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Major Water Conservation Initiative: New Approach Developed for First California Statewide Irrigated Landscape Analysis

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Overview of Presentation

- Background to Program
- Technical Approach
- Output Datasets
- Using the Data
- Questions/Discussion

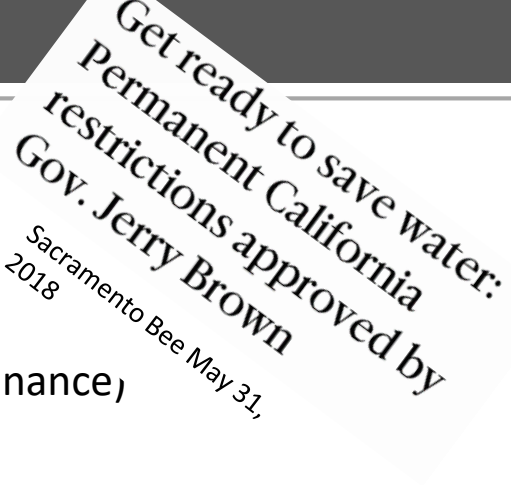
Background

California Statewide Urban Irrigated Landscape Program

Water Budget Targets

- Need an equitable way of assessing urban water use
- Recognize the efficiency of water use
- Water Use Objective customized to each district
  - Population
  - Landscape area
  - Potential Evapotranspiration
    - ET_0
  - Adjust with local variances where important

Conservation Programs



- SBX 7-7 20% by 2020 Method 2:
  - 55 gallons per capita per day Indoor Residential
  - Outdoor Water Use (Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance) (MWELO)
    - Landscape area x ET_0 x factor
  - 10% reduction in Commercial, Institutional and Industrial (CII) Water Use
- Executive Order B-37-16
  - Calls for 5 state agencies to develop recommendations for long term water conservation framework
  - Specifically calls for water budget target approach
  - Framework report released April 2017.
- SB 606/AB 1668
  - 4 Sections
  - Section: Water Use Objectives

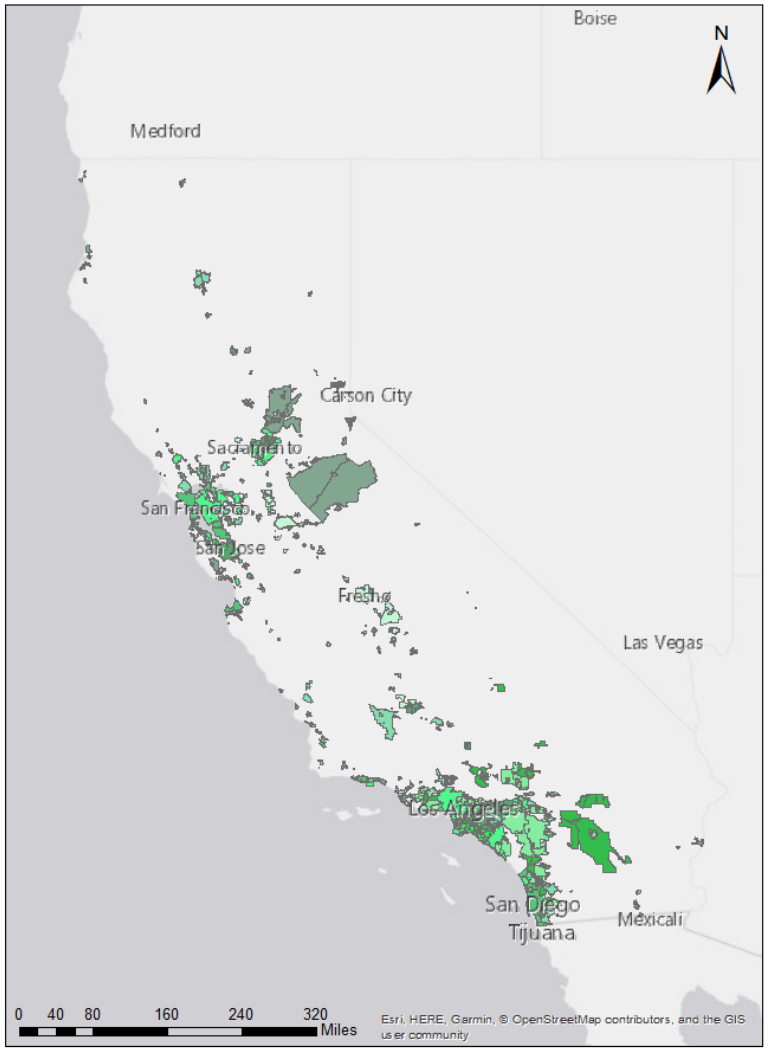
Water Use Objectives:

Indoor Residential Budget
{55 gal/person day}
+
Outdoor Irrigation Budget
{Landscape area x ET_0 x factor}
+
Distribution System Water Loss Budget
=
Annual Water Use Objective

- Compliance based on overall objective - do not have to comply with individual budgets
- Compliance based on service area average - not individual parcel

Need to Understand Landscape Area

- Phase 1: Method investigation
- Phase 2a: Analysis of 2 districts
- Phase 2b: Assessing 17 districts
- Phase 3: Assess remaining water districts
- Total number of districts > 400
- ~16,000 square miles of urban landscape



Estimating Irrigated Landscape Area

California Statewide Urban Irrigated Landscape Program

Classification Key

- Irrigated
  - Lawns
  - Shrubs and trees
  - Ground cover in irrigated areas (mulch/soil)
- Irrigable not Irrigated
  - Dry lawns
  - Dry landscaping that has evidence of irrigation

- Not Irrigable
  - Structures, roads, sidewalks, impervious
  - Undeveloped land
  - Open Water
- Special Cases
  - Horse Corals
  - Artificial Turf

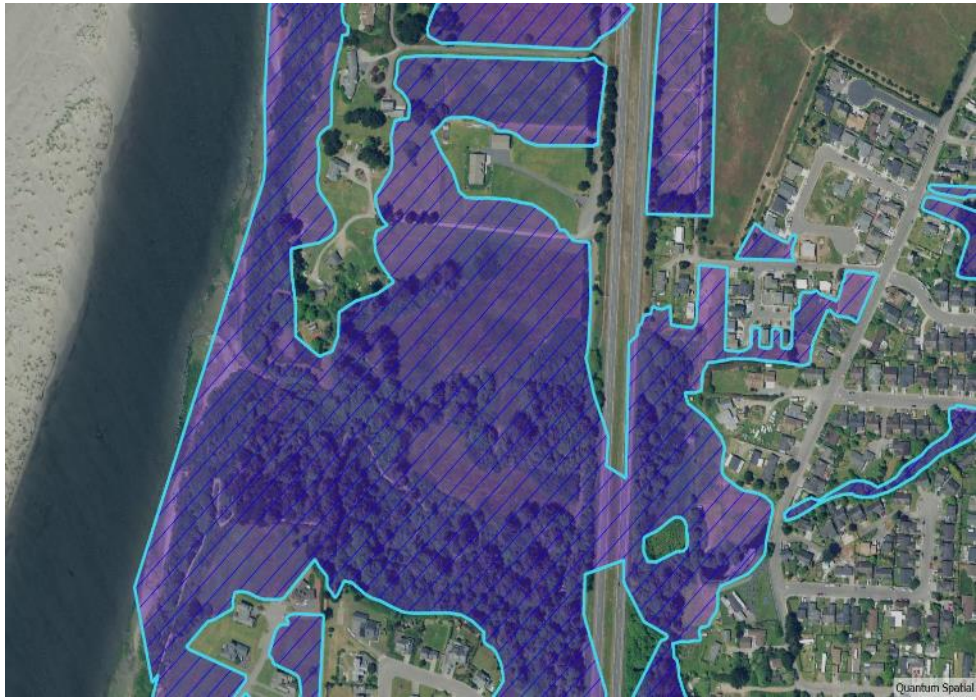
Step 1 - Acquire Digital Imagery and Ancillary Data

- Define Water District AOI
- Aerial Imagery: 1 ft, 4 band, collected mid summer 2018
- Parcel Data: Consolidated County data for whole state with land use descriptions
  - Single Family Residential (SFR)
  - Multi-family Residential (MFR)
- Licensing

Step 2: Masks: Undeveloped Lands

- Need to exclude undeveloped lands
- Reduces confusion in analysis
- Areas delineated by hand based on decision rules
- Not graded or planted
- Undeveloped for the purposes of irrigation

