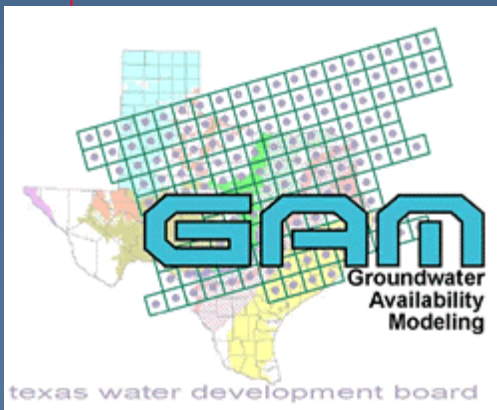


Stakeholder Advisory Forum - 5

Groundwater Availability Modeling (GAM) for the Southern Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer



Guaranty Bank
Community Room
Gonzales, Texas
May 30, 2002



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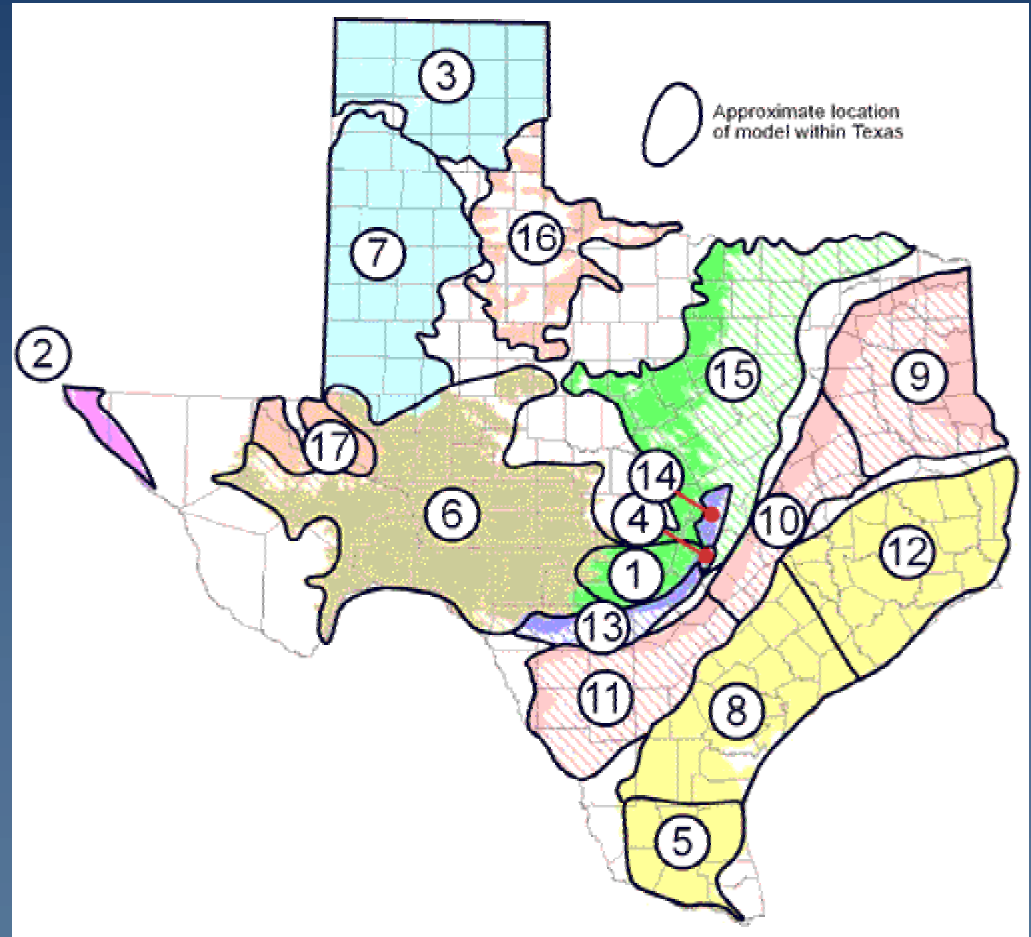
GAM Models

■ Ongoing:

- Carrizo-Wilcox (9-11)
- Ogallala south (7)
- Gulf Coast central (8)
- Gulf Coast north (12)
- Lower Rio Grande (5)
- Edwards Trinity (6)

■ Completed:

- Trinity HC (1)
- Hueco Bolson (2)
- Ogallala north (3)
- Edwards - BS (4)



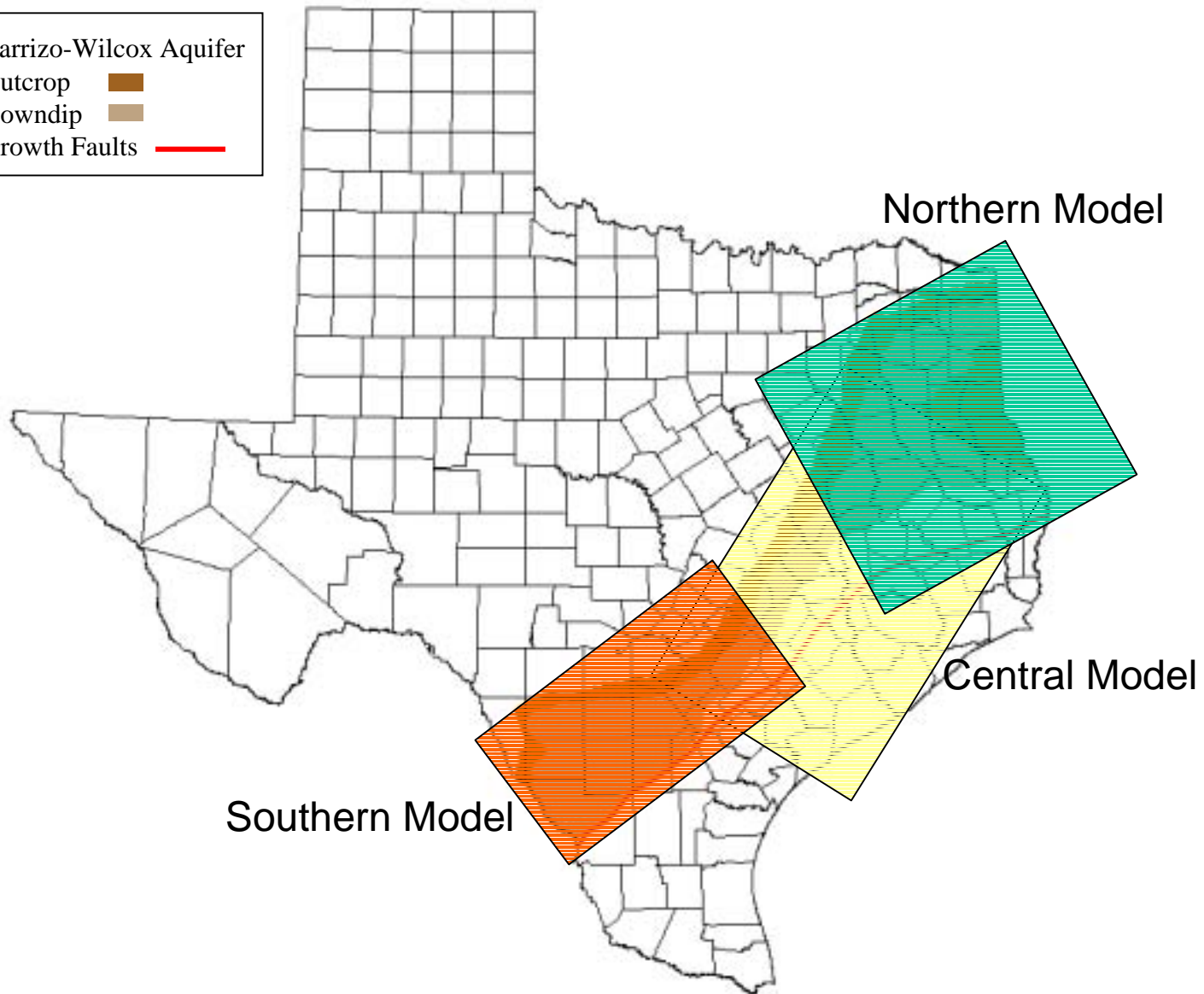
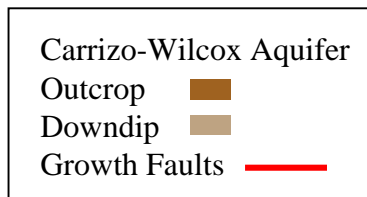
GAM Objectives

- Develop realistic and scientifically accurate GW flow models representing the physical characteristics of the aquifer and incorporating the relevant processes
- The models are designed as tools to help GWCD, RWPGs, and individuals assess groundwater availability
- Stakeholder participation is important to ensure that the model is accepted as a valid model of the aquifer

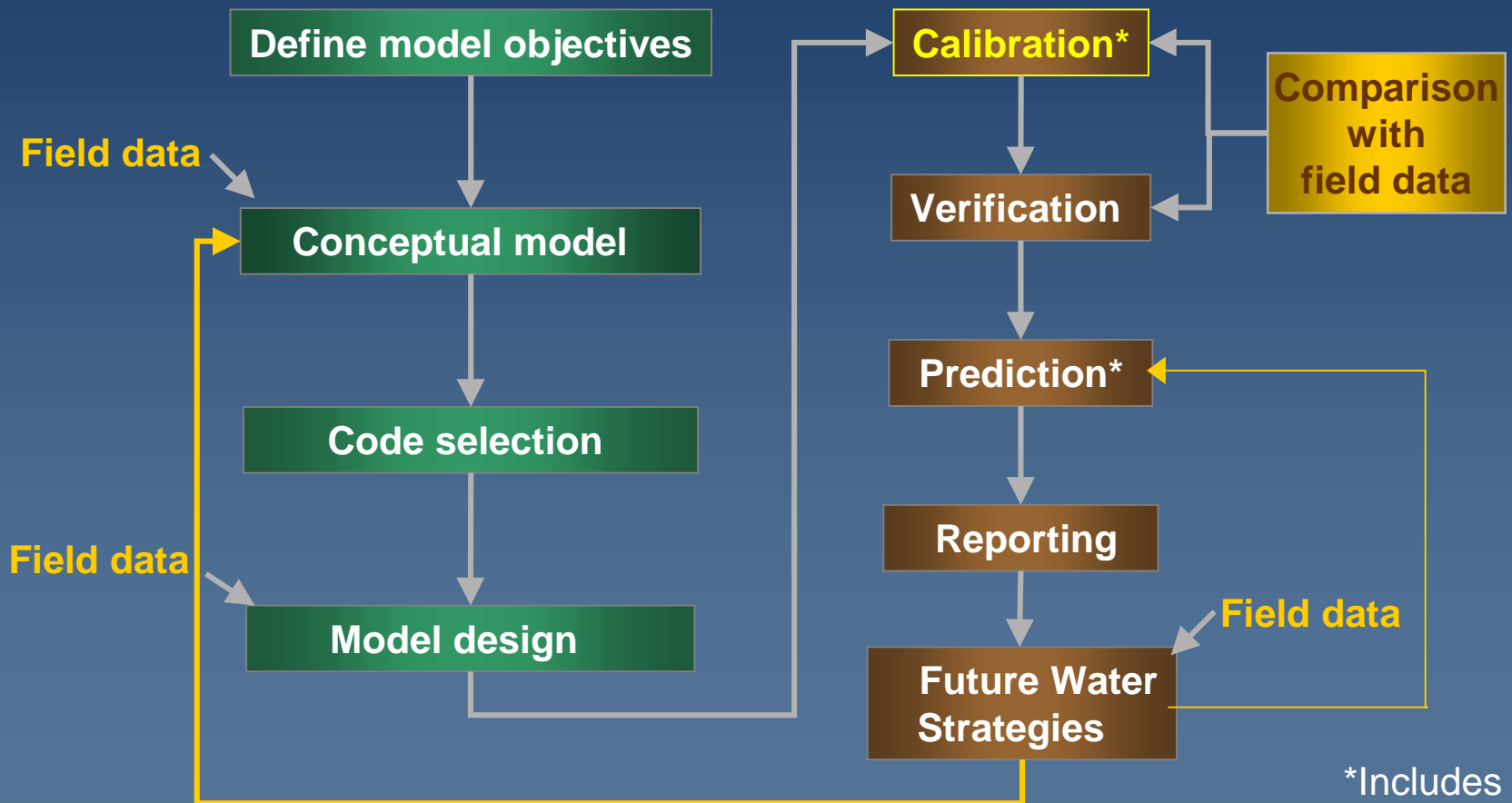
Model Specifications

- Three dimensional (MODFLOW-96)
- Regional scale (100's of mi²)
- Grid spacing of 1 square mile
- Include Groundwater/surface water interaction (Stream routing, Prudic 1988)
- Properly implement recharge
- Stress periods as small as 1 month
- Calibration to within 10% of head drop

Carrizo-Wilcox GAM Model Domains

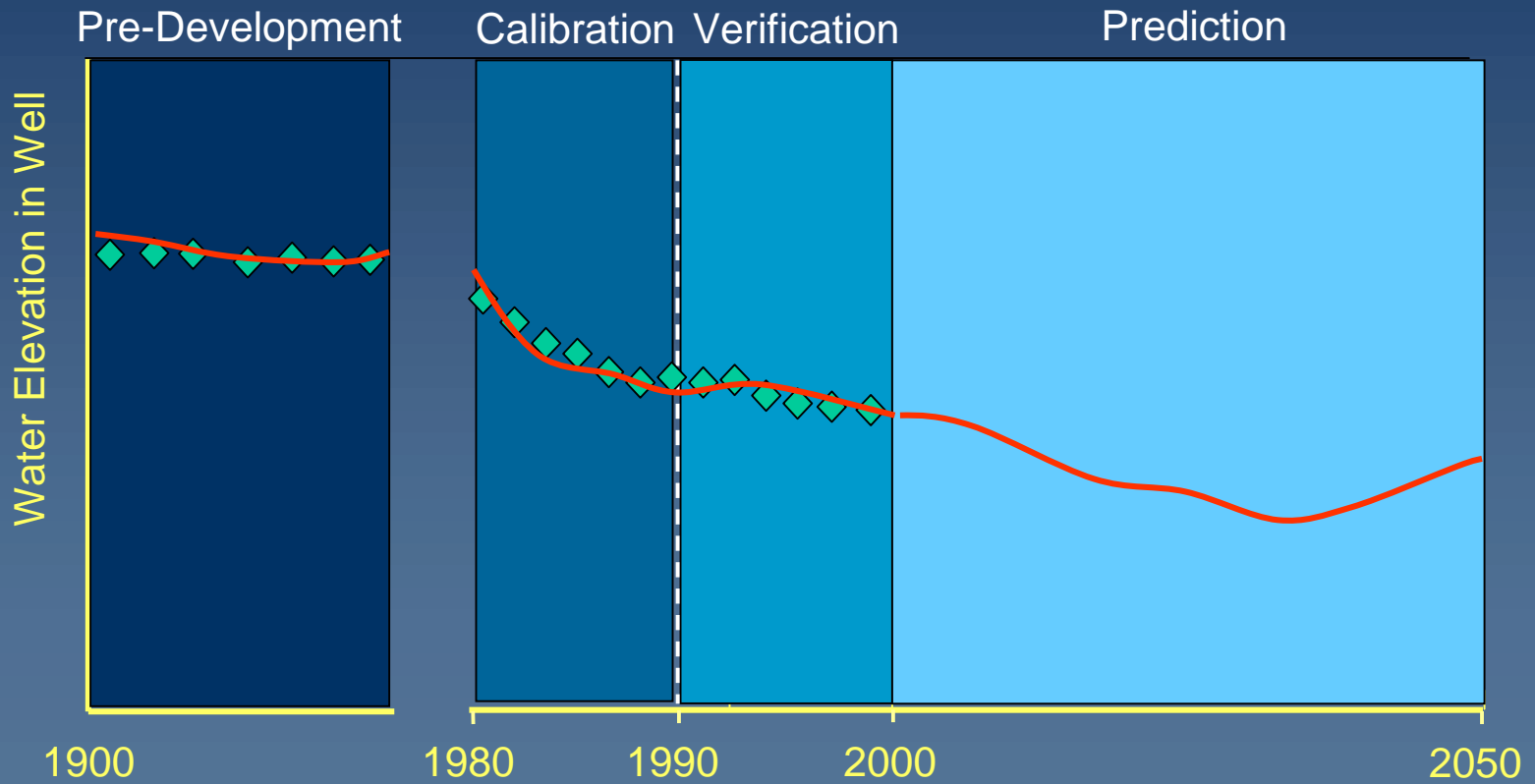
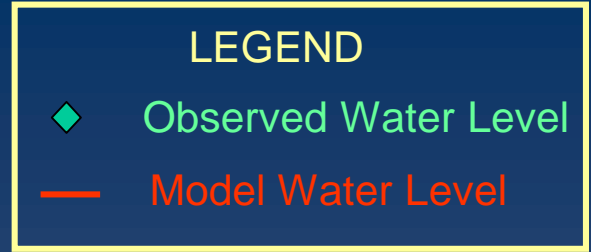


Modeling Protocol



*Includes sensitivity analysis

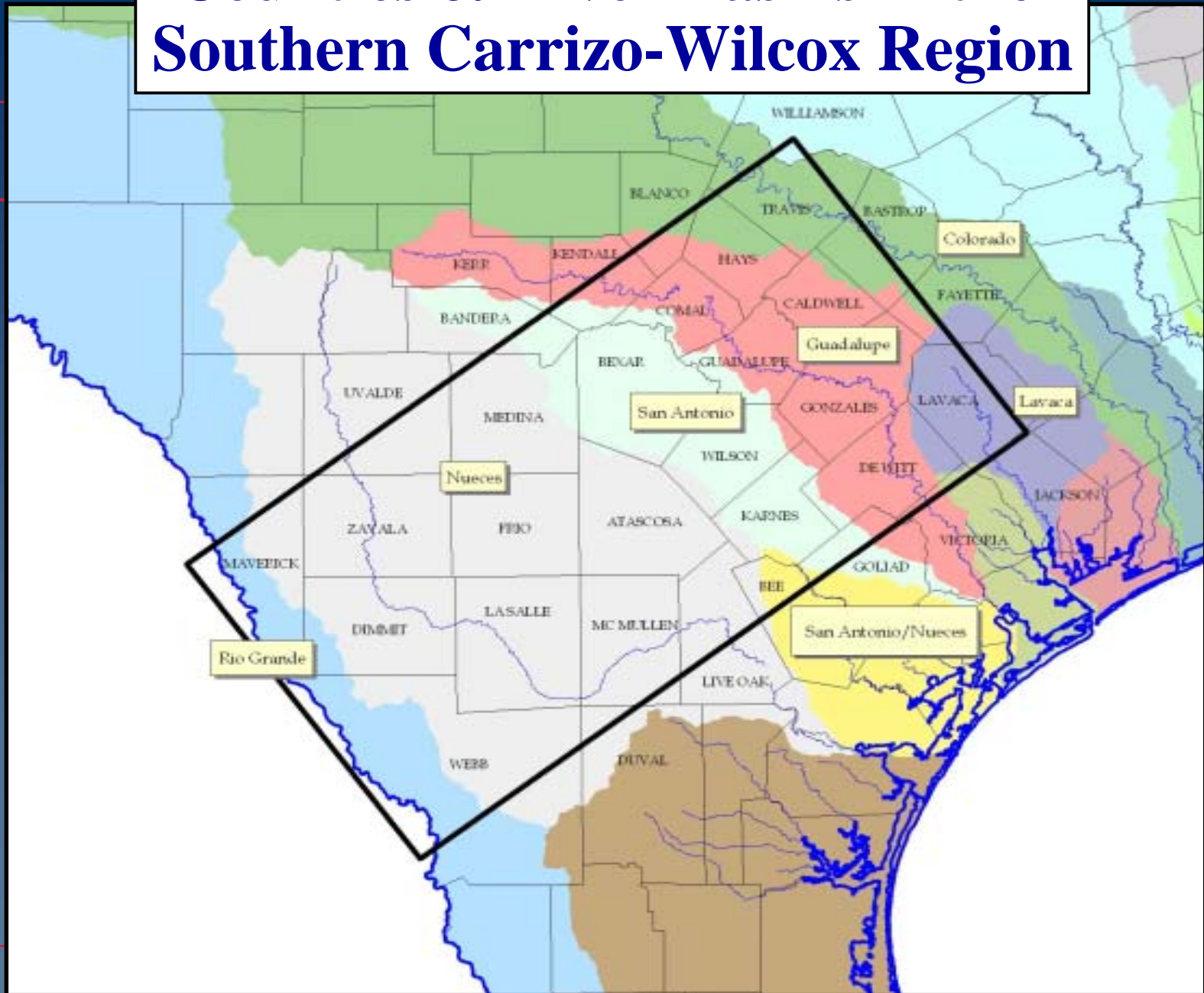
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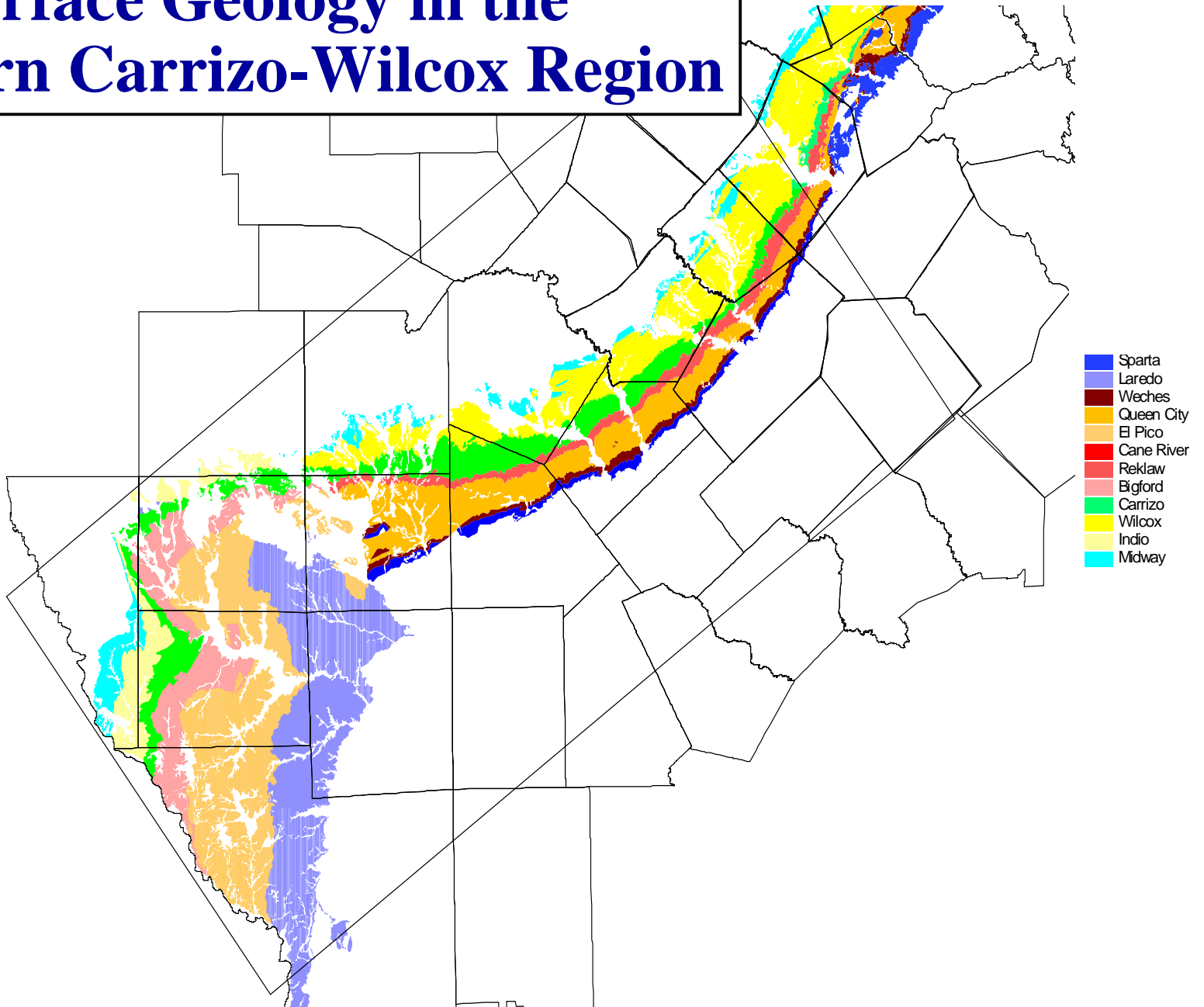
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Counties & River Basins in the Southern Carrizo-Wilcox Region



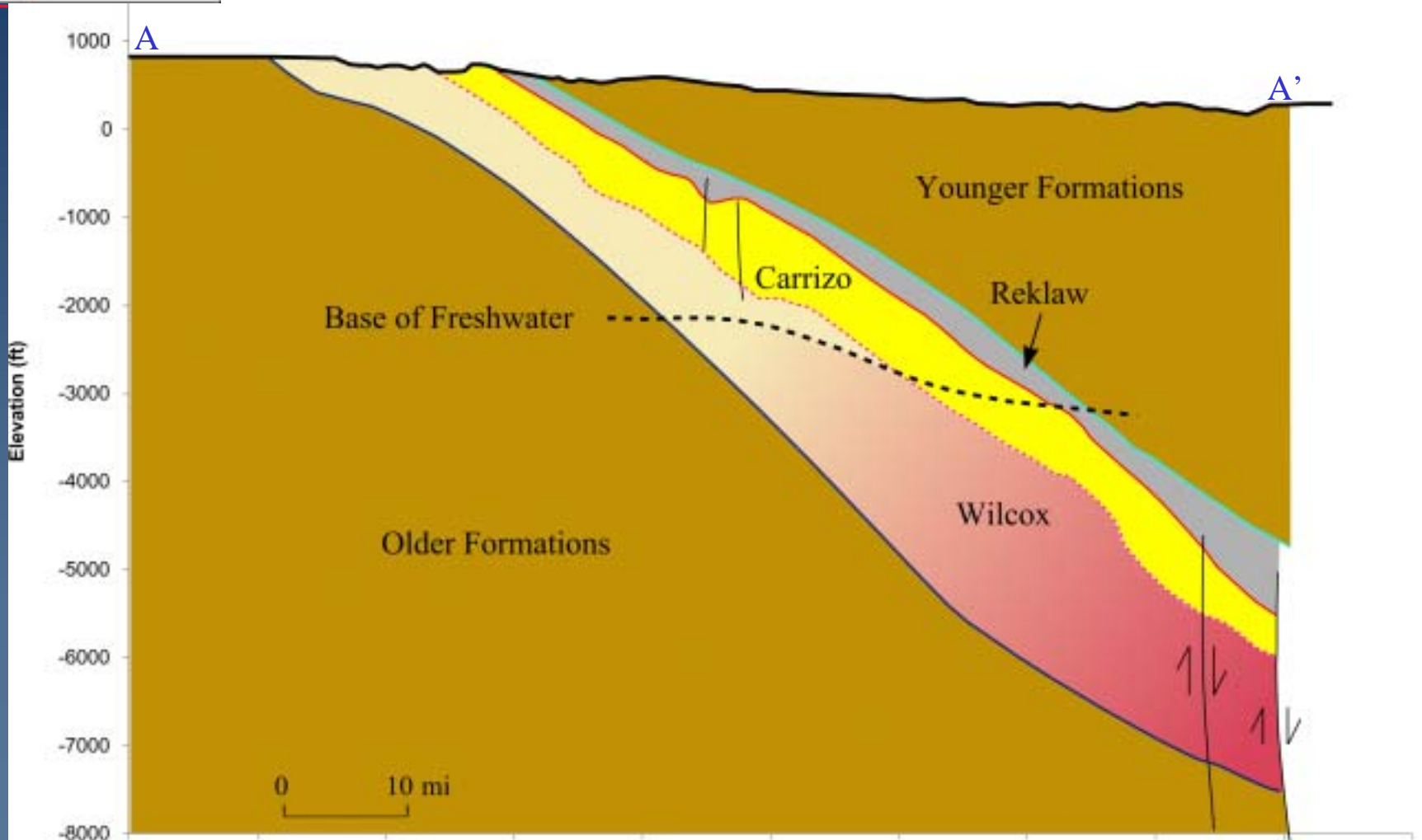
Surface Geology in the Southern Carrizo-Wilcox Region



Carrizo-Wilcox Aquifer Down-dip Boundary



Medina | Frio | Atascosa | McMullen



Geologic Framework — Stratigraphy



Series		South Texas	Central Texas	Sabine Uplift		
Tertiary	Eocene	U	Jackson Group			
		M	Claiborne Group	Yegua Formation		
	Cook Mtn. Fm.					
	Sparta Sand					
	Weches Formation					
	Queen City Sand					
	Recklaw Formation					
	Paleocene	L	Wilcox Group	Carrizo Sand	Upper Wilcox	Carrizo Sand
					Calvert Bluff Formation	Upper Wilcox
		U		Middle Wilcox	Simsboro Formation	Middle Wilcox
L			Lower Wilcox	Hooper Formation	Lower Wilcox	
	L		Midway Formation			

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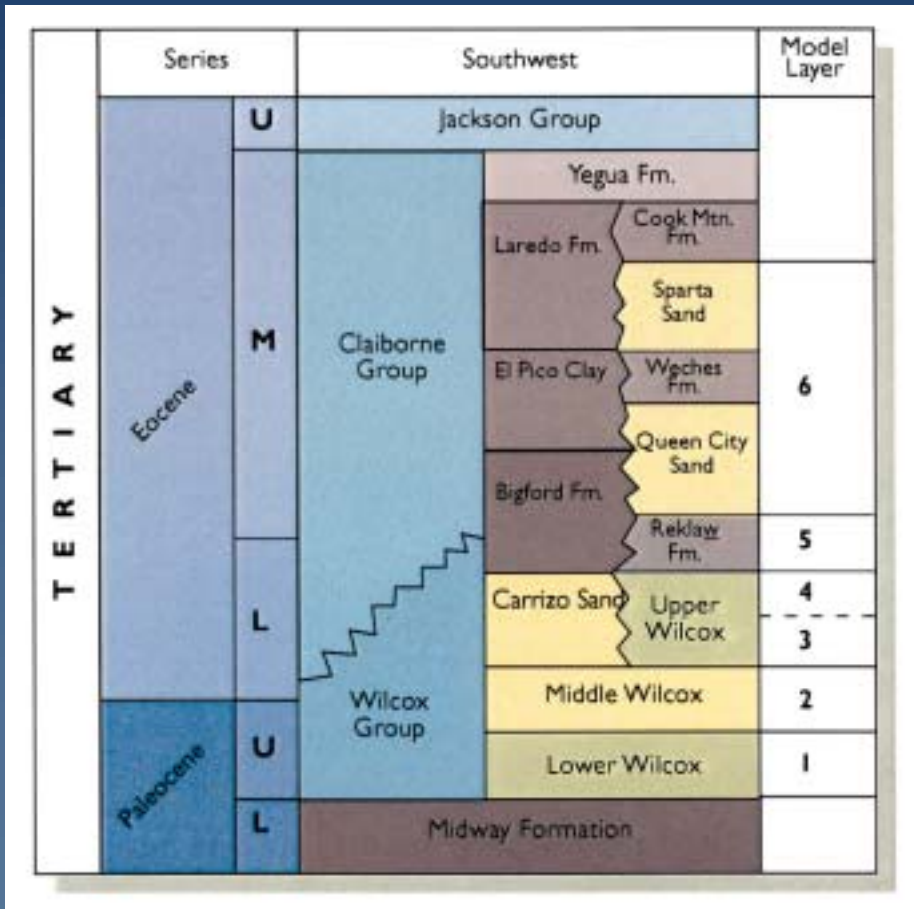
Model Layers

■ Total of six layers

- Carrizo
- Upper, Middle and Lower Wilcox
- Reklaw: major confining unit
- Shallow aquifers above Reklaw

■ West of Frio River:

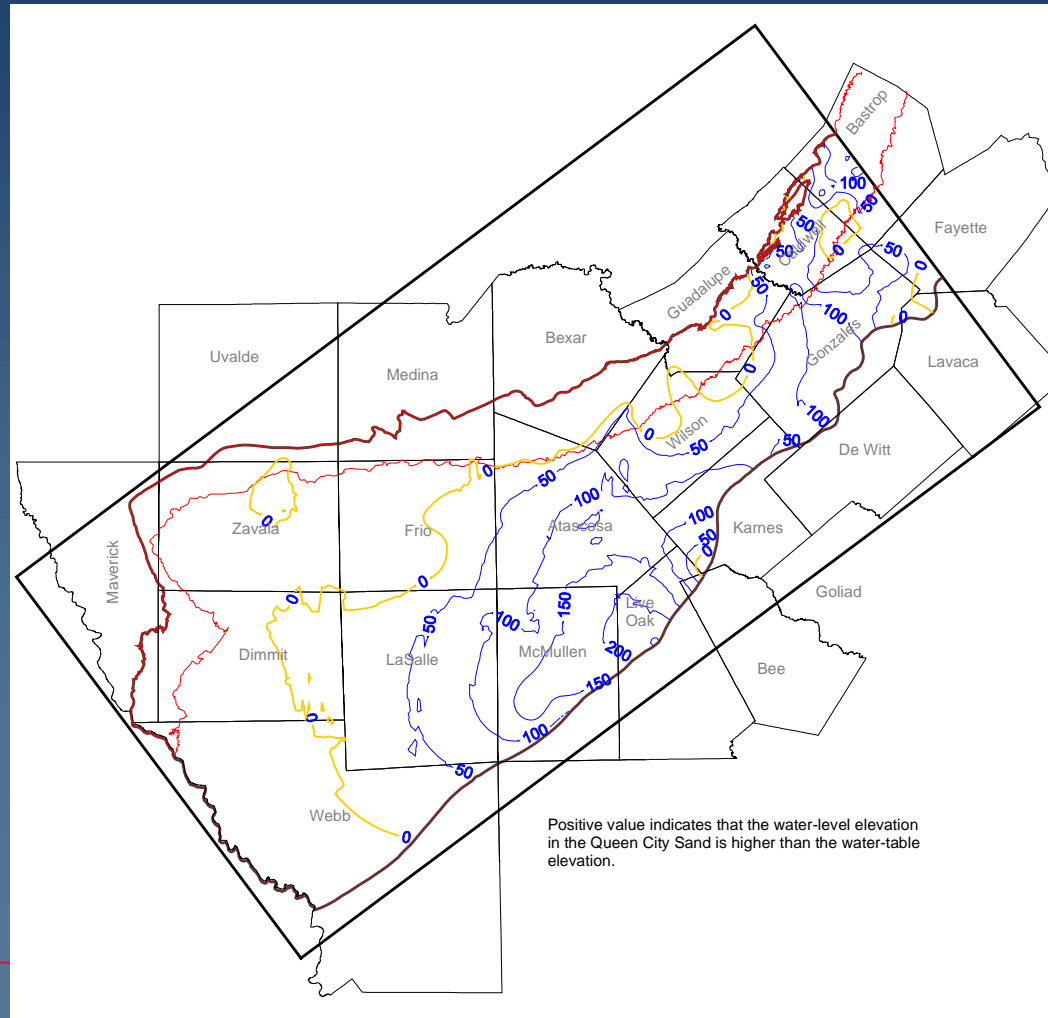
- Reklaw → Bigford Fm.
- Queen City/Weches → Bigford/El Pico
- Sparta → Laredo Fm.



