

Groundwater Sustainability Agency Formation



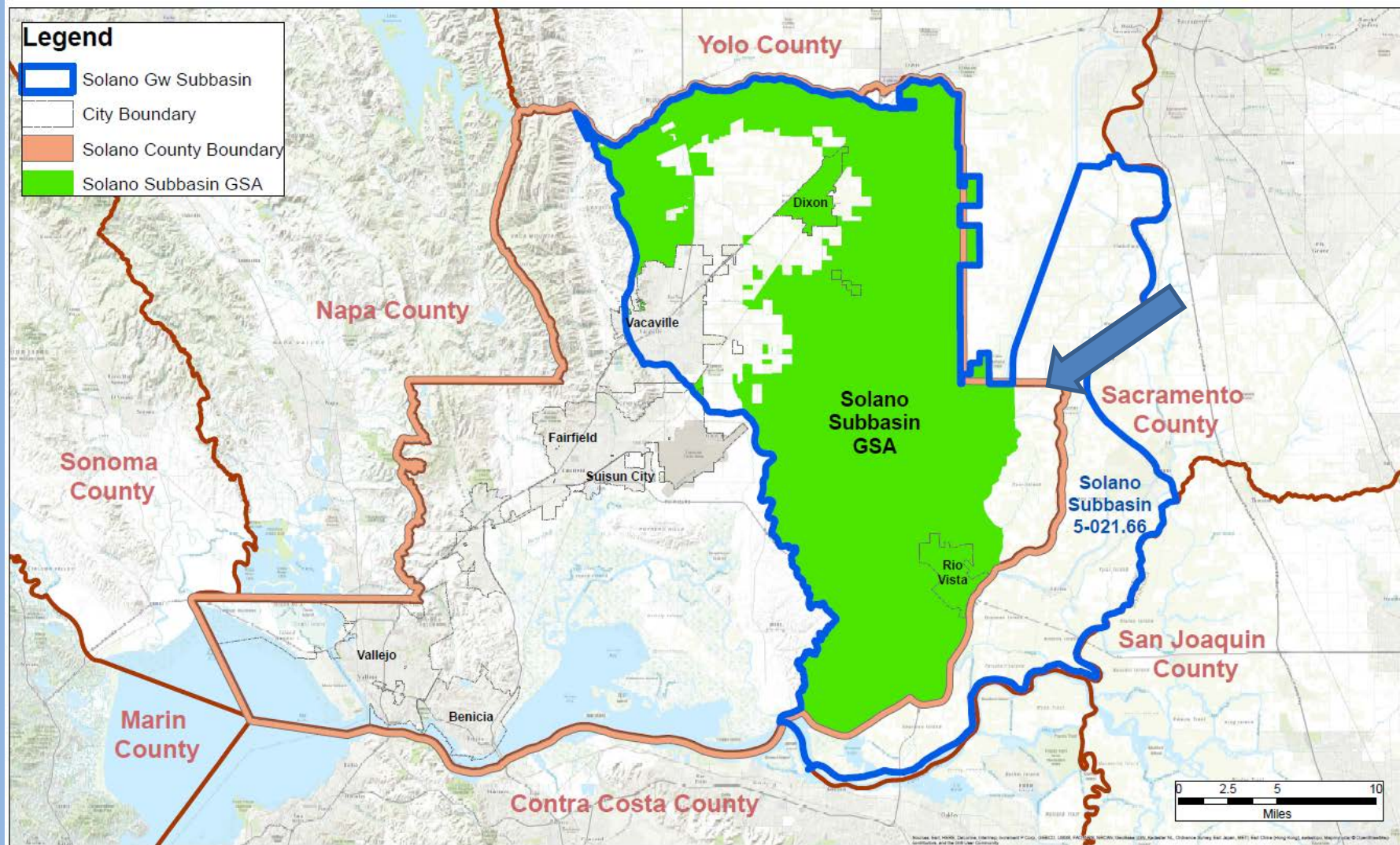
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Solano County Board of Supervisors
June 6, 2017
Department of Resource Management



