

# Ancient Portuguese Bend Landslide Complex Town Hall

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April 17, 2024





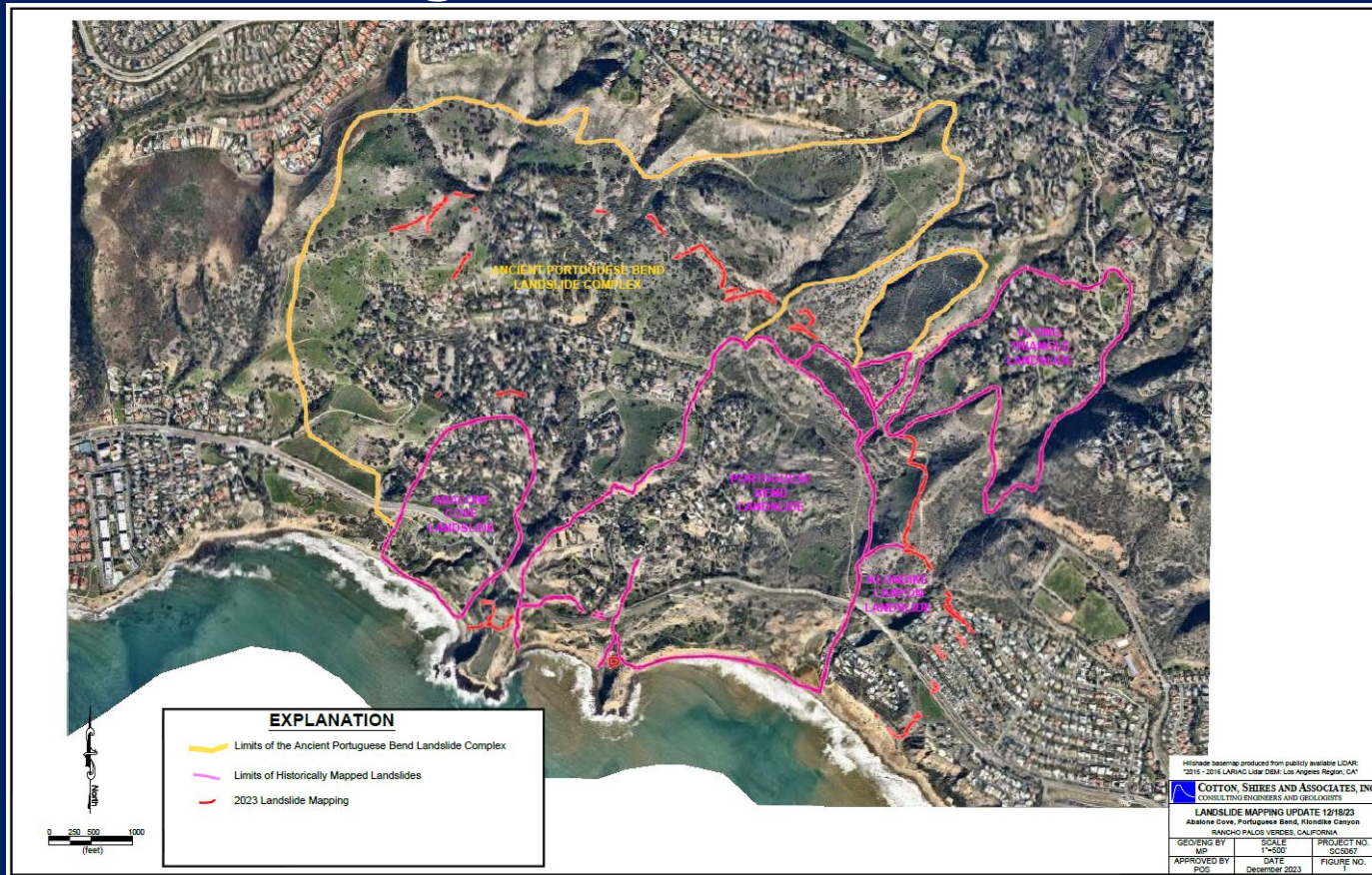
# Housekeeping

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- Welcome to Ladera Linda
- Refreshments
- Restrooms
- Presentation Agenda
- Questions
  - Question Cards
  - Zoom Participants – Q&A Feature



# Historic Background





## RAINFALL

- Two gauges – Point Vicente and Rolling Hills FS
- Rolling Hills FS is more representative of watersheds
- 67-year record
- Mean annual rainfall 13.70 inches
- 2022-23 Season: 26.33 inches (192% of hist. avg.)
- 2023-24 Season: 22.50 inches (164% of hist. avg.)
- 2011-2016: 5 year drought w/below avg rainfall
- 5 of the last 8 years wetter than average
- La Nina conditions forecast for 2024-25

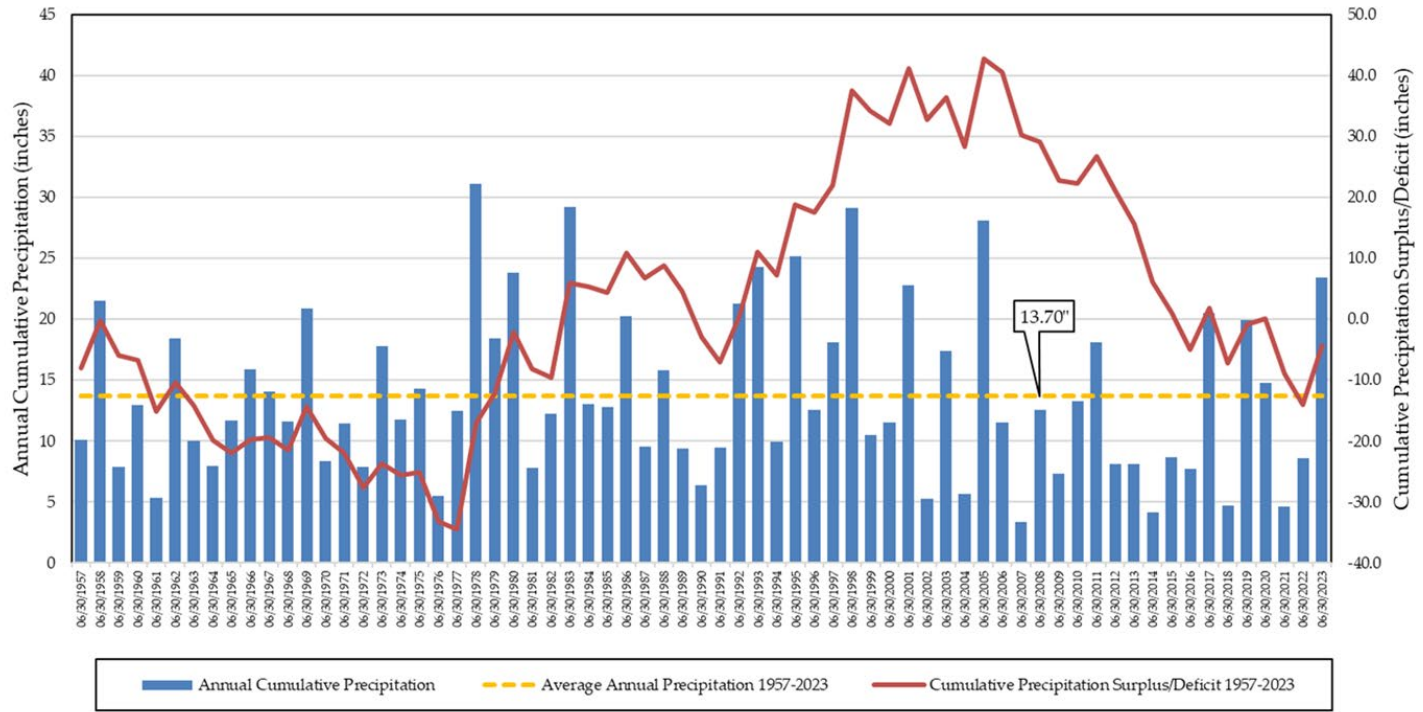


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Annual Cumulative Precipitation and  
Cumulative Precipitation Surplus/Deficit 1957-2023  
(Station 1011B)





## LAND MOVEMENT

- In Oct 2023 : 3x to 5x acceleration vs. Oct 2022
- In Jan 2024: 4x to 5x acceleration in 3 months
- In Mar 2024: 1.3x to 2.2x acceleration in 2 months
- Expansion of the overall PB Landslide Complex from 380 acres to 675 acres
- Monitoring for further expansion

