

**Coordinated AB 3030
Groundwater Management Plan
for the
Redding Groundwater Basin**

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Chapter 1 - Introduction

Background and Authority of AB 3030

Section 1.01. On January 1, 1993, California Assembly Bill 3030, the Groundwater Management Act, was codified into California law. California Water Code Sections 10750 et seq., allow local water agencies to adopt local groundwater management plans. Local public and private entities are encouraged by Water Code Section 10755.2 to adopt and implement a coordinated AB 3030 Plan, such as this plan for the Redding Groundwater Basin.

Section 1.01.A. On September 16, 2002, the California Legislature passed Senate Bill 1938. This act amended Water Code Sections 10753.4 and 10795.4; amended and renumbered Sections 10753.7, 10753.8, and 10753.9; and added Sections 10753.1 and 10753.7.

Section 1.02. Development of an AB 3030 Plan under Water Code Sections 10750, et seq., allows local entities to efficiently manage groundwater supplies, assure long-term water supplies, and distribute costs, benefits, and water sharing in a locally determined equitable manner.

Section 1.03. The Department of Water Resources ("DWR") defines a "Groundwater Management Plan" as "planned use of the groundwater basin yield, storage space, transmission capability, and water in storage."

Section 1.04. Water Code Section 10750 et seq., defines "Groundwater Management Program" as "a coordinated and ongoing activity undertaken for the benefit of a groundwater basin pursuant to a Groundwater Management Plan as specified in AB 3030."

Section 1.05. The Redding Area Water Council ("Water Council") is an association of numerous public and private entities within the Redding Groundwater Basin area who have determined by Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated August 1998 to jointly prepare, adopt, and implement an AB3030 Plan for the Redding Basin.

The Shasta County Water Agency (SCWA), an authorized groundwater management agency as defined in Water Code Section 10753, was authorized by the Water Council MOU to serve as the lead agency in preparing, adopting, and implementing this AB 3030 Groundwater Management Plan. The MOU also designated the Water Council to serve in a policy making oversight capacity for this planning effort. Accordingly, this plan has been undertaken by agreement of the public and private entities comprising the Water Council, as permitted by Water Code Sections 10750.7, 10753 and 10755.2. (See Table 1 for a list of Water Council members.)

Section 1.06. By executing the MOU, each of the participating entities has found and declared that management of the groundwater within their combined jurisdictions, by joint preparation, adoption and implementation of this AB3030 Plan, is in the public interest and will be of common benefit to water users within the Plan Area described in Chapter 2 of this Plan.

Section 1.07. The Water Council has determined that the adoption of this plan will provide immediate and long-term benefits for all beneficial uses of water.

Management Objectives

Section 1.08. The purposes of this Groundwater Management Plan can be summarized as follows:

- A. To avoid or minimize conditions that would adversely affect groundwater availability and quality within the Plan area.
- B. To develop a groundwater management program that addresses data collection and which protects and enables reasonable use of the groundwater resources of the Redding Basin.

Section 1.09. The Plan will not intrude upon, diminish, or negate in any manner, the existing authority of each affected agency, except as may be expressly provided. This Plan is intended to supplement and strengthen individual agency authority, while building on coordination efforts through the public/private entity partnership established by the above-referenced MOU. Elements of the Groundwater Management Plan will be achieved by Basin-wide consensus, wherever possible.

Coordinated Implementation

Section 1.10. The Water Council shall implement this AB 3030 Plan, with SCWA serving as the lead agency, consistent with the MOU establishing the Water Council. Accordingly, SCWA, working with and at the direction of the Water Council Policy Advisory Committee, will coordinate with all affected water purveyors and other interested parties to implement this Plan within the defined Plan Area.

Section 1.11. Upon its adoption by majority vote of the Water Council, and upon meeting all regulatory prerequisites, this Plan will be effective within the entire jurisdictional boundary of each participating public entity except where the jurisdictional boundaries are outside of Shasta County or the Redding Groundwater Basin (as shown schematically in Figure 1).

TABLE 1
Redding Area Water Council

Member Agencies

City of Anderson
City of Redding
City of Shasta Lake
Shasta County Water Agency
Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District
Bella Vista Water District
Clear Creek Community Services District
Centerville Community Services District
Cottonwood Water District
Shasta Community Services District
Mountain Gate Community Services District
McConnell Foundation – Advisory Only

Chapter 2 - Plan Area

Location

Section 2.01. The AB 3030 Plan Area Encompasses the cities of Shasta Lake, Redding, and Anderson, and the lands served by the numerous other water districts, agencies and purveyors in Shasta County and northern Tehama County comprising the Water Council. The Plan Area is the Redding Groundwater Water Basin (shown on Figure 1), including the service areas of the public water purveyors (shown on Figure 2).

Physiography and Geology

Section 2.02. The Redding Basin is bounded on the east by the dissected alluvial terraces, which form the foothills of the Cascade Range. The low hills and dissected uplands of the Coast Range stretch for the length of the western Shasta and Tehama County borders. The interior of the Redding Basin is characterized by stream channels, floodplain, and natural levees of the Sacramento River and its tributaries. Alluvial fans are also present near the confluence of tributaries with the Sacramento River.

Section 2.03. The Redding Groundwater Basin consists of a sediment-filled, southward-plunging, symmetrical trough (Department, 2001). Simultaneous deposition of material from the Coast Range and the Cascade Range resulted in two different formations, which are the principal freshwater-bearing formations in the basin. The Tuscan Formation, in the east, is derived from Cascade Range volcanic sediments, and the Tehama Formation, in the western and northwest portion of the basin, is derived from Coast Range sediments. These formations are up to 2,000 feet thick near the confluence of the Sacramento River and Cottonwood Creek; the Tuscan Formation is generally more permeable and productive than the Tehama Formation (Department, 2001). Groundwater recharge occurs in the higher elevations through stream seepage and direct infiltration of precipitation. Rivers and streams transition to gaining streams at lower elevations and receive direct groundwater discharge. Areas of riparian vegetation occur along surface water features throughout the basin.