Expert Panel Review

- Initial model structure assumed
 - Queen City head is nearly equivalent to the water table and
 - Queen City/WT head is constant (transient model).
- Requested we check these assumptions
- If they were false, consider making model layer 1 the Queen City with a GHB attached to the water table in the confined portions of the Queen City

Head Difference Between QC and Water Table - Predevelopment



Guevara & Garcia (1972)

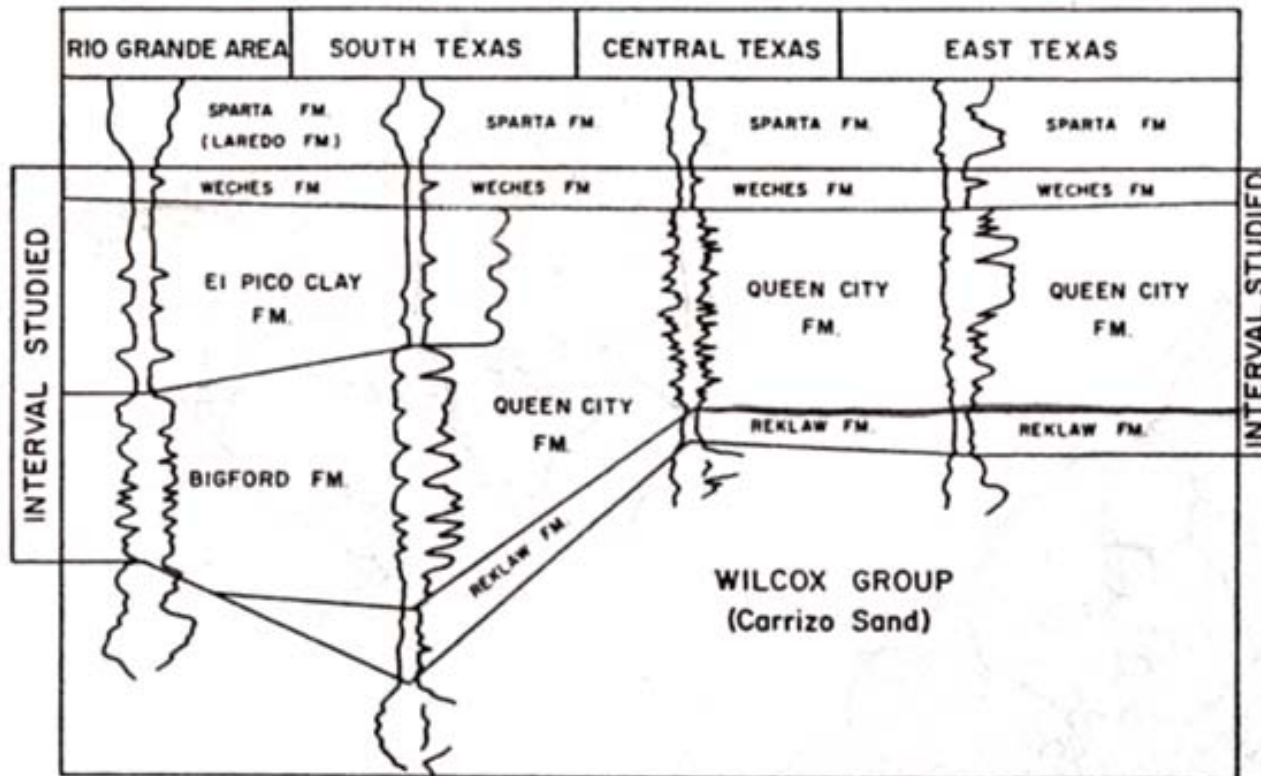
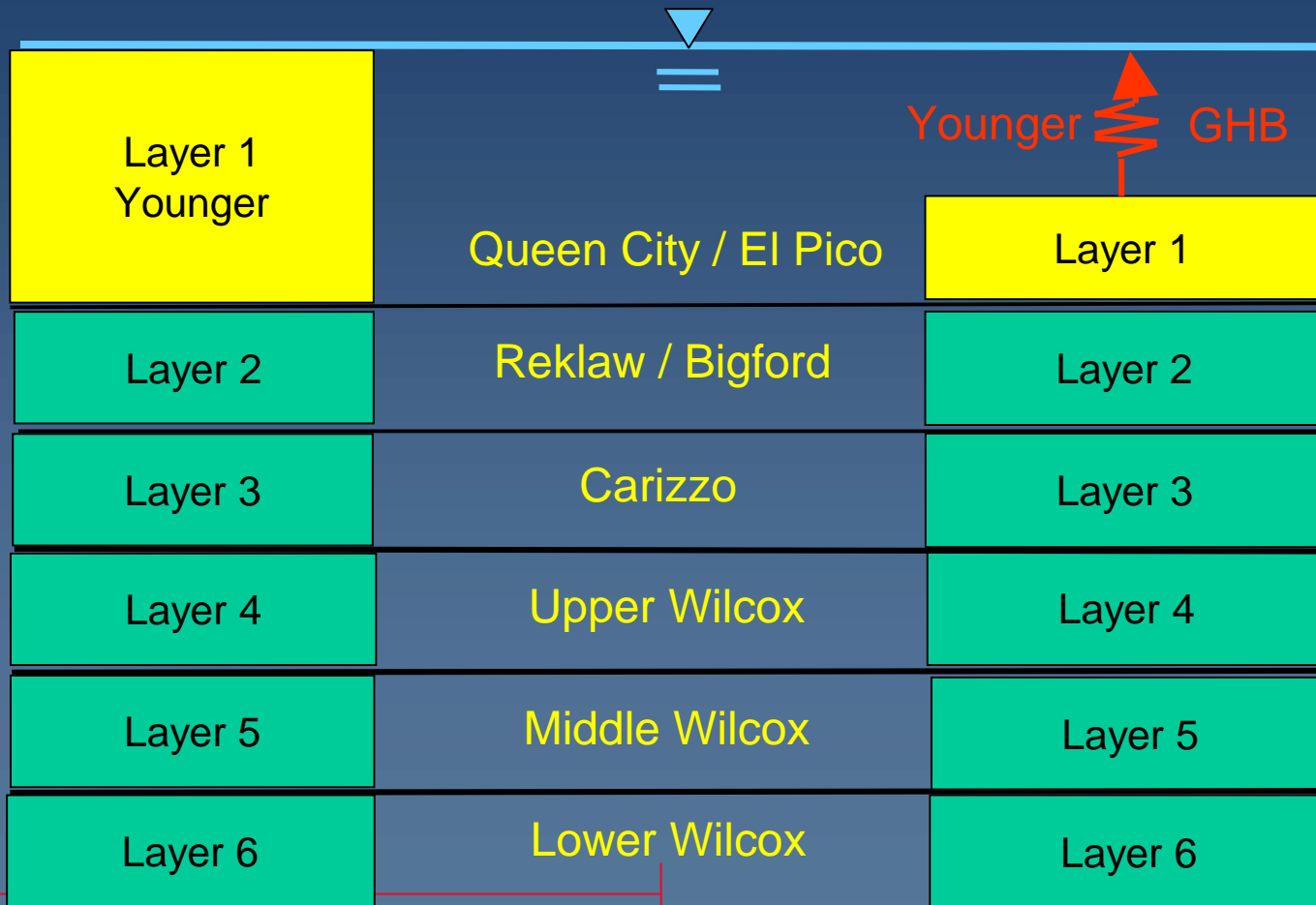


Fig. 2. Stratigraphic interval considered, Queen City and associated formations.

Model Layers – Now and Then



Data Sources

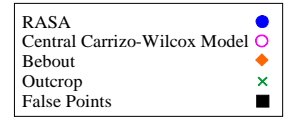
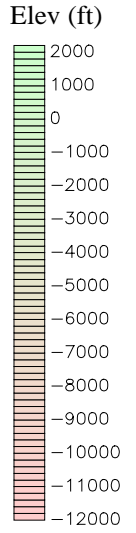
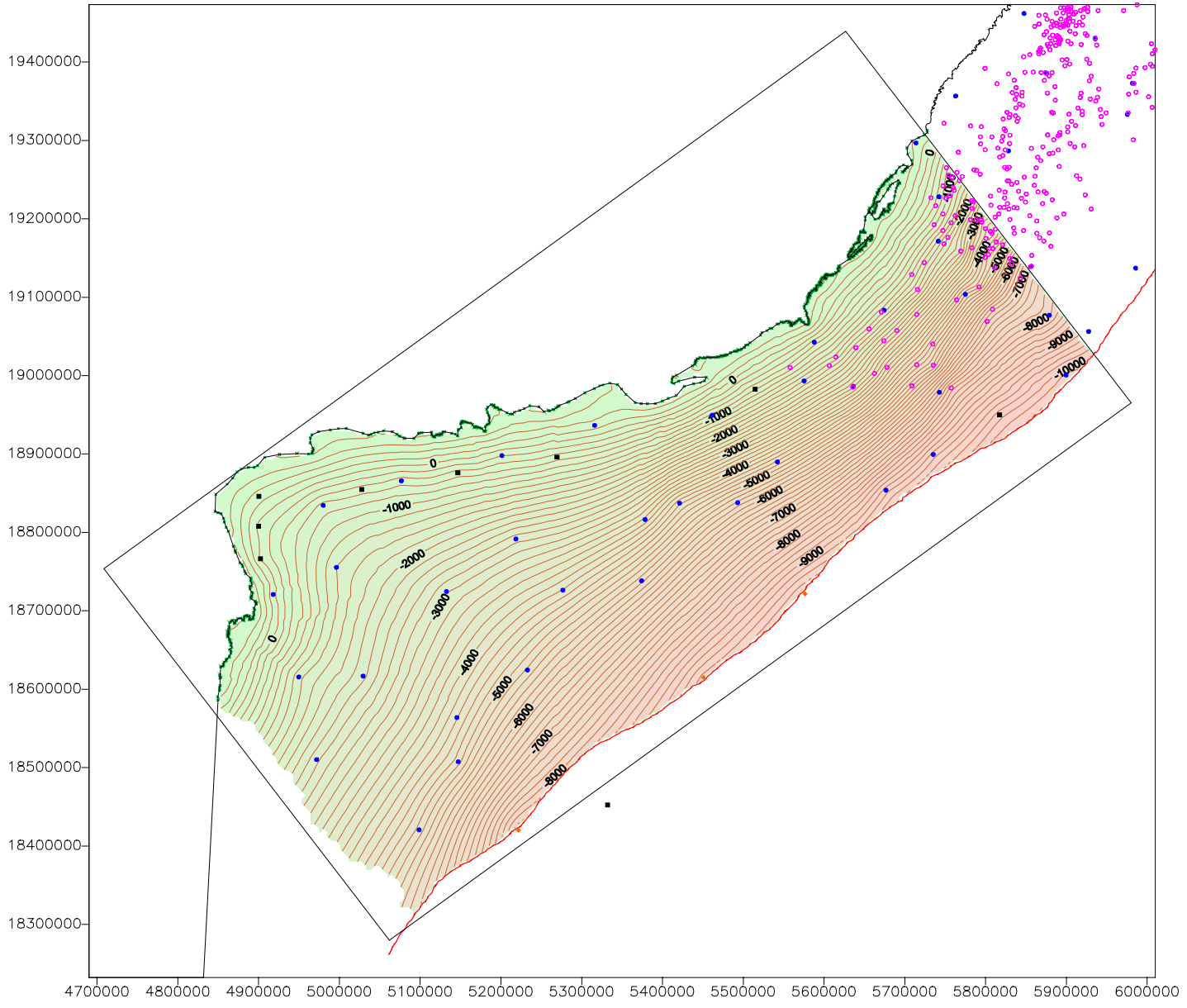
Data Sources for Layer Elevations for the Southern Carrizo-Wilcox Model:

Model Layer Boundary	HDR (1998)	Klemt et al. (1976) (TWDB)	Wilson and Hosman (1987) (USGS)	TWDB (1972)	County Reports for Gonzales & Karnes Counties	Hamlin (1988) (BEG)	Bebout et al. (1982) (BEG)	Central Carrizo-Wilcox GAM Model	Surface Elevations (USGS)
Top of Queen City/El Pico	X								X
Top of Reklaw/Bigford	X		X		X			X	X
Top of Carrizo		X		X				X	X
Top of Wilcox		X						X	X
Top of Middle Wilcox						X	X		X
Top of Lower Wilcox							X	X	X
Base of Wilcox			X				X	X	X

Data Format for the Various Sources:

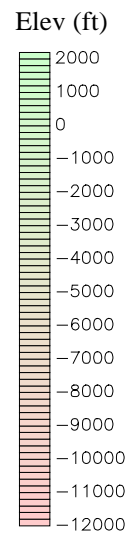
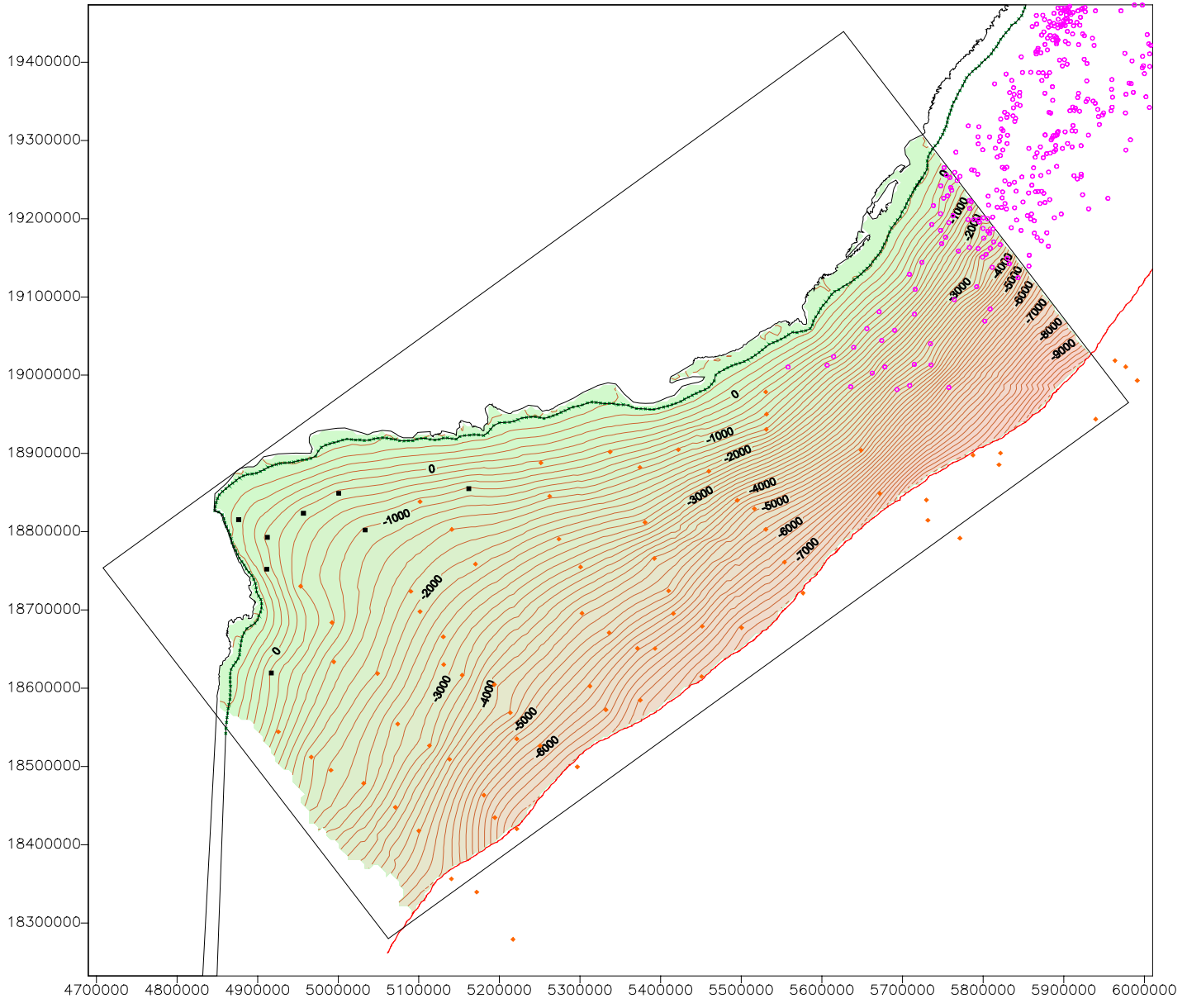
Data Source	Report Number	Format
Klemt et al. (1976)	TWDB Report 210	Arc Info files of elevation contours provided by the Austin office of the USGS.
Wilson and Hosman (1987)	USGS Open-File Report 87-677	Printed tables.
TWDB (1972)	TWDB Report 157	Elevation contour map.
Shafer (1965) (Gonzales County)	TWDB Report 4	Geologic sections and a base map.
Anders (1960) (Karnes County)	TBWE Bulletin 6007	Geologic sections and a base map.
Hamlin (1988)	BEG ROI No. 175	Elevation contour map and isopach map.
Bebout et al. (1982)	BEG ROI No. 117	Geologic sections and a base map.
Central Carrizo-Wilcox GAM Model		Text files containing x, y, and elevation.
Surface Elevations		DEM files.

Base of Wilcox



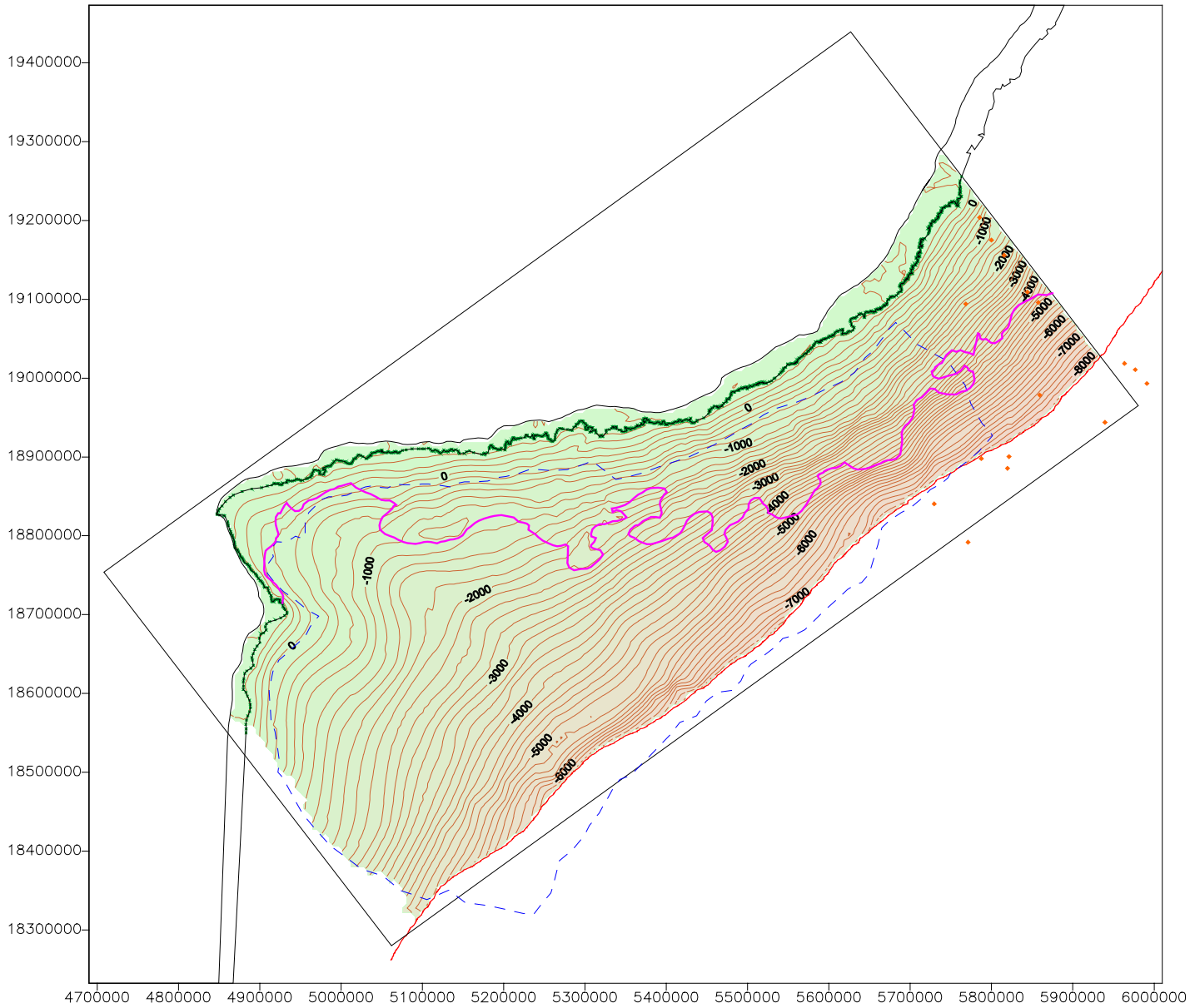
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Top of Lower Wilcox

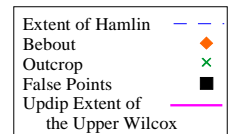
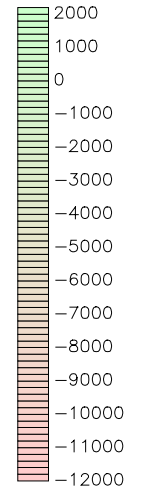


- Bebout
- Central Carrizo-Wilcox Model
- Outcrop
- False Points

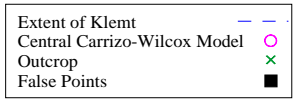
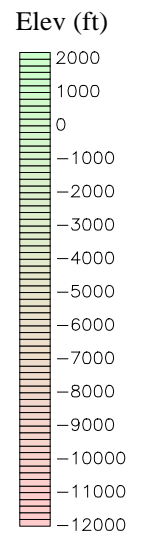
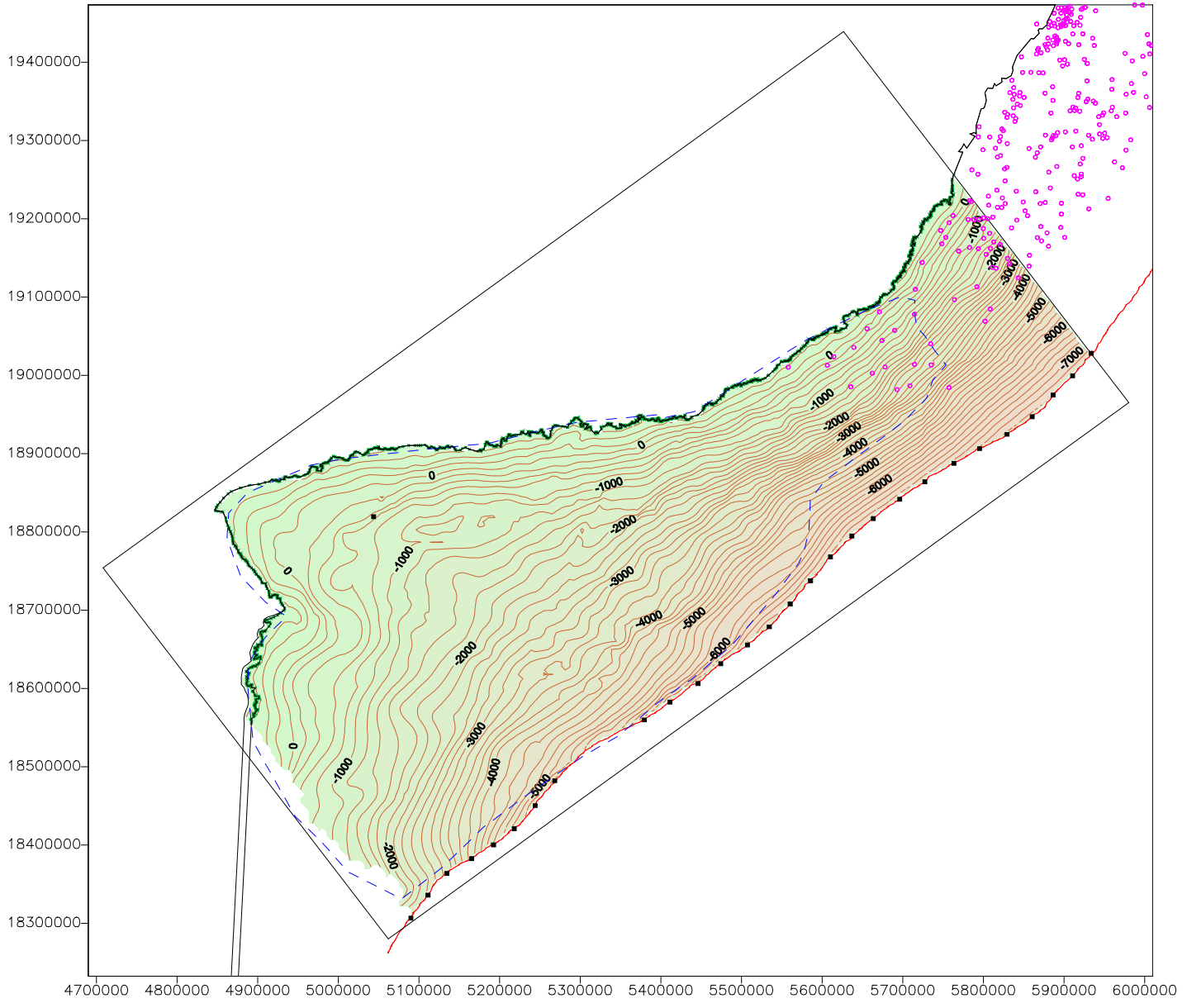
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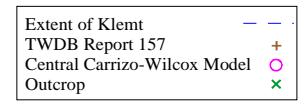
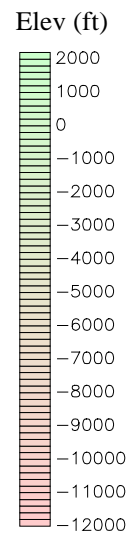
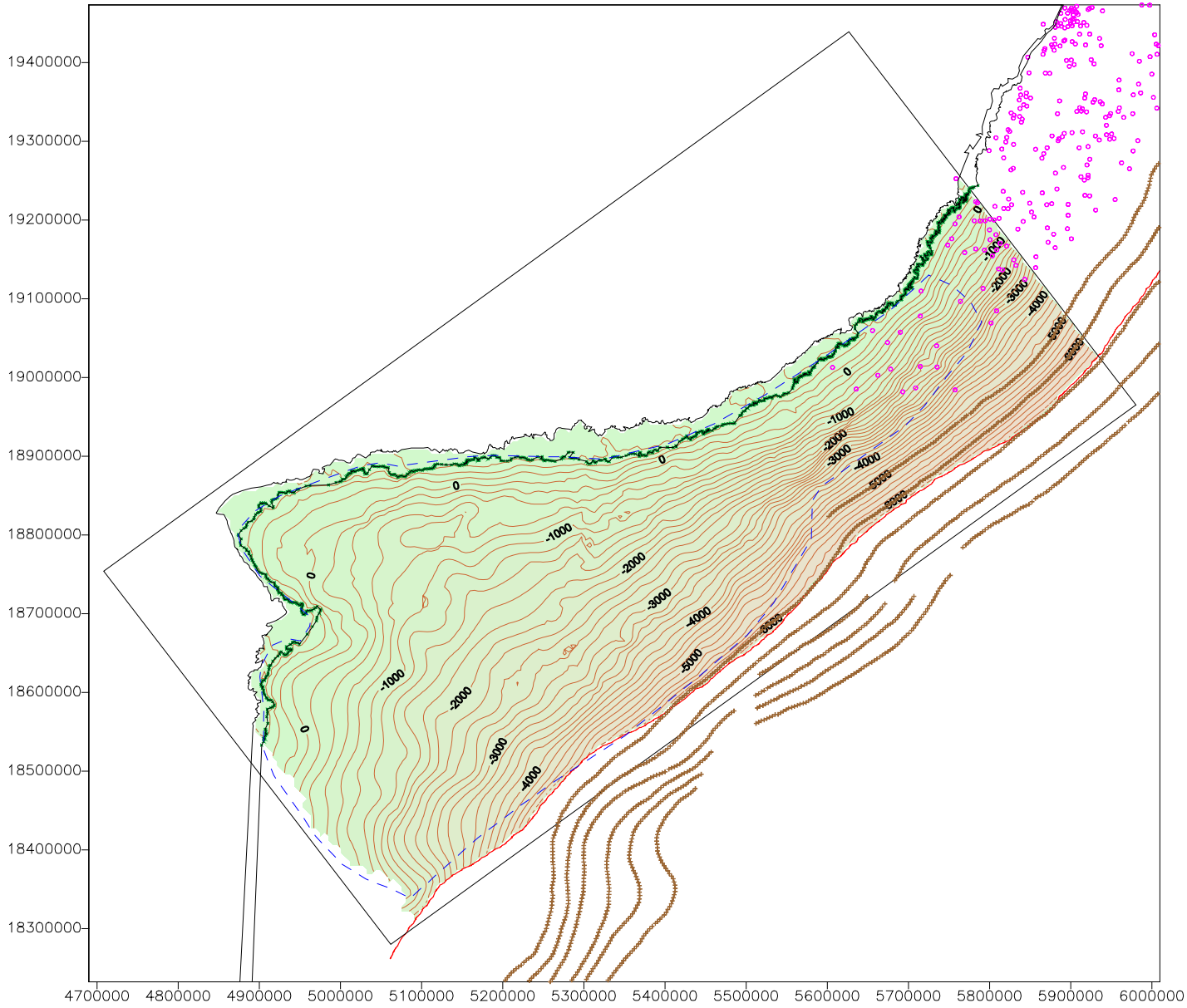
Elev (ft)



