

# **Salt and Nutrient Management Plans in the Los Angeles Region**

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# Workshop Overview

- ▣ Presentation
- ▣ General Q & A
- ▣ Basin-specific breakout session
- ▣ Closing remarks

# Why are we here?

- ▣ Introduce Recycled Water Policy requirement
- ▣ Present objectives of Salt and Nutrient Management
  - To facilitate & optimize recycled water use
  - To protect groundwater supply and beneficial uses
  - To protect agricultural beneficial use and
  - To protect human health
- ▣ Discuss elements of management plans

# California Water Supply Challenges

- ▣ Limited supply
  - Climate change effects
- ▣ Increasing water demand
  - Residential use
  - Industrial use
  - Agricultural use
  - Aquatic ecosystem needs

# Ways to Meet These Challenges

- ▣ Water use efficiency
  - Agriculture
  - Urban
  - Water right transfer
- ▣ Urban runoff management
  - Infiltration of storm water to groundwater
  - Protection of recharge areas
- ▣ Storage/Conveyance/Conjunctive Use
  - Surface water
  - Groundwater
  - Improved conveyance
- ▣ Desalination
- ▣ Water recycling

# What needs to be done?

- ▣ Develop Salt & Nutrient Management Plans
  - Basin-wide approach to groundwater management
  - Stakeholder-led process to be completed by May 2014
  - Regional Board must consider adopting each Plan into the Basin Plan

## What are the benefits of a stakeholder-led plan?

- ▣ Stakeholder opportunity to collaboratively develop basin-wide management approach
- ▣ More cost-effective plan implementation
  - Coordinated basin-wide monitoring
  - Coordinated mitigation requirements by basin
  - Satisfies General WDR Irrigation Permit Monitoring Requirements

# What are the key elements of a SNMP?

- ❑ Water recycling and stormwater recharge objectives
- ❑ Groundwater basin hydrogeology
- ❑ Source identification and loading rates (salts, nutrients, other pollutants of concern)
- ❑ Implementation measures to manage salt and nutrient loading
- ❑ Basin-wide monitoring (including CECs)

# What type of SNMP is applicable?

- ▣ **Major Basin** - Large, complex, heavily used, water quality threatened
- ▣ **Coastal/Saline Basin** – Coastal or interior saline basin, less extensive water quality limitations, not current water source
- ▣ **Low Threat Basin** - Minimal or no known current threat to water quality

# What are the other steps in the Plan development process?

- ▣ Antidegradation Analysis
  - Assure beneficial use protection
  - Consider social & economic benefits
- ▣ CEQA Analysis
  - Consider alternatives / mitigation measures
- ▣ Preparation & adoption of Basin Plan Amendment

# Which groundwater basins should be addressed?

- ▣ All thirty-three basins and sub-basins within the Los Angeles Region (DWR Bulletin 118)
  - Eleven groups by hydrographic area
- ▣ Beneficial uses generally include MUN, IND, PROC, and AGR

