



# CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE AGRICULTURAL LAND USE MAPPING FOR INFORMED DECISION MAKING AND TEMPORAL CHANGE ASSESSMENT

## Groundwater Resources Association Tools For Developing a GSP

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# PRESENTATION SUMMARY

- Publically Available Information
  - DWR Statewide Crop Mapping
- Example Data Resources for GSP Development
  - Retrospective Crop Mapping
  - Irrigation Method Determination
  - Crop Age Determination
  - Consumptive Use Estimates
  - Groundwater Recharge Potential



# STATEWIDE LAND USE

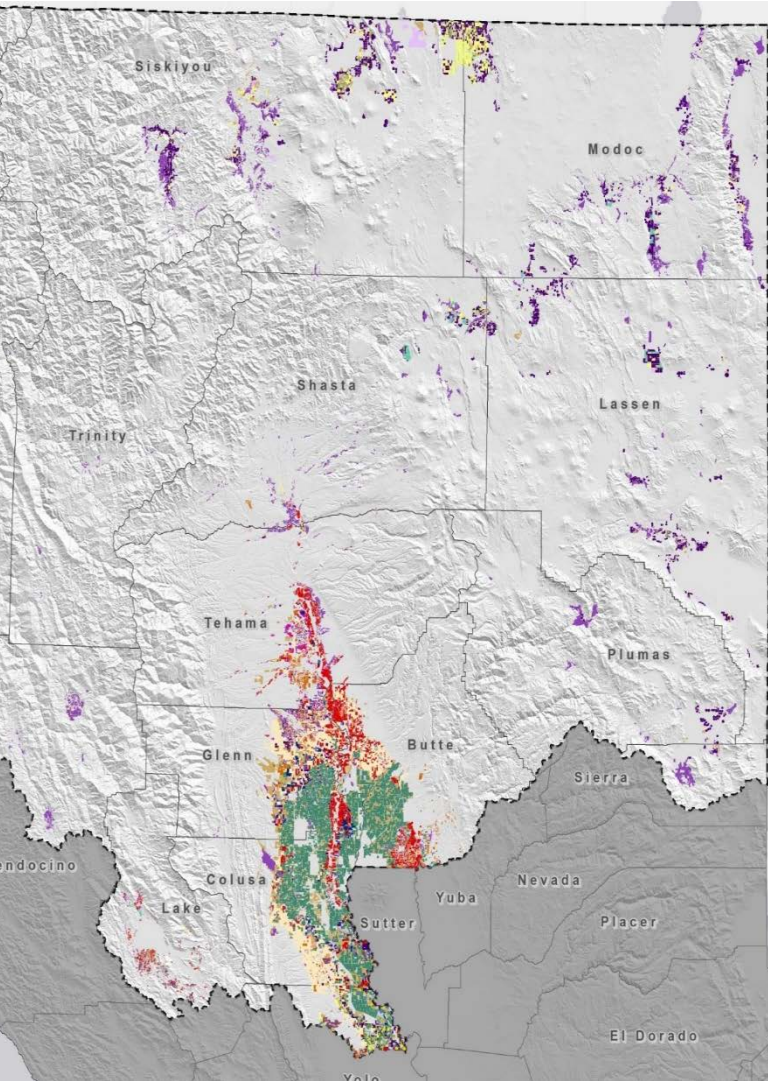
- Proven method developed through R&D and various approaches over the past 10 years
- Publically available statewide land use map products
  - Agriculture
  - Managed wetlands (e.g. state and federal wildlife refuges)
  - Urban areas
  - Major highways
- Historic mapping in San Joaquin Valley, Sacramento Valley, Imperial Valley, AZ, NM, TX, NV – resulted in statewide CA mapping
- Results are accurate crop maps, statistics, used for overall land use change analysis
- Similar legend as past, intermittent DWR land use mapping
- 2014 publically and freely available in June/July timeframe
- 2016 currently being mapped and available in late 2017/early 2018



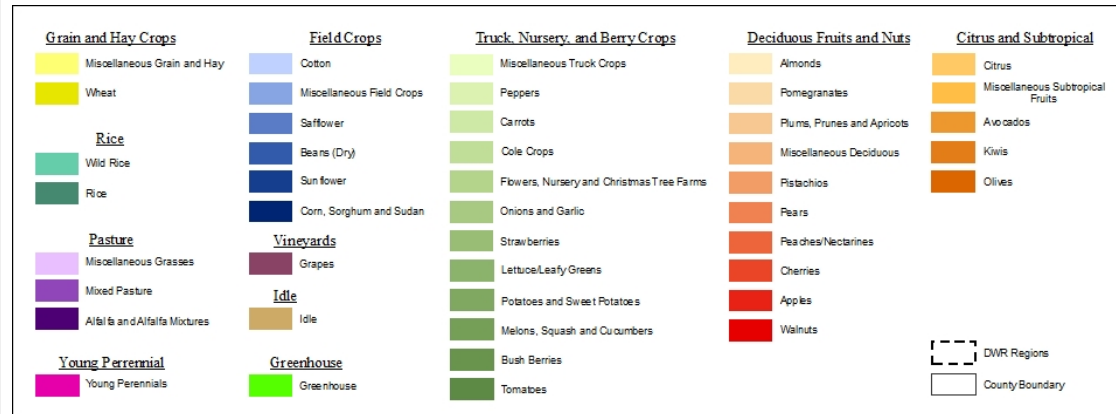
## LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS

- Over 9 million acres of irrigated land use classified
- 356,180 individually classified polygons
- Minimum field size of 2.0 acres
- Approximately 45 crop legend categories (including managed wetland systems)
- 95% accuracy based on ground-truthed independent validation dataset
- 1,064,294 acres of urban land use





