

# Update on San Joaquin Valley Groundwater Conditions



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SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER  
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# Outline



- Measured Precipitation
- Groundwater Conditions
- Groundwater and Land Subsidence
- Questions and Answers





# San Joaquin Precipitation

## Central Sierra – 5 year annual average

### Measured Precipitation:

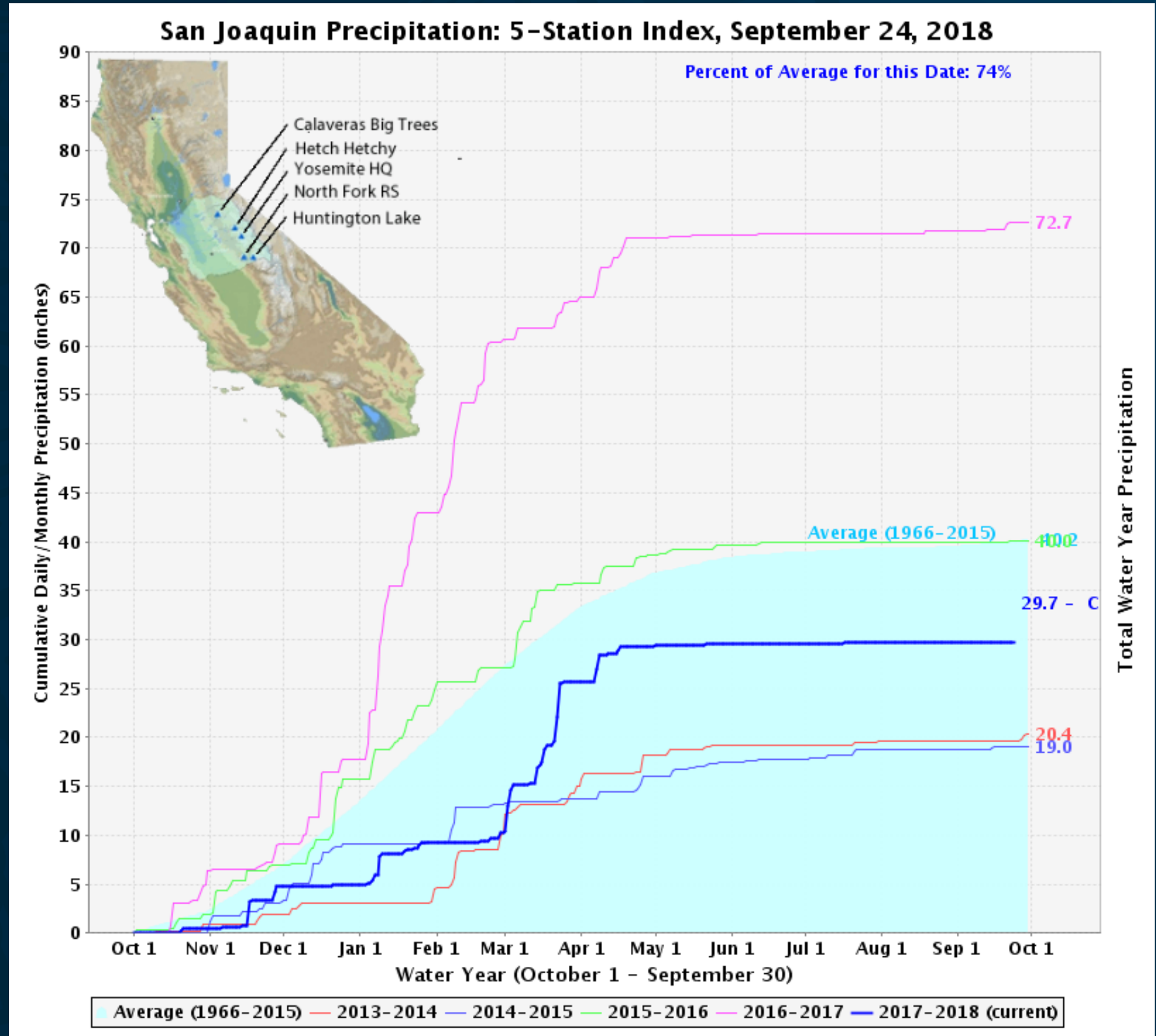
2013-14:      51%

2014-15:      48%

2015-16:      99%

2016-17:      179%

2017-18:      74%



# Tulare Basin Precipitation

## Southern Sierra – 5 year annual average

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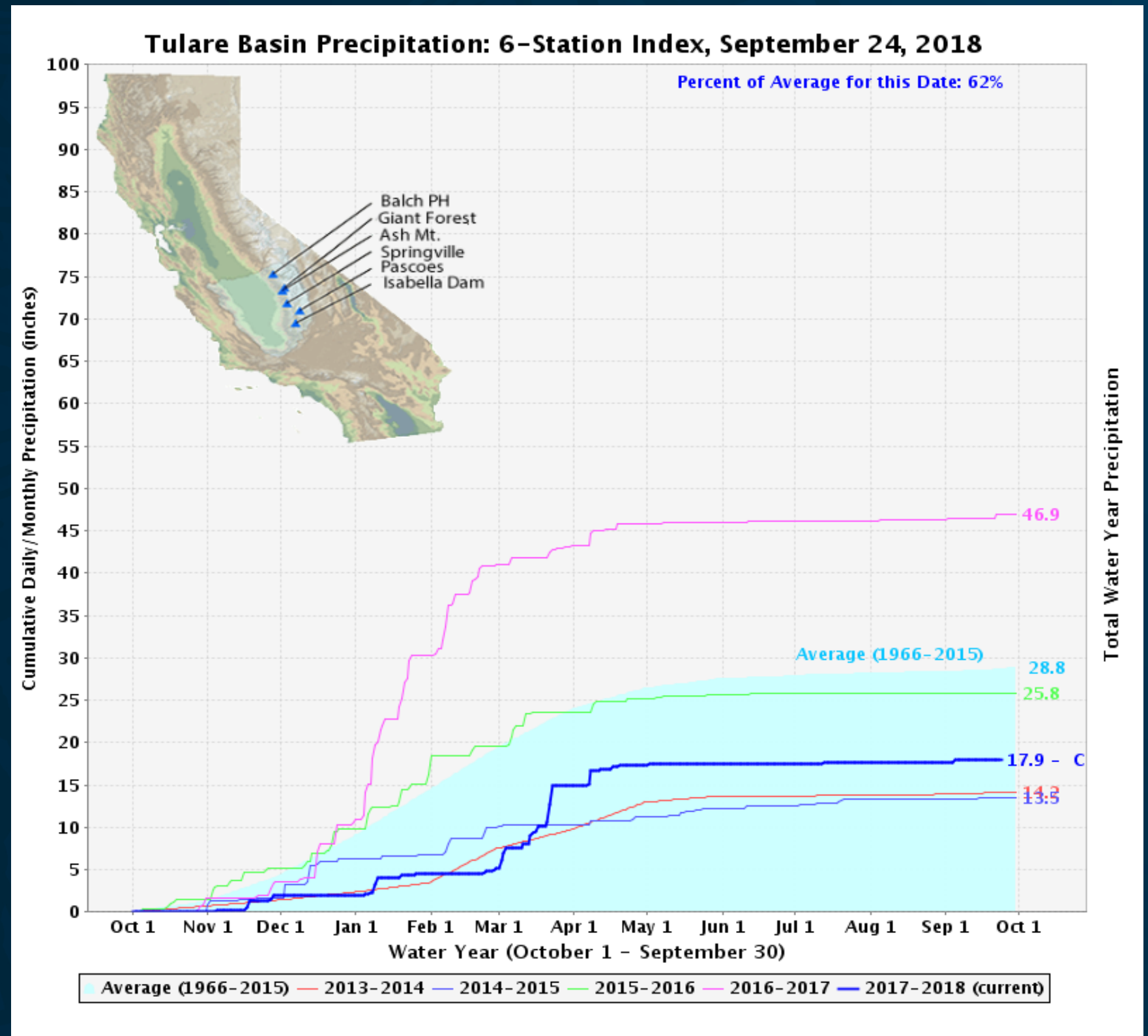
2013-14: 49%

