

# Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: Tule Subbasin Executive Meeting

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Visalia, CA



Office of Sustainable Groundwater Management

The background image shows a large, white, curved pipe discharging a powerful stream of water into a body of water. The water is splashing and creating white foam. The pipe is surrounded by rocks and some dry grass. In the background, there are trees and a body of water under a clear sky.

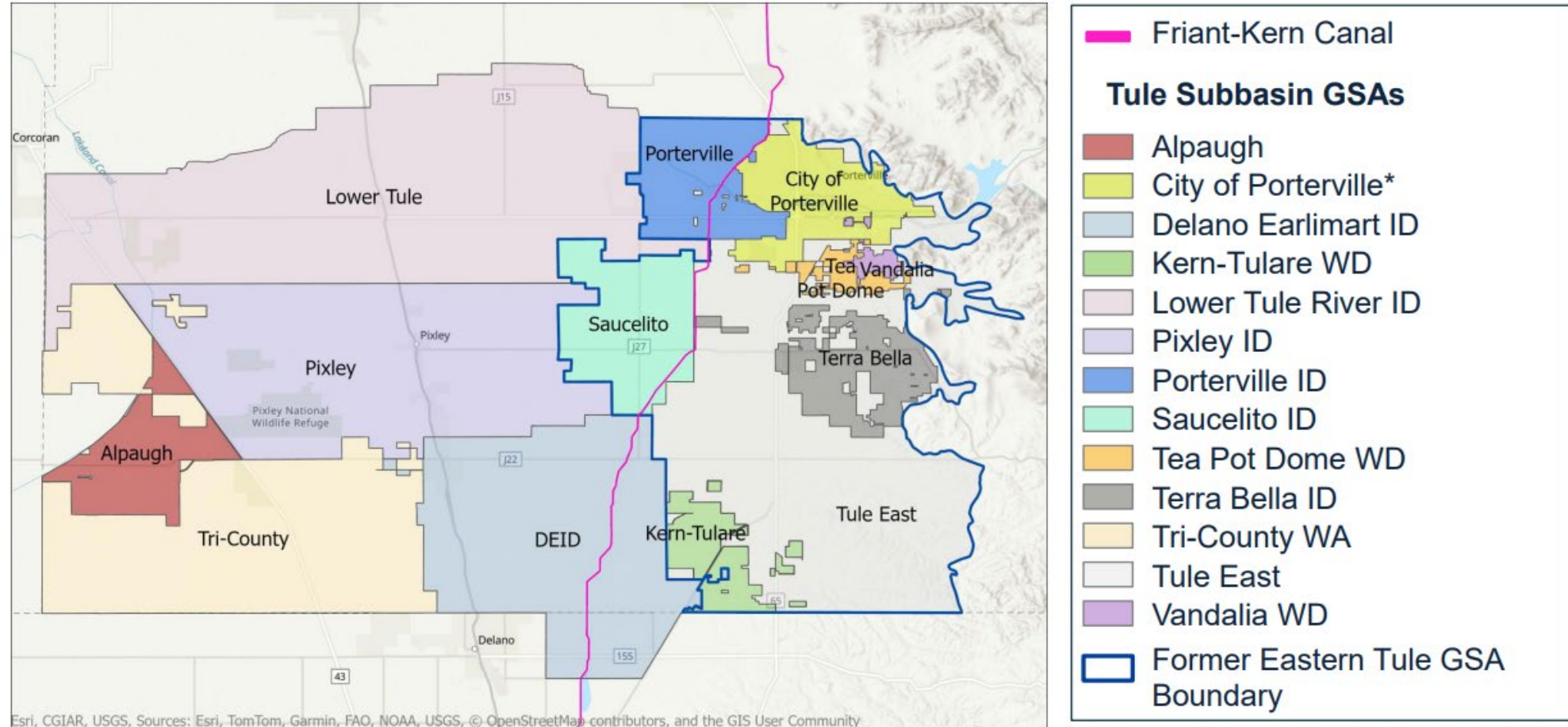
# Agenda

- 1. Welcome and opening remarks**
- 2. Meeting overview and introductions**
- 3. Interagency coordination**
- 4. Interim plan**
- 5. Options for paths forward**