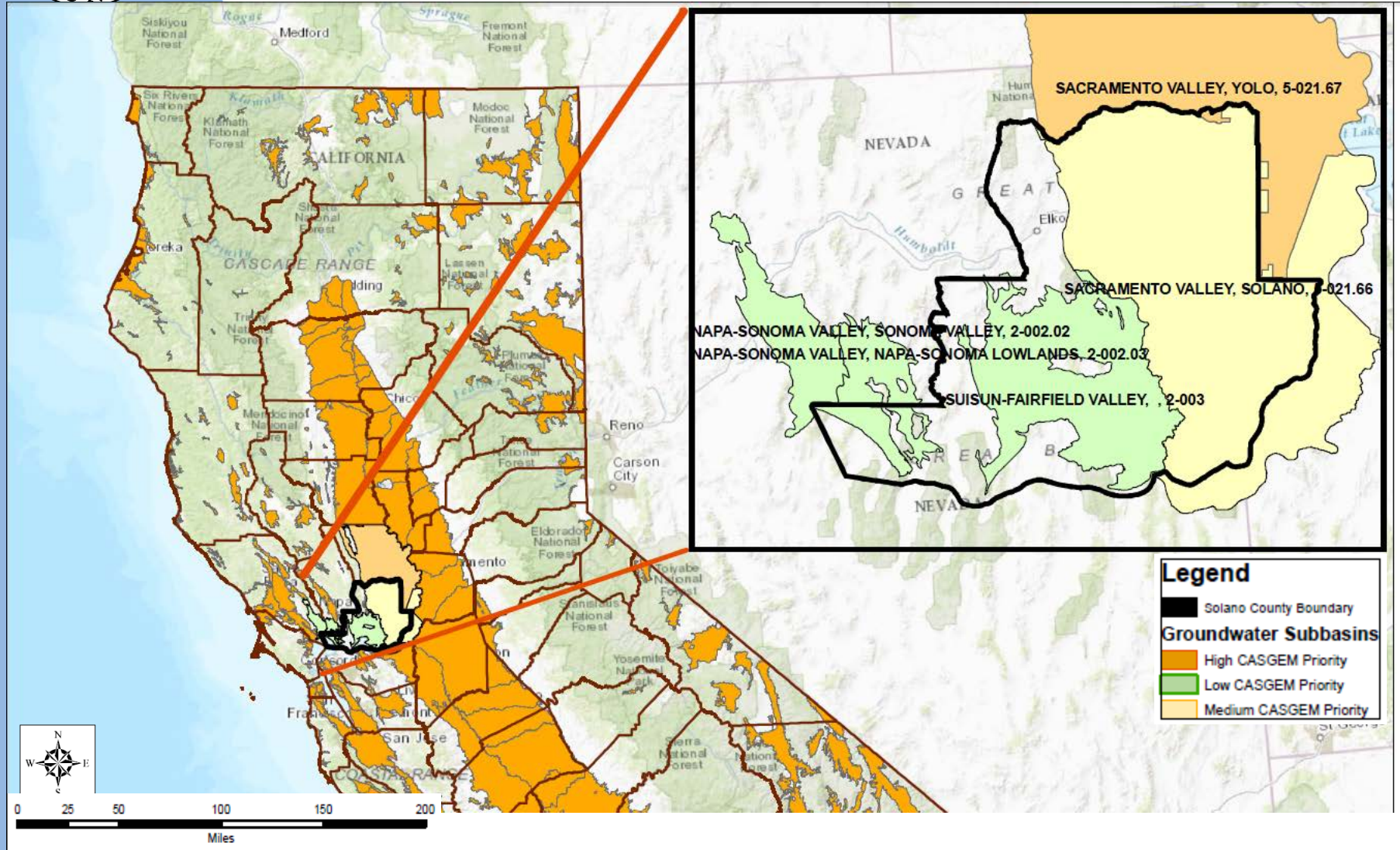
Change to boundary map of proposed Solano Subbasin GSA