Section 2.04. The oldest rock unit exposed in the area is the Upper Cretaceous Chico Formation. This unit consists of sandstone, conglomerates, and shale, which are of marine origin. In most areas of the Redding Basin, the Chico Formation contains salt water under artesian pressure. The Chico Formation is overlain by the Tuscan Formation in the eastern portion of the basin and by the Tehama Formation in the eastern portion.

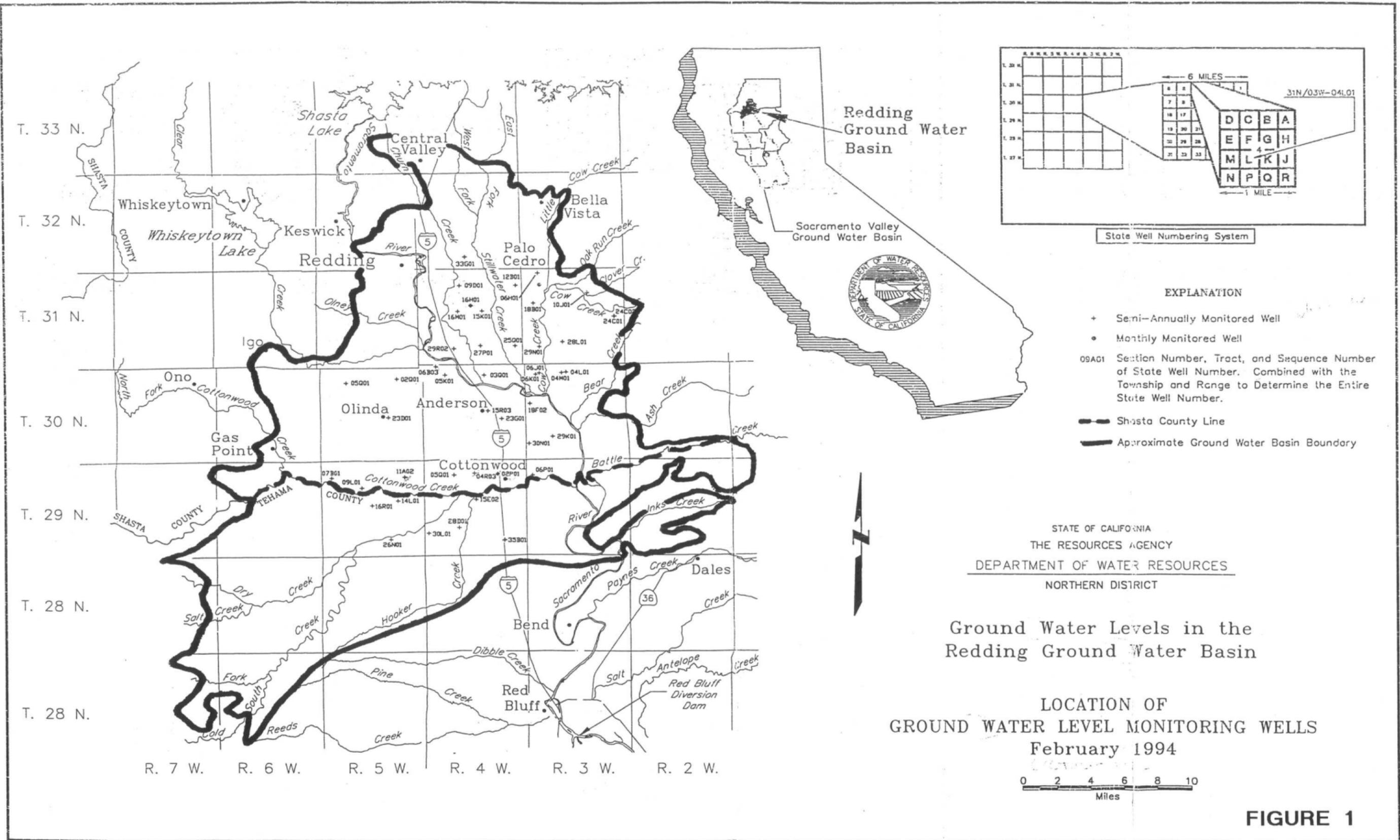
Section 2.05. The Tuscan Formation is Pliocene in age, and consists of tuff breccia, tuffaceous sandstone and conglomerate, and tuffaceous silt and clay (Anderson, 1933). The mudflow deposits are generally of low permeability, but in many areas of the Redding Basin, the mudflows were eroded, sorted, and redeposited shortly after eruption. These reworked deposits are composed of thick, highly permeable sand and gravel strata. These units of the Tuscan Formation are the most prolific aquifers of the Redding Basin.

Section 2.06. The valley fill sediments that were eroded from the finer- grained rocks of the Coast Range that bound the Redding Basin to the west comprise the Pliocene Tehama Formation. The Tehama Formation is comprised of silt, sand, gravel, and clays of fluvial origin, and have been observed to be locally cemented (Russel, 1931). The Tehama Formation is another principal water-bearing formation in the Redding Basin, and contains groundwater under both confined and unconfined conditions. While parts of the Tehama Formation appear to be younger in age than the Tuscan Formation, the two formations interfinger in the central portion of the basin, indicating that these portions of the two formations are equivalent in age.

(See Figure 3 for an illustrative depiction of a typical geologic cross-section view looking from west to east across the Redding Basin.)

Section 2.07. The Red Bluff Formation unconformably overlies most of the interbedded Tehama and Tuscan Formations. It is composed primarily of coarse gravels and boulders in a reddish sand, silt, and clay matrix, and outcrops to the west of the Sacramento River (Pierce, 1983). These materials may have been originally deposited by debris-laden, turbid streams draining glacial areas. (Bulletin 118-6, DWR, 1978) The Red Bluff Formation is poorly to moderately permeable, and, in general, areas of outcrop are above the zone of saturation.

Section 2.08. Alluvial deposits of varying age underlie the floodplain along the Sacramento River and its tributaries. These flood-deposited materials generally appear as thin layers of gravel, sand, silt, and clay that occur in thicker beds along the channel of the Sacramento River. The deposit is unconsolidated and the permeability is generally moderate but locally, where gravels predominate, may be very high (Pierce, 1983).



