

2016 Annual Report of the Prado Basin Habitat Sustainability Committee

Prado Basin Habitat Sustainability Committee Meeting
June 6, 2017



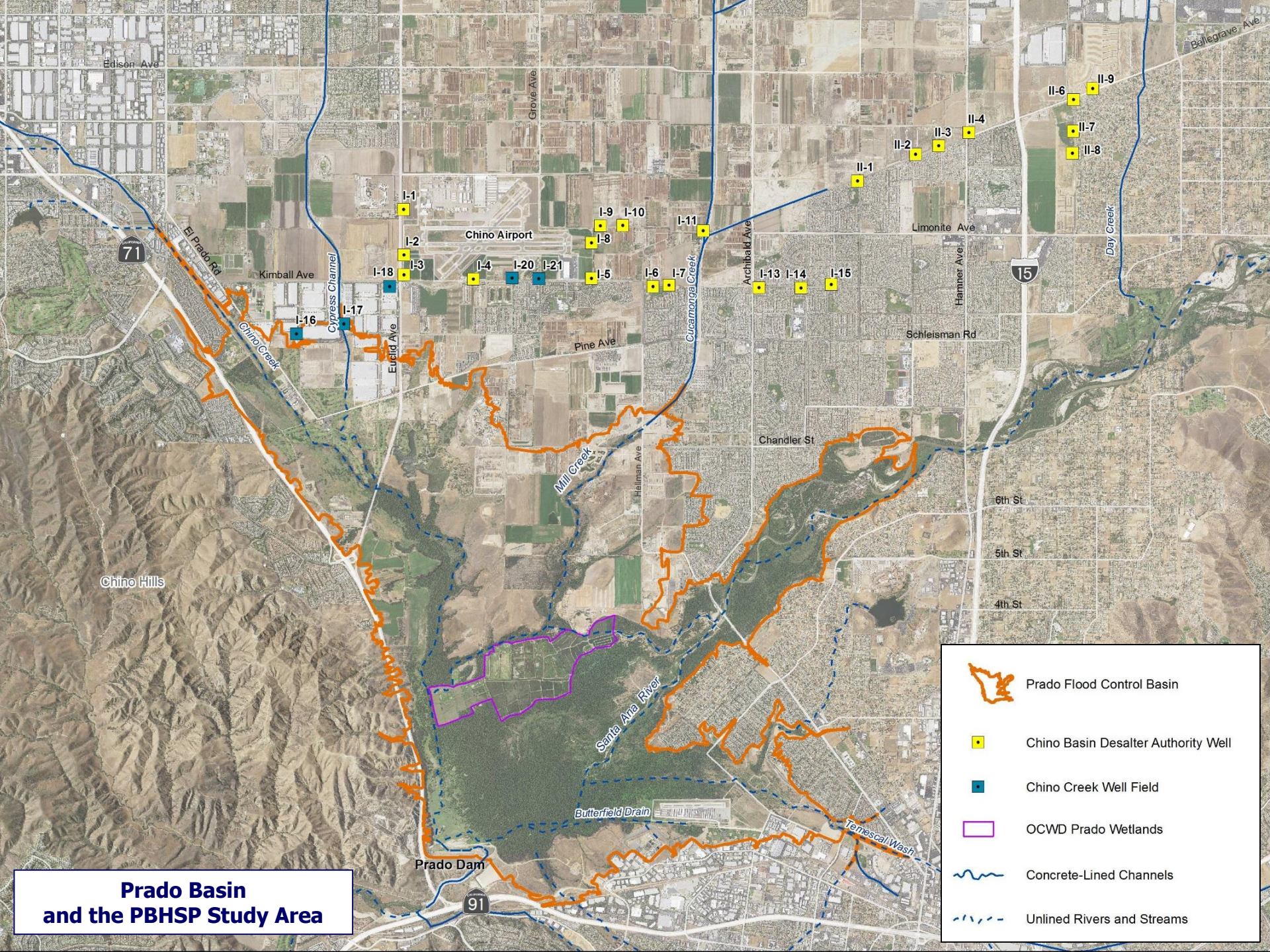
Agenda

1. Background
2. Review of the draft 2016 Annual Report
3. Next steps









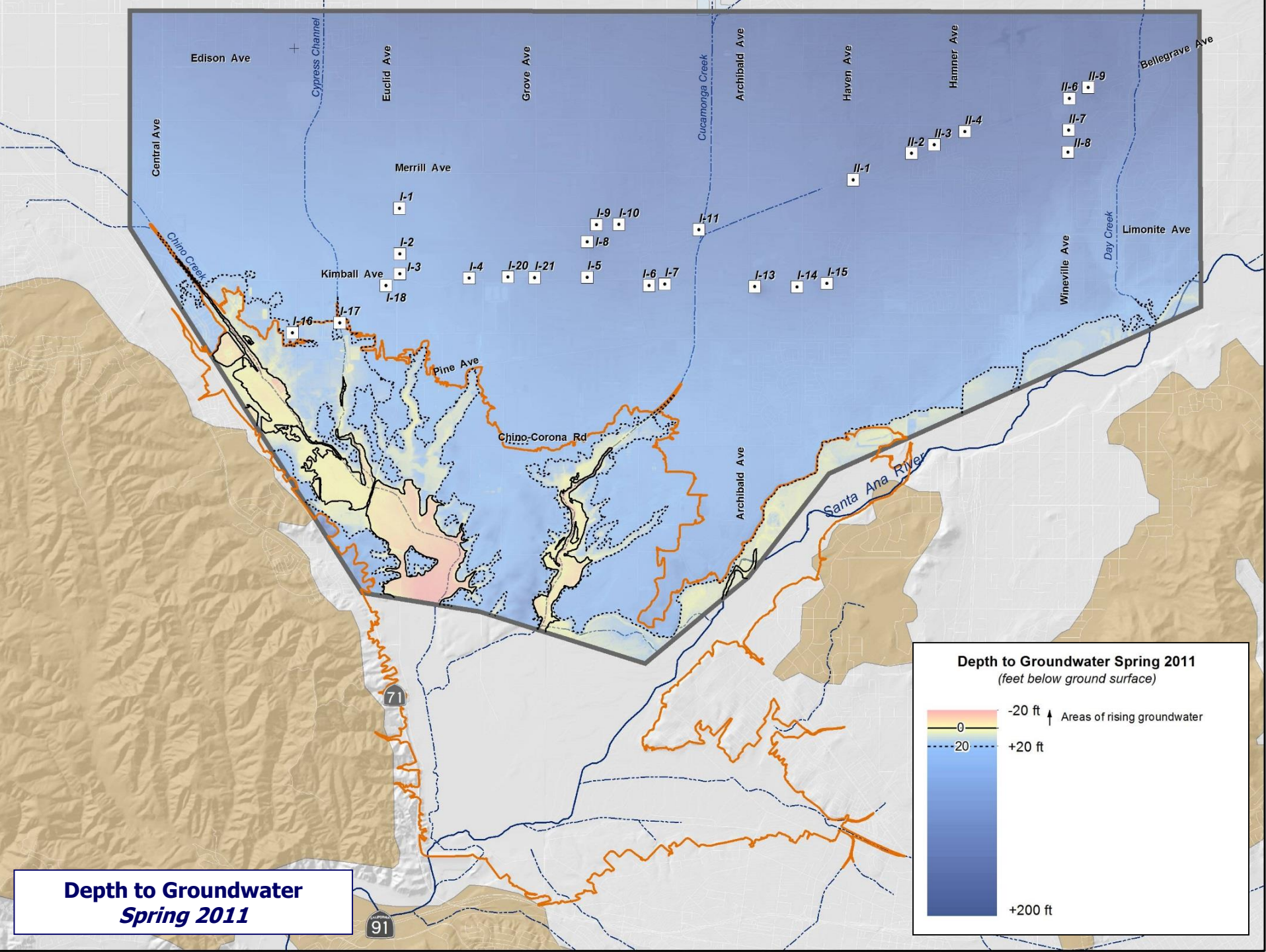
Next Steps

- June 21, 2017 – PBHSC members submit comments and suggested revisions on the draft 2016 Annual Report
- June 30, 2017 – Final 2016 Annual Report
- July 2017 – Annual Report in agenda packet for Watermaster/IEUA meetings

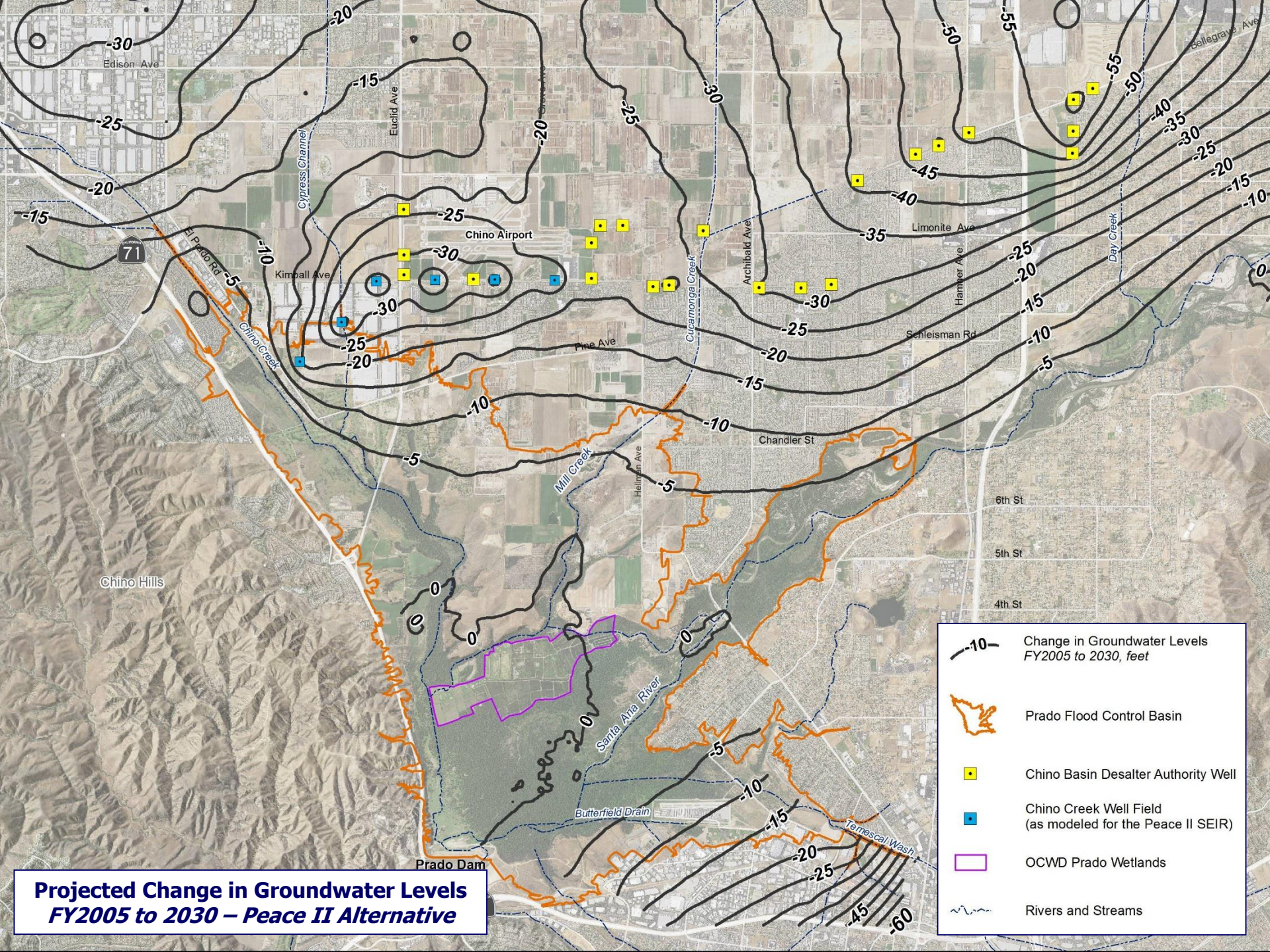


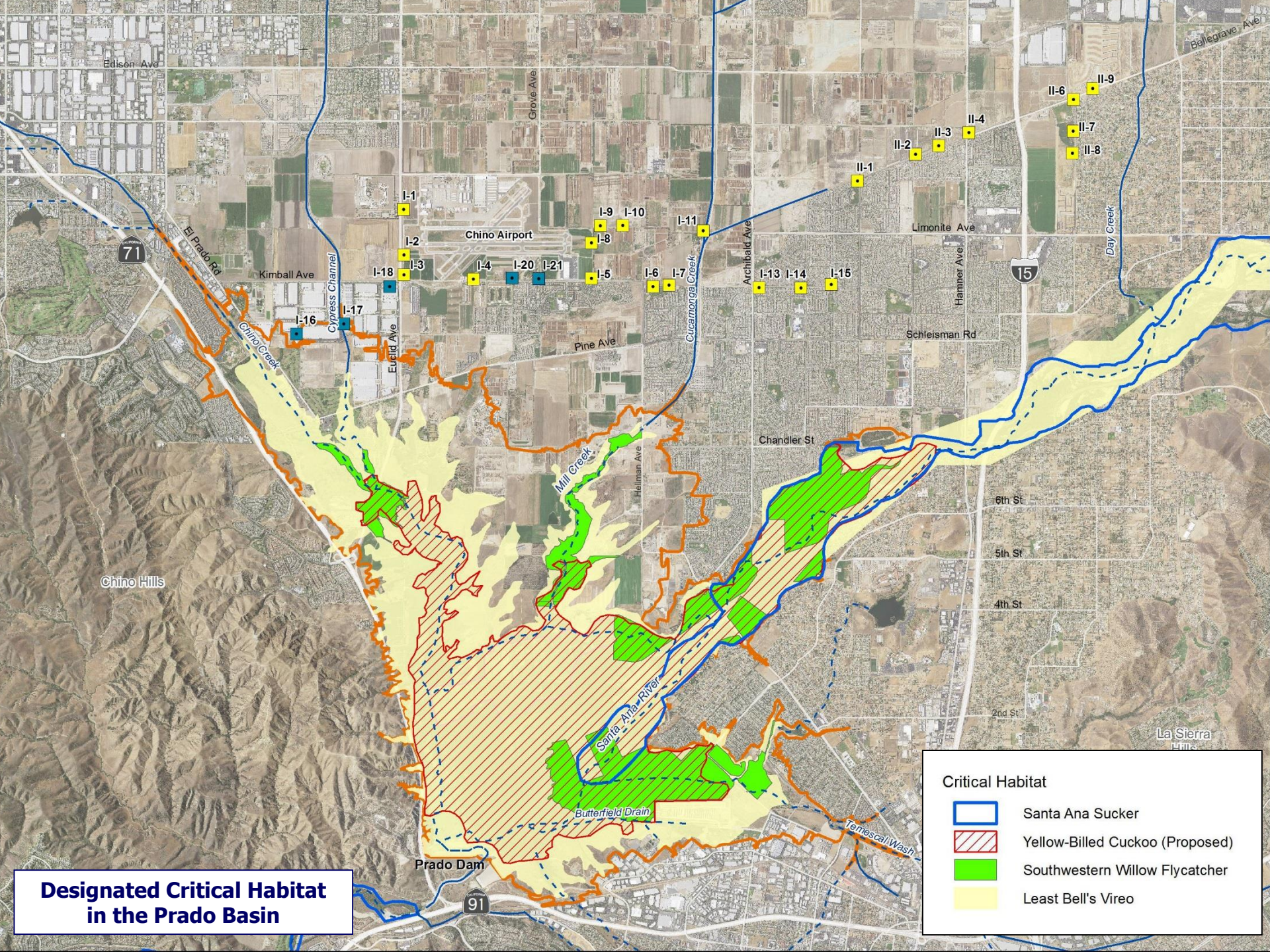
**Prado Basin
and the PBHSP Study Area**

-  Prado Flood Control Basin
-  Chino Basin Desalter Authority Well
-  Chino Creek Well Field
-  OCWD Prado Wetlands
-  Concrete-Lined Channels
-  Unlined Rivers and Streams



Depth to Groundwater
Spring 2011



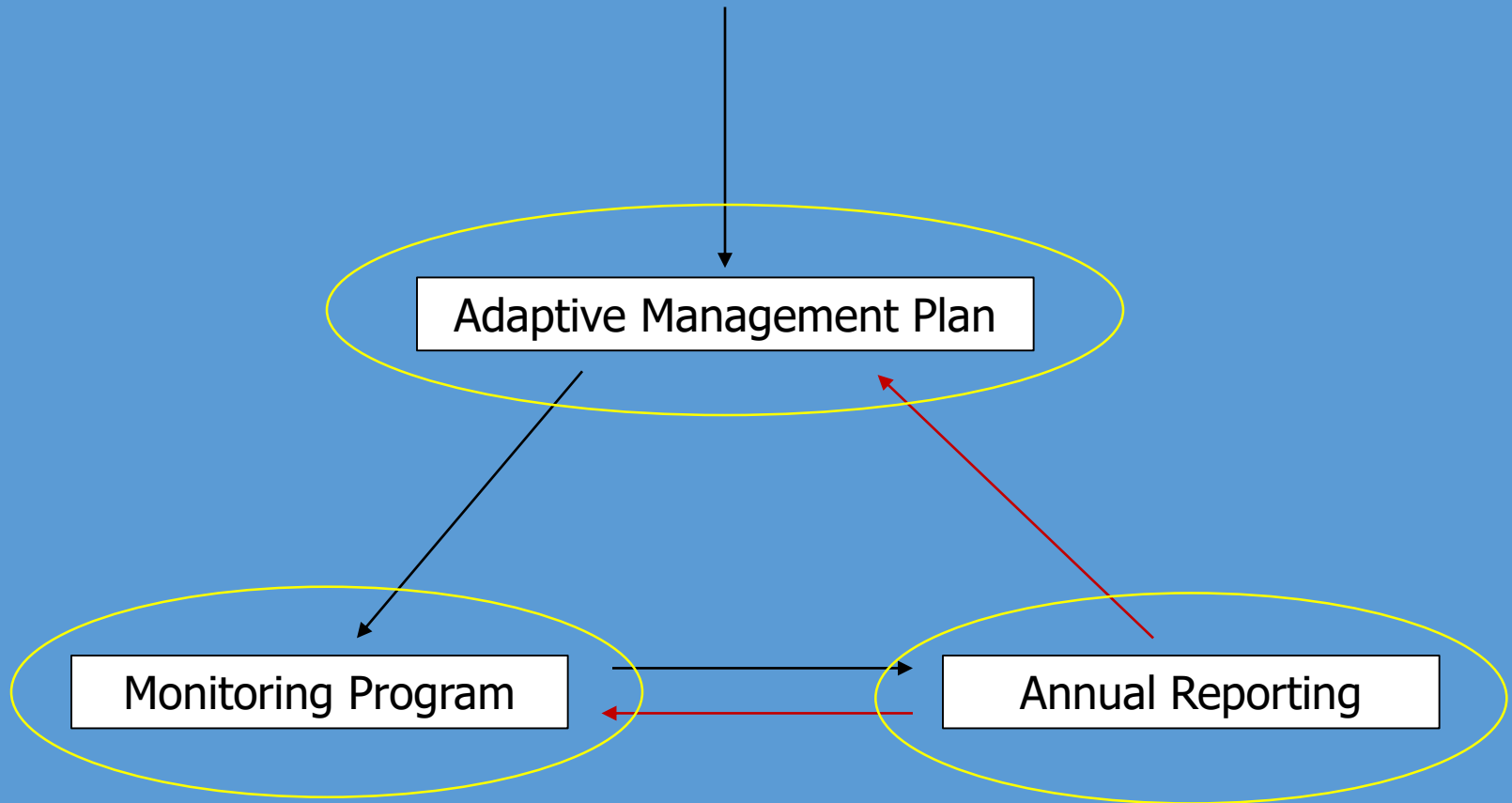


**Designated Critical Habitat
in the Prado Basin**

Critical Habitat

	Santa Ana Sucker
	Yellow-Billed Cuckoo (Proposed)
	Southwestern Willow Flycatcher
	Least Bell's Vireo

Peace II SEIR
Monitoring and Mitigation Measure 4.4-3



Methods

1. Inspect the universe of historical data
 - Pre- and post-Peace II implementation
 - 1960s to 2016 → Ongoing monitoring
2. Characterize the time-series of the **extent and quality** of the riparian habitat
3. Characterize the time-series of all potential stressors
 - Stressors related to Peace II implementation
 - Stressors not related to Peace II implementation
4. Identify cause-and-effect relationships
 - Is Peace II implementation causing adverse impacts?
5. Annual reporting → Develop conclusions and recommendations
 - Ongoing monitoring
 - Mitigation measures



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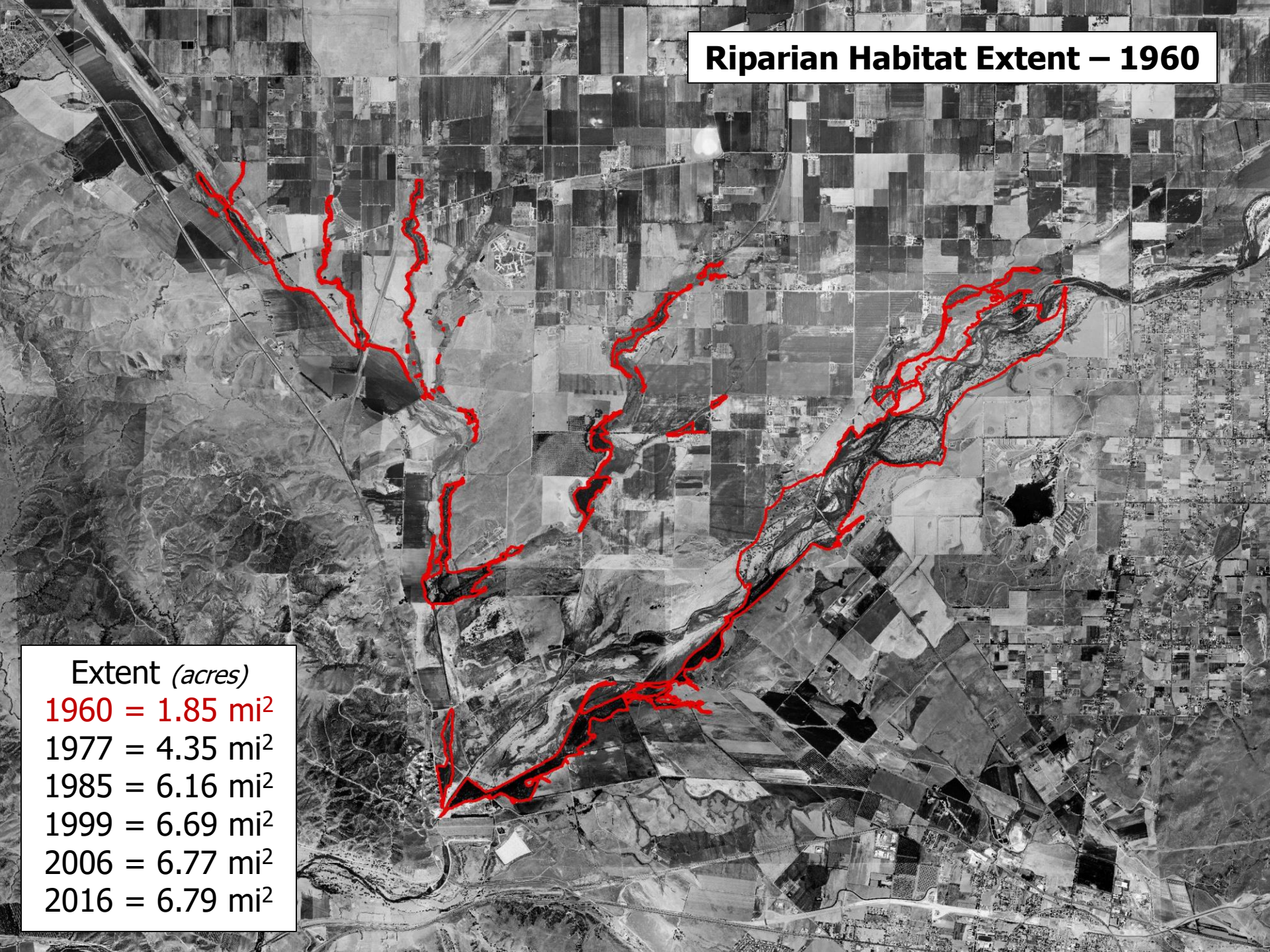