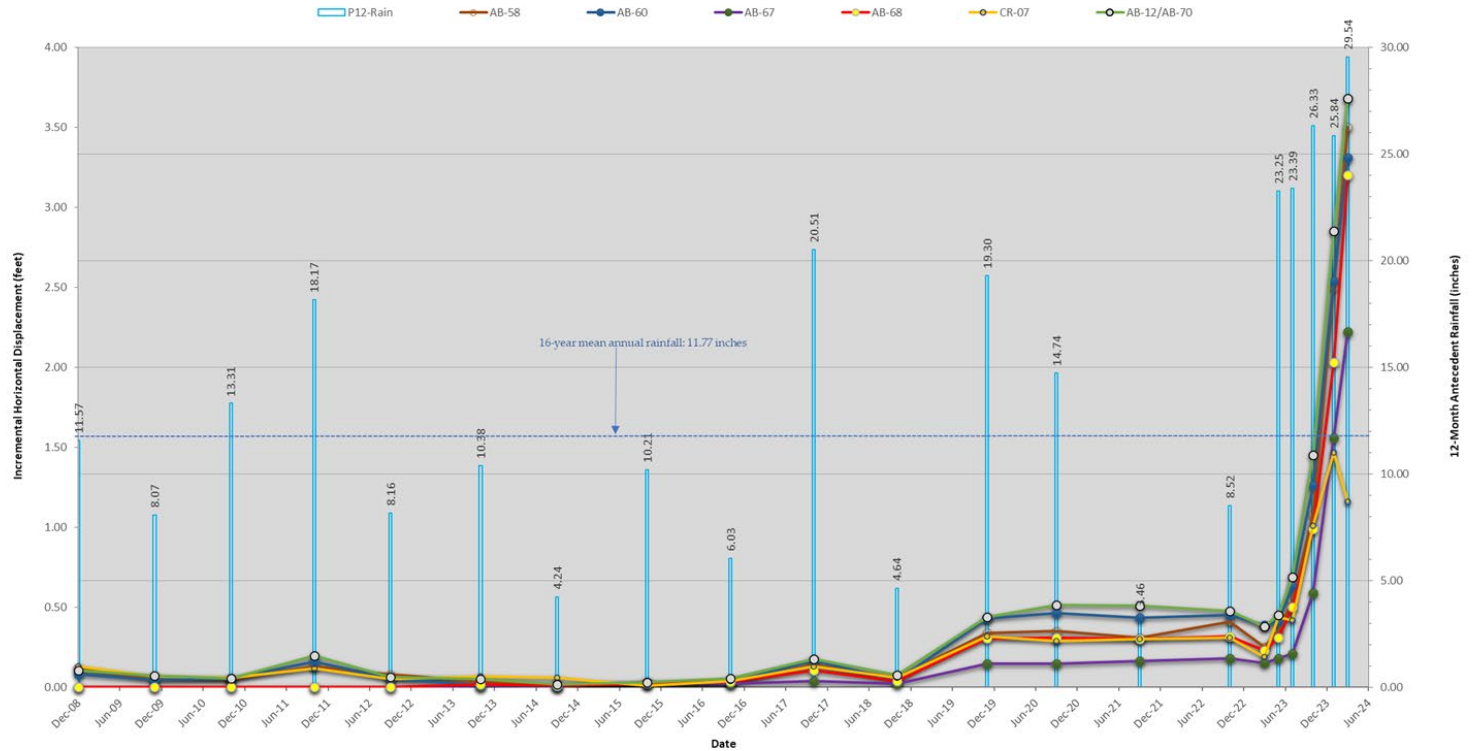


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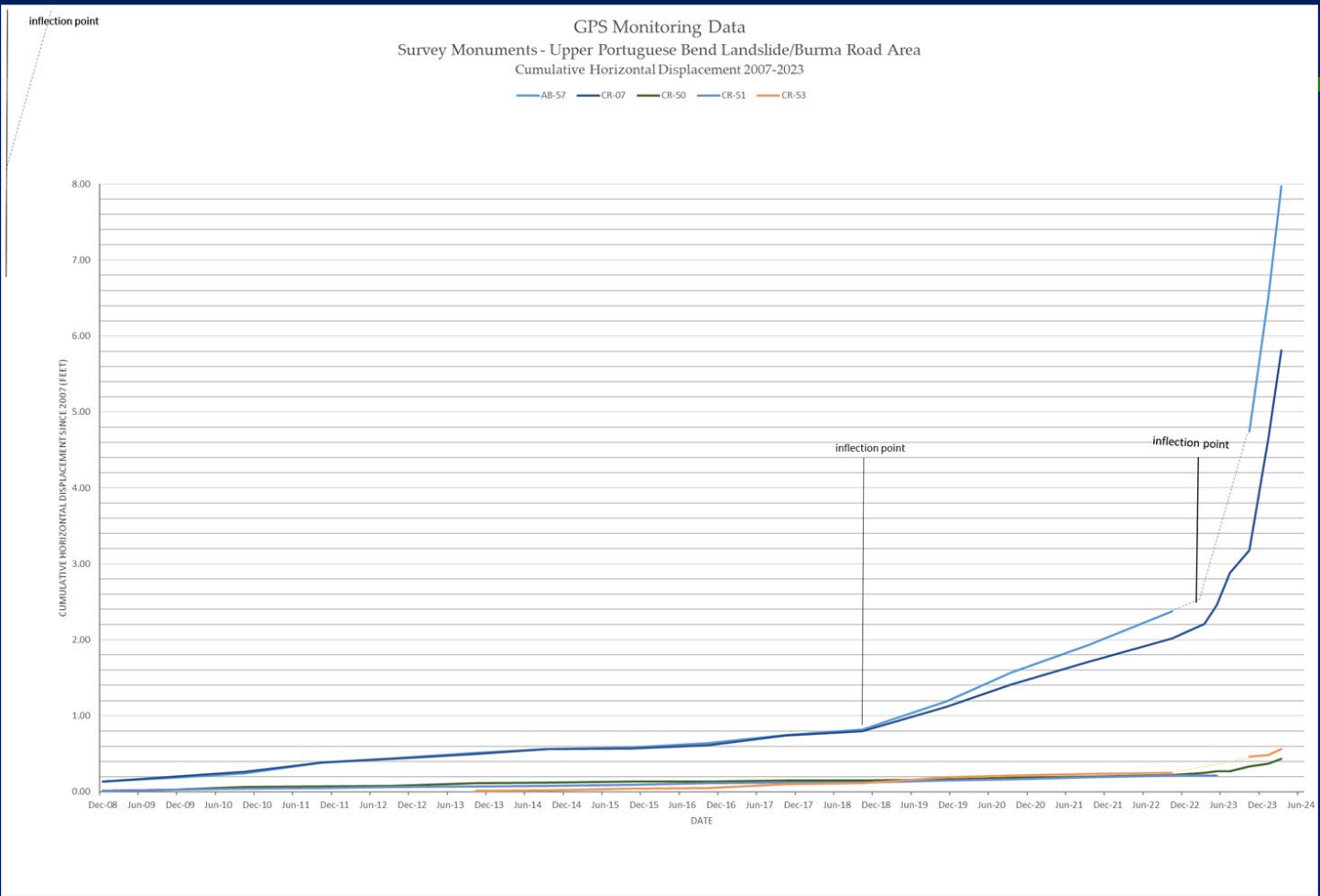




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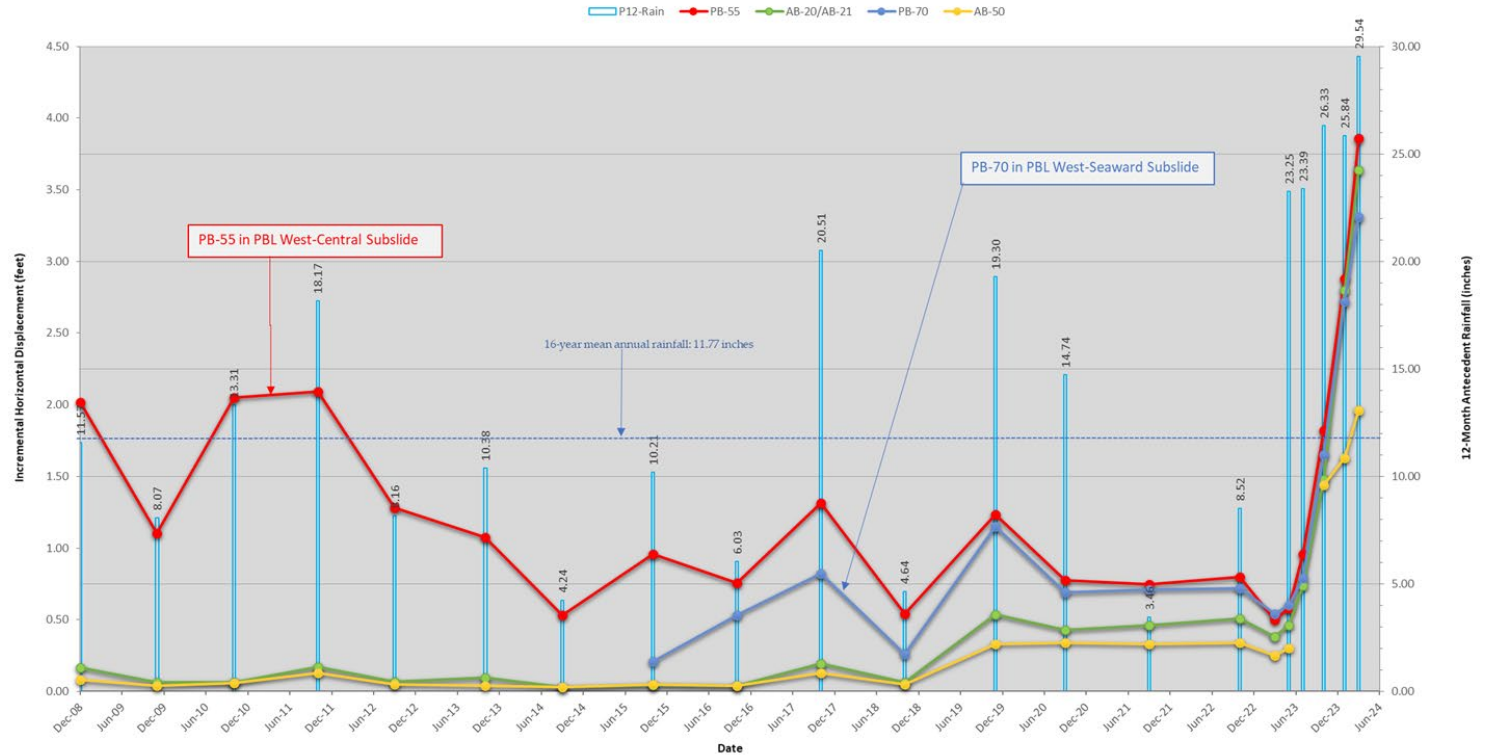








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# Geologic Hazard Abatement Districts

