



Draft Workplan for Development of a Klamath Basin
Conditional Waiver for Agriculture & Scoping
Process for Development of Regional Conditional
Waiver/WDR(s) for Agriculture

Item 12
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Introduction

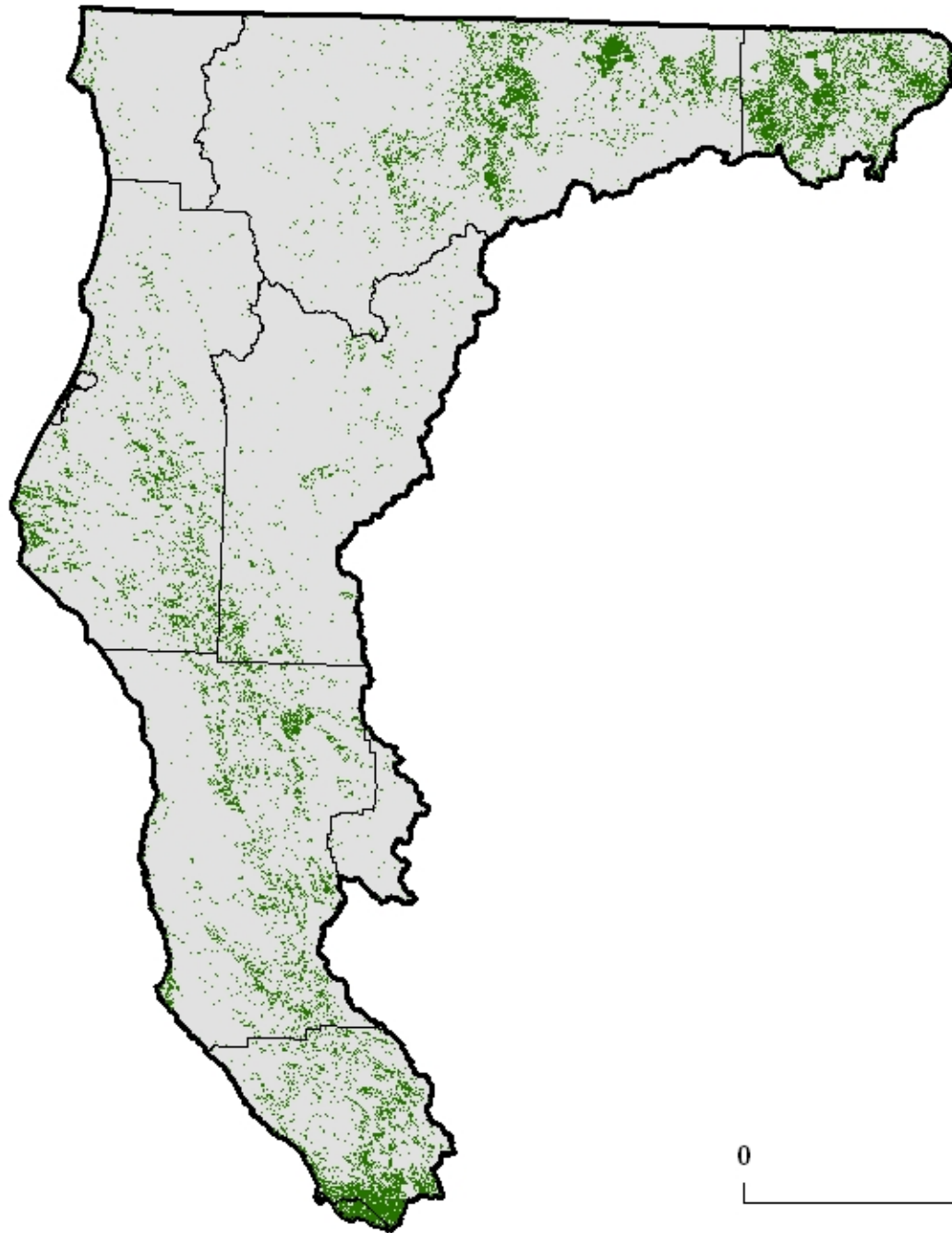
- Klamath Basin TMDL
 - Adopted March 2010
 - Requires Regional Board staff to develop a conditional waiver of WDRs for grazing and irrigated agriculture by 2012
- Presentation Topics
 - Workplan for meeting TMDL deadline
 - Regionwide approach to regulating agriculture
 - Stakeholder process to develop conditional waiver
 - Regionwide scoping



