



TULARE COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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LAFCO MEETING AGENDA
December 11, 2019 @ 2:00 P.M.
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING
2800 West Burrel Avenue
Visalia CA 93291

ALTERNATES
Eddie Valero
Carlton Jones
Manny Gomes

EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Ben Giuliani

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Approval of Minutes from October 2, 2019** (Pages 01-04)
- III. **Public Comment Period**

At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda and that is within the scope of matters considered by the Commission. Under state law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the LAFCO Commission at this time. So that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak, any person addressing the Commission may be limited at the discretion of the chair. At all times, please use the microphone and state your name and address for the record.

- IV. **New Action Items**
 - 1. **2020 Proposal Deadline and Meeting Schedule** (Pages 05-06)
[No Public Hearing].....Recommended Action: Approval

The Commission will consider a schedule of meeting dates and application deadlines for 2020. All dates are tentative and subject to change. This includes combining the January and February meeting dates for January 22nd.

- V. **Executive Officer's Report**
 - 1. **2019 LAFCO Annual Report** (Pages 07-30)

LAFCO staff prepares an overview of the past year including a series of maps and statistical tables that track city and special district annexation activity for both the preceding year and since the inception of LAFCO. The map and table series also reviews prime agricultural land, land uses, government owned land and land under Williamson Act contract.

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2. Agricultural Report (Pages 31-44)

This report reviews data from Agriculture Commission reports from Tulare County and other southern San Joaquin Valley counties including recently released 2018 data and reviews farmland information from the Department of Conservation.

3. Legislative Update (No Page)

The California Legislature will be back in session on January 6th, 2020.

4. Upcoming Projects (No Page)

The Executive Officer will provide a summary and tentative schedule of upcoming LAFCO projects.

VI. Correspondence

1. 2020 CALAFCO Calendar of Events (Page 45)

VII. Other Business

1. CALAFCO Annual Conference Update (No Page)

2. Commissioner Report (No Page)

3. Request from LAFCO for items to be set for future agendas (No Page)

VIII. Setting Time and Place of Next Meeting

1. January 22, 2020 @ 2:00 P.M in the Board of Supervisors Chambers in the County Administration Building.

IX. Adjournment

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**2800 W. Burrel Ave., Visalia, CA 93291 – Tulare County Administrative Building
October 2, 2019 – Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Vander Poel, Allen, Kimball, Flores, Townsend
Members Absent:
Alternates Present: Gomes
Alternates Absent: Valero, Jones
Staff Present: Giuliani, Ingoldsby, & Kane recording
Counsel Present: Erickson

- I. **Call to Order:** Chair Vander Poel called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.
- II. **Approval of the September 4, 2019 Meeting Minutes:**
Upon motion by Commissioner Allen and seconded by Commissioner Flores, the Commission unanimously approved the LAFCO minutes.
- III. **Public Comment Period:**
Vice-Chair Vander Poel opened/closed the Public Comment Period at 2:03 p.m. No public comments received.
- IV. **New Action Items:**
 1. **Extraterritorial Review of Health Care Services**
EO Giuliani reviewed Kaweah Delta Health Care District (KDHCD) plans to open a clinic in the City of Tulare that is outside the KDHCD's boundaries and within the Tulare Local Health Care District boundaries. He requested Commission consideration of whether or not out of district health care services are subject to LAFCO review. {Historically, Tulare County LAFCO has interpreted State law that health care services outside of health care district boundaries are not subject to LAFCO review.}

Mr. Gary Herbst, CEO for KDHCD spoke to the Commission about the plans to open the health clinic in the City of Tulare and stated that they have had no opposition to the proposed clinic.

Commissioner Allen requested that the Commission convene the closed session (agenda item VIII) to discuss with legal counsel.

Commissioner Vander Poel excused the Commission to meet in closed session at 2:21 p.m., and called the regular meeting back to order at 2:42 p.m.

Upon motion by Commissioner Allen and seconded by Commissioner Townsend, the Commission determined that health care services beyond district boundaries are not subject to LAFCO review.
 2. **Annexation to the City of Visalia, Case 1545-V-453**
Staff Analyst Ingoldsby presented the proposed annexation of approximately 34 acres by the City of Visalia. Staff Analysis Ingoldsby reviewed the environmental impacts stating

that it had been determined that this annexation is exempt from CEQA and meets criteria to be defined as a County Island.

Chair Vander Poel opened the public hearing at 2:45

Mr. Paul Scheibel, City of Visalia, spoke in support of the proposed annexation.

Chair Vander Poel closed the public hearing at 2:46

Upon motion by Commissioner Townsend and seconded by Commissioner Allen, the Commission unanimously approved the annexation as recommended.

3. **Proposed CALAFCO Dues Increase**

EO Giuliani explained the proposed increase to the CALAFCO dues and presented an alternative due proposal with a tier structure for large counties.

The Commissioners discussed the CALAFCO proposal and the inequity of the cost increases for medium sized (population) counties compared to large counties.

Upon motion by Commissioner Flores and seconded by Commissioner Townsend, the Commission unanimously approved not to support the proposed increase to CALAFCO dues as proposed, and instructed the delegate representing Tulare County LAFCO to vote no during the upcoming CALAFCO Annual Business Meeting.

V. **Executive Officer's Report**

1. **Legislative Update:**

EO Giuliani reviewed the CALAFCO Legislative Report

2. **Extraterritorial Service Requests**

EO Giuliani reported on two Extraterritorial Service Agreements (ESA). The first for Terra Bella Sewer Maintenance District highlighting that annexation of the same property is conditioned to be applied for annexation to LAFCO within one year of approval of the agreement. The other ESA permits the City of Porterville to provide domestic water service to existing development (one parcel) on E. Springville Ave.

3. **Upcoming Projects:**

EO Giuliani stated that no new action items were currently scheduled to be presented at the November meeting and therefore the November meeting could be cancelled. The Commission agreed to cancel the November meeting.

VI. **Correspondence:**

1. None

VII. **Other Business:**

1. **Commissioner Report:**

Commissioner Townsend reported on the purchase of a water well in the Alpine Village-Sequoia Crest CSD that could result in the District coming to LAFCO to request the activation of its power to provide domestic water.

No other Commissioners reported.

2. **Request from LAFCO for items to be set for future agendas:**

None

VIII. Closed Session

The Commission met in closed session during Item IV.1

IX. Setting Time and Place of Next Meeting:

The next Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) meeting scheduled for **December 11, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Board of Supervisors Chambers in the County Administration Building

X. Adjournment: The Tulare County LAFCO meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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To: LAFCO Members, Alternates and Executive Officer
From: Amie Kane, LAFCO Clerk
Subject: Proposed 2020 LAFCO Meeting and Application Deadline Schedule

The following meeting dates and application deadlines are proposed for 2020. Complicated proposals or those which have not been "pre-noticed" by the initiating agency may require additional time to process. Staff will make every effort to place the proposal on the corresponding agenda, however, unforeseen circumstances (i.e. missed publication dates, need for further information, incomplete applications etc.) may require placement of the proposal on another agenda.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

TENTATIVE MEETING DATE

<i>Friday, December 4, 2019</i>	January 22, 2020 [^]
<i>Friday, January 17, 2020</i>	March 4, 2020
<i>Friday, February 14, 2020</i>	April 1, 2020
<i>Friday, March 20, 2020</i>	May 6, 2020
<i>Friday, April 17, 2020</i>	June 3, 2020
<i>Friday, May 15, 2020</i>	July 1, 2020
<i>Friday, June 19, 2020</i>	August 5, 2020
<i>Friday, July 17, 2020</i>	September 2, 2020
<i>Friday, August 21, 2020</i>	October 7, 2020
<i>Friday, September 18, 2020</i>	November 4, 2020
<i>Friday, October 16, 2020</i>	December 2, 2020
<i>Friday, November 27, 2020</i>	January 13, 2021 [^]

[^]Meetings have been moved from first Wednesday to accommodate Holidays/CALAFCO Annual Conference

*All meetings held in the Tulare County Board of Supervisors Chambers

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December 11, 2019

To: LAFCO Commissioners and Alternates

From: Steven Ingoldsby, Staff Analyst

Subject: 2019 Annual Report

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Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCOs) were established in each California county with the purpose of discouraging urban sprawl, preserving open-space and prime agricultural lands, efficiently providing governmental services to the residents of their respective counties, and encouraging the orderly formation and development of local agencies (i.e. cities and special districts) based on local conditions and circumstances. To help the Commission accomplish its propose, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Reorganization Act of 2000 (Act) establishes procedures for local government changes of organization that are subject to commission review and approval such as annexations to a city or special district, city incorporation, district formation and consolidation of districts. A copy of the latest version of the Act can be accessed here <http://alcl.assembly.ca.gov/publications>.

A listing of Commission actions and reports, and a series of maps, graphs and tables are presented each December, which track changes within several categories under the purview of the Commission. These maps not only provide the Commission insight into future issues, challenges, and opportunities that could arise during consideration of future proposals, but they also serve as a gauge of the Commission's progress in accomplishing their purpose. The following is a summary of the materials contained in this presentation.

Action and Report Summary

Listed below is a summary of all the actions taken by the Commission and the special reports given to the Commission in 2019. The January, July, and November meetings were cancelled.

FEBRUARY

Dissolution of the Tulare County Olive Pest Control District, 1539

The Tulare County Olive Pest Control District was identified as an inactive district by the State Controller and was dissolved pursuant to State law as enacted by SB 448.

Alternate Public Member Selection

The Commission appointed Manny Gomes for the remainder of the alternate public member term.

MARCH

City of Woodlake Annexation, 1540-W-24

The Commission approved the annexation of 49 acres in the City of Woodlake and a subset of 17.8 acres into the Woodlake Fire Protection district located southwest of the corner of East Ropes Avenue and South Oaks Street and detachment of the same area from CSA #1.

Letter of Support for AB 213 (Reyes)

The Commission approved a letter of support for AB 213 (Reyes). The bill would restore funding taken from cities for developed annexations due to the passage of SB 89 in 2011.

State Water Resources Control Board letter to East Oroshi

A letter from the SWRCB which directed East Oroshi CSD and Oroshi PUD to negotiate consolidation was presented to the Commission.

APRIL

Extraterritorial Service Agreement 2019-001

The Commission approved an extraterritorial service agreement for 47 acres to be served by the City of Kingsburg and the Selma-Kingsburg-Fowler County Sanitation District located near the northwest corner of Road 16 and Avenue 396.

2019/2020 Preliminary Budget and Work Program

The Commission approved the 2019/2020 Preliminary Budget and Work Program and designated \$50,000 from reserve funding to offset city/county contributions

MAY

City of Visalia Annexation, 1541-V-452

The Commission approved the annexation of a 7.4 acre island into the City of Visalia located at the northeast corner of Hurley Avenue and Marcin Court and detachment of the same area from CSA #1.

Sultana Community Services District Sphere of Influence Amendment, 1542a

The Commission approved a sphere of influence amendment for 103.03 acres encompassing the community of Monson which is bisected by Avenue 416 and Road 104.

Sultana Community Services District Annexation of Monson, 1542

The Commission approved the annexation of 103.03 acres encompassing the community of Monson. The annexation was intended to facilitate the provision of water to the site by the Sultana Community Services District.

Letter of Opposition for AB 600

The Commission approved a letter of opposition for AB 600 (Chu). The bill would create a variety of unfunded mandates for LAFCOs and local agencies and removes LAFCO discretion regarding certain extension of services and annexations.

JUNE

2019/2020 Final Budget and Work Program Adoption

The Commission adopted the Final 2019/2020 Budget and Work Program with the application of \$50,000 of reserve funds.

County Counsel Retainer Agreement Update

The Commission approved added language to the County Counsel Retainer Agreement that allows County Counsel, with approval from LAFCO, to retain outside counsel to assist them when necessary.

Fee Schedule Amendment

Options for a fee for petition signature verification were presented to the commission with the intent to bring back at the August meeting for action

AUGUST

Election of Officers

The Commission selected Pete Vander-Poel as Chair and Julie Allen as Vice-Chair for the remainder of 2019 and 2020.

Fee for Petition Signature Verification

The Commission approved a new fee of 75 cents per signature for the verification of land owner petitions.

SEPTEMBER

Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District Detachment, 1543

The Commission approved the detachment of 7,555 acres from the Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District. The subject area had been annexed two years prior for SGMA only purposes.

City of Porterville Annexation, 1544-P-321

The Commission approved the annexation of a 22.9 acre island to the City of Porterville located at the northeast corner of Olive Avenue and Conner Street and detachment of the same area from CSA #1.

OCTOBER

Extraterritorial Review of Health Care Services

The Commission chose to continue its historical interpretation that the extension of health care services outside of district boundaries are not subject to LAFCO.

City of Visalia Annexation, 1545-V-453

The Commission approved the annexation of a 33.9 acre island to the City of Visalia located along K Road and Burke Road and detachment of the same area from CSA #1.

LAFCO Activity Overview

Figure 1 (City Annexation Map)

During the calendar year 2019 Tulare County LAFCO approved 4 city annexations.

Figure 2 (District Annexation and Detachment Map)

During the calendar year 2019 Tulare County LAFCO approved 1 district annexation and 1 detachment. The Commission also approved the dissolution of the Tulare County Olive Pest Control District.

Figures 3-10 (City Maps)

Individual maps of the County's (8) incorporated cities.

Tables 1 (Cities) and Table 2 (Special Districts)

These tables correspond to Figure 1 and Figure 2. The tables summarize city and special district growth in terms of total acreage and square mileage over the period 1/1/1980 to 12/1/2019. Cities and special districts that annexed or detached territory into their jurisdictional boundaries during 2019 are highlighted in blue, while cities and districts that annexed territory and extended services to an area outside of their jurisdictional boundaries through an Extraterritorial Service Agreement (ESA) are highlighted in green. ESAs only are highlighted in yellow.

Note: Only districts that provide an urban level of service appear on Table 2. Growth of these districts, in terms of acreage and square mileage, is a dependable indicator of pressure on open space and agricultural land as well as demand for urban services and space. There were 4 extraterritorial service agreements approved in 2019. The cities and special districts involved include the City of Kingsburg, Selma-Kings-Fowler County Sanitation District (SKF), Terra Bella Sewer Maintenance District, and the City of Porterville

The County's four most populace cities experienced the largest total acreage increase and highest square mileage growth rate from 1/1/1980 to 12/1/2019. The special districts listed have experienced little growth over the last 35 years. Generally, Tulare County special districts lack the financial resources and adequate infrastructure to support additional growth of any type. The annexation of the community of Monson by Sultana this year involved support from Self-Help Enterprises and the state and serves an existing built community rather than new development. Table 2 indicates that districts containing the most populated unincorporated communities within their jurisdictional boundaries have experienced the largest gain in total acreage and largest percentage increase in square mileage area; however, most of that growth occurred from 1980 to 2000.

Table 3

Table 3 corresponds with Figure 1. The table provides the total amount of acreage annexed each year and further divides the total into developed acres, undeveloped acres and road right-of-way (ROW) in terms of acres. The total amount of proposals considered by the Commission each year is also provided, as well as annexation proposals 300 ac in size or larger. In 2019, no single annexations occurred that were 300 acres or larger.

Table 4

Table 4 corresponds to Figure 11. The table shows the loss of prime agricultural soils from 1/1/1980 to 1/1/2020, both in terms of total acreage and percentage of square mileage. The table also contains a pie chart illustrating the proportion each soil class represents of all soil within Tulare County.

Table 5

For each of the last thirteen years (2006-2019), this table shows total acreage annexed each year, the amount of acres pre-zoned residential, commercial, industrial, and institutional, and the percentage of the total acres annexed each land-use category represents.

Residential

As the figures indicate, at the height of the housing bubble in 2006 annexations intended to accommodate residential development accounted for almost 75% of all acres annexed. In 2019,

3 annexations occurred within this category (City of Visalia, City of Porterville, Sultana CSD) though the majority of this land is already developed.

Commercial

Commercial annexations saw modest spikes in 2007 (47% of total). Total commercial acres annexed between 2007 and 2015 were minimal with 77% of total commercial acreage annexed in 2007. In 2019, 1 annexation (a portion of Monson) occurred in this category.