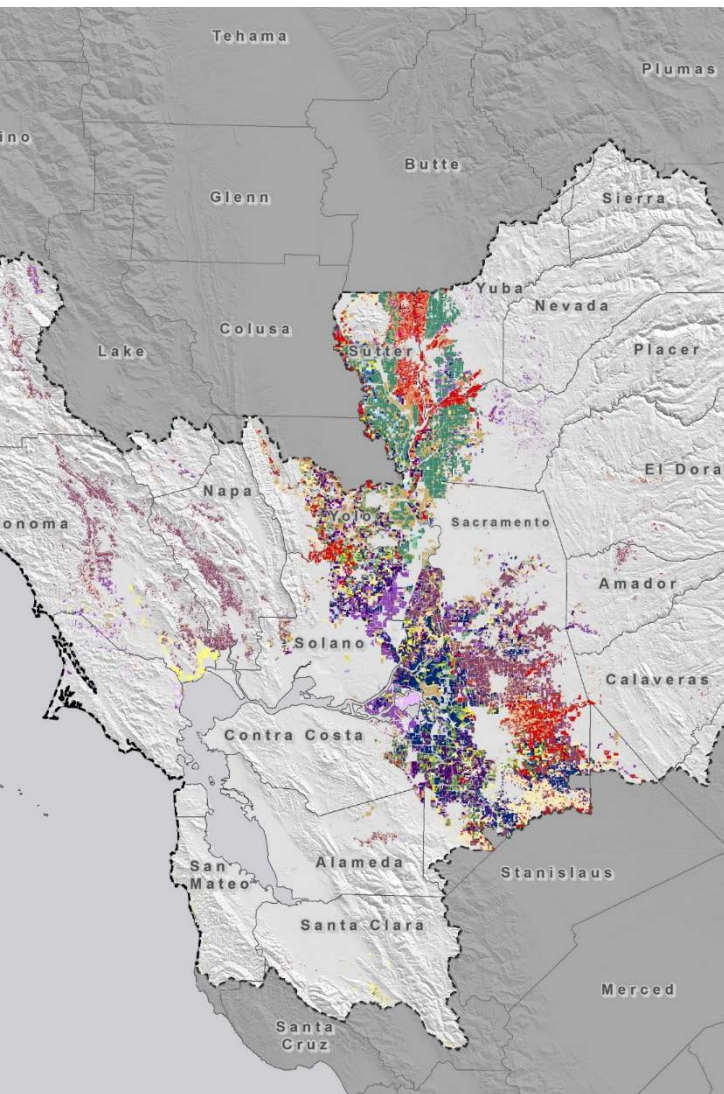
# CA - DWR NORTHERN REGION



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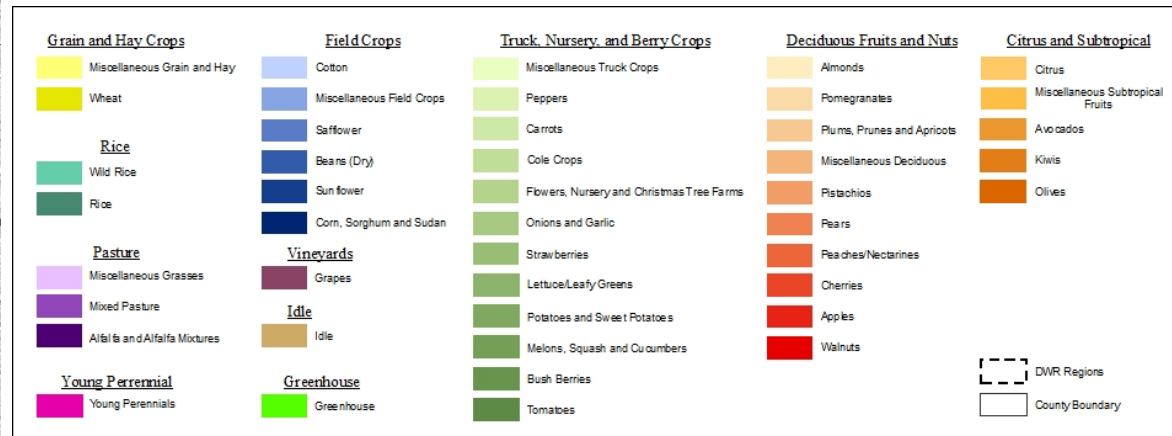
- Rice, Walnuts, Almonds, Alfalfa, Mixed Pasture, Prunes, Grapes, Olives
- 2014 Total Irrigated & Fallow Land = 1,492,979





# CA - DWR

## NORTH CENTRAL REGION



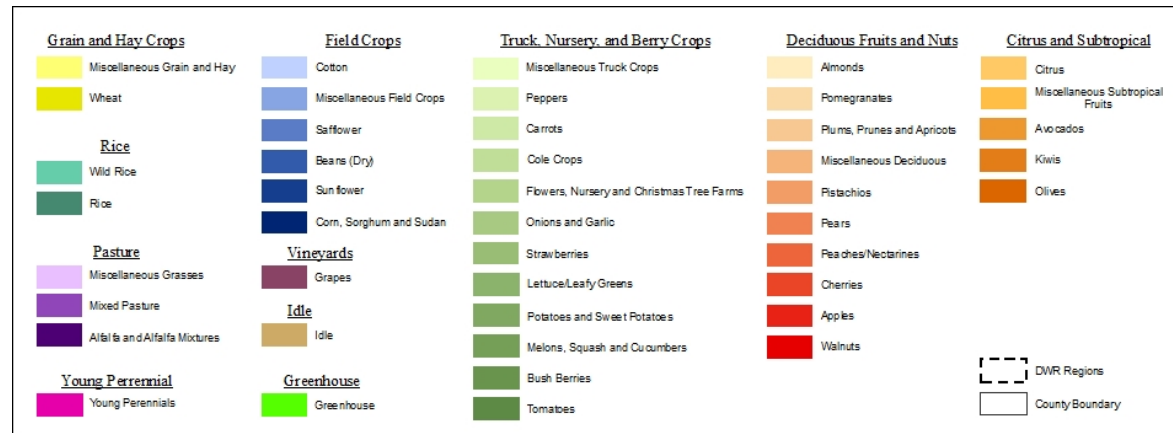
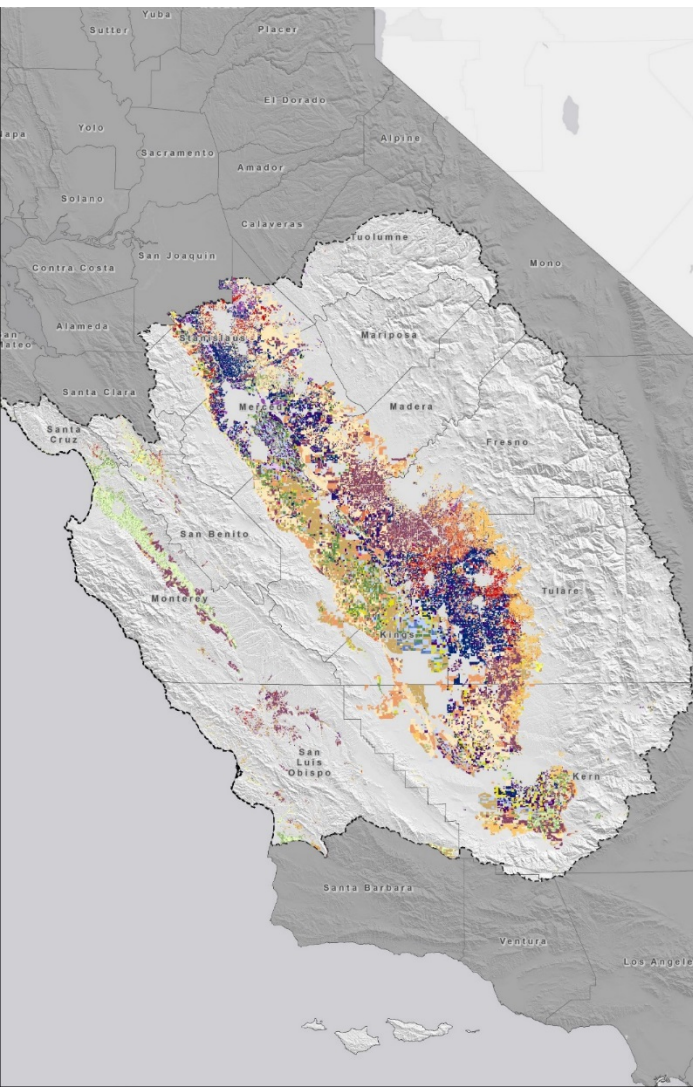
### • Major crops include:

- Grapes, Almonds, Walnuts, Corn, Alfalfa, Tomatoes, Mixed Pasture, Fallow
- 2014 Total Irrigated & Fallow Land = 1,664,941 acres





# CA – DWR SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

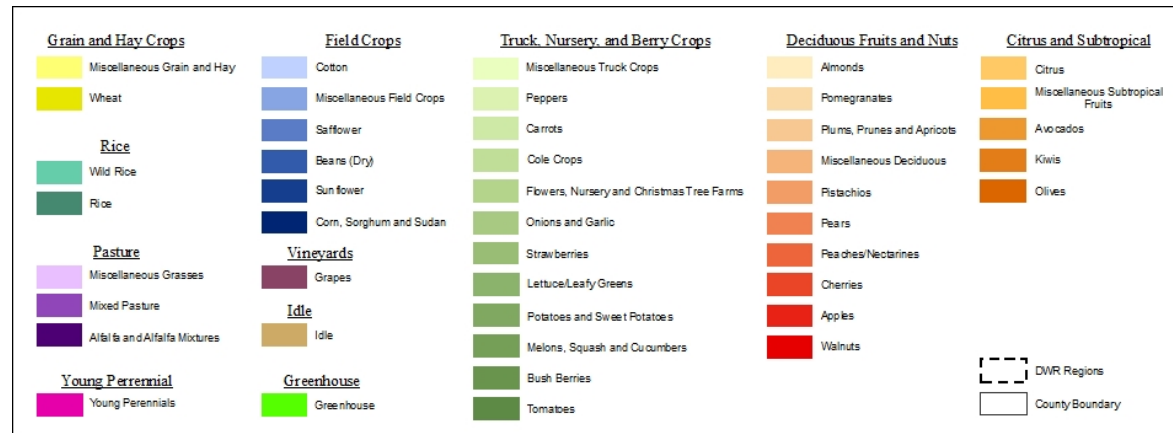
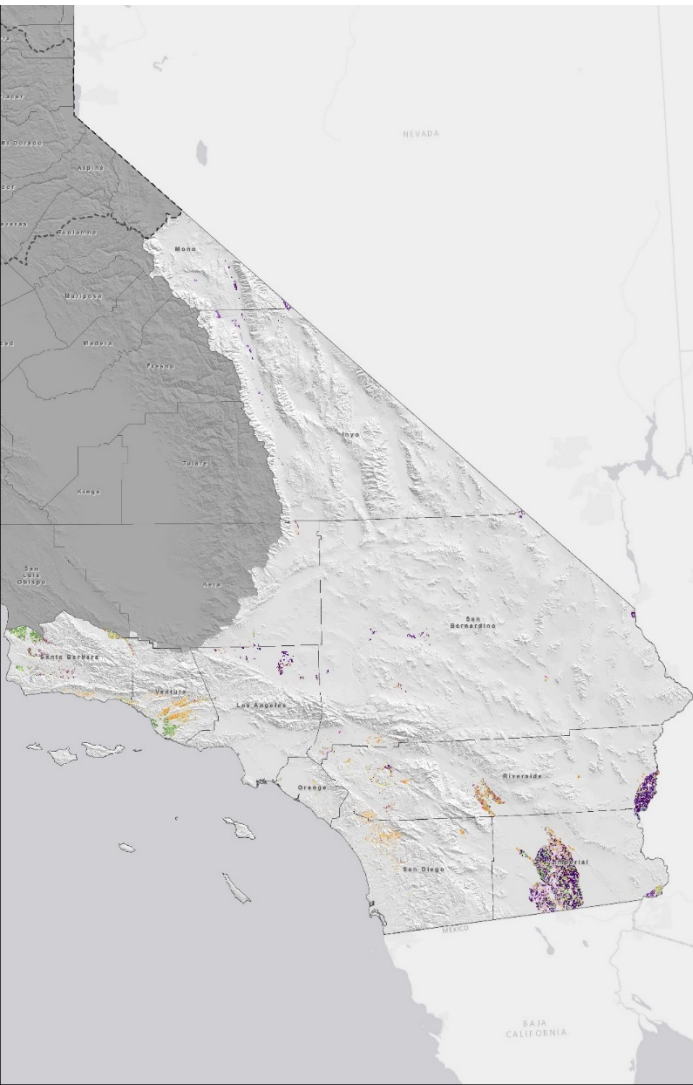


## • Major crops include:

- Grapes, Almonds, Pistachios, Citrus, Walnuts, Corn, Sorghum, Cotton, Alfalfa, Tomatoes, Wheat, Fallow
- 2014 Total Irrigated & Fallow Land = 4,829,004 acres



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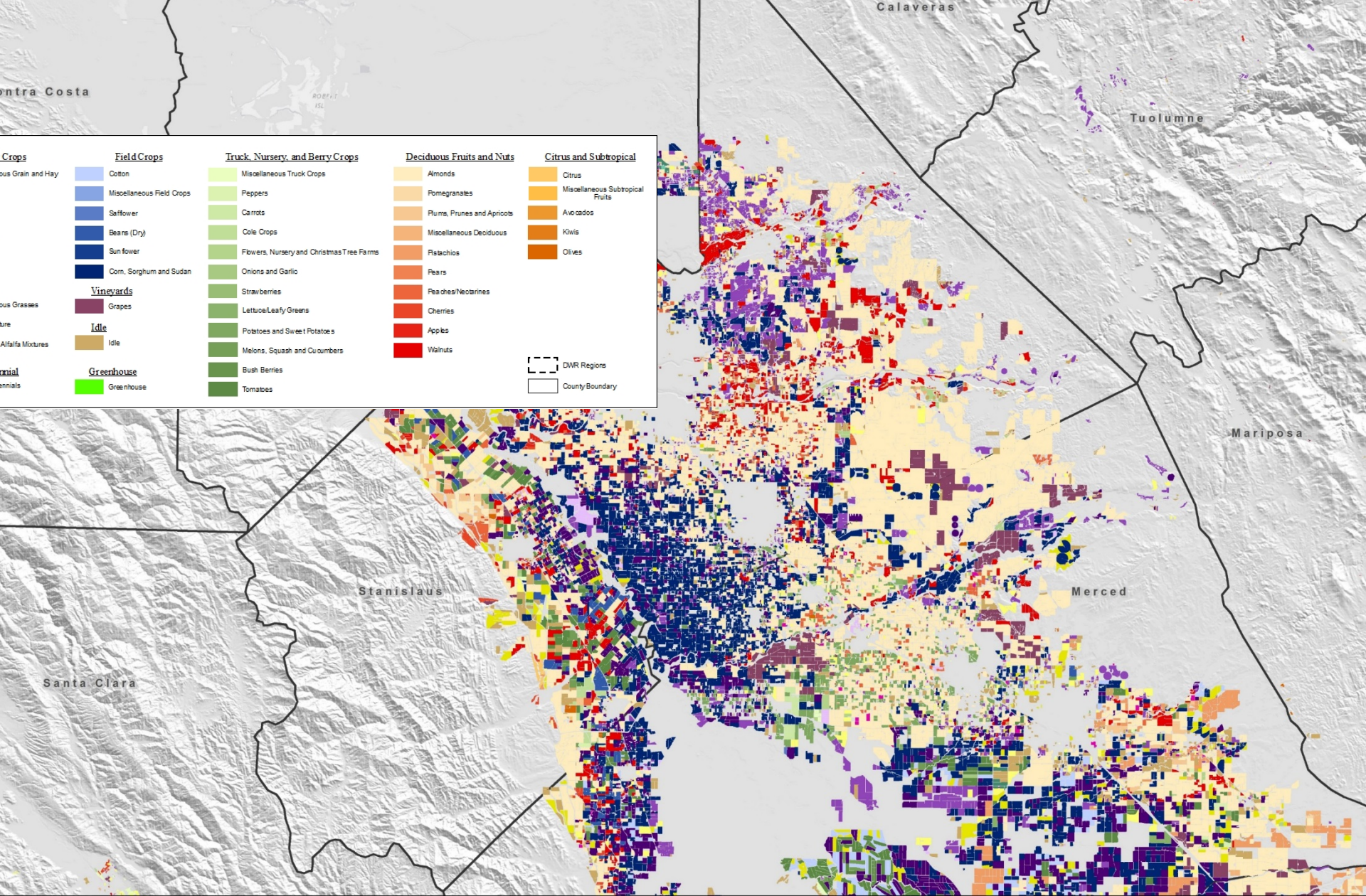