# Interagency Coordination

# Coordination is needed to get to sustainability



\* Recently joined the Tule East GSA on 3/11/2026

- Close to 50 meetings with staff
- Many additional board member meetings
- GSAs splitting
- Need increased coordination



# Interim Plan: What to expect

# Why an Interim Plan?



**GSPs are inadequate; deficiencies remain**



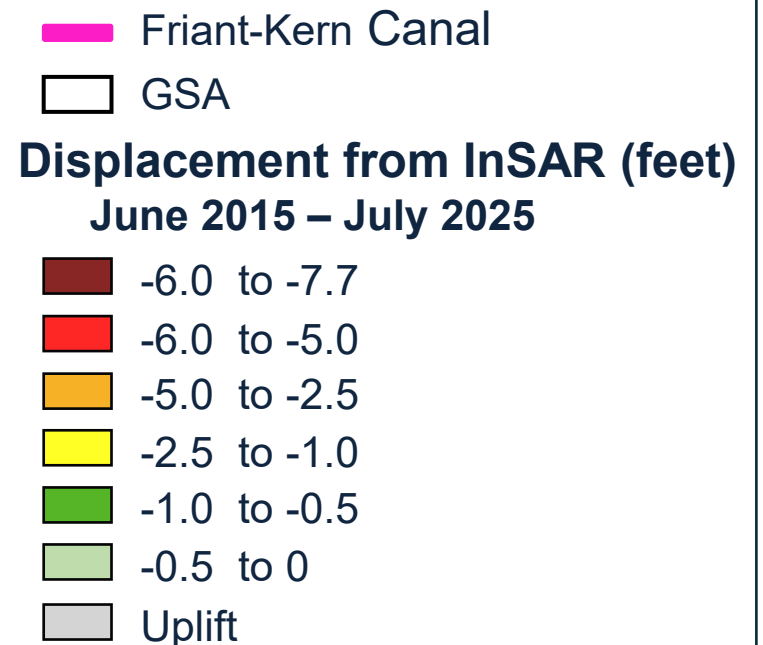
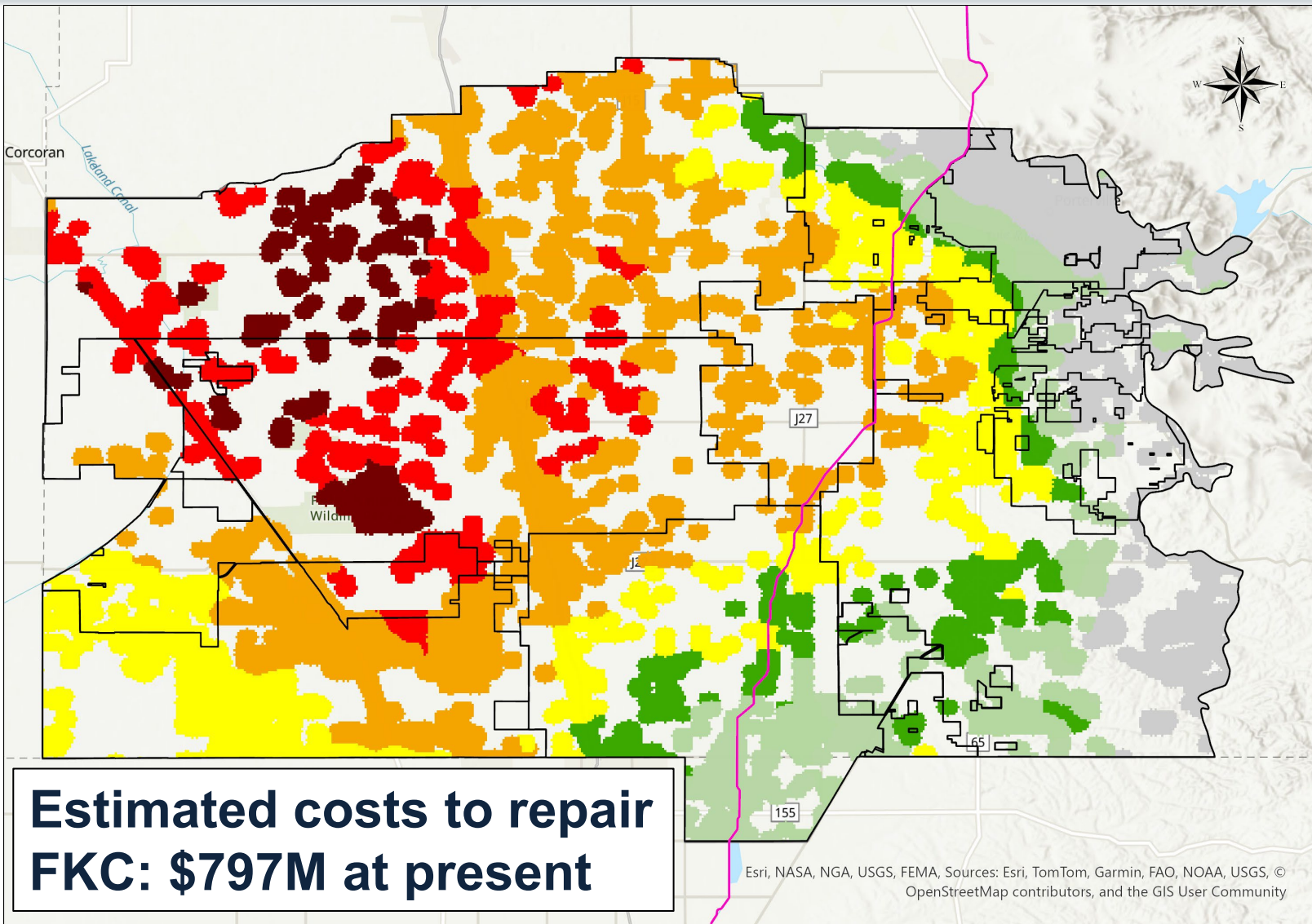
**2040 is quickly approaching**



