

SAN MATEO PLAIN GROUNDWATER BASIN ASSESSMENT

STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP#5

JANUARY 31, 2017



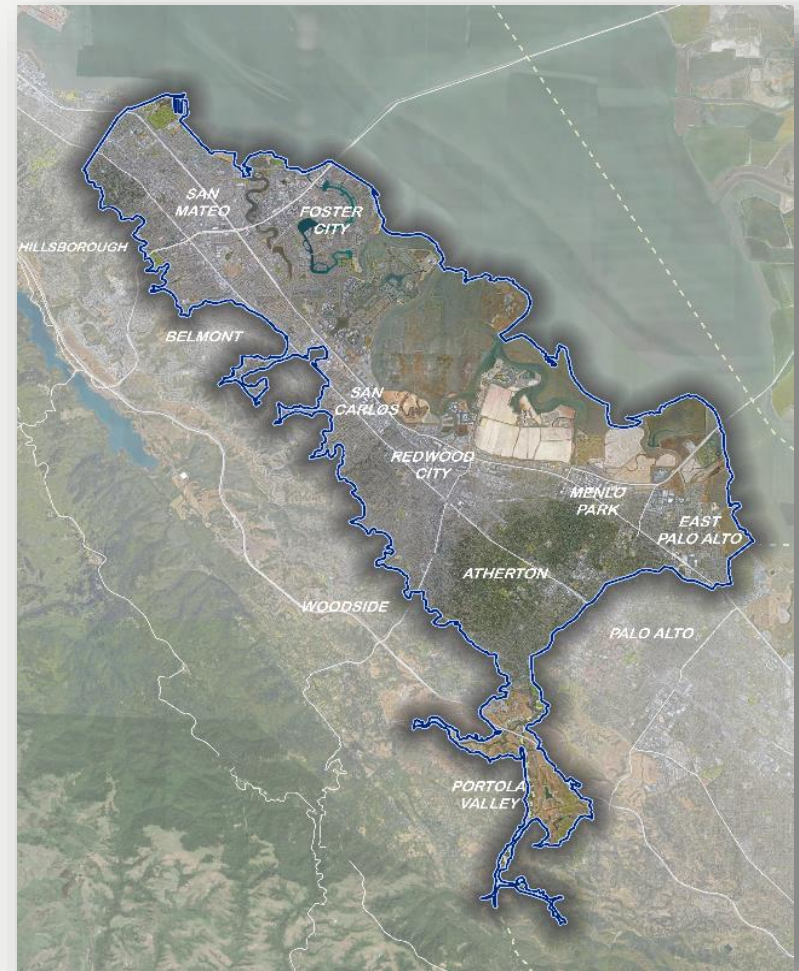
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PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- Introductions
- Project Overview
- Take Aways from Workshop #4
- Summary of Phase 1 Results
- Phase 2 Discussion





SAN MATEO PLAIN GROUNDWATER BASIN ASSESSMENT

- Funded through Measure K
- Project Objectives:
 - Increase Public Knowledge
 - Evaluate Hydrogeologic and Groundwater Conditions
 - Evaluate Risk of Undesirable Results
 - Potential Groundwater Management Strategies



SUPPORTED BY MEASURE K
LOCAL FUNDS
LOCAL NEEDS
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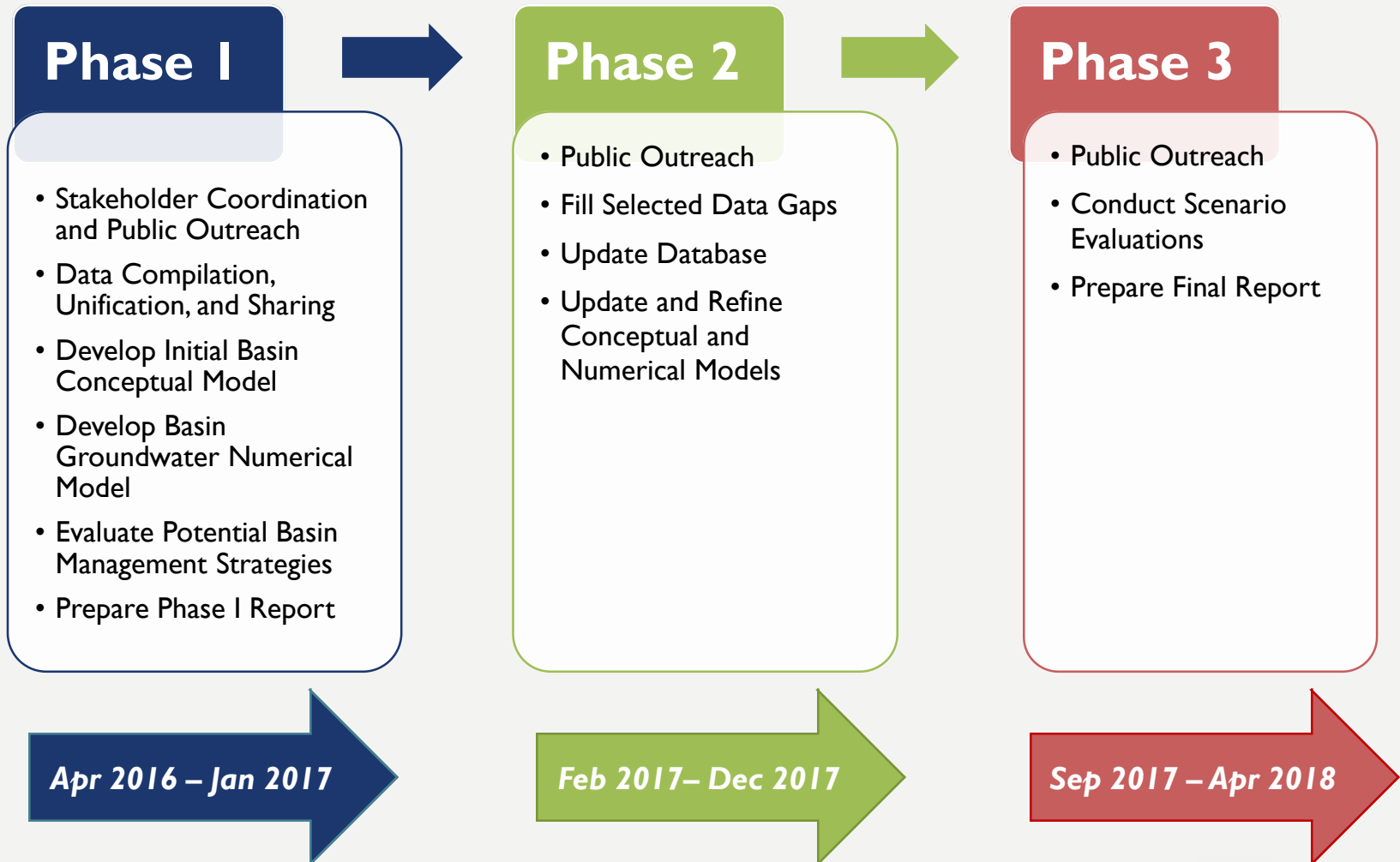
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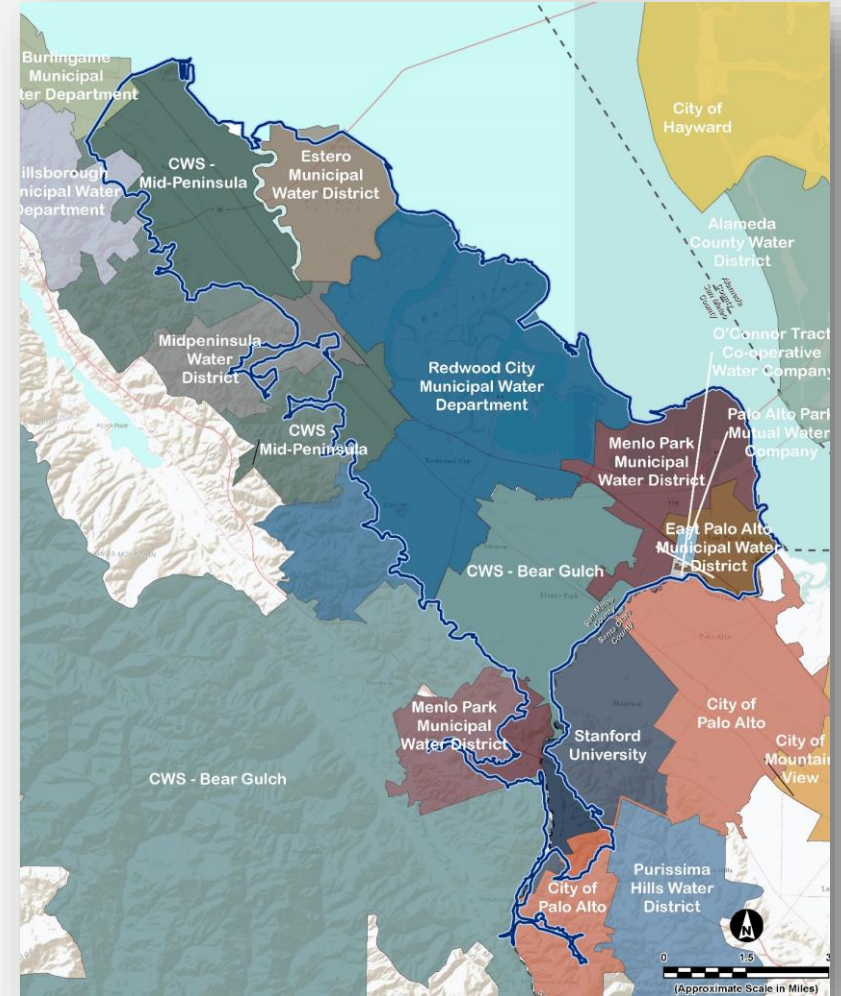
THE PROJECT IS BEING EXECUTED IN THREE PHASES





ON-GOING STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH

- Small group and one-on-one meetings
- Presentations to organizations and governing bodies
- Stakeholder workshops
- Website: <http://green.smcgov.org/san-mateo-plain>
- Open Data Portal





STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOPS IN PHASE 1

Workshop #1

May 17, 2016

Project Introduction
and Overview

Workshop #2

September 7, 2016

Basin Conceptual
Model

Workshop #3

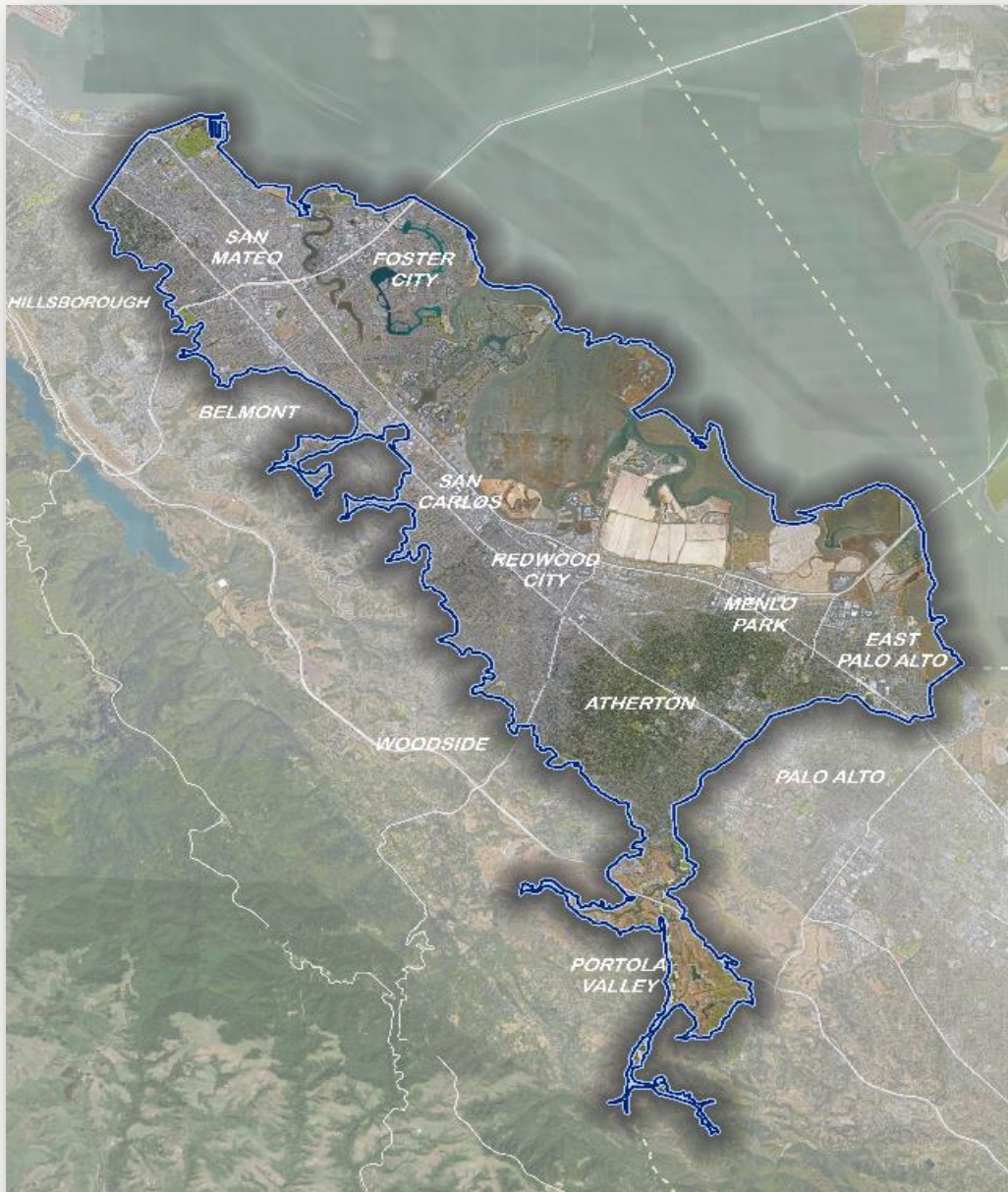
November 21, 2016

Groundwater Flow
Model

Workshop #4

December 6, 2016

Basin Management
Options



TAKEAWAYS FROM WORKSHOP #4



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GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT



***Institutional
Management
(Governance)***

***Physical
Management
(Projects)***



GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT COMPONENTS

Institutional Management (Governance)

“Unmanaged”

*Voluntary
Management*

SGMA

Special Act District

Adjudication

Physical Management (Projects)

Water sources

Delivery methods

Recharge projects

*Pumping
regulation*

*Groundwater
quality projects*



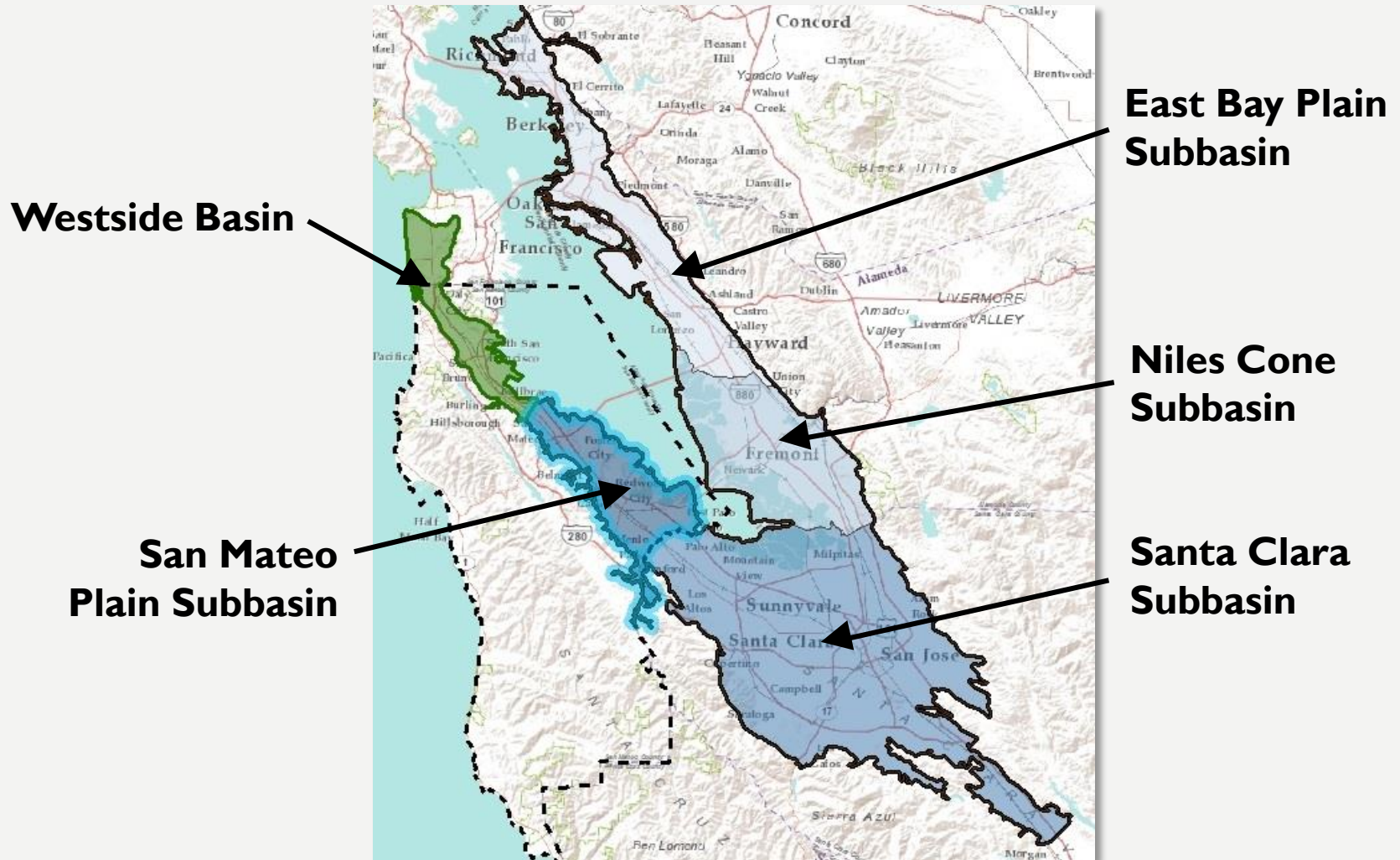
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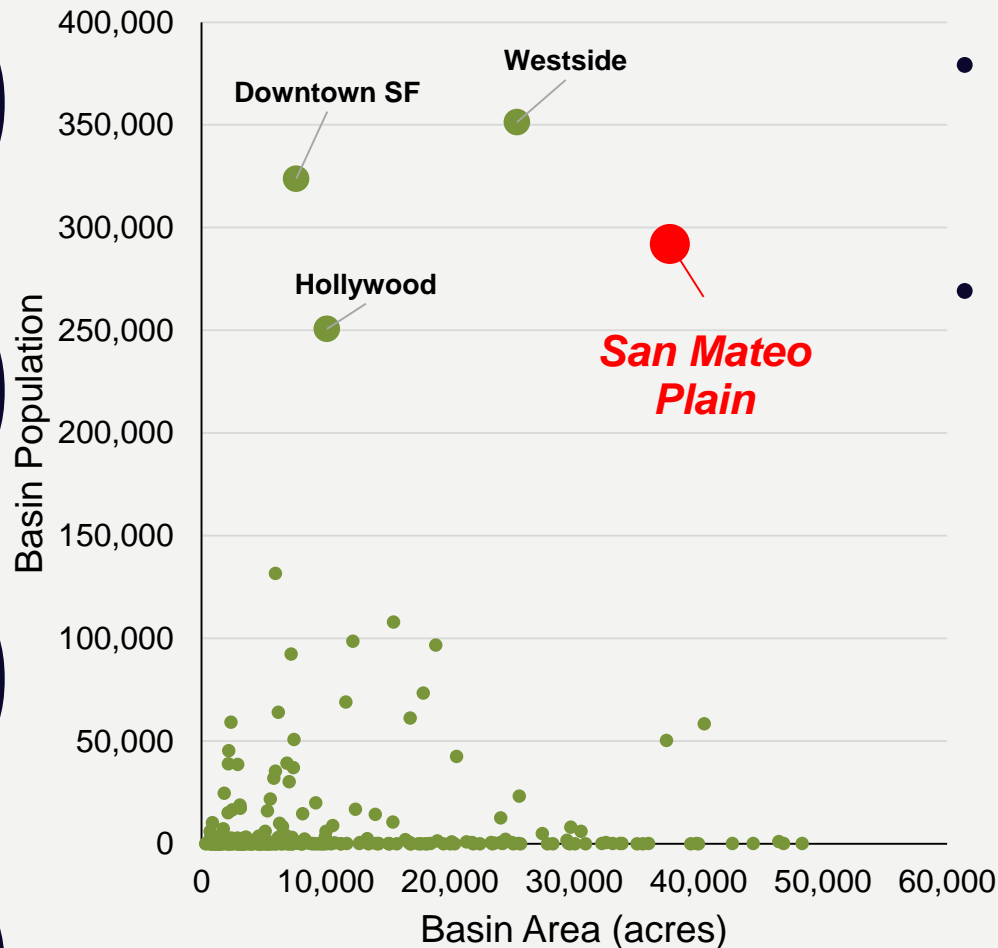


