



YSGA Working Group Meeting

March 9, 2021



Agenda

- Approve Minutes
- Executive Officer Update – Kristin Sicke
- GSP Development:
 - Update Received from SEI – Water Budget and Model Documentation
 - Land Subsidence & GW/SW Interaction
 - Method for establishing MTs and MOs
 - Data Utilized and Relationship to Sustainability Criteria
 - Process for Selecting Representative Wells for GW/SW Interaction
- Draft Chapters of the GSP and Scheduling Focused Workshops
- BOD Meeting Agenda

Approve Minutes

Executive Officer Update

CACHE CREEK - YOLO (YLOC1)

Latitude: 38.73° N

Longitude: 121.81° W

Elevation: 86 Feet

Location: Yolo County in California

River Group: Lower Sacramento

Issuance Time: Mar 09 2021 at 8:28 AM PST

Next Issuance: Mar 09 2021 at 3:00 PM PST

Monitor Stage: 75.0 Feet

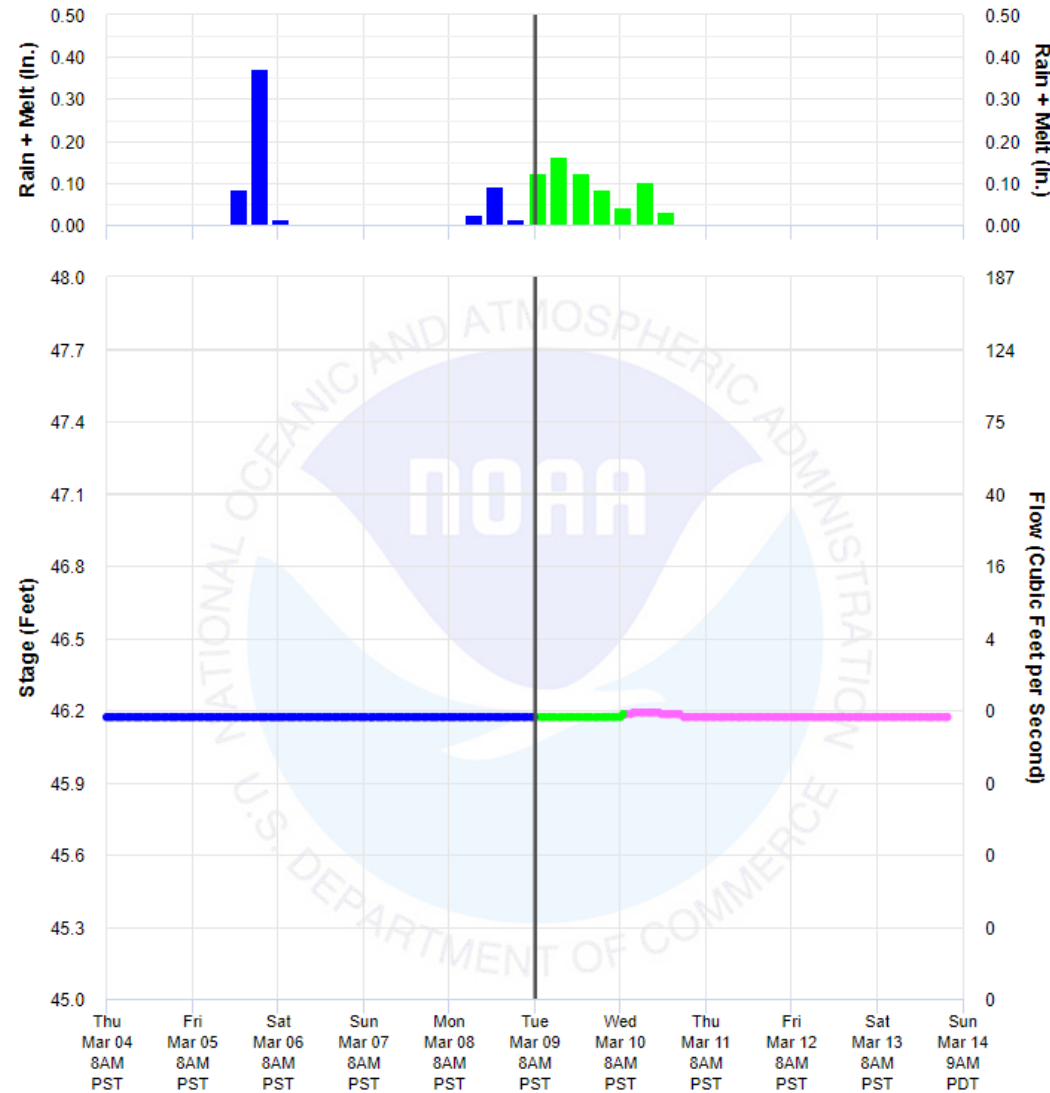
Flood Stage: 81.0 Feet

Danger Stage: 82.1 Feet

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Cache Creek - Yolo (YLOC1) River Forecast Plot

Forecast Posted: 03/09/2021 at 8:16 AM PST • Graphic Created: 03/09/2021 at 8:28 AM PST



Well Monitoring

Depth to Water Historical Comparison

(Daily Average DTW in feet)

[SCADA Links](#)[Well Map](#)[Select Date](#)

03/09/21

[Comparison Trends](#)[Comparison Table 2](#)

| Well | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | <u>Δ 2020</u> <u>- 2021</u> | <u>Δ 2015</u> <u>- 2021</u> |
|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. | 82.3 | 77.9 | 78.9 | 78.9 | 94.4 | 101.3 | 104.2 | 91.0 | 89.8 | 90.9 | 86.9 | 96.1 | -9.2 | 5.2 |
| 2. | 31.6 | 29.2 | 30.0 | 29.3 | 36.3 | 39.6 | 40.9 | 23.7 | 30.1 | 25.0 | 29.9 | 32.1 | -2.2 | 7.5 |
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| 4. | | 25.0 | 29.3 | 24.6 | 31.8 | 41.5 | 39.3 | 21.1 | 28.4 | 18.8 | 27.7 | 35.8 | -8.0 | 5.7 |
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| 6. | | | 41.2 | 34.2 | 42.7 | 50.9 | 54.0 | 25.8 | 36.2 | 20.2 | 36.0 | 43.1 | -7.1 | 7.9 |
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GSP Technical Team Activities

- TAC Meetings
 - #4: 12/8 – Water Budgets Review & Land Subsidence
 - #5: 1/14 – Land Subsidence & Depletion of Interconnected Surface Water
 - #6: 2/9 – Land Subsidence & Depletion of Interconnected Surface Water
- Yolo Subbasin Farmers Update on GSP Development: 12/18
- Management Area Workshops
 - Capay Valley: 10/6
 - North Yolo: 10/28
 - Clarksburg: 11/4
 - South Yolo: 11/13
 - Central Yolo: 12/4
- Discussions with TNC and CDFW about GDE Identification

Management Area Workshops

| Management Area | Findings/Comments |
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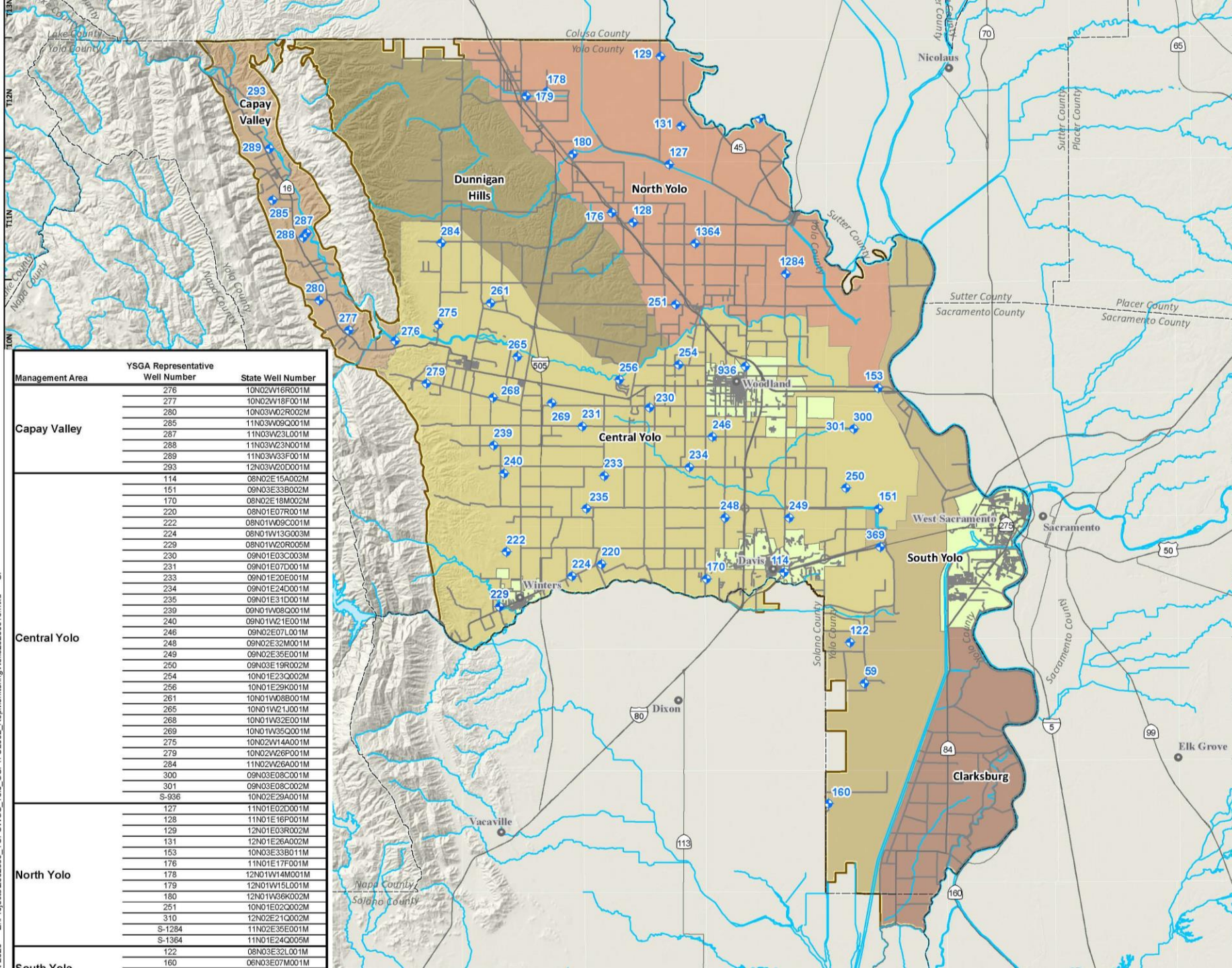
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COMMON THEMES

- Local action policies:
 - responsive to MT exceedances in drought
 - mitigation of individual well impacts
 - land use relationship with County
- Coordinate with County DEH on Well Permitting process
- Projects/Management Actions are important to MA sustainability

YSGA REPRESENTATIVE WELLS



- ◆ YSGA Representative Well
- Yolo Subbasin GSA
- Management Area**
- Capay Valley
- Central Yolo
- Clarksburg
- Dunnigan Hills
- North Yolo
- South Yolo
- City Boundary
- Other Features**
- Highway
- Road
- Waterway
- Lake

| Management Area | YSGA Representative Well Number | State Well Number | |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| Capay Valley | 276 | 10N02W16R001M | |
| | 277 | 10N02W18F001M | |
| | 280 | 10N03W02R002M | |
| | 285 | 11N03W09C001M | |
| | 287 | 11N03W23L001M | |
| | 288 | 11N03W23N001M | |
| | 289 | 11N03W33F001M | |
| | 293 | 12N03W20D001M | |
| | 114 | 08N02E15A002M | |
| | 151 | 09N03E33B002M | |
| 170 | 08N02E18M002M | | |
| 220 | 08N01E07R001M | | |
| 222 | 08N01W09C001M | | |
| 224 | 08N01W13G003M | | |
| 229 | 08N01W20R005M | | |
| 230 | 09N01E03C003M | | |
| 231 | 09N01E07D001M | | |
| 233 | 09N01E20E001M | | |
| 234 | 09N01E24D001M | | |
| 235 | 09N01E31D001M | | |
| 239 | 09N01W08C001M | | |
| 240 | 09N01W21E001M | | |
| 246 | 09N02E07L001M | | |
| 248 | 09N02E32M001M | | |
| 249 | 09N02E35E001M | | |
| 250 | 09N03E19R002M | | |
| 254 | 10N01E23Q002M | | |
| 256 | 10N01E29K001M | | |
| 261 | 10N01W08B001M | | |
| 265 | 10N01W21J001M | | |
| 268 | 10N01W22E001M | | |
| 269 | 10N01W35Q001M | | |
| 275 | 10N02W14A001M | | |
| 279 | 10N02W26P001M | | |
| 284 | 11N02W26A001M | | |
| 300 | 09N03E08C001M | | |
| 301 | 09N03E08C002M | | |
| S-936 | 10N02E29A001M | | |
| Central Yolo | 127 | 11N01E02D001M | |
| | 128 | 11N01E16P001M | |
| | 129 | 12N01E03R002M | |
| | 131 | 12N01E26A002M | |
| | 153 | 10N03E33B011M | |
| | 176 | 11N01E17F001M | |
| | 178 | 12N01W14M001M | |
| | 179 | 12N01W15L001M | |
| | 180 | 12N01W08K002M | |
| | 251 | 10N01E02C002M | |
| 310 | 12N02E21Q002M | | |
| S-1284 | 11N02E35E001M | | |
| S-1364 | 11N01E24C005M | | |
| North Yolo | 122 | 08N03E32L001M | |
| | 160 | 06N03E07M001M | |
| | South Yolo | | |
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Yolo Subbasin Groundwater Agency

