GeoTracker GAMA Groundwater Information System

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Presentation Overview

GAMA Background and Status

Groundwater Information in GeoTracker GAMA



GAMA is:

Groundwater
Ambient
Monitoring and
Assessment



GAMA Background

- Legislature's concern about groundwater quality
- Budget Act of 2000
- Water Code Section 10780
 - Groundwater Quality Monitoring Act of 2001 -(AB 599, Liu)
 - Groundwater Quality Monitoring –
 (2008. AB 2222, Caballero)



GAMA Program Functions

- Coordinate with water agencies
- Collect new data
- Combine new and existing data (water quality, water level, contaminant sources)
- Assess groundwater quality
- Serve information to the public



GAMA Program Current Projects



Sampling conducted in Voluntary Cooperation with Participants







Status: Priority Basins Project

- First statewide sampling cycle nearly complete
- > 2,200 wells sampled
- Dozens of Reports, Fact Sheets published
- USGS Technical Lead, LLNL





Status: Special Studies Project

- Studies on nitrates from dairies, fertilizer, human wastewater
- Wastewater Indicator studies on effect of septic systems on shallow groundwater and areas influenced by recycled water
- Changes in chemistry of groundwater by recharge of surface water
- Innovations in lab analyses: age dating, isotopes, recharge tracers; water mining
- Lawrence Livermore Laboratory technical lead





Status: Domestic Well Project

- > 1,100 Wells sampled by Board staff from 2003-11
- Key Results ElDorado, Yuba, Tehama, Tulare, San Diego Counties
 - Total Coliform: 28% wells tested Positive
 - Nitrate: Average 10% wells tested above MCL
 - Nitrate: 41% Tulare County wells tested above MCL
 - Radionuclides: 33% San Diego above MCL
- Monterey County sampling completed 2011



GeoTracker GAMA: Groundwater Information System

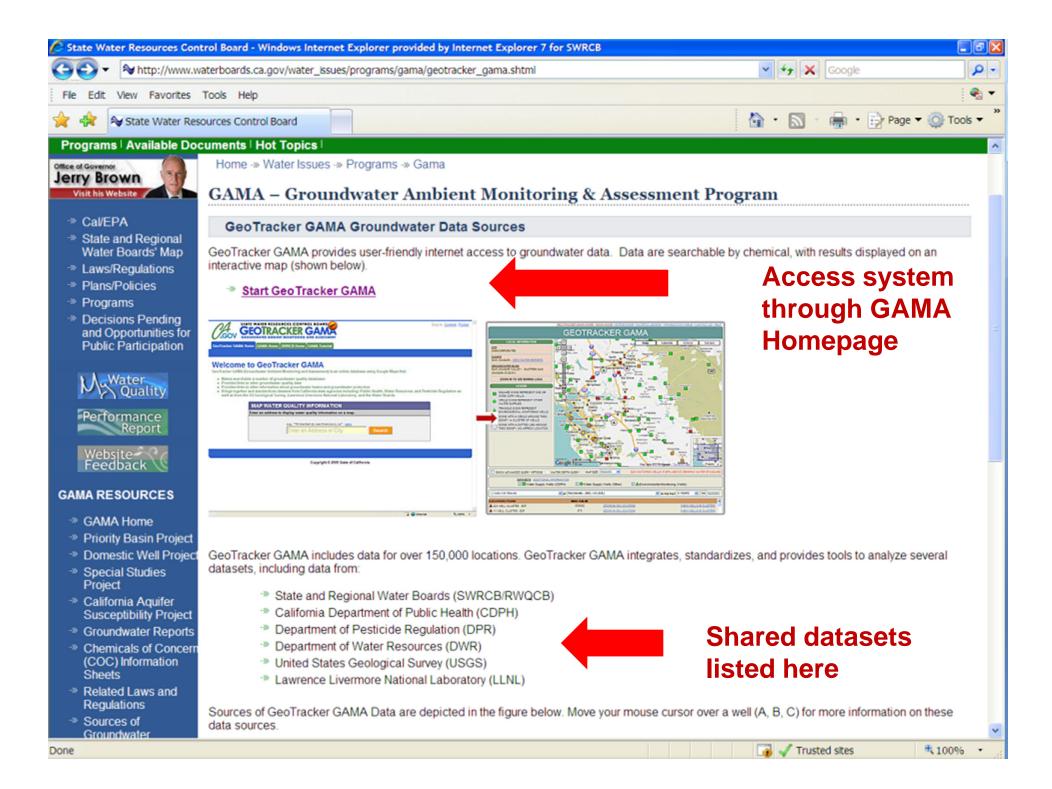
- Fulfills AB599 intent: Central data system
- Shares data from CDPH, USGS, LLNL, DWR, DPR, State and Regional Water Boards
- Water quality, PLUS water levels, contaminant sources, groundwater publications
- Groundwater quality data collected with State funds must comply with AB 599 - but electronic submittal not specified (AB 1747)