GROUNDWATER IS ACTIVELY MANAGED IN ADJACENT BASINS





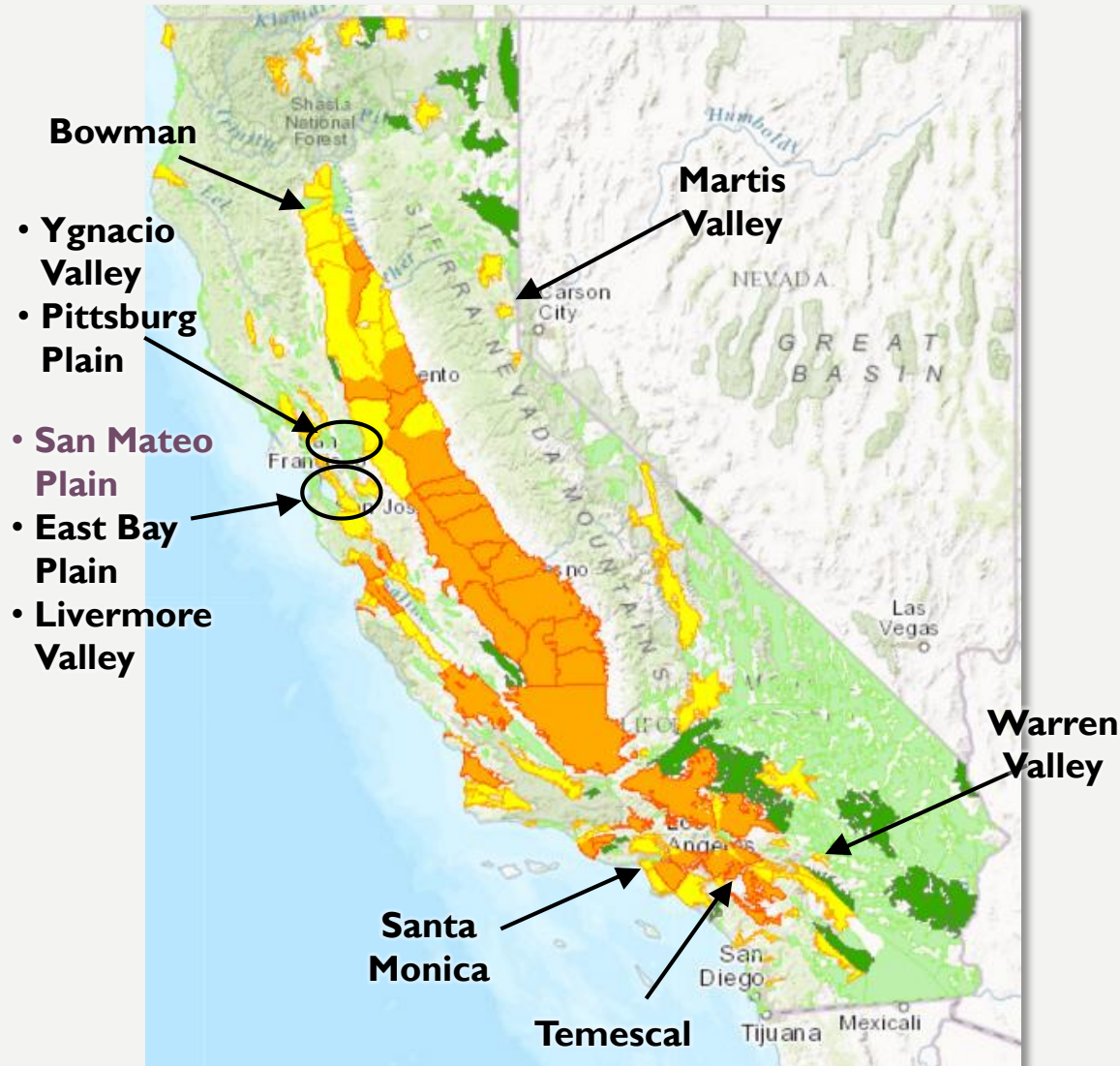
SAN MATEO PLAIN IS UNIQUE IN TERMS OF SIZE AND POPULATION



- Very Low priority basin with small acreage and large population
- Only three other CA basins fit these criteria:
 1. Downtown SF – Little to no groundwater use
 2. Hollywood – Inland basin
 3. Westside – Closest analog to the San Mateo Plain



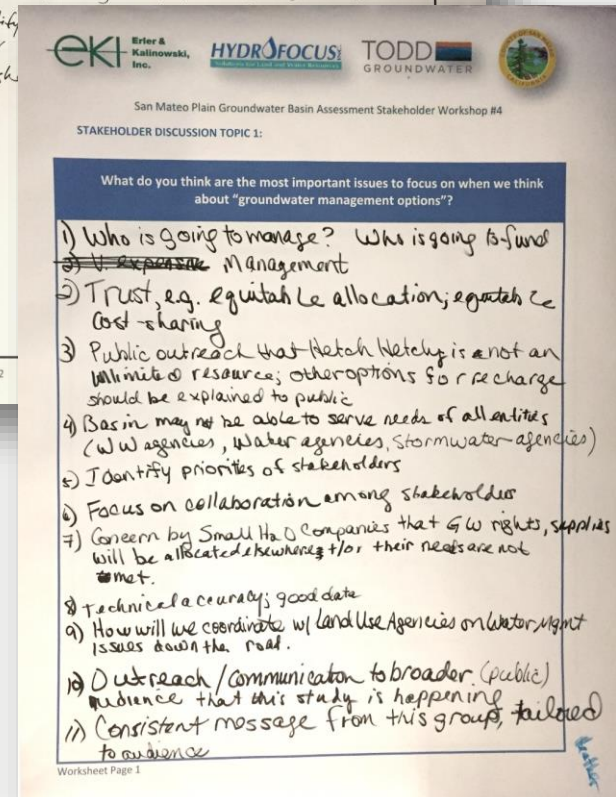
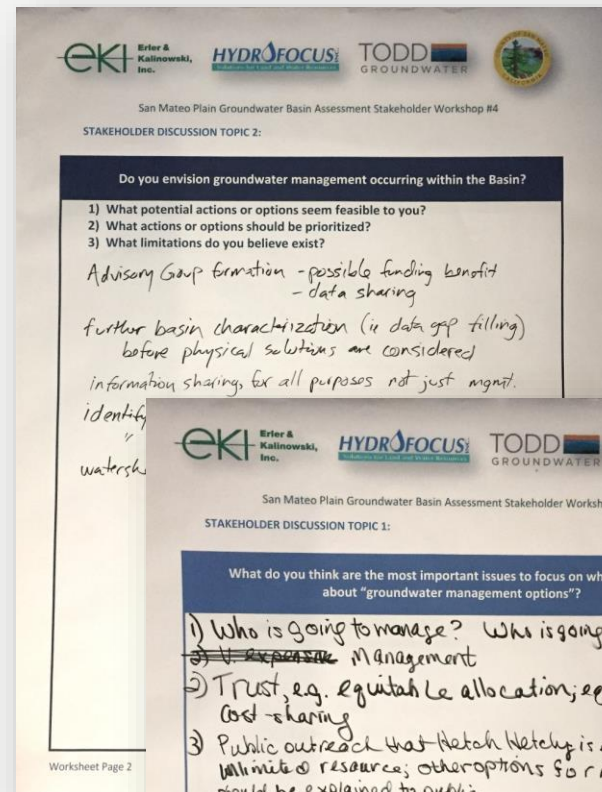
OTHER “SIMILARLY USED” BASINS ARE GEOGRAPHICALLY DISPERSED





WORKSHOP #4 BREAKOUT SESSION TOPICS

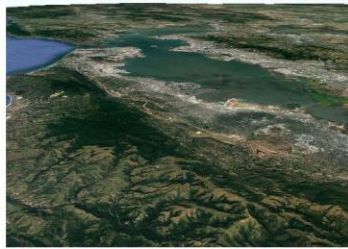
- What do you think are the most important issues to focus on when we think about “groundwater management options”?
- Do you envision groundwater management occurring within the Basin?
 - What potential actions or options seem feasible to you?
 - What actions or options should be prioritized?
 - What limitations do you believe exist?





KEY TAKE-AWAYS FROM WORKSHOP #4

- High interest in the development of a better technical understanding of the Basin and the collection of more and higher quality data
- High interest in additional Basin-wide and regional coordination and collaboration
 - Formation of advisory committees (from voluntary to more formalized/proactive management)
 - Goal to enhance coordination, outreach and messaging
- Funding and cost-sharing came up repeatedly, including opportunities for coordinated project-based management and funding



San Mateo Plain Groundwater Basin Assessment Preliminary Report

January 2017



REVIEW OF PRELIMINARY REPORT FINDINGS

REPORT STRUCTURE



Section 1

- Introduction

Section 2

- Basin Overview

Section 3

- Stakeholder Engagement

Section 4

- Review and Compilation of Available Data

Section 5

- Basin Water Quality Evaluation

Section 6

- Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model

Section 7

- Basin Water Balance

Section 8

- San Mateo Plain Groundwater Flow Model

Section 9

- Evaluation of Risk of Potential Undesirable Results

Section 10

- Initial Evaluation of Basin Management Options

Section 11

- Data Gaps and Potential Next Steps

Report available for download at <http://green.smcgov.org/san-mateo-plain>



Section 2

- Basin Overview

Section 3

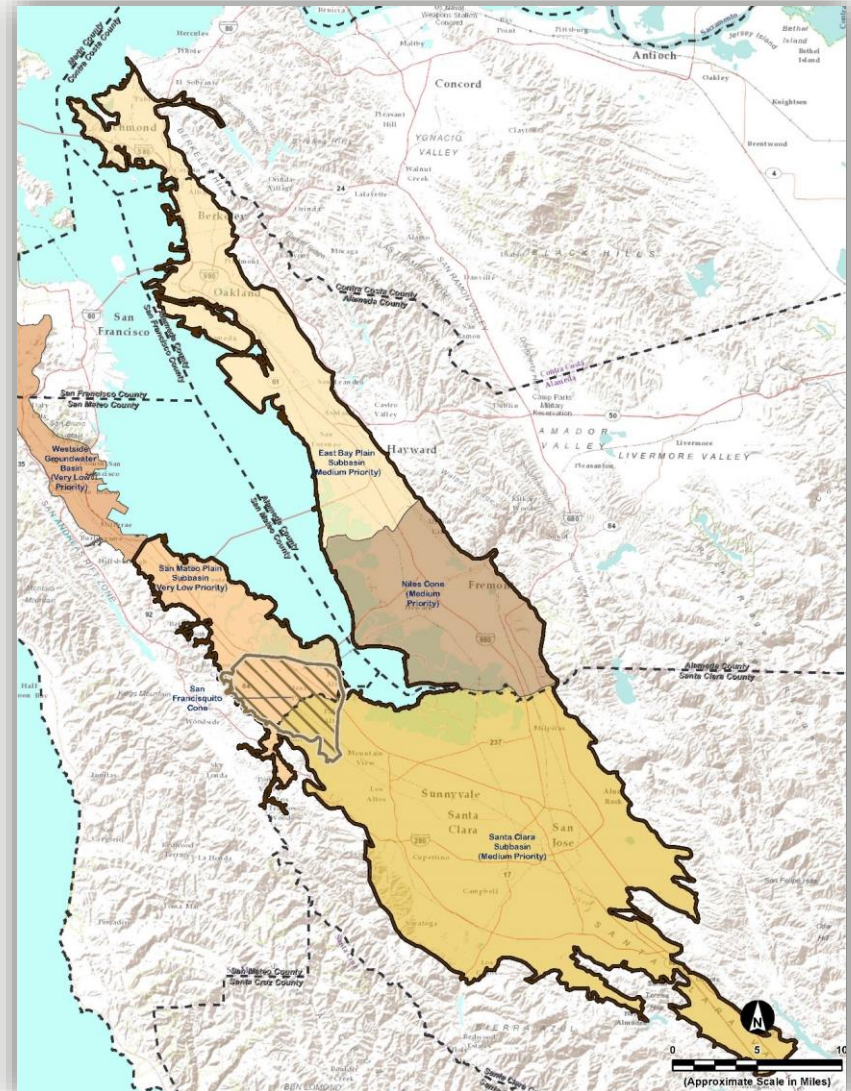
- Stakeholder Engagement





BASIN IS PART OF REGIONAL GROUNDWATER SYSTEM

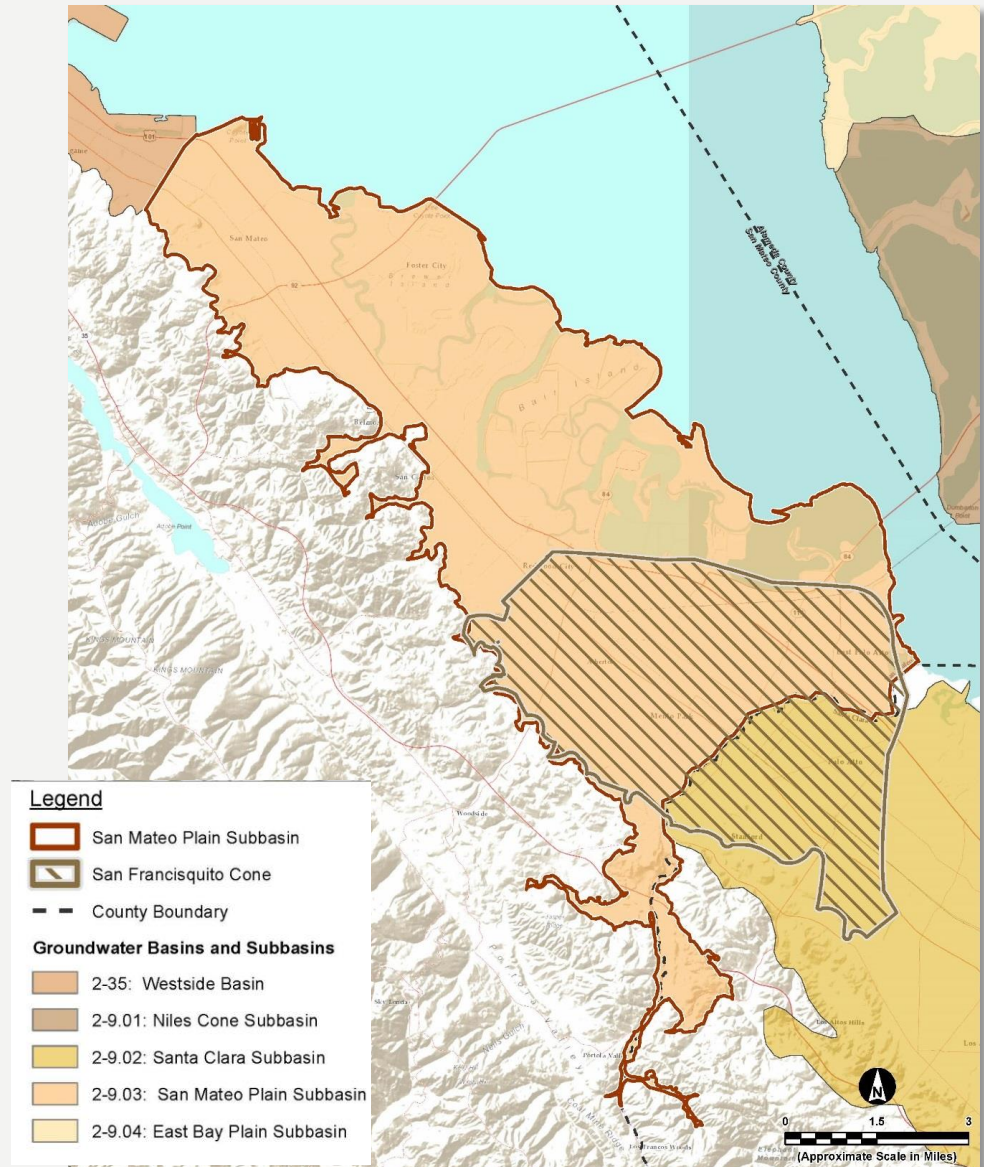
- Part of the Santa Clara Valley Basin (DWR Basin 2-09)
- Hydraulically connected to Santa Clara, Niles Cones, and East Bay Plain Subbasins
- Overlain by northern portion of the San Francisquito Cone



SAN MATEO PLAIN SUBBASIN



- DWR Basin 2-9.03
- 37,708 acres
- Limited use of groundwater by municipal suppliers
- Limited technical analysis conducted to date



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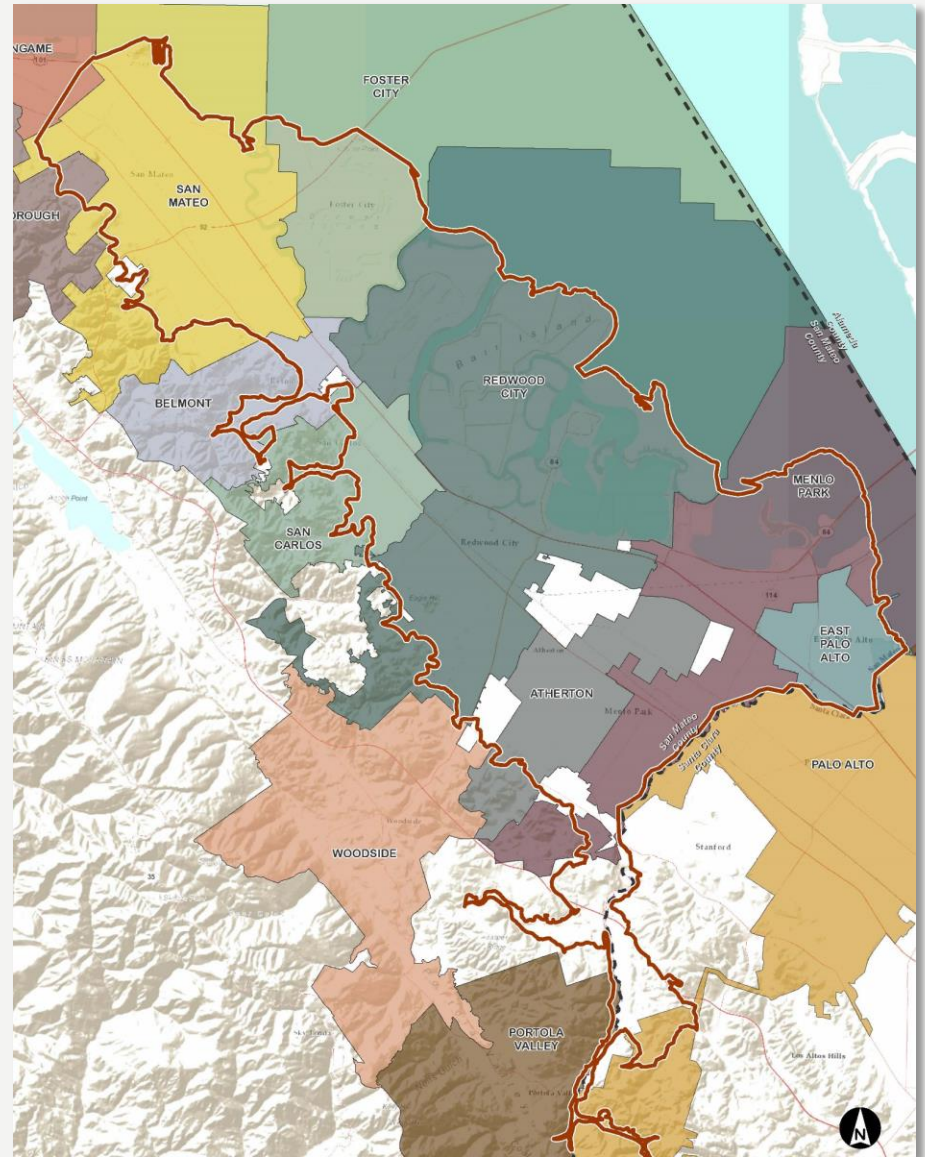
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HIGHLY URBANIZED BASIN



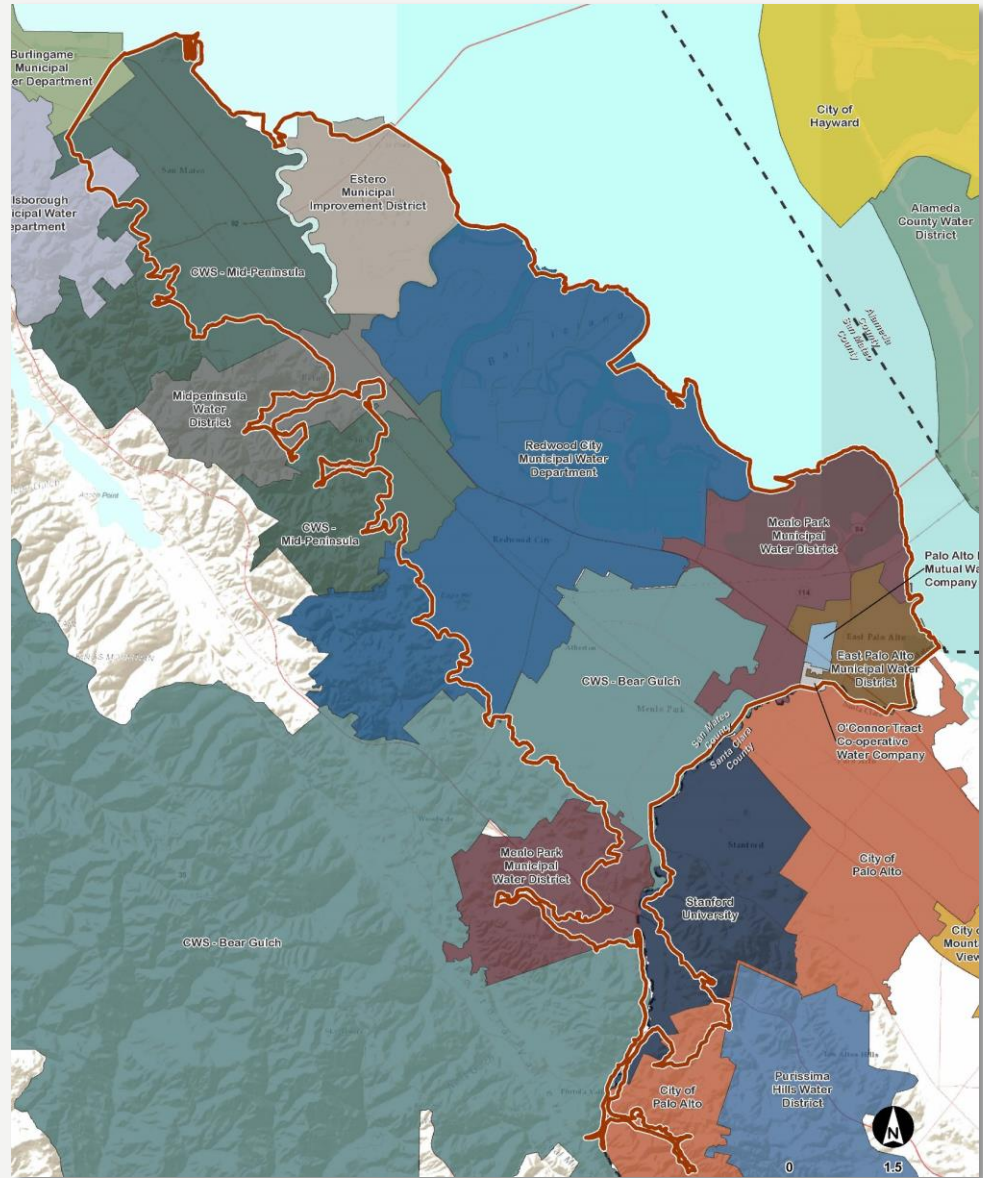
- 13 cities
- Total population is approximately 292,000



MULTIPLE WATER SUPPLIERS



- 13 water suppliers
- Primarily supplied by Hetch Hetchy
- Approximately 2,700 AFY of total groundwater pumping (municipal and private wells)





EXTENSIVE STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH

- 5 Stakeholder Workshops
- 26 meetings with agencies and other interested parties
- 6 presentations to governing bodies and regional organizations
- Outreach is ongoing...