Riparian Habitat Monitoring Program

- Characterize the **extent and quality** of the riparian habitat over time
- Two Types of Assessment:
 - Regional Assessment
 - Interpretations of air photos
 - Remote sensing data (NDVI derived from Landsat imagery)
 - Site Specific Assessment → “Ground-truth” the regional assessment
 - Vegetation Surveys (USBR and OCWD)



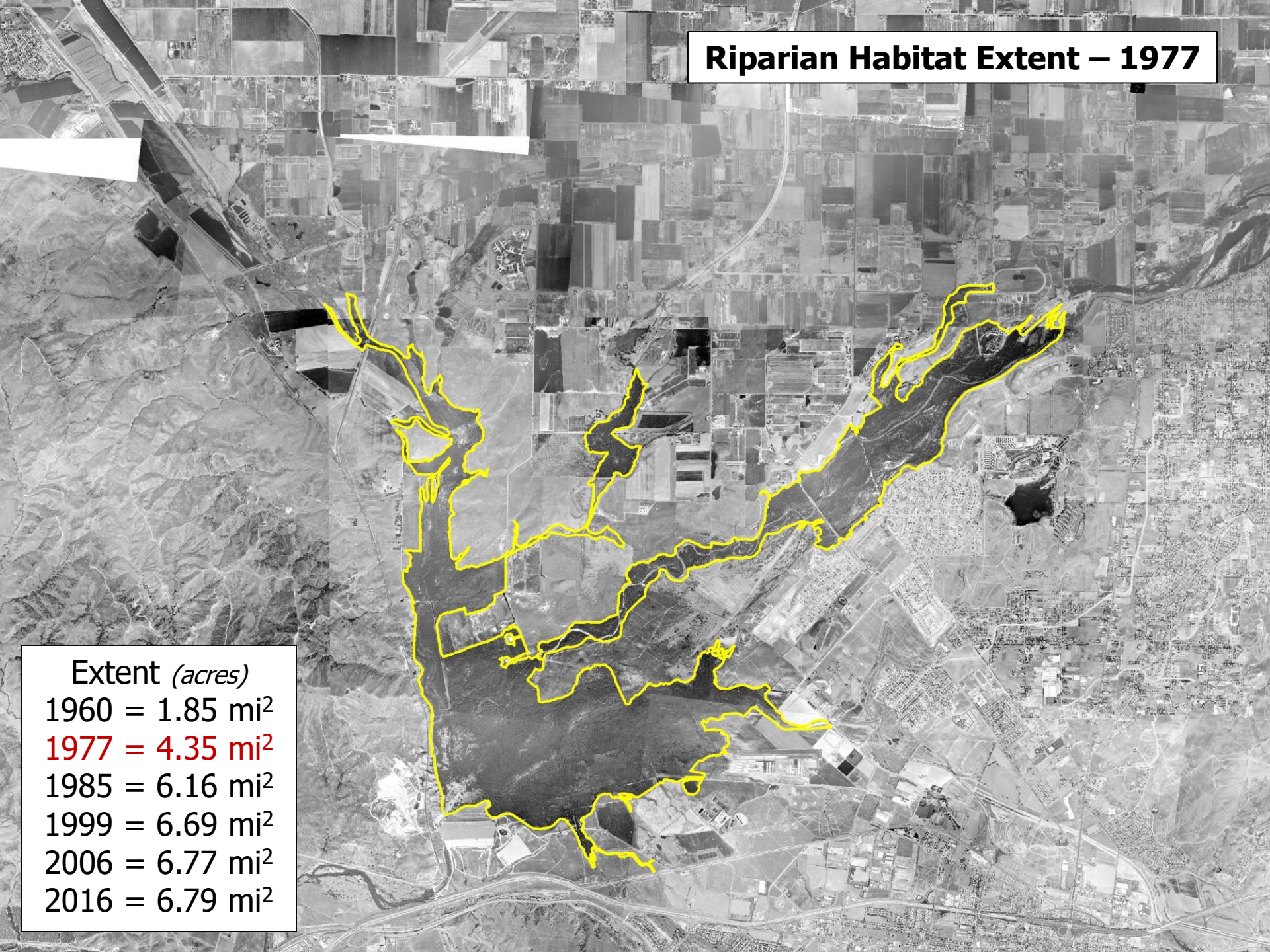
Riparian Habitat Extent – 1960



Extent (<i>acres</i>)	
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1977	4.35 mi ²
1985	6.16 mi ²
1999	6.69 mi ²
2006	6.77 mi ²
2016	6.79 mi ²

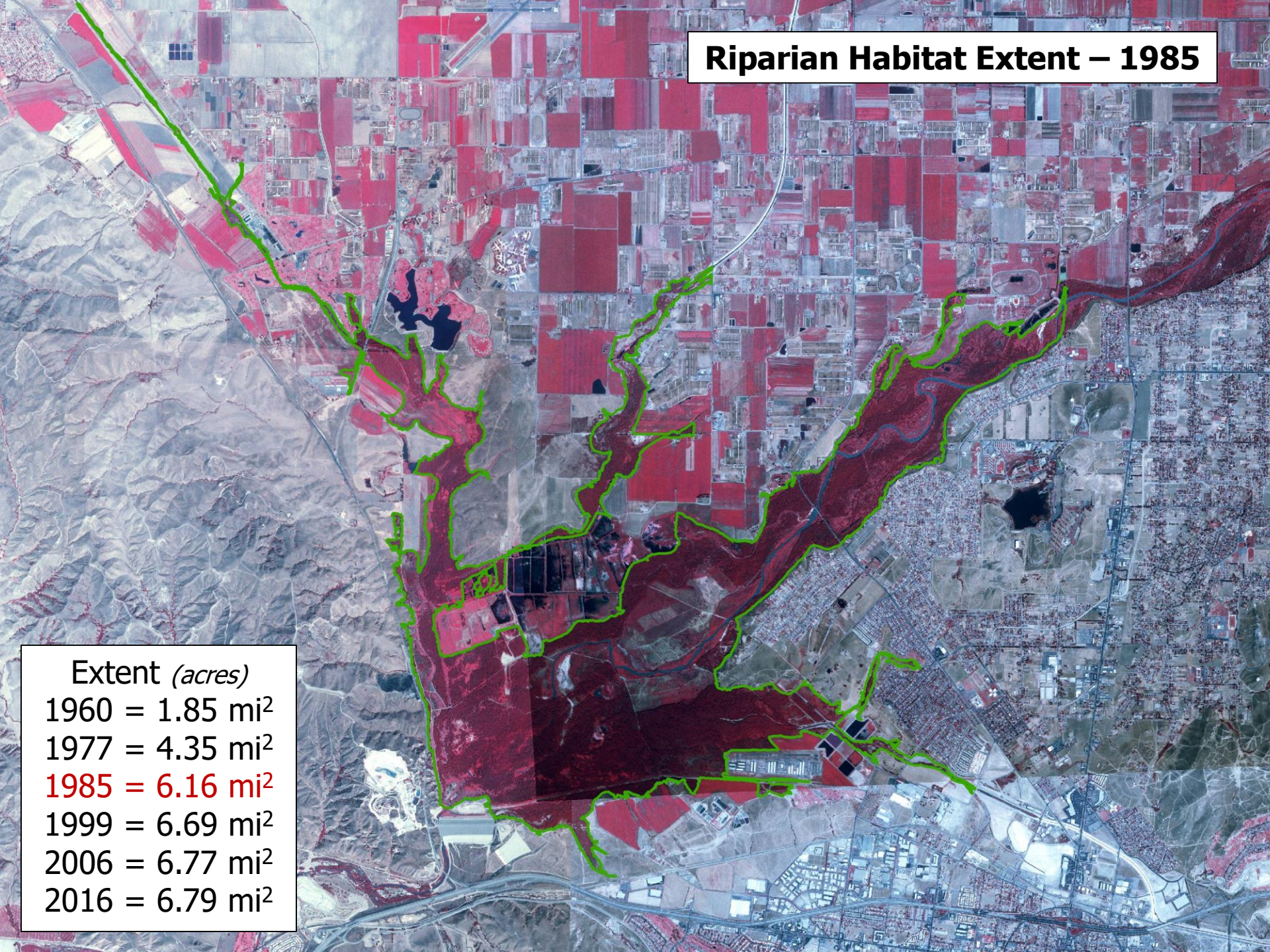
Riparian Habitat Extent – 1977

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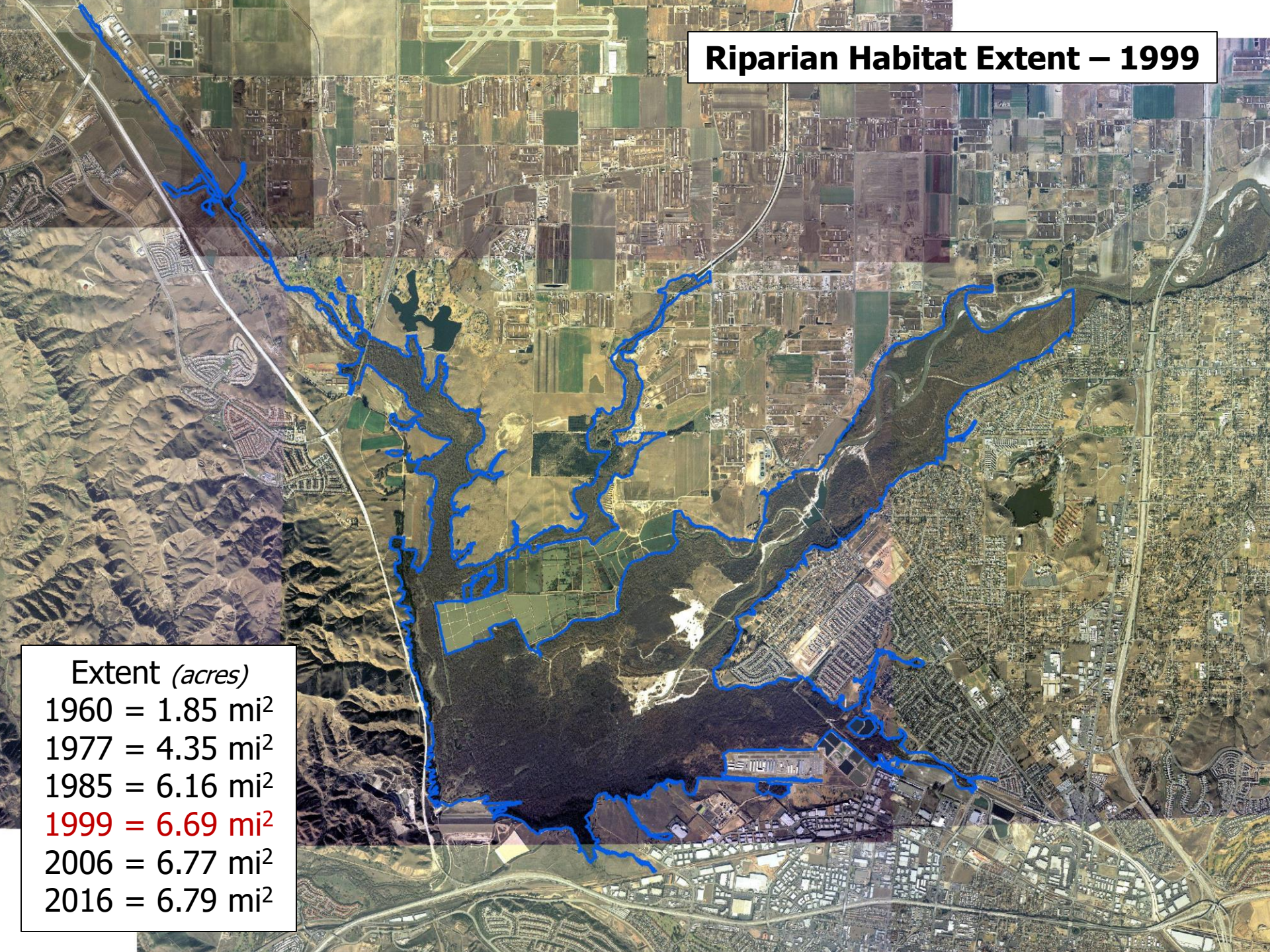
Riparian Habitat Extent – 1985

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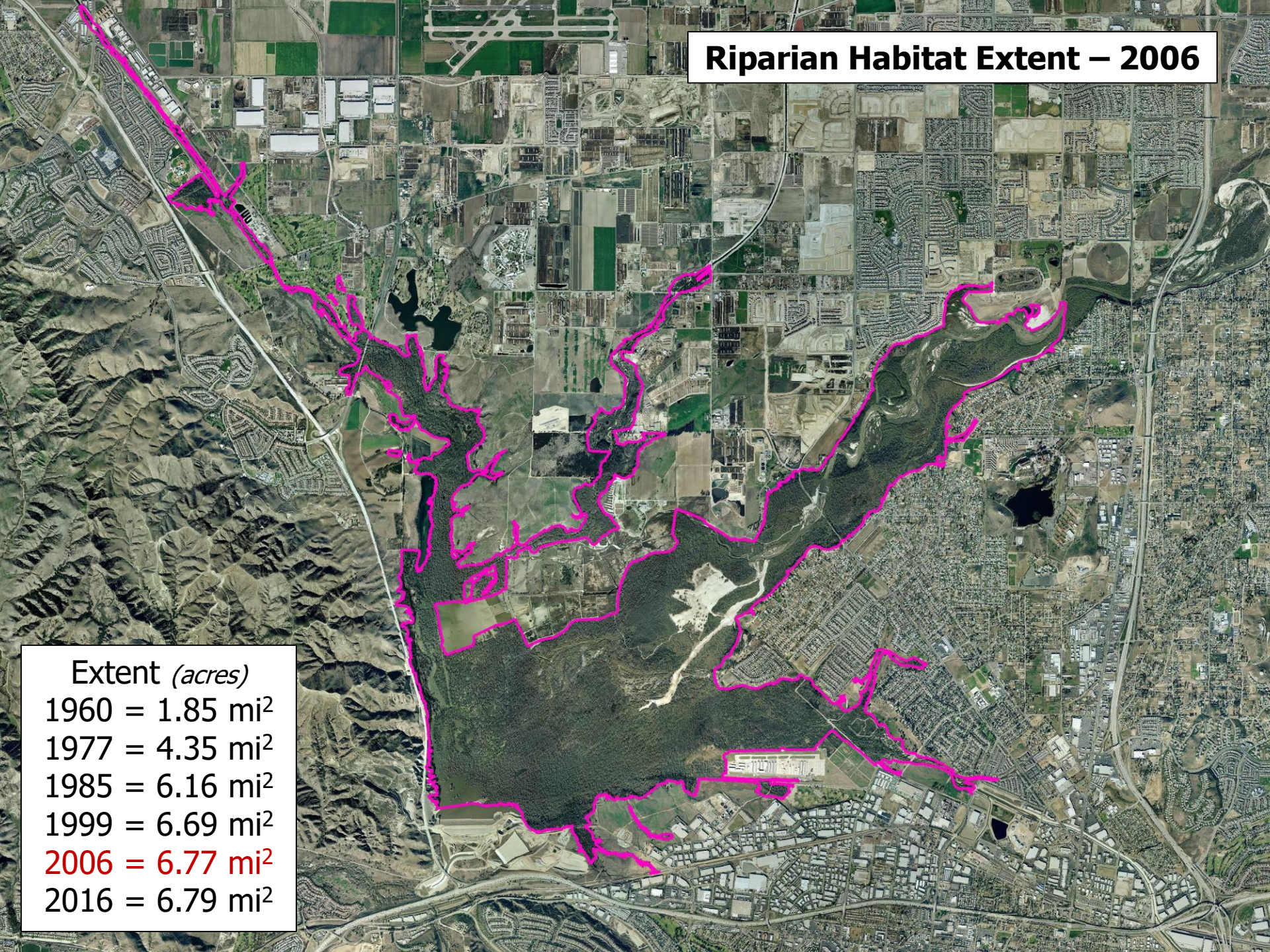


Riparian Habitat Extent – 1999

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2016	= 6.79 mi ²



Riparian Habitat Extent – 2006



The map displays an aerial view of a landscape featuring a river and surrounding urban and natural areas. A pink line delineates the riparian habitat extent in 2006. The habitat is primarily located along the river and in some adjacent areas. The surrounding landscape includes a mix of urban development, agricultural fields, and natural terrain.

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Riparian Habitat Extent – 2016

Extent (*acres*)

1960 = 1.85 mi²

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1985 = 6.16 mi²

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Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI)

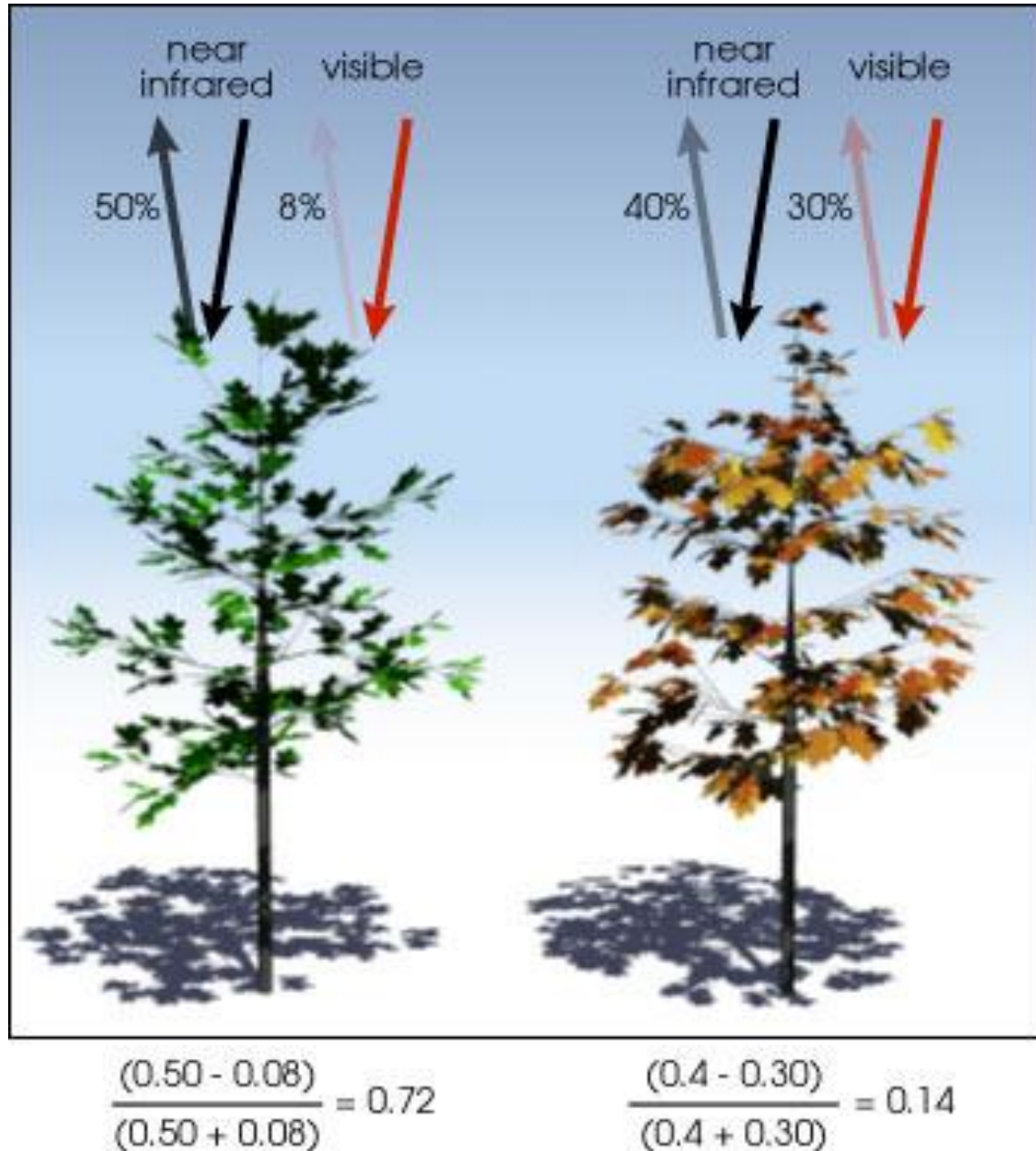
$$NDVI = \frac{NIR - VIS}{NIR + VIS}$$

Ratio calculated from absorbed and reflected light

Numerical indicator of the extent and quality of vegetation because it is correlated with photosynthesis

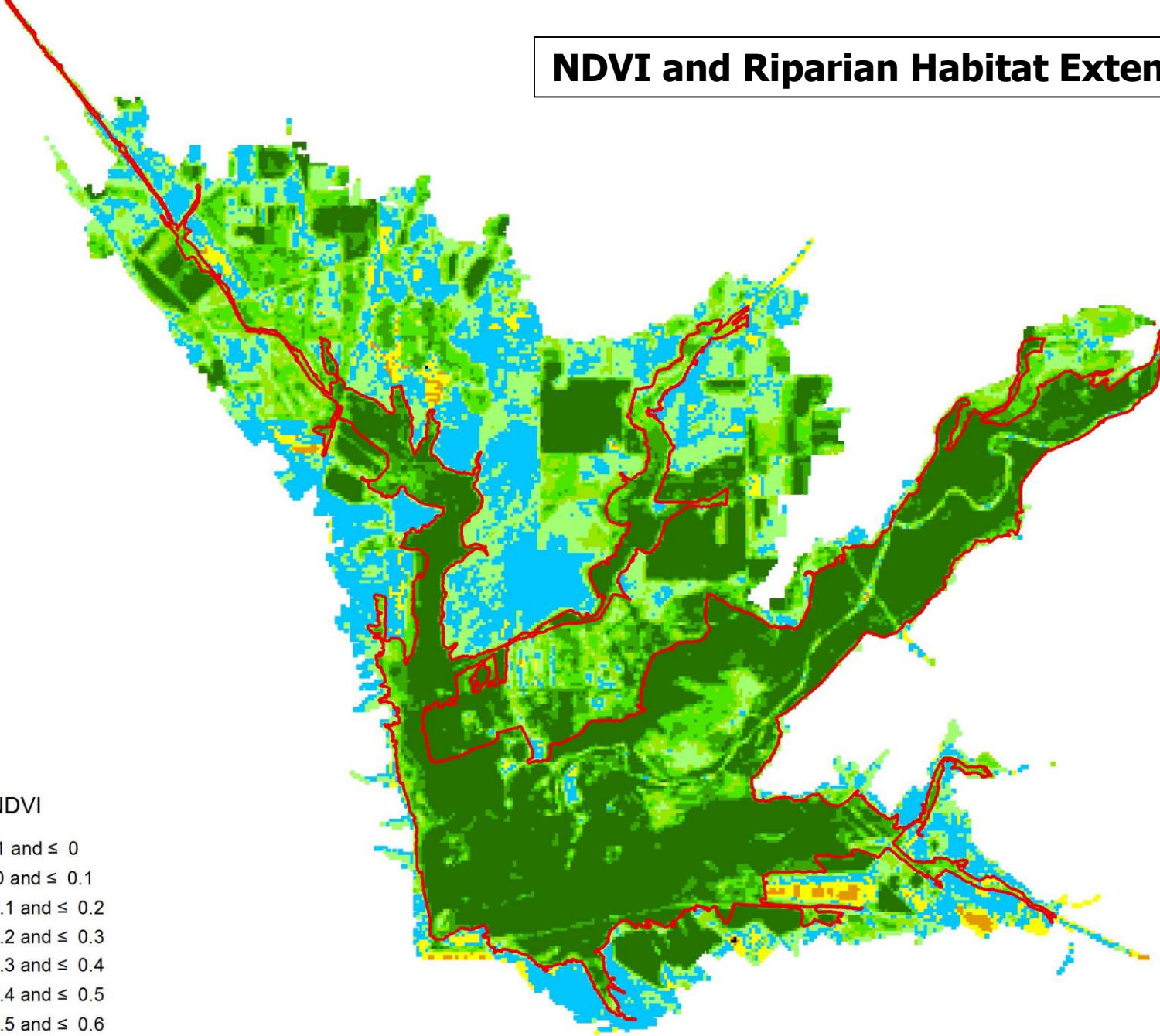
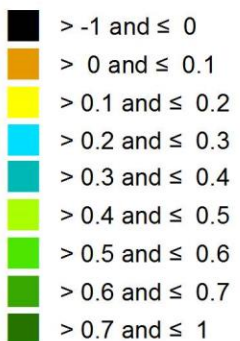
Can be used to access the temporal and spatial changes in vegetation (since 1980s)