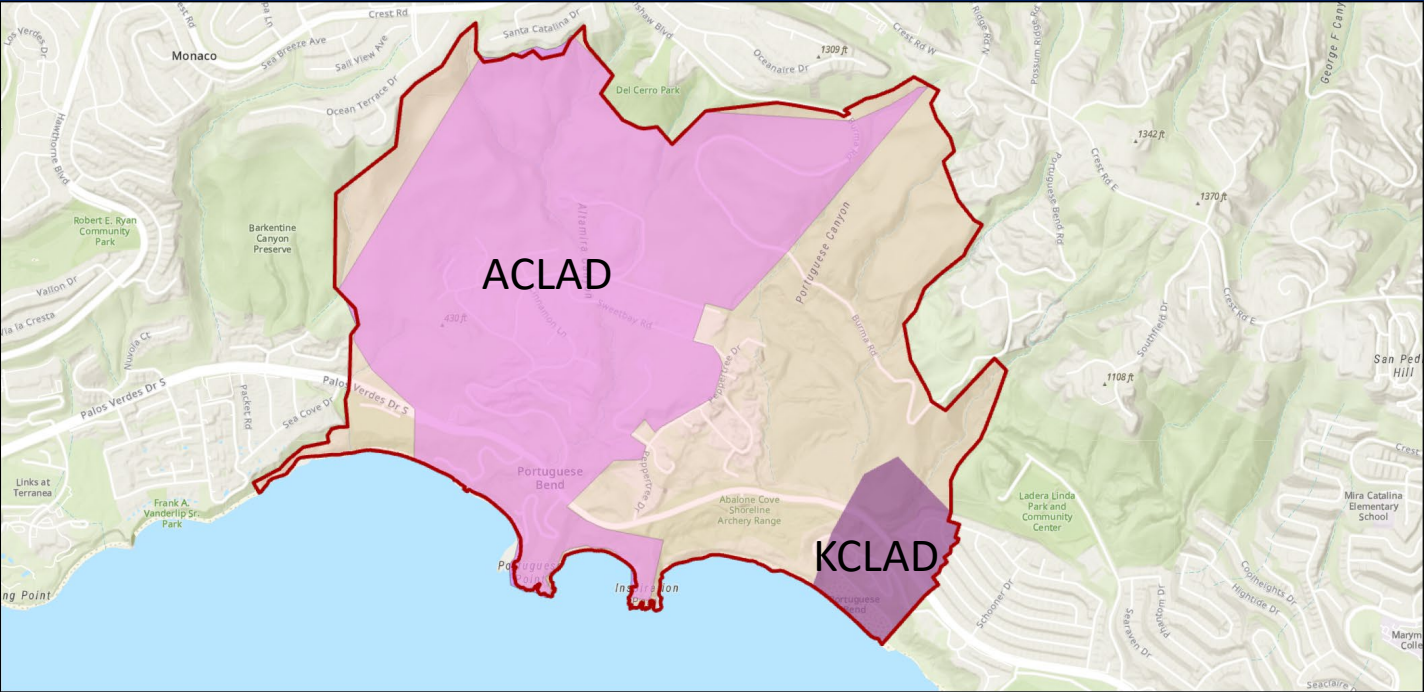
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## Plan of Control

- Dewatering Systems
- Surface Drainage Improvements

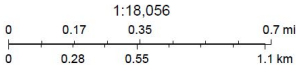


# Geologic Hazard Abatement Districts



11/14/2023

- Portuguese Bend Landslide Complex
- Abalone Cove Landslide Abatement District
- Klondike Canyon Landslide Abatement District



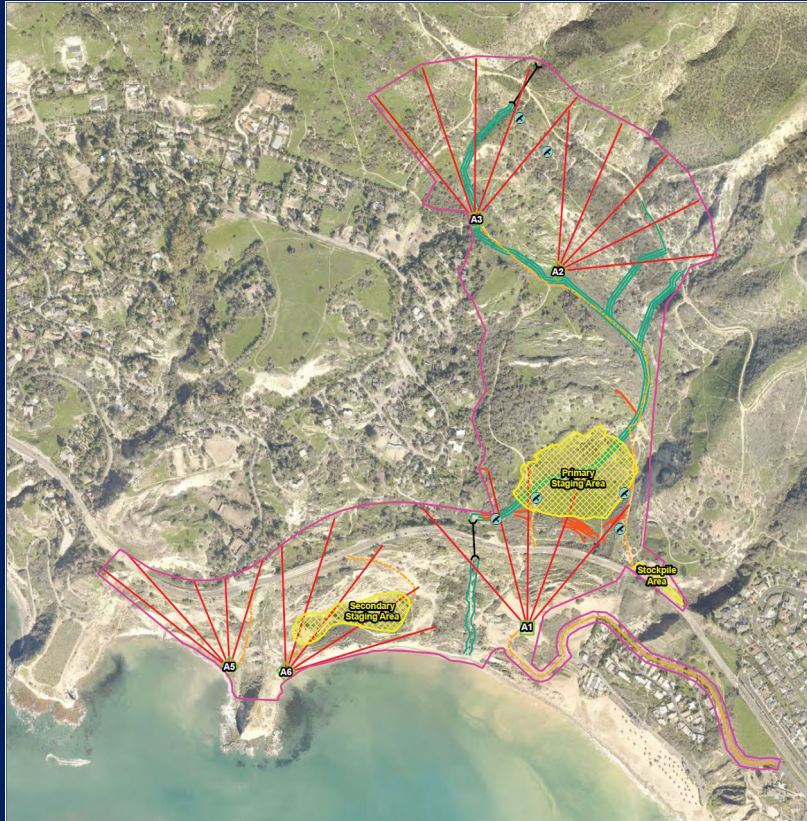
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# Portuguese Bend Landslide Remediation Project



- Proposed Project Limit
- Proposed Hydrauger Work Locations
- Staging Area/Work Location
- Proposed Hydrauger Arrays
- Approximate Surface Fracture Locations
- Proposed Access Route
- Proposed Culvert
- Proposed Swale





# Emergency Stabilization Measures ( ① and ② )



- Approximate Portuguese Bend Landslide Limit
- Approximate BRIC Limit
- Approximate Direction of Groundwater Flow
- 7-in. diameter Sacrificial Dual Boreholes
- ① Emergency Action Hydrauger Array E-1 (Relief of Artesian Pressure)
- ② Emergency Action Hydrauger Array E-2 (Groundwater Flow Interceptor)
- ① Originally Planned Hydrauger Arrays (Extent of Hydrauger Pipes Not Shown)
- | Approximate Location of 80-in. diameter Drainage Pipe under PVDS (Swale Below PVDS Not Shown)



# Portuguese Bend Landslide Costs and Funding

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- Portuguese Bend Landslide Cost Estimate:
  - Emergency Hydraugers = \$10m
  - PVDS/Peppertree Drainage = \$3m (\$2m Feinstein)
  - BRIC Project = \$23m
    - BRIC Revised Grant Application = \$16.1m
  - Total = **\$36m**
    - Supervisor Hahn = \$5m Pledge





# City Assistance Package to Districts

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- Financial Assistance
  - Zero Interest Loan
  - 20 Year Term
  - First Annual Payment in 3 Years
- In-Kind Services
  - Engineering
  - Project Management
  - Geotechnical
  - Geology
- Contingent Upon Peer-Reviewed Plans



# Mitigation of Portuguese Bend Landslide with Directional Drilling Rancho Palos Verdes, California



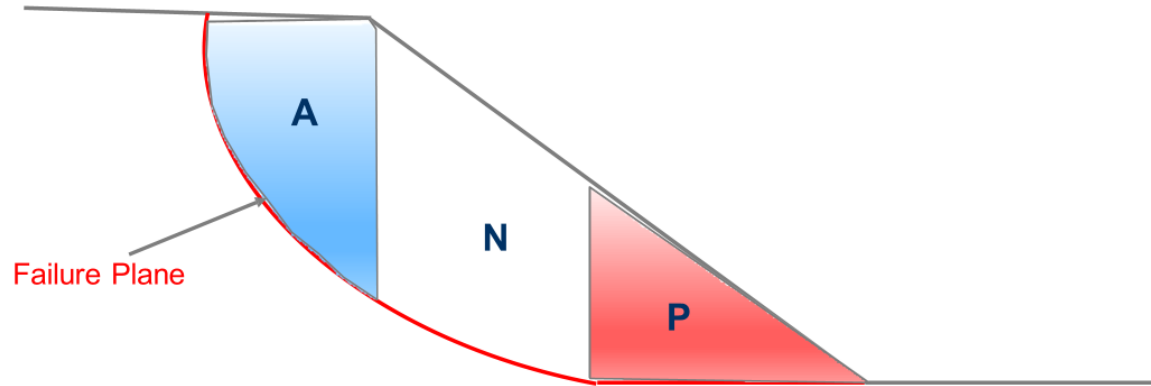
Neven Matasovic  
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The largest Landslide in the US  
The fastest moving landslide in the US  
The most studied landslide in the US (since 1956 ...68 yrs of study)

Remedy of such a landslide is not a “plumbing” job ...  
Design should be based upon calculations and account for project constraints, ...  
Principles of “value engineering” should be followed ...