Industrial

2007, 2011, and 2016 experienced spikes in industrial annexations; however, these were the result of a single annexation in each year. In 2019, no annexations occurred within this category.

Institutional

This type of use includes sites slated for the development of parks, accommodation of city municipal service facilities, road improvements or construction, etc. Annexation rates for this type of use remained steady between 2006 and 2010. In 2019, 1 annexation of 49 acres occurred in this category.

Mixed Use

In 2017, a new land use category was added to the table, Mixed Use, which is what the Lowry West development was pre-zoned. In 2019 no annexations occurred in this category

Figure 11 (Prime Agricultural Soils)

This map shows the five classes of soils identified by the USDA Soil Survey of Tulare County and their location throughout the County. Class 1 and 2 are identified as prime agricultural soils, all other classes are considered non-prime. Visalia and Tulare, the county's fastest growing cities in terms of total acreage annexed, are predominately surrounded by Class 1 and 2 soils. This indicates that a large portion of prime agricultural land will inevitably be converted to urban uses.

Figure 12 (Williamson Act Land)

In order for land to be considered prime agricultural land, it must meet one of five requirements listed under GC 56064; a USDA 1 or 2 soil classification is listed as a requirement. While land under Williamson Act contract isn't specifically defined as prime under Code, it can be an indicator of the presence of other qualifications for prime land. Also, the locations of contracts with notices of non-renewal may indicate future growth pressure in the area.

Figure 13 (Lands Owned by Government Entities)

This map identifies lands owned by the federal, state, county, city, district (all types of districts including special districts and school districts) governments. The map also includes land under trust for the purpose of open-space conservancy.

Figure 1 City Annexations Overview

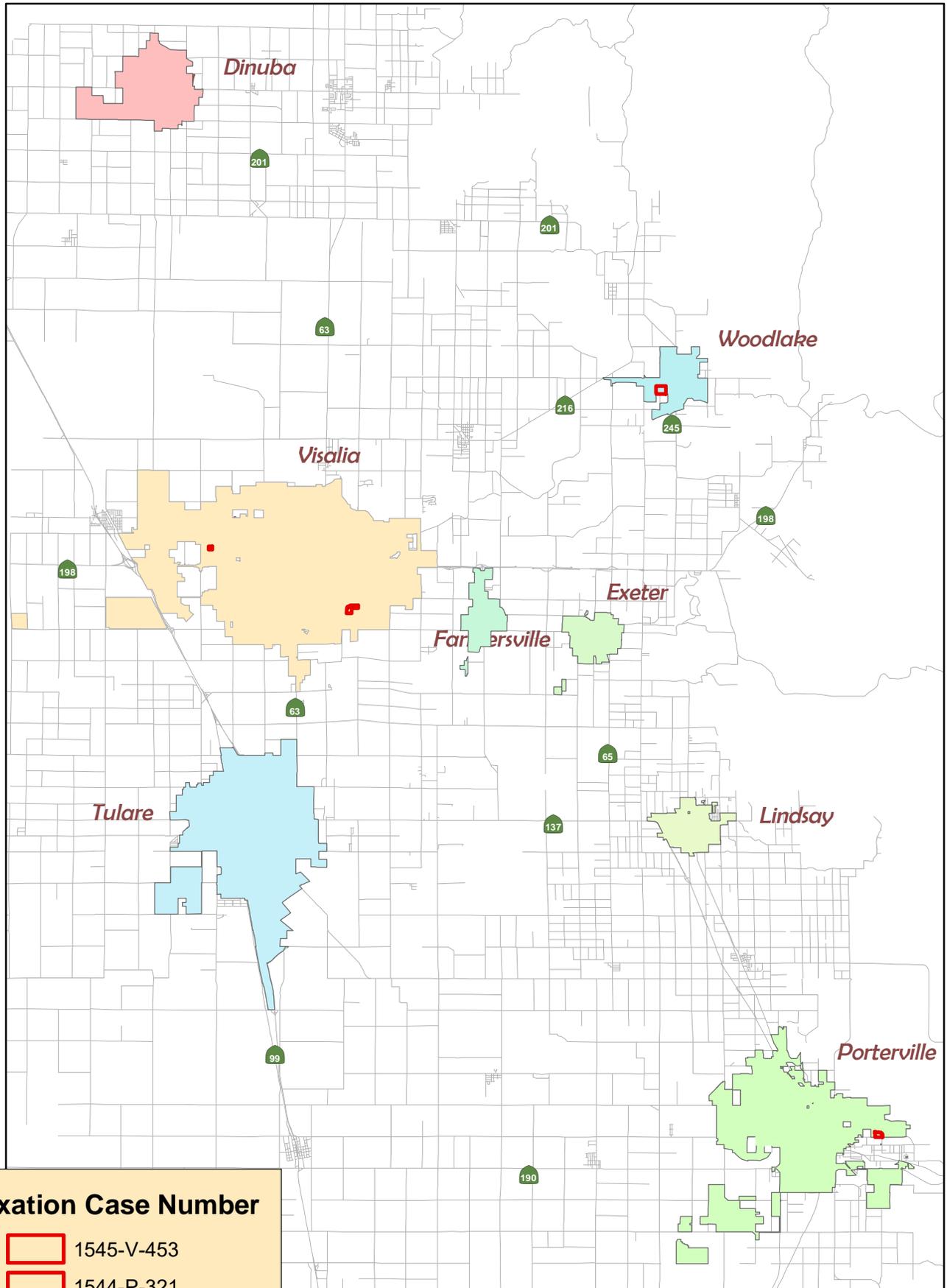
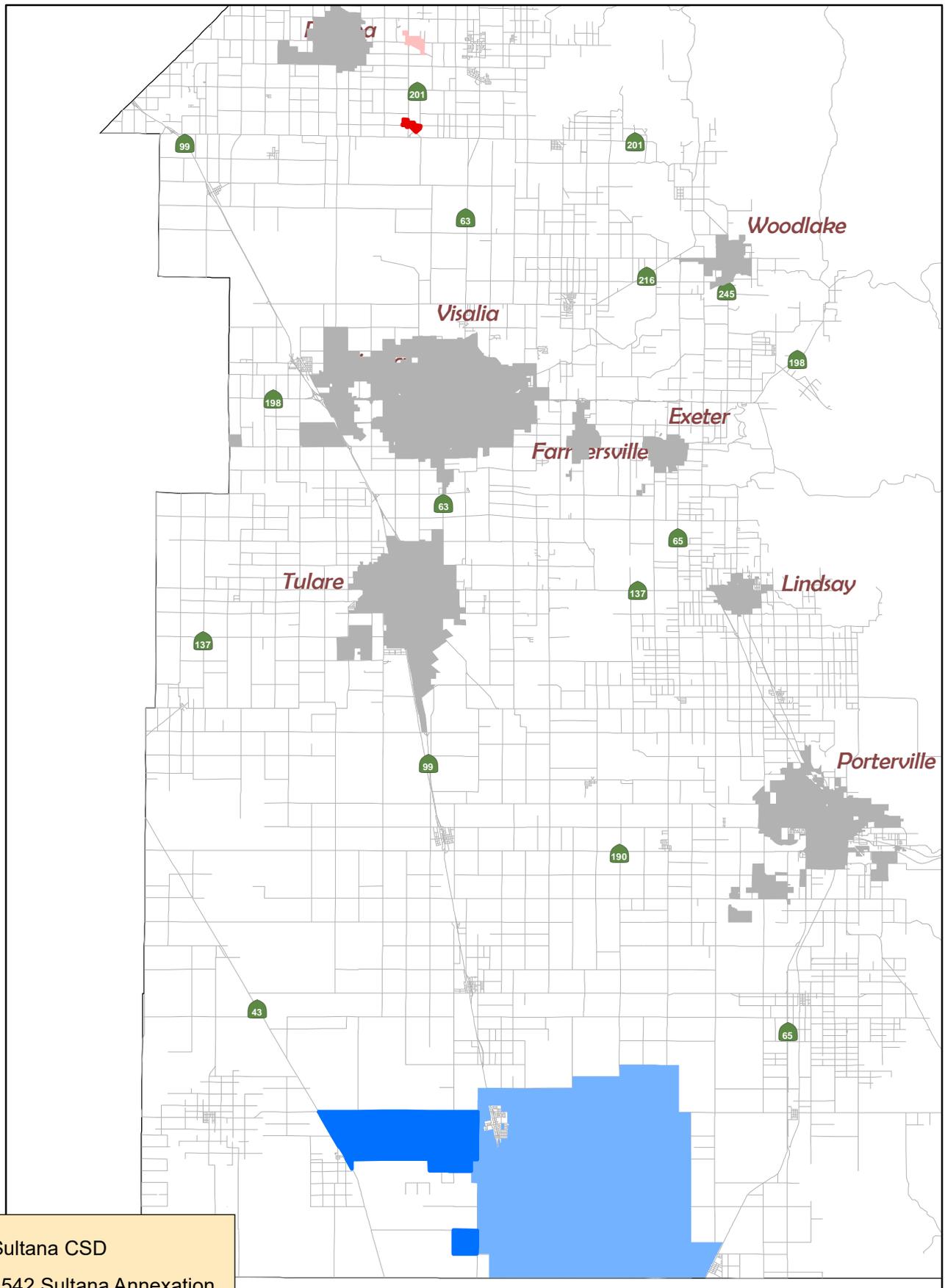


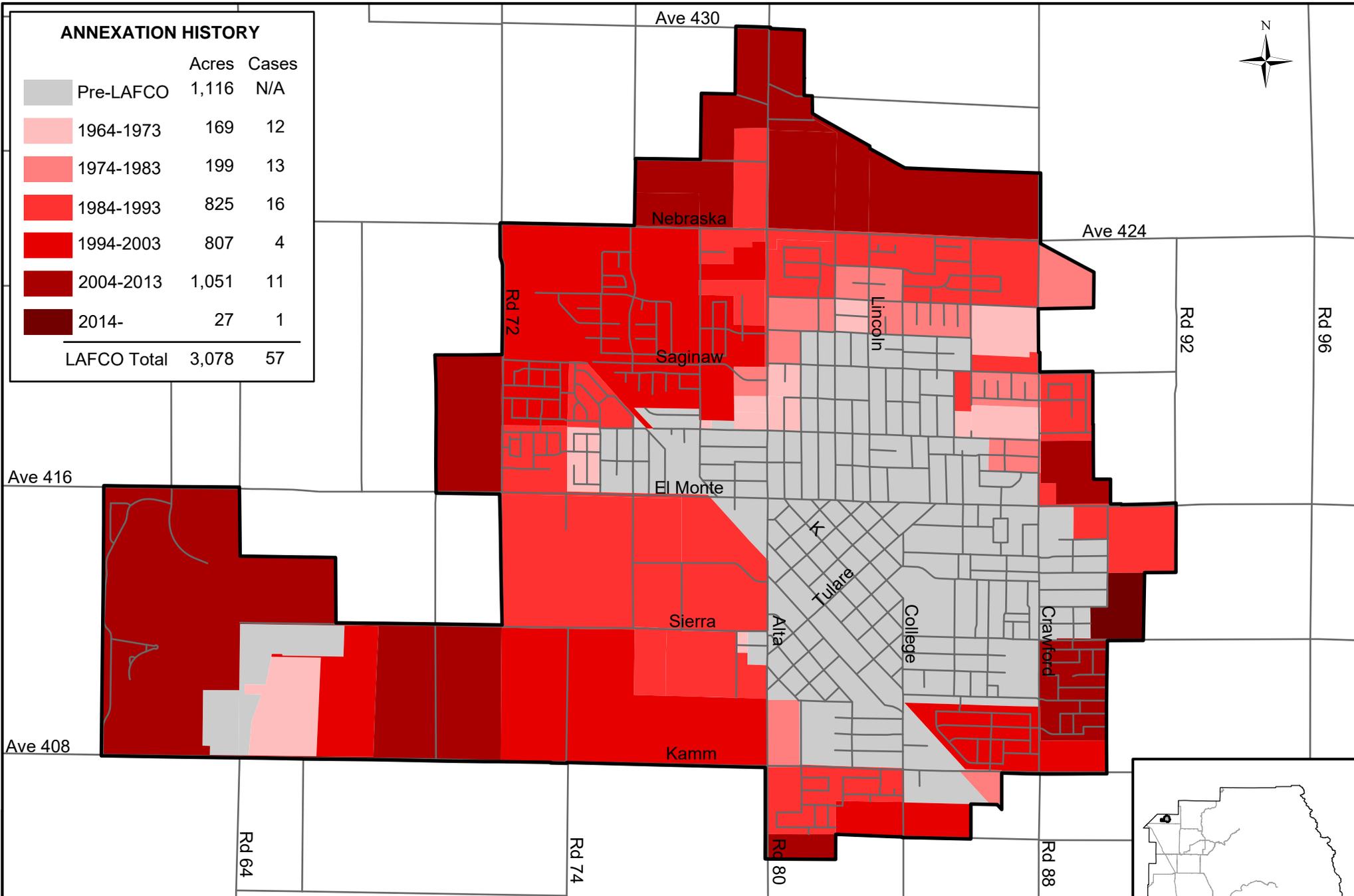
Figure 2 District Annexations and Detachments



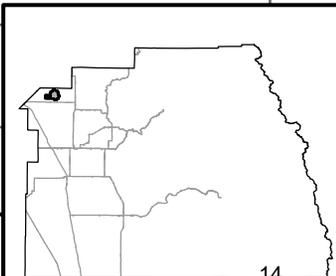
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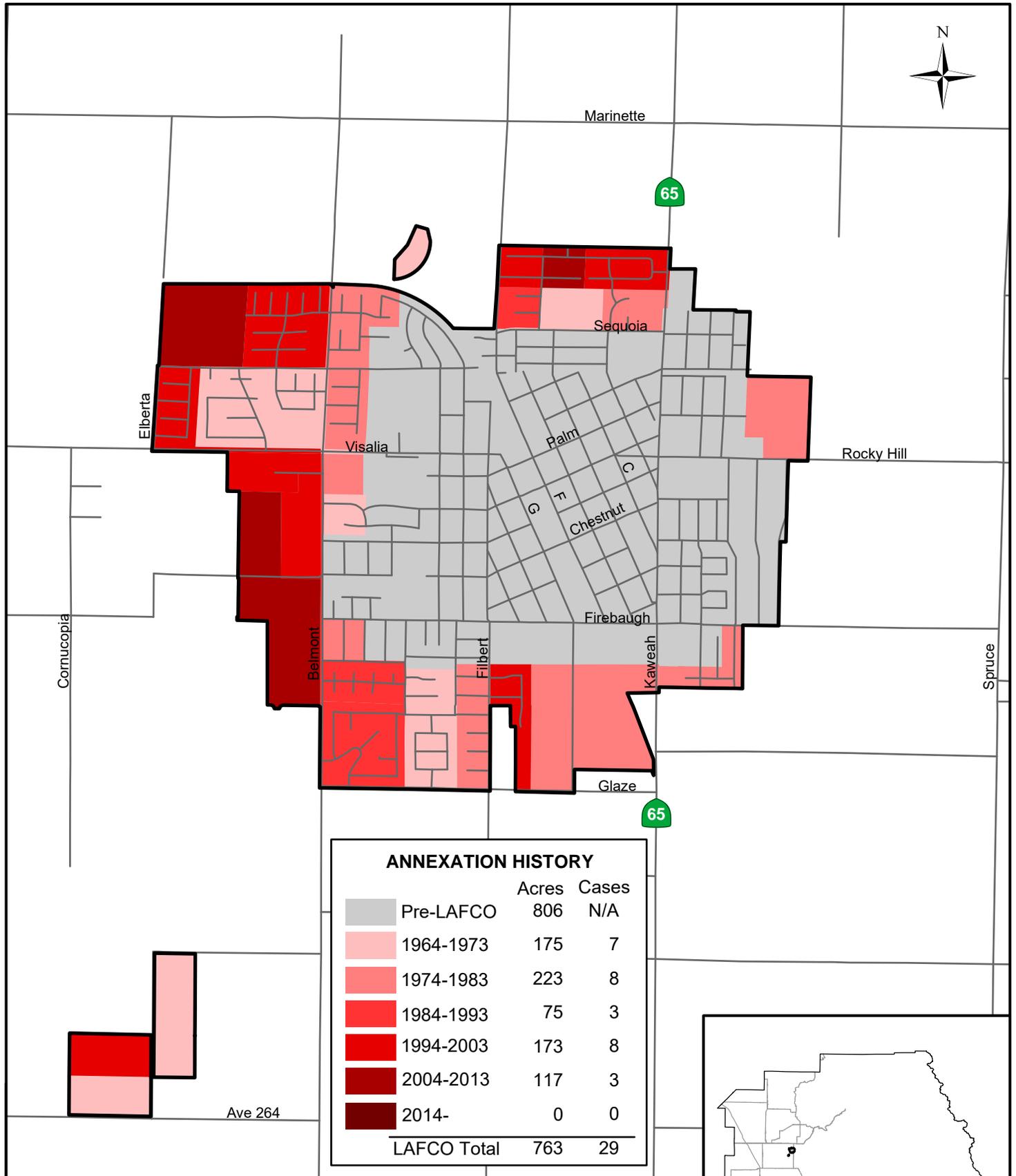
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Pre-LAFCO	1,116	N/A
1964-1973	169	12
1974-1983	199	13
1984-1993	825	16
1994-2003	807	4
2004-2013	1,051	11
2014-	27	1
LAFCO Total	3,078	57



