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RE: STATUS REPORT ON PROTECTING CONSERVATION OTDS

This report summarizes the Commission staff's efforts to document and accept the estimated **1,213<sup>1</sup> conservation OTDs** required as coastal permit mitigation. This total includes those cases where further research is needed prior to pursuing acceptance.

## CURRENT STATUS OF CONSERVATION OTDS:

190 (15%)	are accepted
12	where staff is currently negotiating acceptance
2	are expired
3	were allowed to lapse <sup>2</sup>
973	remain to be accepted <sup>3</sup>

The 973 OTDs remaining to be accepted are located in the following districts:

56	North Coast
14	North Central
111	Central Coast
588	South Central
99	South Coast
105	San Diego

OTDs whose status and location have been confirmed are shown on the attached maps.

<sup>1</sup> This number excludes those cases where the Commission required a conservation OTD, but where staff has confirmed that the permit expired, and the project was not completed.

<sup>2</sup> In two cases, measures subsequent to the recordation of the OTD were taken to protect the resources. In the third case, an emergency sea wall was authorized in the easement area.

<sup>3</sup> This number does not include an additional 33 OTDs which staff believes have been accepted, but has been unable to confirm the recordation of the certificate of acceptance, which verifies acceptance of an OTD. Staff is continuing to research the status of these offers.

**PROGRESS TO DATE:**

2003:

- **Working to secure the acceptance** of the 177 OTDs potentially due to expire in 2003.
- **Completing research and documentation** of unconfirmed OTDs.

2002:

- **Twenty-nine (29)** OTDs due to expire in 2002 were accepted. They protect, in part:
  - Approximately 13 acres of a Highway One scenic viewshed,
  - Forty-seven (47) acres in the Santa Monica Mountains,
  - Riparian ESHA
  - Rare and endangered dune wildflowers native to Asilomar Dunes, and
  - Part of the only known nesting site for black-crowned night herons on the Monterey Peninsula
- **Mapped each confirmed, recorded OTD** in a GIS, which will be used to identify potential accepting agencies or organizations, by depicting clusters of OTDs, or by locating OTDs relative to other resources, such as existing state parks.
- **OTD research** is ongoing.

2001:

- **Confirmed the status of OTDs**, some of them dating back more than 20 years. During the course of this research, staff identified an *additional 265* conservation OTDs, and a number of access OTDs that had not been previously included in either the Access Inventory or the conservation OTD paper log files.
- **Development of a database** of the conservation OTDs, to better track their status.

1999 and 2000:

- **Sixteen (16)** OTDs due to expire through 2001 were accepted. They protect, in part:
  - Approximately 125 acres of open space and sensitive habitat in the Santa Monica Mountains, and
  - Over 700 acres of agricultural land adjacent to Tomales Bay.

**PROGRAM NEEDS BEYOND 2003:**

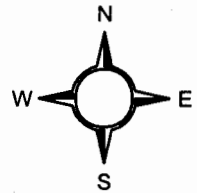
- **Work to secure the acceptance** of a potential of 796 OTDs that will expire beginning in 2004, the majority between 2004-2013.
- **Complete the conservation OTD database and GIS**, in order to make them available to Commission staff, which would facilitate the review of proposed development projects, and help assure that development is not authorized in conflict with an easement.
- **Pursue possible strategies to streamline the acceptance process.**

# Status of Conservation OTDs North Coast District

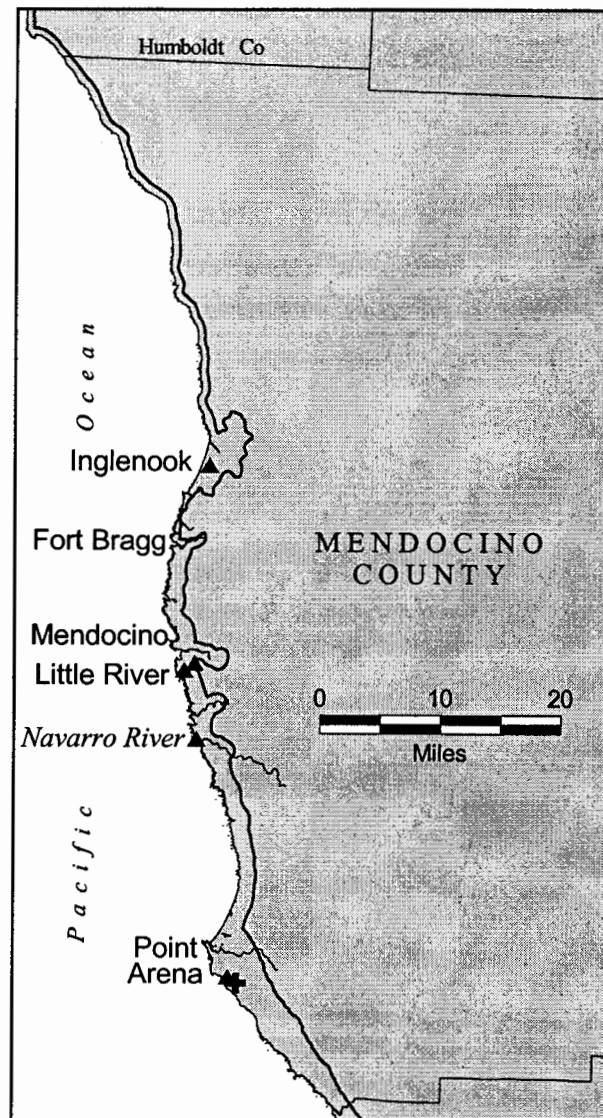
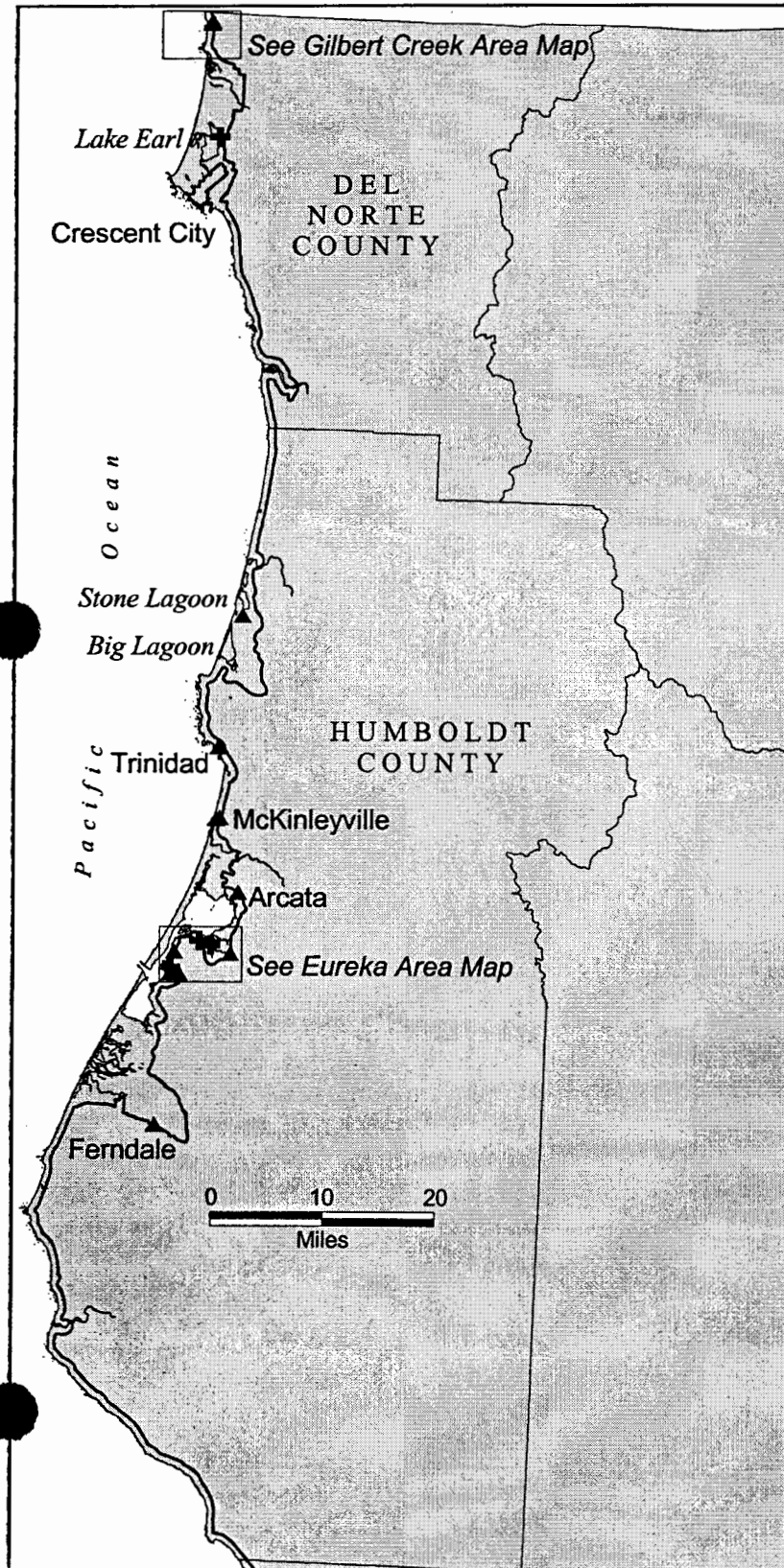
## OTD Status

- ✚ Accepted
- ▲ Not Accepted

— Coastal Zone Boundary



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# Status of Conservation OTDs