Yolo County, California

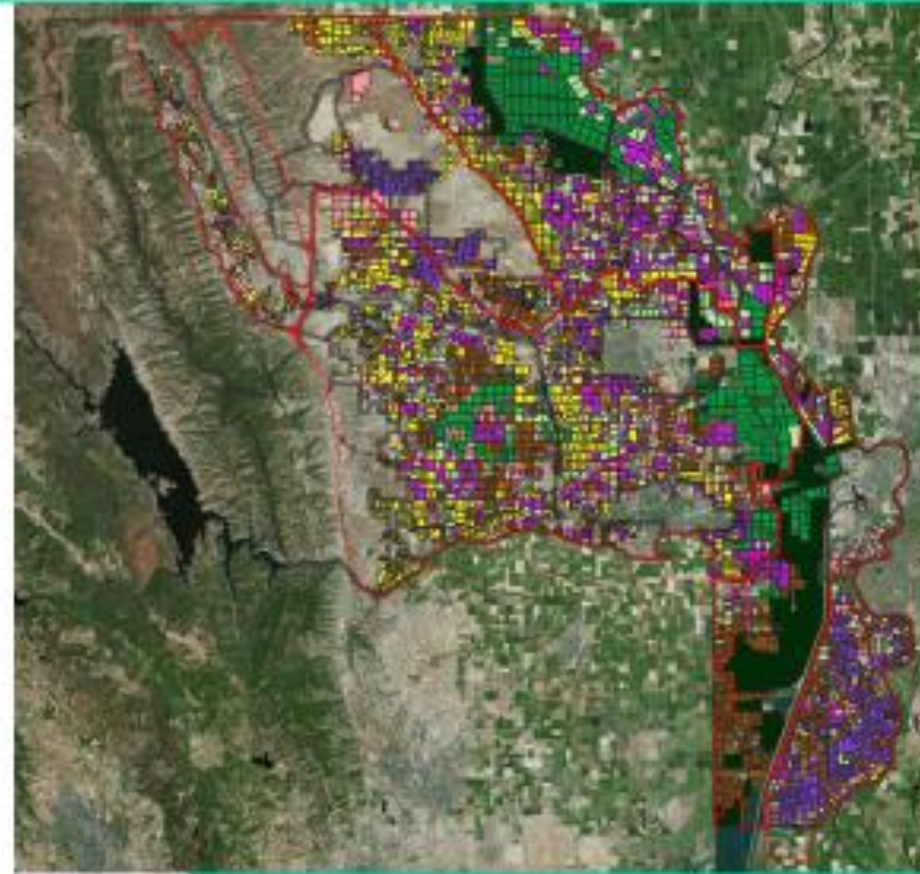


GSP Development – TAC Meeting Update
from SEI on Water Budget and Model Documentation

Yolo Subbasin Water Budgets

*Key results from Draft #2
of the Water Budget chapter*

1. YSGA model overview
2. Historical water budget
3. Future scenarios
4. Sustainable Yield
5. Next steps

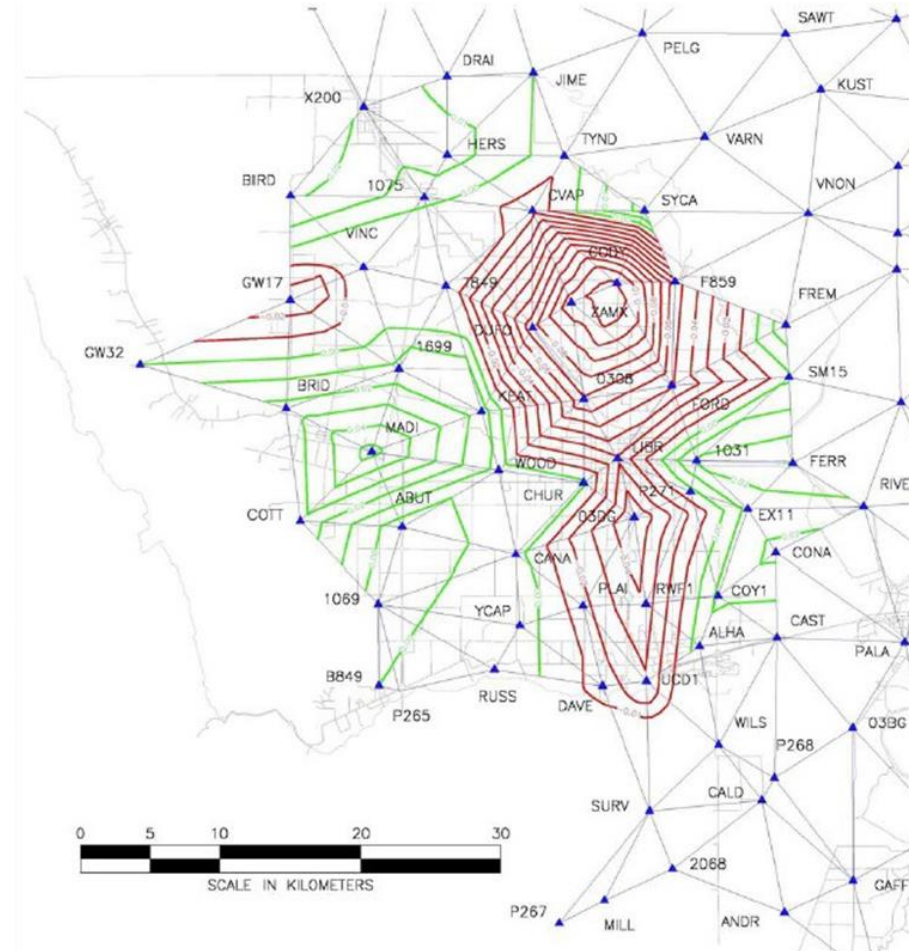


GSP Development – Land Subsidence

Subsidence

GPS-Based Approach: Yolo Subsidence Network 1999-2008 Contours (Potterfield and Frame, 2009)

- Elevation gains in green, elevation decreases in red
- Total subsidence within the Subbasin ranges from +7 to -26 cm (1999-2008)
- Maximum subsidence in the Zamora area
- Average rate of subsidence: +0.8 to -2.9 cm per year

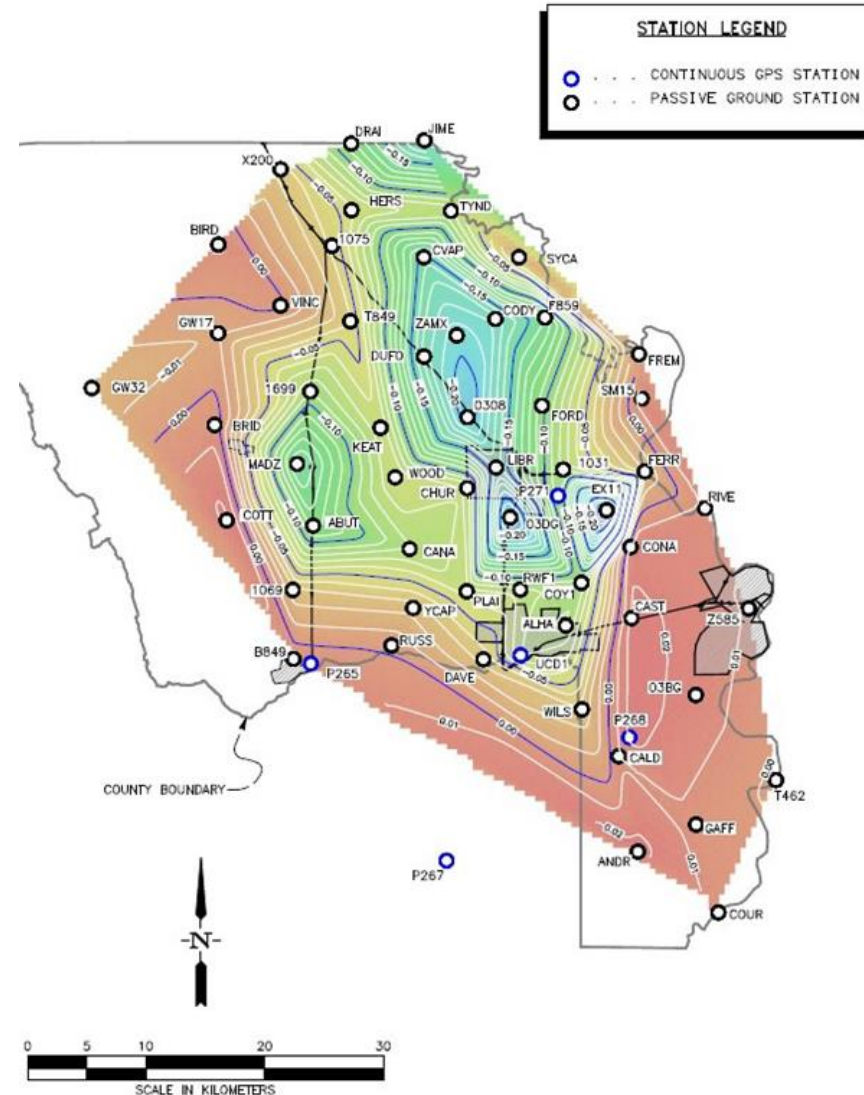


Credit: Potterfield and Frame, 2009

Subsidence

GPS-Based Approach: Yolo Subsidence Network 2008-2016 Contours (Frame, 2016)

- Elevation gains in green, elevation decreases in red
- Total subsidence within the Subbasin ranges from +2 to -20 cm (2008-2016)
- Maximum subsidence in the Zamora area
- Average rate of subsidence: +0.25 to -2.5 cm per year

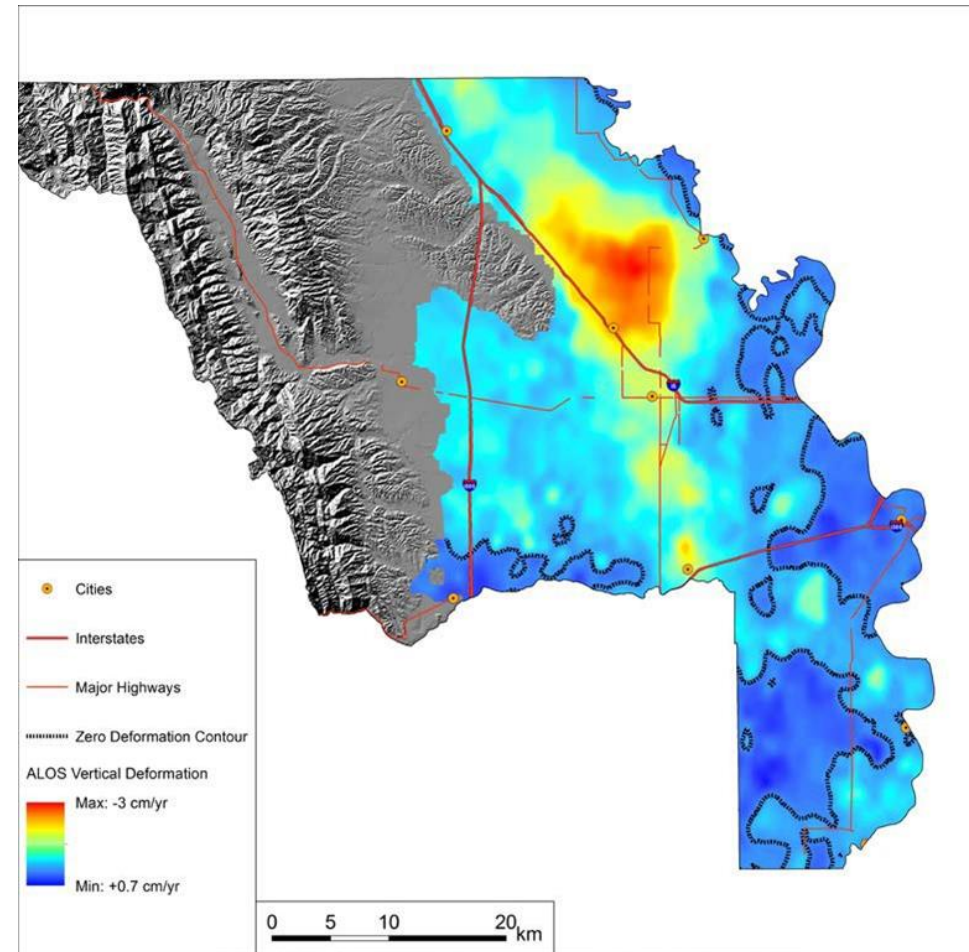


Credit: Frame, 2016

Subsidence

Interferometric Synthetic-Aperture Radar (InSAR) Results, 2007-2011 period (Crew, 2017)