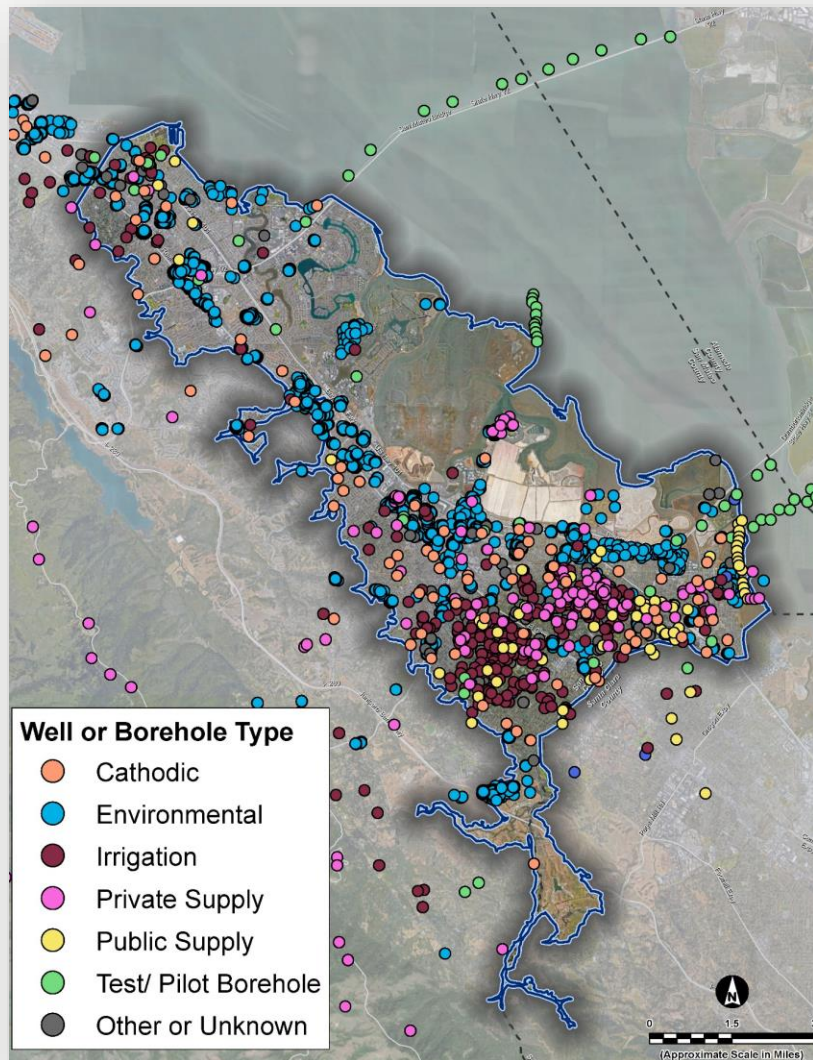
Section 4

- Review and Compilation of Available Data





INITIATED BROAD DATA COLLECTION EFFORT



- Information from ~3,000 wells and boreholes
- Data collected through 15 July 2016
- Data and GIS files will be publicly available



KEY DATA SOURCES

- Previously compiled data for the BAWSCA Strategy Groundwater Model (SGM)
- Geotracker and GAMA online databases
- County well permitting data
- DWR well driller's logs
- Previous groundwater reports and studies (USGS, Redwood City, DWR, East Palo Alto, etc.)

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
WELL COMPLETION REPORT
Refer to Instruction Pamphlet

DWR USE ONLY - DO NOT FILL IN
STATE WELL NO./STATION NO. 05194491M
LATITUDE _____ LONGITUDE _____

Page 1 of 1
Owner's Well No. MW-2 No. 518855
Date Work Began 8/31/99 Ended 8/31/99
Local Permit Agency SAN MATEO COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES
Permit No. 06562 Permit Date 4/26/99

WELL OWNER
Name: BROWNING-FERRIS INDUSTRIES
Mailing Address: 225 SHERELWAY ROAD
City: SAN CARLOS, CALIFORNIA, 94070
Address: 225 SHERELWAY ROAD
City: SAN CARLOS
County: SAN MATEO
APN Book 046, Page 081 Parcel 760
Towship _____ Range _____ Section _____
Latitude _____ Longitude _____

ORIENTATION (L) VERTICAL HORIZONTAL ANGLE (SPECIFY)
DEPTH TO FIRST WATER (F) BELOW SURFACE
DEPTH FROM SURFACE
Fl. to Fl. DESCRIPTION
Describe material, grain size, color, etc.

DEPTH FROM SURFACE Fl. to Fl.	DESCRIPTION
0 - 0.67	CONCRETE
0.67 - 1.5	BASE ROCK
1.5 - 3.5	MOIST TO WET, DARK YELLOWISH BROWN (CYR 4/2), CLAYEY SILT WITH TRACE COARSE GRAINED SAND AND GRAVEL
3.5 - 6	NOT LOGGED
6 - 8	WET, OLIVE GRAY (SY 4/1), SLTY CLAY (MEDIUM PLASTICITY)
8 - 10	NOT LOGGED
10 - 10.8	WET, OLIVE GRAY (SY 4/1), SLTY CLAY (MEDIUM PLASTICITY)
10.8 - 12.5	WET, OLIVE TRUNK (SY 2/1), CLAYEY SILT

LOCATION SKETCH
NORTH
SCALE
1" = 20'
M.W.Z.
LEVEL OF OBSERVATION
UNDERGROUND OBSERVATION POINT

WATER SUPPLY
 Domestic
 Field
 Irrigation
 Industrial
 "TEST WELL"
 CATHODIC PROTECTION
 OTHER (specify)

DRILLING METHOD: PERCUSSION FLUID
WATER LEVEL & YIELD OF COMPLETED WELL
DEPTH OF STATIC WATER LEVEL: 2.99 (F) & DATE MEASURED: 4/27/00
ESTIMATED YIELD: _____ (GPM) & TEST TYPE _____
TEST LENGTH: _____ (F) TOTAL DRAWDOWN: _____ (F)
* May not be representative of a well's long-term yield.

DEPTH FROM SURFACE Fl. to Fl.	BORE HOLE DIA. (inches)	TYPE (L)	CASINGS(S)				ANNULAR MATERIAL			
			MATERIAL / GRADE	INTERNAL DIAMETER (inches)	GAUGE OR WALL THICKNESS	SLOT SIZE IF ANY (inches)	DEPTH FROM SURFACE Fl. to Fl.	DE- BENTONITE (L) (L)	FILL (L)	FILTER PACK TYPE(SIZE)
0.5 - 2.5	6.0	X	PVC 1SCH 40	2	SCH 40	—	—	—	CONCRETE	
2.5 - 12.5	6.0	X	PVC 1SCH 40	2	SCH 40	0.010	—	—	BENEDICTE CHIPS #2/16 SAND	

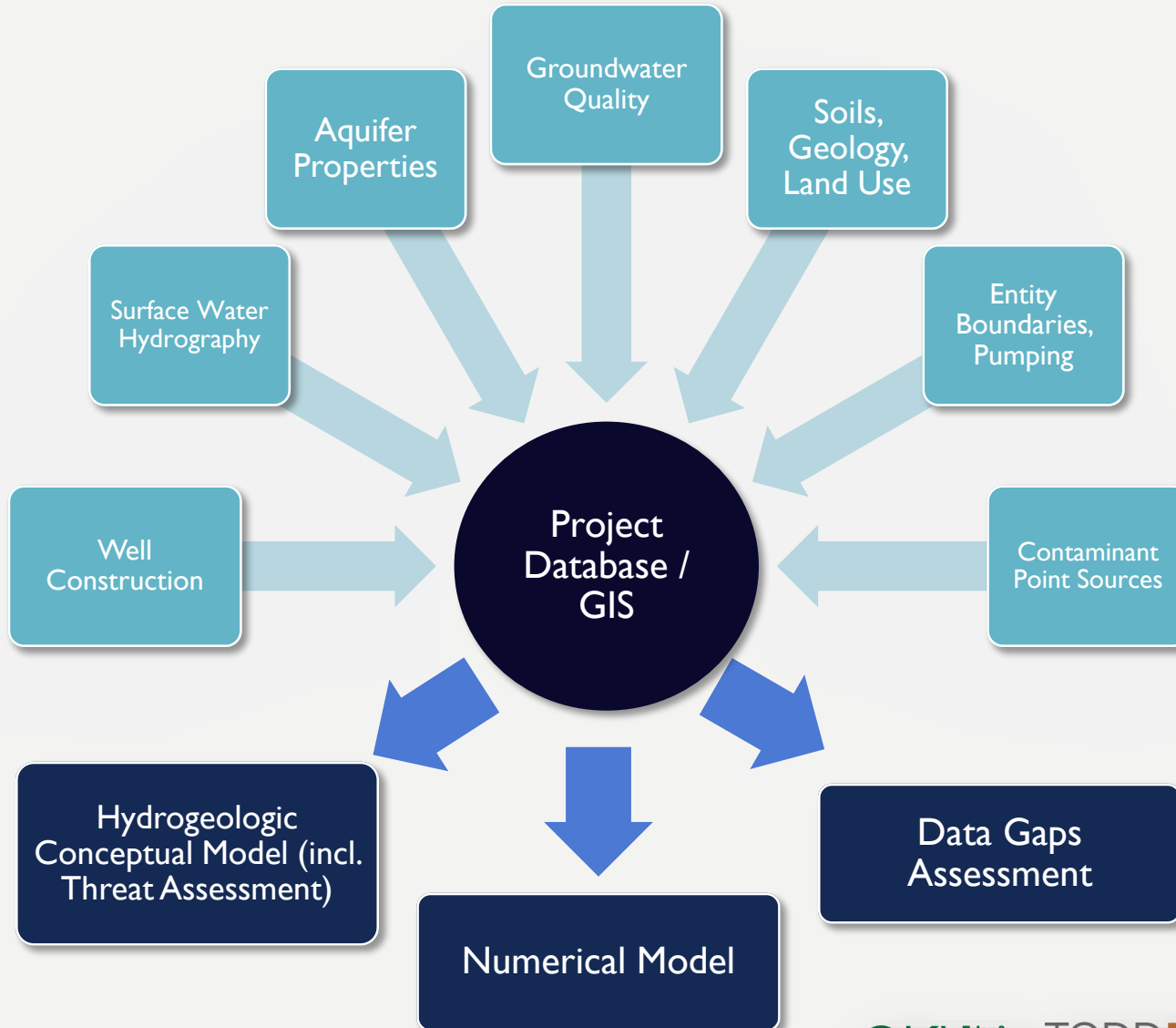
ATTACHMENTS (L)
 Geologic Log
 Well Construction Diagram
 Geophysical Log(s)
 Soil/Water Chemical Analyses
 Other: DETAIL AREA MAP

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT
I, the undersigned, certify that this report is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.
NAME: NORTH STATE ENVIRONMENTAL, IRBENT WHEELER
ADDRESS: 90 SOUTH SPRUCE AVE, SUITE 170, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080
CITY: SAN FRANCISCO STATE: CA ZIP: _____
Signed: _____ DATE SIGNED: _____ (PST LICENSE NUMBER)

DWR 188 REV. 7-00 . IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS NEEDED, USE NEXT CONSECUTIVELY NUMBERED FORM



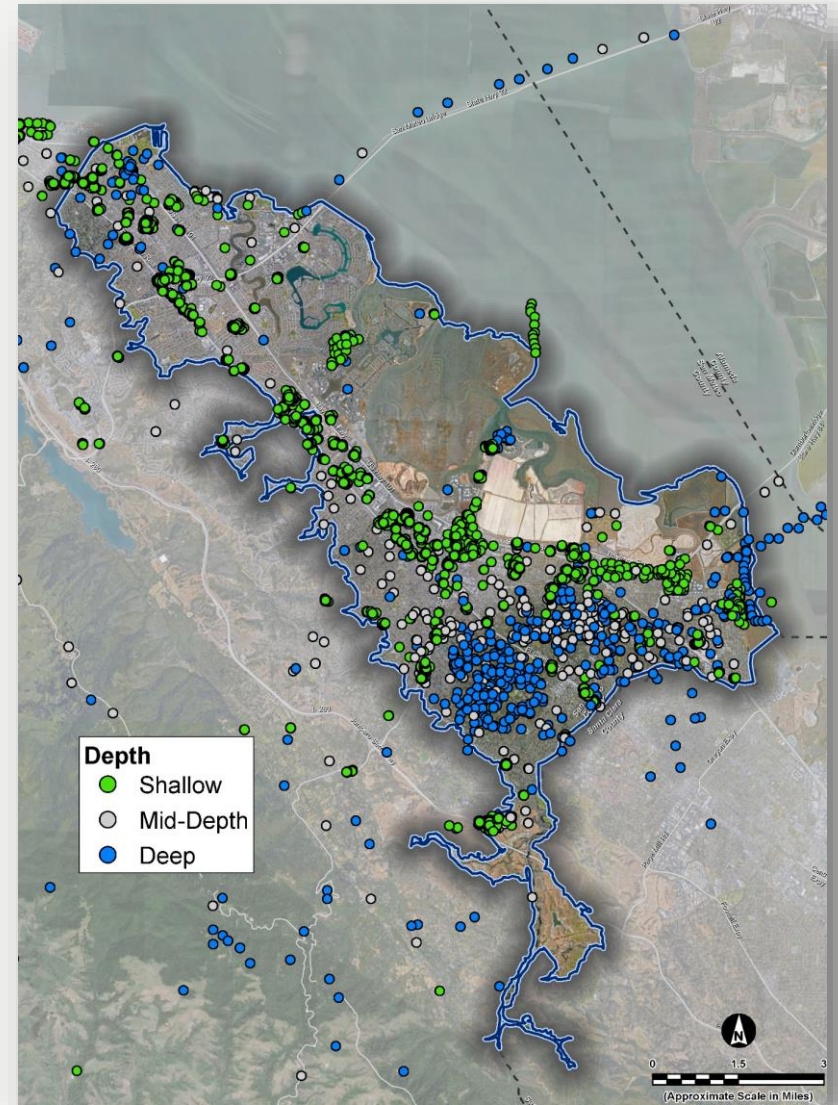
COMPREHENSIVE PROJECT DATABASE





DATA WERE STRATIFIED BASED ON DEPTH

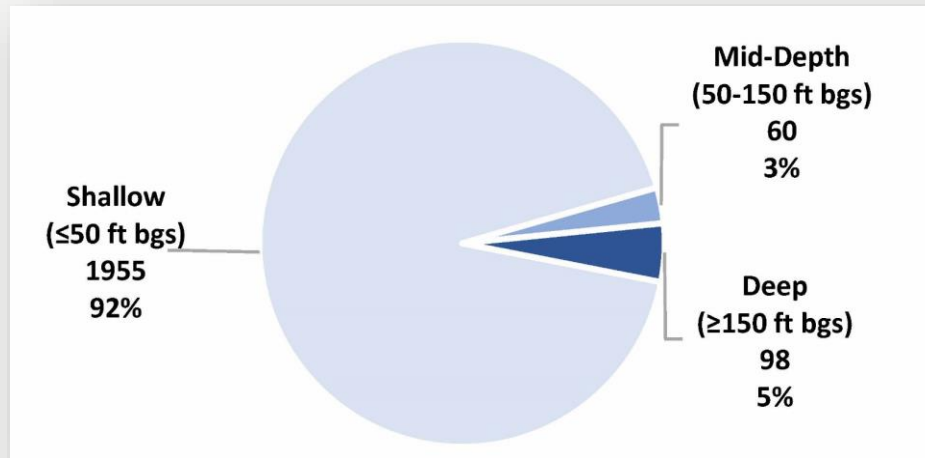
- Shallow wells (≤ 50 ft bgs) typically associated with remediation sites
- Deep wells (≥ 150 ft bgs) typically investigation or production wells



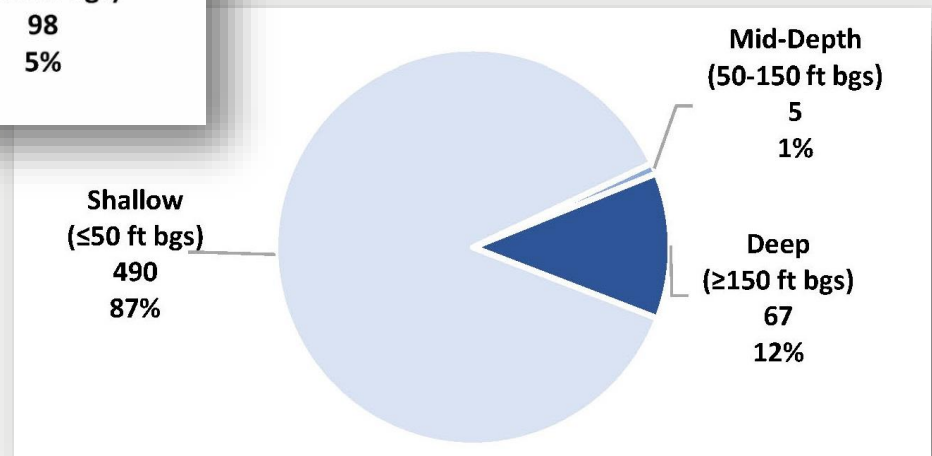


MOST WELLS IN THE BASIN ARE “SHALLOW”

Wells with Water Level Data

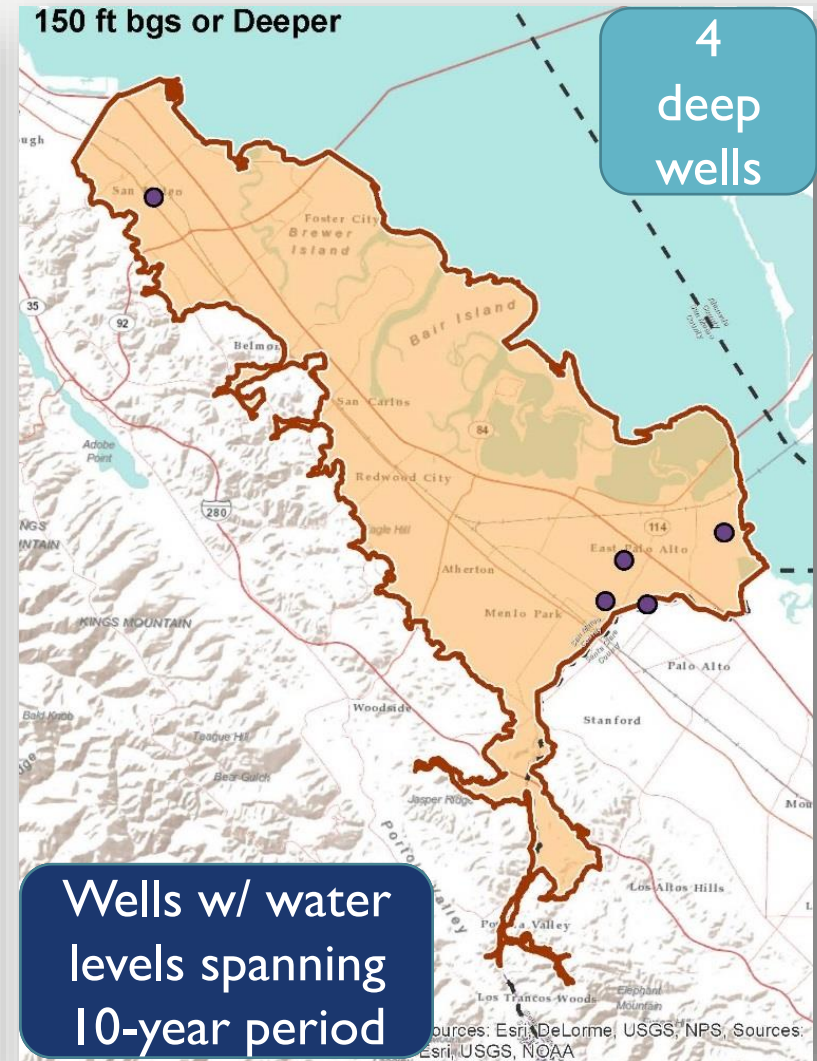
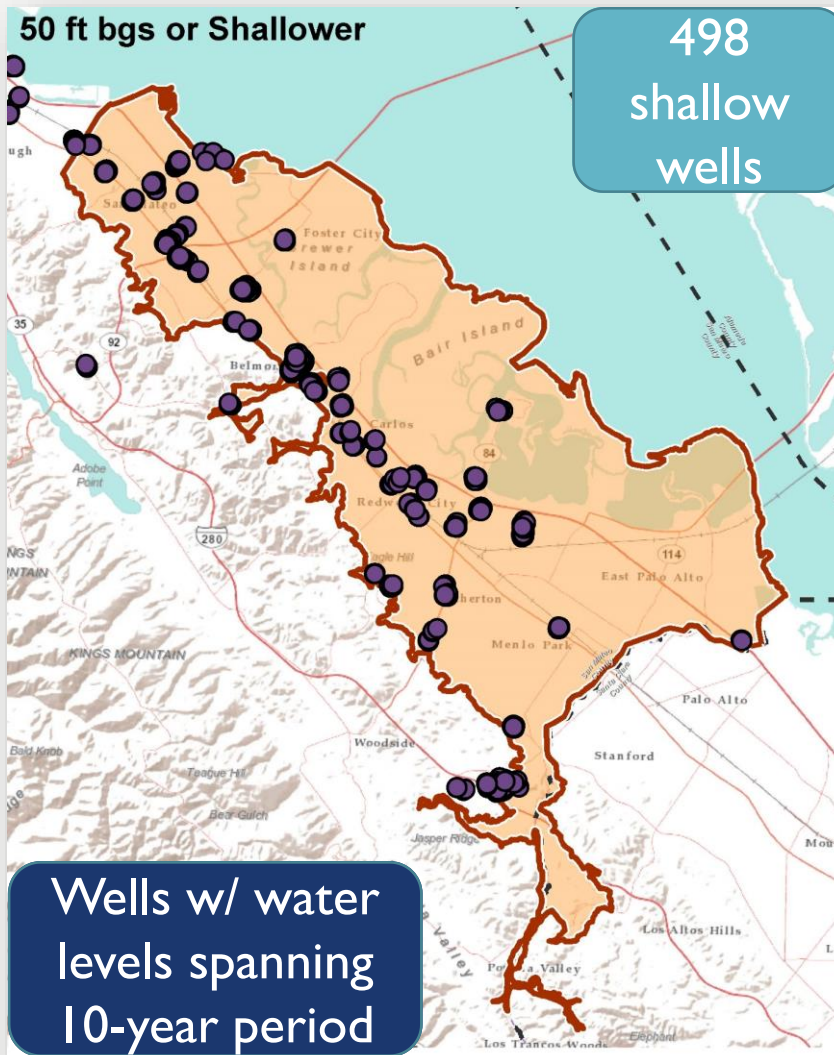


