Figure 3.3-1 – Alternative 2A Concept – Aerial Photograph

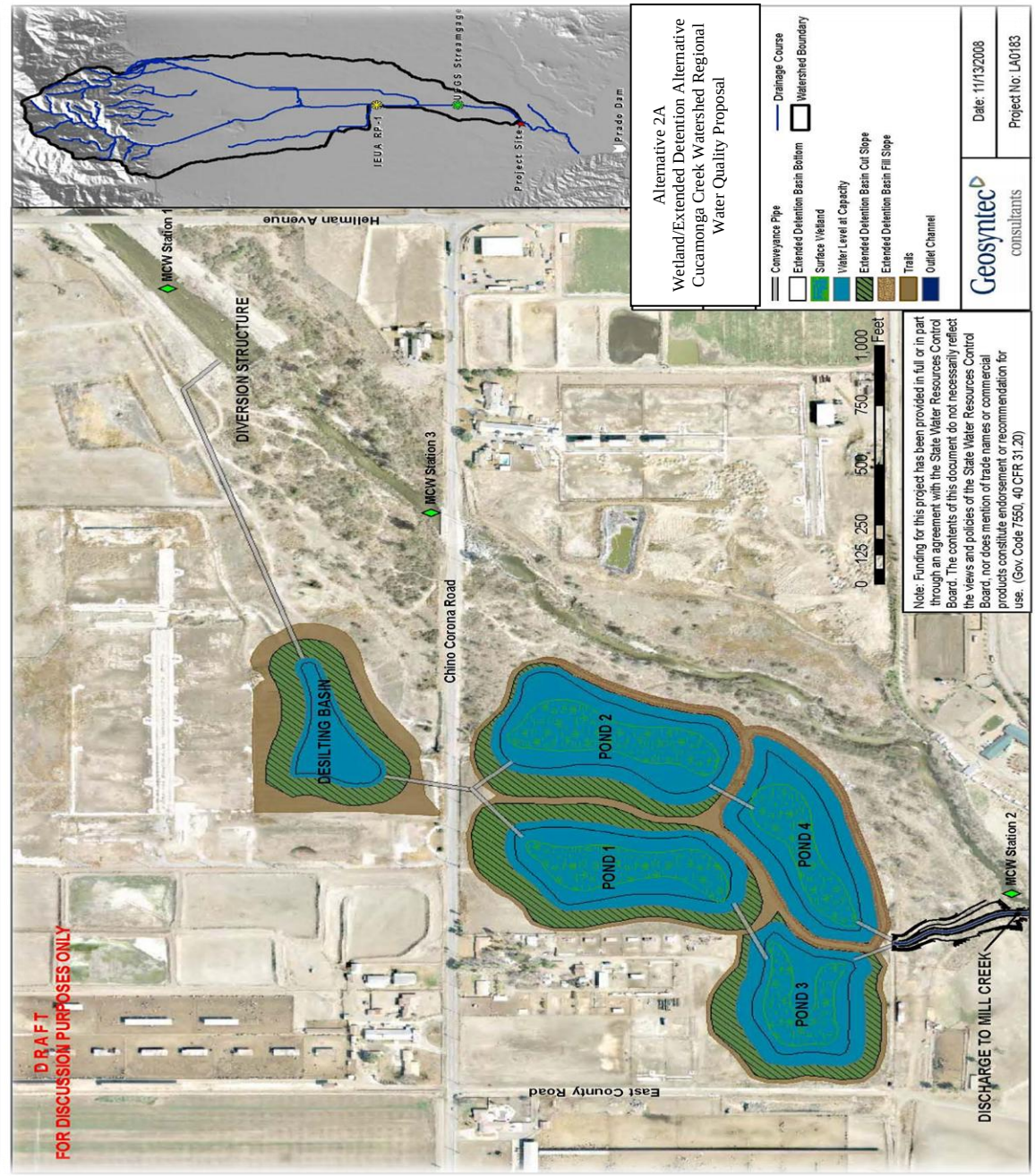
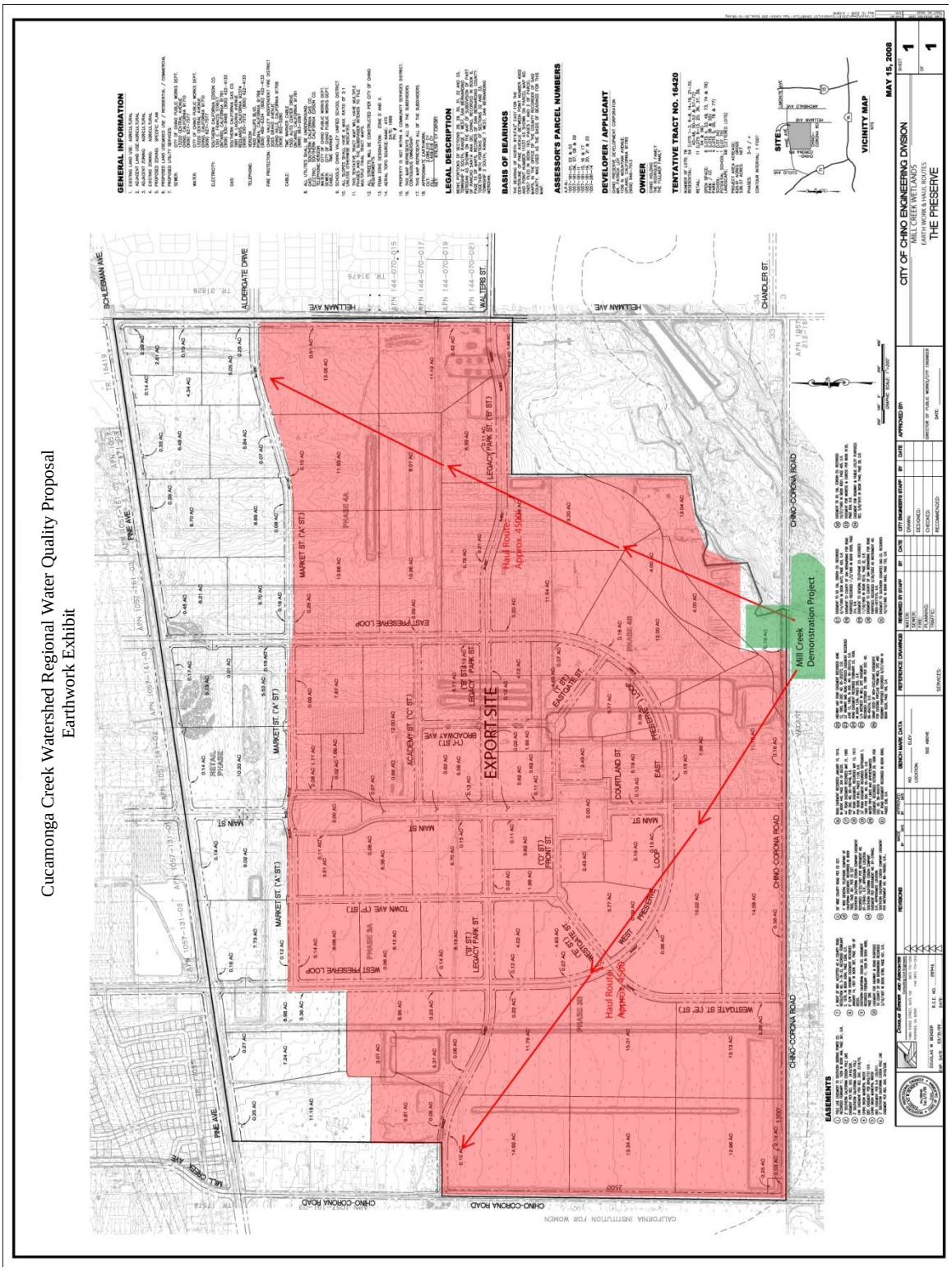


