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## **Executive Summary**

The purpose of this report is to provide a list of readily identifiable water bodies within the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins for which pesticide water quality objectives and implementation provisions can be proposed as Basin Plan amendment(s). This report documents the compilation of a list of nearly 1,300 readily identifiable water bodies within the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins below major dams. The aquatic life beneficial uses of water are generally the beneficial uses most sensitive to pesticides of concern in surface waters in the Central Valley Region. Therefore, in support of the development of the waterbody list in this report, readily available information was compiled to document the presence of aquatic life in water bodies in the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basin. Based on the information compiled for this report, it is reasonable to conclude that aquatic life likely occurs within each of the nearly 1,300 named water bodies.

## Abbreviations and Terms Used

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Basin Plan                      | The Water Quality Control Plan for the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region – The Sacramento River Basin and the San Joaquin River Basin, Fourth Edition, revised September 2009  |
| benthic macroinvertebrate [BMI] | “animal[s] inhabiting the substratum [bottom] of lakes, streams, estuaries, and marine waters” (Eaton <i>et al.</i> , 2001), generally large enough to be seen with the naked eye   |
| benthos                         | The bottom substrate of a water body  |
| BMI                             | Benthic macroinvertebrate   |
| Chinook                         | Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon  |
| DFG                             | Department of Fish and Game   |
| DPR                             | Department of Pesticide Regulation  |
| ESA                             | Endangered Species Act of 1973, administered by the FWS and NOAA  |
| ESU                             | Evolutionary Significant Unit - Under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), an ESU is a distinct population segment that is substantially reproductively isolated from other nonspecific population units; and represents an important component in the evolutionary legacy of the species. |
| FWS                             | United States Fish and Wildlife Service   |
| GIS                             | Geographic Information System (computer-based mapping hardware and software, maps, and data files)  |
| NHD                             | National Hydrography Dataset, a GIS file from the USGS  |
| NMFS                            | National Marine Fisheries Service, a branch of the NOAA   |
| NOAA                            | National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration   |
| periphyton                      | Algae, bacteria, microbes, microinvertebrates, or detritus attached to submerged surfaces   |
| Project Area                    | Central Valley Pesticide Basin Plan Amendment Project Area  |
| Regional Water Board            | California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region  |
| Reach File 3 [RF3]              | A GIS file created by the USEPA of mapped water bodies  |
| Steelhead                       | Central Valley steelhead  |
| TMDL                            | Total Maximum Daily Load  |
| USEPA                           | United States Environmental Protection Agency   |
| UC Davis                        | University of California, Davis   |
| UM                              | University of Maryland  |
| USGS                            | United States Geological Survey   |

## **1. Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to provide a list of readily identifiable water bodies within the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins for which pesticide water quality objectives and implementation provisions can be considered in Basin Plan amendment(s) addressing pesticide discharges. The beneficial uses of water most sensitive to pesticides of concern in surface waters in the Central Valley Region are the aquatic life beneficial uses (WARM and COLD.) Currently, the Basin Plan designates beneficial uses (including aquatic life uses) for specific water bodies listed in Table II-1 and for other water bodies through a tributary statement that generally assigns the beneficial uses of Table II-1 water bodies to their tributaries (CRWQCB-CVR, 2009), but states that beneficial uses of these waterbodies will be evaluated on a case by case basis. Therefore, in support of the development of the waterbody list in this report, readily available information was compiled to document the presence of aquatic life in water bodies in the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basin.

Staff prepared an earlier, draft version of this report, titled “Natural Streams and Aquatic Life Within the Central Valley Pesticide Basin Plan Amendment Project Area” (Report). The draft Report described how a list of 738 named water bodies within the Project Area was compiled into “Table 1 - Named Water Bodies Within the Central Valley Pesticide Basin Plan Amendment Project Area” (draft Table 1) of that report.

The draft Report was released in July 2007 for public review and comments. Staff received, and prepared written responses to, four sets of comments (see Appendix A). In response to the public comments, staff utilized several additional sources of information (see Section 3) to identify approximately 650 additional named water bodies. As a result, draft Table 1 was expanded to a total of approximately 1,300 named water bodies. Since this was a substantial change from the original draft Table 1, a revised version titled, “Table 1 - Selected Water Bodies Within the Central Valley Pesticide Basin Plan Amendment Area, Proposed Final” (revised Table 1), was released for public review and comment in August 2009.

Staff received twelve sets of written comments to revised Table 1. Staff prepared written responses to this set of comments (Appendix A). Based on the comments received, and the substantially lengthened list of named water bodies, staff prepared this final Report. The compiled list of named water bodies is now Appendix B located at the very end of this Report.

This report presents:

- A description of the Project Area (Section 2);
- A description of how the list of 1,289 named water bodies within the Project Area (Appendix B) was compiled (Section 3);
- A description and summaries of the information that documents aquatic life indicators in a subset (130) of the list of named water bodies (Section 4 and Tables 1 and 2);

- Results and Conclusions (Section 5);
- References (Section 6);
- Responses to Public Comments (Appendix A); and
- A list of 1,289 named water bodies that occur within the Project Area (Appendix B).

## **2. Description of the Project Area**

The Project Area is the area downstream of major dams and their reservoirs and within the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins (Figure 1). The Project Area was designed to focus on the areas of known pesticide surface water impairments and was defined using Geographic Information System (GIS) software and coverages.

To provide further geographic breakdown consistent with the hydrology of the Central Valley and existing pesticide control provisions in the Basin Plan, the Project Area was divided into three watersheds, described below and shown on Figures 2 through 5.

The lower Sacramento watershed contains the lower Sacramento and the lower Feather rivers and their tributaries that normally drain into the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta at the northern border of the lower Delta watershed via the Sacramento River. This watershed is similar to, but expanded around the northern end of, the project area for the Sacramento and Feather River diazinon and chlorpyrifos Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) (Hann et al, 2007).

The lower San Joaquin watershed contains the lower San Joaquin River and its tributaries that normally drain into the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta at the southern border of the lower Delta watershed via the San Joaquin River. This watershed is similar to, but expanded around its western and eastern margins of, the project area for the lower San Joaquin River diazinon and chlorpyrifos TMDL (Beaulaurier et al, 2005).

The lower Delta watershed includes the legal Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and a much broader area that includes the headwaters and drainage area of the Cosumnes River and other peripheral areas that drain directly into the legal Delta. This watershed is similar to the project area for the Sacramento-Joaquin Delta diazinon and chlorpyrifos TMDL (Delta Waterways OP TMDL; McClure et al, 2006), but excludes the Colusa Basin subwatershed, which is assigned to the lower Sacramento watershed for the purposes of this Report.

## **3. Compilation of Named Water Bodies List**

Staff compiled a list of 1,289 named water bodies (Appendix B) from GIS coverages, several Regional Water Board TMDL documents, and a limited literature search. The structure and content of Appendix B are described in Section 3.8.

It should be noted that several thousands of water bodies occur within the Project Area but most were not included in Appendix B because they are not named. In particular, only approximately 20% of the water bodies mapped in the RF3 and NHD GIS shapefiles (the two largest sources for named water bodies used in compiling Appendix B) have names in their associated attribute tables. Similarly, the USGS 1:24,000-scale topographic maps (and many other general maps that are readily available, but not digitized nor summarized by water body name), show many additional water bodies, including many that are named. However, the level of effort required to extract these additional water bodies would extend far beyond the available scope and resources for this Report.

#### *Basin Plan*

Table II-1 (and its accompanying map, Figure II-1) of the Basin Plan lists 98 specific water bodies or water body segments and an indeterminate number of “other lakes and reservoirs”. Forty three of these water bodies occur within the Project Area and were included in Appendix B. The “Primary Source of Water Body Name” in Appendix B for these water bodies is indicated as “Basin Plan”.

The “Sacramento Hydrologic Basin Planning Area” and “San Joaquin Hydrologic Basin Planning Area” maps (Basin Plan maps) (SWRCB, 1986) that supplement the Basin Plan are available in hardcopy (paper) format and as Digital Raster Graphic (DRG) GIS files. Two hundred forty five water bodies shown on these maps and that occur within the Project Area (those not already included from Table II-1 of the Basin Plan) were included in Appendix B. The “Primary Source of Water Body Name” in Appendix B for these water bodies is indicated as “Basin Plan Map”.

Appendix 42 of the Basin Plan lists 146 Delta Waterways within the Legal Delta to which sites specific pesticide objectives apply. One hundred seven of these Delta Waterways water bodies (those not already included from the previous two sources) were added to Appendix B. Therefore, all 146 Delta Waterways are included in Appendix B of this Report. The “Primary Source of Water Body Name” in Appendix B for these one hundred seven water bodies not previously added from the previous sources is indicated as “Basin Plan, Appendix 42.”

Harley Gulch has site-specific water quality objectives for mercury in the Basin Plan but it was not already included in Appendix B from previously described sources. Therefore, Harley Gulch was included in Appendix B. The “Primary Source of Water Body Name” in Appendix B for this water body is indicated as “Basin Plan.”

#### *2008/2010 Proposed Integrated Report*

While this report was being prepared, the proposed 2008/2010 Integrated Report (IR) for the Regional Water Board was approved by the Regional Water Board and is pending approval by the State Water Board. Thirty one water bodies already on, or proposed for addition to, the Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 303(d) list of impaired water bodies (but not already included from the previously described sources) occur within the Project Area and were included in Appendix B. The “Primary Source of Water

Body Name” in Appendix B for the 303(d) water bodies is indicated as “2008/2010 303(d)/305(b) Integrated Report”.

Seven other water bodies assessed for the proposed CWA Section 305(b) portion of the 2008/2010 IR (not proposed for the 303(d) list nor already added from the previously described sources) occur within the Project Area and were included in Appendix B. The “Primary Source of Water Body Name” in Appendix B for the 305(b) water bodies is indicated as “2008/2010 303(d)/305(b) Integrated Report.”

#### *Reach File 3 (RF3)*

A GIS shapefile of water bodies (a national hydrologic database known as Reach File 3 or RF3) was created by the USEPA based on United States Geological Survey (USGS) Digital Line Graph mapping at a scale of 1:100,000 (USEPA, 1998). RF3 consists of linear features (e.g., rivers, streams, and some sloughs and canals). Within the attribute tables associated with the RF3 shapefile, approximately 20 percent of the water body segments are named. Sixteen RF3-named water bodies that occur within the Project Area (those not already included from the previously described sources) were included in Appendix B. The “Primary Source of Water Body Name” in Appendix B for these water bodies is indicated as “RF3”.

#### *National Hydrography Dataset (NHD)*

The USGS has produced a National Hydrography Set (NHD) GIS coverage of water bodies based on the RF3 and additional feature digitization from mapping at two levels of resolution: 1:100,000-scale (nominally “medium resolution”) and 1:24,000-scale (nominally “high resolution”). The NHD includes GIS shapefiles for linear features (e.g., rivers, streams, and some sloughs and canals) and for polygonal features (e.g., lakes, reservoirs, ponds, and some broader sloughs and river segments).

NHD has many more named water bodies than RF3. However, similar to RF3, only approximately 20 percent of the linear NHD features are named. A total of 830 named NHD water bodies that occur within the Project Area (those not already included from previously described sources) were included in Appendix B. The “Primary Source of Water Body Name” in Appendix B for these water bodies is indicated as “100K” for the 654 water bodies based on “medium resolution” mapping, and as “24K” for the 176 water bodies based on “high resolution” mapping. New, “medium resolution” waterbodies (“100K”) were included in Appendix B before new “high resolution” (“24K”) water bodies.

