

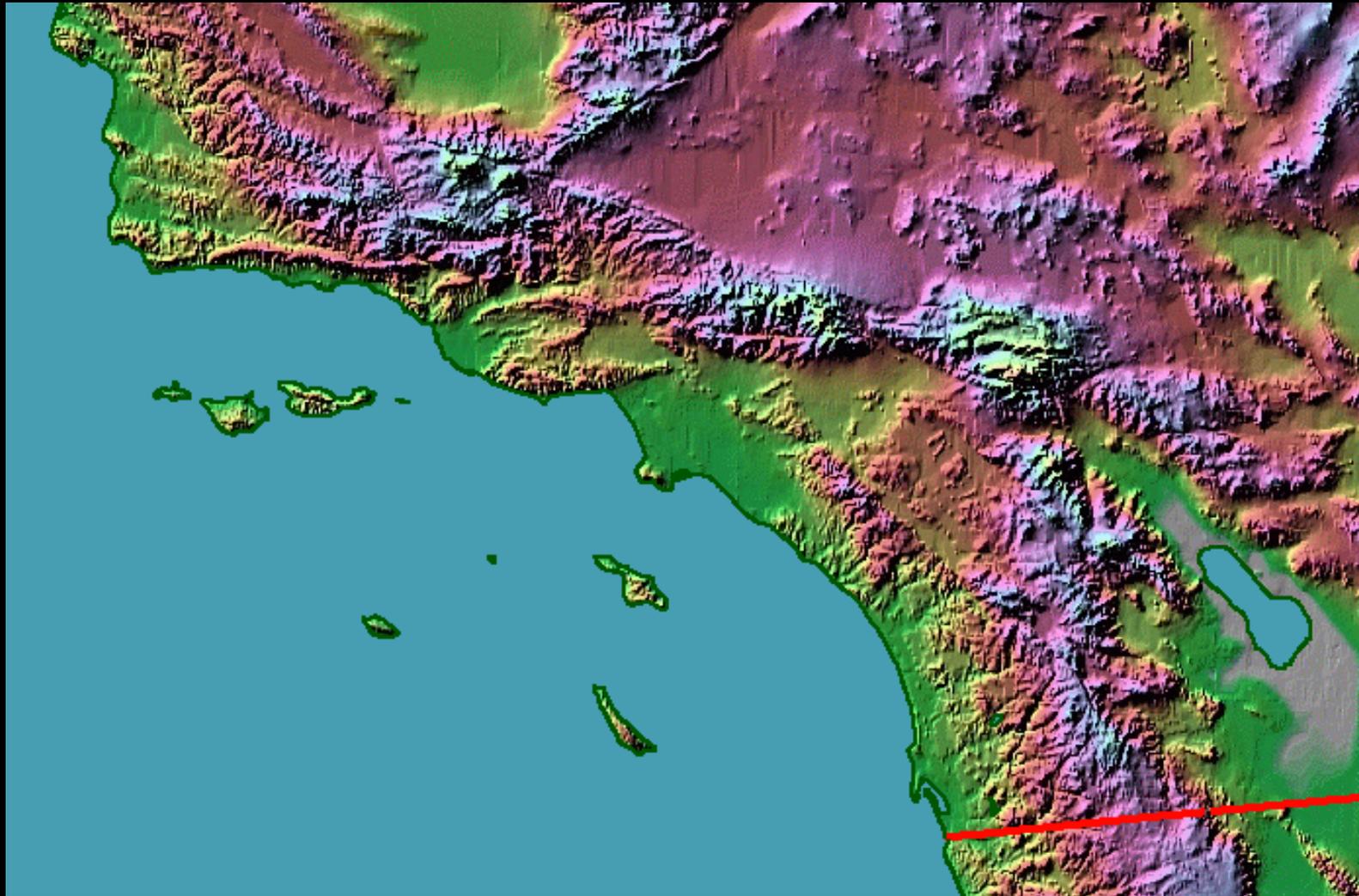
# Invasions in Cities: Threats, Neutral or Over-Reaction

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# Geologically Active & Varied



