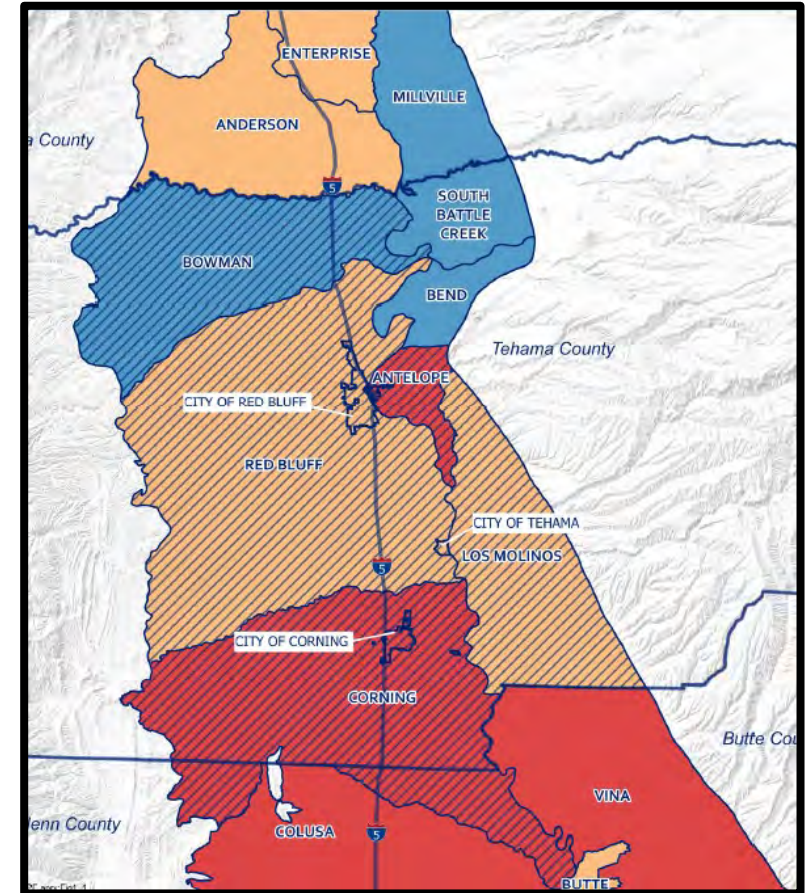




# Managing Our Groundwater for the Future

Implementing the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) in Tehama County

Los Molinos Subbasin Tailgate  
October 22, 2020 (5:30 PM)



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# What is SGMA?



The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) -- law was passed in 2014



Values Local Control

Local responsible agencies = Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs)



Management plans = Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs)



GSPs submitted to the State by January 31, 2022



Sustainability must be achieved within 20 years (by 2042)

# What is the purpose of SGMA?

- Promote sustainable management of groundwater basins
- Enhance local management of groundwater (State to step in if necessary)
- Improve data collection and understanding of groundwater resources and management
- Avoid or minimize undesirable results to groundwater



Lowering  
GW Levels



Reduction  
of Storage



Land  
Subsidence



Degraded  
Quality



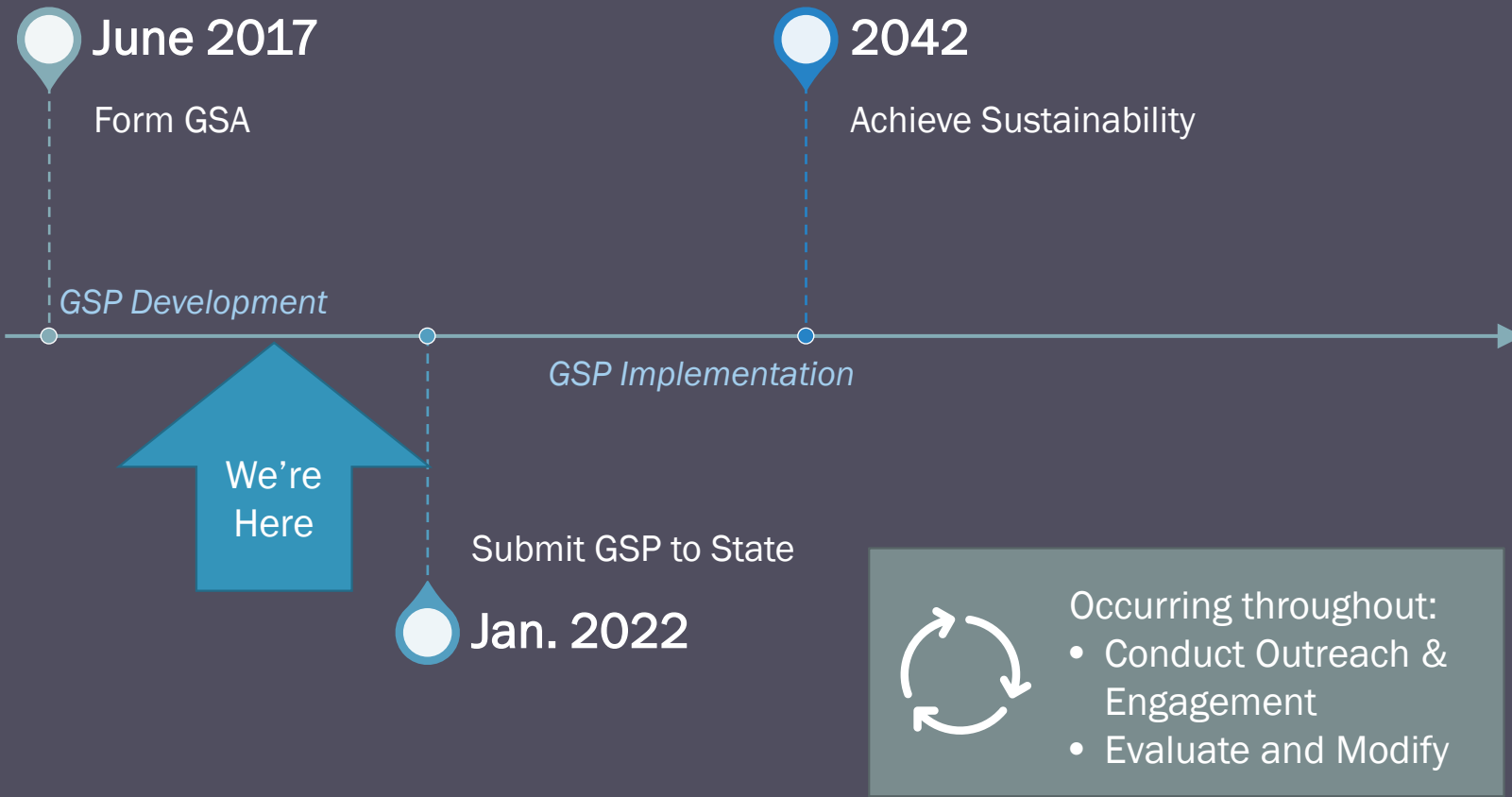
Surface Water  
Depletion



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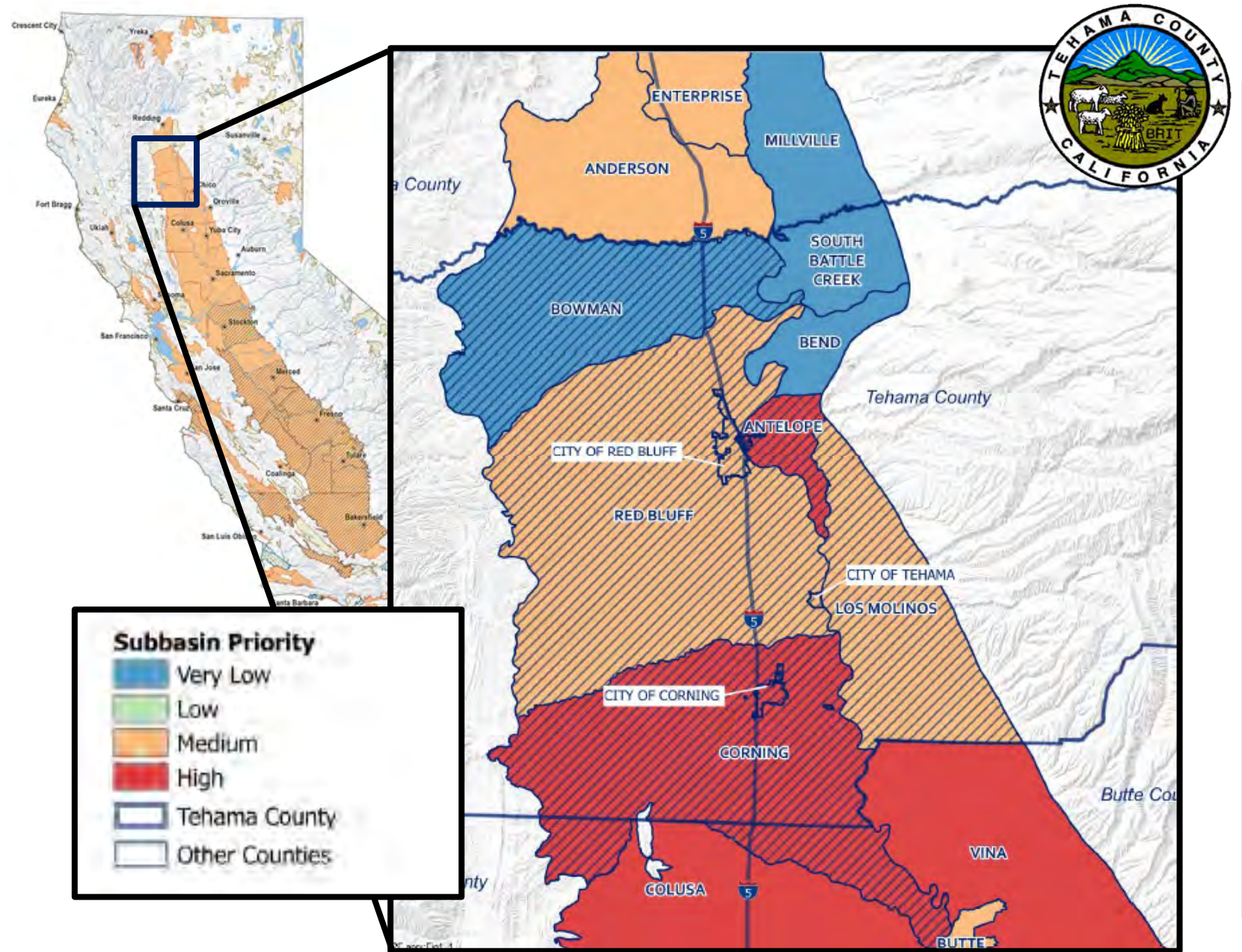
## Undesirable Results