Image source:
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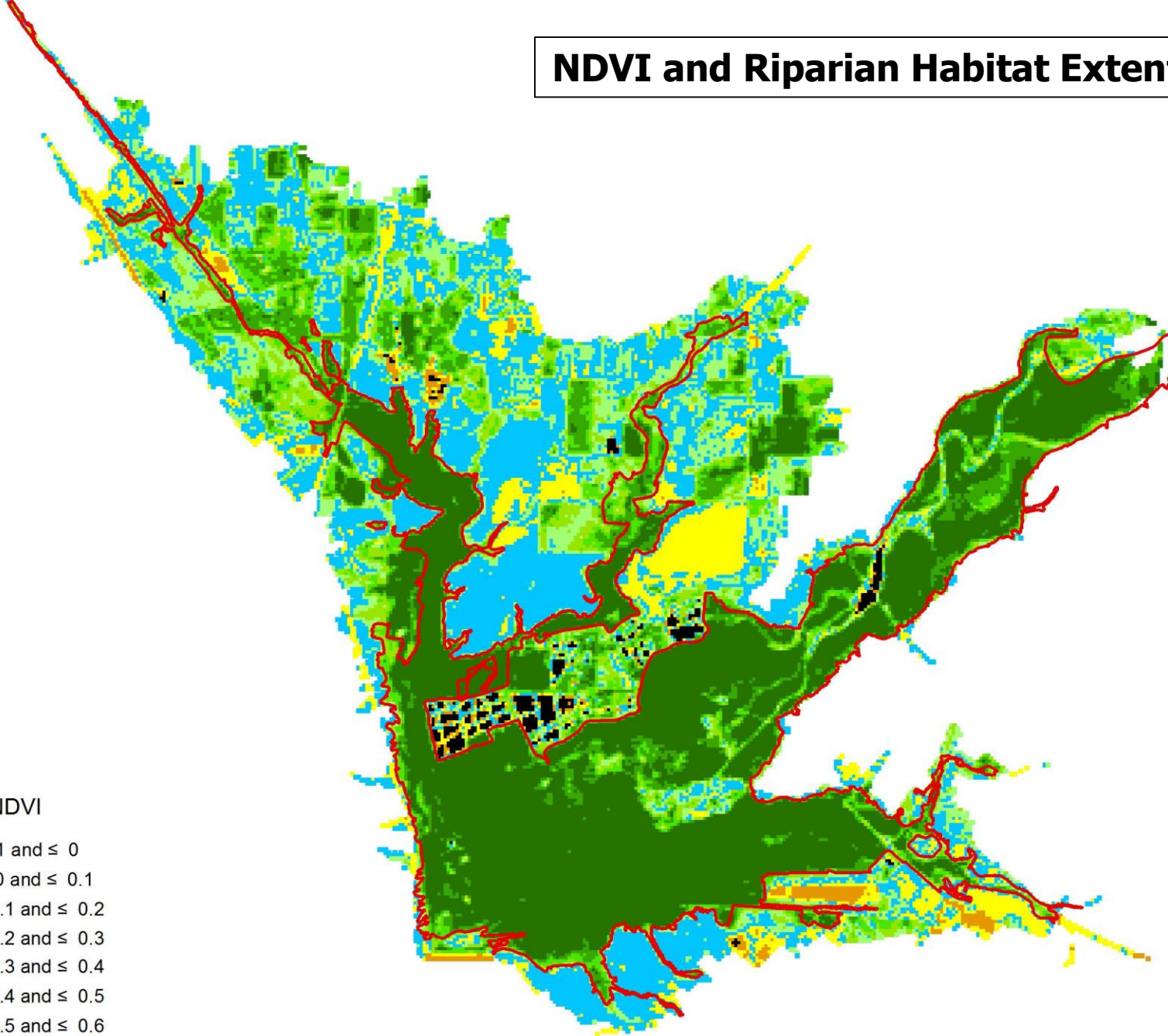
NDVI and Riparian Habitat Extent – 1985

NDVI



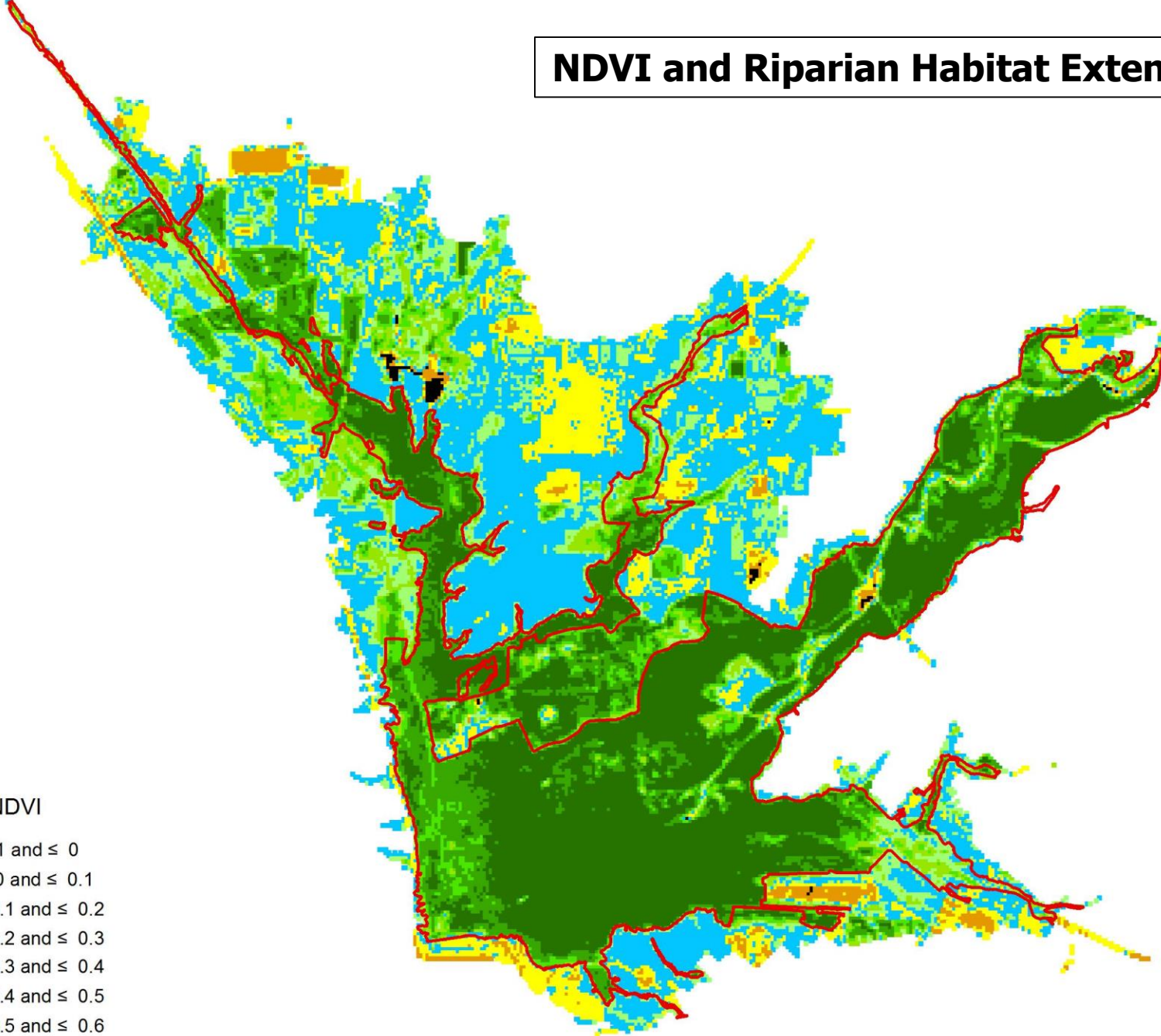
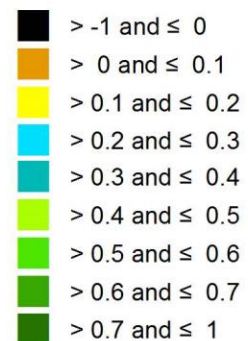
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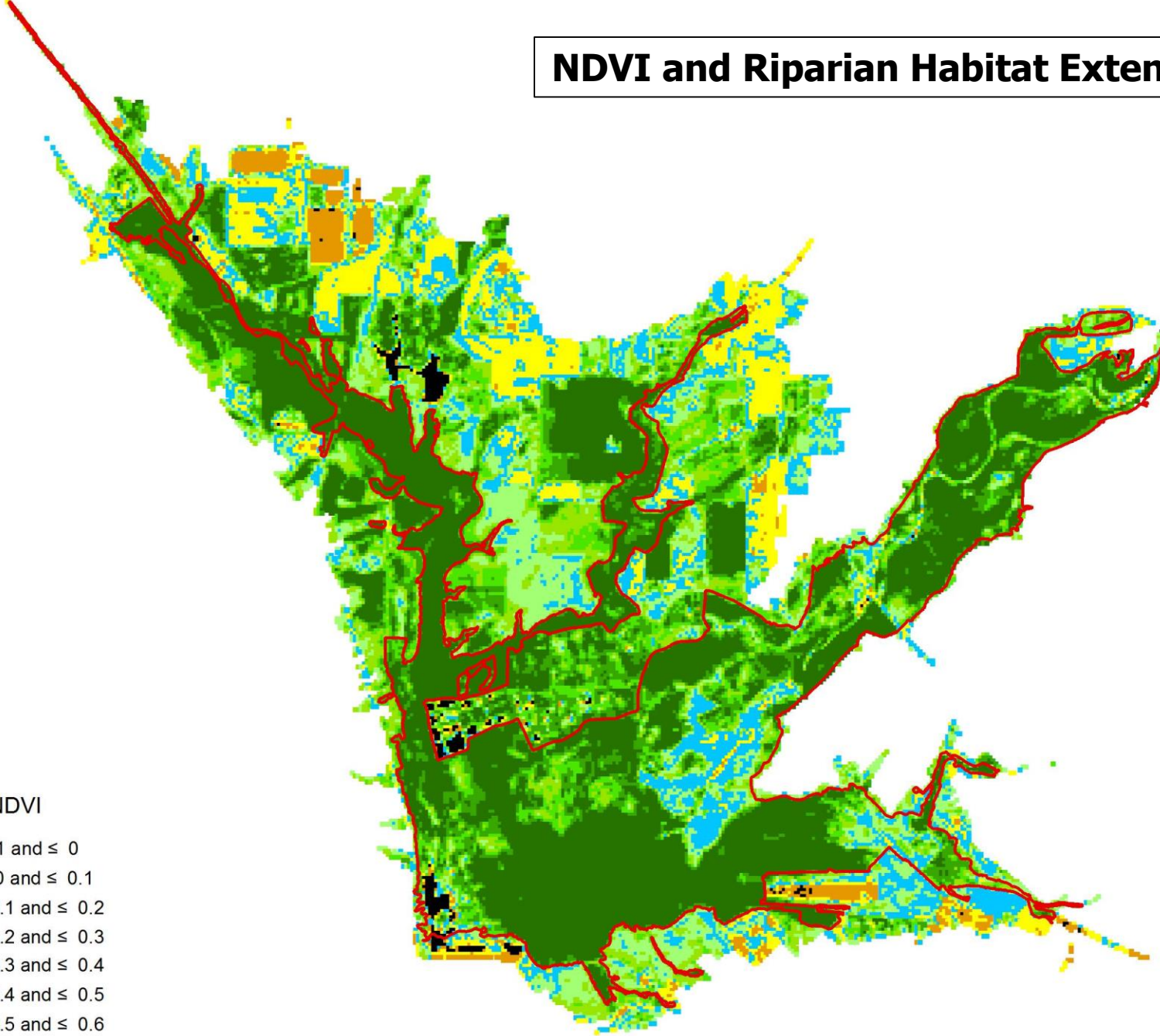
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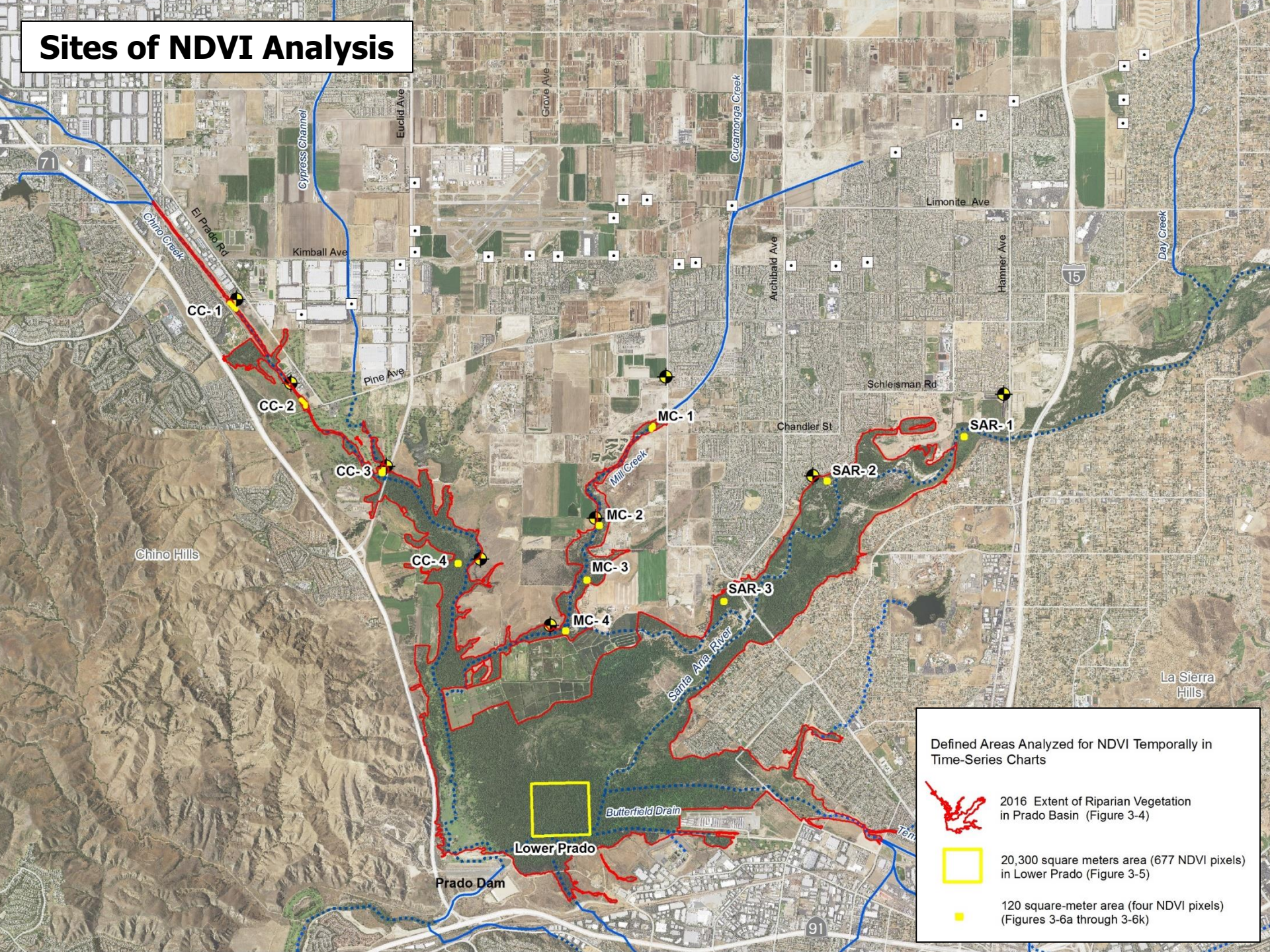


NDVI and Riparian Habitat Extent – 2016

NDVI



Sites of NDVI Analysis



Defined Areas Analyzed for NDVI Temporally in Time-Series Charts



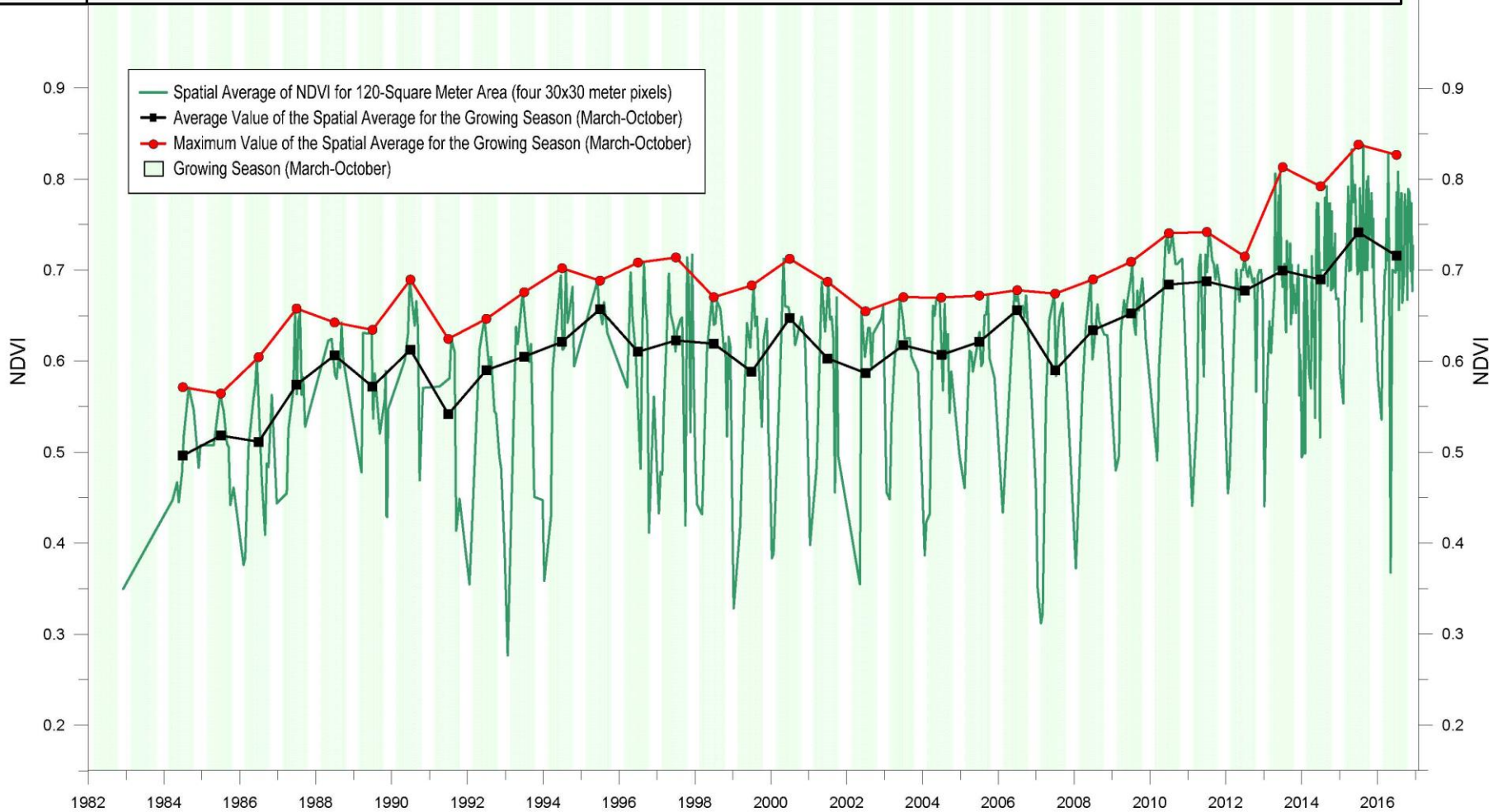
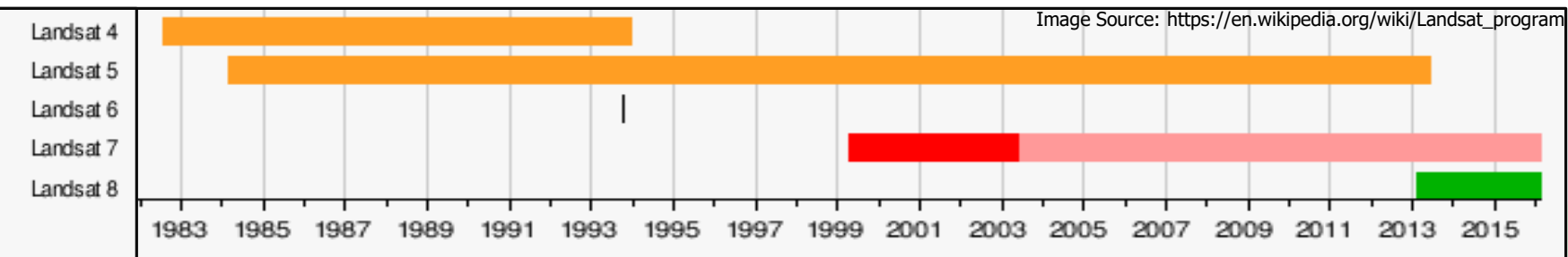
2016 Extent of Riparian Vegetation in Prado Basin (Figure 3-4)



20,300 square meters area (677 NDVI pixels) in Lower Prado (Figure 3-5)



120 square-meter area (four NDVI pixels) (Figures 3-6a through 3-6k)

