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TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Central Basin Well Protection Program is a result of negotiations that took place as part of the Central Sacramento County Groundwater Forum. Water demands to meet the build-out level of development in future land use and water use conditions in Central Basin could potentially change groundwater levels in various parts of the Central Basin. These changes in groundwater levels may have potential impact on existing agricultural and rural domestic wells. The impacted wells may require lowering of the pump bowls, deepening of the well, or replacement of the well. The well protection program is being developed for the Central Basin to provide funding for mitigation of any wells that may be impacted by a lowering of groundwater levels. This Technical Memorandum (TM) provides an estimate of the cost of the well protection program under three future scenarios.

The number of irrigation and rural domestic wells in the Central Basin is not known. Based on the 2000 land use conditions and water demand information, it is estimated that 235 agricultural and 5,903 rural domestic wells exist in the Central Basin. Using the 2030 land use conditions, it is estimated that the irrigation wells will decrease to 194 wells, while the rural domestic wells will increase to 8,175 wells. The land use, water supply, and water demand information presented in this TM were obtained from the Hydrologic and Modeling Analysis for Zone 40 Water Supply Master Plan study (WRIME, 2004).

The water levels for the three future scenarios were obtained from the recent Hydrologic and Modeling Analysis for Zone 40 Water Supply Mater Plan (WRIME, 2004), and the modeling work performed as part of the Impact Analysis for Well Protection study. These future scenarios are:

- A – No Project (Baseline 2030),
- B – Proposed Project, and
- C – Reduced Surface Water Availability.

The “No Project” scenario represents the land and water use conditions based on the County’s General Plan build-out level of development, and the corresponding firm water supply conditions.

The “Proposed Project” scenario represents the build-out conditions with the water supplies proposed under the Zone 40 WSMP. The Zone 40 WSMP was adopted in February 2005.

The “Reduced Surface Water Availability” scenario was simulated in this study to represent a 26,700 acre-feet/year (AFY) reduction in surface water diversion at Freeport to Zone 40 and increased groundwater pumping by 26,700 AFY in the Central Basin.

The simulated water levels were compared with the well bottom depth elevation data to obtain the number of impacted wells. The impact costs of changes in groundwater level include the cost of lowering the pump bowl, deepening the wells, or replacing the impacted wells.

The following table shows the impact cost of the three future scenarios.

Scenarios	Impacted Rural Domestic Wells	Impacted Agricultural Wells	Rural Domestic Wells Impact Cost	Agricultural Wells Impact Cost	Total Impact Cost
A - No Project	164	2	$560,000	$20,000	$580,000
B – Proposed Project	99	1	$423,000	$10,000	$433,000
C - Reduced Surface Water Availability	252	3	$1,097,000	$30,000	$1,127,000

The outline of the TM is presented below.

Executive Summary presents a summary of the TM findings.

1. Introduction provides some background on declining groundwater levels in the Central Basin, brief description of the alternatives, and the purpose of the TM.

2. Available Data provides details of available data that was used in this analysis.

3. Analysis of Well Inventory provides estimates of the number of agricultural and rural domestic wells in the Central Basin.

4. Impacted Wells provides estimates of the number of impacted agricultural and rural domestic wells in the Central Basin and the associated impact cost.

5. References lists the sources of information used in this analysis.

1. INTRODUCTION

Groundwater is a vital source of water for Central Sacramento County. In 2000, approximately 250,000 AF of groundwater was pumped in the Central Basin resulting in declining groundwater levels in some parts of the Central Basin.

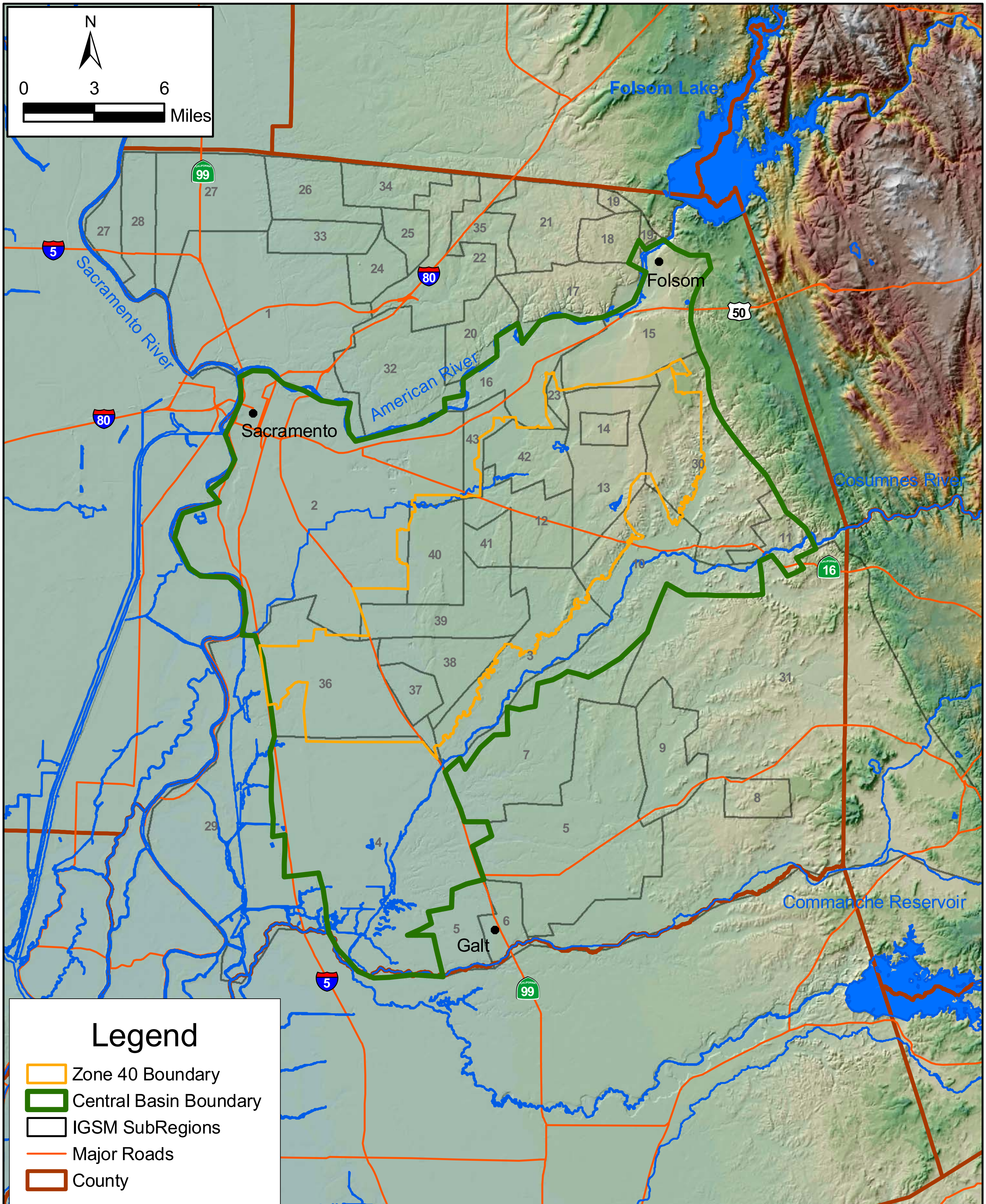
Anticipated urban water use is expected to increase the reliance on the groundwater aquifer and to lower groundwater levels. The Zone 40 Water Supply Master Plan (WSMP) project provides a conjunctive use program that consists of surface water, groundwater, and recycled water. As a result of the implementation of the WSMP groundwater levels in some parts of the Central Basin are expected to be lower than their current levels; however, higher than the future No Project conditions. Figure 1.1 shows the Zone 40 and the Central Basin.

Several water management scenarios including the Proposed Project were analyzed by WRIME (2004) using the Sacramento County Integrated Groundwater and Surface water Model (SACIGSM). A modified version of the Proposed Project scenario was also simulated as part of this study. The purpose of this scenario was to evaluate the worst-case scenario by analyzing the impact of reduced available surface water via the proposed Freeport diversion facilities, and maximum groundwater pumping in the Central Basin. The scenarios presented in this Technical Memorandum include:

- A – No Project (Baseline 2030),
- B – Proposed Project, and
- C - Reduced Surface Water Availability.

All of the simulations indicate that groundwater levels in some parts of the Central Basin will decline in the future. Declining groundwater levels may have an adverse impact on existing wells in Central Basin. Some wells may need to be deepened while some others may have to be replaced.

The Well Protection Program has been developed for the Central Basin to provide funding for deepening or replacement of impacted wells. This Technical Memorandum (TM) presents the results of an analysis of the expected impact cost to agricultural and rural domestic wells in the Central Basin.



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General Project Location

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Figure 1.1

2. AVAILABLE DATA

This study uses four categories of data for well impact analysis:

- Land Use Conditions,
- Water Demand,
- Well Depth, and
- Groundwater Levels.

The land use and water demand information are used to estimate the number of agricultural and rural domestic wells. The depth to groundwater at each well is compared to the depth to the bottom of the well to determine whether a well is impacted. The land use, water supply, and water demand information presented in this TM were obtained from the Hydrologic and Modeling Analysis for Zone 40 Water Supply Master Plan study (WRIME, 2004). The data sources and description of the available data is provided in the following subsections.

2.1 DATA SOURCES

The data for the well impact analysis was obtained from previous studies of Central Sacramento County, available databases, and interviews with local professionals. The data sources are presented below.

Sacramento County Groundwater Yield Analysis

A groundwater yield analysis including an evaluation of impacts and associated impact costs of increased groundwater withdrawals from the aquifer systems underlying the County of Sacramento was completed in 1997 for the SCWA (Montgomery Watson, 1997). The report consisted of two technical memorandums, TM1 Baseline Conditions and TM2 Impacts Analysis. The impacts and impact costs were based on the potential groundwater level changes for six Baseline Conditions. This study is commonly referred to as the 1997 Baseline Yield Analysis.

The 1997 Baseline Yield Analysis covers the northern, central, and southern areas of Sacramento County and investigates the impacts of lowering groundwater levels on groundwater quality, wells, land subsidence, and groundwater contamination. The replacement and additional pumping costs of the municipal, agricultural and rural domestic wells were evaluated on a reconnaissance level.

The numbers of agricultural and rural domestic wells in Central Sacramento County were estimated to be 324 and 4,955 wells, respectively. Depending on the simulated baseline condition, the number of agricultural wells impacted by additional groundwater level decline ranged from 0 to 54 wells. The number of impacted rural domestic wells ranged from 0 to 996 wells. The simulations with the highest groundwater pumping rates resulted in the highest number of impacted wells.

Distributions of agricultural and rural domestic well depth are provided in the technical memorandum of the 1997 Baseline Yield Analysis. However, the memorandum does not provide specific information about the location and depth of individual wells. The electronic files of the 1997 Baseline Yield Analysis provides well depth and location information for 964 wells in the Zone 40 area (Figure 2.1). No information was available in these electronic files for the wells outside the Zone 40 area.

DWR/USGS Well Log Database

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR), in cooperation with the United States Geological Survey (USGS), has developed a well log database for selected wells in the Central Sacramento County (DWR, 2005). This database has depth information for 92 wells in the Central Sacramento County. These wells are distributed over the entire central area (Figure 2.1).

