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Outline

Welcome and opening remarks

 Earth Economics Presentation (Maya Kocian): "Natural Capital in CA Ports and Harbors"

Additional Tools & Resources

Question and Answers



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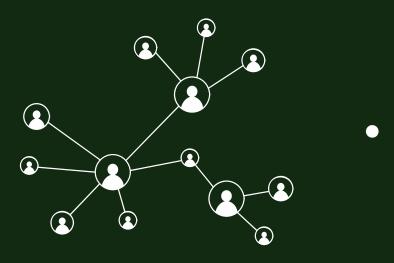
NATURAL CAPITAL IN CA PORTS AND HARBORS

- About Earth Economics
- Concepts + Framework
- Methodology
- Applications
- Discussion



Earth Economics is a leader in ecological economics and has provided innovative analysis and recommendations to governments, tribes, organizations, private firms, and communities around the world.

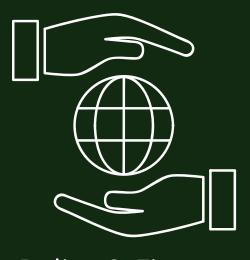
Our Approach



Awareness Building



Place-Based Analysis



Policy & Finance

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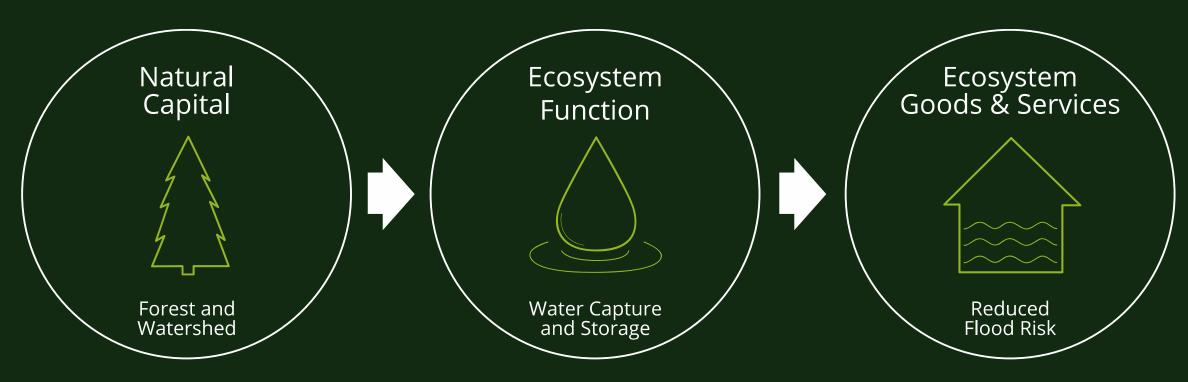


NATURAL CAPITAL

performs natural functions that provide goods and services that humans need to survive.



Capital Function



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Ecosystem Services

The natural capital of California's ports and harbors provides a range of ecosystem services that can be valued.*



Water Supply



Air Quality



Recreation + Tourism



Flood Risk Reduction



Climate Regulation



Habitat



^{*}For a complete list of ecosystem services please contact Earth Economics.

Understanding ecological and economic interactions and trade-offs is critical to sound decision making and investment strategies.

Methodology: **Ecosystem Services Valuation**

But how can you determine dollar values for goods and services that are not bought and sold?



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- contingent valuation
- contingent choice