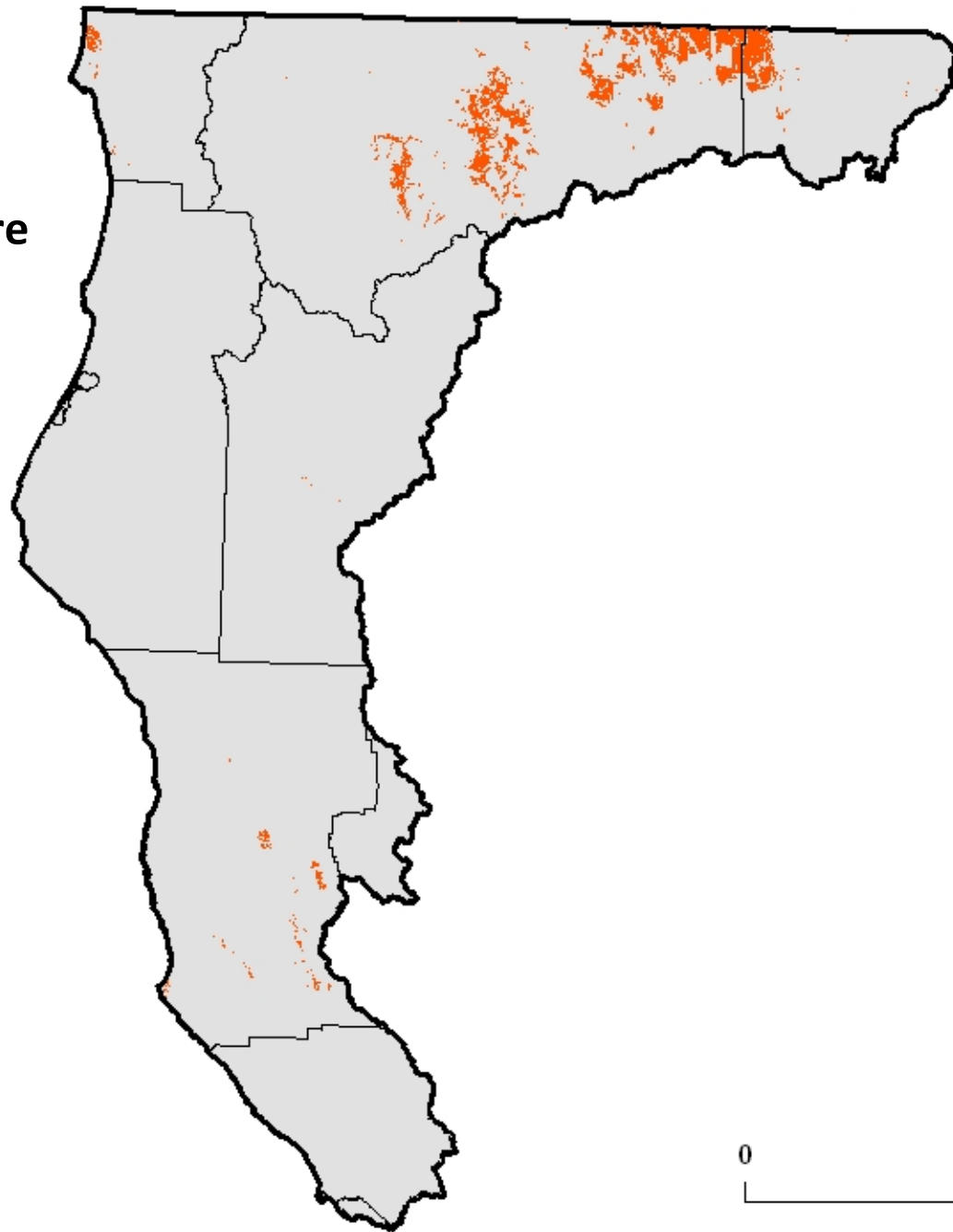
Nonpoint Source Planning

- Statewide Nonpoint Source Policy
 - Directs Regional Boards to regulate all nonpoint source discharges including agriculture
- Presentation in March 2006 presented nonpoint source program priorities
- Top priorities for agriculture
 - Scott and Shasta basins – TMDL waivers
 - Regionwide Dairies – currently being developed
 - Regionwide Grazing – included in Forest Service conditional waiver