Central Sacramento County Data Management System (DMS)

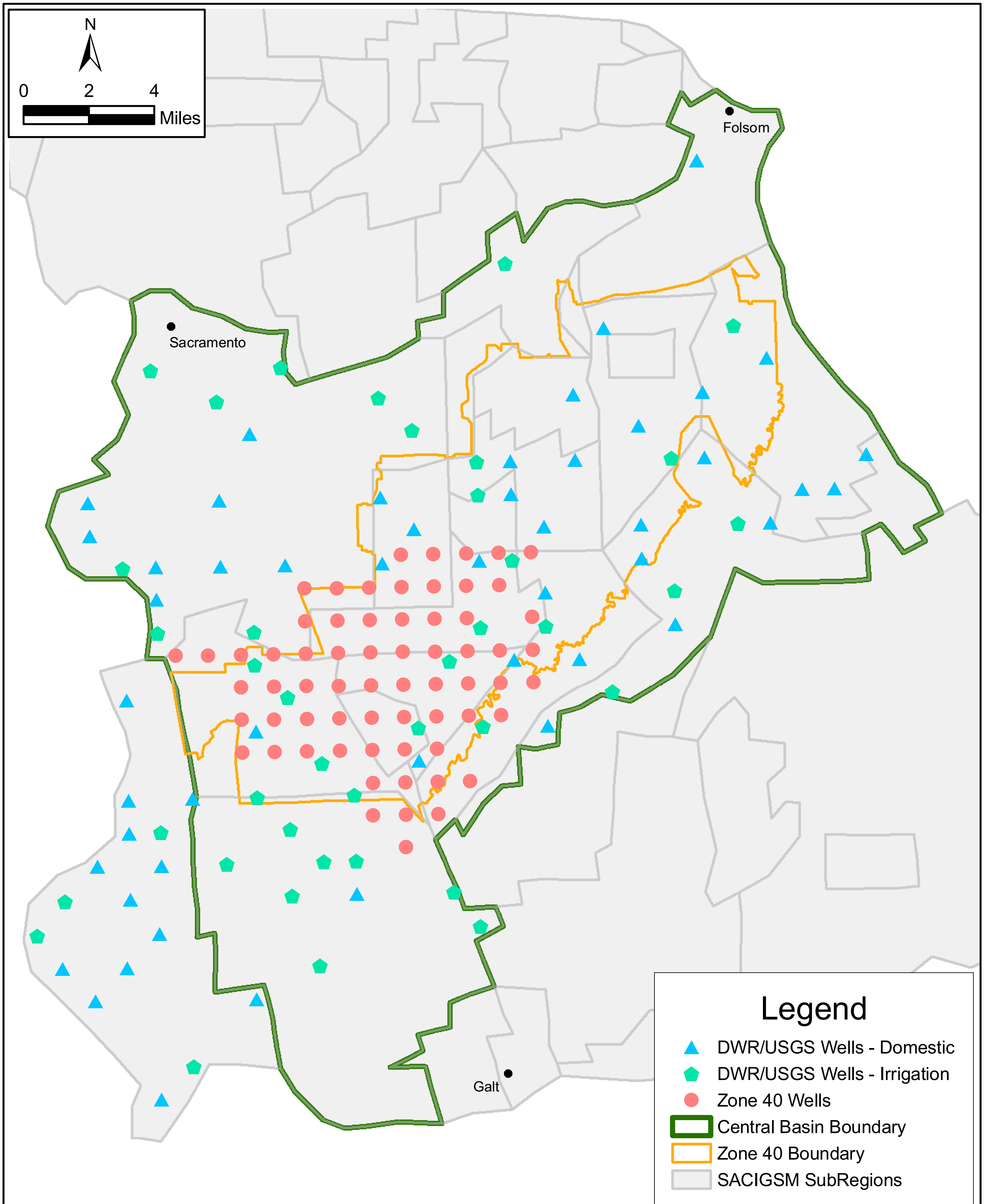
A database of 597 well logs in Central Sacramento County was obtained from MWH – Montgomery Watson Harza (MWH, 2005). However, this database contains only municipal and monitoring well information. Because this database does not provide information on irrigation and / or rural domestic wells, the database was not used in this study.

Hydrologic and Modeling Analysis for the Zone 40 Water Supply Master Plan

A hydrologic and modeling analysis was conducted for the Zone 40 WSMP (WRIME, 2004). Zone 40 was initially established in 1985 by the Sacramento County Water Agency to provide drinking water for the urbanizing unincorporated areas in the Laguna, Elk Grove, and Vineyard communities in Sacramento County.

The SACIGSM was used in the analysis of hydrologic effects of alternatives considered under the WSMP. The effects of water management alternatives were compared to two baseline conditions, 2000 and 2030 levels of development, reflecting existing conditions and ultimate buildout conditions. Table 2.1 presents the description of the alternatives. The Proposed Project represents the long-term effect of water demand and supply resulting from 2030 buildout conditions with additional surface water available and full reuse of remediated water. The Reduced Surface Water Availability scenario represents a 26,700 AFY reduction in available surface water from the FRWA diversion at Freeport and a 26,700 AFY increase in groundwater pumping in the Central Basin.

Water levels at selected irrigation and domestic wells were obtained from SACIGSM simulations for No Project, Project, and Reduced Surface Water Availability scenarios.



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Location of Sample Wells

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Table 2.1 Descriptions of Model Scenarios

	2000 Baseline	A - No Project (2030 Baseline)	B - Proposed Project	C - Reduced Surface Water Availability
Land Use	DWR 2000 Land Use Survey (Agricultural = 53,000 acres, Urban = 86,000 acres)	Projected 2030 Land Use (Agricultural = 45,000 acres, Urban = 137,000 acres)	Projected 2030 Land Use (Agricultural = 45,000 acres, Urban = 137,000 acres)	Projected 2030 Land Use (Agricultural = 45,000 acres, Urban = 137,000 acres)
Urban Water Demand	Based on DWR 2000 Land Use and a 12% level of conservation (205,000 AFY)	Based on projected 2030 Land Use and a 25.6% level of conservation (304,000 AFY)	Based on projected 2030 Land Use and a 25.6% level of conservation (304,000 AFY)	Based on projected 2030 Land Use and a 25.6% level of conservation (304,000 AFY)
Agricultural Demand	Based on crop type and the DWR 2000 crop acreages (171,600 AFY)	Based on crop type and estimated 2030 crop acreage (144,200 AFY)	Based on crop type and estimated 2030 crop acreage (144,200 AFY)	Based on crop type and estimated 2030 crop acreage (144,200 AFY)
Surface Water Supplies	Current supplies, estimated based on CALSIM II 2000 Baseline Condition simulation (128,100 AFY)	Increased to included 'firm water' supplies including 4,400 AFY of reclaimed water (194,800 AFY)	Increased to included 'firm water' supplies including 4,400 AFY of reclaimed water (194,300 AFY)	Reduced surface water diversion at Freeport to the Zone 40 area by 26,700 AFY (167,600 AFY)
Remediated Water	No Reuse	9,400 AFY is used in Zone 40, 5,000 AFY provided to augment Cosumnes River flow enhancement	100% Reuse (6,200 AFY reinjection, 5,000 AFY Cosumnes River flow enhancement, 18,800 AFY reuse)	100% Reuse (6,200 AFY reinjection, 5,000 AFY Cosumnes River flow enhancement, 18,800 AFY reuse)
Groundwater Pumping	Current Level of pumping (248,600 AFY)	Less pumping for agricultural demand, groundwater pumping to meet unsatisfied water demand (244,000 AFY)	Less pumping for agricultural demand, groundwater pumping to meet unsatisfied water demand (235,100 AFY)	Groundwater pumping in the Central area increased by 26,700 AFY (261,800 AFY)
Additional Supply Areas	None	None	North Vineyard, Zone 40 Uniform Pumping	North Vineyard, Zone 40 Uniform Pumping

2.2 Impact Unit Costs

The exact impact cost of each well will be different, however, representative average impact costs were used in this study to calculate the total impact cost. Current average costs for replacement of agricultural and rural domestic wells are $200,000 and $20,000, respectively (Ken Worster, 2005). The average replacement cost of agricultural and rural domestic wells in the 1997 Baseline Yield Analysis were $150,000 and $10,000, respectively. Assuming an annual inflation of 6%, the 2005 estimates for these costs are approximately $250,000 and $15,000. The impact unit cost estimates used in this study are presented in Table 2.2.

Table 2.2 – Impact unit cost estimates.

Impact	Cost Estimate	
	Agricultural Well	Rural Domestic Well
Pump Bowl Lowering	$10,000	$1,000
Well Deepening	$50,000	$5,000
Well Replacement	$220,000	$20,000

2.3 Well Depth Data

Well depth information for the agricultural and rural domestic wells in the Central Basin was obtained from the 1997 Baseline Yield Analysis and the DWR/USGS well log database. Table 2.3 presents the number of wells with bottom depth information that are available from these two sources. Figure 2.1 presents the location of the wells in Table 2.3.

Table 2.3 - Number of Wells in Central Basin With Bottom Depth Information.

Source	Well Type		Total
	Agricultural	Rural Domestic	
1997 Baseline Yield Analysis	189	775	964
DWR/USGS Databse	40	52	92
Total	229	827	1056

Agricultural wells are usually deeper than rural domestic wells. The distribution of depth of agricultural wells identified in Table 2.3 is illustrated in Figure 2.2. The agricultural wells are at least 80 feet deep and mostly range from 120 feet to 360 feet in depth. Eight wells are more than 600 feet in depth.

The distribution of depth of rural domestic wells identified in Table 2.3 is illustrated in Figure 2.3. The rural domestic wells are at least 60 feet deep and mostly range from 120 feet to 320 feet in depth.

Wells in the western part of the Central Basin pump from the upper aquifer (Layer 1 of SACIGSM), while wells in the eastern part pump from the lower aquifer (Layer 2 of SACIGSM). The location of the east-west SACIGSM cross-section and the locations of the wells are shown in Figure 2.4. Layer 1 thins out from west to east and occurs at lower depths in the eastern part of the Basin. The vertical distribution of pumping is illustrated in a SACIGSM cross-section (Figure 2.5).

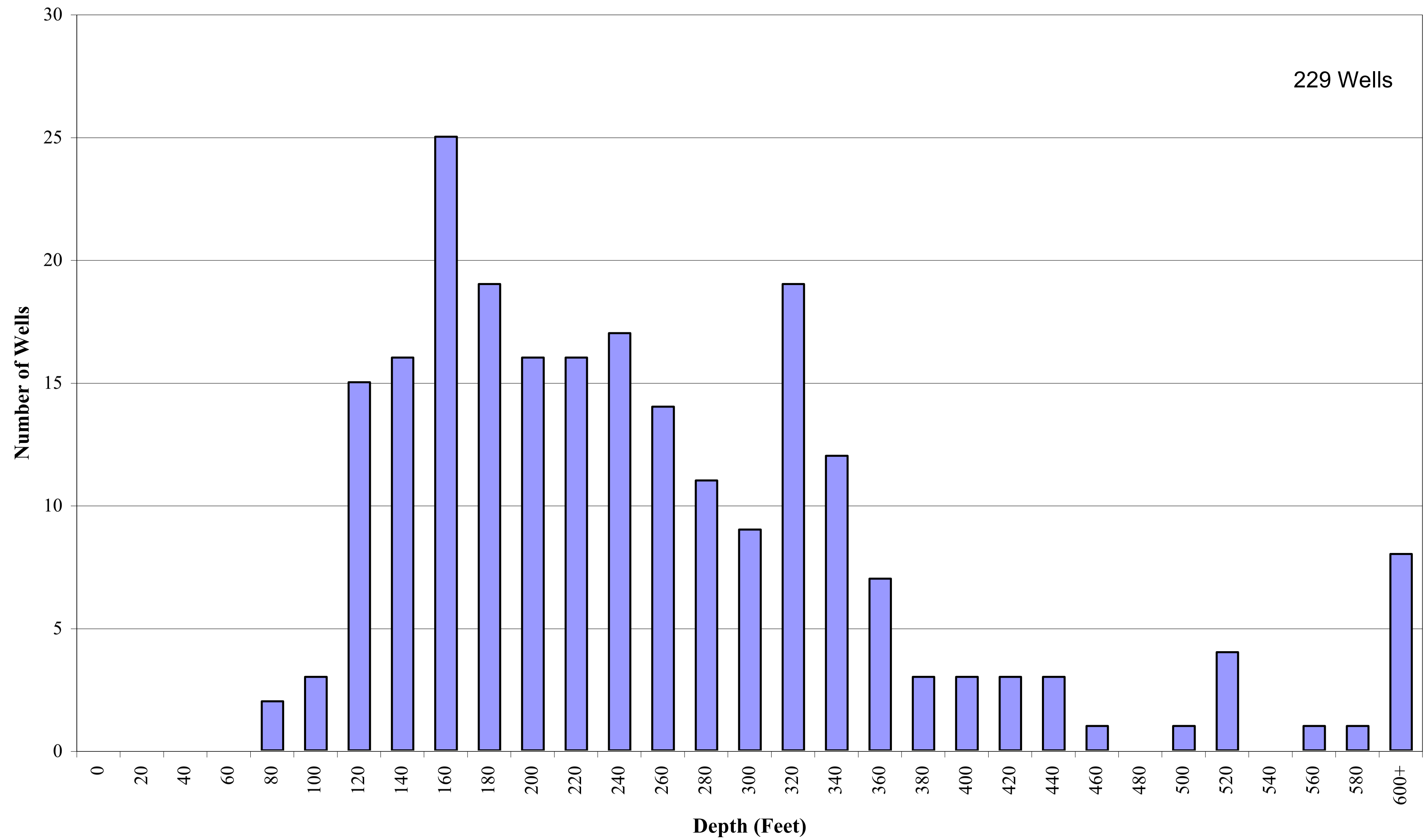
2.4 Groundwater Levels

Groundwater levels at the location of the agricultural and rural domestic wells with available bottom depth data were obtained from WRIME's recent SACIGSM modeling analysis for Central Sacramento County (WRIME, 2004) and from a new SACIGSM simulation that was performed as part of this study for the Reduced Surface Water Availability scenario. Groundwater levels were compared with the well depth information to determine whether any well is impacted due to declining groundwater levels. The groundwater levels were obtained for the following scenarios:

- A – No Project (Baseline 2030),
- B – Proposed Project, and
- C - Reduced Surface Water Availability.

