APPENDIX C: MAPS & PHOTOS OF OTHER LOS ANGELES COUNTY HERONRIES

Table 3–1 and Figure 3–8 in this Plan refer to other current nesting colonies of herons, egrets, and cormorants on the coastal slope of mainland Los Angeles County. This appendix shows some of these colonies in greater detail, including some representative photos of selected sites.

Figure C–1. In August 2009 RAH found at least 11 apparent Great Blue Heron (GBHE) nests in Washington Fan Palms at Alamitos Bay and Naples Island, at the mouth of the San Gabriel River in south Long Beach. Also present was one apparent Black-crowned Night-Heron (BCNH) nest in an Indian laurel and several roosting adult night-herons. As shown here, the birds are nesting and roosting in non-native trees in an urban marina setting.

Figure C–2. Three Great Blue Heron nestlings photographed on 4 August 2009 in a Washington fan palm at the corner of The Toledo and East Naples Plaza on Naples Island in Long Beach. Two birds are obvious, but only the bill of the third bird can be seen in this photo (between the other two birds).

Figure C–3. In August 2009 RAH found approximately 110 nests apparently belonging to Black-crowned Night-Herons (BCNH) and Snowy Egrets (SNEG) in Indian laurel and melaleuca trees along East Ocean Boulevard between Belmont Avenue and Granada Avenue in Belmont Shore in south Long Beach. Most of the birds had fledged by the time these nests were checked, so the breakdown between the two species is uncertain, but numerous juveniles of both species were seen in these trees and we have assumed a 50/50 split for purposes of this report.

Figure C–4. Juvenile Snowy Egret photographed on 3 August 2009 in a large Indian laurel tree at the corner of East Ocean Boulevard and Bennett Avenue in Belmont Shore.