Wells with Water Quality Data





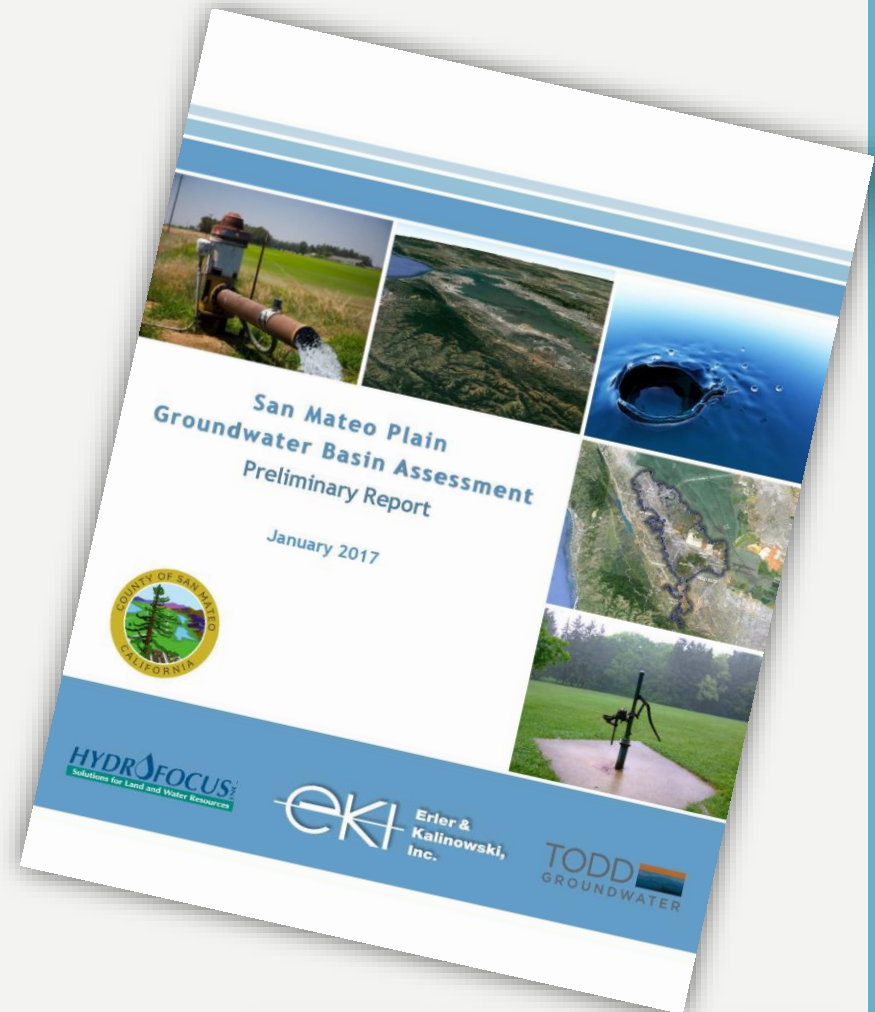
WELLS WITH >10 YEARS OF WATER LEVEL MEASUREMENTS





Section 5

- Basin Water Quality Evaluation



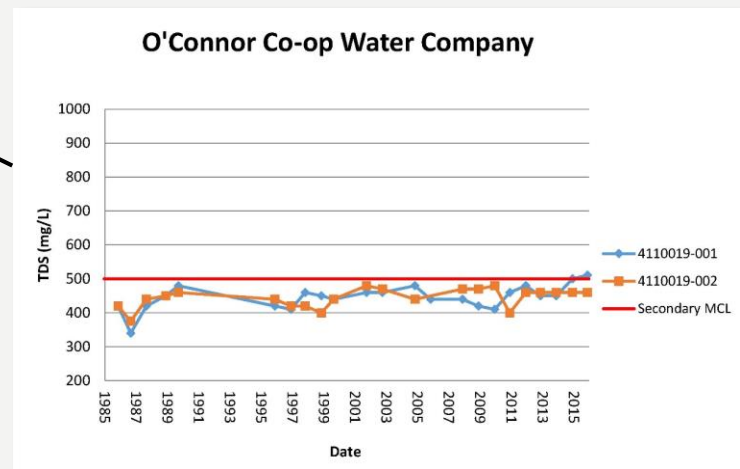
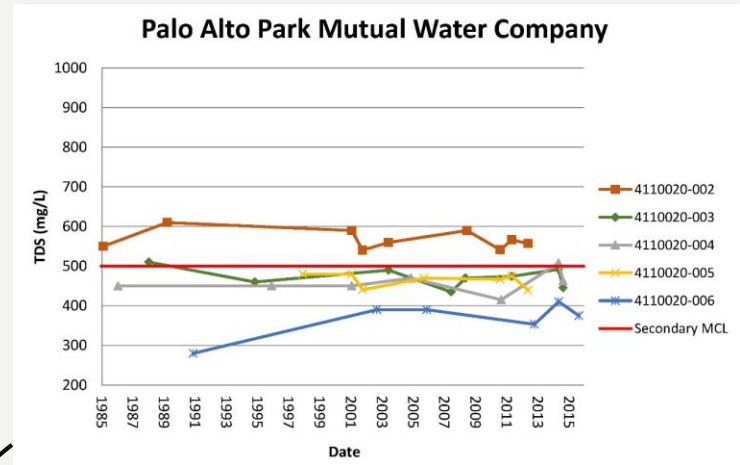
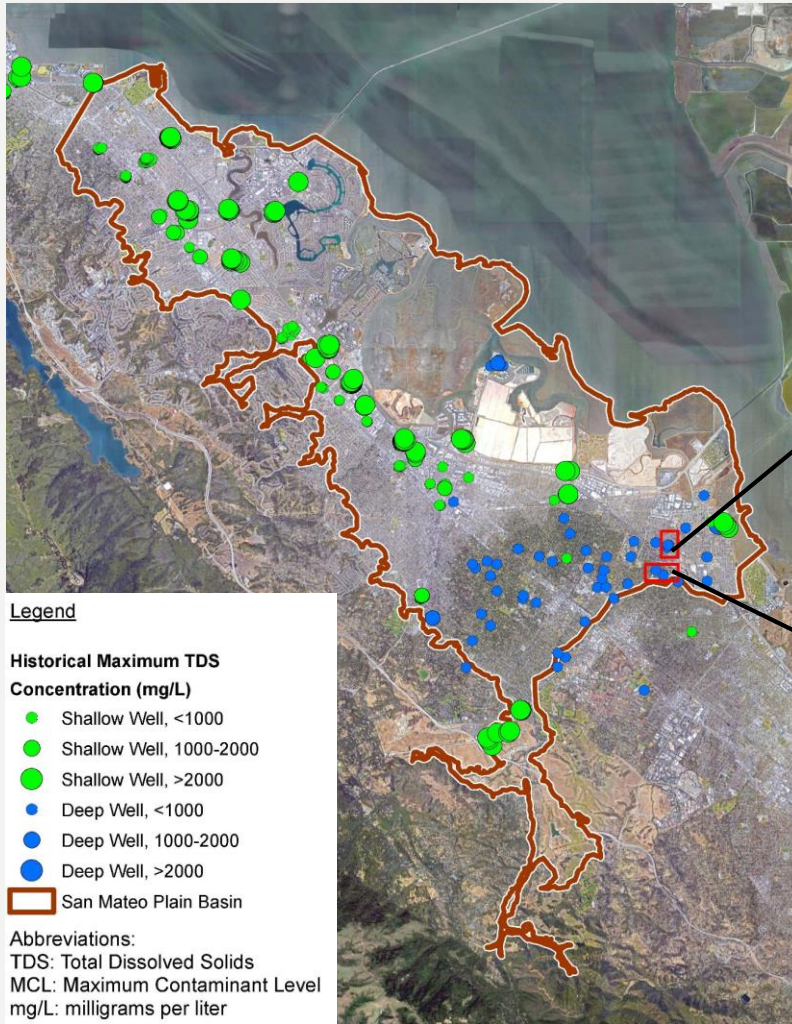


WATER QUALITY EVALUATION TO UNDERSTAND SUITABILITY OF RESOURCE

- Data show that water quality varies with depth, but appears to be stable over time
- Some minerals naturally present at concentrations above drinking water standards (secondary MCLs)
- Known contamination from remediation sites is being addressed through regulatory oversight

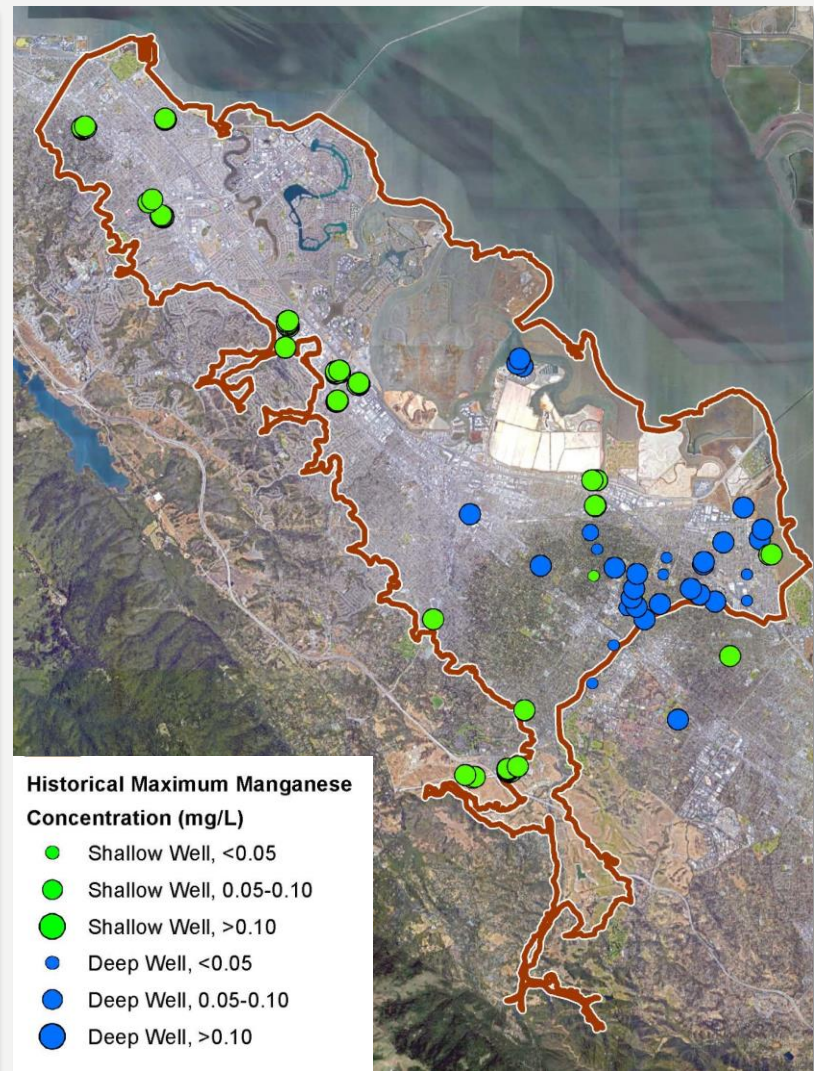
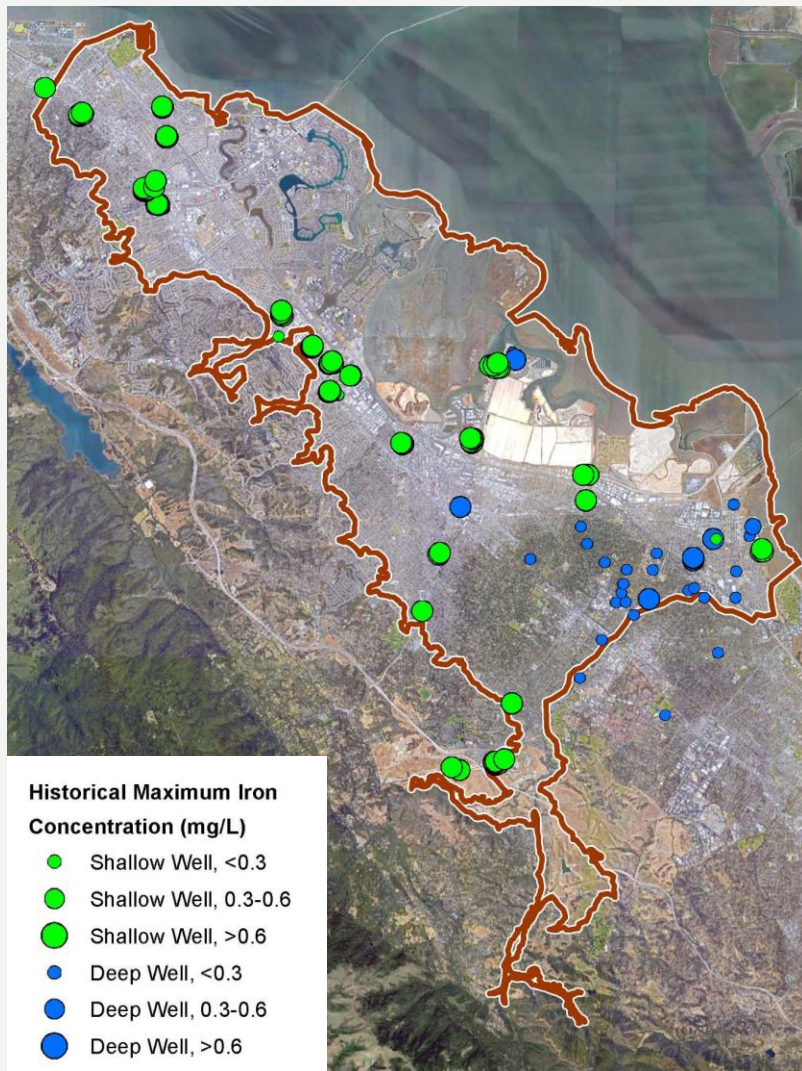


TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS (TDS)





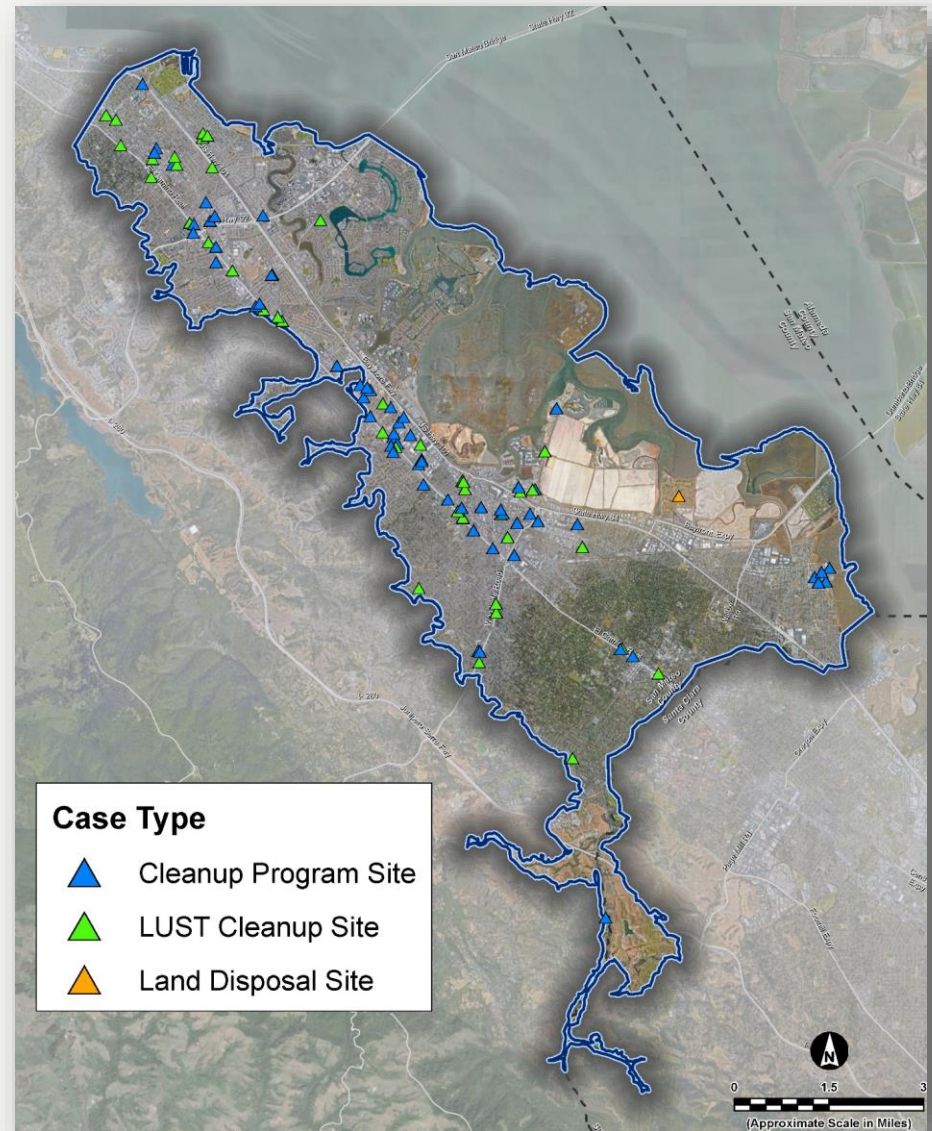
IRON AND MANGANESE ARE UBIQUITOUS



POINT SOURCE CONTAMINATION SITES



- 751 regulated sites were identified in the Geotracker system
- 141 active sites
- Mostly isolated in shallow zone
- Some potential risk of vertical cross-contamination





Section 6

- Hydrogeologic Conceptual Model

Section 7

- Basin Water Balance



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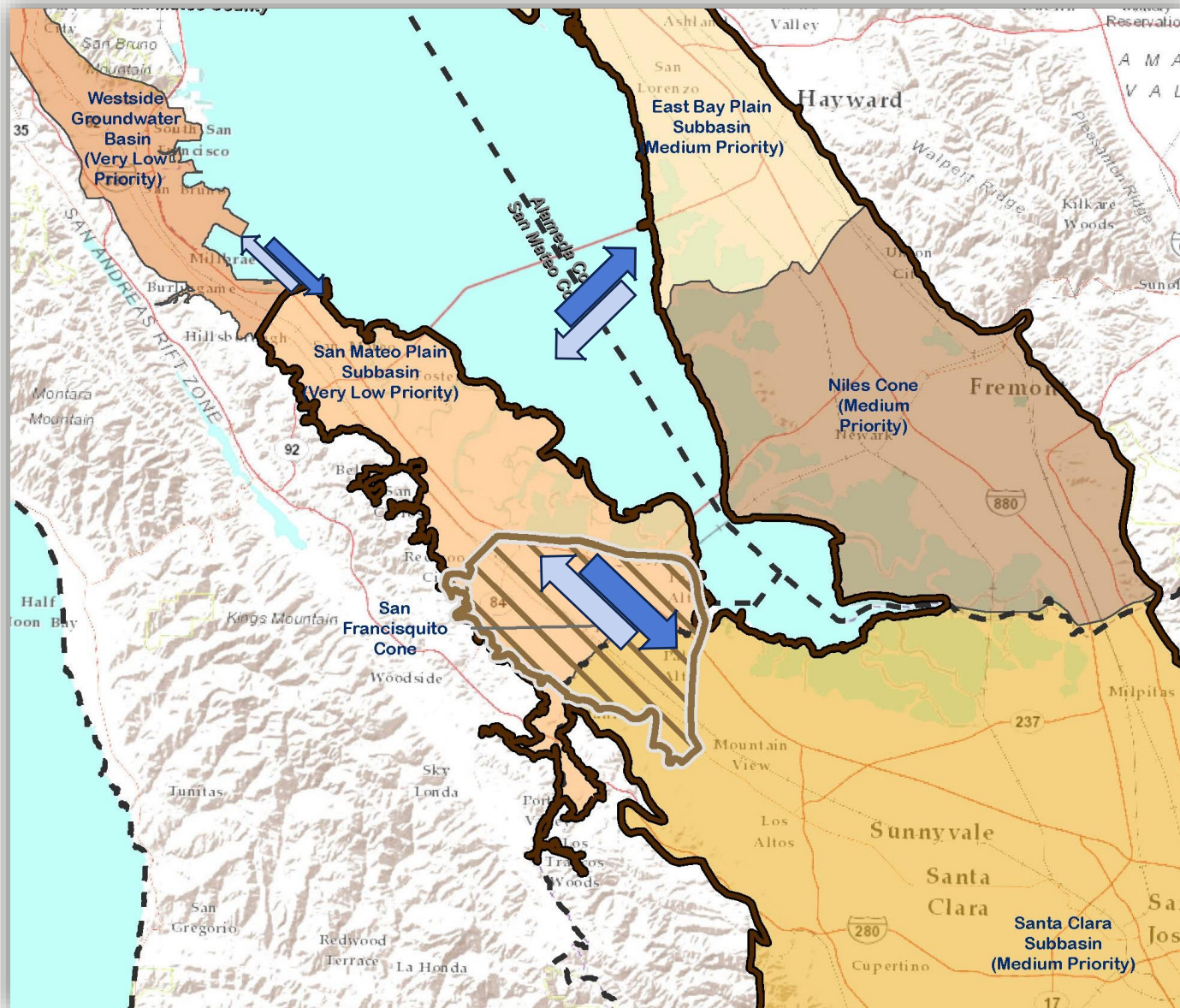