Top of Wilcox

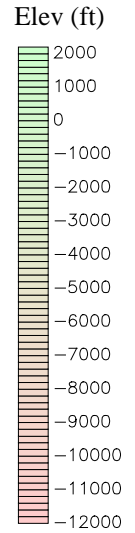
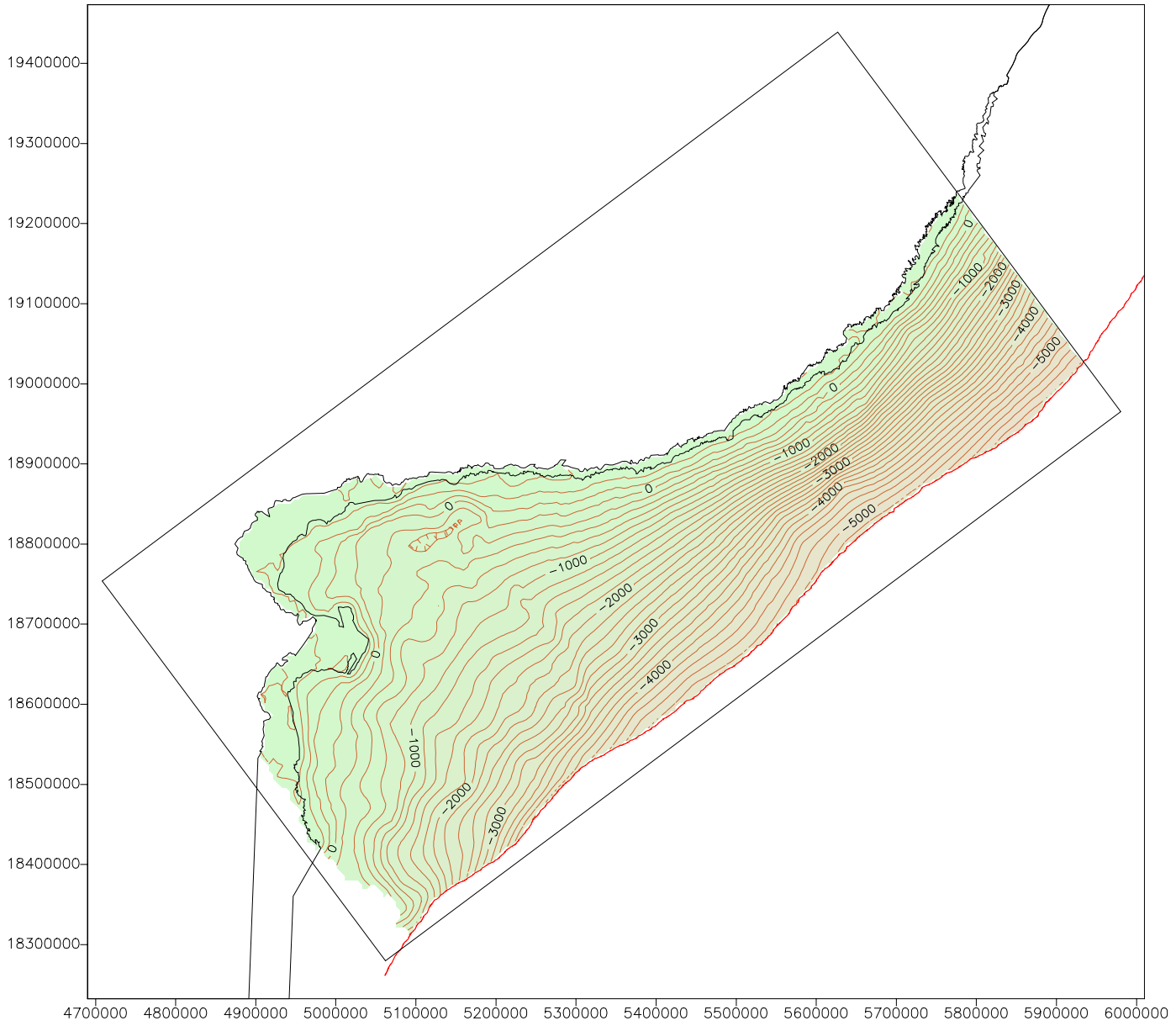


Top of Carrizo

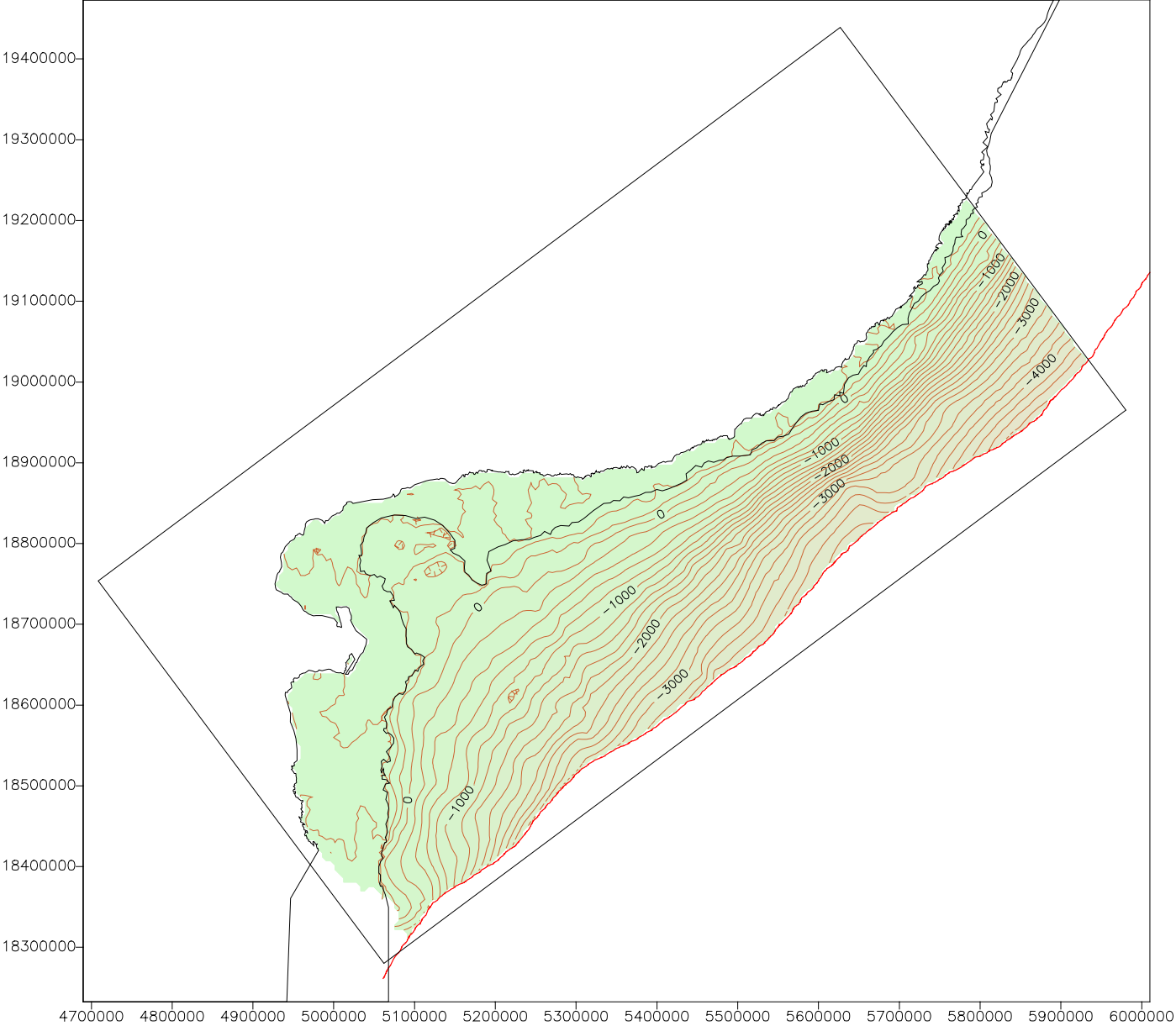


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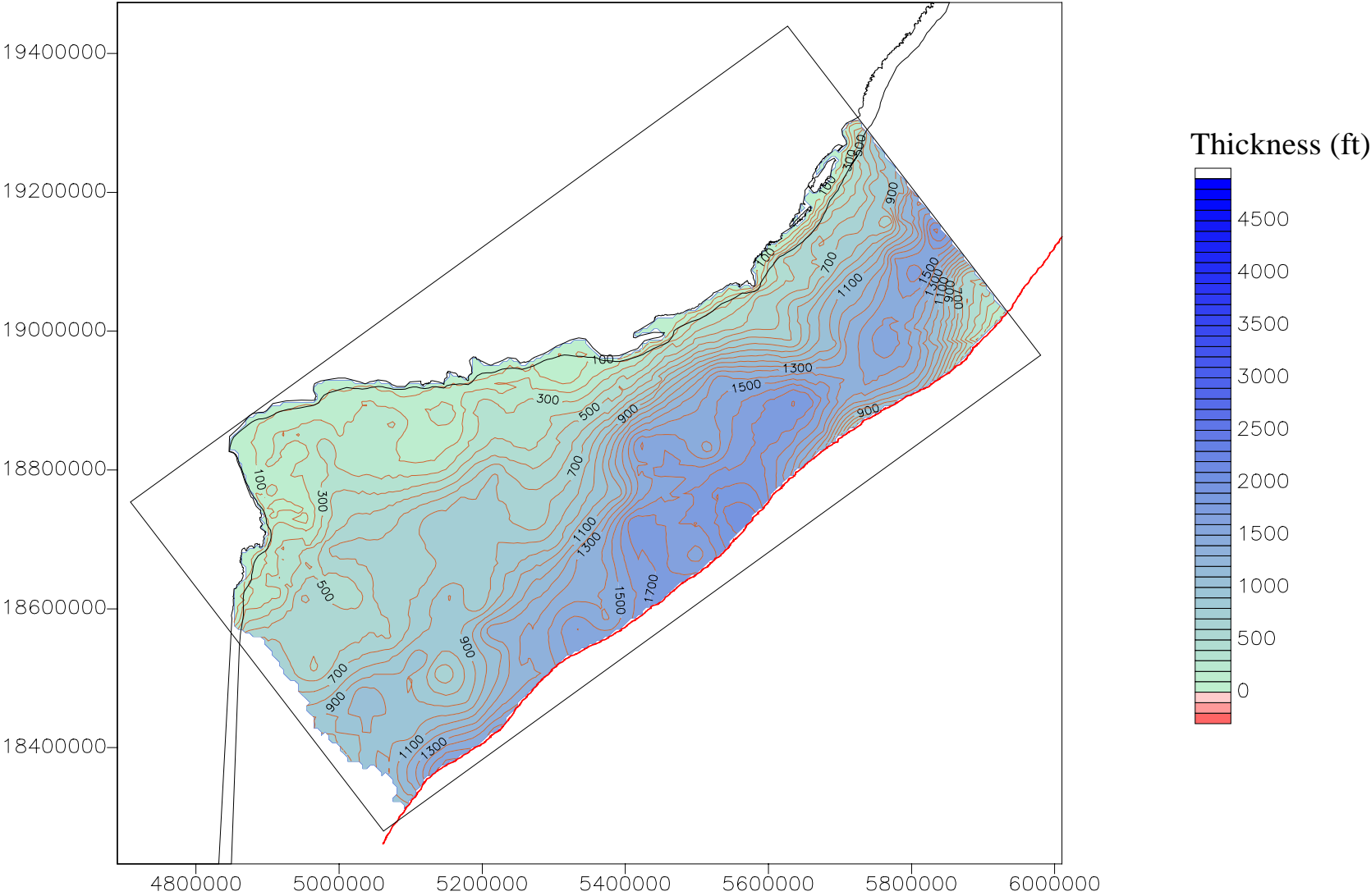
Top of Reklaw



Top of Queen City

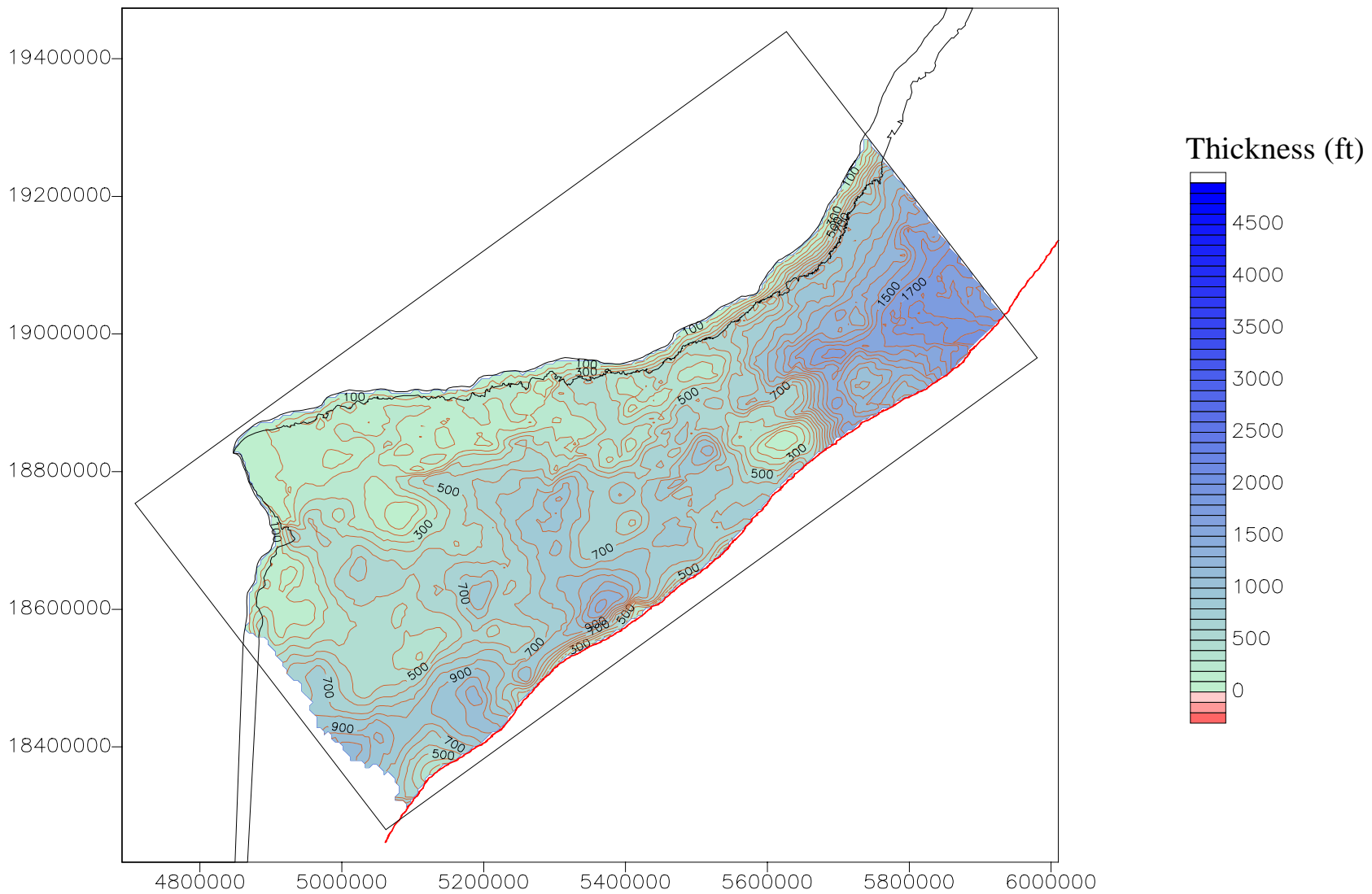


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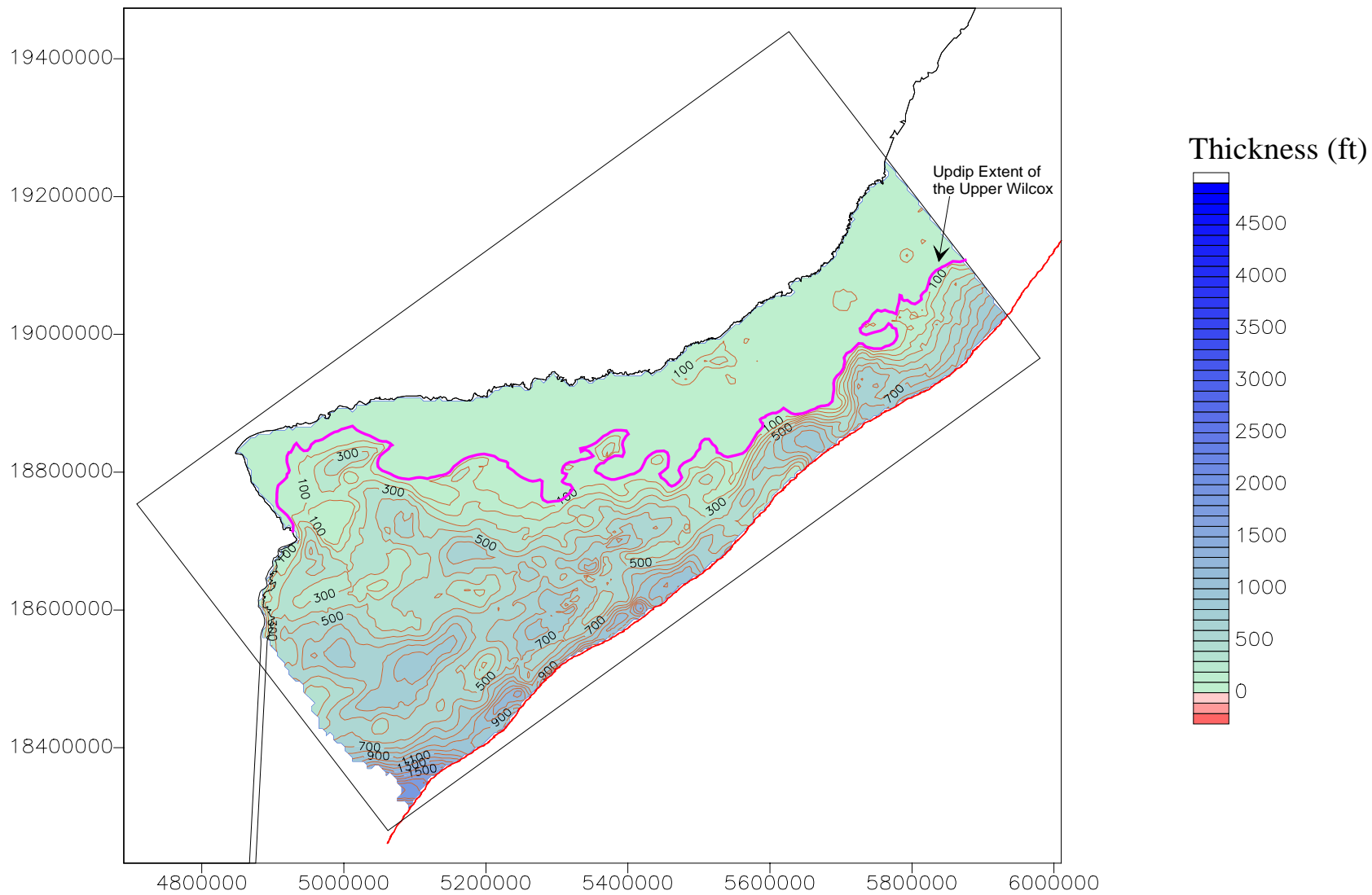
Min 20
Max 2000

Thickness of Middle Wilcox (TMW7-TLW10)



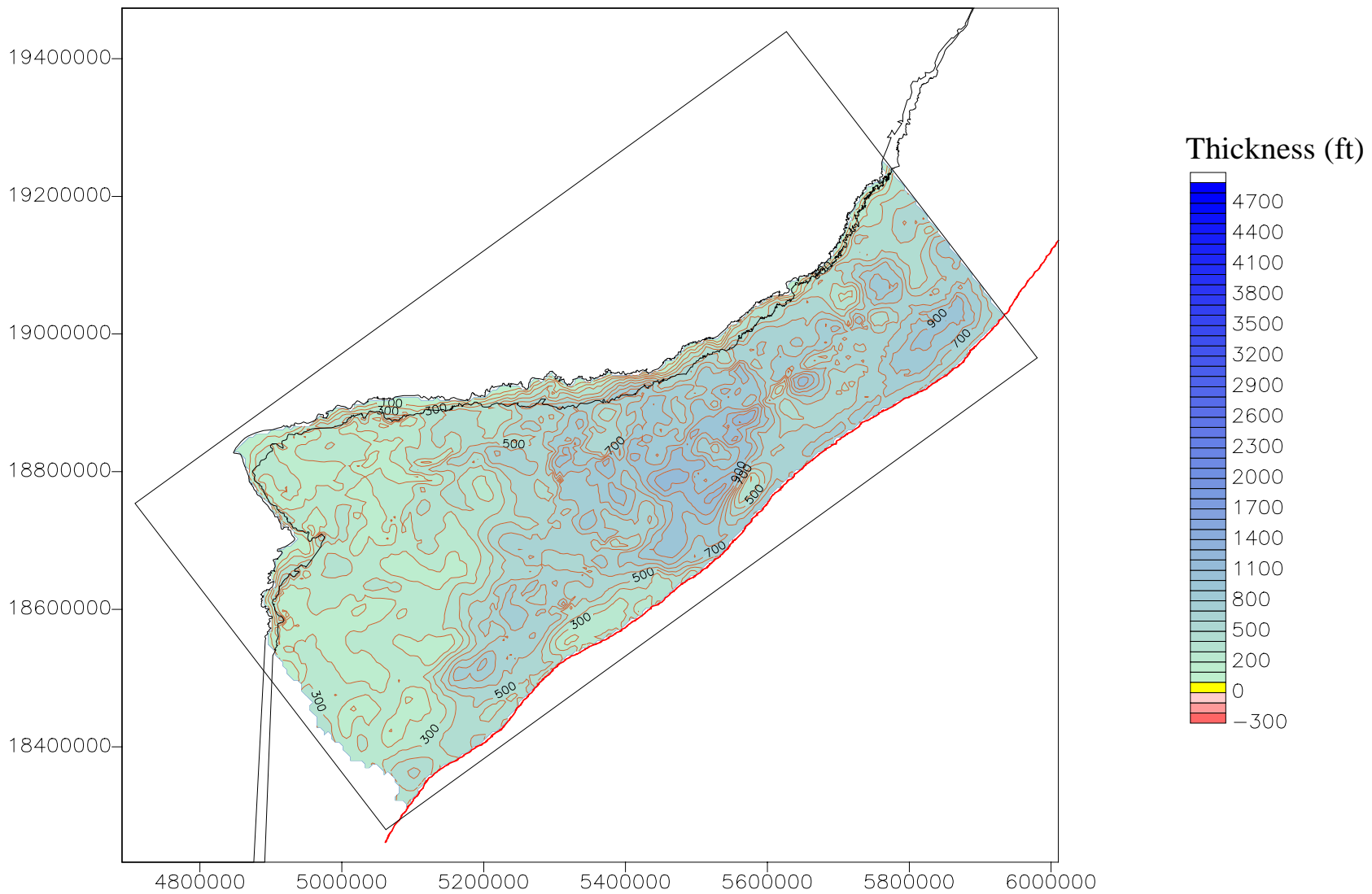
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Thickness of Upper Wilcox (TW14-TMW7)



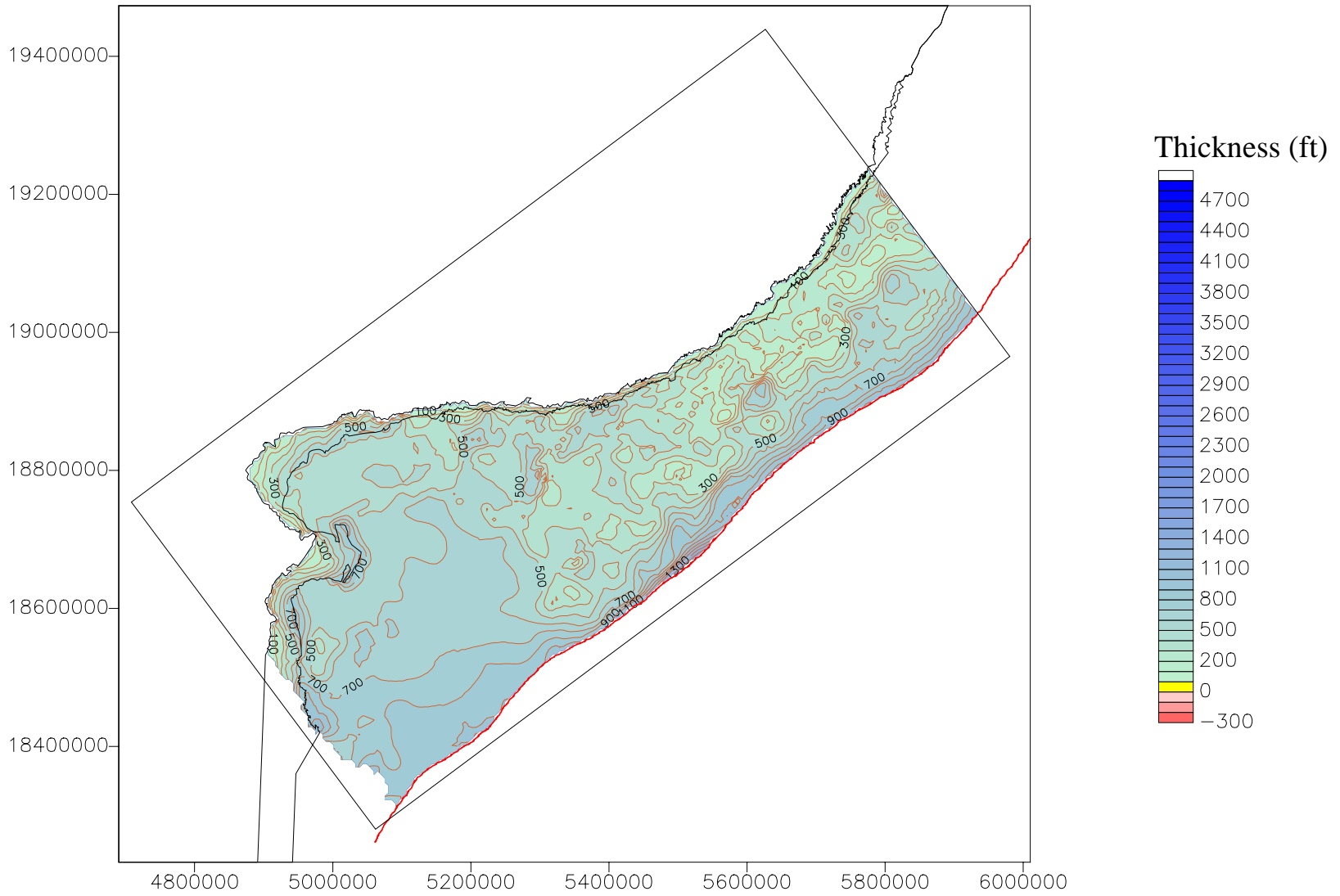
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Thickness of Carrizo (TC7-TW14)



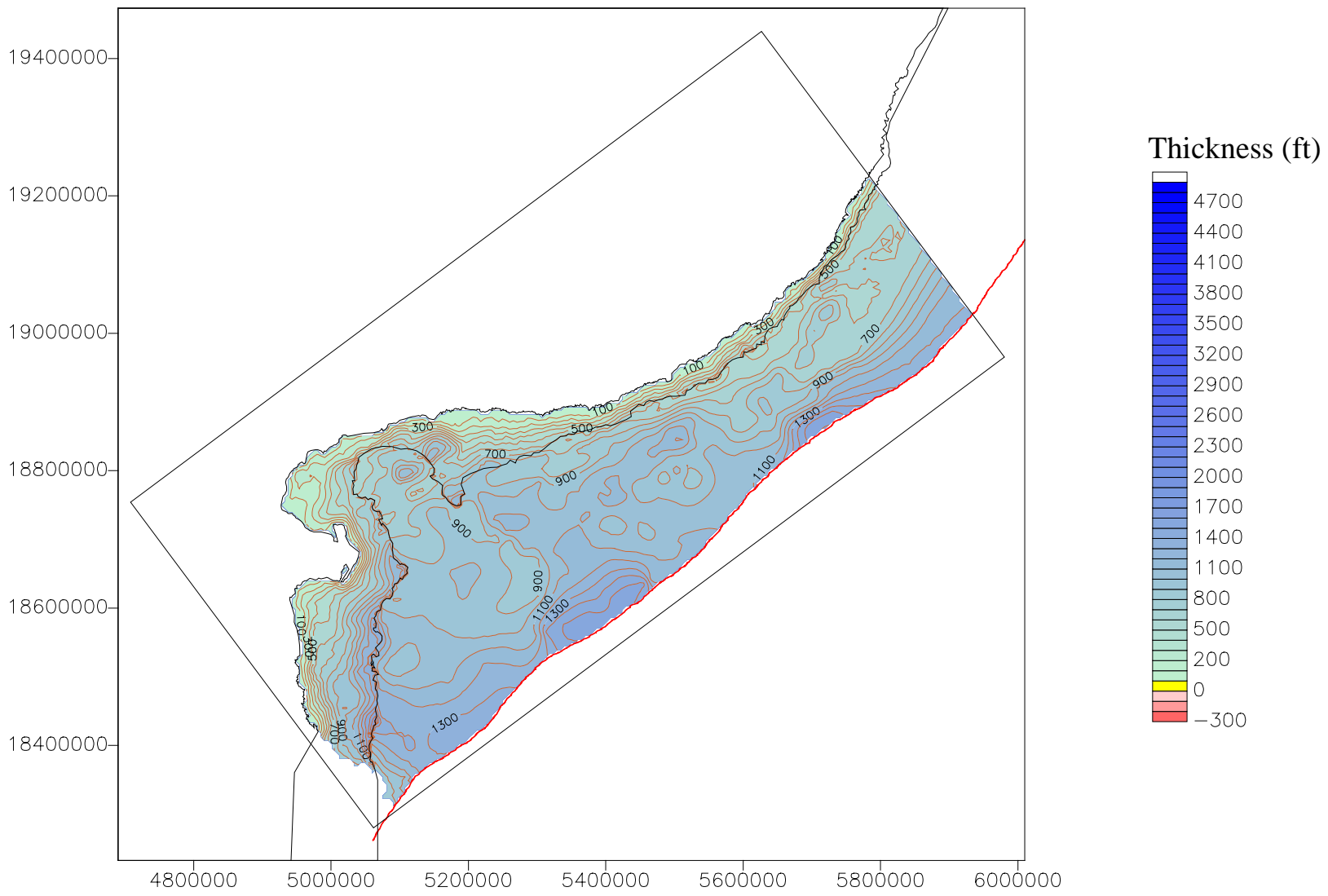
Min 20
Max 1207

Thickness of Reklaw/Bigford (TR16-TC7)



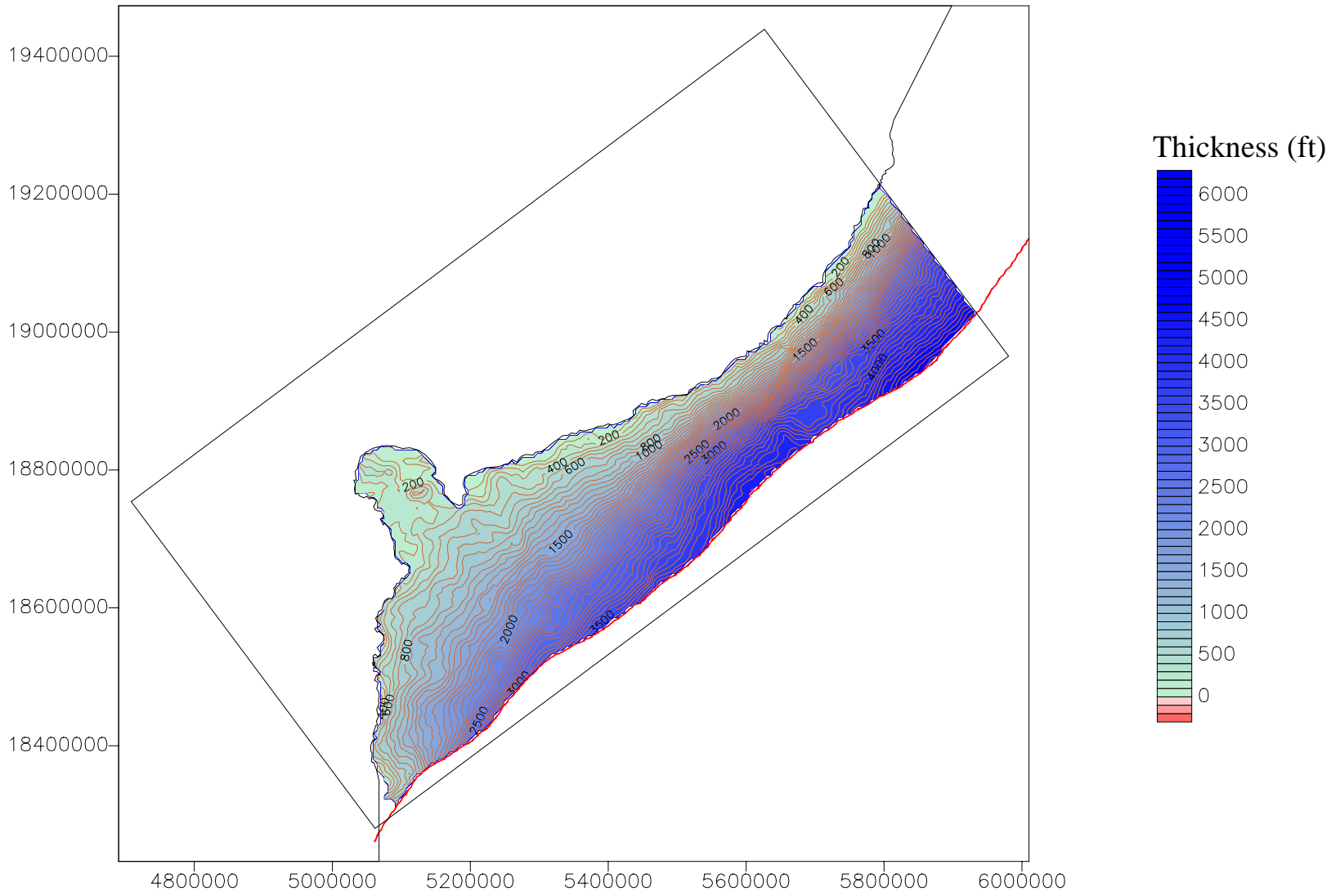
Min 20
Max 1493

Thickness of Queen City - El Pico (TQC4-TR16)



Min 20
Max 1747

Thickness of Younger Sediments (TY3-TQC4)