Figure 3.3-2 – Alternative 2A Proposed Haul Route and Engineered Fill Location



3.3.2 Features

Recreation: Alternative 2A provides additional active recreation opportunities in the Prado Basin by incorporating approximately 2.5 miles of hiking and equestrian trails. The trails proposed on the north side of Chino Corona Road around the de-silting pond and diversion structure are planned future trail connections. The trails proposed on the south side of Chino Corona Road around the wetland / extended detention ponds would be constructed as part of the Proposal. The trails would be constructed of decomposed granite and form a looped trail system around vegetated and open-water ponds, except no trails would extend to the east side of Ponds 2 and 4 in order to maintain separation from the established vegetation along Mill Creek that provides habitat for the least Bell's vireo. The new trail system would also connect to the City of Chino Urban Buffer linear park/open space (The Preserve Specific Plan, City of Chino – March 2003, Amended – January 2008) and would provide future trail connections for the inter-county trail system. The trail system would be open from dawn to dusk at no cost to the public.

Alternative 2A would also contain passive recreation opportunities in the Prado Basin by providing vista and wildlife viewing locations and interpretive signage. The proposed trail system would include benches in locations that offer vistas of the wetland ponds and the surrounding environment. Planting would be coordinated around the benches to provide shade and increase the aesthetic character of the views. The surrounding native plantings and open water wetlands would attract numerous wildlife species, offering excellent wildlife viewing opportunities.

Interpretive signage is proposed at the trailheads as well as throughout the trail system to provide park users with a better understanding of the history of the area; local wildlife that might be viewed; information on native vegetation, including plant communities and individual species; and an explanation on water quality and natural treatment systems.

A trailhead parking lot is proposed off of Comet Avenue on the west side of the wetland ponds. This parking lot, located on Federal Land, would accommodate approximately five horse trailer parking spaces. Another trailhead parking lot, also located on Federal Land, is proposed adjacent to Chino Corona Road, which would provide approximately eight vehicle parking spaces. The parking lots would be constructed of permeable surfaces such as porous concrete or crushed aggregate surfaces. Figure 3.3-3 provides a graphic concept of the proposed recreation plan.