

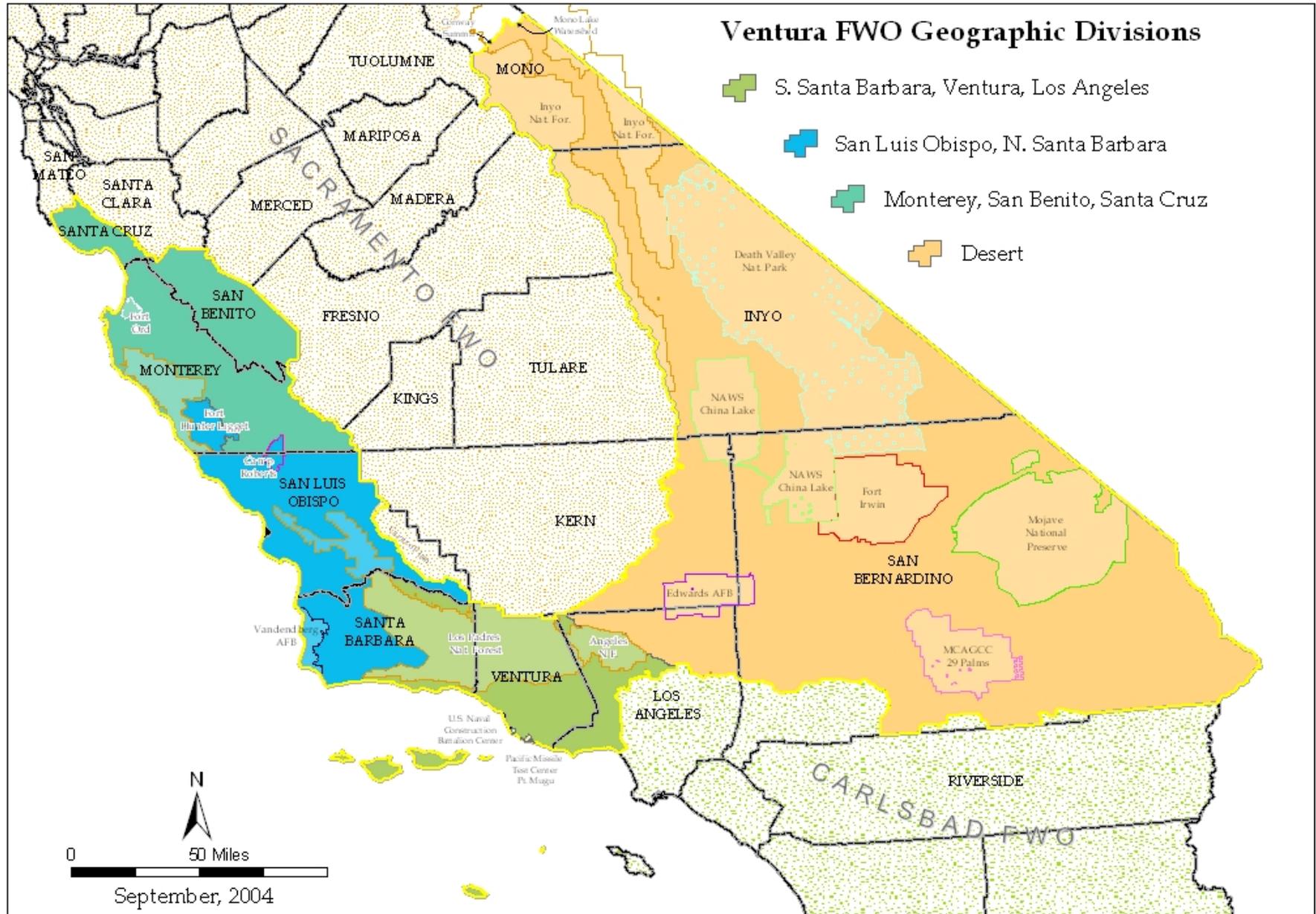
# Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office

- All or portions of 11 counties
- Approximately 31 million acres
- 11 Department of Defense installations
- 5 National Park Service units
- 3 National Forests
- 8 Bureau of Land Management offices
- 5 National Wildlife Refuge units



# Ventura FWO Geographic Divisions

-  S. Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles
-  San Luis Obispo, N. Santa Barbara
-  Monterey, San Benito, Santa Cruz
-  Desert