## North Coast District

### Gilbert Creek Area

#### OTD Status

- +** Accepted
- ▲** Not Accepted

— Coastal Zone Boundary

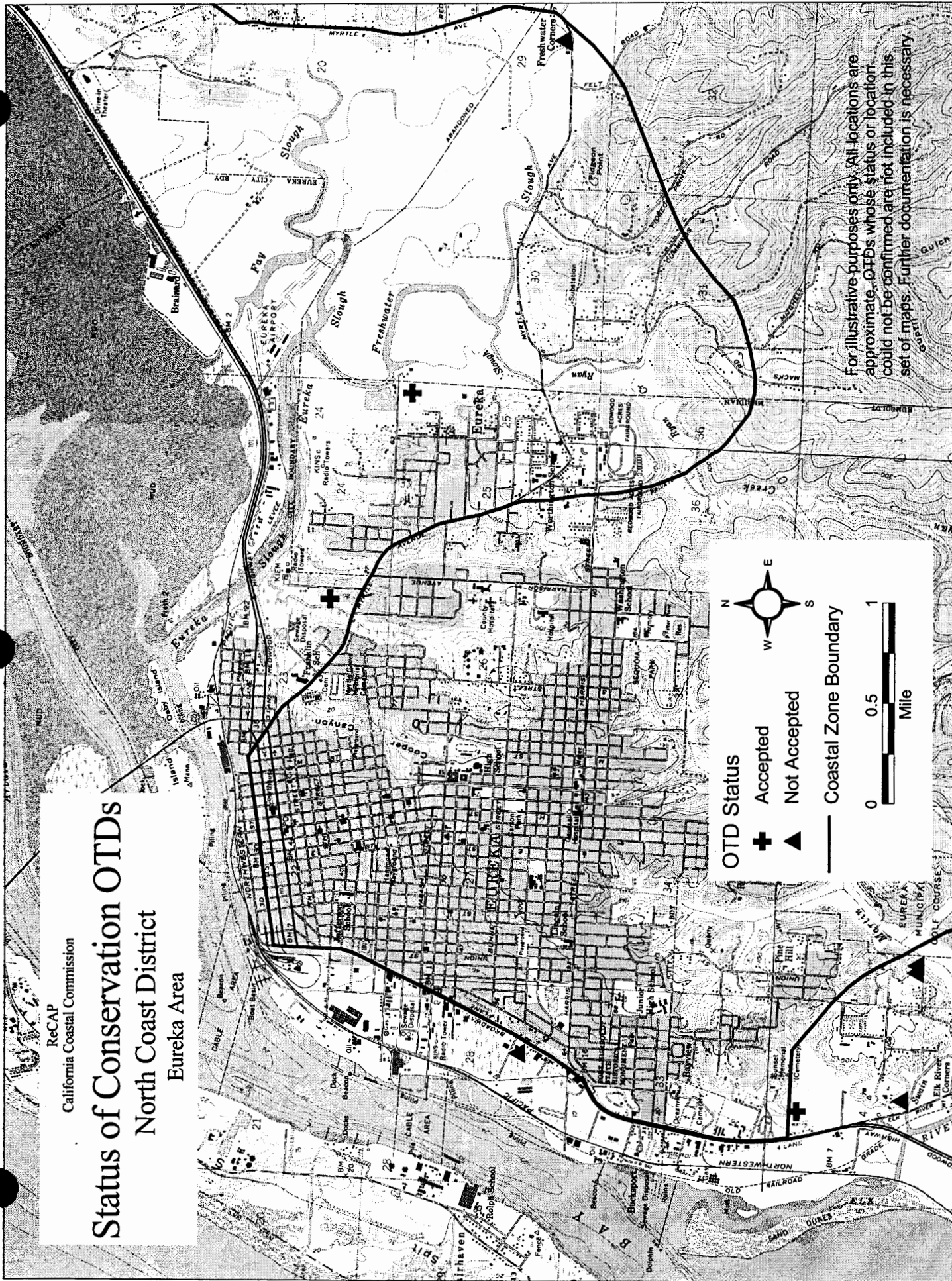


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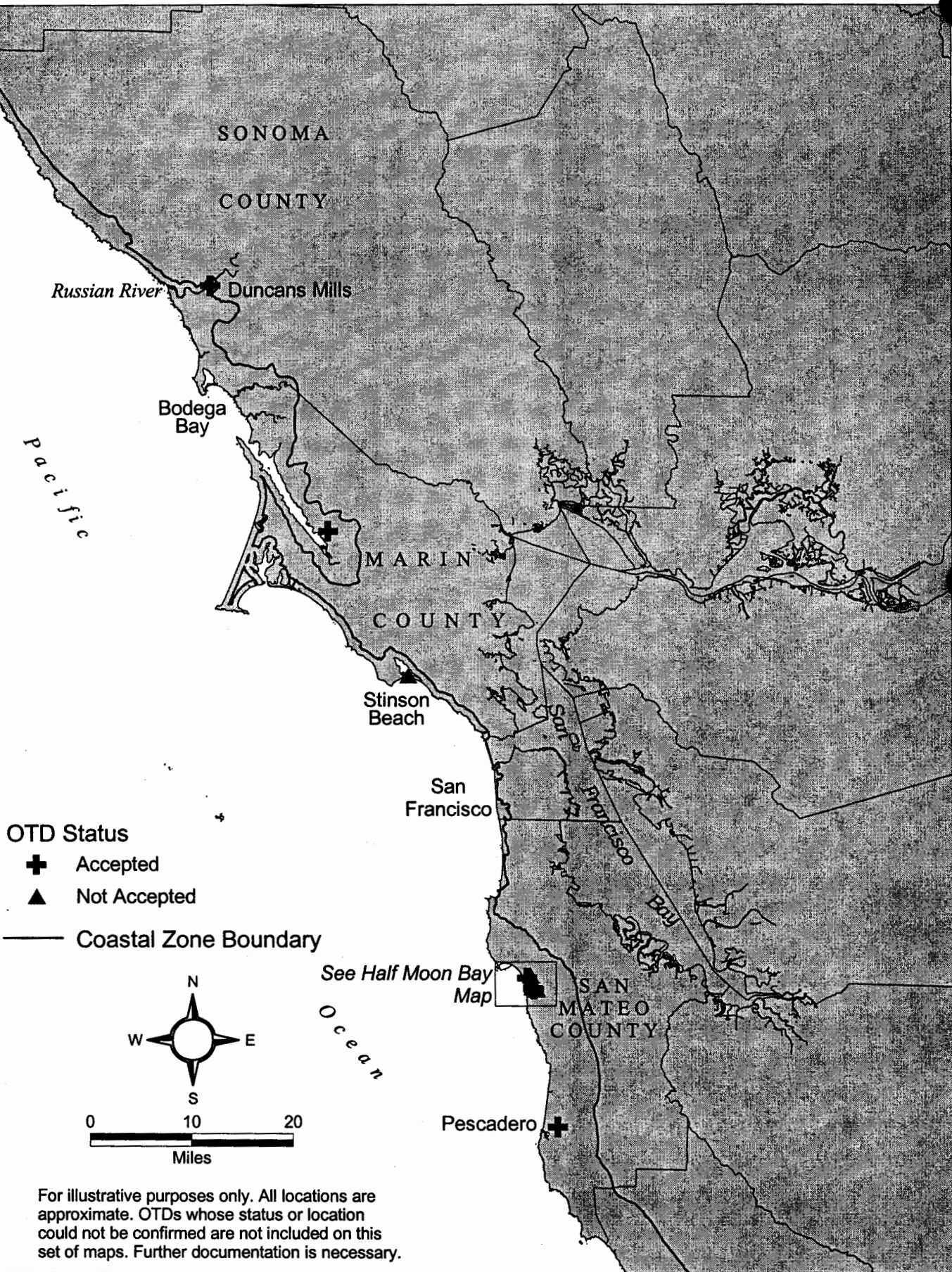
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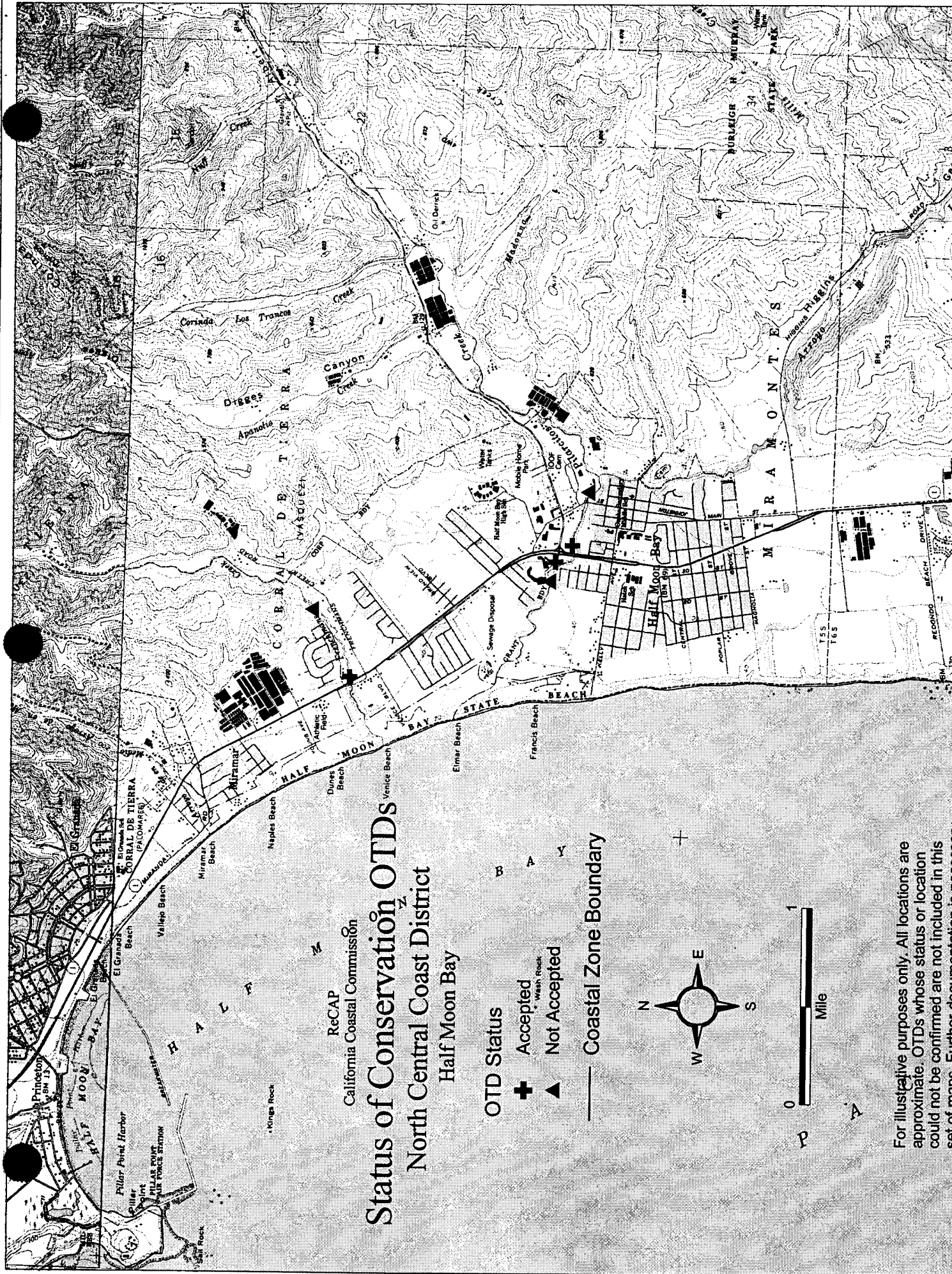
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# Status of Conservation OTDs