# What is the SGMA Implementation Timeline?

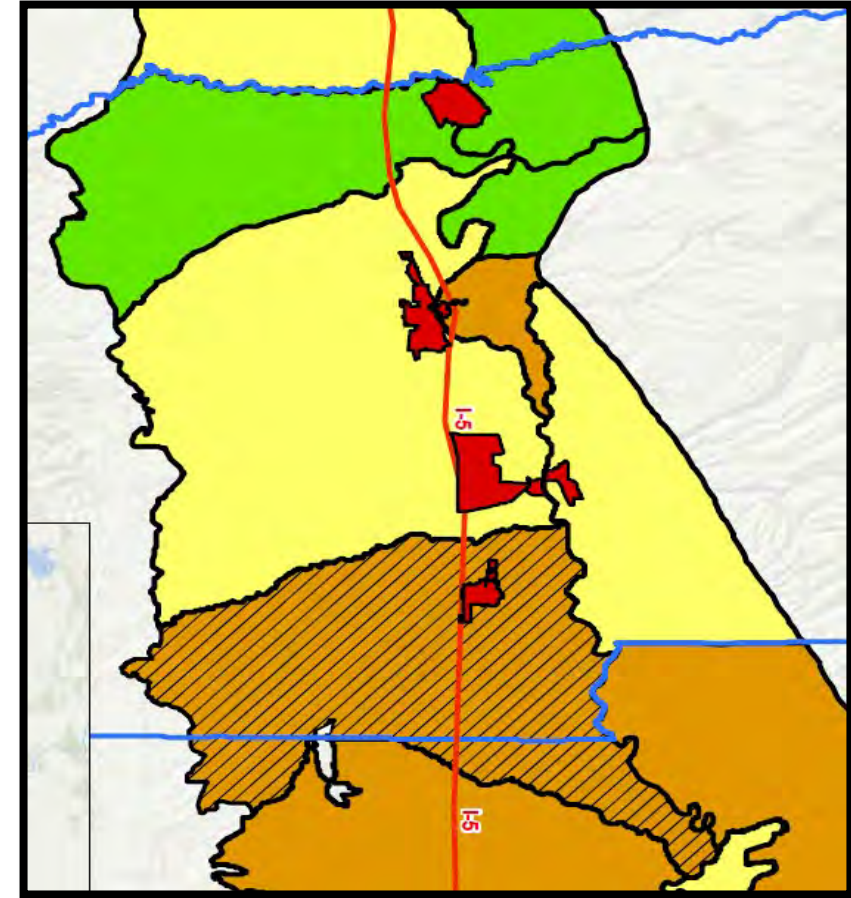
# What are our subbasins?





# Tehama County GSA Governance Structure

- **Governing Board** – Tehama County Flood Control & Water Conservation District Board of Directors (County Board of Supervisors)
- **Groundwater Commission** (similar to Planning Commission)
  - The Commission is made up of 11 members
  - Six agencies will have designated seats on the Commission and appoint their own members.
    - 1 – City of Corning
    - 1 – City of Red Bluff
    - 1 – City of Tehama
    - 1 – El Camino Irrigation District
    - 1 – Los Molinos Community Services District
    - 1 – Rio Alto Water District

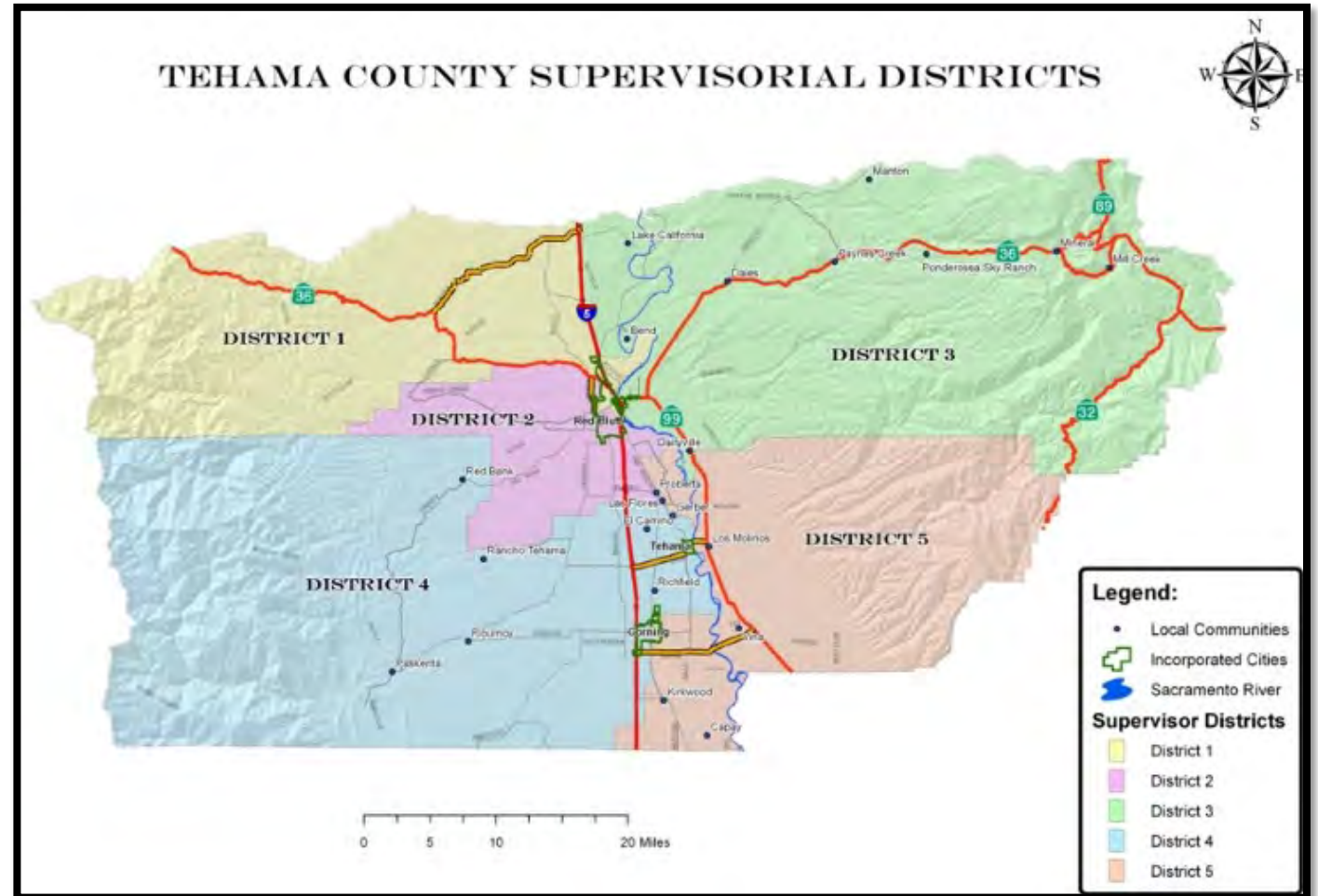


# Groundwater Commission Membership (*continued*)



## Additional Members will Include 1 Representative from each County Supervisorial District

- Members should be a resident, property owner, or groundwater user within Tehama County;
- 2 members should represent surface water agencies/districts;
- 2 members should represent private pumpers;
- 1 member should represent the general public.