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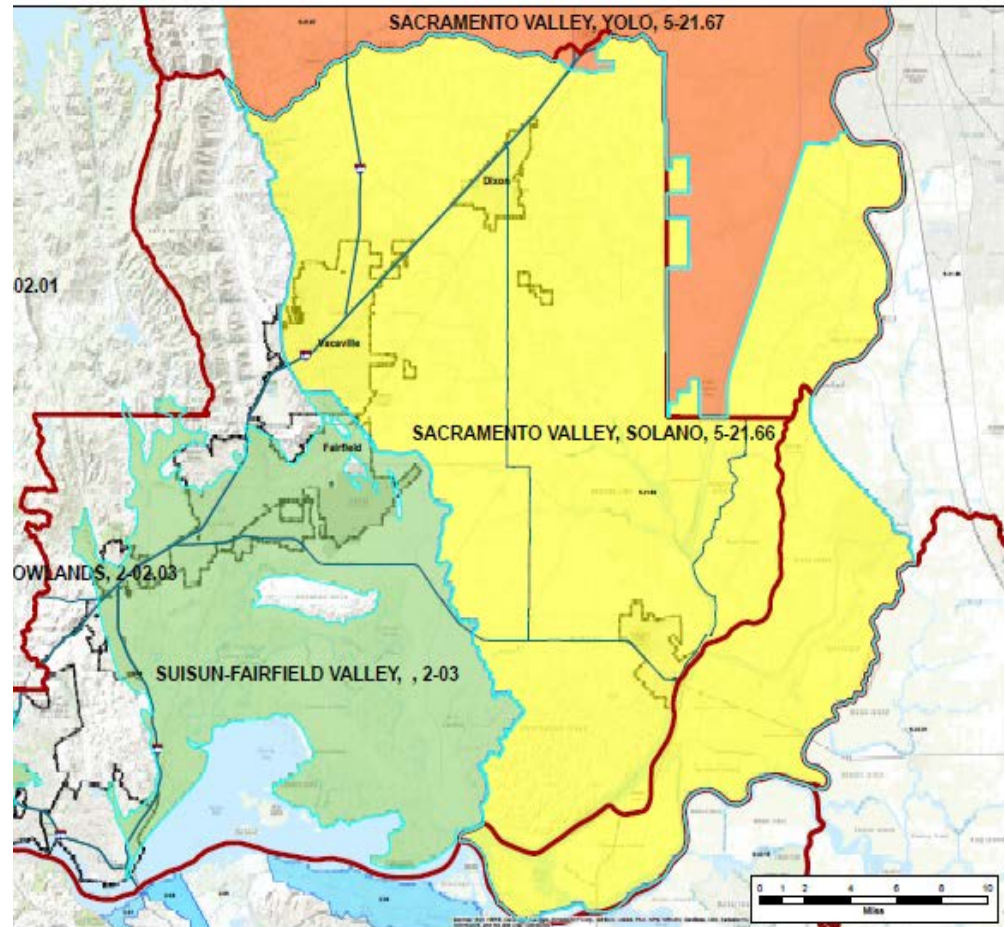
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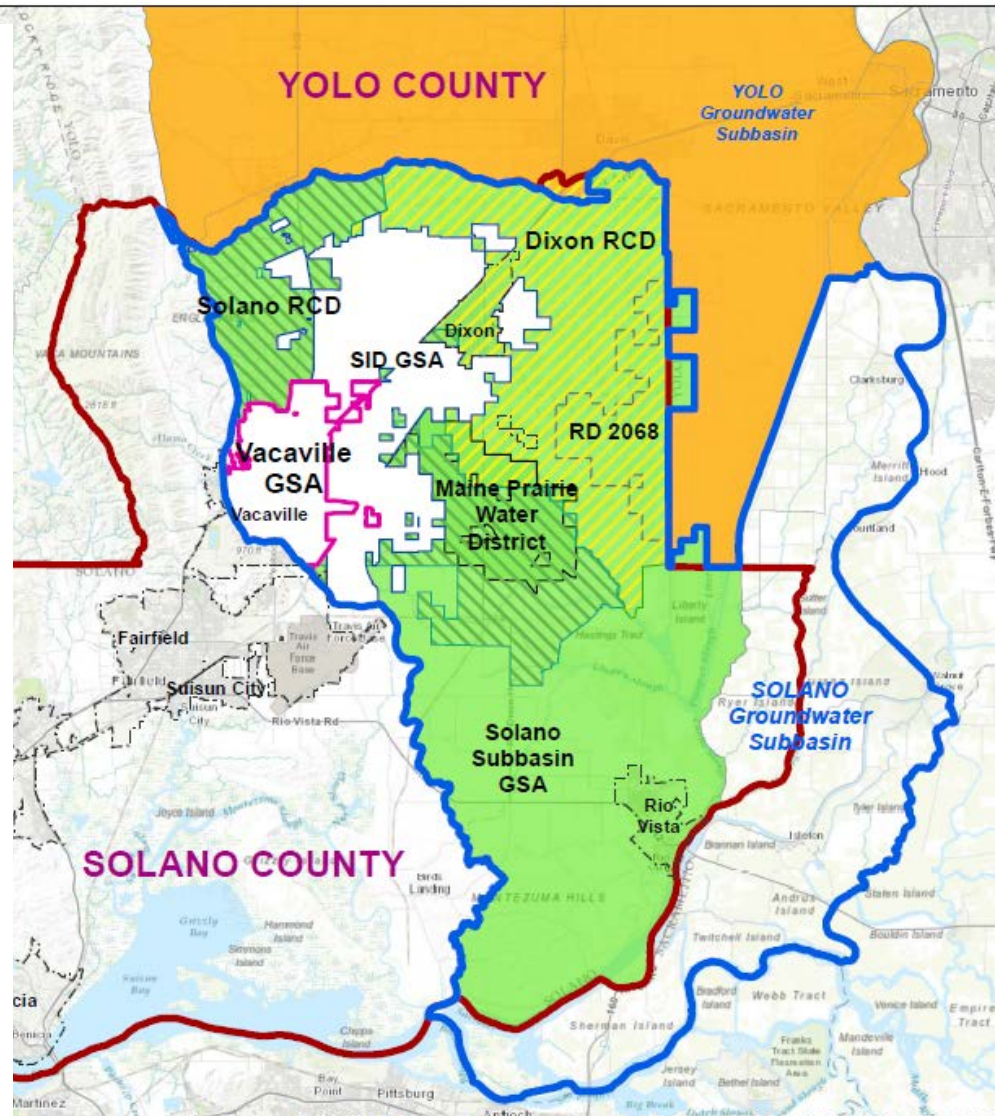
- Effective January 1, 2015
- Requires forming groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) by June 30, 2017
- Defines GSAs; local public agency with water supply, water management or land use responsibilities
- Requires GSAs to establish plans in medium and high priority basins by 2020 or 2022
- Creates State “backstop”





