

Inyo/LA Water Agreement (1991)

Settled CEQA litigation over operation of second aqueduct and litigation over County authority to regulate groundwater by a Superior Court Stipulation & Order

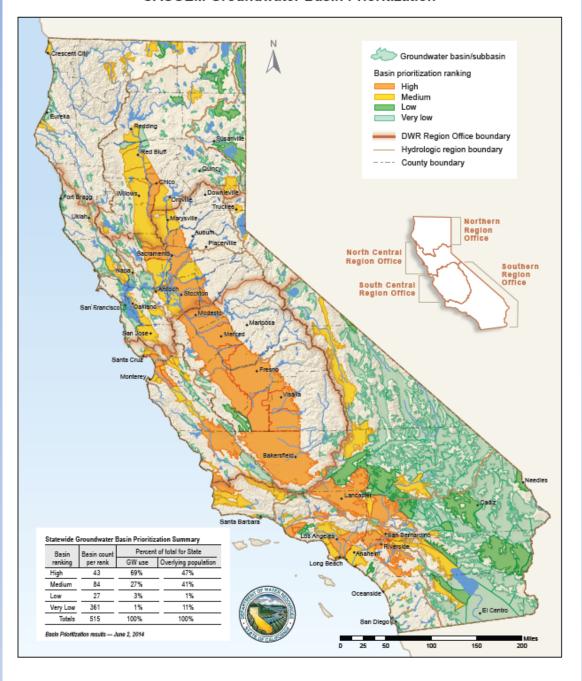
Overall goal:

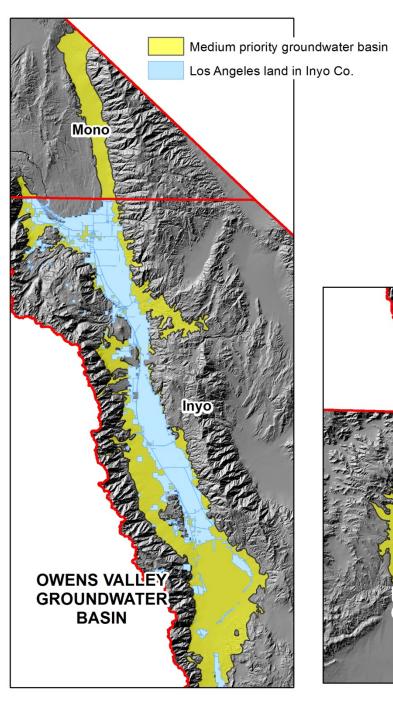
"The overall goal of managing the water resources within Inyo County is to avoid certain described decreases and changes in vegetation and to cause no significant effect on the environment which cannot be acceptably mitigated while providing a reliable supply of water for export to Los Angeles and for use in Inyo County."

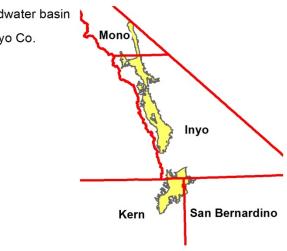
Strategies:

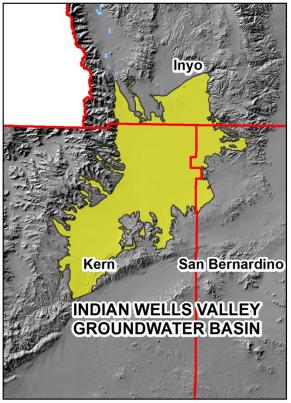
- Establishes policy and technical oversight committees to implement agreement
- Mitigates negative effects of prior water management from 1970-1990
- Sets baseline vegetation conditions (1984-1987)
- Manages pumping to avoid future negative effects (1990 onward)
- Monitors conditions to assess compliance with agreement goals
- Sets out dispute resolution processes
- Provides financial resources for County
- Maintains irrigation on ~15,000 acres of historically irrigated lands

CASGEM Groundwater Basin Prioritization









Two medium priority basins in Inyo County:

- Owens Valley (shared by Inyo and Mono Counties)
- Indian Wells Valley (shared by Inyo, Kern, and San Bernardino)
- Other Inyo/Mono
 County basins are low
 or very-low priority