System is capable of expanding more

Groundwater Quality Information





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Welcome to GeoTracker GAMA

GeoTracker GAMA (Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment) is an online database using Google Maps that:

- Makes searchable a number of groundwater quality databases
- Provides links to other groundwater quality data
- · Provides links to other information about groundwater basics and groundwater protection
- · Brings together and standardizes datasets from California state agencies including: Public Health, Water Resources, and Pesticide Regulation as well as from the US Geological Survey, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and the Water

Access all Data in Boards. System by County

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GROUNDWATER

- ->> GeoTracker GAMA (Multi -Agency Quality, Levels, Facilities)
- S CASGEM (DWR Levels) SB X6 7, Water Data Library)
- >>> IWRIS (Regional Groundwater)
- ->> EPA Water Data Finder (US Environmental Protection Agency)
- ->> NWIS (US Geological Survey)

MAP WATER QUALITY INFORMATION

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e.g., "10 market st, san francisco, ca" - INFO

Enter an Address or City

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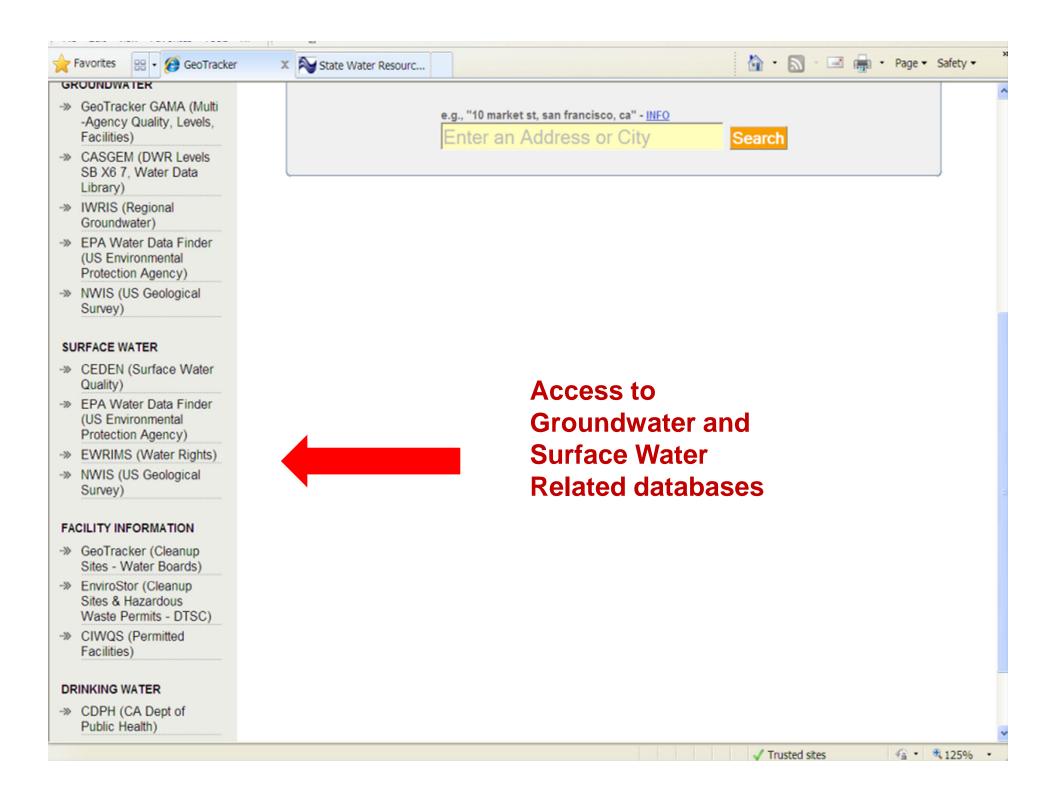


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Easy access to **Groundwater and** Surface Water Related databases Enter your address, zip to start query