#### *Limited Literature Search*

While assembling literature documenting the presence of aquatic life indicators in water bodies within the Project Area (see Section 4), seven water bodies not already identified in any of the information sources previously described were included in Appendix B. These water bodies include Clear Creek (central Butte County), Union School Slough, Doty Creek, Linden Creek, Rock Gulch Creek, Snake Creek (southwestern Tehama County), and Soap Creek.

Of six creeks identified in a TMDL report for diazinon and chlorpyrifos in Sacramento area urban creeks (Spector et al, 2004), only one (Elk Grove Creek) was not included from the previously described sources. Therefore, Elk Grove Creek was included in Appendix B. The “Primary Source of Water Body Name” in Appendix B for this water body is indicated as “Sac urban creek OP TMDL.”

#### *Water Body List (Appendix B) Description*

Based on information from the sources described above, and subsequent review to remove duplicate entries, the list of 1,289 named water bodies within the Project Area was augmented with information about each water body. Generally, this information is intended to help readers locate water bodies with additional geographical features. In particular, additional information for water bodies that share the same name (e.g., there are more than 20 instances of “Dry Creek”) was included in Appendix B to distinguish the individual water bodies.

Appendix B is a table with eight informational columns, consisting of:

1. **Water Body Name** – Water body names are listed alphabetically. County names are included with some water body names.
2. **Location** – Nearby geographical features (typically a town or city name).
3. **Hydrologic Unit** – Corresponds to the first three digits of the “Hydro Unit Number” column of Basin Plan Table II-1 and to Hydrologic Units shown on the Basin Plan maps.
4. **Primary Source of Water Body Name** – Many water bodies listed in Appendix B were identifiable from more than one of the information sources listed above (Sections 3.1 through 3.7). Therefore, an information-source hierarchy was implemented for identifying the sources of water body names listed in Appendix B. The hierarchy follows the order of information sources presented in Sections 3.1 through 3.7. For example, the “Primary Source of Water Body Name” for “Water Body Name” = “American River, Lower” is “Basin Plan”, although this water body was also identifiable from a Basin Plan map, the proposed 2008/2010 Integrated Report, RF3, NHD, and Site-Specific Data and Critical Habitat Data sources. The “Primary Source of Water Body Name” column entries for NHD water bodies are prioritized “100K” over “24K”.
5. **BMI/Fish** – Water bodies for which the limited literature search (described in Section 4, below) found studies that document the presence of benthic macroinvertebrates (BMIs) or fish are indicated with “B” or “F”, respectively.
6. **Critical Habitat Criteria** – Water bodies for which the limited literature search (described in Section 4, below) found studies that document critical habitat for Chinook salmon or steelhead are indicated with a “C” or “S”, respectively. For many water bodies, both apply.
7. **CVP BPA Project Watershed** – This column indicates in which watershed (lower Sacramento, lower Delta, or lower San Joaquin) the water body occurs (see Section 2).
8. **Notes** – This column may contain location information, such as alternate water body names (e.g., the names used in the proposed 2008/2010 IR), general geographical information (e.g., the Delta Waterways OP TMDL subarea in which

a water body occurs), or specific hydrographical information (e.g., the names of water bodies to which the listed water body is a tributary).

The general geographical distribution of the compiled list of water bodies within the lower Sacramento, lower Delta, and lower San Joaquin watersheds, are displayed in Figures 3, 4, and 5, respectively.

#### **4. Compilation of Aquatic Life Indicators**

Information documenting the occurrence, or possible occurrence, of aquatic organisms in Project Area water bodies was gleaned from a limited search of readily available literature. The information documents the presence of benthic macroinvertebrate (BMI) communities, fish species, or critical habitat for two threatened fish species in 130 of the 1,289 water bodies compiled into Appendix B).

Studies that documented BMI communities or fish species for specific sites typically included a description of the data and, in a few cases, provided the raw data in the report. For several studies, the authors did not include the specific locations of the sites where the data were collected. In these cases, one of the study's authors was contacted to obtain the site location information.

GIS shapefiles that documented water bodies associated with critical habitat for Central Valley steelhead and Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon (species listed as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act) were obtained from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) branch of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA).

General descriptions of the types of possible aquatic life indicator studies and shapefiles, and summaries of the specific studies, are presented in Section 4.1 for BMI and fish studies and in Section 4.2 for critical habitat studies.

##### *BMI and Fish Studies*

The readily available literature included 10 benthic macroinvertebrate (BMI) bioassessment studies and two fish studies. BMIs are "animals inhabiting the substratum [bottom] of lakes, streams, estuaries, and marine water" (Eaton *et al.*, 2001). Biological communities have been sampled by the University of California, Davis (UC Davis), the Department of Fish and Game (DFG), the Regional Water Board, the University of Maryland (UM), the United States Geological Survey (USGS), and the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR). The sites associated with the 10 studies are listed in Table 1 and are shown on Figure 6. Table 1 also indicates: the data type ("Macroinvertebrate" or "Fish"); the "Water body" (name); "Site Name"; "Latitude" and "Longitude" coordinates; and the "Study" (reference number) for each site.

Regional Water Board staff summarized the information in each of the 10 BMI or fish studies, including: who collected the data; the type of study (BMI or fish); how, when, and where the data were collected; and whether metrics were calculated or other analyses were performed. These summaries are presented, alphabetically by author, below.

Additional general information gleaned from the 10 studies is provided in Table 2 and includes: the complete "Study Citation"; "Year(s) Studied"; "Organisms Sampled"; "# of Sites" (number of sites studied); whether a "Physical Habitat Assessment" was made; and a brief list of "Other Parameters Studied" (e.g., temperature, dissolved oxygen, alkalinity, etc.). The Study numbers used in the summaries, below, correspond with the "Study" numbers in Tables 1 and 2.

### Summaries of BMI Studies

#### 1. Bacey and Spurlock, 2005

From 2002-2004, the DPR collected BMIs in four creeks in the greater Sacramento area and concurrently collected water and sediment samples from these locations. The BMI samples were collected using modified USEPA methods. BMI populations were identified and classified by metrics that included taxa, abundance, feeding habits, etc. Macroinvertebrates were found at every location that was sampled.

This study also discussed the relationship of the BMI metrics to water and sediment quality measurements and analytical parameters, including organophosphate and pyrethroid pesticides, temperature, and physical habitat assessments.

#### 2. Brown and May, 2000

From 1993 through 1997, the USGS collected macroinvertebrates from riffles or large woody debris at sites within the San Joaquin River and Sacramento River drainages. Although information for only 53 (of a total of 63) sites sampled was presented in the study report, USGS staff confirmed that aquatic organisms (a total of 83 taxa) was found at all 63 sites sampled (personal communication with May, 2006.).

#### 3. Brown and May, 2004

In June and September of 2001, the USGS collected macroinvertebrates and periphyton from pieces of submerged woody debris at five sites within the San Joaquin River Basin. USGS taxonomists identified a total of 126 macroinvertebrate taxa and 161 periphyton taxa. The USGS also collected basic water quality data and physical habitat observations at each site. The USGS analyzed the data to define existing conditions and to find relationships between the macroinvertebrate and periphyton community conditions and environmental conditions. BMI and periphyton communities were present at every site.

#### 4. CRWQCB-CVR, 2003

Between 2001 and 2003, Regional Water Board staff collected macroinvertebrates, and made basic water quality and flow measurements, at 16 sites

throughout the Cow Creek watershed. Macroinvertebrates were sampled according to the California Stream Bioassessment Procedure (CBSB) developed by the DFG (Harrington, 1999). DFG Aquatic Bioassessment Laboratory taxonomists analyzed macroinvertebrate populations. BMI communities were present at every site.

5. de Vlaming *et al.*, 2004

Between 2000 and 2002, University of California, Davis Aquatic Toxicology Laboratory (UC Davis ATL) staff collected BMI samples and made physical habitat assessments at several locations along each of five agriculture-dominated and three effluent-dominated tributaries within the lower Sacramento River Watershed. UC Davis ATL taxonomists analyzed the resident BMI populations and community compositions. BMI communities were found in all eight water bodies.

6. de Vlaming *et al.*, 2005

In June and September 2001, UC Davis ATL staff collected and analyzed BMI samples from a total of 11 effluent-dominated and agriculture-dominated water bodies within the San Joaquin River watershed. Macroinvertebrates were sampled according to the CSBP.

The UC Davis ATL field crews made physical habitat observations and basic water quality measurements at each site and collected water samples for analysis of metals, nutrients, total organic carbon, and biological oxygen demand. Taxonomists identified a sub-sampling of 300 BMIs and several metrics were analyzed to explore the relationships between BMI populations, water quality, and physical habitat. BMI communities were present at every sampling site.

7. Hall and Killen, 2005

From 2000 to 2002, University of Maryland (UM) Agricultural Experiment Station staff collected BMI samples at 10 riffle sites along Orestimba Creek in Stanislaus County. One site was situated upstream of agricultural activity and the other nine sites were located downstream, within the area of agricultural activity. UM staff also made physical habitat observations and basic water quality measurements and observations in the field and analyzed BMI communities in the laboratory. BMI populations were found at every sampling site.

8. Markiewicz *et al.*, 2005

In 2002, UC Davis ATL staff collected 22 BMI samples from tributaries of the San Joaquin River to ascertain the “community structure” of the macroinvertebrates and to assess the physical habitat conditions of the water bodies. Field teams collected samples using the USEPA’s multi-habitat sampling method from their rapid bioassessment protocol (Barbour *et al.*, 1999) and the CSBP. The UC Davis ATL identified a sub-sample of the organisms and performed multivariate and multimetric analyses of the BMI populations. Macroinvertebrate communities were present at every site sampled.

#### 9. Ode *et al.*, 2000

Between September and November 2000, DFG staff collected macroinvertebrate samples for the Sacramento River Watershed Project at 37 sites within the Sacramento River watershed. Field teams collected samples using either the CSBP or the USGS snag sampling method (described in Brown and May, 2000). The DFG Aquatic Bioassessment Laboratory identified macroinvertebrate populations and analyzed macroinvertebrate community metrics. Macroinvertebrate communities were present at every sampling site.

#### 10. Ode *et al.*, 2005

In 2004, DFG staff collected BMI samples from 30 sites in streams and sloughs within the Central Valley using the USEPA's Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program (EMAP) 11-transect, reach-wide, benthos method (Peck *et al.* 2003). In addition to BMI collection, DFG staff concurrently made physical habitat measurements and observations and measured basic water quality parameters. The DFG Aquatic Biology Laboratory identified BMI populations in the samples and analyzed the data using several metrics. The goal of this research was to assist the Regional Water Board in developing a method of bioassessment that could be used to measure water quality. DFG staff found BMI communities at every sampling site.

### Summaries of Fish Studies

#### 11. Brown, 2000

Between 1993 and 1995, USGS staff collected fish at 20 sites within the San Joaquin River drainage. Fish species metrics were determined and compared with water quality and habitat quality. Of the 31 fish taxa collected, only 10 are native to the lower San Joaquin River drainage.

#### 12. May and Brown, 2002

Between 1996 and 1998, USGS staff collected fish at 22 sites within the Sacramento River Basin and made water quality measurements and assessed habitat conditions at each site. Of the 36 taxa of fish collected, only 13 are native to the Sacramento River Basin. The USGS performed several analyses on the data and calculated several metrics to determine whether an Index of Biotic Integrity (IBI) could be developed for the Sacramento River Basin. Fish were present at every site sampled for these two studies.

### *Central Valley Steelhead and Spring-Run Chinook Salmon Critical Habitat*

The federal government is required to designate "critical habitat" for species listed by the Endangered Species Act (ESA). "Critical habitat" is defined in the ESA, section 3(5)(A) as:

- (i) the specific areas within the geographical area occupied by the species, at the time it is listed... on which are found those physical or biological features (I) essential to the conservation of the species

- and (II) which may require special management considerations or protections; and
- (ii) specific areas outside the geographical area occupied by the species at the time it is listed... upon a determination by the Secretary that such areas are essential for the conservation of the species.