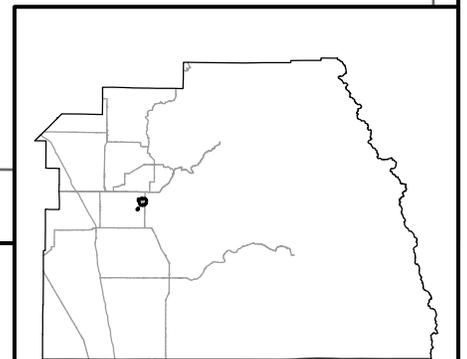
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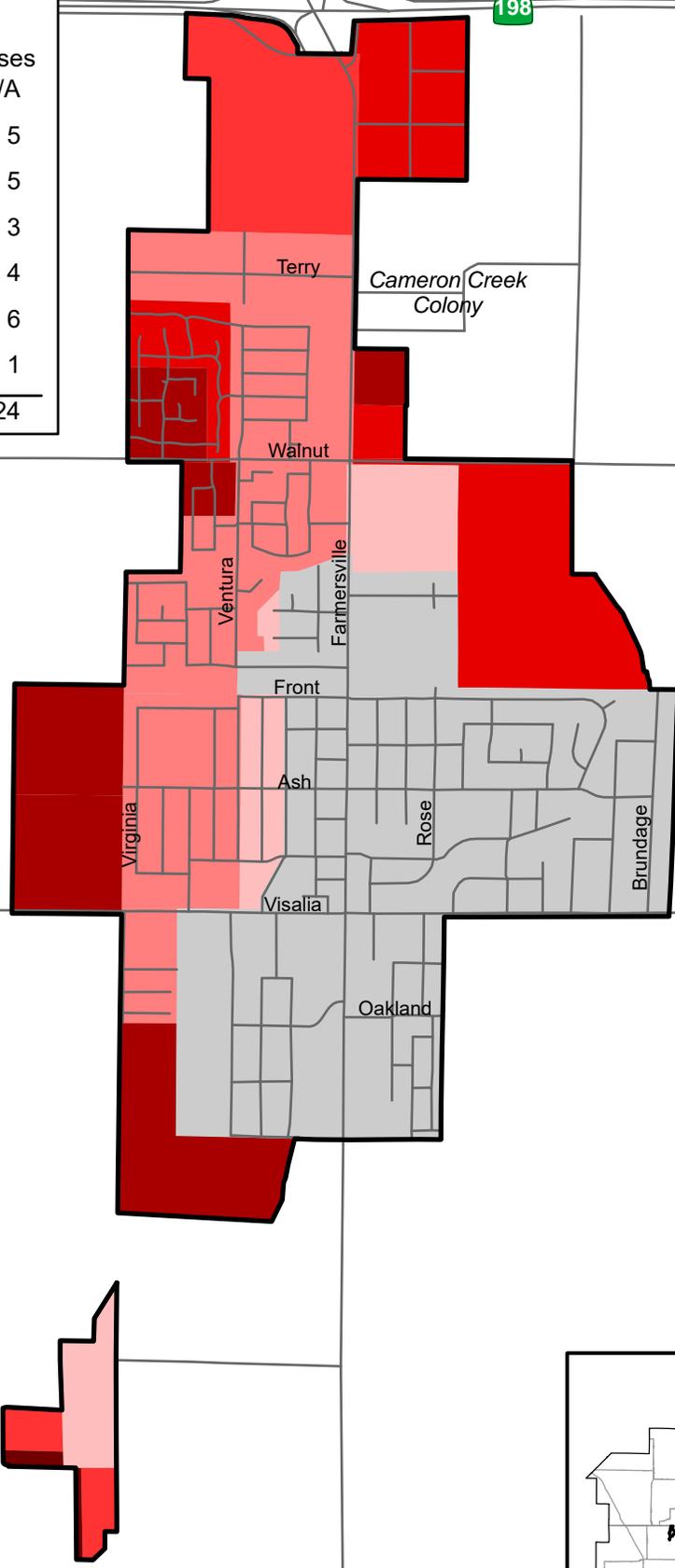


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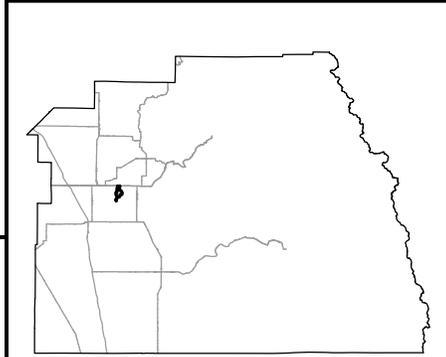
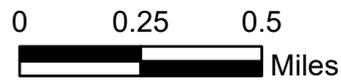
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Pre-LAFCO	542	N/A
1964-1973	91	5
1974-1983	308	5
1984-1993	114	3
1994-2003	195	4
2004-2013	183	6
2014-	5	1
LAFCO Total	896	24

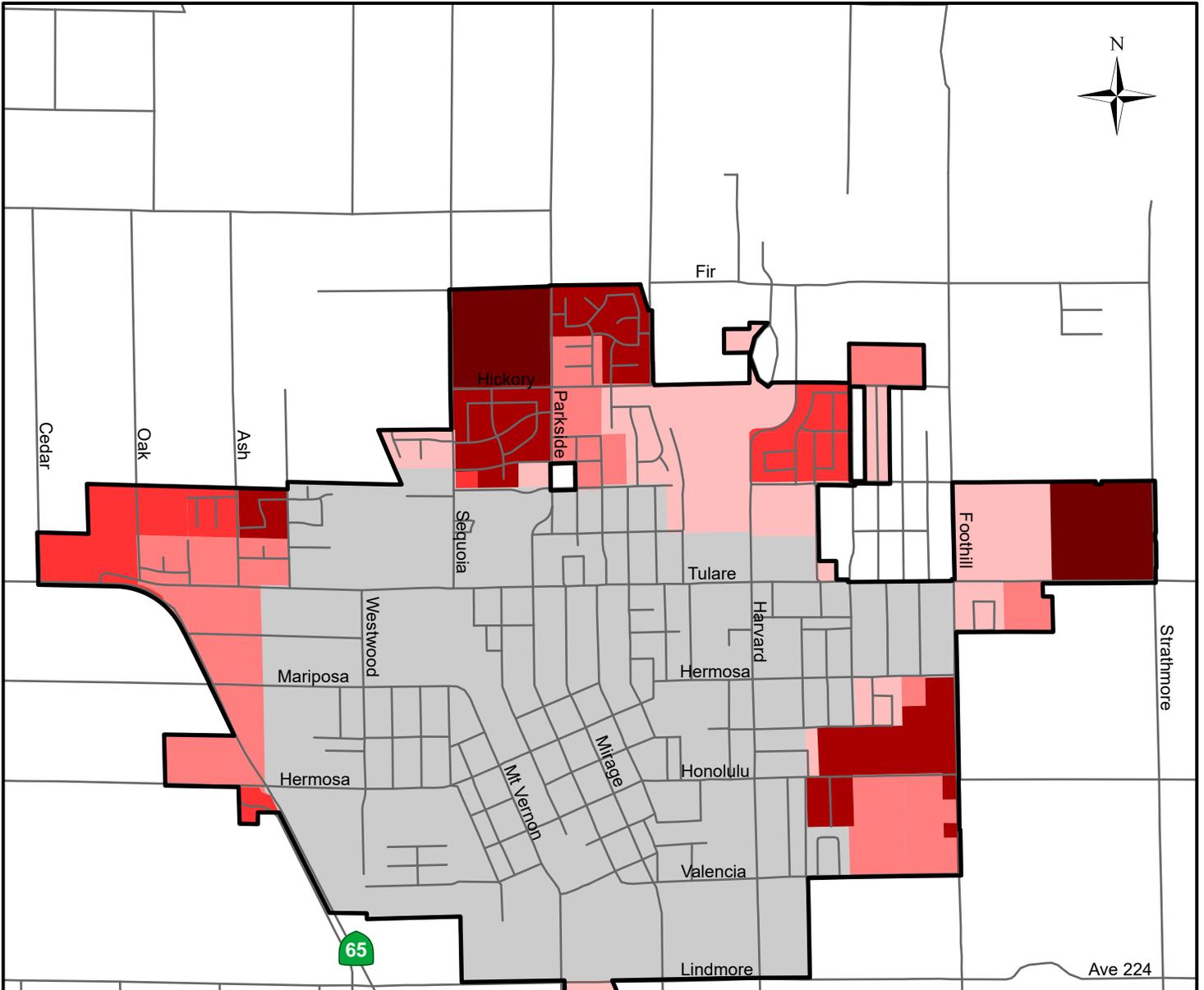
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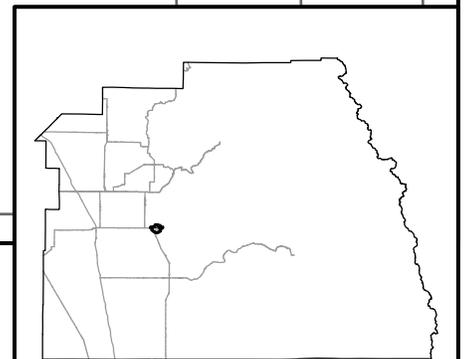
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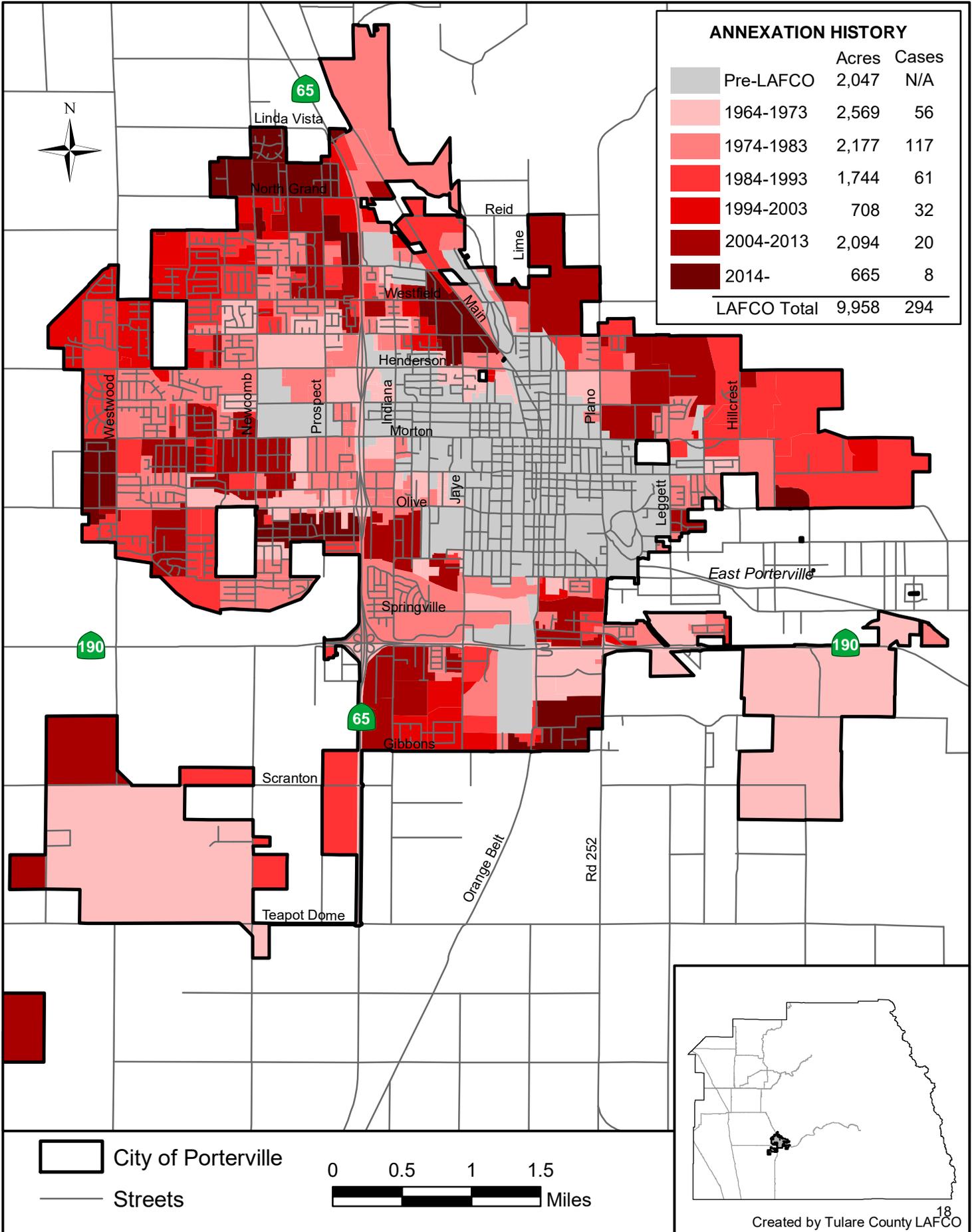
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Pre-LAFCO	1062	N/A
1964-1973	195	17
1974-1983	192	16
1984-1993	90	6
1994-2003	0	0
2004-2013	124	4
2014-	83	2
LAFCO Total	685	45