- Maximum rate of subsidence between Zamora and Woodland – up to 3 cm per year
- Areas to the south and east have displayed positive elevation gains during wet years

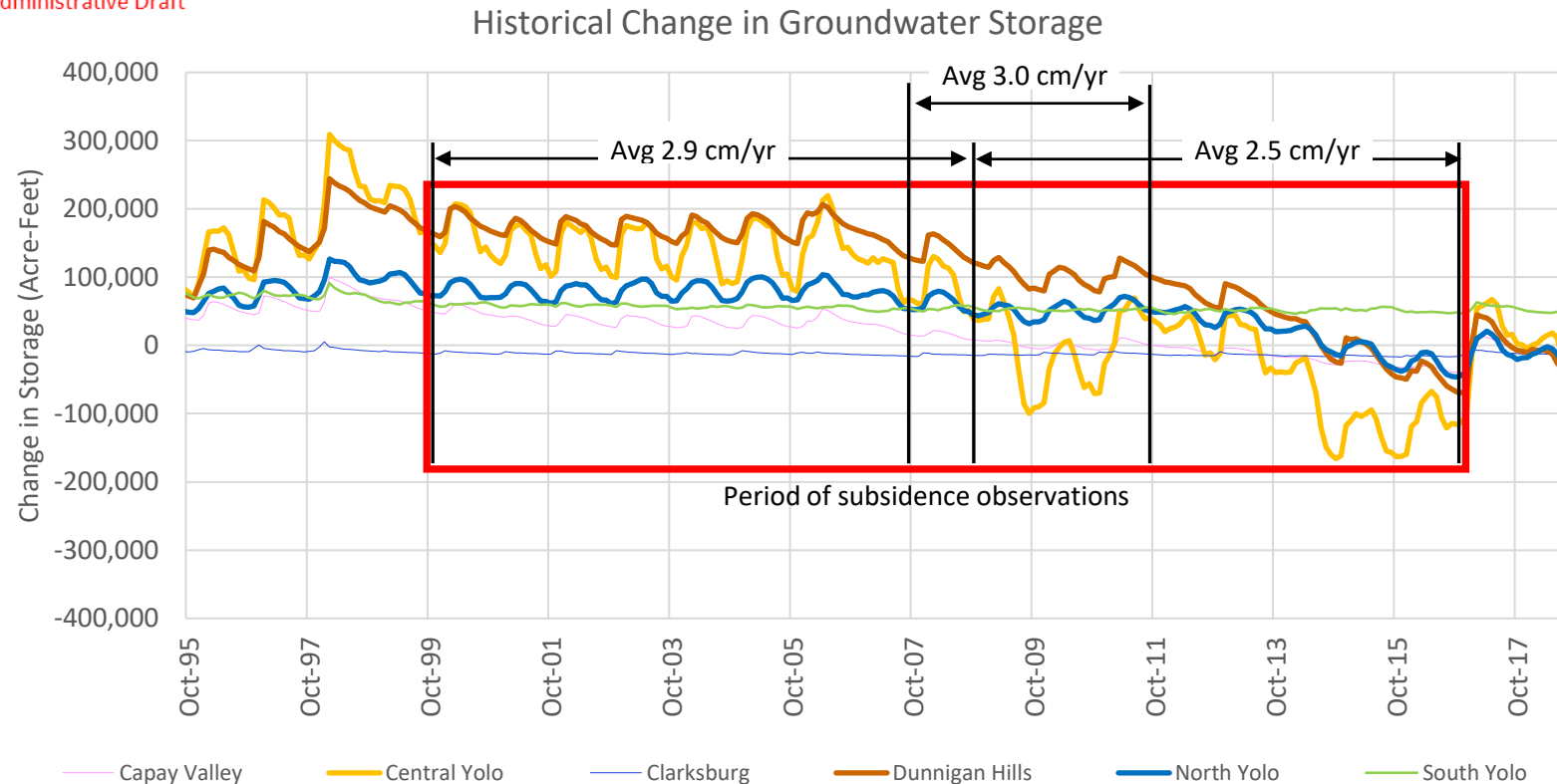


Credit: Stanford University, Crew 2017

Subsidence

Relationship between subsidence and change in groundwater storage.

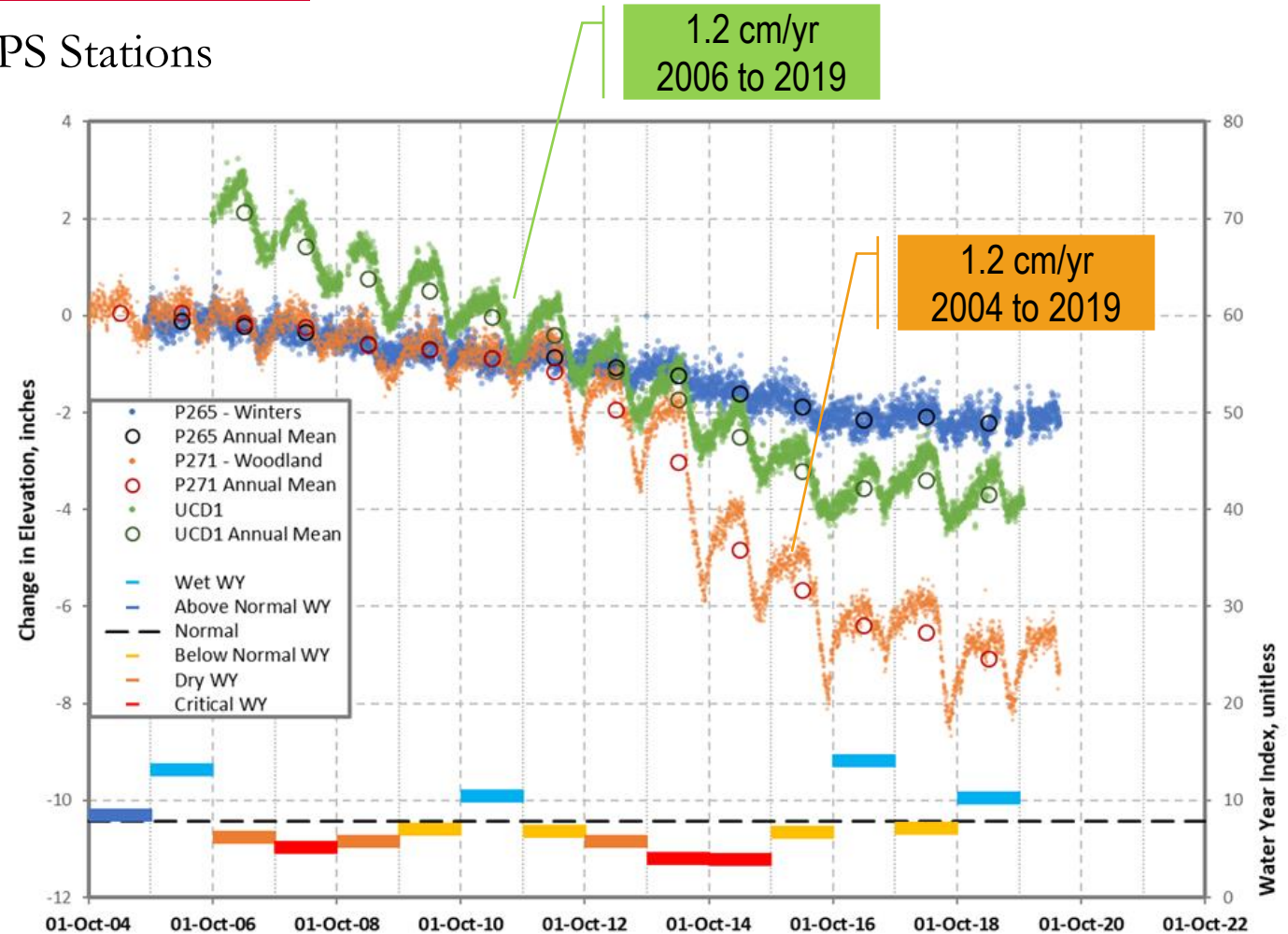
Administrative Draft



Credit: SEI, 2020

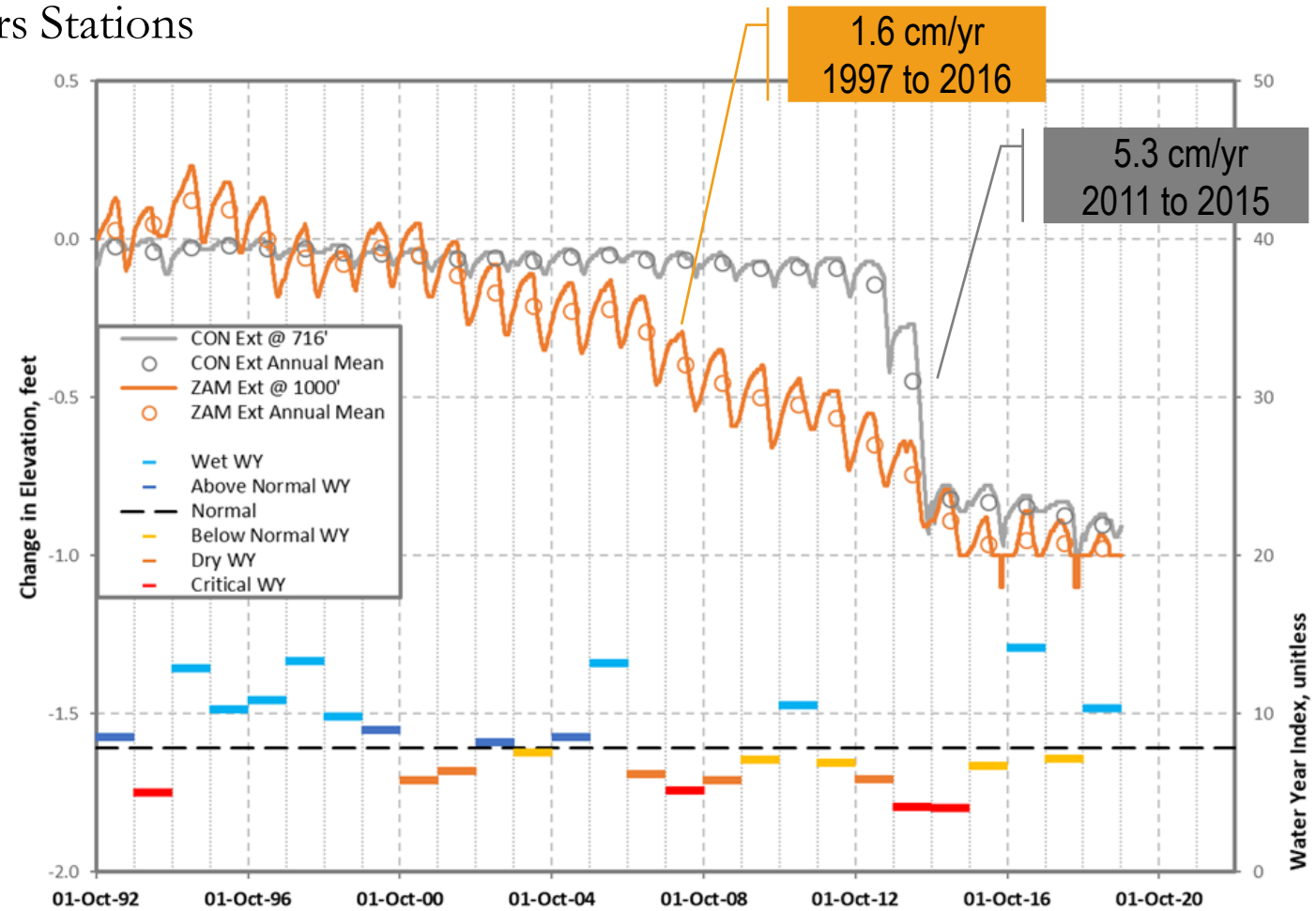
Subsidence

Continuous GPS Stations



Subsidence

Extensometers Stations



Subsidence

- Subsidence has been observed in the Subbasin, most notably in area between Woodland and Zamora, and to a lesser extent around Davis.
- Are there currently impacts to land uses?
 - Impacts could include conveyance facilities, channel gradients, or major infrastructure (roads, highways, transmission lines, buildings and facilities)
 - Currently there are no documented impacts to land uses from subsidence

Subsidence

§ 354.26. Undesirable Results

(a) Each Agency shall describe in its Plan the processes and criteria relied upon to define undesirable results [applicable to the basin](#).

Undesirable results occur when significant and unreasonable effects for any of the sustainability indicators are caused by groundwater conditions [occurring throughout the basin](#).

§ 354.28

(c)(5) Land Subsidence. The minimum threshold for land subsidence shall be the rate and extent of subsidence that [substantially interferes with surface land uses and may lead to undesirable results](#).