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- ->> EWRIMS (Water Rights)
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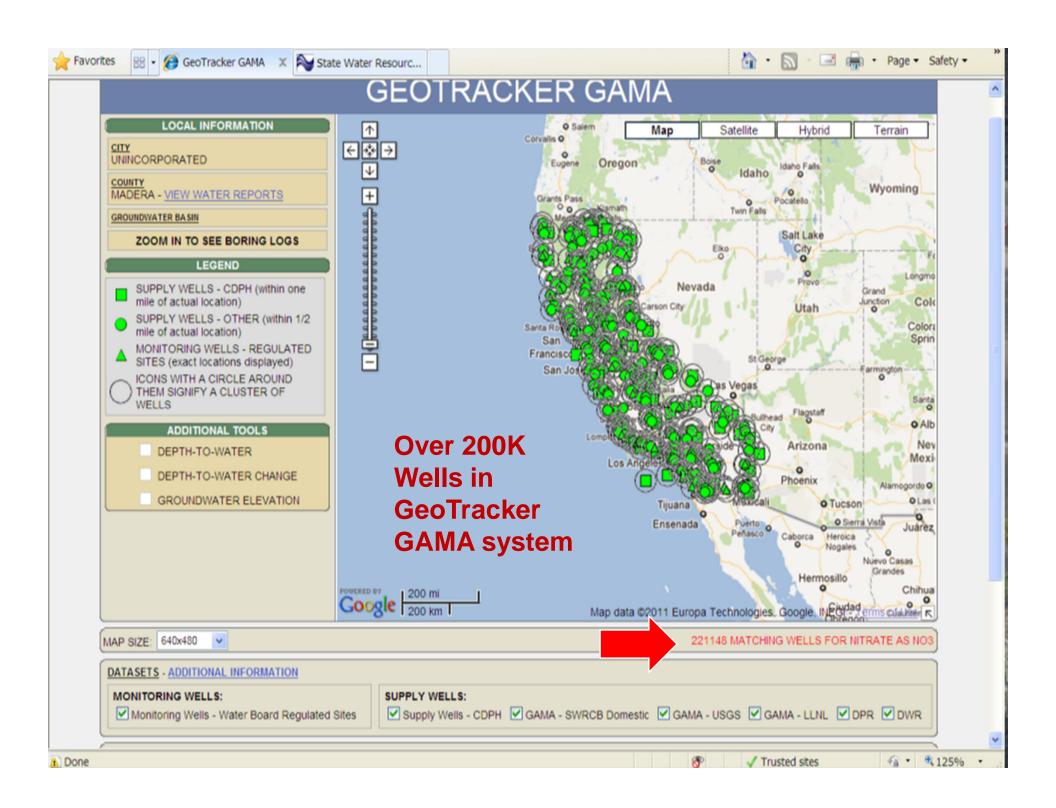