2014-15: 47%

2015-16: 90%

2016-17: 162%

2017-18: 62%

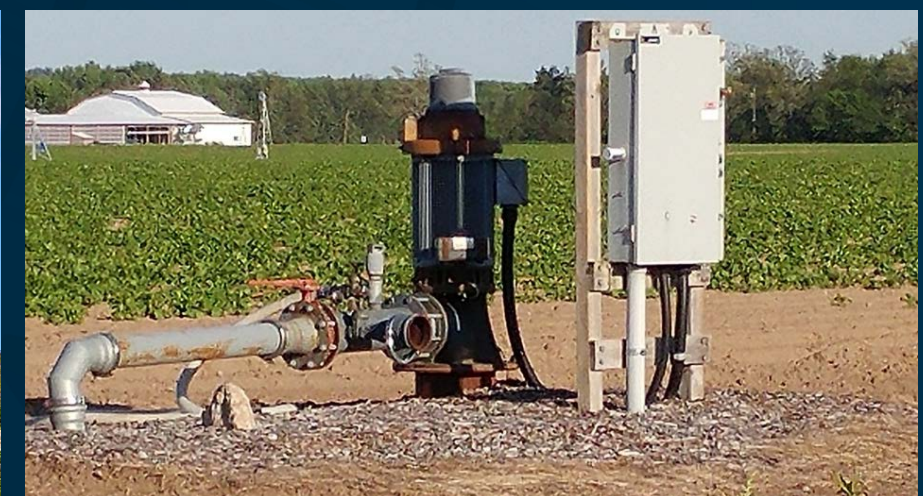




# Water Level Measurements San Joaquin Valley

## Measurement by Well Type:

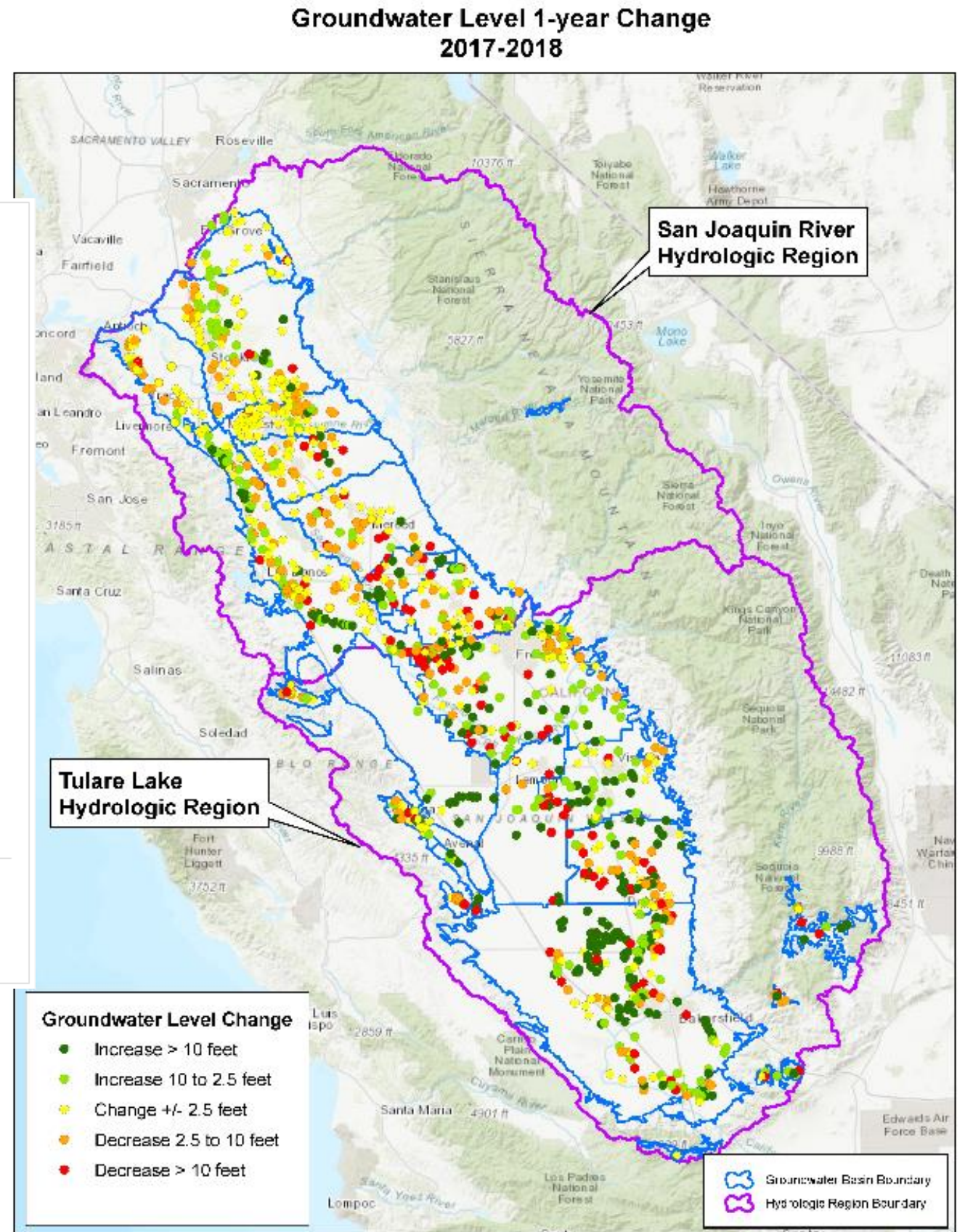
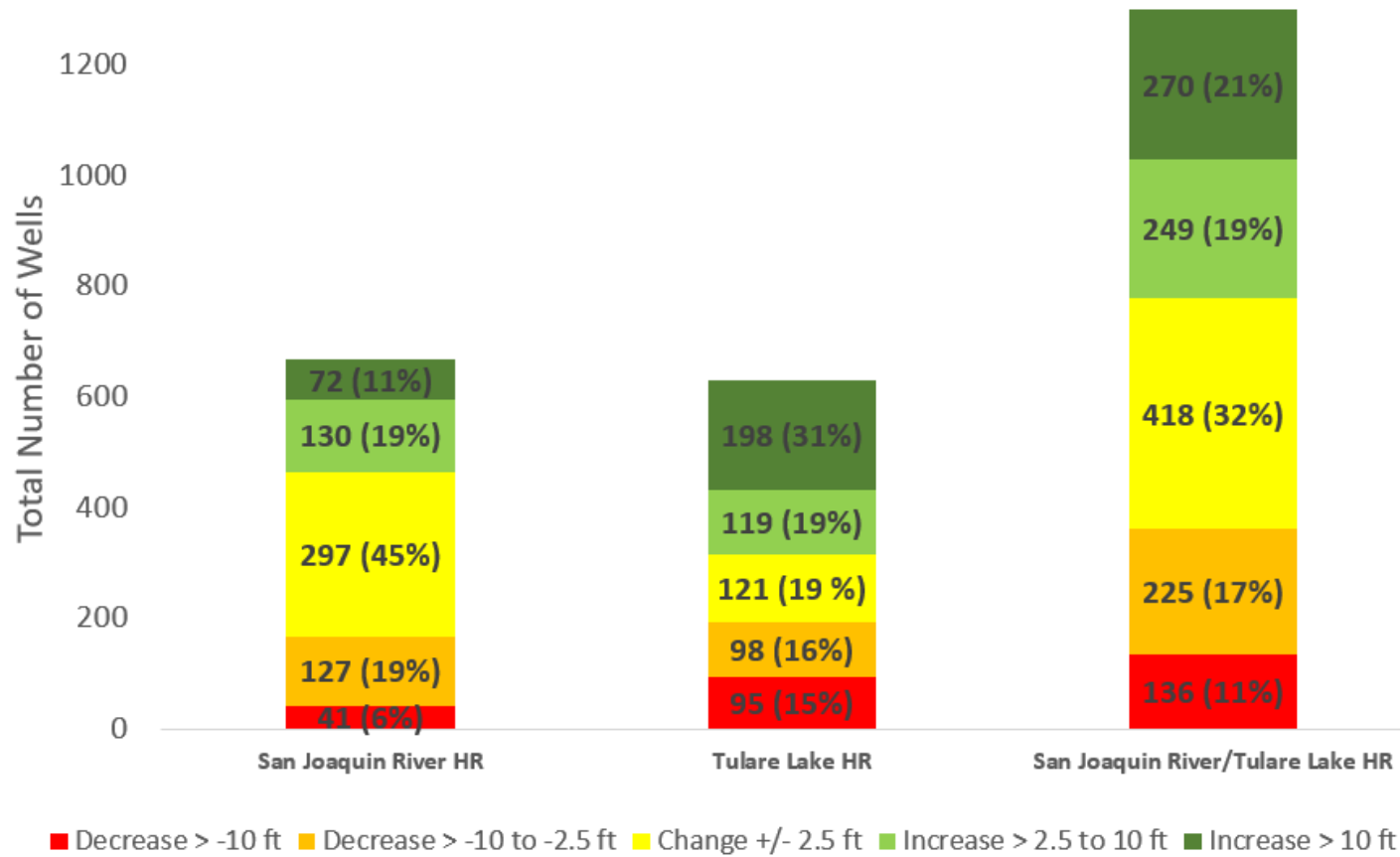
- Industrial: 1
- Irrigation: 549
- Observation: 271
- Residential: 56
- Stock Watering: 5
- Unknown: 416
- **Total: 1,298**