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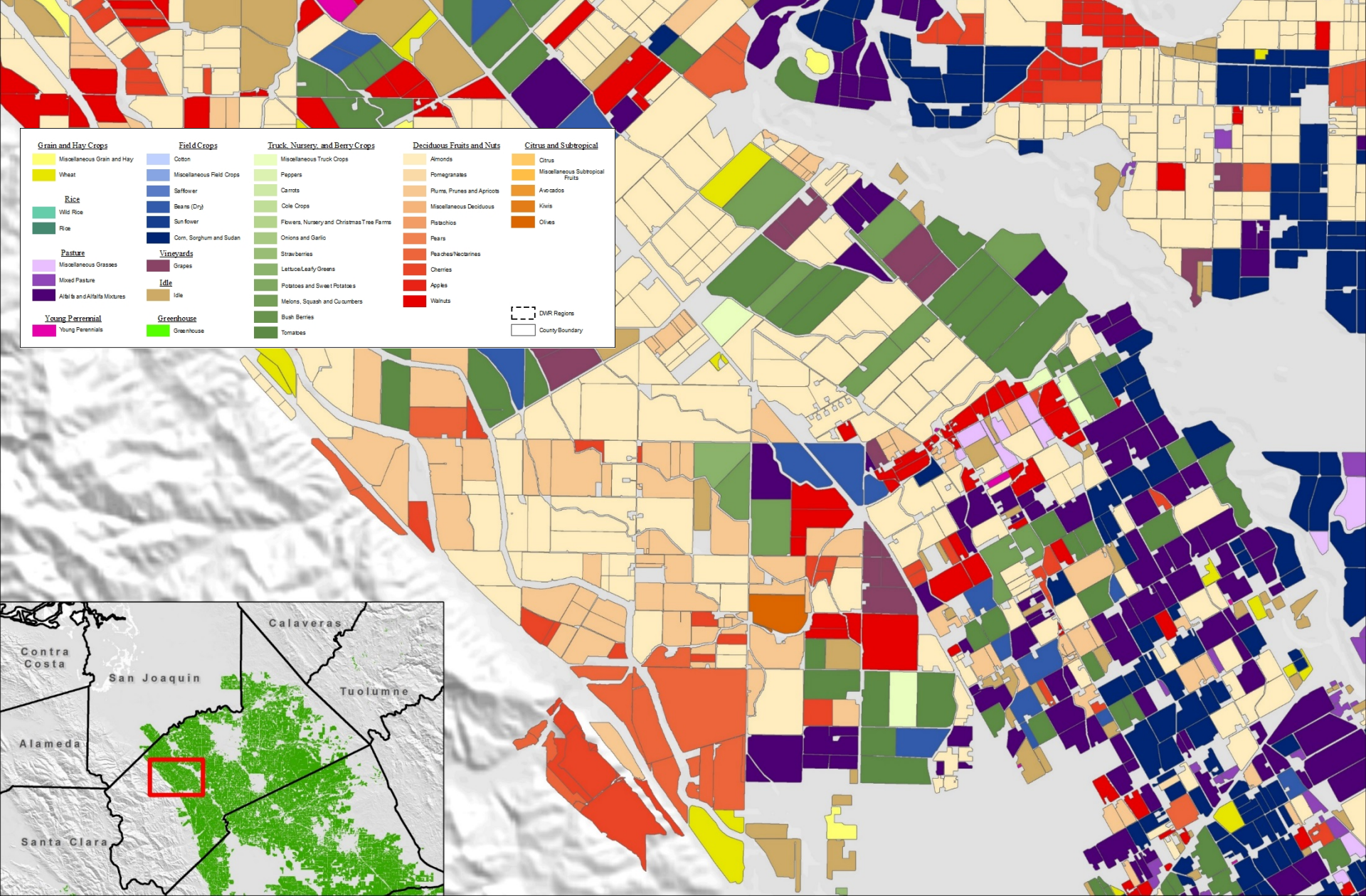
- Alfalfa, Citrus, Avocados, Cole Crops, Lettuce/Leafy Greens, Carrots, Truck Crops, Strawberries
- 2014 Total Irrigated & Fallow Land = 949,504 acres