HYDROGEOLOGIC CONCEPTUAL MODEL

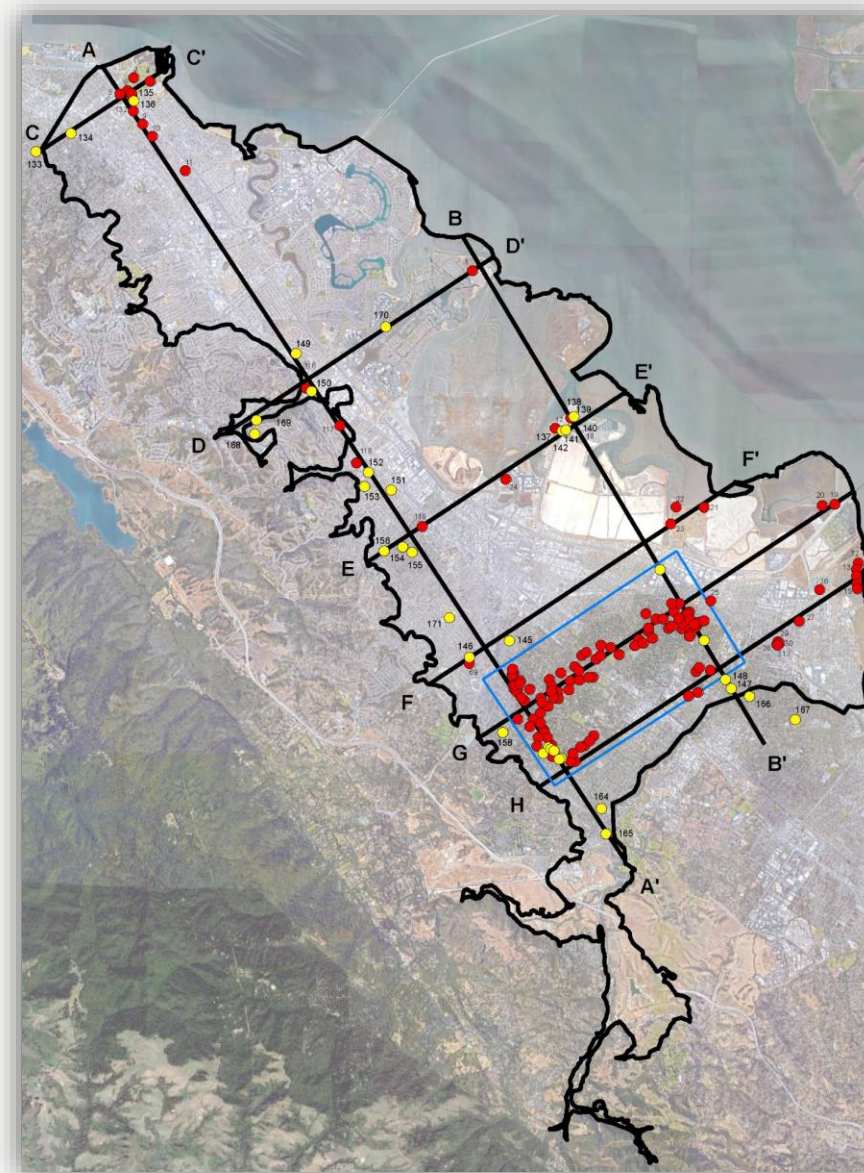


- Description of the physical setting and characteristics of a basin that influence the groundwater system
 - Geology, aquifers, boundaries
 - Hydrology, climate, land use
- Foundation for further hydrogeologic analysis
 - Development of water budgets and numerical groundwater flow models
 - Provides the physical context for planning and management efforts

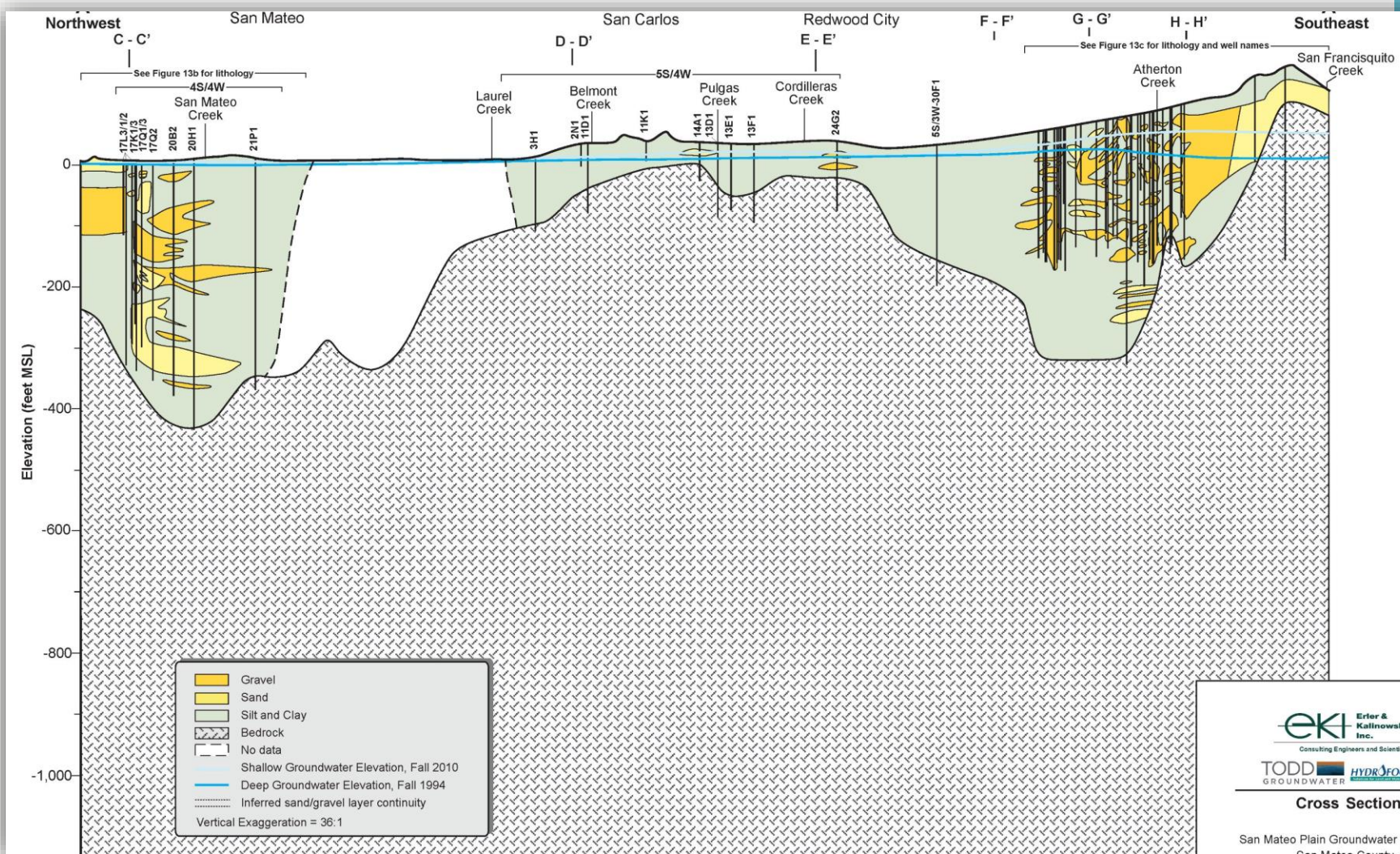
REGIONAL GROUNDWATER SYSTEM



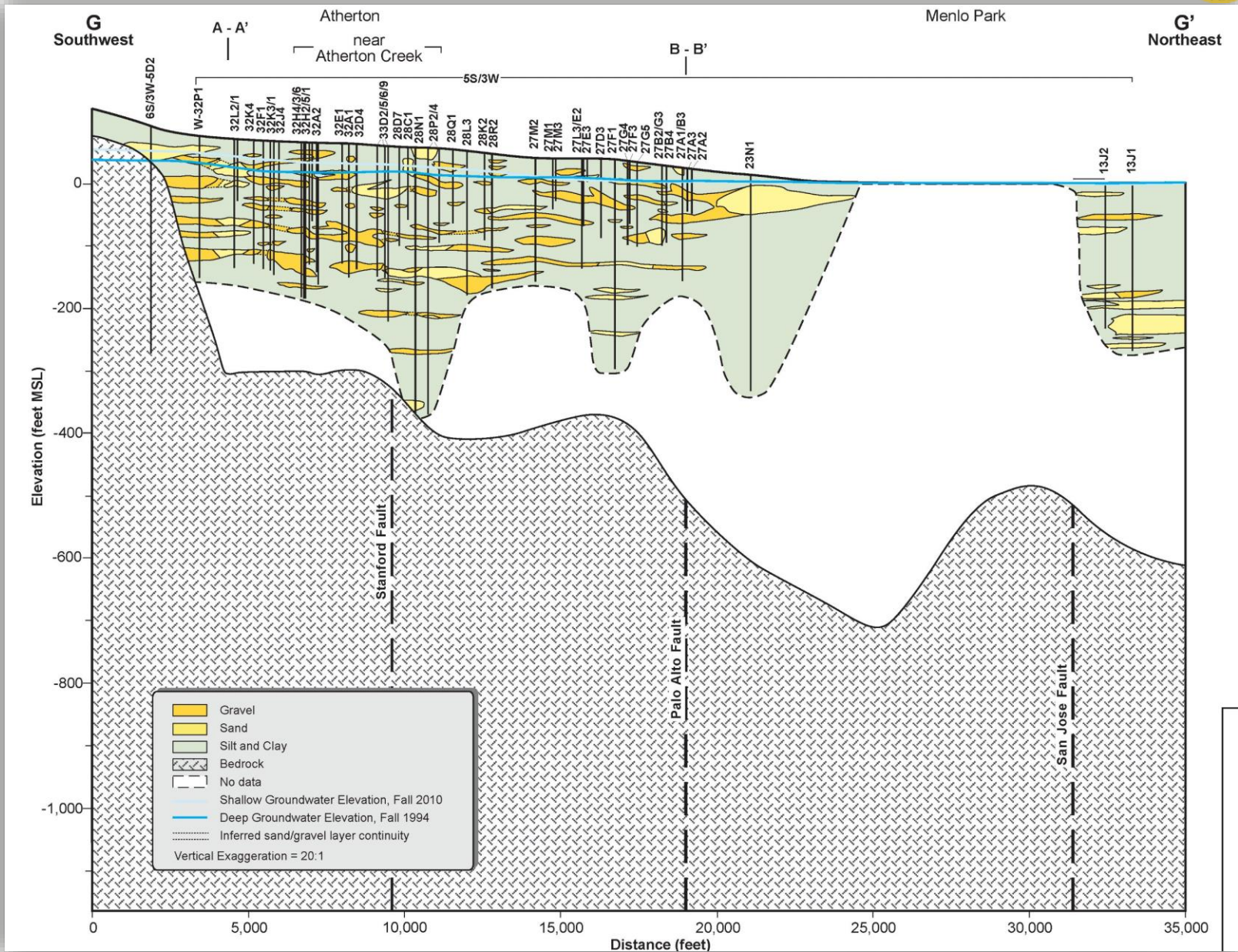
CROSS-SECTION TRANSECTS



NORTH-SOUTH CROSS-SECTION



EAST-WEST CROSS-SECTION

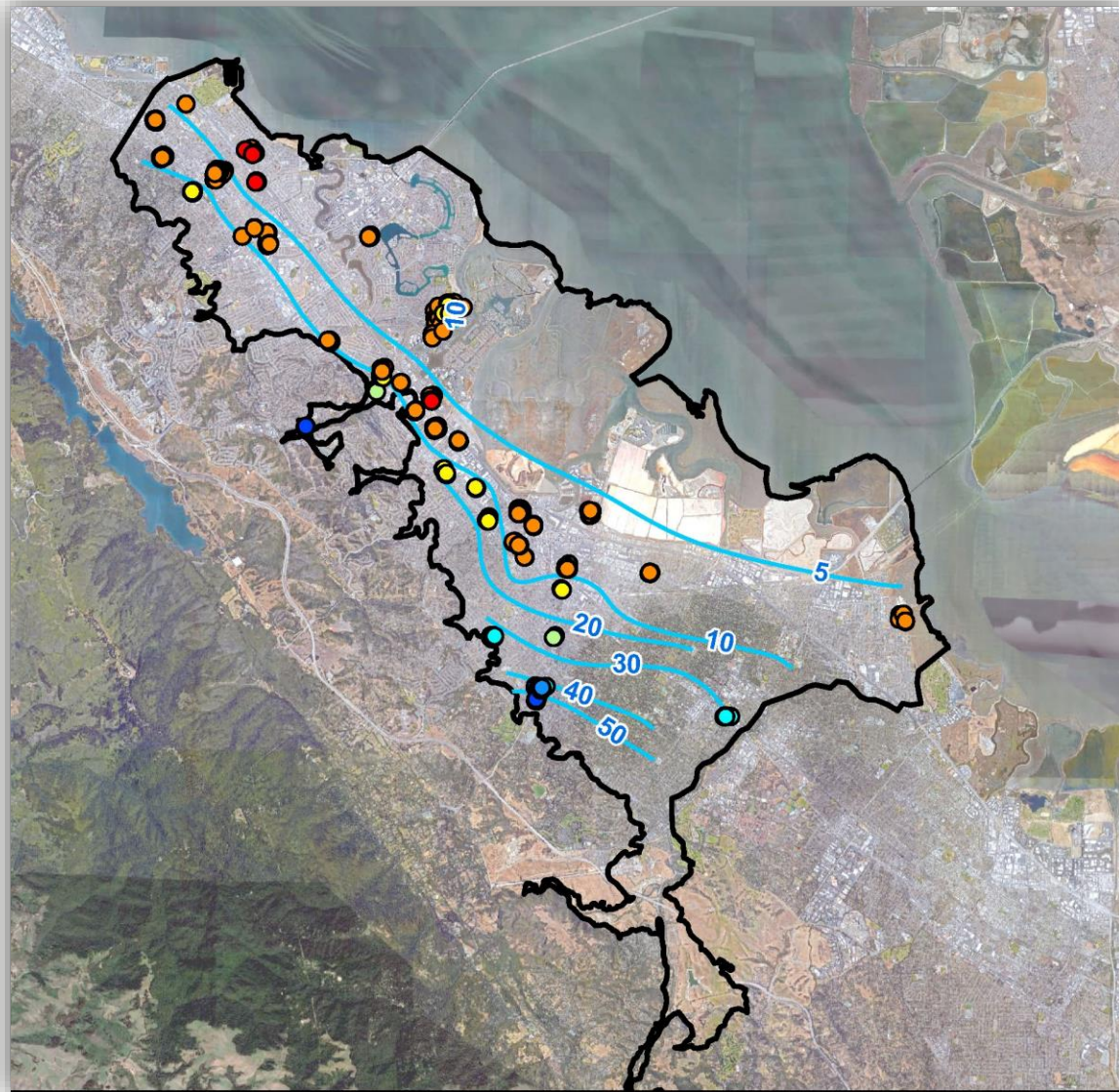


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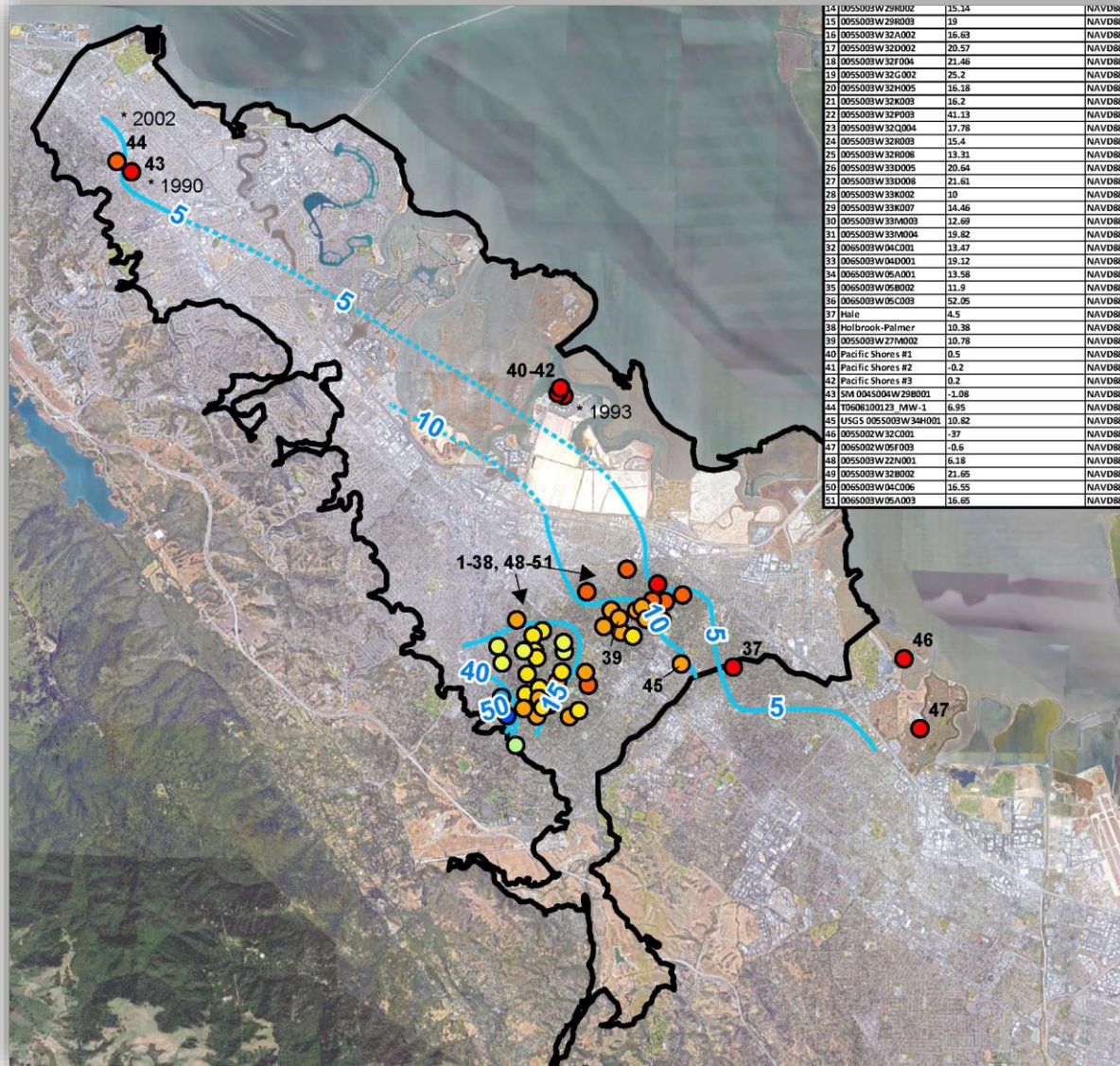
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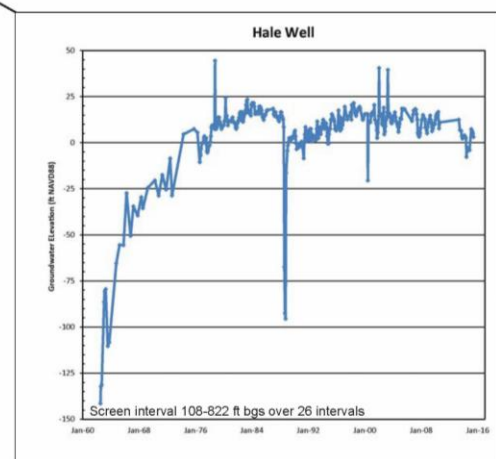
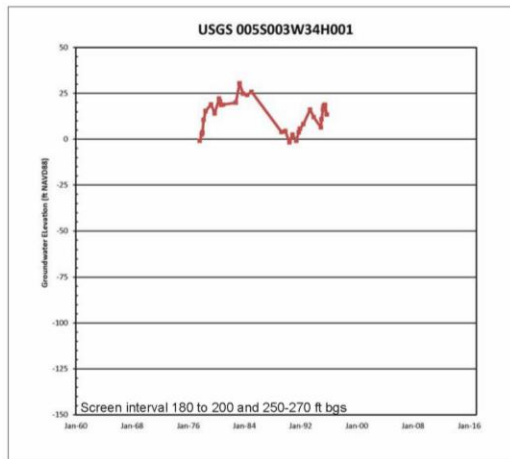
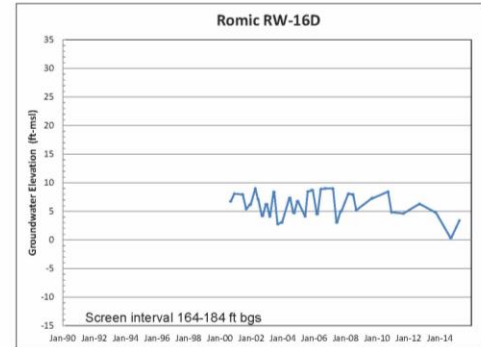
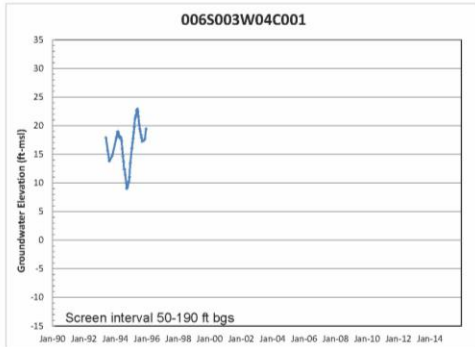
SHALLOW GROUNDWATER ELEVATIONS – FALL 2010



DEEP GROUNDWATER ELEVATIONS – FALL 1994



BASIN GROUNDWATER HYDROGRAPHS (DEEP)