# Groundwater Level Change 2017-2018

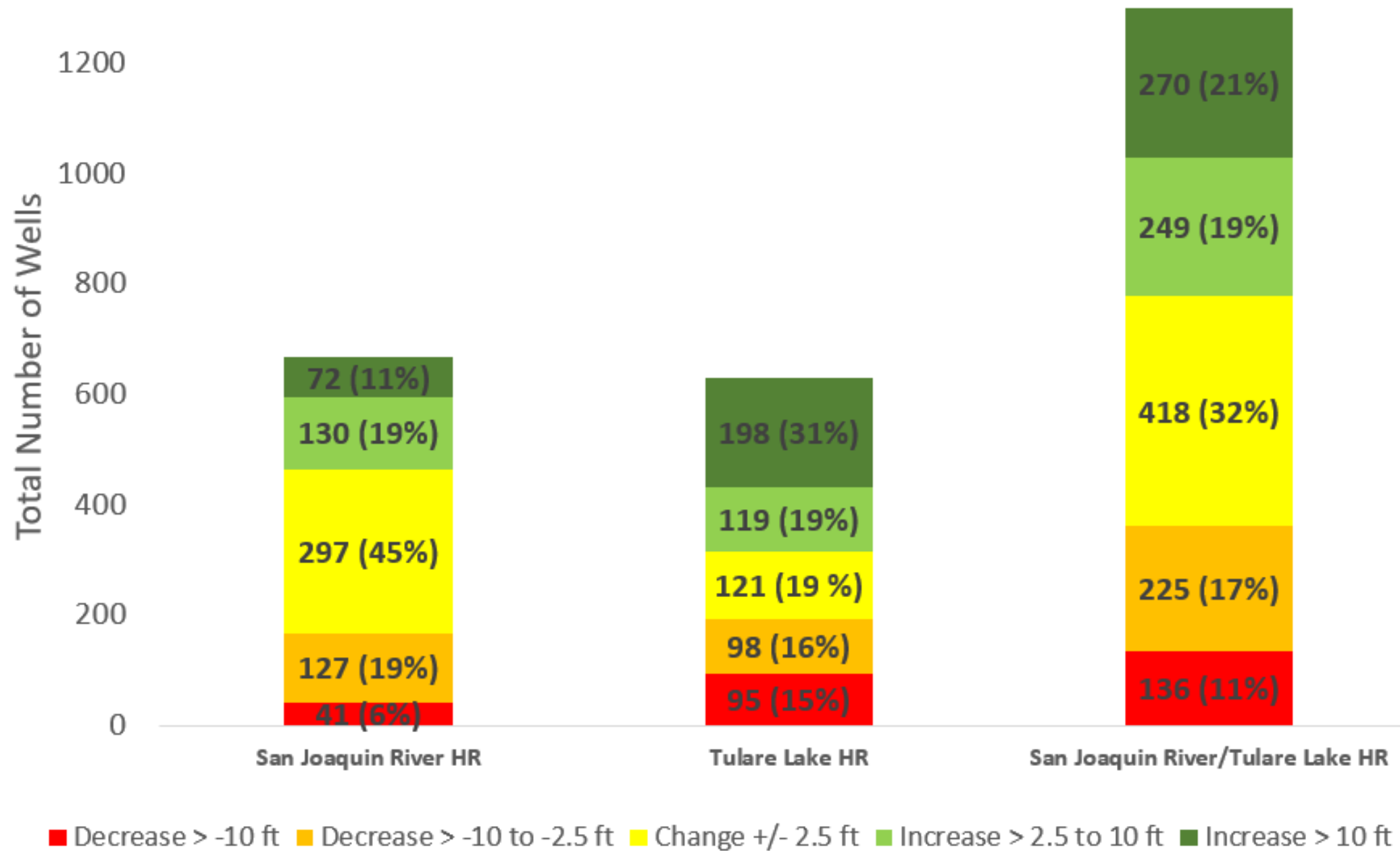
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San Joaquin River & Tulare Lake Hydrologic Region





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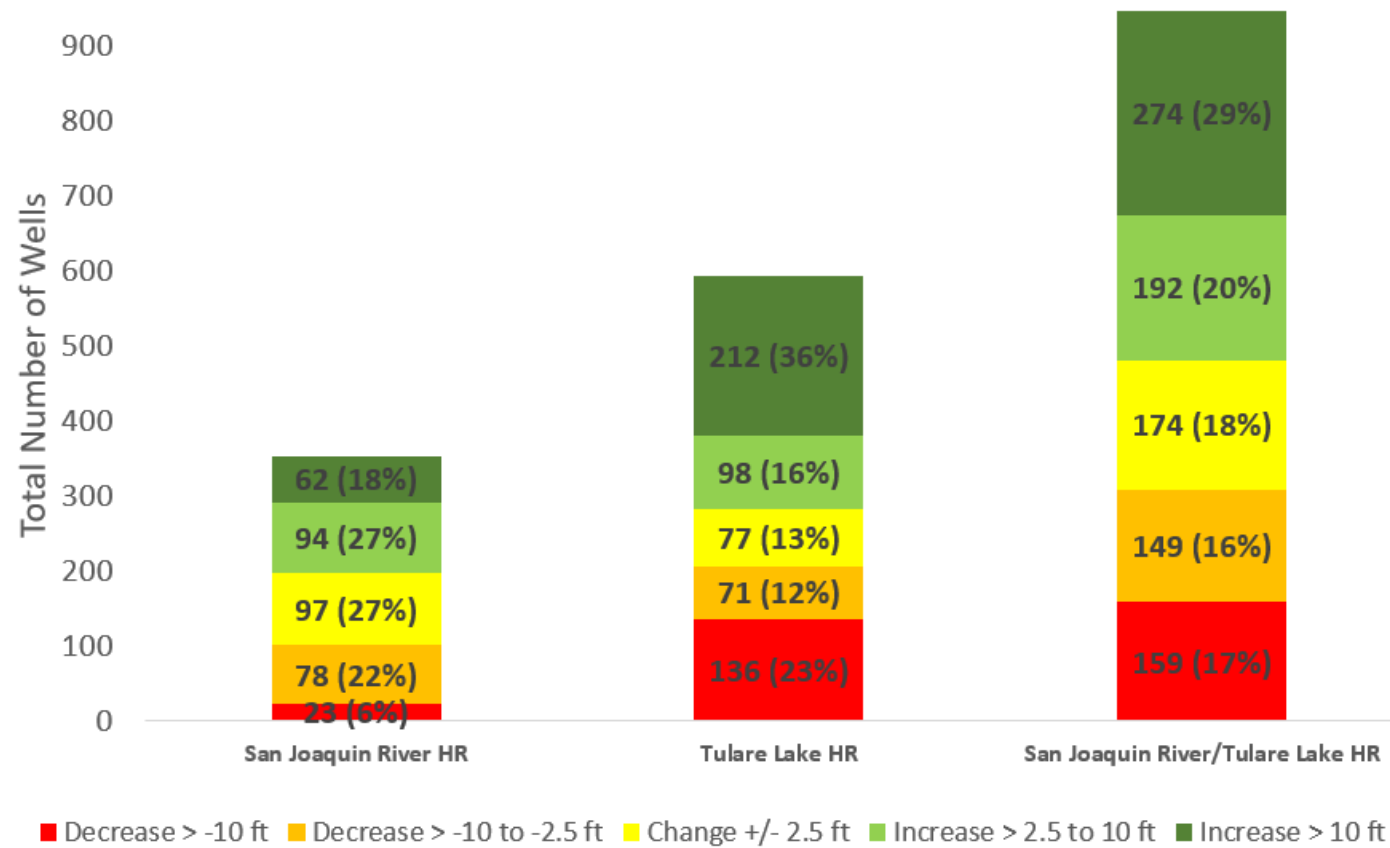
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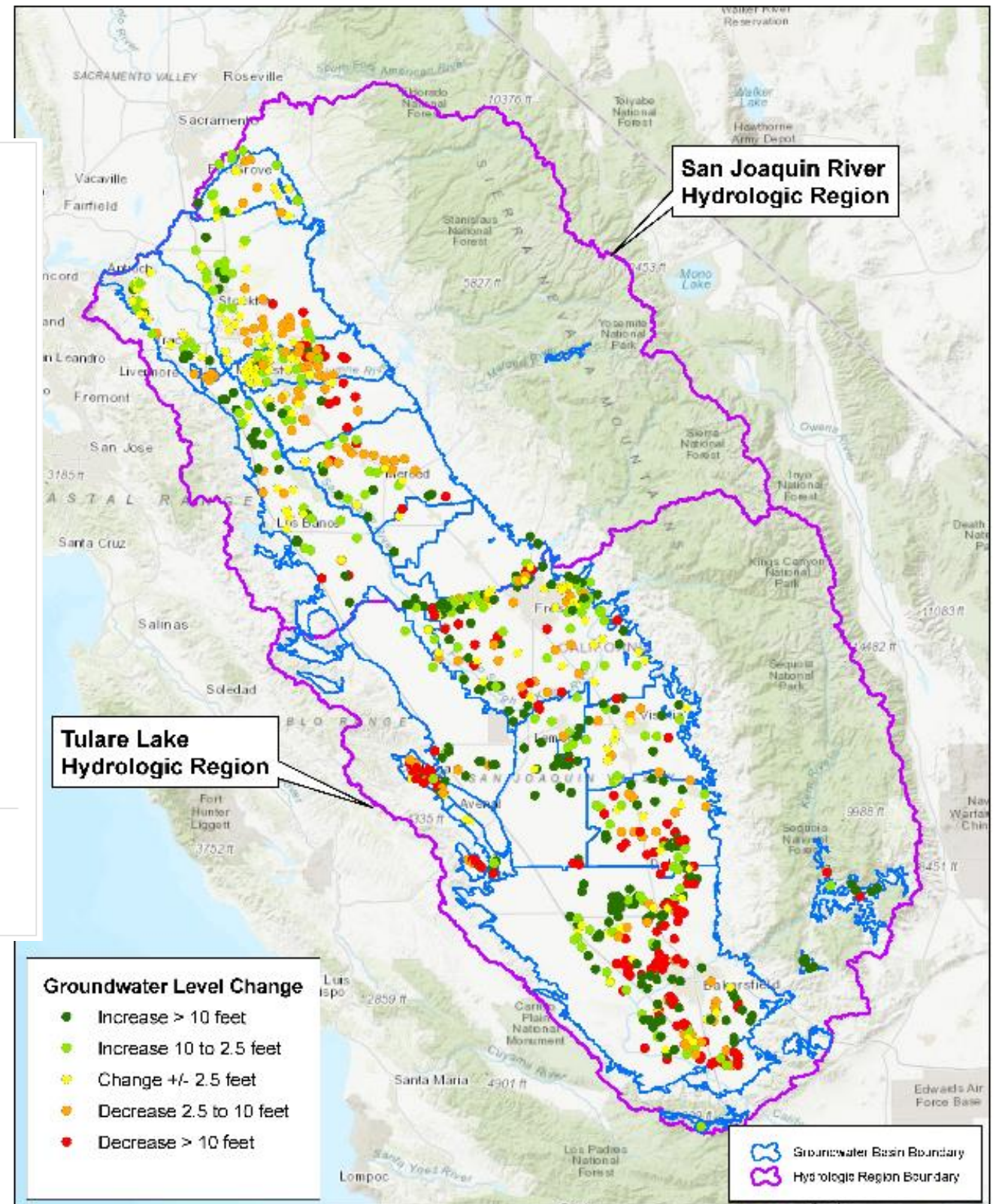