NMFS reviewed and collected data for several fish groups. Within the Project Area, NMFS has identified two distinct population segments, which they described as Evolutionary Significant Units (ESUs). NMFS designated critical habitat for the ESUs rather than for species and identified two ESUs in the Central Valley: the Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon ESU and the Central Valley steelhead ESU (NOAA, 2005).

NMFS provided GIS shapefiles that show where Central Valley steelhead (steelhead) and Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon (Chinook) critical habitat ESUs occur. Germane to this report, and significant to the Project, NMFS biologists determined that Chinook and steelhead may be present during one, or more, life stages, including adult migration and spawning, and juvenile rearing and migration in those areas (NOAA, 2005; Gavette, 2005a; Gavette, 2005b).

The Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon critical habitat ESU includes between 1,000 and 1,500 miles of water bodies, and about 250 square miles of estuary. Water body segments within the Project Area that Chinook may use occur from Redding, in the north, to east of Stockton, in the south. Chinook may use these water bodies for adult spawning, holding and migration, juvenile rearing and migration, and non-natal rearing (NOAA, 2005; Gavette, 2005b). A map of the critical habitat ESU for Central Valley spring-run Chinook salmon is shown in Figure 7.

The Central Valley steelhead critical habitat includes approximately 2,300 miles of water bodies and about 250 square miles of estuary. Water body segments within the Project Area that steelhead may use occur from Redding, in the north, to the Merced River, in the south. Steelhead may use these water bodies for adult migration and spawning, and juvenile rearing and migration (NOAA, 2005; Gavette 2005a). A map of the critical habitat ESU water bodies for Central Valley steelhead is shown in Figure 8.

## **5. Results and Conclusions**

A list of 1,289 named water bodies located within the Project Area was compiled from readily available sources (Appendix B). Indicators of the actual, or possible, presence of aquatic organisms (BMI populations, fish species occurrences, and critical habitat for Central Valley steelhead and/or Chinook salmon) were identified for 130 water bodies (10% of the Appendix B-listed water bodies). Since each of the 130 water bodies are documented as being associated with one, or more, aquatic life indicators, it is reasonable to conclude that one, or more, aquatic life beneficial uses, as defined in the Basin Plan, may be appropriate for these 130 water bodies. Further, it is not inappropriate to consider that one, or more, aquatic life beneficial uses apply to all of the

1,289 water bodies compiled in Appendix B (and, indeed, to many more tributary water bodies not listed in Appendix B).

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**Figure 1 - Central Valley Pesticide Basin Plan Amendment Project Area**