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Ground Water Levels in the
 Redding Ground Water Basin

LOCATION OF
 GROUND WATER LEVEL MONITORING WELLS
 February 1994



FIGURE 1

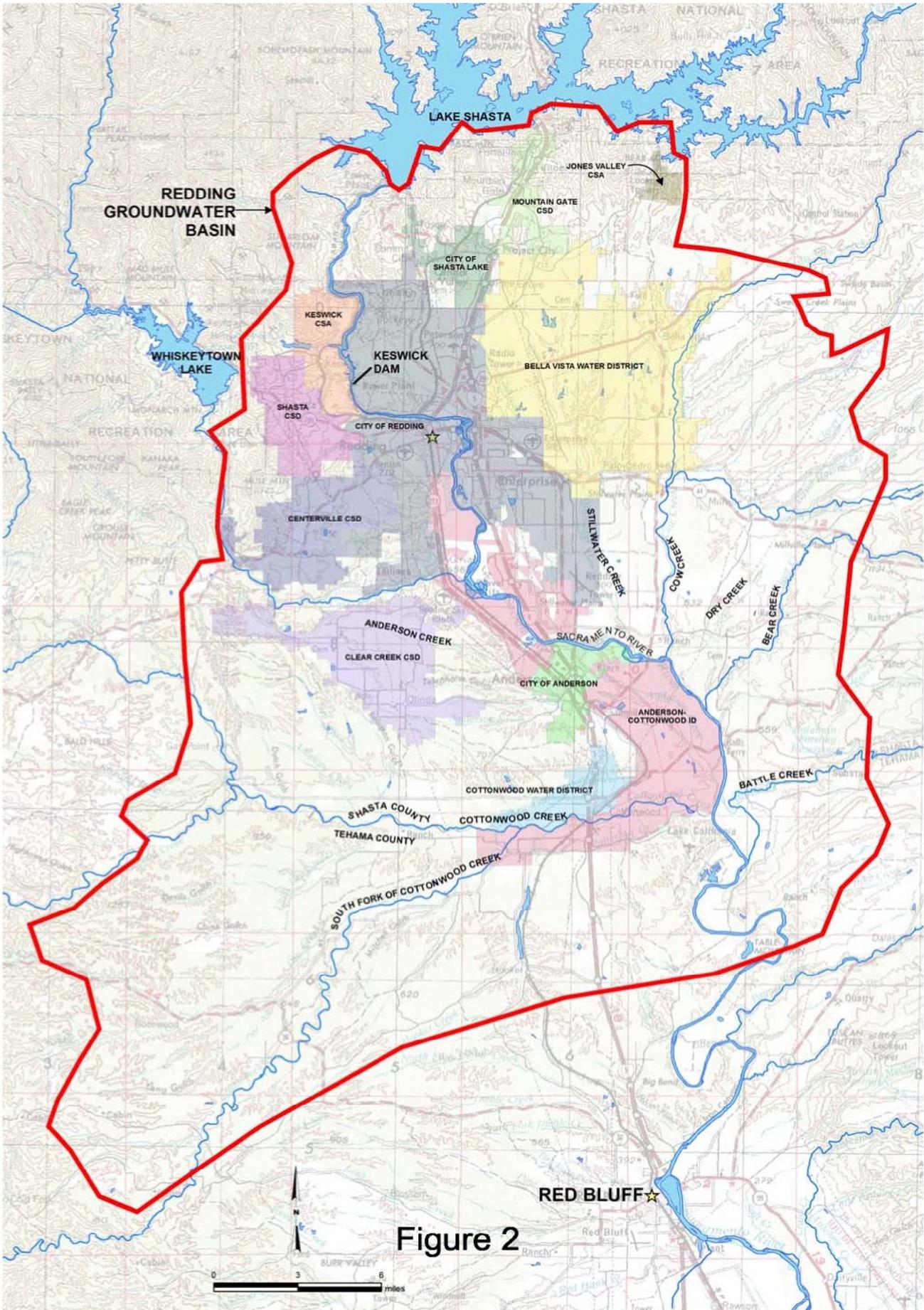


Figure 2

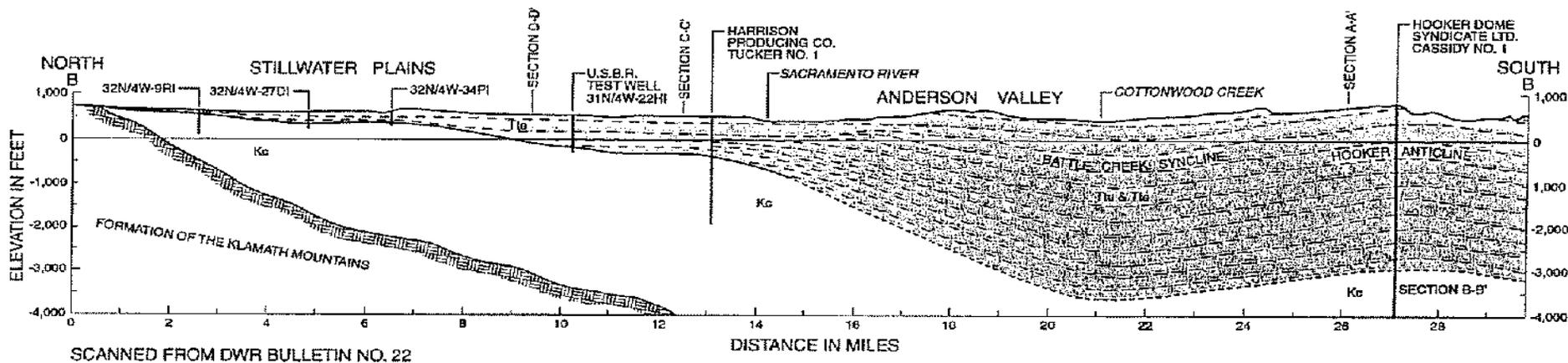


FIGURE 3
GENERALIZED CROSS SECTION
ACROSS THE SACRAMENTO VALLEY
 REDDING GROUNDWATER BASIN, SHASTA COUNTY

Climate

Section 2.09. Shasta County exhibits a wide range of precipitation and temperature due to the relatively large elevation difference between the valley floor and the highlands in the extreme eastern and western portions of the County adjacent to the Redding Basin. Precipitation and temperature data from Redding, representing typical valley floor climate parameters in the Redding Basin, demonstrate that the valley lands encompassing the Redding Basin experience hot dry summers and mild winters.