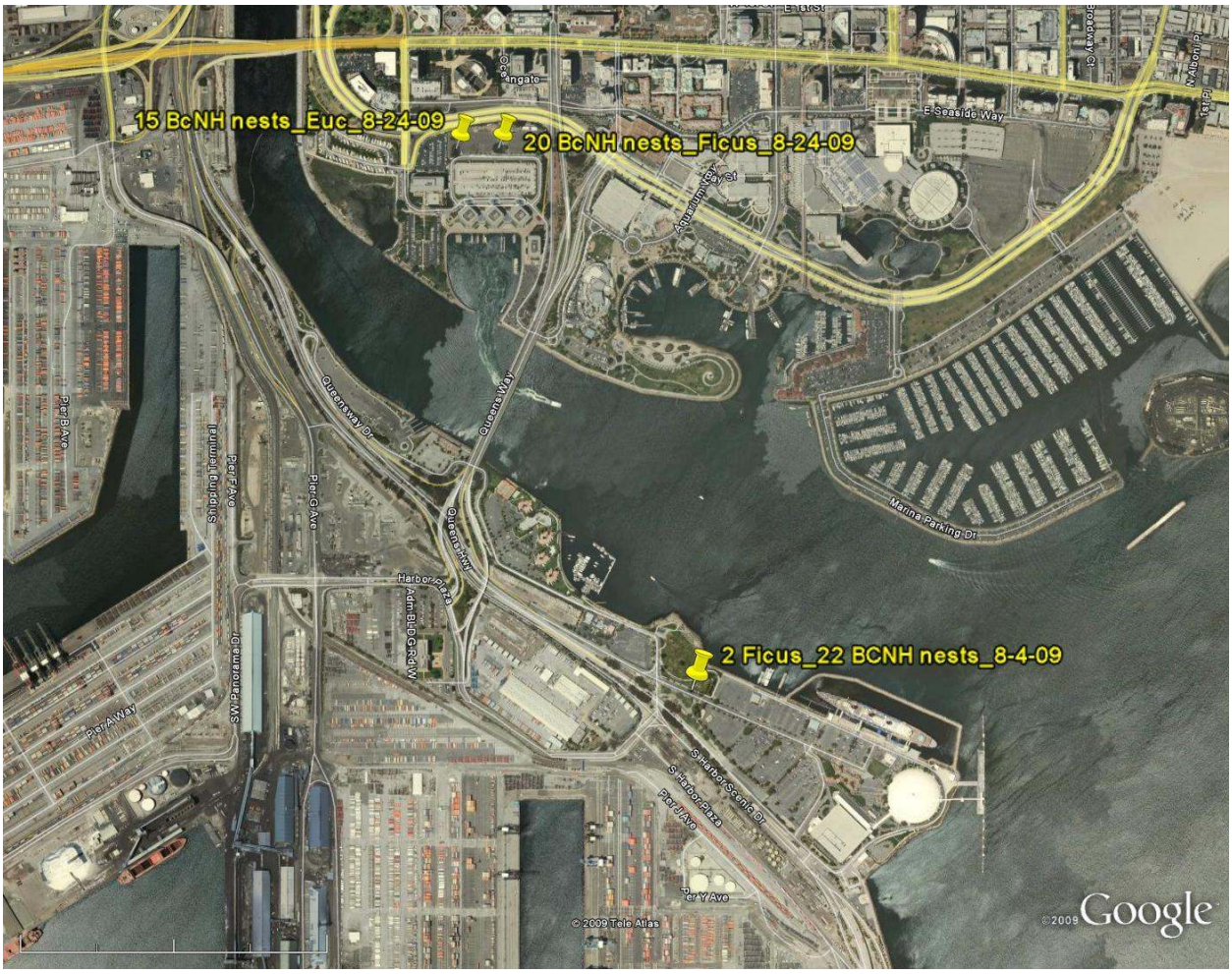

Figure C–5. In August 2009 RAH found approximately 57 nests apparently belonging to Black-crowned Night-Herons (BCNH) in Indian laurel and eucalyptus trees in the Shoreline Drive and Queen Mary sections of the Catalina Landing area, at the mouth of the Los Angeles River in south Long Beach. Juvenile night-herons were seen in all of these trees.

Figure C–6. Photo taken on 4 August 2009 showing large Indian laurel trees near the parking kiosk for the Queen Mary that held approximately 22 Black-crowned Night-Heron nests.