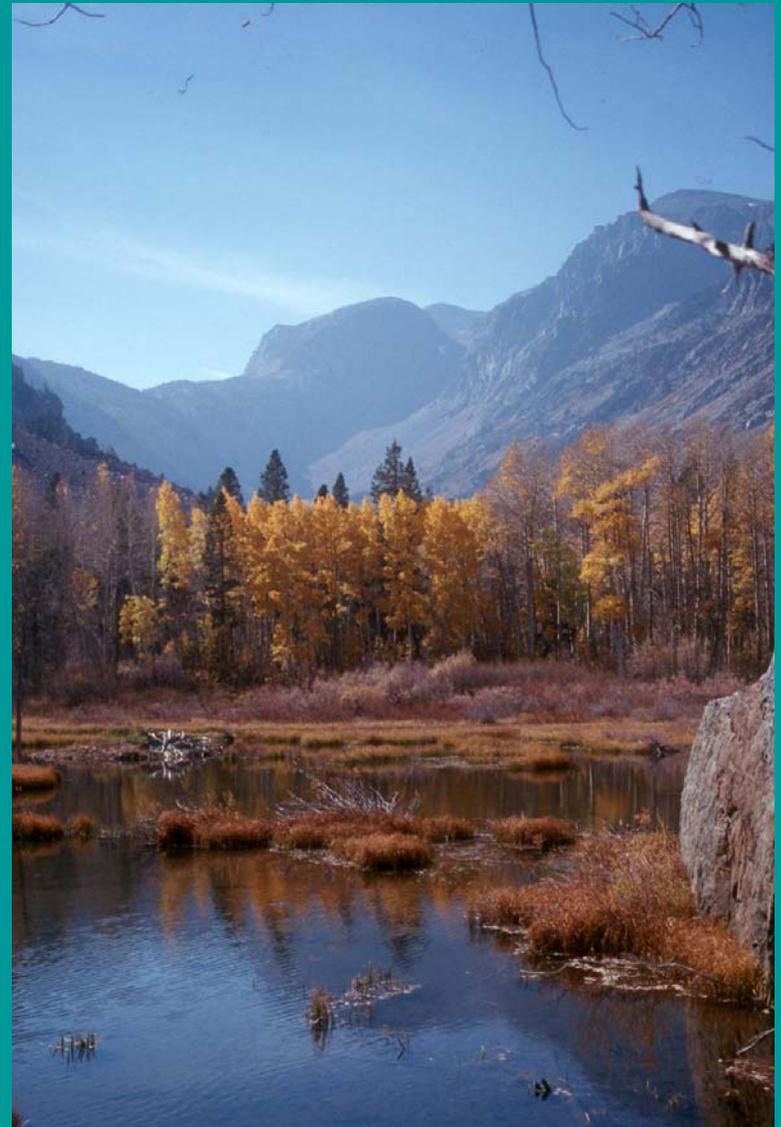


September, 2004

Mono Lake  
Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep



Sierra Nevada





Mojave Desert

Desert Tortoise



Owens Valley

Fish Slough

Owens Pupfish

Fish Slough Milk-vetch



# Mojave Desert



# Afton Canyon and MC Spring Mojave Tui Chub





## Santa Monica Mountains and Simi Hills

California Gnatcatcher  
Lyon's *Pentachaeta*



# Santa Cruz Island

## Island Fox

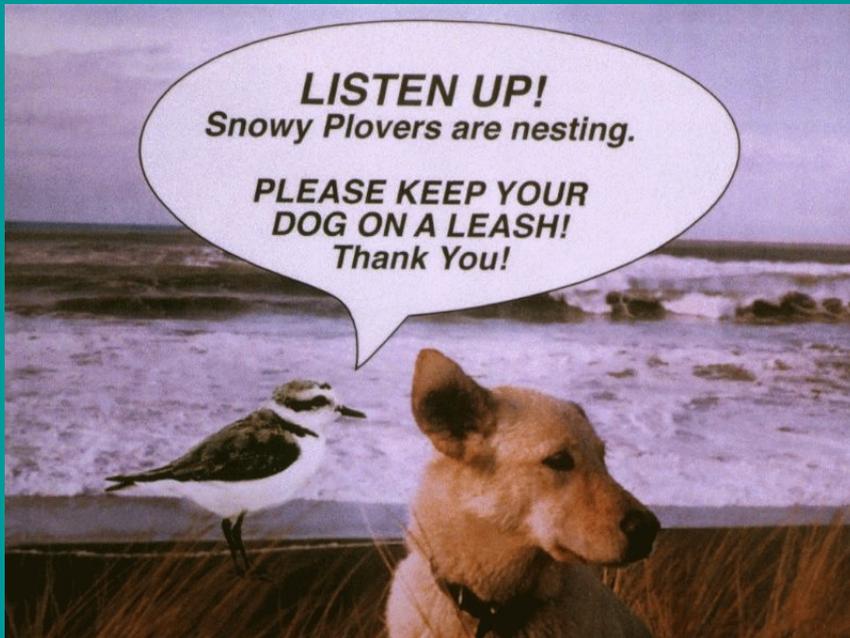


## Bald Eagle



# Santa Barbara County

## Western Snowy Plover



## California Tiger Salamander



## California Red-legged Frog

# Guadalupe Dunes National Wildlife Refuge



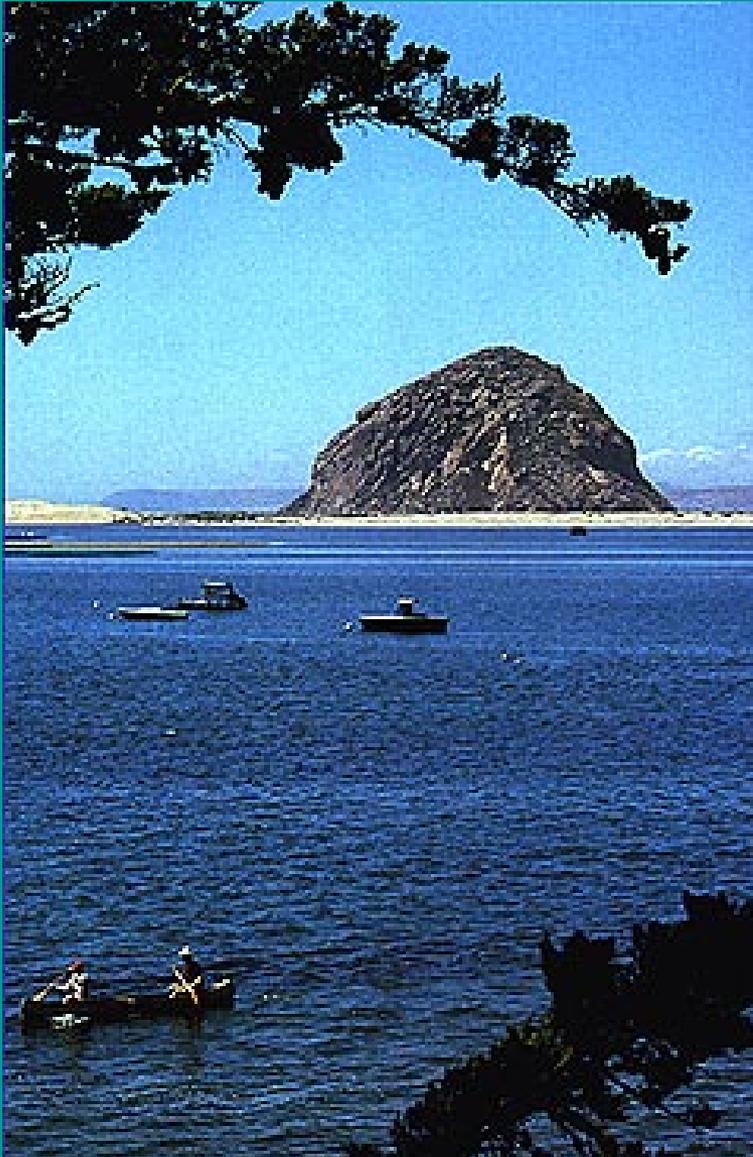
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Western Snowy Plover



# Morro Bay and Los Osos



## Saltmarsh Bird's-beak



## Morro Shoulderband Snail



San Luis Obispo and Monterey Counties  
San Joaquin Kit Fox



California Tiger Salamander



Vernal Pool Fairy Shrimp



# Santa Cruz and Northern Monterey Counties

## Santa Cruz Long-toed Salamander



## Monterey Spineflower

## Smith's Blue Butterfly



# San Benito County



San Benito Evening-primrose



Clear Creek Management Area

# Staffing and Budget

## Staff

Supervisors	5	(7)*
Biologists	25	(39)
Coordinators	9	(11)
Technical support	7	(11)
Office Assistants	5	(7)
Totals	51	(75)



## Budget (FY 05)

\$3,444,414 in base funds; 96.2 percent in salaries

\$574,433 in listing and critical habitat funding

\$1,440,737 in reimbursable funding

(\*Positions on org chart)

# Vital Statistics

- 105 threatened and endangered species
- 33 existing critical habitat designations
- 59 listed species are endemic to the VFWO's area of responsibility