McKinleyville Undeveloped Lands Mask

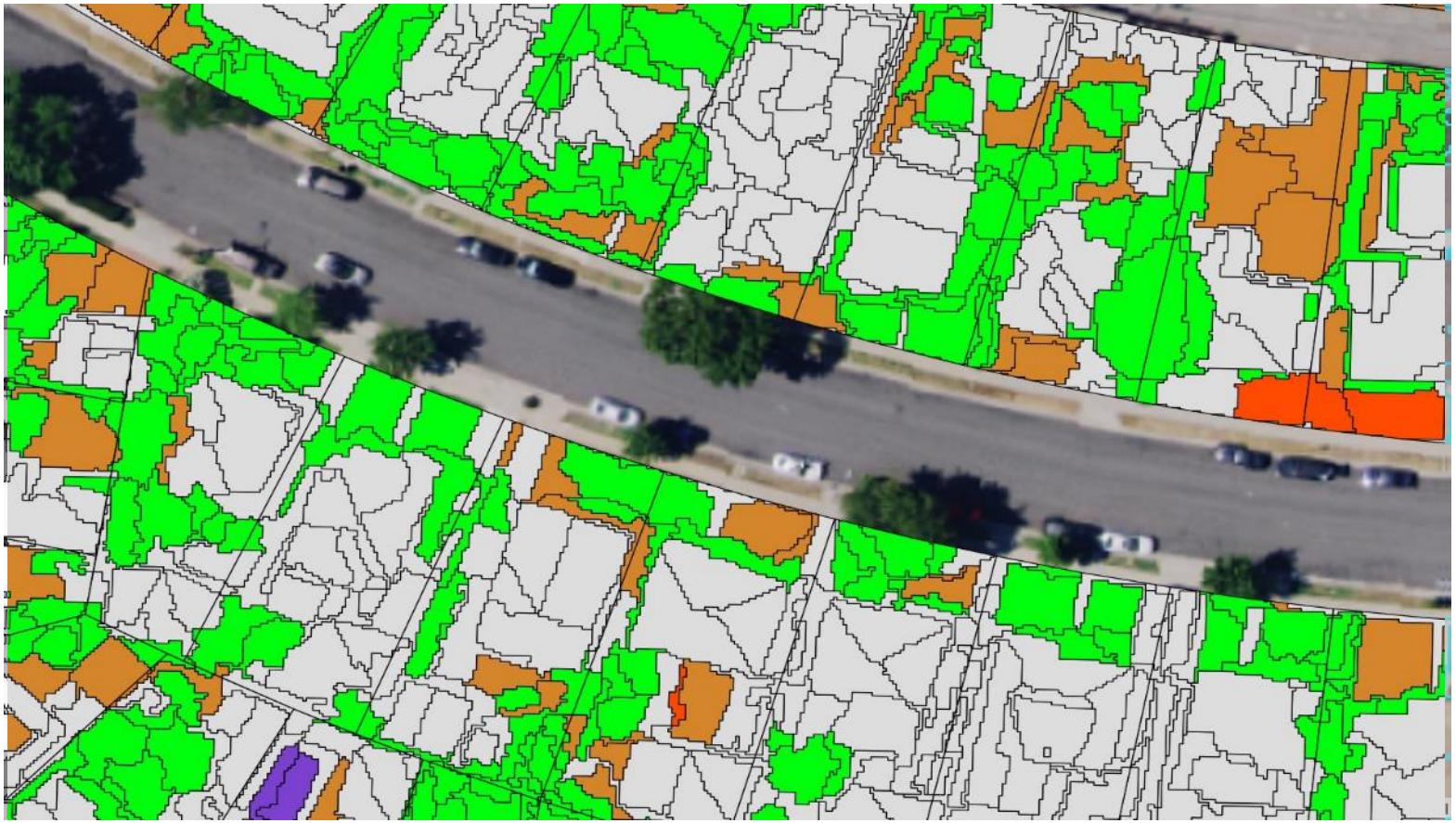


Step 2: Masks: Special Classes

- Masks are created to deal with large areas of undeveloped lands and difficult cover types