The Reduced Surface Water Availability scenario was developed as part of this study to obtain groundwater levels for a situation where 26,700 AFY of the planned surface water diversion at Freeport would not be available for Zone 40 and the water supply deficiency would be met by an additional 26,700 AFY of groundwater pumping in the Central Basin. This scenario represents the worst case conditions in which the groundwater pumping in the Central Basin is at maximum rate of 261,800 AFY.

Groundwater levels from layers 1 and 2 were used in this study. Layer 1 is thicker in the western half of the Central Basin and most of the wells in the western half pump from Layer 1. In contrast, Layer 1 thins out in the eastern half and most of the wells in this half pump from layer 2 (Figure 2.5).



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Agricultural Well Depth Distribution

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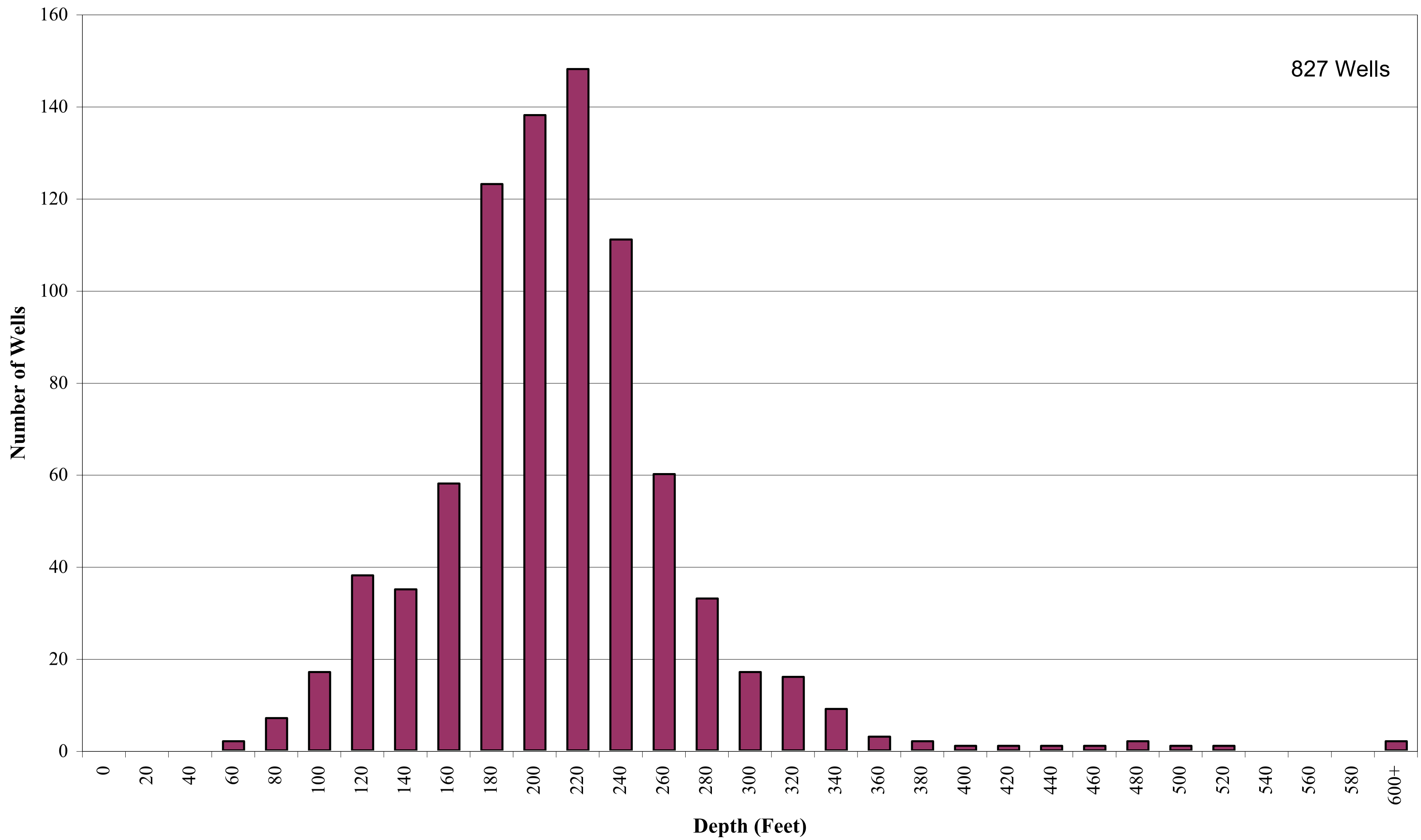

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Rural Domestic Well Depth Distribution

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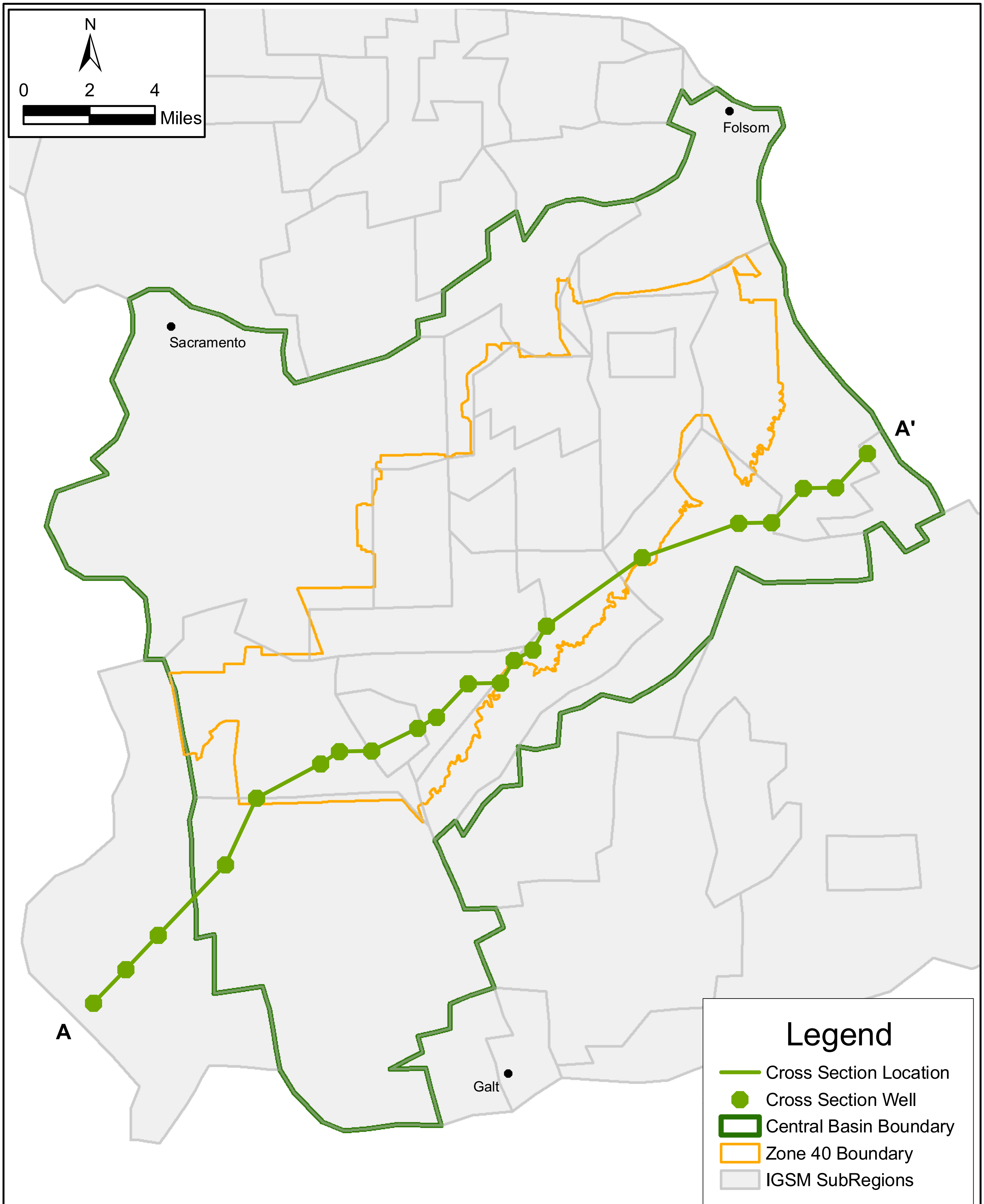

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Location of East-West Cross Section

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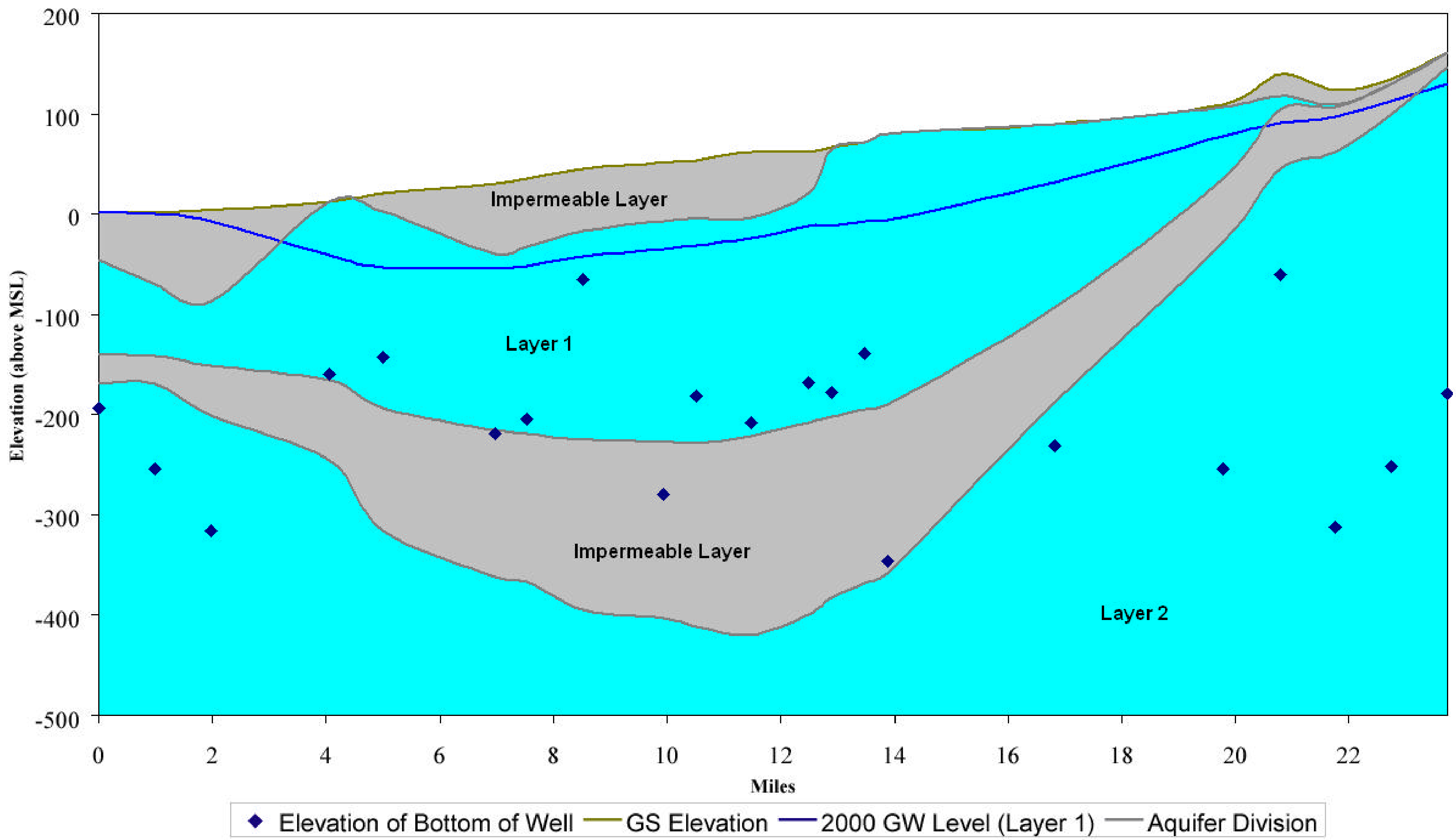

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Geologic Cross Section A - A'

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FIGURE 2.5

The No Project scenario represent groundwater levels at buildout (2030 level of development). The level of development represents a set of land use, water use, and water supply / demand conditions. The No Project scenario represent the long-term effect of buildout of the 2030 level of development with reduced agricultural demands and increased surface water supplies (Table 2.1). The No Project scenario provides a frame of reference for comparison of hydrologic impacts of various water management alternatives. The Proposed Project and the Reduced Surface Water Availability scenarios were analyzed under the 2030 level of development.