### Schematic cross-section through a landslide

A = Active Zone (Pushing)

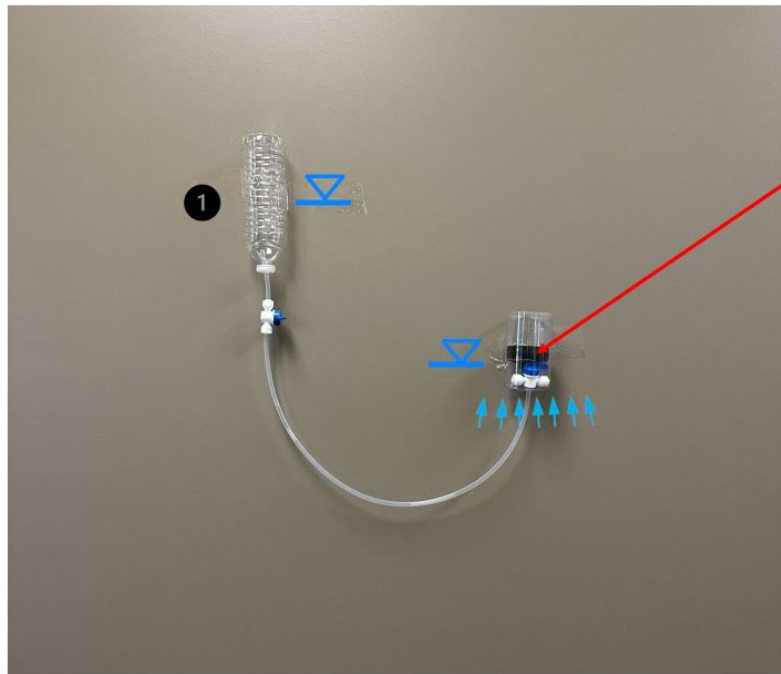
N = Neutral Zone (No Impact)

P = Passive Zone (Resisting)



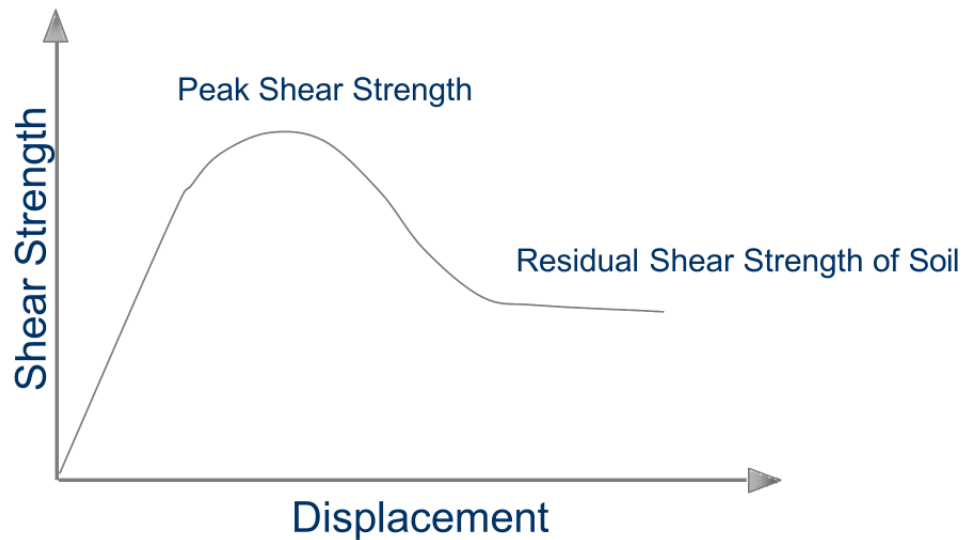


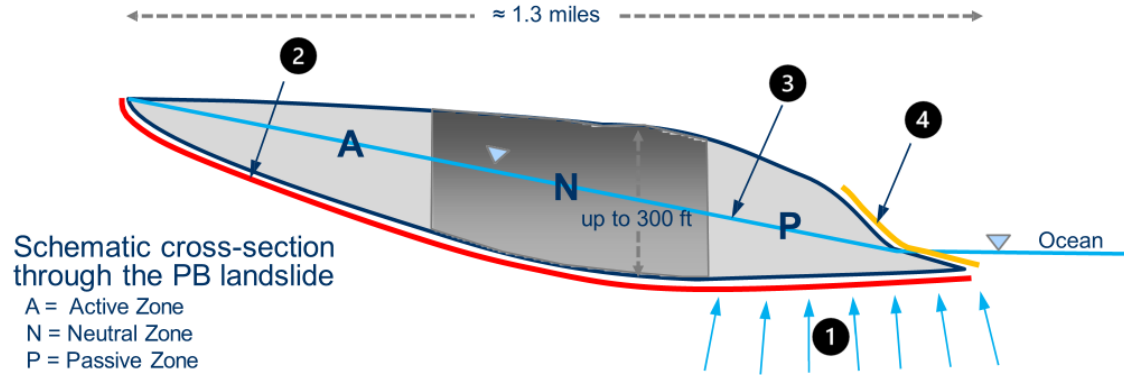
## G. Primer – Friction & Artesian Pressure (hands-on demonstration of principles)



Sandpaper glued at  
the base of a plastic  
puck

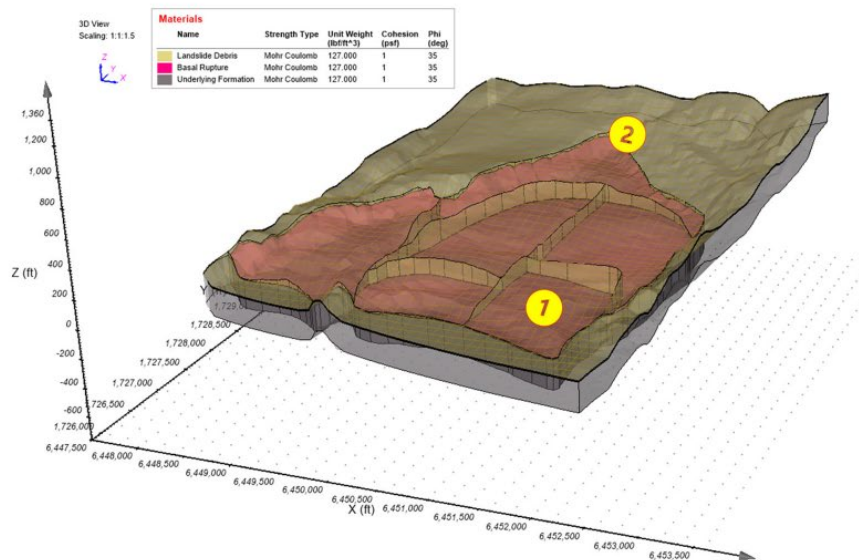
Pressure on the puck  
↑↑↑↑↑ is independent  
of the size of the tube





***Given the site constraints, mitigation can address a subset of causal factors***

- |   |  |   |   |
|---|--|---|---|
| 1 | Confined water below basal surface (artesian pressure)       | 3 | Perched water above slip surface                |
| 2 | Bentonite beds with adverse inclinations (incl. basal surf.) | 4 | Erosion at landslide toe                        |
|   |  | 5 | Other (adjacent landslides, Eq, load on A, ...) |

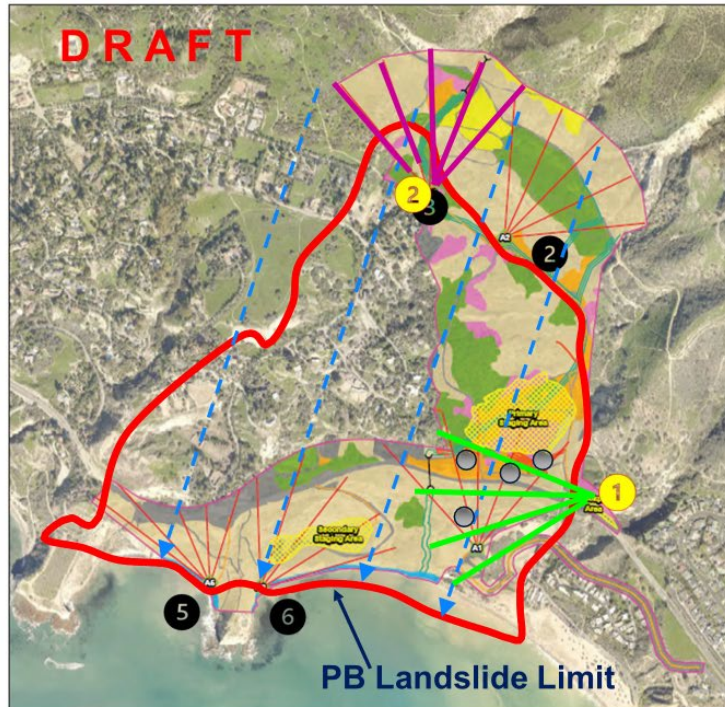


- Back-Analysis
- Calibration and Validation
- Forward analysis
  - Existing (without drains)
  - Post-construction (with drains)
- Steady-state seepage (FEM) model
- Limit equilibrium slope stability model



- Approximate PB Landslide limit
- Approximate BRIC limit
- - Approx. direction of groundwater flow
- Zone of significant artesian pressure
- ➔ Conceptual remedy – a hypothetical groundwater flow barrier

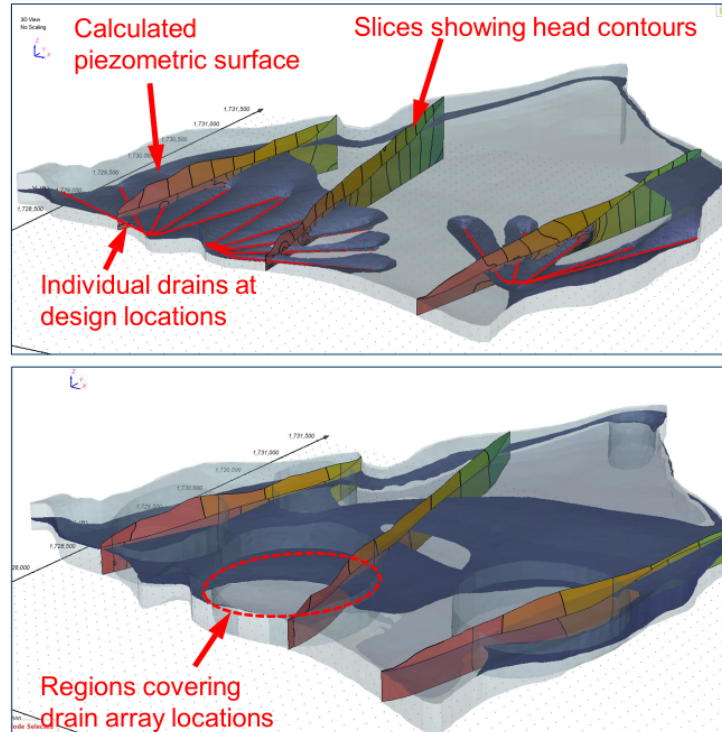




- Proposed Project Limit
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- 1 Proposed Hydrauger Arrays 1 (E-1)
- Approximate Surface Fracture Locations 2 (E-2)
- Proposed Access Route
- Proposed Culvert
- Proposed Swale
- Vegetation Communities**
- Coastal Sage Scrub – Rhus Dominated
- Coastal Sage Scrub – Undifferentiated
- Saltbush Scrub
- Exotic Woodland
- Disturbed Vegetation
- Developed
- Rocky Shore
- ← - - - Flow of Groundwater Direction
- 7-in. dia. pilot sacrificial dual borehole