Rancho California Horse Corral Mask

Step 3 – Segmentation of Imagery

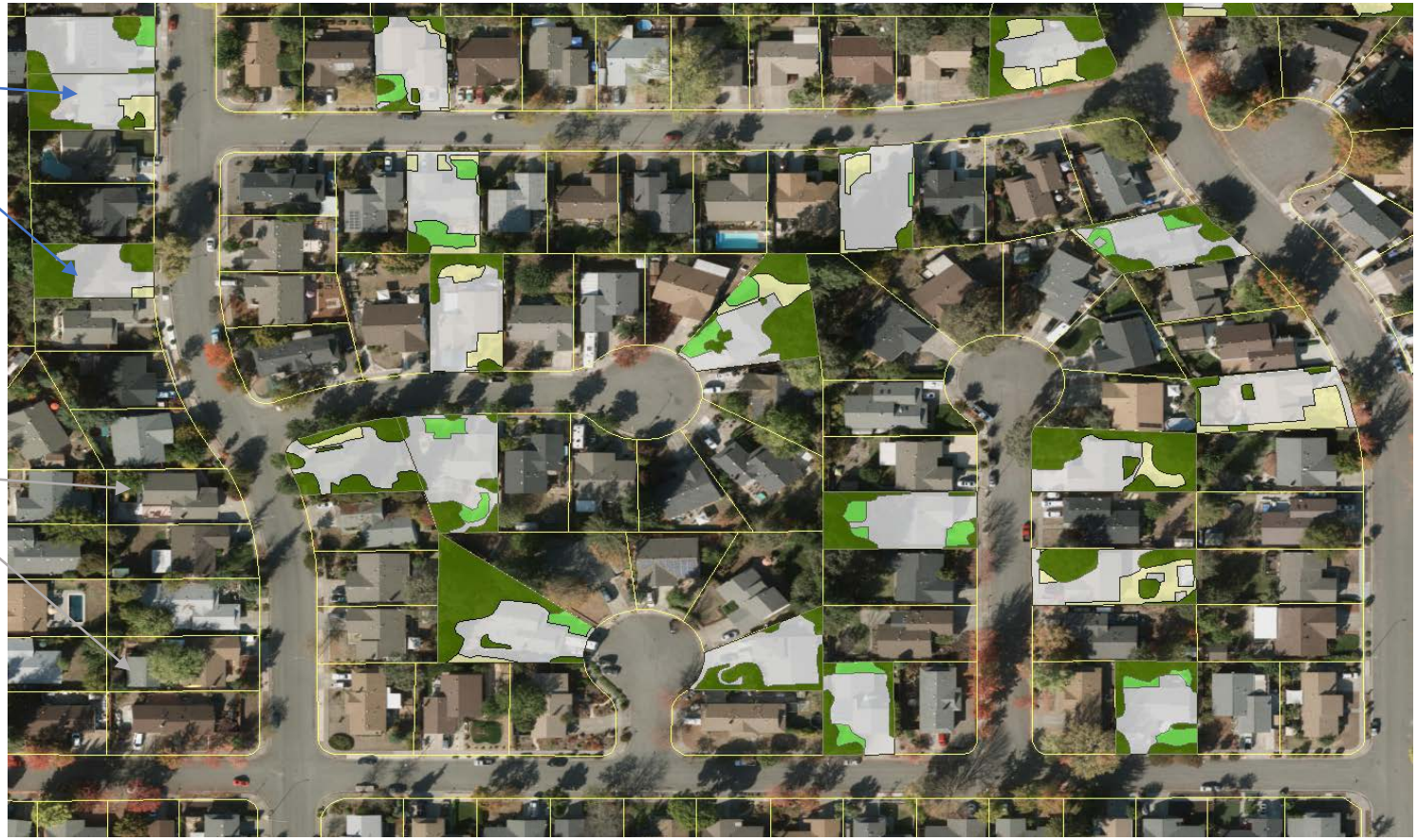


Imagery | Creation of Segments | Summarization of metrics | Low Level Classification

Training Data

Training

Target

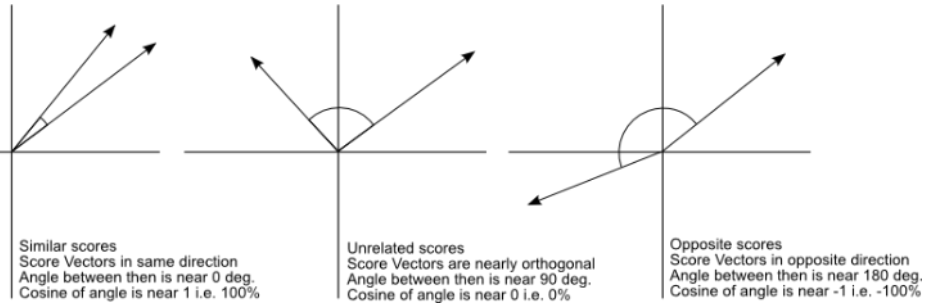


Impervious – Grey, Irrigated non-turf – Dark Green, Turf – Light Green, Irrigable Not irrigated - Yellow