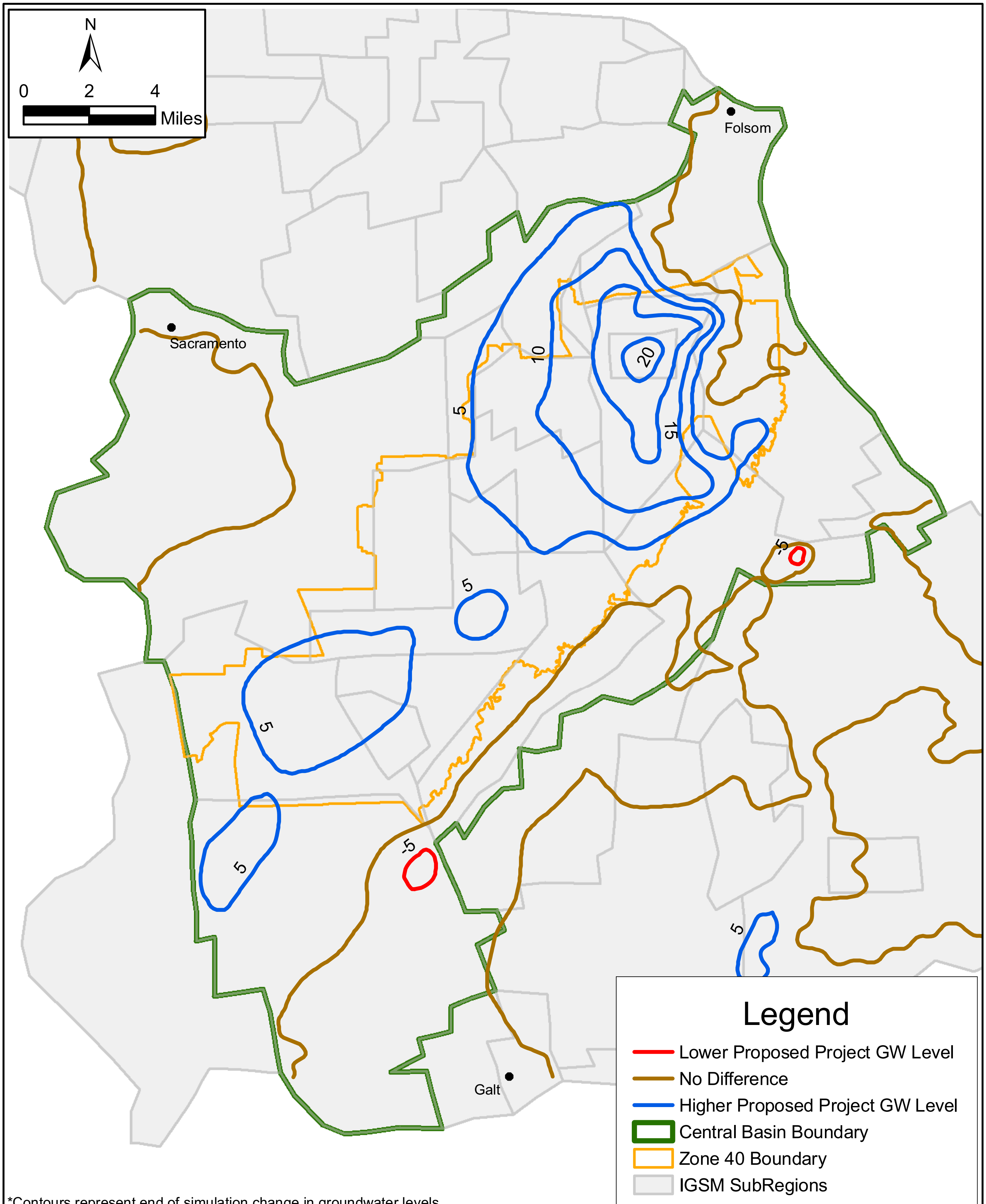
The groundwater levels of the Proposed Project scenario at the end of the simulation are compared to the groundwater levels of the No Project scenario (Figures 2.6 and 2.7). The blue contour lines represent areas with higher Proposed Project water levels than the No Project. The red contour lines indicate the Proposed Project water levels are lower than the No Project. The groundwater levels of the Reduced Surface Water Availability scenario at the end of the simulation are compared to the groundwater levels at the end of the No Project simulation (Figures 2.8 and 2.9). In the Reduced Surface Water Availability scenario water levels drop below the No Project water levels. The higher water level zone in the foothills is also limited to a smaller area. The comparison of the Reduced Surface Water Availability groundwater levels with the Proposed Project groundwater levels is presented in Figures 2.10 and 2.11. The groundwater levels of the Reduced Surface Water Availability scenario are lower than the Proposed Project water levels in all of the Central Basin. The maximum drop in water levels is observed in the western part of Zone 40 where less surface water is available for the Reduced Surface Water Availability scenario.

2.5 Land Use Conditions

The land use maps of the 2000 and projected 2030 conditions representing land use trends within the Sacramento County are presented in Figures 2.12 and 2.13 (WRIME, 2004). The land use data includes both the general land use and crop acreage to identify water use. The general land use conditions is divided into five classes of

- Agricultural land consisting of areas greater than 5 acres and used for agriculture;
- Agricultural-Residential consisting of 2- to 5-acre parcels zoned for agricultural and residential use;
- Urban consisting of municipal, commercial or industrial development;
- Native Vegetation / Undeveloped areas; and
- Riparian Vegetation consisting of areas along waterways.

The estimated acreage of general land use for the 2000 Baseline and 2030 Baseline are summarized in Table 2.4. The increase in urban and agriculture-residential acreages resulted from the conversion of agricultural land and the development of undeveloped land. The three



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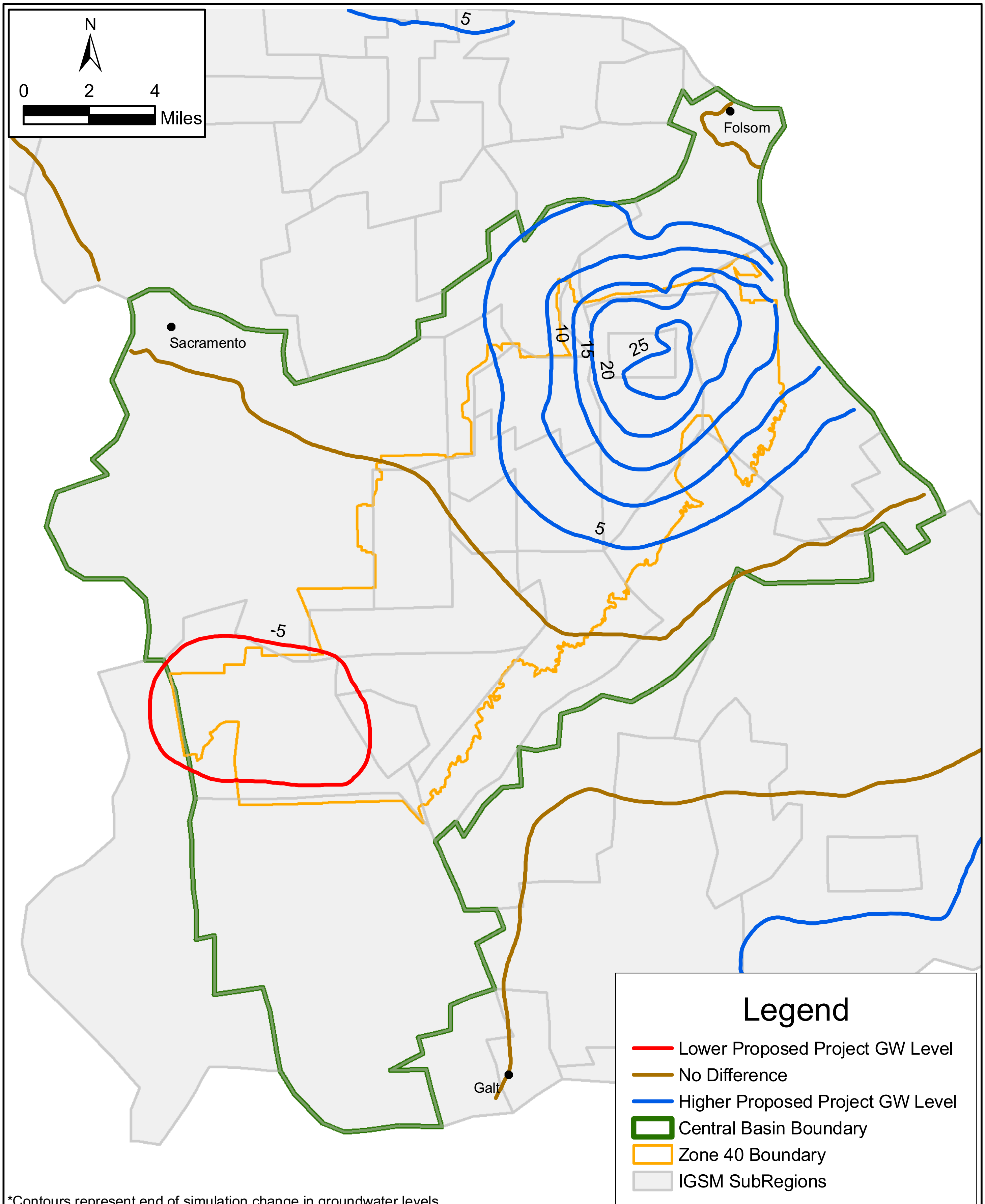

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Comparison of Proposed Project and No Project GW Levels - Layer 2

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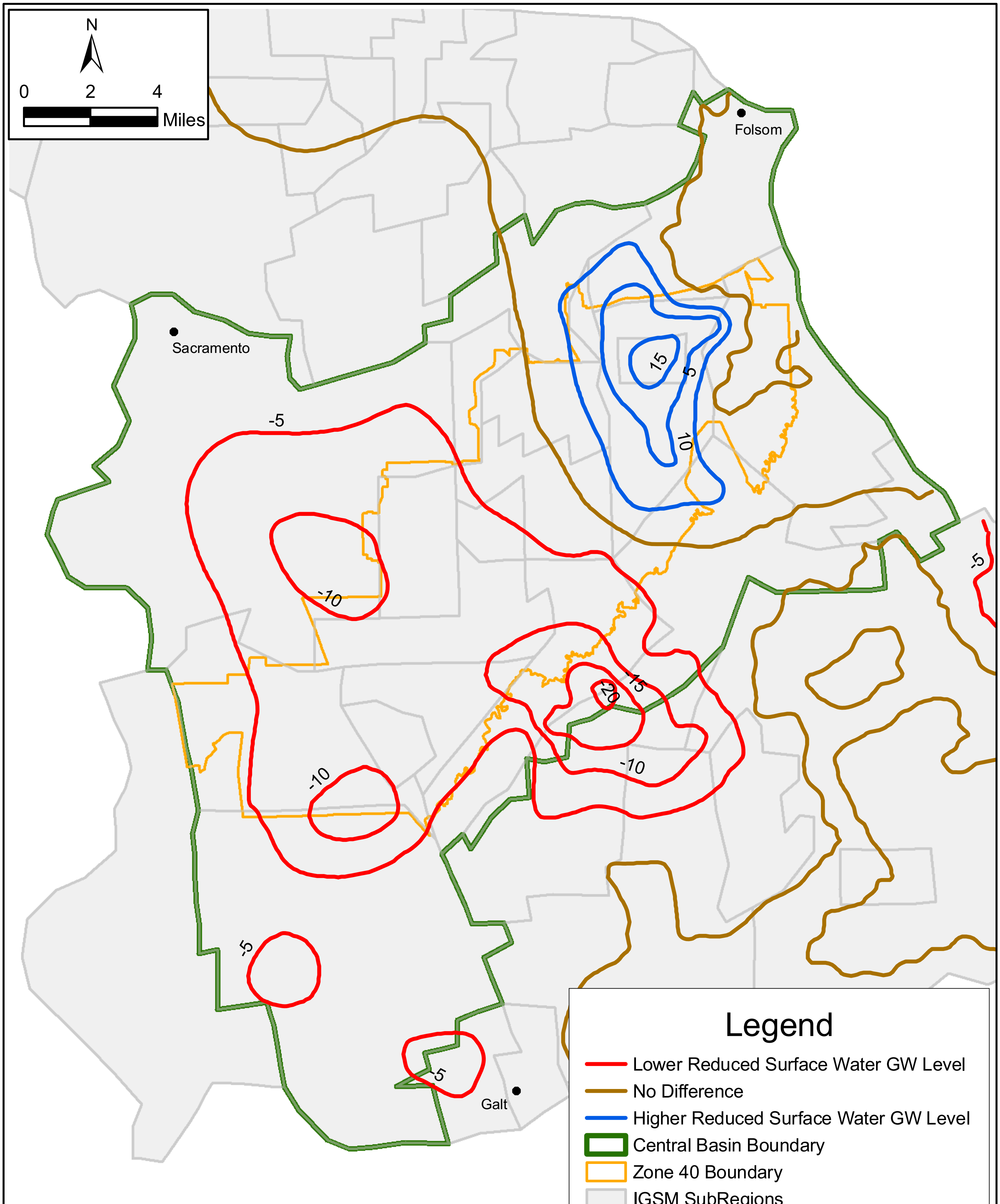

