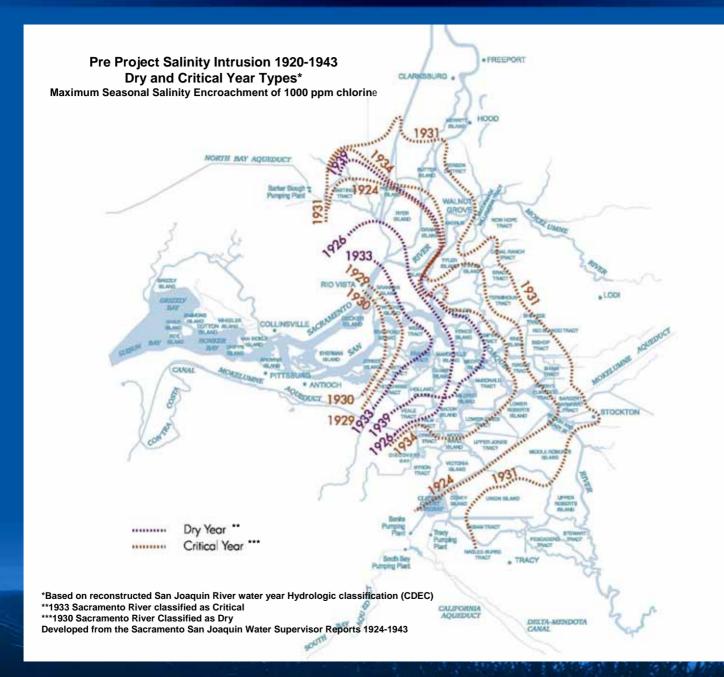
## Pre-Project Salinity Concerns in Delta

- Investigation of Delta salinity initiated in 1920's due to increasing seasonal salinity intrusion
  - Dry hydrology
  - Increasing agricultural diversions upstream reducing inflow
- In dryer years inflow insufficient to meet Delta consumptive use demands

   greater salinity intrusion
- 1931 Salinity intrusion well into South Delta

   1000 ppm chloride in Middle River near Old River
   Significant Crop damage due to salinity throughout Delta



### D1641 South Delta Salinity Compliance Locations 2000-2006

• 1.0 EC South Delta salinity objectives implemented in D1641 12/29/99

• 0.7 EC in all year types effective April 2005 no dry/critical year type relaxation

seasonal salinity range at three stations
 0.10 – 1.08 EC

Seven Year Average Salinity at three stations
 0.45 – 0.6 EC

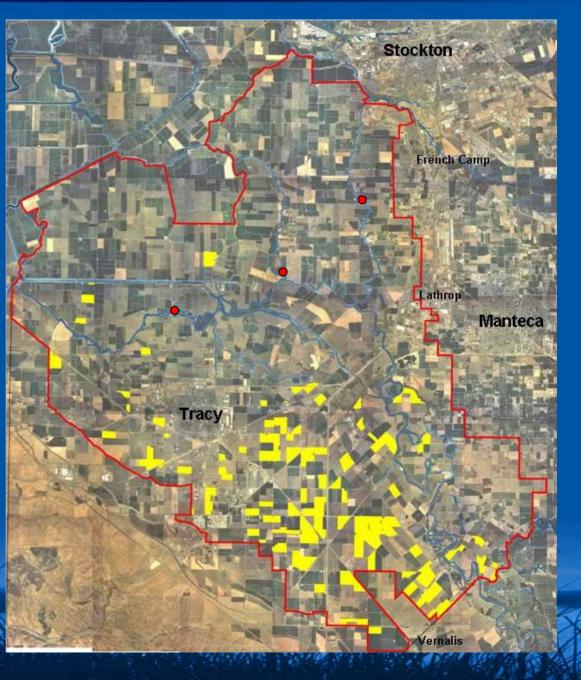
# Establishing Reasonably Protective South Delta Agricultural Salinity Objective

- 0.7 EC objective adopted to protect beans
- 1.0 EC objective in place through March 31, 2005
   Historic acreage/location bean production in SDWA?
- SDWA total cropped acreage ~ 121,000 acres
- SDWA bean acreage estimates
  - 1978 Bay/Delta plan ~2400 (2%)
  - 1988 DWR Land Use ~ 7,630 (6.3%)
  - 1996 DWR Land Use ~ 8,712 (7.2%)