Imputation Approach

- Assumption: that similar parcels will have similar irrigated land uses
- Similarity is based on location, land cover, parcel type, slope, aspect, etc.
- Training data are selected to cover the range of parcels in a water district
- Multiple training parcels can be used to guide the estimate of a target parcel

Cosine Similarity Matrix



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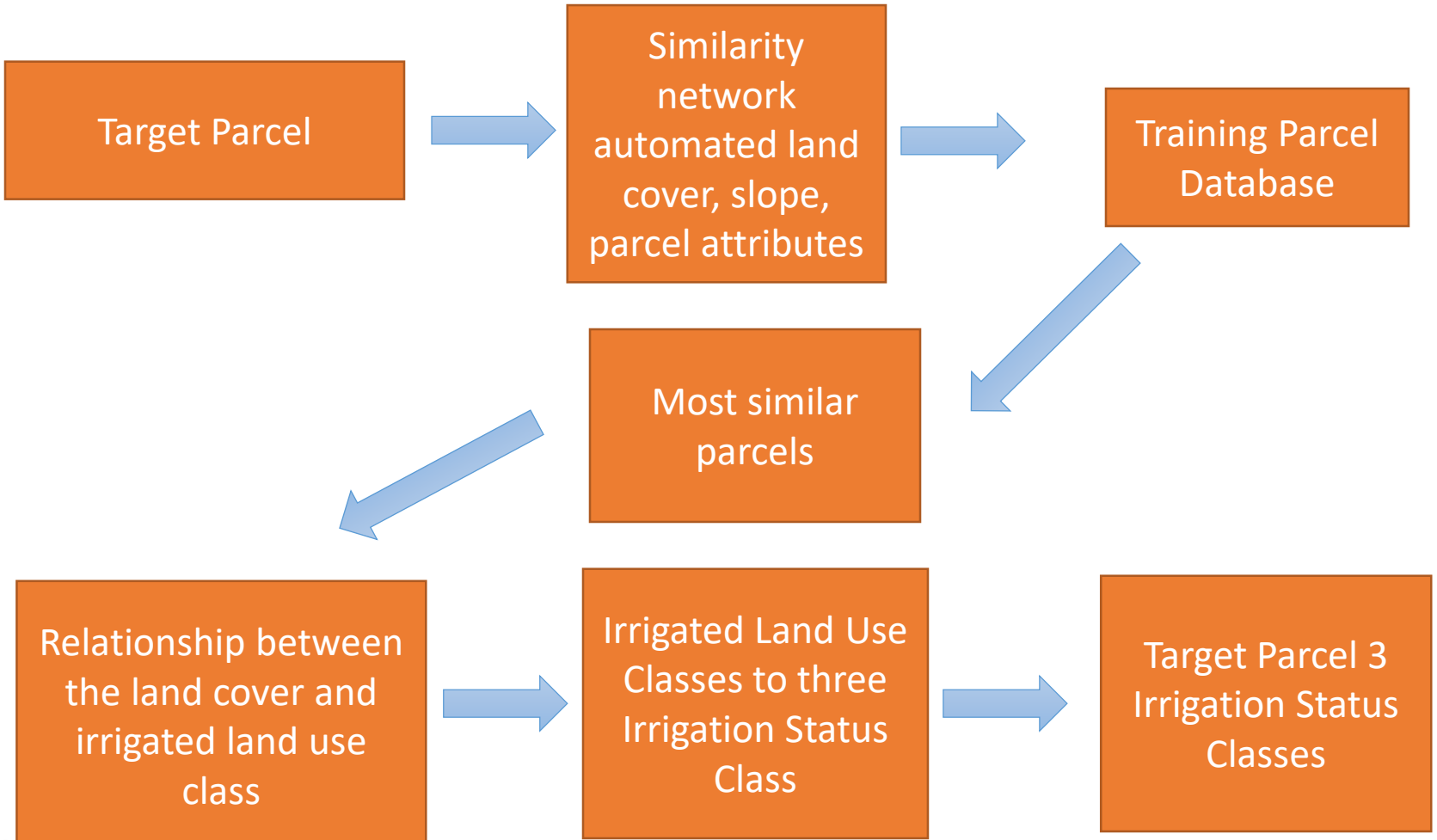
Target Parcel
Similarity network automated land cover, slope, parcel attributes
Training Parcel Database
Most similar parcels
Relationship between the land cover and irrigated land use class
Irrigated Land Use Classes to three Irrigation Status Class
Target Parcel 3 Irrigation Status Classes