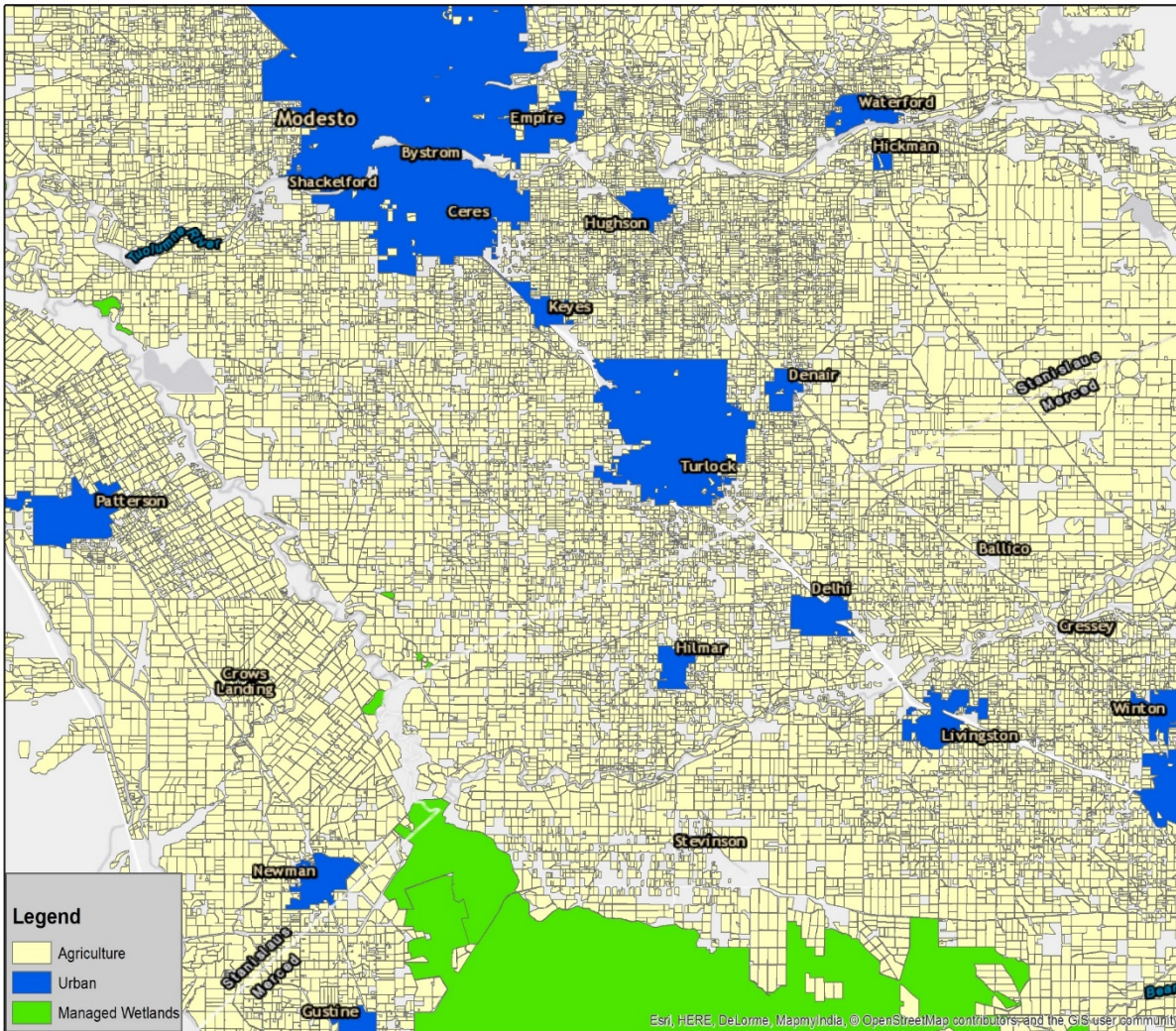






# MANAGED WETLANDS AND URBAN

- All managed wetlands (e.g. state and federal wildlife refuges) were classified as to areas receiving water
- Urban classified by land use only





## 2016 LAND USE PREVIEW

- Considerable increase in fallow ground as compared to 2014
- Significant (e.g. 10-15%) change in irrigated area (field) boundaries
- Continued expansion of permanent crops (e.g. almonds, walnuts, pistachios, etc)
- Continued urban expansion as compared to 2014

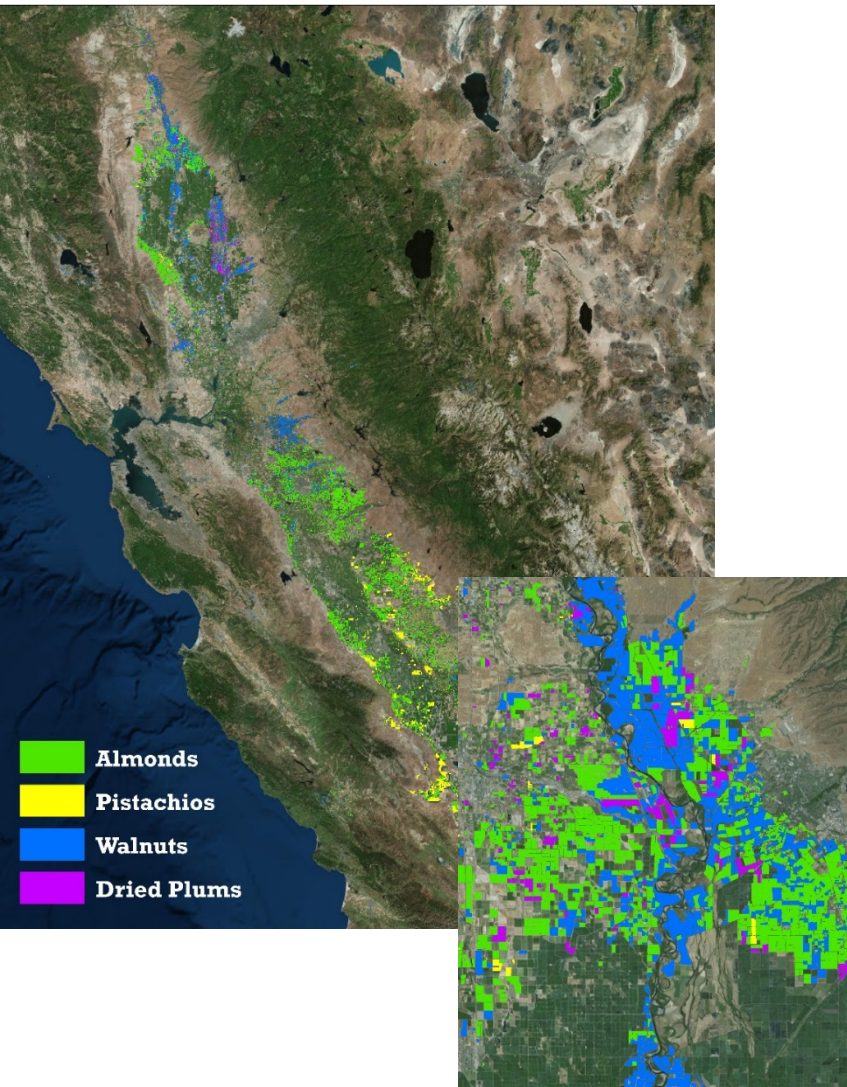




# GSA-SPECIFIC CROP-MAPPING DERIVED DATA

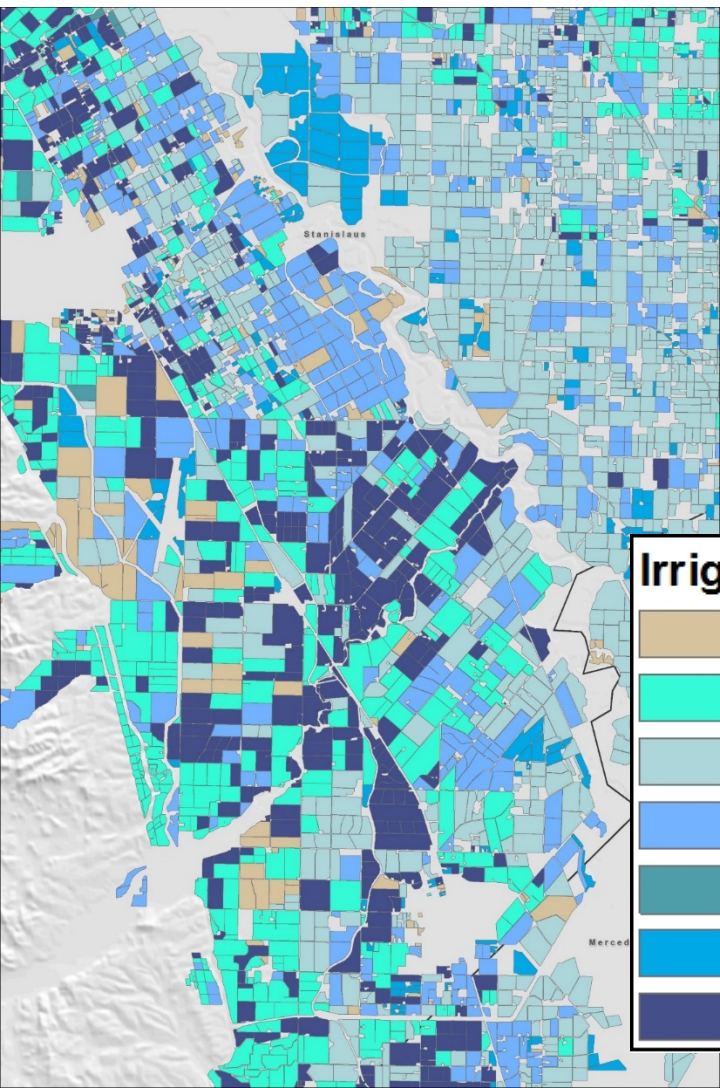
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# RETROSPECTIVE CROP MAPPING