Min 20
Max 4960

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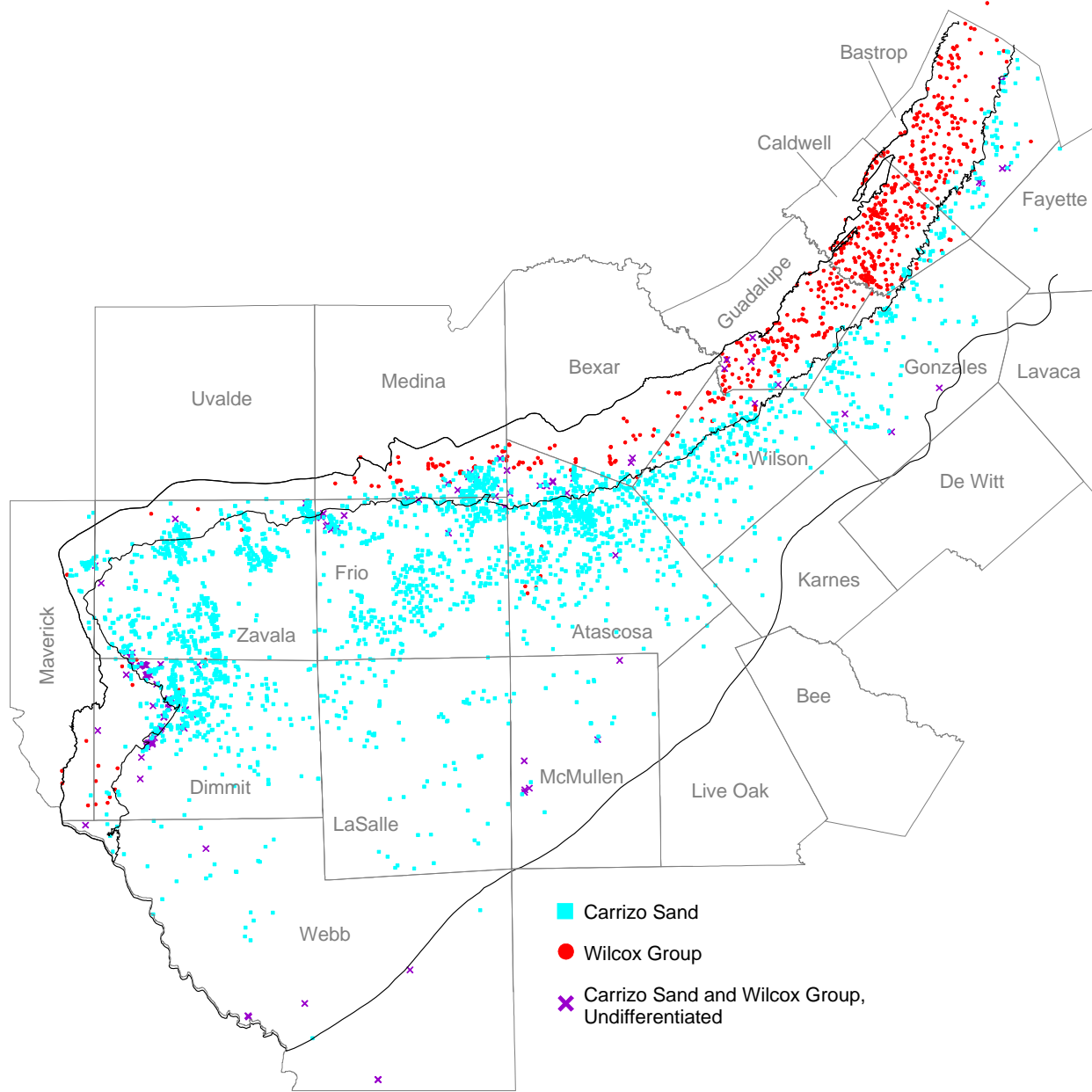
Predevelopment Heads

- Evaluated water-level data on a county by county basis
- Conducted a literature review on the historical development of the Carrizo and Wilcox in each county

Predevelopment Heads

■ Literature Review Indicated:

- The Carrizo Sand and Wilcox Group are hydraulically connected in and near the outcrop areas and in Caldwell and Bastrop Counties
- Outside of the areas indicated above, only the Carrizo Sand is an active aquifer
- In many areas, artesian pressures within the aquifer were originally sufficient to drive water above ground surface



Methodology (continued)

- The history of well development and pumpage was compared to dates of water-level measurements
- Maximum water-level measurements (regardless of time) were compared to maps showing the locations of originally flowing wells and to ground elevation maps

Methodology (continued)

- Actual water-level data were used to generate the predevelopment water-level elevation contours at all locations except
 - Dimmit County
 - northwestern LaSalle County
 - southern Zavala Countywhere all water-level measurements reflected the effects of pumpage

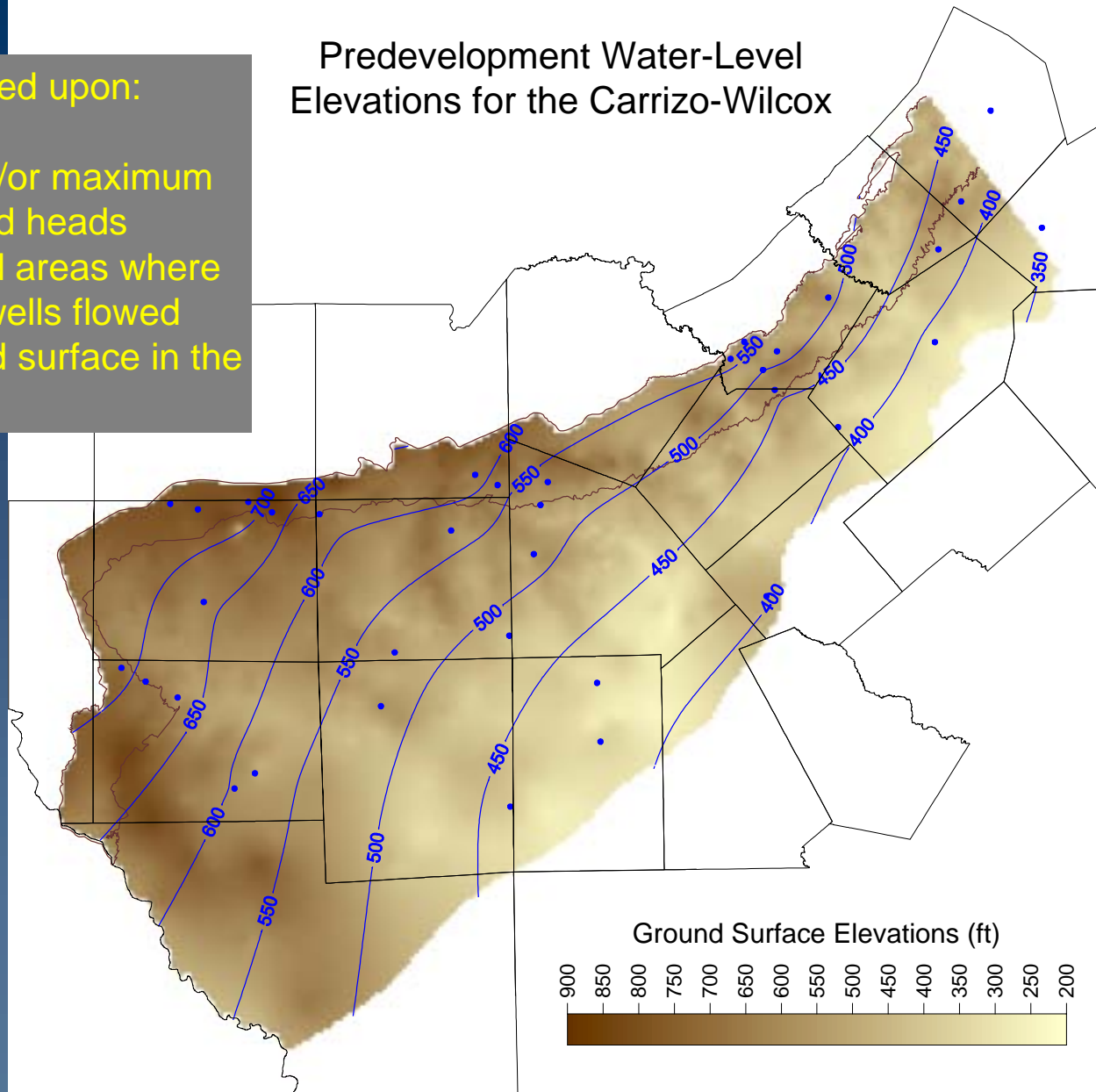
Methodology (continued)

- In the areas with all data affected by pumpage, maximum measured water-level elevations were increased between 75 and 125 ft

Levels based upon:

- First and/or maximum measured heads
- Reported areas where Carrizo wells flowed at ground surface in the past

Predevelopment Water-Level Elevations for the Carrizo-Wilcox



Methodology (continued)

- A comparison of the predevelopment heads generated for the GAM to those of Ryder (1988) (RASA model) show:
 - The same flow direction
 - GAM heads about 50 feet higher than Ryder heads east of Wilson County and in northern Atascosa and Frio Counties

Methodology (continued)

■ Comparison (continued)

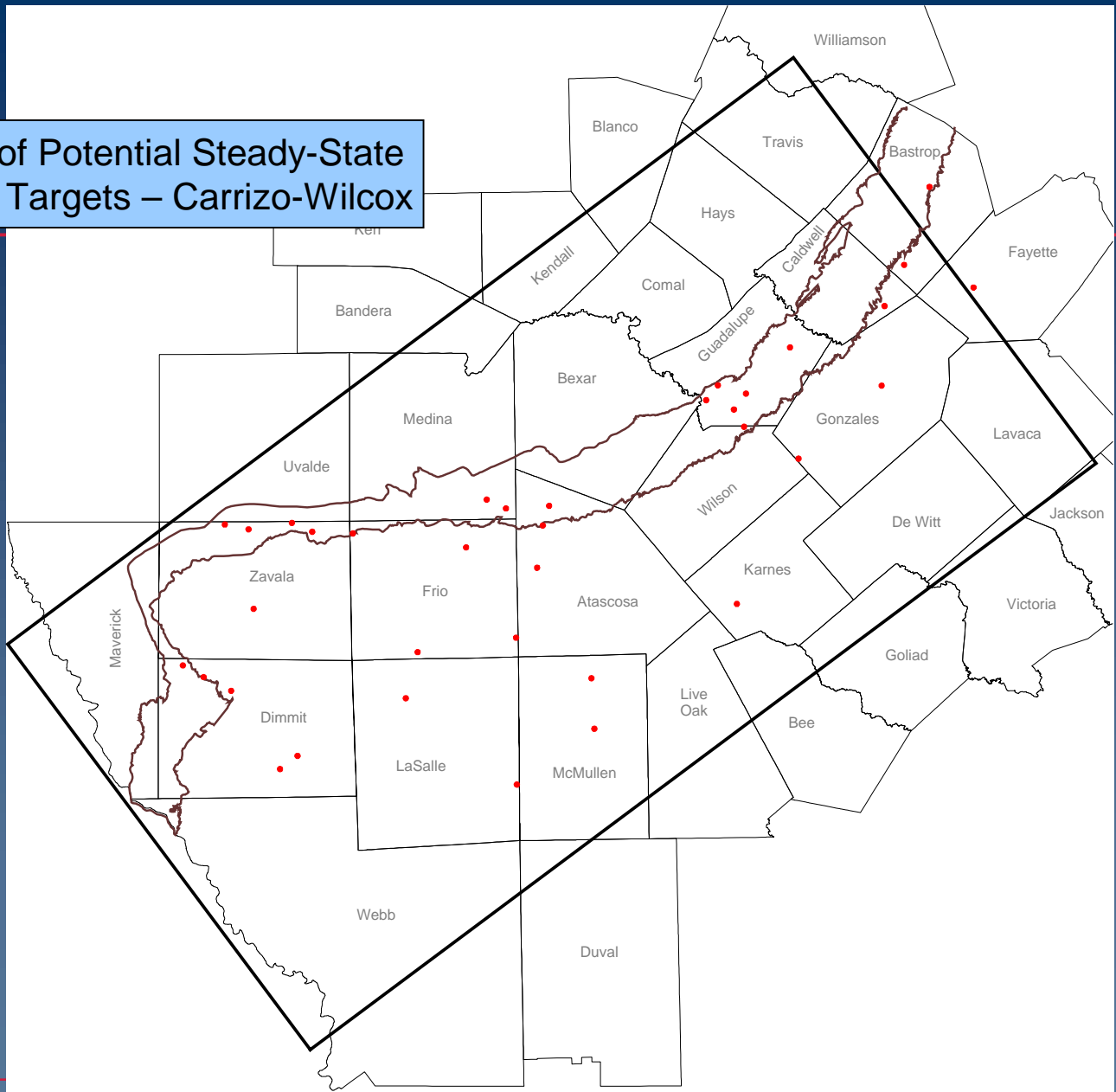
- GAM heads about 100 feet higher than Ryder in southern Atascosa and Frio Counties, and in LaSalle, Dimmit, and Zavala Counties
- Ryder contours are below ground surface in northern LaSalle County, Dimmit County, and southern Zavala County which is inconsistent with historical data

Calibration Targets

■ Steady-State Calibration

- Calibration targets consist of selected predevelopment water-level elevations in both outcrop and the confined portions of the aquifer

Locations of Potential Steady-State Calibration Targets – Carrizo-Wilcox

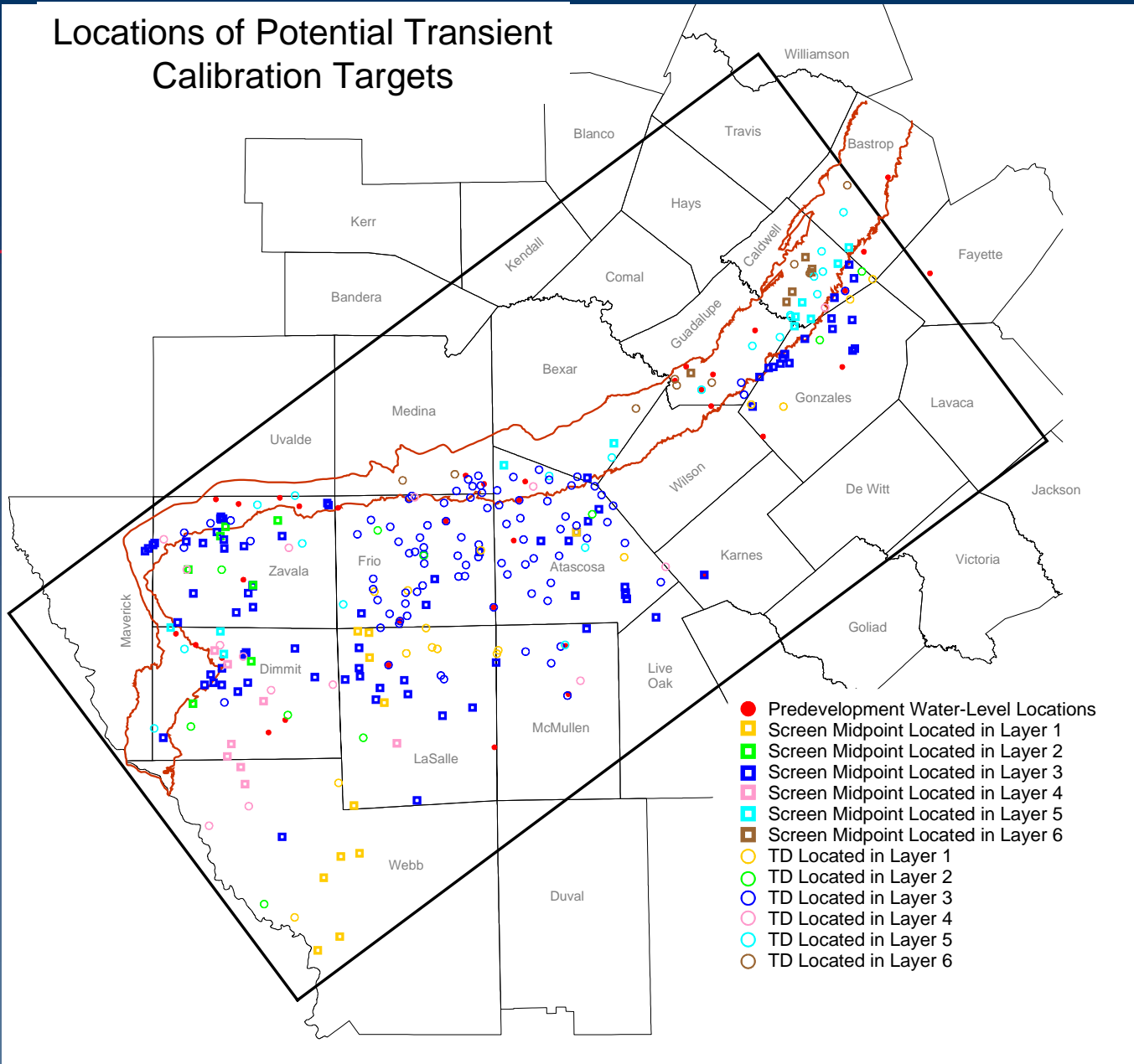


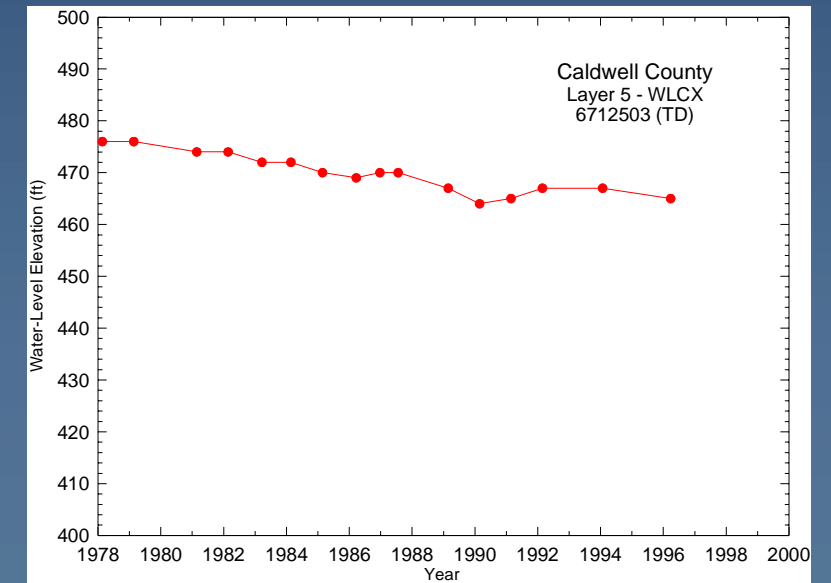
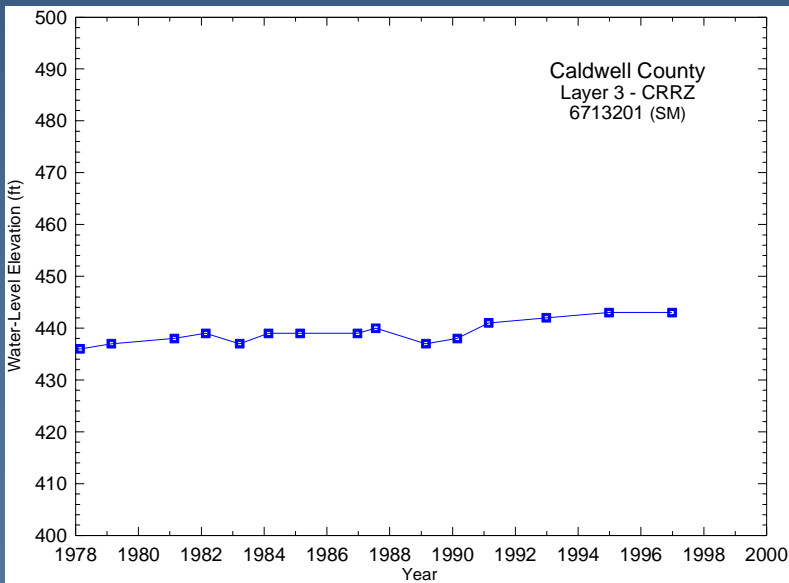
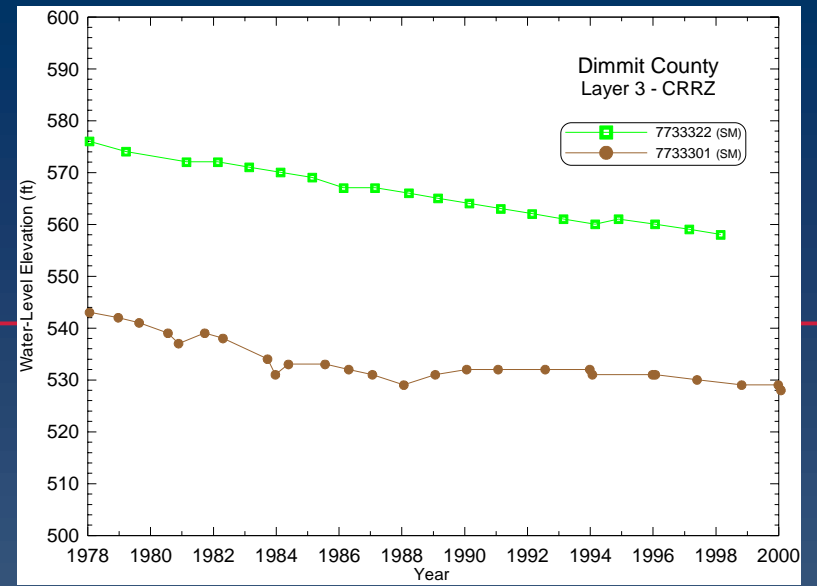
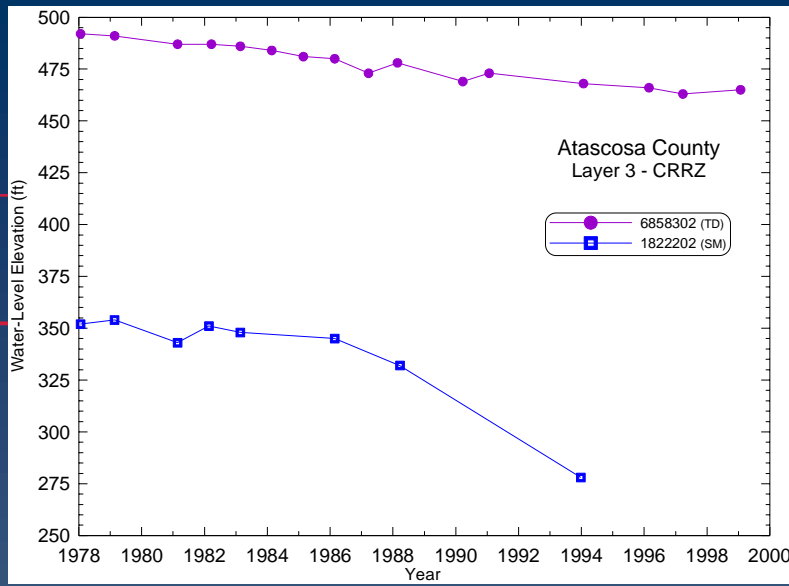
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■ Transient Calibration

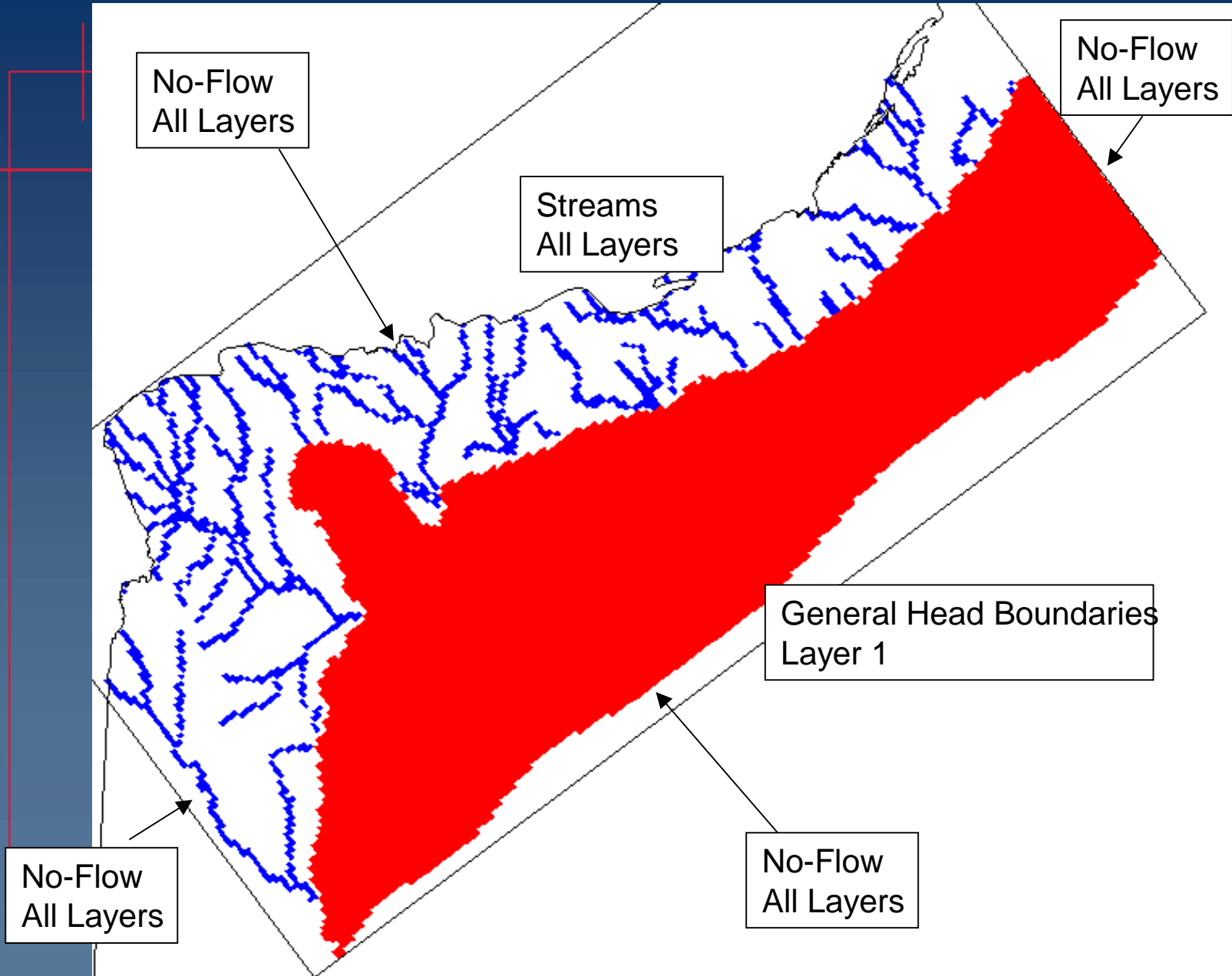
- Calibration targets will consist of selected hydrographs from various lateral and vertical locations within the model region

Locations of Potential Transient Calibration Targets





Model Boundaries



Predevelopment - Modeled Streams

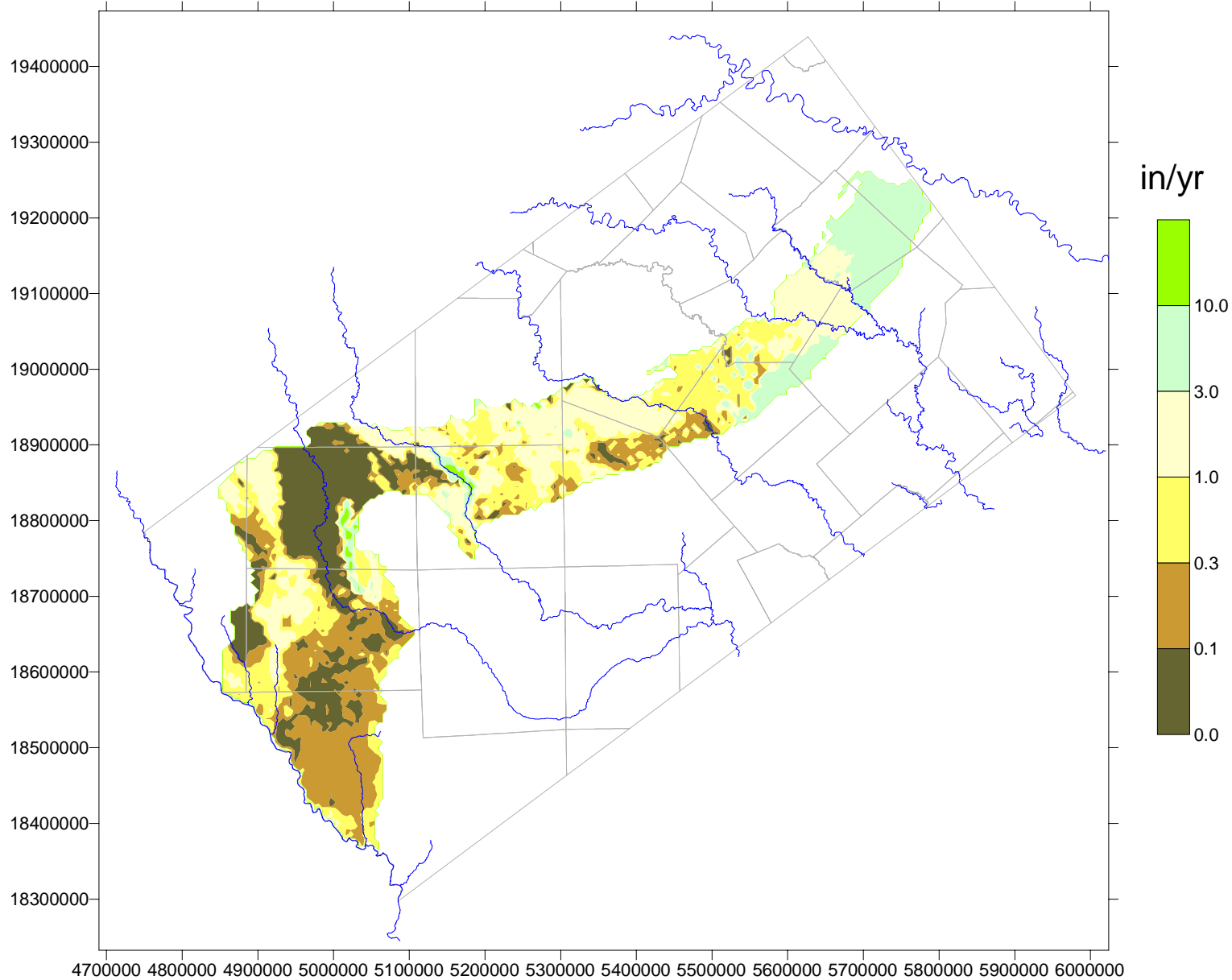
- Initial stream conductance estimated from RF1 reach file parameters
- Variation in modeled conductance primarily due to stream width
- Relative bed conductivity scaled during calibration

Recharge

Soil and Water Assessment Tool

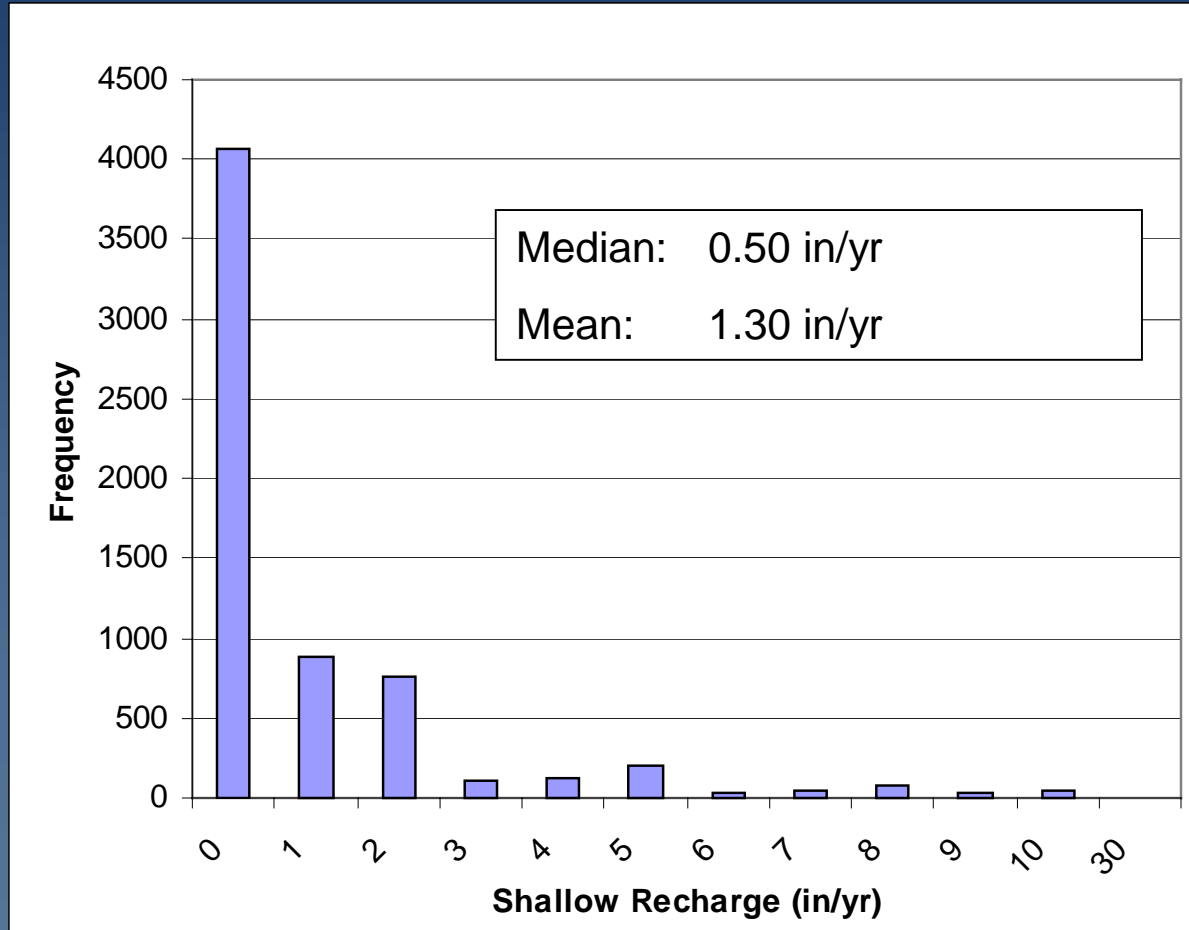
- SWAT (Blacklands Research Center)
- Physically based (primarily) watershed scale model
- Infiltration/runoff based on SCS Curve Number method (daily timestep)
 - Land use
 - Soil type
 - Antecedent soil moisture condition
- $\text{Recharge} = \text{Infiltration} - \text{Evapotranspiration}$
- Steady-state model: Neglect ET from water table (initially)