GSA Formation - Multi-Year Process

- Ad-hoc working group; staff from GSA-eligible agencies & public ag representatives; 30+ meetings since 2015
- 7 public workshops, attended by 300+ participants
- 6000+ postcards to landowners in the subbasin & local newspaper advertising workshop notices
- Resulted in development of guiding principles, and JPA agreement





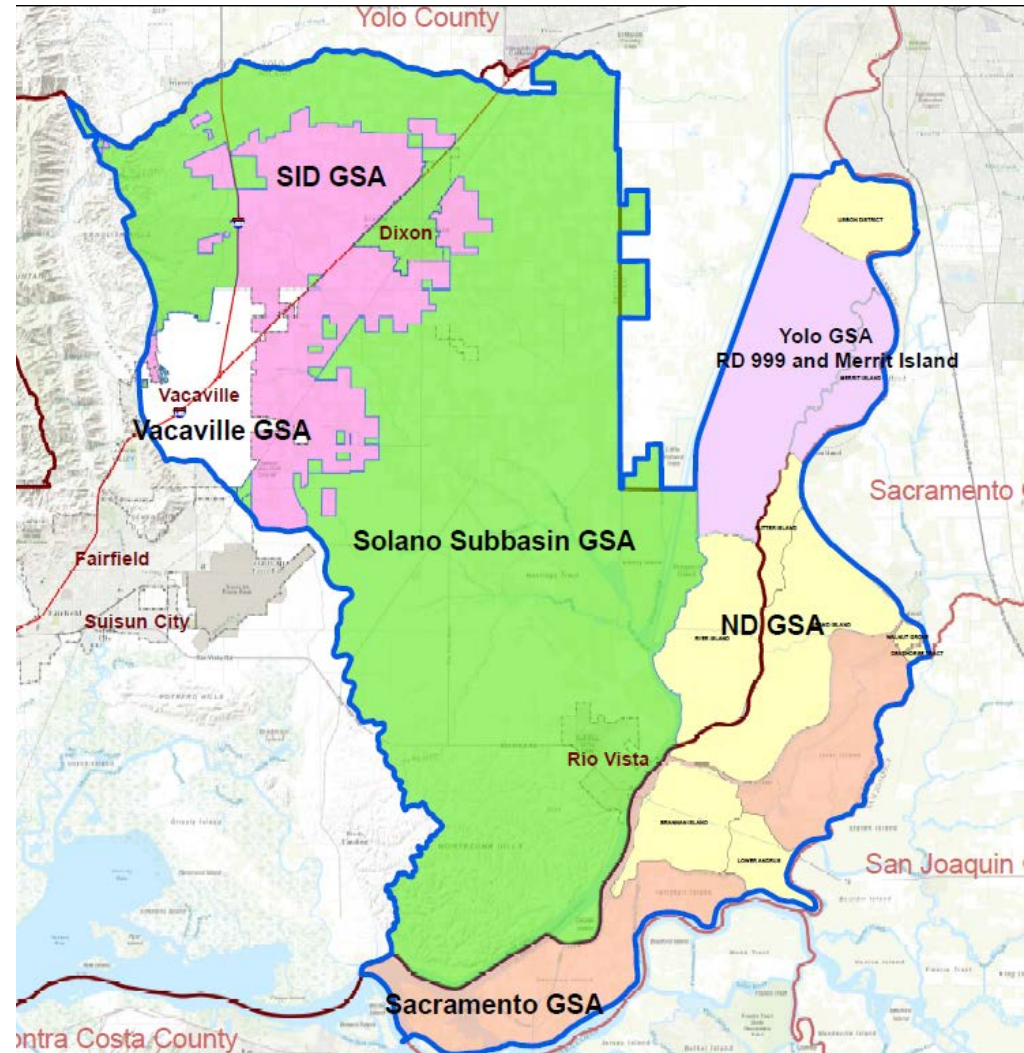
GSA Formation – Solano Subbasin

Solano County Agencies:

- SID GSA (44,000 acres)
- Vacaville GSA (14,400 acres)
- Solano Subbasin GSA (213,000 acres)