# Groundwater Level Change 2015-2018

Groundwater Level Change 2015-2018 (3 Year)  
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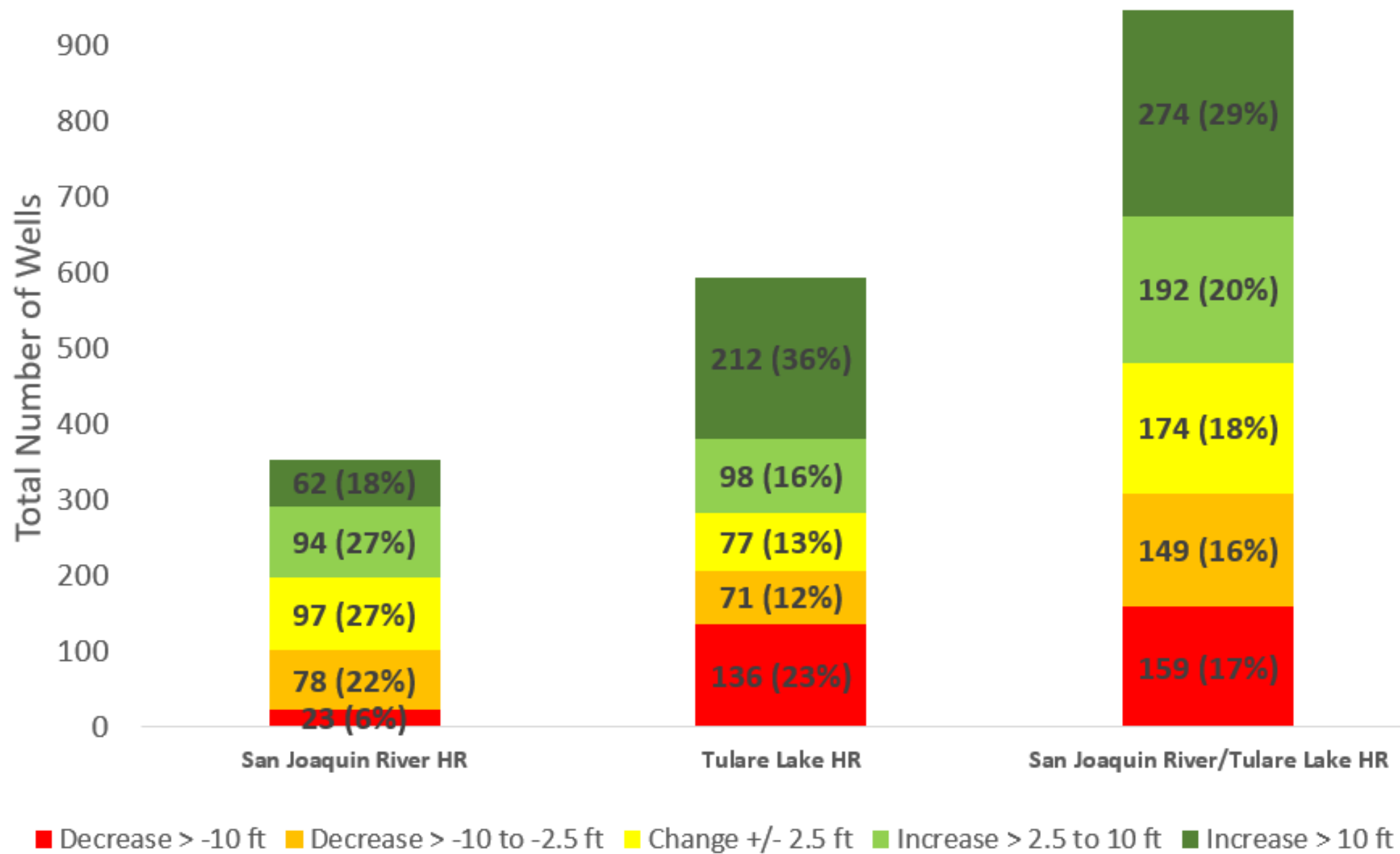
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2015-2018





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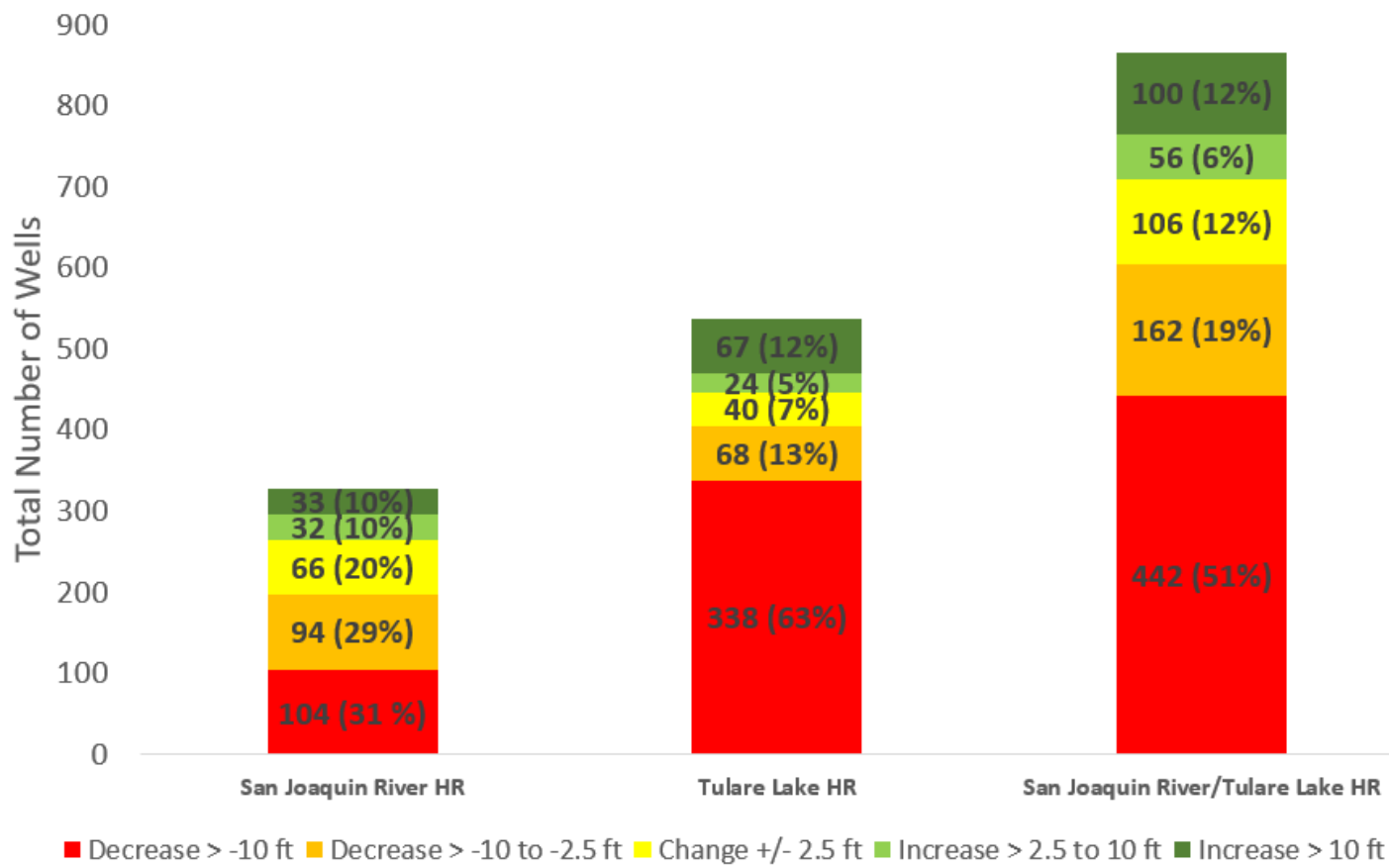
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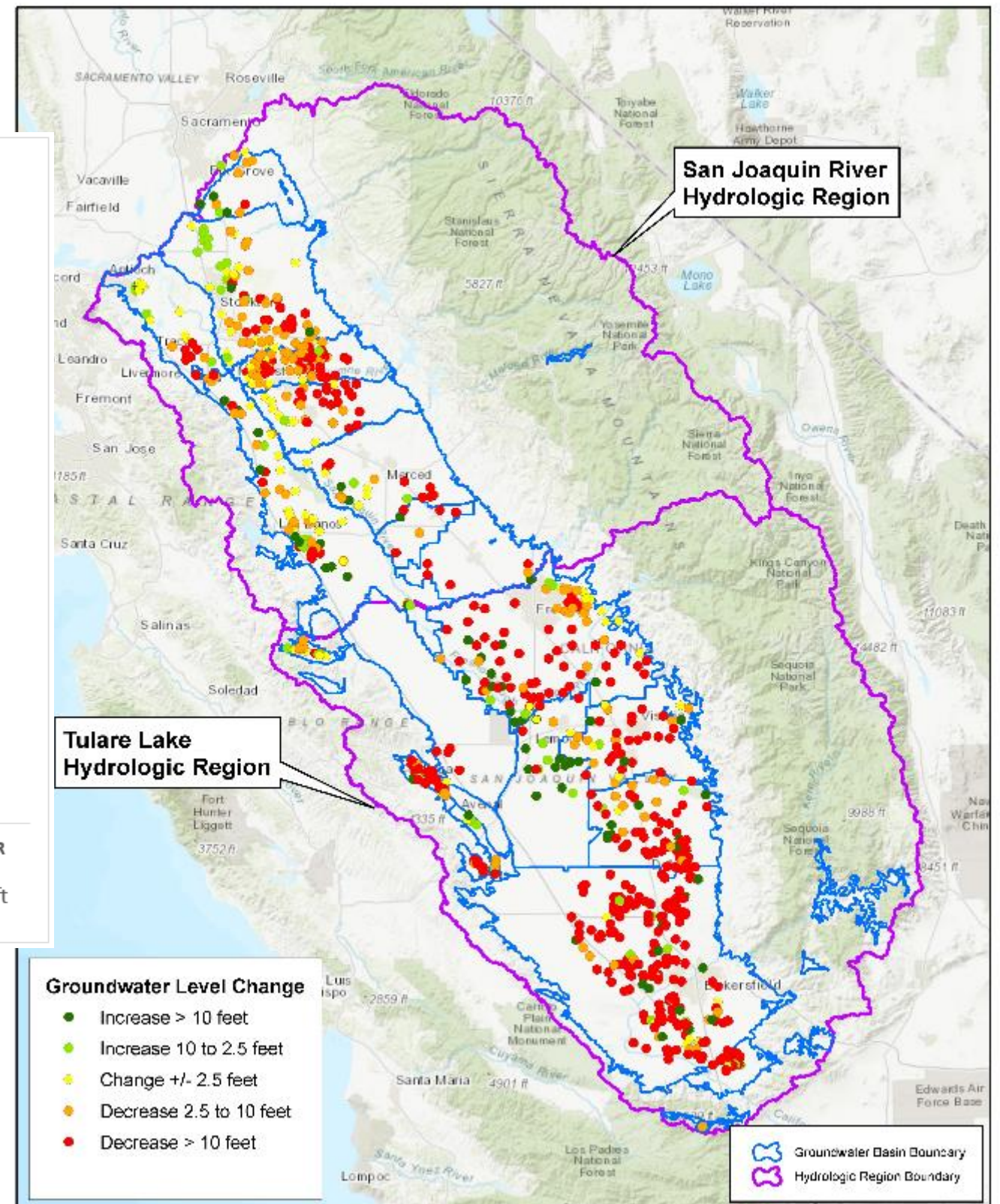


