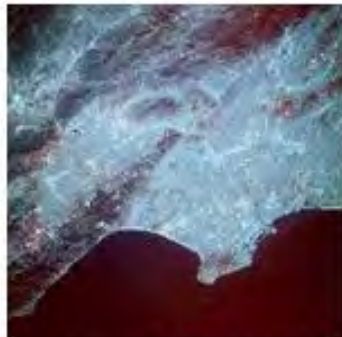


We live in one of the world's top "hot spots" for biodiversity.



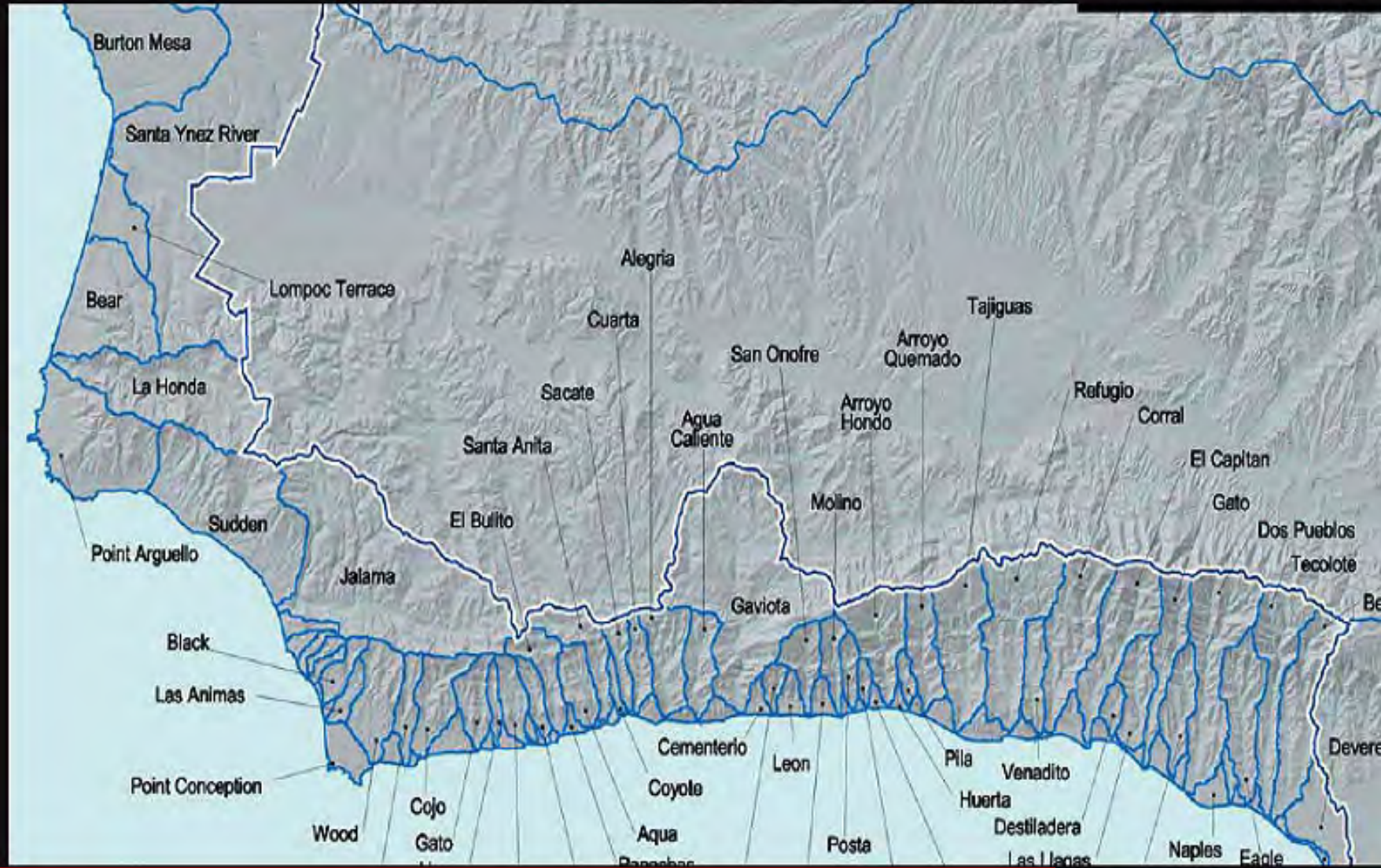
The LA Basin



(gray = pavement)

Hot spots of Threatened Biodiversity

Source: Bruce A. Stein, L.S. Kutner, and J.S. Adams. *Precious Heritage: The Status of Biodiversity in the United States*. Oxford University Press (2000).



Gaviota contains 34 watersheds.

The Gaviota Coast is considered one of the top 15 hot spots for threatened biodiversity in the world. More than 1,400 plant and animal species depend on the Gaviota, including 60 species of fish and 195 species of birds.