**Conditions are not improving**

# Subsidence in the Subbasin is a Concern

**The highest total subsidence recorded in California since 2015 (7.7 ft) occurs in Lower Tule.**



# An Interim Plan is NOT a GSP



**Actions &  
Timelines**



**Monitoring  
& Reporting**



**Pumping  
Restrictions**

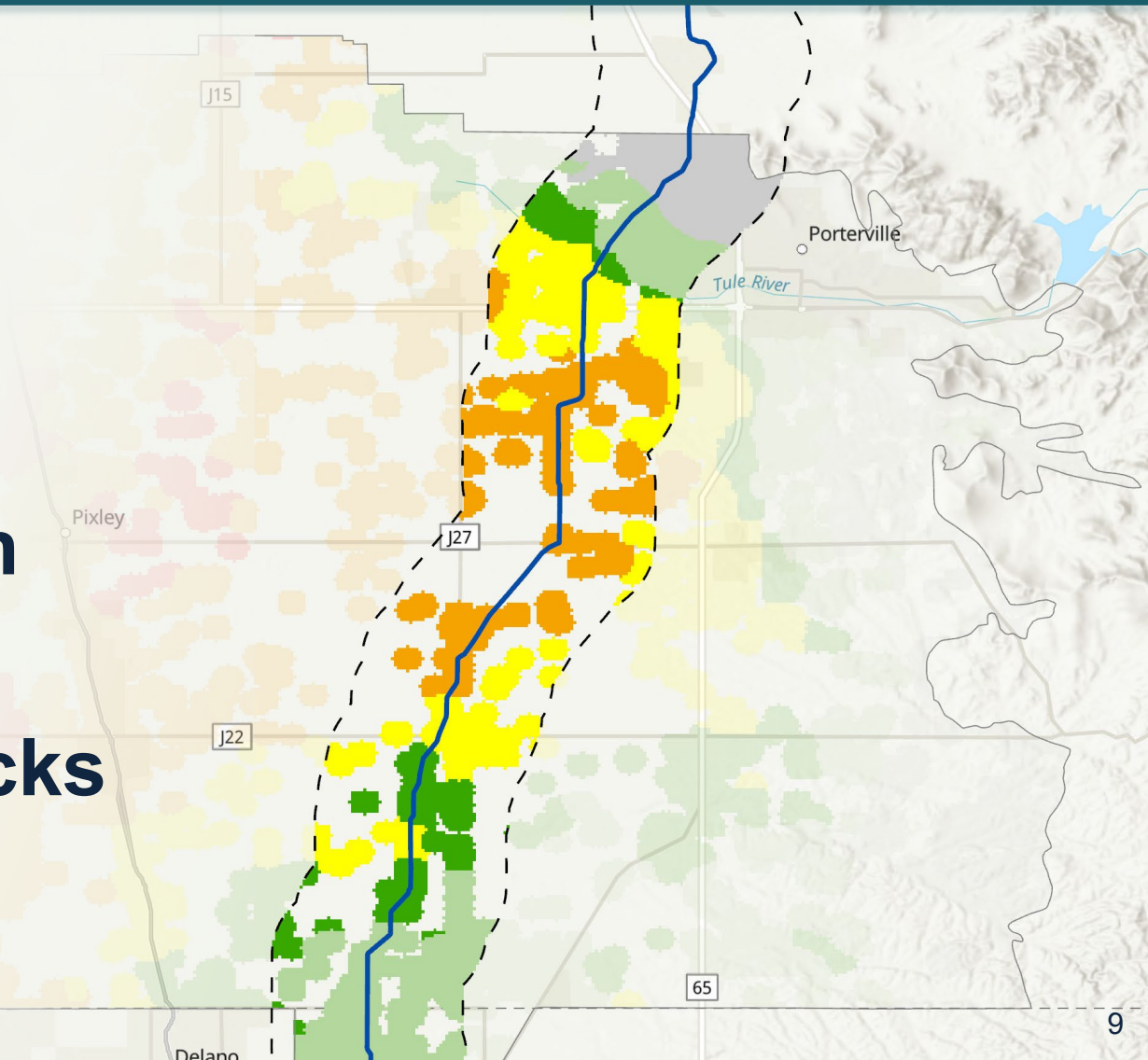
**Does not include Mitigation**

**If GSAs resolve deficiencies,  
they may exit probation before interim plan adoption.**

# Staff is considering a phased approach: First Interim Plan focuses on subsidence

**May include:**

- **Pumping moratorium around Friant-Kern Canal**  
**(Exceptions for human health and safety)**
- **Schedule for adopting cutbacks in other areas**