# Biodiversity



# Threats: Development & Fragmentation



# Threat – Climate Change



# Threat? - Invasions



# INVASIVE SPECIES:

1. Non-native
2. Spread following introduction
3. Cause economic or environmental damage

**Yes**

**(some invasive species in some places  
are indeed threats)**

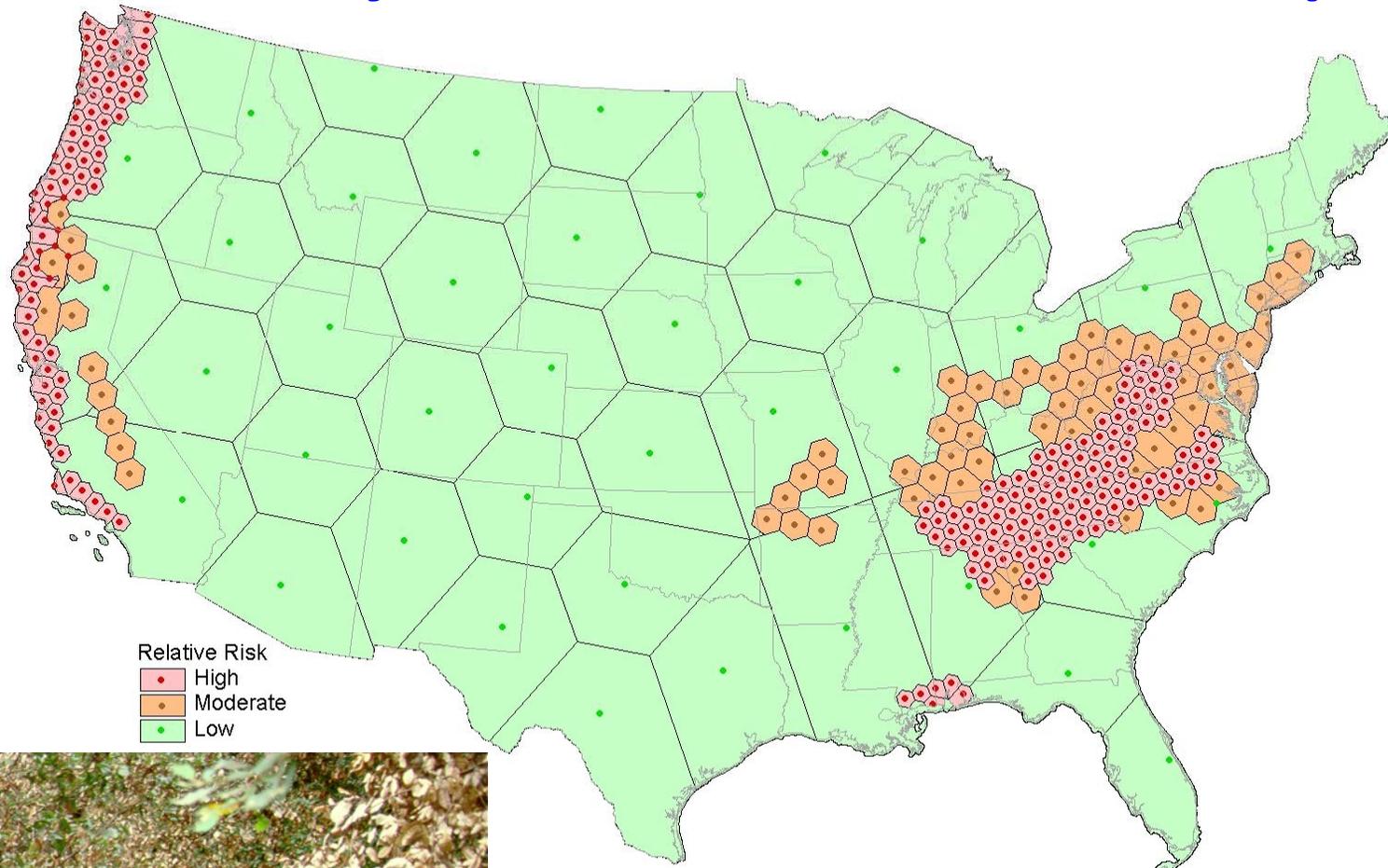
# Cooperative Emerald Ash Borer Project

Initial county EAB detections in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, Wisconsin, West Virginia and Canada

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# Preliminary Sudden Oak Death Risk Map



Sudden Oak Death – Big Sur, Calif.  
*Phytophthora ramorum* on *Lithocarpus densiflorus*