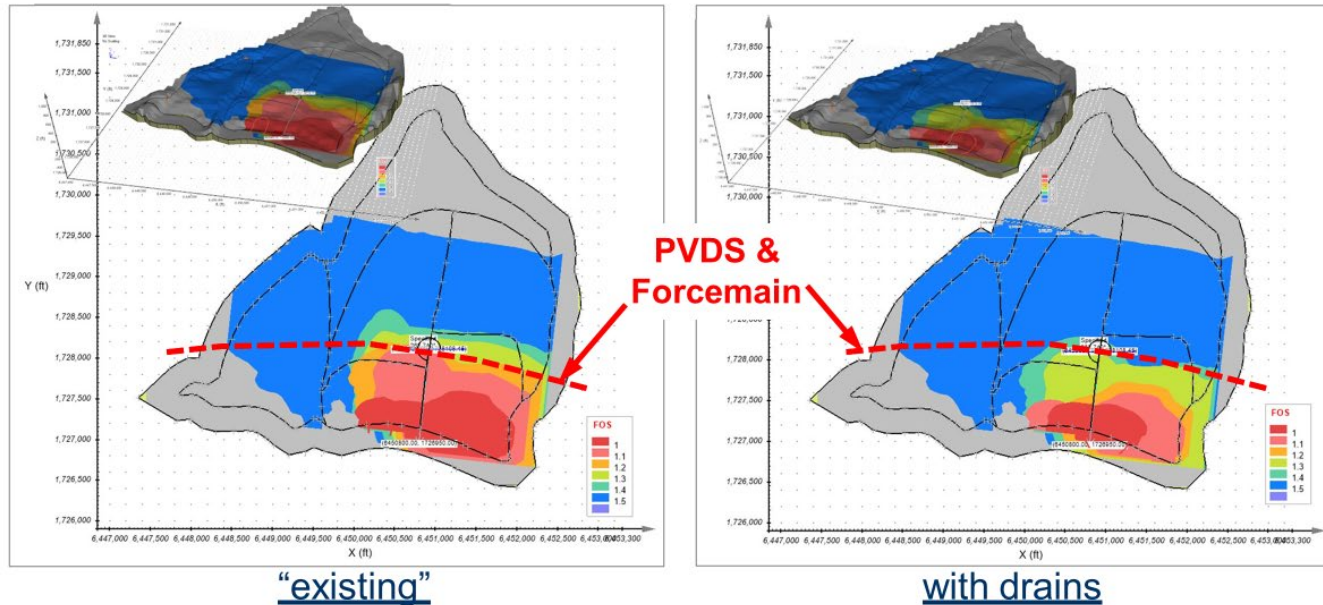


## Positioning & Sizing of Hydraugers (3D Seepage Modeling)



Modeling considerations included:

- Individual drains (top) versus array-wide (bottom)
- Transient versus steady-state seepage
- “Accuracy,” computation time, and quality of input information
- “Other” (Public Comment)



- Reduced extents of fastest movement (red and pink)
- Reduced movement rate at road / forcemain location



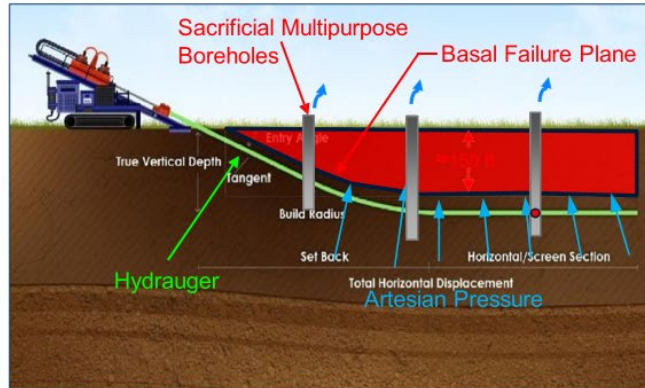
# Mitigation – Sacrificial Dual Boreholes + Directional Drains (Hydraugers)

1

5

6

(Bottom Hydraugers)



- ≈150-ft deep dual pilot holes (2 holes next to each other to accommodate inclinometers and standpipe piezometers)
- Up to ¼ mile-long artesian pressure relief hydraugers (directionally drilled; sequentially advanced)
- Possibly curved hydrauger alignment (curved in horiz. direction; directed with Gyroscopic Steering Tool, GST)
- Specialty equipment required; Wingwalls might be required at some locations
- Significant artesian pressure may not develop before May – June; may need to pump out
- Discharge to Klondike Canyon, LACSD Sewer Line, with some temporary storage on-site



## Mitigation - Horizontal Interceptor Hydraugers

E-2 2 = 3 2 (Top Hydraugers)



- “Straight” interceptor hydrauger alignment - gravity-drained ( $\approx 2\%$  out of slope)
- No artesian pressure expected
- Installed using “conventional” equipment
- Access is an issue; Can be repaired is sheared off
- Water discharged into canyons





The mitigation design has been developed by a team of highly qualified (MS and PhD) engineers registered in the State of California.

The team gathered and processed information, developed 3D numerical models, ran the models, validated and calibrated the models, and interpreted the results.

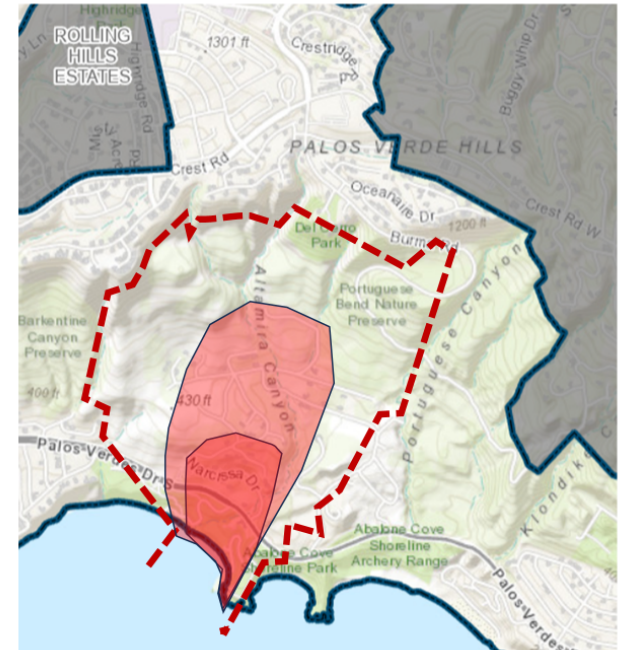
The models and interpretations were internally and externally peer-reviewed. Both served as a basis for the remedial design.

As construction progresses, the final design will be improved / revised as additional data for model calibration and validation become available ("value engineering").



# Abalone Cove Landslide Abatement District (ACLAD)

- 1974 - Abalone Cove Landslide activated
- 1980 - Geologist Perry Ehlig and 25 residents in Portuguese Bend drilled 7 wells
- 1980 - Beverly Act created Geological Hazard Abatement Districts
- 1982 - ACLAD formed to operate de-watering wells
- Late 80's - Abalone Cove Landslide nearly stopped moving
- Currently, ACLAD has 20 operational wells pumping 130,000 to 160,000 gallons per day





# PBCA, ACLAD & RPV Abalone Cove Landslide Mitigation

## Roles and Responsibilities

- PBCA (HOA)
  - Maintain private roads
  - Roads in PBCA are the storm drains
- ACLAD (GHAD)
  - Inspect wells and record pumping volume weekly
  - Maintain and Repair wells and drainage system (replace ave 1 pump per month)
  - Drill and Replace Wells (1-2 per year)
- City of Rancho Palos Verdes
  - Allocated funds to reinstate 4 non-operational dewatering wells
  - Portuguese Bend Landslide Mediation Project
    - Create surface water collection system
    - Install drains under landslide with hydro-augers to collect artesian water
    - Received \$23M FEMA Grant toward \$33M cost estimate - \$10M non-Federal funds needed
      - This grant does not include ACLAD or Altamira Canyon mitigation



## Recent Landslide Mediation Activities

- Drilled 6 new de-watering wells
- Repaired 10' Culvert under PVDS
- Replaced Pumps and fixed multiple drainage system breaks
- Added boost pumps to increase water pumping
- Weekly output monitoring and quarterly water table measurement
- Three applications for federal funds to line Altamira Canyon
- Weekly meetings with city, county, and utilities officials to coordinate activities. (Landslide Working Group hosted by RPV)
- Monthly status meetings with ACLAD membership



# Abalone Cove Landslide

- Surveys indicate increase in land movement
- Abalone Cove Landslide boundaries have more than double