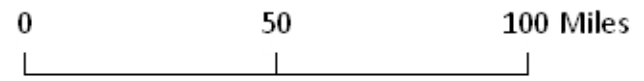
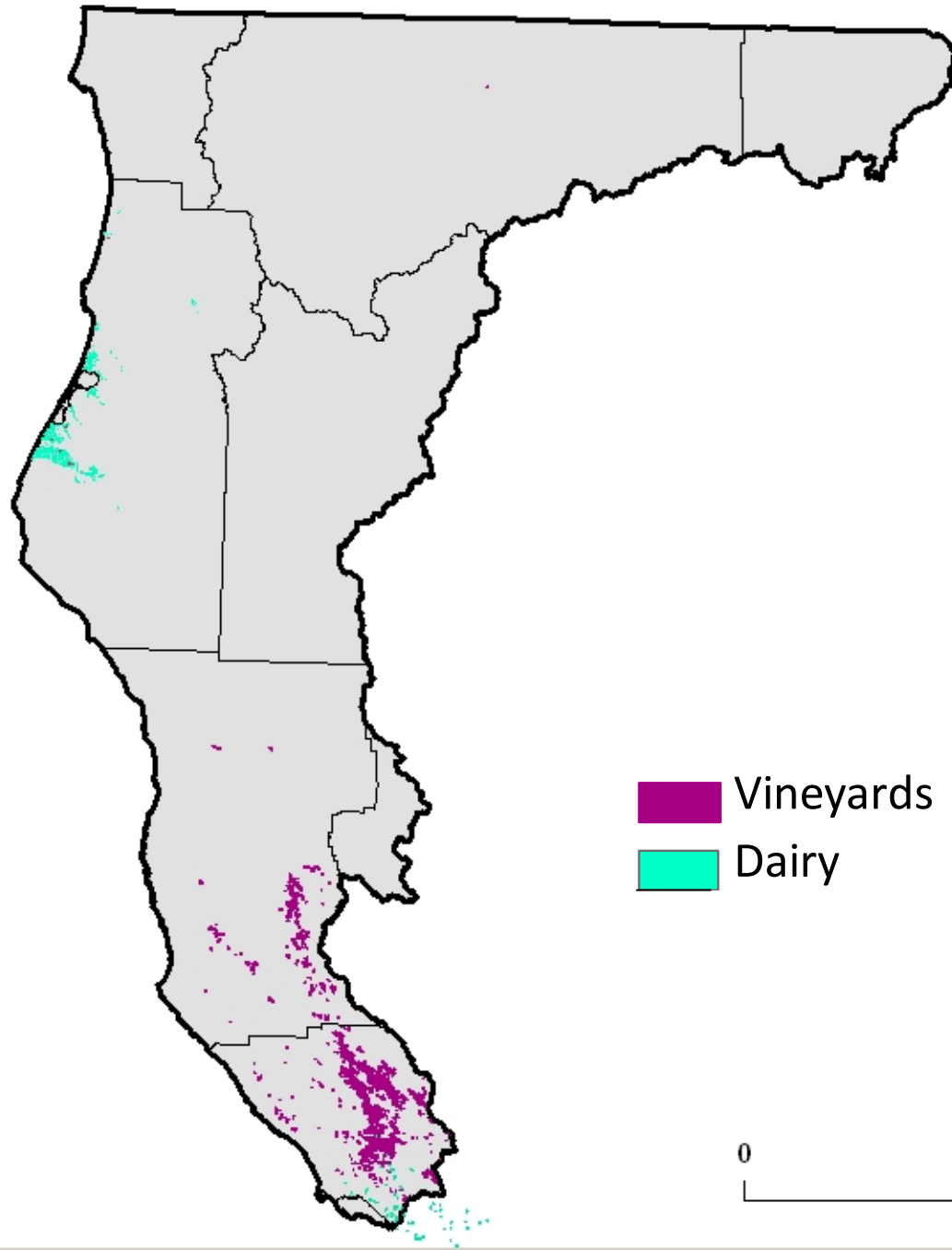
Grassland