Undesirable Results - Draft Definition

➤ Land Subsidence

- *The point at which significant and unreasonable impacts, as determined by the rate and extent of subsidence in the Subbasin, that affects surface land uses or critical infrastructure.*
- Next step is to define level of impacts that would cause significant and unreasonable impacts

Undesirable Results - Draft Definition

➤ Measurable Objective

- *The three-year running average of the maximum rate of subsidence established for each management area shall not be exceeded in 2 or more management areas (or sub-management).*

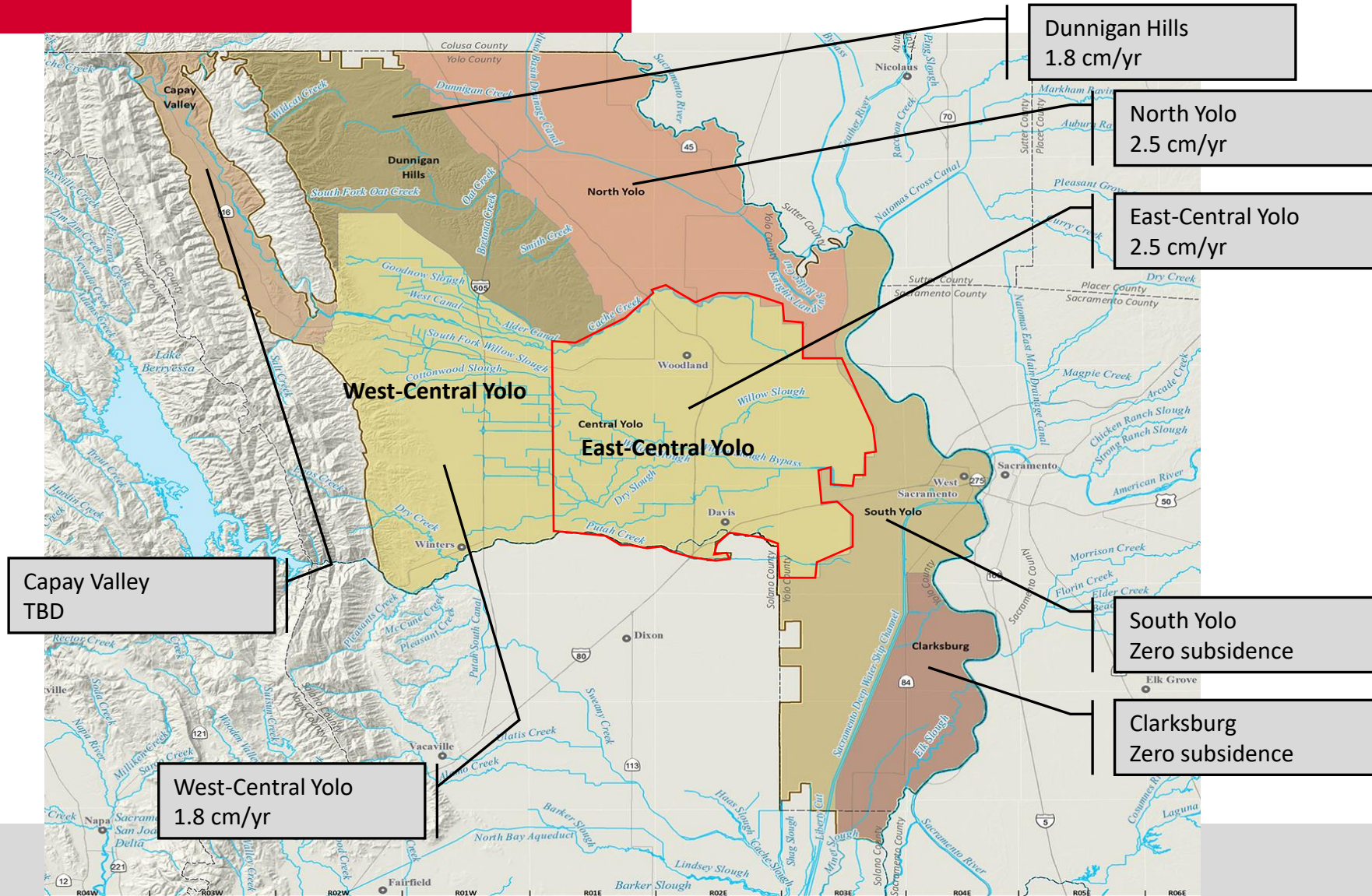
➤ Minimum Threshold

- *The five-year running average of the maximum rate of subsidence established for each management area shall not be exceeded in 2 or more management areas (or sub-management area).*

Undesirable Results - Draft Definition

- Establish a maximum rate of subsidence within a management area (or portion of a management area) that is presumed to avoid significant and unreasonable impacts
 - Require continued monitoring and reporting of the level of land subsidence occurring in the Subbasin
 - Require annual monitoring and reporting of potential impacts to land uses, critical infrastructure, and wells (domestic, production and municipal)
 - Based on observed data continue to refine the understanding of the causes of subsidence (water management vs tectonic)
 - Based on observed data quantify the amount of subsidence which causes impacts to infrastructure
 - Based on observed data consider establishing future subsidence thresholds as maximum amount of subsidence in critical areas of the Subbasin

Subsidence



Subsidence

Questions/Comments



GSP Development – GW/SW Interaction

§ 354.28 Minimum Thresholds

(c)(6) Depletions of Interconnected Surface Water: The minimum threshold for depletions of interconnected surface water shall be the **rate or volume of surface water depletions caused by groundwater use that has adverse impacts on beneficial uses of the surface water** and may lead to undesirable results.

Minimum thresholds shall be supported by the following:

- (A) The location, quantity, and timing of depletions of interconnected surface water.
- (B) A description of the groundwater and surface water model (or an equally effective method, tool, or analytical model) used to quantify surface water depletion.

§ 354.34 Monitoring Network

(c)(6) Depletions of Interconnected Surface Water:

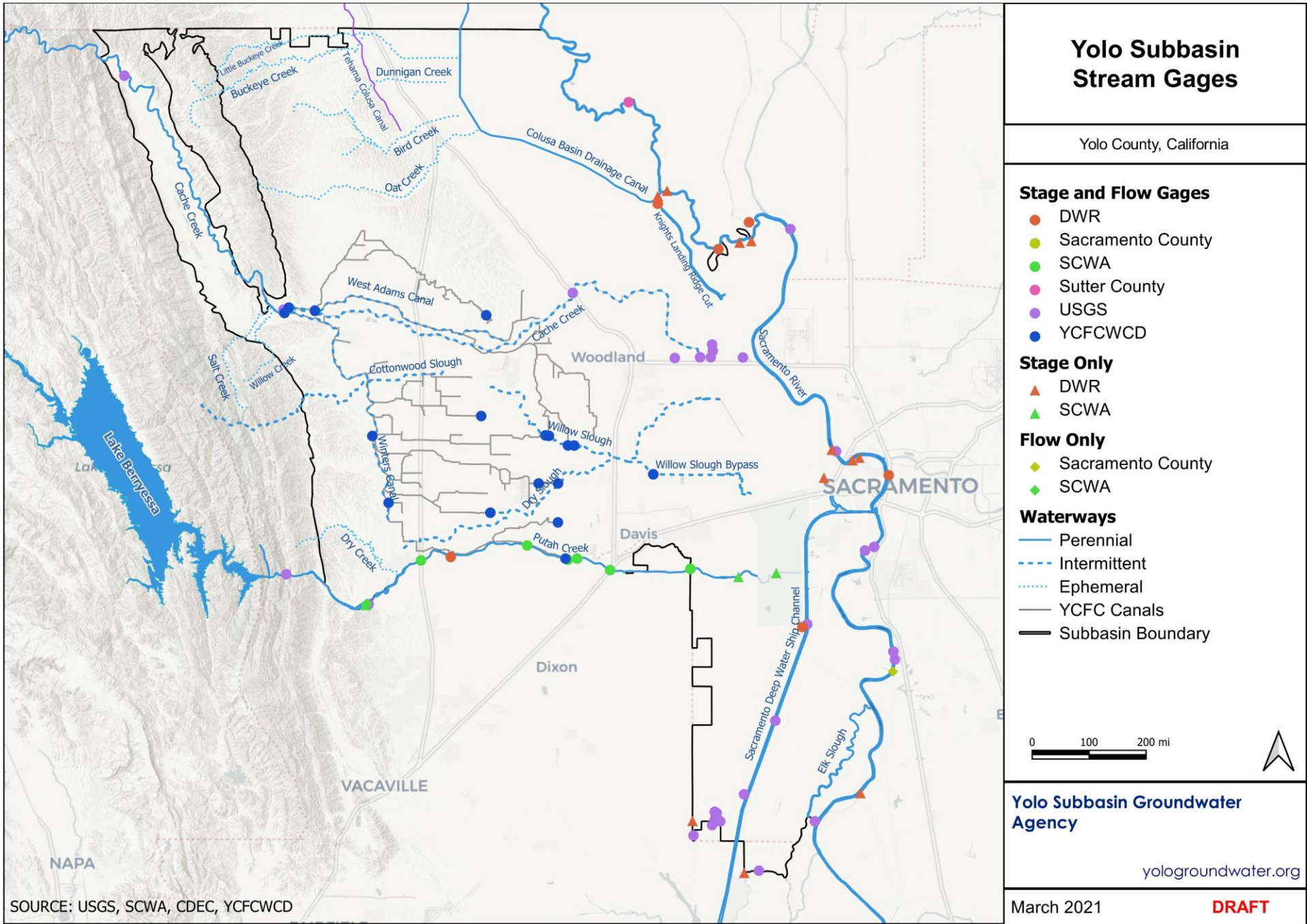
The monitoring network shall be able to characterize the following:

- a. **Flow conditions** including surface water discharge, surface water head, and baseflow contribution.
- b. Identifying the **approximate date and location** where **ephemeral or intermittent flowing streams and rivers cease to flow**, if applicable.
- c. **Temporal change** in conditions due to **variations in stream discharge** and **regional groundwater extraction**.
- d. Other factors that may be necessary to identify **adverse impacts on beneficial uses** of the surface water.

Definition:

Surface Water Types

1. Perennial
2. Intermittent
3. Ephemeral



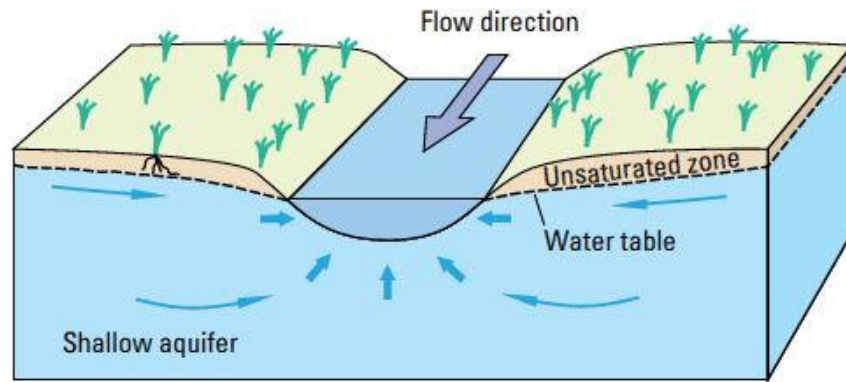
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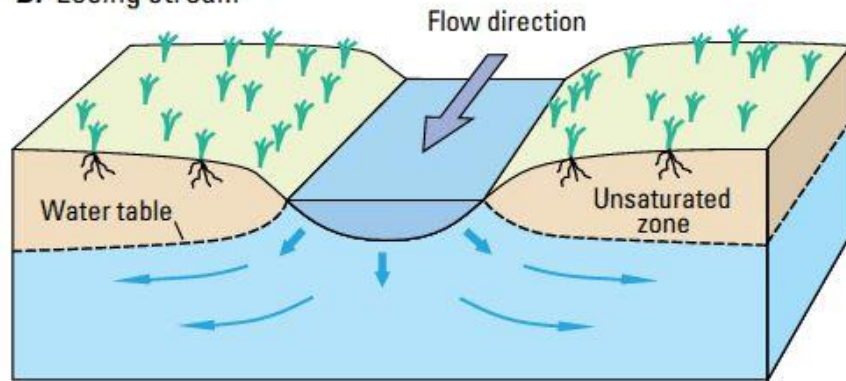
Surface Water / Groundwater Interaction

Connected

A. Gaining stream

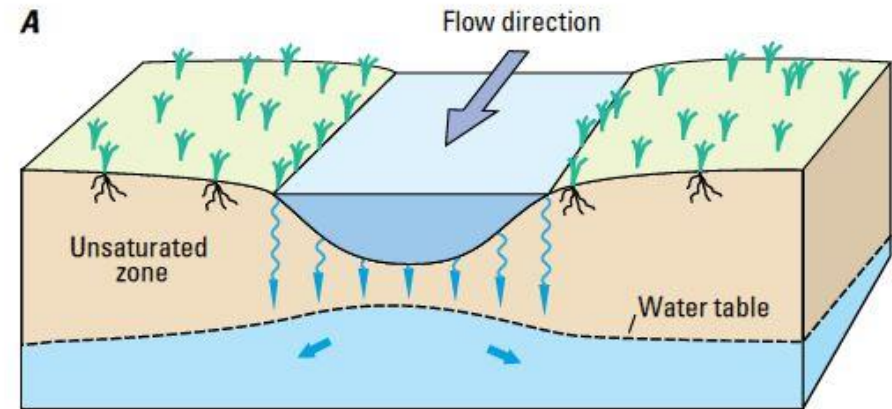


B. Losing stream

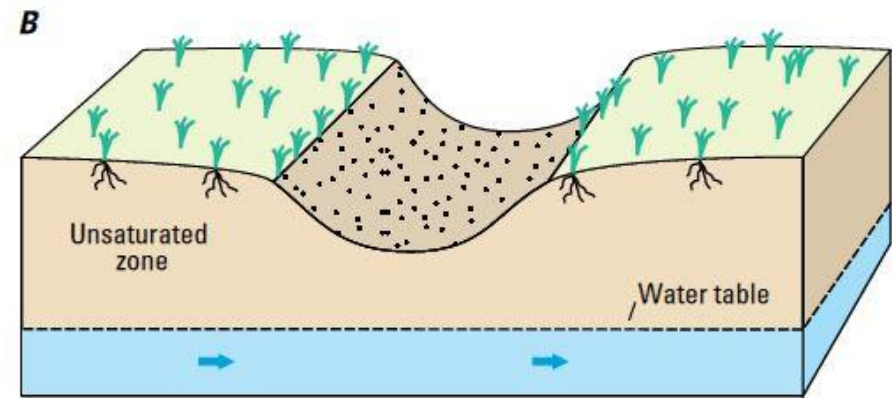


Disconnected

A



B









Definition:

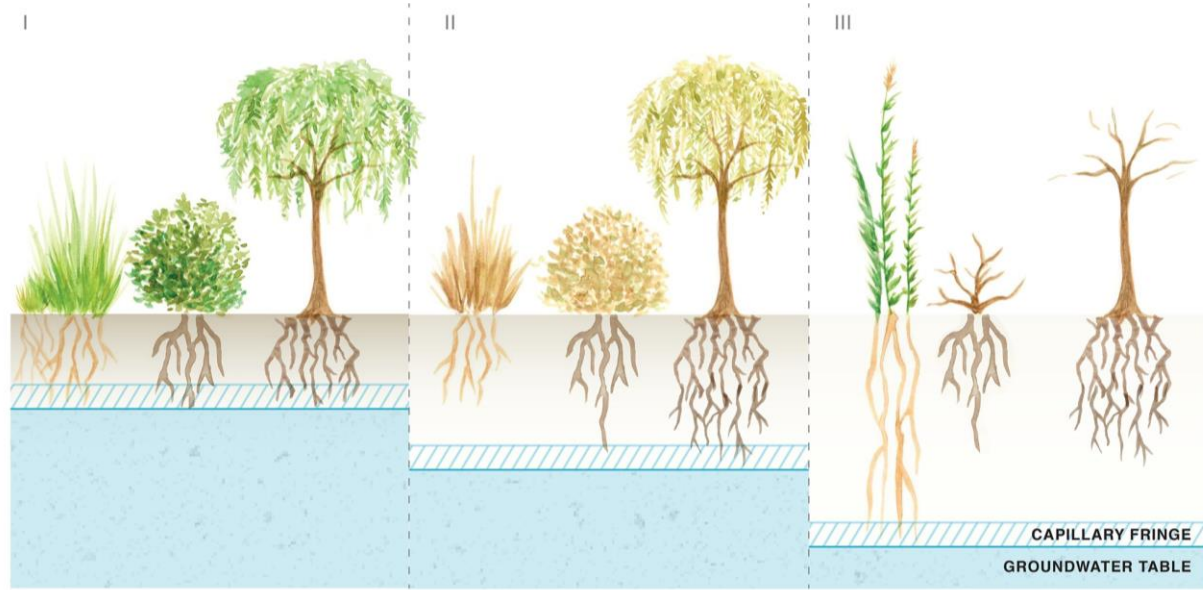
Beneficial Uses/Users of Groundwater

- Agricultural users
- Domestic well owners
- Municipal well operators
- Public water systems
- Local land use planning agencies
- Environmental users of groundwater
- Surface water users, if there is a hydrologic connection between surface and groundwater bodies
- The federal government, including, but not limited to, the military and managers of federal lands
- California Native American tribes
- Disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, those served by private domestic wells or small community water systems
- Entities listed in Section 10927 that are monitoring and reporting groundwater elevations in all or a part of a groundwater basin managed by the groundwater sustainability agency.

GDEs are a User of Groundwater (not a SMC)

| Sustainability Indicators |  Lowering GW Levels |  Reduction of Storage |  Seawater Intrusion |  Degraded Quality |  Land Subsidence |  Surface Water Depletion |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|--|--|
| Metric(s) Defined in GSP Regulations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groundwater Elevation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extraction Volume | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chloride concentration isocontour | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Migration of Plumes • Number of supply wells • Volume • Location of isocontour | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rate and Extent of Land Subsidence | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volume or rate of surface water depletion |

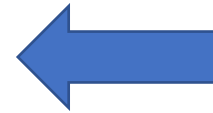
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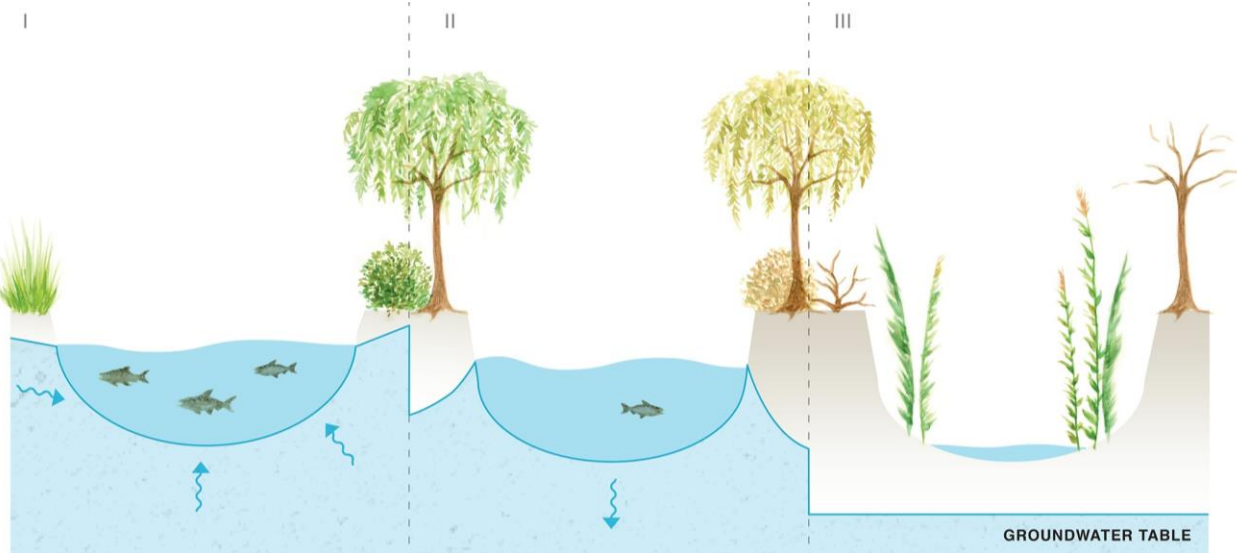
Sustainable Management Criteria (SMC)

SMC: Water Level

Minimum Threshold is the historic minimum level in WL Representative Wells

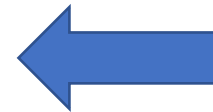


Aquatic GDE



SMC: SW/GW Interaction

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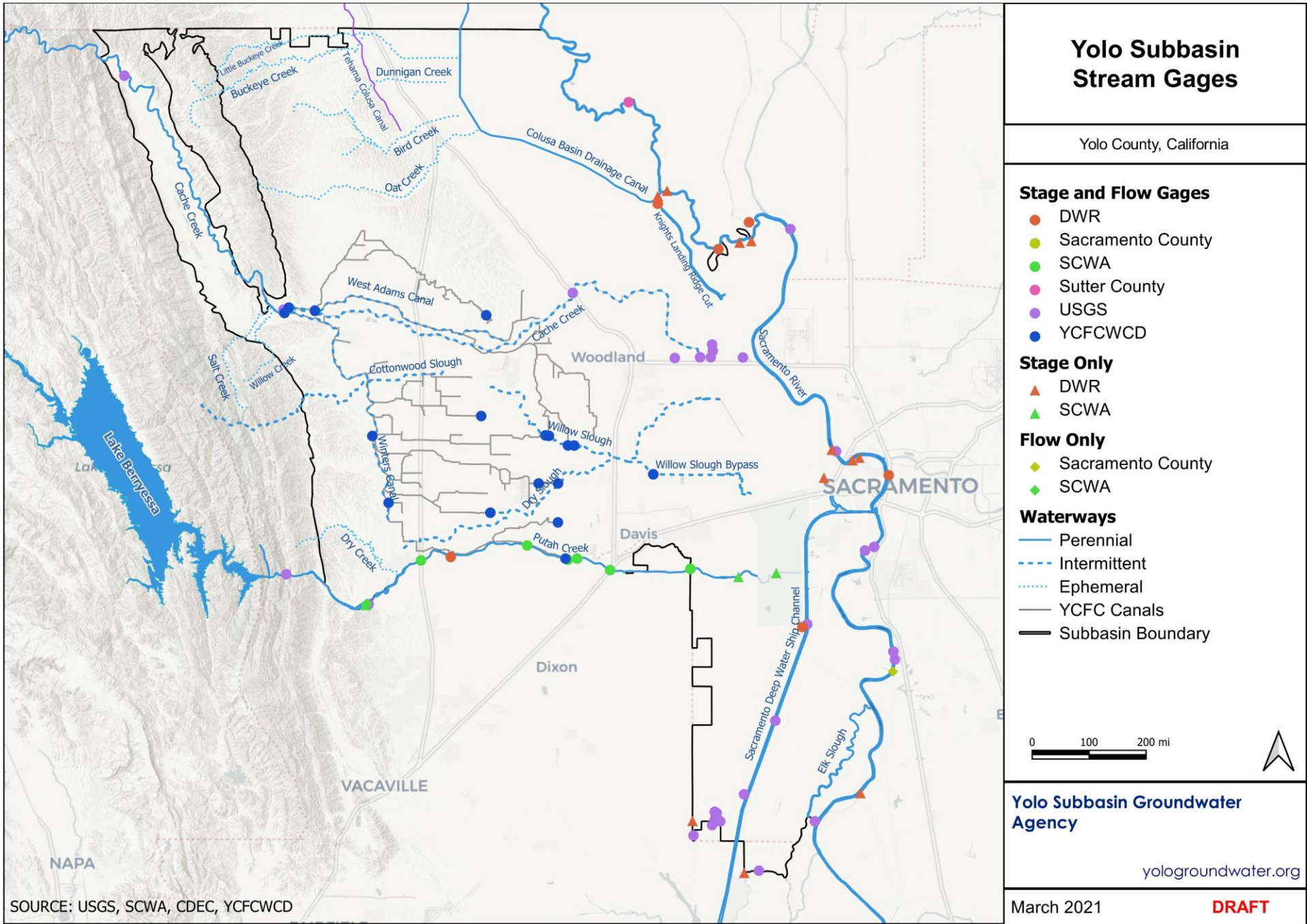


Two Sets of Representative Wells

1. Water Level
2. SW/GW Interaction

**Existing Programs:
Perennial Waterways**

Sacramento River
Putah Creek



SOURCE: USGS, SCWA, CDEC, YFCWCWD

YSGA SW/GW Interaction Analysis

1. Quantification of Gains and Losses in acrefeet/year
2. Two sets of monitoring wells
 - a) Representative water level (regular monitoring wells)
 - b) Shallow aggregate mine monitoring
3. Thalweg intersection of elevation contours shows gaining and losing reaches.