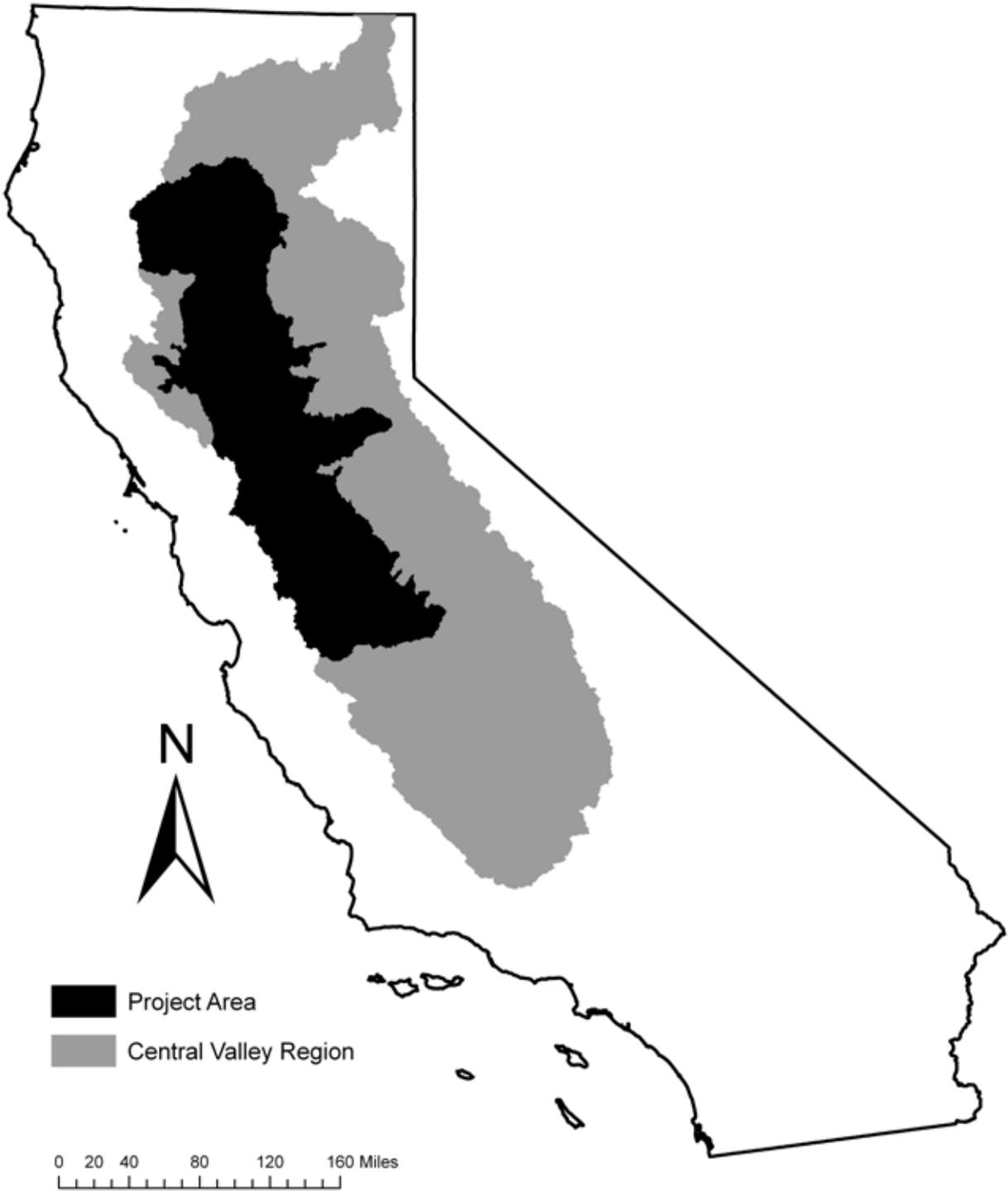


Figure 2 – Project Area Watersheds

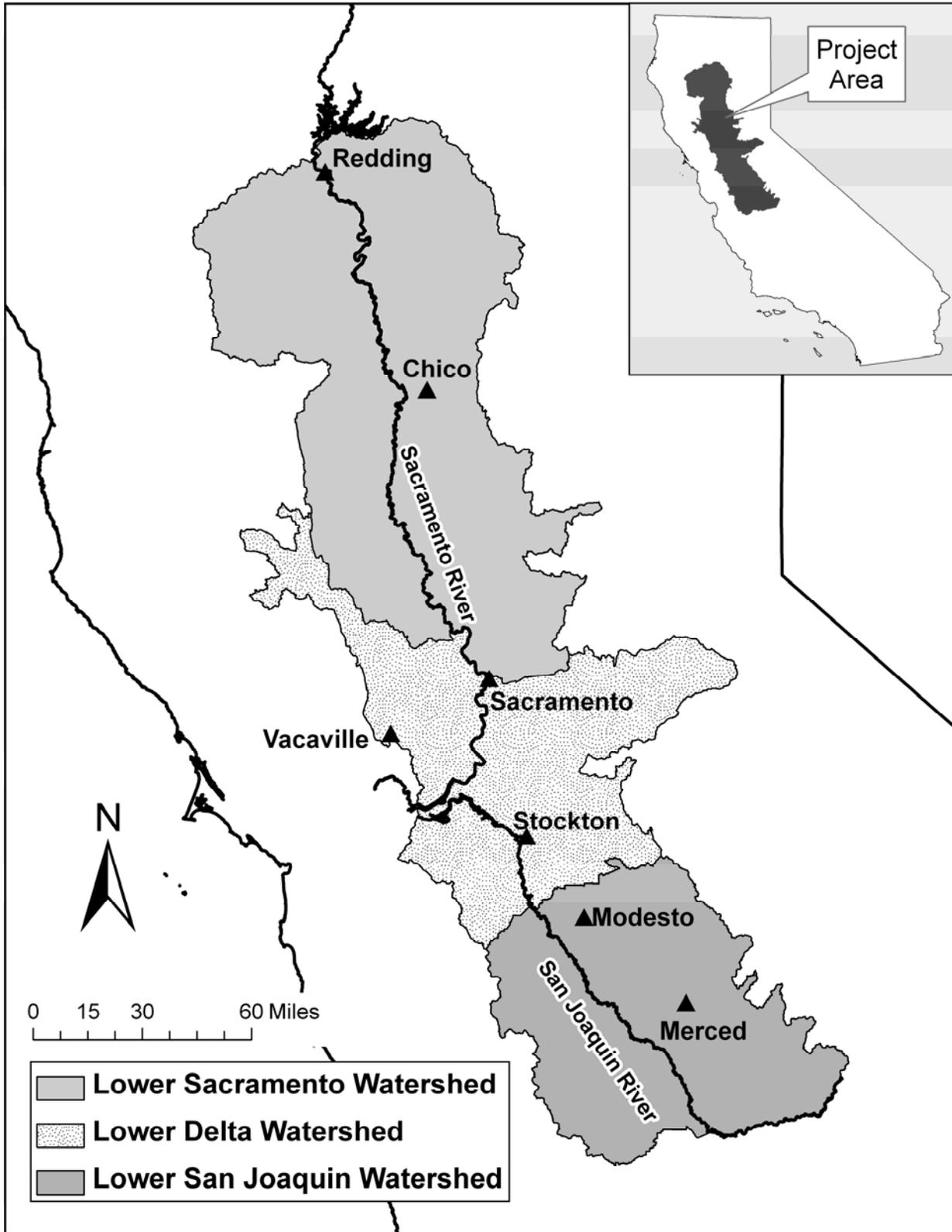


Figure 3 - Compiled Water Bodies - Lower Sacramento Watershed

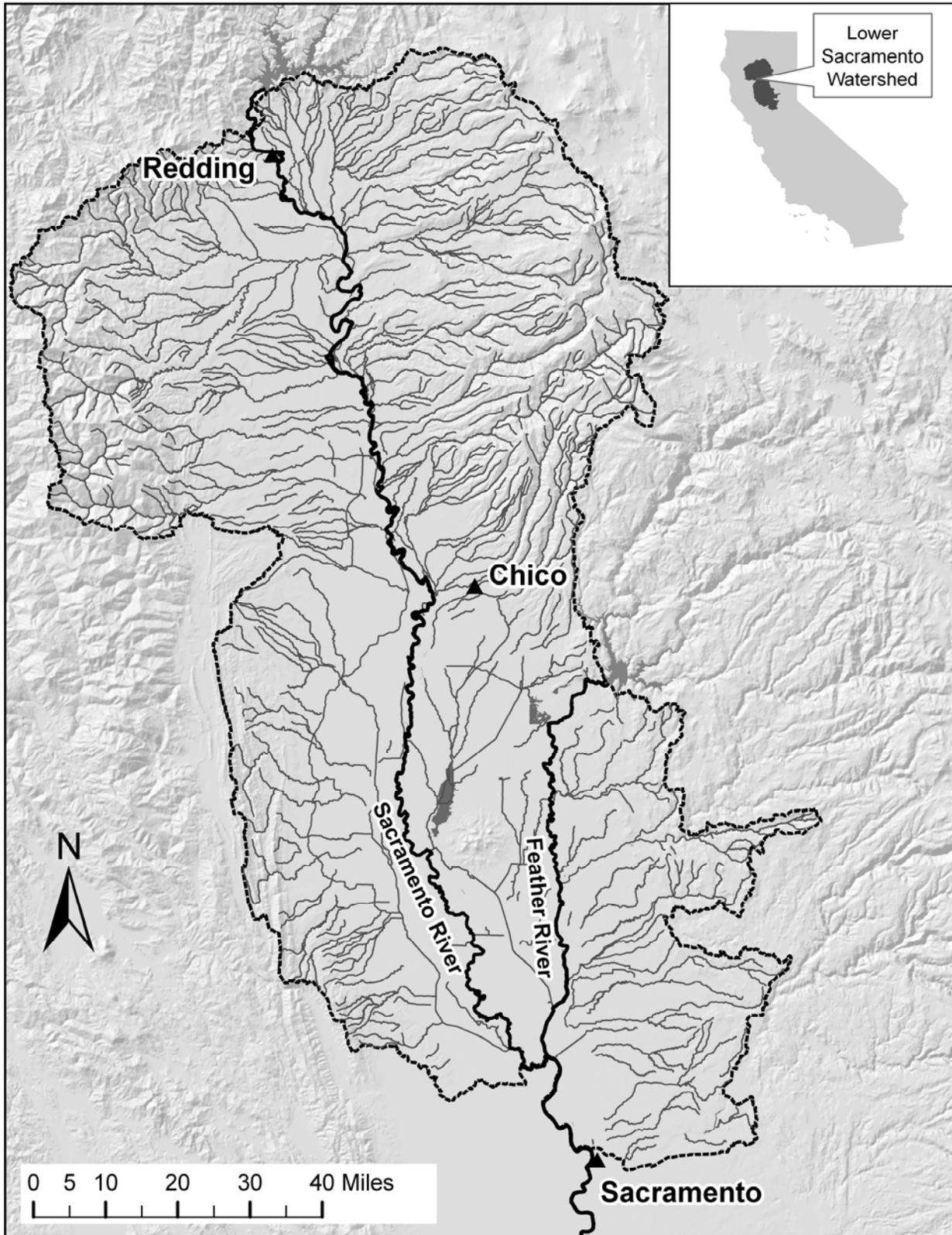


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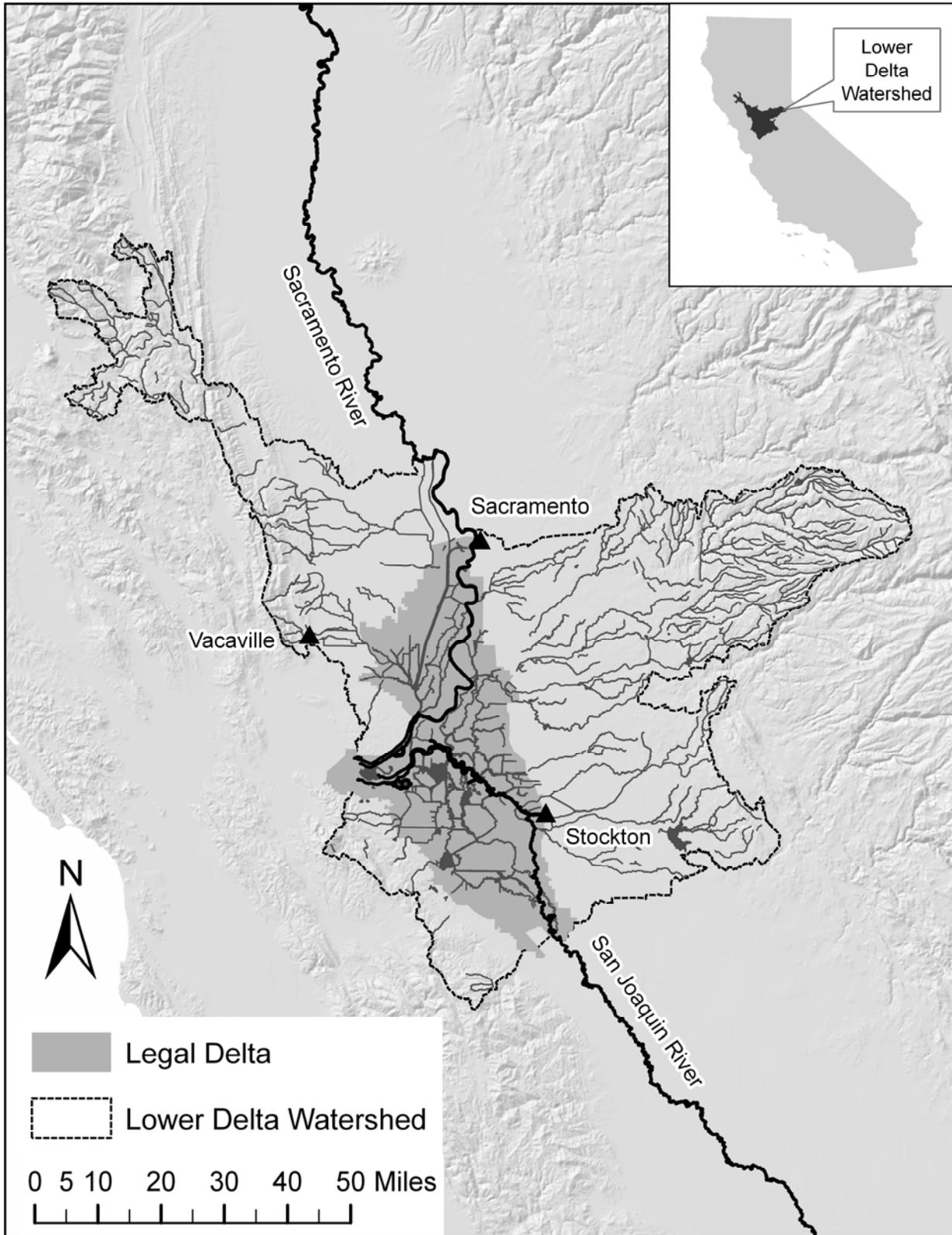