## North Central Coast District

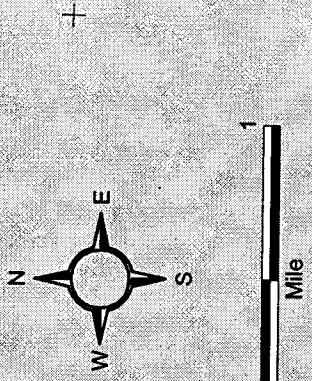


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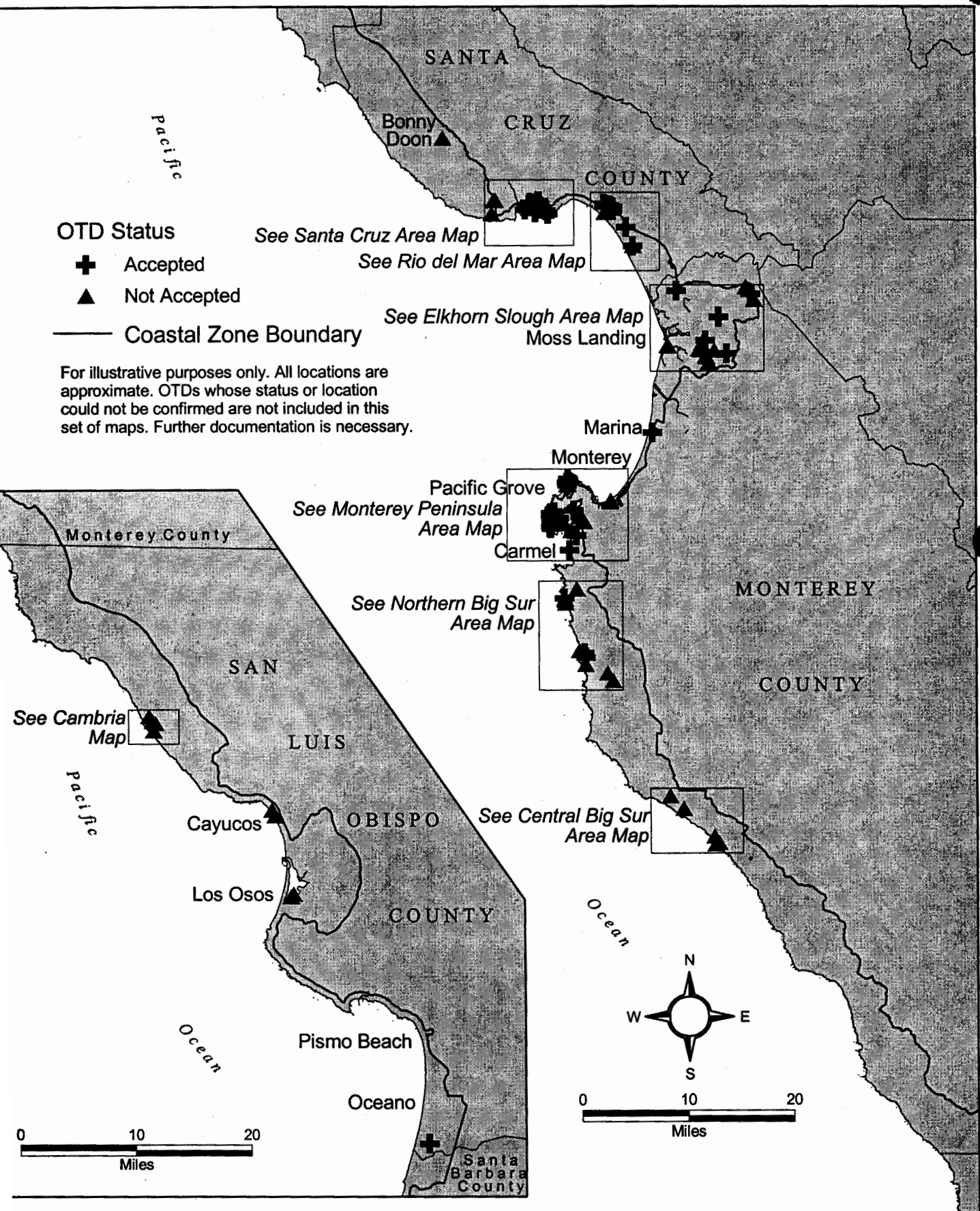
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**Status of Conservation OTDs**  
 North Central Coast District  
 Half Moon Bay

- OTD Status**  
 + Accepted  
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 — Coastal Zone Boundary



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# Status of Conservation OTDs Central Coast District



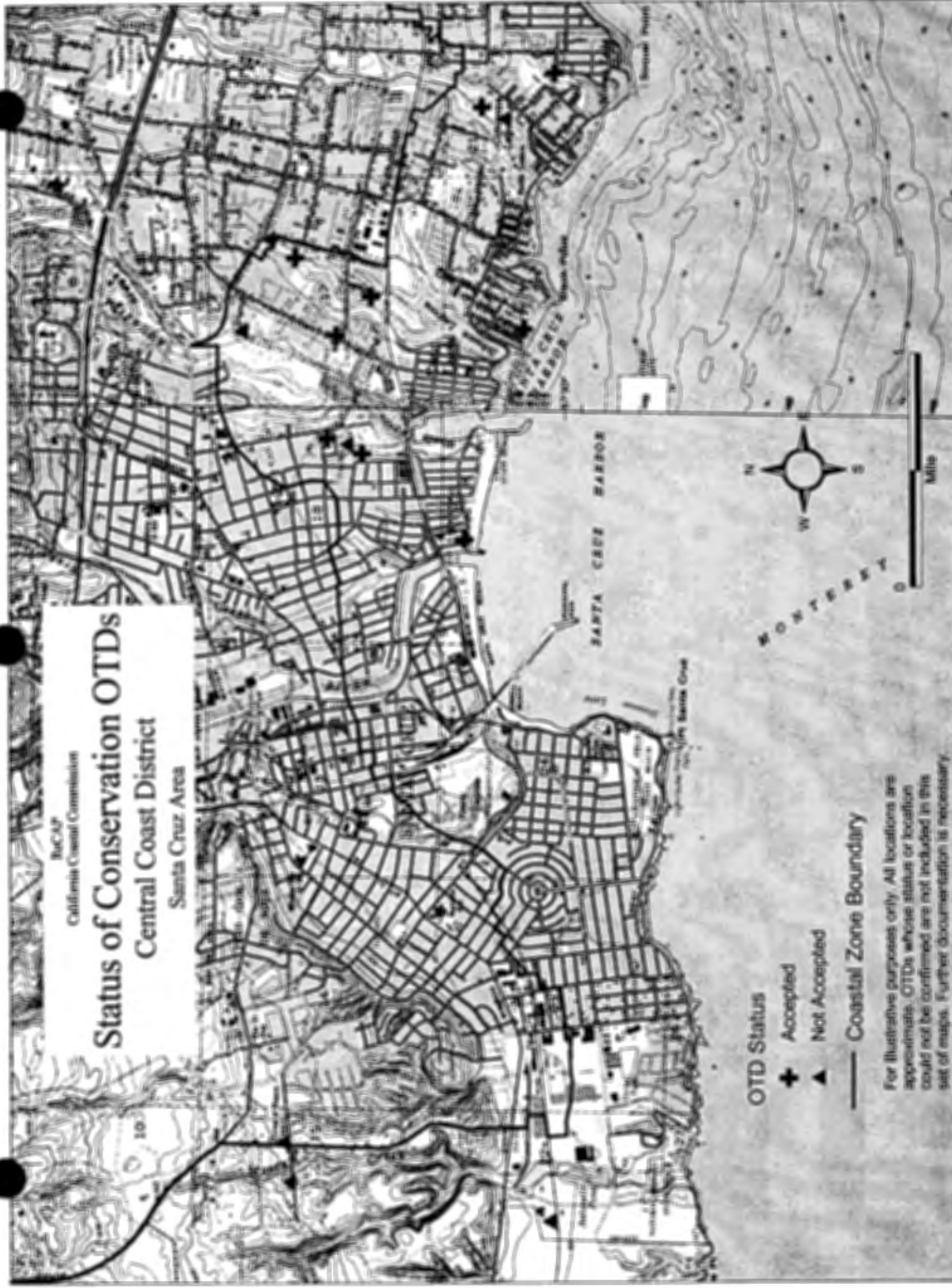


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# Status of Conservation OTDs