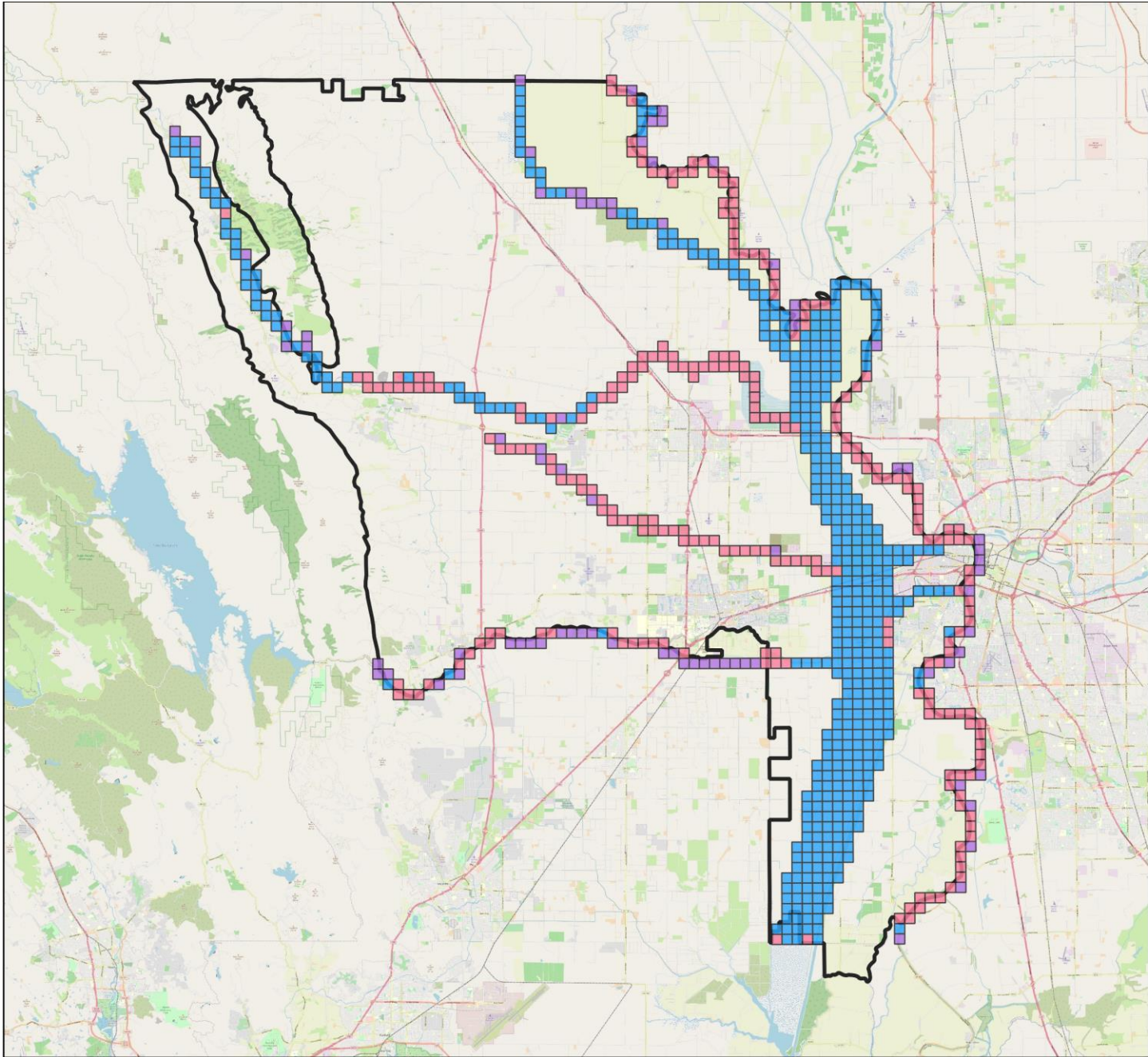
Quantification of SW/GW Interaction

Losing (SW to GW)

- Cache Creek: 29 TAF
- Putah Creek: 13.9 TAF
- Sacramento River: 0.9 TAF

Gaining (GW to SW)

- Yolo Bypass: 25.7 TAF
- Knights Landing Ridge Cut: 1.5 TAF
- Colusa Basin Drain: 2 TAF



YSGA Model GW/SW Exchange Historical Average

Yolo County, California

Surface Water Exchange

- Gaining Reaches
- Losing Reaches
- Exchange = 0
- Subbasin Boundary

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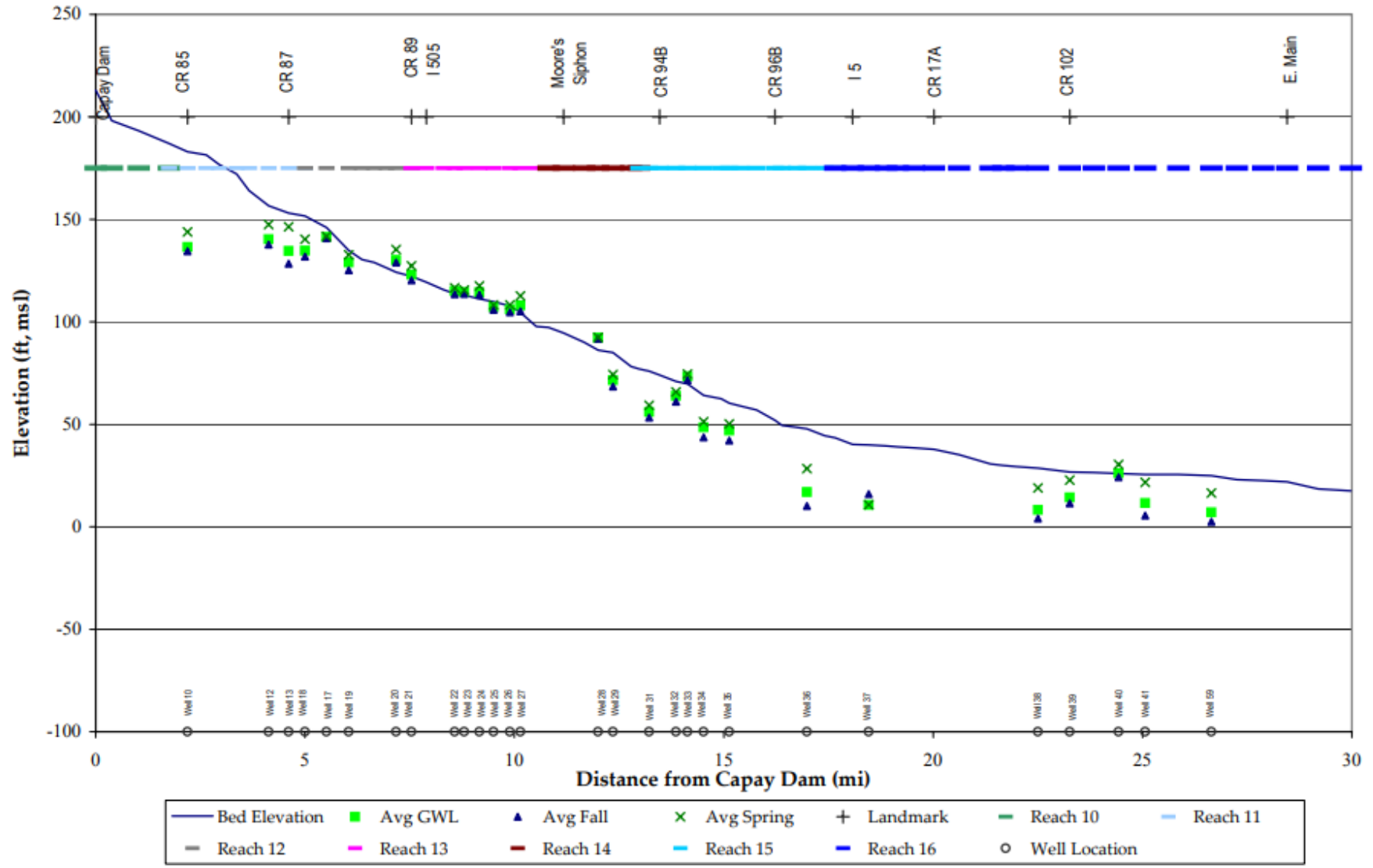
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**Groundwater Comes to the Surface:
Cache Creek**

Analysis with Water Level Representative Wells

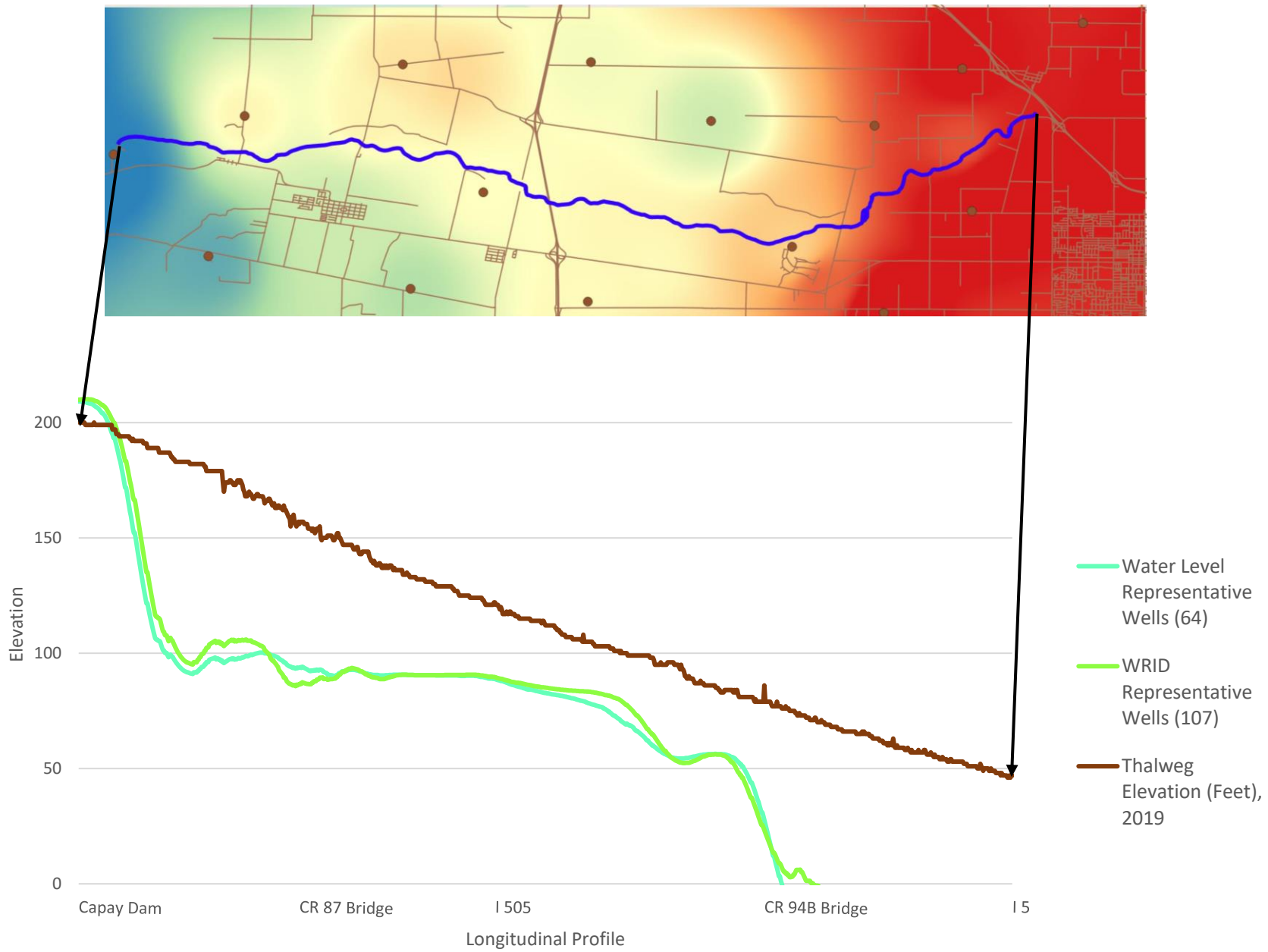


YOLO COUNTY
INTEGRATED GROUNDWATER AND SURFACE WATER MODEL (YCIGSM)