# Groundwater Commission Members



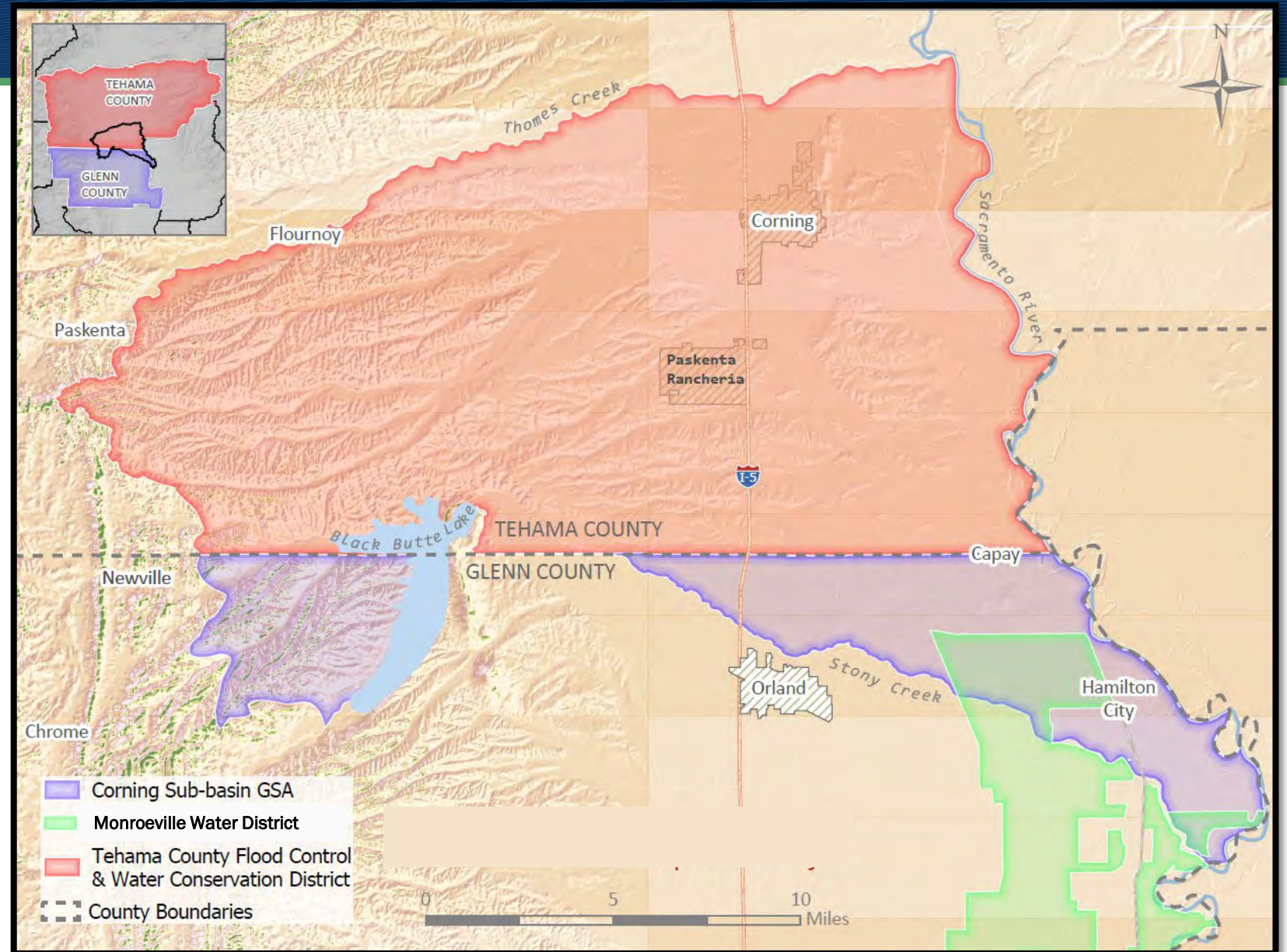
- City of Corning – Kristina Miller
- City of Red Bluff – Clay Parker
- City of Tehama – Bill Borrer
- El Camino Irrigation District – Kris Lamkin
- Los Molinos Community Services District – Todd Hamer
- Rio Alto Water District – Martha Slack
- District 1 – Harley North, private pumper
- District 2 – Sam Mudd, general public
- District 3 – Bart Fleharty, surface water agency/district
- District 4 – Hal Crain, surface water agency/district
- District 5 – David Lester, private pumper



# Corning Subbasin

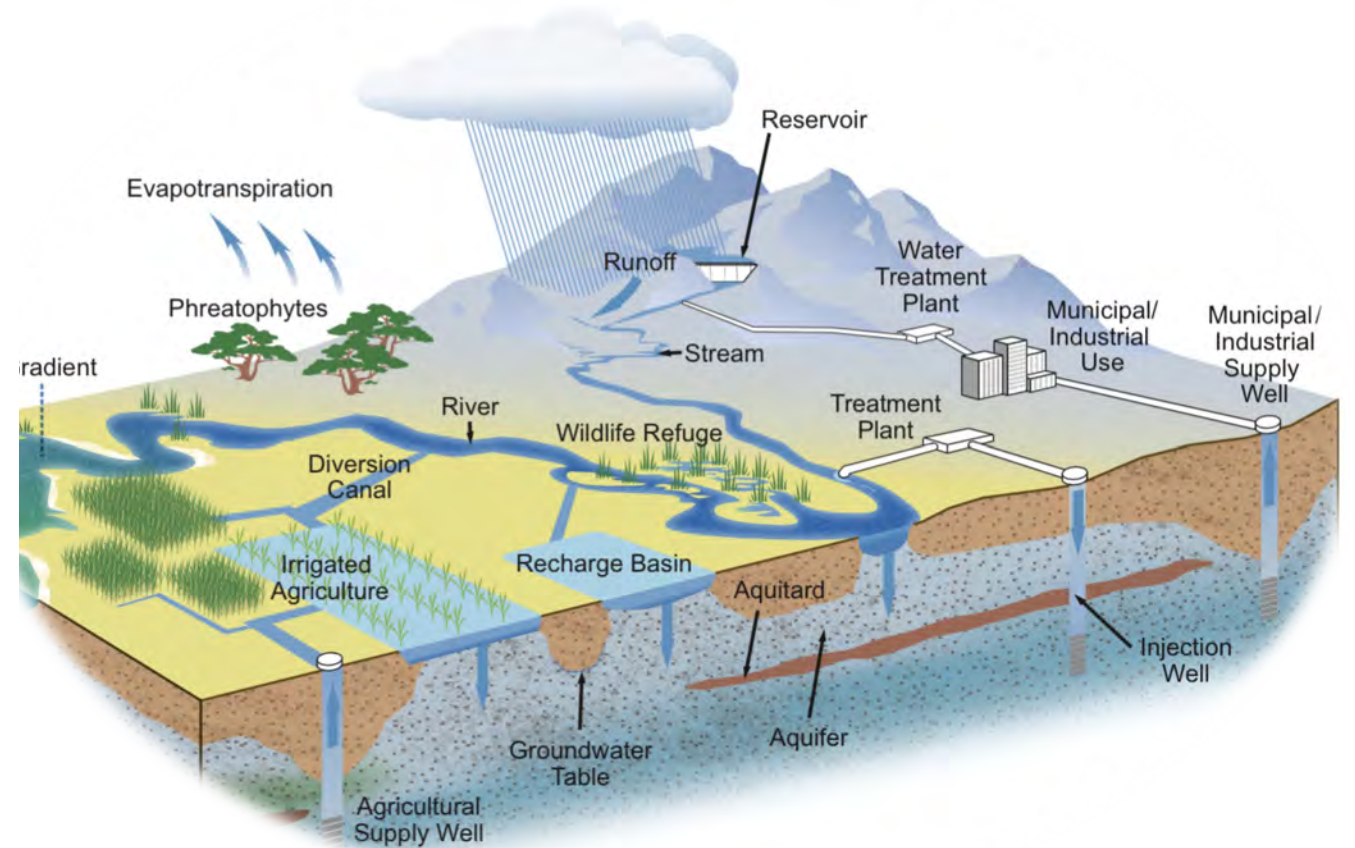
- 2 GSA Agencies
- Co-Management of the Subbasin
- Develop 1 GSP
- Separate Prop 1 Grant

[CorningSubbasinGSP.org](http://CorningSubbasinGSP.org)



# Understanding the Hydrogeologic Setting

- Graphical and narrative description of the physical components of the basin
- At least two scaled cross-sections
- Map(s) of physical characteristics
  - Topographic information
  - Surficial geology
  - Soil characteristics
  - Delineation of existing recharge areas that substantially contribute to the replenishment of the basin, potential recharge areas, and discharge areas
  - Surface water bodies
  - Source and point of delivery for local and imported water supplies