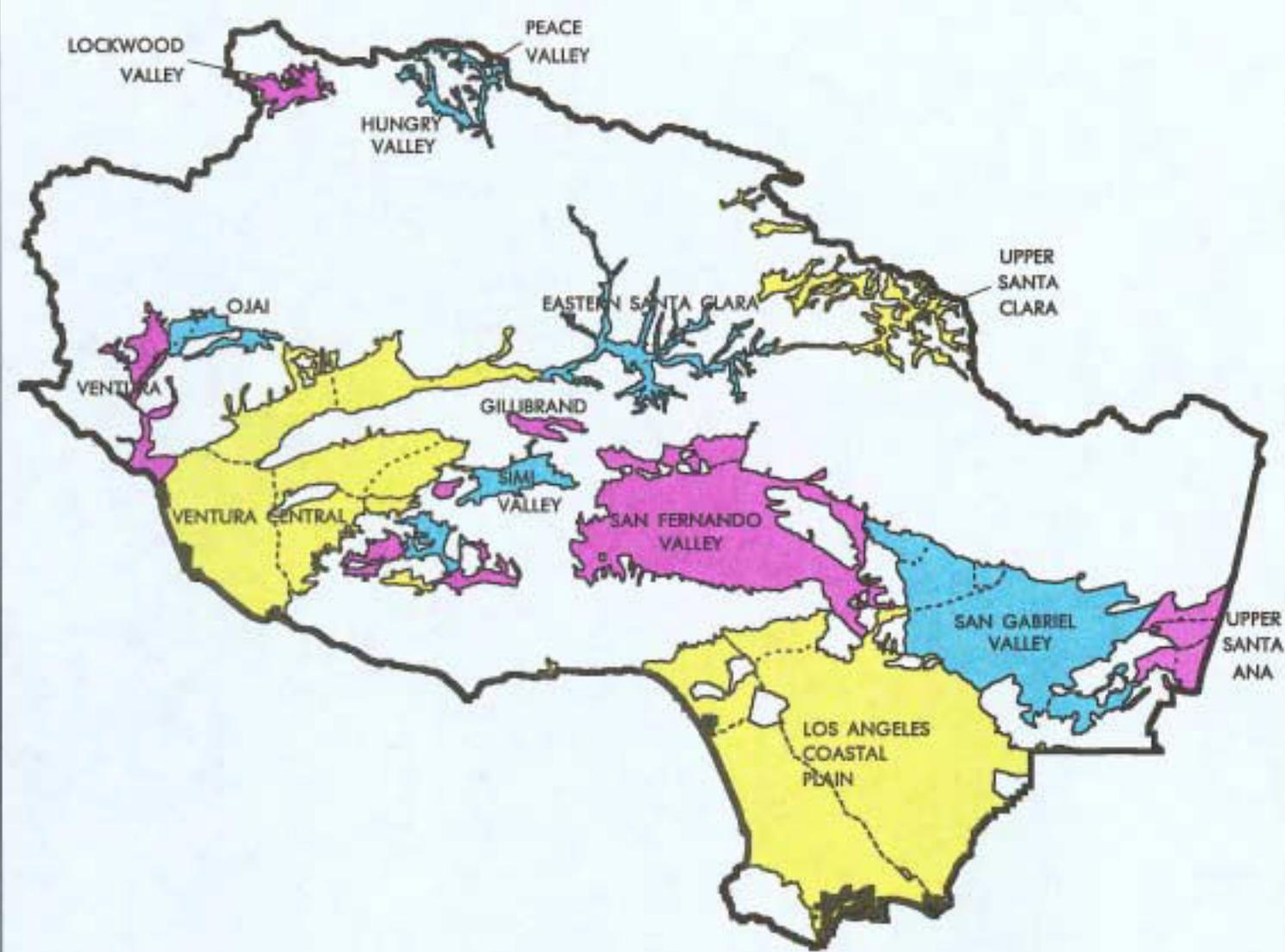
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### REGIONAL GROUNDWATER BASINS