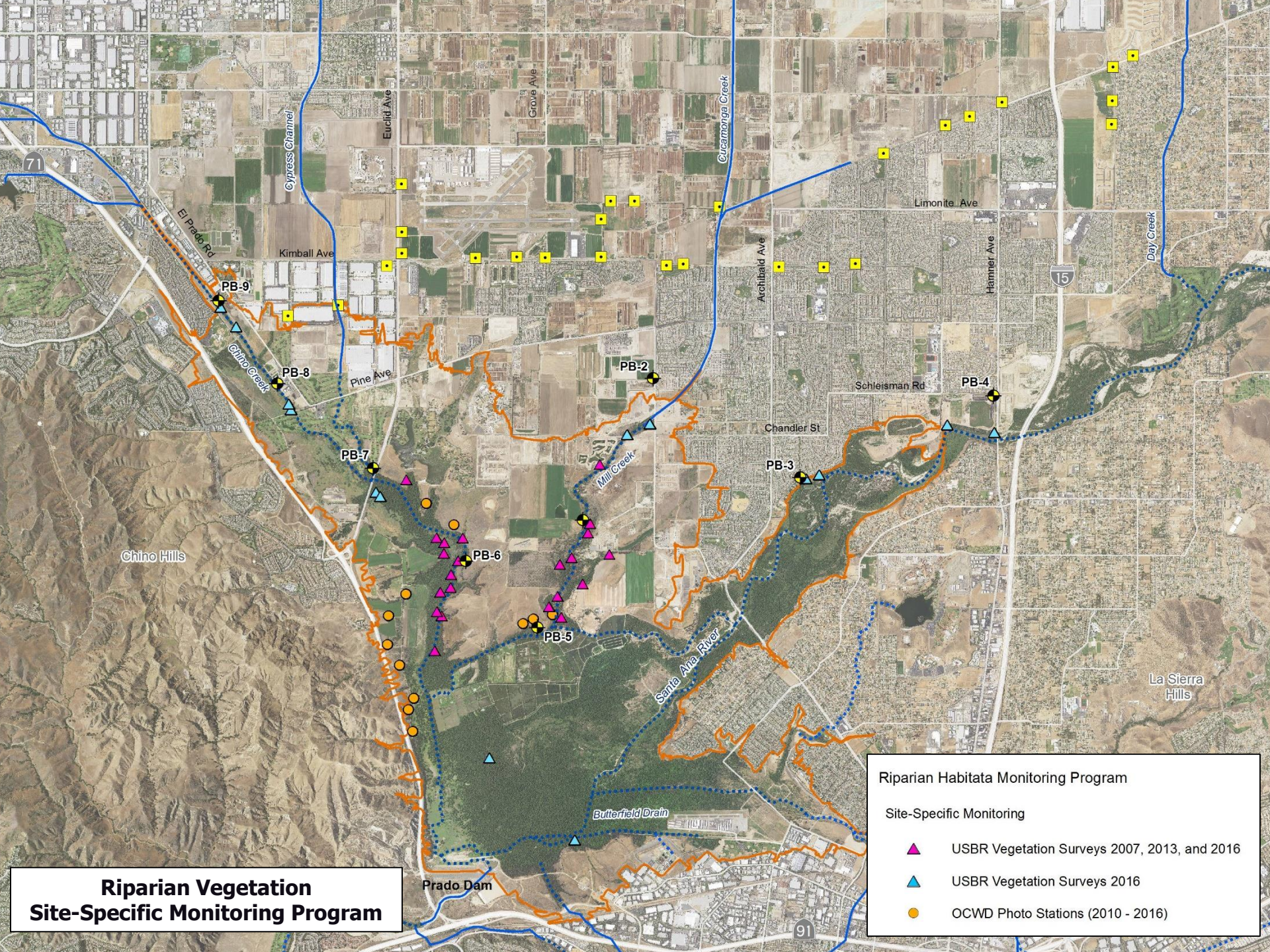


Riparian Vegetation Site-Specific Monitoring Program

Riparian Habitata Monitoring Program

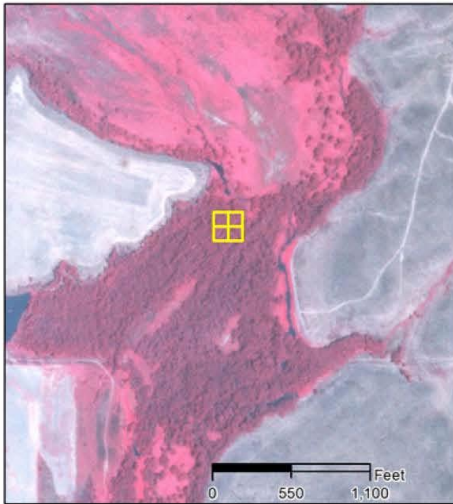
Site-Specific Monitoring

- ▲ USBR Vegetation Surveys 2007, 2013, and 2016
- ▲ USBR Vegetation Surveys 2016
- OCWD Photo Stations (2010 - 2016)



NDVI Analysis – Chino Creek 4

1985 Air Photo (July 28, 1985)



1999 Air Photo (January 14, 1999)



2006 Air Photo (Date Unknown)

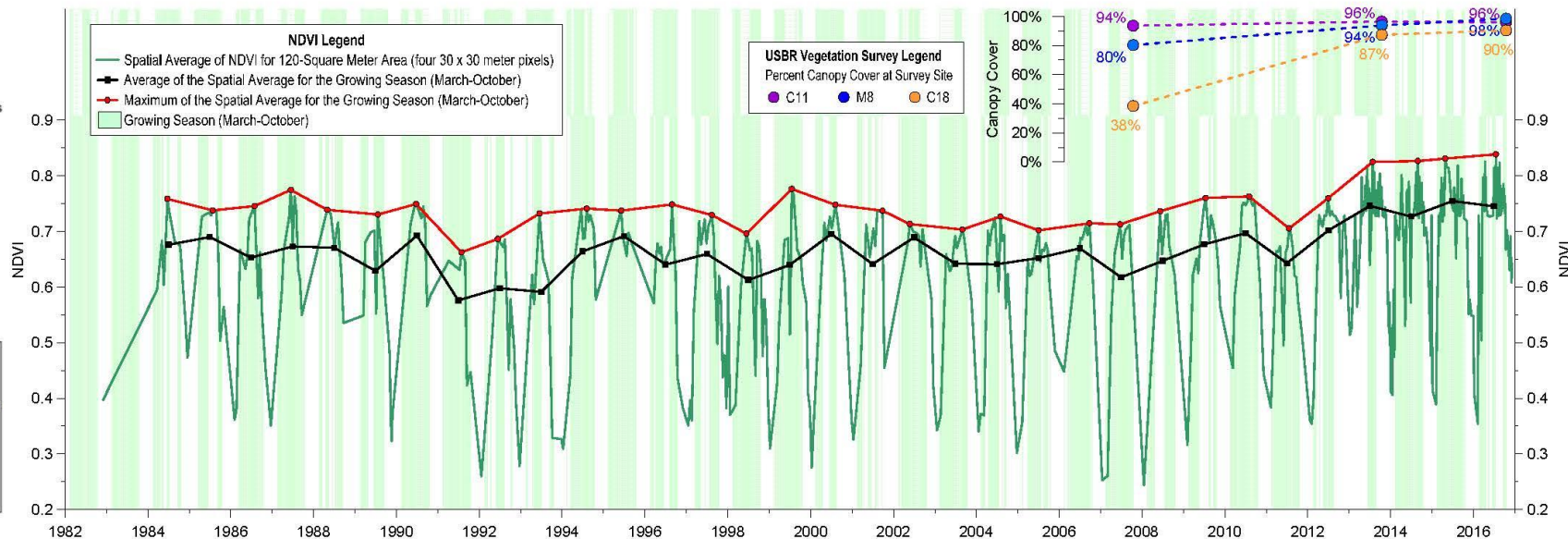


2016 Air Photo (May 3, 2016 to June 14, 2016)



Map Legend

- NDVI 30 x 30 Meter Pixel
- USBR Vegetation Survey Sites
 - C18
 - C11
 - C4
 - PBHSP Monitoring Well Site



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Time Series of NDVI and Air Photos
CC-4 Area for 1984 to 2016

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NDVI Analysis – Mill Creek 2

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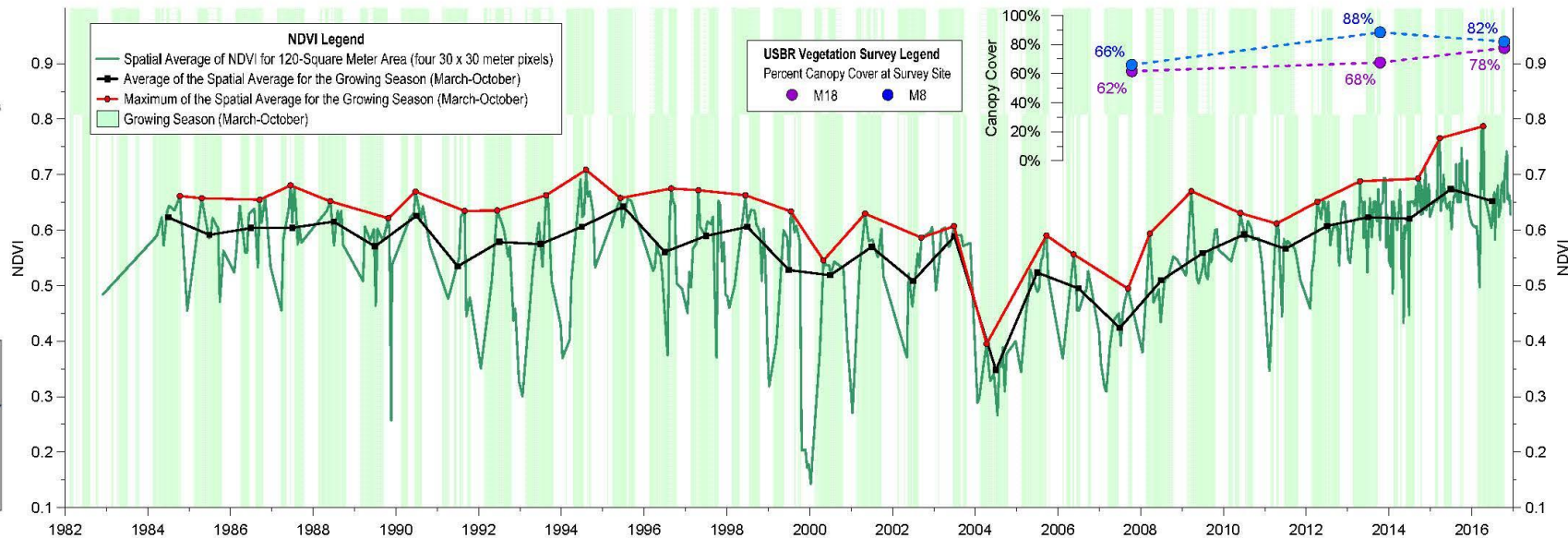
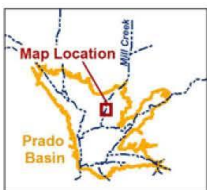


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Map Legend:

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- M18
- M8
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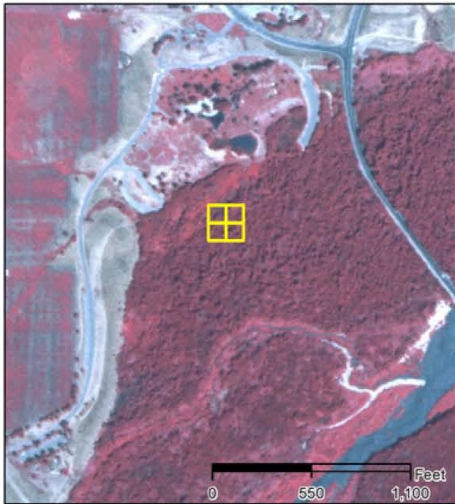


Time Series of NDVI and Air Photos
MC-2 Area for 1984 to 2016

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NDVI Analysis – SAR 3

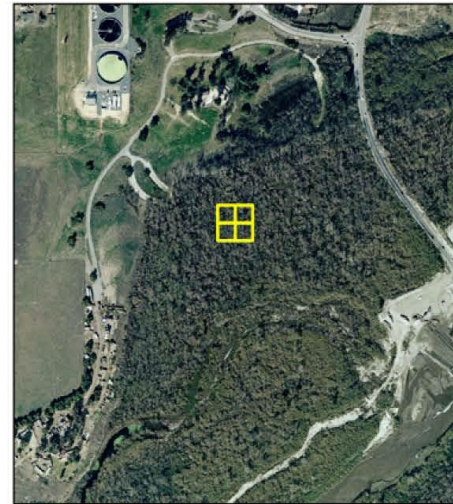
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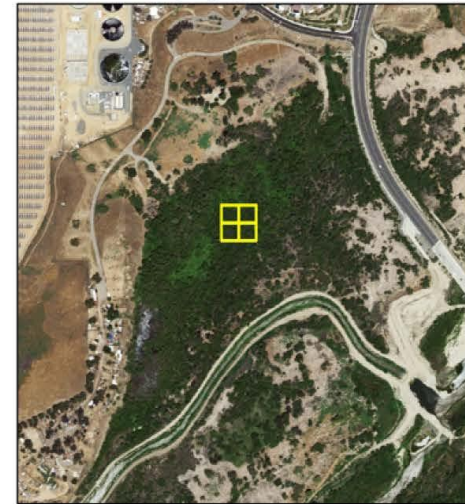
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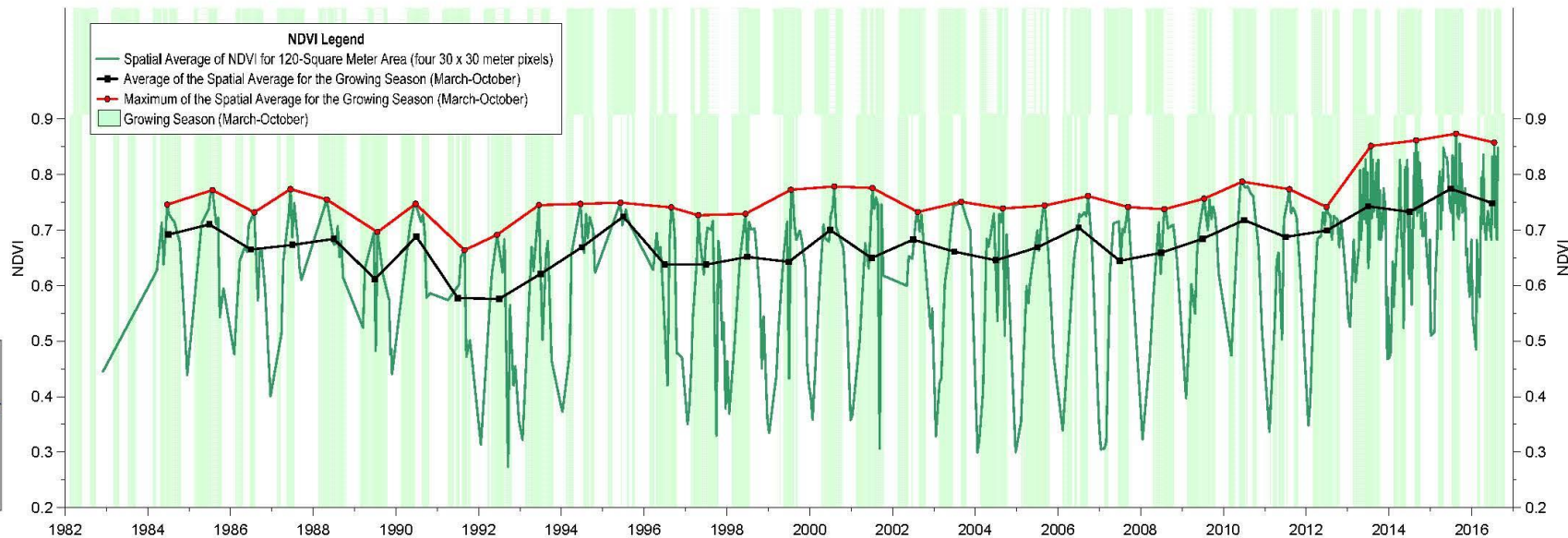


2016 Air Photo (May 3, 2016 to June 14, 2016)



Map Legend

NDVI 30 x 30 Meter Pixel



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Time Series of NDVI and Air Photos
SAR-3 Area for 1984 to 2016

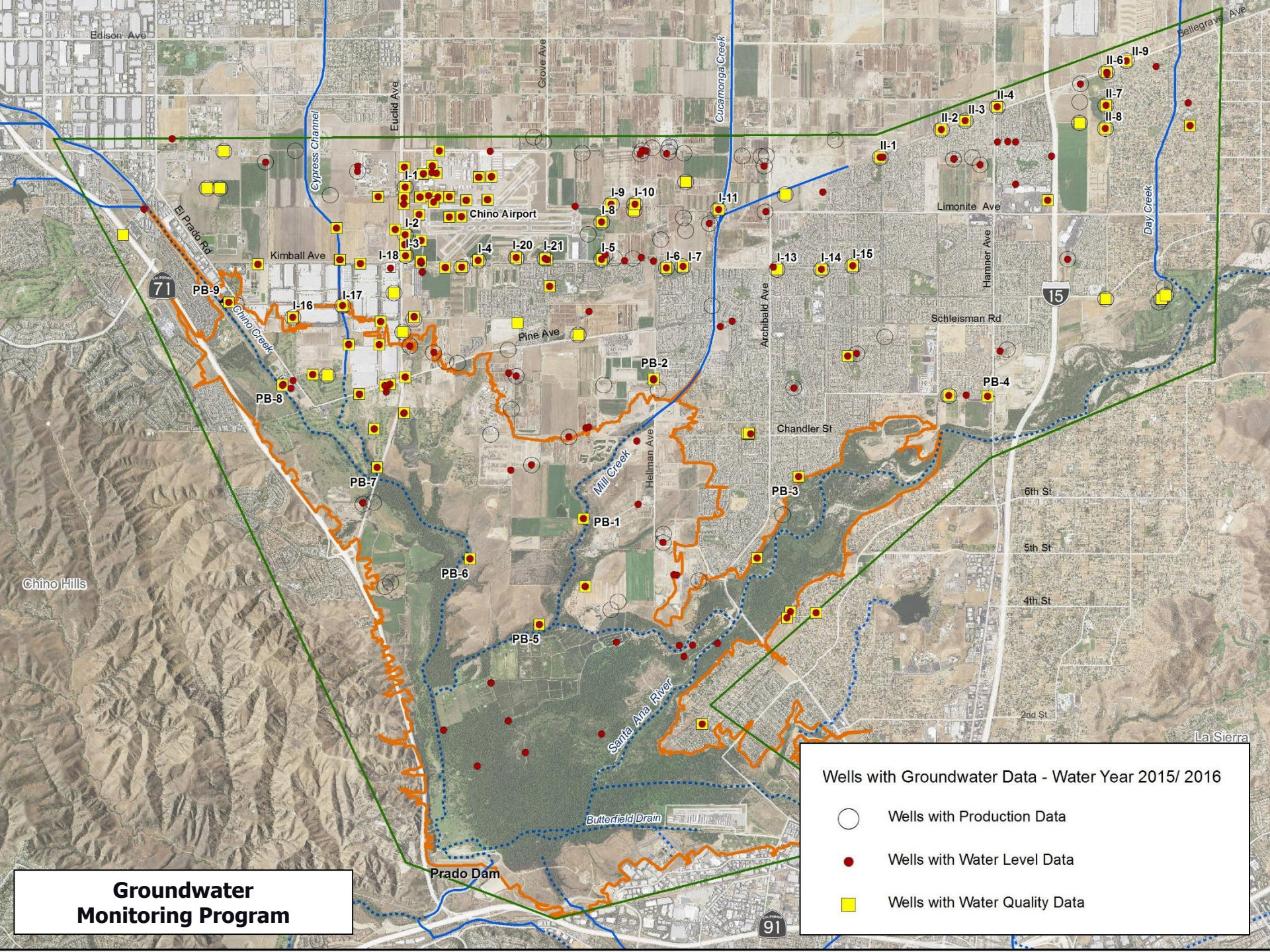
Figure 3-6k

Conclusions and Recommendations

Riparian Habitat Monitoring Program

- No trend in degradation contemporaneous with Peace II implementation
- Recommendations:
 - Continue monitoring program
 - 2017 air photo and NDVI
 - Perform research
 - Potential bias in Landsat 8 data → bias correction method
 - Other field methods to “ground truth” NDVI

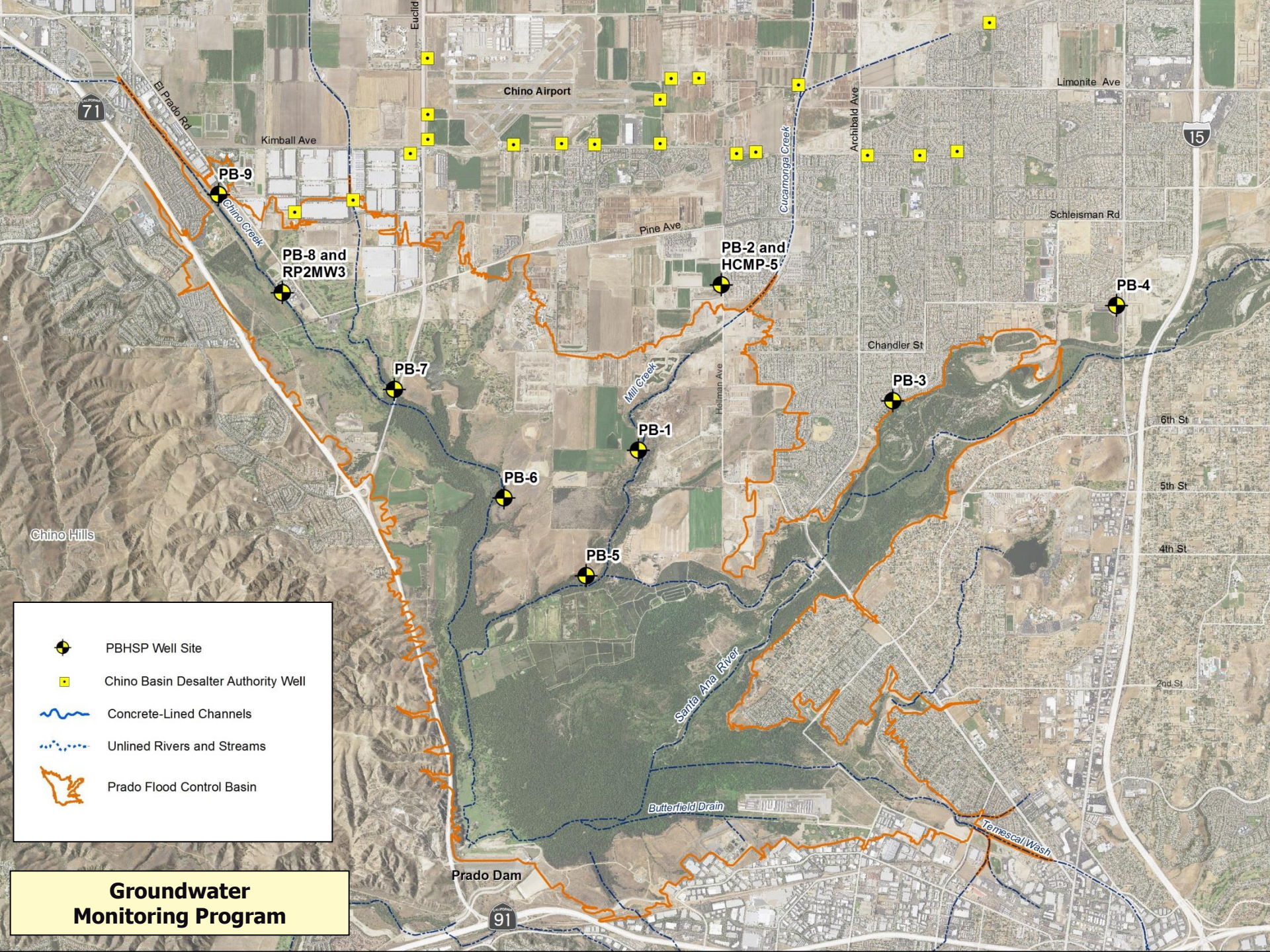




**Groundwater
Monitoring Program**

Wells with Groundwater Data - Water Year 2015/ 2016

- Wells with Production Data
- Wells with Water Level Data
- Wells with Water Quality Data