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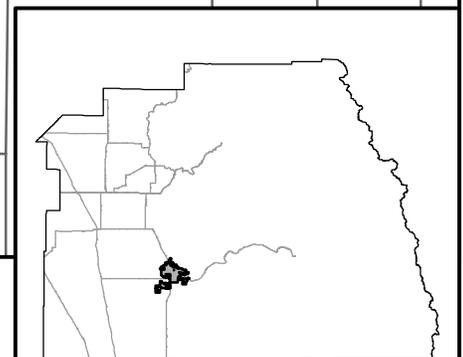
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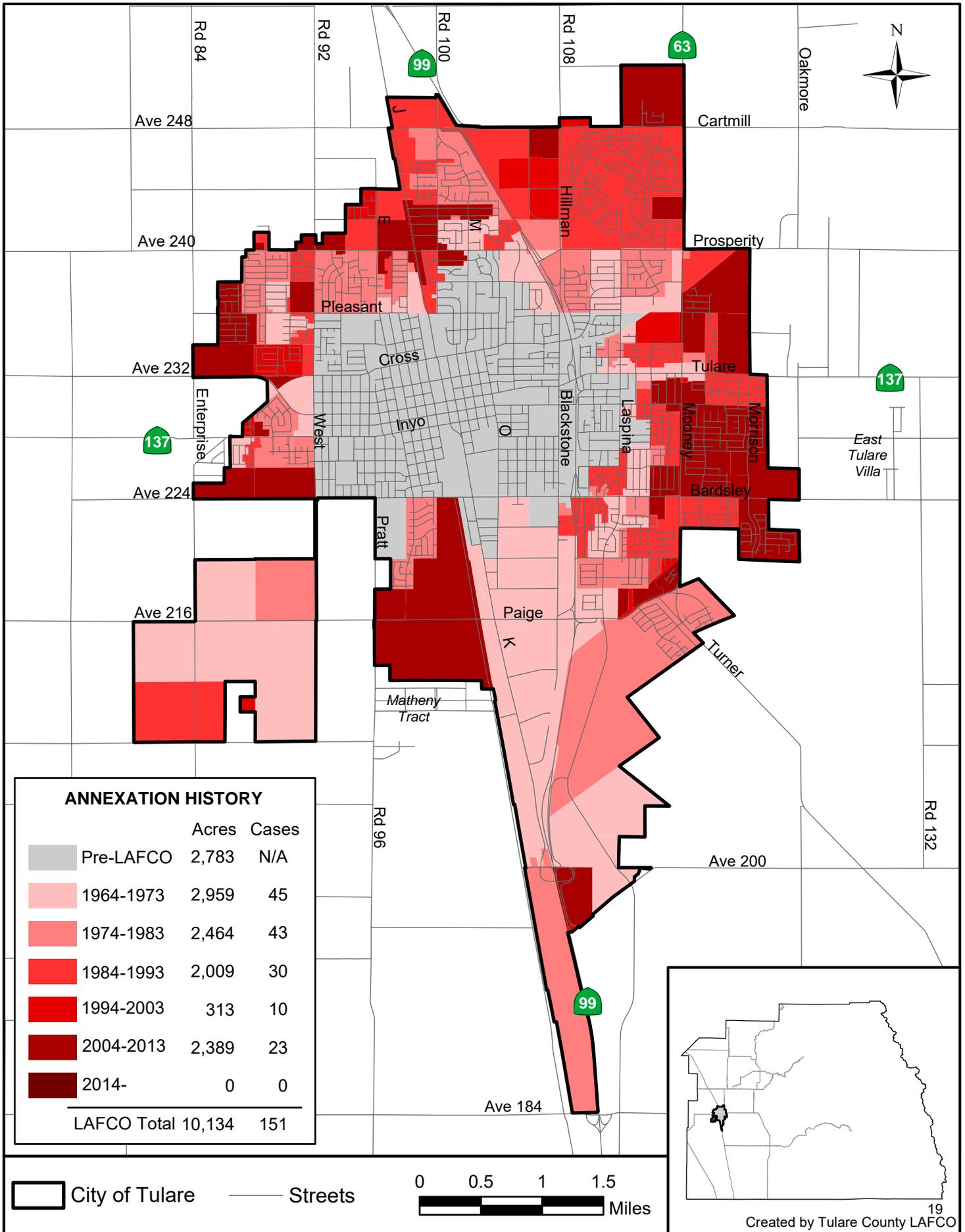
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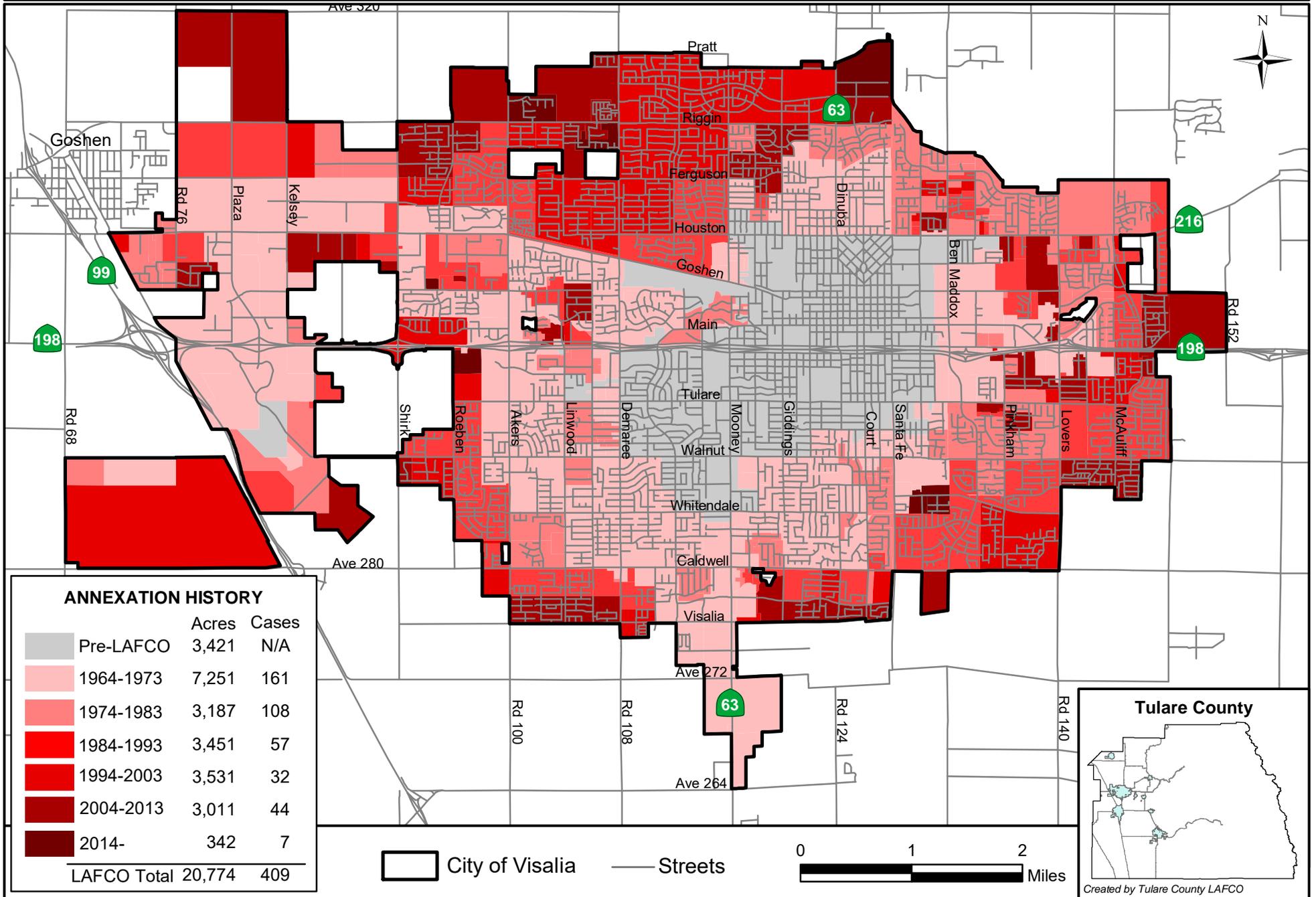
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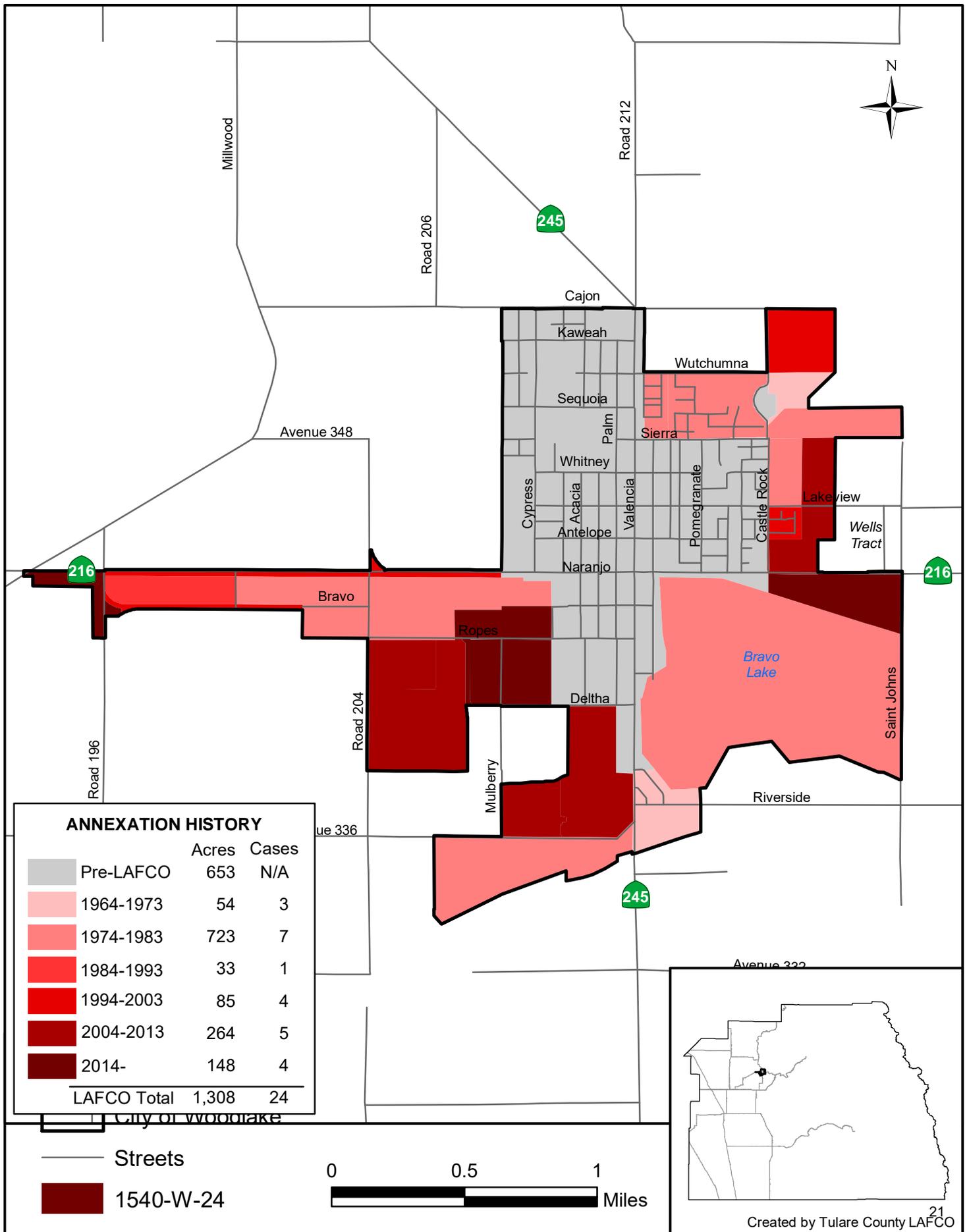
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City of Visalia



City of Woodlake



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	Acres	Cases
Pre-LAFCO	653	N/A
1964-1973	54	3
1974-1983	723	7
1984-1993	33	1
1994-2003	85	4
2004-2013	264	5
2014-	148	4
LAFCO Total	1,308	24

City of Woodlake

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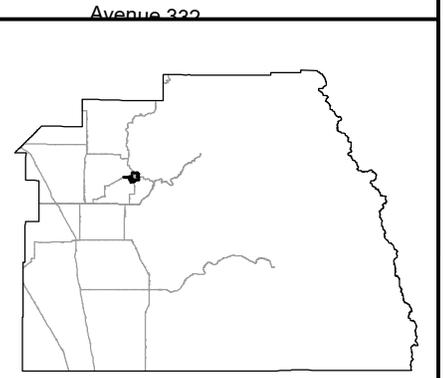


Table 1 - City Area Increase 1980 to 2019

	1/1/1980 Acres	1/1/2019 Acres	Annexed Acres	1/1/1980 Sq. Miles	1/1/2019 Sq. Miles	Annexed Sq. Miles	% Increase
Dinuba	1,429.9	4,193.9	2,764.0	2.2	6.6	4.3	193.3
Exeter	1,173.3	1,569.0	395.8	1.8	2.5	0.6	33.7
Farmersville	931.4	1,437.9	506.5	1.5	2.2	0.8	54.4
Lindsay	1,375.7	1,746.9	371.3	2.1	2.7	0.6	27.0
Porterville	6,436.9	12,005.0	5,568.1	10.1	18.8	8.7	86.5
Tulare	7,094.3	12,917.0	5,822.7	11.1	20.2	9.1	82.1
Visalia	13,162.8	24,195.3	11,032.5	20.6	37.8	17.2	83.8
Woodlake	926.9	1,961.0	1,034.0	1.4	3.1	1.6	111.6
CITY TOTAL	32,531.2	60,026.0	27,494.8	50.8	93.8	43.0	84.5

Porterville and Woodlake each had 1 annexation in 2019. Visalia had 2 annexations in 2019.

Table 2 - Urban District Area Increase 1980 to 2019

	1/1/1980 Acres	1/1/2019 Acres	Annexed Acres	1/1/1980 Sq. Miles	1/1/2019 Sq. Miles	Annexed Sq. Miles	% Increase
Allensworth CSD	783.1	783.1	0.0	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
AV/SC CSD	985.3	985.3	0.0	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0
Cutler PUD	560.5	665.1	104.6	0.9	1.0	0.2	18.7
Ducor CSD	263.3	263.3	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Earlimart PUD	814.6	972.4	157.8	1.3	1.5	0.2	19.4
East Orosi CSD	52.9	52.9	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Goshen CSD	581.4	1,144.8	563.4	0.9	1.8	0.9	96.9
Ivanhoe PUD	594.8	626.9	32.1	0.9	1.0	0.1	5.4
Lemon Cove SD	21.2	24.0	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.2
London CSD	189.7	189.7	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
Orosi PUD*	717.0	887.7	164.2	1.1	1.4	0.3	22.9
Patterson Tract CSD	77.9	77.9	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Pixley PUD	634.6	888.9	254.3	1.0	1.4	0.4	40.1
Ponderosa CSD	251.6	251.6	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Poplar CSD	180.1	418.1	238.0	0.3	0.7	0.4	132.2
Porter Vista PUD	1,742.8	1,742.8	0.0	2.7	2.7	0.0	0.0
Richgrove CSD	263.4	361.9	98.5	0.4	0.6	0.2	37.4
Springville PUD	303.7	308.8	5.1	0.5	0.5	0.0	1.7
Strathmore PUD	298.8	417.6	118.8	0.5	0.7	0.2	39.8
Sultana CSD	317.6	420.6	103.0	0.5	0.7	0.2	32.4
Terra Bella SMD	165.1	169.6	4.6	0.3	0.3	0.0	2.8
Teviston CSD	191.5	191.5	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
Three Rivers CSD	5,253.4	5,253.4	0.0	8.2	8.2	0.0	0.0
Tipton CSD	673.0	683.3	10.3	1.1	1.1	0.0	1.5
Tract 92 CSD	73.4	73.4	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Woodville PUD	319.2	336.3	17.0	0.5	0.5	0.0	5.3
DISTRICT TOTAL	16,310.0	18,191.1	1,874.5	25.5	28.4	2.9	11.5

Table 3 - / City/Urban District Annexations Per Year

Year	Total Undeveloped	Developed	ROW	Projects	Annexations of over 300 acres:	
1980	971.41	577.11	296.20	98.11	30	
1981	1,024.37	952.35	16.03	55.99	16	736ac to Tulare for Farm Show and surrounding area
1982	723.59	295.12	413.75	14.72	13	380ac to Woodlake for Bravo Lake
1983	114.50	68.49	27.88	18.13	6	
1984	56.85	47.56	2.21	7.08	9	
1985	94.92	94.92	0.00	0.00	8	
1986	787.14	578.43	157.42	51.30	17	337ac to Visalia for Green Acres Airport and surrounding area
1987	789.94	676.74	66.51	46.68	22	
1988	514.89	408.69	36.40	69.79	15	
1989	1,397.36	1,219.34	76.61	101.42	24	
1990	1,666.24	927.22	647.25	91.77	25	622ac to Tulare (Lagomarsino) and 323ac to Visalia (industrial uses)
1991	997.20	897.60	18.99	80.61	24	
1992	1,806.90	1,708.49	12.18	86.23	29	
1993	643.94	510.00	92.97	40.97	14	
1994	570.06	490.56	46.98	32.52	9	
1995	1,022.06	946.69	5.07	70.31	21	432ac to Goshen CSD for primarily industrial uses
1996	393.09	331.75	14.70	46.65	9	
1997	491.72	467.22	8.23	16.27	14	
1998	363.31	326.23	1.49	35.59	11	
1999	314.13	293.70	1.53	18.89	7	
2000	102.99	0.00	99.93	3.06	6	
2001	819.22	764.18	1.45	53.59	5	702ac to Visalia for Shannon Ranch
2002	1,368.78	1,292.33	27.50	48.95	11	472ac to Visalia (IOH/Luisi) and 384ac to Dinuba (northwest residential)
2003	1,390.80	1,361.98	4.80	24.02	16	935ac to Visalia for wastewater irrigation
2004	1,448.00	1,362.61	34.30	51.09	22	
2005	2,680.64	1,726.33	756.22	198.10	43	
2006	2,042.20	1,293.00	560.00	189.00	33	534 to Dinuba for reclamation/golf course
2007	1,682.72	851.42	831.30	1.80	20	707 to P-ville city uses and 460 to Visalia for Industrial Park Expansion
2008	139.54	63.23	76.31		3	
2009	159.70	157.70	0.00	2.00	1	
2010	1,104.52	513.52	28.96	13.00	9	461 Tulare South I Street Annexation
2011	113.89	40.00	73.89	0.00	2	
2012	38.46	38.46	0.00	0.00	1	
2013	10.50	10.50	0.00	0.00	1	
2014	219.00	135.00	84.00	0.00	4	
2015	606.01	42.14	561.87	16.90	7	Porterville 4 island annexations totaling 455.90 acres
2016	224.30	201.40	13.70	9.20	3	
2017	240.30	137.63	81.02	21.65	6	
2018	17.90	0.00	15.40	2.50	1	
2019	216.23	101.70	96.73	17.80	5	
TOTAL	29,153.08	21,094.90	4,800.42	1,495.61	480	