Average Recharge 1975-1999



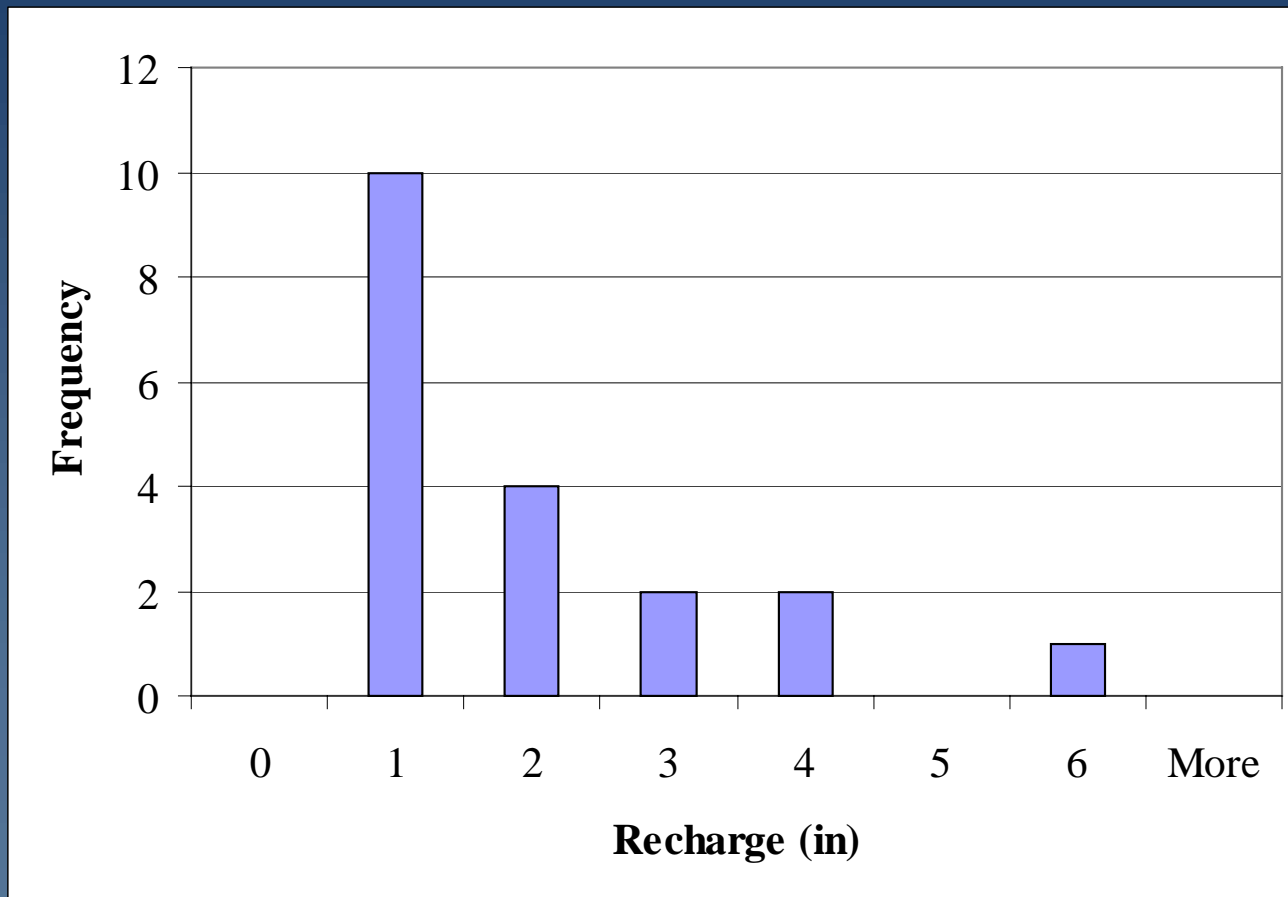
SWAT - Example Results

25-year average annual recharge Southern C-W



Recharge Comparison

Annual recharge from Scanlon (2001)



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Hydraulic Conductivity

- Horizontal hydraulic conductivity point measurements are available (Mace et al, 2000)
- Poor correlation between measured values and estimated sand patterns
- Must scale K_h and K_v to regional grid scale
- Vertical hydraulic conductivity is not measurable at the grid scale.

Effective Horizontal Conductivity

- Estimate block center K through kriging
- Calculate a weighted-arithmetic mean K

$$K_h \text{ effective} = \frac{(\text{net sand})(K_{\text{sand}}) + (\text{layer b} - \text{net sand})(K_{\text{other}})}{\text{layer b}}$$

K_{sand} = kriged value

$K_{\text{other}} = K_{\text{clay}} \leq K_{\text{other}} < K_{\text{sand}}$

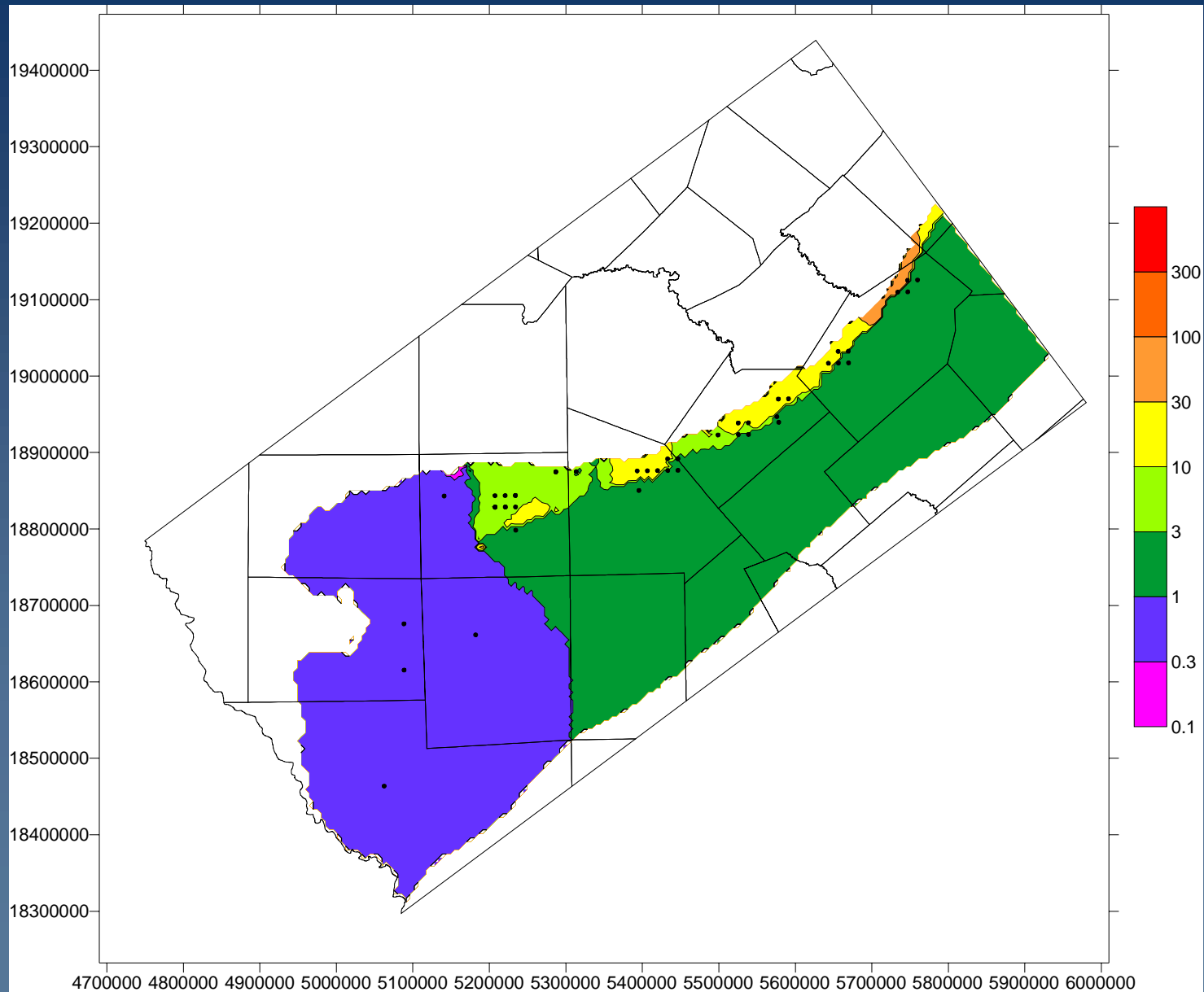
Effective Vertical Conductivity

- No measurements at model scale
- K_h/K_v will be a calibrated parameter based on:
 - P vs D profiles after Fogg (1983)
 - X-formational flow by 10,000 ppm
 - Specification of recharge
 - Depositional environments/sand distributions

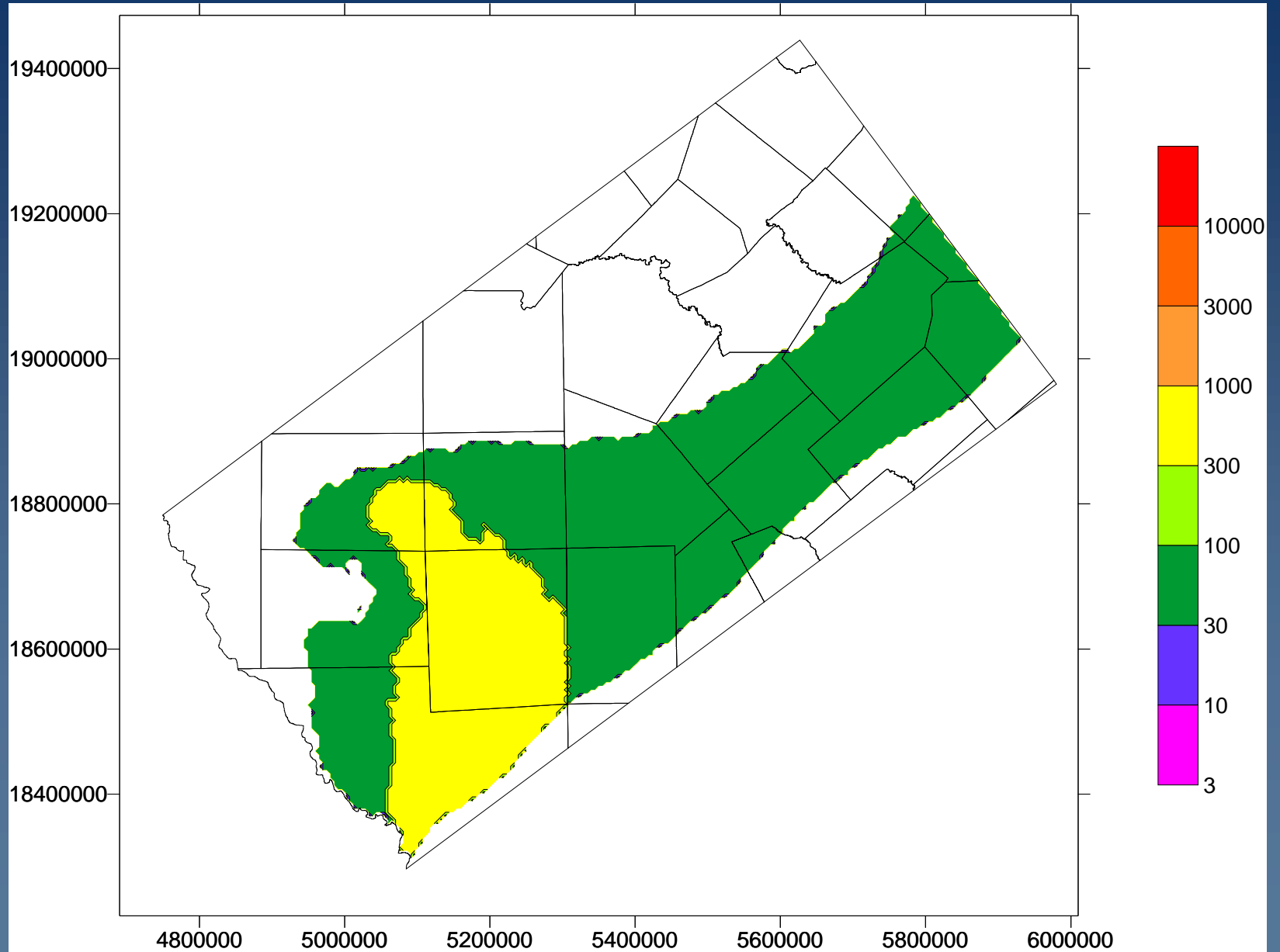
Hydraulic Conductivity Database Review

- Criteria 1- Confine data to model area
- Criteria 2 - Split data by layers
- Criteria 3 - Delete slug & bail tests plus log data estimates
- Criteria 4 - Remove TRRC Data
- Criteria 5 – Remove TNRCC data

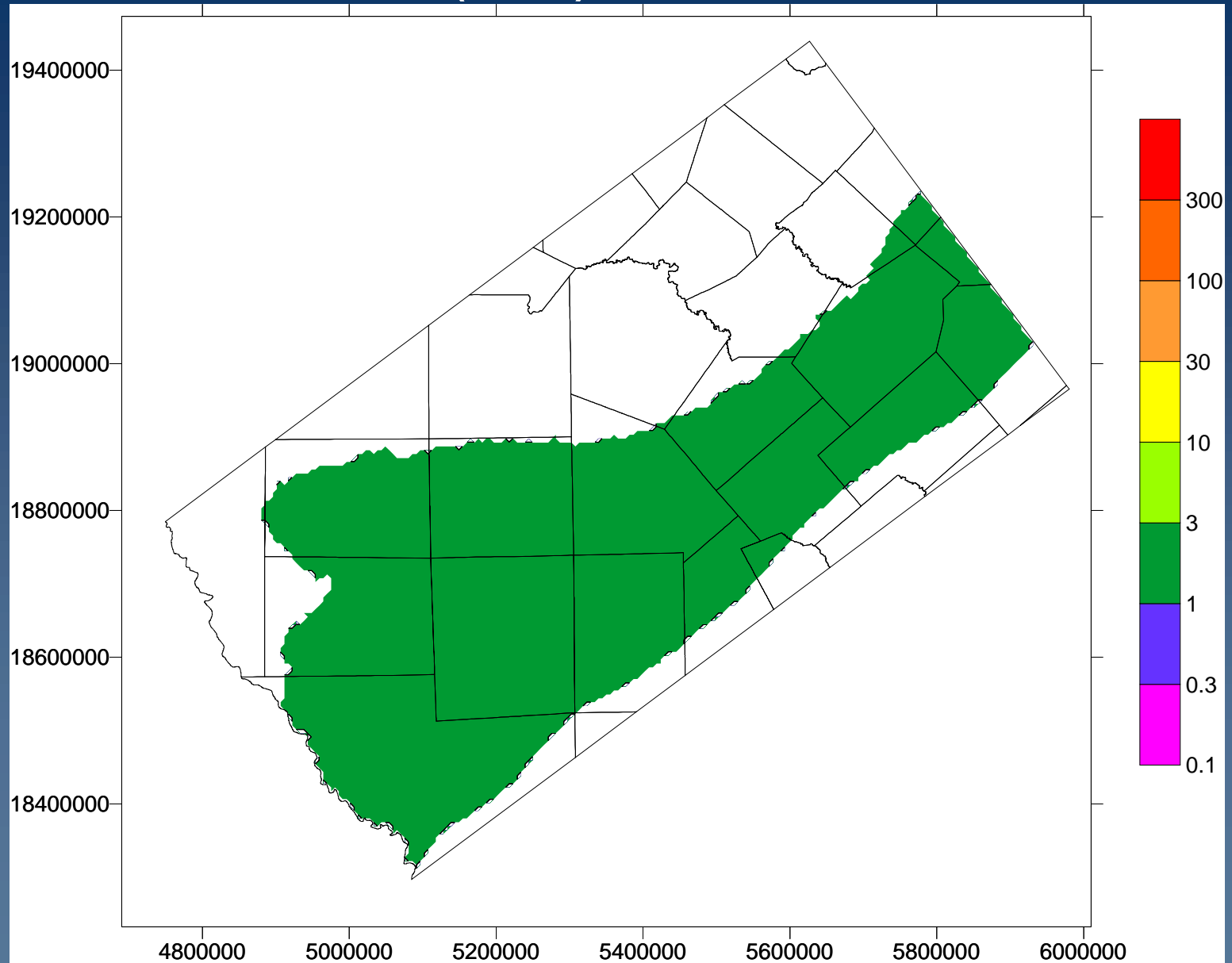
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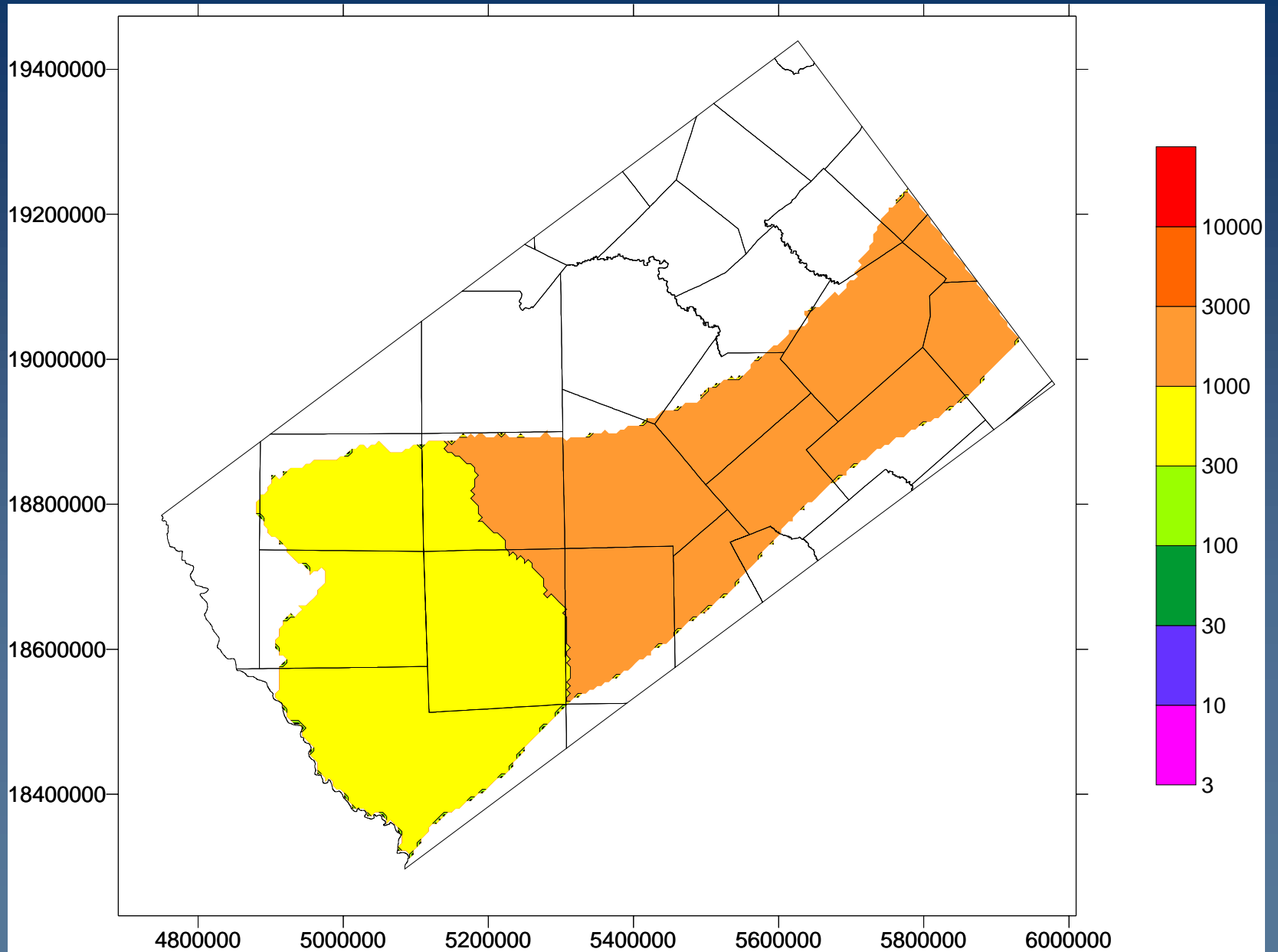
Queen City Kh/Kv Ratio



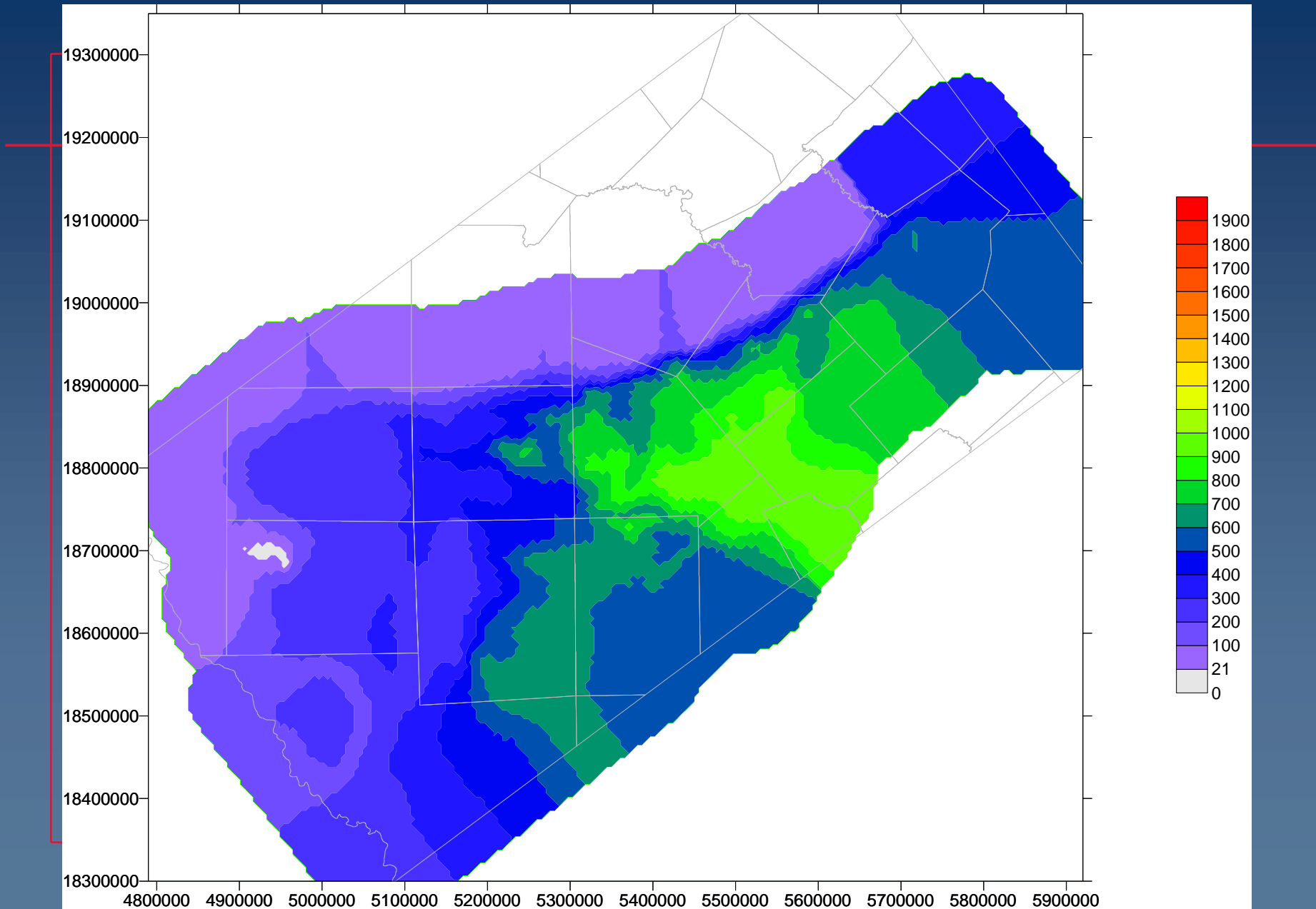
Reklaw Kh (ft/d)