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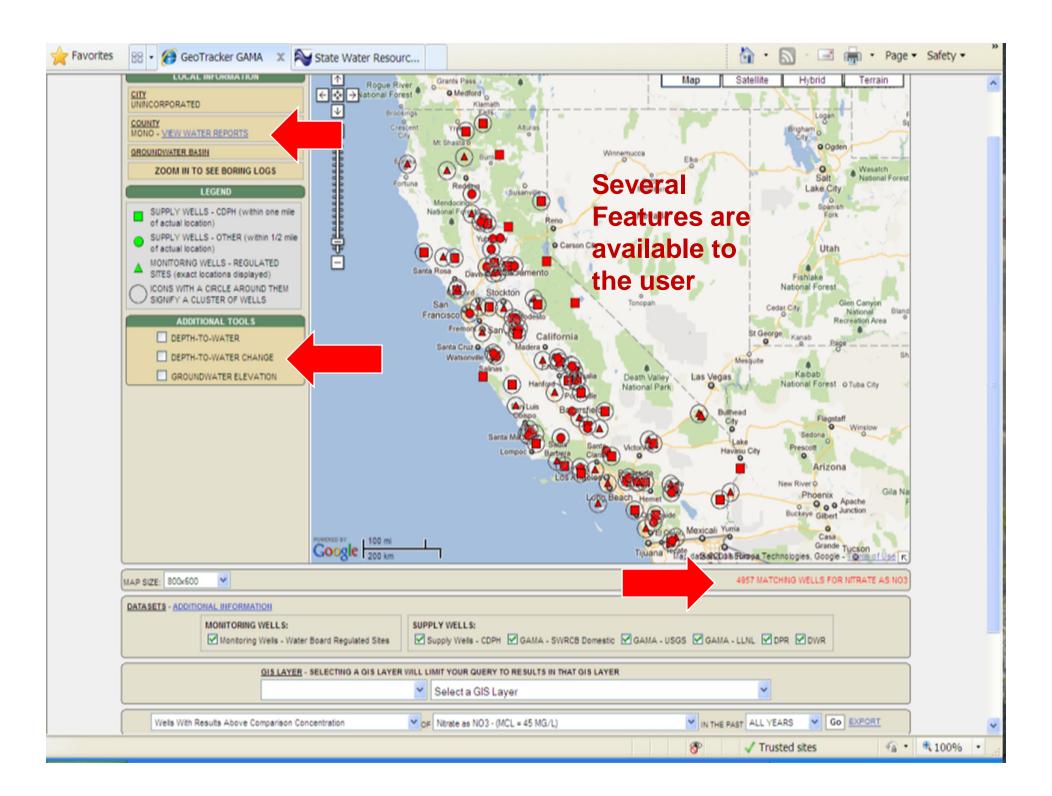
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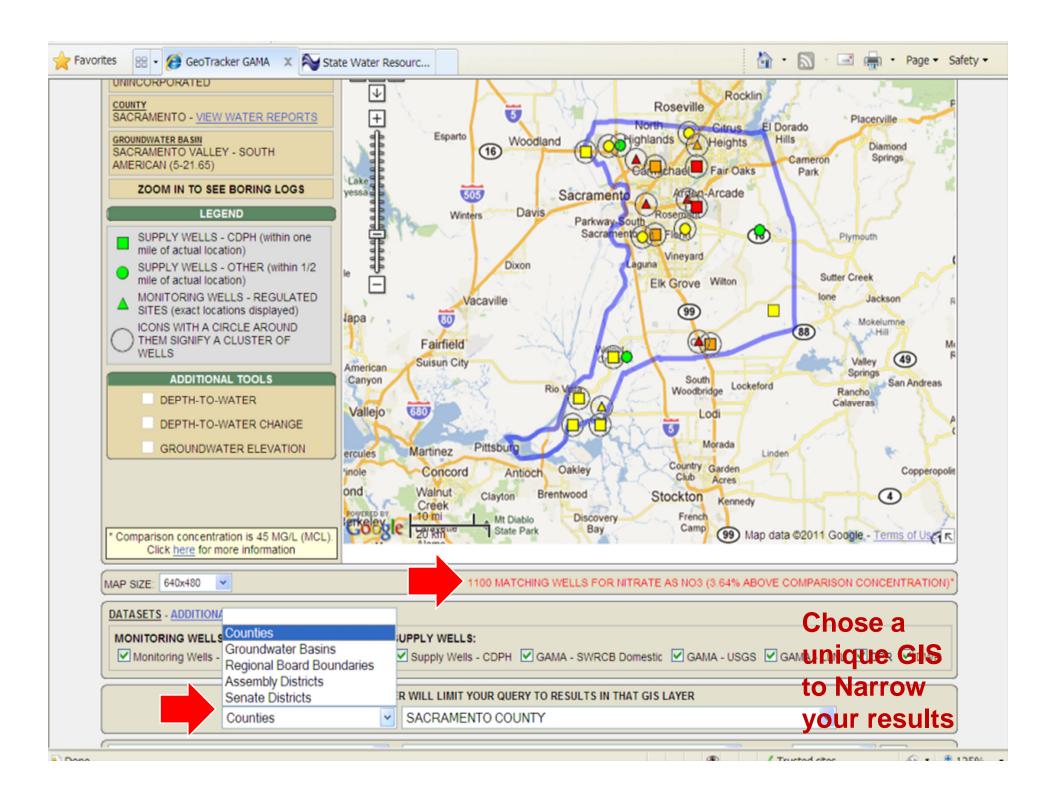