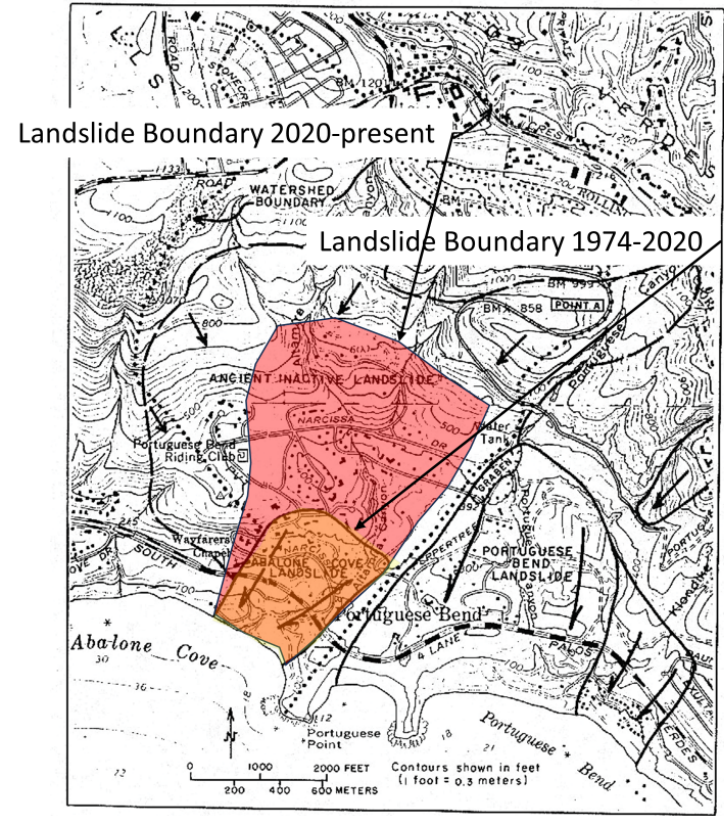
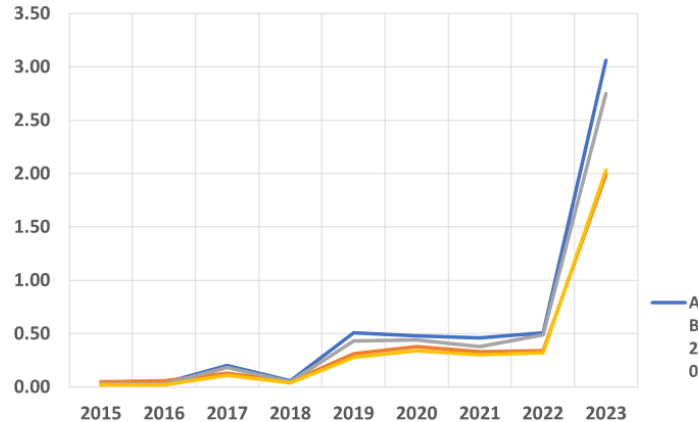


Figure 2  
Site Map of the Portuguese Bend and Abalone Cove Landslides





# Abalone Cove Landslide Stabilization

## 3 Part Solution

- Remove Ground Water
  - Add more de-watering wells
  - Well repairs and system optimization
  - Move drainage system above ground
- Convey Surface Water to the Ocean
  - Fix stormwater drainage in PBCA
  - Repair known fissures in the canyon
- Fissure Management in residential area
  - Eliminate large depressions / catch basins
  - Fill known fissures



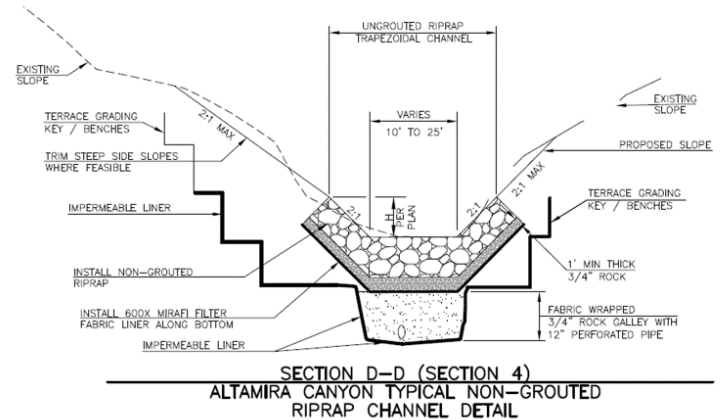
# Altamira Canyon is still the Largest Threat to Landslide Stability

- Multiple studies since 1957 have recommended Lining Altamira Canyon Lining Altamira Canyon to manage the runoff that flows through the canyon, minimize erosion and reduce the amount of surface water that infiltrates into the existing canyon fractures and fissures.
- Harris & Associates 2016 project study report: "Altamira Canyon Drainage/Erosion Control Project" developed a comprehensive construction plan
  - Construction of 9.5-foot diameter welded steel pipe (lined and coated) storm drain in above lower Narcissa
  - Remainder of the canyon lined with an un-grouted riprap trapezoidal channel (with an impermeable barrier and sub-drain system).
    - Engineering estimate of total cost (construction plus soft costs) \$22.3 million in 2022



# Altamira Canyon Lining

- Install Trapezoidal Channel
  - provides natural bedding to seasonal creek
  - Minimizes impact on wildlife in the Land Conservancy
- Stabilizes erosion of the canyon
- Protects the fissures from water intrusion





## ACLAD Goals

- ACLAD's primary focus is on operating, maintaining, and optimizing the well system
- ACLAD willing to work on Surface Water drainage, but needs to develop talent pool to manage projects
- ACLAD is dedicated to operating an effective and economical and transparent Landslide Abatement organization and focus the majority of our resources on water removal from the landslide



## ACLAD Funding Request

<b>Surface Drainage</b>	\$K
Line Fissure in Altamira Canyon at head of landslide above Vanderlip Rd	\$300
Line Altamira Canyon from Figtree drain to PVDS culvert	\$100
Closing Fissures in residential area	\$50
Install swale/ culvert along Narcissa at the riding club	\$25
Improve drainage from Narcissa and lower Cinnamon to culvert	\$30
Replace swale across the corner of the riding club between Narcissa and Ginger Root	\$25
Figtree Rd culvert improvement	\$25
Lengthen Thyme Swale into Altamira Canyon	\$10
Curbing at Narcissa above Wayfarers	\$10
Curbing around 30 Narcissa	\$5
Upper Cinnamon curbing	\$5
Lower Cinnamon drainage through Ride-to-fly and the adjacent lots	\$25
Subtotal	\$610
<b>System Improvements</b>	
Four new wells	\$800
Place ACLAD drainage system above ground (aprox 10,000' of drains)	\$100
Well Repairs and system optimization	\$100
Subtotal	\$1,000
30% contingency	\$483
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,483</b>





Portuguese  
Bend  
Community Association



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Palos Verdes Peninsula  
CA 90274

Town Hall Meeting  
April 17, 2024



## Portuguese Bend Community Association (PBCA)

- Private Gated Community
  - 140 Residences
  - 52 Semi-Improved Properties
  - 69 Vacant Lots
- Access Through Only Two Roads
  - Narcissa Drive (West)
  - Peppertree Drive (East)