# Account for Water with a “Budget”

## Inflows

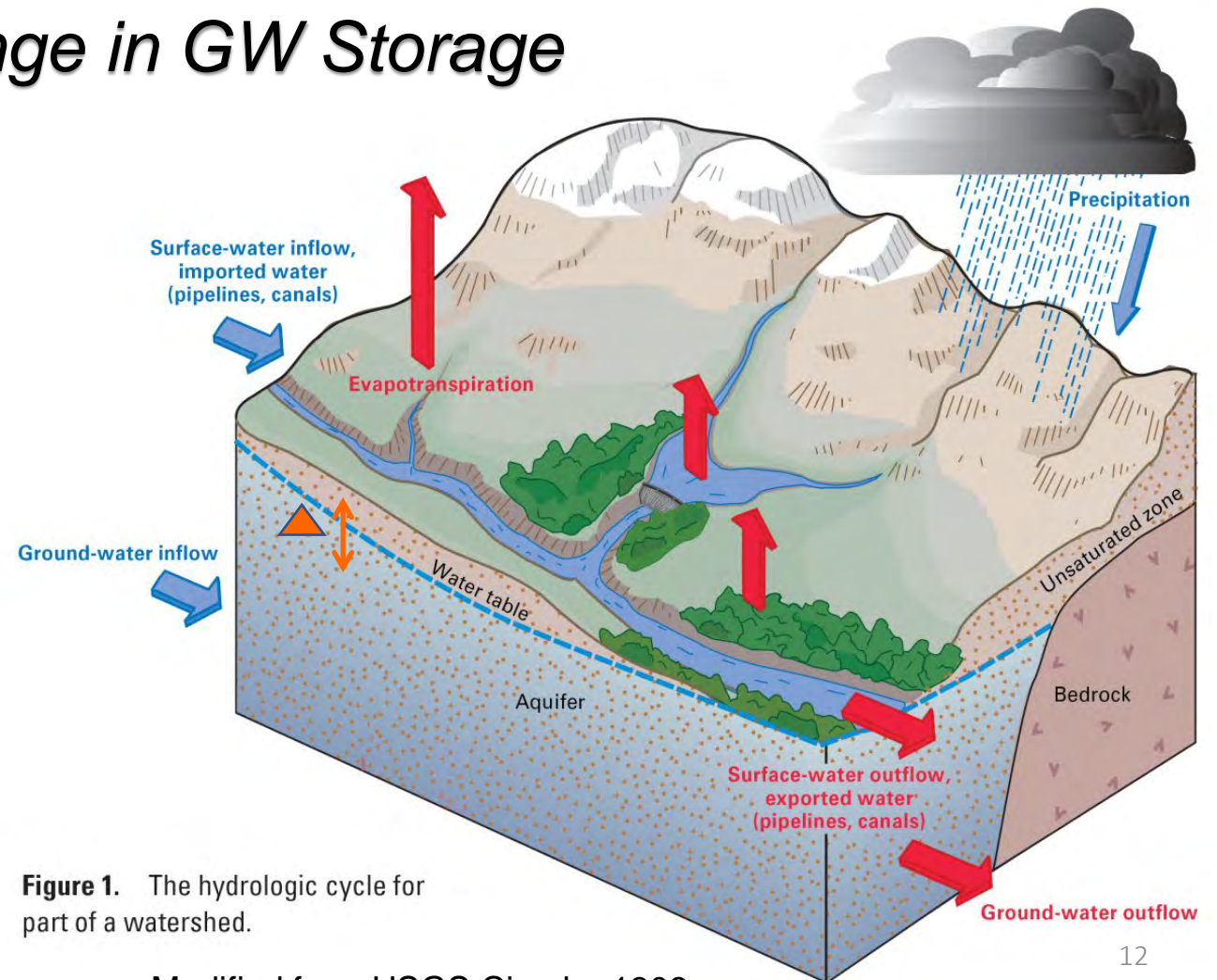
- Precipitation;
- SW inflow & infiltration;
- Intentional recharge (ponds, ditches, etc.);
- Applied water, net recharge (e.g., irrigation);
- Unintentional recharge (leaky pipelines);
- Subsurface inflows from outside basin.

## Outflows

- GW extraction by wells;
- GW discharge to SW/springs;
- Evapotranspiration; and
- Subsurface outflow from basin.

$$\text{Inflows} - \text{Outflows} = \Delta S$$

*Change in GW Storage*

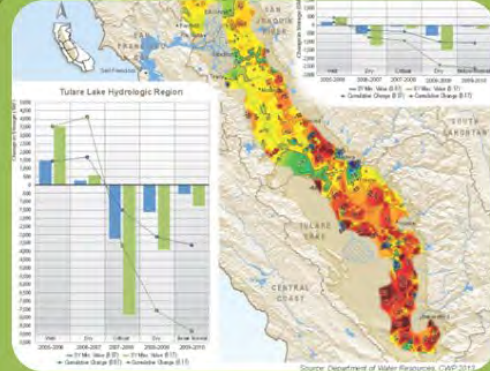



**Figure 1.** The hydrologic cycle for part of a watershed.

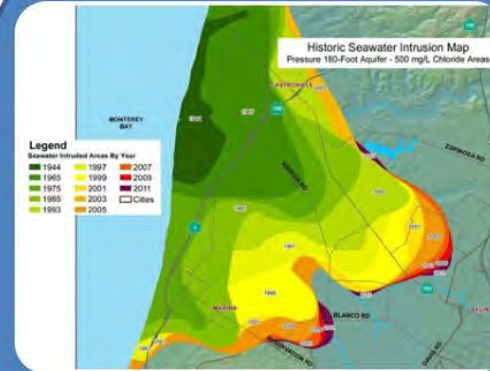
# Avoiding Undesirable Results for Six Sustainability Indicators




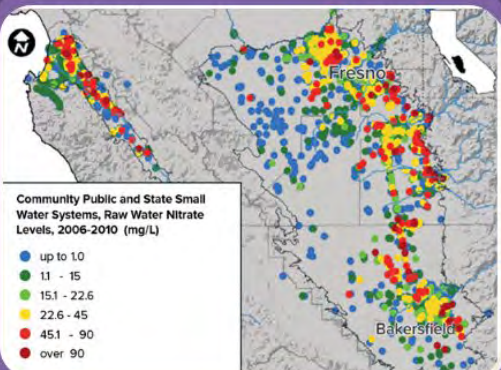
 Lowering of GW Levels




 Reduction of GW Storage



 Seawater Intrusion



 Degraded Water Quality



 Land Subsidence



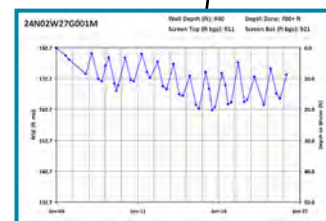
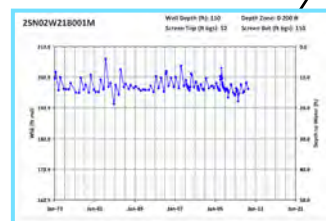
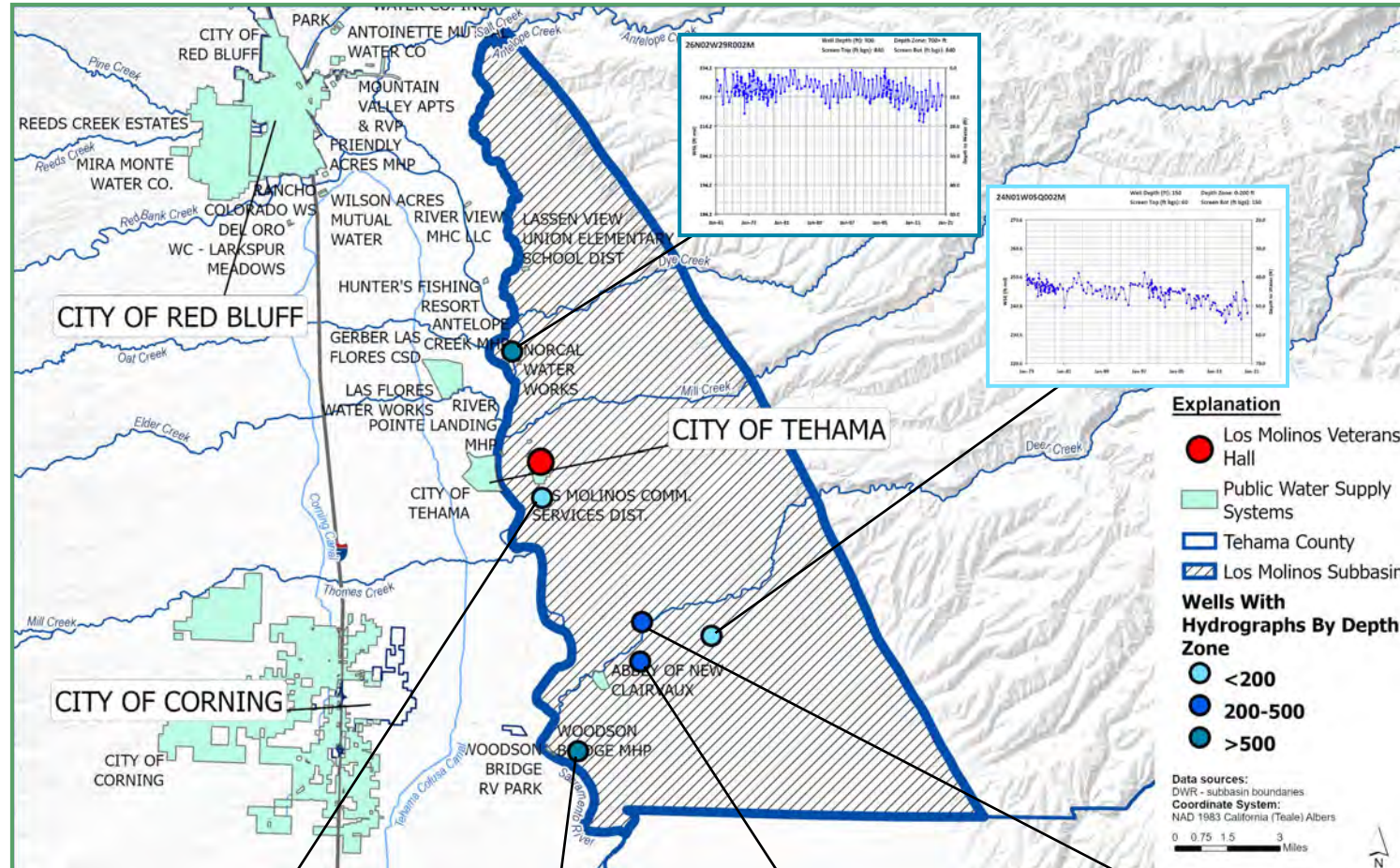
 Depletion of Inter-connected Streams