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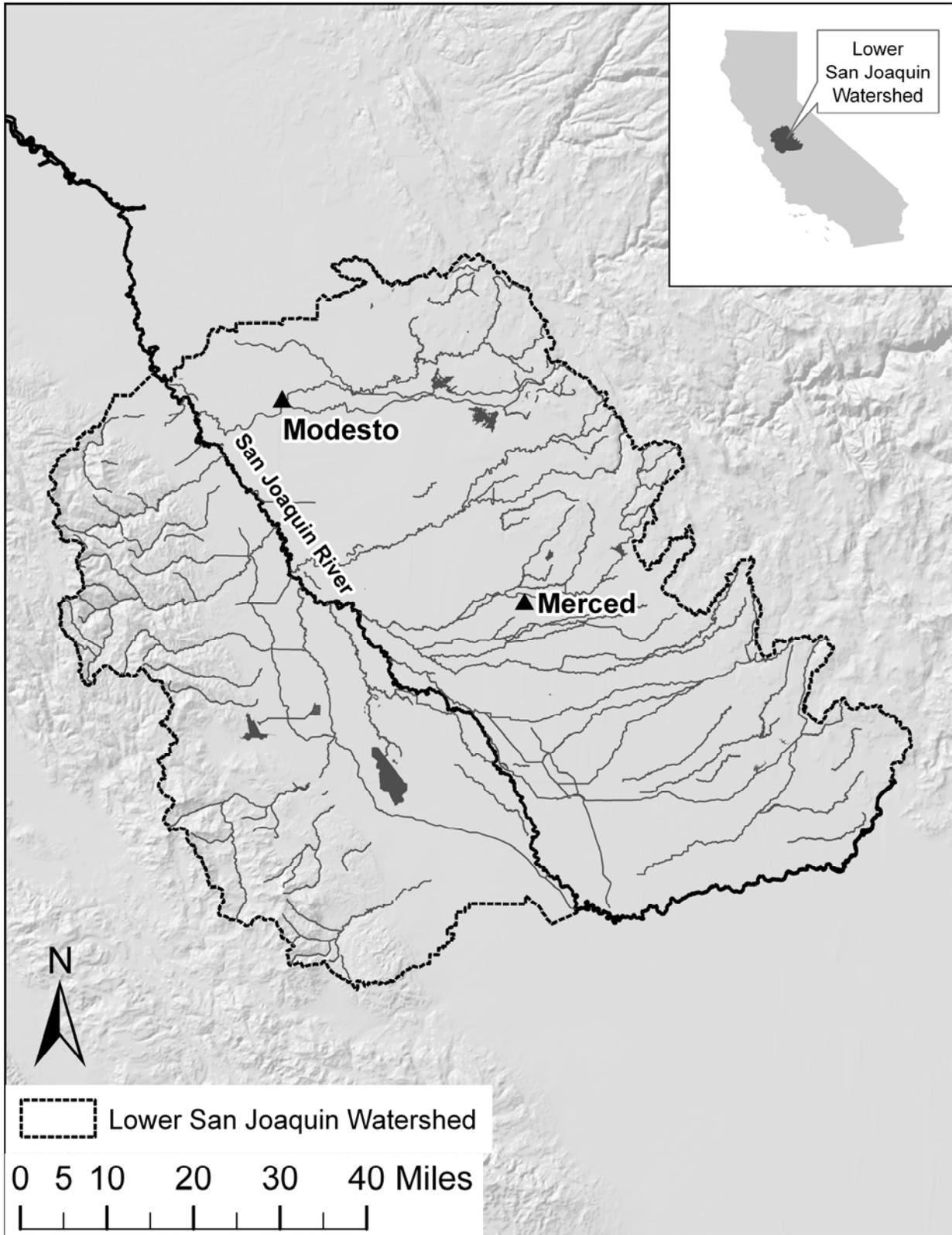
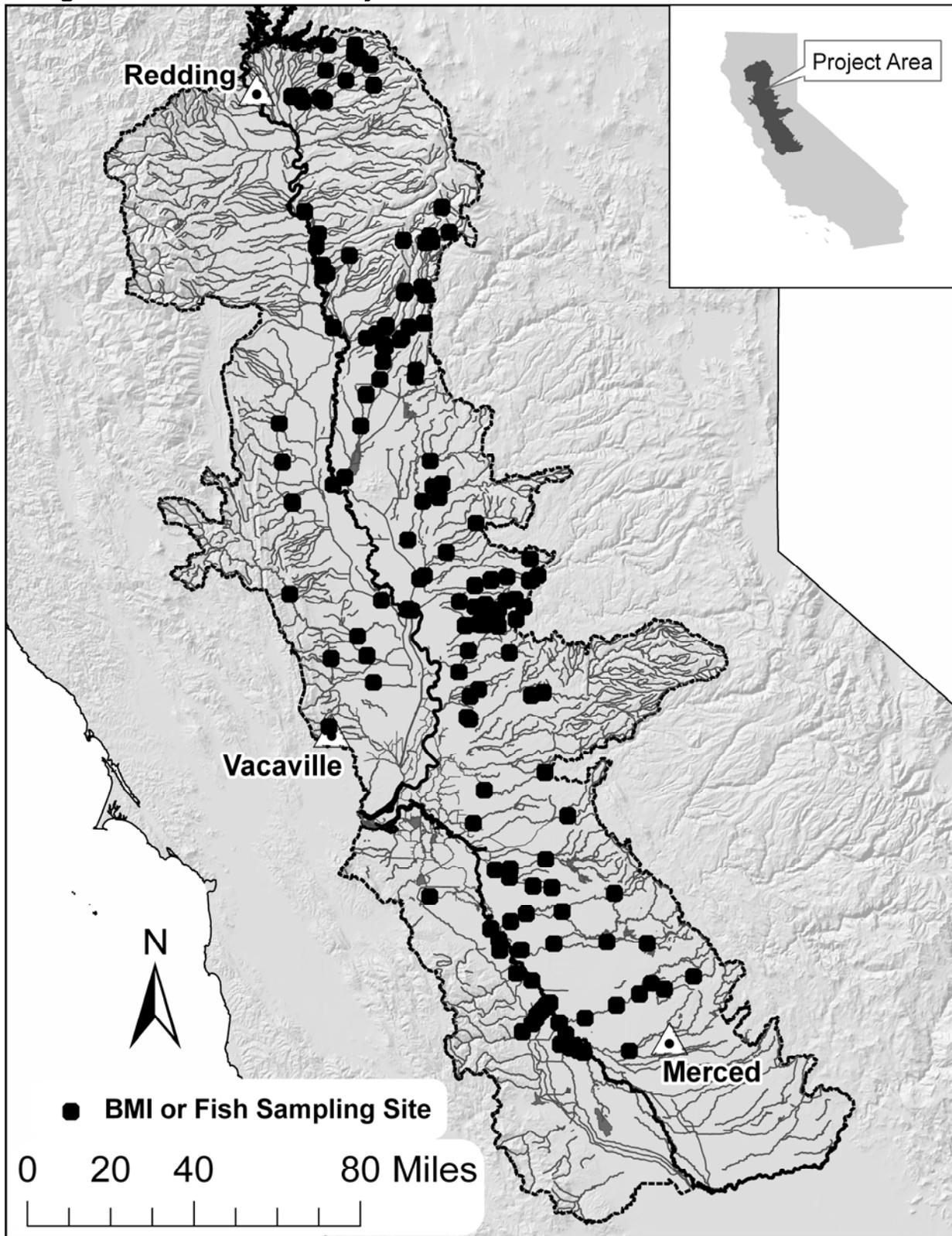
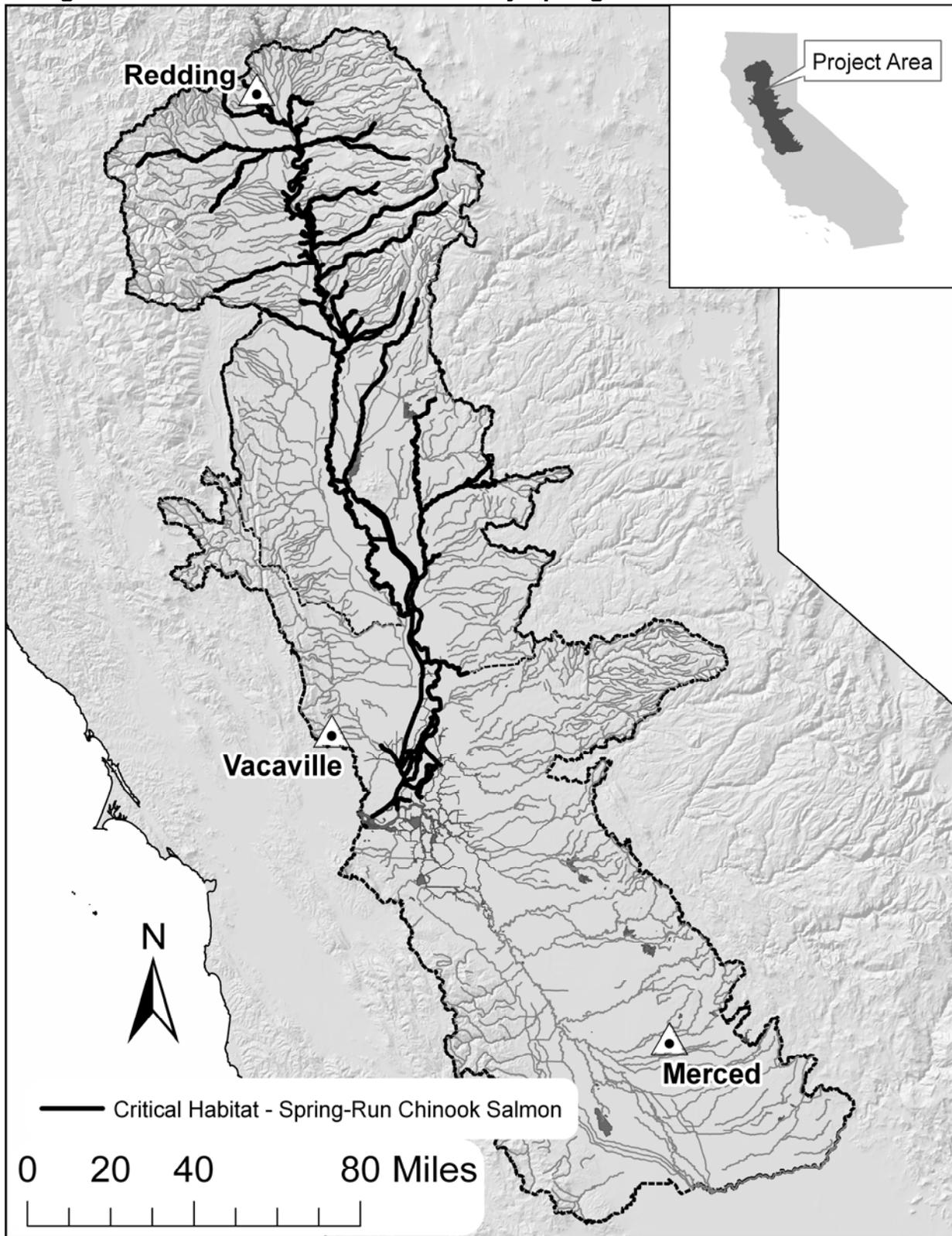


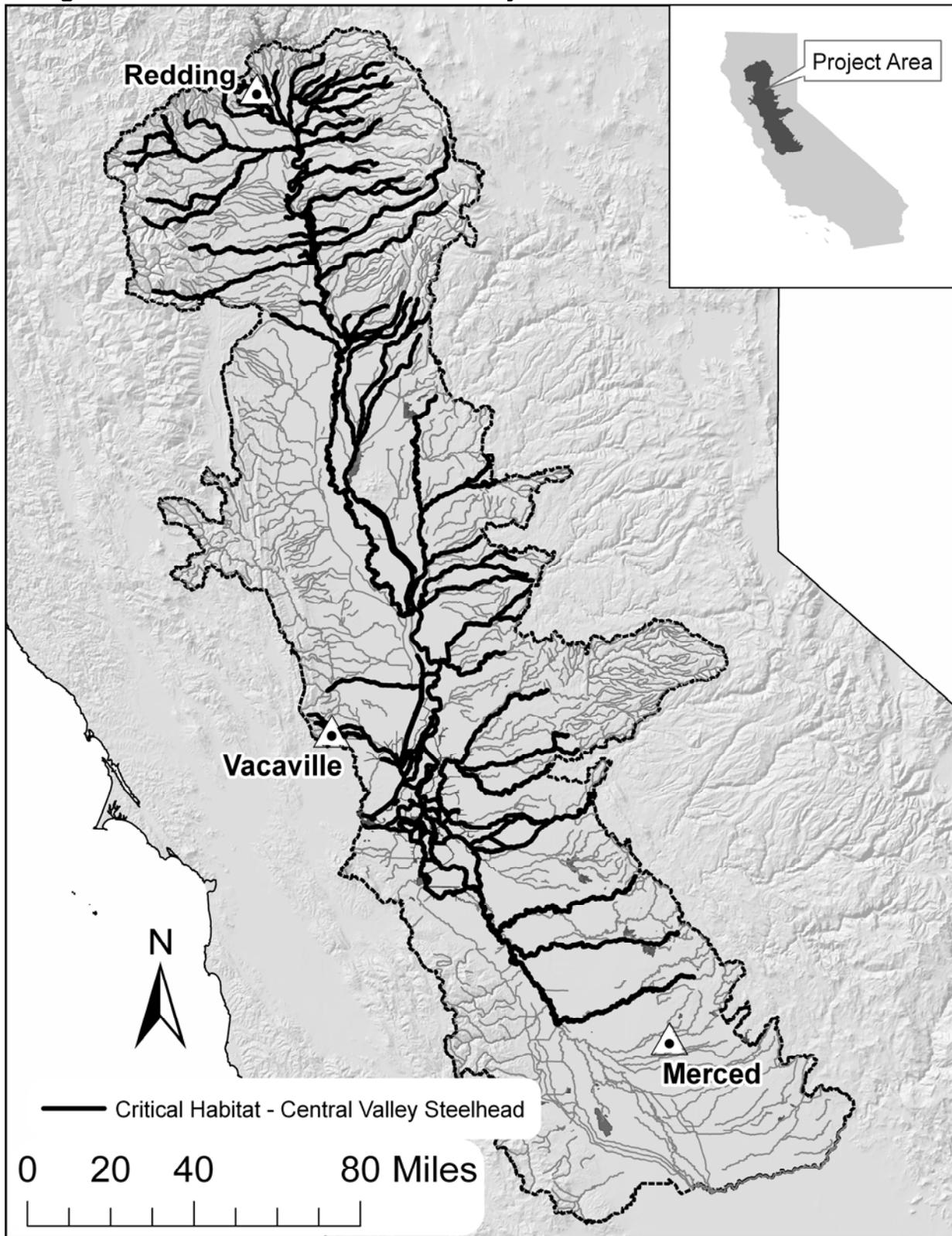
Figure 6 BMI and Fish Study Sites



**Figure 7 – Critical Habitat - Central Valley Spring-Run Chinook Salmon**



**Figure 8 – Critical Habitat - Central Valley Steelhead**



**Table 1 - BMI and Fish Study Sites**

Site names are from the associated studies (study numbers correspond to Table 2).

| <b>Data Type</b>   | <b>Water body</b> | <b>Site Name</b>                        | <b>Latitude</b> | <b>Longitude</b> | <b>Study</b> |
|--------------------|-------------------|---|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| Macro-invertebrate | Elder Creek       | Elder Creek @ Bradshaw Road             | 38.5072         | -121.3335        | 1            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Elder Creek       | Elder Creek @ Elk Grove-Florin Road     | 38.4840         | -121.3710        | 1            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Elk Grove Creek   | Elk Grove Creek @ Elk Grove-Florin Road | 38.4033         | -121.3706        | 1            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Elk Grove Creek   | Elk Grove Creek @ Emerald Vista Drive   | 38.4110         | -121.3832        | 1            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Littlejohns Creek | Littlejohns Creek @ Austin Road         | 37.8861         | -121.1826        | 1            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Littlejohns Creek | Littlejohns Creek @ Stanley Road        | 37.9203         | -121.0268        | 1            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Lone Tree Creek   | Lone Tree Creek @ Escalon-Bellota Road  | 37.8224         | -120.9977        | 1            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Lone Tree Creek   | Lone Tree Creek @ Lone Tree Road        | 37.8272         | -121.0805        | 1            |
| Macro-invertebrate | American River    | AMERICAN R A SACRAMENTO CA              | 38.5681         | -121.4222        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Arcade Creek      | ARCADE C NR DEL PASO HEIGHTS CA         | 38.6419         | -121.3817        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Big Chico Creek   | BIG CHICO C A CHICO CA                  | 39.7272         | -121.8622        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Big Chico Creek   | BIG CHICO C A SODA SPRGS CMPGRND        | 40.0878         | -121.5844        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Big Chico Creek   | BIG CHICO C A UPPER PARK GOLF COU       | 39.7669         | -121.7783        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Big Chico Creek   | BIG CHICO C NR FOREST RANCH CA          | 39.8933         | -121.6922        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Butte Creek       | BUTTE C A BIGGS PRINCETON RD NR A       | 39.4200         | -121.8800        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Butte Creek       | BUTTE C A CHERRY HILL CAMPGROUND        | 40.1025         | -121.4964        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Butte Creek       | BUTTE C A DOE MILL RD NR STIRLING       | 39.9089         | -121.6169        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Butte Creek       | BUTTE C A DURNEL RD NR NELSON CA        | 39.5842         | -121.7989        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Butte Creek       | BUTTE C A HONEY RUN RD NR PARADIS       | 39.7289         | -121.7025        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Butte Creek       | BUTTE C A LAUX RD NR MERIDIAN CA        | 39.2406         | -121.9472        | 2            |