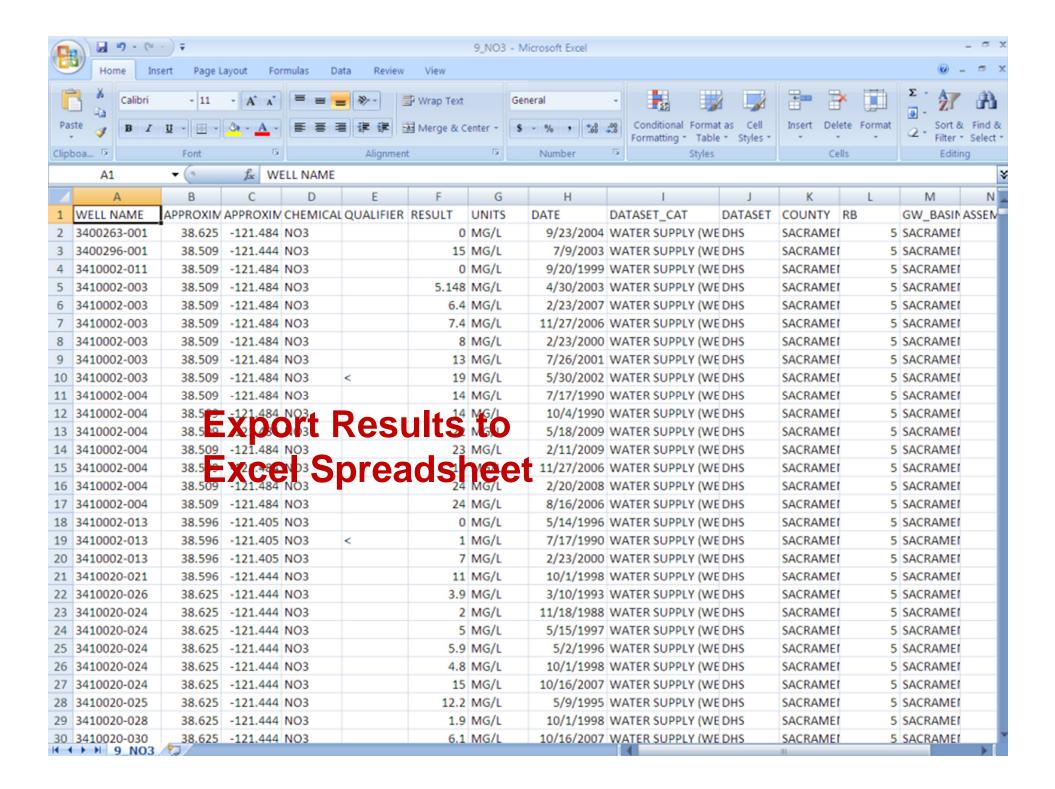


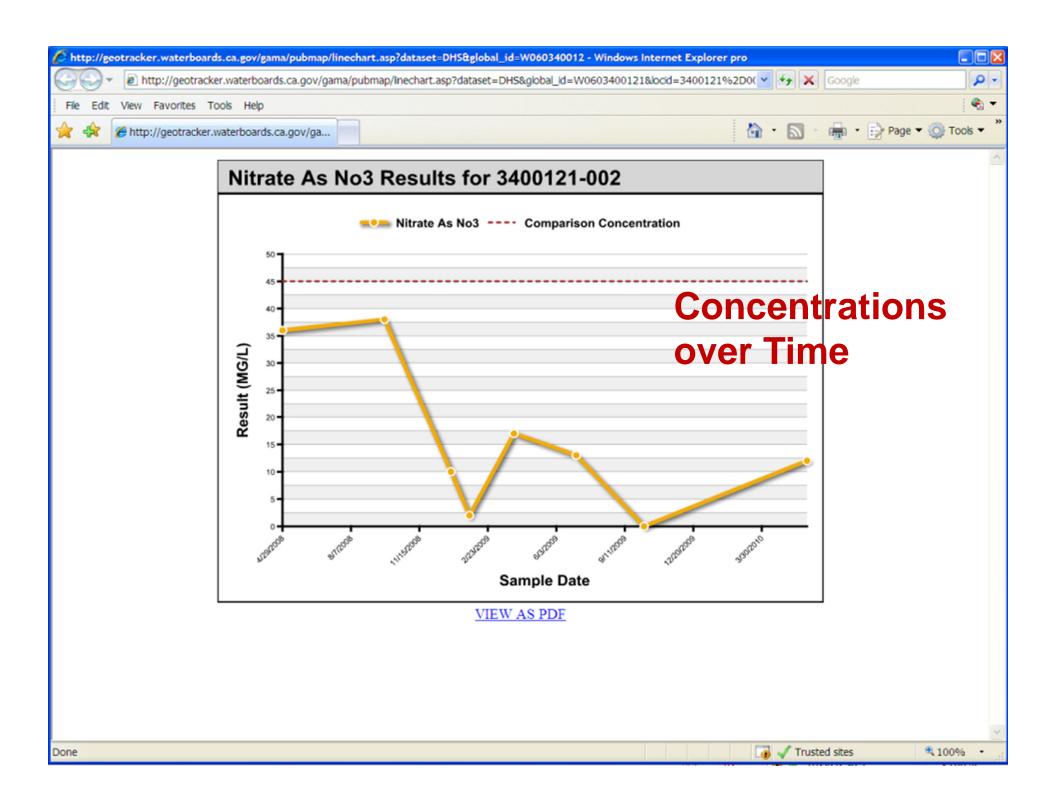
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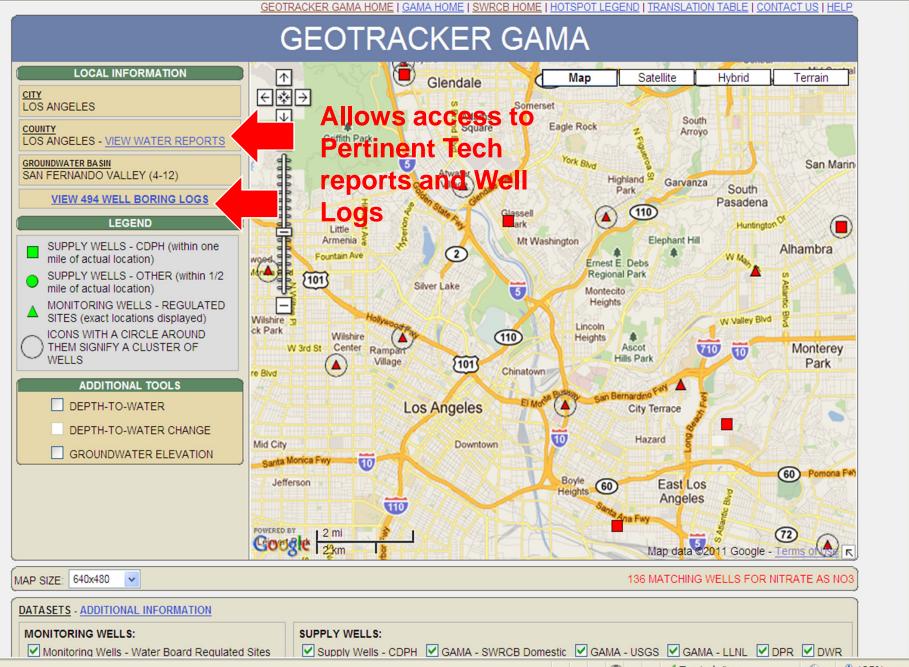