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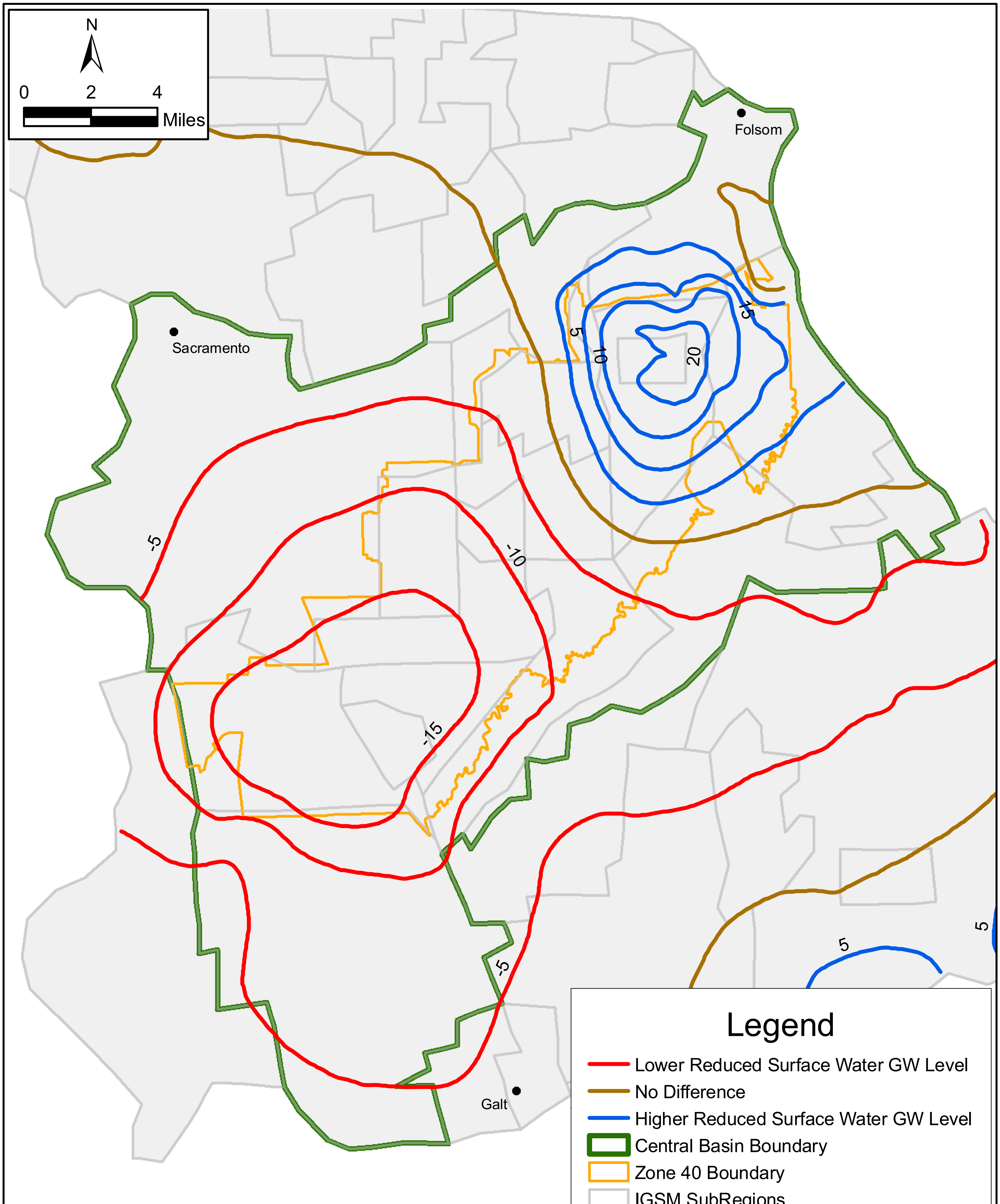

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Comparison of Reduced Surface Water Availability and No Project GW Levels Layer 2

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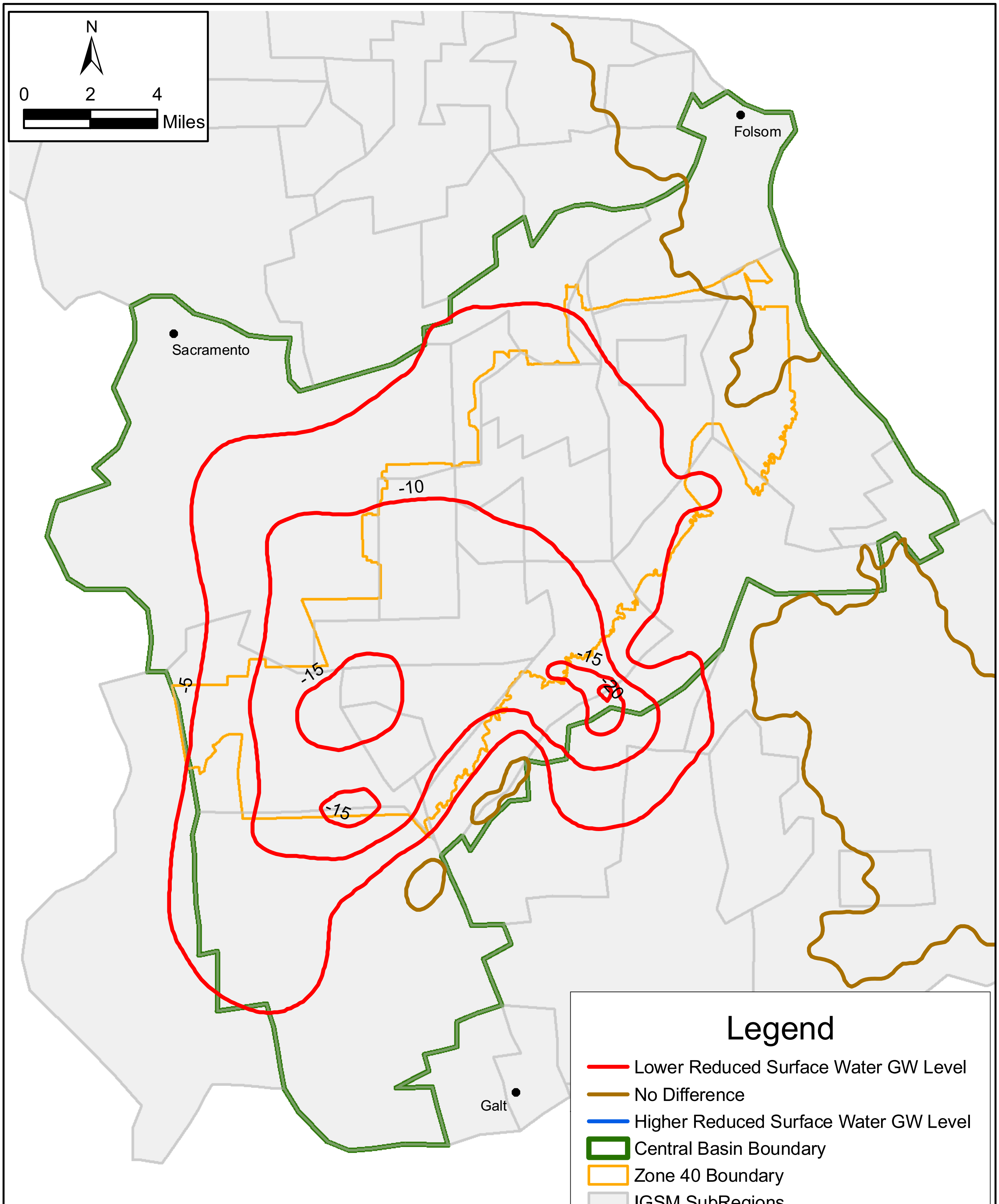

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Comparison of Reduced Surface Water Availability and Proposed Project GW Levels - Layer 1

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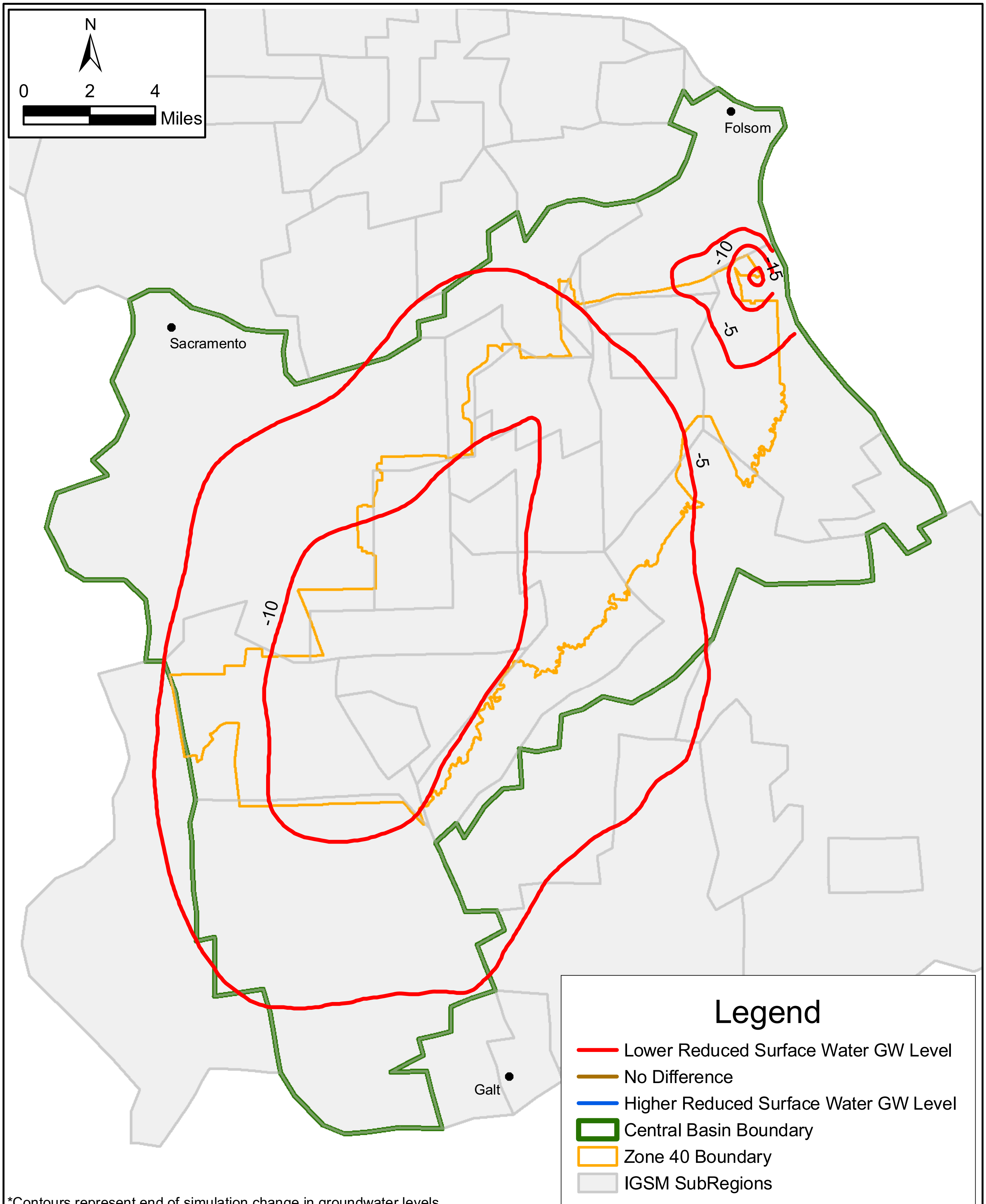