Target Parcel Land Cover				
		Irrigation Status		
Automated Class #	% Parcel Land Cover Classification	Irrigated	Irrigable Not Irrigated	Not Irrigated
1	16.67%			
2	16.67%			
3	16.67%			
4	16.67%			
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Training Parcel Land Cover				
		Irrigation Status		
Automated Class #	% Parcel Land Cover Classification	Irrigated	Irrigable Not Irrigated	Not Irrigated
1	20.00%	50.00%	25.00%	25.00%
2	15.00%	34.00%	34.00%	32.00%
3	12.00%	20.00%	20.00%	60.00%
4	10.00%	10.00%	70.00%	20.00%
5	23.00%	20.00%	10.00%	70.00%
6	20.00%	40.00%	40.00%	20.00%
		31.10%	29.80%	39.10%

Target Parcel Land Cover				
		Irrigation Status		
Automatic Class	Automatic Classification	1	2	3
1	16.67%	50.00%	25.00%	25.00%
2	16.67%	34.00%	34.00%	32.00%
3	16.67%	20.00%	20.00%	60.00%
4	16.67%	10.00%	70.00%	20.00%
5	16.67%	20.00%	10.00%	70.00%
6	16.67%	40.00%	40.00%	20.00%
		29.00%	33.17%	37.83%

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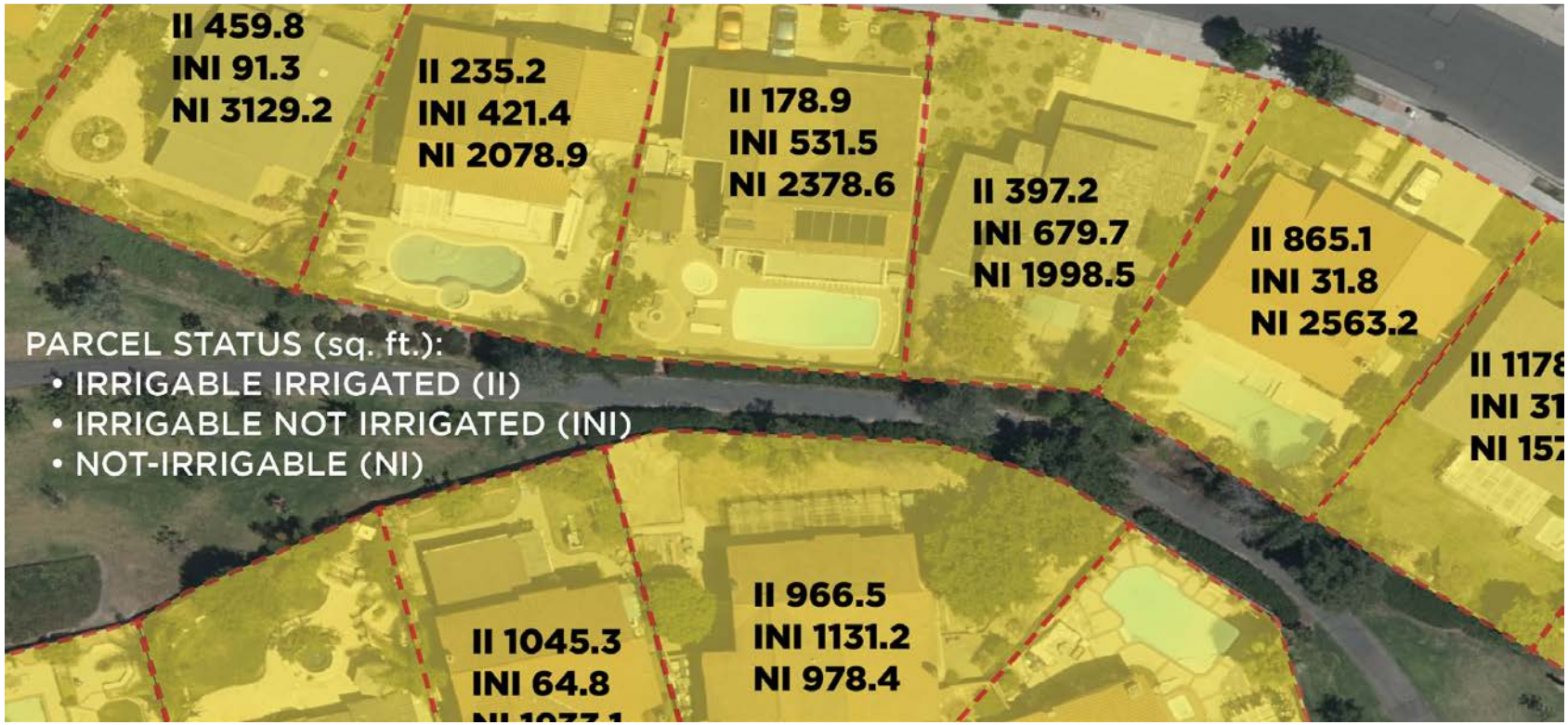
Step 4:Estimates at a Parcel Basis