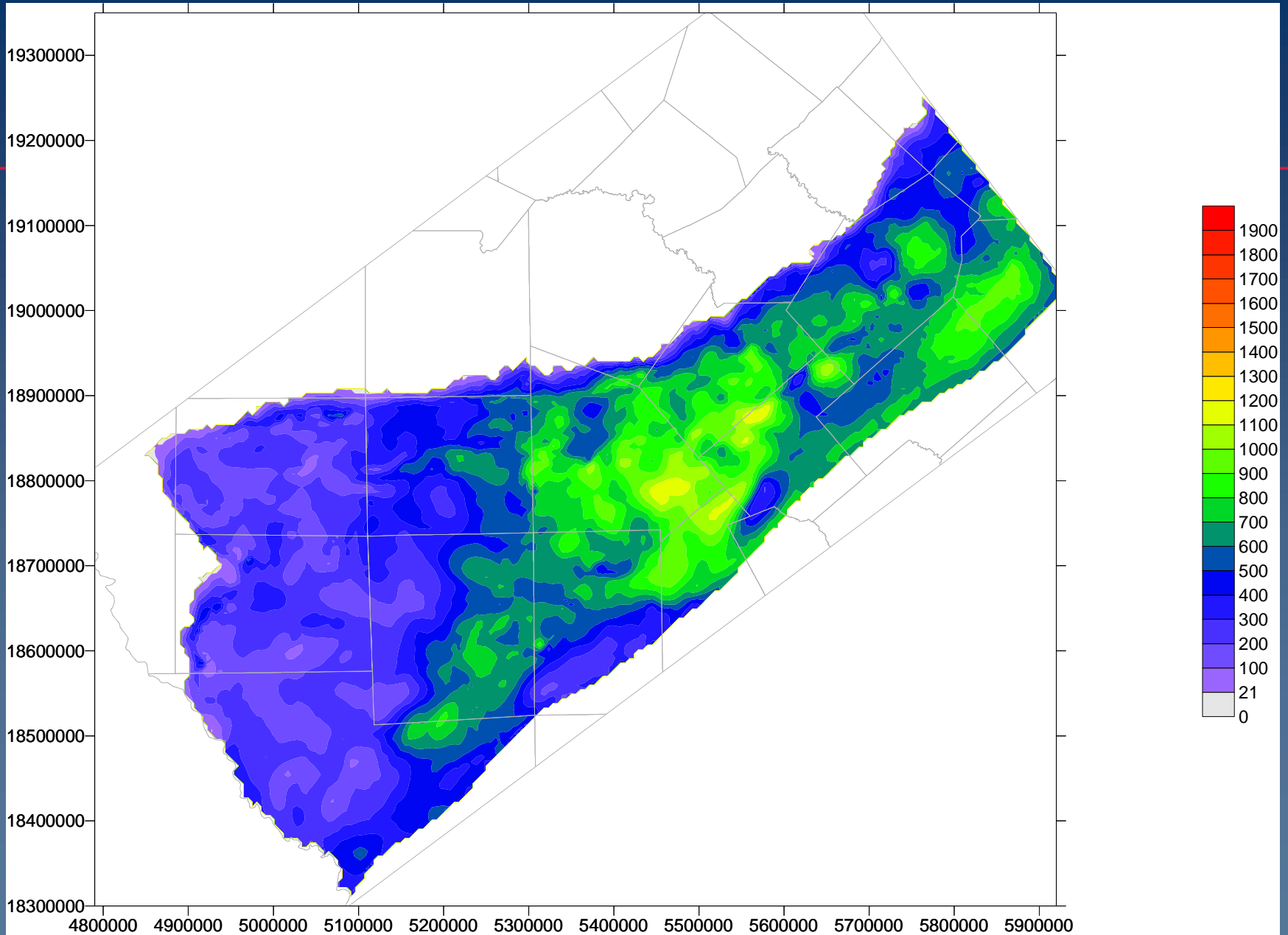
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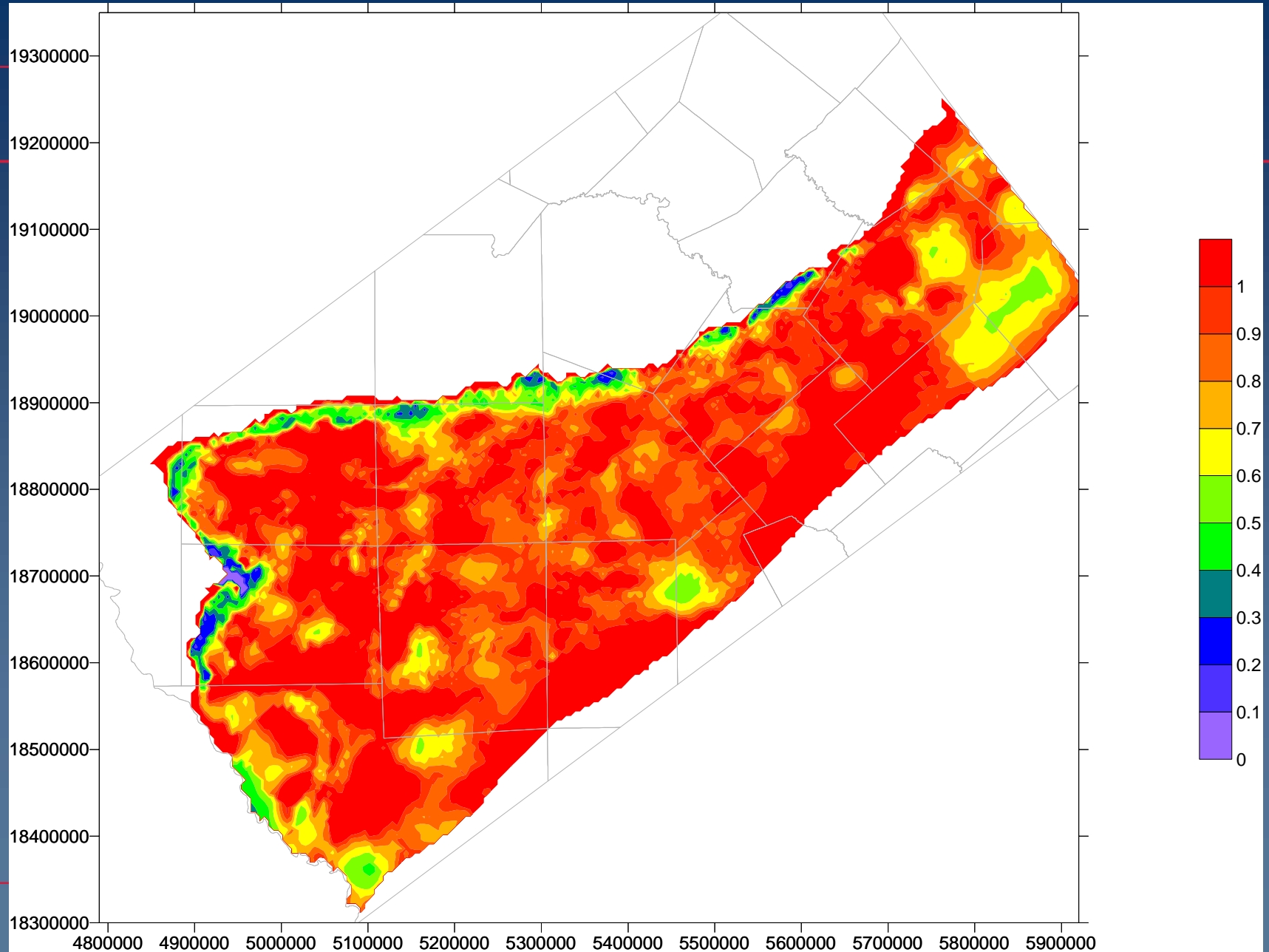
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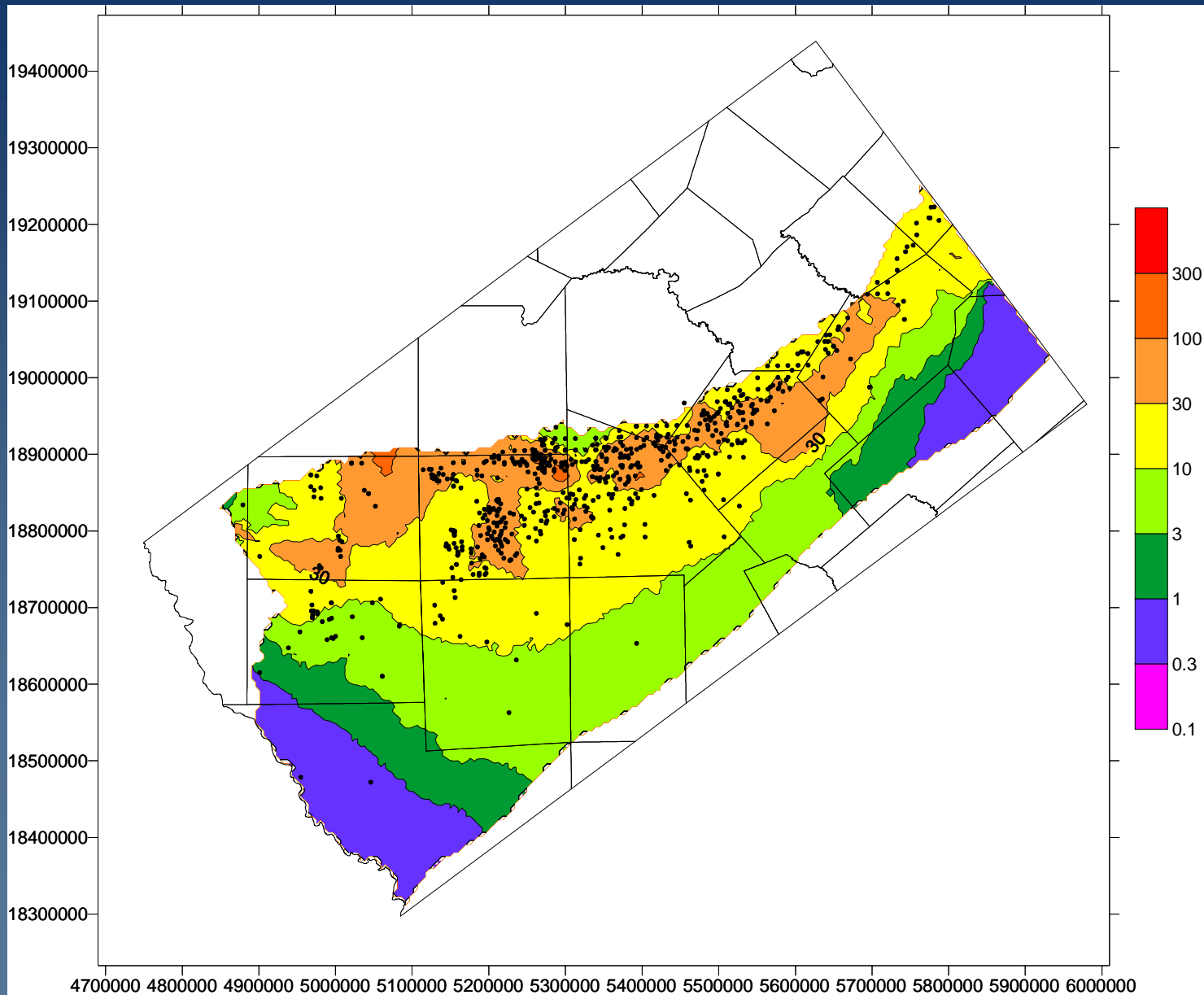
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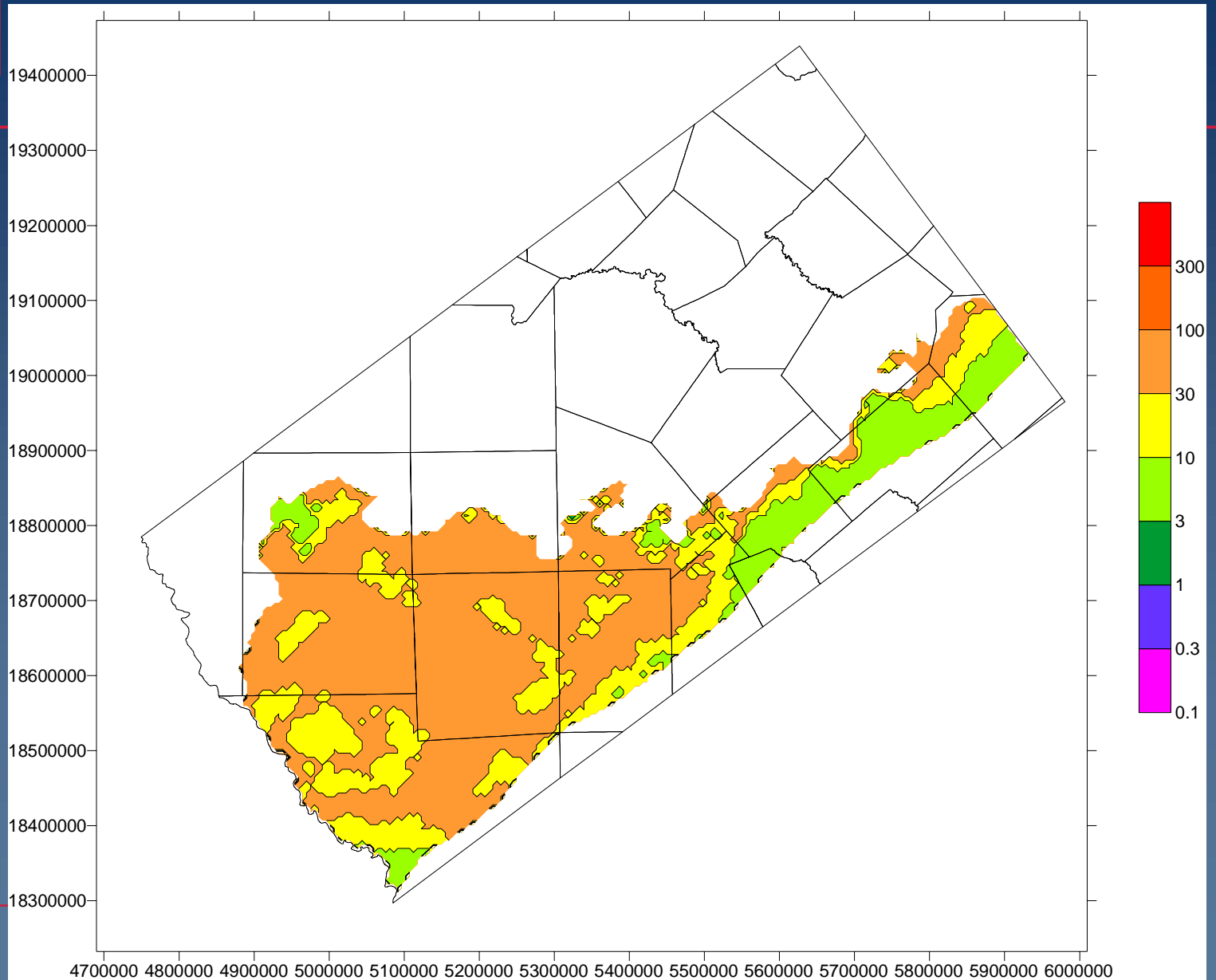
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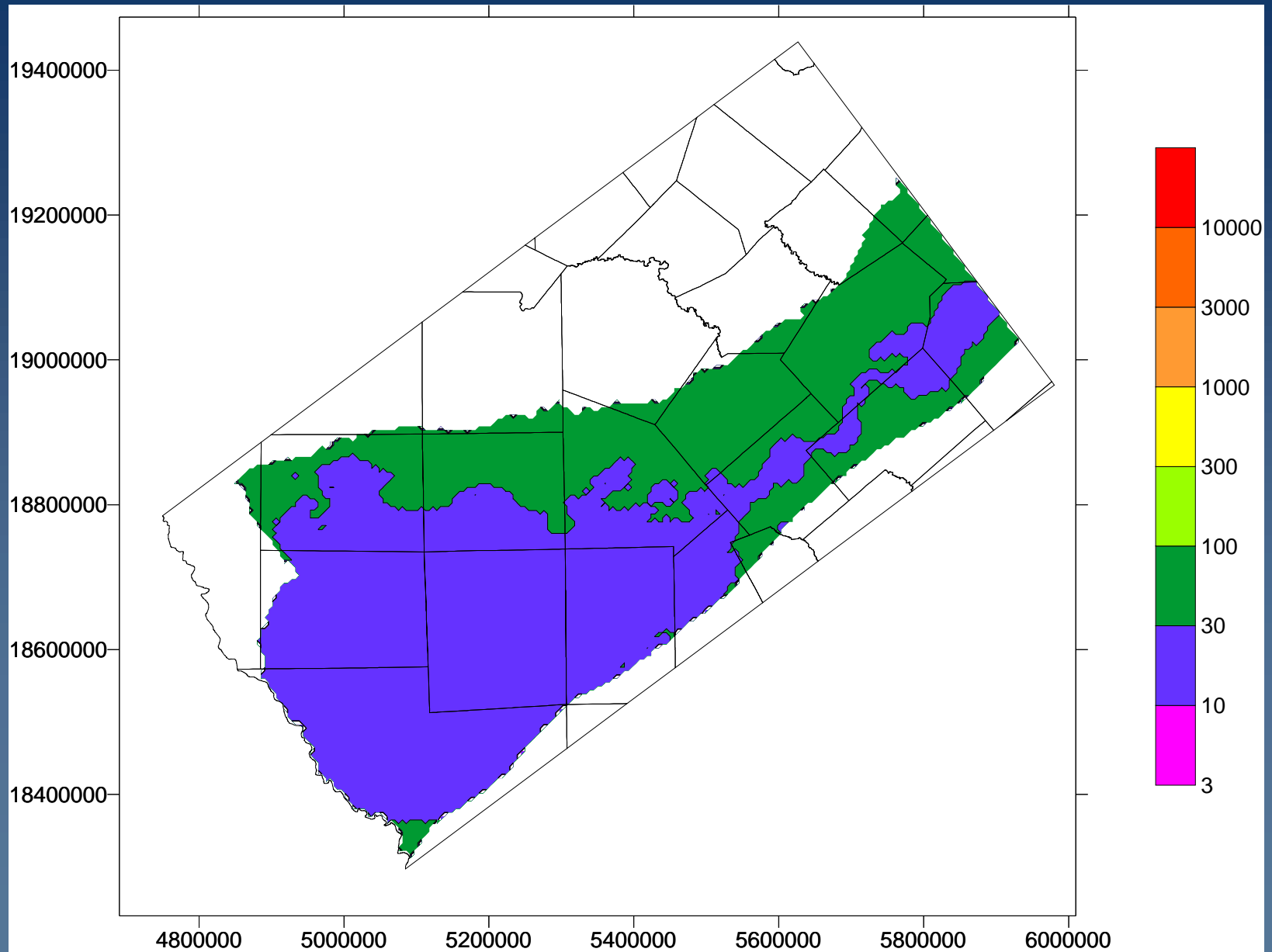
Carrizo Kh (ft/d) ($K_h/K_v = 3$)



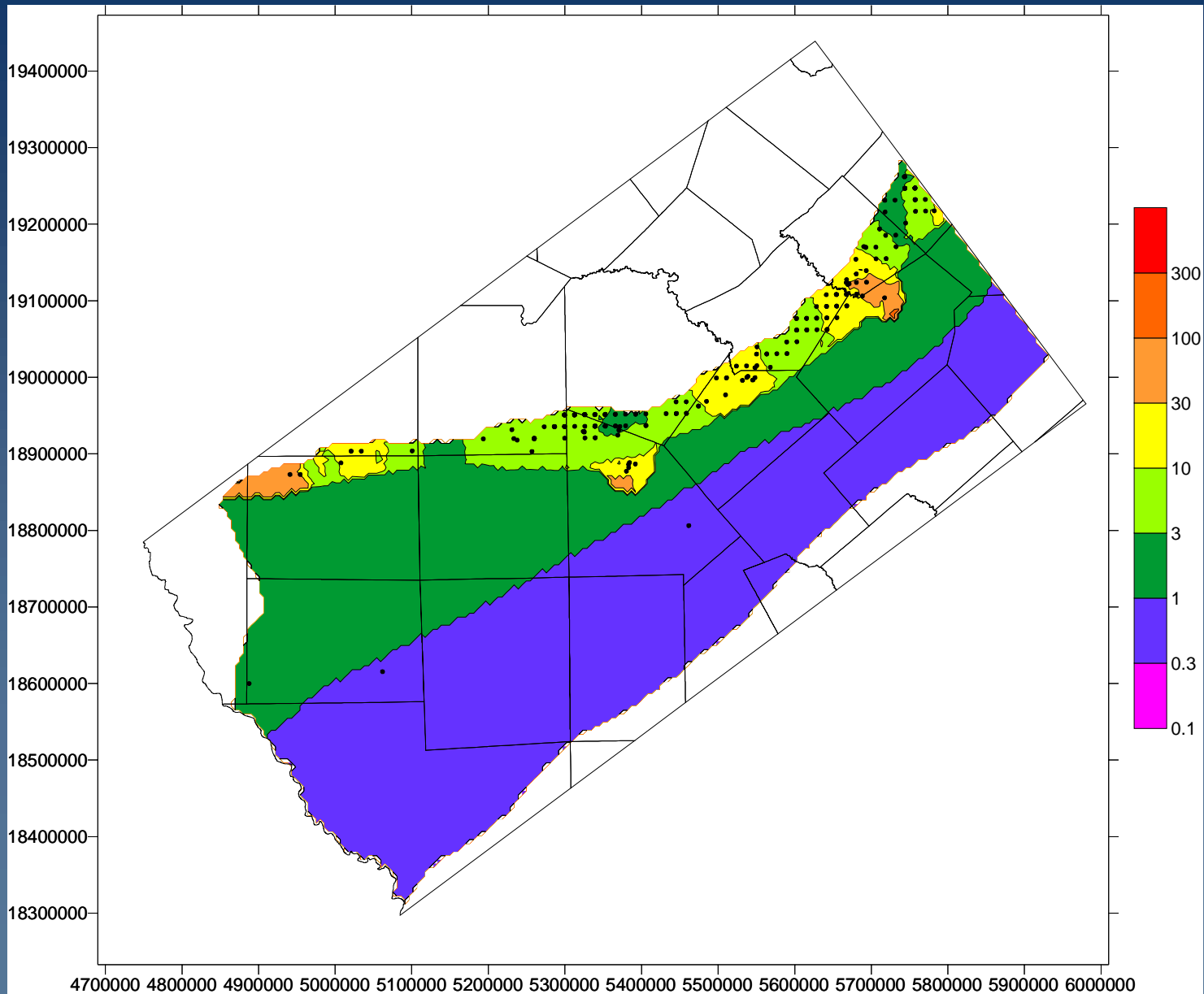
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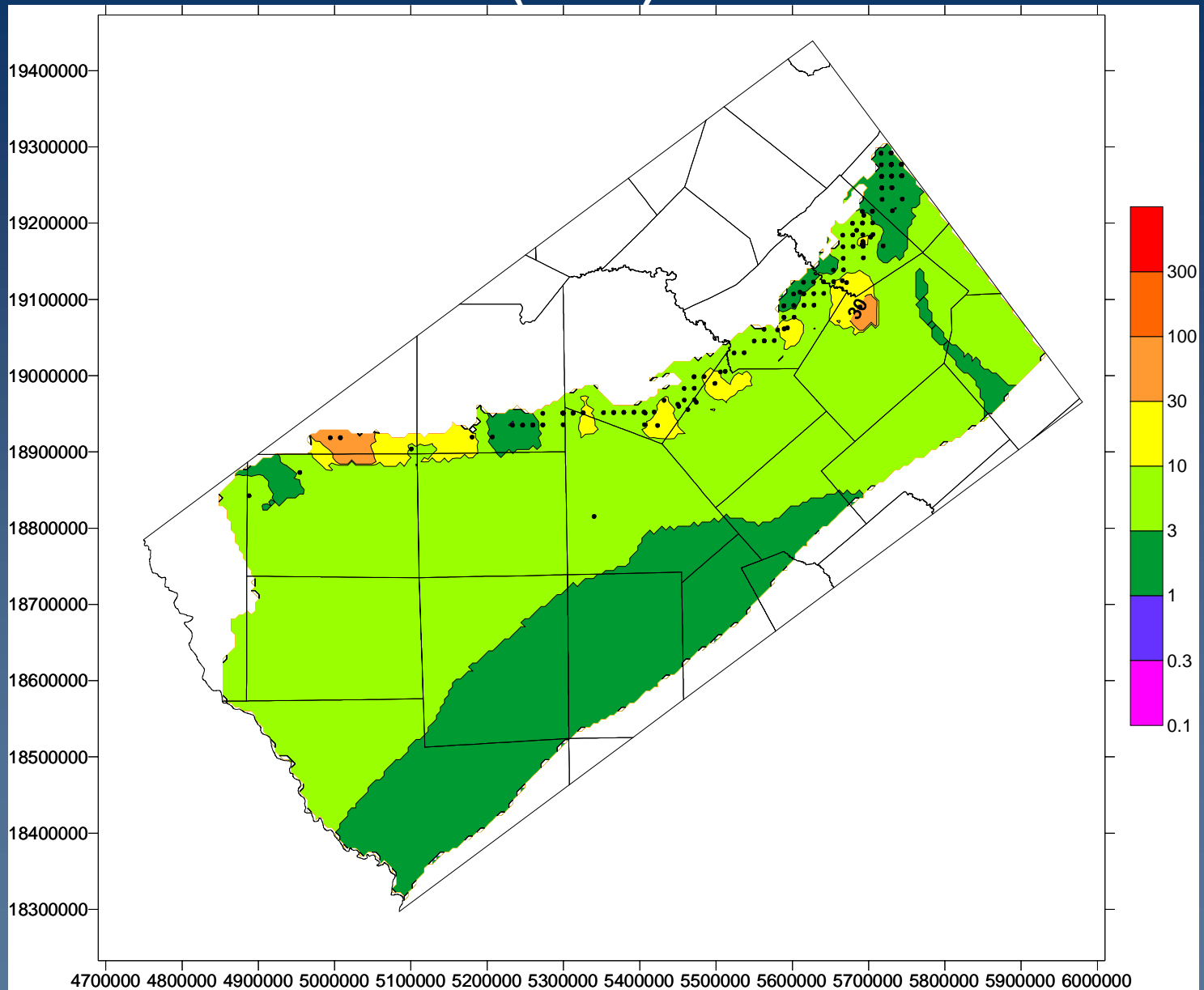
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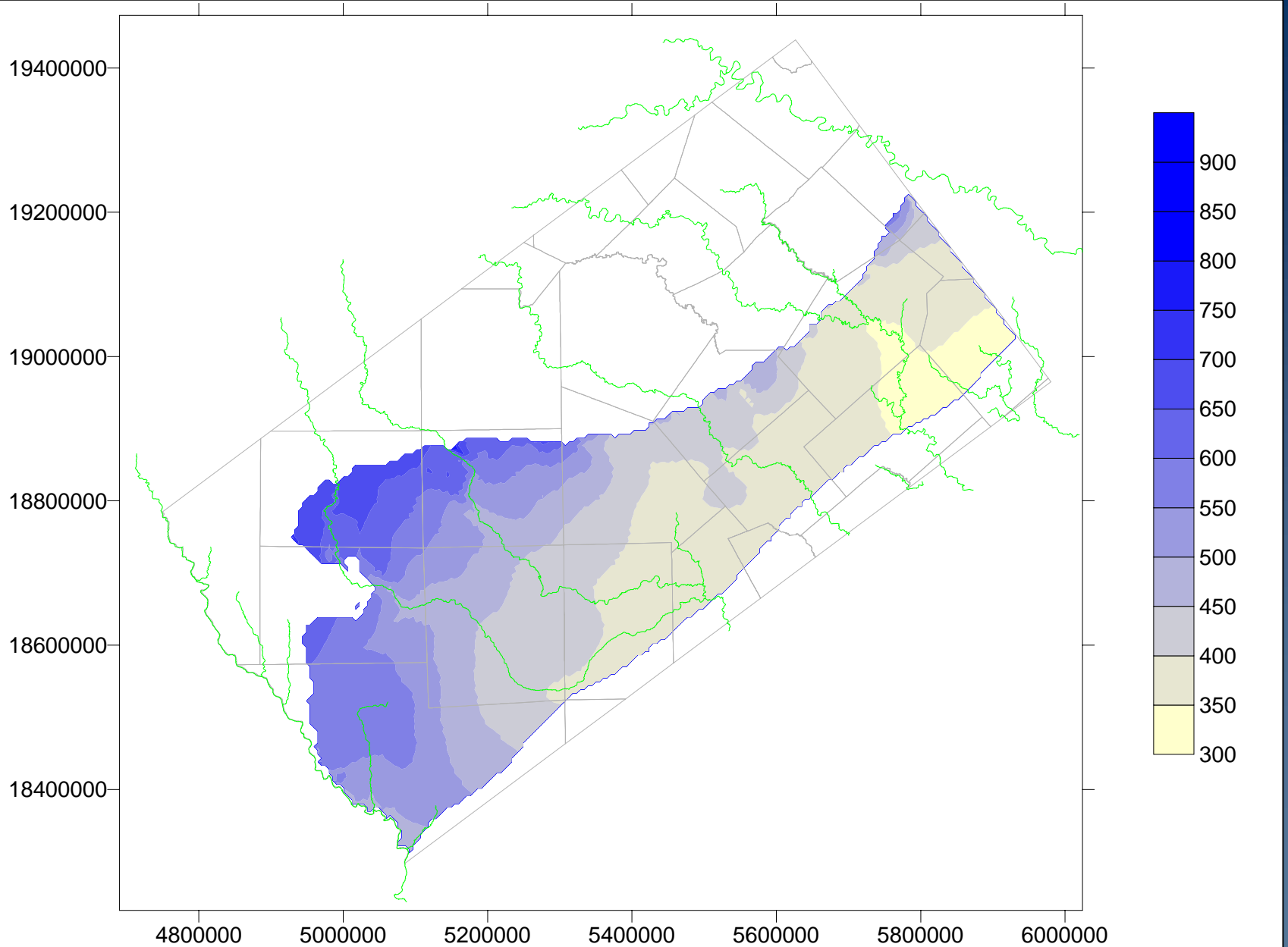
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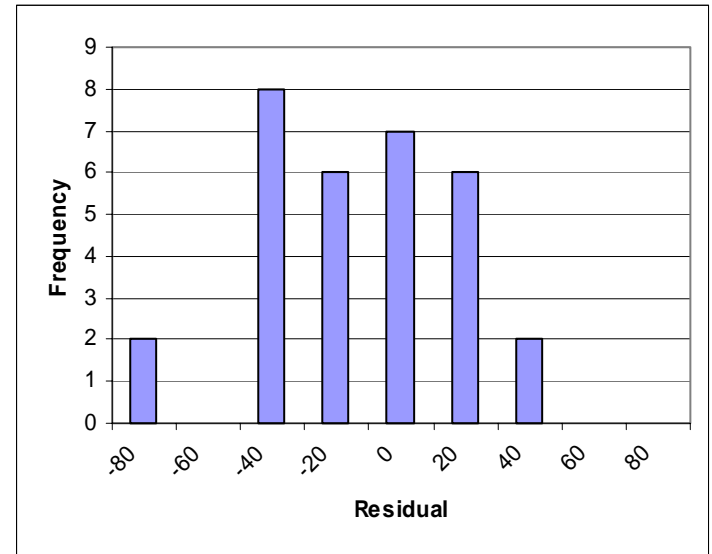
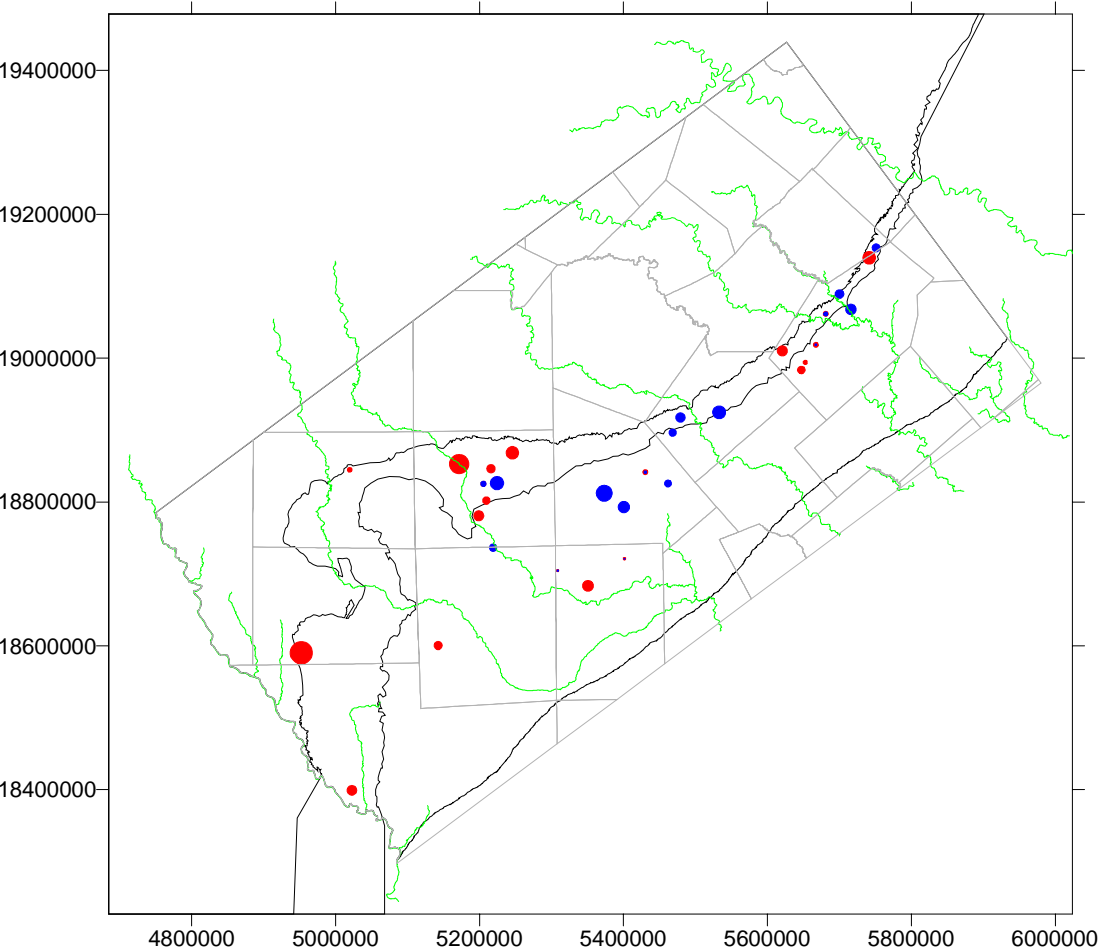
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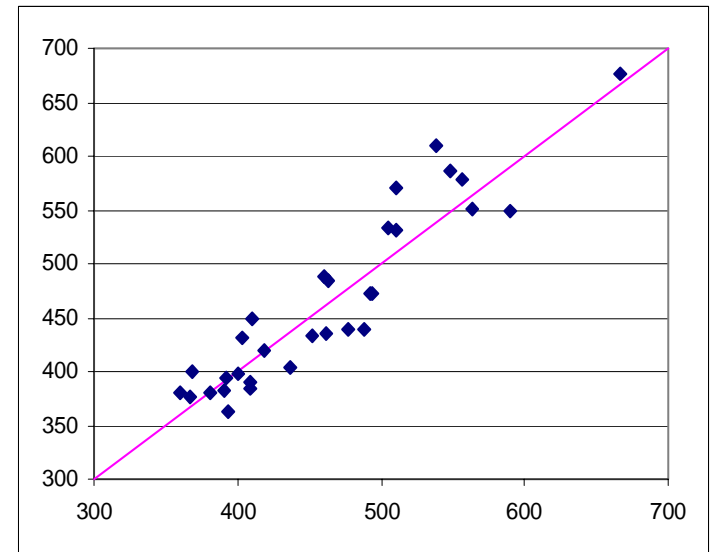
Queen City Head Results



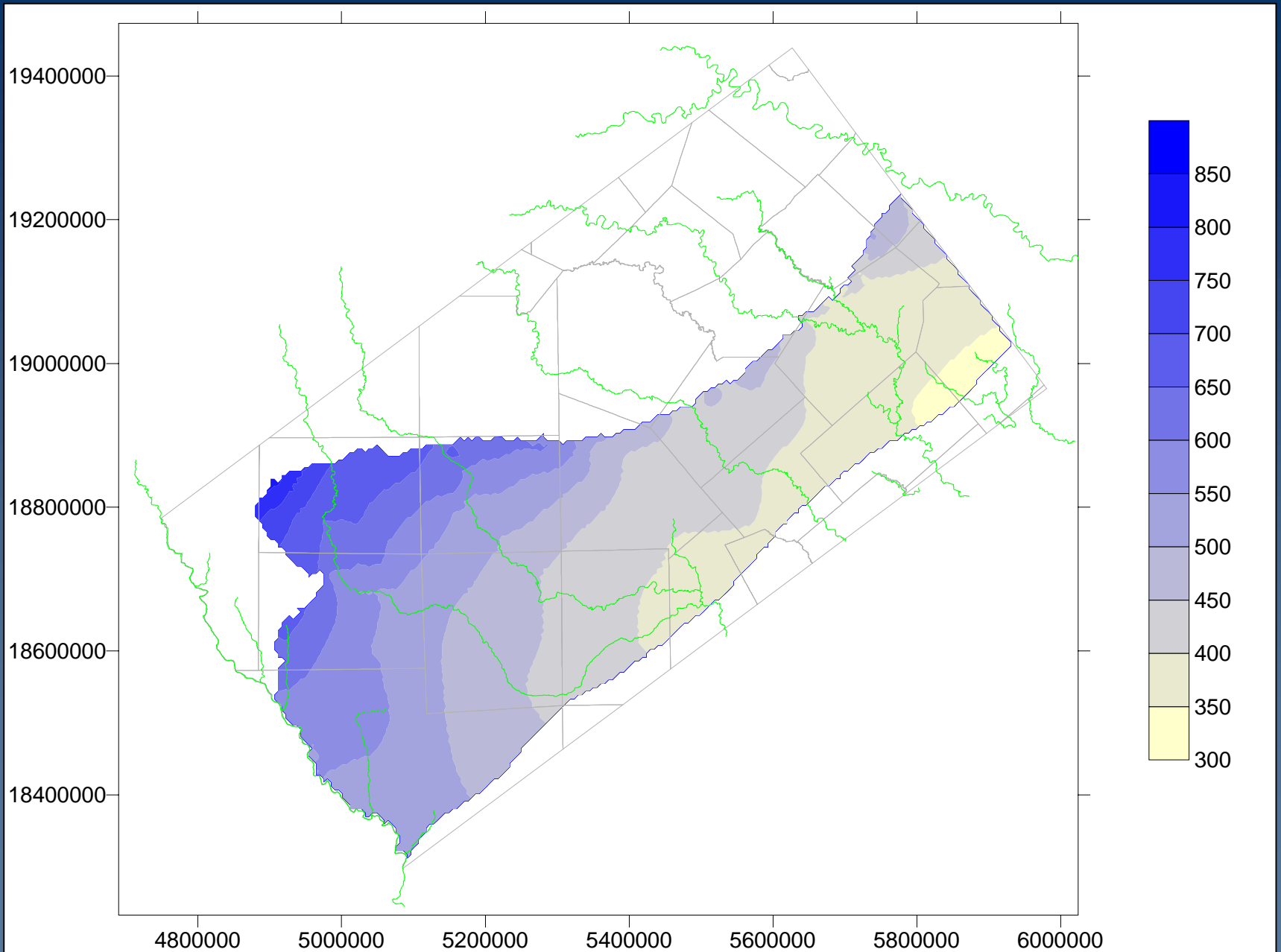
Queen City Residuals



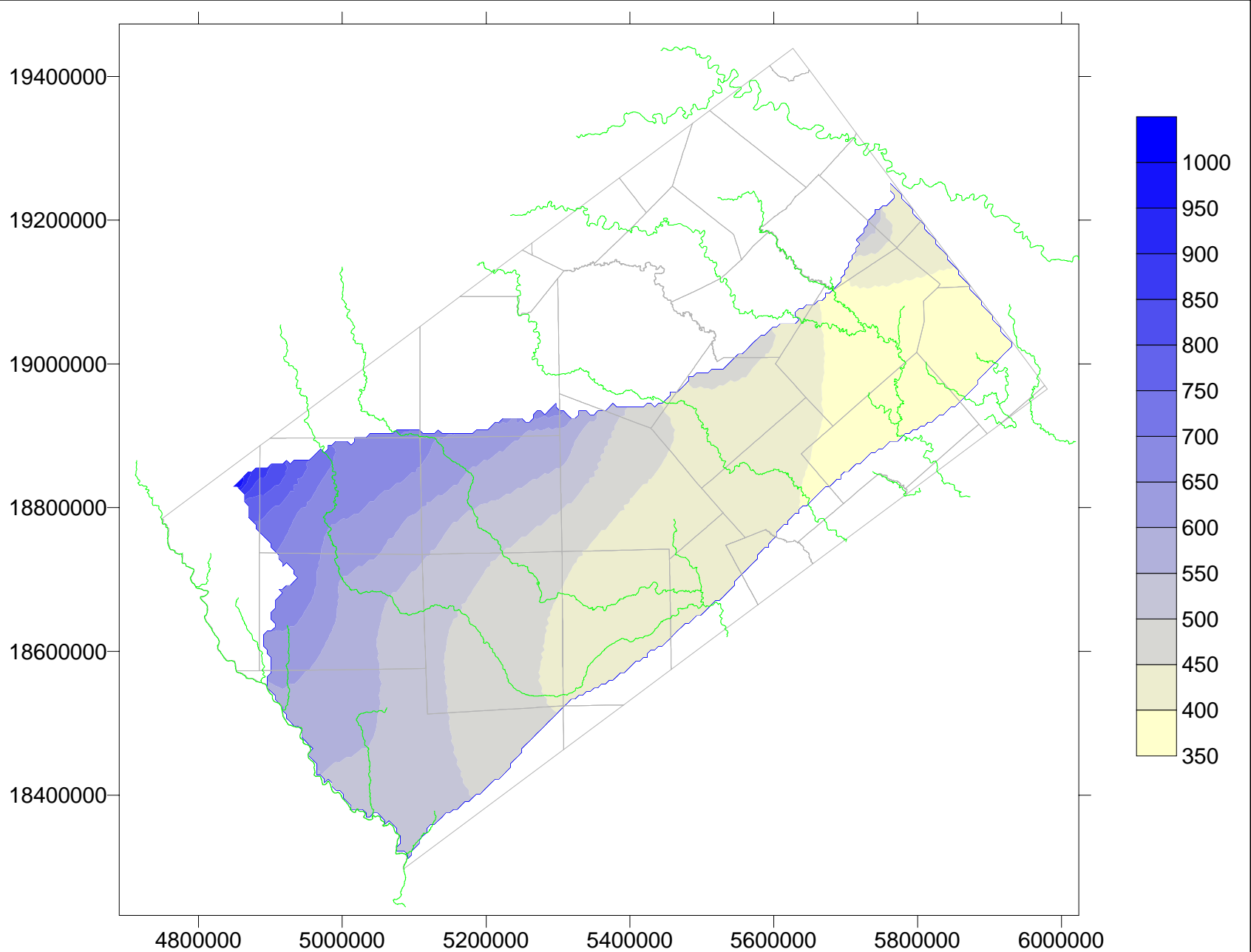
Residual Mean	-2.85
Residual Stdev	29.73
Range in Head	306.60
Stdev/Range	0.097



