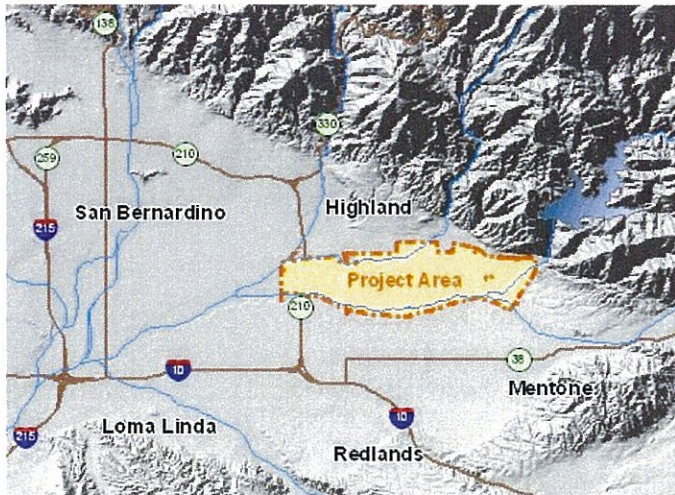


## Wash Plan – Striking a Balance

The **San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District** faces a challenge: the coexistence in the Upper Santa Ana River Wash of mining, endangered species, infrastructure, and groundwater replenishment. The District met this challenge as the lead agency of a Task Force comprised of 16 public and private agencies at the local, state, and federal level. This group is charged with developing a Land Management and Habitat Conservation Plan.



The Wash is a natural flood plain, and provides a number of unique natural and economic resources to the entire Inland Empire region. The Wash is also habitat for numerous sensitive, threatened, and endangered species, and provides open space for various forms of recreation.

The area's geology is ideal for replenishing the Bunker Hill Groundwater Basin, which provides 85 percent of the municipal water supply for

the San Bernardino Valley, and much of the water supply for Riverside. Local communities pump over 65 billion gallons of water from the Basin each year.

The Wash is a rich source of aggregate for concrete products and roadway construction materials. The District leases a portion of its land to operators of sand and gravel mines, receiving a portion of the revenue from these operations. Sand and gravel mining has a long history in the wash, and plays a significant role in the Inland Empire's economy. The economic multiplier from mining is estimated to add \$50 million to the Inland Empire's economy each year.

The Wash Plan coordinates existing and anticipated future activities, and helps to ensure balanced use and conservation of these important resources.



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