#### 1988 Land Use Survey Bean Fields

7,630 acres 6.3% of SDWA cropped acreage

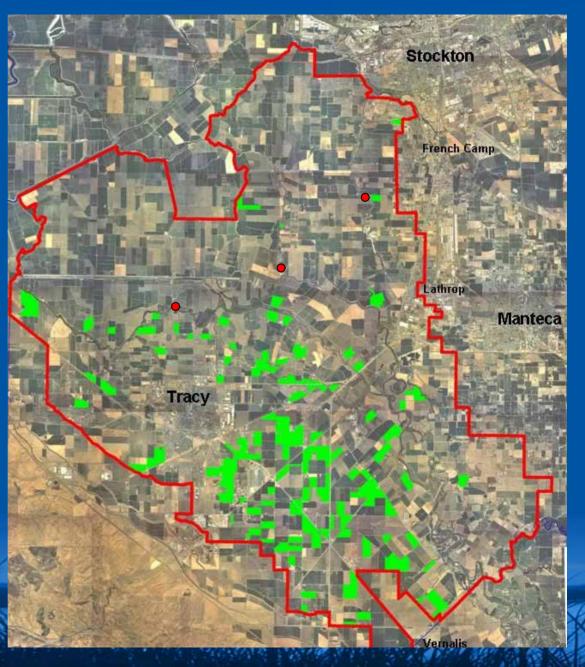
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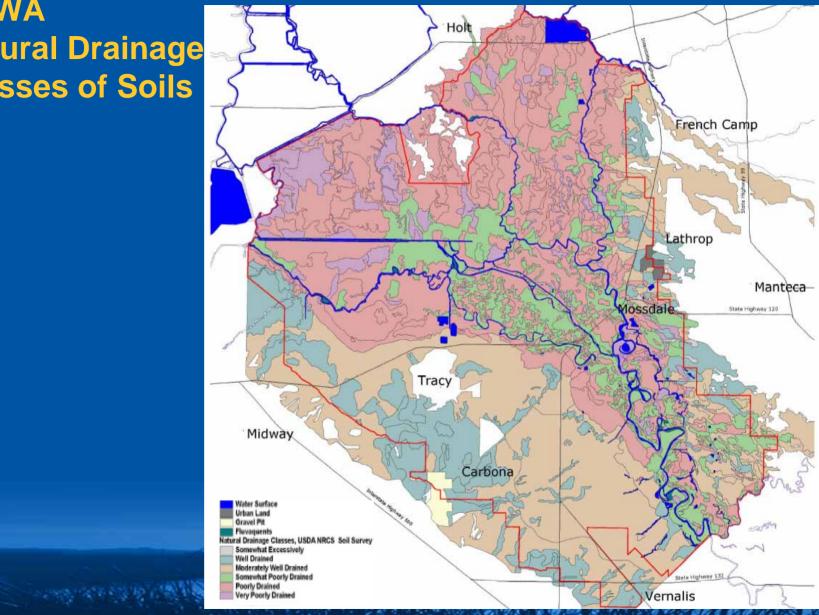
#### 1996 Land Use Survey Bean Fields

#### 8,712 acres 7.2% of SDWA cropped acreage 14% increase over 1988 acreage

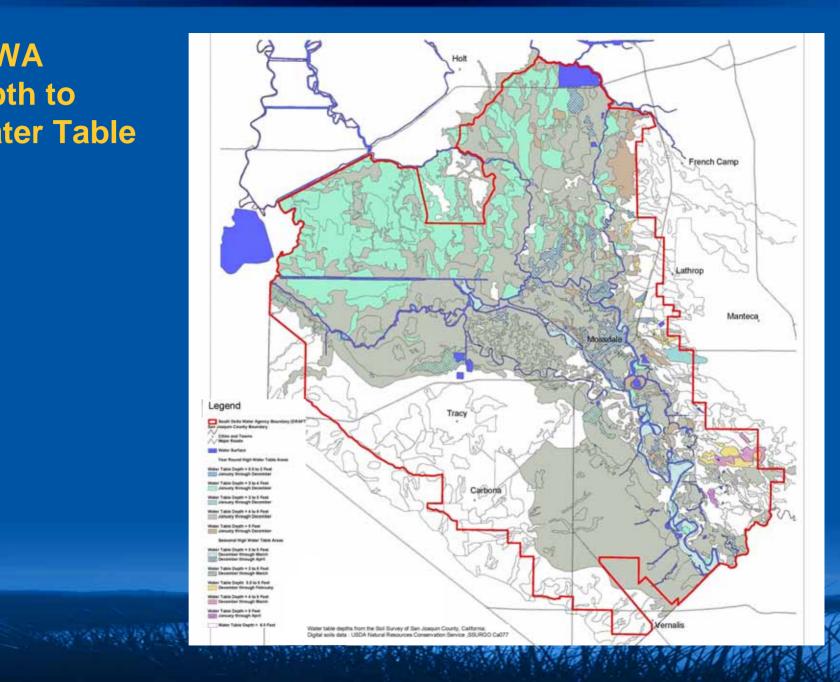
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# **SDWA** Natural Drainage Classes of Soils



#### **SDWA** Depth to **Water Table**



#### Issues for Further Study of Reasonably Protective South Delta Agricultural Salinity Objective

Locations beans grown historically in South Delta?
 majority upstream of compliance locations

• Compatibility of areas within South Delta for growing beans regardless of water quality?

- Soil Classifications/characteristics suitable for beans
- Leaching fractions obtainable on suitable soils
- Suitable depth to groundwater
- Irrigation practices

• Primary water supply for acreage in beans?

- Delta Channels, DMC return flow, Groundwater

• Cost of assuring .07 EC vs 1.0 EC in all year types and benefit realized in bean production