PBHSP Well Site



Chino Basin Desalter Authority Well



Concrete-Lined Channels



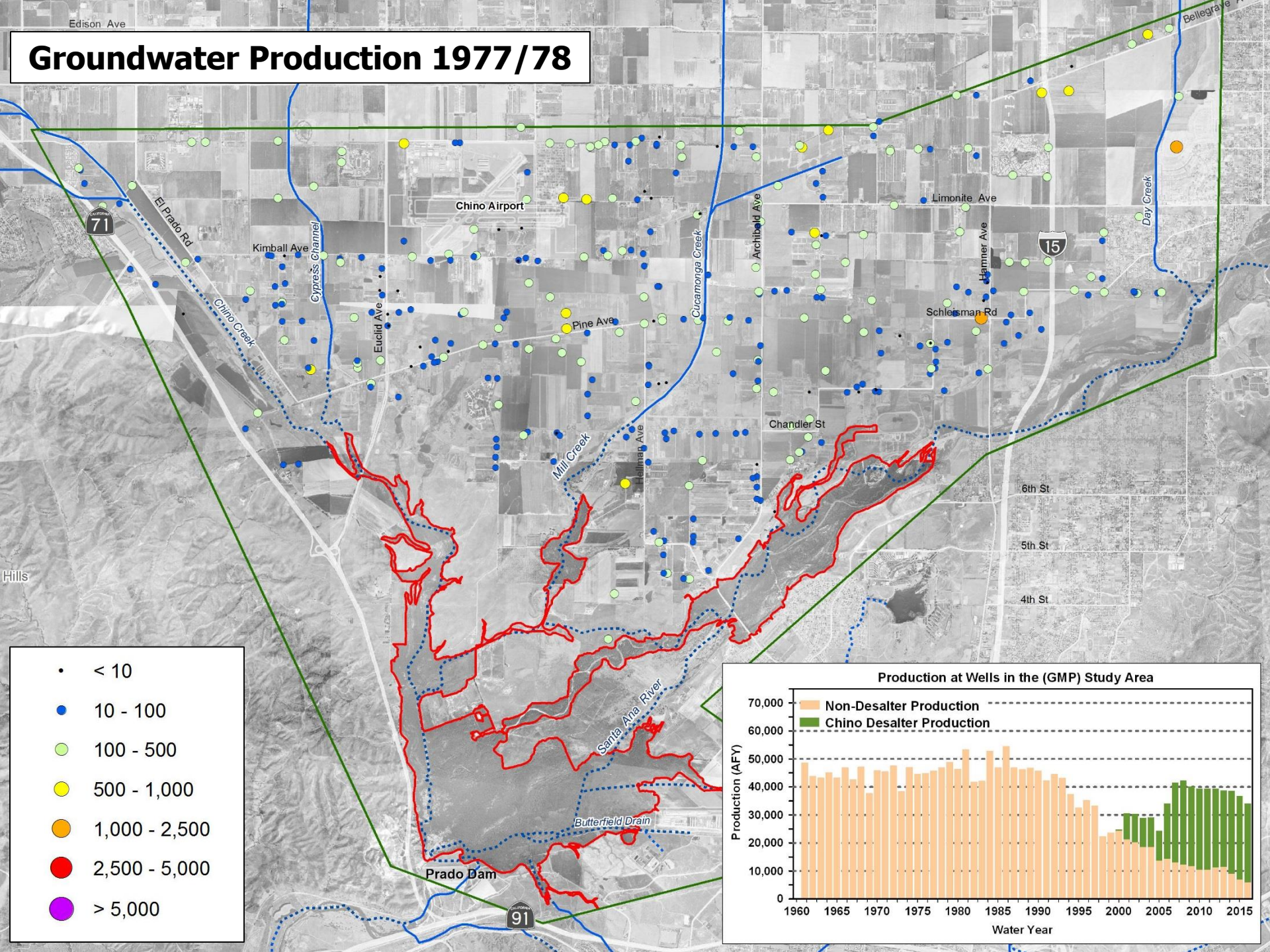
Unlined Rivers and Streams



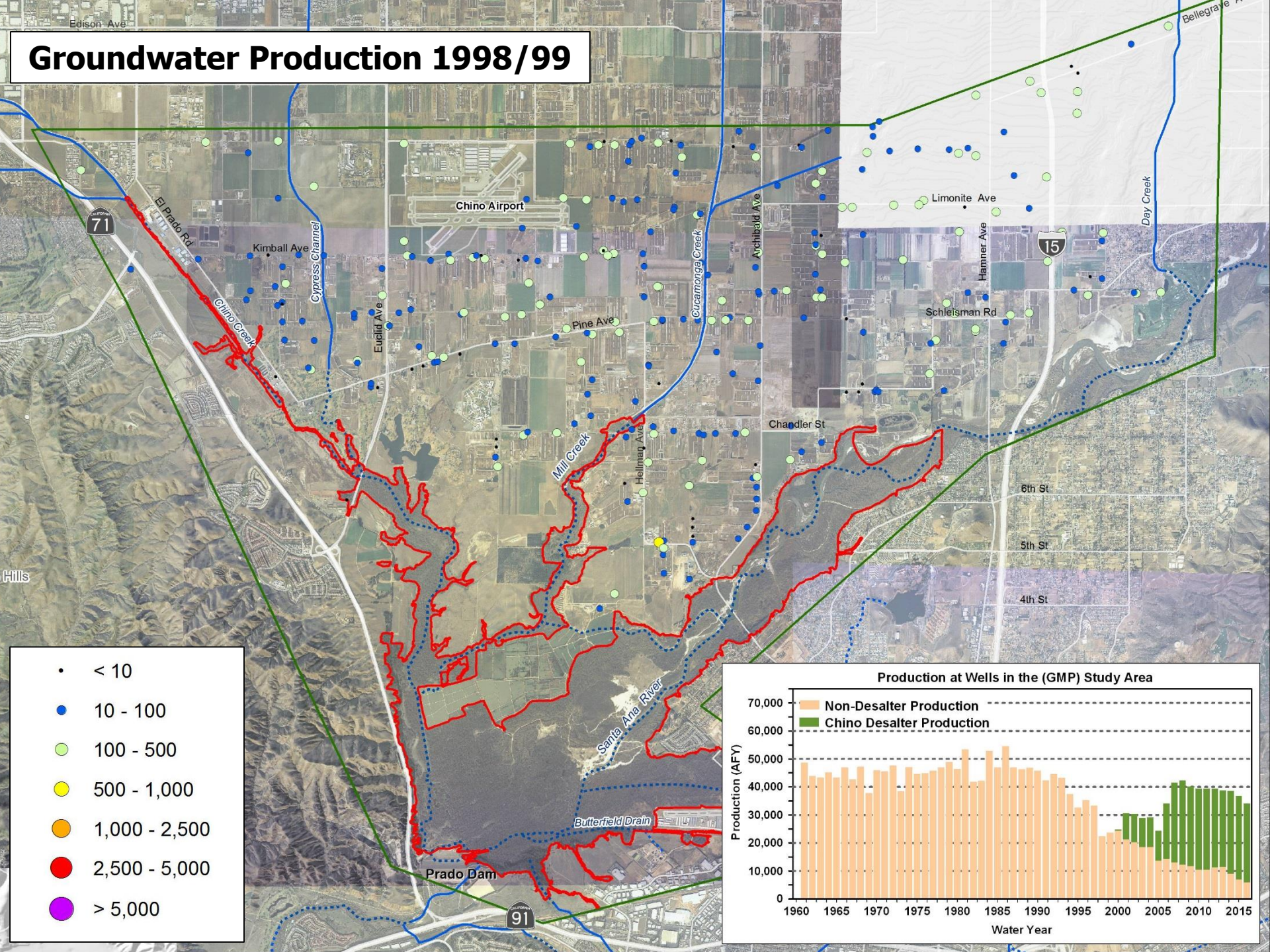
Prado Flood Control Basin

Groundwater Monitoring Program

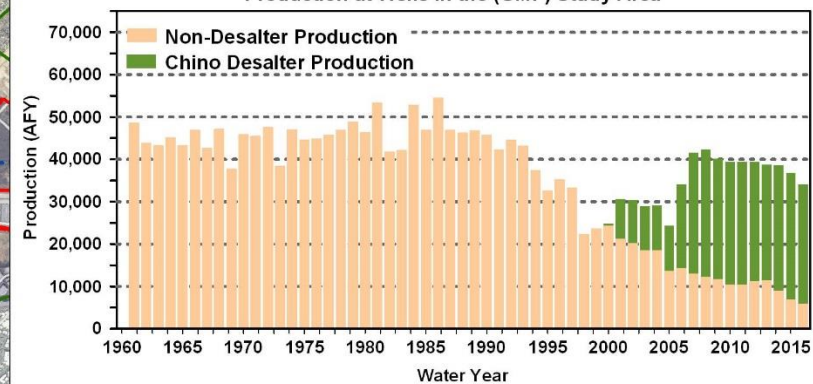
Groundwater Production 1977/78



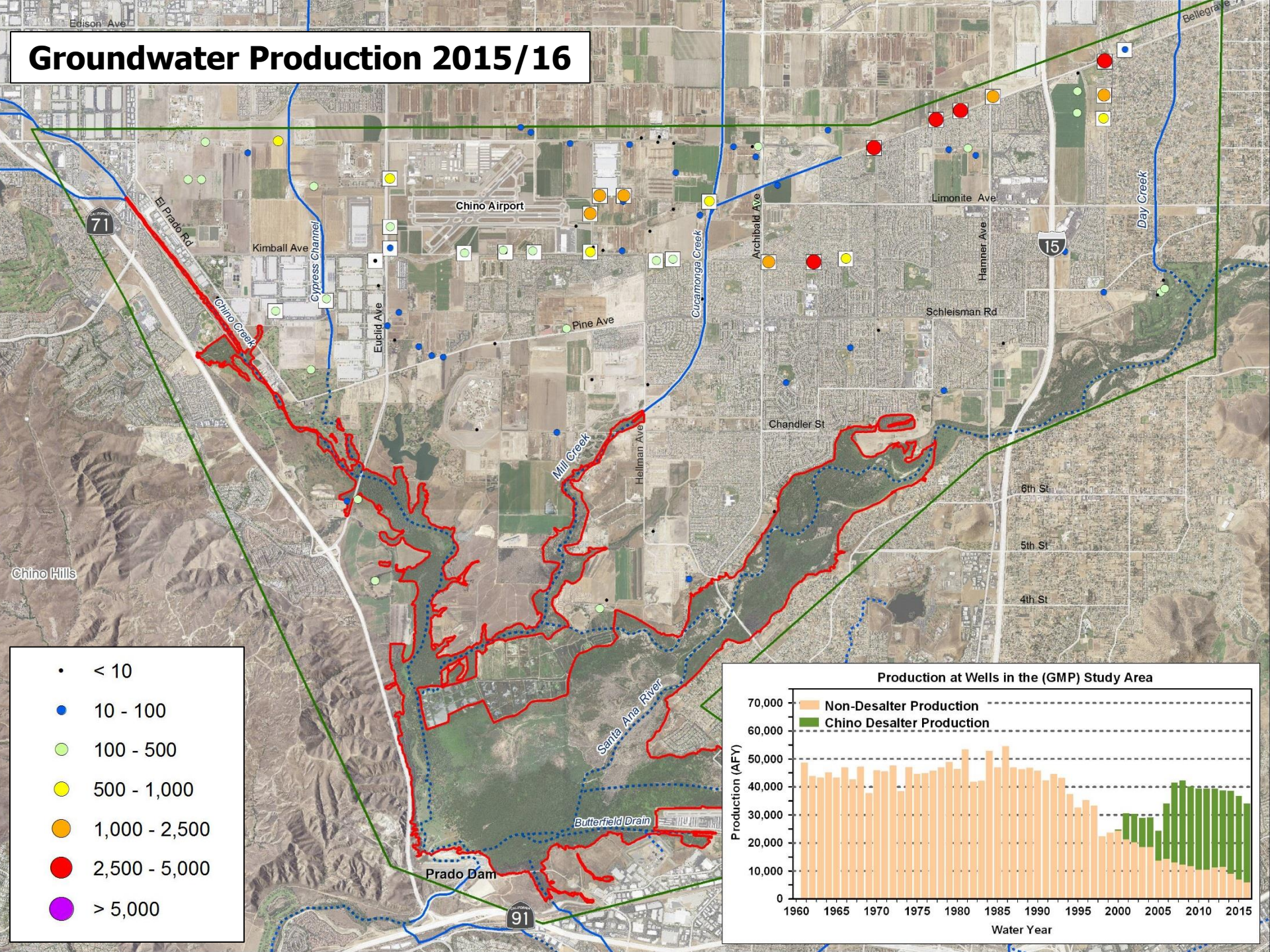
Groundwater Production 1998/99



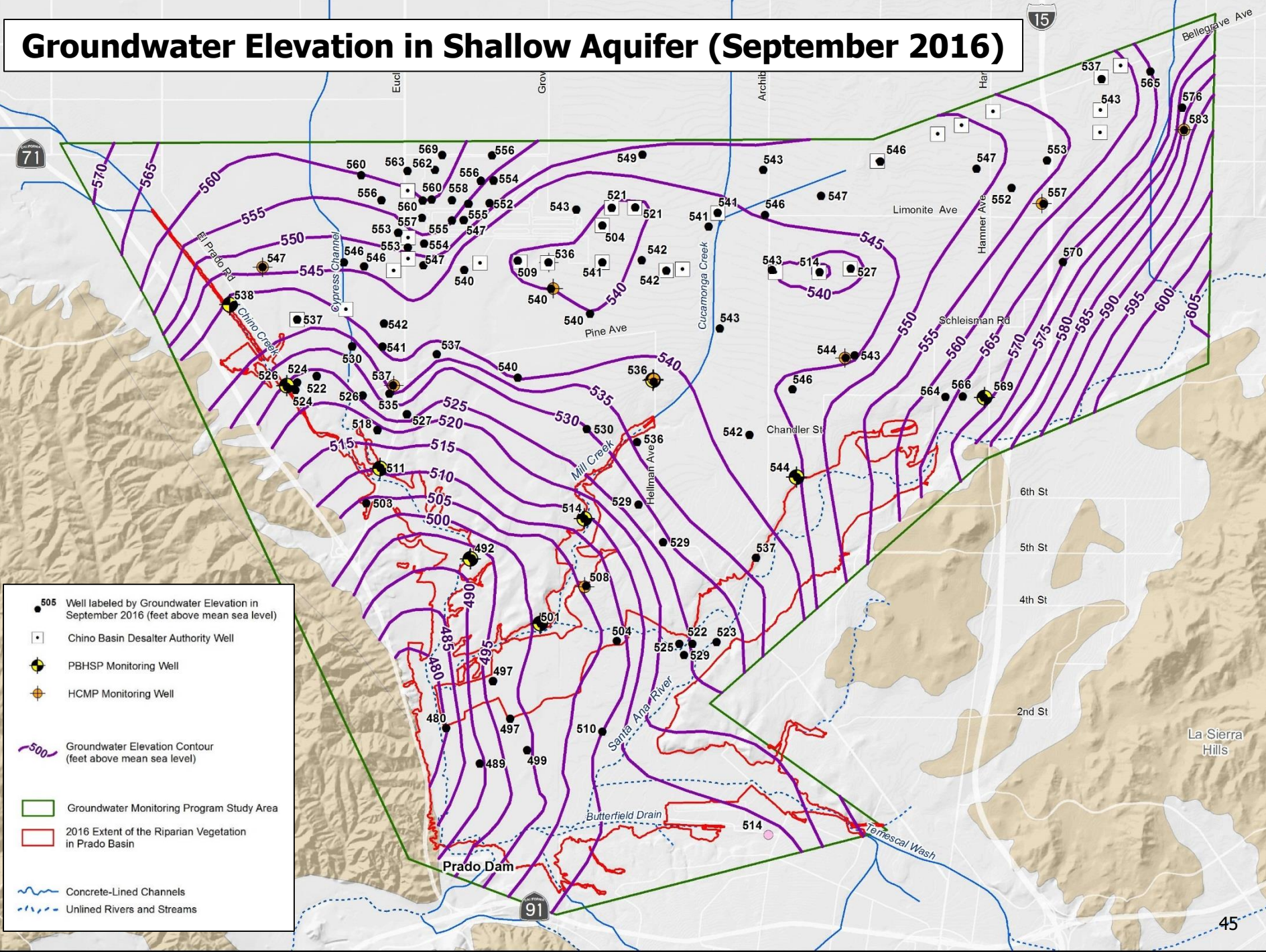
Production at Wells in the (GMP) Study Area



Groundwater Production 2015/16

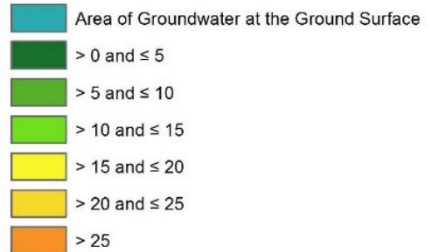


Groundwater Elevation in Shallow Aquifer (September 2016)



Depth to Groundwater (September 2016)

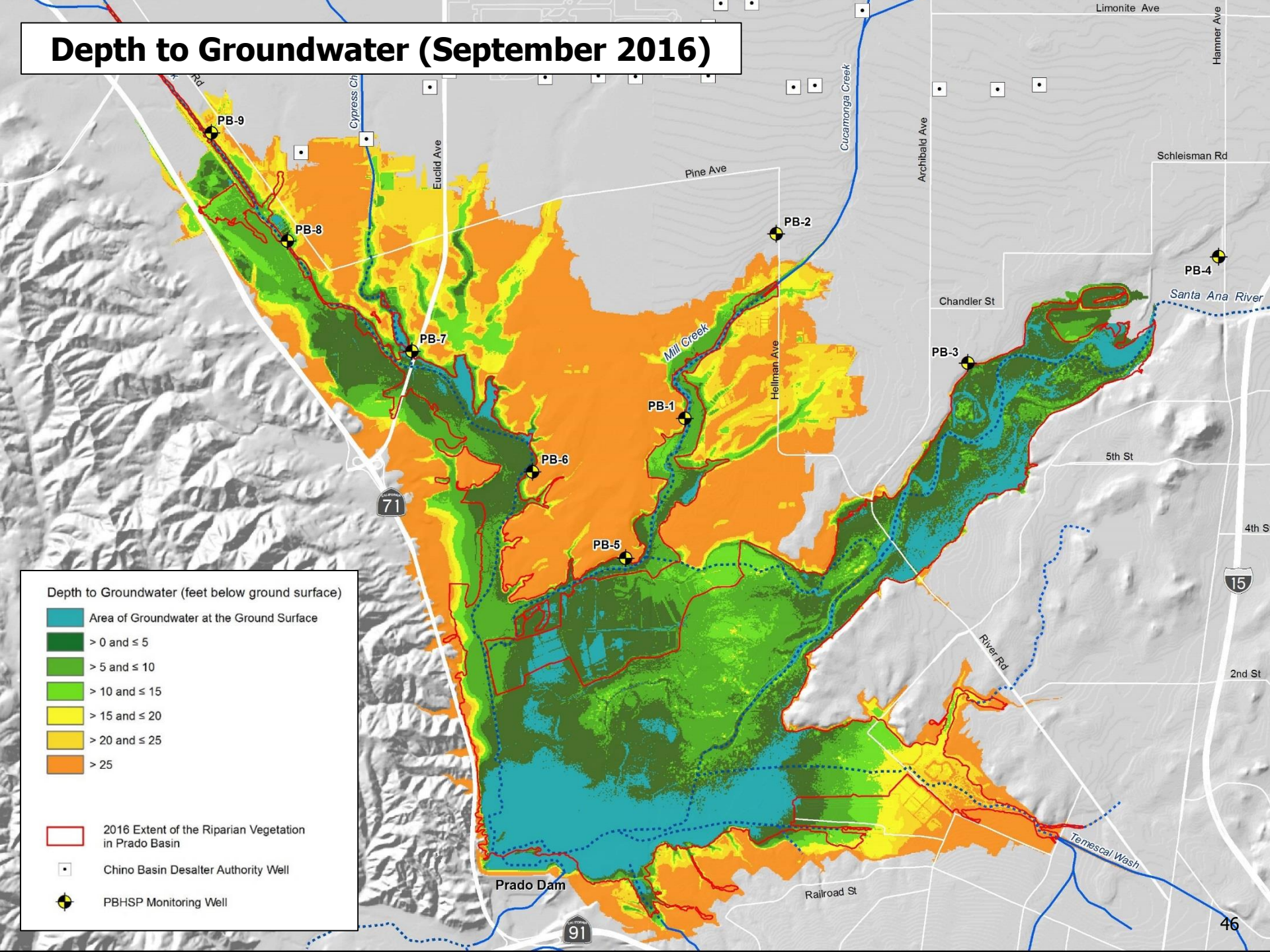
Depth to Groundwater (feet below ground surface)



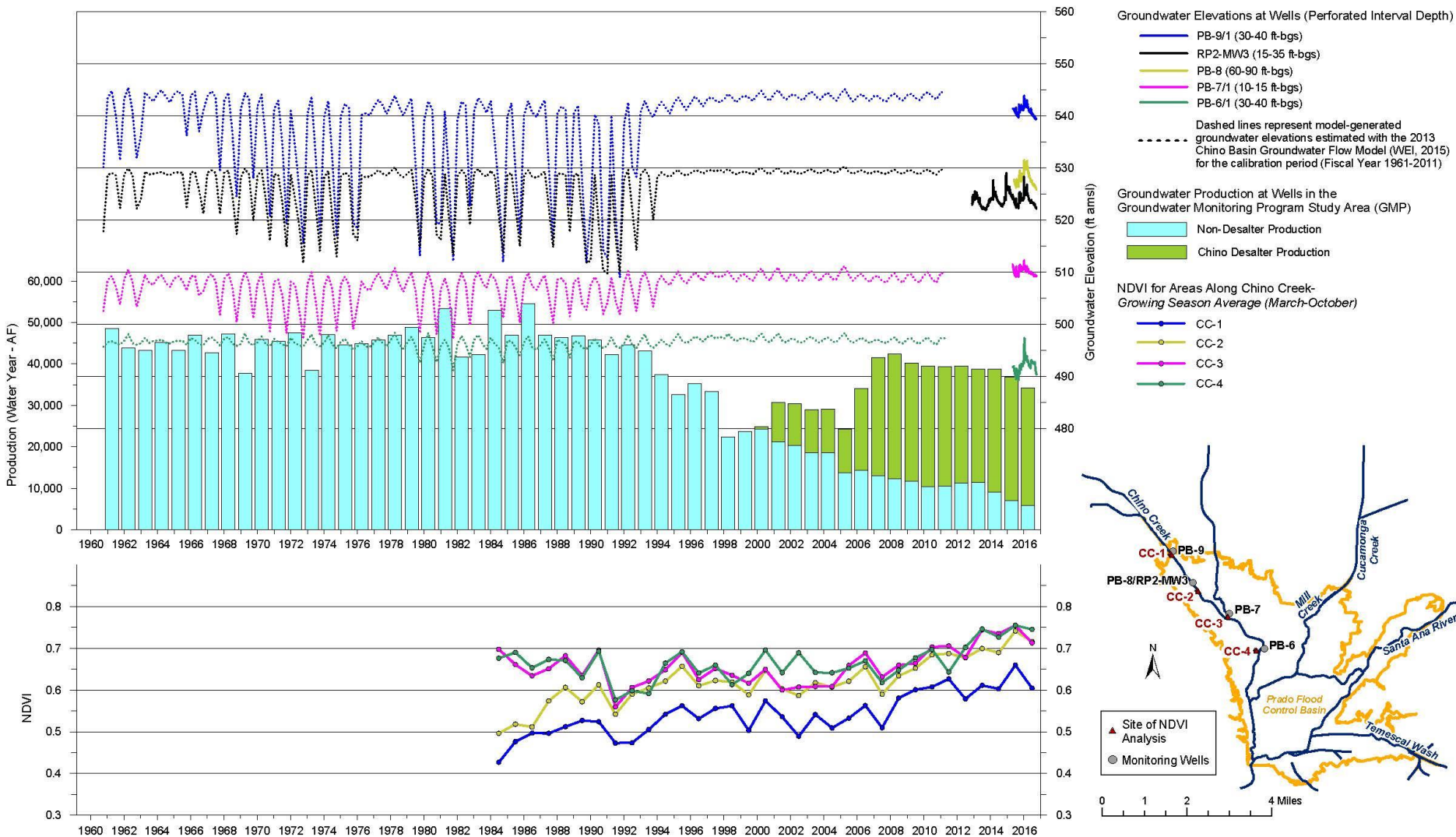
2016 Extent of the Riparian Vegetation in Prado Basin