**Table 1 – BMI and Fish Study Sites (continued)**

| <b>Data Type</b>   | <b>Water body</b>  | <b>Site Name</b>                  | <b>Latitude</b> | <b>Longitude</b> | <b>Study</b> |
|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| Macro-invertebrate | Cache Creek        | CACHE C A GUINDA CA               | 38.8283         | -122.1822        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Colusa Basin Drain | COLUSA BASIN DR A RD 99E NR KNIGH | 38.8125         | -121.7731        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Deer Creek         | DEER C A COHASSET RIDGE RD NR CAM | 40.0706         | -121.7036        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Deer Creek         | DEER C A POTATO PATCH CMPGRND NR  | 40.1878         | -121.5311        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Deer Creek         | DEER C BL SP RR BRIDGE NR VINA CA | 39.9408         | -122.0636        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Deer Creek         | DEER C NR VINA CA                 | 40.0141         | -121.9472        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Feather River      | FEATHER R NR NICOLAUS             | 38.8906         | -121.6033        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Merced River       | MERCED R A HAGAMAN CTY PARK NR IR | 37.3683         | -120.8464        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Merced River       | MERCED R A MCCONNELL STATE PARK N | 37.4139         | -120.7092        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Merced River       | MERCED R A RIVER ROAD BRIDGE NR N | 37.3511         | -120.9608        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Merced River       | MERCED R BL SNELLING DIV DAM NR S | 37.5164         | -120.3728        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Mokelumne River    | MOKELUMNE R A WOODBRIDGE CA       | 38.1586         | -121.3025        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Orestimba Creek    | ORESTIMBA CR AT RIVER RD NR CROWS | 37.4136         | -121.0150        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Sacramento River   | SACRAMENTO R A COLUSA CA          | 39.2142         | -121.9992        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Sacramento Slough  | SACRAMENTO SLOUGH NR KNIGHTS LAND | 38.7850         | -121.6533        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Salt Slough        | SALT SLOUGH A HWY 165 NR STEVINSO | 37.2478         | -120.8511        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | San Joaquin River  | SAN JOAQUIN R A FREMONT FORD BRID | 37.3100         | -120.9300        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | San Joaquin River  | SAN JOAQUIN R A PATTERSON BR NR P | 37.4975         | -121.0819        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | San Joaquin River  | SAN JOAQUIN R AT MAZE RD BRIDGE N | 37.6400         | -121.2283        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | San Joaquin River  | SAN JOAQUIN R NR VERNALIS CA      | 37.6761         | -121.2642        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Stanislaus River   | STANISLAUS R A CASWELL STATE PARK | 37.7025         | -121.1772        | 2            |

**Table 1 – BMI and Fish Study Sites (continued)**

| <b>Data Type</b>   | <b>Water body</b> | <b>Site Name</b>   | <b>Latitude</b> | <b>Longitude</b> | <b>Study</b> |
|--------------------|-------------------|--|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| Macro-invertebrate | Stanislaus River  | STANISLAUS R A MILE 50 NR KNIGHTS  | 37.8042         | -120.7228        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Stanislaus River  | STANISLAUS R A RIPON CA  | 37.7297         | -121.1094        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Stanislaus River  | STANISLAUS R A RIVERBANK CA  | 37.7386         | -120.9519        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Tuolumne River    | TUOLUMNE R A HICKMAN NR WATERFORD  | 37.6356         | -120.7539        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Tuolumne River    | TUOLUMNE R A MODESTO CA  | 37.6272         | -120.9864        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Tuolumne River    | TUOLUMNE R A SHILOH RD BRIDGE NR   | 37.6033         | -121.1303        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Tuolumne River    | TUOLUMNE R A TURLOCK LK STATE PK   | 37.6311         | -120.5772        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Yuba River        | YUBA R NR MARYSVILLE CA  | 39.1758         | -121.5239        | 2            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Merced River      | Merced River at River Road near Newman   | 37.3511         | -120.9608        | 3            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Orestimba Creek   | Orestimba Creek at River Road near Crows Landing                               | 37.4136         | -121.0150        | 3            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Salt Slough       | Salt Slough at Highway 165 near Stevinson                                      | 37.2478         | -120.8511        | 3            |
| Macro-invertebrate | San Joaquin River | San Joaquin River near Vernalis  | 37.6761         | -121.2653        | 3            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Tuolumne River    | Tuolumne River at Shiloh Road Bridge near Grayson                              | 37.6034         | -121.1303        | 3            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Clover Creek      | Lower Clover on Old 44. 1/2 mile west of Whitmore Road                         | 40.5535         | -122.1818        | 4            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Old Cow Creek     | Cow Creek at JS Ranch  | 40.5607         | -122.0966        | 4            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Cow Creek         | Lower North Cow Creek near Swede Creek Road/Old 44                             | 40.5637         | -122.2251        | 4            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Oak Run Creek     | Lower Oak Run at bridge at Old 44 Drive near Winding Way                       | 40.5668         | -122.1895        | 4            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Cow Creek         | Lower Old/South Cow Creek 1/4 mile north of Highway 44 on Old 44 Drive         | 40.5457         | -122.1732        | 4            |
| Macro-invertebrate | South Cow Creek   | Lower South Cow Creek at Dr. Farrell's, 1/4 mile north of South Cow Creek Road | 40.5508         | -122.0761        | 4            |

**Table 1 – BMI and Fish Study Sites (continued)**

| <b>Data Type</b>   | <b>Water body</b> | <b>Site Name</b>   | <b>Latitude</b> | <b>Longitude</b> | <b>Study</b> |
|--------------------|-------------------|--|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| Macro-invertebrate | Cow Creek         | Mainstem Cow Creek at Highway 44 bridge, 1/3 mile east of Deschutes Road | 40.5627         | -122.2257        | 4            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Little Cow Creek  | Middle North Cow Creek on Highway 299 in Ingot                           | 40.7439         | -122.0639        | 4            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Cow Creek         | Middle Oak Run by Oak Run Road two miles south of Oak Run to Fern Road   | 40.6564         | -122.0725        | 4            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Cow Creek         | Middle Old Cow Creek Bridge on Whitmore Road                             | 40.6236         | -121.9799        | 4            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Cow Creek         | Middle South Cow Creek at PG&E, South Cow Creek Road                     | 40.5512         | -122.0760        | 4            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Cow Creek         | Upper Clover near Oak Run to Fern road, 1/2 mile north of Clover Creek   | 40.7025         | -121.9174        | 4            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Little Cow Creek  | Upper North Cow Creek by Phillips Road bridge near Buzzard Roost         | 40.7490         | -121.9418        | 4            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Cow Creek         | Upper Oak Run by Phillips Road bridge near Oak Run to Fern Road          | 40.7139         | -121.9435        | 4            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Cow Creek         | Upper Old Cow Creek at bridge on Fern Road                               | 40.6801         | -121.8693        | 4            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Cow Creek         | Upper South Cow Creek Bridge on Ponderosa Way                            | 40.6071         | -121.8524        | 4            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Auburn Ravine     | Downstream Auburn WWTF   | 38.8897         | -121.1123        | 5            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Auburn Ravine     | Fowler Rd.   | 38.9011         | -121.2125        | 5            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Auburn Ravine     | Hwy 65   | 38.8885         | -121.2850        | 5            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Auburn Ravine     | Moore Rd.  | 38.8700         | -121.3566        | 5            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Auburn Ravine     | Palm Avenue - Most Upstream  | 38.9064         | -121.0751        | 5            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Auburn Ravine     | Upstream Auburn WWTF   | 38.8891         | -121.1097        | 5            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Butte Creek       | Butte Creek - Aguas Frias Rd.  | 39.5301         | -121.8584        | 5            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Butte Creek       | Butte Creek - Durham/Dayton HWY  | 39.6471         | -121.7870        | 5            |

**Table 1 – BMI and Fish Study Sites (continued)**

| <b>Data Type</b>   | <b>Water body</b>    | <b>Site Name</b>                        | <b>Latitude</b> | <b>Longitude</b> | <b>Study</b> |
|--------------------|----------------------|---|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| Macro-invertebrate | Butte Creek          | Butte Creek - HWY 99                    | 39.6994         | -121.7771        | 5            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Coon Creek           | Coon Creek - d/s SMD1 WWTF              | 38.9657         | -121.1130        | 5            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Coon Creek           | Coon Creek - u/s SMD1 WWTF              | 38.9663         | -121.1096        | 5            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Rock Creek           | Rock Creek - u/s SMD1 WWTF              | 38.9643         | -121.1101        | 5            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Antelope Creek       | Antelope Creek - Sunset Blvd.           | 38.7876         | -121.2489        | 5            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Dry Creek            | Antelope Creek - Taylor Park            | 38.8183         | -121.2164        | 5            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Dry Creek            | Dry Creek - Atkinson Rd.                | 38.7343         | -121.3087        | 5            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Dry Creek            | Dry Creek - Cook Riolo Rd.              | 38.7368         | -121.3383        | 5            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Dry Creek            | Dry Creek - d/s Roseville WWTF          | 38.7343         | -121.3246        | 5            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Dry Creek            | Dry Creek - u/s Roseville WWTF          | 38.7339         | -121.3187        | 5            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Linda Creek          | Linda Creek - Champion Oaks Blvd.       | 38.7300         | -121.2493        | 5            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Miners Ravine        | Miners Ravine - Auburn Folsom Blvd.     | 38.7545         | -121.1702        | 5            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Miners Ravine        | Miners Ravine - d/s SMD3 WWTF           | 38.7968         | -121.1358        | 5            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Miners Ravine        | Miners Ravine - u/s SMD3 WWTF           | 38.7982         | -121.1352        | 5            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Secret Ravine        | Secret Ravine - Loomis Park             | 38.8245         | -121.1755        | 5            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Gilsizer Slough      | Gilsizer Slough - O'Banion Rd.          | 39.0260         | -121.6592        | 5            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Jack Slough          | Jack Slough - Doc Adams Rd.             | 39.1623         | -121.5959        | 5            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Jack Slough          | Jack Slough - Loma Rica Rd.             | 39.2253         | -121.5116        | 5            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Jack Slough          | Jack Slough - Woodruff Rd.              | 39.2149         | -121.5513        | 5            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Pleasant Grove Creek | Pleasant Grove Creek - Fiddymnt Rd.     | 38.7959         | -121.3555        | 5            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Pleasant Grove Creek | Pleasant Grove Creek - Industrial Blvd. | 38.8055         | -121.3087        | 5            |