Annexation Acreage per Year (Cities, CSDs, PUDs, SMDs)

◆ Total ■ Undeveloped

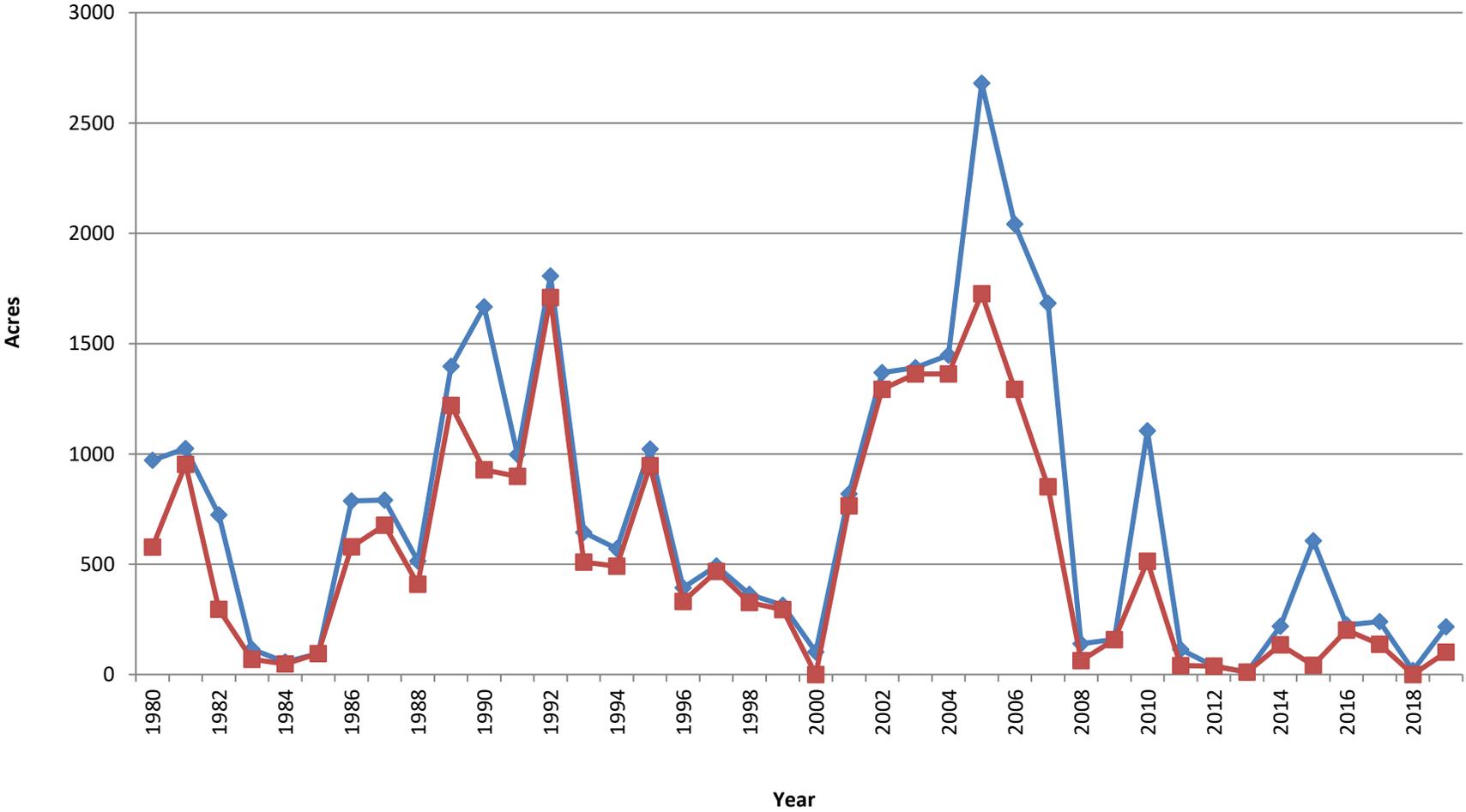


Table 4 - Annexations per Soil Type (USDA classifications) 1980 to 2019

	1/1/1980 Acres	12/1/2019 Acres	Annexed Acres	1/1/1980 Sq. Miles	12/1/2019 Sq. Miles	Annexed Sq. Miles	% Decrease
Class I	392,000.6	371,723.0	20,277.6	612.5	580.8	31.7	5.2
Class II	115,157.4	112,241.2	2,916.2	179.9	175.4	4.6	2.5
Non-Prime	596,052.7	591,699.2	4,353.5	931.3	924.5	6.8	0.7
Other	1,947,140.2	1,945,318.2	1,822.0	3,042.4	3,039.6	2.8	0.1
Cities/Districts	48,841.1	78,217.0	29,369.3	76.3	122.2	45.9	-60.1

Notes:

*The acreage and square mileage figures for soil types exclude areas inside City, PUD, CSD and SMD boundaries.

*Other smaller developed areas within the County are not taken into account.

*Undeveloped versus developed annexations are not taken into account.

*While classified as Non-Prime by the USDA, much of the areas covered by these soils would qualify as Prime for LAFCO purposes (GC Section 56064).

*'Other' includes exposed rock, rocky soils and water. Mostly consisting of the foothill and mountain areas.

*'Cities/Districts' include districts that are subject to urban development - CSDs, PUDs, SMDs

Tulare County - USDA Soil Type

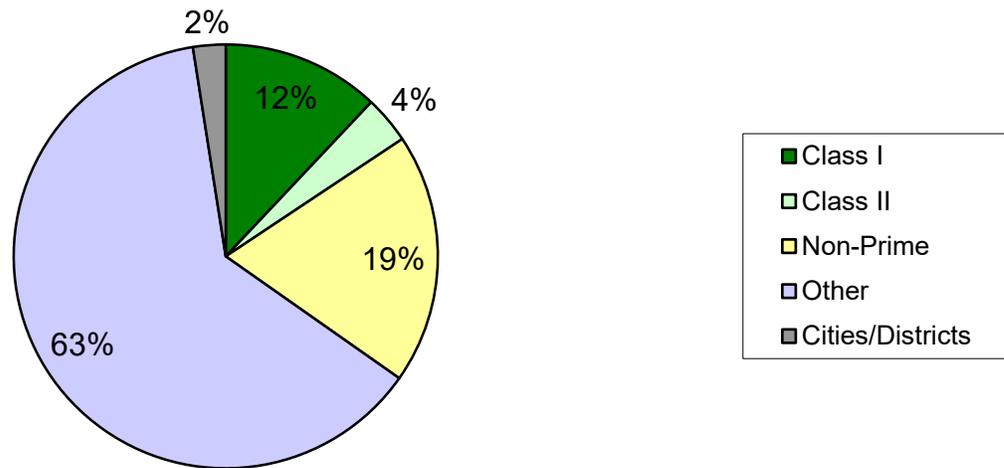


Table 5 - Annexation Land Use

By Year

Year	Total Acres	Residential Ac.	% of Total	Commercial Ac.	% of Total	Industrial Ac.	% of Total	Institutional Ac.	% of Total	Mix Use Ac	% of Total
2006	2042.2	1483.6	72.6	52.4	2.6	0.0	0.0	505.3	24.7	0.0	0.0
2007	1682.7	452.9	26.9	398.0	23.7	771.0	45.8	368.0	21.9	0.0	0.0
2008	139.5	26.5	19.0	66.5	47.7	36.5	26.2	10.0	7.2	0.0	0.0
2009	159.7	20.0	12.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	159.7	100.0	0.0	0.0
2010	1104.5	22.5	2.0	0.0	0.0	491.0	44.5	480.1	43.5	0.0	0.0
2011	113.9	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	113.6	99.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2012	38.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2013	10.5	0.0	0.0	10.5	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2014	219.0	113.0	51.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	106.0	48.4	0.0	0.0
2015	606.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2016	224.3	68.3	30.5	0.0	0.0	156	69.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2017	240.3	179.6	74.7	0	0	0	0.0	26.2	10.9	34.5	14.4
2018	17.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17.9	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2019	216.2	157.7	72.9	9.5	4.4	0.0	0.0	49.0	22.7	0.0	0.0