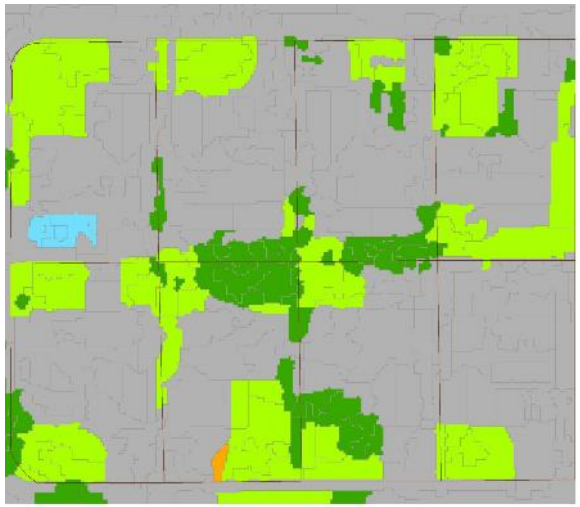
Output Datasets and How they Can be Used

California Statewide Urban Irrigated Landscape Program

Deliverables as part of the Program

- Aggregated irrigated and irrigable landscape area estimates for single family and multi-family parcels – csv and shapefile output of irrigated area, irrigable not irrigated and non-irrigable area
- A subset of validation parcels – fully classified parcels used by QSI to ensure model accuracy meets contract specifications
- Parcel level estimates using the imputation approach
- Summary reports for each water district outlining methods and metadata

Uses of the Data



APN	class	area	percentage
7126411	grass	503.00	13.80
7126411	impervious	2604.02	71.46
7126411	trees/bushes	537.01	14.74
7126409	impervious	3384.00	78.33
7126409	grass	843.00	19.50
7126409	trees/bushes	93.00	2.17