Longitudinal Profile of Cache Creek

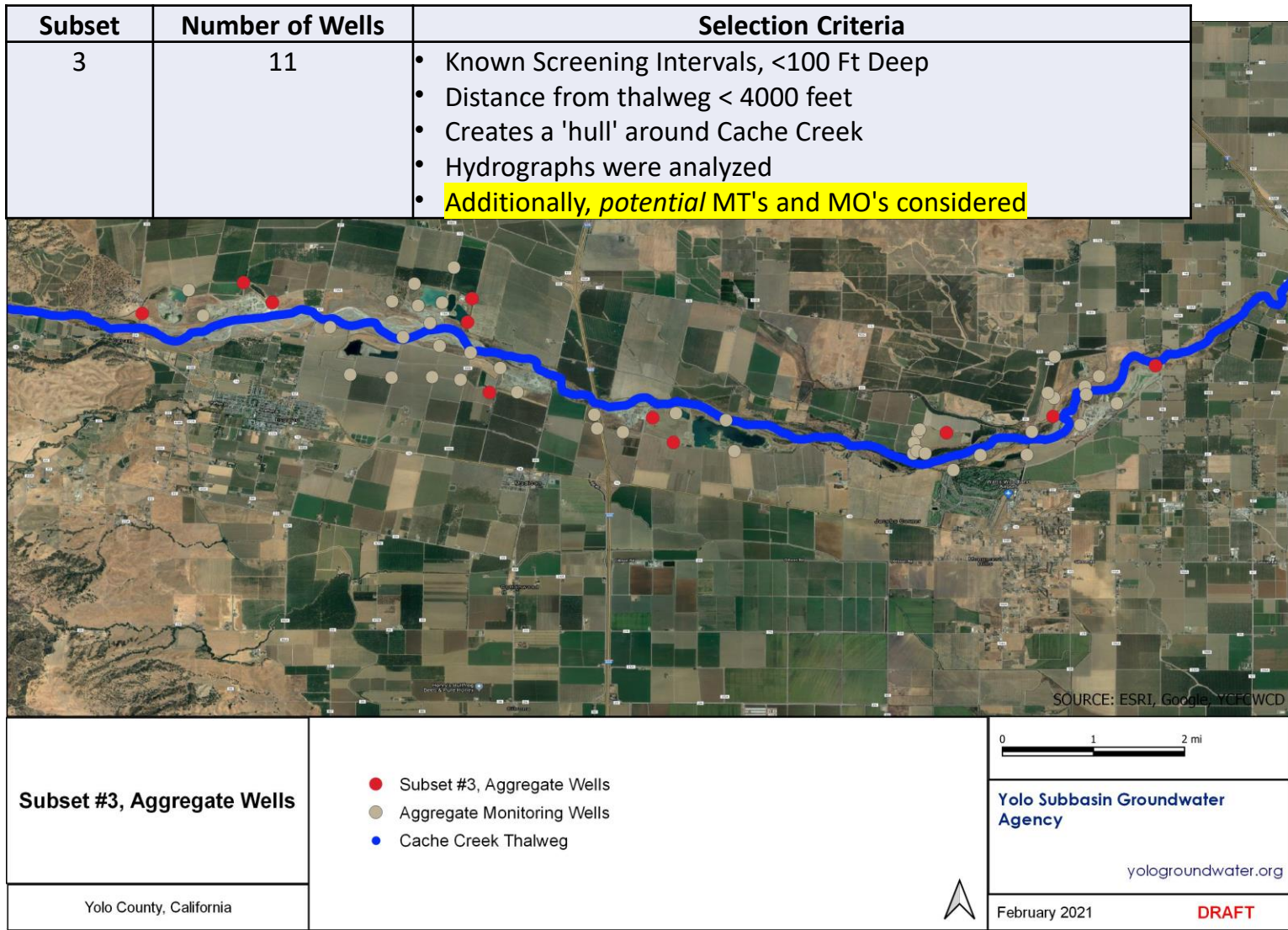
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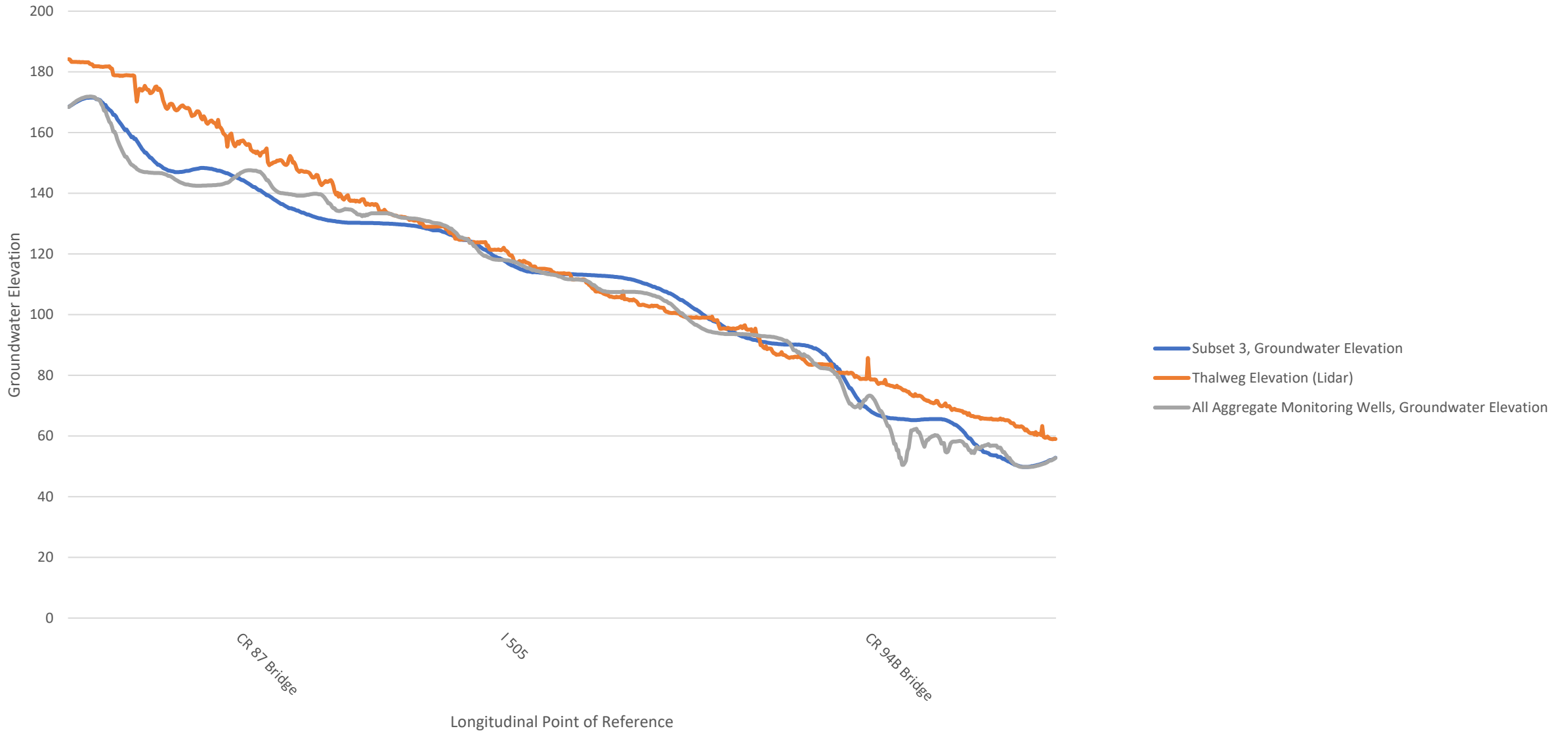


Groundwater Comes to the Surface: Cache Creek

Analysis with special aggregate mining monitoring wells



Longitudinal Profile of Cache Creek & Interpolated Groundwater Elevation

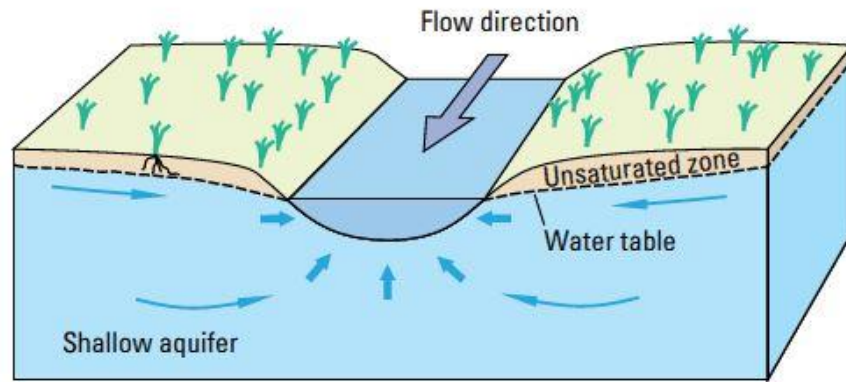


**Groundwater Access to Terrestrial GDE:
Basin-Wide**

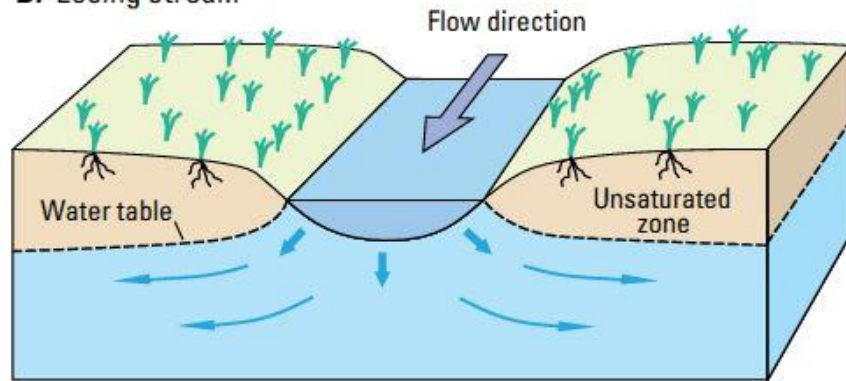
Basin-wide Interconnected Surface Water

Connected

A. Gaining stream

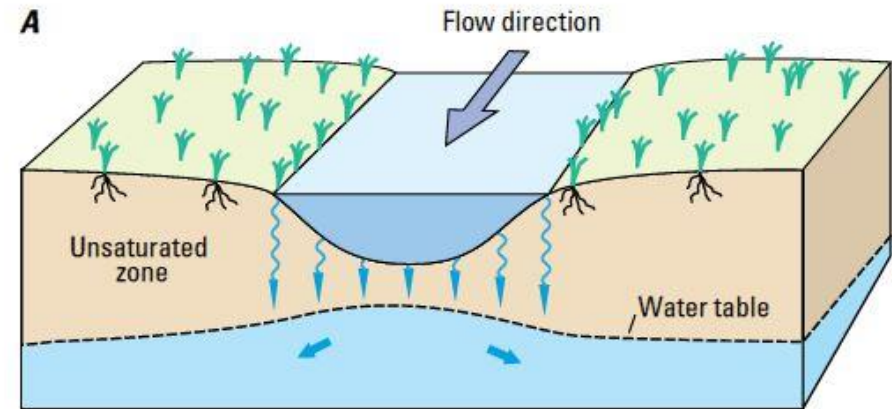


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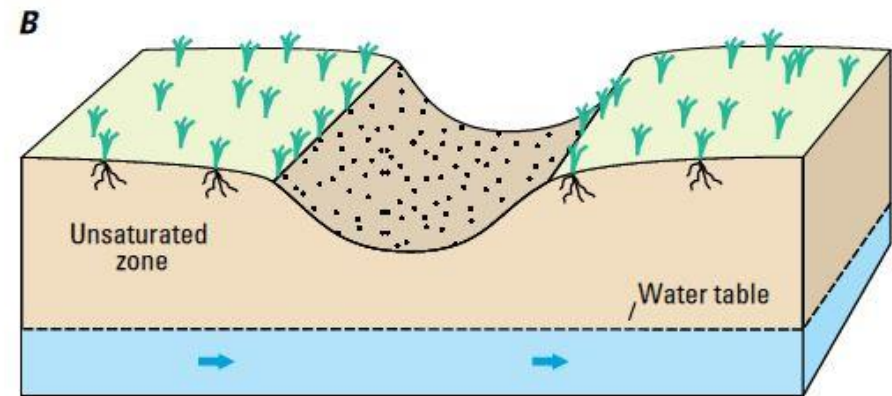


Disconnected

A



B



Yolo Subbasin Interconnected Surface Water

Minimum Groundwater Depth
Water Year 2006 - 2015

- Limited GW data
 - Groundwater Measurements
 - Subbasin Boundary
- P4MaxMinAvg**
- Perennial
- Connected - Gaining: DTW < 0 ft.
 - Connected - Losing: DTW 0 - 20 ft.
 - Uncertain: DTW 20 - 50 ft.
 - Disconnected: DTW > 50 ft.
- Intermittent & Ephemeral
- Connected - Gaining: DTW < 0 ft.
 - Connected - Losing: DTW 0 - 5 ft.
 - Uncertain: DTW 5 - 20 ft.
 - Disconnected: DTW > 20 ft.