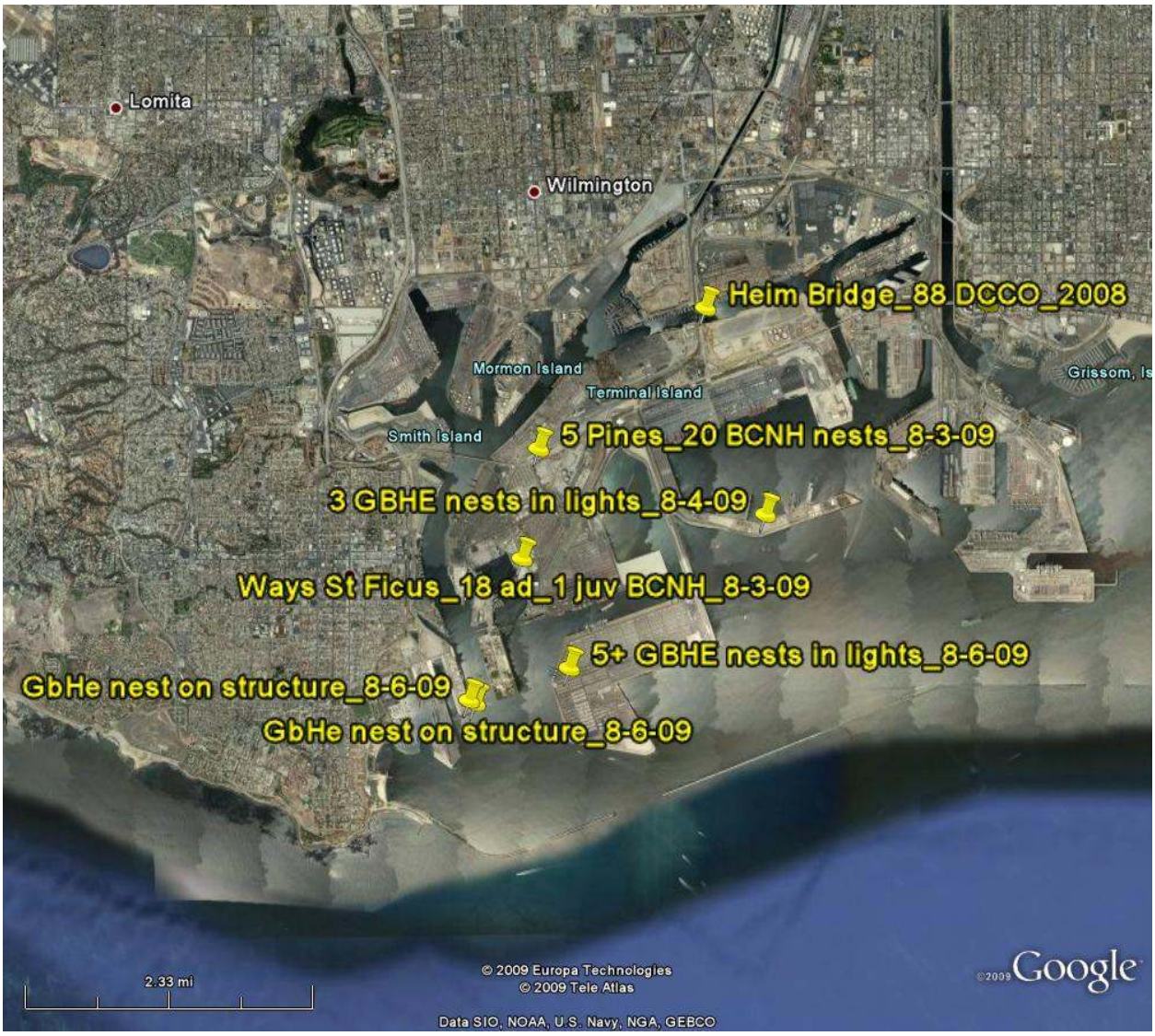

Figure C–7. In August 2009 RAH found at least ten Great Blue Heron nests on Terminal Island. At least eight were built on top of tall lights, approximately 80 feet up, at the Navy Mole (Long Beach Middle Harbor) and at Pier 400 (Port of Los Angeles); see Figures C–8, C–9. Two more were on metal structures approximately 35 feet over the water at the end of Signal Street in San Pedro; see Figures C–10, C–11. During the same period RAH documented 18 adult and one juvenile Black-crowned Night-Herons (BCNH) roosting in a large Indian laurel on Ways Street (Figure C–12); the same birds may have been associated with 20 nests apparently belonging to this species (some juveniles still present) in five pine trees just south of West Ocean Boulevard at the eastern terminus of the Vincent Thomas Bridge (Figure C–13).

Figures C–8, C–9. Photos taken on 4 August 2009 showing an apparent Great Blue Heron nest on top of a metal lighting structure, approximately 80 feet tall, on the Navy Mole at Long Beach Middle Harbor. At least ten such nests were present in this general area in 2009.

Figures C–10, C–11. Photos taken on 6 August 2009 showing one of two apparent Great Blue Heron nests on top of 35-foot-tall signaling structures located off the southern terminus of Signal Street in San Pedro. Local workers reported to RAH that Great Blue Herons fledged young from both structures during summer 2009.

Figure C–12. Photograph taken on 3 August 2009 showing the large Indian laurel near the southern terminus of Ways Street on Terminal Island that serves as a roost for Black-crowned Night-Herons.

Figure C–13. Photo taken on 3 August 2009 showing the five pine trees at the north end of Ferry Street, near the eastern terminus of the Vincent Thomas Bridge, that held 20 apparent Black-crowned Night-Heron nests.