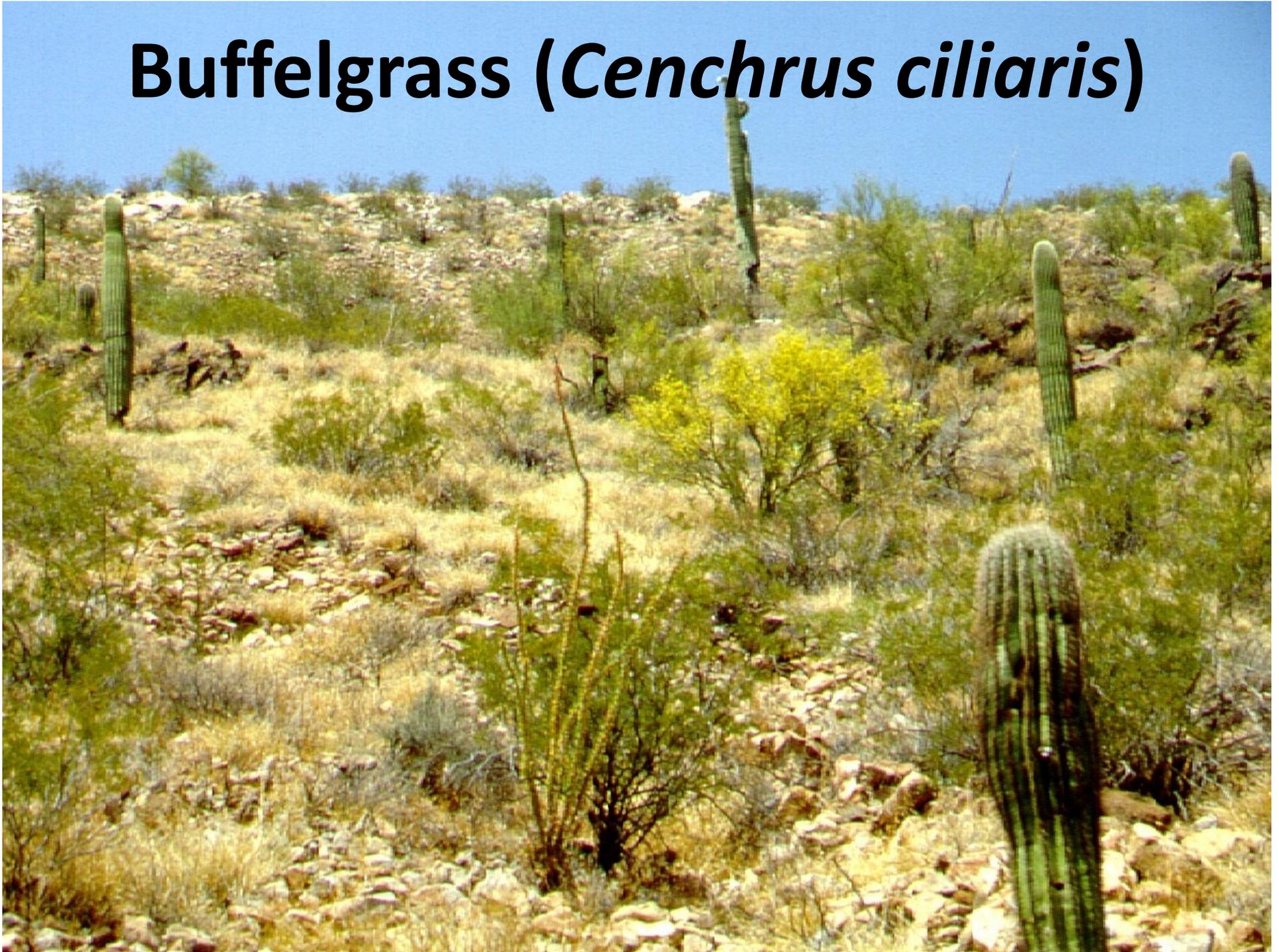


**Cape ivy (*Delawarea odorata*)**  
**Bonsall Preserve, San Diego County**



***Caulerpa taxifolia* in San Diego County**

# Buffelgrass (*Cenchrus ciliaris*)



**Even National Parks  
and other protected  
areas can be  
invaded and  
degraded.**

**Bull thistle  
(*Cirsium vulgare*)**



# IMPACTS

- **Ecosystem Level Impacts**

- Fire Frequency & Intensity
- Hydrology
- Geomorphological Processes (erosion, sedimentation)
- Soil Chemistry & Nutrient Cycles

- **Community & Population Level Impacts**

- Vegetation Structure
- Community Composition
- Competition for Food, Nest Sites & Other Resources (light, water, nutrients)
- Kill Native Plants or Animals
- Promote Non-native Invasive Animals
- Reduce Recruitment of Natives (Succession)
- Vector pathogens and pests (e.g. chestnut blight vectored by Asian chestnut)

- **Genetic Impacts**

- Hybridization with Native Species

- **Lack of Impacts**

- **Positive Impacts**

# Prevention

Many potential invaders....