Figure 11 - Prime Agricultural Soils

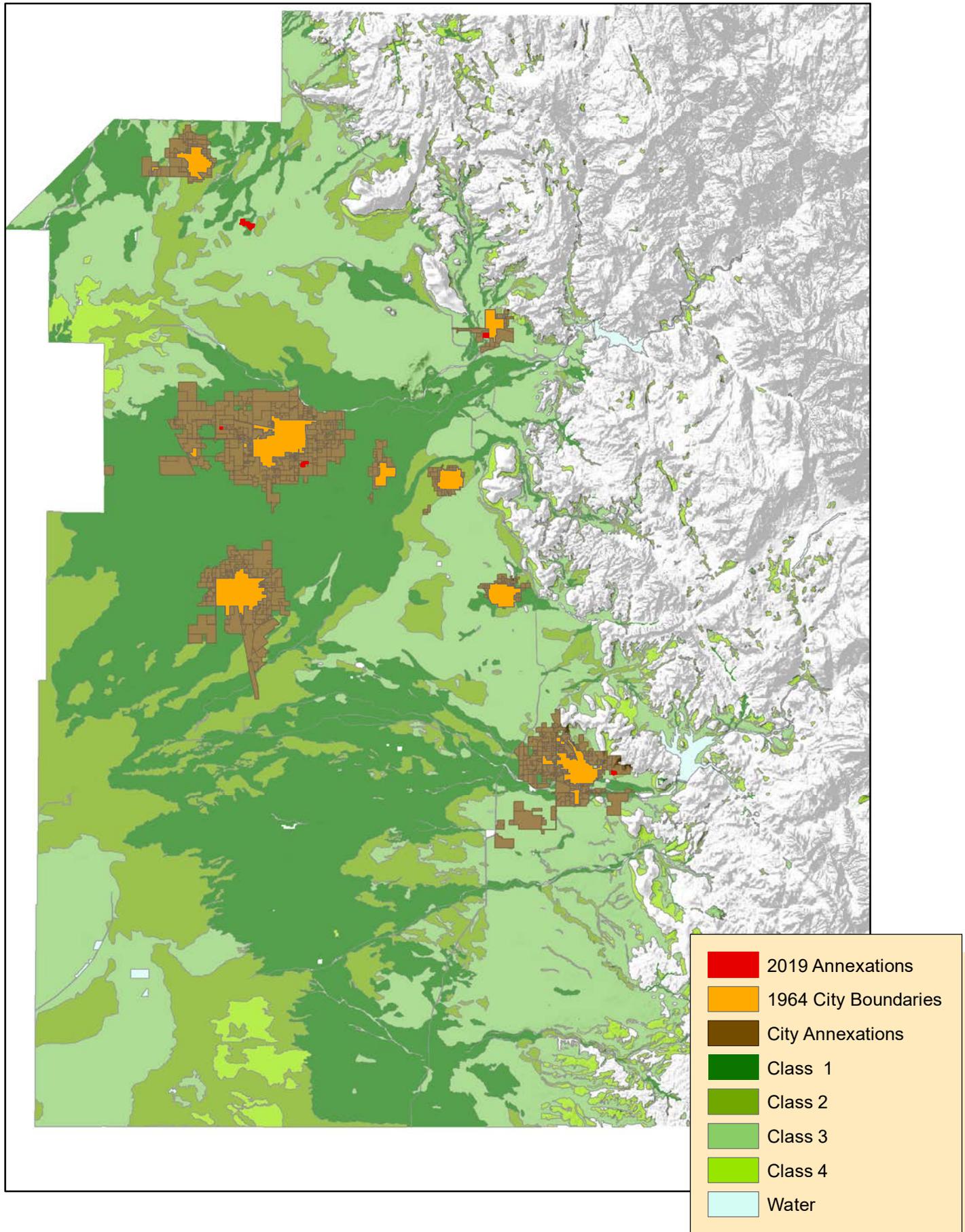


Figure 12 - Williamson Act Land

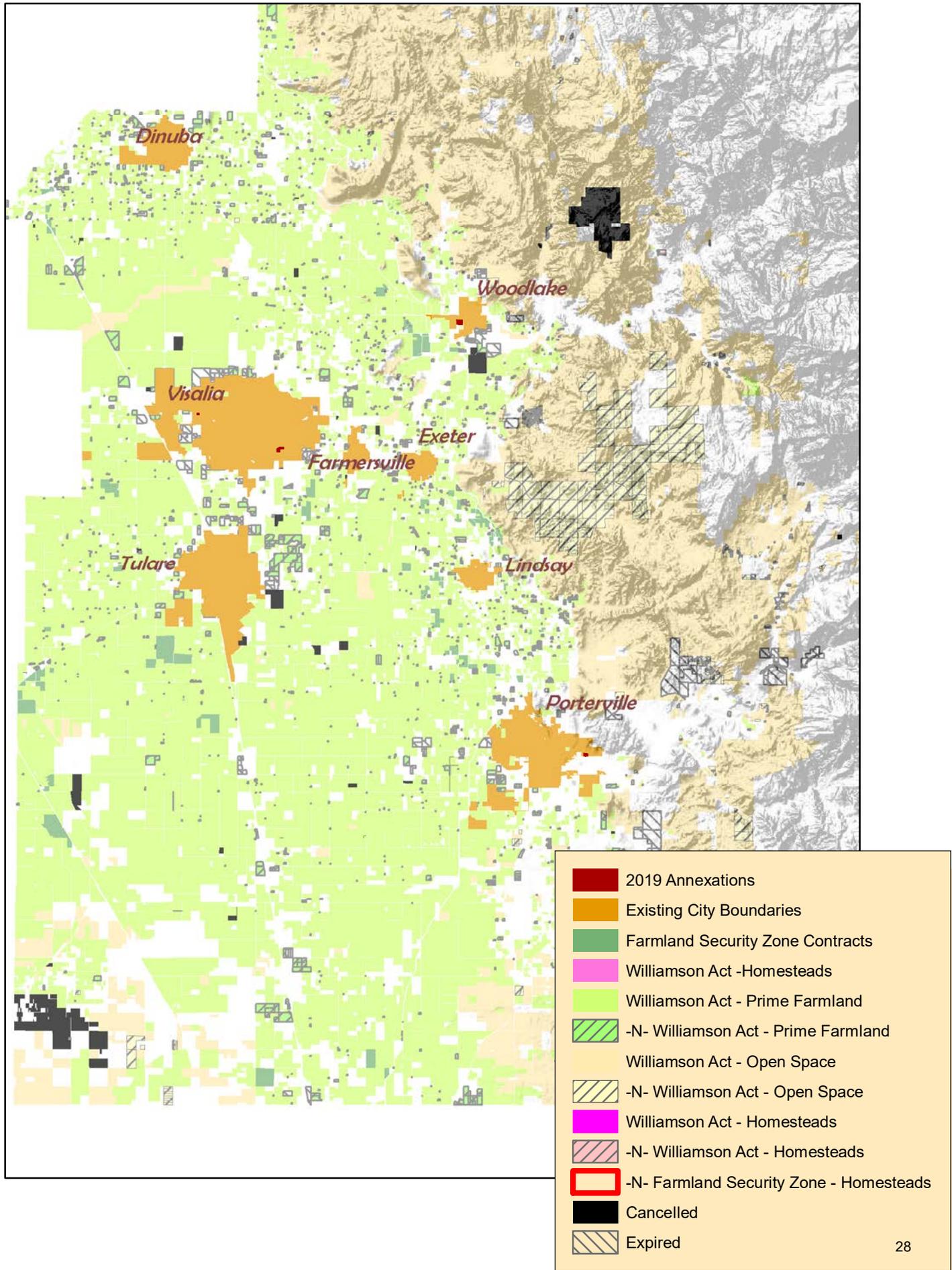
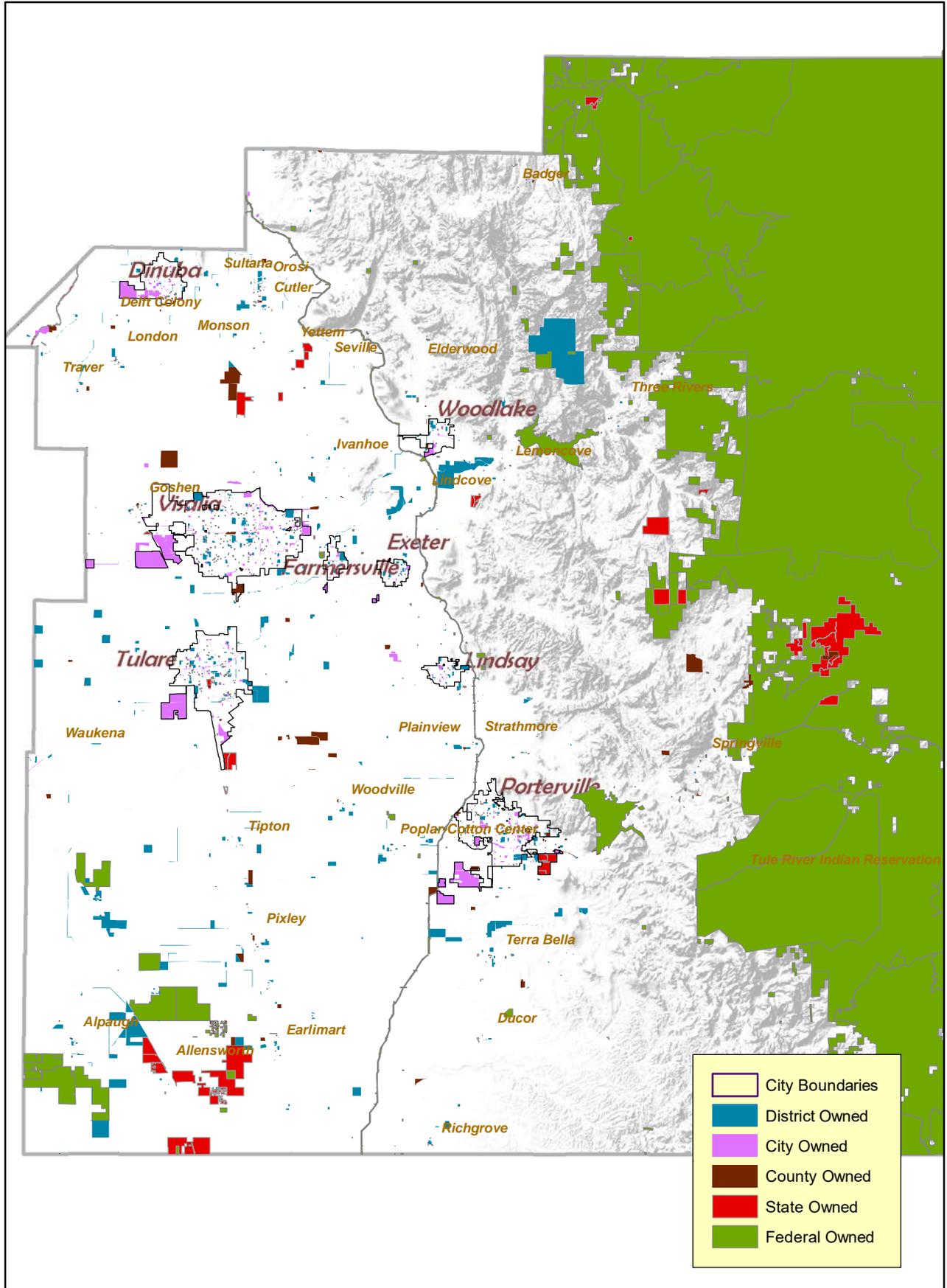


Figure 13 - Government Owned Land



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SUBJECT: Agriculture Report

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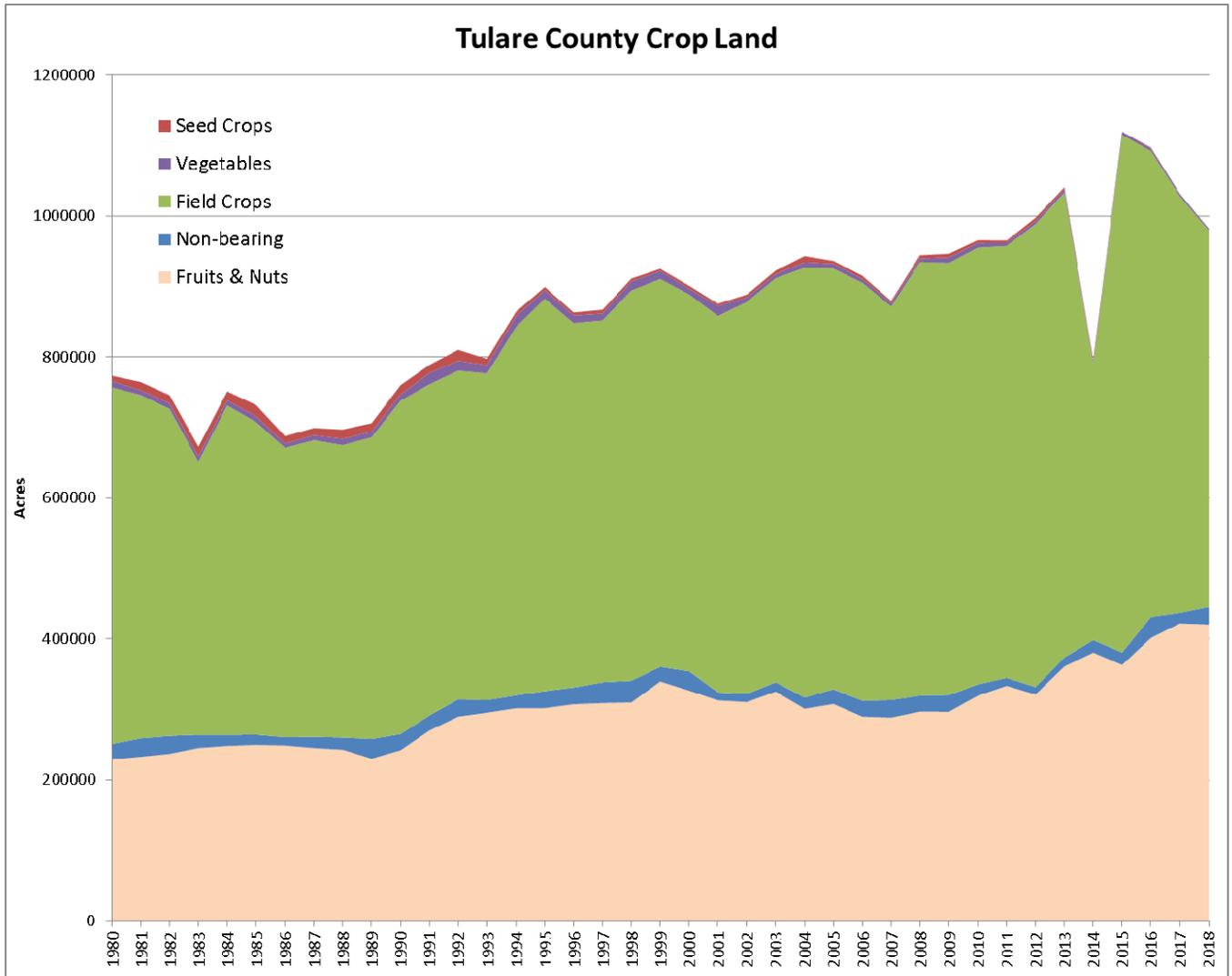
The 2018 Tulare County Annual Crop and Livestock Report along with the other San Joaquin Valley crop reports were released recently. The new information from the crop reports is included in this report. This report reviews Tulare County and South San Joaquin Valley crop land and agricultural production value over time. Also included in this report is the 2016 Field Report and farmland mapping from the Department of Conservation (DOC). The DOC develops field reports that reviews changes in farmland every two years. The 2018 report has not yet been released.

Discussion

Tulare County Crop Land

The chart on the following page shows farmed acreage in Tulare County as reported by the Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner from 1980 to 2018. In 2018, there was a total of 982,058 of planted acreage and Tulare County had a total agricultural product value of \$7.2 billion. There was a reduction of almost 50,000 acres of planted acreage compared to 2017 almost entirely due to the reduction of silage crop acreage. The value of agricultural production increased by almost \$200 million compared to 2017 with Tulare County ranking as the 3rd most productive county in the nation just behind Fresno and Kern Counties.

The acreage amount for field crops includes multiple crop yields from the same land (an acre of crop land as listed in the Ag Reports does not exactly equal an acre of physical land). The acreage amounts shown in the chart on the next page does not include non-irrigated pastureland, fallow land, animal confinement facilities or associated agricultural uses such as creameries or packing houses.



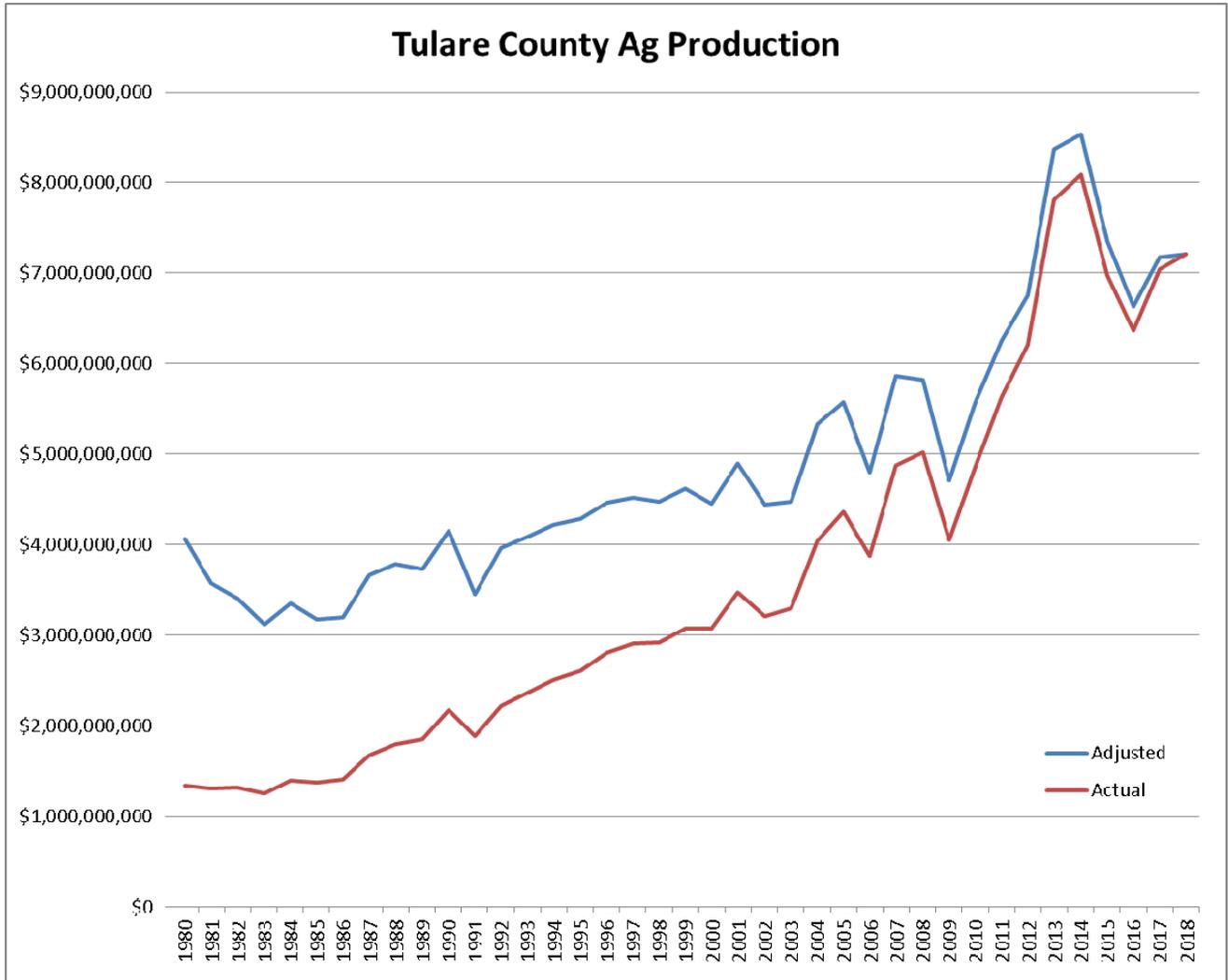
Note: "Non-bearing" is planted permanent crops (orchard and vineyard crops) that are not yet producing.

As a comparison, the amount of acreage inside the 8 incorporated cities in Tulare County is 60,149. The incorporated acreage amount isn't entirely developed with urban uses. There still is a significant amount of active agriculture inside the cities such as cropland associated with effluent irrigation from city wastewater treatment facilities. Listed below are acreage amounts for the top ten crops in Tulare County.

