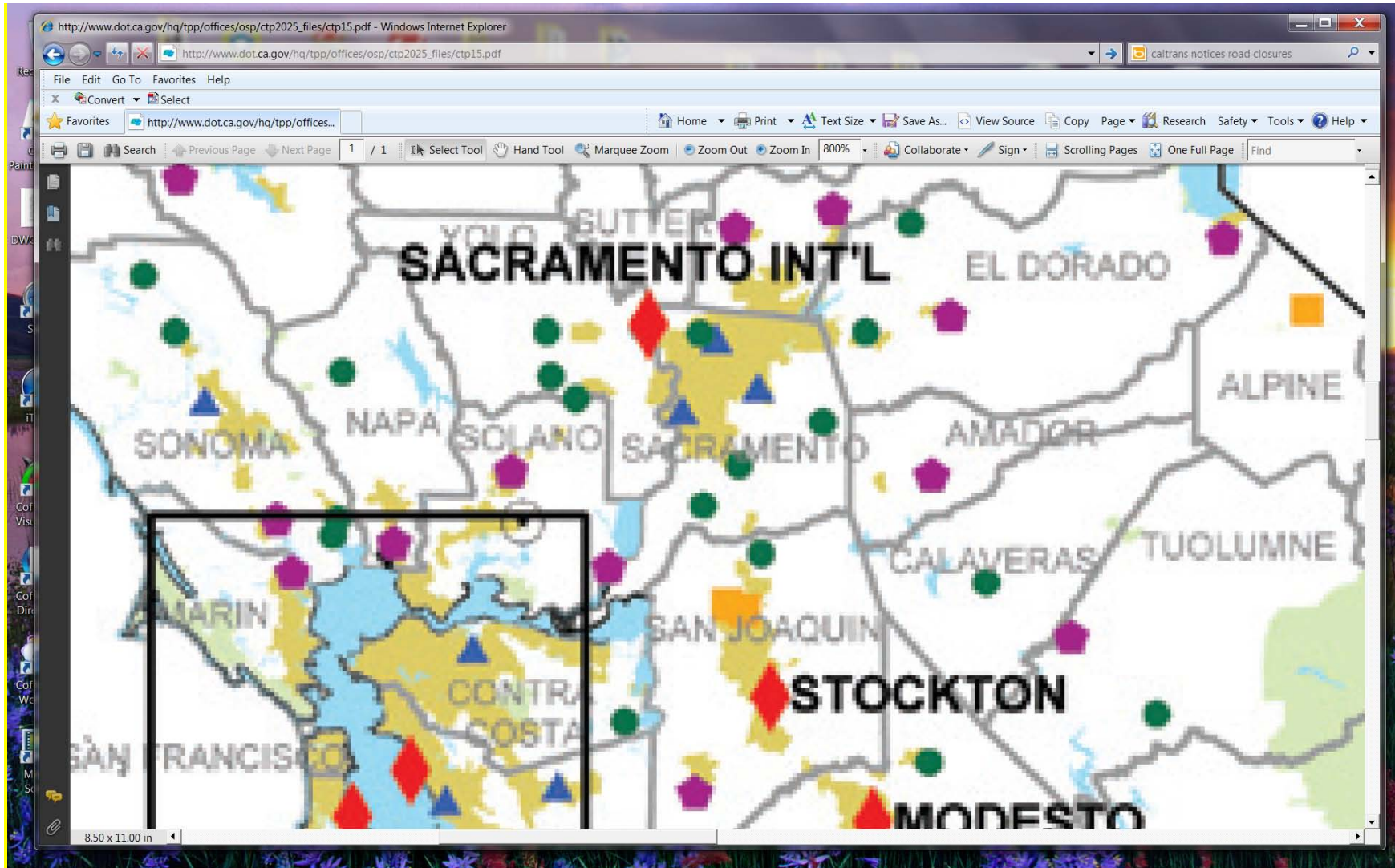


One reason why CalTrans may want to eliminate access to Ryer Island and other areas of the Delta:

1. **Make access to areas of the Delta difficult, so that no one will complain if the state wants to eminent domain prime Delta farming islands to use as dams to capture freshwater flow for export to other areas of the state.**

Department of Water Resources and many other state and federal agencies are currently planning how to divert almost all Sacramento River water away from the Delta, and to also use some delta islands for in-delta water storage. Note the following screen prints:



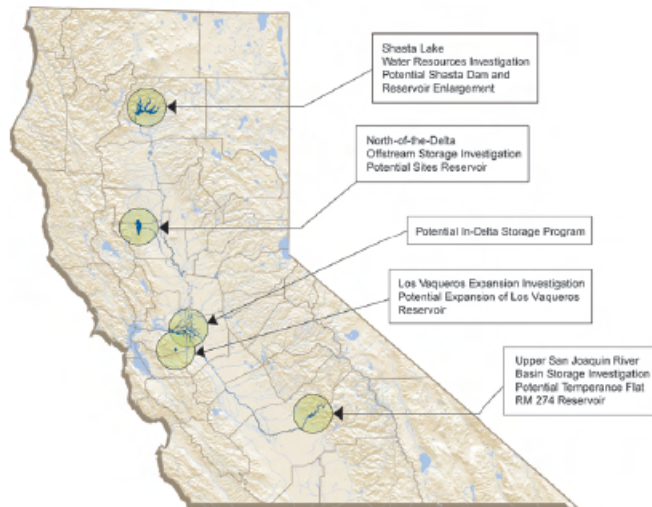
CalTrans already shows Ryer Island and what appears to be Webb Tract and Holland Tract as already flooded. DWR calls the planning process “in-Delta storage”

Background of the CALFED Surface Storage Investigations

http://www.water.ca.gov/storage/docs/Progress%20Report%202010/Overview_web_spread_lwres.pdf

This Progress Report presents an overview of the status and new analyses conducted for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program (CALFED) surface storage investigations. CALFED identified five potential surface storage studies in the CALFED Preferred Program Alternative for consideration during Phase 1 of CALFED implementation the: North-of-the-Delta Offstream Storage (NODOS) Investigation, Upper San Joaquin River Basin Storage Investigation (USJRBSI), Los Vaqueros Expansion (LVE) Investigation, Shasta Lake Water Resources Investigation (SLWRI), and In-Delta Storage Program. CALFED surface storage investigations are being carried out by the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), Contra Costa Water District (CCWD), and other local water interests. The general locations of the initial alternatives considered by the investigations are illustrated in Figure 1. DWR's participation in the In-Delta Storage Program (Figure 2) was suspended in July 2006 when state funding for the program ended. DWR's participation in the SLWRI is limited due to California Public Resources Code 5093.542 and state funding for the program ended in 2005.

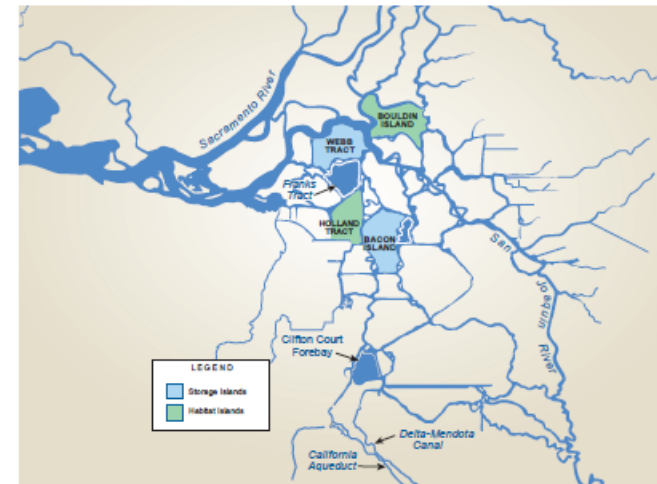
Figure 1. Location of Potential Surface Storage Projects



Since the release of the most recent study documents, existing and likely future conditions in each investigation's study area and throughout the state have changed. There are significantly greater water management challenges and opportunities in California now than when these feasibility studies were initiated. These water management challenges include declining ecosystems and water quality, greater impacts of droughts and floods, pumping constraints in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta), climate change impacts and adaptation strategies, and sea level rise estimates, and current programs to help address these issues. Programs to help address these challenges include the 2009 Comprehensive Water Package legislation,

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Figure 2. In-Delta Storage Program. Delta Wetlands Properties and Semitropic Water Storage District continue the study of in-Delta storage using private funding. The proposed project includes two storage islands and two habitat islands.