Few Pathways.





Assessment  
Prevention  
Early Detection  
Control & Restoration  
(& Learning to Live With The Incurrigibles)

Continental

Ecoregion

Landscape

Small Park





NOTICE

ATTENTION  
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# A key approach to preventing invasions:

Collaboration with Industries to voluntarily change practices:  
Cal-HIP (California Horticulture Invasives Prevention)



**Maybe**

**Monterey  
Pine**



***Pinus  
Radiata***



**Geraldton wax**  
***Chamelaucium uncinatum***

# Species distribution model projection for coast horned lizard (*Phrynosoma coronatum*)

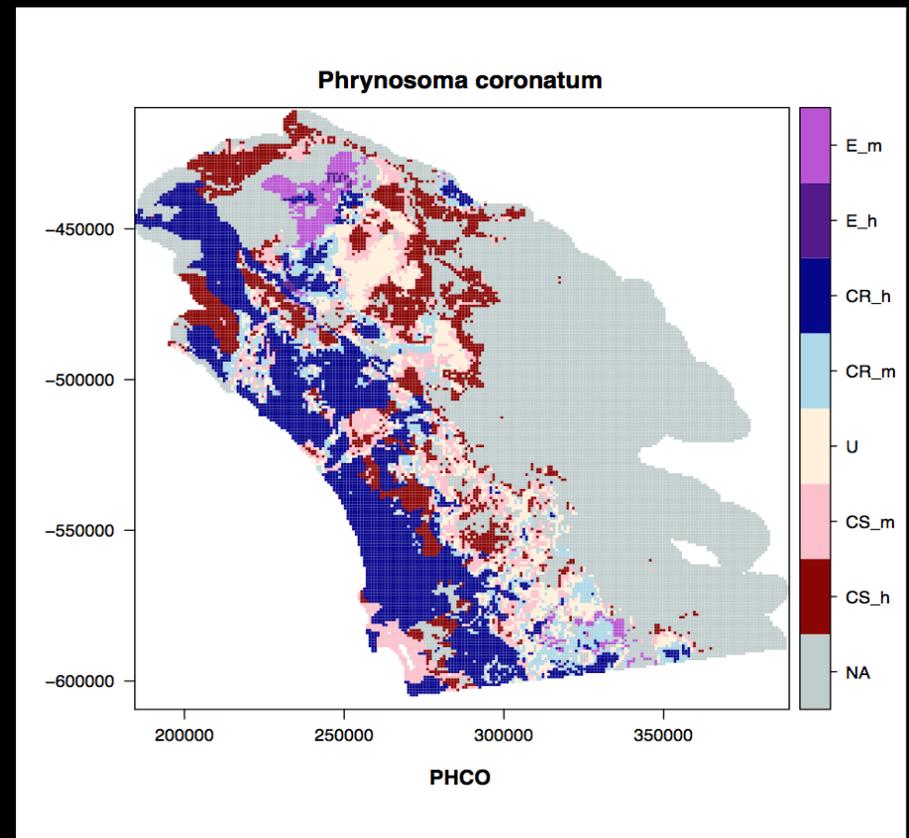
Species distribution forecast for the Coast horned lizard distinguish three potential outcomes in roughly 50 years:

Climate Refugia (blue)

Climate Stress (red)

Range Expansion (purple)

*High ('h';  $\geq 80\%$ ) and medium ('m';  $\geq 60\%$ ) levels of consensus across all future scenarios are indicated by color saturation (dark and light, respectively).*



**NO**  
**(we've overreacted)**



***For example:***

**Fennel (*Foeniculum vulgare*) on Santa Cruz Island**



**Red crowned parrots (*Amazona viridigenalis*)  
San Diego, San Francisco, etc.**