Rank	Crop	Type	Acreage
1	Silage – Small Grain	Field	169,000
2	Corn (Silage & Grain)	Field	123,570
3	Irrigated Pasture	Field	99,700
4	Oranges	Permanent	91,770
6	Almonds	Permanent	79,160
7	Pistachios	Permanent	71,420
8	Grapes	Permanent	53,199
9	Walnuts	Permanent	44,900
10	Alfalfa	Field	42,000

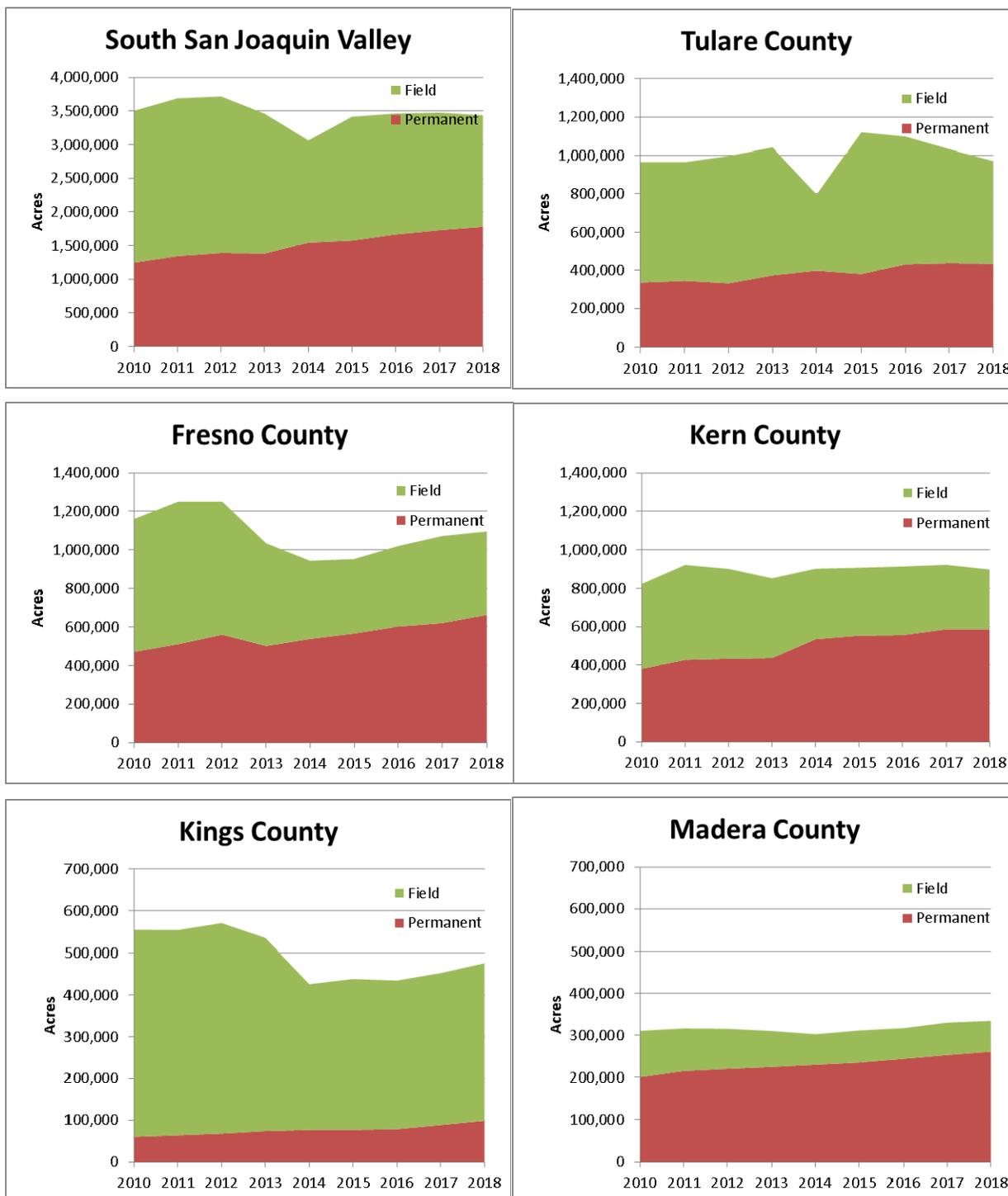
Tulare County Agricultural Production

The following chart shows gross agricultural production in Tulare County as reported by the Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner from 1980 to 2018. This includes crops produced on the land shown in the prior chart and also includes dairy production and livestock. The “Adjusted” amounts shown below are adjusted for inflation to 2018 dollars. After adjusting for inflation, agricultural production has increased from \$4 billion in 1980 to \$7.3 billion in 2018, an increase of 83%. Even with an increasing population in the County (245,738 in 1980 to 475,346 in 2018) and increased urbanization, the value of production has increased significantly during this time period.



South San Joaquin Valley Crop Land

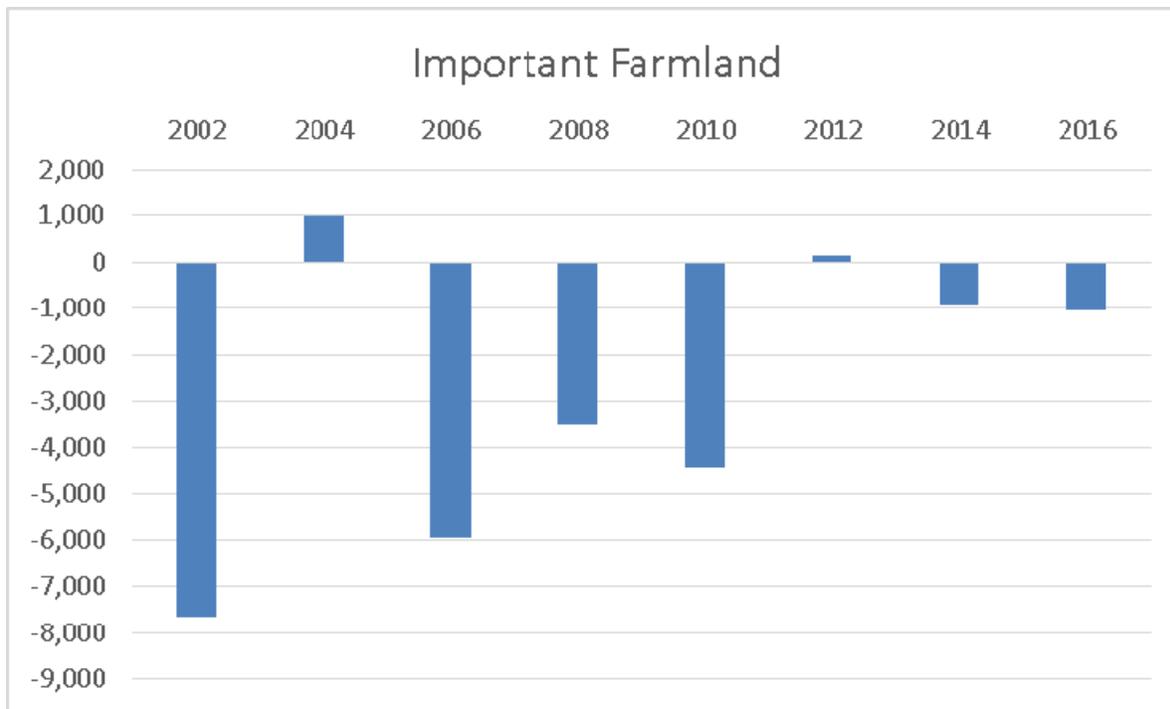
The following charts compare crop land between the five southern San Joaquin Valley counties and the region as a whole. The trends show acreage recovery after the significant decreases during the drought in 2013-14. The increase in permanent crop acreage is continuing due mainly to the increased planting of high value crops such as almonds and pistachios. In Tulare County alone, acreage of walnuts, almonds and pistachios increased from 82,700 in 2010 to 185,000 in 2018.



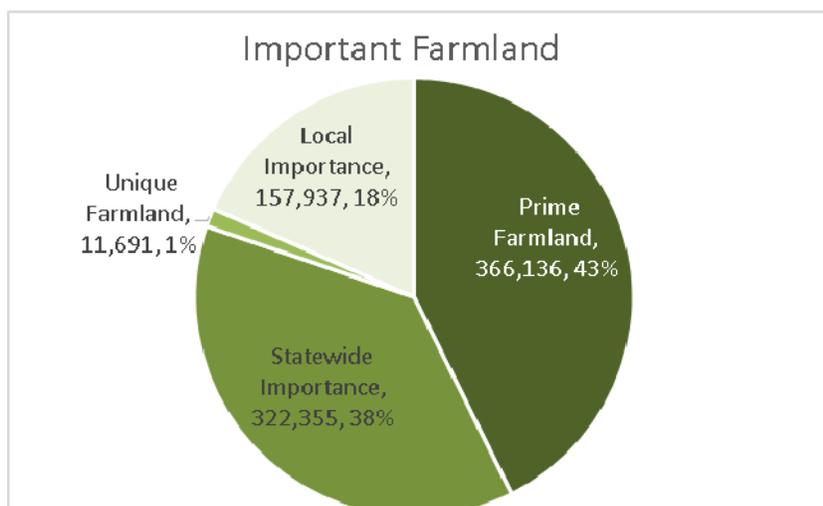
Department of Conservation

Attached are the DOC's Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program's 2016 Field Report and maps for Tulare County farmland. The Field Report includes notable changes in land uses between 2014 and 2016. Also included are historical changes in land uses and farmland types from 1998 to 2016 and maps from 2016. The DOC has not yet released the 2018 report.

Using the attached table, the chart below shows the conversion of "Important Farmland" in acres to other uses for each two year time period from 2000 to 2016. Note that the DOC considers solar facilities and ponding basins as "Urban and Built-Up Land". More acres of land were developed with solar facilities and ponding basins than for residential development between 2014 and 2016.



The DOC land use summary shows 858,119 acres of Important Farmland in Tulare County in 2016 compared to 64,620 acres of Urban and Built-Up Land. Important Farmland is divided up into four subcategories: Prime Farmland, Farmland of Statewide Importance, Unique Farmland and Farmland of Local Importance. These categories are defined in the attached map legend. The pie chart below shows the components of Important Farmland in Tulare County in 2016.



California Department of Conservation
FARMLAND MAPPING AND MONITORING PROGRAM

2016 FIELD REPORT

COUNTY: Tulare

FIELD MAPPER(S): Troy Dick

IMAGE DATA USED:

Source: National Agriculture Imagery Program, USDA
Acquisition date: Summer 2016
Data description: True color mosaic, 1 meter resolution
Coverage gaps: None
Additional imagery used: None

WRITTEN, DIGITAL & ORAL INFORMATION SOURCES:

The following entities and individuals provided information used to conduct 2016 mapping.

Local Review Comments (submitted by cities, counties, & others on 2014 maps)
Southern California Association of Governments Self-Help Enterprises Gatzke Dillion & Ballance LLP
Personal Contacts
None
Websites Used for Reference
Google Maps, Street View: http://maps.google.com
GIS Data Used for Reference
California City Boundary Layer (2016) Tulare County Base Map

2014-2016 CHANGE SUMMARY:

Changes made during the map update are summarized by type and location. Particular attention is paid to large or unusual changes and their estimated acreages. Please note that land use type, size of land use unit, soil quality, and Farmland of Local Importance

definition (if any) determines the final Important Farmland (IFL) category. [See definitions at bottom of table.](#)

Conversions to Urban Land	
Irrigated Farmland to Urban Land	27 changes
<p>The majority of these changes occurred in the Alpaugh, Visalia, and Tulare areas. The largest conversions occurred near the town of Alpaugh where approximately 150 acres of irrigated farmland was converted for the White River Solar Project and a groundwater recharge basin. Meanwhile, in and near the City of Visalia, approximately 80 acres of irrigated farmland was converted for the Ridgeview Middle School, Lennar at Vista, other new homes, and a solar facility. Finally, near the City of Tulare, approximately 30 acres of irrigated farmland was converted for new solar facilities.</p>	
Nonirrigated Land Uses and Other Land to Urban Land	54 changes
<p>The majority of the urbanization of nonirrigated land and Other Land was due to the expansion of urban development in or adjacent to the Town of Ducor and the Cities of Visalia and Tulare. The largest conversions occurred in or adjacent to the Town of Ducor where approximately 270 acres was converted to the SR Soils Vestal Herder, LLC Solar Facility and substation.</p> <p>Meanwhile, in and near the City of Visalia, approximately 210 acres was converted for Lennar at Vista, new homes, Medical Imaging Lab, a parking lot, St. Johns Park, and a paved area at the Southern California Edison Rector Substation.</p> <p>Lastly, in and adjacent to the City of Tulare, approximately 150 acres was converted for new homes, UCD Vet School & Research Facility, United States Post Office, TF Tire & Services, and a solar facility.</p>	
Conversions from Irrigated Farmland aside from urbanization	
Irrigated Farmland to Nonirrigated Land Uses	189 changes
<p>There were three primary reasons for the conversion of irrigated farmland to nonirrigated uses:</p> <p>First, the majority of these changes were due to plots of irrigated land having been fallow for three or more update cycles. Most of the changes in this category occurred on the Hacienda Ranch quad with an approximately 390 acres going out of production. This was followed by the Hacienda Ranch NE and Monson quads with approximately 350 and 240 acres, respectively, going out of production.</p> <p>Second, areas of Irrigated farmland were identified that were no longer being irrigated but, instead, were being used for the cultivation of nonirrigated grain crops. Nonirrigated grain crops appear as Farmland of Local Importance on Tulare County's IFL Map. These areas had not been irrigated for multiple update cycles. The largest changes due to nonirrigated grain production occurred on the Sausalito School quad (130 acres) followed by the Porterville quad (60 acres).</p> <p>Third, areas of irrigated farmland were identified that are no longer being irrigated</p>	

but, instead, are being used for Confined Livestock. Confined Livestock appears as Farmland of Local Importance on Tulare County’s IFL Map. These areas had not been irrigated for three or more update cycles. The largest changes occurred on the Corcoran quad where approximately 40 acres were converted to Confined Livestock. This was followed by the Waukena quad with 40 acres converting to Confined Livestock.

Irrigated Farmland to Other Land	45 changes
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Most of these conversions to Other Land were either due to small areas of irrigated farmland having been fallow for three or more update cycles or the use of high resolution imagery to delineate areas of rural residential, low-density commercial, disturbed land, and natural vegetation. The majority of these conversions happened on the Sausalito School quad with approximately 80 acres converting to low-density commercial. The Exeter quad had 50 acres of similar conversions to rural residential land and low-density commercial.

Conversions to Irrigated Farmland	
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Nonirrigated Land Uses and Other Land to Irrigated Farmland	173 changes
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The most notable addition of irrigated farmland occurred on the Allensworth quad with approximately 1,450 acres being converted to irrigated farmland for pistachios and other orchards. This was followed by the Ducor and Richgrove quads with approximately 810 and 690 acres, respectively, being converted to irrigated farmland for pistachios and other orchards.

Unusual Changes

(Types of change not already described or special circumstances during the 2016 update.)

Conversion to Urban Land due to Solar Facilities: There were 31 conversions to Urban Land due to solar facilities. Countywide approximately 600 acres went to Urban Land due to the construction of solar facilities.

Conversions between Irrigated Farmland (P,S,U) categories: These conversions were primarily due to soil unit changes from the incorporation of the statewide gridded soil survey from the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Areas of Concern for Future Updates
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(Locations or map categories noted as needing careful checking during 2018 update, and reasons.)

None

Definitions:

Irrigated Farmland includes most irrigated crops grown in California. When combined with soil data, these farmed areas become the Important Farmland (IFL) categories of Prime Farmland, Farmland of Statewide Importance & Unique Farmland. Because of the nature of the IFL definitions, some irrigated uses, such as irrigated pastures or nurseries, may not be eligible for all three IFL categories.

Nonirrigated land uses include grazing areas, land used for dryland crop farming, and formerly irrigated land that has been left idle for three or more update cycles. These uses are frequently incorporated into county Farmland of Local Importance definitions.

Other Land includes a variety of miscellaneous uses, such as low density rural residential development, mining areas, vacant areas and nonagricultural vegetation. Confined animal agriculture facilities are mapped as Other Land unless incorporated into a county Farmland of Local Importance definition.

Urban Land includes residential, industrial, recreational, infrastructure and institutional uses.

For more on map categories, including Farmland of Local Importance definitions, visit the [FMMP web site](#).

LABOR ESTIMATE:

Time estimates for conducting the 2016 update.

Image interpretation, start date: April 7, 2017
Image interpretation, number of days: 17
Ground truth dates: September 18 – 22, 2017
Number of days for post-ground truth clean-up: 4

Further information on the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program can be found at: <http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/fmmp/Pages/Index.aspx>

TULARE COUNTY
1998-2016 Land Use Summary (1)
Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

LAND USE CATEGORY	ACREAGE BY CATEGORY (2)										1998-2016 NET ACREAGE CHANGED	AVERAGE ANNUAL ACREAGE CHANGE
	1998 (3)	2000 (4)	2002	2004	2006	2008	2010	2012	2014 (5)	2016		
Prime Farmland	396,125	393,029	387,620	384,388	379,760	375,119	370,251	368,527	366,414	366,136	-29,989	-1,666
Farmland of Statewide Importance	357,221	350,589	345,763	339,579	332,158	327,204	323,598	321,296	320,887	322,355	-34,866	-1,937
Unique Farmland	11,792	11,723	12,746	12,527	12,218	11,919	11,594	11,474	11,421	11,691	-101	-6
Farmland of Local Importance	110,042	125,263	126,815	137,436	143,826	150,193	154,549	158,823	160,450	157,937	47,895	2,661
Important Farmland Subtotal	875,180	880,604	872,944	873,930	867,962	864,435	859,992	860,120	859,172	858,119	-17,061	-948
Grazing Land	439,955	434,047	440,550	440,620	440,135	439,851	440,042	439,940	439,962	439,934	-21	-1
Agricultural Land Subtotal	1,315,135	1,314,651	1,313,494	1,314,550	1,308,097	1,304,286	1,300,034	1,300,060	1,299,134	1,298,053	-17,082	-949
Urban and Built-Up Land	48,500	49,380	52,213	53,927	55,886	57,947	59,944	60,818	62,950	64,620	16,120	896
Other Land	217,607	217,182	215,506	212,740	217,228	218,980	221,231	220,331	219,184	218,593	986	55
Water Area	4,629	4,656	4,656	4,656	4,656	4,656	4,656	4,656	4,656	4,656	27	2
Total Area Inventoried	1,585,871	1,585,869	1,585,869	1,585,873	1,585,867	1,585,869	1,585,865	1,585,865	1,585,924	1,585,922	51	3

(1) Interim component of the county was upgraded to Important Farmland status upon completion of the Western Tulare soil survey.