Section 2.10. Typical temperatures in the Redding area are summarized in Table 2. Mean annual precipitation in Shasta County (from the Shasta County Hydrology Manual) is shown on Figure 4.

Section 2.11. The major portion of annual precipitation generally occurs from November through April; very little rainfall typically occurs between May and October. Average annual rainfall in the Redding Basin varies from approximately 25 to 50 inches.

Section 2.12. The population within the Redding Basin is growing at a much higher rate than in the surrounding areas, in part because of the availability of public services, including public water supplies. The development of public water systems has resulted in a variety of high intensity land uses, including urban, residential, agriculture, riparian and native vegetation, and recreation. The three incorporated cities in the Redding Basin—Redding, Shasta Lake, and Anderson—currently account for about sixty-six percent (66%) of the total population within the Redding Basin. (See Shasta County Water Resources Master Plan—Phase 1 Report, SCWA (1997), Appendix C). Long-term population growth rates in the Redding Basin have been relatively uniform since World War II

TABLE 2**Historic Climatic Data for Redding, California**

Month	¹ Normal Mean Temperature (EF)	² Highest Temperature of Record (EF)	² Lowest Temperature of Record (EF)	² Average Sunshine
Jan	45.5	77	19	73%
Feb	50.7	83	21	83%
Mar	52.2	85	28	84%
Apr	58	94	33	90%
May	66.4	104	36	91%
Jun	76.1	111	42	94%
Jul	81.5	118	54	97%
Aug	79.5	115	51	97%
Sep	74.1	116	40	94%
Oct	63.5	105	33	92%
Nov	51.8	88	23	84%
Dec	45	74	17	73%
Annual Average	62	118	17	88%

¹Period of record: 1961 through 1990

²Data through 1995

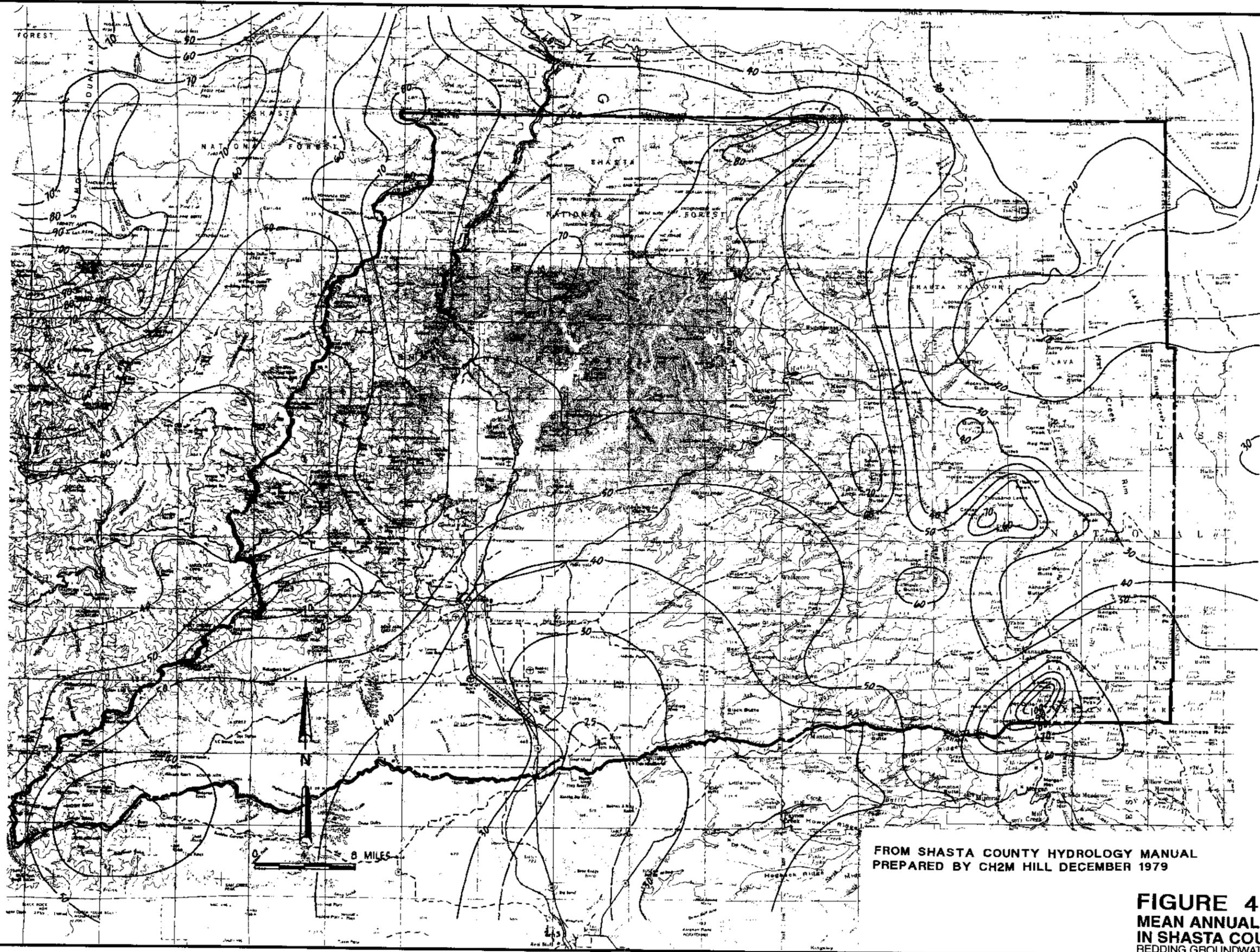


FIGURE 4
MEAN ANNUAL PRECIPITATION
IN SHASTA COUNTY
 REDDING GROUNDWATER BASIN, SHASTA COUNTY

Economy

Section 2.13. The economy of Shasta County and the Redding Basin is directly tied to water supply. Lack of reliability in the water supplies has resulted in severe impacts within the service areas of purveyors who rely on federal water contracts for all or a major portion of their water supplies. Since 1991, there have been cutbacks of as much as 75 percent of agricultural allocations and 25 percent of municipal and industrial allocations. These cutbacks have resulted in substantial uncertainty and related constraints on the short-term and long-term planning needed for the orderly development of the Redding Basin.