# The first phase would be on an accelerated schedule in 2027:

**January**

**Release draft Interim Plan; notice cities & counties**

**February**

**Notice all pumpers in basin**

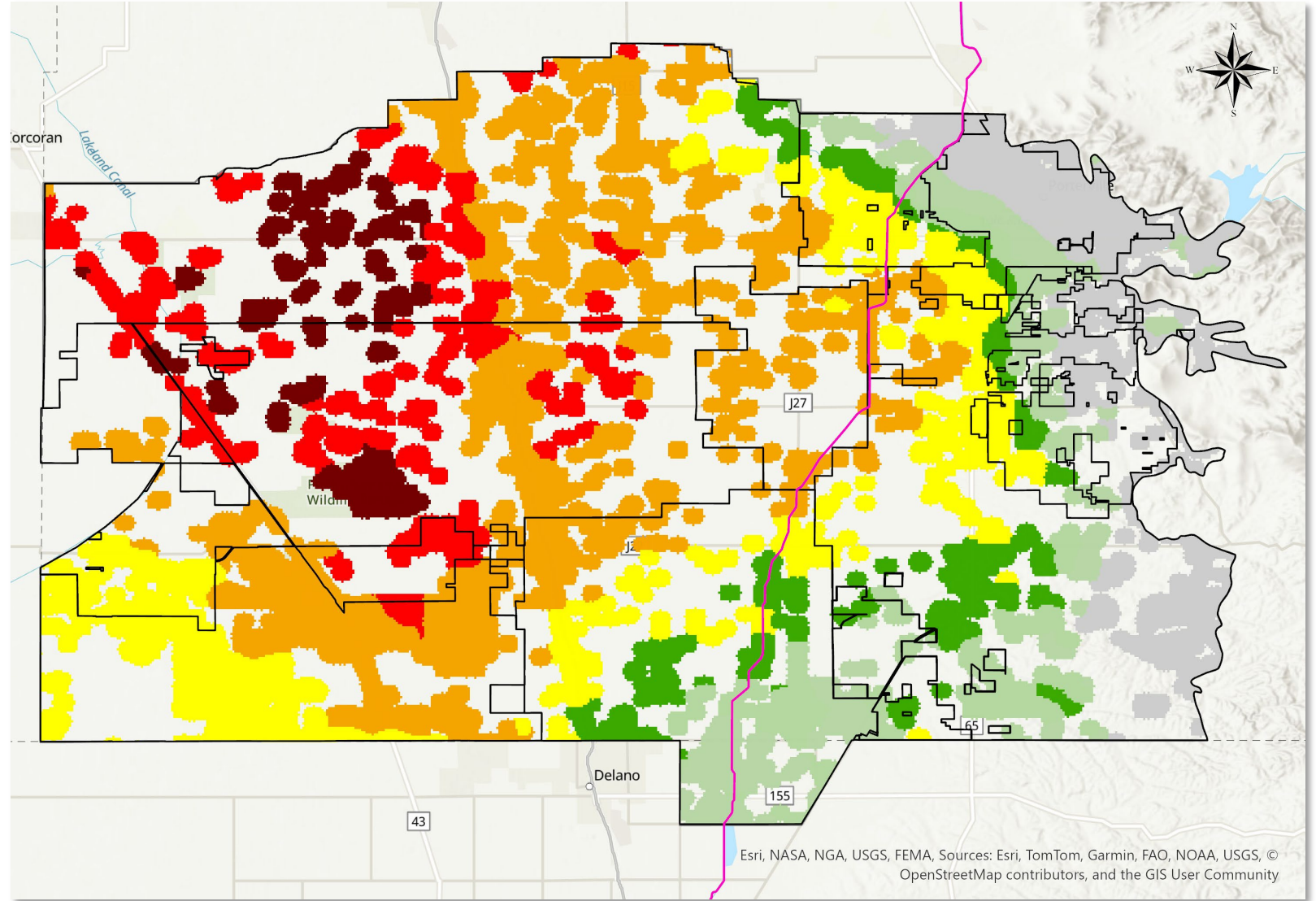
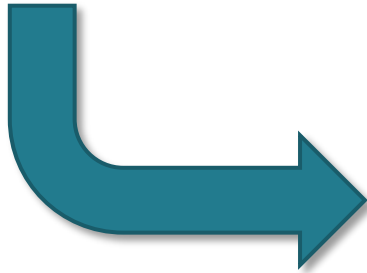
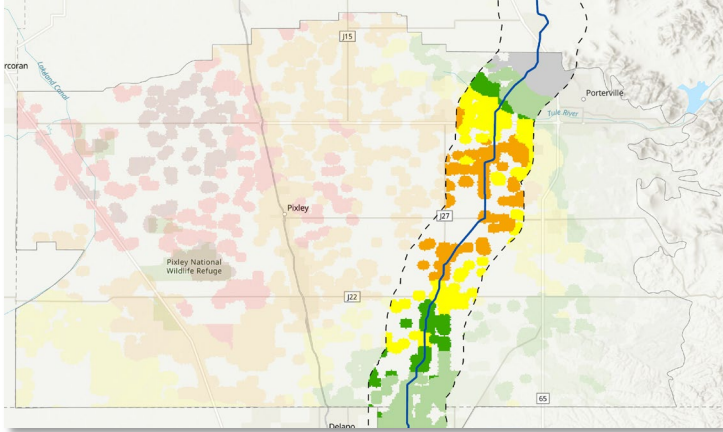
**March**

**Release final draft IP and draft Resolution**

**April**

**Board adoption meeting**

# The Full Interim Plan Comes Next



# Options for Protecting Drinking Water Supplies



**May include:**

- **Identifying drinking water wells at risk of going dry**
- **Pumping restrictions where wells are impacted**



# Options for Path Forward

# There are Two Options for a Path Forward

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**Groundwater management is accomplished locally**



# There are Two Options for a Path Forward

**Until groundwater is managed locally,  
State Water Board implements an Interim Plan**



***The GSAs can exit probation at any time***

# Technical consultations can continue to support plan development

**Provide a coordination plan for us to evaluate**



**Suggest including:**

- **Schedule**
- **Time for preferred feedback method**
- **Management of who attends**

**Note: Be strategic with how you use Board staff resources**

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