# Groundwater Level Change 2013-2018

Groundwater Level Change 2013-2018 (5 Year)  
San Joaquin River & Tulare Lake Hydrologic Region



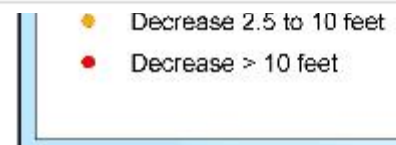
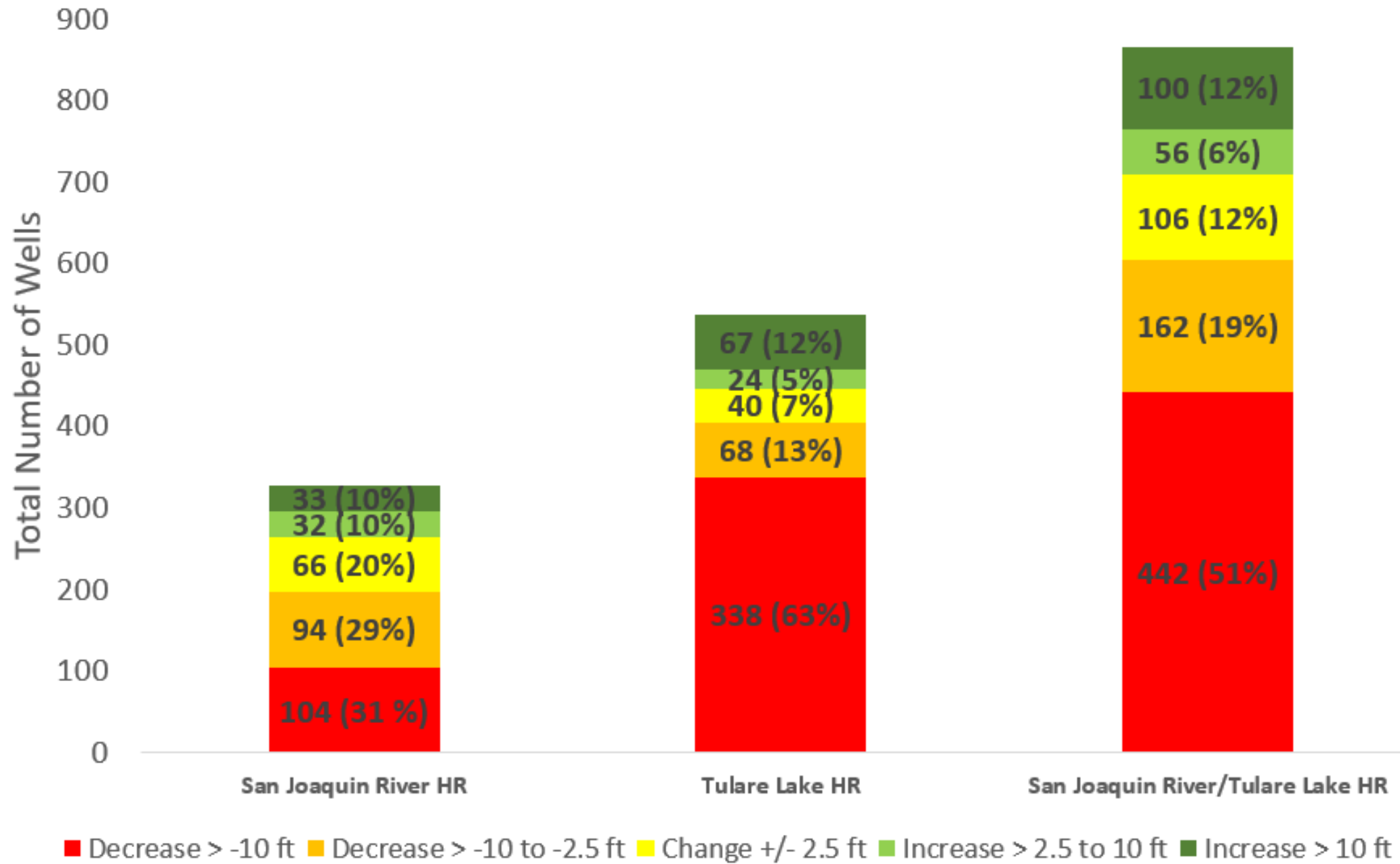
Groundwater Level 5-year Change  
2013-2018





# Groundwater Level Change 2013-2018

Groundwater Level Change 2013-2018 (5 Year)  
San Joaquin River & Tulare Lake Hydrologic Region



# San Joaquin River Hydrologic Region Groundwater Level Findings:



- **2017-2018:** 30% increased by 2.5 feet or greater
  - 25% declined by 2.5 feet or greater
- **2015-2018:** 45% increased by 2.5 feet or greater
  - 28% declined by 2.5 feet or greater
- **2013-2018:** 60% declined by 2.5 feet or greater.
  - 20% increased by 2.5 feet or greater



# Tulare Lake Hydrologic Region Groundwater Level Findings:

- **2017-2018:** 50% increased by 2.5 feet or greater.
  - 31% declined by 2.5 feet or greater
- **2015-2018:** 52% increased by 2.5 feet or greater.
  - 35% declined by 2.5 feet or greater
- **2013-2018:** 76% declined by 2.5 feet or greater.
  - 17% increased by 2.5 feet or greater





# SJ & TL Hydrologic Region Groundwater Level Findings:



- **2017-2018:** 40% increased by 2.5 feet or greater.
  - 28% declined by 2.5 feet or greater
- **2014-2018:** 49% increase by 2.5 feet or greater.
  - 33% decreased by 2.5 feet or greater
- **2013-2018:** 71% declined by 2.5 feet or greater.
  - 18% increased by 2.5 feet or greater