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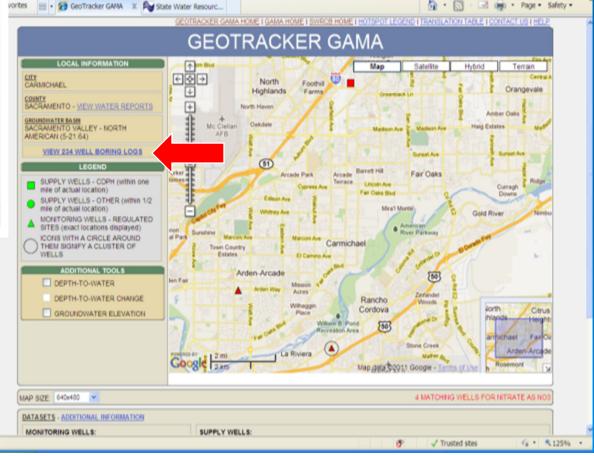




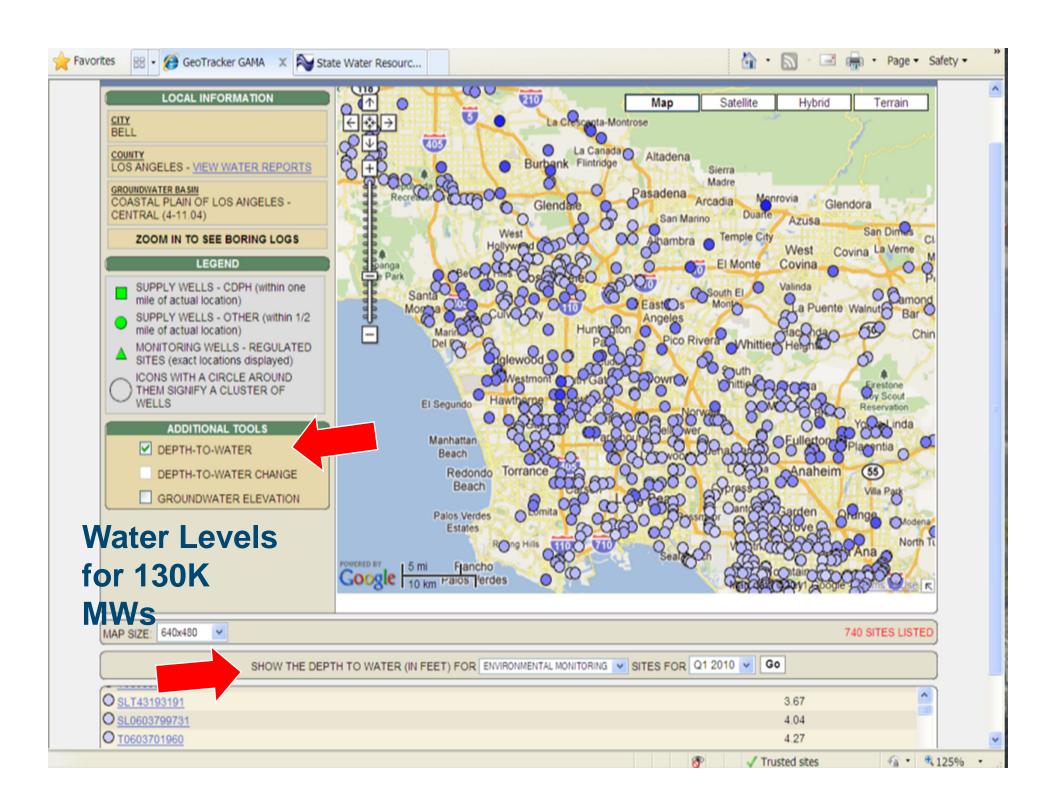


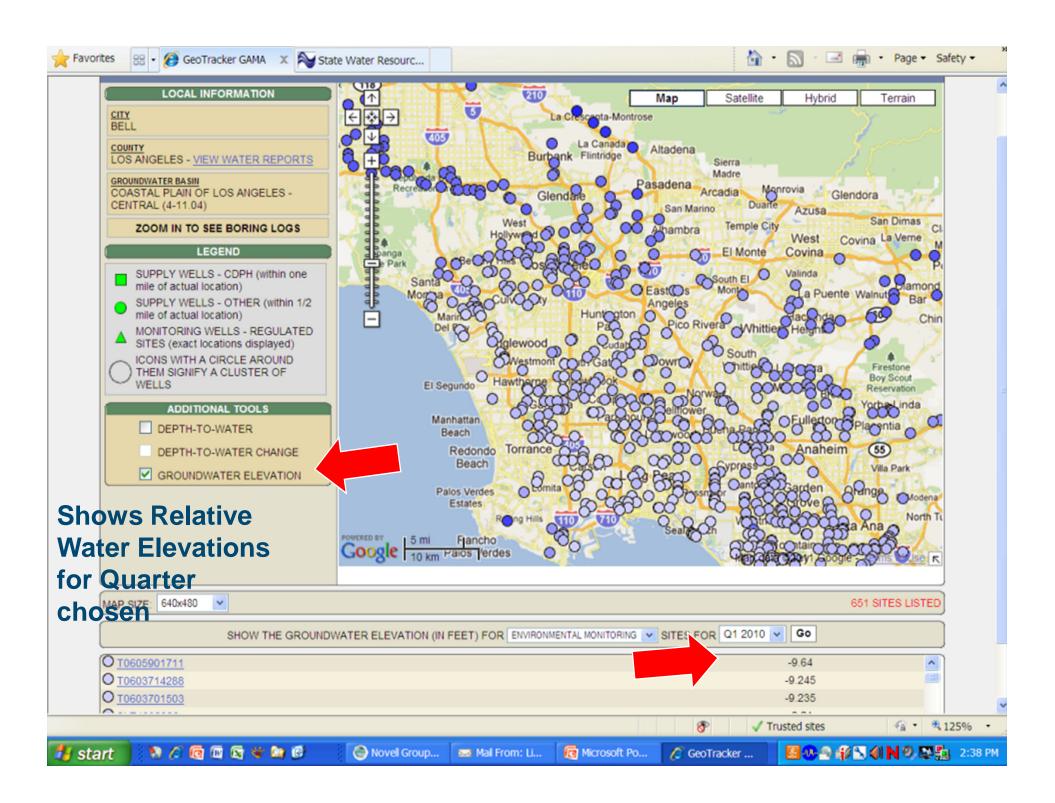