Local Interest

Section 2.14. In late 1996, the SCWA, acting as a lead agency in this coordinated planning process, hired CH2M HILL, a water resources consulting firm, and retained legal counsel specializing in water, environmental, and regulatory law to assist with development and implementation of the Groundwater Management Plan. Working together, the Water Council members prepared the "Shasta County Water Resources Master Plan Phase 1 Report" (October 1997), which addresses current and future water needs in Shasta County and the Redding Basin. The Water Council members, by terms of the June 1998 MOU, have agreed to continue with this joint planning effort, including the preparation of an integrated surface and groundwater management plan for the Redding Groundwater Basin.

List of Participants

Section 2.15. The Water Council includes the major public and private water users in the Redding Basin. Water use for 1995 by type of use and purveyor or major user in the Redding Basin is shown in Table 3.

Section 2.16. In addition to the above referenced public and private stakeholders, key interest groups will be encouraged to participate in Plan implementation, including public education.

Section 2.17. The success of this Groundwater Management Plan, as prepared pursuant to Water Code Section 10750 et seq., will largely be dependent on the extent of coordination between all affected public entities and other interested parties. As required under Water Code Section 10750 et seq., a notice of public hearing will be published to consider whether to implement a Groundwater Management Plan.

Legal, Financial and Political Considerations

Section 2.18. In Shasta County, as in other parts of California, water resources management is governed by a complex system of local, state, and federal laws. Water use, development, and allocation are controlled by legal contracts and agreements, common law principles, statutes, constitutional provisions, and court decisions. These legal considerations, in combination with the jurisdictional powers of the various local governing agencies and the private property rights of groundwater users, form the framework that governs water resources management in Shasta County and the Redding Basin. A more thorough overview of the institutional framework for water resource management in California is provided in Chapter 2 of *The California Water Plan Update* (DWR Bulletin 160-98).

TABLE 3
 1998 Annual Water Needs Summary
 Redding Basin
 (acre-feet x 1,000, except as noted)

	Major Public Purveyors						Small Purveyors	Private Users		Totals
	ACID Gravity	BVWD Pressure	Clear Creek CSD Pressure	Anderson City Pressure	Redding City Pressure	Shasta Lake City Pressure	Others ^a Pressure	HWUI ^b Pressure	Irrigators, 50% Gravity, 50% Pressure	
Water-Using Lands										
Irrigated Agriculture										
Permanent Crops	5.40	0.24	3.10	0.00	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	8.92
Grain and Field Crops	1.04	0.63	0.09	0.00	0.45	0.00	0.00	0.21	1.31	3.73
Pasture	45.93	10.35	3.57	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.10	1.38	13.82	75.19
Truck	0.14	0.02	0.04	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.30	0.54
Rice	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rural Urban (1 to 5 acres)	8.48	4.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.00	0.00	12.74
Total	60.99	15.42	6.80	0.00	0.63	0.04	0.18	1.59	15.47	101.12
Urban										
Urban	0.00	2.07	0.56	1.34	15.66	2.06	0.93	0.00	2.44	25.06
Rural Urban Domestic (1 to 5 acres)	0.00	0.98	0.95	0.09	1.51	0.02	1.44	0.00	1.63	6.62
Total	0.00	3.05	1.51	1.43	17.17	2.08	2.37	0.00	4.07	31.68
Commercial and Industrial										
Commercial	0.00	0.25	0.07	0.16	1.16	0.02	0.04	0.00	0.11	1.81
Industrial	0.00	1.70	0.14	0.07	0.60	0.00	0.12	14.67	0.71	18.01
Total	0.00	1.95	0.21	0.23	1.76	0.02	0.16	14.67	0.82	19.82
Recreational and Environmental										
Water Bodies	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.00
Parks and Golf Courses	0.00	0.68	0.00	0.16	0.87	0.08	0.02	0.00	0.24	2.05
Riparian Vegetation	4.67	0.30	0.03	0.00	3.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.14	11.67
Total	4.67	0.98	0.03	0.16	4.40	0.08	0.02	0.00	3.38	13.72
Diversions to Other Counties										
Total	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.00
Total Water Delivery Demands, acre-feet per year	95.66	21.40	8.55	1.82	23.96	2.22	2.73	16.26	23.74	196.34
Conveyance Losses (acre-feet per year)	79.34	1.06	0.43	0.09	1.02	0.11	0.14	0.81	1.16	84.16
Current Diversion Requirements (acre-feet per year) ^c	175.00	22.46	8.98	1.91	24.98	2.33	2.87	17.07	24.90	280.50

a Centerville CSD, Shasta County CSD, Keswick CSA, Mountain Gate CSD, Cottonwood Water District and Jones Valley CSA.

b Heavy Water Usage Industrial (Simpson Paper Company, Sierra Pacific Industries, and Wheelabrator).

c Includes 20,000 acre-feet per year delivered to Tehama County and 10,000 acre-feet delivered to downstream users.

Section 2.19. The Water Council will adopt rules and regulations to implement provisions of this AB 3030 Plan. All such rules and regulations shall be adopted pursuant to Water Code Section 10753.8.

Section 2.20. Though permitted pursuant to Water Code Section 10754 et seq., no fees or assessments to finance AB 3030 Plan expenses, such as administrative and operating costs, will be considered by the Water Council unless a future need is demonstrated.