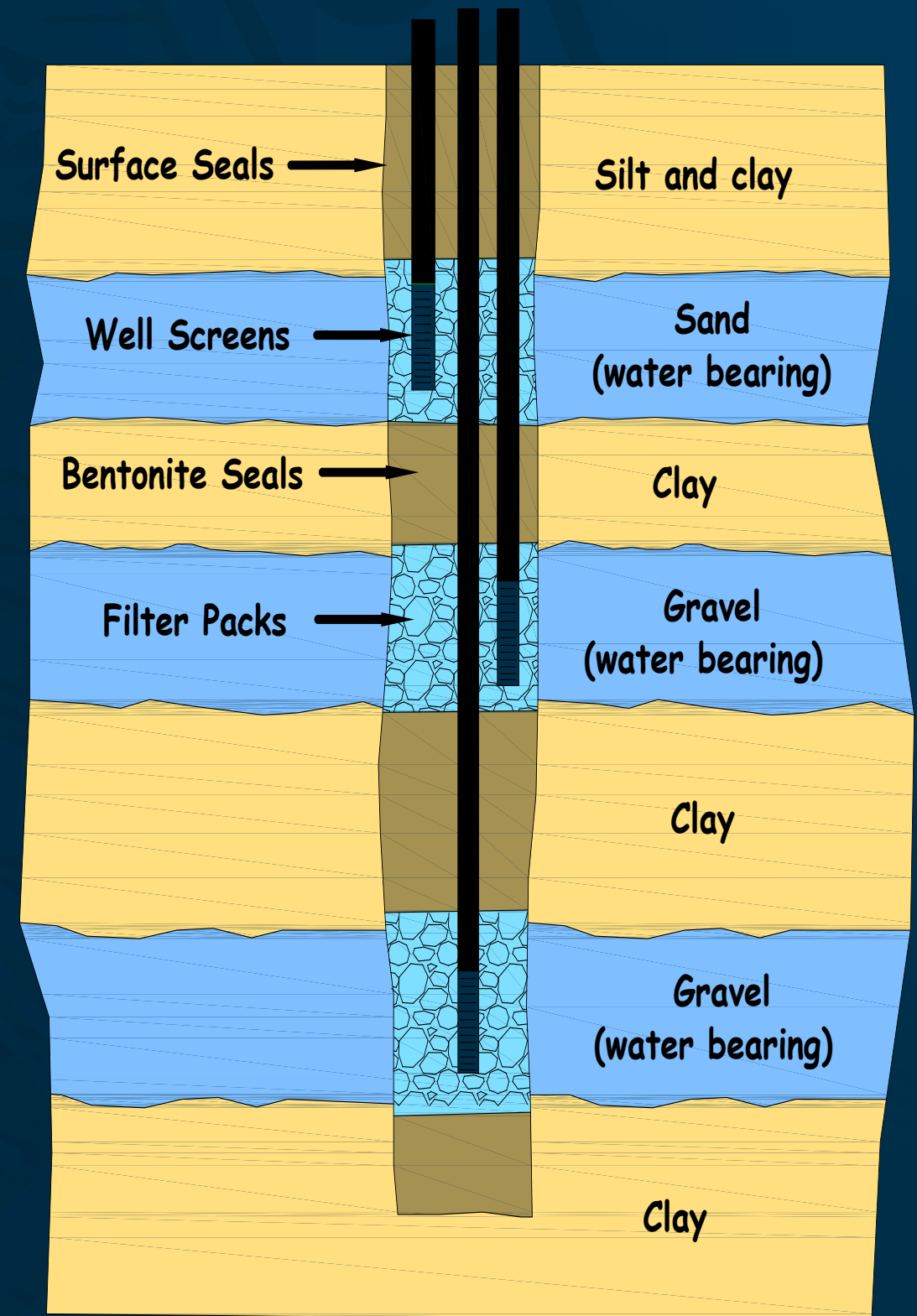
# Water Level Measurement Information

## Reporting Well Data:

- Spring 2017-2018: 1,298 wells
- Spring 2015-2018: 948 wells
- Spring 2013-2018: 866 wells

## Variations in Reporting due to:

- CASGEM
- Reduction in monitoring
- No Measurement/Pumping/Other
- Loss of wells from grid- drought
- QA/QC of data



# Groundwater and Land Subsidence



- California Aqueduct
- Friant/Kern Canal
- El Nido Area/Merced



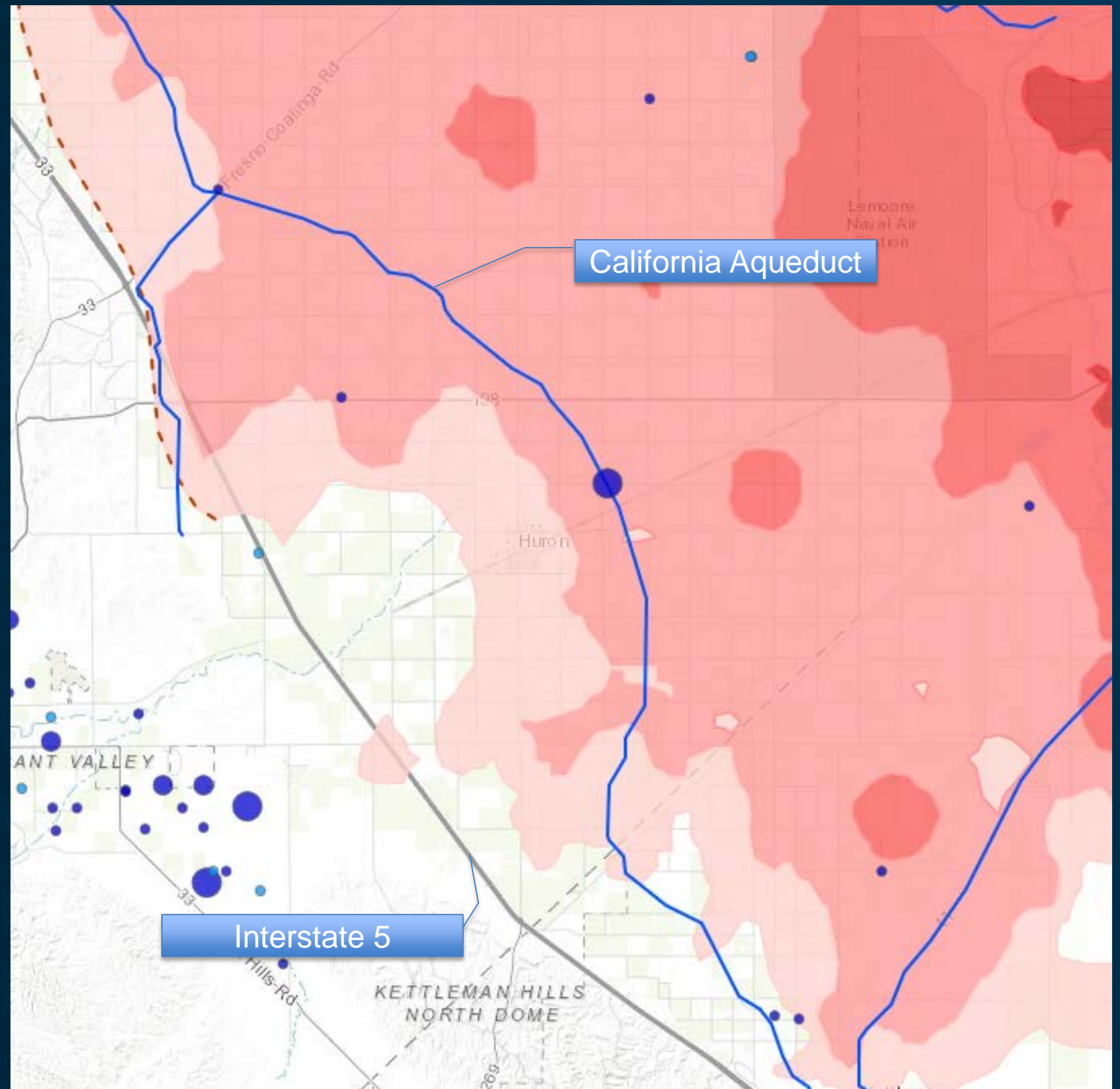


# California Aqueduct Subsidence

## Subsidence

### Subsidence Contours (2008-2010)

- 25 mm (estimated)
- 25mm
- 50-100mm
- 100-150mm
- 150-280mm
- 280-410mm
- 410-540mm
- >540mm



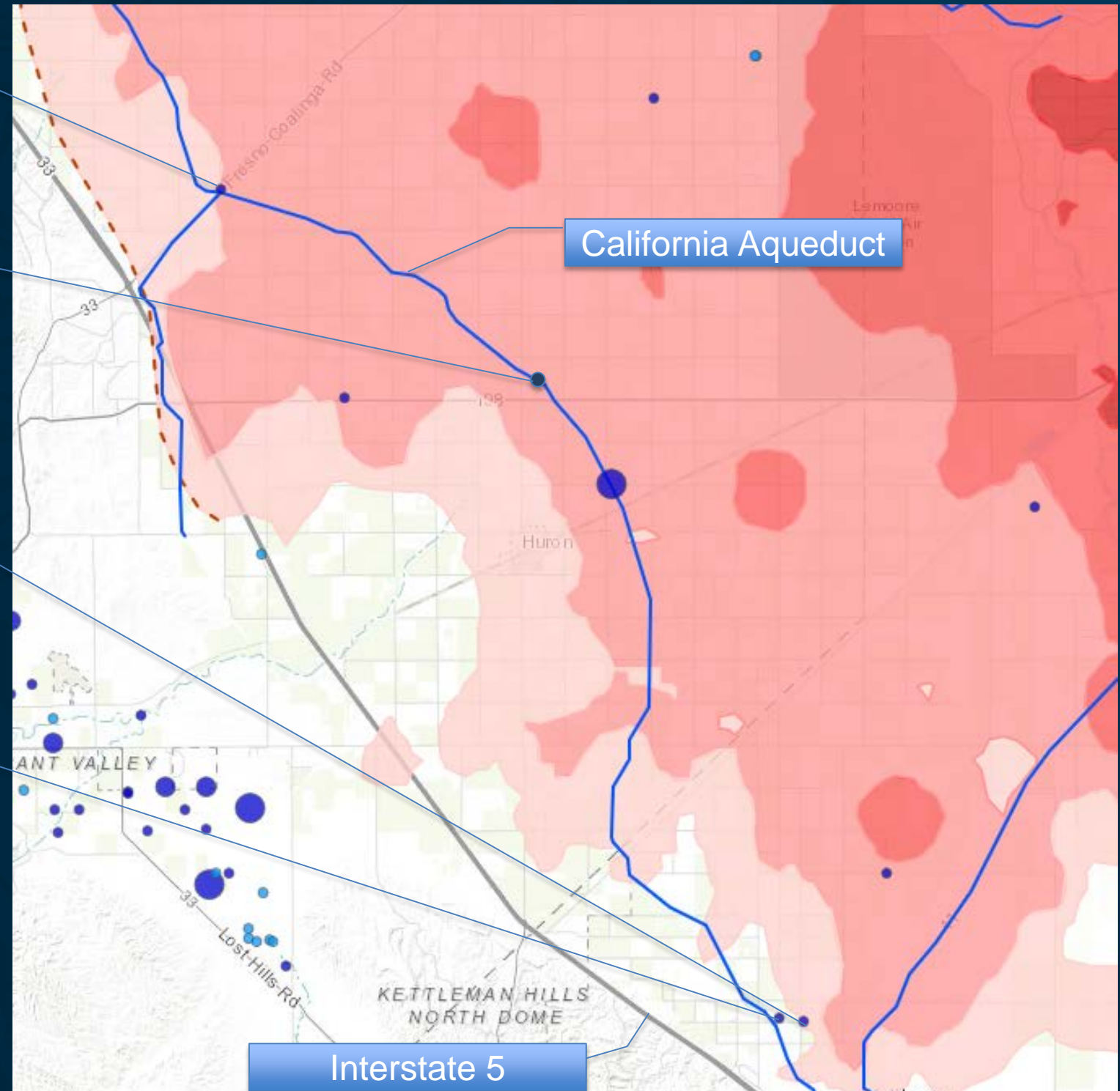
# California Aqueduct Subsidence/GW Levels