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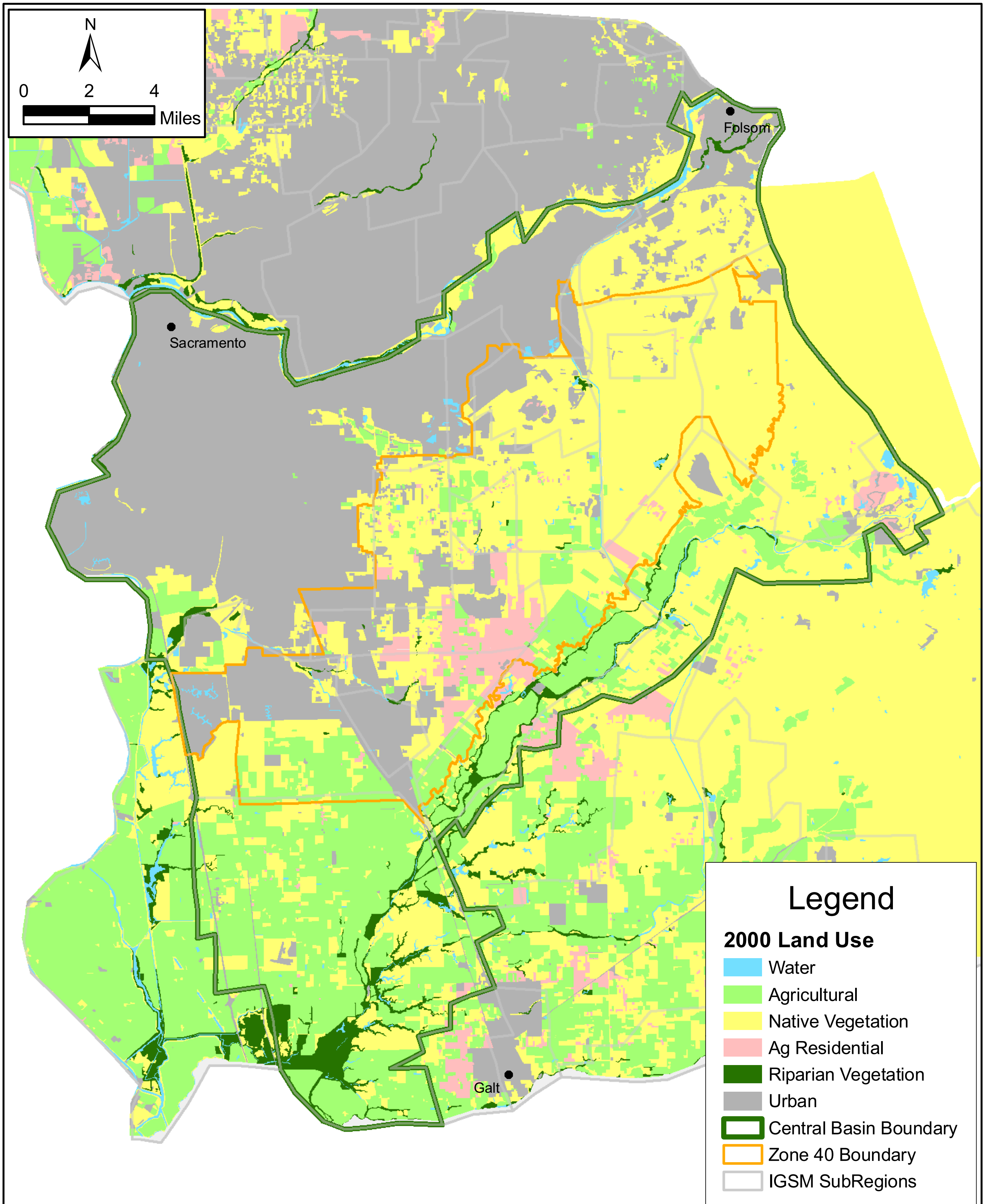

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Year 2000 General Land Use

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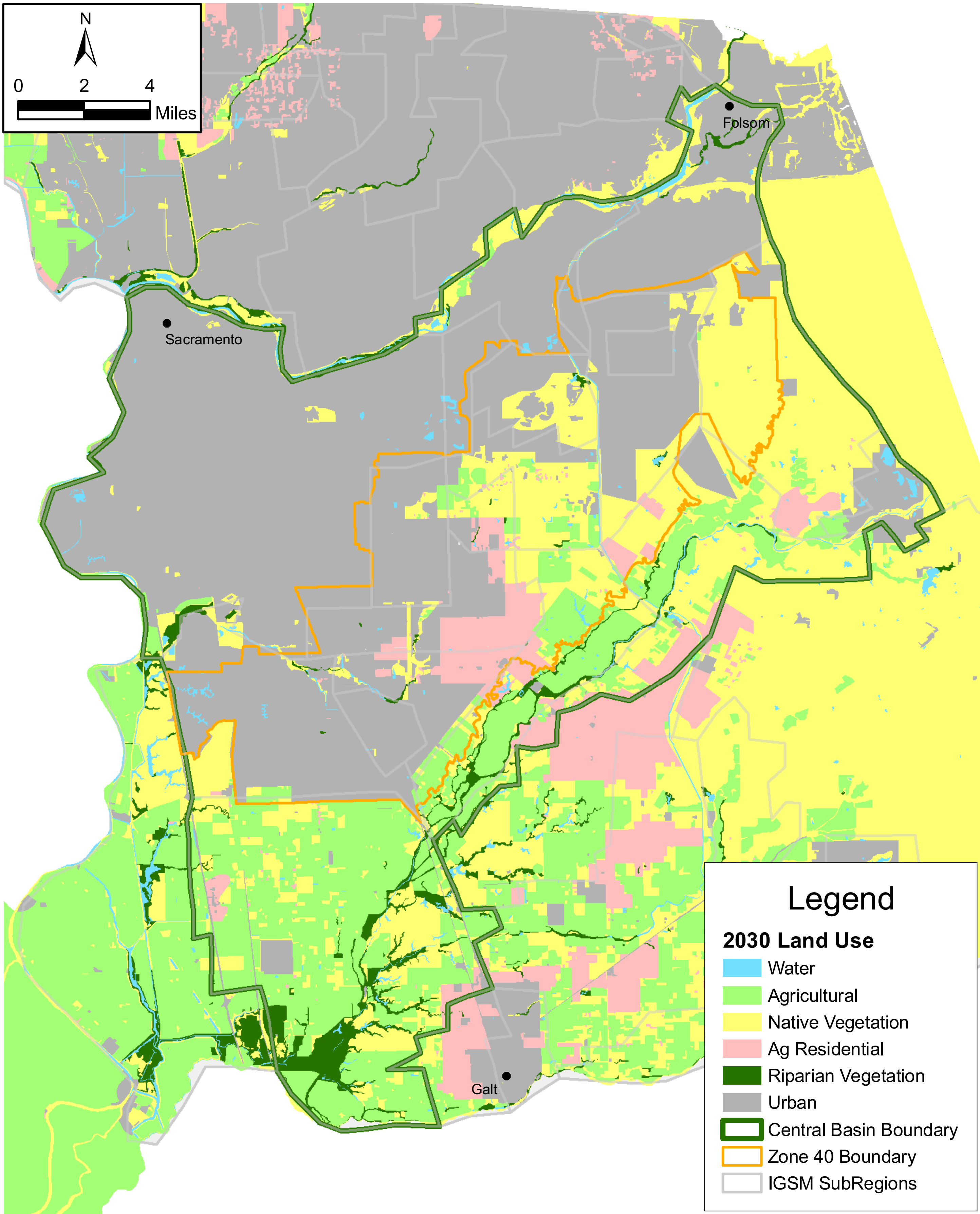

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Year 2030 General Land Use

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Figure 2.13

SACIGSM simulations (No Project, Proposed Project, and Reduced Surface Water Availability) are based on the estimated 2030 Baseline land use.

Table 2.4 Estimated Acreage of Land Use for the Central Basin (WRIME, 2004)

Class	Land Use, acres	
	2000	2030
Agriculture	51,126	39,492
Urban	80,387	132,263
Agriculture-Residential	7,572	10,486
Riparian Vegetation	6,409	6,363
Undeveloped / Native Vegetation	101,692	58,582
Total	247,186	247,186

2.6 Water Use

Water use estimates are based on the land use data briefly described in the previous section (WRIME, 2004). Water use is divided into two categories of urban and agricultural uses. The water demands for each model subregion for 2000 and 2030 Baseline conditions are presented in Table 2.5. The 2000 Baseline urban water demand includes a 12 percent level of conservation, however, a 25.6 percent level of conservation is included in the 2030 Baseline urban water demand. The average annual agricultural demand in Zone 40 reduces from 28,400 AFY for the 2000 Baseline to 5,000 AFY for the 2030 Baseline.

2.7 Water Supply Availability

The SACIGSM model scenarios are based on water supply availability from the following four sources:

- Surface Water Supplies;
- Recycled Water;
- Groundwater Supplies and;
- Groundwater Remediation and Reuse Options.

The surface water and groundwater supplies and remediation water reuse for each model subregion for No Project, Proposed Project, and Reduced Surface Water Availability scenarios are presented in Table 2.6. Groundwater pumping in Proposed Project is reduced by 9,400 AFY. The reduction in groundwater pumping is compensated by an additional 9,400 AFY of remediation water reuse. The surface water supply is reduced by 26,700 AFY for the Reduced Surface Water Availability simulation. The surface water reduction is accounted for by reducing the Freeport diversion by 26,700 AFY. Groundwater pumping is increased by 26,700 AFY to compensate for the surface water reduction.

Table 2.5 - 2000 and 2030 Baselines Water Demand (WRIME, 2004)

Subregion		2000 Baseline					2030 Baseline				
		Ag Acreage	Urban Acreage	AG Demand	Urban Demand	Total Water Demand	Ag Acreage	Urban Acreage	AG Demand	Urban Demand	Total Water Demand
Number	Name	(A)	(A)	(AF)	(AF)	(AF)	(A)	(AF)	(AF)	(AF)	(AF)
Central Area											
2	South Sacramento	1,440	46,525	3,912	116,296	120,208	386	50234	972	116006	116,978
3	Omochumne-Hartnell North	8,461	260	24,917	855	25,772	8388	137	24675	375	25,050
4	Southwest	27,132	1,048	84,623	1,201	85,824	26347	2284	82646	2181	84,827
10	Omochumne-Hartnell	6,132	720	20,260	1,215	21,475	6300	1277	21215	1796	23,011
11	Rancho Murieta	274	1,007	1,382	2,781	4,163	216	2178	1085	5011	6,096
12	Sunrise "A" – SCWA	1,341	721	5,715	927	6,642	1158	2482	4766	2659	7,425
15	City of Folsom	2	5,312	10	20,159	20,169	0	11697	0	32904	32,904
16	Arden Cordova	202	6,600	380	14,331	14,711	173	6929	303	12534	12,837
30	Fothills North	618	669	1,981	529	2,510	935	1825	3610	1202	4,812
37	EGWS	0	2,307	0	2,710	2,710	0	2590	0	2552	2,552
43	Rosemont – Cal Am	9	2,752	34	6,198	6,232	0	2990	0	5610	5,610
Total Central Area		45,611	67,921	143,214	167,202	310,416	43,903	84,623	139,272	182,830	322,102
Zone 40											
13	Sunrise Douglas – SCWA	96	230	145	115	259	713	8512	3012	17429	20,441
14	Security Park – Cal Am	1	86	5	381	384	11	1737	54	1455	1,509
23	Sunrise – SCWA	0	525	0	2,059	2,058	0	912	0	2059	2,059
36	Laguna/Franklin – SCWA	3,323	7,655	10,265	14,422	24,687	50	14228	154	35752	35,906
38	SCWA/EGWS Retail	1,558	1,760	7,209	6,185	13,394	53	5884	242	14308	14,550
39	Vineyard – SCWA	1,603	3,389	7,425	7,646	15,071	322	7533	1479	21988	23,467
40	N. Vineyard in POU - SCWA	540	1,978	1,644	4,444	6,088	0	5600	0	9929	9,929
41	N. Vineyard Out POU – SCWA	516	82	1,620	261	1,880	0	2351	0	7038	7,038
42	Mather	21	2,181	105	2,303	2,410	0	5755	0	11168	11,168
	Total Zone 40	7,658	17,886	28,418	37,816	66,233	1,149	52,512	4,941	121,126	126,067
	Grand Total	53,269	85,807	171,632	205,018	376,649	45,052	137,135	144,213	303,956	448,169

Table 2.6. Water Supplies for No Project, Proposed Project, and Reduced Surface Water Availability Scenarios

(RR=Remediation Reuse, GS=Groundwater, SW=Surface Water)