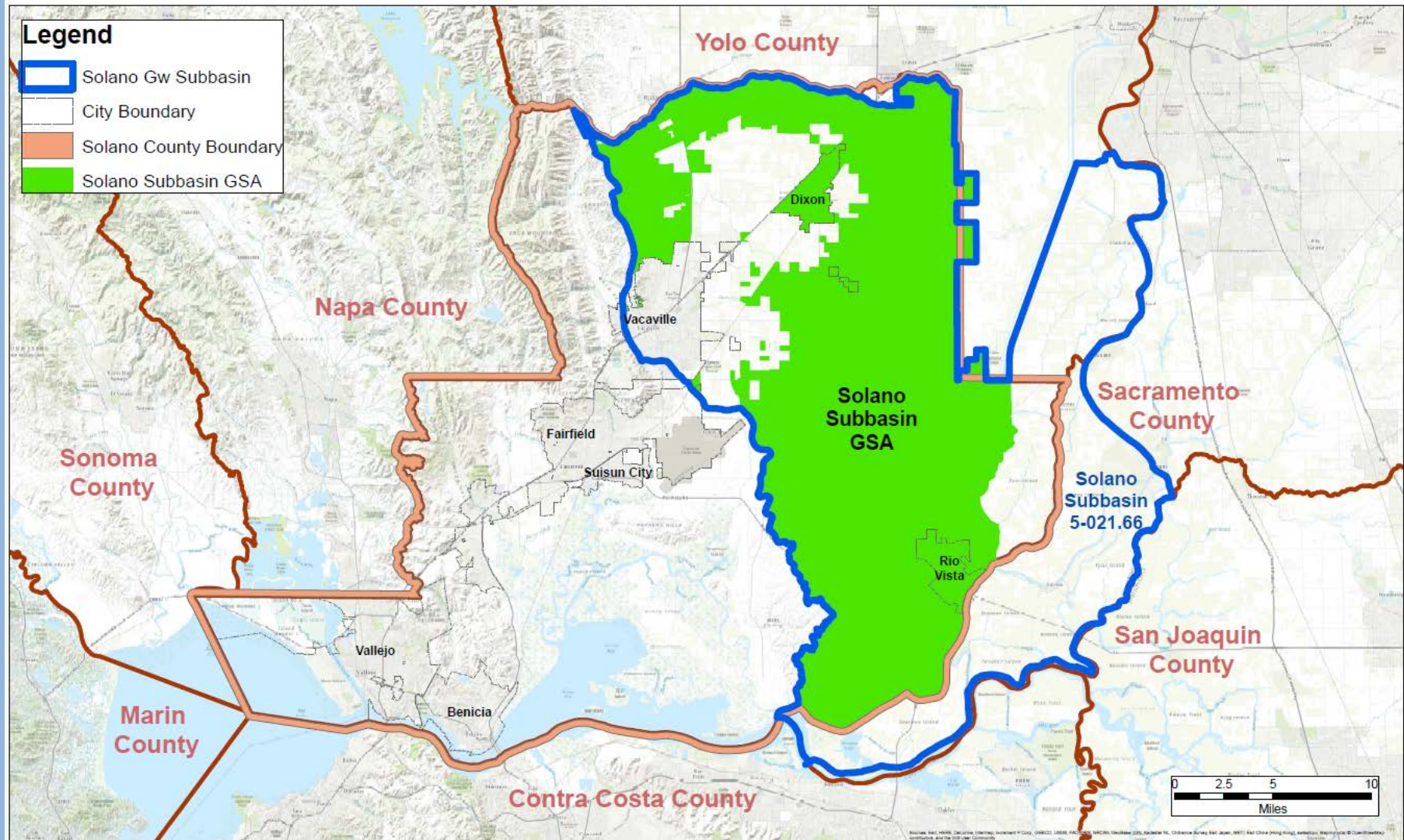
Other Agencies:

- North Delta GSA (50,000 acres)
 - To Include Ryer Island
- Yolo County (30,000 acres)
 - RD 150
 - RD 999
- Sacramento GSA (68,000 acres)





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Governance: 11-member GSA Board, three representative groups

Municipal (3) – Cities of Dixon and Rio Vista, and Cal Water (MOU with GSA)

District (4) – Maine Prairie, RD 2068, Solano and Dixon RCDs

Unincorporated Areas (4) – Solano County Sup. Dist. 4 & 5 and two public seats:

1 public seat – Ag. Advisory nominee, approval by County Board of Supervisors

1 public seat – Farm Bureau nominee, approval by the GSA board

Voting: 1 vote / Director (majority voting for routine items)

Supermajority – 2/3 of GSA Board + 1 vote from each governance group for key actions (fees, budget, pumping restrictions, GSP approval, contracts over \$25,000, and changes in membership, and changes to the JPA)

GSA signatories can renegotiate JPA at a later date to further clarify commitment of public agency resources or change voting structure at a later date



Solano Subbasin GSA – Funding

Initial One-time Funding Contribution:

\$6,000 contribution for each member seat, except the Farm Bureau nominated member seat (approval by the GSA Board)

- County contribution: \$18,000 (two Board seats and Ag Advisory nominated seat)

Continued Funding for GSP Development and SGMA Compliance:

Funded through assessments, fees, and charges

- Equitably; considers past costs by landowners to develop groundwater information

Alternate funding sources (State and Federal loans and grants)

Costs for special projects borne by special management area beneficiaries

Intent of the JPA

Groundwater extractors to fund GSA, including GSP development and implementation

GSA can utilize other funding mechanisms (grants and loans)



Resolution

- Authorizes the Chair to execute the JPA establishing the proposed Solano Subbasin GSA
- Designates the 2 primary directors and requires selection of one alternate director from the Board of Supervisors
- Authorizes designated Board members to take all action necessary to carry out requirements of the JPA and represent the interests of Solano County

