

# Restoring California's "Inland Sea"

## *Status of efforts to restore the Salton Sea*

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- The Salton Sea is California's largest lake and has a surface elevation about 230 feet below sea level
- The Salton Sea is a terminal lake — it has no outlets, inflows are principally from agricultural drainage, and its salinity is about 30% greater than the Pacific Ocean
- This "inland sea", a critical stop for migratory birds on the Pacific and Central Flyways, is used by more than 400 species of birds
- Proposed water transfers will result in loss of aquatic and wetland habitat, increased salinity, and degraded regional air quality unless mitigation actions are taken



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## Directions to U.S. Geological Survey

The USGS Menlo Park Science Center is located at 345 Middlefield Road in Menlo Park

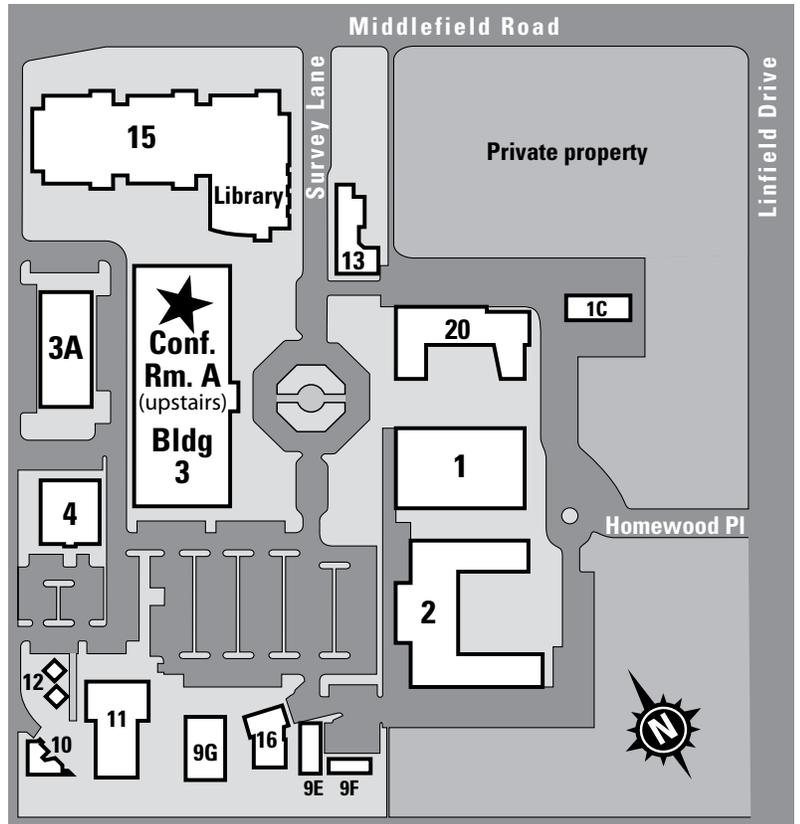
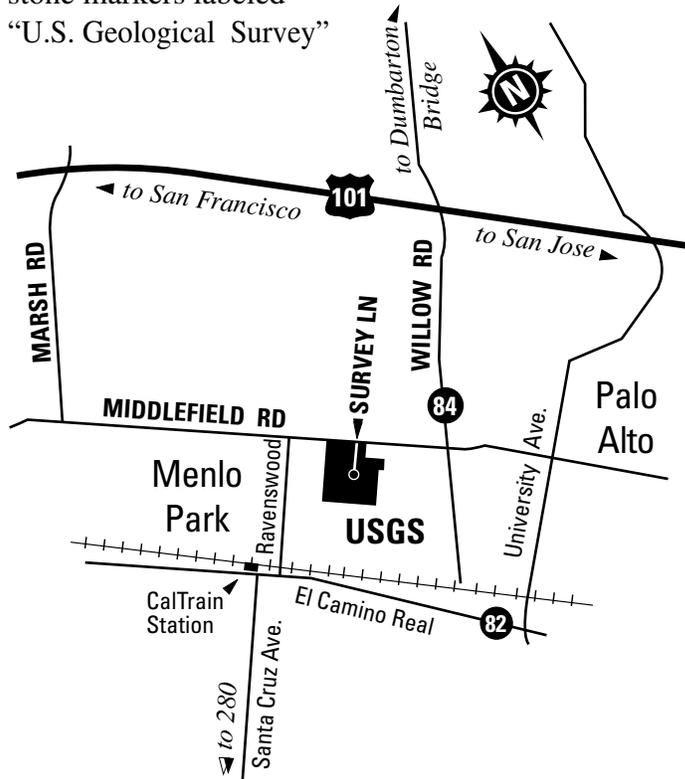
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- Exit highway 101 at Marsh Road, Atherton
- Go west to the T-junction with Middlefield Rd.
- Turn left (south)

### From San Jose

- Exit highway 101 at Willow Road, Menlo Park
- Go west to Middlefield Rd.
- Turn right (north)

Enter the USGS campus at Survey Lane with large stone markers labeled  
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