Condition of the Groundwater Basin

Redding Groundwater Basin and Sub-Basins

Section 2.21. The boundaries of the Redding Basin roughly approximate the eastern and western edges of the Sacramento Valley floor. (See Figure 1, showing the Basin and Plan Area.) The foothill areas that constitute the eastern and western portions of Shasta and Tehama Counties adjacent to the Redding Basin are designated as "highland" areas, and are noted for their relative scarcity of groundwater resources. Sub-basins and areas within the Redding Basin with unique characteristics will be identified and evaluated in AB 3030 Plan implementation.

Existing Monitoring

Section 2.22. Since the late 1920s, the State Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the United States Bureau of Reclamation have measured groundwater levels for 48 wells in the Redding Basin. Currently, 35 wells are monitored semi-annually and 5 wells are measured on a quarterly basis.

Section 2.23. The DWR issues periodic reports that relate to the monitoring program in the Redding Basin. These reports include groundwater hydrographs for the monitored wells. Appendix "B" contains access information for DWR Groundwater levels.

Section 2.24. Most wells in the monitoring program are measured by DWR semi-annually, usually in March and October. These monitoring periods provide an indication of groundwater levels before and after the typical agricultural irrigation season.

Section 2.25. In addition to recording water levels, the DWR reports also include, for each well, information on the producing aquifer(s), degree of certainty associated with the groundwater body classification, the hydrogeologic unit, and the applied use of the extracted groundwater.

Section 2.26. The data from these historic and ongoing monitoring efforts will be considered and reflected in the ongoing development of a Redding Basin computer model.

Historic Variations in Groundwater Levels

Section 2.27 Groundwater levels in the Redding Basin fluctuate seasonally in response to the quantities of discharge from, and recharge to, the groundwater basin that occurs in a particular year. The primary source of groundwater discharge from the aquifer is groundwater pumping, along with a small quantity of subsurface outflow from the basin, while the main sources of recharge are deep percolation of precipitation and applied water, along with leakage from surface streams.

Section 2.28. Monthly measurements of groundwater show that water levels start dropping in early spring (usually April) and continue to decline through the summer until early September. Maximum levels are usually reached by February.

Section 2.29. Over the long term, groundwater levels in the Redding Basin have remained steady. There are seasonal fluctuations (summer to winter), and there are some fluctuations caused by climatic patterns (wet or dry years), but overall, groundwater levels have not changed significantly throughout the period of record.

Historic Groundwater Pumpage

Section 2.30. In the earlier parts of this century, little groundwater was used in Shasta County and the Redding Basin. The Sacramento River and its primary tributaries provided the source of water for most irrigation. A notable exception is along Cottonwood Creek, where substantial groundwater extraction occurred over several decades, largely ending in the 1980s.

Section 2.31. In the early 1970s, approximately 5 percent of all irrigation water came from groundwater, and approximately 95 percent came from surface-water sources. In 1995, approximately 12.5 percent of all water used in the Redding Basin was derived from groundwater. The vast majority of groundwater extracted is put to municipal and industrial uses. Groundwater is the principal source of water supply for areas outside of the service areas of the 14 water districts within the basin.

Groundwater Quality

Section 2.32. The general quality of groundwater in the Redding Basin is considered good to excellent (TDS between 95 and 424 mg/L) for most uses, except for that water from shallow depths along the margin of the basin where pre-Tertiary formations may be tapped. Some wells in those areas yield water with constituents that are above limits for drinking (primarily metals, TDS, chloride and sulfate). This water is likely derived from the Chico Formation (Pierce, 1983).

Section 2.33. Additional review of existing and potential groundwater quality problems in the Redding Basin is needed. This will occur in AB 3030 Plan implementation.

Need for Groundwater Management Plan

Section 2.34. There is a substantial, but undefined, supply of groundwater in the Redding Basin. The Redding Basin does not appear to be in a state of groundwater overdraft; however, at this time there is no certainty as to how close the Redding Basin is to overdraft, what constitutes a “safe annual yield,” and when and how frequently well interference problems may arise in the future.

The Redding Groundwater Basin has been estimated to contain up to 3,500,000 AF of groundwater in storage (DWR Bulletin 118, 1975). Groundwater levels in wells within the Basin are depressed seasonally, but fully recover over the winter months in all but the driest rainfall years. However, further study is necessary to determine the effects of a prolonged, severe drought on regional groundwater levels.

Section 2.35. The need for an AB 3030 Plan is documented in the Shasta County Water Resources Master Plan Phase 1 Report (October 1997) “Phase 1 Report,” which was prepared for the Water Council. As indicated in that report, additional study of the Redding Basin’s characteristics is needed to better understand and evaluate the occurrence, movement, origin, and destination of groundwater in the Redding Basin, and what constitutes reasonable use thereof.

Section 2.36. This plan is intended to provide a mechanism for both the public and private stakeholders in the Redding Basin to evaluate, manage, protect, and preserve this valuable local groundwater resource.

Replace Figures 5-11 with citations to Appendix B in 2.22-2.36. Appendix B would contain appropriate web links to historic documents.

Chapter 3 - Elements of the AB 3030 Plan

AB 3030 Plan Elements

Section 3.01. The approach to groundwater management reflected in this AB 3030 Plan will generally be based on voluntary cooperation between water agencies, purveyors, and interested private parties in the Redding Basin, with an information gathering and monitoring emphasis. This plan includes the following elements: (1) Data Development/Groundwater Monitoring; (2) Public Entity Coordination and Reporting; (3) Public Information and Education; (4) Export Limitations; (5) Water Quality; (6) Wellhead Protection; (7) Land Use; (8) Conjunctive Use Operations; (9) Groundwater Management Facilities; and (10) Groundwater Overdraft and Well Interference. These elements are further described below.

Data Development/Groundwater Monitoring

Section 3.02. To ensure that its actions are taken in accordance with the public interest, and to further prevent the use of unnecessary and potentially burdensome management techniques, SCWA will work with Water Council participants to collect data and will conduct or receive necessary and relevant studies, for the purpose of further documenting the existing quality and quantity of groundwater within the Redding Basin. This SCWA activity will be undertaken in a scope and manner consistent with the Water Council MOU, including the preparation and maintenance of a linked surface water and groundwater computer-based model.