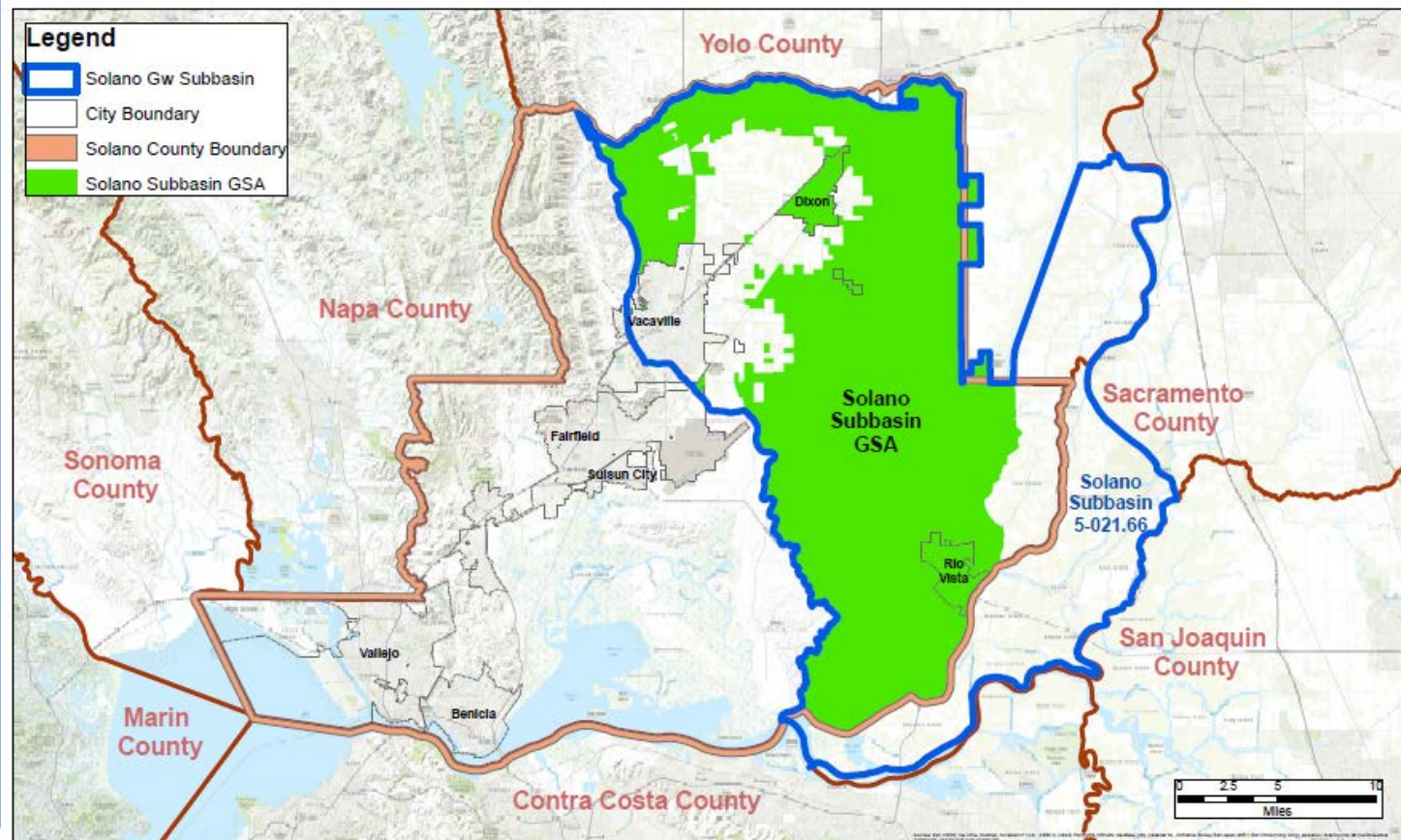




Next Step: GSA Formation

June 8, 2017, 4 pm - GSA Public Hearing

SCWA office, 810 Vaca Valley Parkway, Vacaville, CA





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