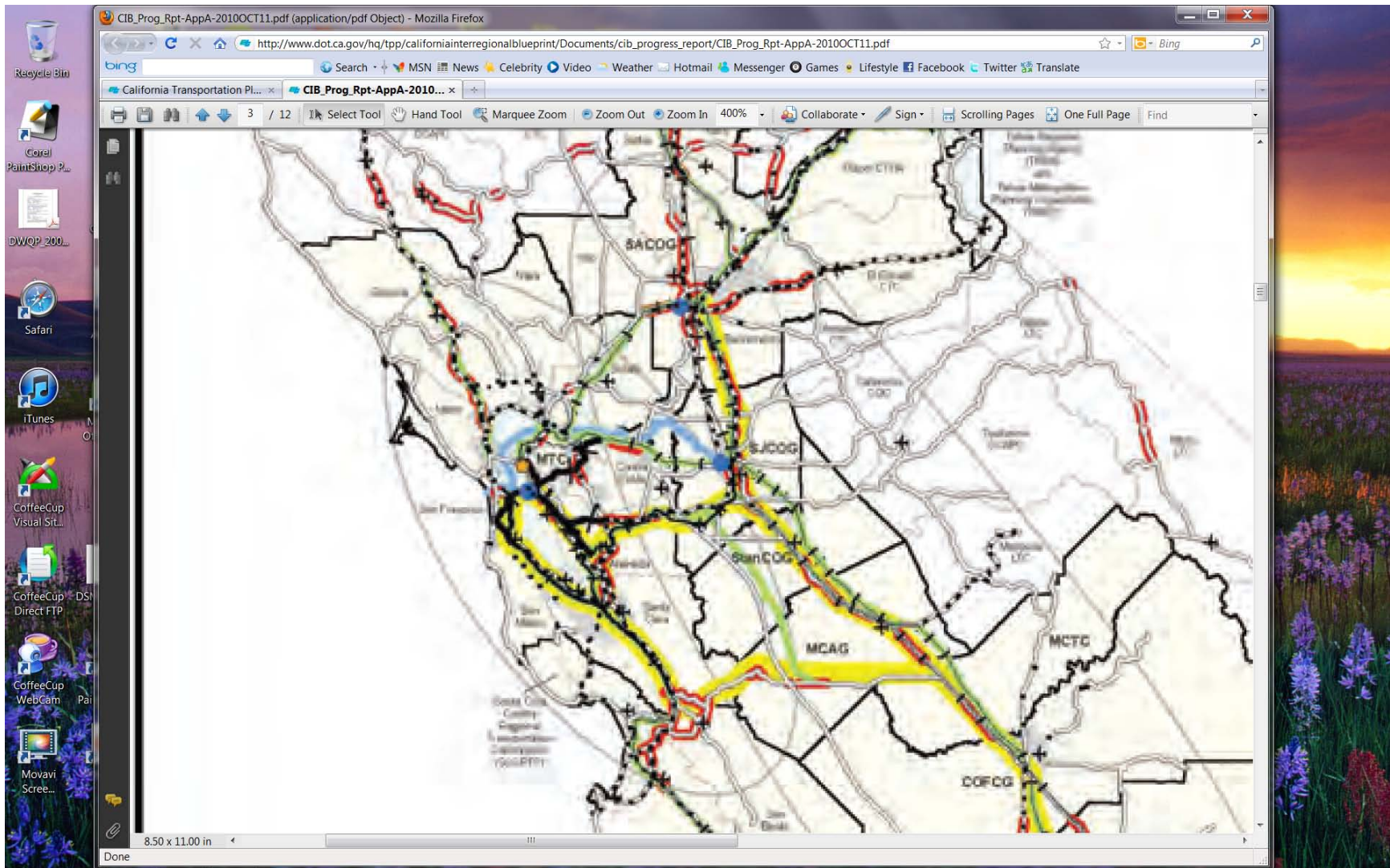
2008/2009 Biological Opinions (BO) for delta smelt and salmon, Bay-Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP), and Delta Habitat Conservation and Conveyance Program (DHCCP).

New water management challenges and opportunities are being considered and incorporated into the surface storage investigations. DWR prepared this Progress Report to summarize for the newly appointed California Water Commission, the public, and project stakeholders how the surface storage investigations are being modified to adapt to these new conditions.

The plan is to complete, by late 2011, the public review drafts of the Feasibility Reports and draft National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)-compliant Environmental Impact Statements (EIS)/Environmental Impact Reports (EIR) for the investigations.

In the meantime, this Progress Report serves as an update for the investigations. For the report, new analysis was conducted on how potential projects could be operated and benefits achieved under the operations criteria recommended by the 2008/2009 BOs. Preliminary analysis was also conducted on how the benefits of potential projects could be affected by climate change and Delta conveyance measures being considered by the BDCP/DHCCP. *New analyses conducted for the report are for illustrative purposes only; more comprehensive analyses will be conducted for the draft Feasibility Reports and EIS/EIRs to determine preferred alternatives for each investigation.*

Plan future Bay Area travel to exclude highways through the Delta, to discourage people from exploring the area, except along the designated “scenic highway” route.



Note that the Sacramento Ship Channel is not included as an important transport routes on the above map. Does the Sacramento Ship Channel get converted to another use...like water conveyance for example?