**Table 1 – BMI and Fish Study Sites (continued)**

| <b>Data Type</b>   | <b>Water body</b>    | <b>Site Name</b>                            | <b>Latitude</b> | <b>Longitude</b> | <b>Study</b> |
|--------------------|----------------------|---|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| Macro-invertebrate | Pleasant Grove Creek | Pleasant Grove Creek - Pettigrew Rd.        | 38.8124         | -121.4245        | 5            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Pleasant Grove Creek | South Branch PGC - Pleasant Gr. Blvd.       | 38.7711         | -121.3159        | 5            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Cosumnes River       | Cosumnes River @ Michigan Bar Road          | 38.5006         | -121.0450        | 6            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Lone Tree Creek      | Lone Tree Creek @ Austin Road               | 37.8556         | -121.1847        | 6            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Mountain House Creek | Mtn. House Creek @ Byron Road               | 37.7856         | -121.5356        | 6            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Ingram Creek         | Ingram Creek @ River Road                   | 37.6003         | -121.2242        | 6            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Del Puerto Creek     | Del Puerto Creek @ Vineyard Road            | 37.5214         | -121.1486        | 6            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Orestimba Creek      | Orestimba Creek @ River Road                | 37.4139         | -121.0142        | 6            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Orestimba Creek      | Orestimba Creek @ Bell Road                 | 37.3458         | -121.0792        | 6            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Mud Slough           | Mud Slough North: u/s San Luis Drain Inflow | 37.2625         | -120.9056        | 6            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Salt Slough          | Salt Slough @ Lander Ave. (Hwy. 165)        | 37.2486         | -120.8511        | 6            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Bear Creek           | Bear Creek @ Bert Crane Road                | 37.2556         | -120.6519        | 6            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Orestimba Creek      | Orestimba Creek 1                           | 37.4195         | -121.0015        | 7            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Orestimba Creek      | Orestimba Creek 2                           | 37.4201         | -121.0048        | 7            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Orestimba Creek      | Orestimba Creek 3                           | 37.4131         | -121.0154        | 7            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Orestimba Creek      | Orestimba Creek 4                           | 37.4053         | -121.0234        | 7            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Orestimba Creek      | Orestimba Creek 5                           | 37.3984         | -121.0329        | 7            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Orestimba Creek      | Orestimba Creek 6                           | 37.3892         | -121.0418        | 7            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Orestimba Creek      | Orestimba Creek 7                           | 37.3831         | -121.0490        | 7            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Orestimba Creek      | Orestimba Creek 8                           | 37.3770         | -121.0576        | 7            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Orestimba Creek      | Orestimba Creek 9                           | 37.3648         | -121.0615        | 7            |

**Table 1 – BMI and Fish Study Sites (continued)**

| <b>Data Type</b>   | <b>Water body</b>    | <b>Site Name</b>                           | <b>Latitude</b> | <b>Longitude</b> | <b>Study</b> |
|--------------------|----------------------|--|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| Macro-invertebrate | Orestimba Creek      | Orestimba Creek 10                         | 37.3189         | -121.1206        | 7            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Bear Creek           | Bear Creek at Bert Crane Rd.               | 37.2556         | -120.6519        | 8            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Bear Creek           | Bear Creek at Lower Sacramento Road        | 38.0431         | -121.3486        | 8            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Calaveras River      | Calaveras River at Shelton Road            | 38.0727         | -120.9310        | 8            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Cosumnes River       | Cosumnes River at Hwy 16                   | 38.4904         | -121.0978        | 8            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Cosumnes River       | Cosumnes River at Michigan Bar Road        | 38.5006         | -121.0450        | 8            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Del Puerto Creek     | Del Puerto Creek at Vineyard               | 37.5214         | -121.1486        | 8            |
| Macro-invertebrate | French Camp Slough   | French Camp Slough at Airport Road         | 37.8817         | -121.2492        | 8            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Ingalsbe Slough      | Ingalsbe Slough at J17 Turlock             | 37.4918         | -120.5578        | 8            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Ingram Creek         | Ingram Creek at River Road                 | 37.6003         | -121.2242        | 8            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Lone Tree Creek      | Lone Tree Creek at Austin Road             | 37.8556         | -121.1847        | 8            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Los Banos Creek      | Los Banos Creek at Hwy 140                 | 37.2764         | -120.9539        | 8            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Merced River         | Merced River at Hatfield Park (River Road) | 37.3497         | -120.9578        | 8            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Merced River         | Merced River at Hwy 59                     | 37.4702         | -120.5005        | 8            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Merced River         | Merced River at J16 Oakdale Road           | 37.4540         | -120.6092        | 8            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Mokelumne River      | Mokelumne River at Van Assen Co. Park      | 38.2225         | -121.0344        | 8            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Mountain House Creek | Mountain House Creek at Byron Road         | 37.7856         | -121.5356        | 8            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Mud Slough           | Mud Slough downstream of SLD               | 37.2625         | -120.9056        | 8            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Mud Slough           | Mud Slough upstream of SLD                 | 37.2550         | -120.8742        | 8            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Orestimba Creek      | Orestimba Creek at Bell Road               | 37.3458         | -121.0792        | 8            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Orestimba Creek      | Orestimba Creek at River Road              | 37.4139         | -121.0142        | 8            |

**Table 1 – BMI and Fish Study Sites (continued)**

| <b>Data Type</b>   | <b>Water body</b> | <b>Site Name</b>  | <b>Latitude</b> | <b>Longitude</b> | <b>Study</b> |
|--------------------|-------------------|---|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| Macro-invertebrate | Salt Slough       | Salt Slough at Lander/Hwy 165   | 37.2486         | -120.8511        | 8            |
| Macro-invertebrate | American River    | American River near Harrington Bar (AR-HB)                                | 38.5681         | -121.4212        | 9            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Arcade Creek      | Arcade Creek at Del Paso Park (AC-DPP)                                    | 38.6420         | -121.3806        | 9            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Big Chico Creek   | Big Chico Creek downstream of Rose Avenue (BCC-RA)                        | 39.7271         | -121.8609        | 9            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Big Chico Creek   | Big Chico Creek near Forest Ranch (BCC-FR)                                | 39.8877         | -121.6952        | 9            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Big Chico Creek   | Big Chico Creek upstream of Highway 32 crossing (BCC-H32)                 | 40.0639         | -121.6026        | 9            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Big Chico Creek   | Big Chico Creek within Upper Bidwell Park (BCC-BP)                        | 39.7724         | -121.7732        | 9            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Butte Creek       | Butte Creek downstream of Honey Run Covered Bridge (BC-HR)                | 39.7222         | -121.7100        | 9            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Butte Creek       | Butte Creek near Richbar Road crossing (BC-RR)                            | 39.7676         | -121.6717        | 9            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Butte Creek       | Butte Creek upstream of Cherry Hill Campground (BC-CHC)                   | 40.1006         | -121.4955        | 9            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Butte Creek       | Butte Creek upstream of Doe Mill Road (BC-DMR)                            | 39.7834         | -121.6023        | 9            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Feather River     | Feather River upstream of the Sacramento River confluence (FR-EN)         | 38.9004         | -121.5823        | 9            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Butte Creek       | Little Butte Creek near Haut Coulteanc Road (LBC-HCR)                     | 39.8800         | -121.5972        | 9            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Butte Creek       | Little Butte Creek upstream of Skyway Road crossing (LBC-S)               | 39.8857         | -121.5953        | 9            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Sacramento River  | Sacramento River downstream of Sacramento State Park near Colusa (SR-SSP) | 38.8126         | -121.7720        | 9            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Sacramento River  | Sacramento River upstream of Highway 32 (SR-HAM)                          | 39.7612         | -122.0134        | 9            |
| Macro-invertebrate | Yuba River        | Yuba River upstream of Marysville at Smartsville Road (YR-M)              | 39.1759         | -121.5228        | 9            |

**Table 1 – BMI and Fish Study Sites (continued)**

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|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| Macro-invertebrate | Alder Creek       | ALDER CREEK @ FOLSOM BLVD      | 38.6375         | -121.1983        | 10           |
| Macro-invertebrate | Auburn Ravine     | AUBURN RAVINE @ HWY 193        | 38.8911         | -121.2828        | 10           |
| Macro-invertebrate | Baker Slough      | BAKER SLOUGH @ MCDERMOTT       | 39.4231         | -122.2475        | 10           |
| Macro-invertebrate | Bear River        | BEAR RIVER @ PLEASANT GROVE RD | 38.9847         | -121.4867        | 10           |
| Macro-invertebrate | Big Chico Creek   | BIG CHICO @ Bidwell Park       | 39.7439         | -121.8164        | 10           |
| Macro-invertebrate | Butte Creek       | BUTTE CR @ Hwy 99              | 39.6964         | -121.7764        | 10           |
| Macro-invertebrate | Cache Creek       | CACHE CR @ PRESERVE            | 38.6867         | -121.8761        | 10           |
| Macro-invertebrate | Clear Creek       | CLEAR CREEK @ NELSON RD        | 39.5817         | -121.6992        | 10           |
| Macro-invertebrate | Comanche Creek    | COMANCHE CK @ USFS LAB         | 39.7072         | -121.7853        | 10           |
| Macro-invertebrate | Deer Creek        | DEER CREEK @ HWY 99            | 39.9492         | -122.0464        | 10           |
| Macro-invertebrate | Dry Creek         | DRY CK @ GIBSON PARK RANCH     | 38.7297         | -121.3969        | 10           |
| Macro-invertebrate | Dry Creek         | DRY CK D/S HWY 191             | 39.6197         | -121.6364        | 10           |
| Macro-invertebrate | Dry Creek         | DRY CREEK @ BEALE AFB          | 39.0894         | -121.3556        | 10           |
| Macro-invertebrate | Dye Creek         | DYE CREEK @ SHASTA BLVD        | 40.0883         | -122.0903        | 10           |
| Macro-invertebrate | Gold Run Creek    | GOLD RUN CK @ OPENSHAW RD      | 39.5933         | -121.6394        | 10           |
| Macro-invertebrate | Jack Slough       | JACK SLOUGH @ LOMA RICA RD.    | 39.2250         | -121.5103        | 10           |
| Macro-invertebrate | Mill Creek        | MILL CREEK @ HWY 99            | 40.0439         | -122.0986        | 10           |
| Macro-invertebrate | Miners Ravine     | MINERS RAVINE                  | 38.7592         | -121.2561        | 10           |
| Macro-invertebrate | New Creek         | NEW CREEK @ HWY 99             | 40.1631         | -122.1542        | 10           |
| Macro-invertebrate | Putah Creek       | PUTAH CK @ UC DAVIS            | 38.5272         | -121.8017        | 10           |
| Macro-invertebrate | Salt Creek        | SALT CREEK @ HWY 20            | 39.1508         | -122.1811        | 10           |