(2) Figures are generated from the most current version of the GIS data.

(3) Category totals for 1998 do not match those in the 'combined data 1986-98' worksheet. The combined data worksheet is a mathematical summary of Tulare County data prior to the addition of Western Tulare soil data.

This worksheet reflects the final Important Farmland product and the impact of mapping Farmland of Local Importance in the western part of the county.

(4) Due to the incorporation of digital soil survey data (SSURGO) in 2000, acreages for farmland, grazing and other land categories may differ from those published in the 1998-2000 California Farmland Conversion Report.

(5) Conversion of geospatial data to North American Datum 1983 (NAD 83) led to minor changes in total FMMP acreage beginning in 2014.

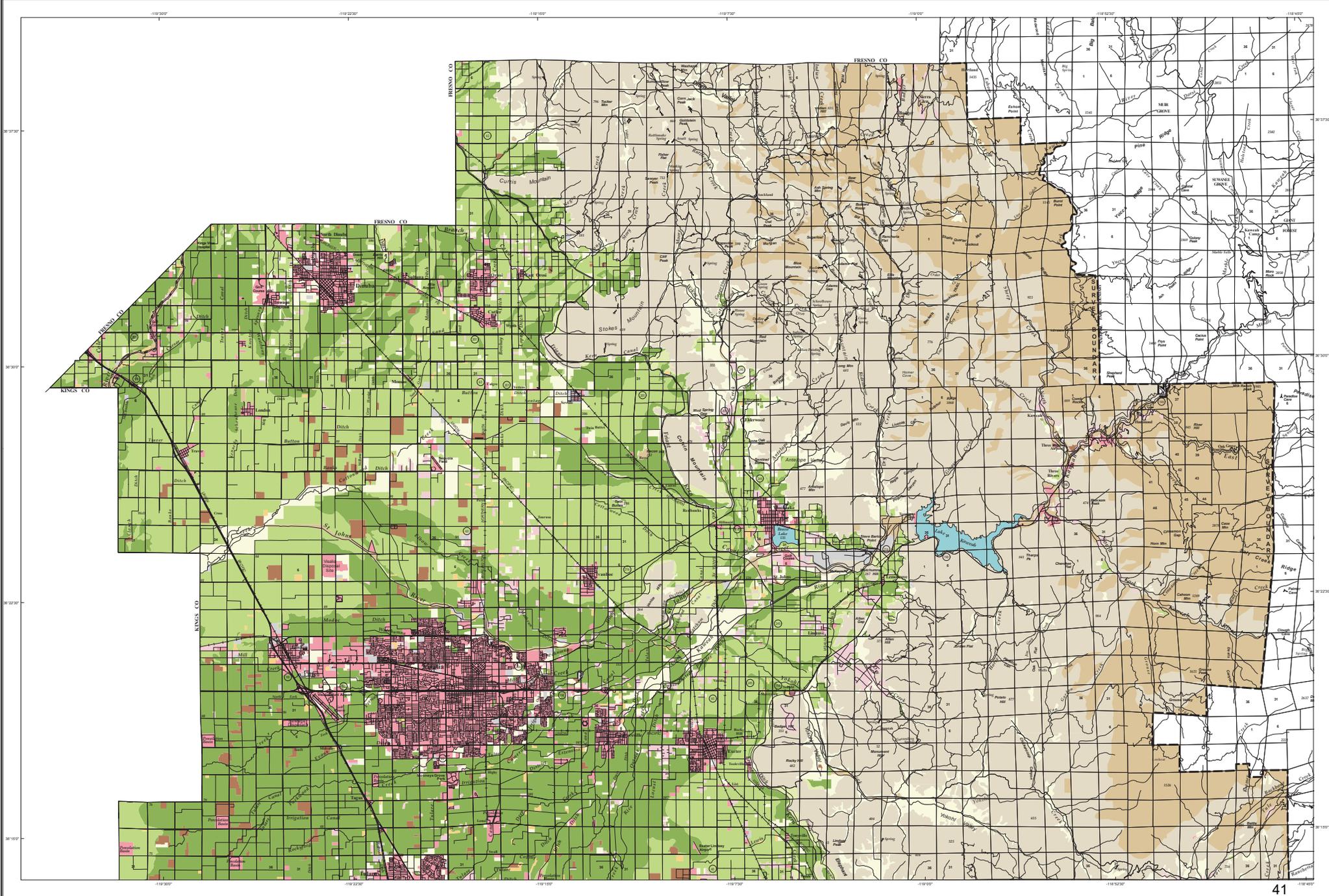
PERCENTAGE OF COUNTY INVENTORIED: 51%

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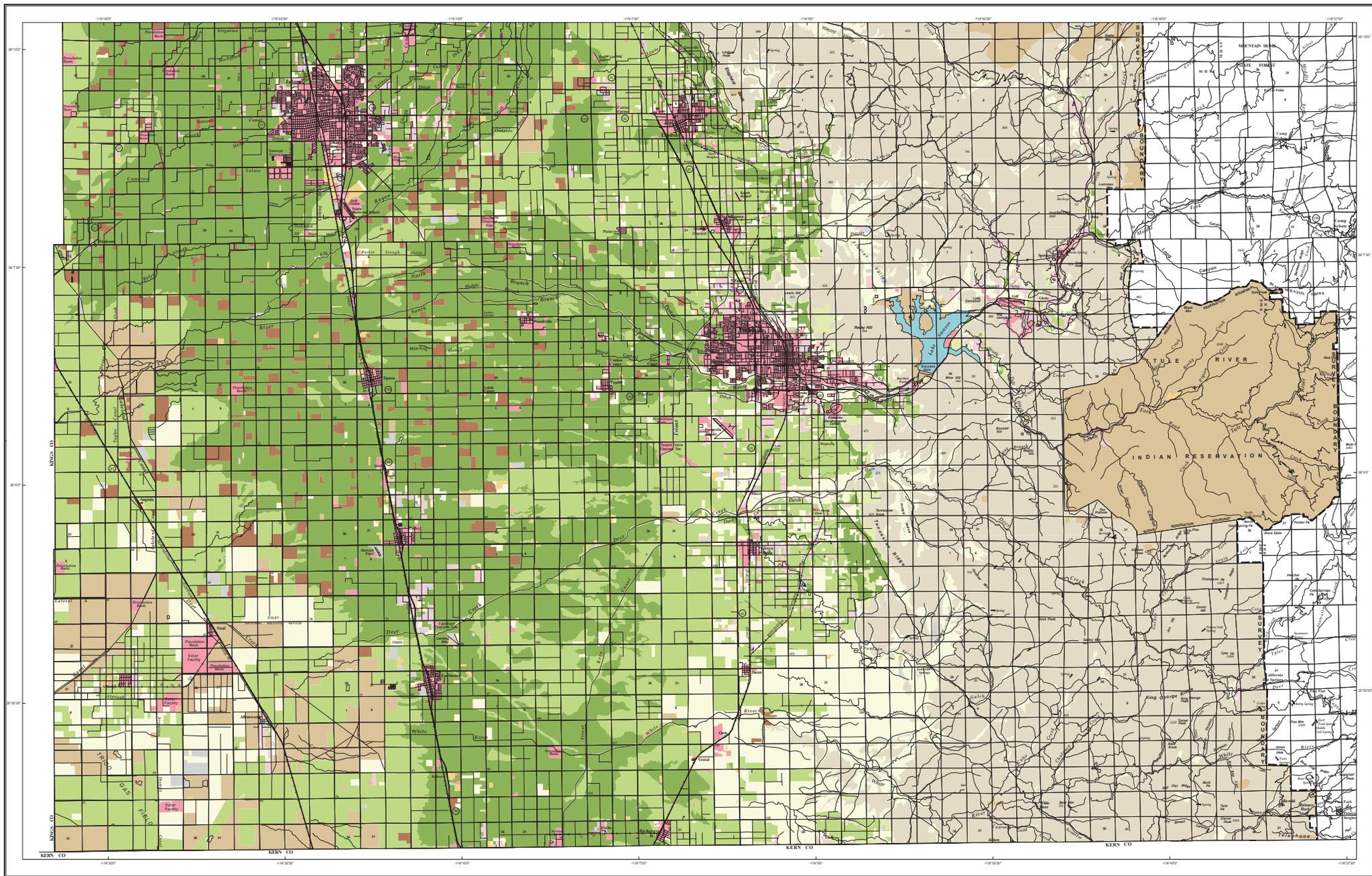




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PRIME FARMLAND

PRIME FARMLAND HAS THE BEST COMBINATION OF PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL FEATURES ABLE TO SUSTAIN LONG-TERM AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. THIS LAND HAS THE SOIL QUALITY, GROWING SEASON, AND MOISTURE SUPPLY NEEDED TO PRODUCE SUSTAINED HIGH YIELDS. LAND MUST HAVE BEEN USED FOR IRRIGATED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AT SOME TIME DURING THE FOUR YEARS PRIOR TO THE MAPPING DATE.



FARMLAND OF STATEWIDE IMPORTANCE

FARMLAND OF STATEWIDE IMPORTANCE IS SIMILAR TO PRIME FARMLAND BUT WITH MINOR SHORTCOMINGS, SUCH AS GREATER SLOPES OR LESS ABILITY TO STORE SOIL MOISTURE. LAND MUST HAVE BEEN USED FOR IRRIGATED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AT SOME TIME DURING THE FOUR YEARS PRIOR TO THE MAPPING DATE.



UNIQUE FARMLAND

UNIQUE FARMLAND CONSISTS OF LESSER QUALITY SOILS USED FOR THE PRODUCTION OF THE STATE'S LEADING AGRICULTURAL CROPS. THIS LAND IS USUALLY IRRIGATED, BUT MAY INCLUDE NONIRRIGATED ORCHARDS OR VINEYARDS AS FOUND IN SOME CLIMATIC ZONES IN CALIFORNIA. LAND MUST HAVE BEEN CROPPED AT SOME TIME DURING THE FOUR YEARS PRIOR TO THE MAPPING DATE.



FARMLAND OF LOCAL IMPORTANCE

LANDS THAT PRODUCE DRYLAND GRAINS (BARLEY AND WHEAT); LANDS THAT HAVE PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS THAT WOULD QUALIFY FOR "PRIME" OR "STATEWIDE IMPORTANT" FARMLANDS EXCEPT FOR THE LACK OF IRRIGATION WATER; AND LANDS THAT CURRENTLY SUPPORT CONFINED LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, AND/OR AQUACULTURE OPERATIONS.



GRAZING LAND

GRAZING LAND IS LAND ON WHICH THE EXISTING VEGETATION IS SUITED TO THE GRAZING OF LIVESTOCK.



CONFINED ANIMAL AGRICULTURE

CONFINED ANIMAL AGRICULTURAL LANDS INCLUDE POULTRY FACILITIES, FEEDLOTS, DAIRY FACILITIES, AND FISH FARMS. IN SOME COUNTIES, CONFINED ANIMAL AGRICULTURE IS A COMPONENT OF THE FARMLAND OF LOCAL IMPORTANCE CATEGORY.



NONAGRICULTURAL AND NATURAL VEGETATION

NONAGRICULTURAL AND NATURAL VEGETATION INCLUDES HEAVILY WOODED, ROCKY OR BARREN AREAS, RIPARIAN AND WETLAND AREAS, GRASSLAND AREAS WHICH DO NOT QUALIFY FOR GRAZING LAND DUE TO THEIR SIZE OR LAND MANAGEMENT RESTRICTIONS, SMALL WATER BODIES AND RECREATIONAL WATER SKI LAKES. CONSTRUCTED WETLANDS ARE ALSO INCLUDED IN THIS CATEGORY.



SEMI-AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL COMMERCIAL LAND

SEMI-AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL COMMERCIAL LAND INCLUDES FARMSTEADS, AGRICULTURAL STORAGE AND PACKING SHEDS, UNPAVED PARKING AREAS, COMPOSTING FACILITIES, EQUINE FACILITIES, FIREWOOD LOTS, AND CAMPGROUNDS.



VACANT OR DISTURBED LAND

VACANT OR DISTURBED LAND INCLUDES OPEN FIELD AREAS THAT DO NOT QUALIFY FOR AN AGRICULTURAL CATEGORY, MINERAL AND OIL EXTRACTION AREAS, OFF ROAD VEHICLE AREAS, ELECTRICAL SUBSTATIONS, CHANNELIZED CANALS, AND RURAL FREEWAY INTERCHANGES.



RURAL RESIDENTIAL LAND

RURAL RESIDENTIAL LAND INCLUDES RESIDENTIAL AREAS OF ONE TO FIVE STRUCTURES PER TEN ACRES.



URBAN AND BUILT-UP LAND

URBAN AND BUILT-UP LAND IS OCCUPIED BY STRUCTURES WITH A BUILDING DENSITY OF AT LEAST 1 UNIT TO 1.5 ACRES, OR APPROXIMATELY 6 STRUCTURES TO A 10-ACRE PARCEL. COMMON EXAMPLES INCLUDE RESIDENTIAL, INDUSTRIAL, COMMERCIAL, INSTITUTIONAL FACILITIES, CEMETERIES, AIRPORTS, GOLF COURSES, SANITARY LANDFILLS, SEWAGE TREATMENT, AND WATER CONTROL STRUCTURES.



WATER

PERENNIAL WATER BODIES WITH AN EXTENT OF AT LEAST 40 ACRES.

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2020 Events Calendar

JANUARY

- 13** CALAFCO University course (Orange County)
- 17** CALAFCO Legislative Committee (Irvine)
- 21-23 CA Assn. of Sanitation Agencies Conference (Indian Wells)
- 22-24 League New Mayor & Council Academy (Sacramento)

FEBRUARY

- 21** CALAFCO Board of Directors Meeting (San Diego)

MARCH

- 5-8 Local Government Commission Ahwahnee Conference (Yosemite)
- 6** CALAFCO Legislative Committee (Sacramento)
- 12 Assn. of CA Water Agencies Legislative Symposium (Sacramento)
- 25-27** CALAFCO Staff Workshop (Newport Beach)
- 31 Fire District Assn. Annual Meeting (Napa)

APRIL

- 1-3 Fire District Assn. Annual Meeting (Napa)
- 3** CALAFCO Legislative Committee (San Diego)
- 22 League of Cities Legislative Day (Sacramento)

MAY

- 1** CALAFCO Board of Directors Meeting (Sacramento)
- 5-8 Assn. of CA Water Agencies Conference (Monterey)
- 8** CALAFCO Legislative Committee (Conference call)
- 19-20 CA Special Districts Assn. Legislative Days (Sacramento)
- 27-28 CA State Assn. of Counties Legislative Days (Sacramento)

JUNE

- 12** CALAFCO Legislative Committee (Conference call)
- 17-18 League Mayor & Council Executive Forum (Monterey)

JULY

- 17** CALAFCO Legislative Committee (Conference call)
- 24** CALAFCO Board of Directors Meeting (San Diego)

AUGUST

- 12-14 CA Assn. of Sanitation Agencies Annual Conference (Squaw Valley)
- 24-27 CA Special Districts Assn. Annual Conference (Palm Desert)

SEPTEMBER

- 16-17 Regional Council of Rural Counties Annual Conference (Napa)

OCTOBER

- 2** CALAFCO Legislative Committee (2021) (Conference call)
- 7-9 League Annual Conference (Long Beach)
- 21-23** CALAFCO Annual Conference (Monterey)
- 22** CALAFCO Annual Business Meeting (Monterey)
- 23** CALAFCO Board of Directors Meeting (Monterey)

NOVEMBER

- 6** CALAFCO Legislative Committee (2021) (Sacramento)
- 13** CALAFCO Board of Directors Meeting (Sacramento)

DECEMBER

- 1-4 CA State Assn. of Counties Annual Conference (Los Angeles)
- 1-4 Assn. of CA Water Agencies Conference (Indian Wells)