SWN# 18S16E33A004M  
Period of record: 1968-1994  
Total GWL Decline: 38 feet

SWN# 19S17E16C002M  
Period of Record: 1992-2018  
Total GW Level Decline: 107.71 feet

SWN# 22S18E01E002M  
Period of Record: 2009-2018  
Total GW Level Decline: 80.25 feet

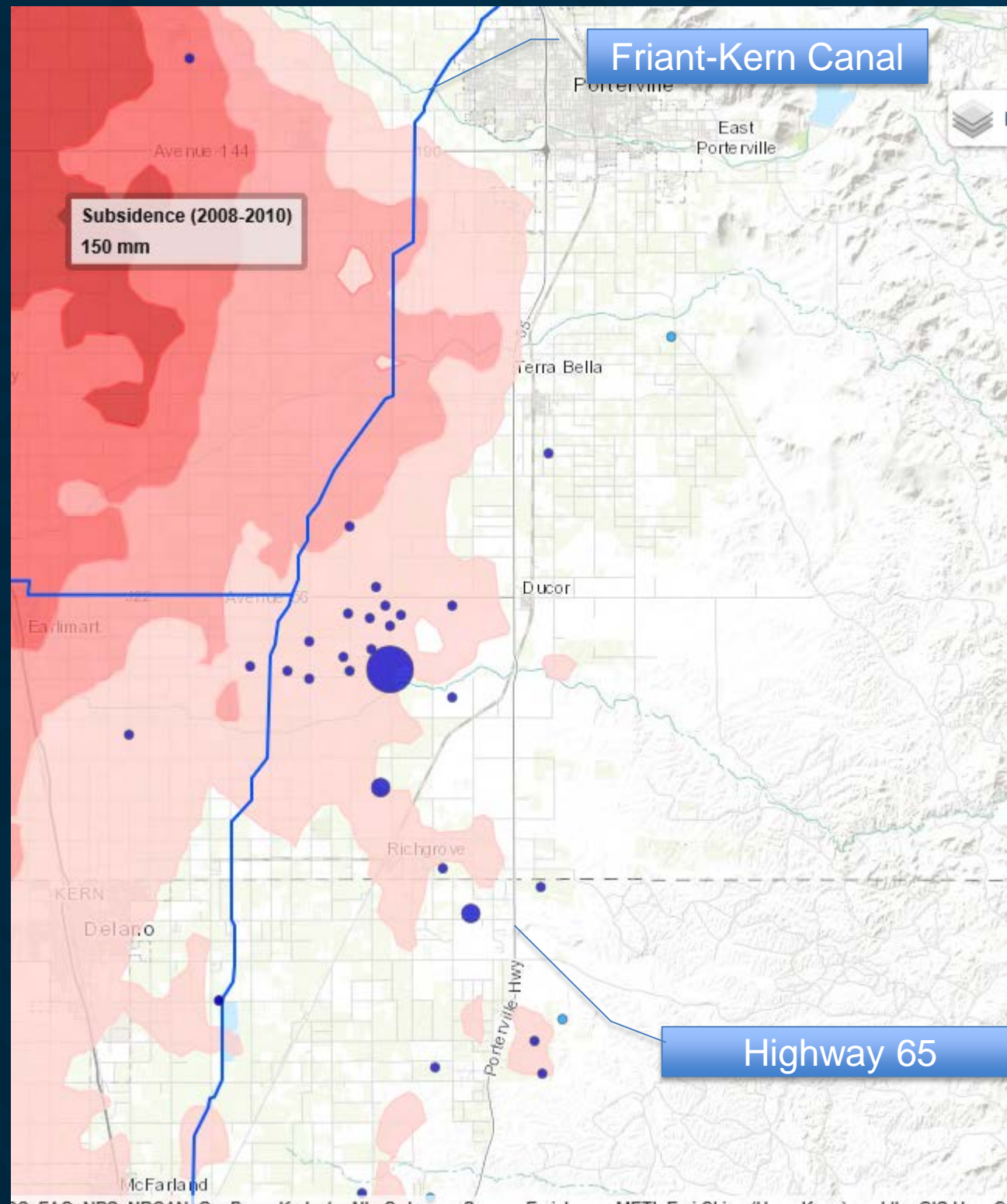
SWN# 21S19E020D001M  
Period of Record: 2008-2017  
Total GW Level Decline: 84.98 feet  
**2008-2010 Decline: 27 feet**



Source: USGS



# Friant-Kern Canal Subsidence



Source: USGS



# Friant-Kern Canal Subsidence/GW Levels

SWN# 24S26E03A001M  
Period of record: 1979-2018  
Total GWL Decline: 54 feet  
2008-2010 Decline: 16 feet

SWN# 24S26E04P001M  
Period of record: 1979-2017  
Total GWL Decline: 71 feet  
2008-2010 Decline: 14 feet

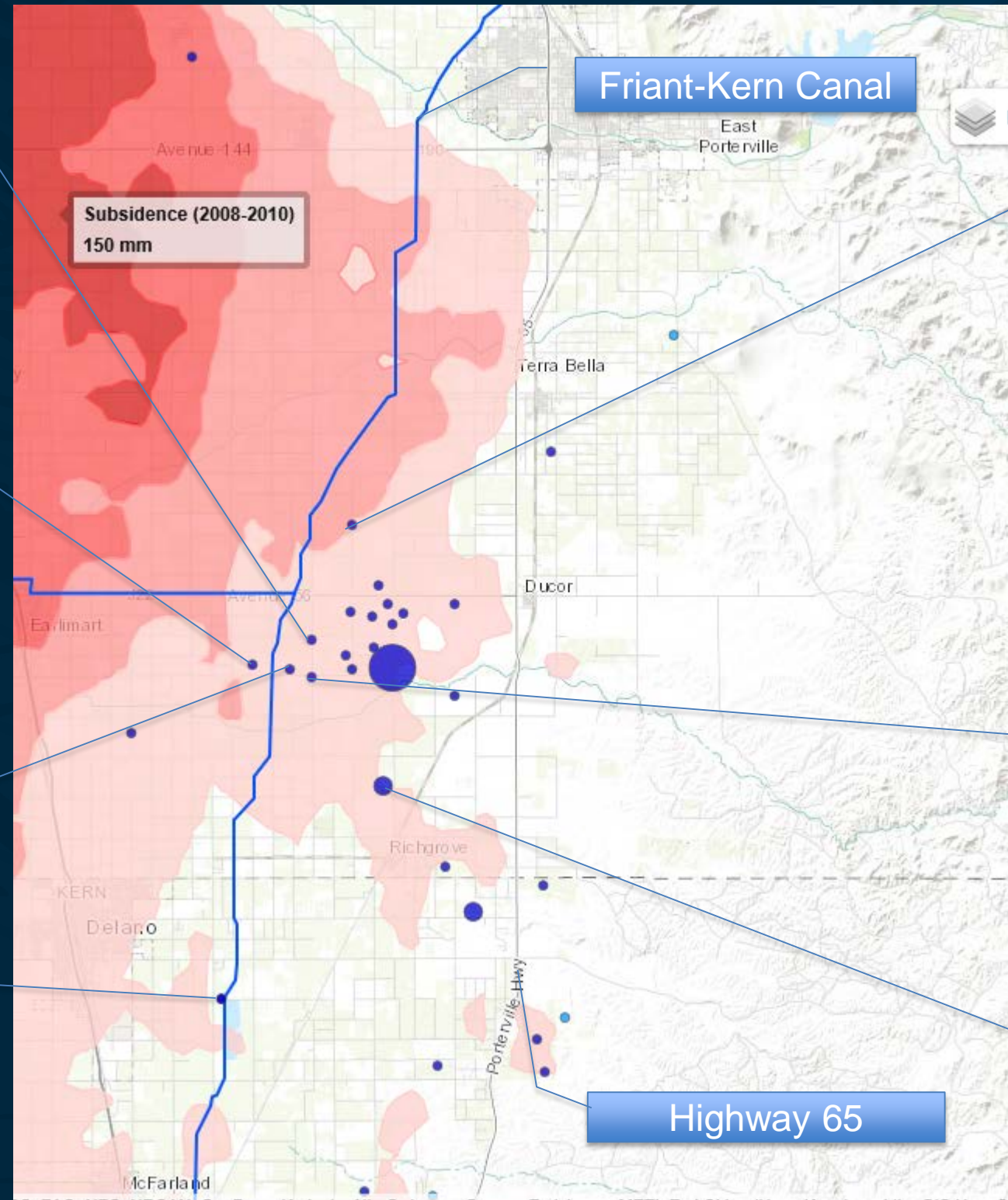
SWN# 24S26E03P002M  
Period of record: 1979-2018  
Total GWL Decline: 61 feet  
2008-2010 Decline: 4 feet