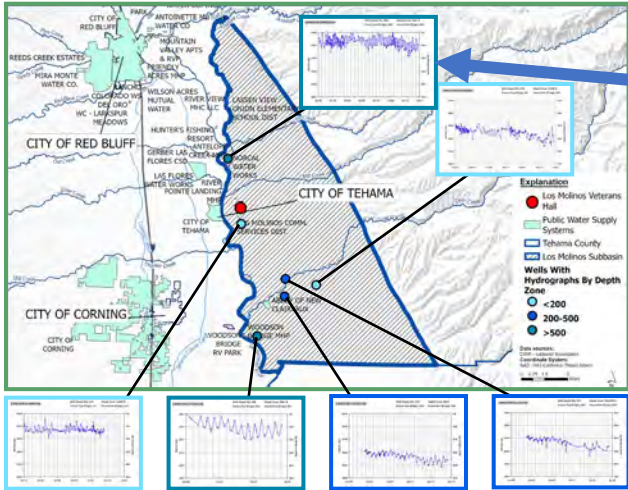
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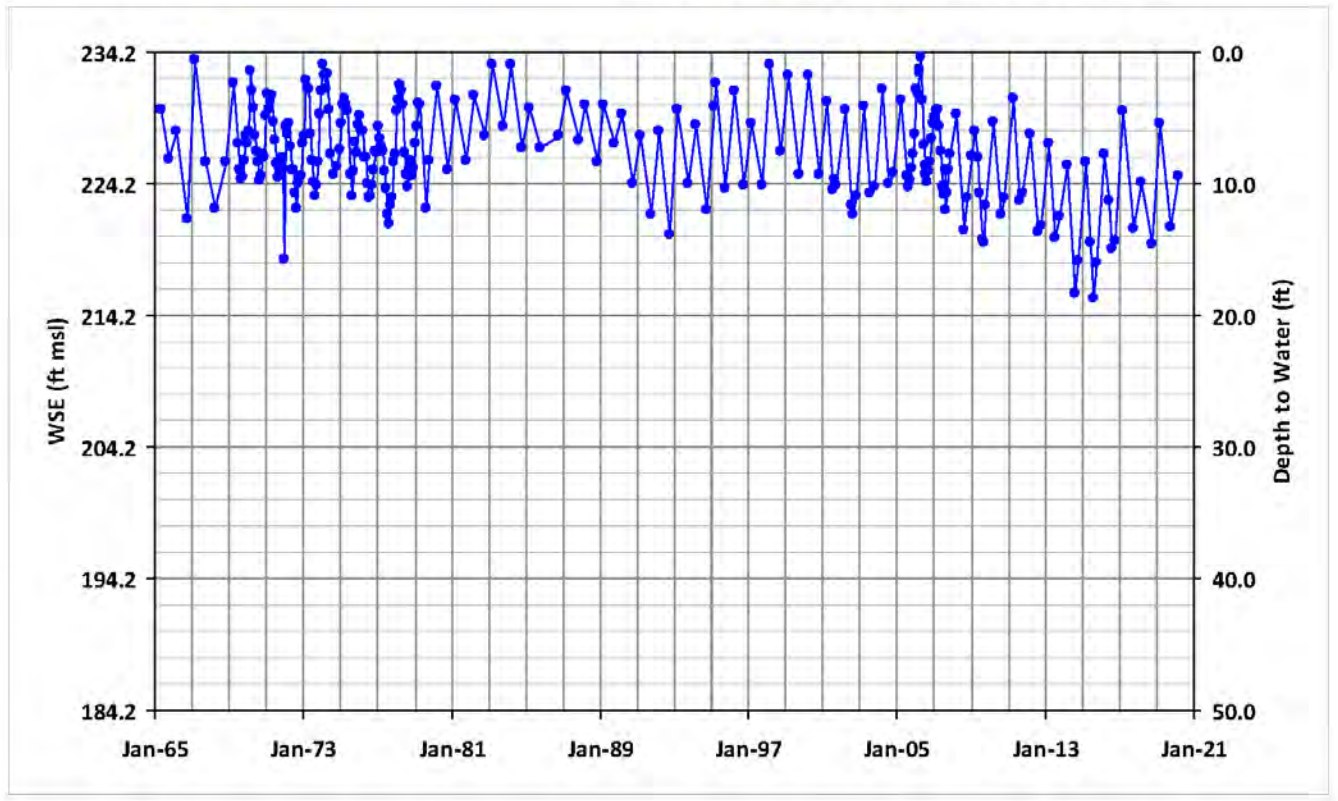
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Depth Zone: 700+ ft