- 56 plants
- 49 animals

# What We Do To Keep Busy

- Listing and critical habitat in FY05
  - two 90-day findings
  - one 12-month finding
  - 10 critical habitat rules
- 5-year status reviews
  - 6 in progress
- Conservation strategies for the California tiger salamander and southwestern willow flycatcher



# Keeping Busy

- Recovery permits
  - 177 in FY04
- Recovery plans
  - 13 in progress



# Keeping Busy

- Habitat conservation plans
  - 2 permits issued for ~4,120 acres in FY04
  - 9 applications for ~35 species on ~289,100 acres in progress
  - West Mojave Plan: numerous species on ~3 million acres
- Section 7 consultations in FY04
  - 163 informal consultations
  - formal consultations in FY04
    - 59 initiated
    - 57 completed
    - ~70 in progress



# Keeping Busy

- Translocation plan for desert tortoises at Fort Irwin (with Desert Tortoise Recovery Office)



- Re-evaluation of the southern sea otter translocation program

# Keeping Busy

## NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENT AND RESTORATION PROJECTS



Santa Clara River ARCO oil spill settlement (\$7.1 M)

- \$4 M agreement signed between FWS and TNC for land acquisition - first 377-acre parcel acquired
- matching funds with section 6 recovery land acquisition in Soledad Canyon
- restoration grant program for 20 projects including habitat enhancement, education, and research
- matching funds with Proposition 13 grant for invasive plant control

# Keeping Busy

Santa Clara River ExxonMobil oil spill settlement (\$2.6 M)

- restoration plan under development

McGrath Lake oil spill settlement (\$1.3 M)

- McGrath Lake Restoration Plan completed in June 2005
- projects include land acquisition, dune enhancement, and coordinator/program for western snowy plovers

Torch/Platform Irene oil spill settlement (\$2.3 M)

- restoration plan under development

# Keeping Busy

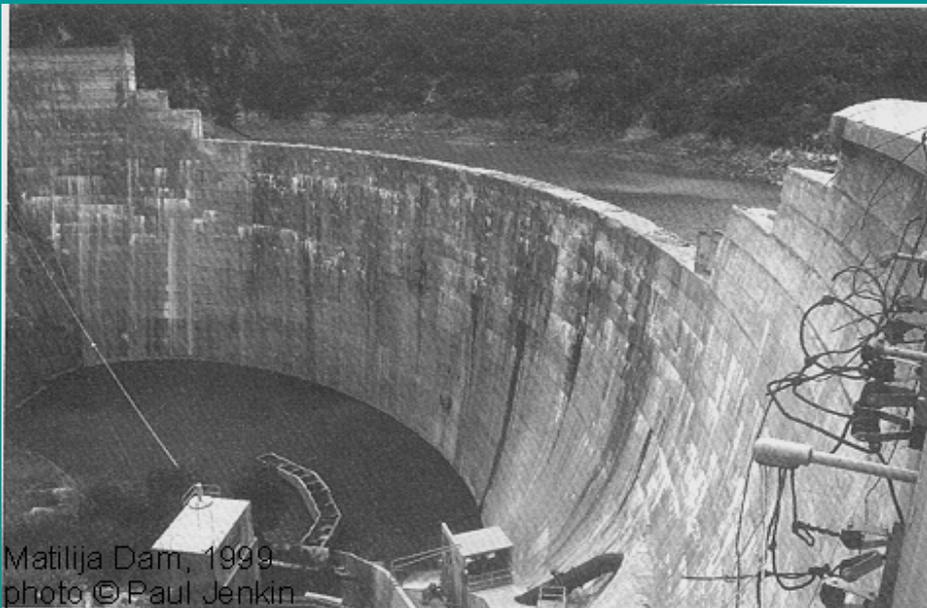
- Safe harbor agreements (3 in progress)
- Section 9 cases
- Freedom of Information Act requests
- Too many lawsuits



# Keeping Busy

## FEDERAL PROJECTS

- Coordination on removal or modification of Matilija and San Clemente Dams



# Keeping Busy

## Conservation Partnerships Program

- Partners for Fish and Wildlife, section 6, and other grant programs
  - 10 grant agreements (\$209,800)
  - partners include 2 private parties, 3 NGOs working with landowners, 1 university, 1 county, and 2 city governments
- Section 6 grants
  - 16 grants (\$4,862,507)
  - includes \$1,244,007 for HCP planning and \$3,618,500 for recovery land acquisition

# Future Direction

- Reimbursable agreements
- Streamlining of regulatory functions
- Conservation through partnerships