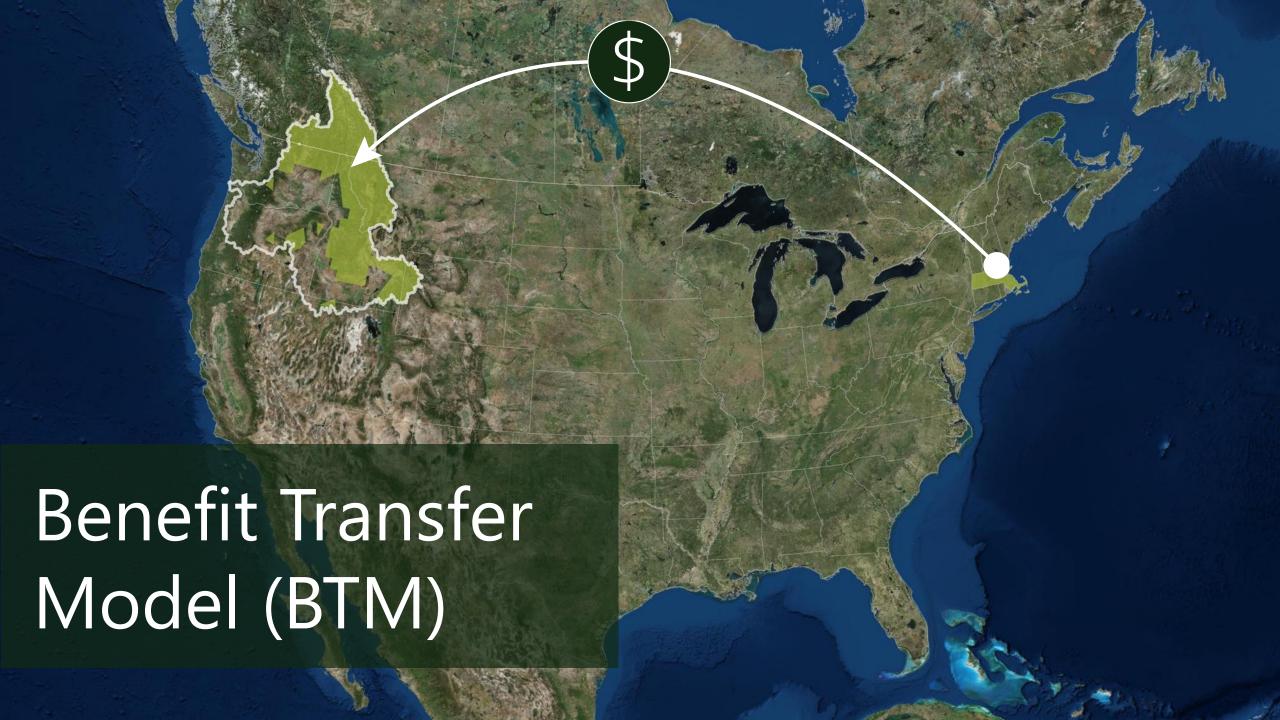
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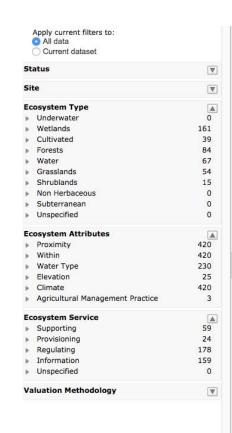
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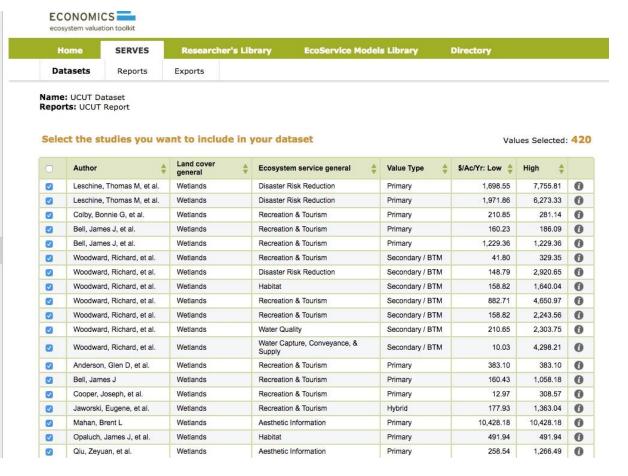
- hedonic housing price analysis
- travel cost studies