## Central Coast District

### Santa Cruz Area



OTD Status

- + Accepted
- ▲ Not Accepted

— Coastal Zone Boundary

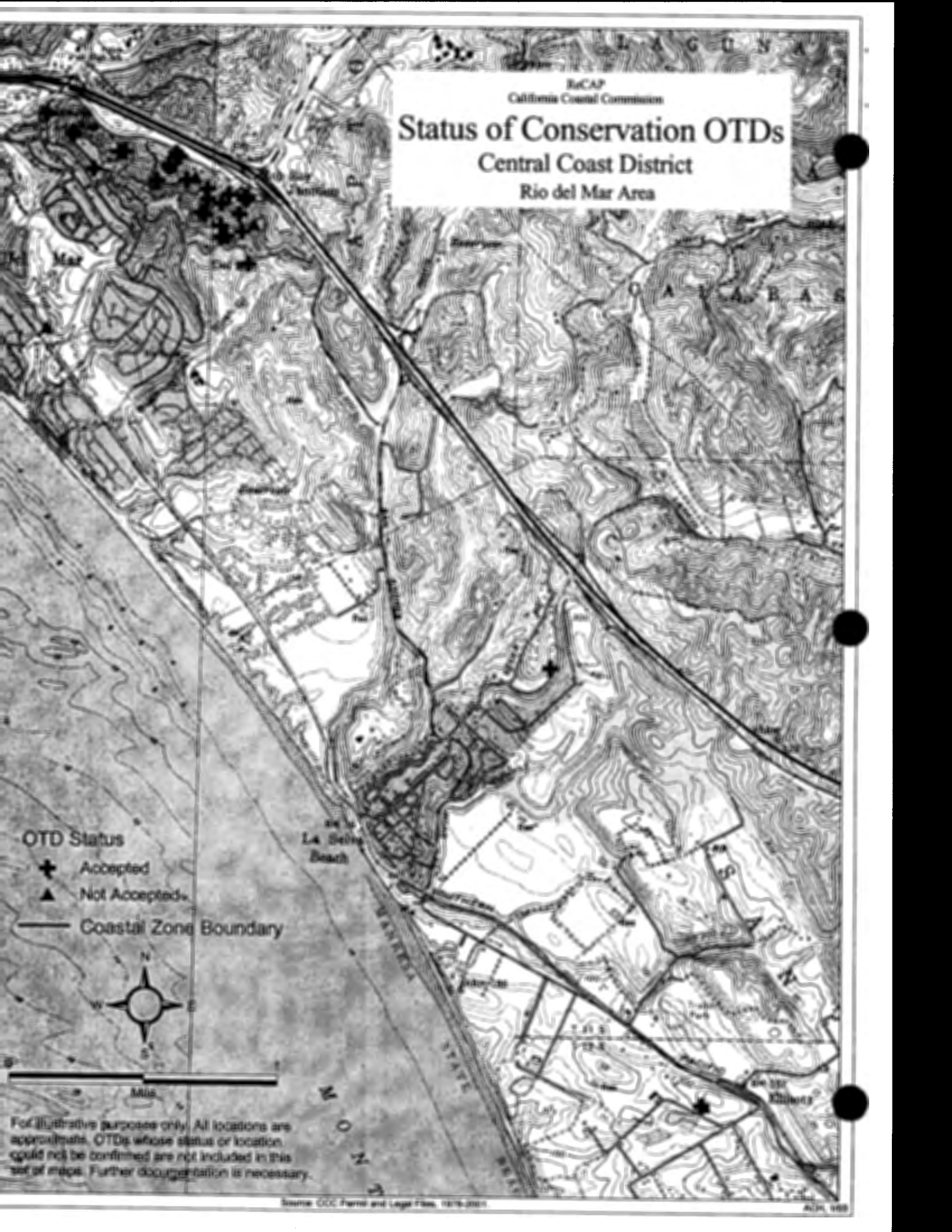
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# Status of Conservation OTDs

## Central Coast District

### Rio del Mar Area



#### OTD Status

- ✚ Accepted
- ▲ Not Accepted

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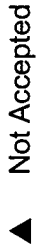
## Central Coast District

### Elkhorn Slough Area

#### OTD Status



Accepted

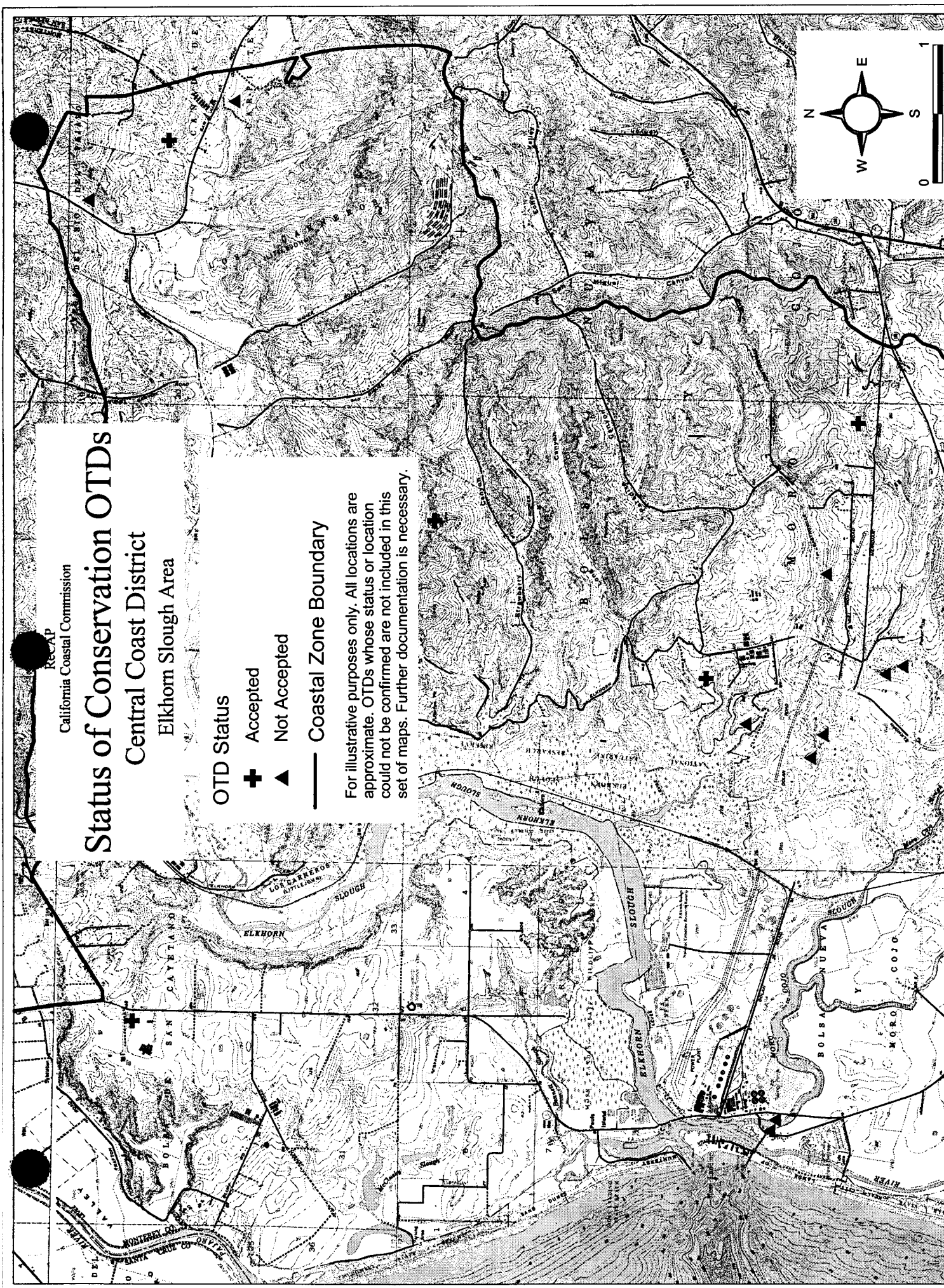
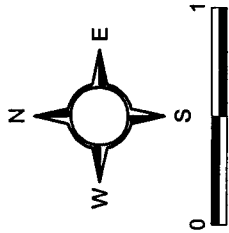


Not Accepted



Coastal Zone Boundary

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# Status of Conservation OTDs

## Central Coast District

### Monterey Peninsula Area

- OTD Status
- + Accepted
  - ▲ Not Accepted
  - Coastal Zone Boundary






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# Status of Conservation OTDs