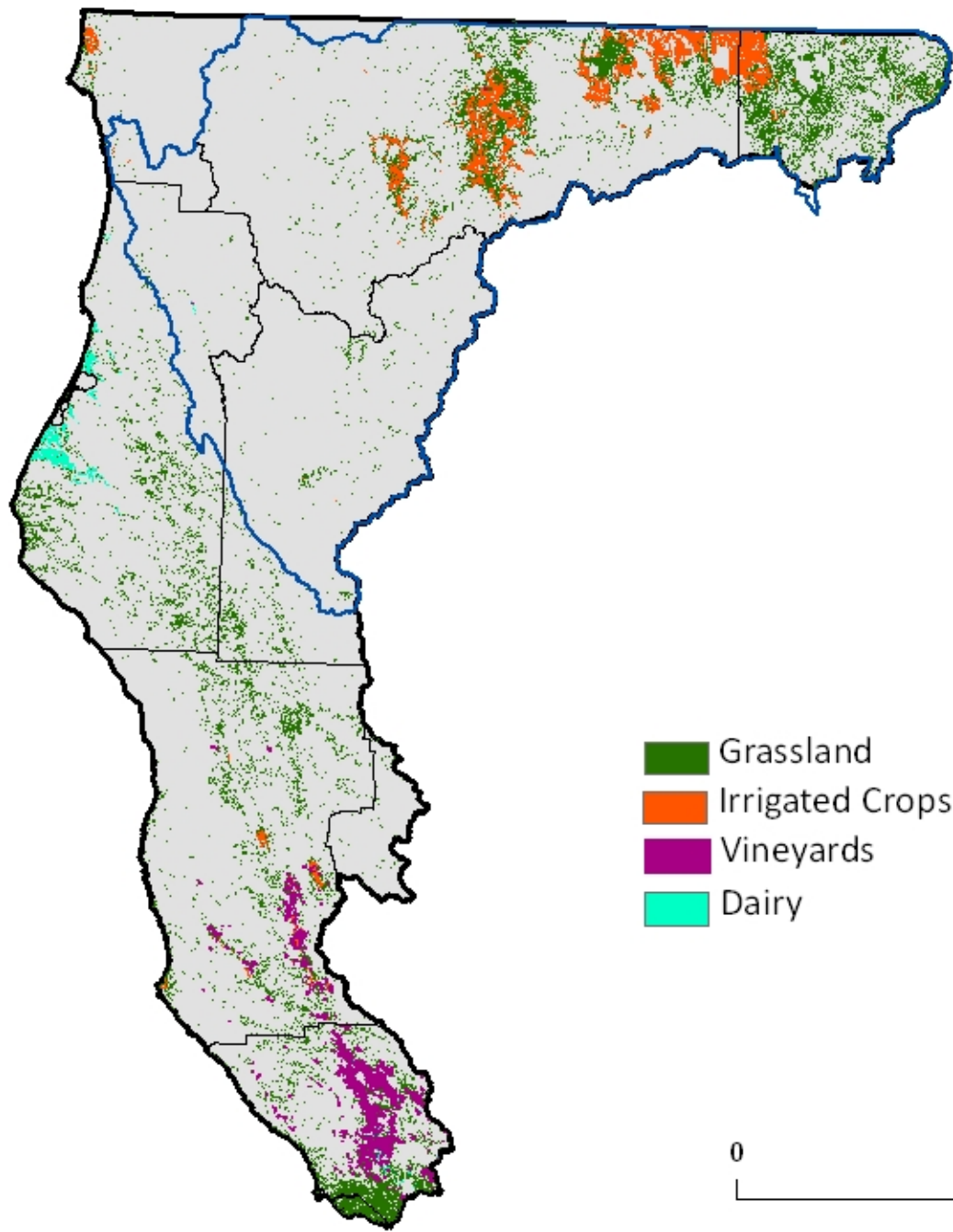


Irrigated Crops & Non-Dairy Pasture

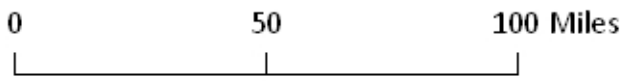


Dairies & Vineyards





- Grassland
- Irrigated Crops and Pasture
- Vineyards
- Dairy





Integrating Klamath TMDL and Regionwide Planning

- Geographic Scope
 - regionwide vs. by watershed
- Land Use Scope
 - Multiple land uses in one waiver vs. separate waivers for each land use
- Input from Klamath TMDL comments on proposed waiver
 - Need to account for local conditions and existing programs



Recommended Approach

- Develop Klamath basinwide conditional waiver for grazing and irrigated agriculture to meet TMDL deadline
- Initiate scoping process for regionwide permitting framework
- Use Klamath waiver development to inform future permit development in other parts of the region.



Workplan Tasks

1. Develop plan to involve stakeholders
2. Regionwide scoping
3. Formation of advisory group(s)
4. Work with advisory groups while developing draft waiver
5. Periodic public workshops and updates to Regional Board
6. Public review and Board workshops
7. Revisions and response to comments
8. Board hearing

Next Steps

- Develop stakeholder involvement plan
 - Meet with stakeholders
 - Develop web page and mailing list
- Regionwide Scoping Meetings
 - Provide Information
 - Regional Board priorities
 - Available funding
 - Agricultural program examples from other regions
 - Solicit Input
 - Land use data gathering
 - Appropriate scope of future permit(s)
 - Existing programs/BMPs