Ecosystem Valuation Toolkit





NATURAL CAPITAL ASSET VALUATION





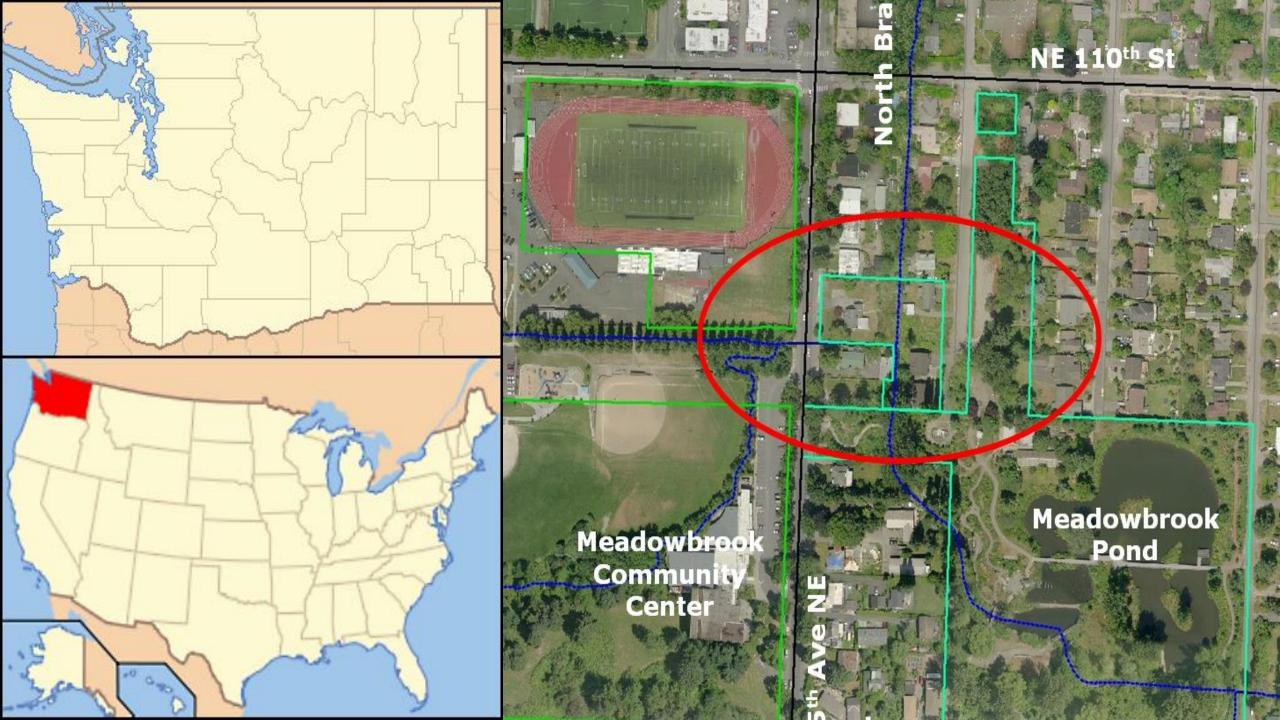
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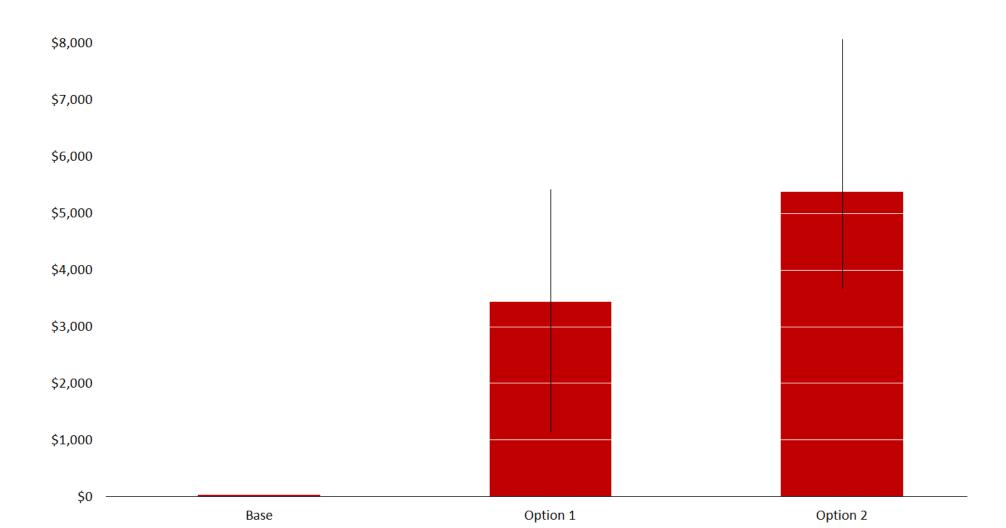
BCA Report from Seattle Public Utility