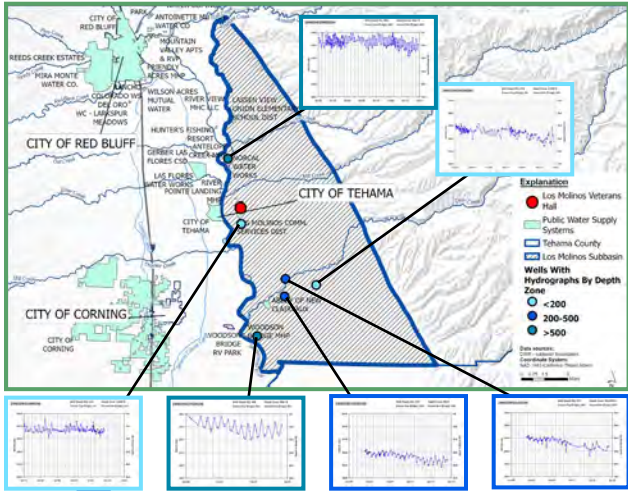
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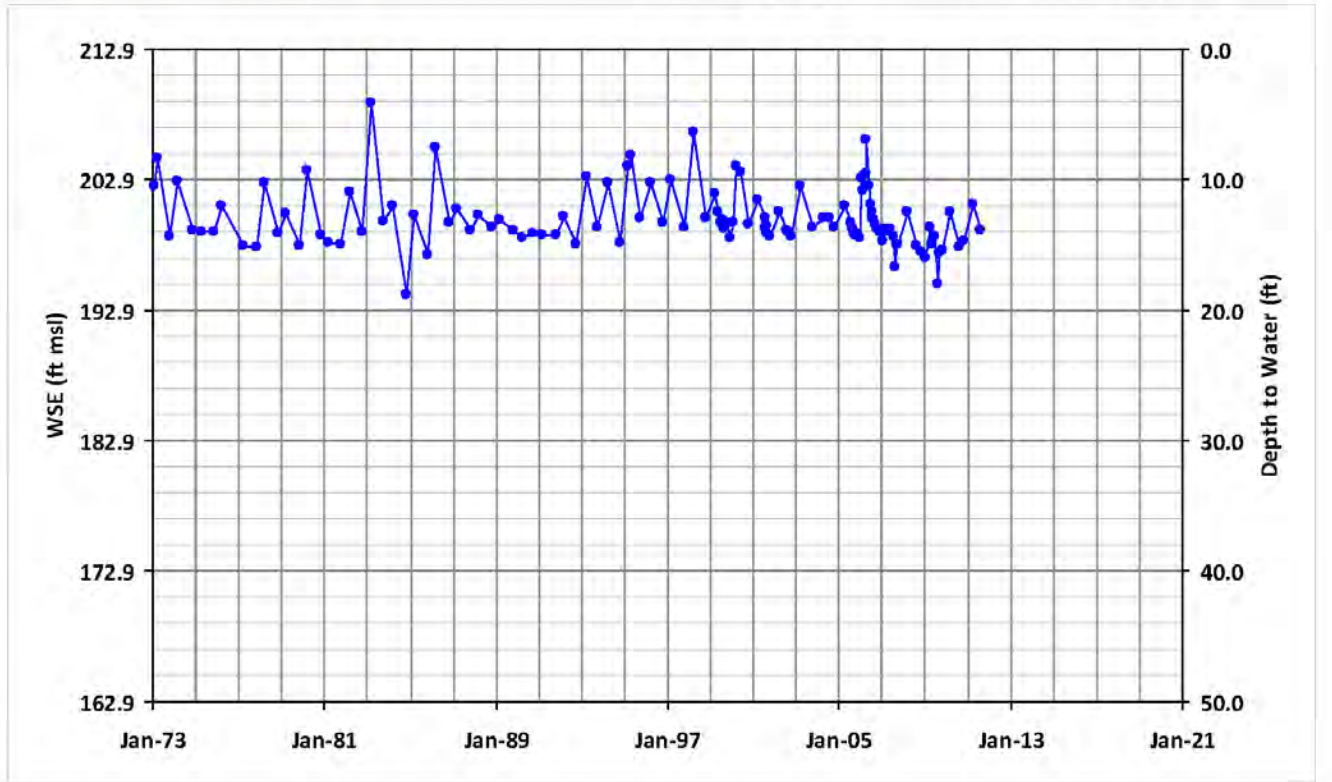
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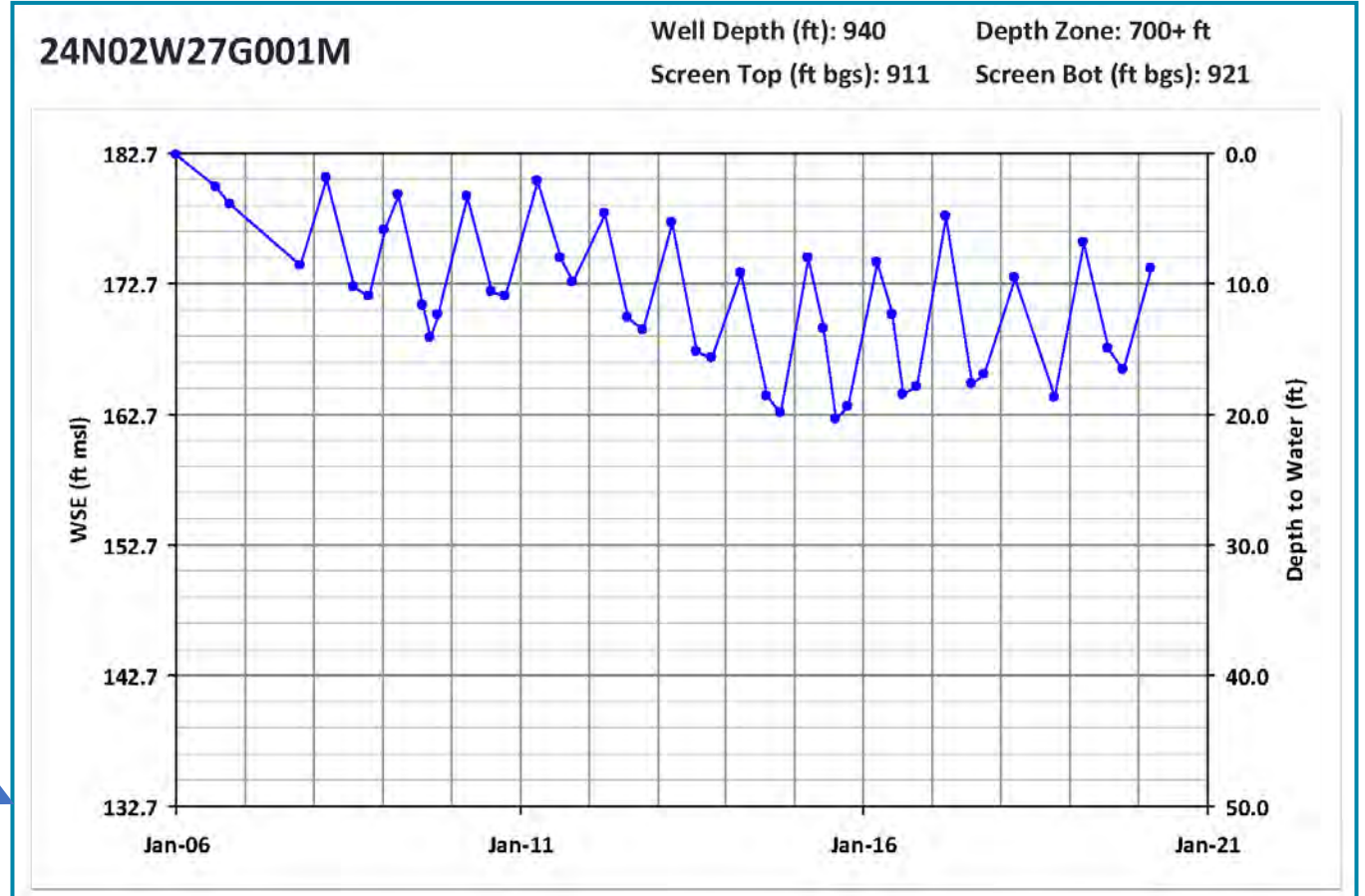
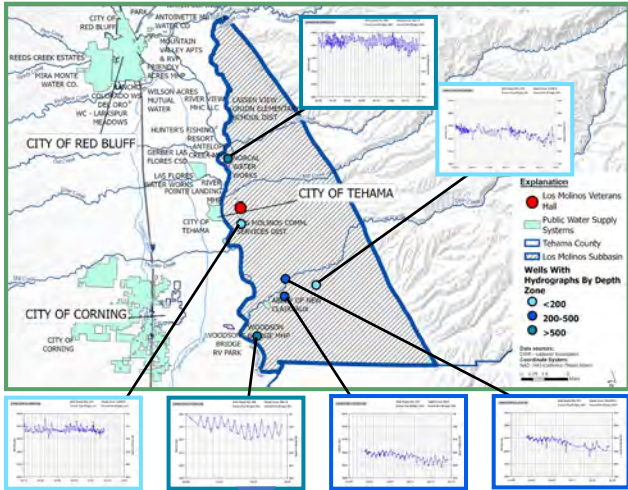
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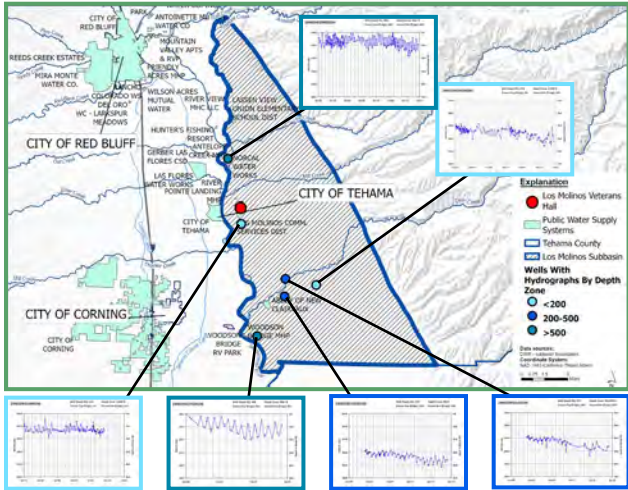
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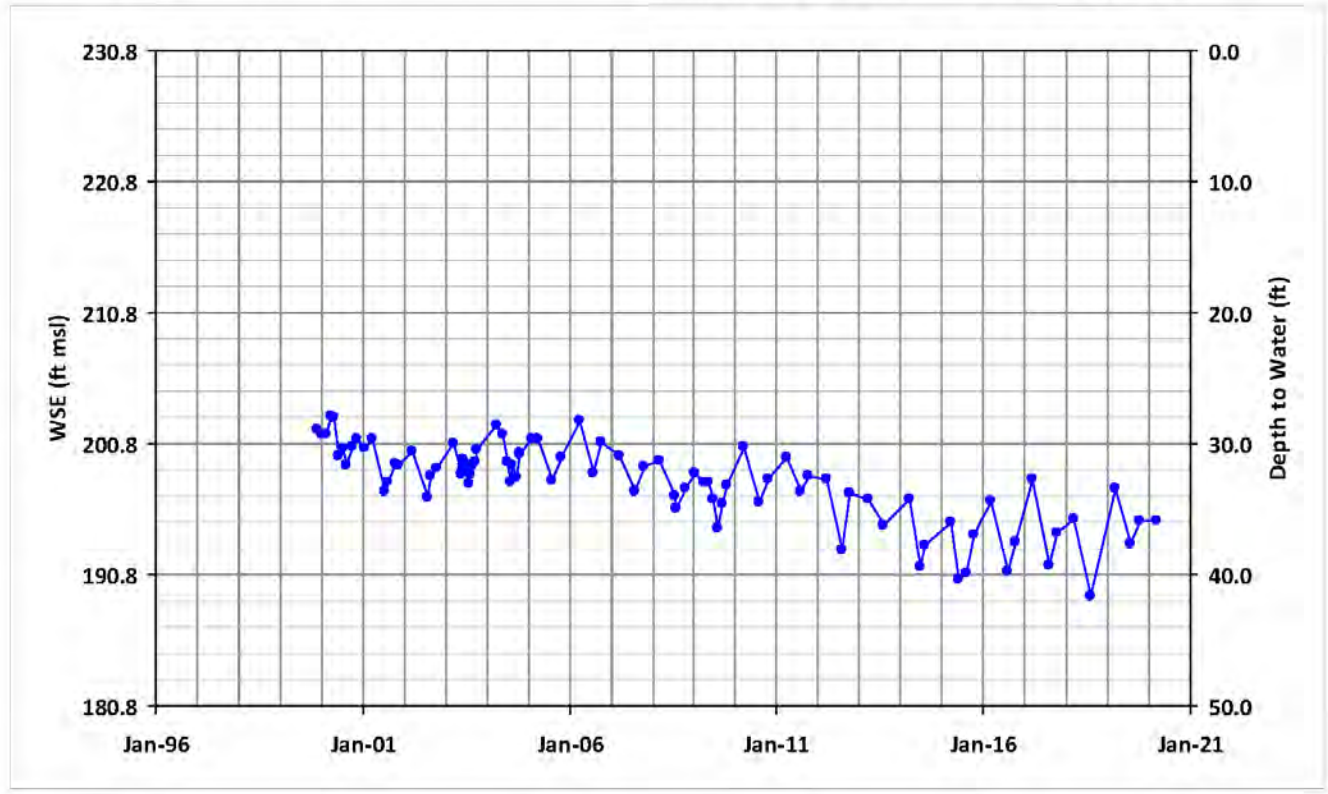
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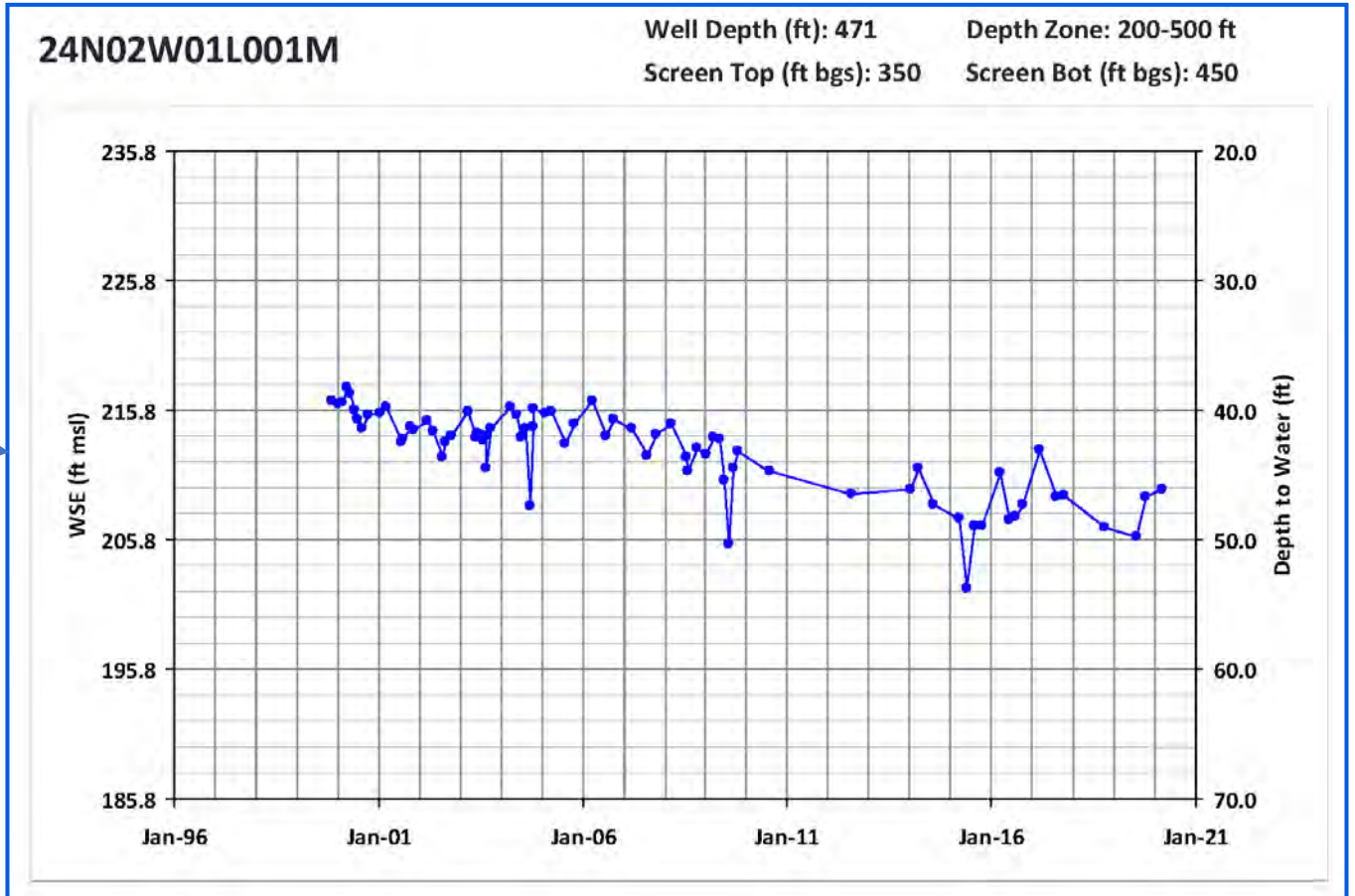
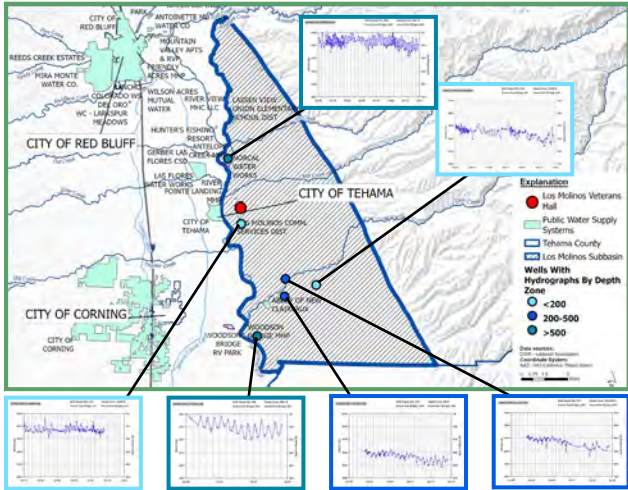
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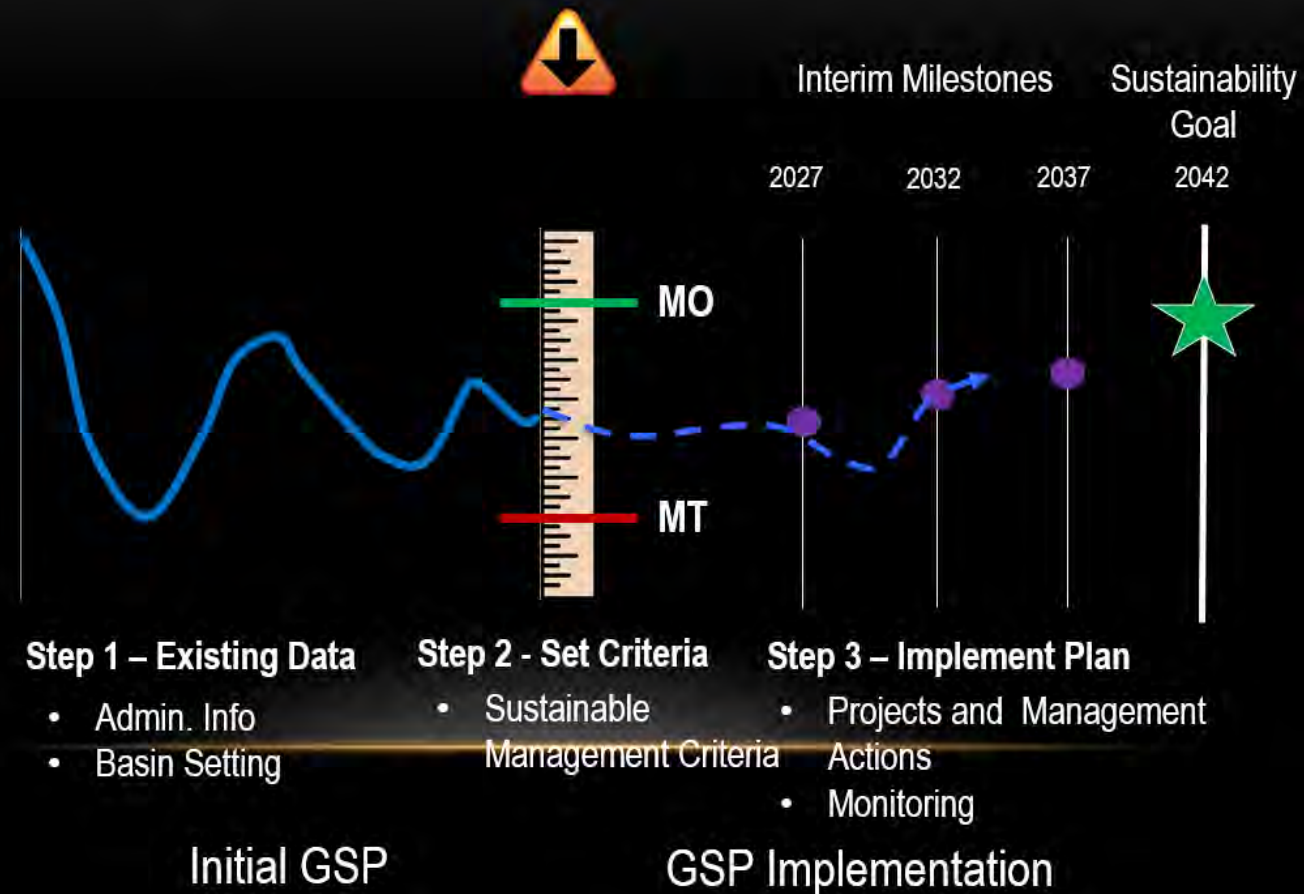