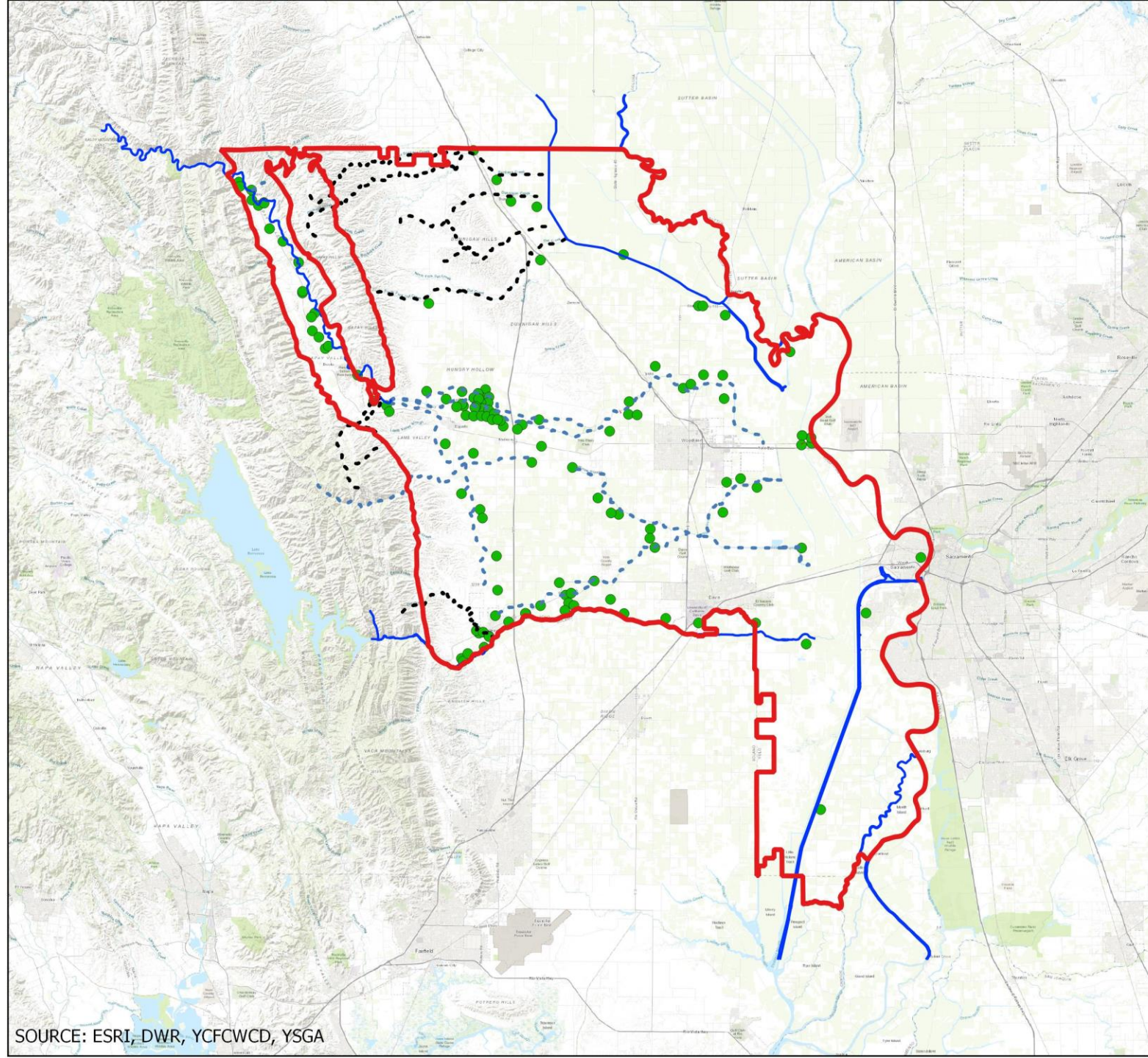


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GW/SW Criteria Wells

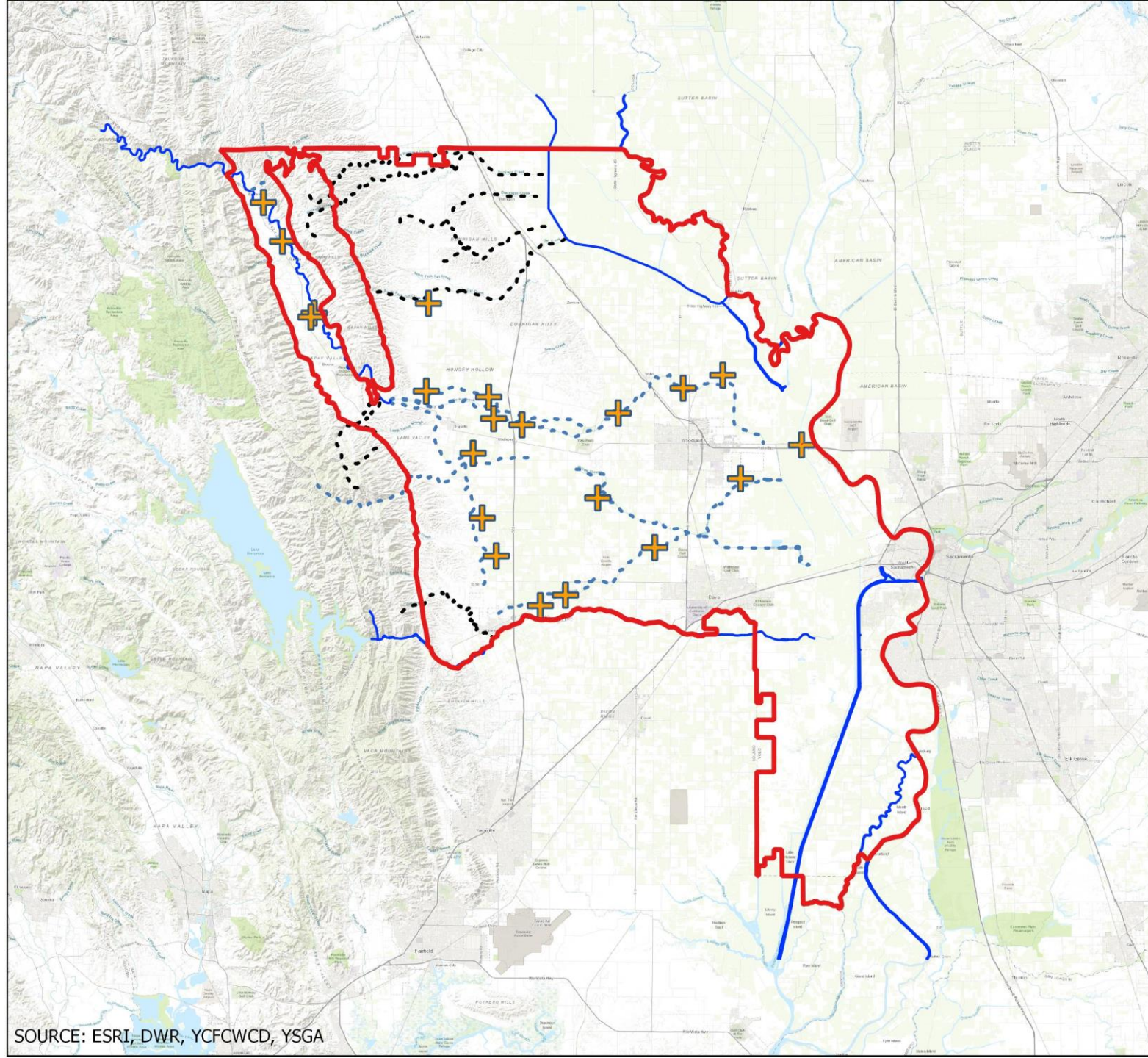
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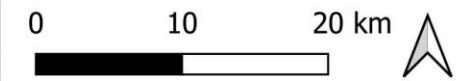


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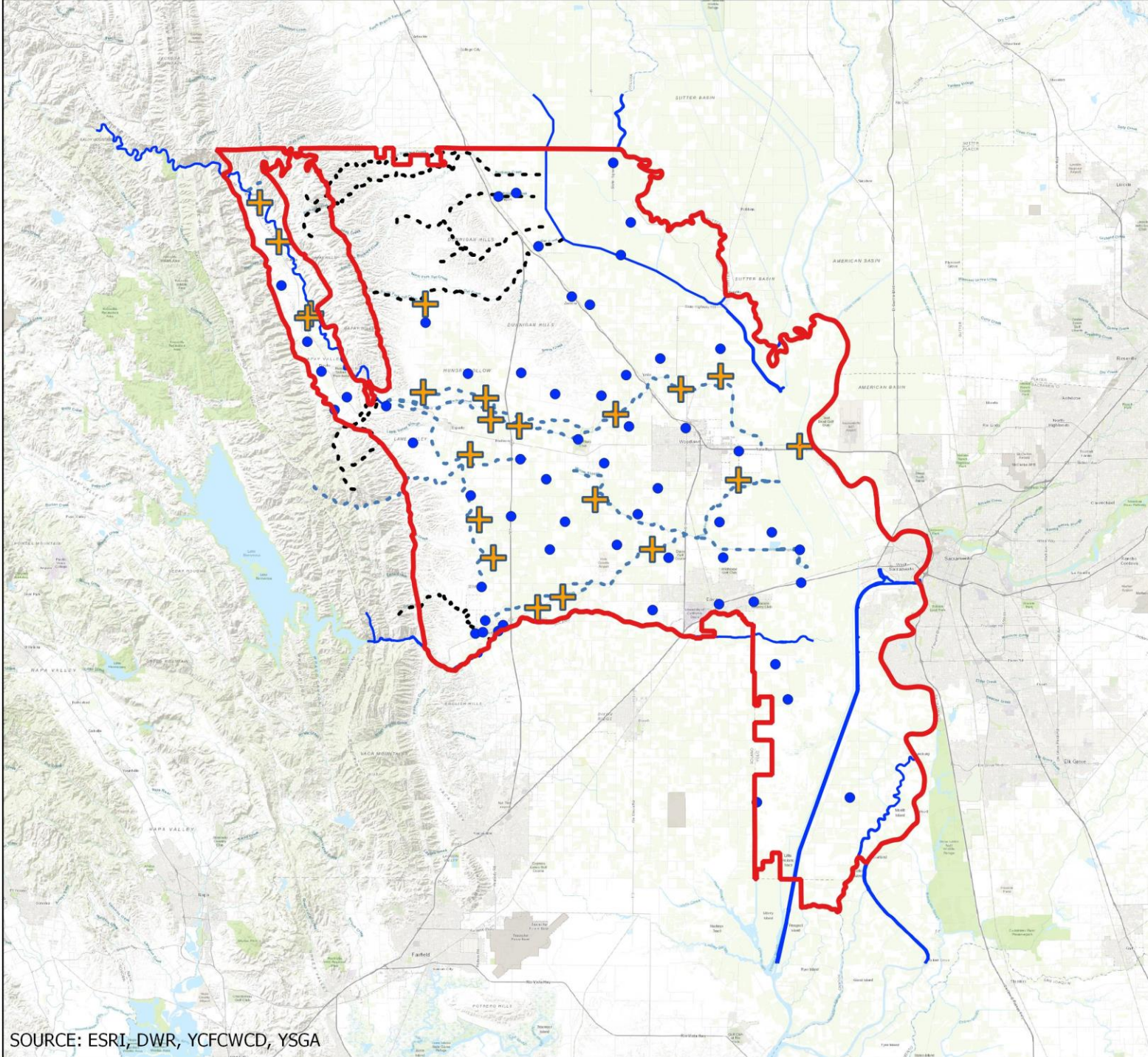
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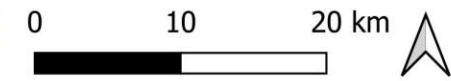


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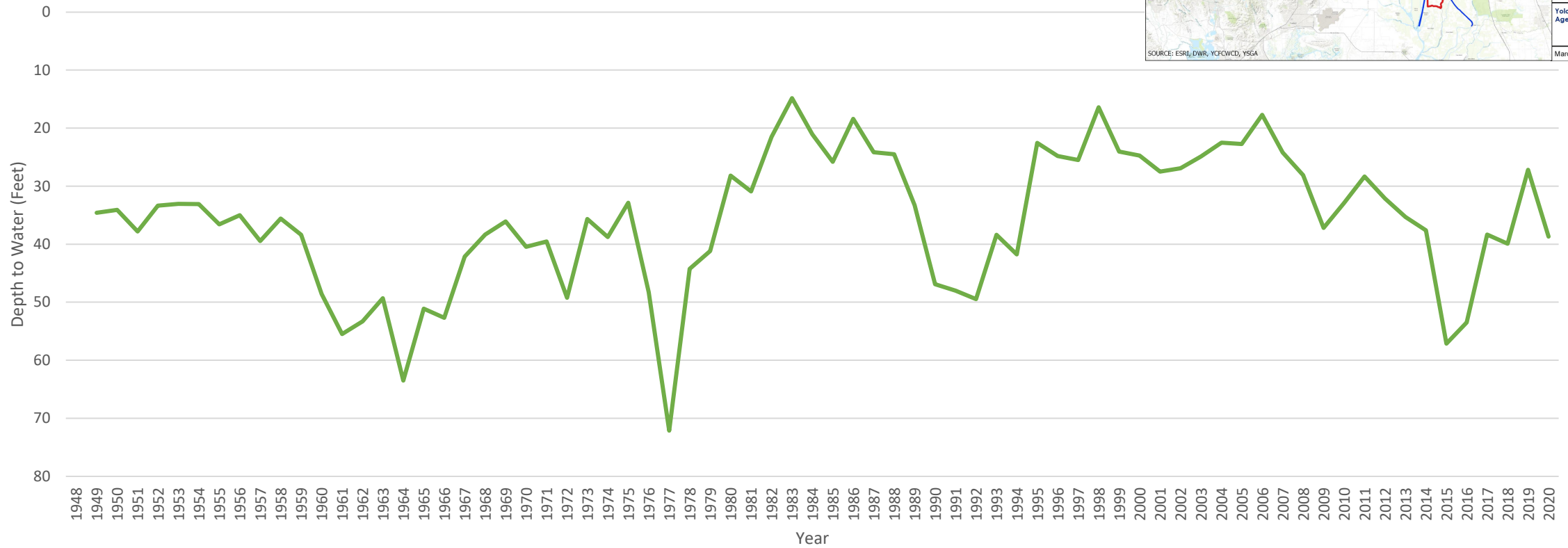


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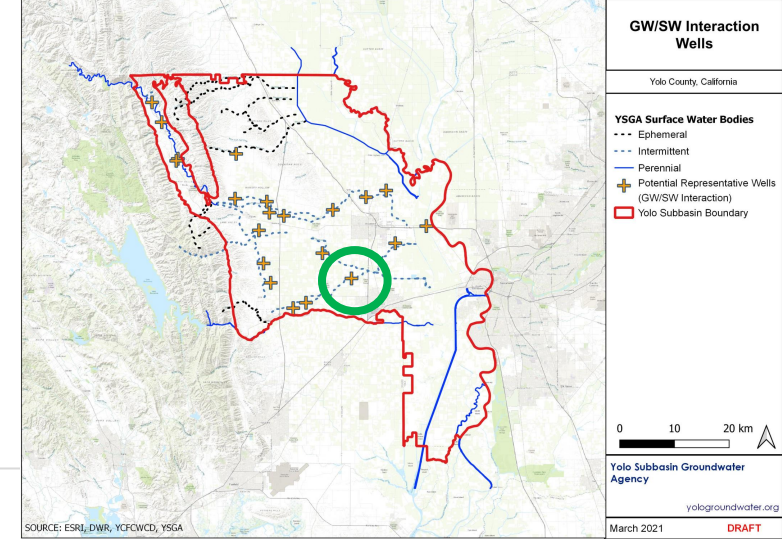
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