SWN# 25S26E16P001M  
Period of record: 1959-2018  
Total GWL Decline: 84.4 feet  
2008-2010 Decline: 16 feet

SWN# 23S26E23H001M  
Period of record: 1979-2018  
Total GWL Decline: 42 feet  
2008-2010 Decline: 16 feet

SWN# 24S26E10A001M  
Period of record: 1979-2017  
Total GWL Decline: 66 feet

SWN# 24S26E24Q001M  
Period of record: 1987-2018  
Total GWL Decline: 54 feet  
2008-2010 Decline: 14 feet



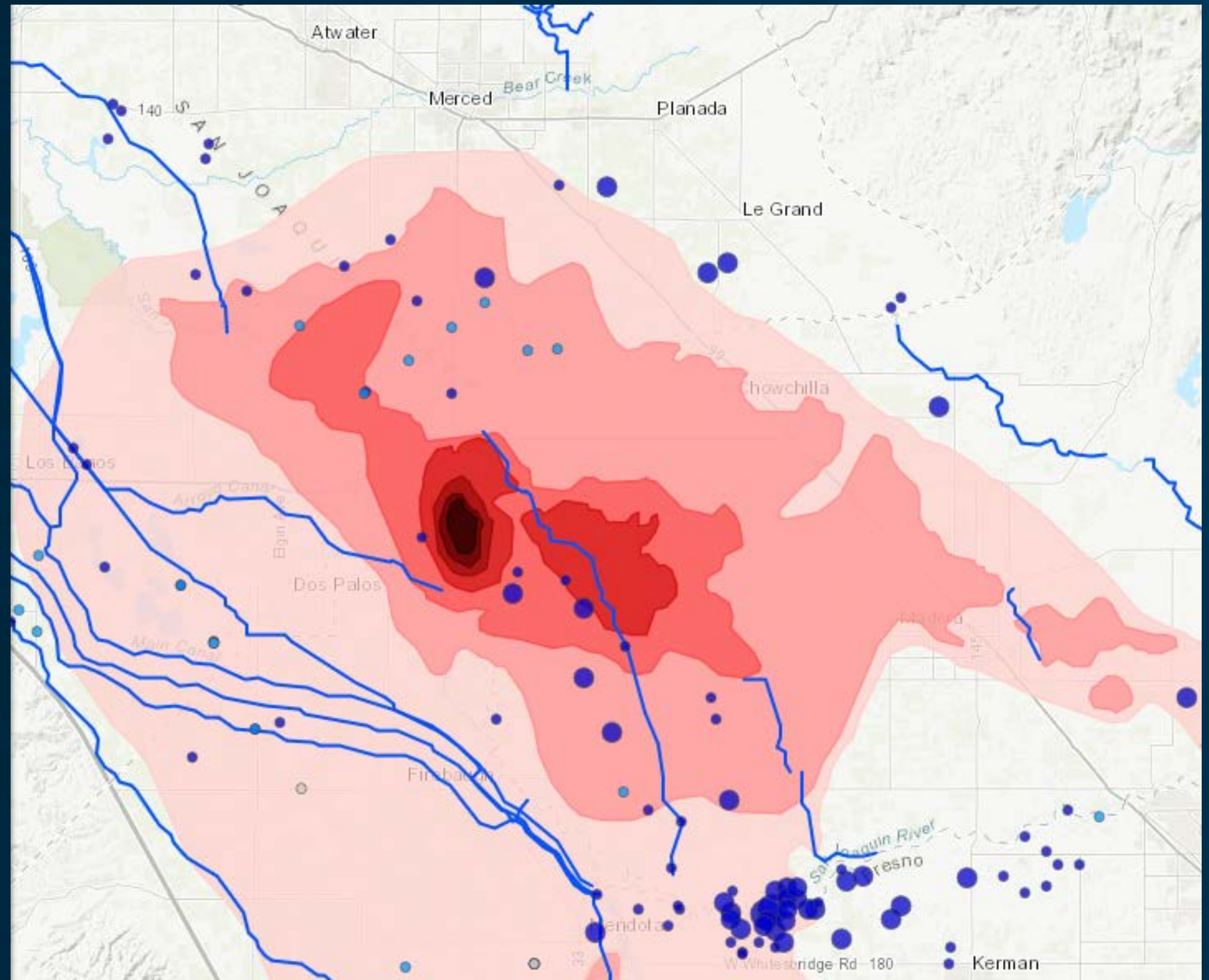


# El Nido Area Subsidence

## Subsidence

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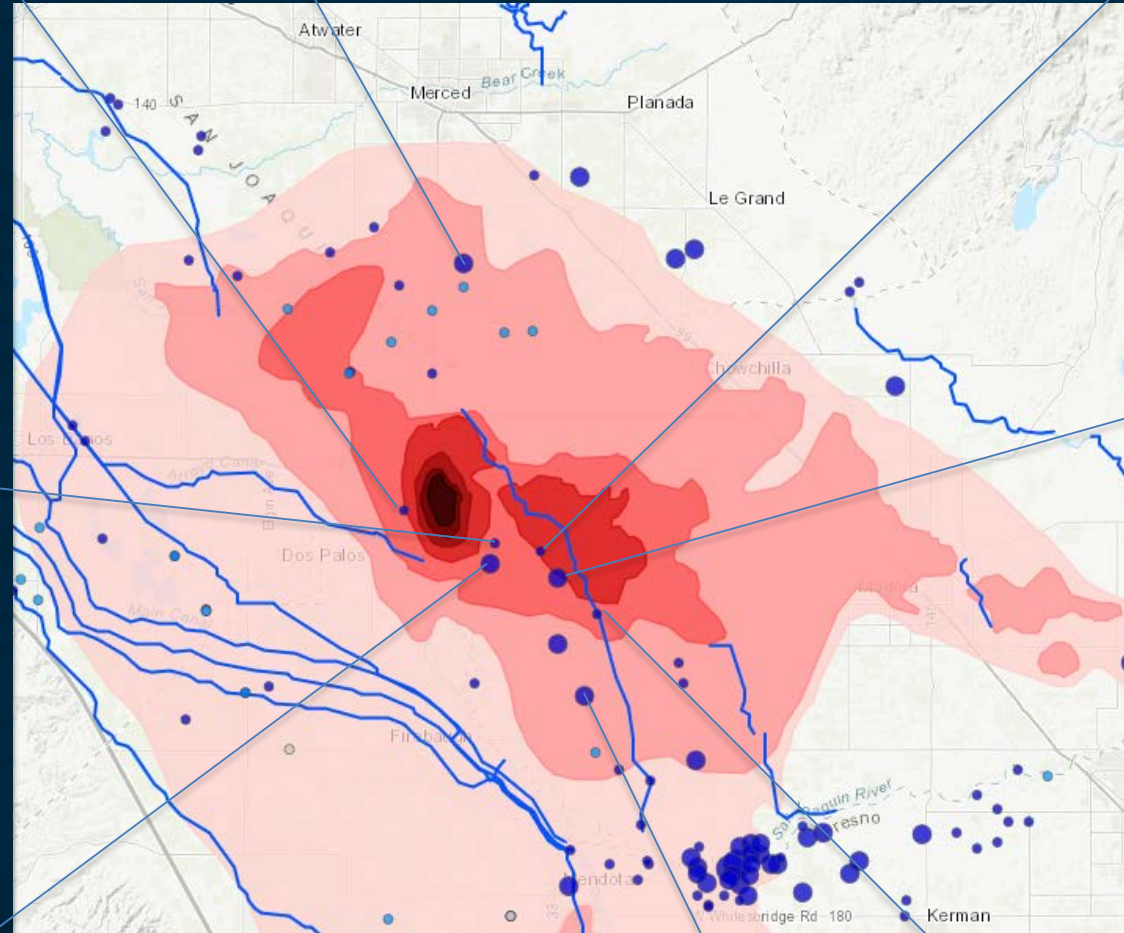
SWN# 10S13E35K001M  
Period of Record: 1960-2017  
Total GW Level Decline: 10 feet

SWN# 08S14E32L001M  
Period of Record: 1964-2008  
Total GW Level Decline: 54.5 feet

SWN# 11S14E12E001M  
Period of Record: 1976-2009  
Total GW Level Decline: 25.76 feet

SWN# 11S14E13R001M  
Period of Record: 1963-2017  
Total GW Level Decline: 120.4 feet

SWN# 11S14E09A003M  
Period of Record: 1961-2017  
Total GW Level Decline: 75.6 feet  
**2008-2010 Decline: 1.6 feet**



Source: USGS

SWN# 11S14E16A001M  
Period of Record: 1961-2018  
Total GW Level Decline: 48.6 feet

SWN# 12S15E17E001M  
Period of Record: 1952-2008  
Total GW Level Decline: 55 feet

SWN# 11S15E29H001M  
Period of Record: 1949-2017  
Total GW Level Decline: 31.6 feet



# Contact Information

## South Central Region Office

**Mission Statement:** To carry out the Department's work within the South Central Region's boundaries and to maintain close contact with local interests to facilitate communication on integrated water-related matters, towards sustainable water resources management.

### Service Area

The South Central Region Office, headquartered in Fresno, covers 14 counties including Fresno, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Monterey, San Benito, Santa Cruz, Stanislaus, and Tulare Counties as well as portions of Kern, Tuolumne, Stanislaus and San Joaquin Counties.



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# Questions?

