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- Fish and Wildlife Service is lead on construction of the restoration plan
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- Aera Energy LLC operates several oil leases in the project area
- State Parks owns and operates Bolsa Chica State Beach
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- Orange County Water District operates groundwater test wells
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• ~ 2,400 acres under full tidal influence with a direct ocean connection







1973 AGREEMENT





COALITION PLAN

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KOLL PLAN



• after 100 years of dike, roads, and houses

1998 Bolsa Chica wetlands

• ~1,300 acres of degraded wetlands and an oil field in a very urban setting

• The Bolsa Chica restoration project



California State Lands Commission April 2002

- A **full tidal basin** (367 acres), **managed tidal areas** (178 ac), new nesting areas (20 ac), dune plant rehab (19 ac)
- down coast inlet location and two bridges
- no change to Inner or Outer Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve, seasonal ponds and future restoration area (387 ac), whipstock oil area (25 ac), or flood channel
- total of ~ 2.7 million cubic yards (cy) of dredging
 - ~ 1.3 million cy of clean sand goes to the ebb shoal
 - ~ 1.4 million cy to build the tidal basin containment berms and nesting areas
- groundwater interception feature between managed tidal wetland and houses
- hopes to acquire Fieldstone, remove PCB's, and restore





Oil Well Abandonment Steps

•equipment and pipes in the well casing are removed, casing left in place.

- Well casing is extensively plugged with concrete far below the surface
- Surface pump and related equipment are removed
- Well casing is cut off below ground and below any proposed excavation depths
- Well cellar is broken up and removed, surface returned to grade



To be removed from the full tidal basin, oil wells and pipelines, gas line, and roads







- Contamination in the full tidal basin will be cleaned up during the restoration grading

-Areas of contamination have been mapped and cleanup goals established

-All the contamination will be hauled off site or sequestered in the core of nest sites or levees

Parking Lot Improvements



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