of Oxnard will directly benefit from changes in flood control facilities resulting from this Proposal.

Three of the projects provide local water supply:

- North Pleasant Valley Groundwater Desalter
- Moorpark Recycled Water Project Phase IV
- West Simi Valley Water Recycling Project Phases 1 and 2

These new local supplies will ease the conflict between urban and agricultural water users in the Region. Agriculture is an important aspect of the local economy that supports many of the DACs. By providing recycled water and desalted water to local agriculture at a cost lower than that of potable water, agricultural operations can be maintained and will continue to provide employment to the residents of DACs that depend highly on the employment in the agricultural sector.

Three of the projects enhance free water-related recreational opportunities:

- Ventura River Invasive Plant Removal and Ecosystem Restoration Project
- South Oxnard Stormwater Flood Management and Community Enhancement Phase 2B
- Invasive Plant Removal, Ecosystem Restoration, and Habitat Protection in the Santa Clara River

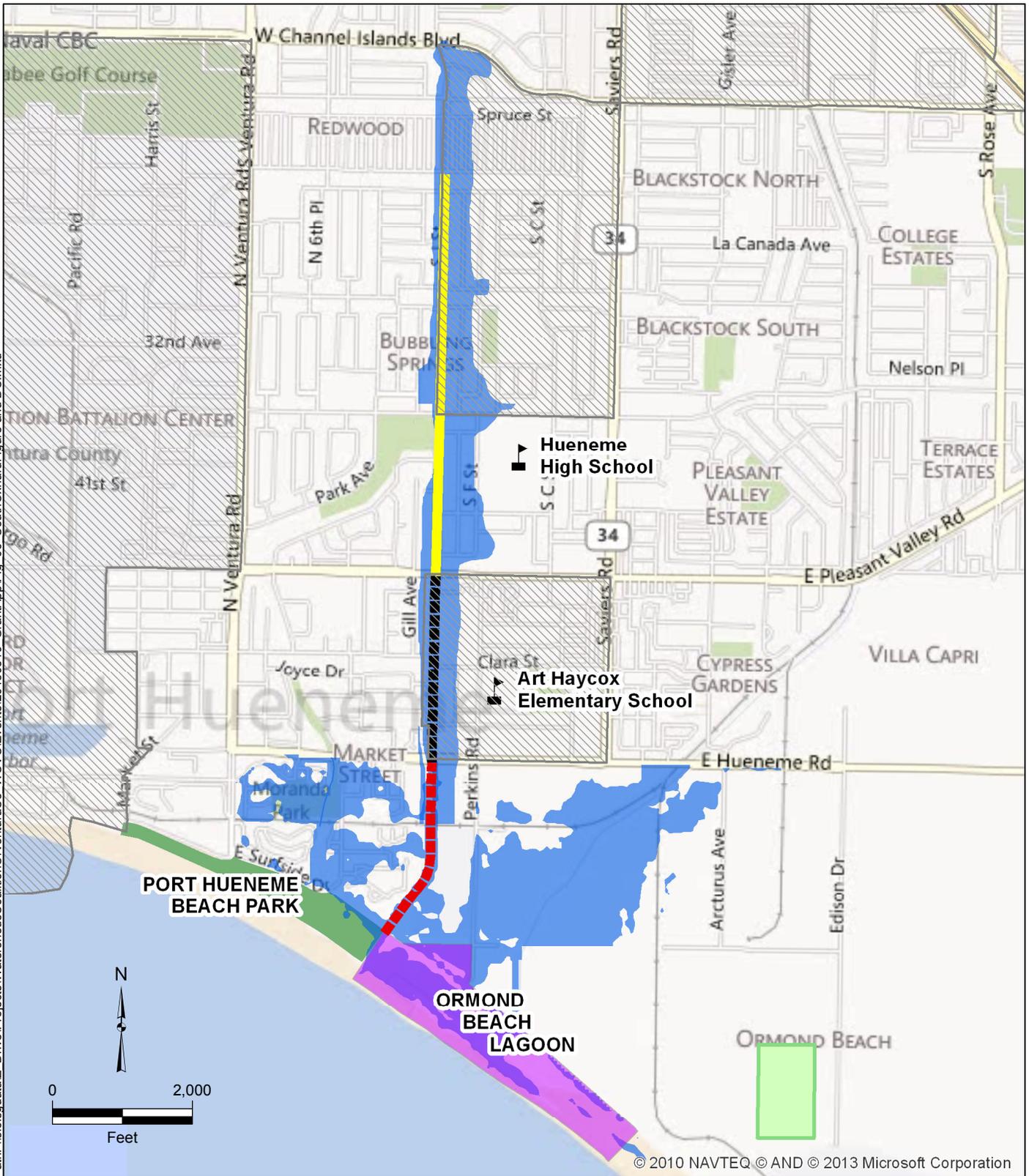
The Ventura River Invasive Plant Removal and Ecosystem Restoration Project will provide access to a nature preserve on the Ventura River. This access will enable free public recreational opportunities. The South Oxnard Stormwater Flood Management and Community Enhancement Project Phase 2B involves the purchase and preservation of beach property. Free passive recreation (hiking, wildlife viewing) will be allowed on the property. All three projects will improve habitat so as to attract birds and other wildlife, providing further recreational opportunities for wildlife viewing from existing trails.

One of the projects reduces the negative impacts associated with urban flood control facilities in a DAC community:

- South Oxnard Stormwater Flood Management and Community Enhancement Phase 2B

Based on American Community Survey Data for years 2007 to 2011, residents in the project area have a median household income less than 80 percent of the State's median household income (see figure below). This area is also a low-income, minority community that meets the definition of an Environmental Justice Community (California Government Code §65040.12(e)). The project will improve the health and safety associated with an existing drainage channel. The project will remove a barrier to community circulation and remove a significant eyesore.

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Legend

J Street Drain Improvements

- Phase 1
- Phase 2A and 2B
- Phase 3 and 4

-  School Sites
-  100-yr Floodplain
-  Proposed 20 Acre Parcel Purchase
-  Disadvantaged Communities
Median Household Income <= \$49,305

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**South Oxnard Stormwater Flood Management
& Community Enhancement Project
Disadvantaged Communities**

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