Table 9. Annual Value of Ecosystem Services by Option and Cover Type

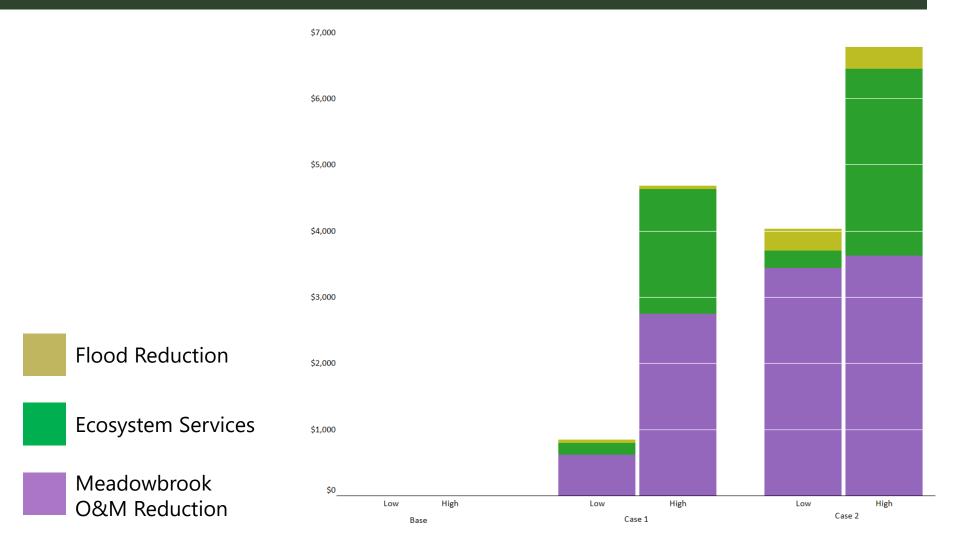
Total Ecosys	in \$/year by type					
	BASE CASE			Option 1 and 2		
Cover Type	Acres	Low	High	Acres	Low	High*
Urban				0.12	\$0	\$0
Dirt Road	0.35	\$0	\$0			
Grass	2.52	\$243	\$243	0	\$0	\$0
Stream Channel	0.11	\$136	\$2,914	0.26	\$322	\$6,888
Wetland	0	\$0	\$0	0.55	\$6,871	\$60,600
Riparian forest	0	\$0	\$0	0.87	\$4,050	\$77,814
Upland Forest	0	\$0	\$0	1.18	\$2,377	\$0
Totals	2.98	\$379	\$3,157	2.98	\$13,620	\$145,303

^{*} Uses Washington State classification which would include all forested area on the site as riparian forest.

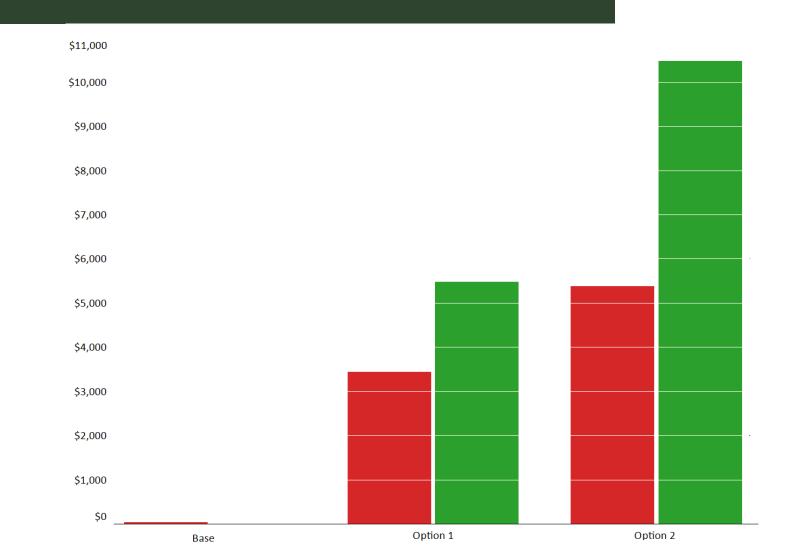
Present Value of Costs over 100 years at 5%



Present Value of Benefits over 100 years at 5%



Total Average Benefitswith Cost





Including ecosystem services and other co-benefits nearly doubled the total benefit amount.

PROJECT COSTS

\$5.4MM

TRADITIONAL BENEFITS

UP TO \$3.6MM

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

UP TO \$3.2MM



NEXT STEPS

Based on what you've just learned,

- 1. Determine if there is a project that we can work together on.
- 2. Contact me to discuss.

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Additional Resources

Tools:

National Ocean Economics Program

FEMA Benefit Cost Analysis Tool – Ecosystem Services

References:

What Will Adaptation Cost? An Economic Framework for Coastal Community Infrastructure

Comparing Sea Level Rise Adaptation Strategies in San Diego:

An Application of the NOAA Economic Framework

Case Studies of Natural Shoreline Infrastructure in Coastal California

Paying It Forward: The Path Towards Climate-Safe Infrastructure in California

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