SoCal Greenprint Update

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What is a Greenprint?

A tool to help users make better land use and transportation infrastructure decisions and support conservation investments based on the best available scientific data.

Goals of the SoCal Greenprint

- Implement Connect SoCal

- Balance growth with conservation

- Accommodate infrastructure while protecting natural resources

- Address the lack of consistent, regional data and tools

- Better prioritize lands for mitigation investments

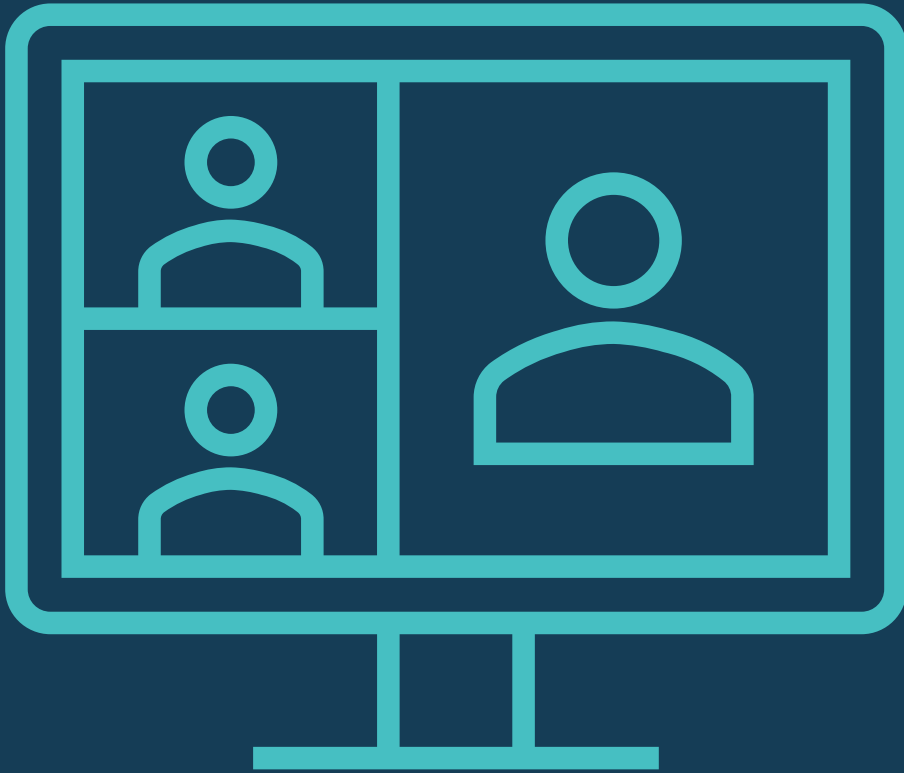- Resource for our member agencies and stakeholders

What a Greenprint is and is <u>not</u>

WHAT IT IS	WHAT IT IS NOT
A data tool that can help to advance the pace and scale of voluntary conservation in a region.	An acquisition map or regulatory plan that puts constraints on land use for any public or private entity.
A data tool that identifies landscape features that are important to residents and communities, like recreation, habitat, water resources, habitat, climate change resiliency or community.	A complete inventory of everything important within an area or new data set.
A data tool that illustrates how conservation values may work in concert with each other and with other values, like climate resilience.	A comprehensive solution for natural resource protection.
A resource that helps stakeholders understand factors in a specific area to help facilitate collaboration.	A requirement that stakeholders engage in projects.
An information tool to support data-driven decision making for infrastructure investments.	An effort to subvert private property rights.

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Data Vetting Criteria

- Data must be publicly available, meaning that existing datasets are available online or can be accessed if requested and/or licensed;

- Data was vetted for inclusion by science advisors; and,

- Data would support decision-making from the five key user groups identified through the planning process (planners, infrastructure agencies, developers, community-based organizations, and conservation organizations) based on suggestions and feedback from Science and Strategic Advisors.

- Steering committee includes outside experts
- 60+ advisors/4 interactive workshops
  - Multiple sectors and diverse geographies
  - Public agencies and municipalities
  - Building and development community
- Ongoing conversations and small working groups
- 8 Rapid assessment interviews
- Developed 6 user profiles
- Consultation with SCAG's Regional Planning Working Groups

Implementation Pause & Subsequent Activities

On July 1st, 2021 the Regional Council voted to pause implementation on the SoCal Greenprint for at least 30 days and to hold a public hearing for further discussion, permitting staff to engage in further outreach with stakeholders.

Outreach since Pause Implementation:

- Proposed Data Layer List Survey

- August 24th Public Hearing

- Presentations to TWG and GLUE Council

- One-on-One Stakeholder meetings

Summary of Proposed Data Layer List Survey

4,200+

Stakeholders invited to take survey

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Survey respondents
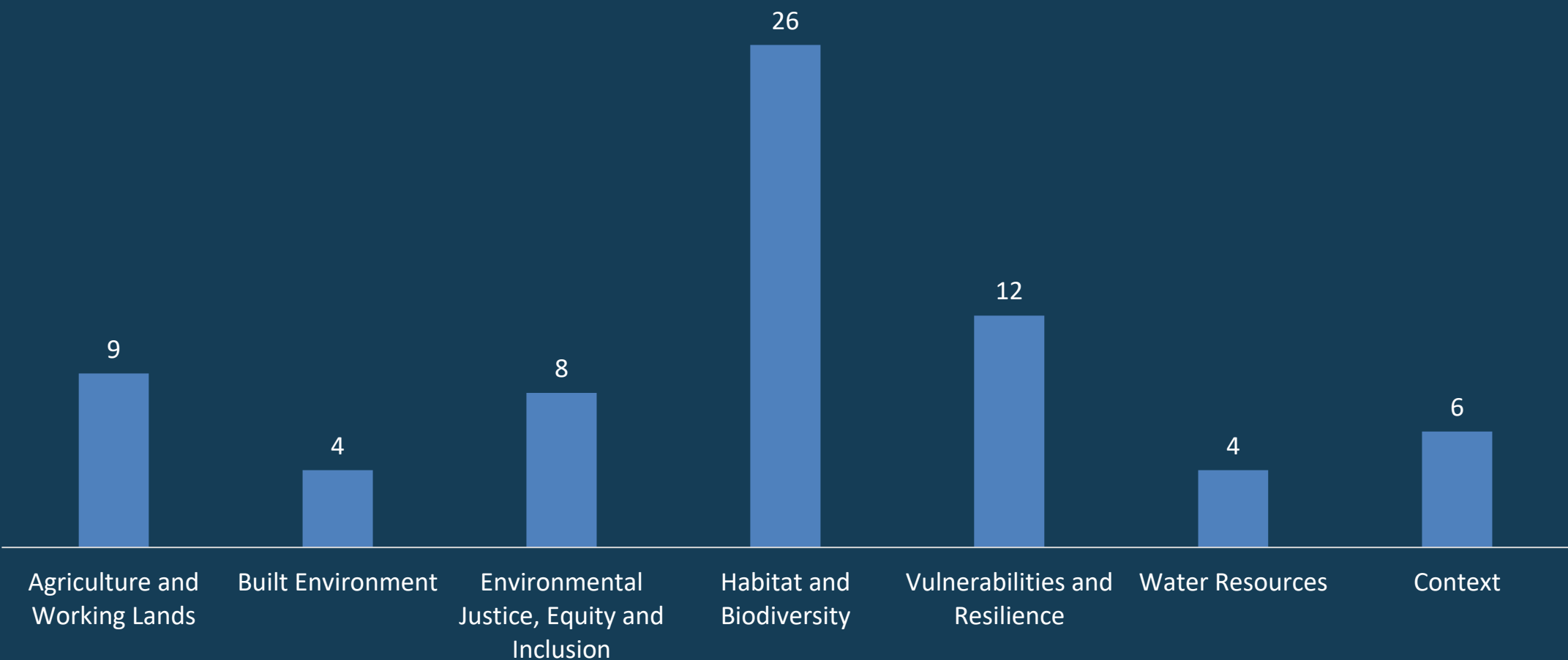
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Comments on individual data layers

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Data layers commented on

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Summary of Proposed Data Layer List Survey: Data Layer Feedback by Data Theme

Chart showing data layer feedback counts by data theme:
- Agriculture and Working Lands: 9
- Built Environment: 4
- Environmental Justice, Equity and Inclusion: 8
- Habitat and Biodiversity: 26
- Vulnerabilities and Resilience: 12
- Water Resources: 4
- Context: 6

n=69 comments
Note: Respondents were invited to submit comments on one or more data layers

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Summary of Proposed Data Layer List Survey: Data Layer Feedback

Survey Question: "Please provide any comments or feedback you have on this data set."

75%	**13%**	**9%**	**3%**	**0%**
of comments were generally **supportive** of the data layer(s)	of comments offered **suggestions** to improve the data layer(s) or consider additional data	of comments were **neutral** with respect to the data layer(s)	of comments **expressed concern** over the data layer(s)	of comments **requested exclusion** of the data layer(s)

← **Supportive**   **Opposed** →

n=69 comments
Note: Respondents were invited to submit comments on one or more data layers

Survey Question: "… Do you have any questions or concerns about the goal of the SoCal Greenprint?"

0%

of respondents expressed **concern** about the goal of the project

12%

of respondents expressed concern over **pausing or not completing** the project

53%

of respondents expressed **no concern** about the goal of the project

18%

of respondents expressed **other concerns** about the project

n=17 respondents
Note: Not all survey respondents provided an answer to this question; n includes 3 null responses

Summary of Proposed Data Layer List Survey: General Project Concerns

Survey Question: "If you have any concerns about the SoCal Greenprint, please share those concerns."

27%
of respondents expressed concern over the **data content**

47%
of respondents expressed concern over **pausing or not completing** the project

13%
of respondents expressed **other concerns**

13%
of respondents expressed **no concern**

n=15 respondents
Note: Not all survey respondents provided an answer to this question

Survey Question: "... would the SoCal Greenprint be useful to your work?"

67%	7%	3%	13%	3%
of respondents reported "the SoCal Greenprint **would be useful** in my workflow"	of respondents reported "the SoCal Greenprint would not be useful to me, but **could be useful to my colleagues and partners**"	of respondents reported "I **would not use** the SoCal Greenprint, but **have no concerns**"	of respondents reported "I **need to learn more** to decide"	of respondents reported "**I have concerns** about the SoCal Greenprint"

Useful ←———————————————————→ **Have Concerns**

n=30 respondents
Note: Not all survey respondents provided an answer to this question; n includes 2 null responses

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1. Land use authority & general plans inclusion
2. Data Alignment
3. Intergovernmental Review Program (IGR)
4. Dataset use
5. Specific datasets
6. Inoperable/misdirected links
7. Project timeline
8. Consultant selection
9. Connect SoCal Mitigation Measures
10. Pertinence of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Proposed Next Steps to Address Stakeholder Concerns

- Consideration of removal and/or replacement of certain data layers

- Consultation with SCAG's Technical Working Group (TWG) on data layers considered to remove/replace

- Scientific and Strategic Advisory Committee Consultation for final Data Layer List

- User Acceptance Testing

- Development & Inclusion of Disclosure Language

- Continued public outreach

- Return to Regional Council and Provide Regular Updates to SCAG's Energy and Environment Policy Committee

Thank you!