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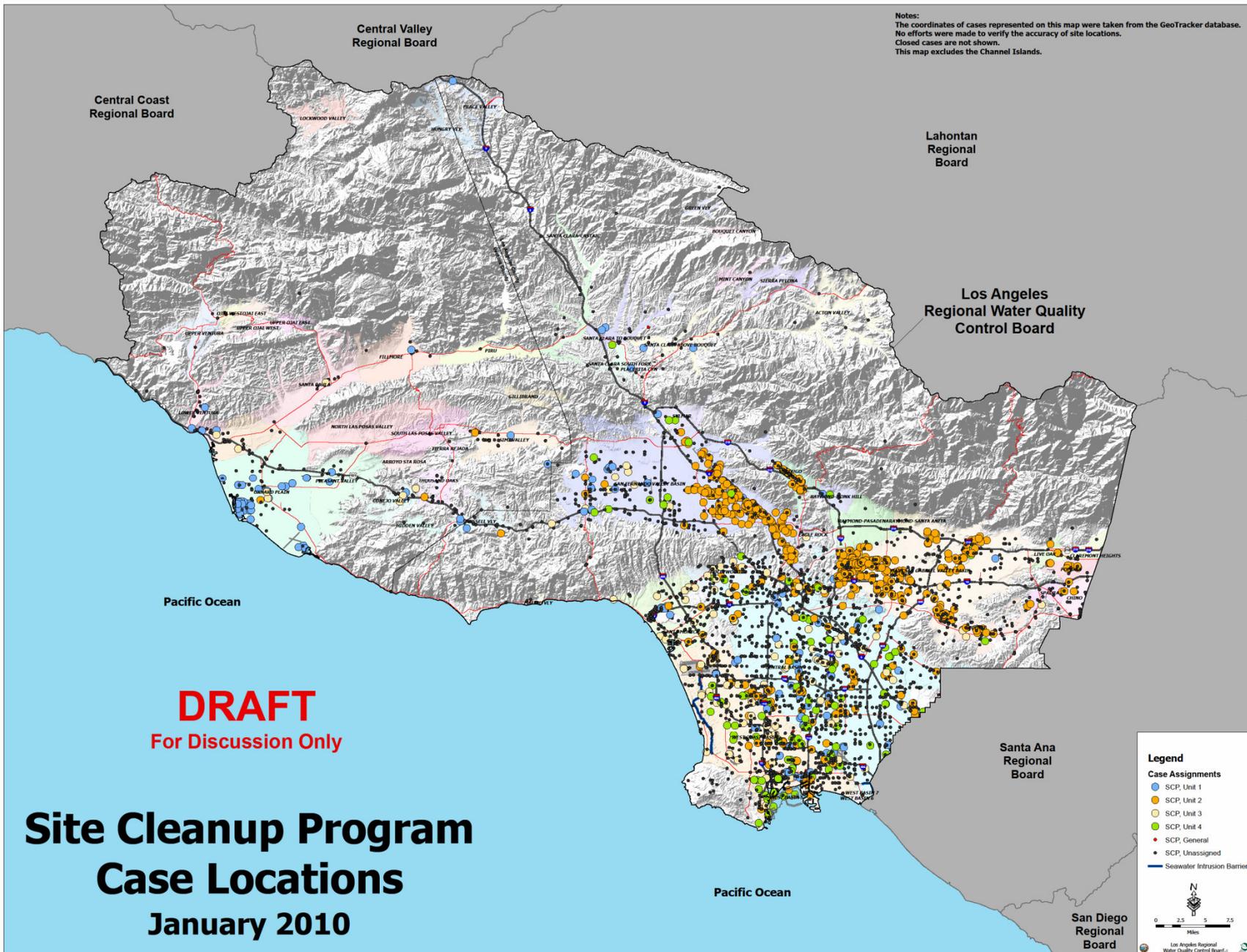
— REGIONAL BOUNDARY

NOTE: THIS FIGURE  
SHOWS ONLY MAJOR  
GROUNDWATER BASINS  
IN THE LOS ANGELES  
REGION. DESIGNATIONS  
OF BASINS CONFORM TO  
CA DEPARTMENT OF  
WATER RESOURCES  
DESIGNATIONS (1980)



# What are some key water quality issues in our groundwater basins?

- ▣ **Central and West:** Seawater Intrusion
- ▣ **San Gabriel:** Nitrate, VOC, Superfund Site
- ▣ **San Fernando:** Nitrate, VOC, PCE, Sulfate, Metals, Superfund Site
- ▣ **Raymond:** Nitrate, VOC, Superfund Site
- ▣ **Santa Clara:** Salts, Nutrients



Notes:  
 The coordinates of cases represented on this map were taken from the GeoTracker database.  
 No efforts were made to verify the accuracy of site locations.  
 Closed cases are not shown.  
 This map excludes the Channel Islands.

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**Site Cleanup Program  
 Case Locations  
 January 2010**

**Legend**

**Case Assignments**

- SCP, Unit 1
- SCP, Unit 2
- SCP, Unit 3
- SCP, Unit 4
- SCP, General
- SCP, Unassigned

— Seawater Intrusion Barrier

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# What are the roles of the stakeholders?

- ▣ Compile existing data
- ▣ Identify and fill data gaps
- ▣ Develop SNMP
  - Implementation & mitigation measures
  - Monitoring program
- ▣ Conduct antidegradation and CEQA analysis

## What is the role of the Regional Board?

- ▣ Provide regulatory and technical guidance
- ▣ Establish Regional Board's Salt and Nutrient Management Team
- ▣ Facilitate information sharing
- ▣ Review draft documents
- ▣ Prepare final basin plan amendment for adoption

# Where can I find more information?

- ▣ Regional Board website:
  - [www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water\\_issues/programs/salt\\_and\\_nutrient\\_management/index.shtml](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/salt_and_nutrient_management/index.shtml)
- ▣ State Water Board website:
  - [http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/water\\_recycling\\_policy/index.shtml](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/water_recycling_policy/index.shtml)
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# What are other basins doing?

- ▣ Central/West Coast Basins
- ▣ San Fernando Basins
- ▣ Santa Clara Basins
- ▣ San Gabriel/Raymond Basins

# Questions and Answers