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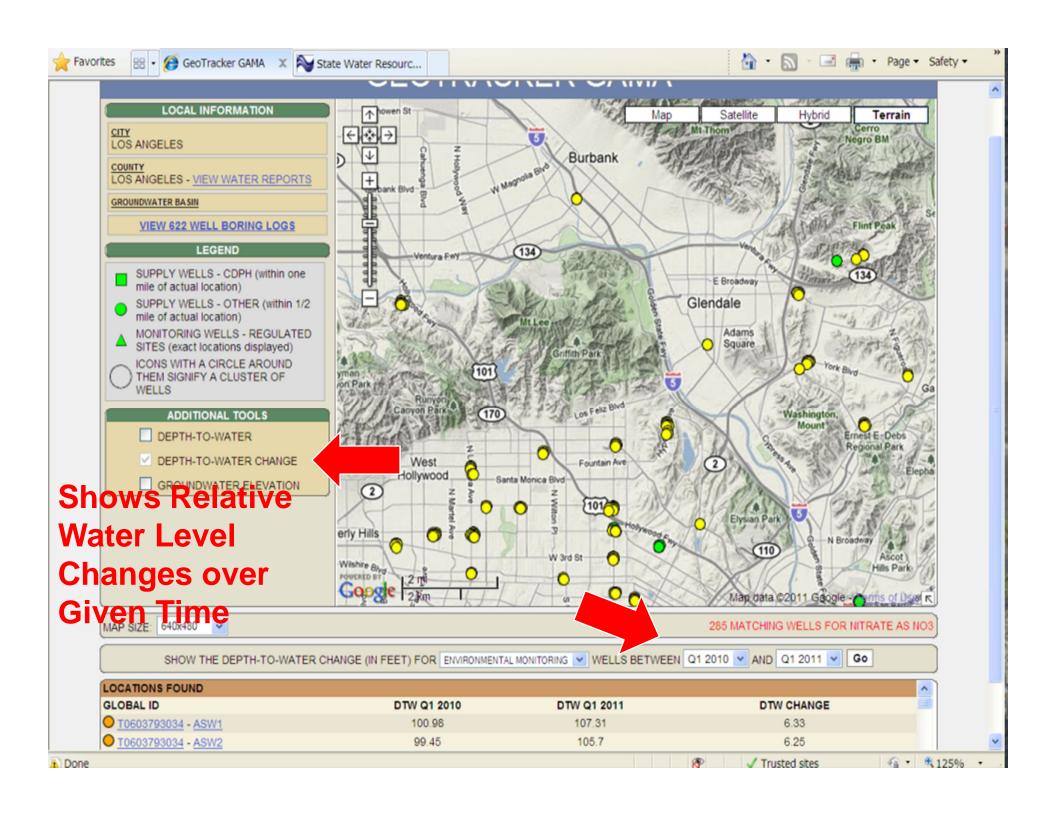
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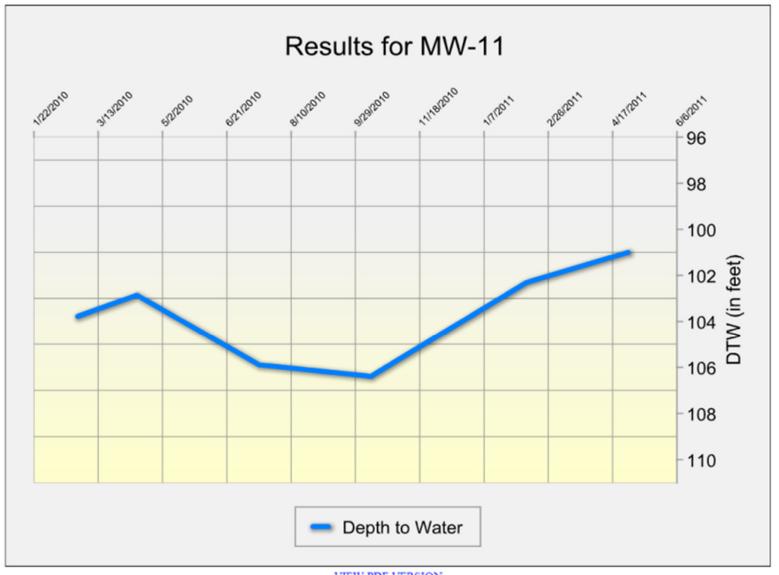