Chino Basin Desalter Authority Well

PBHSP Monitoring Well



Groundwater Production/Levels vs. NDVI - Chino Creek



Groundwater Production and
Groundwater Levels versus NDVI
Chino Creek Area for 1960-2016

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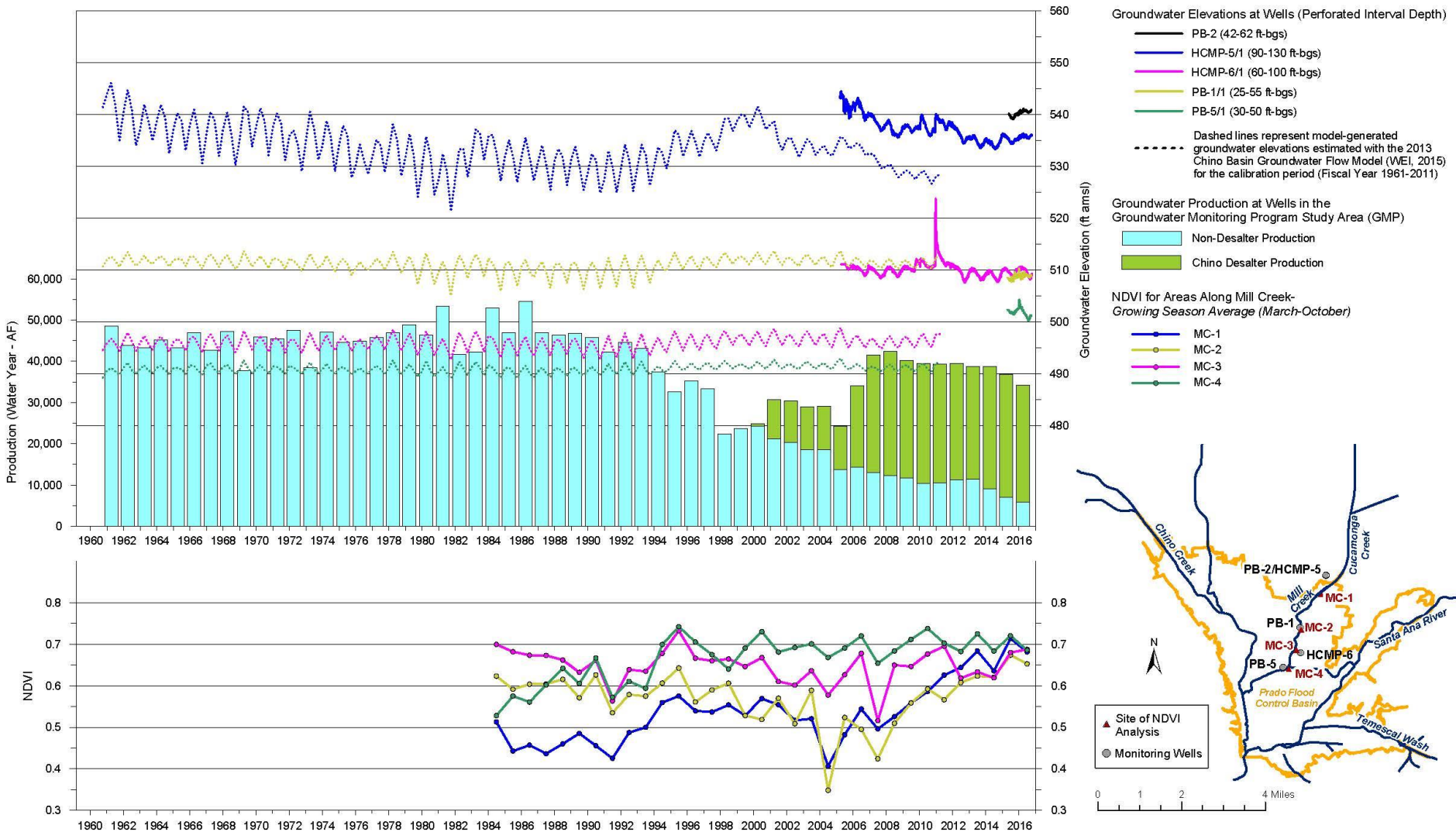


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Groundwater Production/Levels vs. NDVI – Mill Creek



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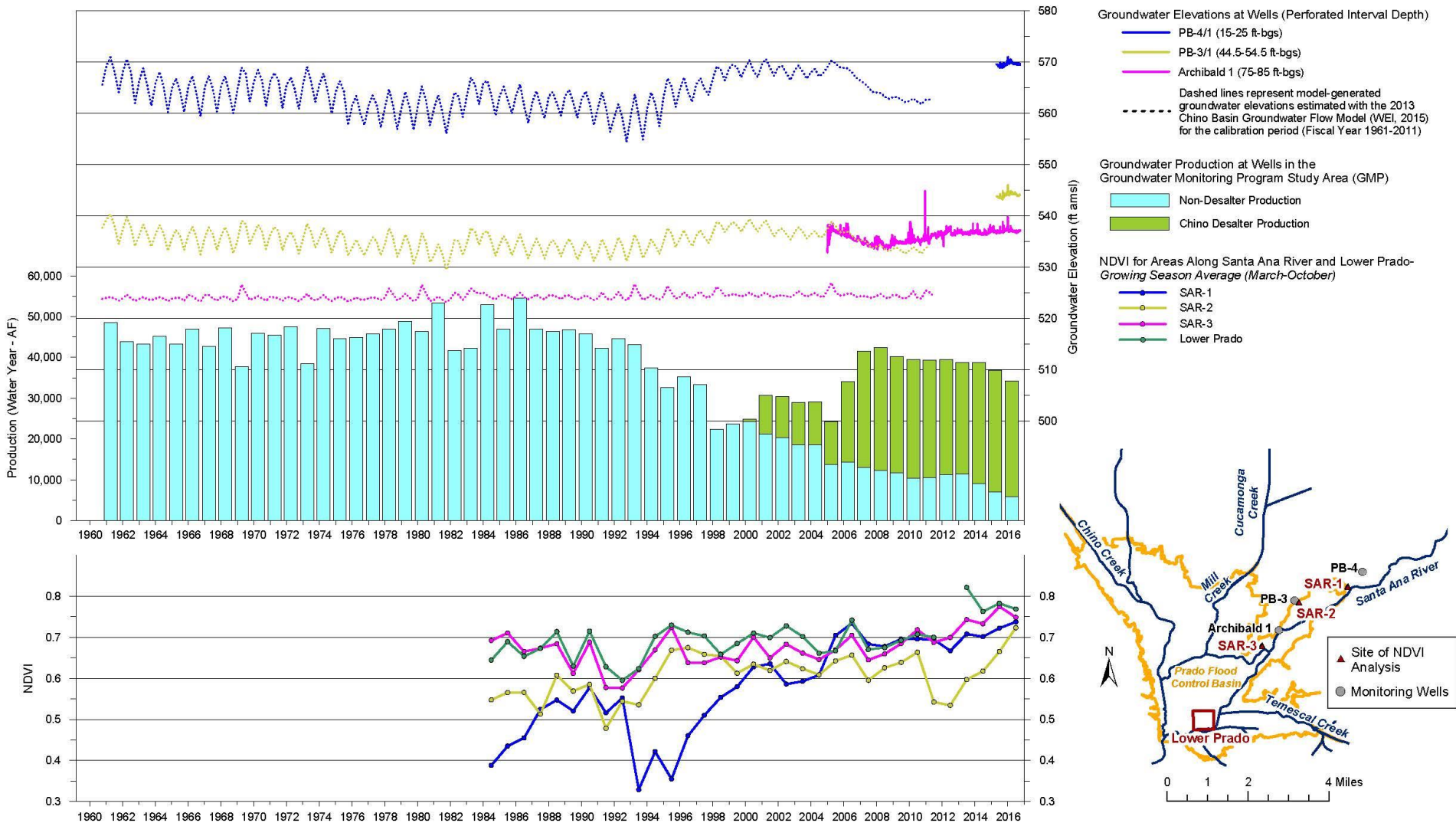
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Groundwater Production and
Groundwater Levels versus NDVI
Mill Creek Area for 1960-2016

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Groundwater Production/Levels vs. NDVI – Santa Ana River



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Groundwater Production and
Groundwater Levels versus NDVI
Santa Ana River and Lower Prado Area for 1960-2016

Figure 3-9c

Conclusions and Recommendations

Groundwater vs. Riparian Habitat

- With exception of two locations, groundwater levels have remained stable across the Prado Basin and appear unaffected by Peace II implementation
- Two exceptions: northern reaches of Mill Creek and SAR
 - +/- 10 feet of groundwater level change since early 1990s
 - No observed degradation of riparian habitat
- Recommendations:
 - Continue monitoring program with no change in scope



Figure 3-10
Annual Precipitation in the Chino Basin - Water Years 1896-2016

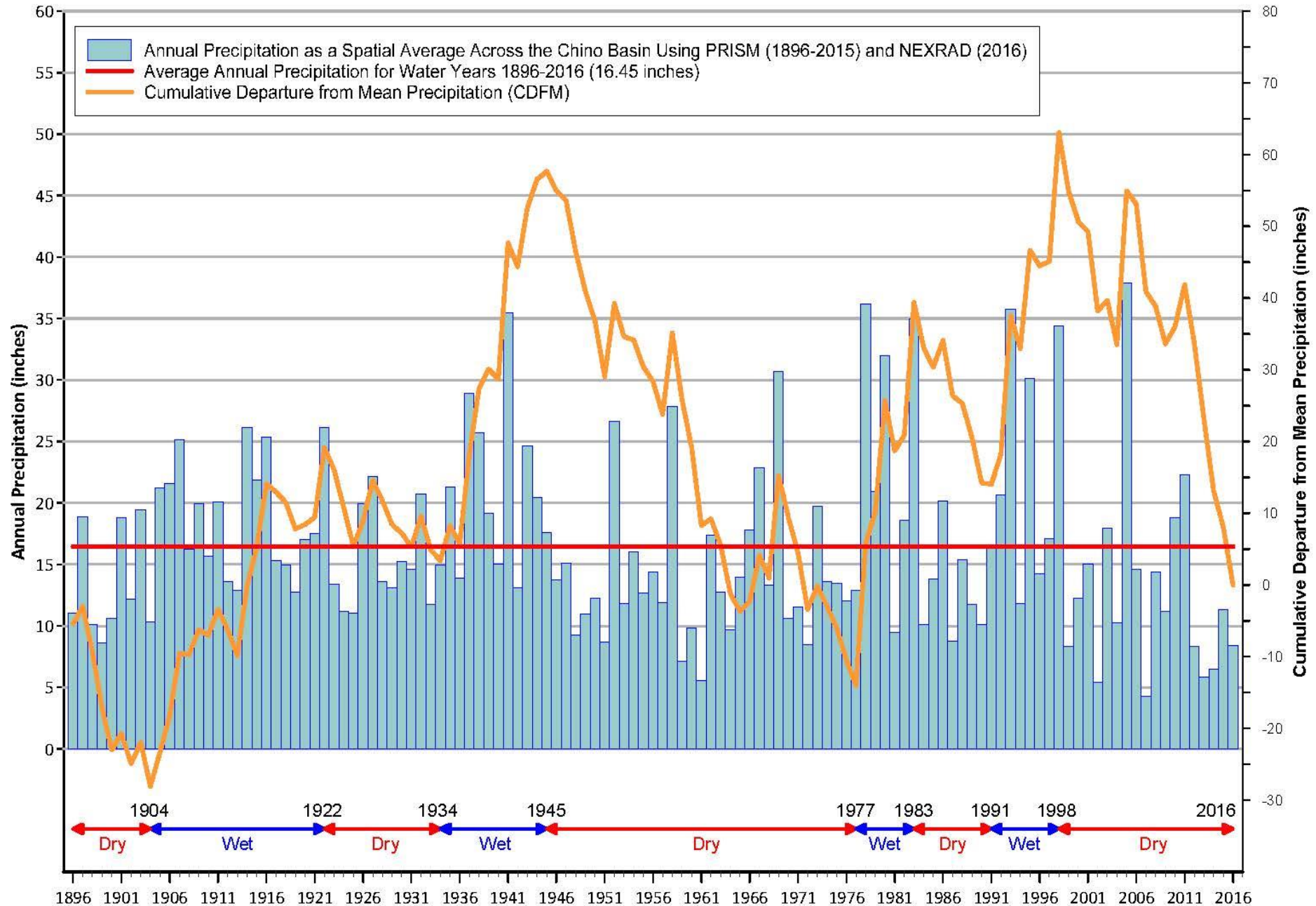
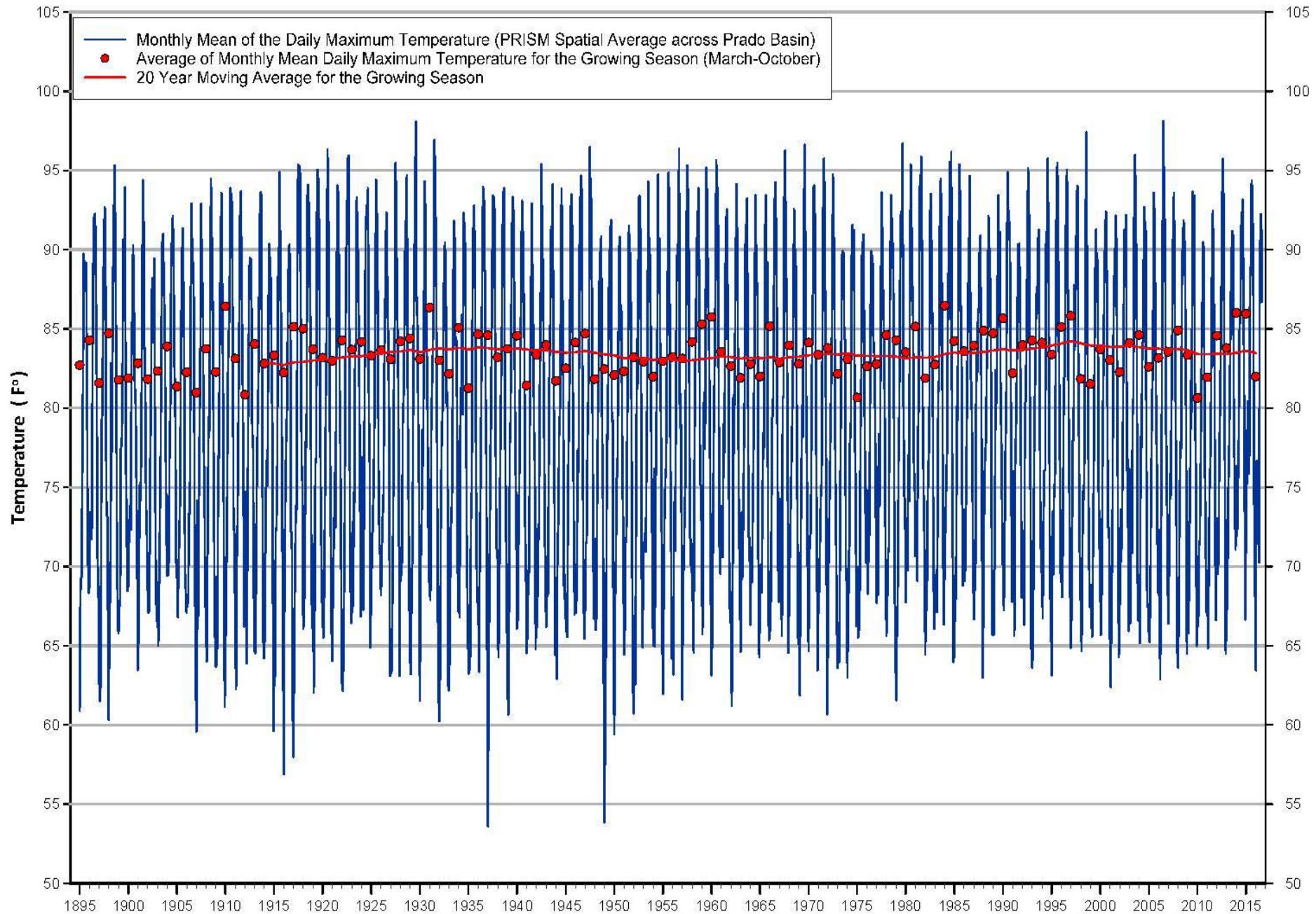
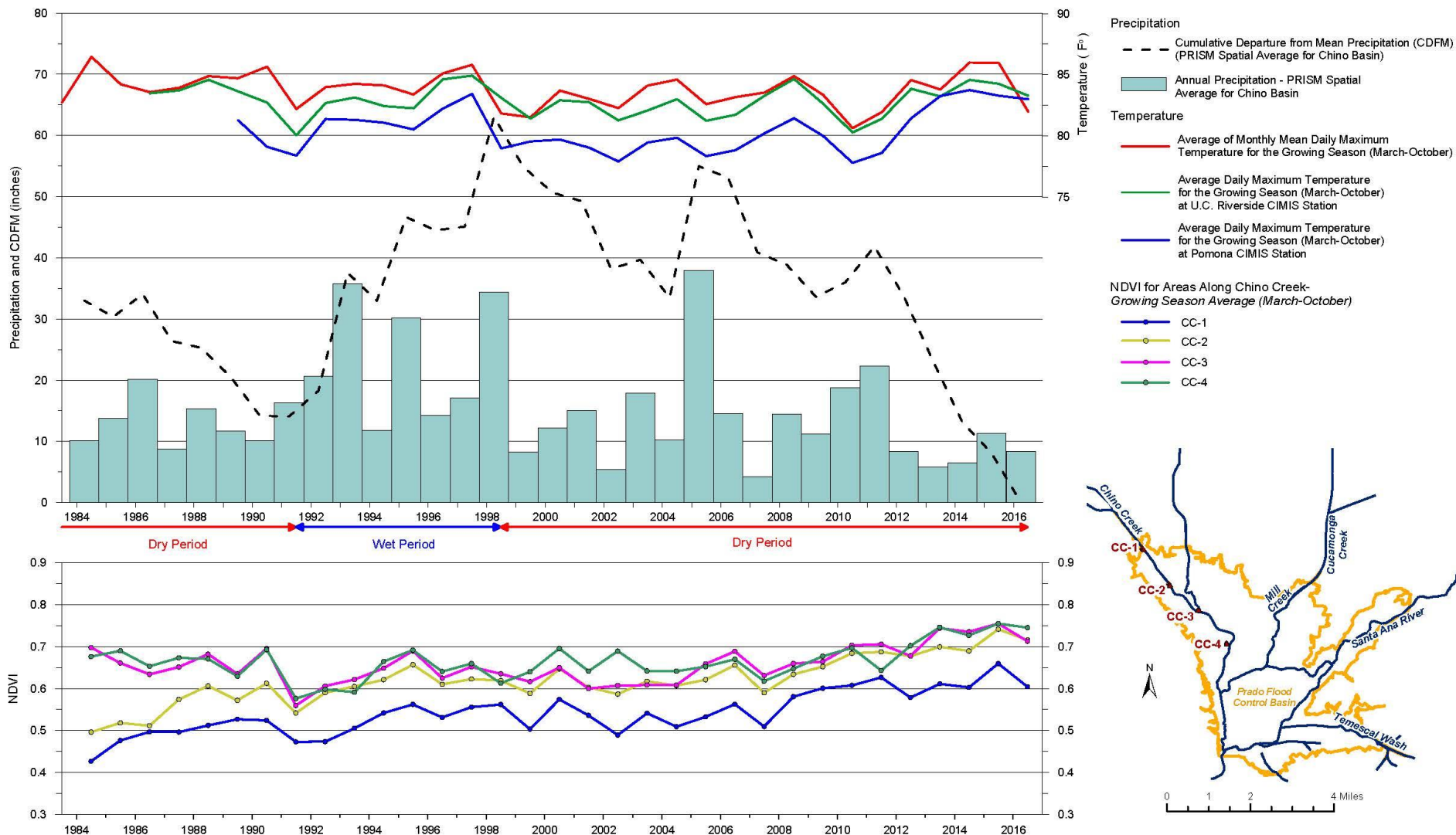


Figure 3-11a
Monthly Maximum Temperature in Prado Basin - 1895-2016



Climate vs. NDVI- Chino Creek



Climate versus NDVI
Chino Creek Area for 1984-2016

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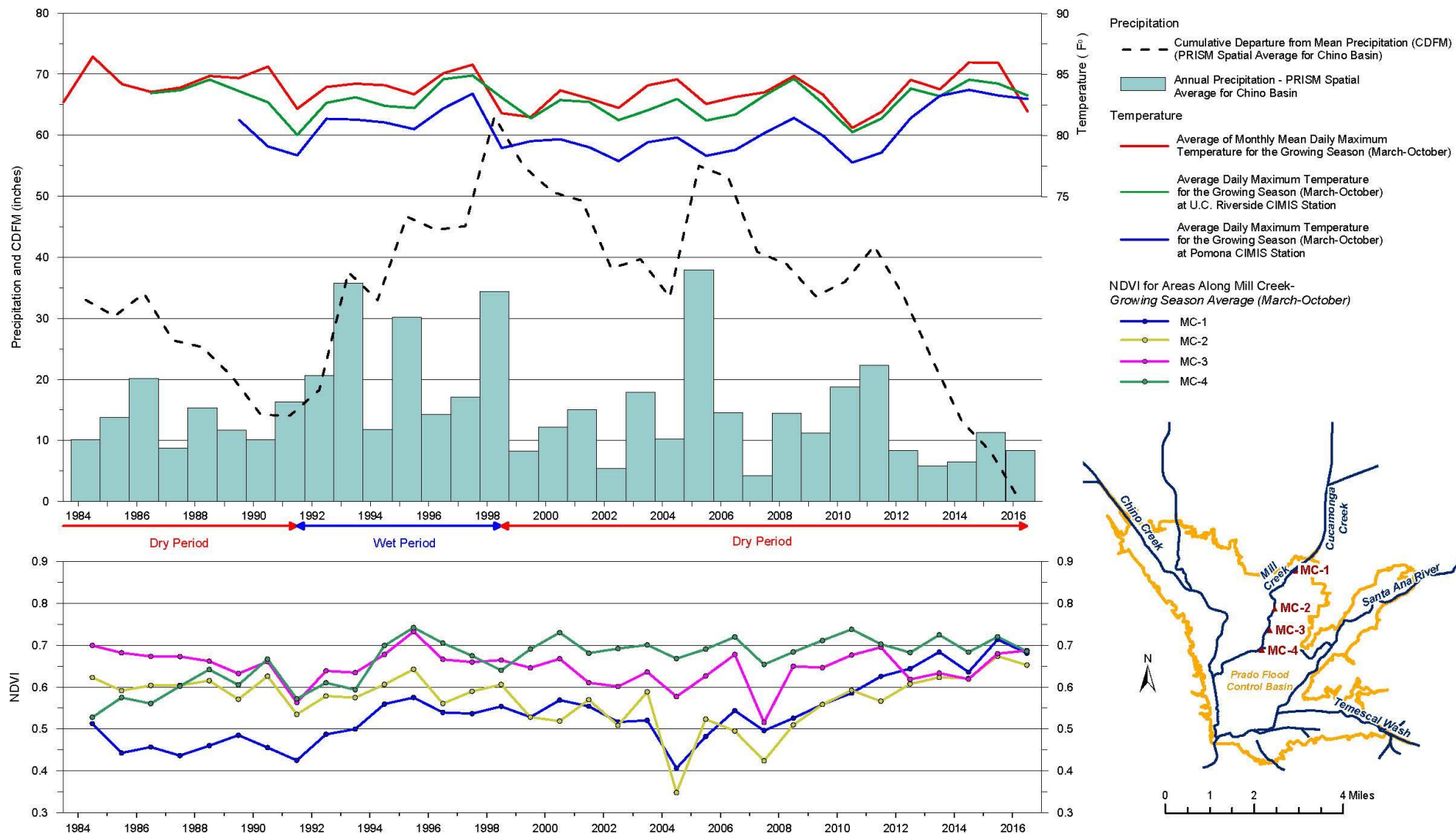