Section 3.03. SCWA will serve as the Water Council's information and data collection coordinator, and will collect and conduct, or have conducted, technical investigations to carry out this plan, including computer model development. All data collection and technical investigations authorized under this plan shall be carried out by SCWA in consultation with the Water Council Policy Advisory Committee.

Section 3.04. One of the goals in the data collection and evaluation process will be to determine the Redding Basin's long-term safe annual yield. For the purpose of this plan, "long-term safe annual yield" shall be as defined in Appendix A, which defines this and other key AB 3030 Plan and implementing regulation terms. The determination shall estimate the safe annual yield of the total Redding Basin under various hydrologic conditions and the probable boundaries of the sub-basin hydrologic units.

Section 3.05. The Water Council shall prepare a report on the status of the Redding Basin no less than bi-annually. The report shall include an estimate of annual recharge, pumping, and groundwater discharge to surface streams. The report shall include any other information that the Water Council deems relevant and necessary to the effective management of groundwater within the Plan Area, including estimated changes in water levels.

A. Collection and Analysis of Data/Preparation of Reports on Hydrologic Conditions. Data related to the hydrologic inventory of the Redding Basin will be collected and reviewed as a component of the periodic report to be prepared by the Water Council. Principal factors to be considered will include surface water imported to and exported from the Redding Basin, evapotranspiration, the estimated groundwater recharge, discharge, and extractions from the Redding Basin, and subterranean outflow.

B. Preference for Use of Existing Databases. To avoid incurring unnecessary costs, the Water Council shall utilize data and models developed for the Redding Basin Management Planning effort and further determine the status of additional studies and monitoring programs carried out within the Redding Basin by federal, state, and local agencies. Where possible, information from pre-existing data collection programs, and new data derived from the computer model to be developed for the Water Council and other sources, will be incorporated into the report.

C. Expansion of Data Collection Efforts. Where significant and important data are missing or incomplete, the Water Council will determine methods to acquire a more complete database.

Section 3.06. The Water Council, using its Technical Advisory Committee as it determines appropriate, may prepare or receive reports on groundwater and supplemental water supplies, groundwater quality, and other conditions within the Plan Area. The Water Council may identify information useful to a water replenishment or conjunctive use project and prepare reports on the utility of these types of projects within the Plan Area.

Section 3.07. To protect and/or enhance the quality and quantity of water within the Redding Basin, the Water Council shall develop and implement a Redding Basin monitoring program. The monitoring program may consist of the measures identified in these sections and will be implemented by the adoption of rules and regulations, as determined appropriate by the Water Council Policy Advisory Committee.

- A. Monitoring Redding Basin Conditions. The previous and ongoing collection and analysis of basic hydrologic data are important elements of the Management Plan. Monitoring is essential to characterize Redding Basin conditions and to provide the technical information needed to make decisions regarding the optimal use and management of the Redding Basin. Monitoring of the Redding Basin will allow the Water Council to: (1) identify reliable sources of information; (2) identify changing conditions; (3) develop and implement specific groundwater management programs as may be determined necessary in the future; and (4) document the accomplishments of the management program.
- B. Use of Existing Monitoring Data. The Water Council shall coordinate with the DWR, Northern District Office, Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District, and other appropriate entities to use and supplement their existing semi-annual well water level measurement program. Monitoring of water levels will allow the Water Council to gauge the status of the groundwater resource in response to changing hydrologic conditions and water use practices. The number and location of these wells will be determined by the Water Council Policy Advisory Committee.
- C. Monitoring Groundwater Quality Conditions. The Water Council shall include one or more monitoring wells within the Redding Basin, and in each sub-basin where feasible, for the purpose of measuring water quality conditions within the Redding Basin. The number and location of these wells will be determined by the Water Council Policy Advisory Committee. Efforts will be made to use existing wells that are subject to water quality testing to minimize costs associated with the water quality-monitoring program.

Section 3.08. The Water Council shall prepare an annual estimate of the amount of water extracted within the Plan Area and of the total cumulative groundwater extractions within the Redding Basin.

Public Entity Coordination and Reporting

Section 3.09. The Water Council shall strive at all times to coordinate with all agencies having jurisdiction over water-related matters in and adjacent to the Redding Basin.

Section 3.10. The Water Council will coordinate with the Regional Water Quality Control Board, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the State Office of Drinking Water, and other state and local regulatory agencies to monitor and develop information concerning groundwater quality compliance with applicable standards, and to otherwise manage and ensure reasonable use of Plan Area groundwater.

Public Information and Education

Section 3.11. It is essential to involve the public, agricultural, industrial, and business communities early in the development of the Groundwater Management Plan. Throughout the implementation of this plan, public education and community relations will be integral to successful groundwater management in the Redding Basin.

Section 3.12. The Water Council shall provide public outreach through public presentations, published information items, and references to groundwater data available through other public agencies, as determined by the Policy Advisory Committee.

Export Limitations

Section 3.13. In order to preserve and protect Redding Groundwater Basin resources, and to ensure their reasonable and beneficial use in a way that is not detrimental to the Basin and its local users, County of Shasta Ordinance No. SCC 98-1, as adopted by the Shasta County Board of Supervisors on January 27, 1998, is fully incorporated into this AB 3030 Plan by reference, and shall apply throughout the AB 3030 Plan area except: (1) as otherwise provided by this Plan; or (2) as it may be superceded by adoption of one or more local ordinances within individual public agency boundaries. That groundwater extraction and export ordinance, which is codified as Chapter 18.08 of the Shasta County Code, is attached to this Plan as Appendix A.

The term "Shasta County" as used in Exhibit "A" for the purpose of requiring a permit for the export of ground water outside of the County, shall mean the AB 3030 Plan area.

The term "Commission" as used in Exhibit "A" shall be the Water Council Technical Advisory Committee, as established by MOU, unless otherwise designated and appointed by the Water Council.

