El Nino Planning

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Preparation/Response Strategy

- Place enough staff on standby during periods of heavy rainfall as forecasted by NWS
  - Identify possible temporary evacuation points (TEPs) and shelters based on current safe area information
  - Work with those shelter facility owners to ascertain availability during these periods
- Upon County OES request, Red Cross activates initial response plans:
    - Activate staff via our notification protocols
    - First open up temporary TEPs close to possible shelters
    - At same time begin shelter opening activities
    - Shelters are opened

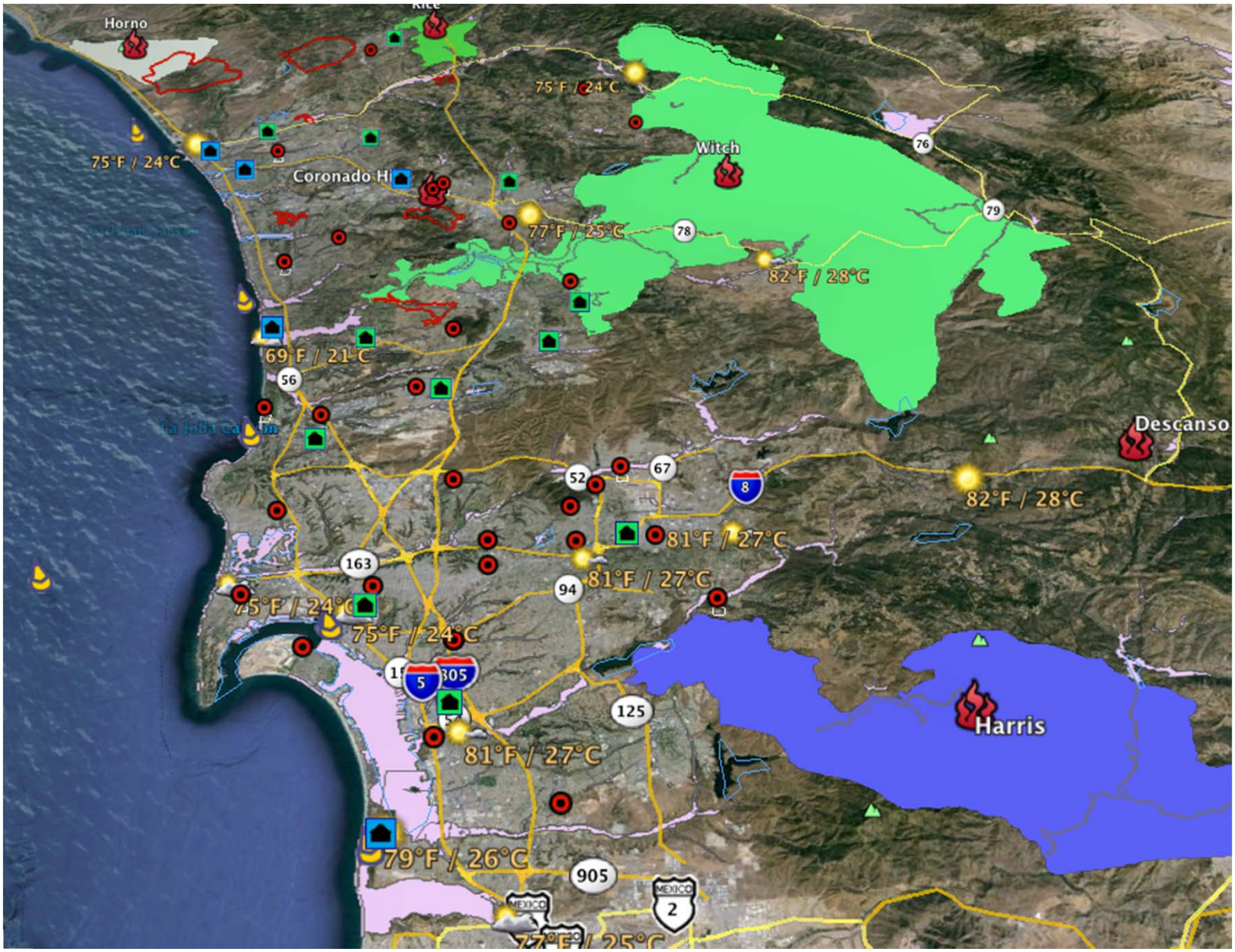
Shelter Capacity Strategy

- Initially could open several high capacity (500-1,000 clients) shelters (North, Central and South) ~ 3,000 overnight clients that are in safe zones
- Open more shelters as required using other high capacity shelters that are in safe zones, additional 3,000 more clients.

Red Cross Preparation Activities

- Holding El Nino planning meetings internally
- Attend County, City and Tribal Nation El Nino planning meetings
- Developed in-house analysis tool in Google Earth that layers in forecasted rainfall, 100 year flood plain, earlier wildfire burn areas, and Red Cross assets (shelters, material caches, vehicles, etc.)

Red Cross El Nino Analysis Tool



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