## Central Coast District

### Northern Big Sur Area

- OTD Status**
-  Accepted
  -  Not Accepted
  -  Coastal Zone Boundary



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# Status of Conservation OTDs

Central Coast District

Central Big Sur Area

OTD Status

+ Accepted

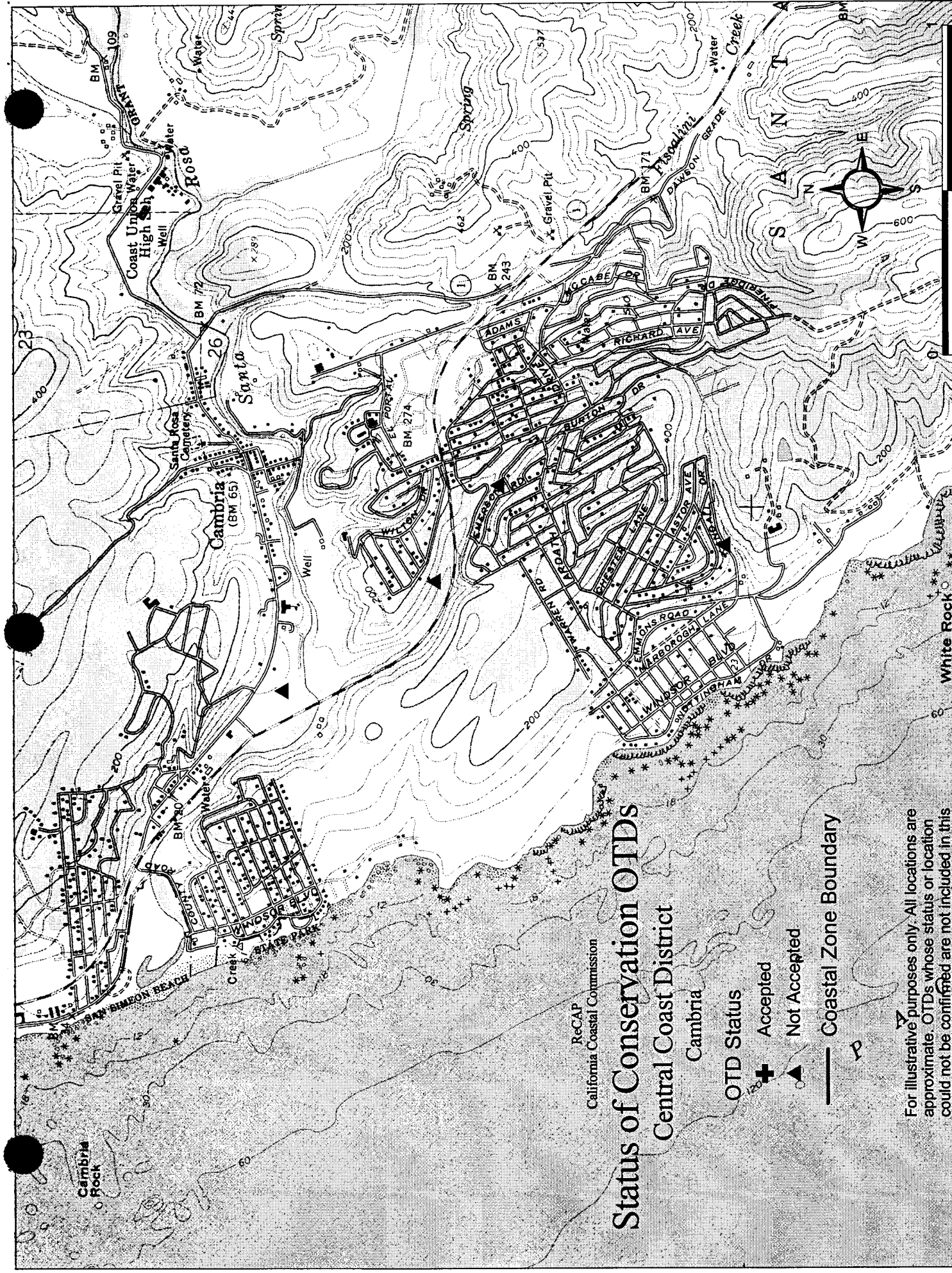
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— Coastal Zone Boundary

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Source: Revised and Updated From 1979-2001



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Central Coast District  
Cambria

OTD Status

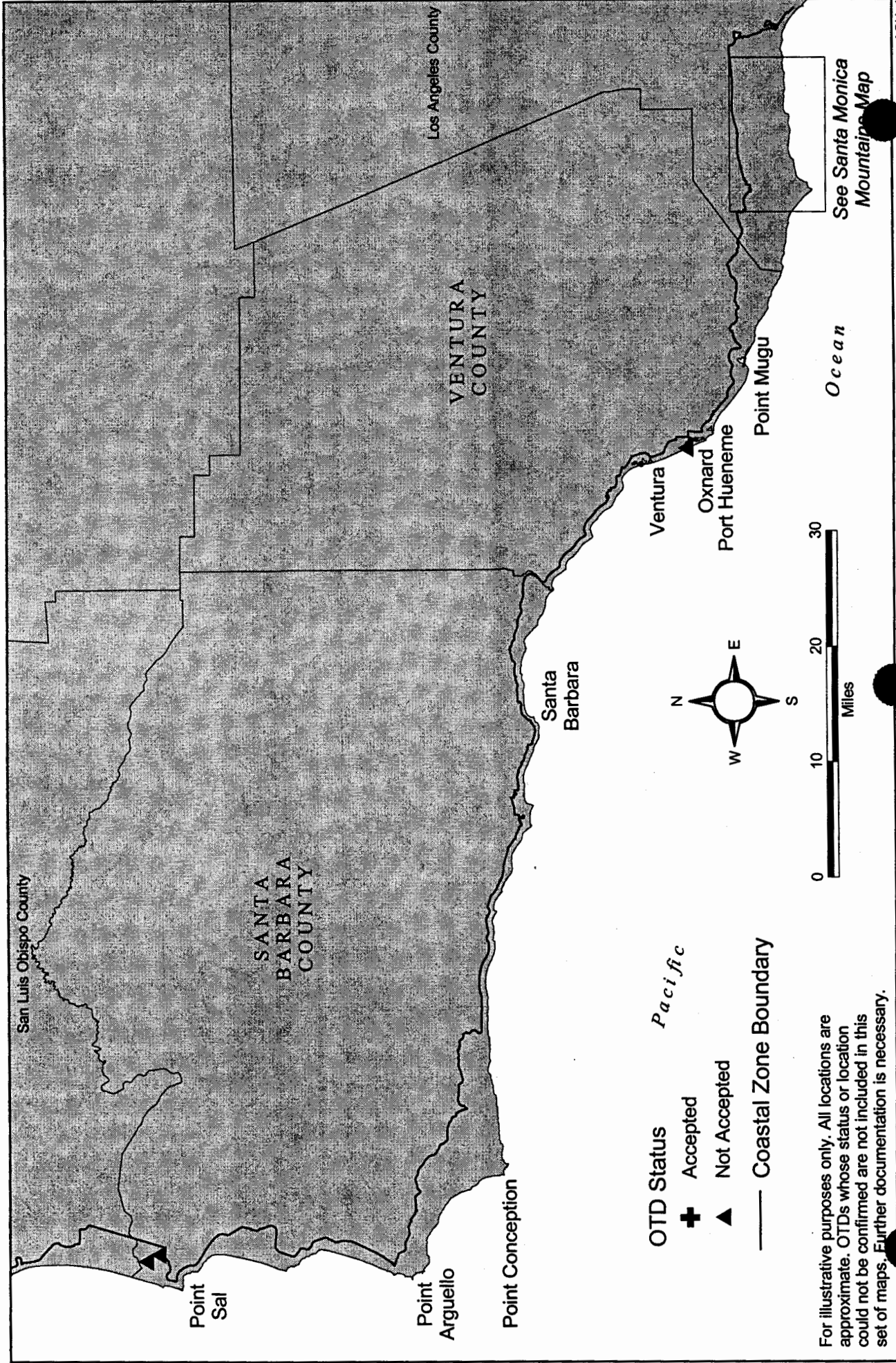
- +
  - ▲
- Accepted  
Not Accepted

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# Status of Conservation OTDs

## South Central Coast District



Source: CCC Permit and Legal Files, 1976-2001.