The area contains 24 federally- or state-listed threatened or endangered plant and animal species and another 60 species of rare and special concern.

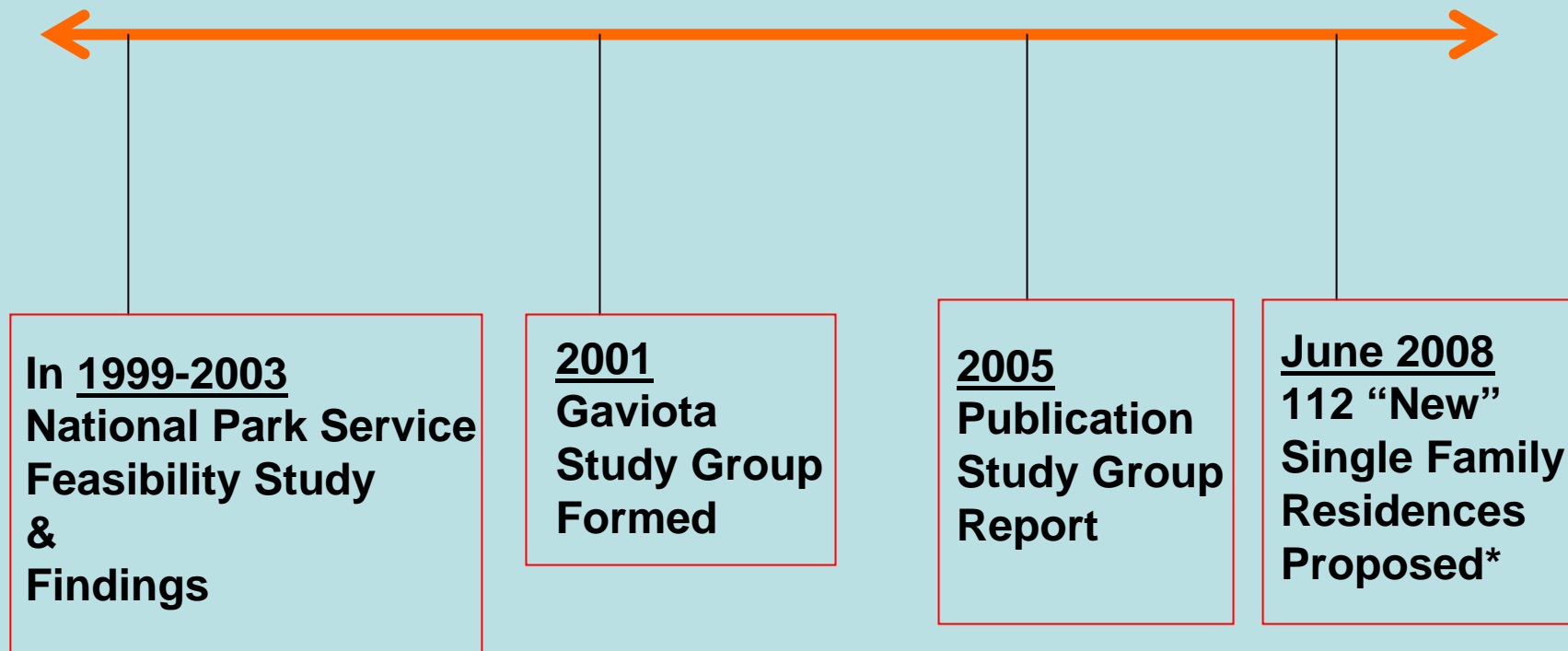
8,000 years



***8 generations
family farms/ranches***

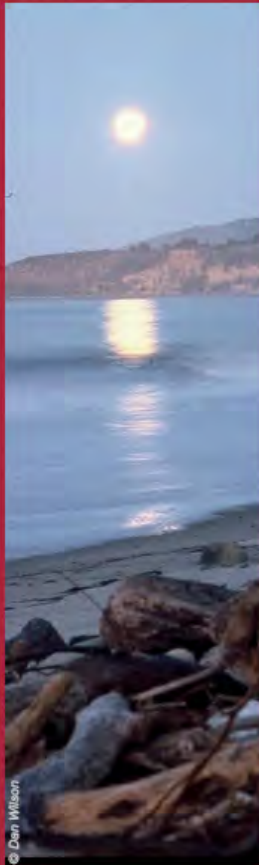
County Gaviota Coastal Plan (1982)

Time line



** New residences proposed east of the Gaviota tunnel.*

Respecting Our Heritage Determining Our Future



We, the undersigned, are participants of the Gaviota Coast Study Group. Although as individuals we may not agree with every item contained in this document, as a group we have reached consensus on it. We submit it as a compelling and comprehensive guide for the future of the Gaviota Coast.

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Developing Land Use Policy with Equity and Ecology

The most important tools we have for determining the immediate future of the Gaviota Coast are our local land use policies and regulations. When carried out in an objective and reasonable way, they can provide a map for implementing our community's vision for this region.

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