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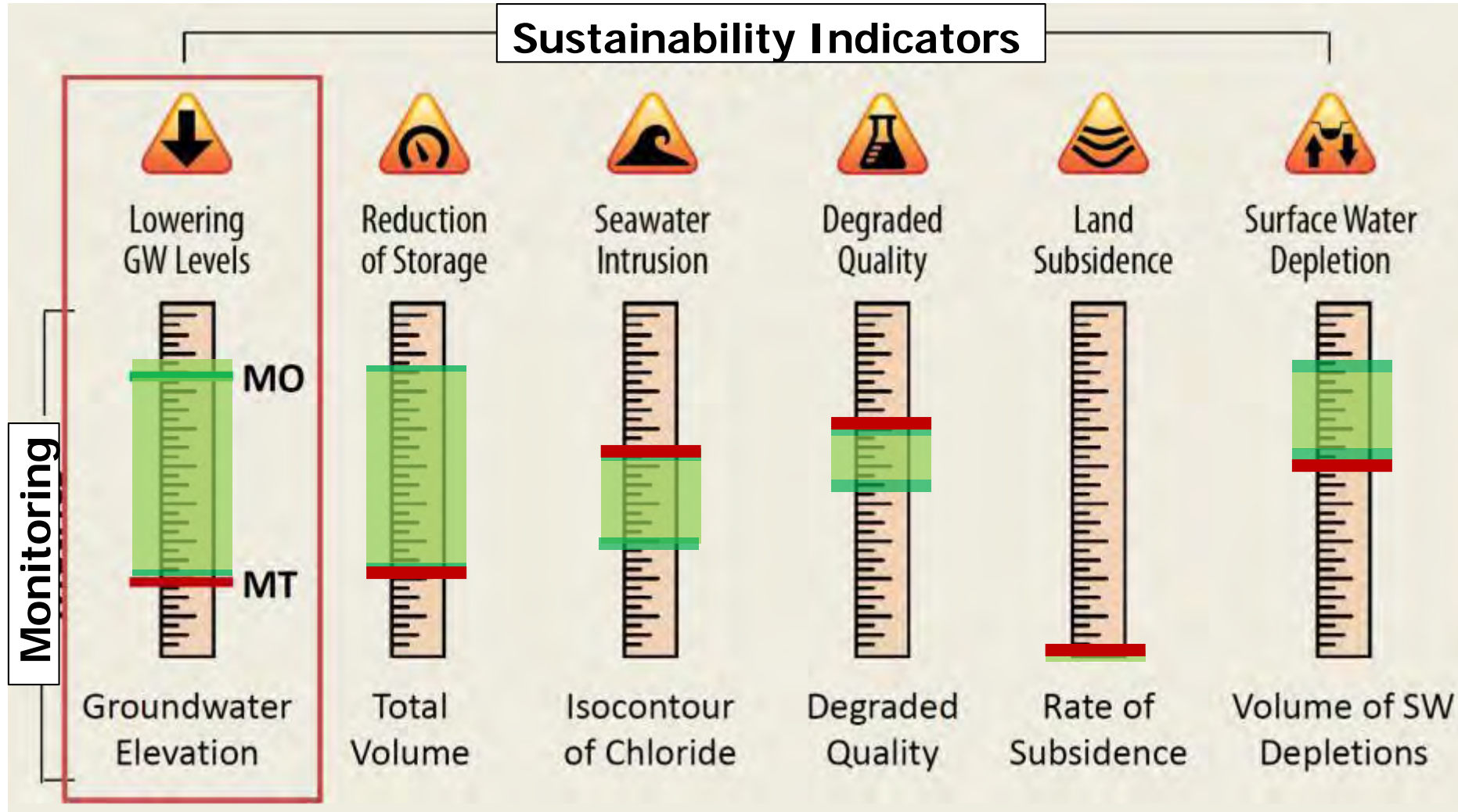
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## MINIMUM THRESHOLD METRICS - STATEWIDE FRAMEWORK -