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# Status of Conservation OTDs (TDCs)

## South Central Coast District

### Santa Monica Mountains

Vera Canyon



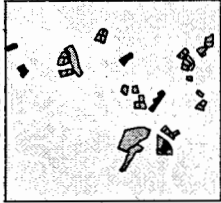
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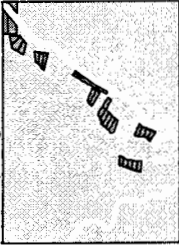
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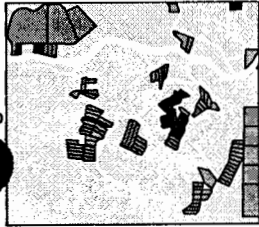
Monte Nido



Topanga Woods



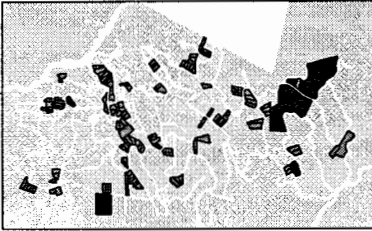
Topanga Oaks



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County of Los Angeles



Fernwood



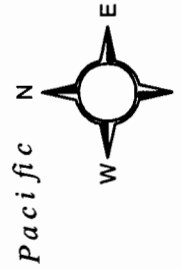
MONICA

SANTA

MOUNTAINS

Malibu Point

Ocean



OTD Status

Accepted (Lots retired)

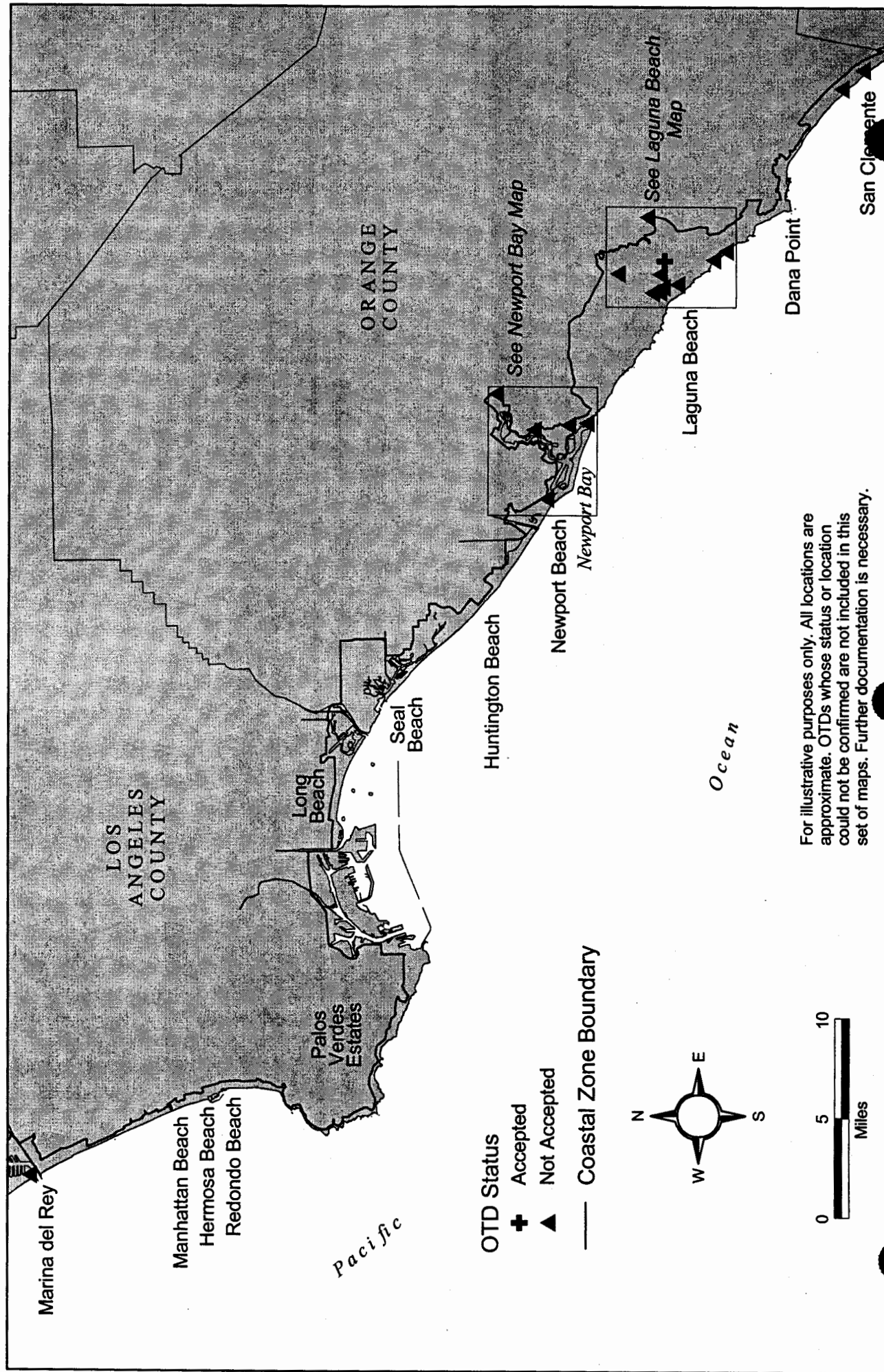
Not Accepted

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## South Coast District



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Source: CCC Files and Legal Files, 1976-2001.

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# Status of Conservation OTDs

## South Coast District

### Newport Beach Area

#### OTD Status

- + Accepted
- ▲ Not Accepted

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# Status of Conservation OTDs

