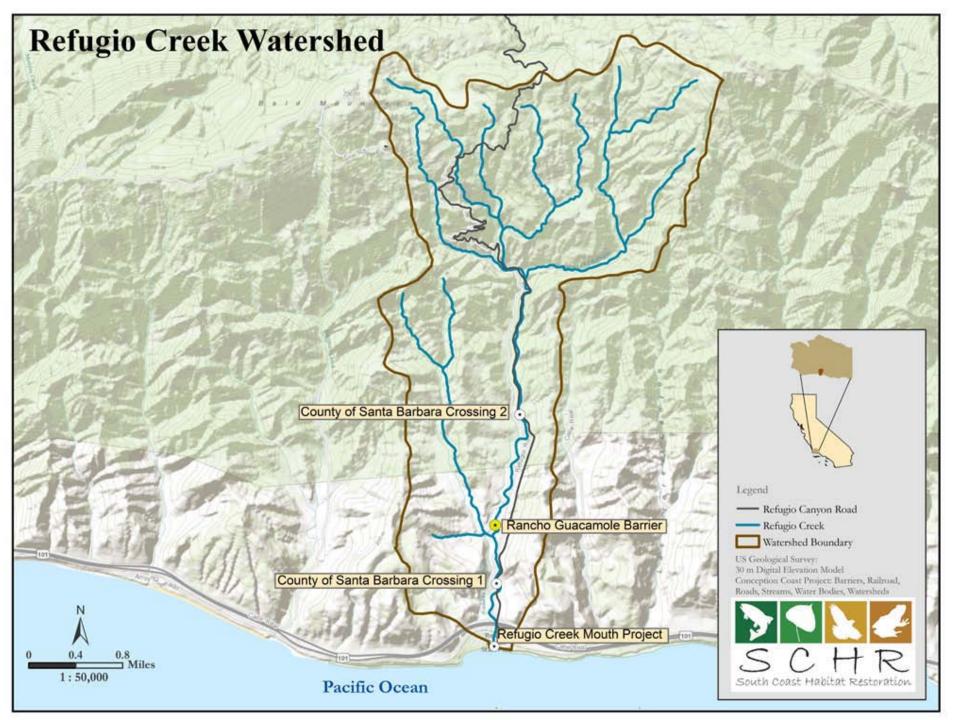
#### Rancho Guacamole: Fish Passage Restoration Project Refugio Creek Watershed



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## **Refugio Creek Watershed**

- Located within 3<sup>rd</sup> District
- Rated as a Core 3 Watershed by NOAA
  Fisheries Steelhead Recovery Plan (2012)
- Ongoing Restoration Work
  - Non-native plant (*Arundo donax*) removal effort
    by SB Land Trust and Channel Islands Restoration
  - Creek Mouth within State Parks
  - County Stream Crossings



# Project

- Barrier removal and replacement with a cast in place bridge with a natural stream bottom
- Improve steelhead trout habitat in the watershed and adjacent watersheds
- Gaviota Coast important for recovery of steelhead trout



### Partnership

- Landowner
- United States Fish and Wildlife Service
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Coastal Ranches Conservancy
- Cachuma Resource Conservation District
- South Coast Habitat Restoration



### Thank you!



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