**Table 1 – BMI and Fish Study Sites (continued)**

| <b>Data Type</b>   | <b>Water body</b>   | <b>Site Name</b>                         | <b>Latitude</b> | <b>Longitude</b> | <b>Study</b> |
|--------------------|---------------------|--|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| Macro-invertebrate | Secret Ravine       | SECRET RAVINE                            | 38.7594         | -121.2567        | 10           |
| Macro-invertebrate | Honcut Creek South  | SOUTH HONCUT @ SOUTH HONCUT RD.          | 39.3031         | -121.5650        | 10           |
| Macro-invertebrate | Spring Creek        | SPRING CR @ HWY 20                       | 39.1472         | -122.1792        | 10           |
| Macro-invertebrate | Stone Corral Creek  | STONE CORRAL CR                          | 39.2879         | -122.2289        | 10           |
| Macro-invertebrate | Toomes Creek        | TOOMES CREEK @ TEHEMA VINA ROAD          | 39.9797         | -122.0681        | 10           |
| Macro-invertebrate | Ulati Creek         | ULATIS CK @ FERRELL RD                   | 38.3694         | -121.9947        | 10           |
| Macro-invertebrate | Union School Slough | UNION SCHOOL SLOUGH @ RD 88              | 38.6069         | -121.9919        | 10           |
| Macro-invertebrate | Willow Slough       | WILLOW SLOUGH @ RD 27                    | 38.6197         | -121.8325        | 10           |
| Fish               | Merced River        | Merced River at Hagamann County Park     | 37.3683         | -120.8464        | 11           |
| Fish               | Merced River        | Merced River at McConnell State Park     | 37.4139         | -120.7092        | 11           |
| Fish               | Merced River        | Merced River at River Road               | 37.3511         | -120.9608        | 11           |
| Fish               | Merced River        | Merced River near Snelling Diversion Dam | 37.5164         | -120.3728        | 11           |
| Fish               | Mud Slough          | Mud Slough near Gustine                  | 37.2625         | -120.9056        | 11           |
| Fish               | Orestimba Creek     | Orestimba Creek at River Road            | 37.4136         | -121.0150        | 11           |
| Fish               | Salt Slough         | Salt Slough at Lander Avenue             | 37.2478         | -120.8511        | 11           |
| Fish               | San Joaquin River   | San Joaquin River at Fremont Ford        | 37.3100         | -120.9300        | 11           |
| Fish               | San Joaquin River   | San Joaquin River at Maze Road           | 37.6400         | -121.2283        | 11           |
| Fish               | San Joaquin River   | San Joaquin River near Patterson         | 37.4975         | -121.0819        | 11           |
| Fish               | San Joaquin River   | San Joaquin River near Vernalis          | 37.6761         | -121.2653        | 11           |
| Fish               | Stanislaus River    | Stanislaus River at Caswell State Park   | 37.7025         | -121.1772        | 11           |
| Fish               | Stanislaus River    | Stanislaus River near Knights Ferry      | 37.8042         | -120.7228        | 11           |
| Fish               | Stanislaus River    | Stanislaus River near Ripon              | 37.7297         | -121.1094        | 11           |

**Table 1 – BMI and Fish Study Sites (continued)**

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|------------------|--------------------|---|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| Fish             | Stanislaus River   | Stanislaus River near Riverbank                 | 37.7386         | -120.9519        | 11           |
| Fish             | Tuolumne River     | Tuolumne River at Modesto                       | 37.6269         | -120.9869        | 11           |
| Fish             | Tuolumne River     | Tuolumne River at Shiloh Road                   | 37.6033         | -121.1303        | 11           |
| Fish             | Tuolumne River     | Tuolumne River at Turlock State Recreation Area | 37.6311         | -120.5772        | 11           |
| Fish             | Tuolumne River     | Tuolumne River near Waterford                   | 37.6356         | -120.7539        | 11           |
| Fish             | American River     | American River at Sacramento                    | 38.5681         | -121.4222        | 12           |
| Fish             | Big Chico Creek    | Big Chico at Soda Springs Campground            | 40.0878         | -121.5844        | 12           |
| Fish             | Big Chico Creek    | Big Chico Creek above Chico                     | 39.7669         | -121.7783        | 12           |
| Fish             | Big Chico Creek    | Big Chico Creek at Chico                        | 39.7272         | -121.8622        | 12           |
| Fish             | Big Chico Creek    | Big Chico Creek near Forest Ranch               | 39.8933         | -121.6922        | 12           |
| Fish             | Butte Creek        | Butte Creek at Cherry Hill Campground           | 40.1025         | -121.4964        | 12           |
| Fish             | Butte Creek        | Butte Creek near Afton                          | 39.4200         | -121.8800        | 12           |
| Fish             | Butte Creek        | Butte Creek near Butte Meadows                  | 40.0683         | -121.5736        | 12           |
| Fish             | Butte Creek        | Butte Creek near Meridian                       | 39.2406         | -121.9472        | 12           |
| Fish             | Butte Creek        | Butte Creek near Nelson                         | 39.5842         | -121.7989        | 12           |
| Fish             | Butte Creek        | Butte Creek near Paradise                       | 39.7289         | -121.7025        | 12           |
| Fish             | Cache Creek        | Cache Creek near Guinda                         | 38.8283         | -122.1822        | 12           |
| Fish             | Colusa Basin Drain | Colusa Basin Drain near Knights Landing         | 38.8125         | -121.7731        | 12           |
| Fish             | Deer Creek         | Deer Creek at Potato Patch Campground           | 40.1878         | -121.5311        | 12           |
| Fish             | Deer Creek         | Deer Creek below Hwy 99 Bridge                  | 39.9408         | -122.0636        | 12           |
| Fish             | Deer Creek         | Deer Creek near Ishi Wilderness Area            | 40.0706         | -121.7036        | 12           |
| Fish             | Deer Creek         | Deer Creek near Vina                            | 40.0141         | -121.9472        | 12           |
| Fish             | Feather River      | Feather River near Nicholas                     | 38.8906         | -121.6033        | 12           |
| Fish             | Sacramento River   | Sacramento River near Colusa                    | 39.2142         | -121.9992        | 12           |

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|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| Fish             | Sacramento Slough | Sacramento Slough near Karnak | 38.7792         | -121.6375        | 12           |
| Fish             | Yuba River        | Yuba River near Marysville    | 39.1758         | -121.5239        | 12           |

**Table 2 - Summary of BMI and Fish Studies**

| Study | Study Citation   | Year(s) Studied | Organisms Sampled               | # of Sites | Physical Habitat Assessment | Other Parameters Measured   |
|-------|--|-----------------|---------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 1     | Bacey, J., F. Spurlock. 2005. Biological assessment of urban and agricultural streams in the California Central Valley (Fall 2002 through Spring 2004). California Department of Pesticide Regulation. <a href="http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/empm/pubs/ehapreps/eh0501.pdf">http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/empm/pubs/ehapreps/eh0501.pdf</a> | 2002-2003       | macroinvertebrates              | 8          | yes                         | Temperature, dissolved oxygen, specific conductance, pH, turbidity, pyrethroids, organophosphorus pesticides, herbicides, pyrethroid analysis of sediment |
| 2     | Brown, L.R. and J.T. May. 2000. Benthic macroinvertebrates assemblages and their relations with environmental variables in the Sacramento and San Joaquin River drainages, California, 1993-1997. US. Geological Survey Water-Resources Investigations Report 00-4125. 25 p.   | 1993-1997       | macroinvertebrates              | ~53*       | yes                         | Temperature, dissolved oxygen, specific conductance, pH, alkalinity   |
| 3     | Brown, L.R., and May, J.T., 2004. Periphyton and macroinvertebrate communities at five sites in the San Joaquin River Basin, California, during June and September, 2001: U.S. Geological Survey Scientific Investigations Report 2004-5098, 43 p.   | 2001            | macroinvertebrates & periphyton | 5          | yes                         | Temperature, specific conductance   |
| 4     | CVRWQCB. 2003. Cow Creek water   | 2001-           | macroinverte-                   | 16         | yes                         | Temperature, dissolved  |

**Table 2 - Summary of BMI and Fish Studies (continued)**

| Study | Study Citation  | Year(s) Studied | Organisms Sampled  | # of Sites | Physical Habitat Assessment | Other Parameters Measured   |
|-------|---|-----------------|--------------------|------------|-----------------------------|---|
|       | quality study, 2001-2003. Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. Redding. 33 p.   | 2003            | brates             |            |                             | oxygen, specific conductance, pH, turbidity, fecal coliform bacteria, <i>E. coli</i> bacteria   |
| 5     | de Vlaming, V., D. Markiewicz, K. Goding, T. Kimball, and R. Holmes. 2004. Macroinvertebrate Assemblages in Agriculture- and Effluent-Dominated Water bodies of the Lower Sacramento River Watershed. University of California, Davis.<br><a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/available_documents/waterquality_studies/Sac_River_BioReport_Final.pdf">http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/available_documents/waterquality_studies/Sac_River_BioReport_Final.pdf</a> | 2000-2002       | macroinvertebrates | 44         | yes                         | Temperature, dissolved oxygen, specific conductance, pH, turbidity, alkalinity, hardness, nutrients, color  |
| 6     | de Vlaming, V. D. Markiewicz, K. Goding, A. Morrill, and J. Rowan. 2005. Macroinvertebrate Assemblages of the San Joaquin River Watershed. University of California, Davis.<br><a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/available_documents/waterquality_studies/SJR_Bioassessment_Final_Rpt.pdf">http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/available_documents/waterquality_studies/SJR_Bioassessment_Final_Rpt.pdf</a>  | 2001            | macroinvertebrates | 11         | yes                         | Temperature, dissolved oxygen, specific conductance, pH, turbidity, alkalinity, hardness, metals, nutrients, total organic carbon, biological oxygen demand |
| 7     | Hall, Jr., L.W, and W.D. Killen. 2005.  | 2000-           | macroinverte-      | 10         | yes                         | Temperature, dissolved  |

**Table 2 - Summary of BMI and Fish Studies (continued)**

| Study | Study Citation   | Year(s) Studied | Organisms Sampled  | # of Sites | Physical Habitat Assessment | Other Parameters Measured   |
|-------|--|-----------------|--------------------|------------|-----------------------------|---|
|       | Temporal and spatial assessment of water quality, physical habitat, and benthic communities in an impaired agricultural stream in California's San Joaquin Valley. <i>Journal of Environmental Science and Health, Part A</i> . 40:959-989.  | 2002            | brates             |            |                             | oxygen, specific conductance, pH, turbidity, salinity   |
| 8     | Markiewicz, D., K. Goding, V. de Vlaming, and J. Rowan. 2005. Benthic macroinvertebrate bioassessment of San Joaquin River tributaries: spring and fall 2002. University of Davis. <a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/available_documents/waterquality_studies/SJR02_Bioassess_final_083005.pdf">http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/available_documents/waterquality_studies/SJR02_Bioassess_final_083005.pdf</a> | 2002            | macroinvertebrates | 22         | yes                         | Temperature, dissolved oxygen, specific conductance, pH, alkalinity, hardness, metals, nutrients, total organic carbon, biochemical oxygen demand |
| 9     | Ode, P.R., A. Montalvo, D. Post, A. Rehn, and M. Dawson. 2000. A water quality inventory series, biological and physical habitat assessment of California Water Bodies. Sacramento River Watershed Project: 2000 biological assessment report. California Department of Fish and Game. 40 p.   | 2000            | macroinvertebrates | 37         | yes                         | Temperature, dissolved oxygen, specific conductance, pH   |
| 10    | Ode, P.R., D.P. Pickard, J.P. Slusark, and A.C. Rehn. 2005. Adaptation of a  | 2004            | macroinvertebrates | 30         | yes                         | Temperature, dissolved oxygen, specific   |

**Table 2 - Summary of BMI and Fish Studies (continued)**

| Study | Study Citation  | Year(s) Studied | Organisms Sampled | # of Sites | Physical Habitat Assessment | Other Parameters Measured  |
|-------|---|-----------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------------------|--|
|       | bioassessment reference site selection methodology to creeks and sloughs of California's Sacramento Valley and alternative strategies for applying bioassessment in the valley. Report to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. California Department of Fish and Game Aquatic Bioassessment Laboratory, Rancho Cordova, California. |                 |                   |            |                             | conductance, alkalinity, salinity  |
| 11    | Brown, L.R., 2000. Fish communities and their associations with environmental variable, lower San Joaquin River drainage, California. Environmental Biology of Fishes 57: 251-269.  | 1993-1995       | fish              | 20         | yes                         | Temperature, dissolved oxygen, specific conductance, pH, alkalinity, nutrients             |
| 12    | May, J.T., and L.R. Brown. 2002. Fish communities of the Sacramento River Basin: implication for conservation of native fishes in the Central Valley, California. Environmental Biology of Fishes. 63: 373-388.   | 1996-1998       | fish              | 22         | yes                         | Temperature, dissolved oxygen, specific conductance, pH, alkalinity, nutrients, major ions |

**Appendix A**  
**Responses to Public Comments**

**Appendix B**  
**List of Named Water Bodies**