Actual Water Use Data

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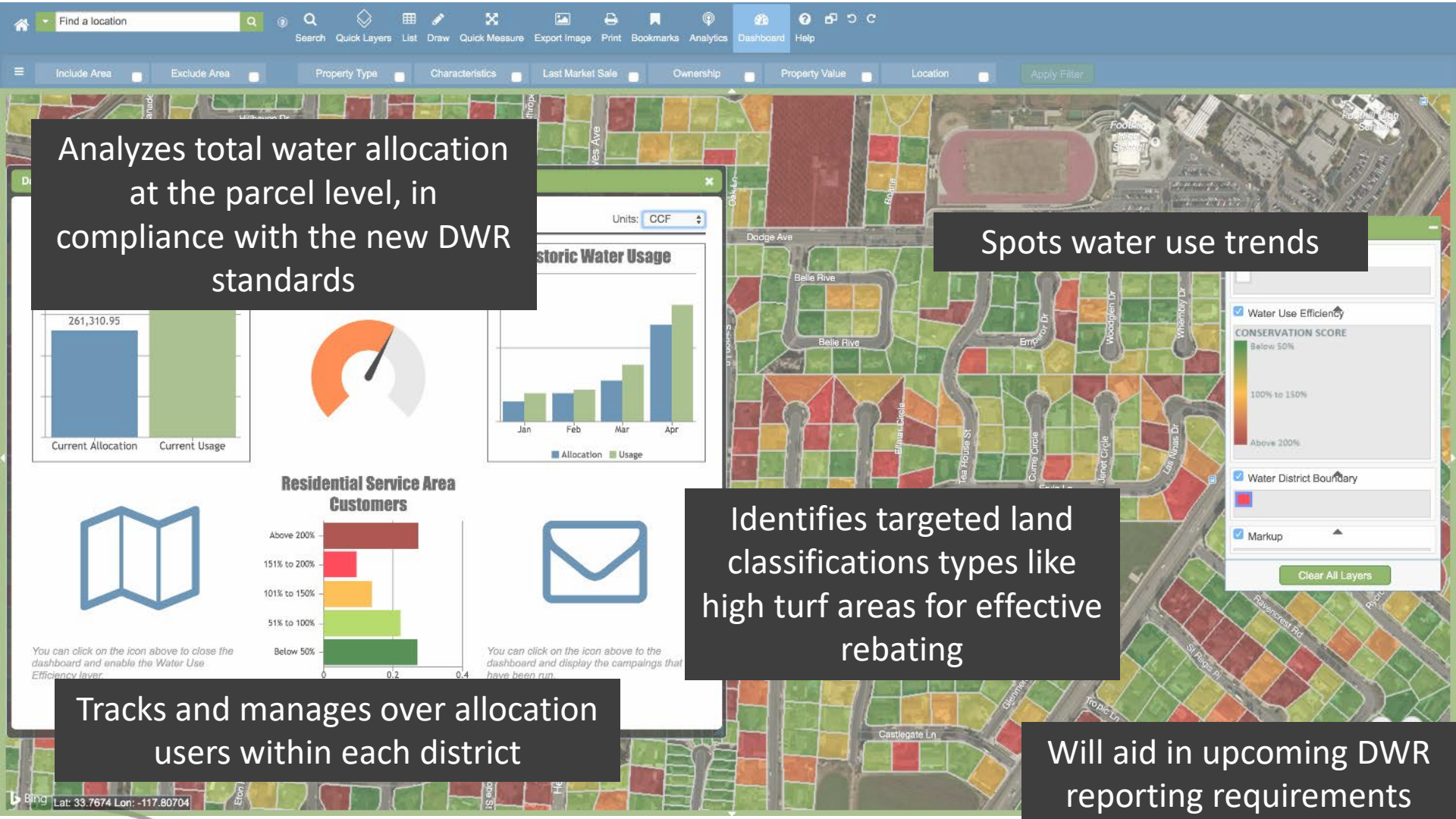
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Analyzes total water allocation at the parcel level, in compliance with the new DWR standards
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Current Usage
Jan
Feb
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Usage
Residential Service Area Customers
Above 200%
151% to 200%
101% to 150%
51% to 100%
Below 50%
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You can click on the icon above to the dashboard and display the campaings that have been run.
Tracks and manages over allocation users within each district
Spots water use trends
Identifies targeted land classifications types like high turf areas for effective rebating
Will aid in upcoming DWR reporting requirements
Water Use Efficiency
CONSERVATION SCORE
Below 50%
100% to 150%
Above 200%
Water District Boundary
Markup
Clear All Layers
Dodge Ave
Belle Rive
Castlegate Ln
Bing
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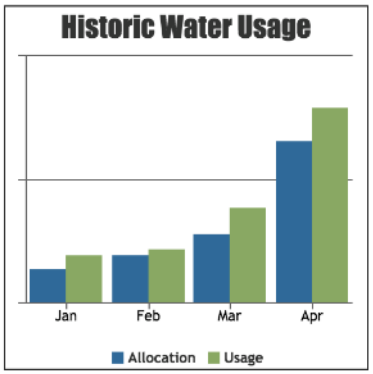
Consistent Over-Users

Identify customers that are over applying water month after month

Ability to see over-water users in your district



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	Mon Jun 30 2014 00:00:00 GMT-0600 (Mountain Daylight Time)	865000	2642	0.14	6000		1977

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