## South Coast District

### Laguna Beach Area

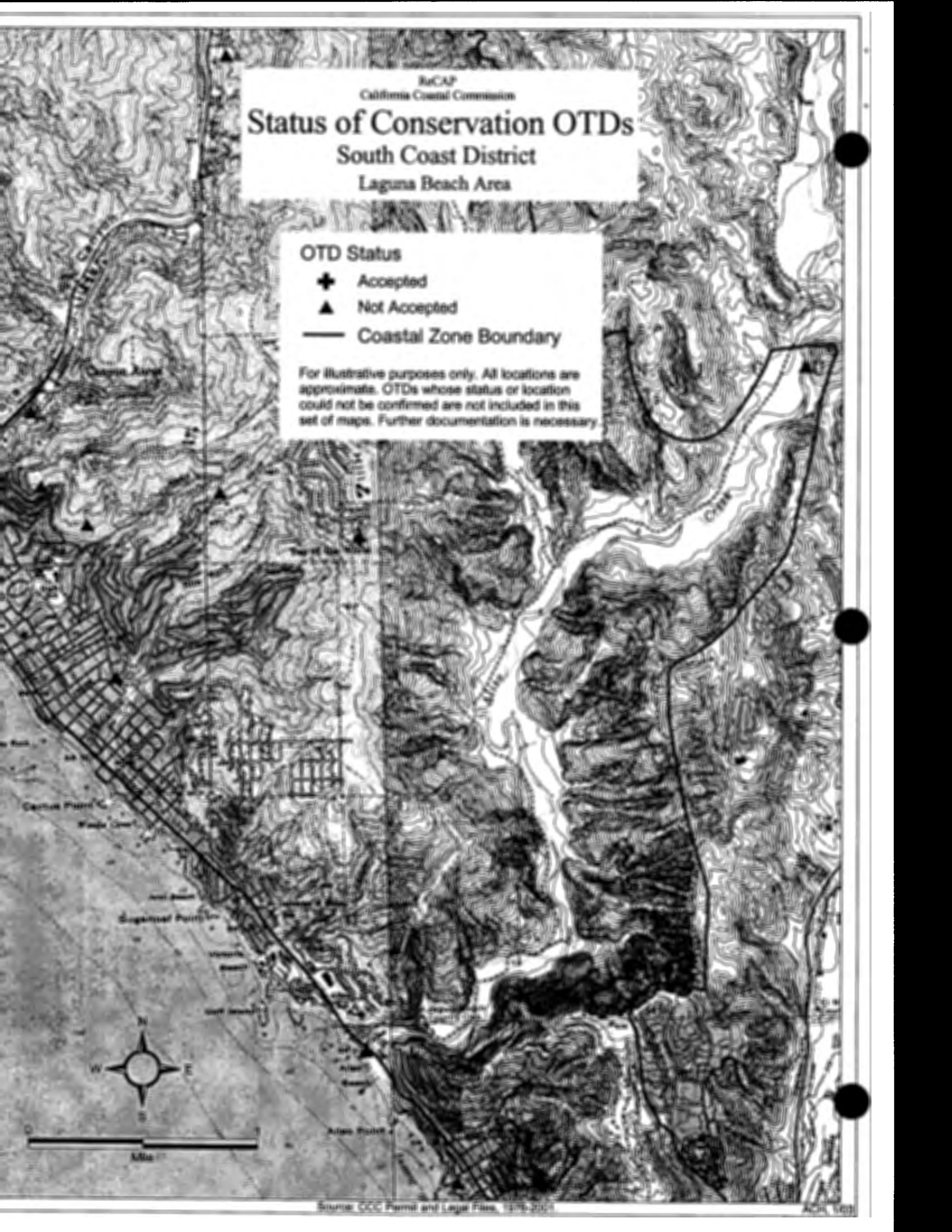
#### OTD Status

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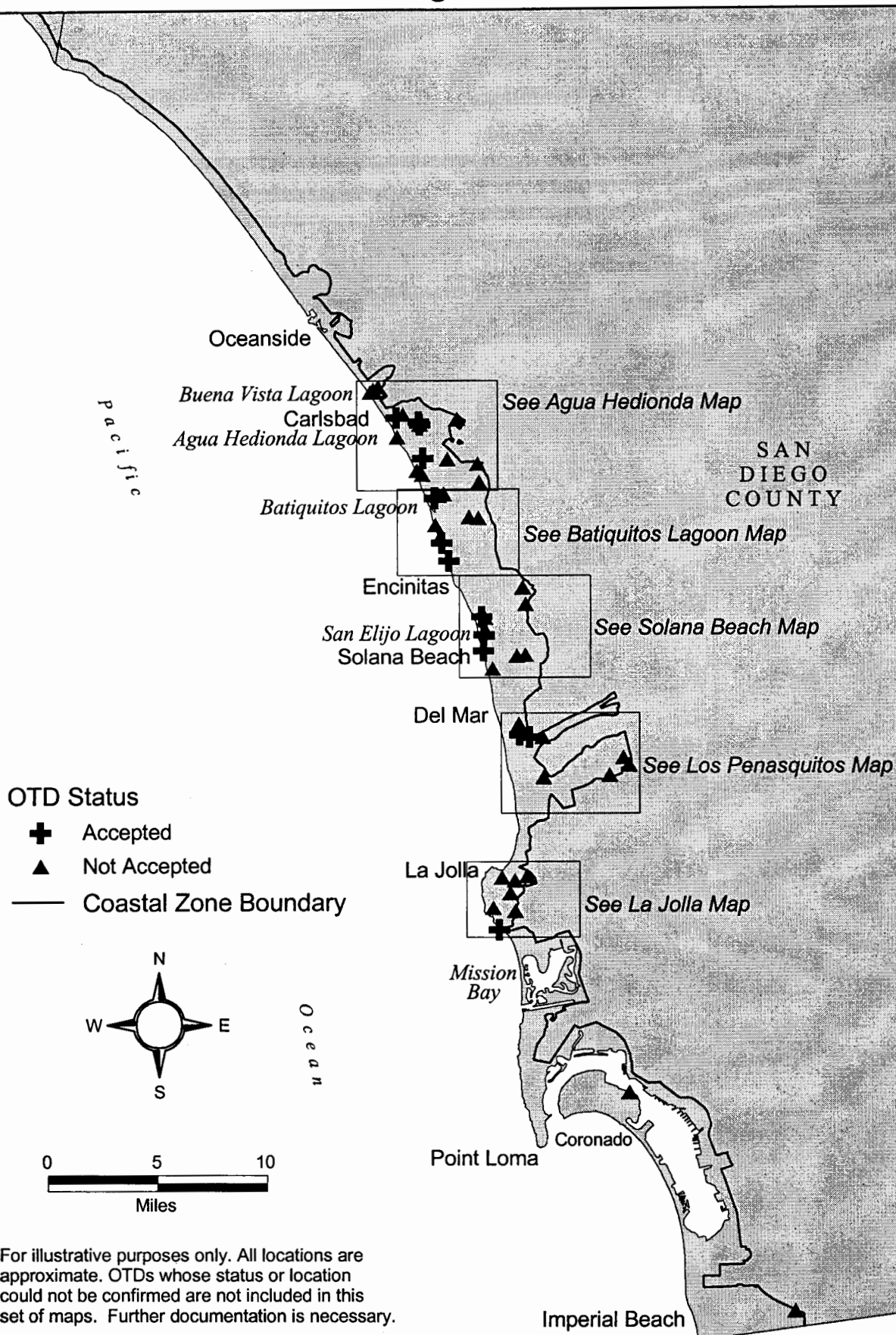
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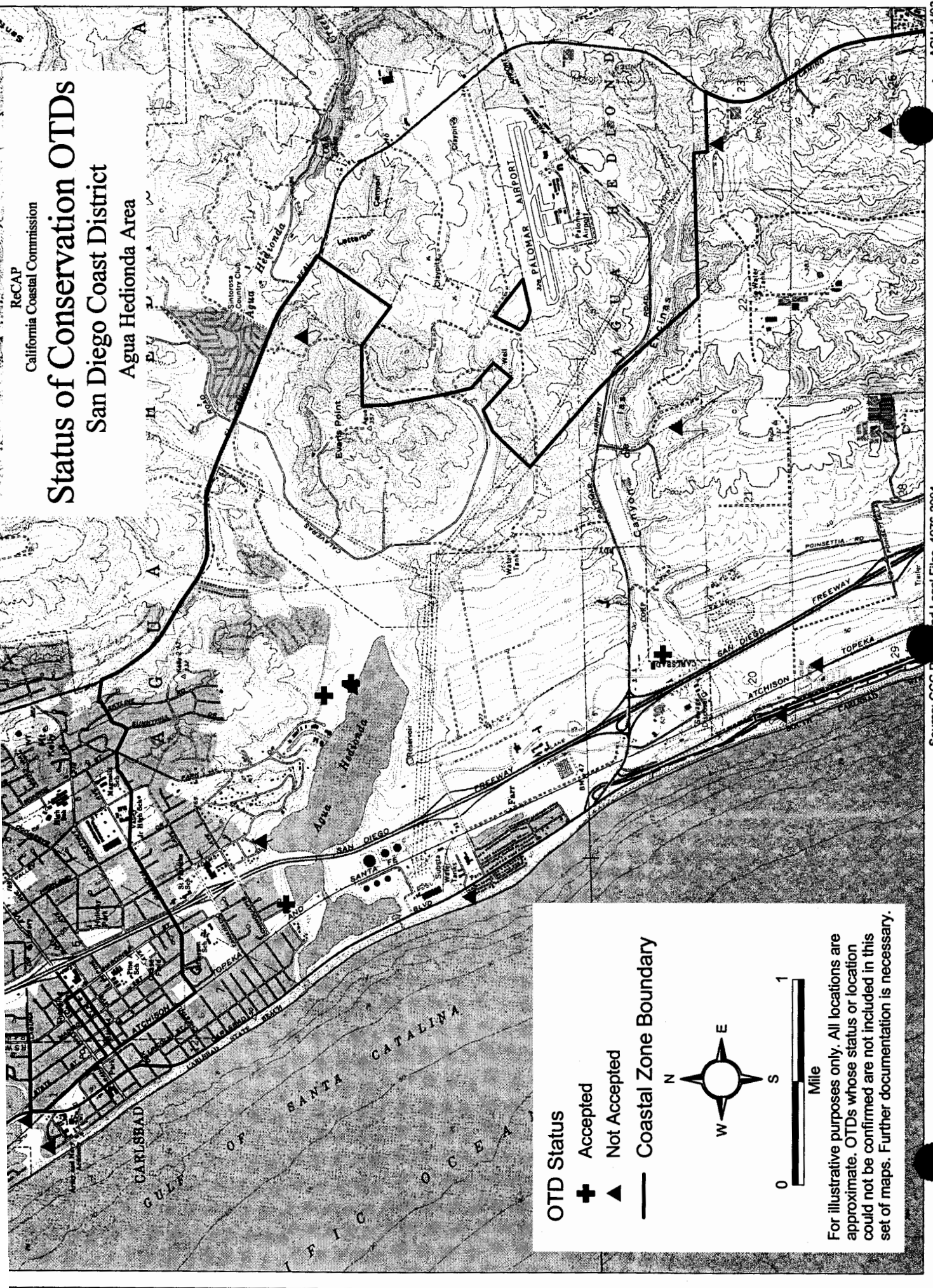


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## San Diego Coast District

### Agua Hedionda Area



**OTD Status**

- +** Accepted
- ▲** Not Accepted
- Coastal Zone Boundary

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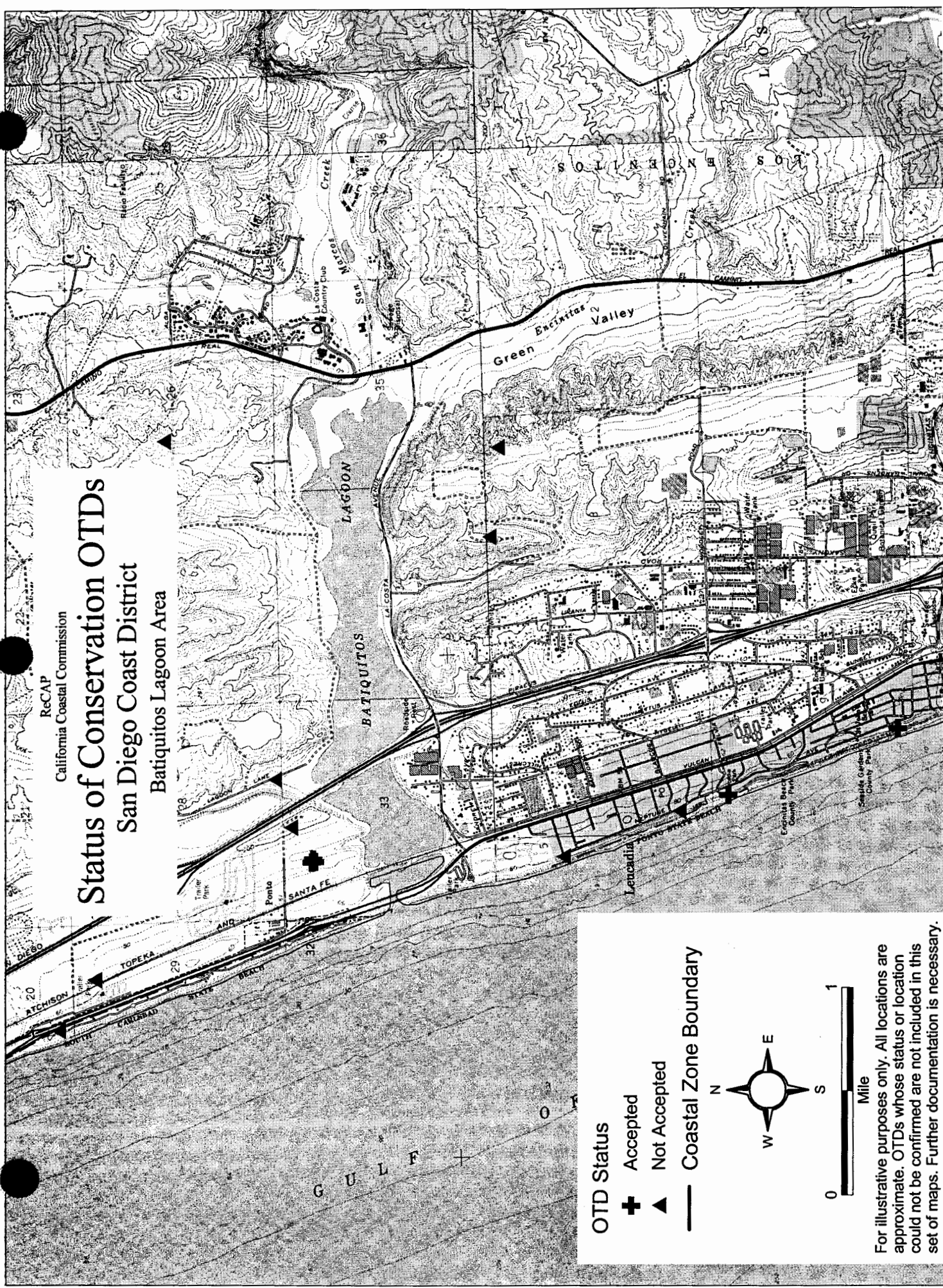
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## San Diego Coast District