Note: Groundwater elevations are in NAVD83



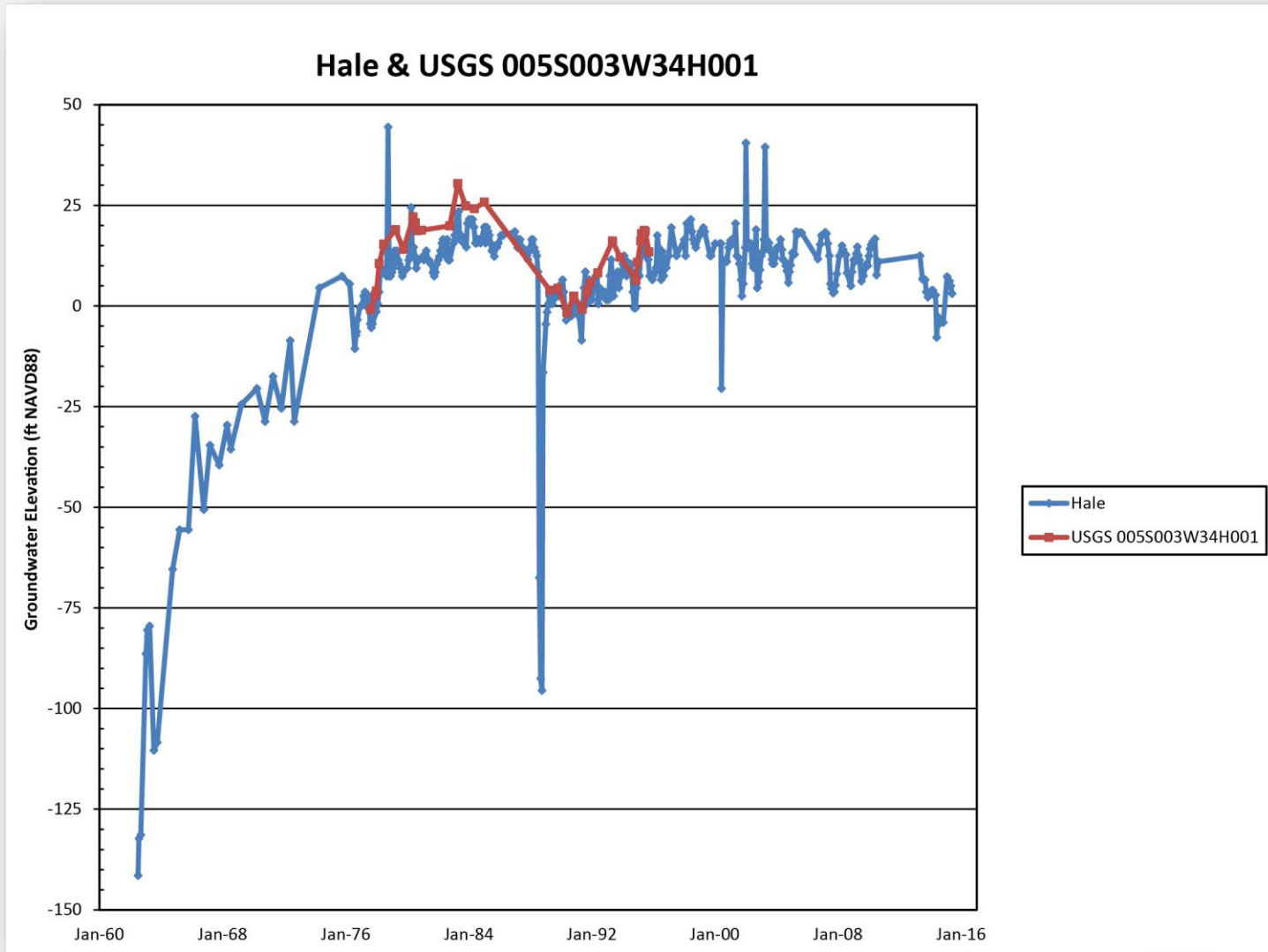
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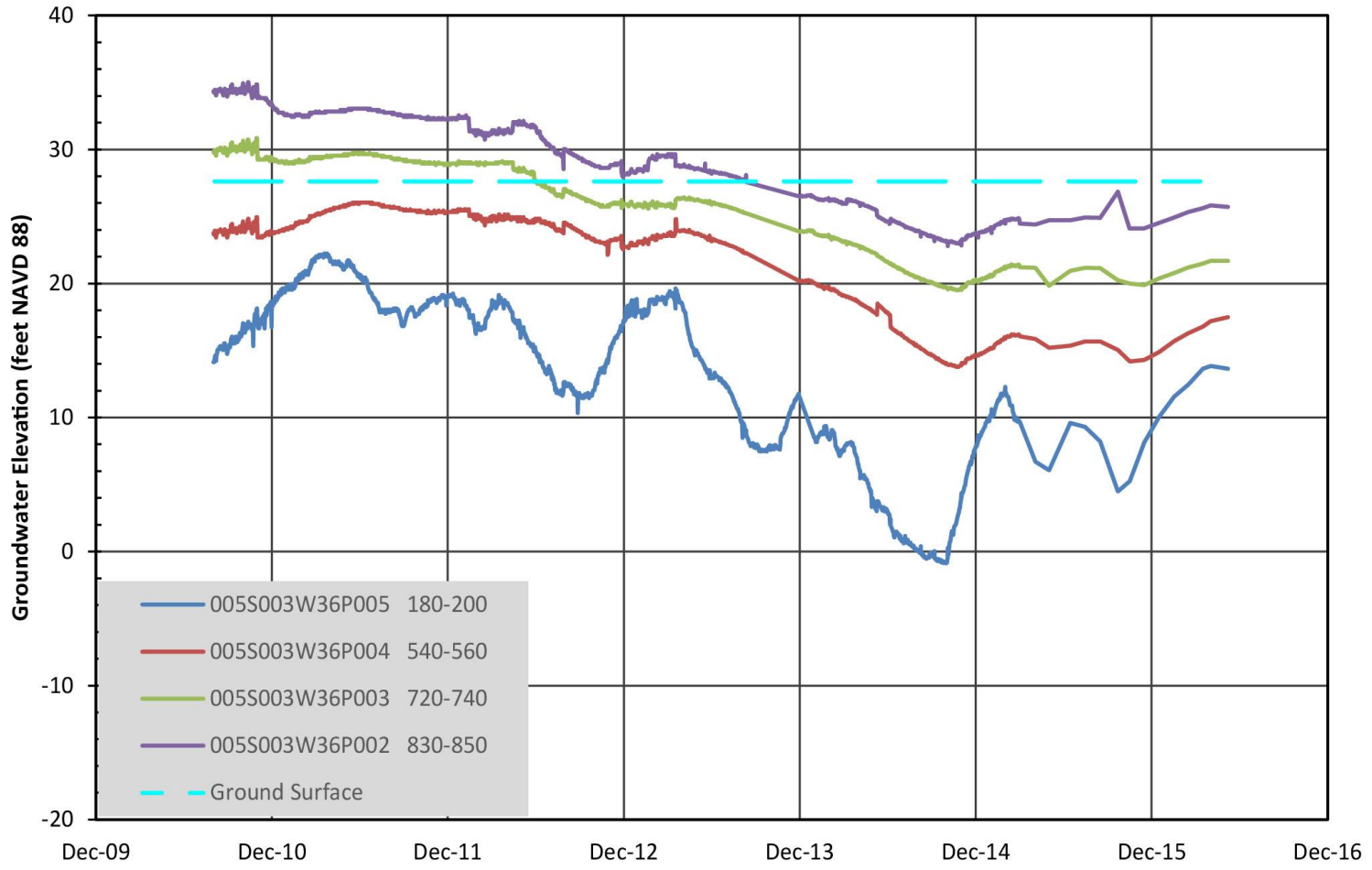
GROUNDWATER HYDROGRAPHS, HALE AND 34H1



GROUNDWATER HYDROGRAPHS, ELEANOR PARK



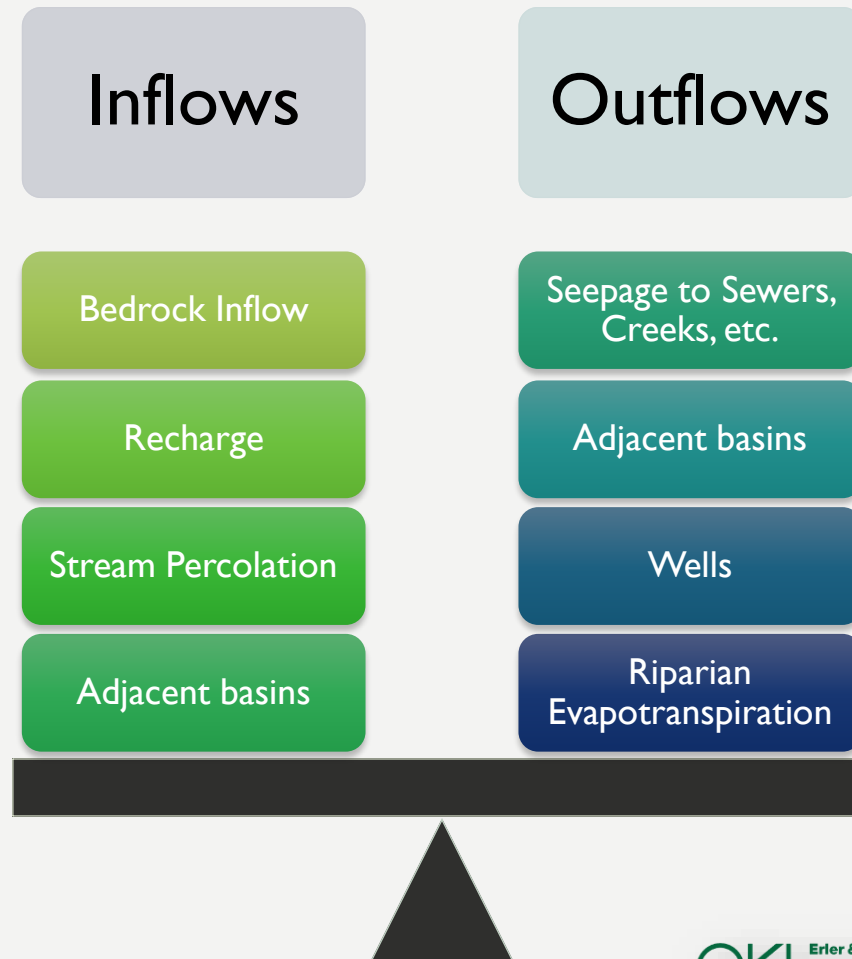
Eleanor Pardee Park Monitoring Well Cluster





BASIN WATER BALANCE

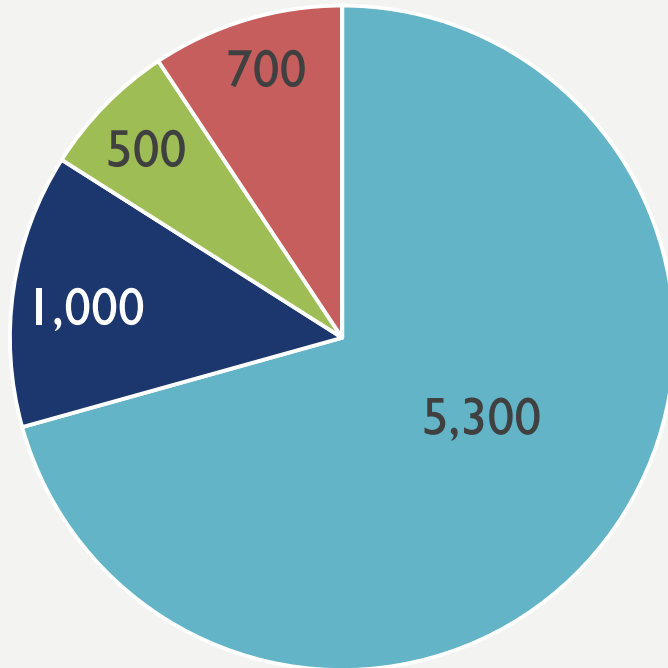
- Accounting of all inflows and outflows to a groundwater basin





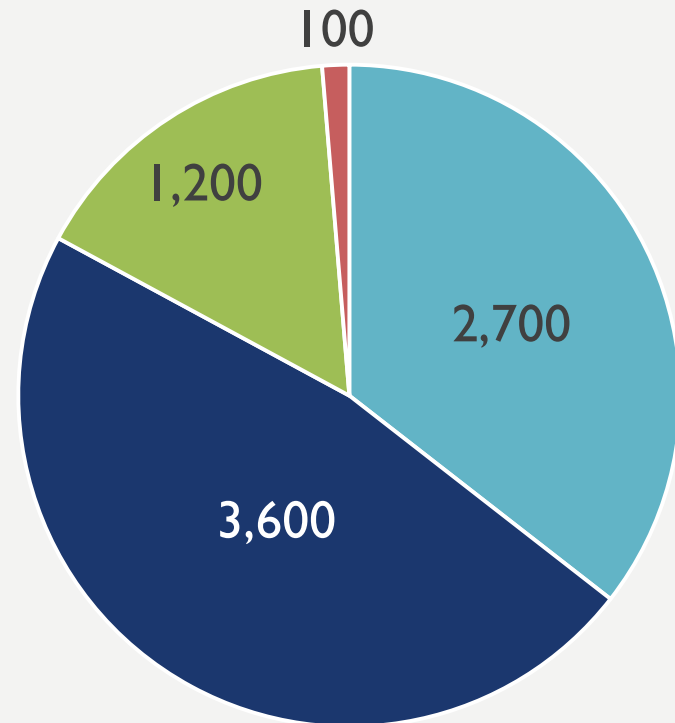
INFLOWS AND OUTFLOWS (AFY)

Inflows



- Dispersed Recharge
- Stream Percolation
- Bedrock Inflow
- Santa Clara Plain

Outflows



- Wells
- Groundwater Seepage
- San Francisco Bay
- Westside Basin

WATER BALANCE COMPARISON



	Estimated Basin Water Balance			Model-Calculated Water Budget
	Average	Plausible Range		
Inflows (AFY)				
Dispersed Recharge	5,300	3,800	10,000	5,200 ^a
Stream Percolation	500	500	1,400	1,500
Bedrock Inflow	500	100	1,000	500
Santa Clara Plain	700	100	1,100	1,100
Saltwater Intrusion	0	0	0	0
Total Inflow	7,500			8,300
Outflows (AFY)				
Wells	2,700	2,100	4,200	2,700
Groundwater Seepage	3,600	2,100	5,300	4,400
San Francisco Bay	1,200	700	2,100	1,200
Westside Basin	100	-100	100	
Total Outflows	7,500			8,300



Section 8

- San Mateo Plain Groundwater Flow Model

Section 9

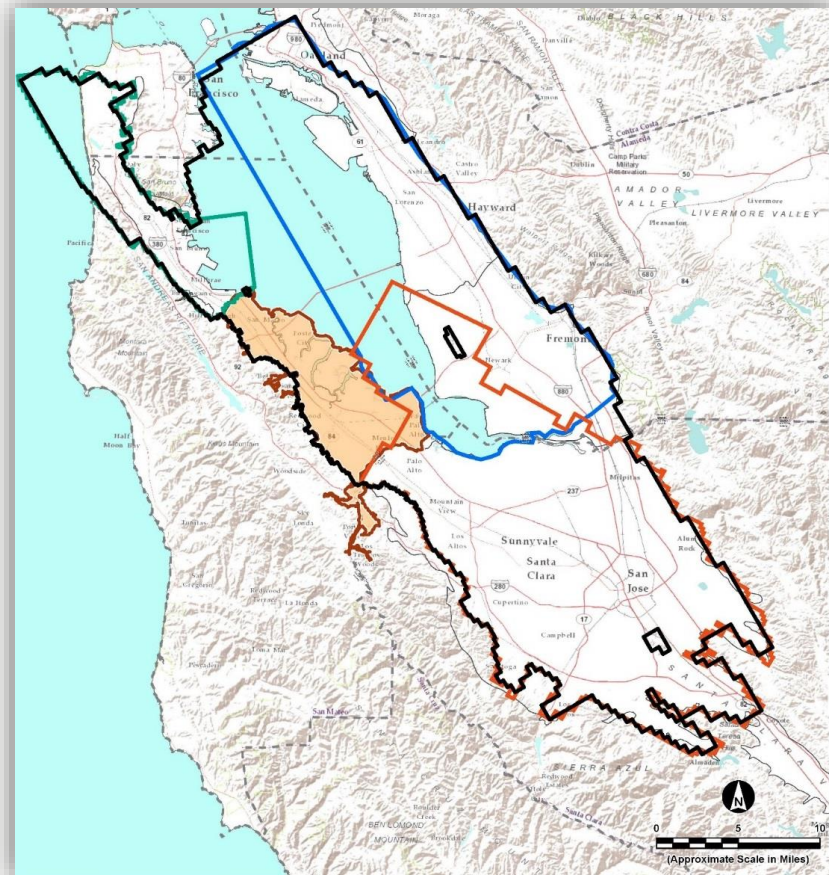
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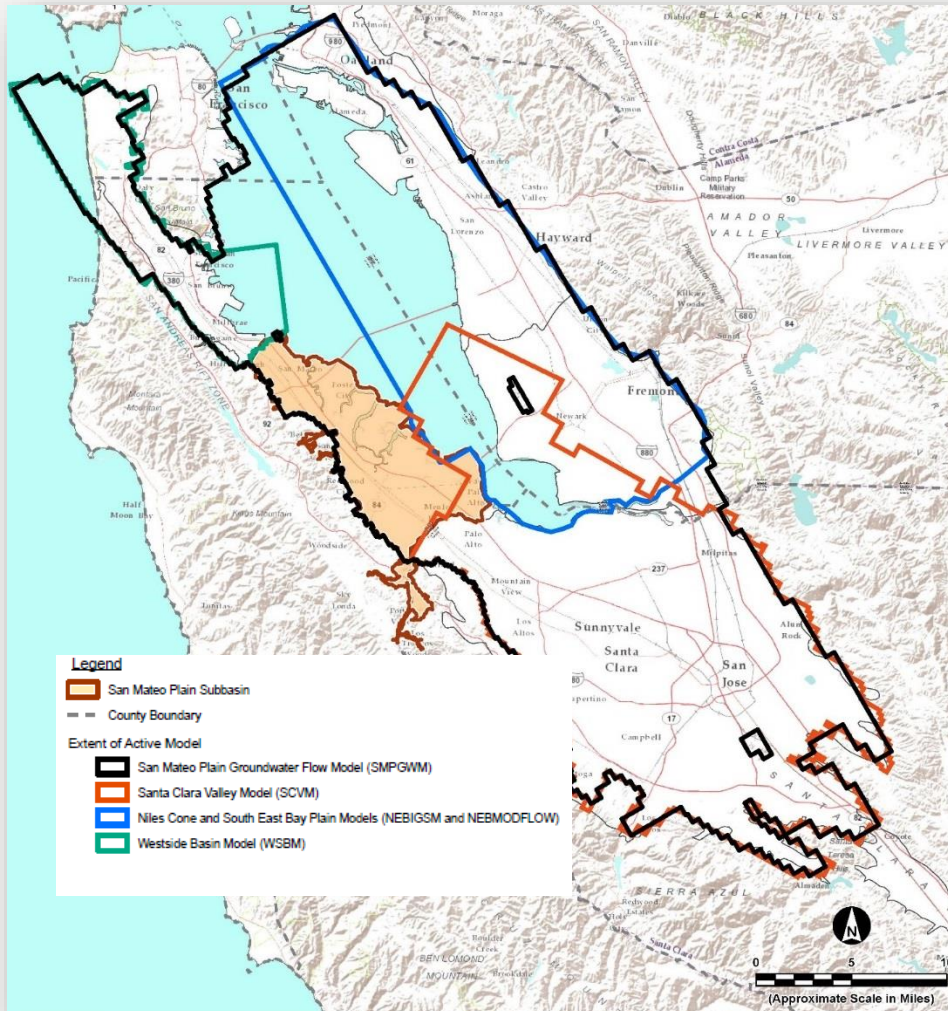


NUMERICAL MODEL DEVELOPED FOR BASIN

- Model represents a significant contribution
- Quantitatively understand how the Basin functions as part of regional system
- Future evaluation of implications of management (e.g., groundwater recharge) and hydrologic scenarios (e.g., climate change)

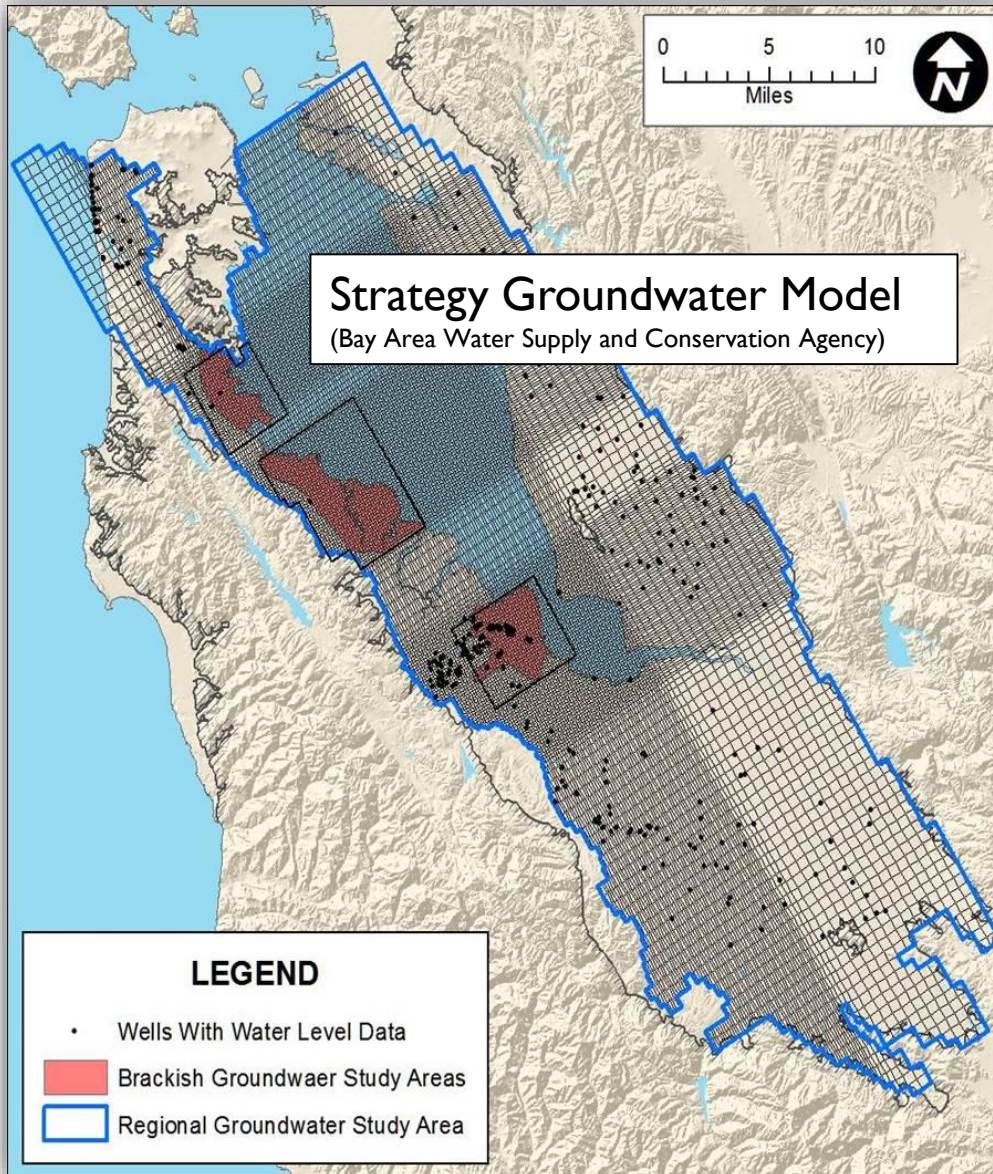


UTILIZED EXISTING MODELS AND PROJECT DATABASE



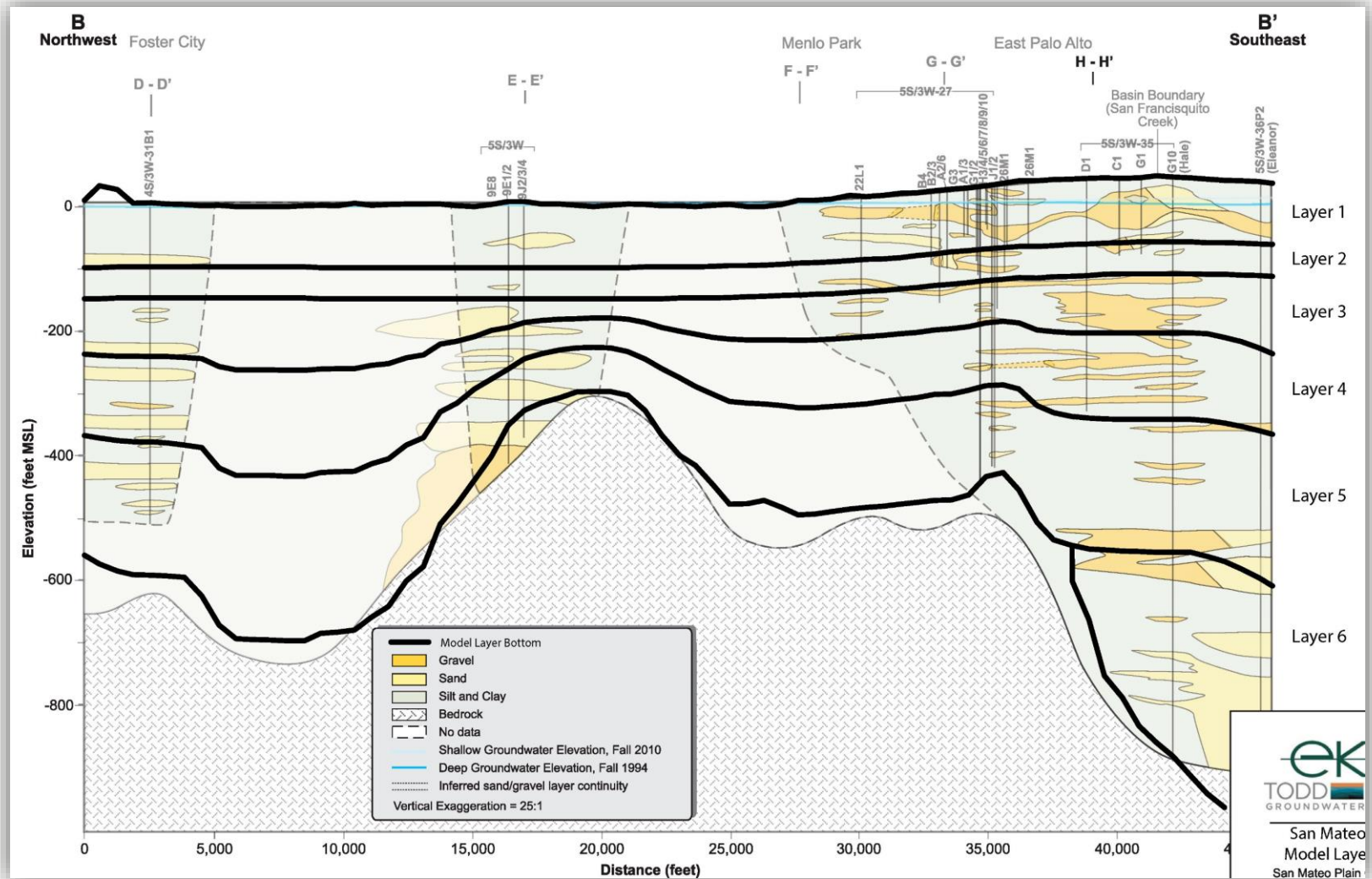
- BAWSCA “SGM” (1987-1996)
- Westside Basin Model (1959-2009)
- Niles Cone and South East Bay Plain Integrated Groundwater Surface Water Model (1965-2000)
 - MODFLOW (EBMUD)
 - IGSM (ACWD)
- USGS Santa Clara Valley Model (1970-1999)
- Project Database and Conceptual Model