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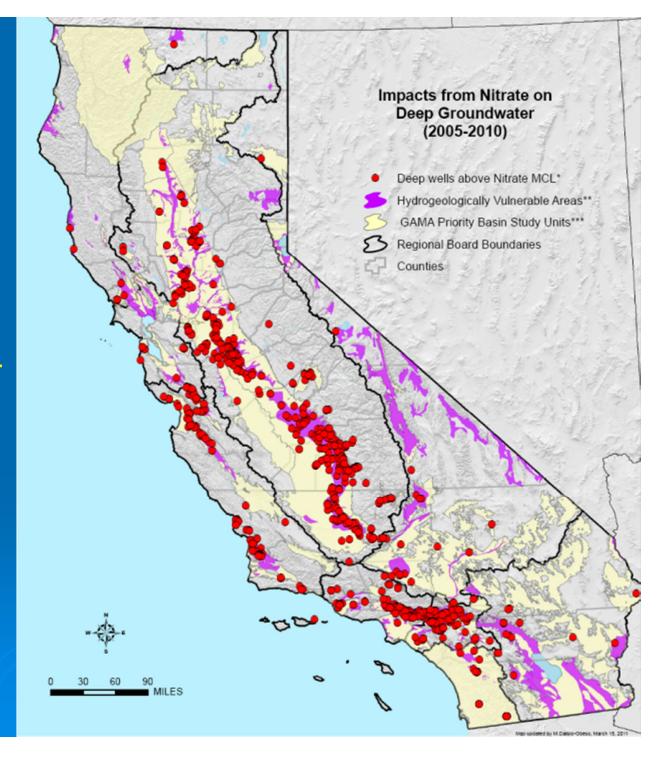
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Uses of GeoTracker GAMA



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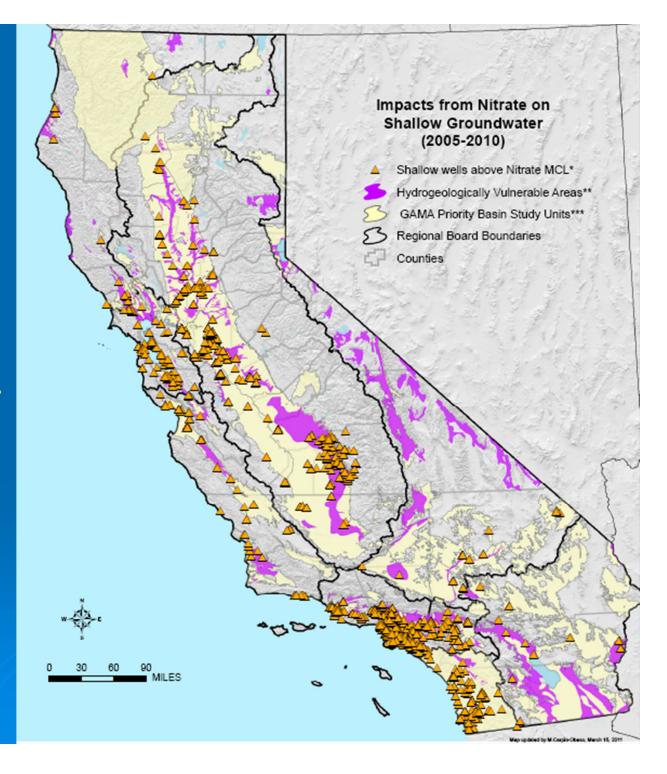
Nitrate above MCL in Public Supply Wells





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Nitrate above MCL in Shallow Wells





Summary

- Legislature wanted groundwater quality data in GeoTracker GAMA
- GT GAMA robust information system
 - Ability to integrate multiple disparate datasets –
 100M analytical results
 - Also has "non" water quality functionality
 - Well logs, water levels
- Co-locating other groundwater data on Google maps interface of GeoTracker GAMA in the near future.

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