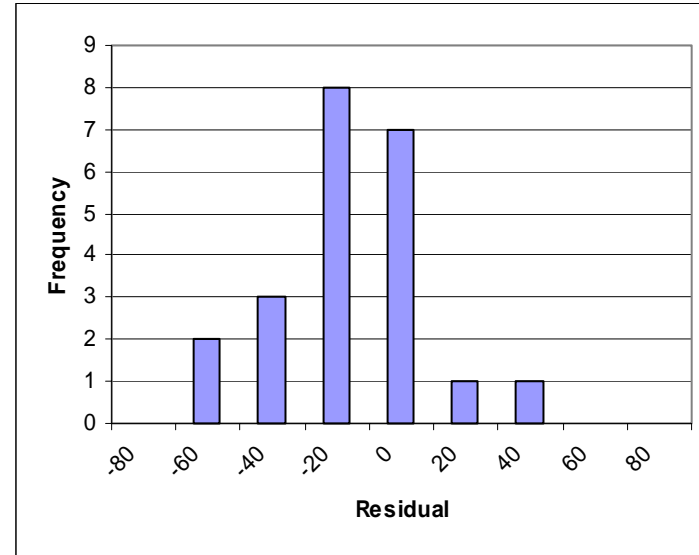
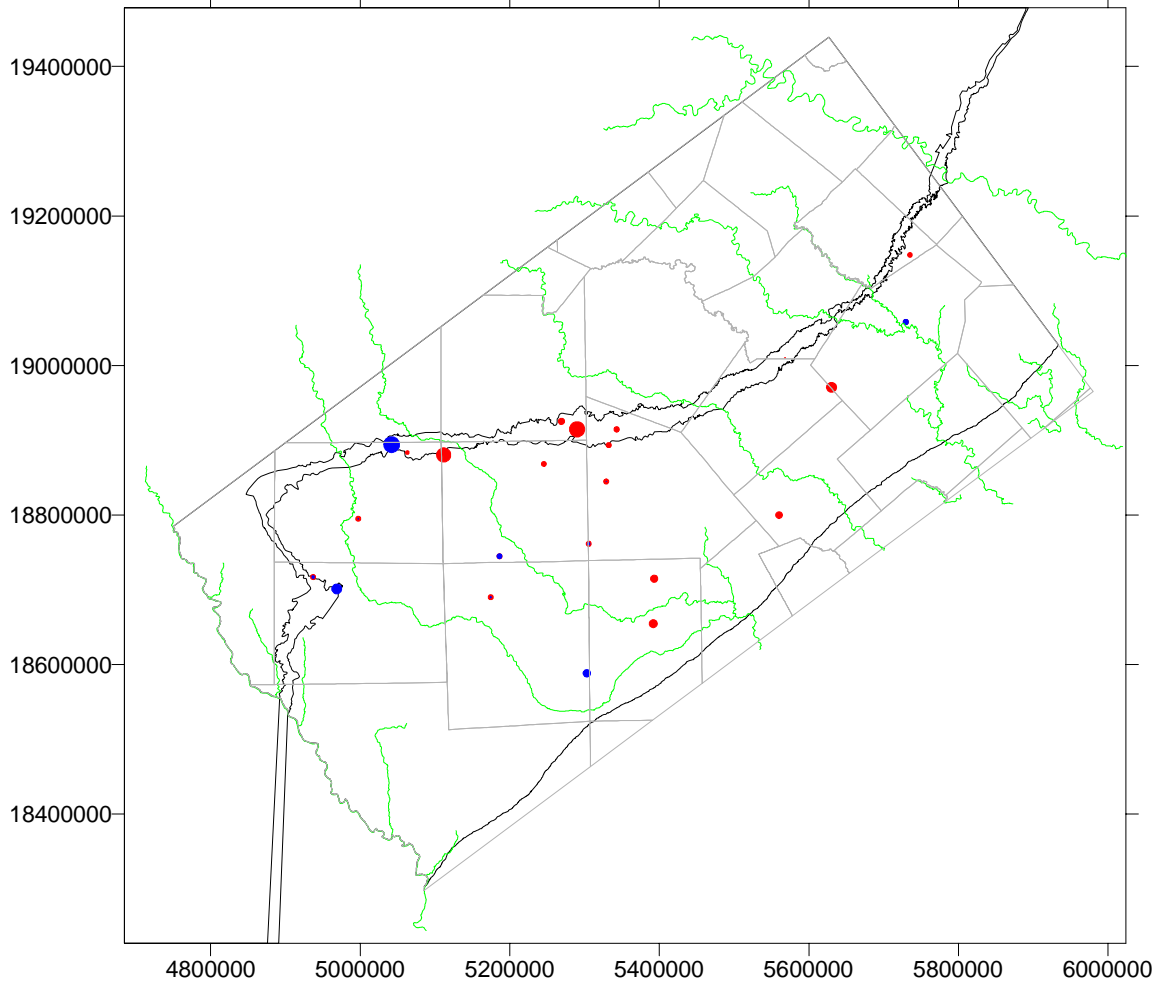
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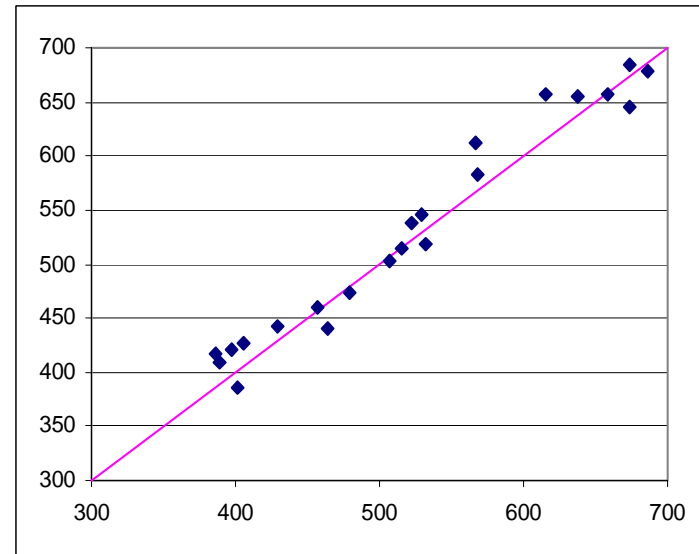
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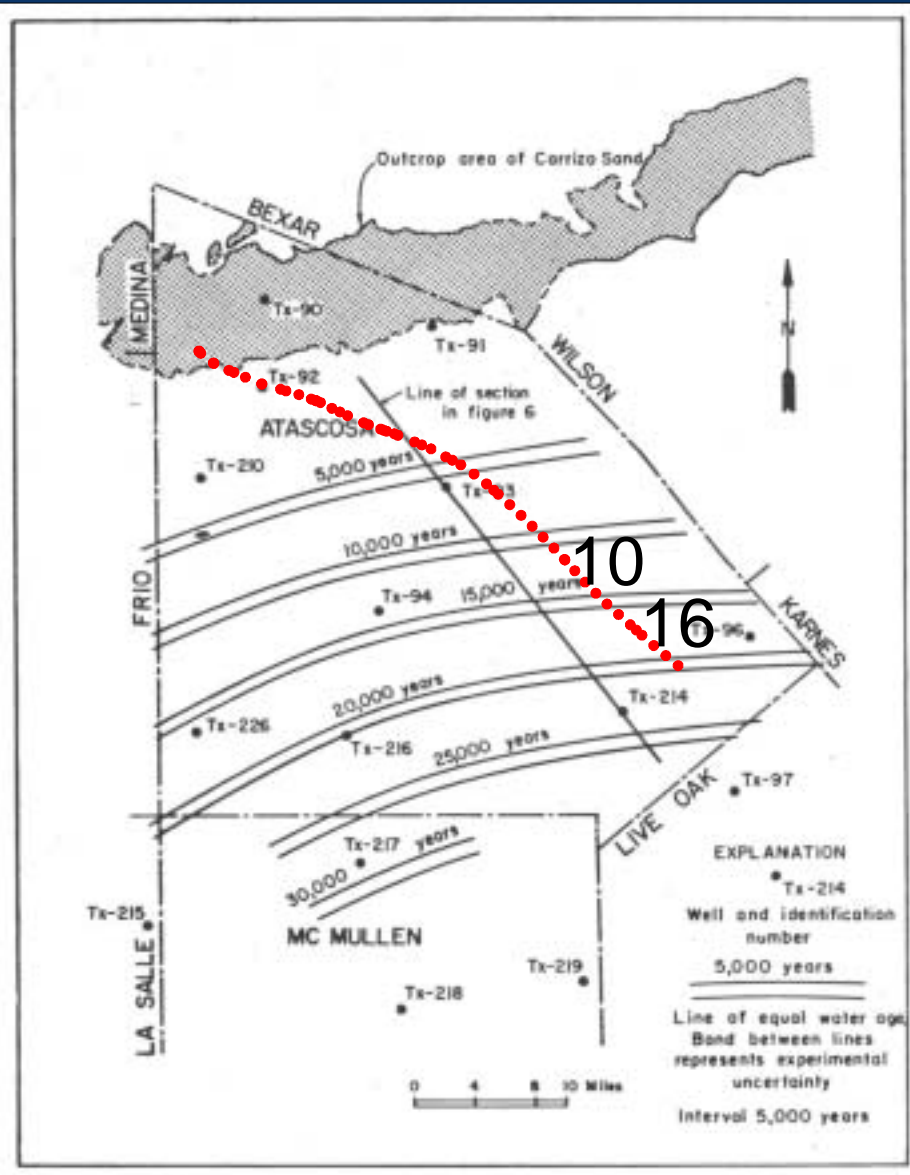
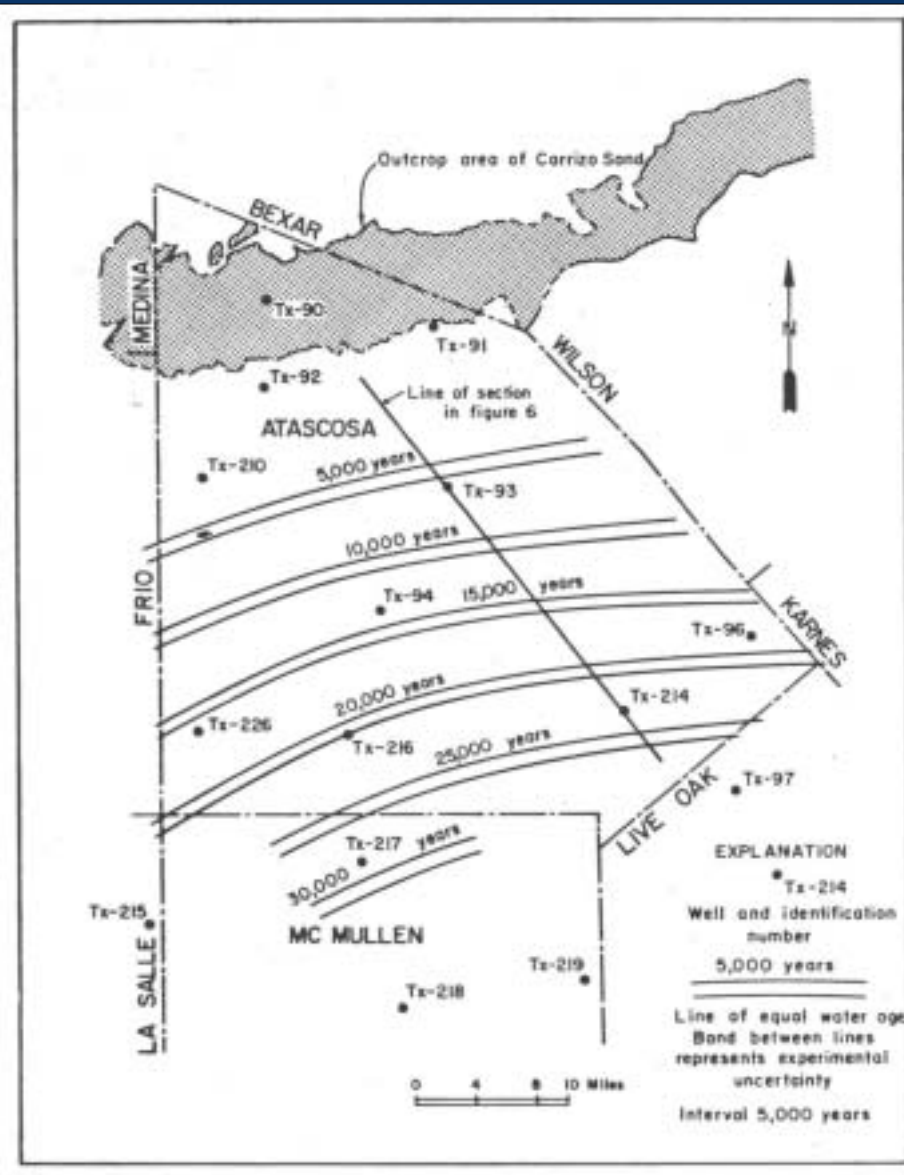
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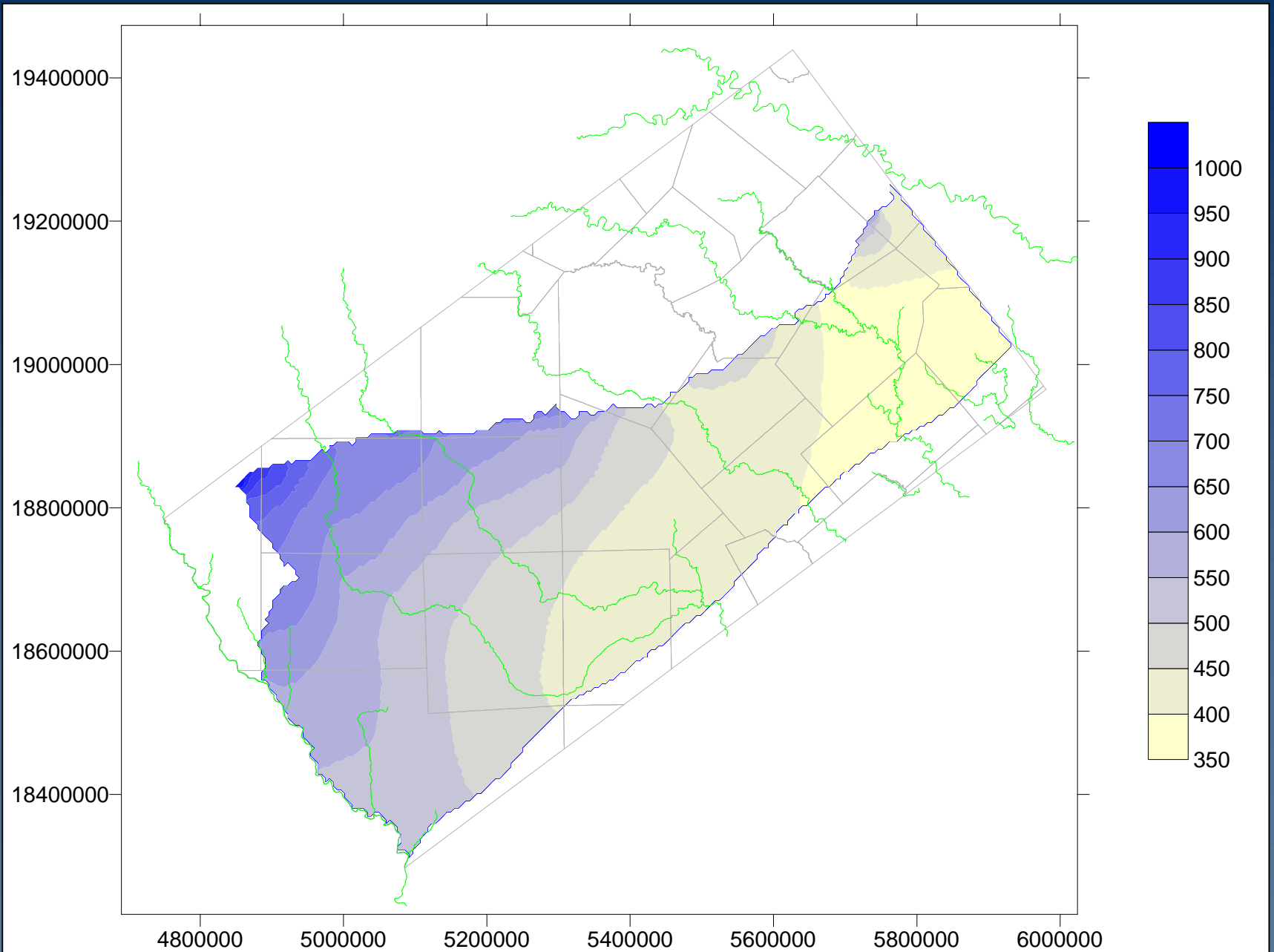
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Residual Stdev 21.77
Range in Head 353.40
Stdev/Range 0.062



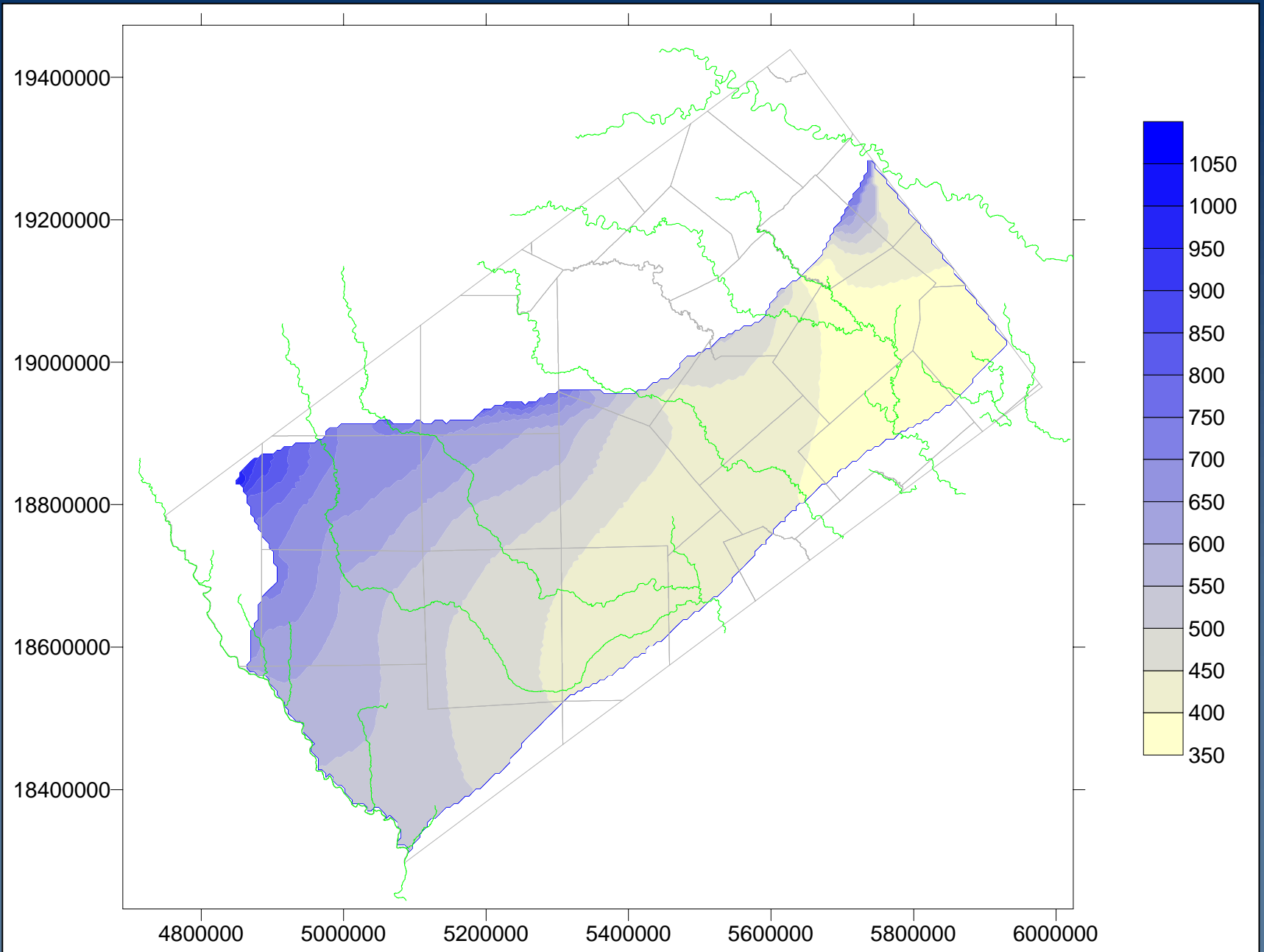
Carrizo Particle Travel Time



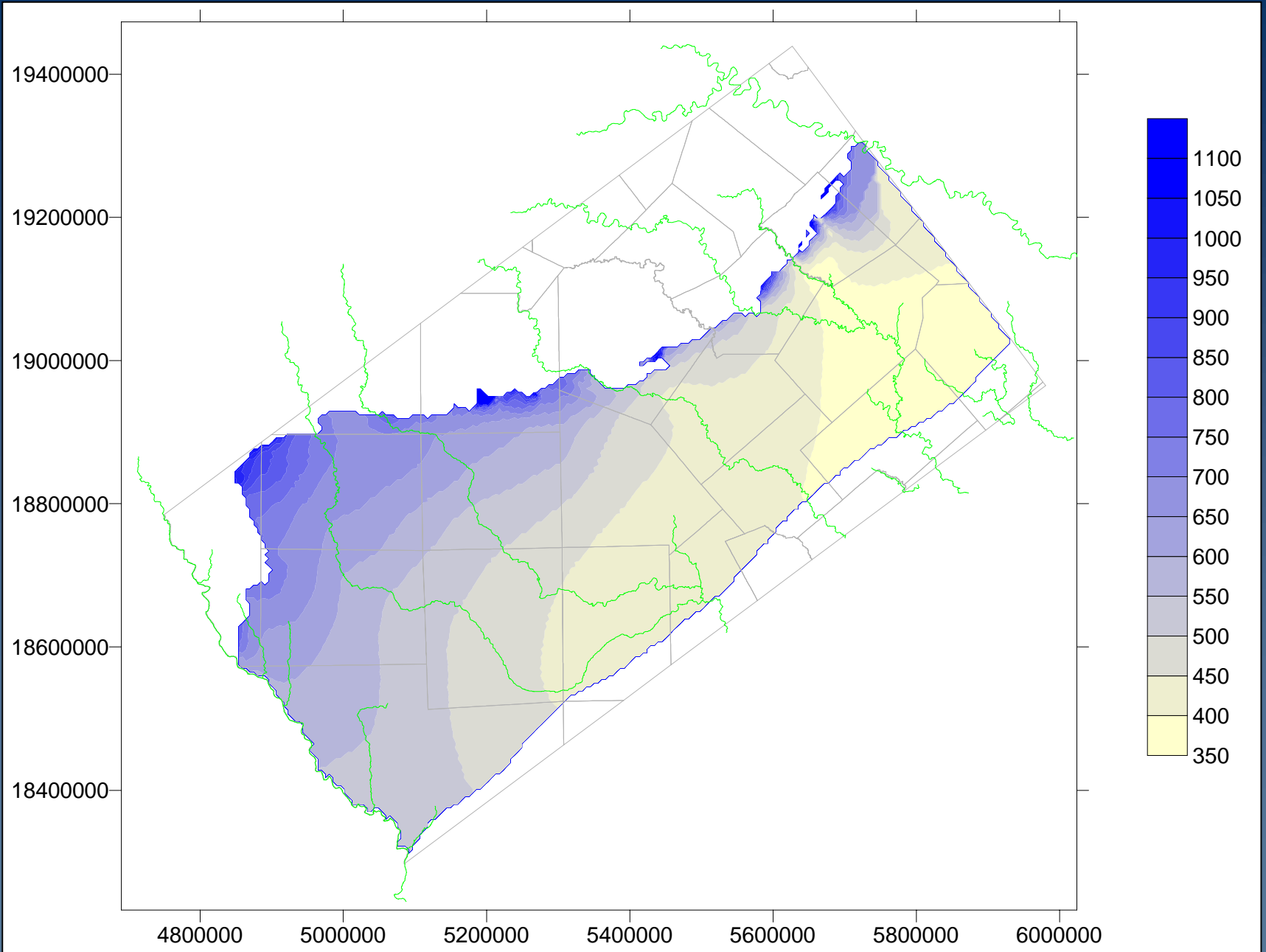
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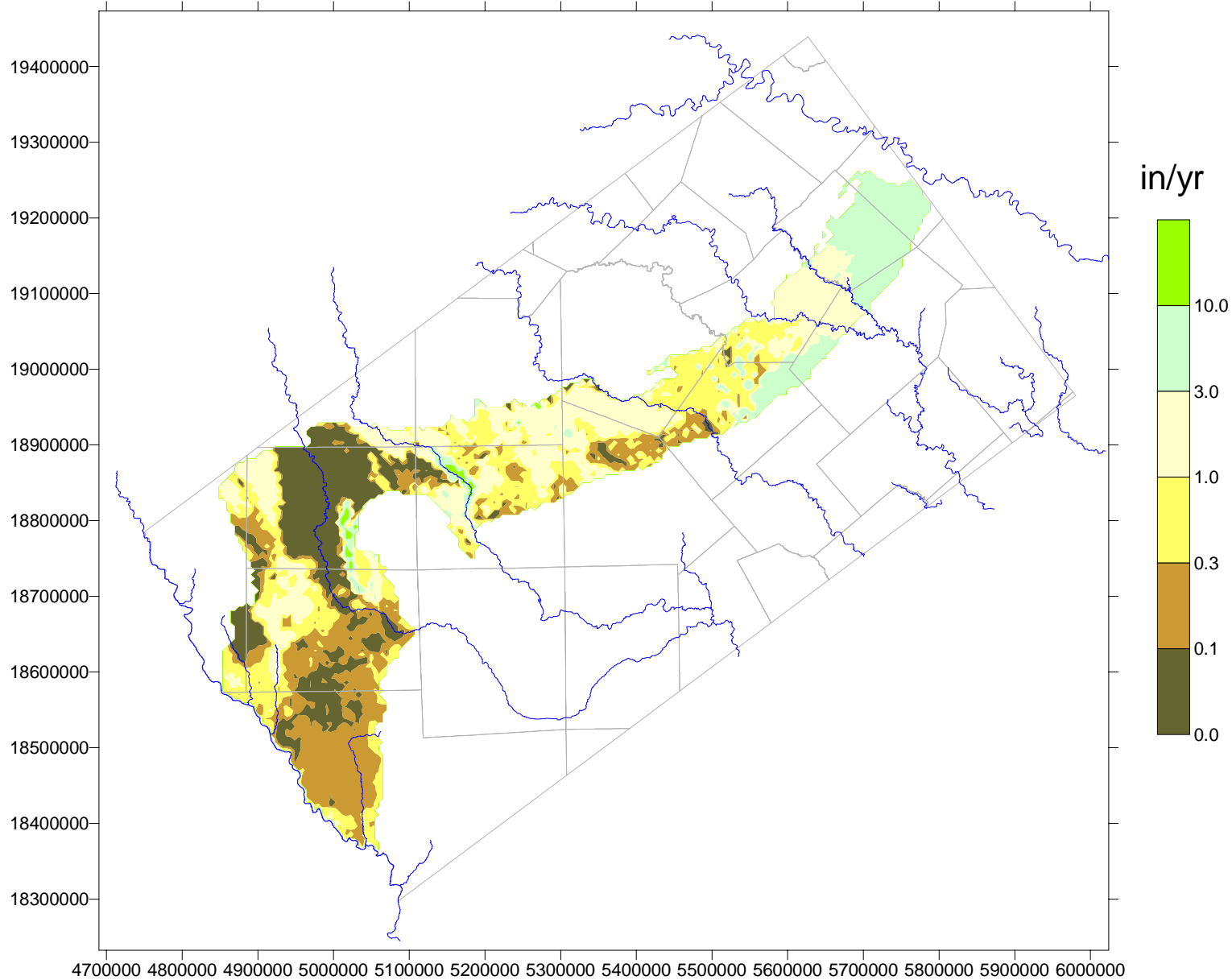
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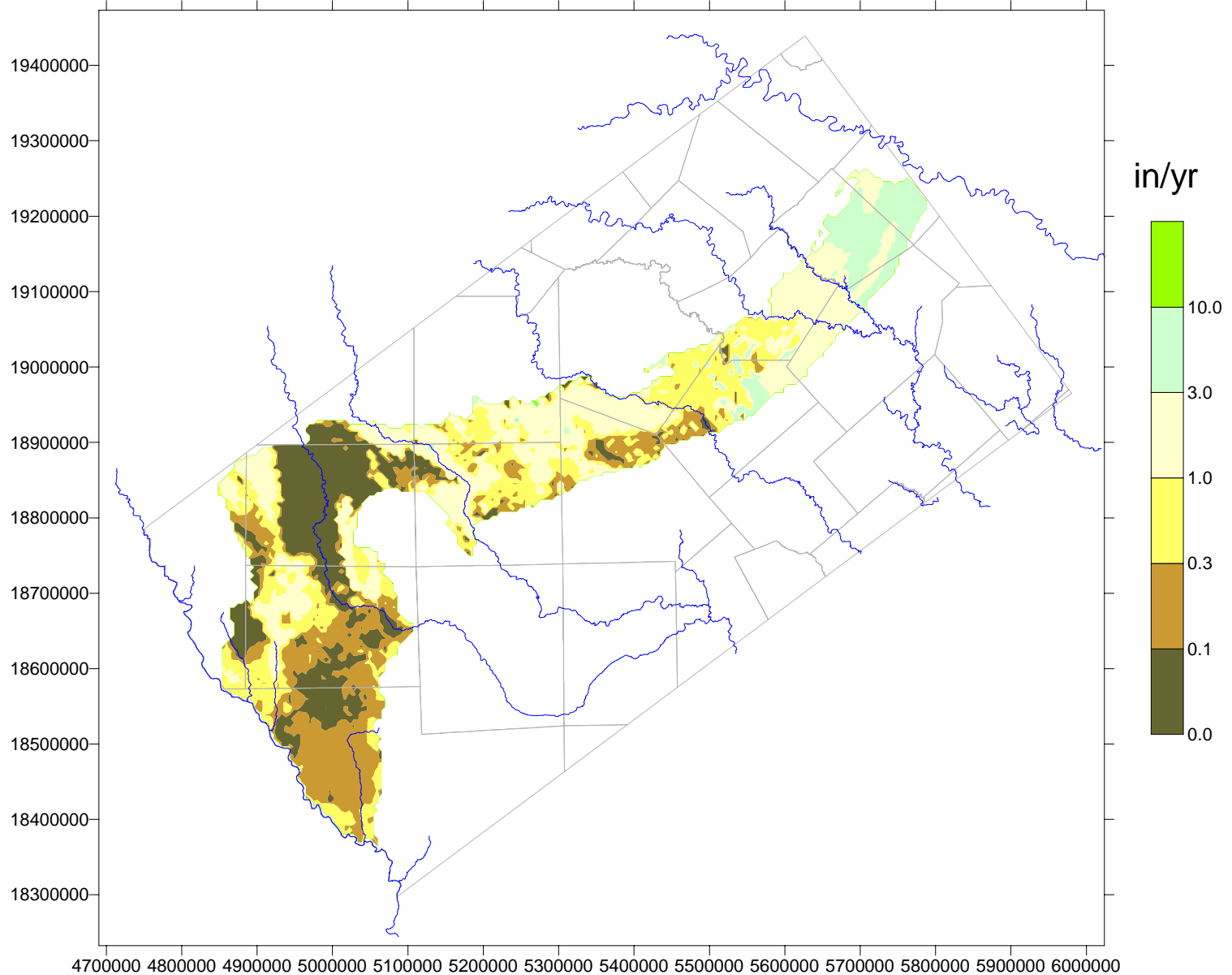
Lower Wilcox Head Results