MODEL EXTENT AND GRID



- Started with existing “SGM”
- Refined Model Grid
 - Area (cell dimensions)
 - Depth intervals (layers)
- Updated recharge and pumping
- Calibrated using measured water levels
- Assessed Basin Water Budget
- Timeframe: 1987-1996

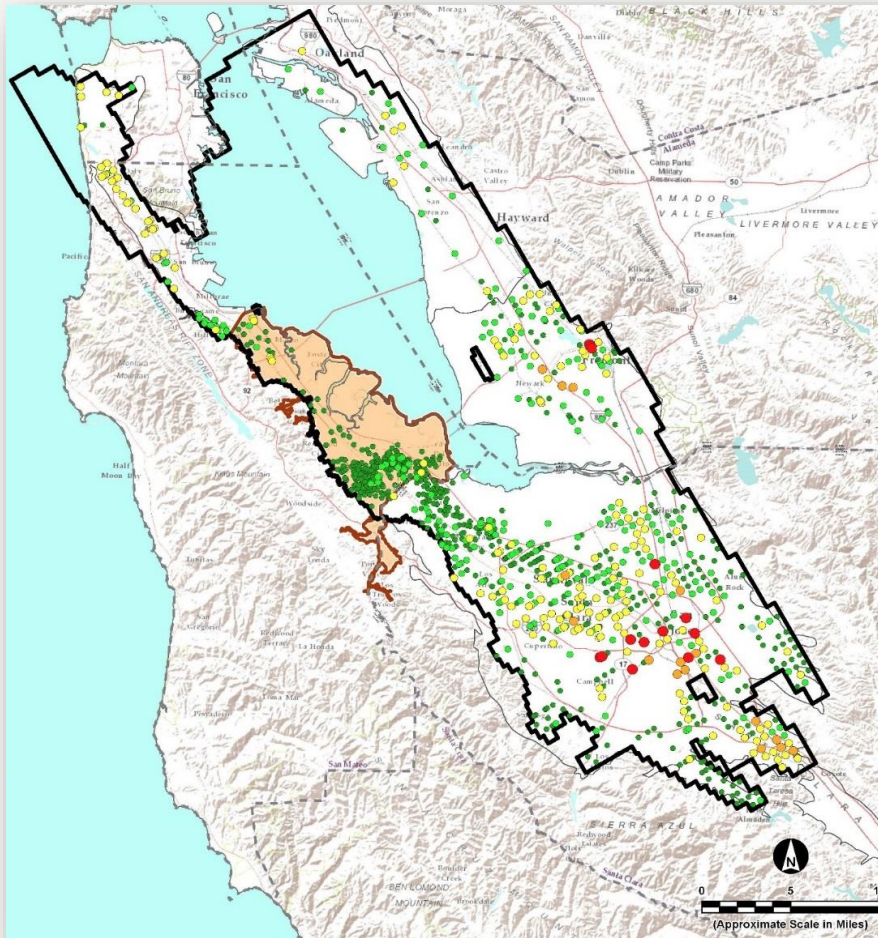
DEPTH DISTRIBUTION OF ACTIVE MODEL GRID – 6 LAYERS



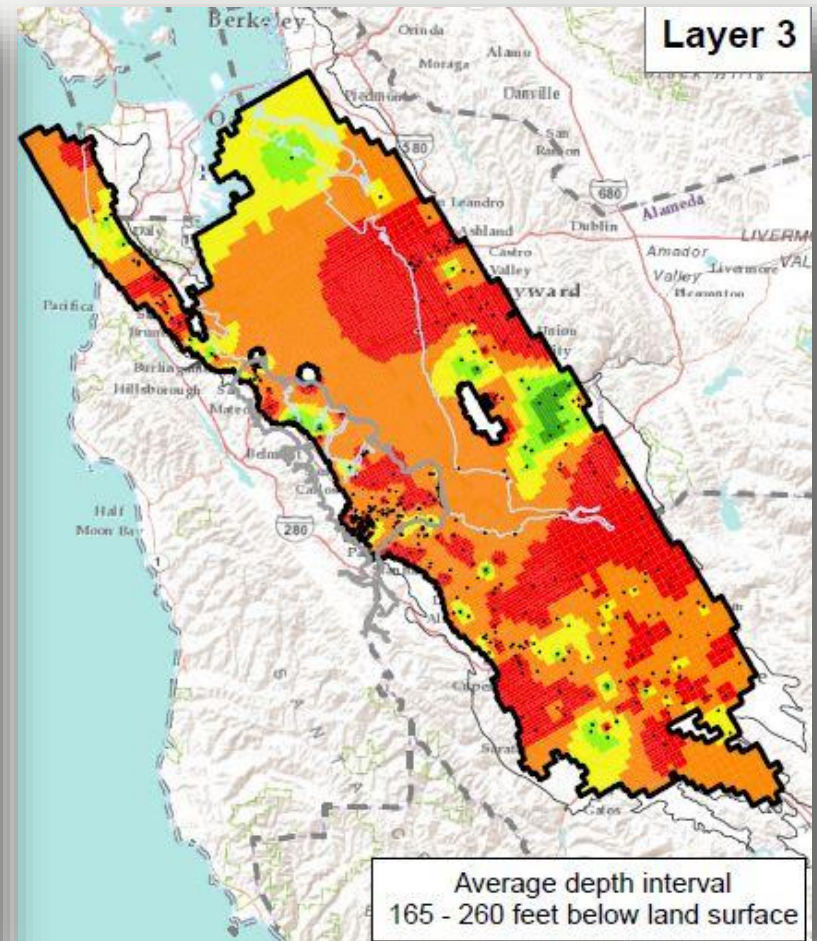


SPATIAL DISTRIBUTION OF KEY PARAMETERS

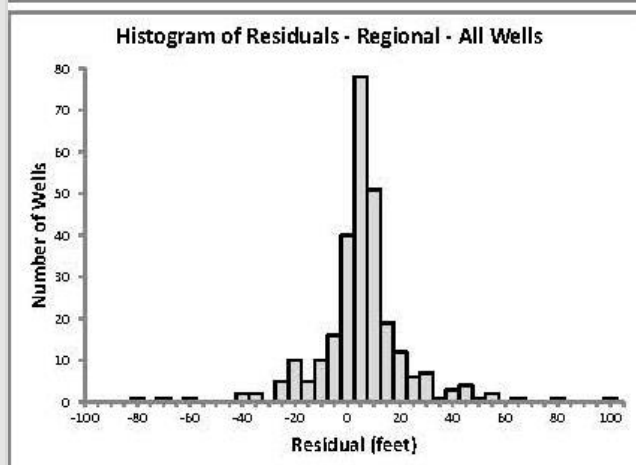
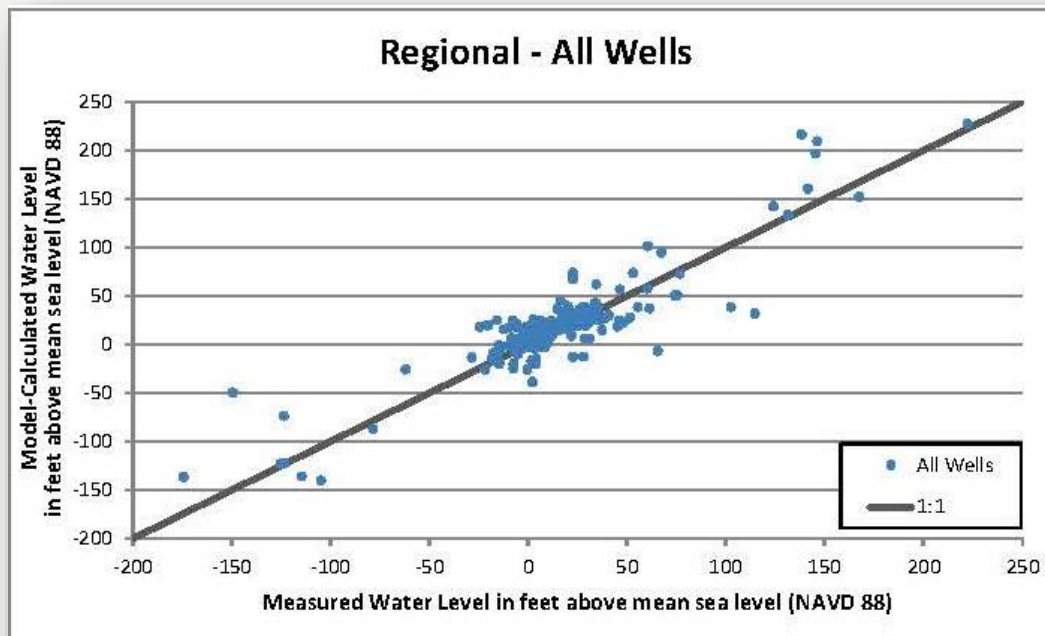
Well locations and pumping rates



Coarse-Grained Sediment Fraction



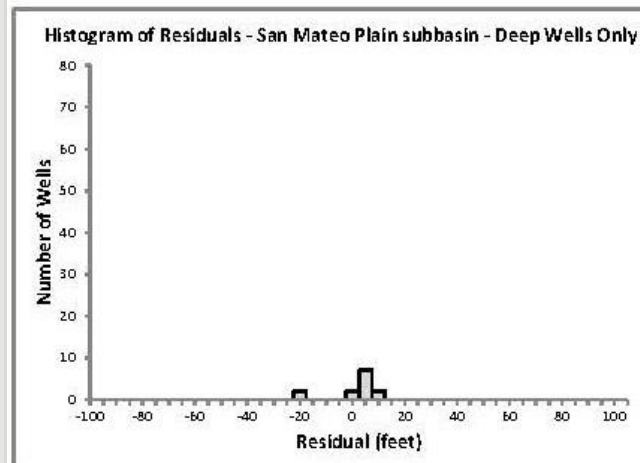
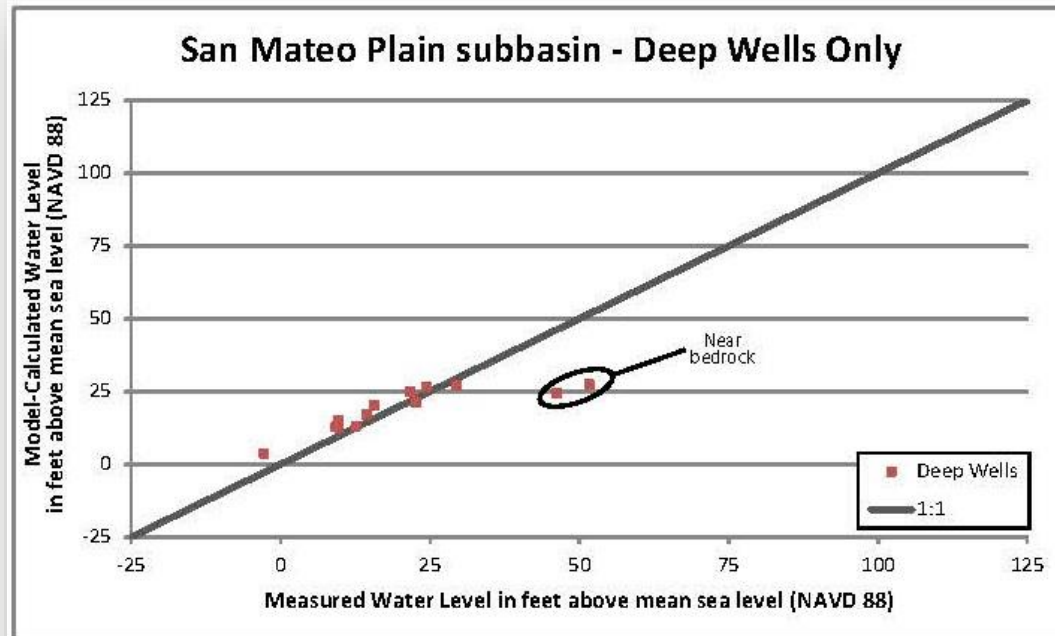
MODELED VS. MEASURED WATER LEVELS (ALL WELLS)



Error Statistics (in feet)

RMSE: 18.2
Min error: -83.1
Max error: 99.4
Mean error: 3.3
Median error: 3.0

MODELED VS. MEASURED WATER LEVELS (SMP - DEEP)



Error Statistics (in feet)

RMSE:	3.6
Min error:	-2.4
Max error:	6.5
Mean error:	2.5
Median error:	2.9

Statistics exclude outliers near bedrock

NUMERICAL MODEL DEVELOPMENT



Phase 1

- Steady-state model

Phase 2

- Convert to transient model

Phase 3

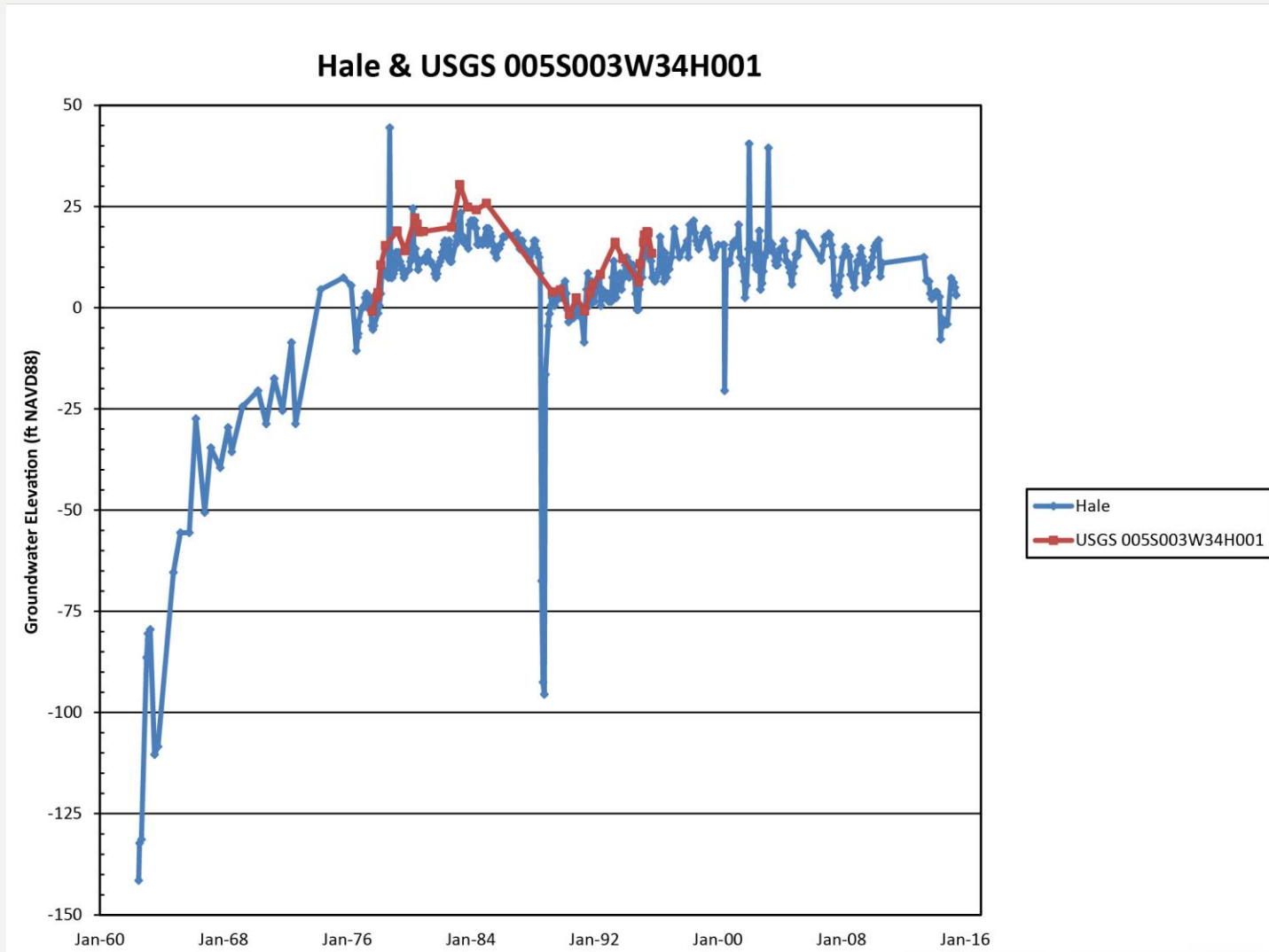
- Run scenarios to evaluate potential future basin conditions (e.g., climate change)



EVIDENCE OF HISTORICAL UNDESIRABLE RESULTS

- Groundwater pumping from San Francisquito Cone & adjacent basins in first half of 20th century caused:
 - Lowering of water table
 - Average decline of 10 ft/yr between 1923 and 1926
 - Water level in the Hale Well in Palo Alto was about 150 ft lower in 1960s than in recent years
 - Up to 2 feet of subsidence measured in East Palo Alto (Poland and Ireland, 1988)
 - Saltwater intrusion
 - Chloride concentrations peaked in two Palo Alto wells in 1962 (Hale well) and 1972 (Rinconada well)
 - “Ravenswood Wells” in East Palo Alto

BASIN CONDITIONS HAVE IMPROVED AND STABILIZED





EVALUATION OF POTENTIAL “UNDESIRABLE RESULTS”

- Changes to the Basin Water Balance from Increased Pumping and/or Decreased Recharge



- Declining groundwater levels



- Decreased water in storage in basin



- Land subsidence



- Salt water intrusion



- Impacts to interconnected surface water



- Other potential “Undesirable Results/Effects” to Basin Water Quality

- Salt and nutrient loading

- Point-source contamination sites

- Cross-contamination between Shallow and Deep Aquifers

- Sea level rise



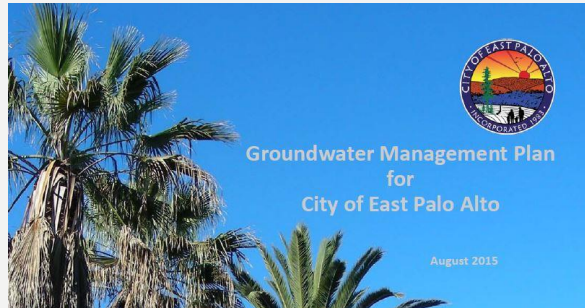
Section 10

- Initial Evaluation of Basin Management Options





CURRENT BASIN “MANAGEMENT”



- Local GWMPs



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GROUNDWATER PROTECTION PROGRAM

The goal of the Groundwater Protection Program is to protect underground water supplies and surface waters, such as the creeks, streams, ocean and the Bay, from chemical pollution.



To review information on the San Mateo Plain Sub-basin groundwater assessment, please go to the [Office of Sustainability's website](#) @.