### Batiquitos Lagoon Area

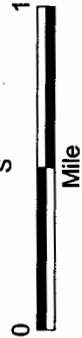
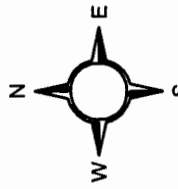


#### OTD Status

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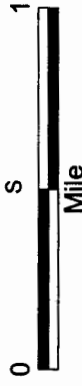
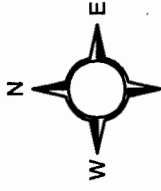
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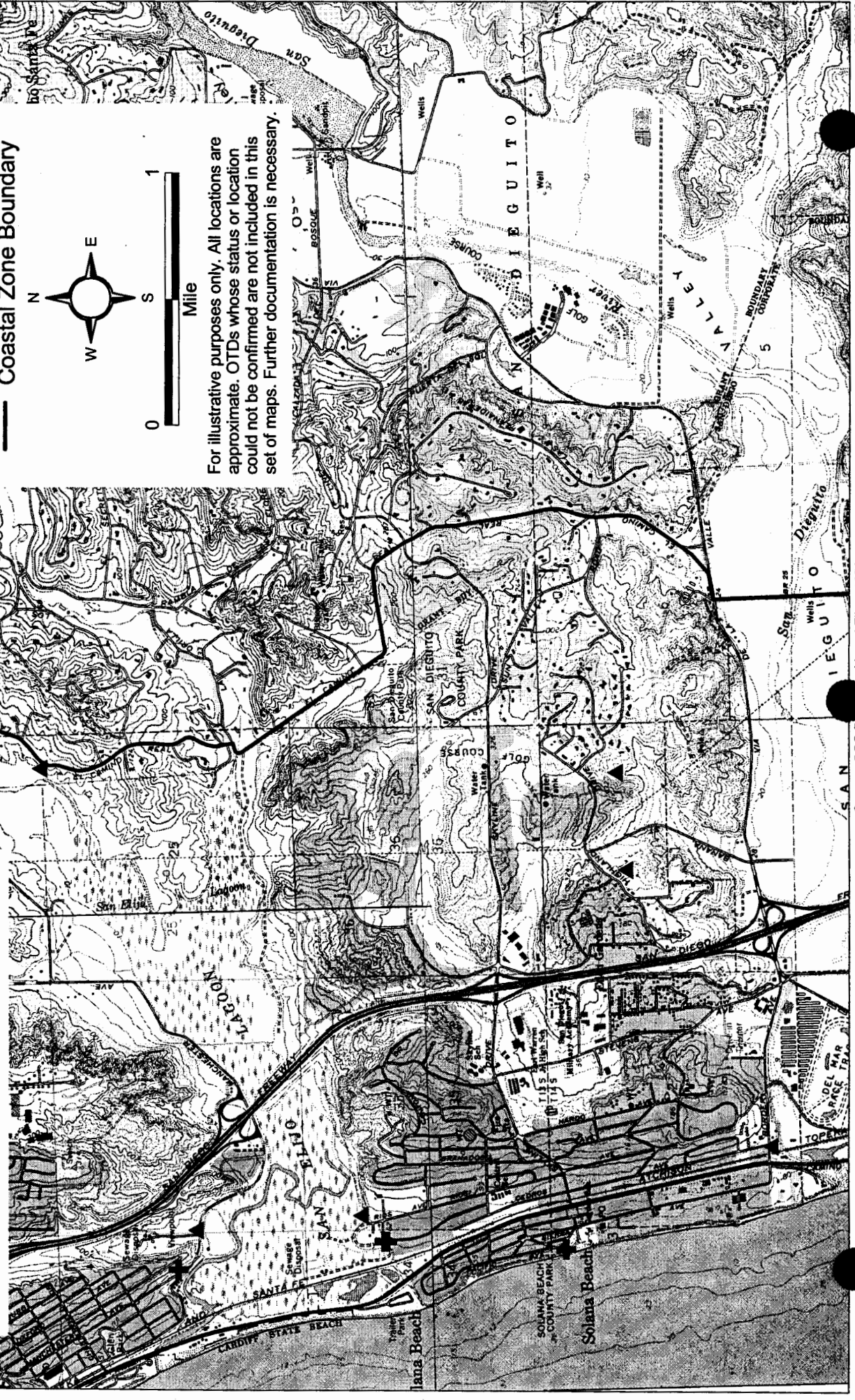
### Solana Beach Area

#### OTD Status

- ⊕ Accepted
- ▲ Not Accepted
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## San Diego Coast District

### Los Penasquitos Area

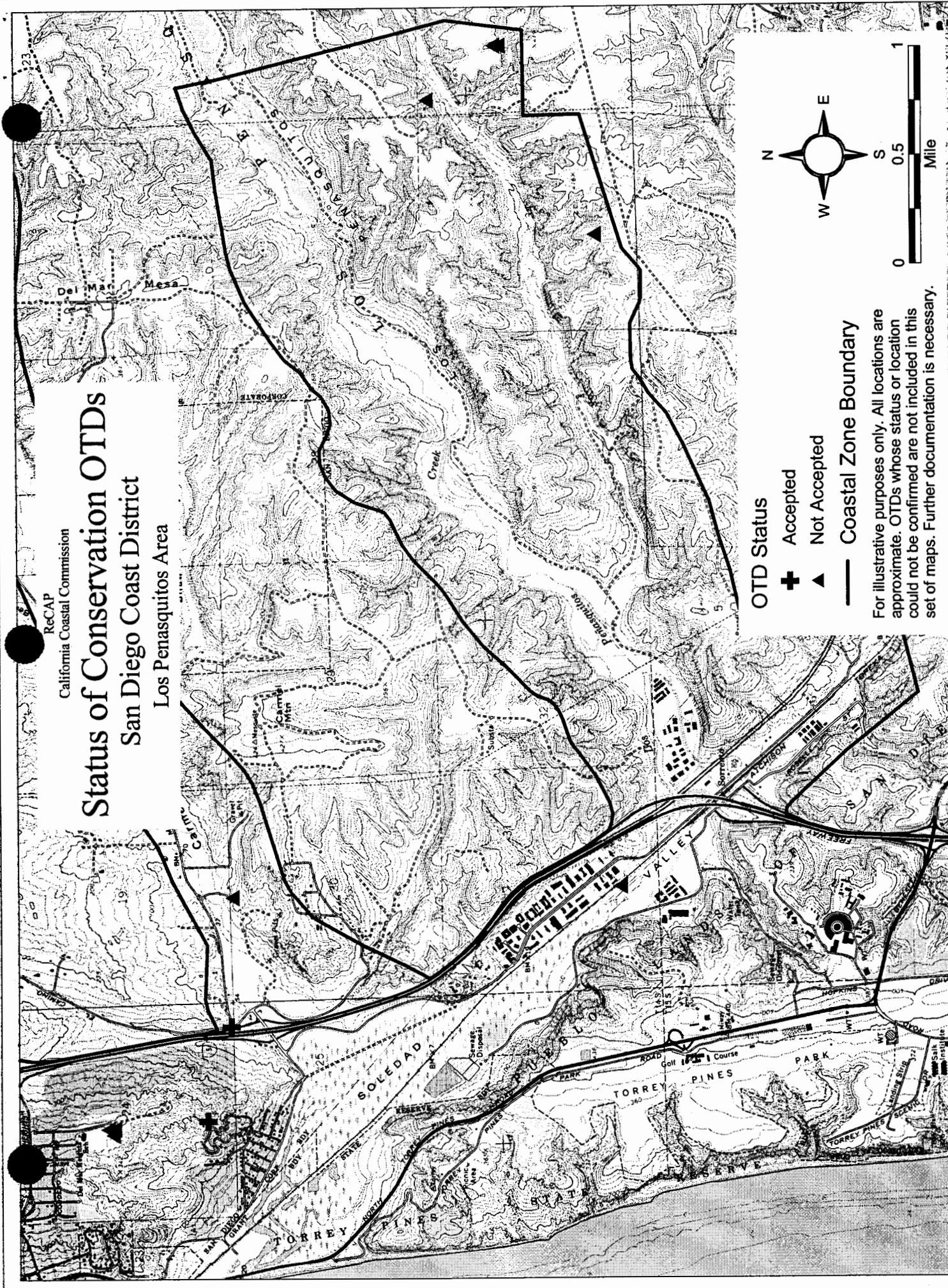
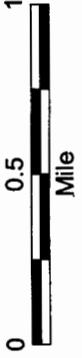
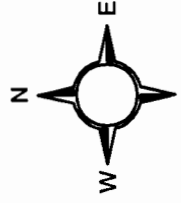
OTD Status

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## San Diego Coast District

### La Jolla Area

La Jolla Area

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- + Accepted
- ▲ Not Accepted
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