Average Recharge 1975-1999

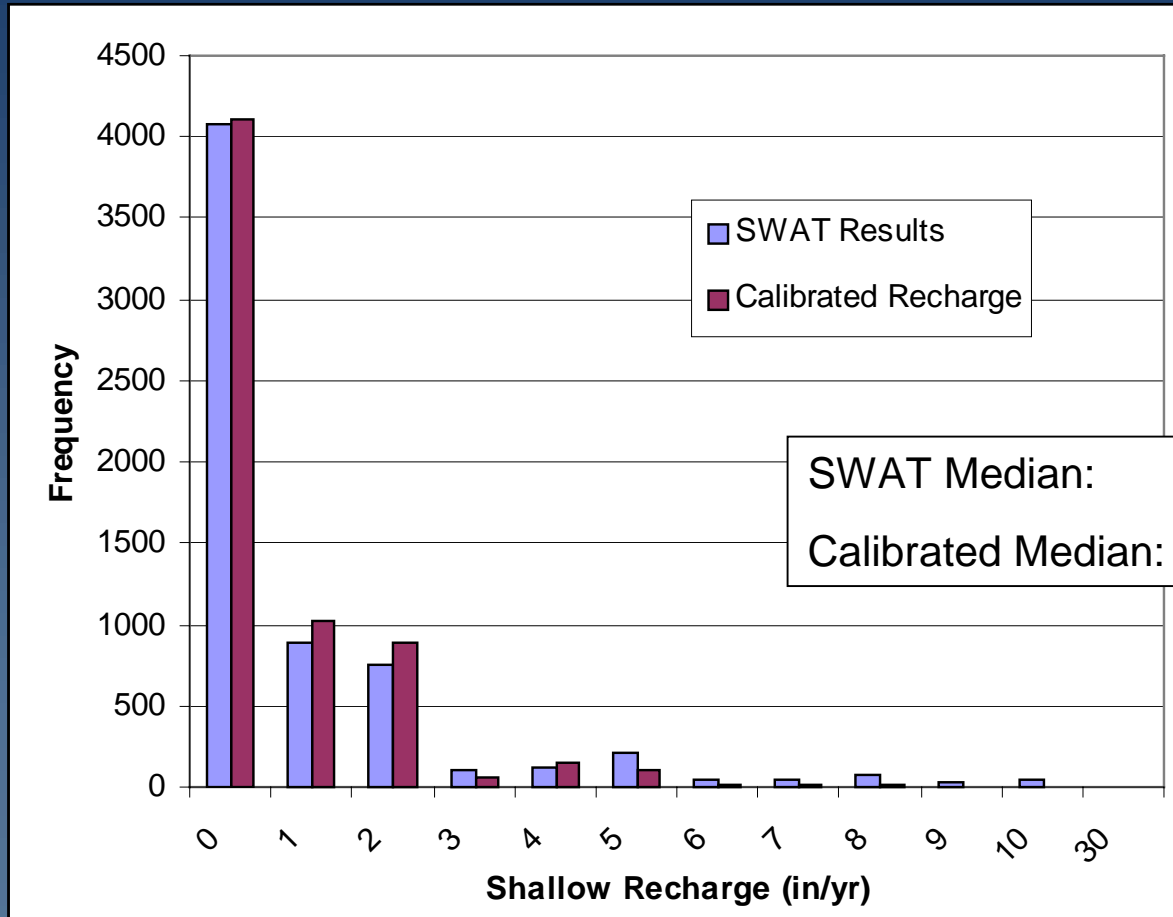


Calibrated Recharge SS Model

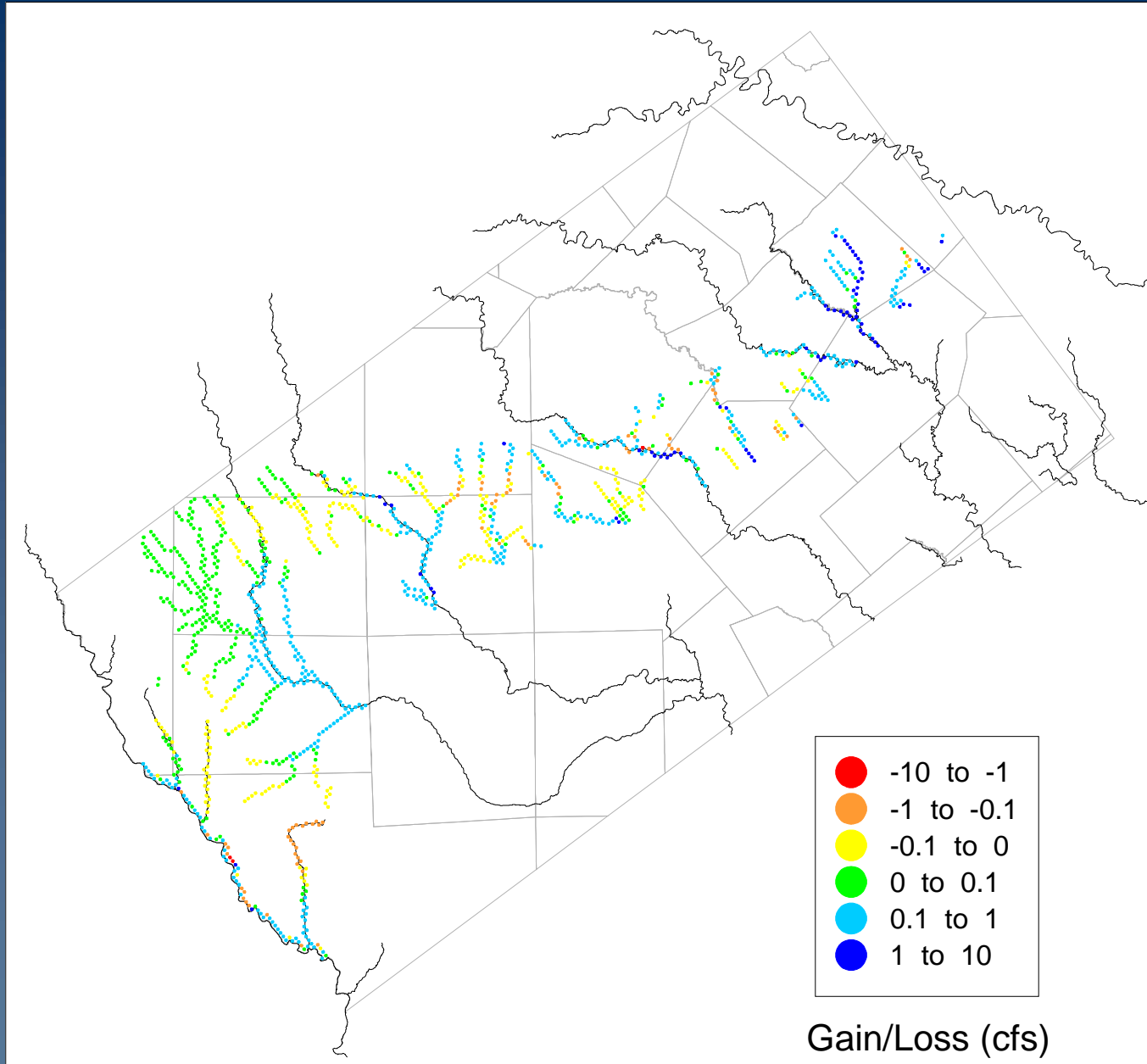


SWAT - Example Results

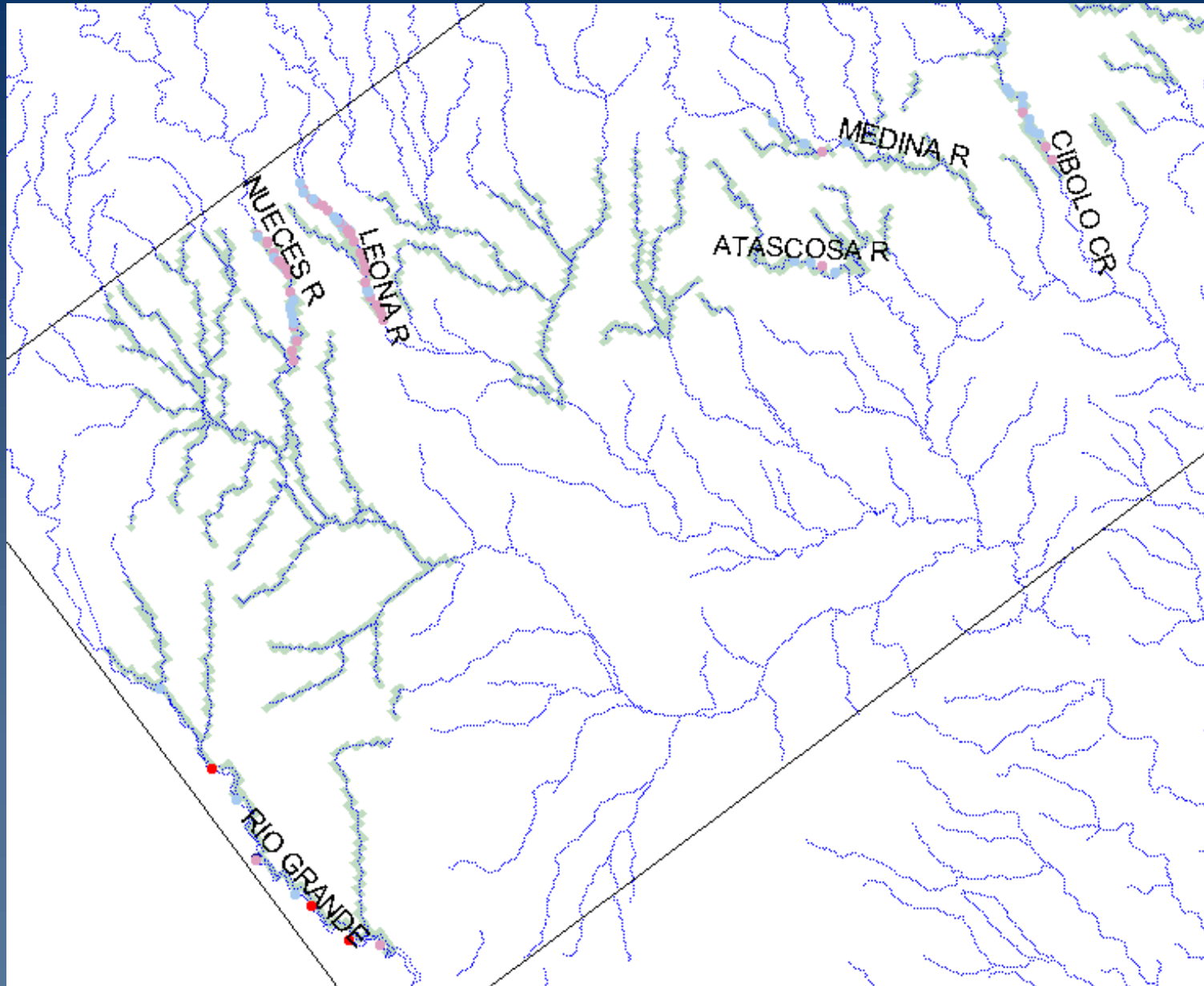
25-year average annual recharge Southern C-W



Gain/Loss Results



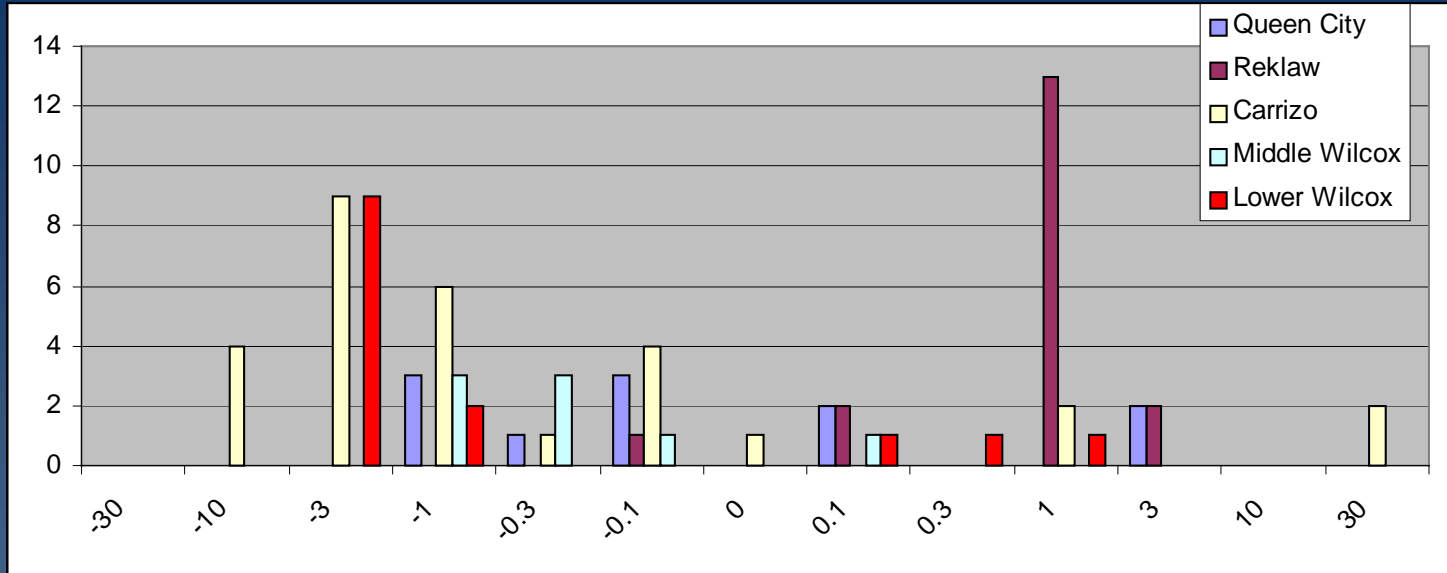
Relevant Gain/Loss Studies



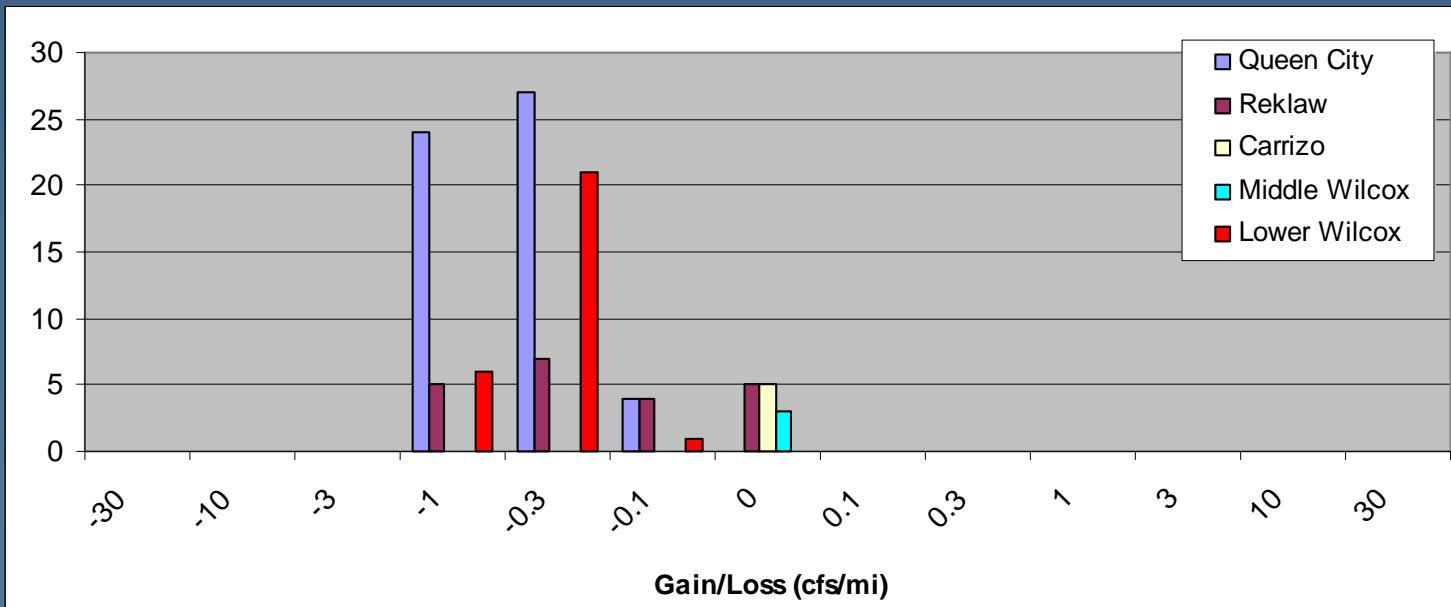
Stream Gain/Loss Results

Nueces River

Slade

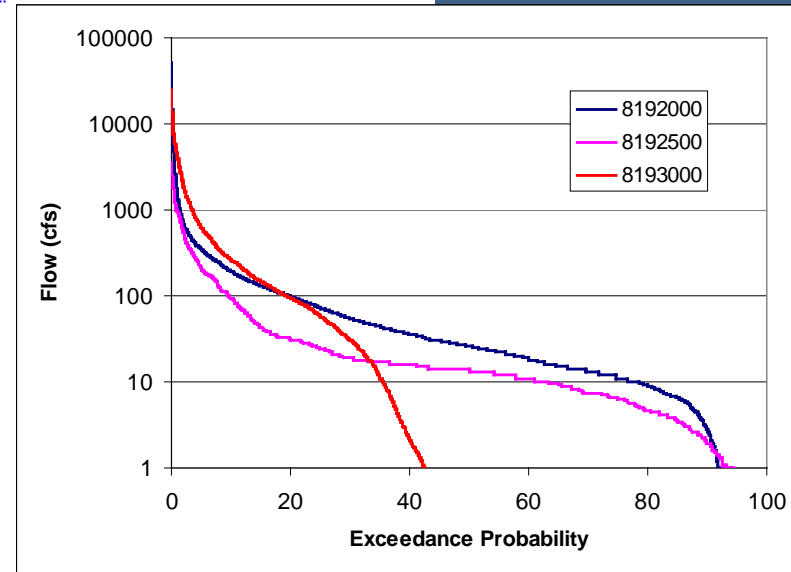
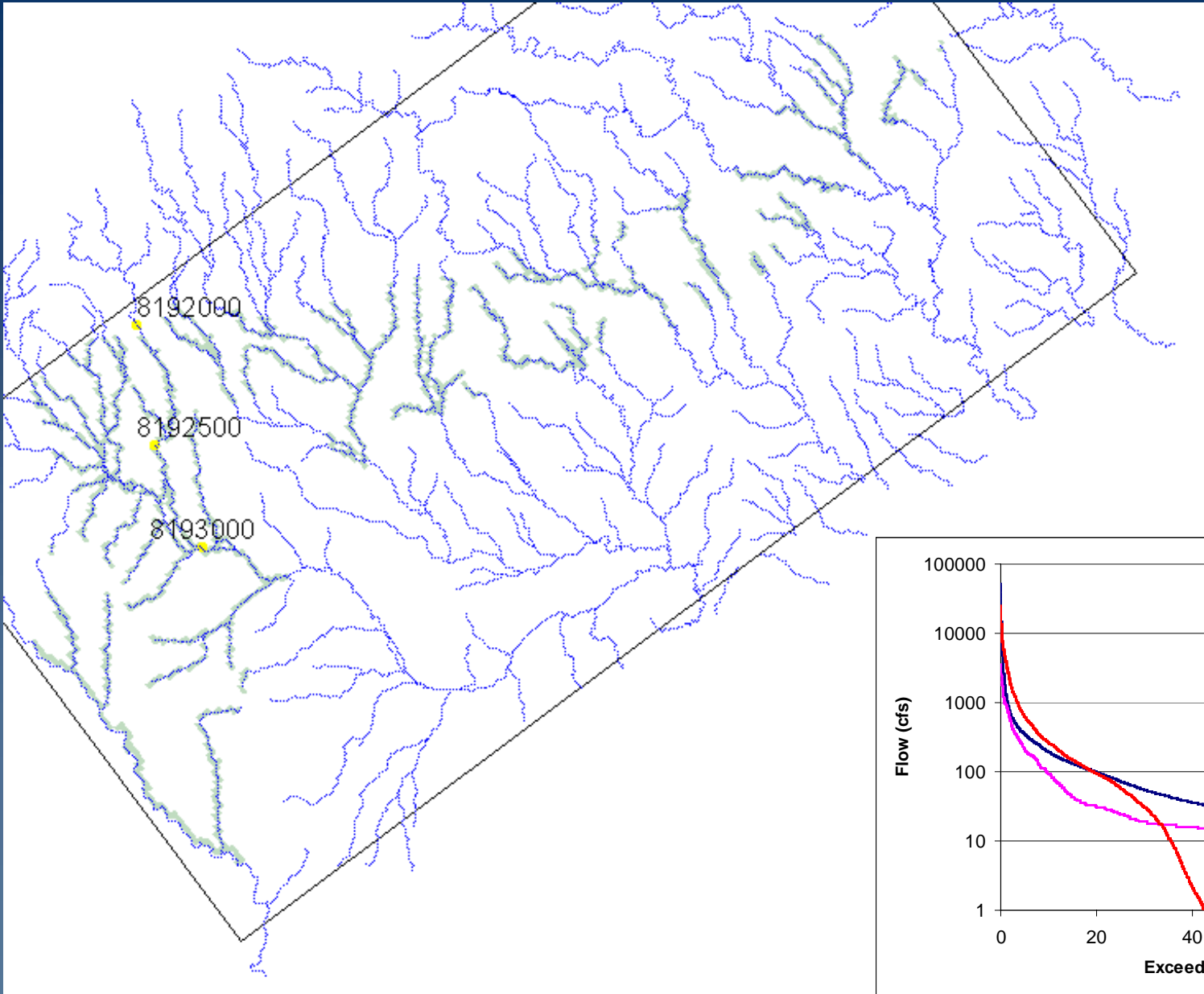


Model



Gain/Loss (cfs/mi)

Streamflow (Nueces)



Model Mass Balance (ft³/day)

Inflow						
	Recharge	Stream	GHBs	Top	Bottom	Total
Queen City	14,370,000	766,000	1,039,000	0	17,400,000	33,575,000
Reklaw	5,026,000	836,000	0	5,063,000	18,306,000	29,230,000
Carrizo	7,841,000	465,000	0	7,841,000	16,053,000	32,200,000
Upper Wilcox	536,000	5,000	0	10,839,000	9,978,000	21,358,000
Middle Wilcox	9,761,000	513,000	0	5,070,000	9,991,000	25,335,000
Lower Wilcox	7,257,000	105,000	0	6,386,000	0	13,748,000
Model	44,790,000	2,690,000	1,039,000			155,446,000
Outflow						
	Recharge	Stream	GHBs	Top	Bottom	Total
Queen City	0	12,698,000	15,904,000	0	5,063,000	33,665,000
Reklaw	0	4,001,000	0	17,400,000	7,841,000	29,242,000
Carrizo	0	3,097,000	0	18,306,000	10,839,000	32,241,000
Upper Wilcox	0	235,000	0	16,053,000	5,070,000	21,358,000
Middle Wilcox	0	8,980,000	0	9,978,000	6,386,000	25,344,000
Lower Wilcox	0	3,768,000	0	9,991,000	0	13,759,000
Model	0	32,778,000	15,904,000			155,609,000

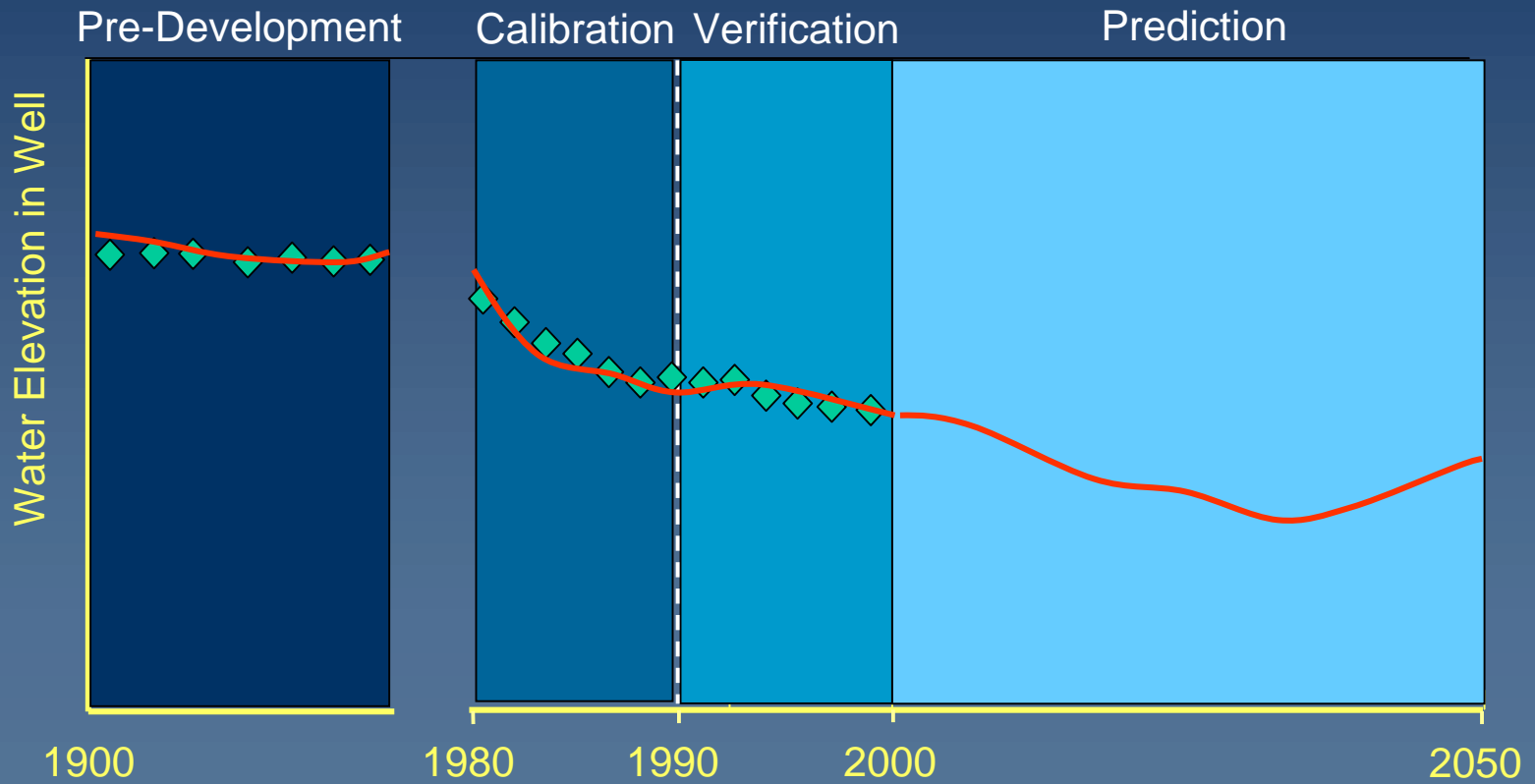
Model Mass Balance (%)

Inflow					
	Recharge	Stream	GHBs	Top	Bottom
Queen City	43	2	3	0	52
Reklaw	15	3	0	17	63
Carrizo	23	1	0	24	50
Upper Wilcox	2	0	0	51	47
Middle Wilcox	29	2	0	20	39
Lower Wilcox	22	1	0	46	0
Model	92	6	2		
Outflow					
	Recharge	Stream	GHBs	Top	Bottom
Queen City	0	38	47	0	15
Reklaw	0	14	0	60	27
Carrizo	0	10	0	57	34
Upper Wilcox	0	1	0	75	24
Middle Wilcox	0	35	0	39	25
Lower Wilcox	0	27	0	73	0
Model	0	67	33		

Expected SAF-6 Discussion

- Steady-state model sensitivity analysis
- Transient model parameterization
- Transient model calibration

Modeling Periods



Southern GAM Schedule

2001

SAF 1 — Apr 24 ■

SAF 2 — Aug 7 ■

SAF 3 — Nov 27 ■

● Mar 13 — Kickoff Meeting

● Aug 13 — Conceptual Model

● Dec. — Initial model design

2002

SAF 4 — Mar. 1 ■

SAF 5 — May 30 ■

SAF 6 — July 30 ■

SAF 7 — Oct 7 ■

Model Review
Oct 11 – Nov 8

● May 7 — Steady-state model review

● July 15 — Transient model review

● Aug 30 — Predictions review

● Oct 14 — Draft report review

● Dec — Present SAF Model Seminar

2003

SAF 8 — Jan ■



Deliver Final Product

**Meeting Minutes for the
Fifth Southern Carrizo-Wilcox Groundwater Availability Model (GAM)
Stakeholder Advisory Forum (SAF) Meeting**

May 30, 2002

Guaranty Bank Community Room

Gonzales, Texas

The fifth Stakeholder Advisory Forum (SAF) Meeting for the Southern Carrizo-Wilcox Groundwater Availability Model (GAM) was held on May 30th from 1:00 until 3:00 PM at the Guaranty Bank Community Room in Gonzales, Texas. Attachment A of these meeting minutes provides a list of all participants who signed up as attending the meeting.

The purpose of the fifth SAF meeting was to present a review of the model design and to present the steady-state (predevelopment) model calibration results. The presentation also reviewed the GAM objectives and expectations as is done in all SAF presentations. The presentation material is available at the TWDB GAM website (www.twdb.state.tx.us/gam).

Meeting Introduction: Ted Angle, TWDB, Barry Miller, Gonzales County UWCD

The meeting was initiated by Ted Angle of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Mr. Angle provided a brief overview of upcoming GAMs and a summary of progress on currently active GAMs. Barry Miller welcomed the meeting participants to Gonzales.

SAF Presentation: Van Kelley, INTERA

After the introduction by Mr. Angle, Van Kelley, Project Manager for the INTERA Southern Carrizo-Wilcox Team presented a prepared presentation. The presentation was structured according to the following outline:

1. Review of the GAM Project, Objectives, and Expectations
2. Model Design: Conceptual Model Review
3. Model Design: Model Structure/Layers
4. Model Design: Hydraulic Head Review
5. Model Design: Model Boundaries
6. Model Design: Recharge
7. Model Design: Hydraulic Properties
8. Model Calibration: Steady-State Model Results
9. GAM Schedule: SAF Meetings and Project Milestones

The presentation is available on the GAM website (www.twdb.state.tx.us/gam).

Questions and Answers: Open Forum:

- Q. Is the recharge shown for the Carrizo-Wilcox aquifer or for the Carrizo only?
- A. Recharge was calculated for all outcrop areas, including the Wilcox, Carrizo, Reklaw, Bigford, Queen City, and El Pico formations.
- Q. What is the recharge in the vicinity of Gonzales?
- A. Recharge calculated near Gonzales ranges from about one to three inches. Barry Miller noted that this range agrees with recharge estimates used by GCUWCD (10% of precipitation).
- Q. Is the SAF presentation available on the internet?
- A. The SAF 5 presentation is posted at the GAM website (www.twdb.state.tx.us/gam).
- Q. Are there hydrographs available for other counties than those shown in the presentation?
- A. Hydrographs have been plotted for most of the counties in the model area for use in the transient calibration.
- Q. What does the steady-state model indicate about cross-formational flow in the vicinity of the Guadalupe River?
- A. Generally, flow under pre-development conditions is upward near the Guadalupe River.
- Q. Is leakage along the annulus of wells causing calibration problems?
- A. This is not a problem for the pre-development steady-state model, but may be an issue during transient calibration.
- Q. Is the scheduled January 2003 completion date “set in stone?”
- A. The date for final GAM reports is a hard deadline.

- Q. What will be the source of pumping volumes for the predictive simulations?
- A. Pumping estimates from the current regional water plans will be used for the predictive simulations for inclusion in the final GAM report. Once the model is finished and made available to stakeholders, new pumping estimates can be incorporated.
- Q. Can the model be used for evaluating ASR?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Can the model be used to determine sustainable pumping?
- A. Yes.
- Q. Region L adopted sustainability as a goal. Can the model be used to determine sustainable pumping levels?
- A. Yes.
- Q. What is the source of the recharge values? The water plan for Wilson County shows about twice as much recharge as pumpage, but water levels are still declining.
- A. Recharge estimates for the model were developed using the Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT), a physically based watershed scale model.

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