- Use of existing crop mapping algorithms for change analysis moving backwards
- Use of historic ground truthing information back through 2011 and beyond
- Coupling land use sciences with spatial sciences
- Maintaining consistency with 2014 and 2016 datasets





## IRRIGATION METHOD DETERMINATION

- Incorporation of various lines of evidence to create irrigation method distribution
  - Crop type
  - Statewide ground truth results
  - Irrigation district records
  - DWR records
  - Source water supply
  - Agronomic knowledge
  - Known regional differences
  - Temporal differences (e.g. crop age)
  - Topography



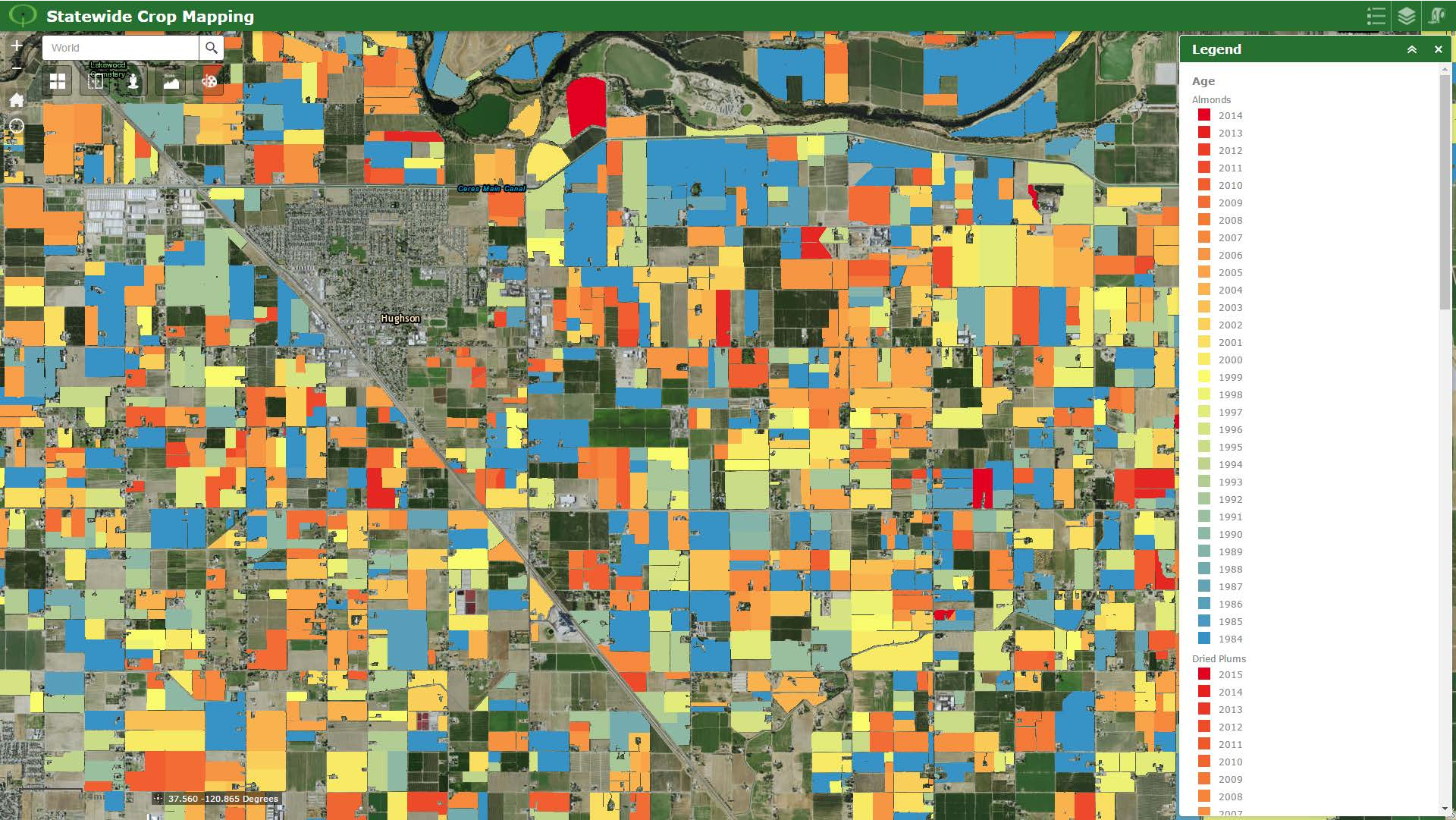
# CROP AGE DETERMINATION

- Permanent crops make up over 35% of all irrigated crops in California
- Analyze historic imagery (back to 1984) to determine the planting year
- 90% accurate (+/- 1-2 years)
- Continuing to increase over time
- Represents a “hard water demand” that is expected to increase
- Results in more accurate estimation of evapotranspiration









# CONSUMPTIVE USE DETERMINATION

- Optimized remotely sensed methodology
- Coupling of crop type with remotely sensed methods to determine evapotranspiration
- Results in higher accuracy than remotely sensed methods alone
- Allows for field by field determination of evapotranspiration
- Incorporation of permanent crop age allows for more accurate estimation of crop consumptive use