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Climate vs. NDVI - Mill Creek



Climate versus NDVI
Mill Creek Area for 1984-2016

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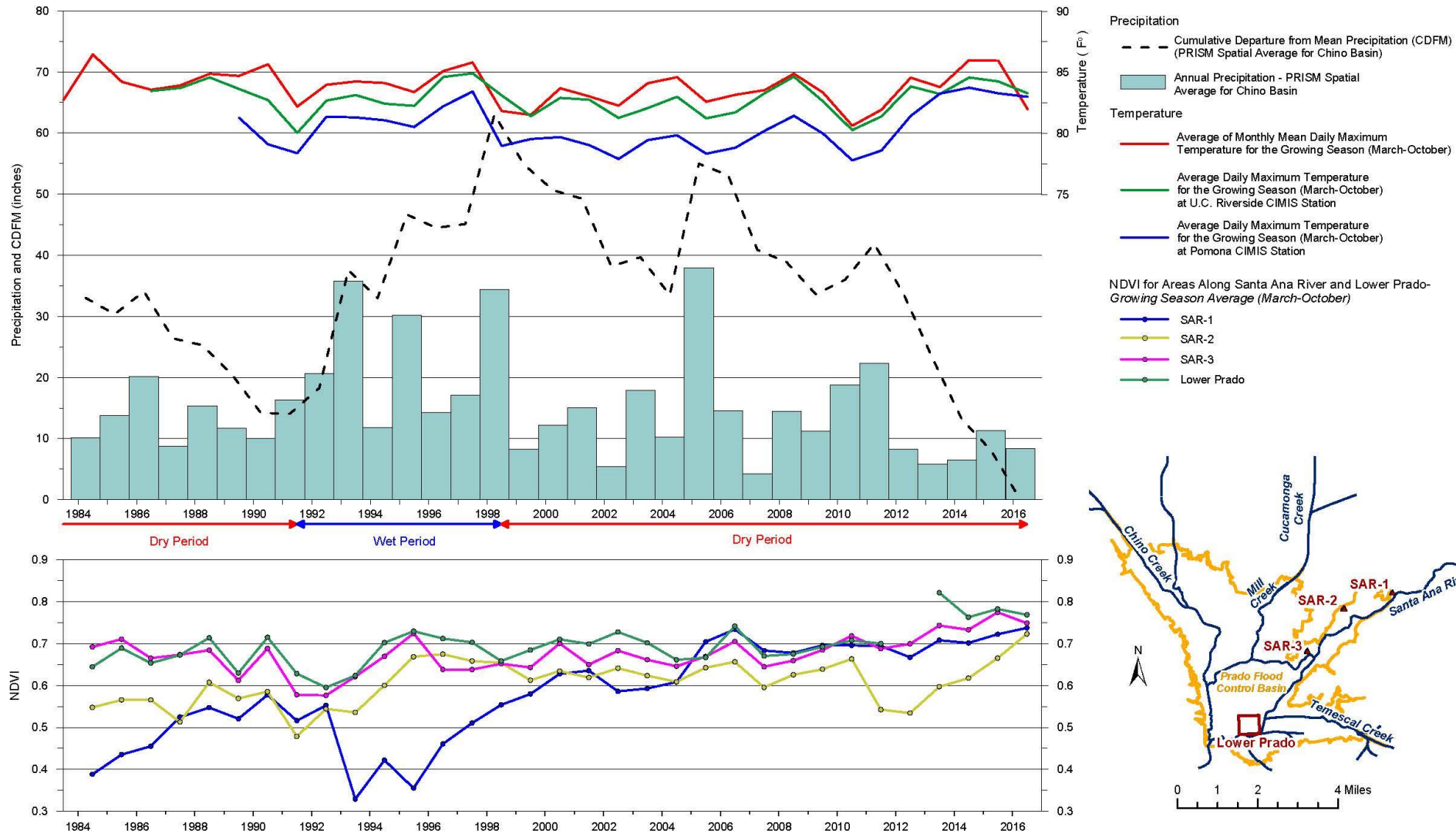


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Climate versus NDVI
Santa Ana River and Lower Prado Area for 1984-2016

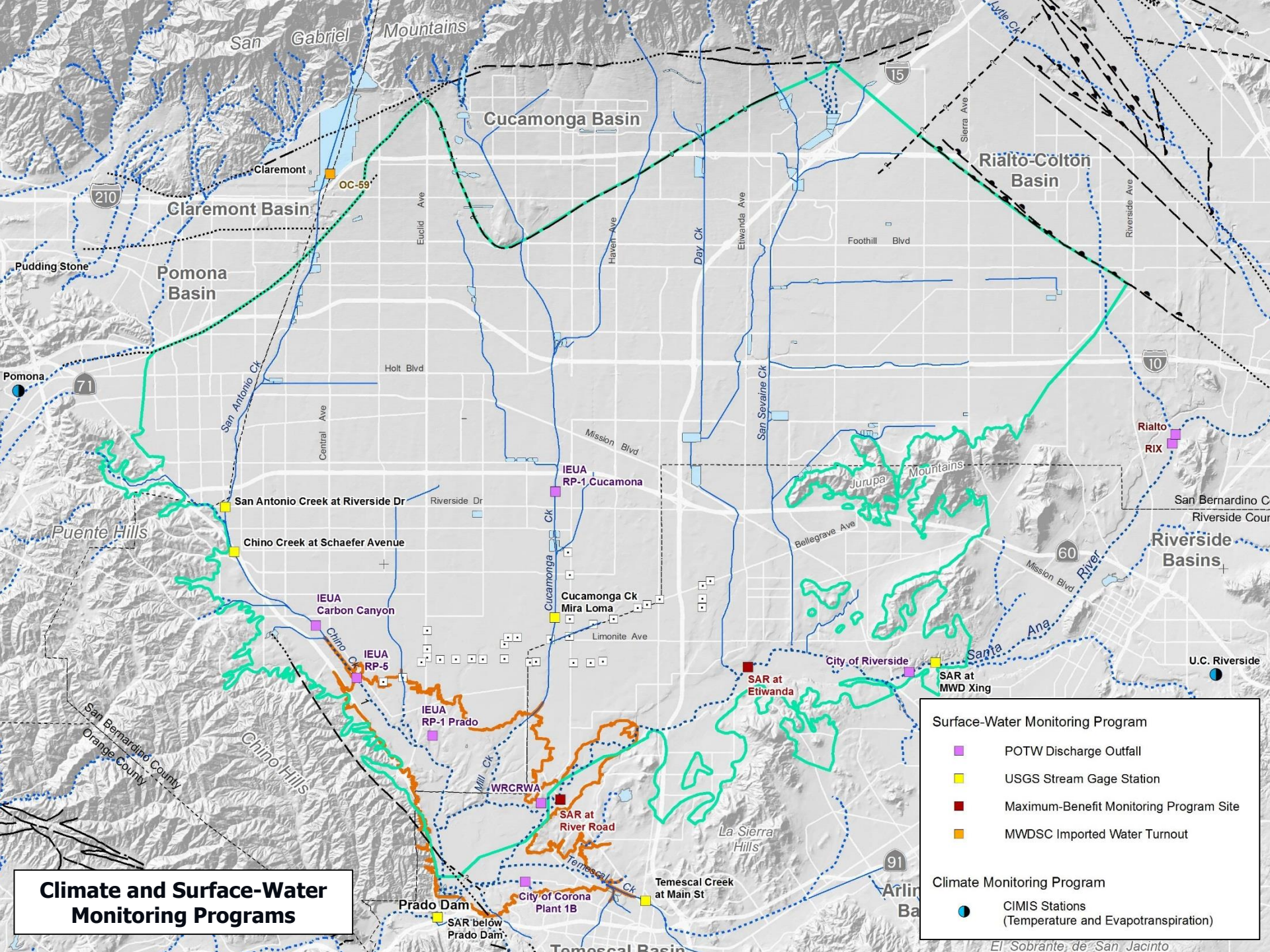
Figure 3-12c

Conclusions and Recommendations

Climatic vs. Riparian Habitat

- The riparian habitat experienced no trend in degradation that correlates with the dry period from 1999 to 2016
 - → Source waters other than precipitation and storm flow are more important for consumptive use by riparian vegetation, such as base flow and shallow groundwater
- Recommendations:
 - Continue monitoring program with no change in scope





Climate and Surface-Water Monitoring Programs

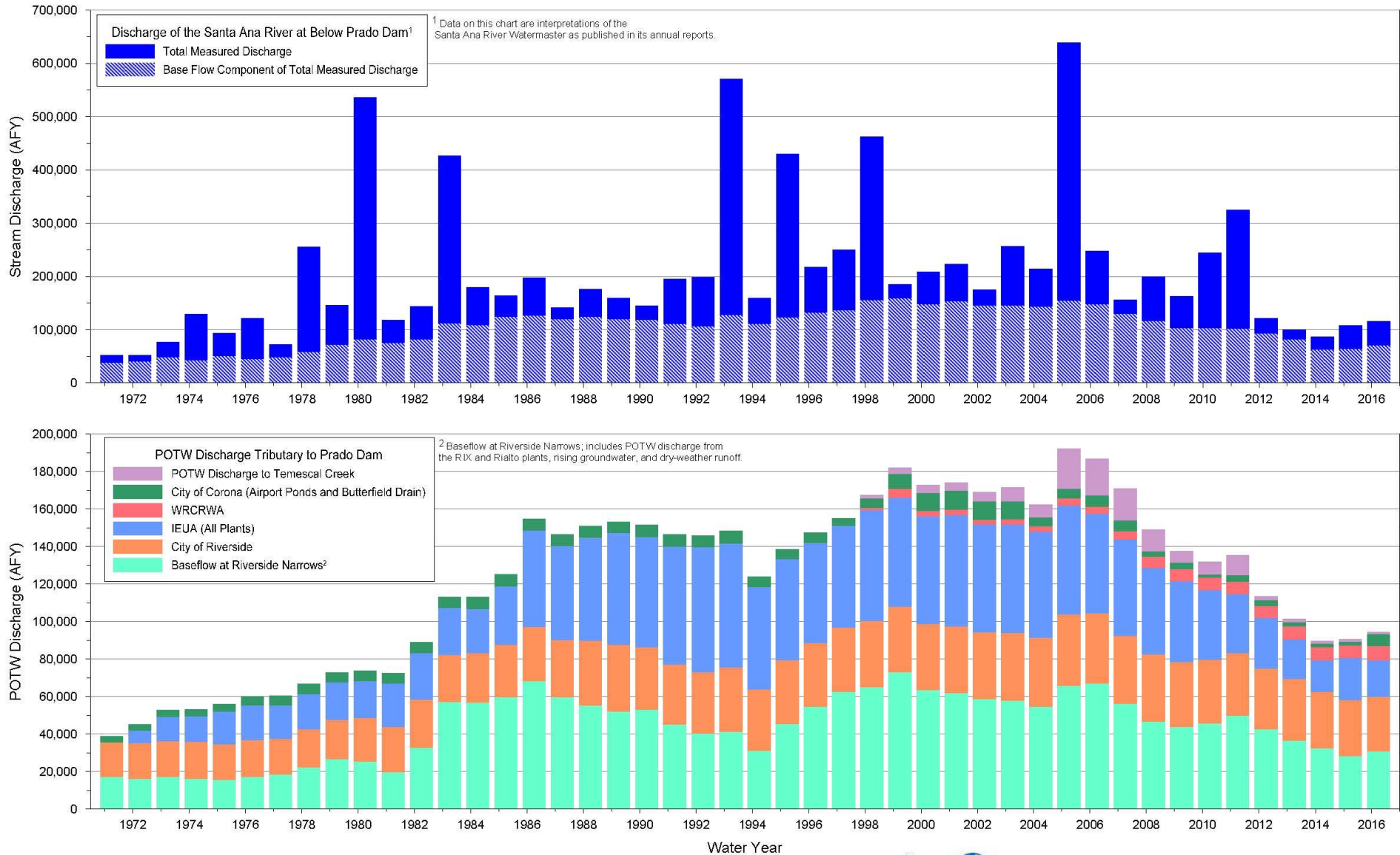
Surface-Water Monitoring Program

- POTW Discharge Outfall
- USGS Stream Gage Station
- Maximum-Benefit Monitoring Program Site
- MWDSC Imported Water Turnout

Climate Monitoring Program

- CIMIS Stations (Temperature and Evapotranspiration)

Surface-Water Discharge



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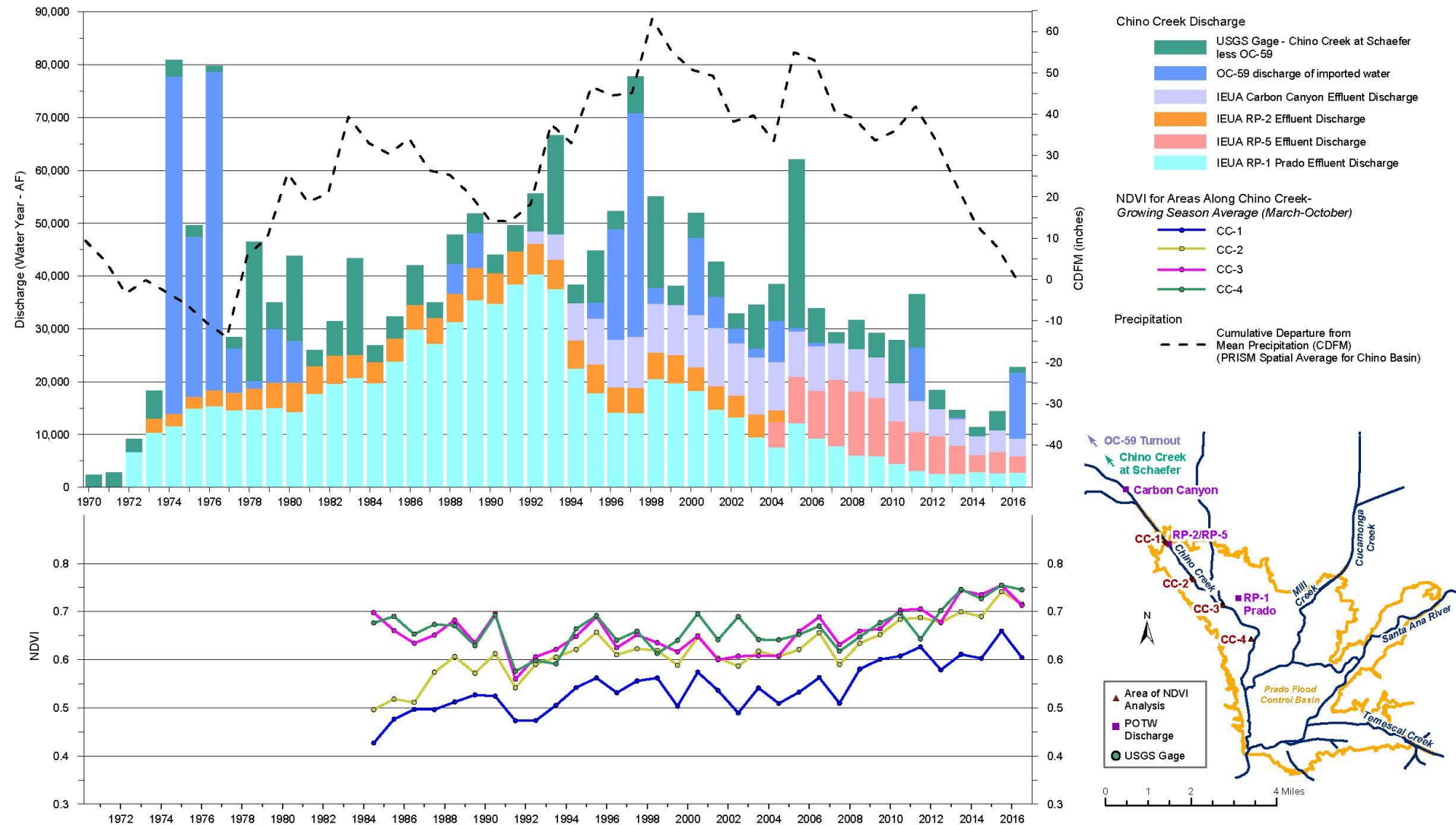


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Discharge Tributary to Prado Dam
Water Year 1960-2016

Figure 3-13

Surface Water Discharge vs. NDVI; Chino Creek



Surface-Water Discharge versus NDVI
Chino Creek Area for 1971-2016

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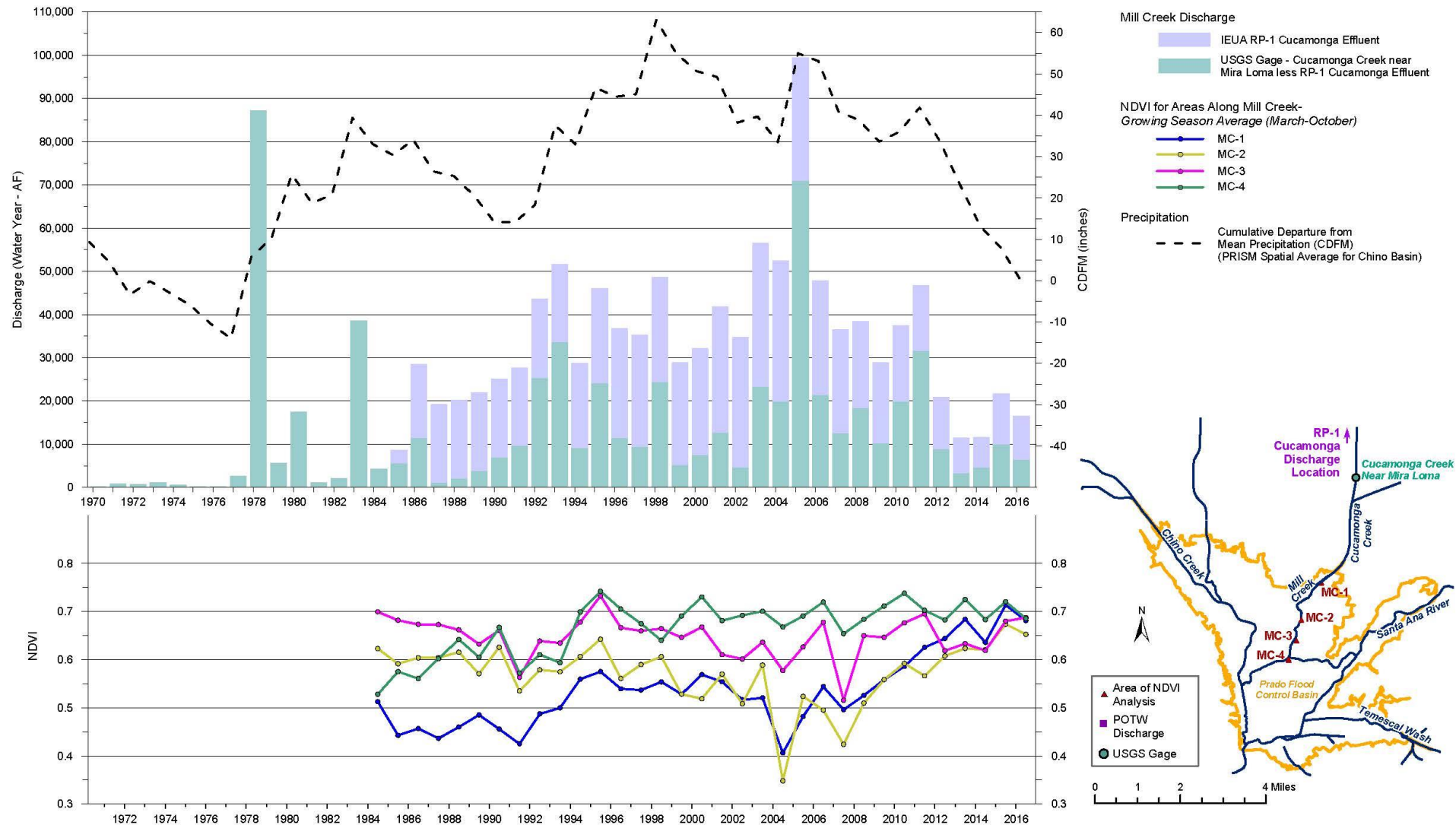


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Surface Water Discharge vs. NDVI – Mill Creek



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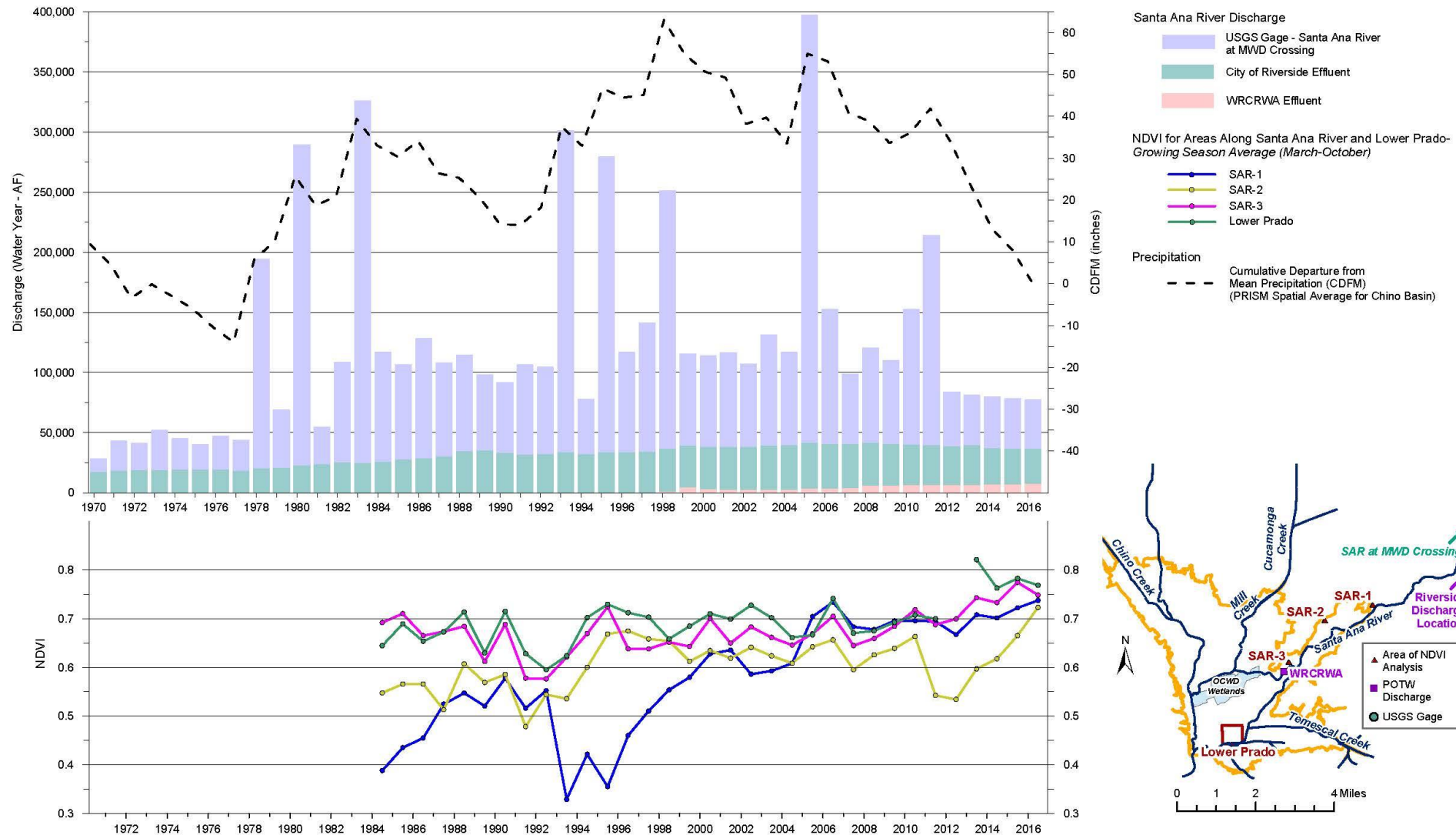
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Surface-Water Discharge versus NDVI
Mill Creek Area for 1971-2016