Subregion		A - No Project				B - Proposed Project				C - Reduced Surface Water Availability			
		GW	SW	RR	Total	GW	SW	RR	Total	GW	SW	RR	Total
Number	Name	(AF)	(AF)	(AF)	(AF)	(AF)	(AF)	(AF)	(AF)	(AF)	(AF)	(AF)	(AF)
Central Area													
2	South Sacramento	28,590	88,388		116,978	28,590	88,388		116,978	32,070	88,388		120,458
3	Omochumne-Hartnell North	20,710	4,340		25,050	20,703	4,347		25,050	23,211	4,347		27,558
4	Southwest	84,827	0		84,827	84,827	0		84,827	95,075	0		95,075
10	Omochumne-Hartnell	16,441	6,570		23,011	16,441	6,570		23,011	18,433	6,570		25,003
11	Rancho Murieta	181	5,915		6,096	181	5,915		6,096	205	5,915		6,120
12	Sunrise "A" – SCWA	7,434	-9		7,425	7,503	-78		7,425	8,403	-78		8,325
15	City of Folsom	0	32,904		32,904	0	32,904		32,904	0	32,904		32,904
16	Arden Cordova	7,637	5,200		12,837	7,637	5,200		12,837	8,561	5,200		13,761
30	Fothills North	4,812	0		4,812	4,812	0		4,812	5,388	0		5,388
37	EGWS	2,552	0		2,552	2,552	0		2,552	2,864	0		2,864
43	Rosemont – Cal Am	5,610	0		5,610	5,610	0		5,610	6,282	0		6,282
Total Central Area		178,794	143,308	0	322,102	178,856	143,246	0	322,102	200,492	143,246	0	343,738
Zone 40													
13	Sunrise Douglas – SCWA	12,418	6,486	1,537	20,441	3,012	14,356	3,073	20,441	3,012	9,961	3,073	16,046
14	Security Park – Cal Am	839	542	128	1,509	54	1,198	257	1,509	54	831	257	1,142
23	Sunrise – SCWA	1,109	768	182	2,059	0	1,696	363	2,059	0	1,177	363	1,540
36	Laguna / Franklin – SCWA	17,831	15,314	2,761	35,906	18,504	11,880	5,522	35,906	20,292	3,984	5,522	29,798
38	SCWA / EGWS Retail	8,161	5,128	1,261	14,550	8,301	3,726	2,523	14,550	9,117	118	2,523	11,758
39	Vineyard – SCWA	13,647	7,882	1,938	23,467	13,447	6,144	3,876	23,467	14,827	601	3,876	19,304
40	N. Vineyard in POU - SCWA	733	9,141	55	9,929	2,033	7,785	111	9,929	2,093	7,785	111	9,989
41	N. Vineyard Out POU – SCWA	4,233	2,252	553	7,038	4,222	1,710	1,106	7,038	4,654	129	1,106	5,889
42	Mather	6,181	4,002	985	11,168	6,631	2,568	1,969	11,168	7,243	-248	1,969	8,964
Total Zone 40		65,152	51,515	9,400	126,067	56,204	51,063	18,800	126,067	61,292	24,339	18,800	104,431
Grand Total		243,946	194,823	9,400	448,169	235,060	194,309	18,800	448,169	261,784	167,585	18,800	448,169

3. ANALYSIS OF WELL INVENTORY

The exact number of agricultural and rural domestic wells in the Central Sacramento County is not known. In order to determine the potential impacts of lowering groundwater levels on these wells an analysis was performed to estimate the total number of wells in each model subregion. The following subsections present the methodology and the results of this analysis.

3.1. Agricultural Wells

Agricultural wells are those wells that are primarily utilized for crop and pasture irrigation. The number of agricultural wells in the Central Sacramento County was estimated based on land use, water demand, and average well capacity.

The average well capacity of agricultural wells for Central Sacramento County is approximately 971 gallons per minute (MW, 1997). Agricultural wells are assumed to pump at the average capacity rate for 6 months each year and produce 772 AFY of water.

Agricultural water demand in each subregion is dependent on the acreage of land used for agricultural purposes and the estimated agricultural water duty. WRIME (2004) provided estimates of agricultural water demands of the subregions in Central Sacramento County for 2000 Baseline and 2030 Baseline conditions (Table 3.1).

The number of agricultural wells in each subregion is obtained by dividing the agricultural water demand by 772 AFY per well. The estimated number of agricultural wells in Central Sacramento County is presented in Table 3.1. Majority of the agricultural wells are in Omochumne-Hartnell North (Subregion 3), Southwest (Subregion 4), and Omochumne-Hartnell (Subregion 10) subregions along the Cosumnes River. The estimated total number of agricultural wells in Central Sacramento County with 2000 Baseline conditions is 235 wells and reduces to 194 wells with 2030 Baseline conditions.

3.2. Rural Domestic Wells

Rural domestic wells are those wells that produce water for utilization at agricultural residential areas. The number of rural domestic wells in Central Sacramento County was estimated based on agricultural residential land use and average well capacity.

Rural domestic wells are assumed to pump, on the average, enough water for residential use and irrigation of 1.25 acres of land (MW, 1997). WRIME (2004) provided estimates of agricultural residential land use in the subregions in Central Sacramento County for 2000 Baseline and 2030 Baseline conditions (Table 3.2).

Table 3.1 – Estimated Number of agricultural wells in Central Sacramento County

Subregion		2000 Ag Water Demand	2030 Ag Water Demand	2000 Agricultural Wells	2030 Agricultural Wells
Number	Name	(AF)	(AF)	(well)	(wells)
Central Area					
2	South Sacramento	3,912	972	6	2
3	Omochumne-Hartnell North	24,917	24,675	33	32
4	Southwest	84,623	82,646	110	108
10	Omochumne-Hartnell	20,260	21,215	27	28
11	Rancho Murieta	1,382	1,085	2	2
12	Sunrise "A" – SCWA	5,715	4,766	8	7
15	City of Folsom	10	0	1	0
16	Arden Cordova	380	303	1	1
30	Fothills North	1,981	3,610	3	5
37	EGWS	0	0	0	0
43	Rosemont – Cal Am	34	0	1	0
Zone 40					
13	Sunrise Douglas – SCWA	145	3,012	1	4
14	Security Park – Cal Am	5	54	1	1
23	Sunrise – SCWA	0	0	0	0
36	Laguna / Franklin – SCWA	10,265	154	14	1
38	SCWA / EGWS Retail	7,209	242	10	1
39	Vineyard – SCWA	7,425	1,479	10	2
40	N. Vineyard in POU - SCWA	1,644	0	3	0
41	N. Vineyard Out POU – SCWA	1,620	0	3	0
42	Mather	105	0	1	0
	Total	**171,632**	**144,213**	**235**	**194**

Table 3.2 – Estimated number of rural domestic wells in Central Sacramento County

Subregion		2000 Ag Residential Land Use	2030 Ag Residential + General Plan Ag Residential Land Use	2000 Rural Domestic Wells	2030 Rural Domestic Wells
Number	Name	(Acres)	(AF)	(wells)	(wells)
	Central Area				
2	South Sacramento	9	1	8	1
3	Omochumne-Hartnell North	897	1,240	718	992
4	Southwest	195	868	156	695
10	Omochumne-Hartnell	804	2,367	644	1,894
11	Rancho Murieta	580	0	464	0
12	Sunrise "A" – SCWA	74	69	60	56
15	City of Folsom	21	4	17	4
16	Arden Cordova	0	0	0	0
30	Fothills North	143	1,018	115	815
37	EGWS	0	0	0	0
43	Rosemont – Cal Am	0	0	0	0
	Zone 40				
13	Sunrise Douglas – SCWA	9	0	8	0
14	Security Park – Cal Am	2	1	2	1
23	Sunrise – SCWA	0	0	0	0
36	Laguna / Franklin – SCWA	50	12	40	10
38	SCWA / EGWS Retail	1,953	1,720	1,563	1,376
39	Vineyard – SCWA	2,225	2,400	1,780	1,920
40	N. Vineyard in POU - SCWA	301	8	241	7
41	N. Vineyard Out POU – SCWA	87	511	70	409
42	Mather	28	0	23	0
	Total	**7,378**	**10,219**	**5,909**	**8,180**

The number of rural domestic wells in each subregion is obtained by dividing the agricultural residential land use by the area covered by each well (1.25 acres). The estimated number of rural domestic wells in Central Sacramento County is presented in Table 3.2. The majority of the rural domestic wells are in Omochumne-Hartnell North (Subregion 3), Southwest (Subregion 4), and Omochumne-Hartnell (Subregion 10), Rancho Murrieta (Subregion 11), SCWA/EGWS Retail (Subregion 38), Vineyard-SCWA (Subregion 39) subregions along Cosumnes River and in the middle of Zone 40. The estimated total number of rural domestic wells in Central Sacramento County with 2000 Baseline conditions is 5,909 wells and increases to 8,180 wells with 2030 Baseline conditions. This is due to increased acreage of agricultural residential land use in the 2030 Baseline conditions.

4. IMPACTED WELLS

Impacts associated with groundwater level decline analyzed in this study include pump bowl lowering, well deepening, and well replacement. The location of water level in relation to the pump bowl and the bottom of the well indicates the level of impact on a well. If the declining water levels remain above the pump bowl, the well would remain in operation. If the water levels drop below the pump bowl, depending on the magnitude of decline, the following impact categories or thresholds may be used:

- Threshold 1 – Lowering the pump bowl,
- Threshold 2 – Deepening the well, or
- Threshold 3 – Replacing the well.

The groundwater levels during the 26-year hydrologic sequence were analyzed at each well location, under each scenario. The lowest groundwater level over time was selected for comparison with the available well depth data. The above impact criteria were used to determine if a well is impacted by the particular scenario.

4.1. Impact Criteria

Threshold 1 – Lowering the Pump Bowl

If the groundwater level drops below the pump bowl then the pump cannot operate and the pump bowl should be lowered. However, there is a limit on how much the pump bowl could be lowered. The pump cannot operate at the bottom of the well and has to be at least 10 feet above the bottom of the well. The pump bowls are typically installed 50 feet above the bottom of the wells. Thus, the pump lowering threshold is used when the lowest groundwater level at a well location is between 50 feet above the bottom of the well to 10 feet above the bottom of the well. In this situation, it is assumed that the well remains operable and should not be deepened, however, the pump bowl needs to be lowered.

Threshold 2 – Deepening the Well

A well is expected to be deepened if the distance between the bottom of the well and the groundwater levels above the bottom of the well is less than 10 feet. By deepening the well, the pump bowl can be lowered to a new operational depth. A well is considered a candidate for deepening if the lowest groundwater level at that well is between 10 feet above the bottom of the well and 30 feet below the bottom of the well. It is our understanding that most irrigation and domestic wells in Central Basin were drilled by cable-tool method. With cable-tool method the hole is usually drilled deeper than the casing to allow water to flow from bottom into the well. These wells could be deepened without significant technical difficulties.

Threshold 3 – Replacing the Well

If the lowest groundwater level at a well is 30 feet or more below the bottom of the well then, rather than deepening the well, it is economical to replace the well. The well replacement criterion is defined as the lowest groundwater levels to be more than 30 feet below the bottom of the well.

4.2. Number of Impacted Wells

A well may be affected by multiple impacts. It may require pump bowl lowering at first, then require well deepening. If the water levels continue to drop then the well may need to be replaced. The analysis of this study assumes that only one type of impact will be applied to any well. The impact criteria will be evaluated for the lowest groundwater level at each well and the worst impact will be selected. The impact cost is based on the worst condition at each well and does not represent the sum of all possible impacts at the wells.

The wells with bottom depth elevations in each subregion of Central Sacramento County are the sample wells of each subregion (Figure 2.1 and Table 2.3). The estimated total numbers of agricultural and rural domestic wells are presented in Tables 3.1 and 3.2. These wells are the population wells of each subregion. The impact criteria are applied to the wells with bottom depth elevations (sample wells) of each subregion. The ratio of the impacted sample wells of each subregion to the total sample wells of that subregion is the subregion's impact ratio. The total number of impacted wells of any subregion is determined by multiplying the impact ratio of the subregion by the number of population wells of the subregion. The following equations were used to estimate the number of impacted wells:

$$\text{Impact Ratio } (IR_i) = (\text{Impacted Sample Wells})_i \; / \; (\text{Total Sample Wells})_i \text{ , and}$$
$$\text{Impacted Wells}_i = IR_i * (\text{Total Population Wells})_i \text{ ,}$$

where

i = subregion index.