Inspection staff oversee clean-up of

- County oversight of well permitting and groundwater remediation

A New General Plan for Redwood City

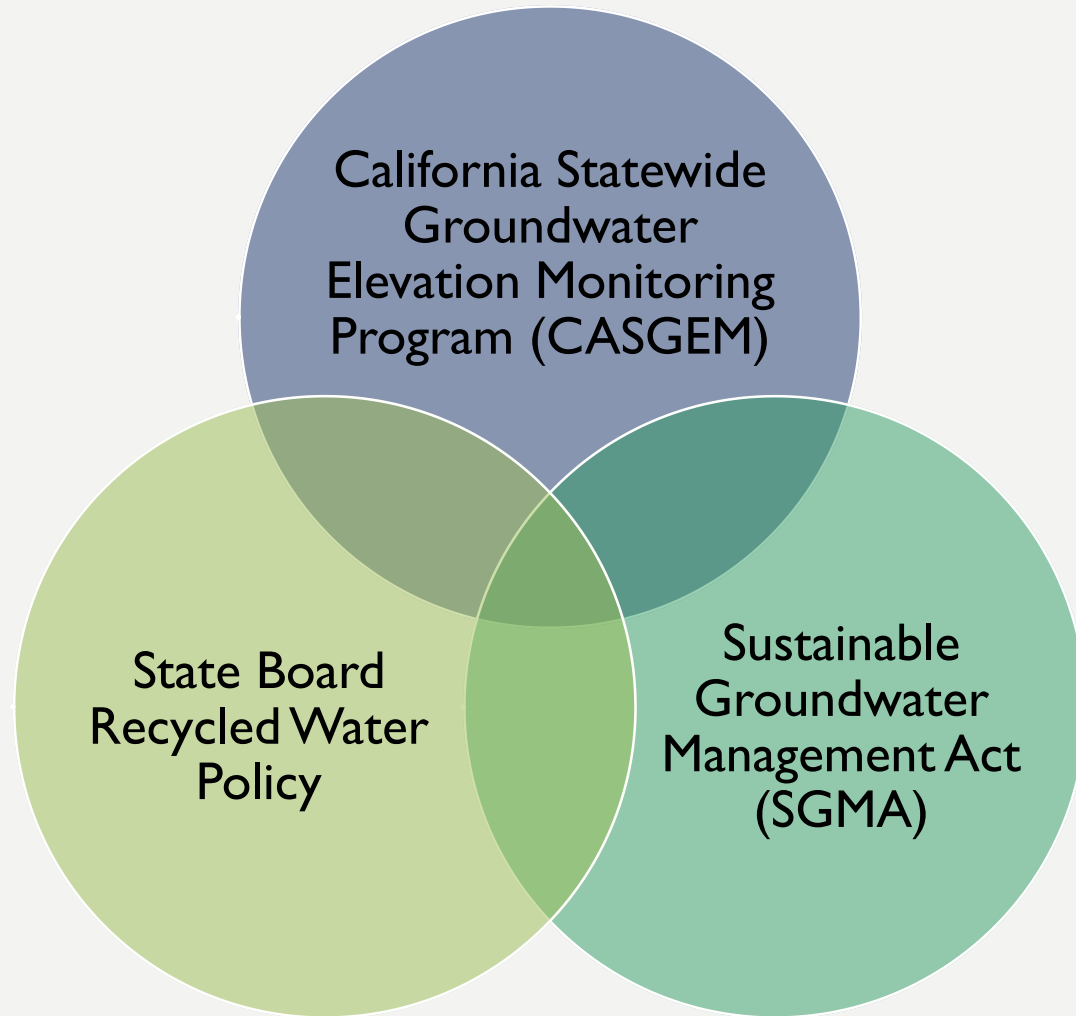
Draft Environmental Impact Report

May 2010



- “As-needed” environmental review

EXISTING STATEWIDE FRAMEWORKS





SGMA – KEY REQUIREMENTS

- Requires Formation of Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs);
- Development of Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSPs)
- Sustainable management of entire basins and avoidance of “Undesirable Results”



RELEVANCE OF SGMA TO BASIN

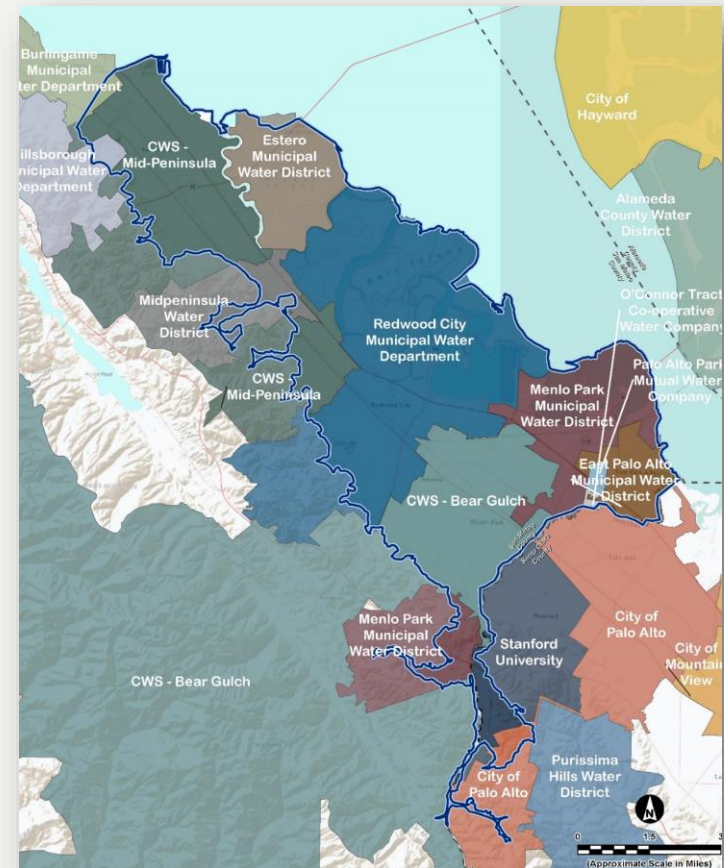
- Basin is not currently required to comply with SGMA
 - Designated as ‘Very Low’ priority by DWR in 2014
 - Based upon groundwater usage that was less than DWR’s 2,000 AFY threshold
 - If Basin had exceeded threshold, it would have been a ‘Medium’ priority basin
- Basin may have to comply with SGMA in the future
 - Basin could be re-prioritized in 2017/2018* or in the future
 - Analysis will include updated groundwater use data





THERE ARE 43 GSA-ELIGIBLE ENTITIES IN THE BASIN

- Cities and towns (13)
- Water districts, agencies, and suppliers (9)
- Mutual water companies and utilities regulated by CPUC (4)
- Counties (2)
- Wastewater agencies (12)
- Other entities (3)



*** Some entities overlie only a small portion of the Basin**



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***Physical
Management
(Projects)***

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT



Institutional Management (Governance)

“Unmanaged”

*Voluntary
Management*

SGMA

Special Act District

Adjudication

Physical Management (Projects)

Water sources

Delivery methods

Recharge projects

*Pumping
regulation*

*Groundwater
quality projects*

SEVERAL WATER “SOURCES” CAN BE USED TO AUGMENT RECHARGE



Hetch-Hetchy Water



- SFPUC is sole wholesale supplier in Basin
- High quality source
- Limited by cost and availability

Recycled Water



- Anticipated supply from three WWTPs
- Limited by demands, infrastructure costs, regulatory constraints

Stormwater



- Large portion of stormwater is conveyed directly to Bay
- C/CAG SMCWPPP

Water Conservation



- Reducing potable water demands decreases groundwater demand



Section II

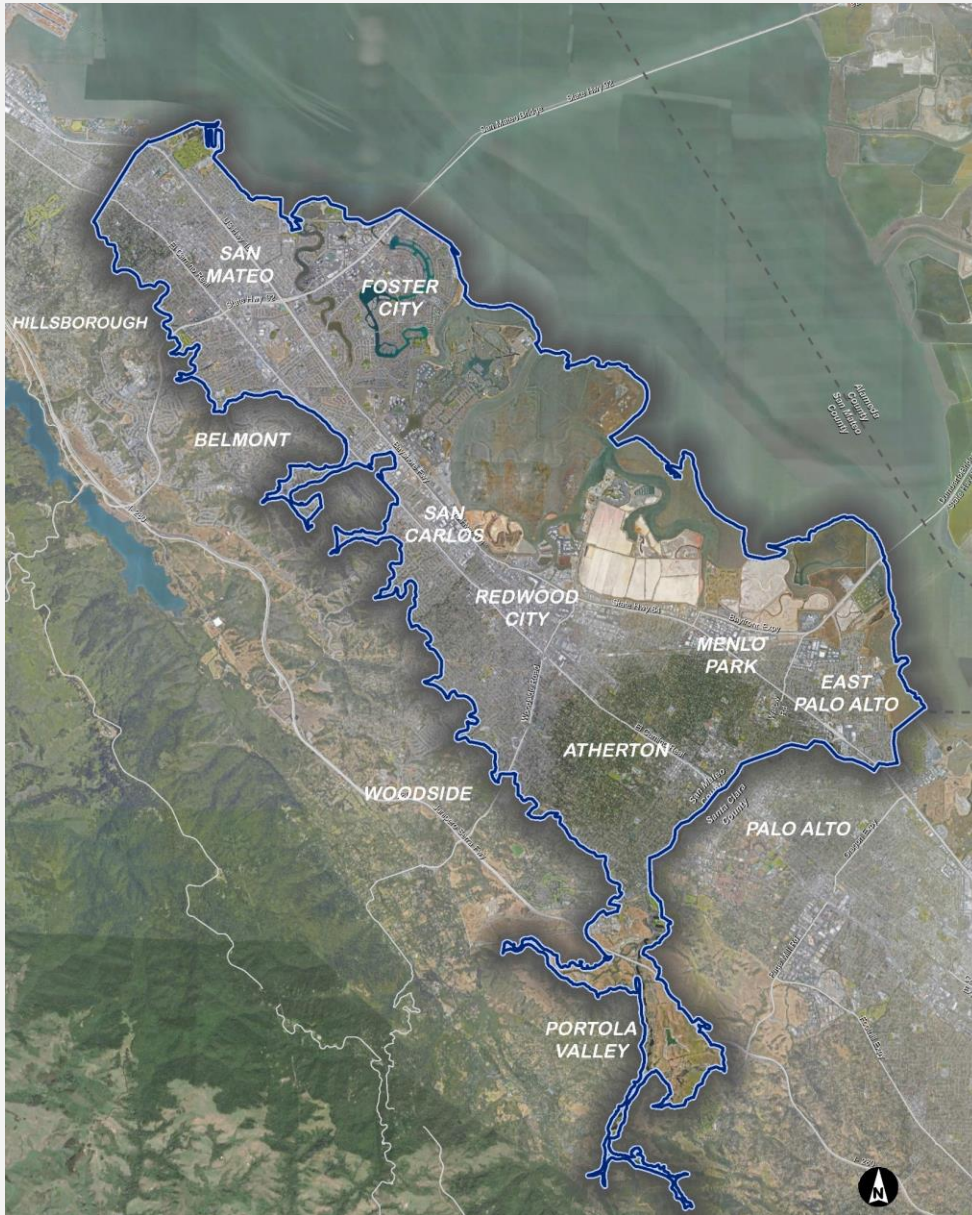
- Data Gaps and Potential Next Steps





DATA GAPS AND NEXT STEPS

- Overall scarcity of long-term groundwater level, quality, and pumping information
- Project Phase 2



PHASE 2 DISCUSSION



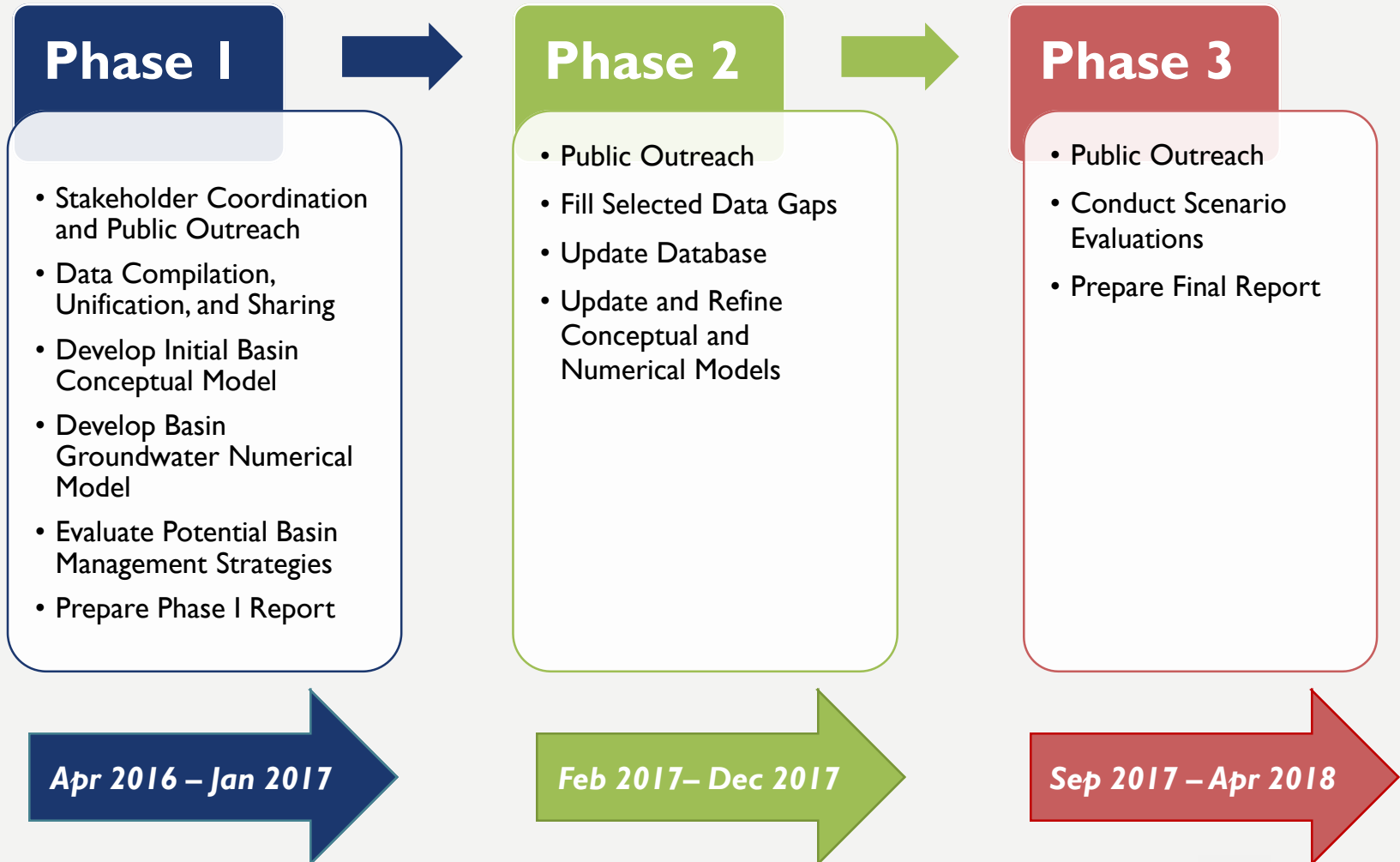
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DATA GAPS

- Temporal and spatial groundwater levels, quality, and production
- Aquifer pump test observation data
- Streamflow-groundwater interactions
- Sewer line-groundwater interactions
- Understanding of flow along basin boundaries
- Bay Mud effective conductivity



PHASE 2 – PART A: KNOWN DATA

- Data received since July 2016
- Pre-Geotracker (<2002) data
- Domestic well surveys, tidal studies, pump tests, and groundwater extraction from remediation sites
- East Palo Alto and Menlo Park well tests
- City of San Mateo sewer line-groundwater study
- Repeat and possibly expand streamflow measurements

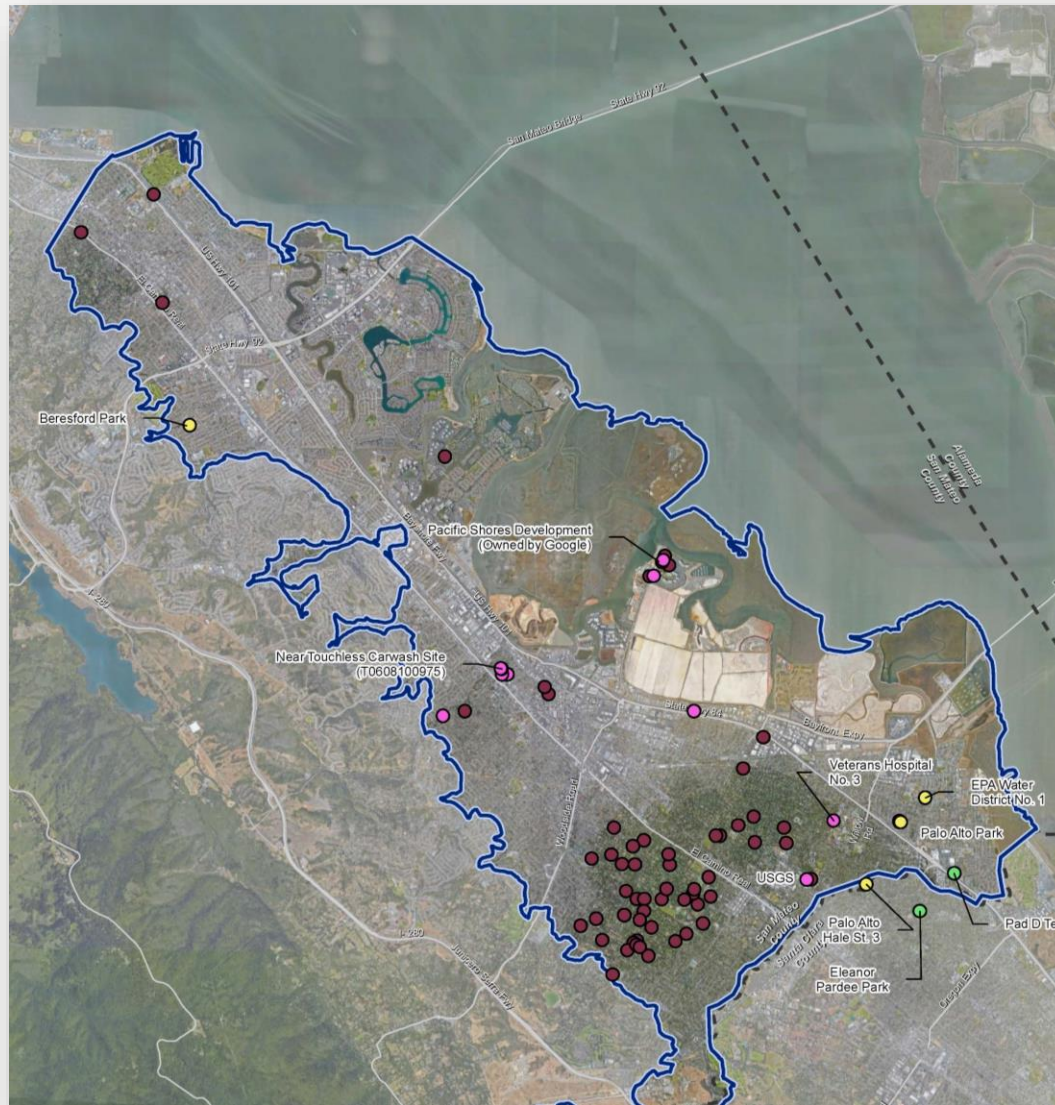


PHASE 2 – PART B: PARTNERSHIPS NEEDED

- Current groundwater monitoring
- Additional aquifer pump tests
- Information on location and volume of discharges to sewer and storm water lines
- Additional streams and streamflow measurements
- Potential studies within and adjacent to basin



POTENTIAL CANDIDATE WELLS



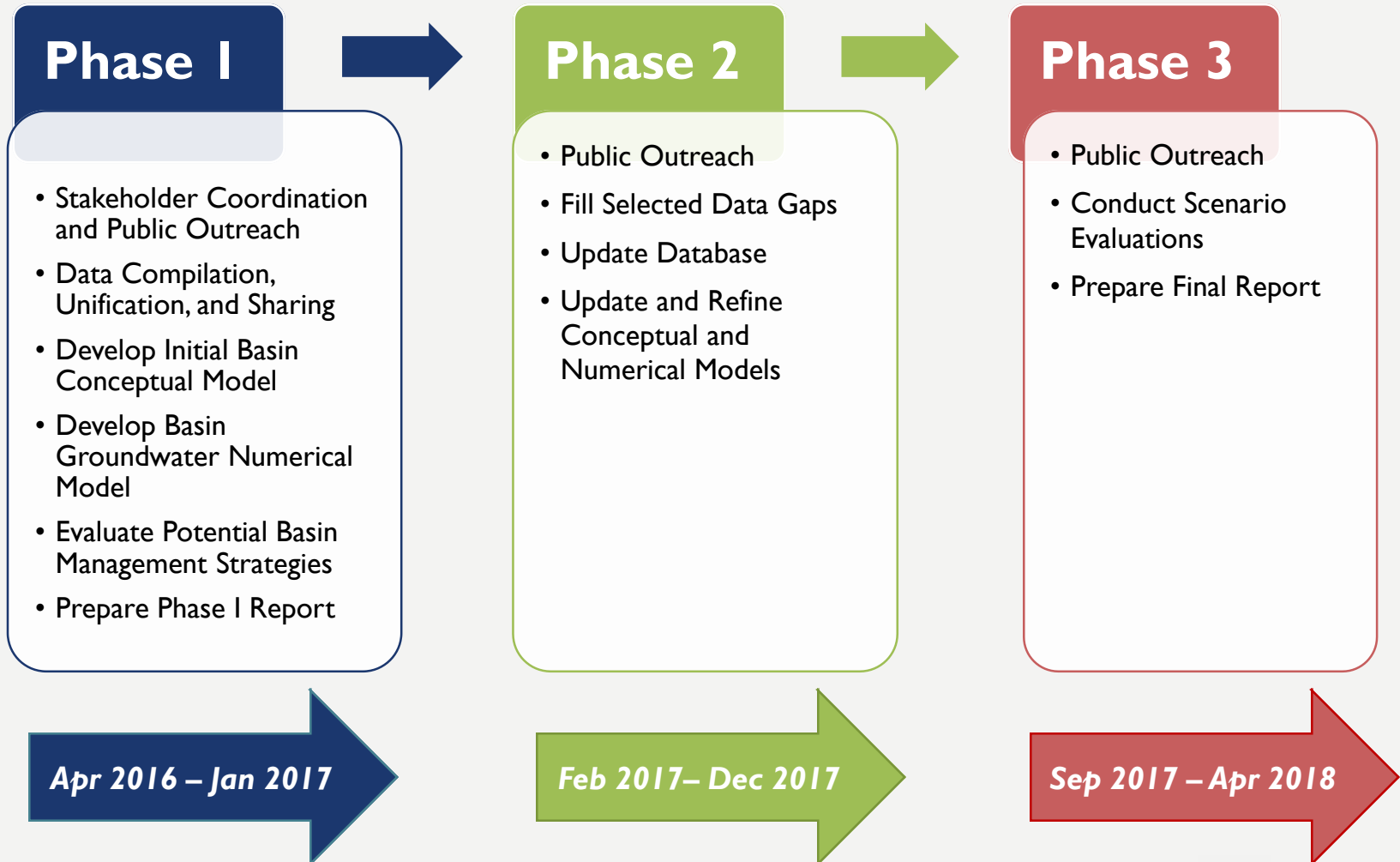


DATABASE AND MODEL UPDATES

- Open San Mateo County Portal
- Protocols and procedures for database update and maintenance
- New data validated and incorporated into various assessments and models
- Convert numeric steady state model to a transient model



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QUESTIONS?



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