Figure 3-14b

Surface Water Discharge vs. NDVI; Santa Ana River



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Surface-Water Discharge versus NDVI
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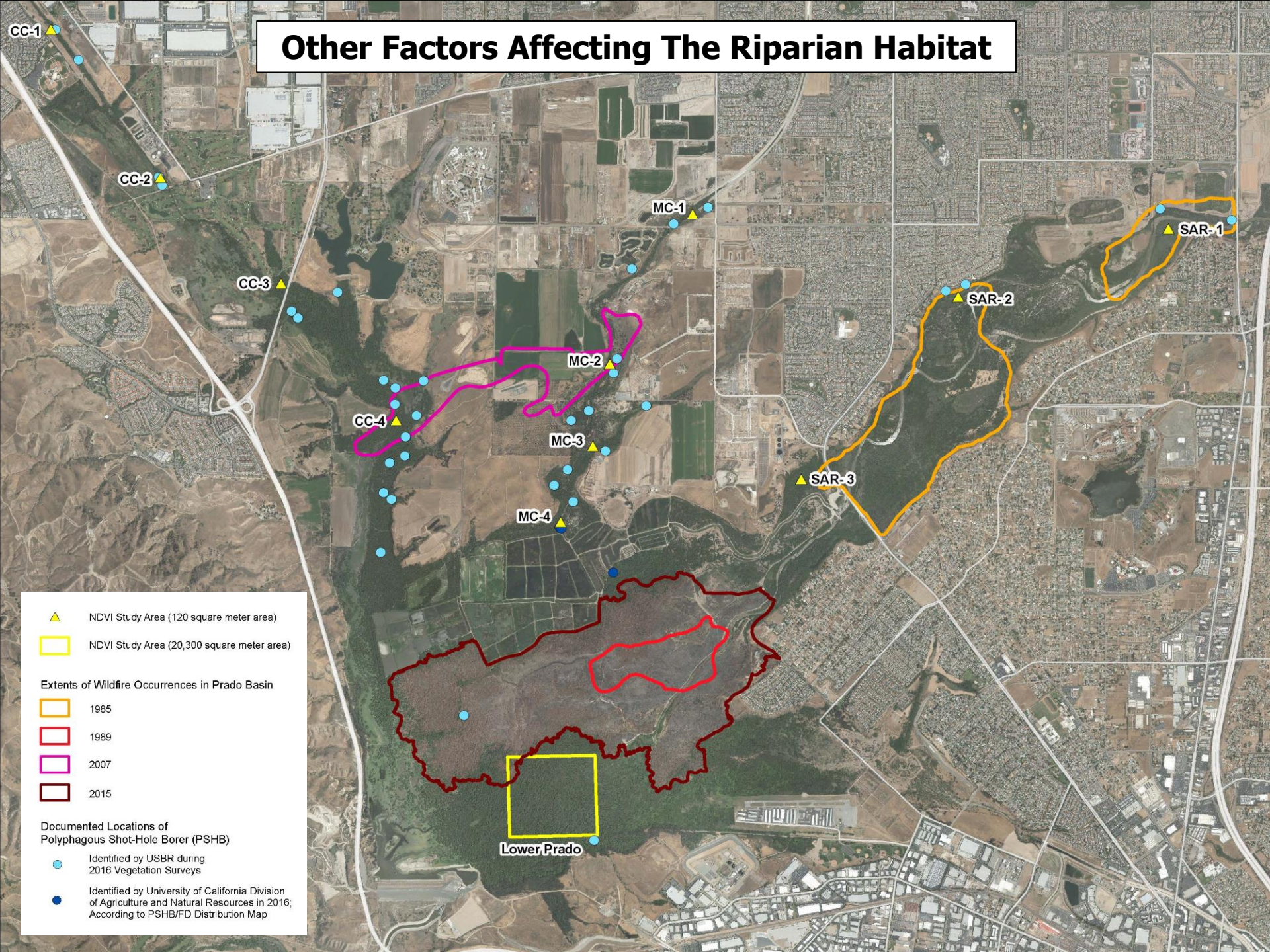
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Surface-Water Discharge vs. Riparian Habitat

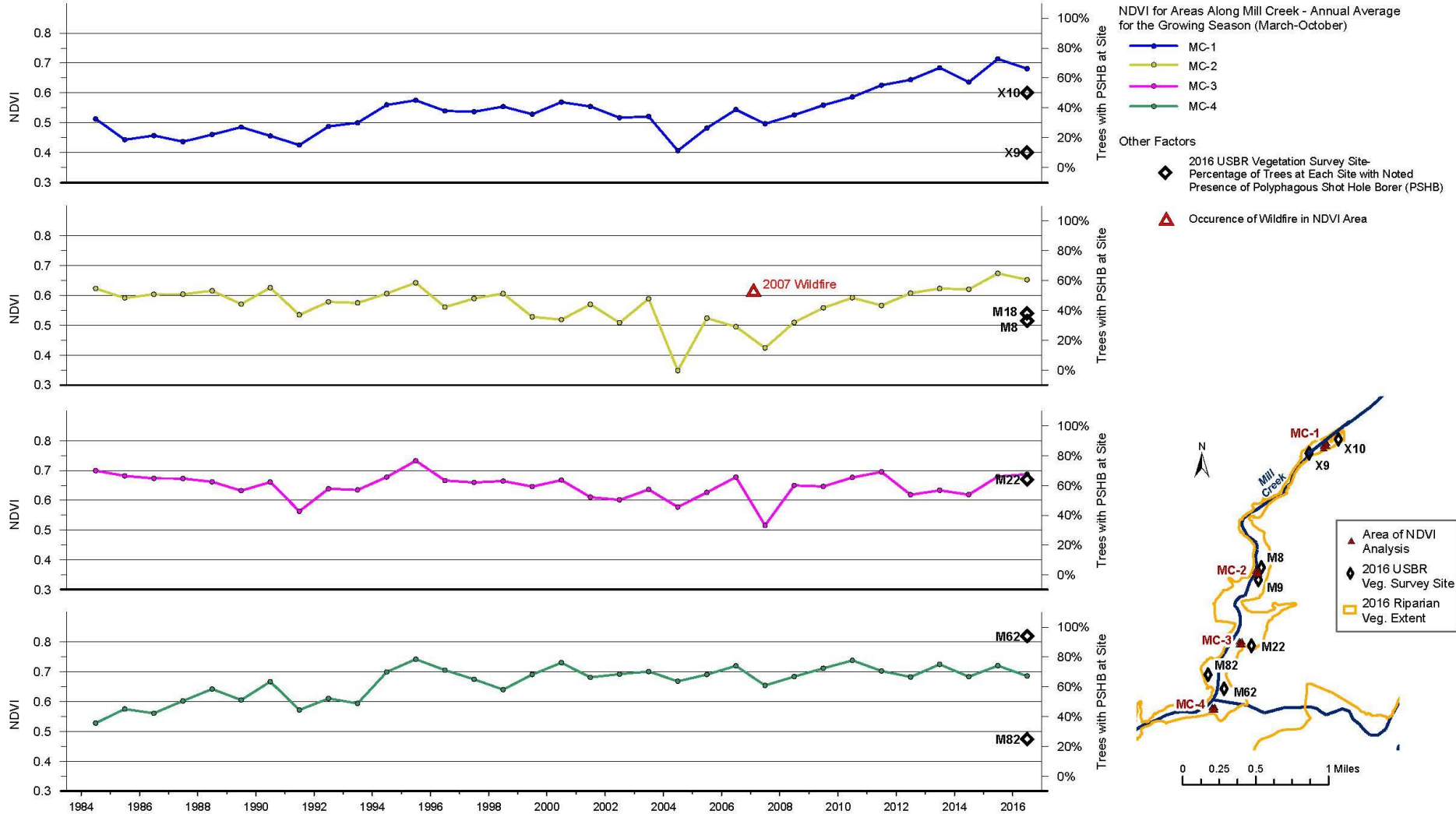
- Discharge in the SAR and its tributaries has declined since 2005
 - → Dry conditions and reductions in POTW discharge
- The riparian habitat has experienced no trend in degradation that correlates with the reduction in stream discharge, and may have improved in the northern reaches of Chino Creek, Mill Creek and the SAR
- Recommendations:
 - Continue monitoring program with no change in scope
 - Analyze stream discharge on a growing-season time-step



Other Factors Affecting The Riparian Habitat



Other Factors vs. NDVI – Mill Creek



Other Factors That Can Affect
Riparian Habitat versus NDVI
Mill Creek Area for 1984-2016

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2016 Annual Report
Prado Basin Habitat Sustainability Committee



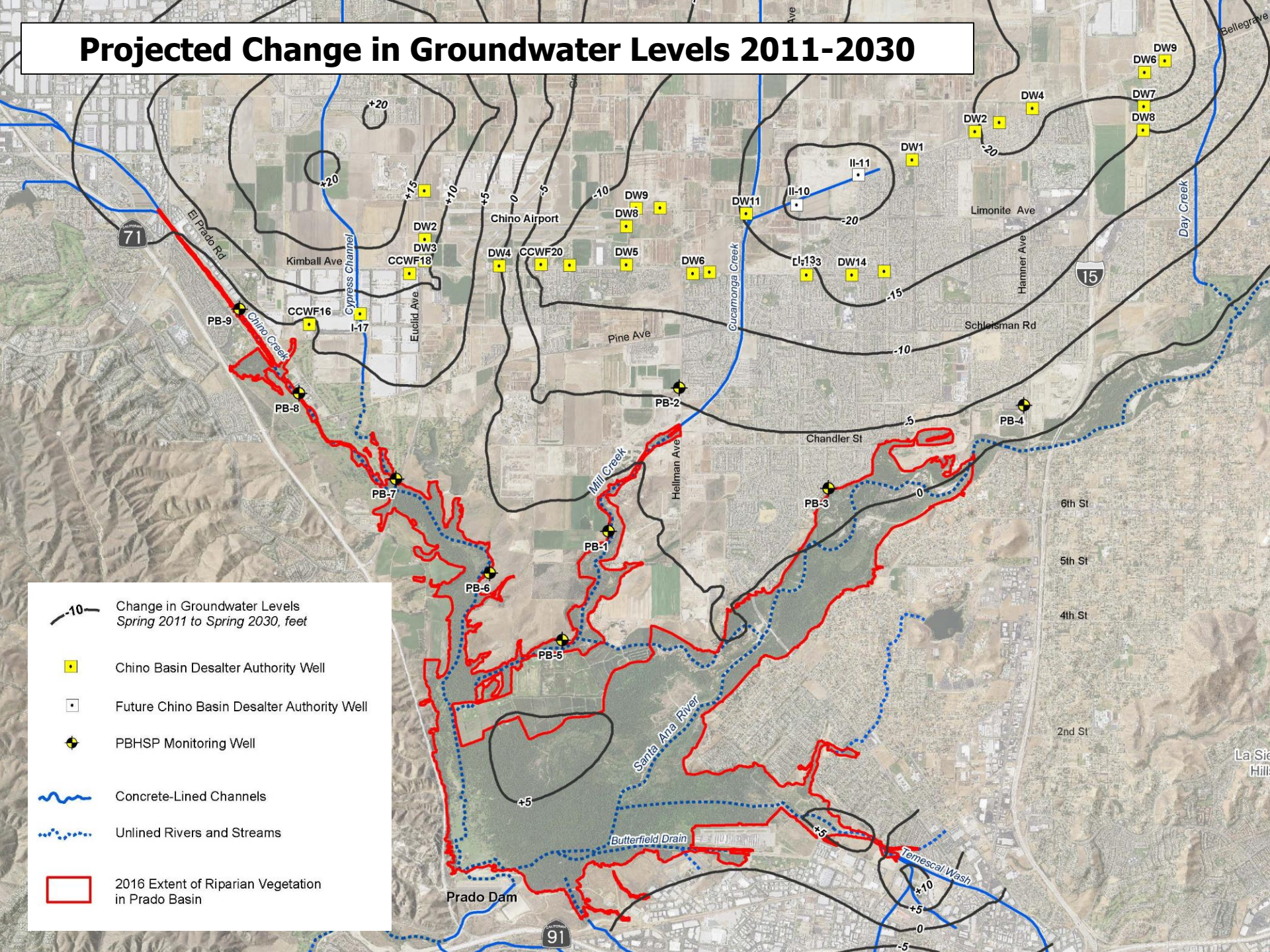
Conclusions and Recommendations

Other Factors vs. Riparian Habitat

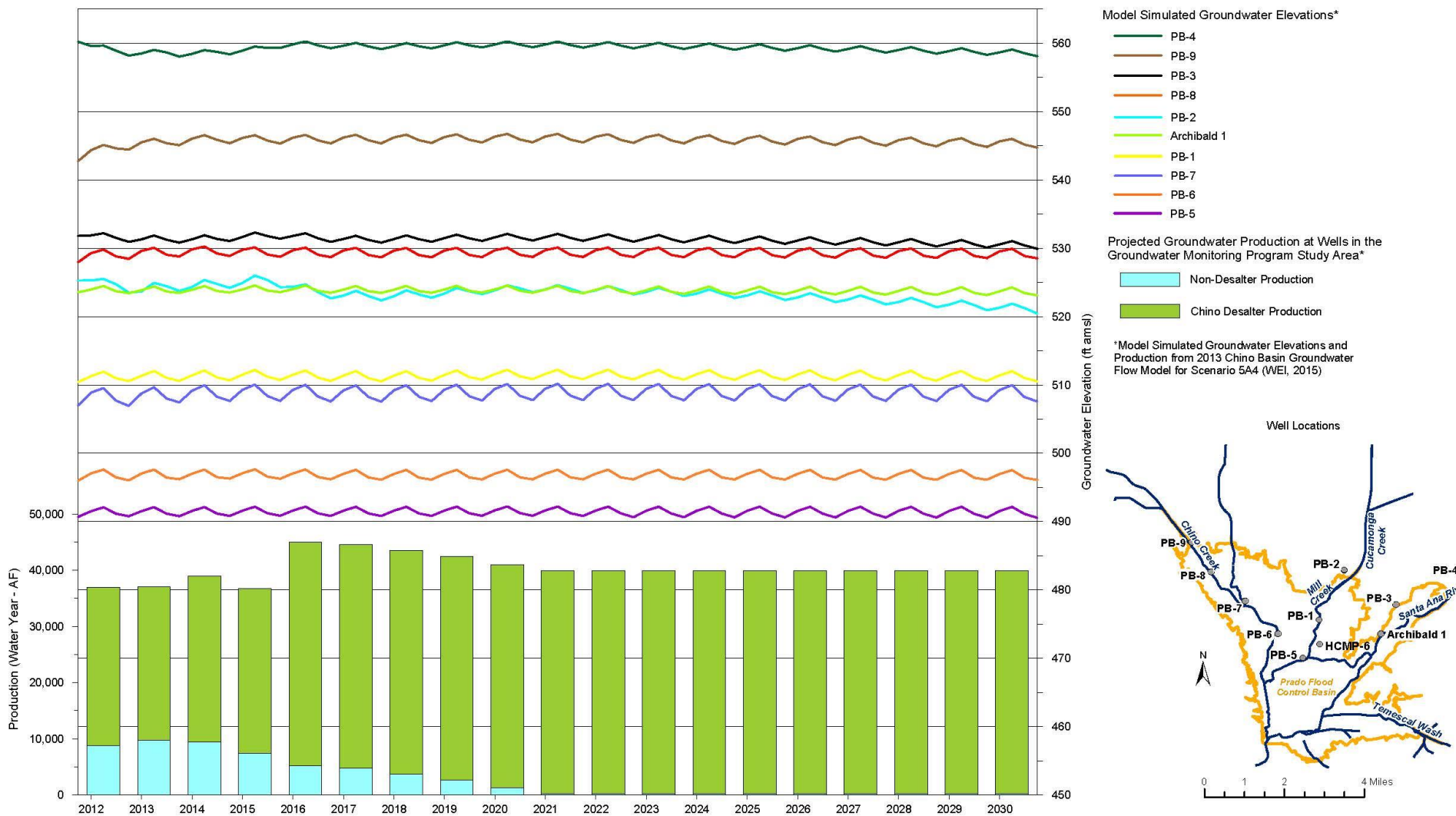
- Other factors that have documented adverse impacts on the riparian habitat
 - Wildfire
 - Pests → PSHB (beetle)
- Recommendations:
 - Continue monitoring program with no change in scope



Projected Change in Groundwater Levels 2011-2030



Projected Change in Groundwater Production and Levels 2012-2030



Projected Groundwater Production and Groundwater Levels 2012-2030

Figure 3-18

Conclusions and Recommendations

Analysis of Prospective Loss of Riparian Habitat

- Projected changes in groundwater levels in Prado Basin through 2030 are minor (+/- five feet)
- There is one area of concern for prospective loss of riparian habitat
 - Northern reach of Mill Creek
- Recommendations:
 - Continue monitoring of groundwater levels
 - Investigate rooting depths of riparian vegetation
 - Utilize an updated groundwater-flow model to project groundwater-level changes to characterize areas of prospective loss of riparian habitat



Table 1
Work Breakdown Structure, Cost Estimate, and Schedule
PBHSP Monitoring Program – FY2017-18

Task Description	Labor Total		Other Direct Costs					Notes	Totals				
	Person Days	Total	Travel	Equip. Rental	Lab	Outside Pro	Total		FY 2017-18	FY 2016-17	Difference	IEUA Portion FY 2017-18	CBWM Portion FY 2017-18
Task 1: Groundwater Level Monitoring Program	10.4	\$11,152					\$779		\$11,931	\$11,721	\$210	-	\$11,931
1.1 Collect Transducer Data from PBHSP Wells (Quarterly)	4.8	\$4,304	\$587	\$192			\$779		\$5,083				
1.2 Collect, Check, and Upload Transducer Data from PBHSP Wells (Quarterly)	5.6	\$6,848					\$0		\$6,848				
Task 2: Groundwater Quality Monitoring Program	25.6	\$24,400					\$24,655		\$49,055	\$77,160	-\$28,105	-	\$49,055
2.1 Collect Groundwater-Quality from PBHSP Wells (Quarterly)	18.4	\$15,472	\$2,035	\$4,120	\$18,500		\$24,655		\$40,127				
2.2 Check and Upload Groundwater Quality Field and Lab Data from PBHSP Wells (Quarterly)	7.2	\$8,928					\$0		\$8,928				
Task 3: Surface Water Monitoring Program	3.2	\$3,744					\$0		\$3,744	\$3,230	\$514	-	\$3,744
3.1 Quality Data from POTWs, and Dam level data from the ACOE (Annual)	2.2	\$2,608					\$0		\$2,608				
3.2 Collect, Check, and Upload Surface Water Discharge and Quality Data from USGS gaging stations (Annual)	1.0	\$1,136					\$0		\$1,136				
Task 4: Riparian Habitat Monitoring Program	28.8	\$40,342					\$10,000		\$50,342	\$199,794	-\$149,452	\$25,171.0	\$25,171.0
4.1 Manage and Perform Custom Flight to Collect a High-Resolution Air Photo of the Prado Basin Region	1.0	\$1,816				\$10,000	\$10,000	1	\$11,816				
4.2 Collect, Check, Catalog, and Digitize the 2017 Air Photo for Prado Basin Region	4.3	\$5,682					\$0		\$5,682				
4.3 Collect, Check, and Upload 2017 Landsat NDVI Data in the Prado Basin	3.8	\$5,262					\$0		\$5,262				
4.4 Collect, Check, and Upload Historical Landsat NDVI Data in the Prado Basin	12.2	\$16,074					\$0		\$16,074				
4.5 Design a Site-Specific Vegetation Monitoring Program to Ground-Truth NDVI data	7.5	\$11,508					\$0		\$11,508				
Task 5: Climate Monitoring Program	1.0	\$1,456					\$300		\$1,756	\$1,368	\$388	\$878.20	\$878.20
5.1 Collect, Check, and Upload Climatic Data (Annual)	1.0	\$1,456				\$300	\$300		\$1,756				
Task 6: Prepare Annual Report of the PBHSC	60.5	\$90,872					\$210		\$91,082	\$141,436	-\$50,354	\$45,541.0	\$45,541.0
6.1 Analyze Data and Prepare Admin Draft Report for CBWM/IEUA	47.0	\$70,308					\$0		\$70,308				
6.2 Meet with CBWM/IEUA to Review Admin Draft Report	2.5	\$4,148	\$105				\$105		\$4,253				
6.3 Incorporate CBWM/IEUA Comments and Prepare Draft Report: Submit Draft Report to PBHSC	5.0	\$7,200					\$0		\$7,200				
6.4 Meet with PBHSC to Review Draft Report	3.0	\$4,888	\$105				\$105		\$4,993				
6.5 Incorporate PBHSC Comments and Finalize Report	3.0	\$4,328					\$0		\$4,328				
Task 7: Project Management and Administration	11.8	\$18,898					\$105		\$19,003	\$18,444	\$559	\$9,501.30	\$9,501.30
7.1 Ad-Hoc Meetings (one meeting)	3.0	\$4,888	\$105				\$105		\$4,993				
7.2 Prepare Scope and Budget for FY 2018-19	4.0	\$6,368					\$0		\$6,368				
7.3 Project Administration and Financial Reporting	4.8	\$7,642					\$0		\$7,642				
Totals	267	\$190,864	\$2,350	\$4,120	\$18,500	\$10,300	\$36,049		\$226,913	\$453,153	-\$226,240	\$81,092	\$145,822

1- This is half of the cost for the outside professional. OCWD will be paying the other half.

Next Steps

- June 21, 2017 – PBHSC members submit comments and suggested revisions on the draft 2016 Annual Report
- June 30, 2017 – Final 2016 Annual Report
- July 2017 – Annual Report in agenda packet for Watermaster/IEUA meetings

Questions ?