## Road Damage – Lower Cinnamon



Before Repair



With CMB



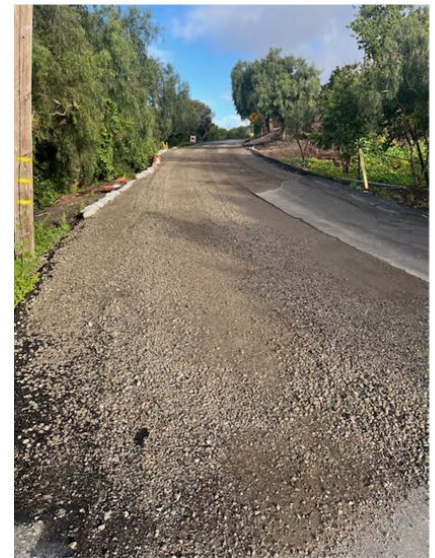
## Road Damage - Narcissa



By Riding Club

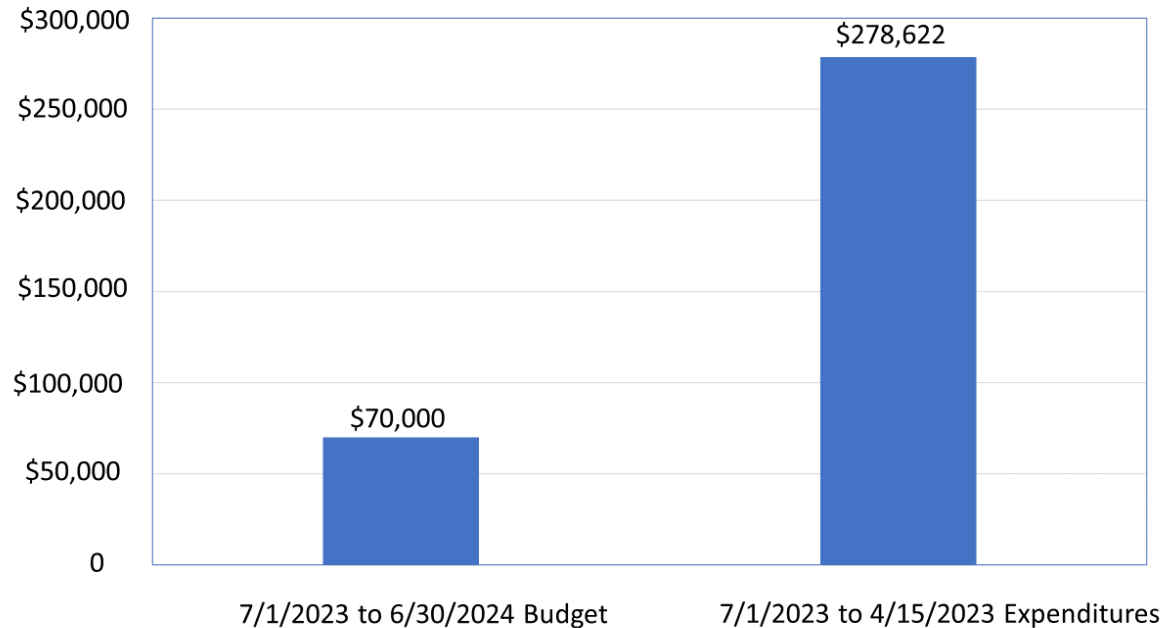


Above Wayfarers





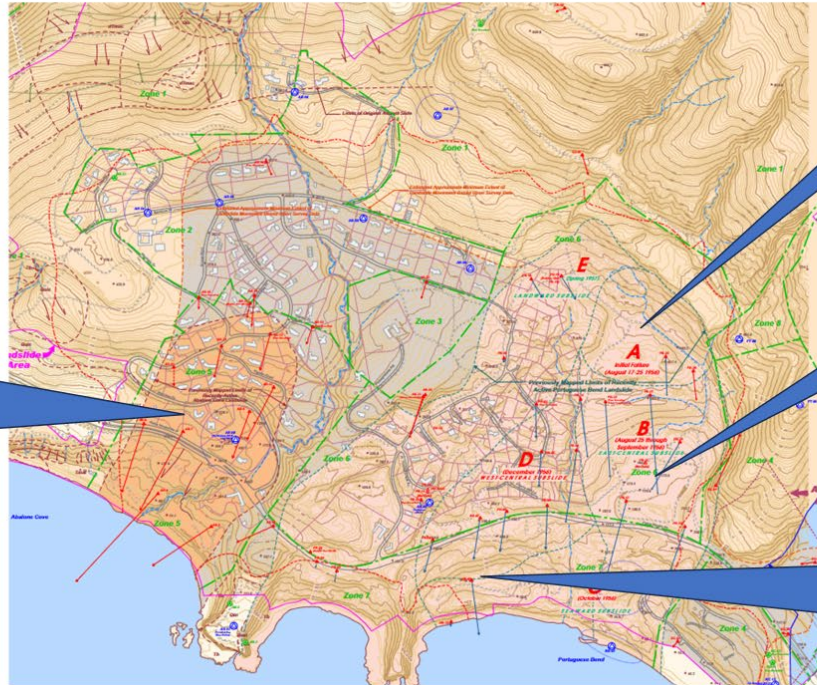
## Road Repair Budget Vs Expenditures







# Portuguese Bend Landslide Complex



Abalone  
Cove  
Landslide  
**129 Homes  
Now  
Threatened**

Flying  
Triangle  
Landslide

Kondike  
Canyon  
Landslide

Portuguese  
Bend Landslide  
**147 Homes  
Before Slide,  
Now only 27  
Left**



## Property Damage (Homes)

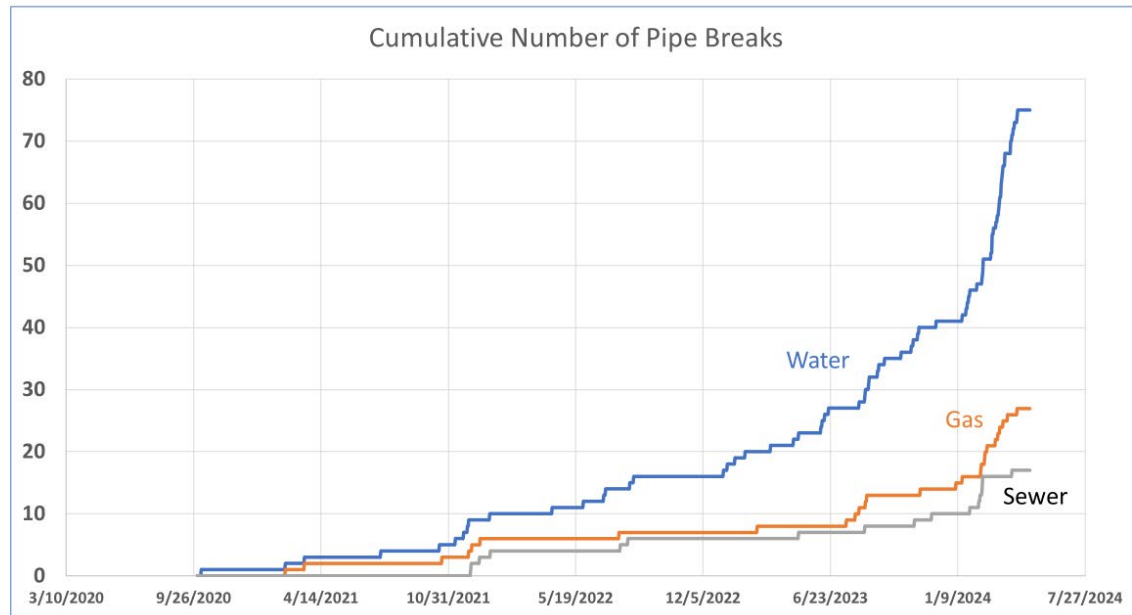


## Property Damage (Vacant Lot)





## Utility Pipe Breaks







# Klondike Canyon Abatement District

## Executive Summary:



## KCGHAD Plan Forward: Klondike Canyon Geologic Hazard Abatement District (emergency measures)

**Step 1** \$1,275K - Install water removal channel/pipe - Klondike Canyon from PV South to head of Klondike Canyon Slide

**Step 2** \$1,000K - Add 3 new water extraction wells at beach in Klondike & 1 observation well Head of slide

**Step 3** \$1,000K - Fill fissures at head of Klondike Slide & Remove dirt at interface of Portuguese PB & KC Slide in PBC

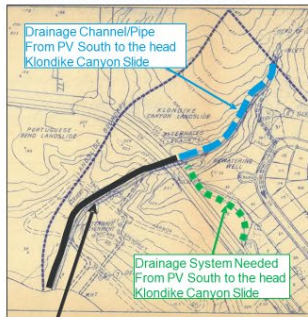
**Step 4** \$900K - Create Storm Drain at the head of the Beach Club Slide that channels the water to the Klondike

**Step 5** \$1,185K - 4 additional tactical drain items to help mitigate slide (added by Steve C Feb 2024)

**~\$5,400K - Total**

### Step 1 & Step 4

Klondike Canyon - Drainage Map



Current Klondike Canyon - Drain  
Extends from PV South to the Beach

..... Step 1  
..... Step 4

### Step 2

5 active Wells ~ 400K Gal/day  
210 days to remove 2023 rains (have 2-wells now)



### Step 3

Fill Fissures Head of Klondike Slide



Remove earth to relieve pressure in PBC



### Step 5

Repair rain damage to Klondike  
48" storm drain  
System damage and  
3 other rainwater  
related items



## Portuguese Bend Landslide Complex

Approx location of: Portuguese Bend,  
Klondike Canyon & the Beach Club Landslides



3d – View



2d – View



Weekly Updates from PB-Landslide Committee

[RPV Landslide Complex Working Group | Rancho Palos Verdes, CA - Official Website \(rpvca.gov\)](http://rpvca.gov).

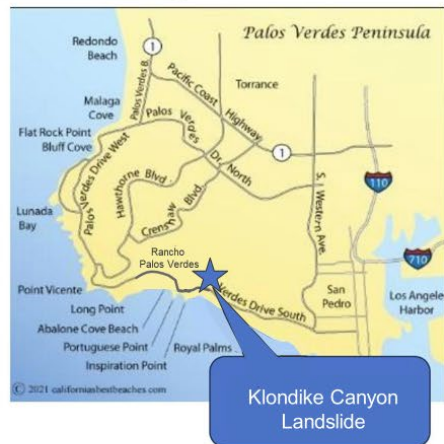
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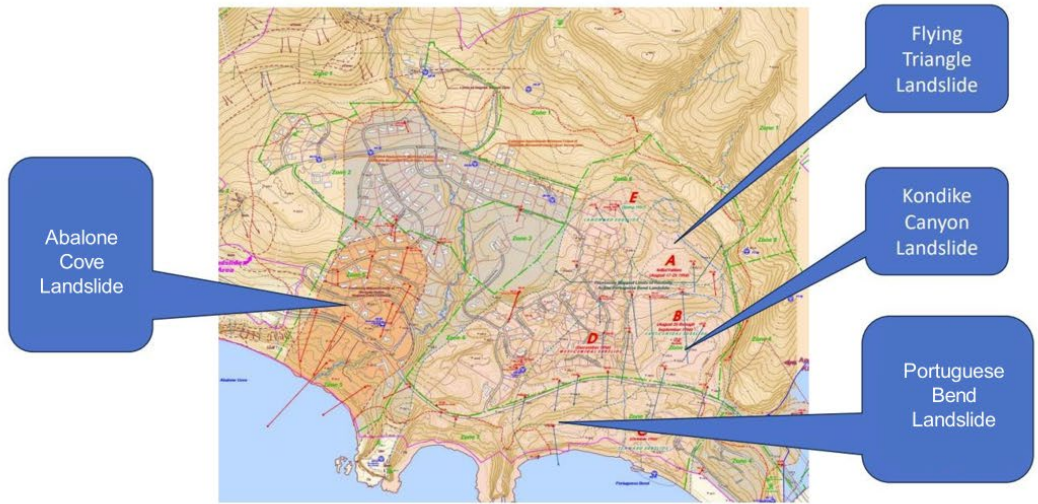


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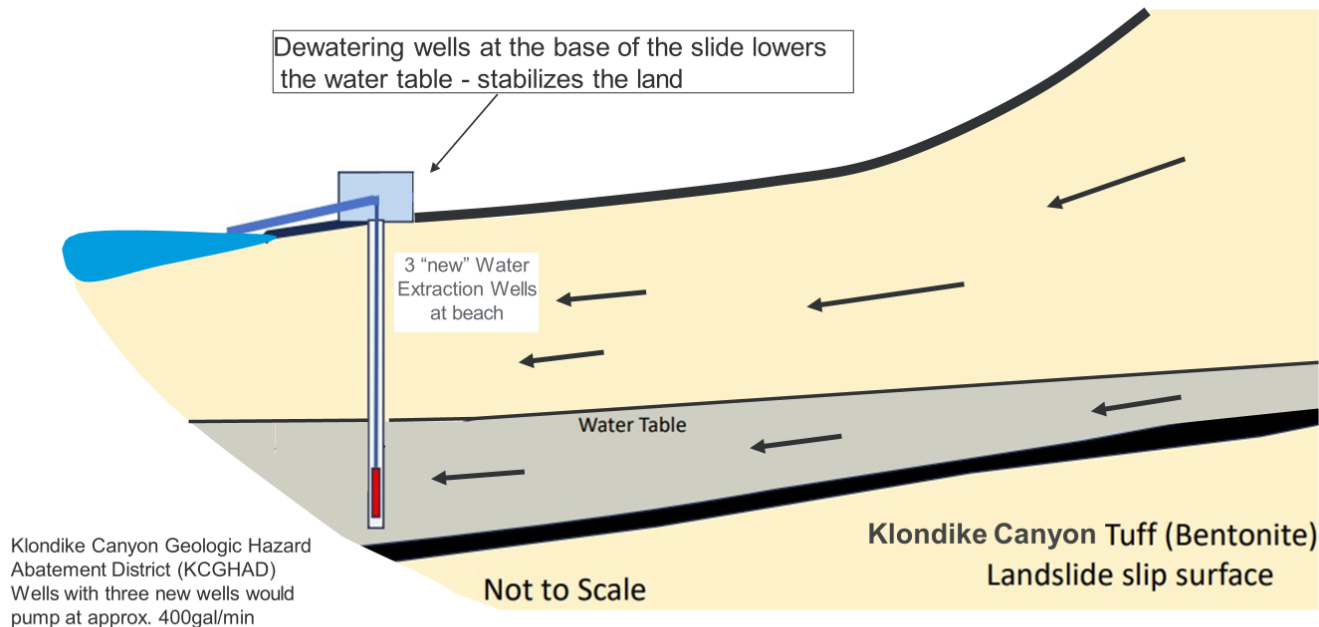
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Executive Summary:

Visual Showing Dewatering Wells at base of Slide

# Klondike Canyon Landslide Mitigation



Note: Calculations are estimates

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# Landslide Townhall Meeting

City of Rancho Palos Verdes



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## Cal Water Update

We are taking a multi-pronged approach to address the impacts of accelerated land movement on our infrastructure.