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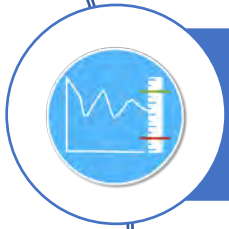


# Tehama Subbasins Groundwater Sustainability Plan



**Describe the Basin Conditions**  
Plan Area, Subbasin Setting & Water Supplies

**What water sources are used in the basin and what are the basin conditions related to those uses?**



**Define Basin Sustainability**  
Sustainable Management Criteria & Monitoring

**What is sustainable groundwater management?**



**Develop Projects/Management Actions & Implementation Plan**

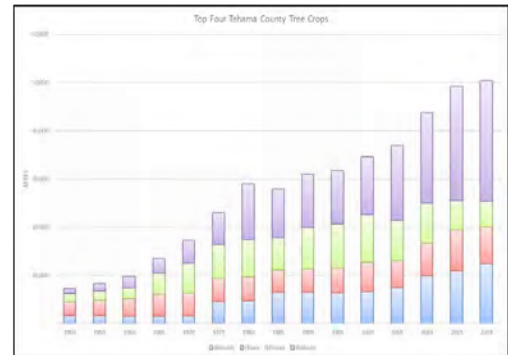
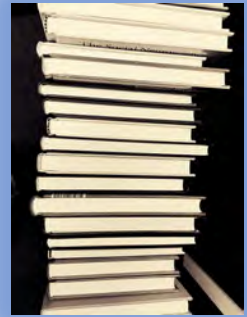
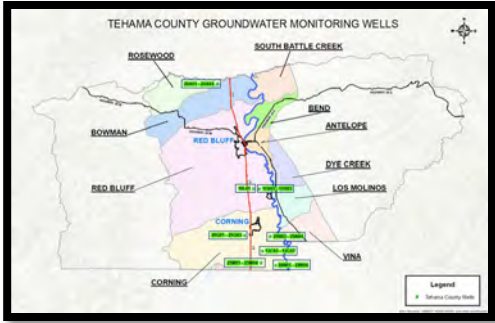
**How can we ensure groundwater sustainability?**



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**Will this plan meet our sustainability goals?**

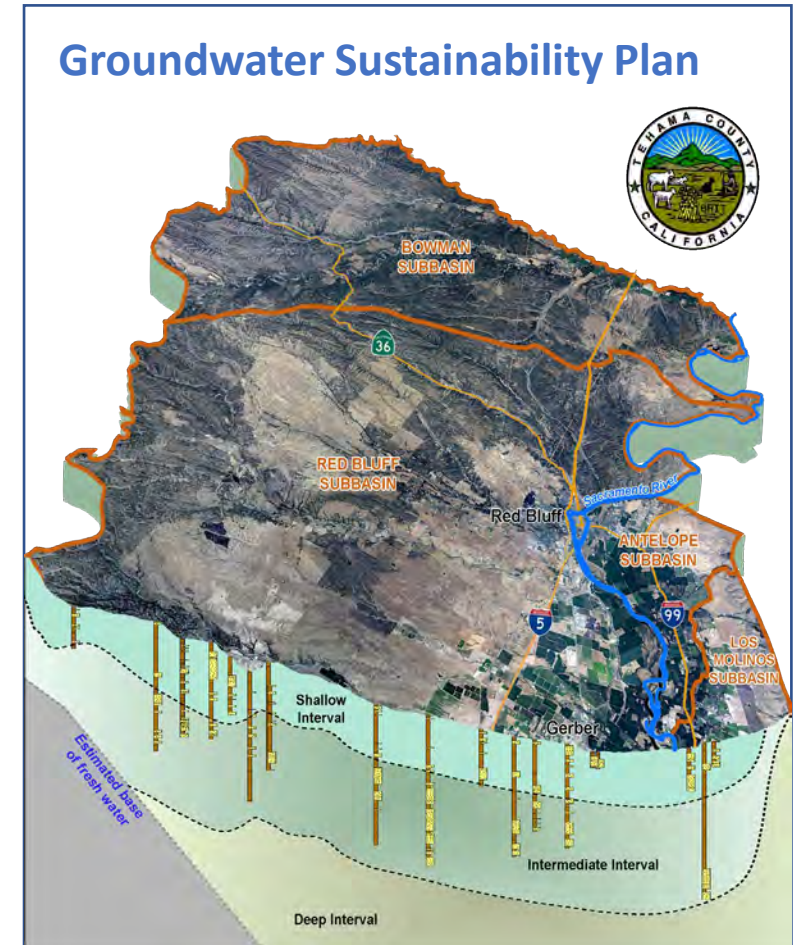
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- Supported by Technical Memorandums and other appendices
- Draft Sections: Periodic Review in Advance of Full Draft GSP Delivery

# Looking Ahead: Draft GSP in 2021

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