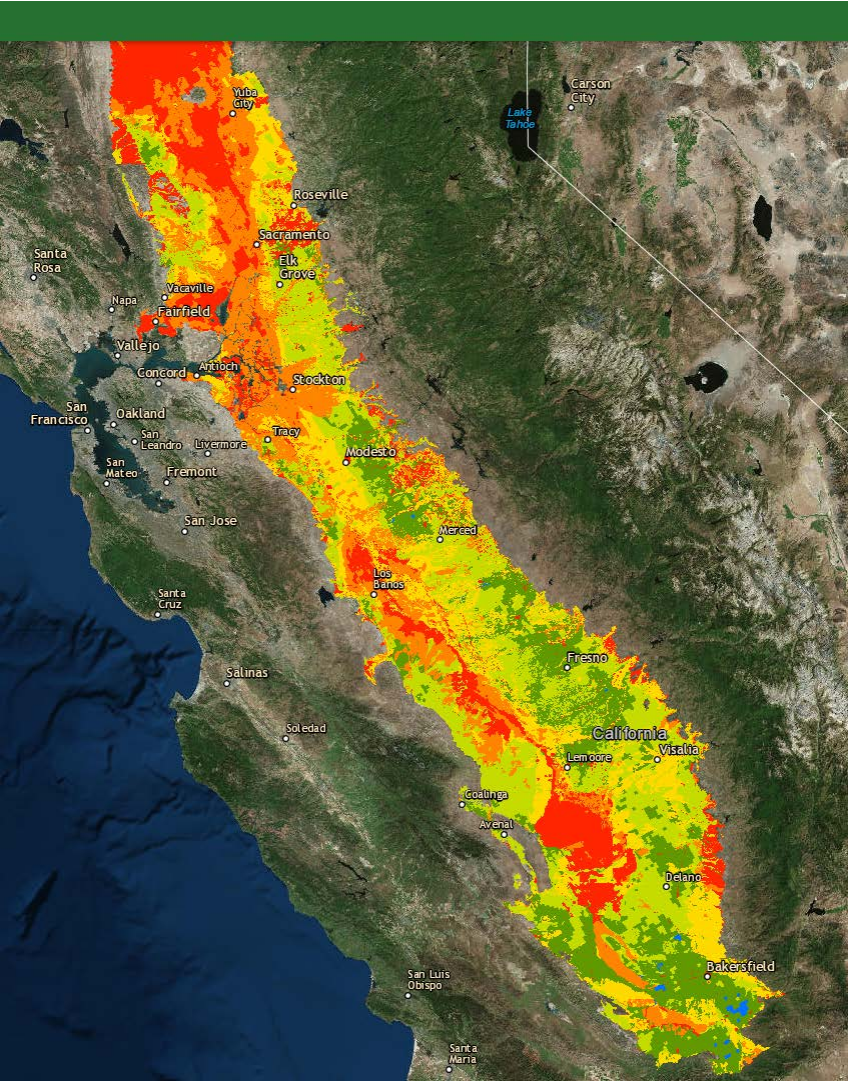
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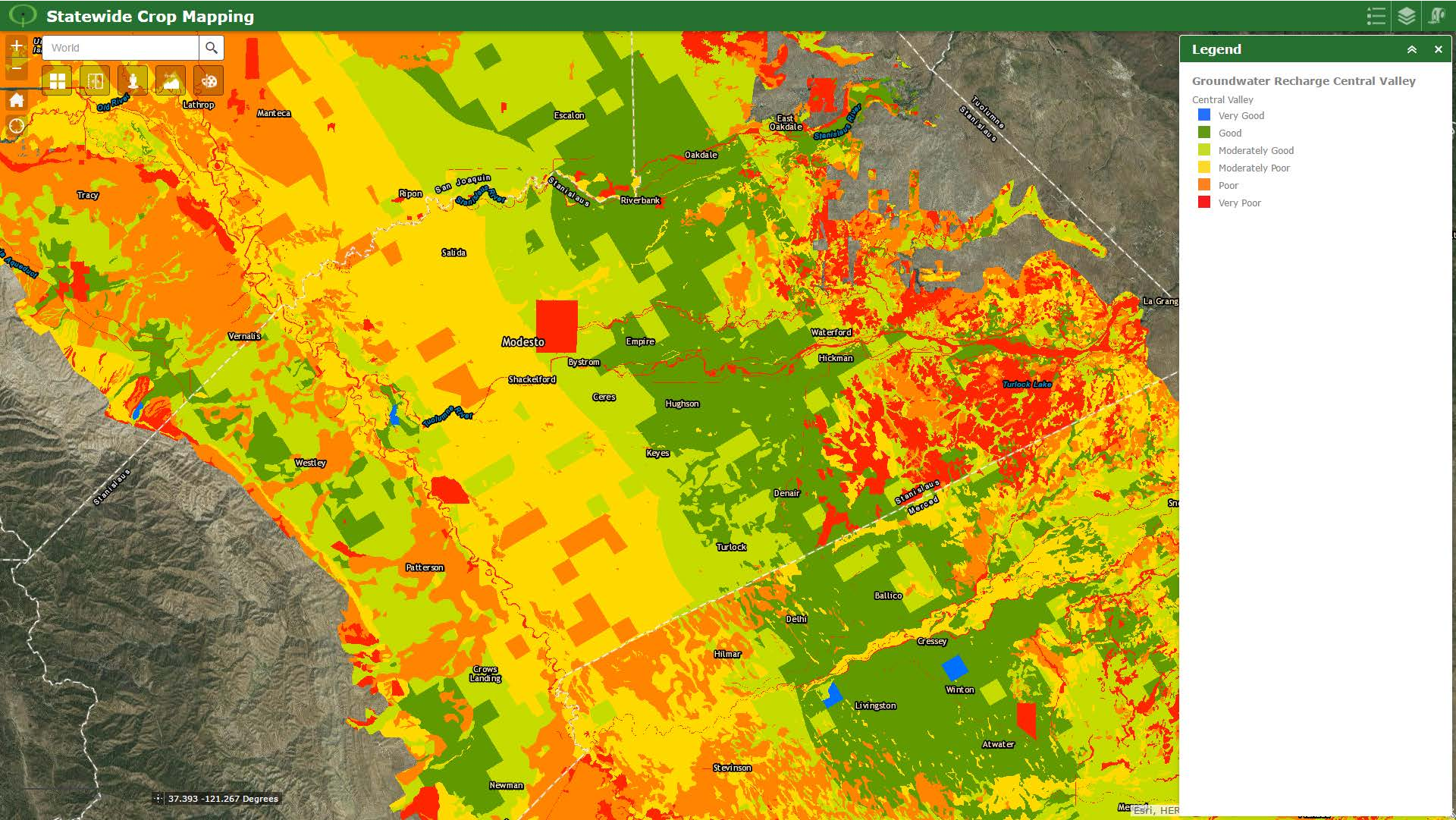


# GROUNDWATER RECHARGE POTENTIAL

- Data Inputs:
  - Soil Agricultural Groundwater Banking Index (SAGBI)
  - USGS Groundwater Levels
  - Central Valley Hydrologic Model (CVHM)
  - Irrigation District Coverage
  - Hydrology & Points of Diversion
- Results in a Central Valley wide recharge index map combining surface and sub-surface conditions











# CONCLUSIONS

- Statewide land use will be publically available from DWR for:
  - 2014 – in June/July 2017
  - 2016 – late 2017/early 2018
- GSA-Specific Derivative Products
  - Retrospective Crop Mapping
  - Irrigation Method
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- Purpose is to provide consistent data resources across all GSAs