### Response Procedures

- All water leak reports in our Palos Verdes service area are elevated to our “Code 4” level, or our highest response priority so crews respond quickly
- Employees stationed 24/7 in the Seaview and Portuguese Bend Community Association neighborhoods to quickly respond to and investigate any reported water leaks



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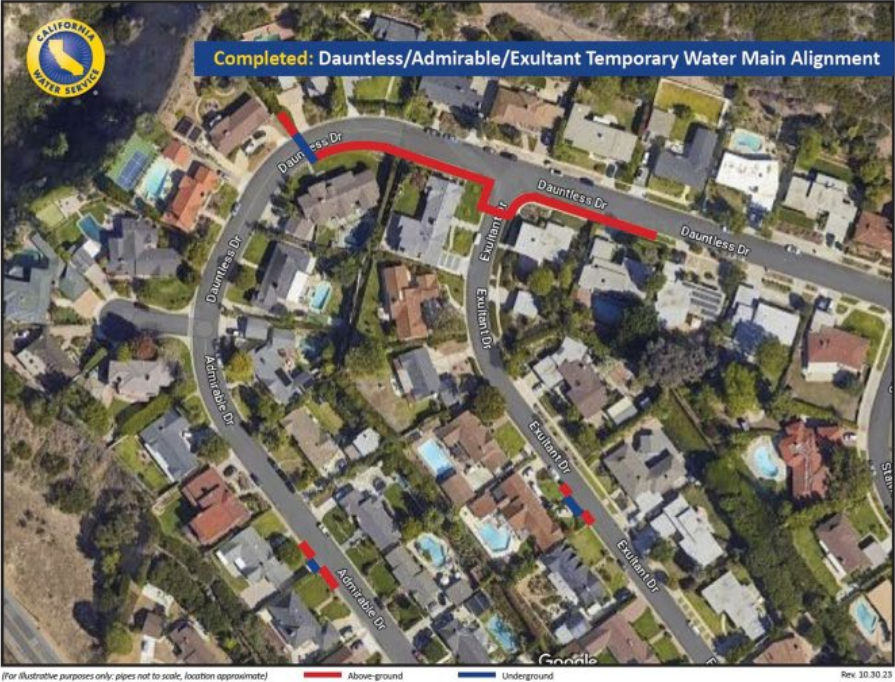
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# Completed Projects







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# Planned Projects



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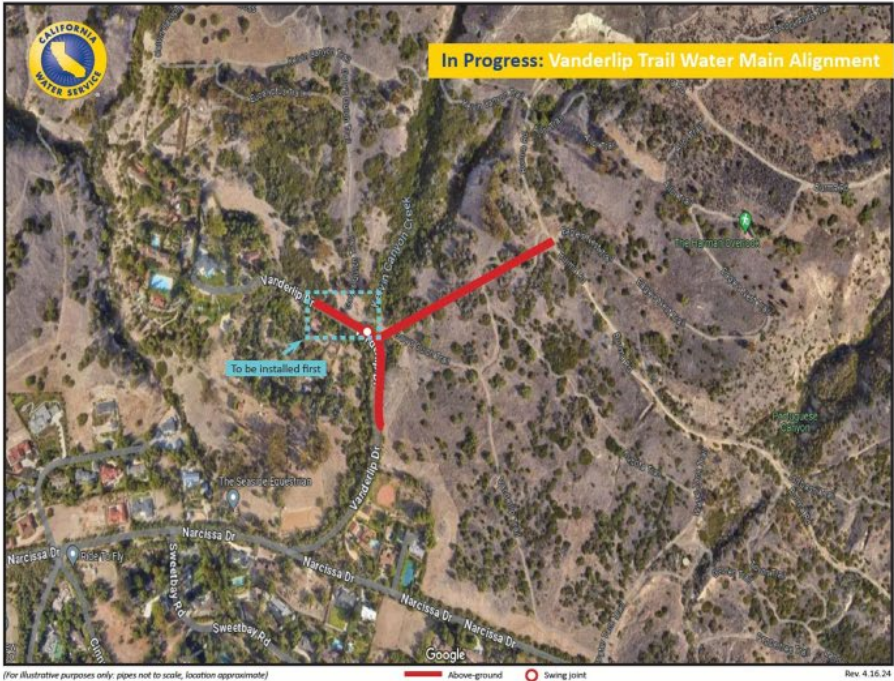
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— Above-ground — Scope

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Rancho Palos Verdes Landslide Update  
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- 50,000 square miles of SCE service area across Central, Coastal, and Southern California
- 15 million residents through 5 million customer accounts. SCE covers 15 counties, 185 cities and 13 Native American tribes





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Customer Service	<a href="http://www.sce.com">www.sce.com</a>	1-800-655-4555
Vegetation & Power Lines Clearance		1-800-655-4555
Report a Streetlight Out	<a href="http://www.sce.com/outage-center/report-street-light-outage">www.sce.com/outage-center/report-street-light-outage</a>	OR My SCE app or call (800) 611-1911 #3
Medical Baseline	<a href="http://www.sce.com/residential/assistance/medical-baseline">www.sce.com/residential/assistance/medical-baseline</a>	1-800-684-8123 or 800-655-4555
Wildfire	<a href="http://sce.com/wildfire">sce.com/wildfire</a>	<a href="mailto:wildfireoutreach@sce.com">wildfireoutreach@sce.com</a>
File or Get Claim Status	<a href="http://www.sce.com/claims">www.sce.com/claims</a>	1-800-251-3311 <a href="mailto:claims@sce.com">claims@sce.com</a>
Vegetation Management	<a href="http://sce.com/safety/power-lines">sce.com/safety/power-lines</a>	1-800-655-4555 or <a href="mailto:safetrees@sce.com">safetrees@sce.com</a>



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## Southern California Edison work in Landslide Area

Southern California Edison has managed the following projects in the landslide area:

Burma Trail

Seaview Neighborhood

Portuguese Bend/Narcissa Drive

Abalone Cove Preserve





## Rancho Palos Verdes projects in the Landslide Area

SCE Aerial Unit performing work in the Burma Trail.

The SCE Air Unit also regularly pro-actively inspects all poles, equipment and distribution lines in Rancho Palos Verdes, as part of their ongoing wildfire mitigation efforts.





# **RANCHO PALOS VERDES LANDSLIDE TOWN HALL**

APRIL 17TH, 2024







## Pipeline Safety and Maintenance

As one of the nation's largest gas distribution utilities, with over 7,800 employees serving 22 million customers, safety is foundational to our business.

- » Leak Surveys and other Inspections annually
- » Expedited Response Timing
- » Call Center Updates



## Emergency Preparedness: Monitoring and Response

- » Customer Contact Center
- » Dispatch
- » System Operator
- » Watch Desk 24/7



## Contact Information

### » Public Affairs Manager

- Ben Steinberger
  - [Bsteinbe@socalgas.com](mailto:Bsteinbe@socalgas.com)
  - 1-310-569-2636

### » Customer Care Center

*Call here to report leaks*

- 1-800-427-2200, press 1 for emergency





# POTENTIAL FUNDING SCENARIOS

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- Public Assistance (City and GHADs)
  - Congressional District Grants
  - Federal Disaster Declaration (FEMA)
  - Hazard Mitigation Grant Funds
  - Building Resiliency Infrastructure Community (BRIC)
  - California Disaster Assistance Act
- Individual Assistance
  - Small Business Administration (SBA) Loans





# Senate Bill 1461 - Landslide

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- Authored by Senator Allen
- Amends Emergency Services Act (ESA)
- Gives authority to Governor to declare State of Emergency resulting from a landslide
- Senate Committee on Governmental Organization (CGO) on April 9, 2024



## Get Updates From the City



Sign up for the Land Movement  
listserv at [rpvca.gov/notify](https://rpvca.gov/notify)



## Have questions about land movement?

Find FAQs at: [rpvca.gov/landmovement](https://rpvca.gov/landmovement)  
Email us at: [landmovement@rpvca.gov](mailto:landmovement@rpvca.gov)





# Contact Information

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- Building and Safety Division at **310-544-5280** or [BuildingSafety@RPVca.gov](mailto:BuildingSafety@RPVca.gov) (please include photos).
- Please report **water leaks** to Cal Water at **855-RPV-LEAK (855-778-5325)**.
- If you suspect a **natural gas leak**, evacuate the area immediately, and from a safe location, call SoCalGas at **1-800-427-2200**.
- Please report electrical line matters to SCE at **800-611-1911**

**For urgent matters or observation of any sudden shifts on your property, please call 9-1-1.**



# Question & Answer





# Closing Remarks