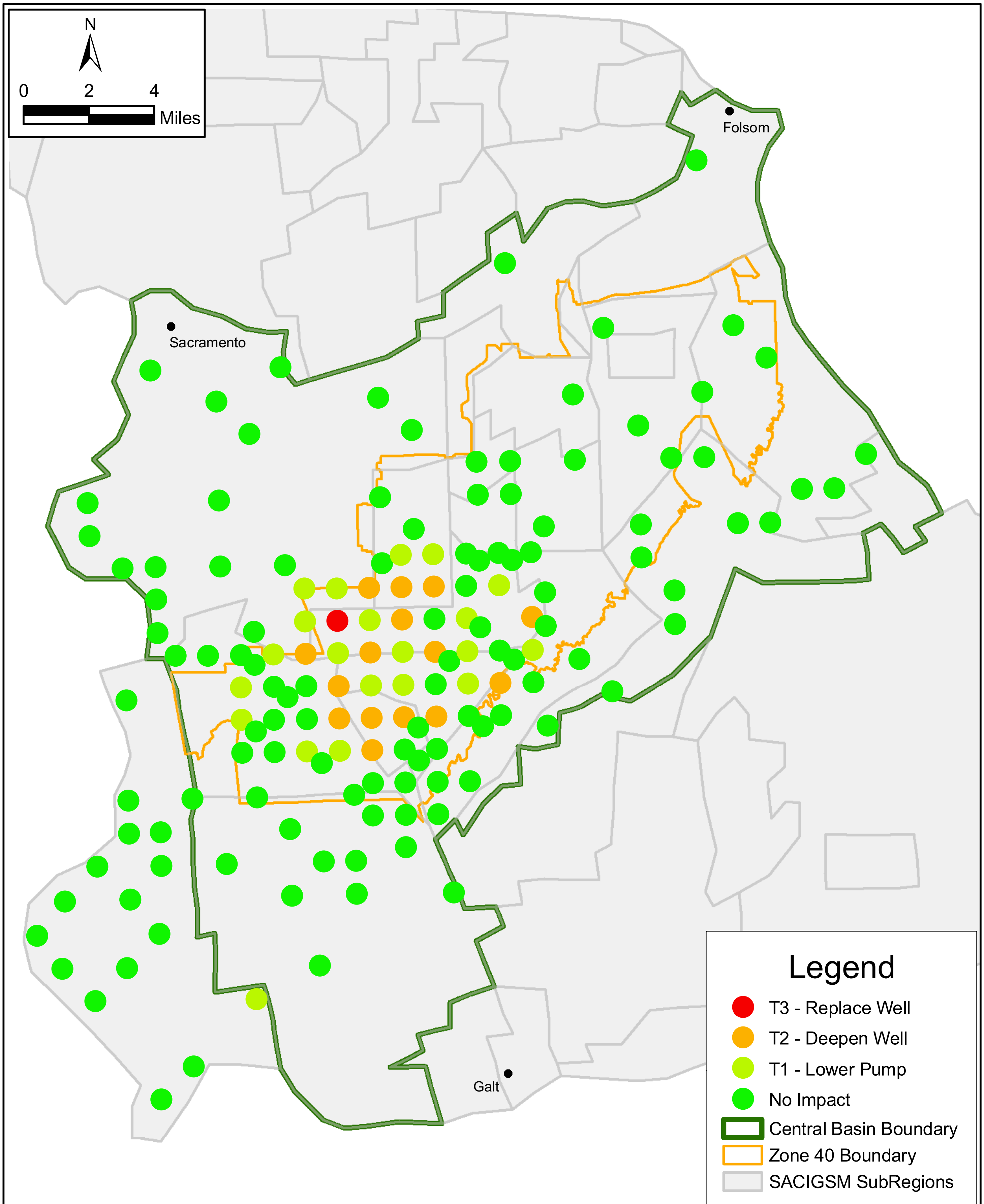
The numbers of impacted agricultural and rural domestic wells for each threshold are presented in Table 4.1. For subregions with sample wells less than 10% of the population wells, the average impact ratio of the subregion and the neighboring subregions is used. The impact analysis was performed for agricultural and rural domestic wells independently. The locations of the impacted sample wells for the three future scenarios are presented in Figures 4.1 to 4.3. Majority of the impacted sample wells occur in the southern parts of Zone 40.

Table 4.1 – Number of Impacted Wells

Impact Criteria	Agricultural Wells			Rural Domestic Wells		
	A-No Project	B–Proposed Project	C-Reduced Surface Water Availability	A-No Project	B-Proposed Project	C-Reduced Surface Water Availability
Lower Pump Bowl	2	1	3	95	48	142
Deepen Well	0	0	0	61	43	83
Replace Well	0	0	0	8	8	27
Total	2	1	3	164	99	252

4.3. Impact Cost

The Well Protection Plan of Central Sacramento County covers the pump lowering, well deepening, and well replacement impact costs. The unit costs of the well deepening and well replacement are presented in Table 2.2. These unit costs are multiplied by the number of impacted wells from Table 4.1 to obtain the impact cost for the Central Sacramento County (Table 4.2). The Reduced Surface Water Availability scenario has the highest impact costs while the Proposed Project scenario result in the lowest impact cost. The reduced available surface water and increased groundwater pumping of the Reduced Surface Water Availability scenario result in $20,000 increase in impact cost of the agricultural wells and $674,000 increase in impact cost of the rural domestic wells.



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Location of Impacted Sample Wells Under No Project Scenario

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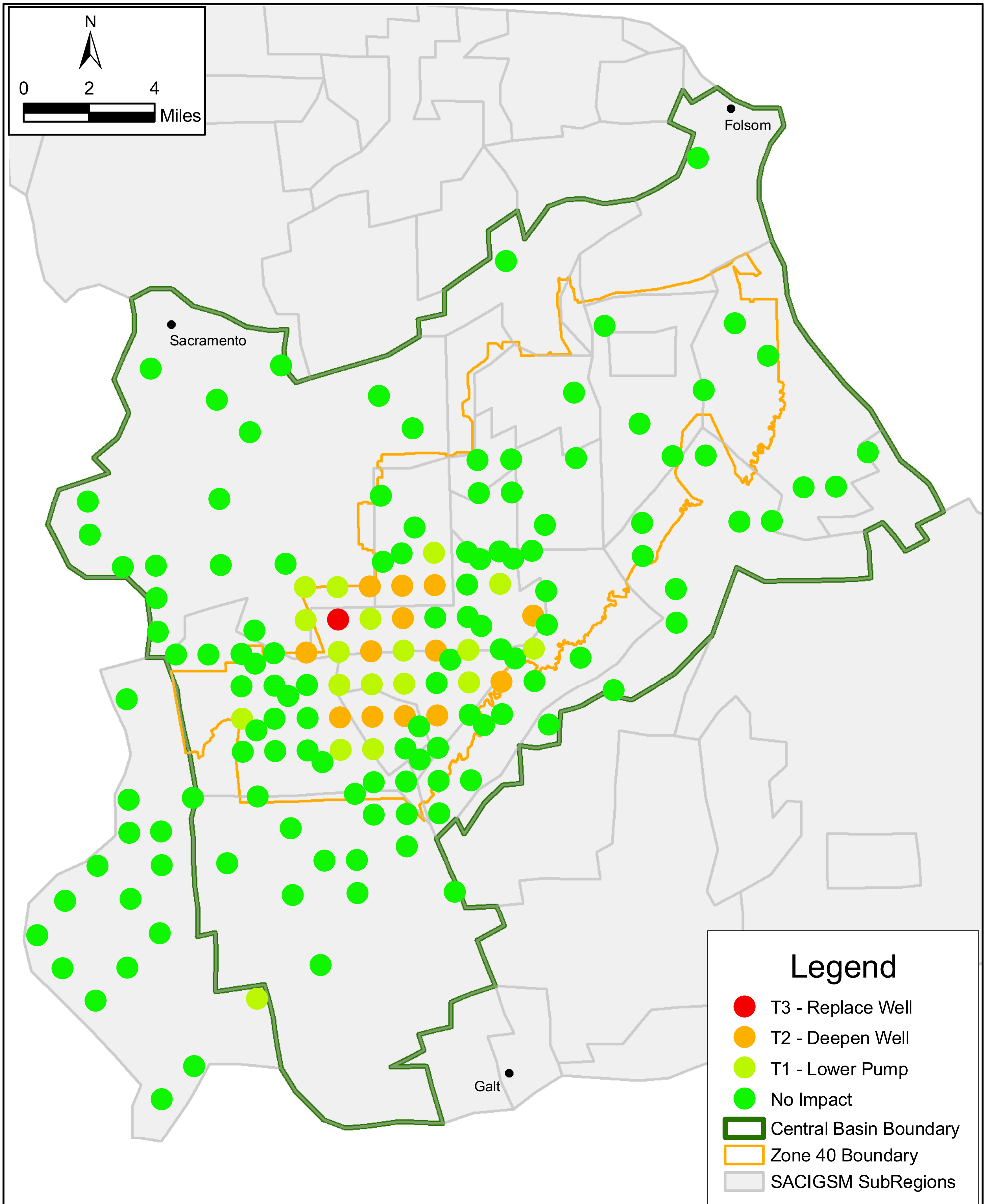

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Location of Impacted Sample Wells Under Proposed Project Scenario

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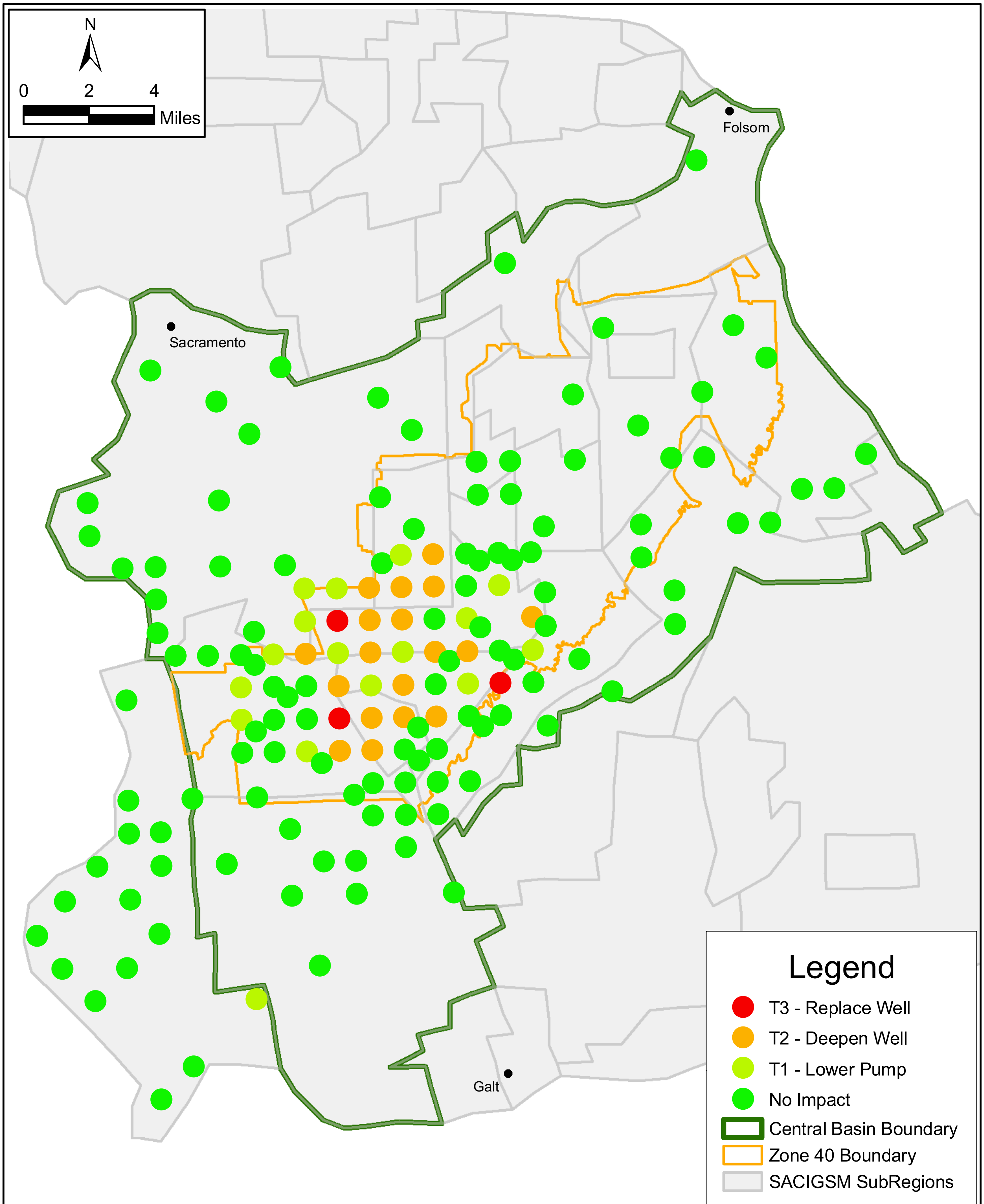

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Well Impact Analysis

Location of Impacted Sample Wells Under Reduced Surface Water Availability Scenario

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Figure 4.3

TABLE 4.2 – AGRICULTURAL AND DOMESTIC RURAL WELLS IMPACT COSTS FOR THE CENTRAL SACRAMENTO COUNTY

Impact	Agricultural Wells			Rural Domestic Wells		
	A-No Project	B-Proposed Project	C-Reduced Surface Water Availability	A-No Project	B-Proposed Project	C-Reduced Surface Water Availability
Lower Pump Bowl	$20,000	$10,000	$30,000	$95,000	$48,000	$142,000
Deepen Well	0	0	0	$305,000	$215,000	$415,000
Replace Well	0	0	0	$160,000	$160,000	$540,000
Subtotal	$20,000	$10,000	$30,000	$560,000	$423,000	$1,097,000
				A-No Project	B-Proposed Project	C-Reduced Surface Water Availability
Total Impact Costs for Ag and Rural Domestic Wells				$580,000	$433,000	$1,127,000

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