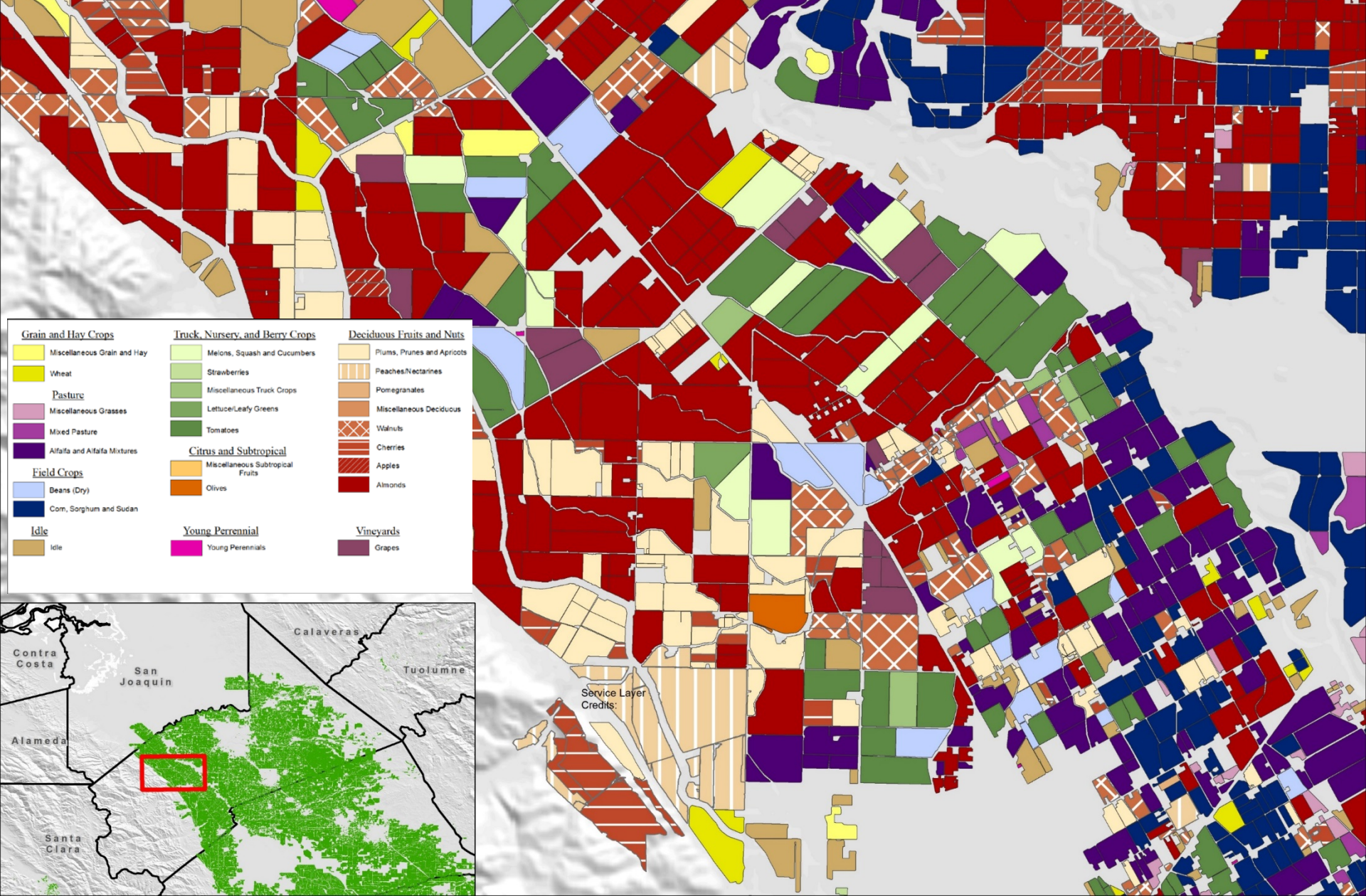
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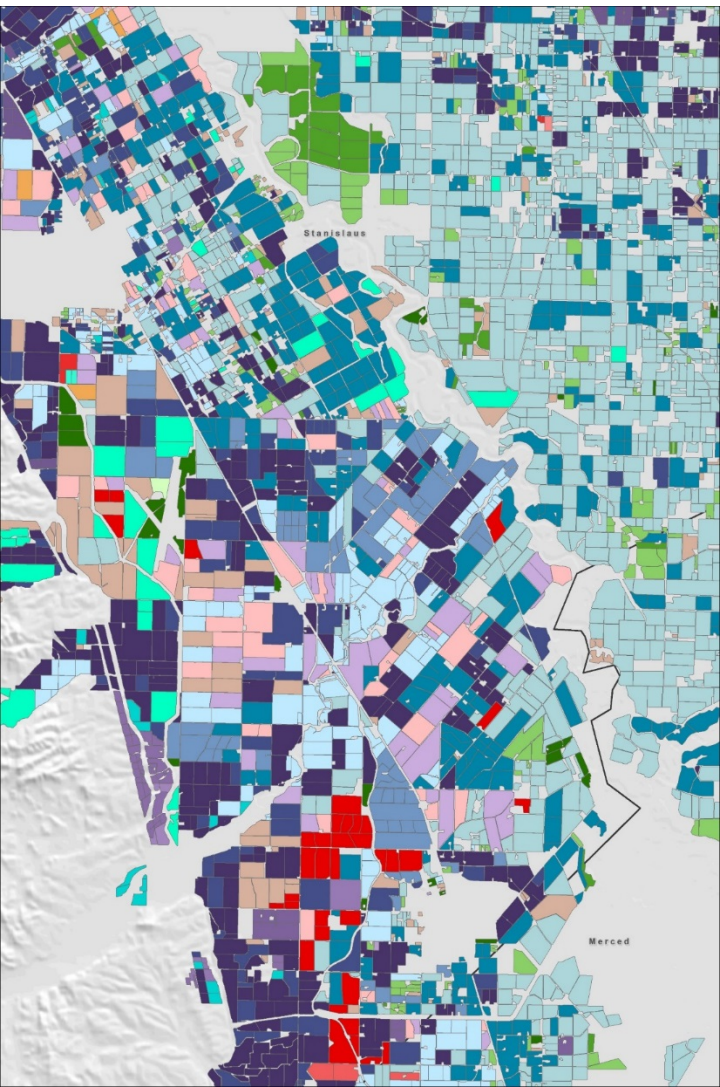


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# IRRIGATION METHOD & CROP TYPE



<u>Flood</u>	<u>Drip / Micro</u>	<u>Furrow</u>
flood, Safflower	drip/micro, Tomatoes	furrow, Tomatoes
flood, Mixed Pasture	drip/micro, Young Perennials	furrow, Potatoes and Sweet Potatoes
flood, Miscellaneous Grasses	drip/micro, Pomegranates	furrow, Peppers
flood, Miscellaneous Grain and Hay	drip/micro, Pistachios	furrow, Onions and Garlic
<u><u>Sprinkler</u></u>	drip/micro, Peaches/Nectarines	furrow, Cole Crops
sprinkler, Walnuts	drip/micro, Citrus	<u><u>Border Check</u></u>
sprinkler, Beans (Dry)	drip/micro, Olives	border check, Wheat
sprinkler, Almonds	drip/micro, Grapes	border check, Cherries
<u><u>Drip</u></u>	drip/micro, Miscellaneous Subtropical Fruits	border check, Alfalfa and Alfalfa Mixtures
drip, Strawberries	drip/micro, Miscellaneous Deciduous	
drip, Miscellaneous Truck Crops	drip/micro, Apples	
drip, Lettuce/Leafy Greens	drip/micro, Almonds	
		none, Idle