The terms "Clerk of the Board" and "Board" as used in Exhibit "A" for the purpose of appeals from Commission actions on permit applications, shall mean the "Director" as therein defined and the full Water council, Respectively.

Water Quality

Section 3.14. The Water Council, working with members and non-member entities shall develop a program to assess, monitor, and protect the quality of groundwater in the Redding Basin to ensure the quality is acceptable for all beneficial uses.

Wellhead Protection

Section 3.15. Abandoned wells provide the potential for pollutants or contaminants to enter and/or spread into the Redding Basin groundwater. As such, well abandonment represents a

key concern in groundwater management. The Water Council shall coordinate with the County Division of Environmental Health to obtain written notice concerning well abandonment projects.

Section 3.16. Improperly constructed and abandoned wells can impair yields and increase the potential for groundwater contamination. The Water Council supports the California Model Well Code standards, and the Shasta County well construction and destruction ordinance and regulations, and will work with the County Division of Environmental Health to provide information to well owners throughout the Basin regarding proper well construction and abandonment procedures.

Land Use

Section 3.17. To improve coordination among Water Council members and jurisdictions having land use authority, the Water Agency will request notification and circulation of CEQA documents for projects in the basin that identify potentially significant effects to groundwater quality. The Water Agency will notify members of the Water Council that may be affected and collaborate to assess the risk of groundwater contamination.

Conjunctive Use Operations

Section 3.18. The Water Council shall evaluate options and develop a program for conjunctive use of Redding Basin water sources in an effort to increase or maintain Redding Basin water supplies.

Groundwater Management Facilities

Section 3.19. The Water Council will assess the need for short- and long-term facilities, such as conjunctive use facilities, and develop plans as may be determined appropriate.

Groundwater Overdraft and Well Interference

Section 3.20. A mitigation and prevention program will be developed to address potential overdraft, well interference, and similar problems that would adversely affect the groundwater resources in the Plan area. This program will identify strategies and actions that will promote reasonable groundwater usage in the Redding Basin.

Section 3.21. The Water Council Policy Advisory Committee shall review this AB 3030 Plan and its implementation on a bi-annual basis and shall report its findings to all MOU participants.

Chapter 4 - Implementation

Procedure

Section 4.01. A Groundwater Management Plan developed pursuant to Water Code Section 10750 et seq., must be conducted according to the procedure show in Table 4.

TABLE 4 Procedure to Implement Groundwater Management Plan
1. Publish notice of public hearing to consider whether to adopt resolution of intent.
2. Conduct a hearing on whether to adopt a resolution of intent to adopt a Groundwater Management Plan.
3. Adopt a resolution of intention to adopt a Groundwater Management Plan.
4. Publication of notice.
5. Prepare a Groundwater Management Plan within 2 years.
6. Hold a second hearing after plan preparation is complete.
7. Consider protests at conclusion of second hearing.
8. If protests are received from landowners representing more than 50% of assessed value of property in the County occurs, the Plan shall not be adopted.
9. If protests are received from landowners representing less than 50% of assessed value of property in the Redding Basin Plan area occurs, the AB 3030 Plan may be adopted within 35 days after Step 6.

Plan Administration

Section 4.02. The Water Council will administer the AB 3030 Plan throughout the Plan Area in accordance with the adopted Water Council MOU. As reflected in that MOU, successful implementation of the AB 3030 Plan must involve the ongoing participation of, and coordination between, all Redding Basin agencies which are empowered with groundwater-related duties and other interested local entities.

Section 4.03. Consistent with Water Council objectives in preparing this AB 3030 Plan, it is intended that this Plan will apply to the service areas of all local water purveyors within its stated boundaries. However, any local agency, investor-owned utility, or mutual water company which may decline to have the plan made applicable within its service area will be exempt from this plan within its jurisdiction, as stated in the MOU or applicable law.

Section 4.04. Any local water agencies within the boundaries of the AB 3030 plan area that decline to participate in cooperative management of the Redding Basin within its agency boundary shall be encouraged to adopt their own groundwater management plans and coordinate with the Water Council to the extent possible.

Section 4.05. This AB3030 Plan shall be funded, with respect to implementation and maintenance, as provided in the Water Council MOU as may be amended.

Section 4.06. In accordance with the California Groundwater Management Act, the Water Council will develop rules and regulations from time to time, to implement provisions of this plan, as it may be amended consistent with the Water Council MOU. These rules and regulations shall be adopted by the Water Council by resolution.

Section 4.07. All meetings of the Policy Advisory Committee and/or Technical Advisory Committee will be publicly noticed in print media of general circulation. Parties that have requested will be notified of meetings in the same manner as the Policy Advisory Committee and/or Technical Advisory Committee.

- A. Time will be allotted during meetings of the Policy Advisory Committee and/or Technical Advisory Committee for public comment. The amount of time will be at the discretion of the Water Committee member conducting the meeting.
- B. Written comments germane to the Policy Advisory Committee and/or Technical Advisory Committee meeting will be considered if received before the close of business 5 working days after the meeting.

Section 4.08. All known water purveyors whose boundaries overlie the Redding Groundwater Basin will be notified of meetings of the Policy Advisory Committee and/or Technical Advisory Committee in the same manner as members of the Water Committee.

- A. Time will be allotted during meetings of the Policy Advisory Committee and/or Technical Advisory Committee for purveyor comment. The amount of time will be at the discretion of the Water Committee member conducting the meeting.
- B. Written comments germane to the Policy Advisory Committee and/or Technical Advisory Committee meeting will be considered if received before the close of business 10 working days after the meeting.

Chapter 5 - Plan Amendments

Section 5.01. This AB3030 Plan shall be periodically updated, based on changed circumstances within the Redding Basin, as determined by the Water Council.

Section 5.02. Plan Amendments shall occur in the manner established in the Water council MOU, as may be amended.

Section 5.03. The Water Council shall endeavor to publicly distribute, and educate the public concerning any AB3030 Plan amendments adopted resulting in more than mere technical changes.

APPENDIX "A"

**SHASTA COUNTY GROUNDWATER
EXTRACTION AND EXPORT ORDINANCE**