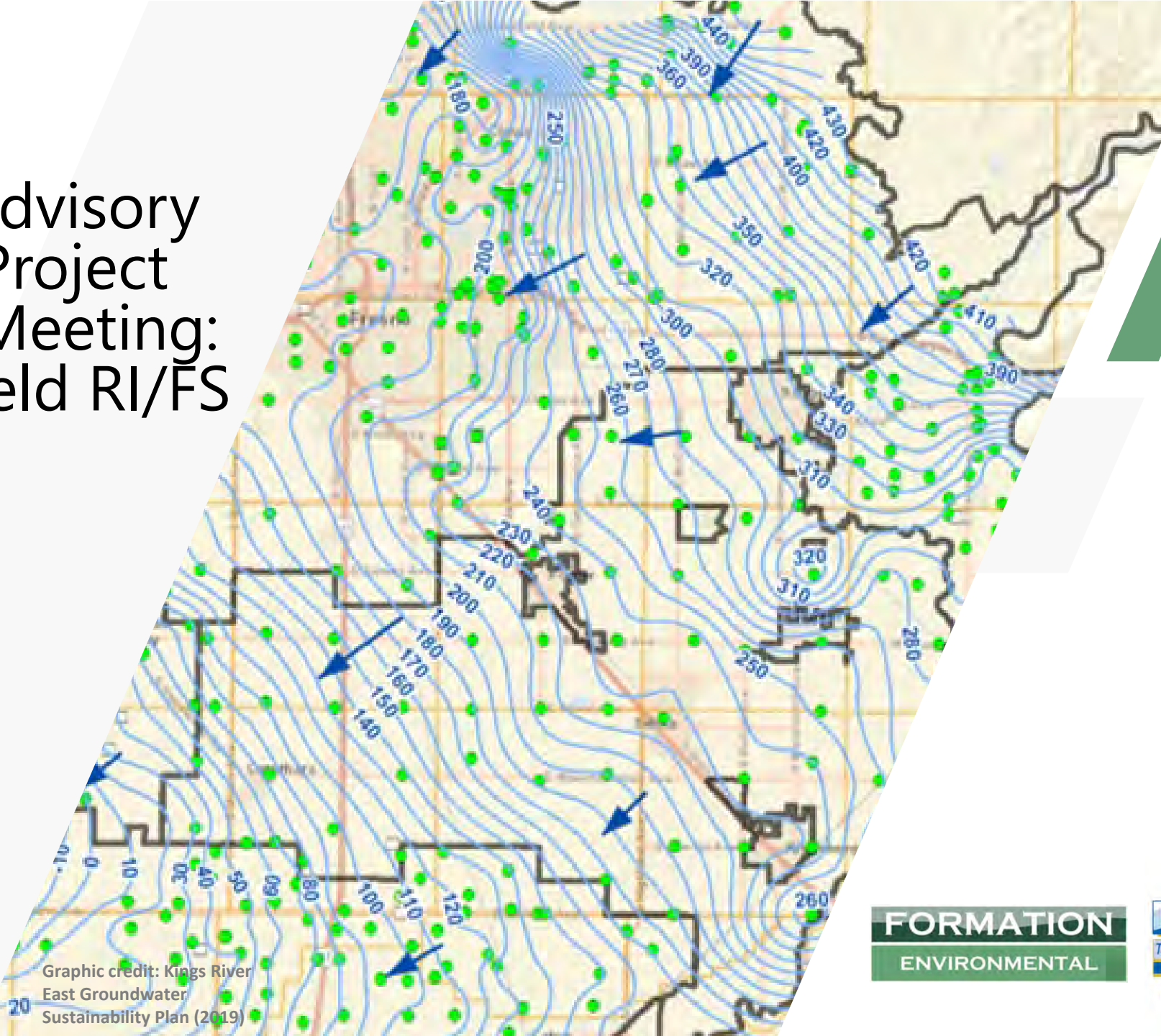


# Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) Project Introduction Meeting: Dinuba Wellfield RI/FS Study Project

November 18, 2020



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# Agenda

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Project Introductions & Roles

Project Objectives, Goals & Benefits

SAG Meeting Schedule

Project Deliverables

Next Steps, Questions & General  
Commentary

# Meeting Objectives

- ✓ Develop shared understanding of the grant project scope and goals.
- ✓ Review timetables and project schedule.
- ✓ Establish communication channels and introduce opportunities to collaborate and provide feedback.
- ✓ Introduce the RIFS Workplan.
- ✓ Coordinate future quarterly meeting schedule.





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## Project Introductions & Team Roles



Grant Program Management  
Robin Guillot, Grant Manager

# Project Team



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Grant Management  
Municipal Engineering Support

Technical Project Management  
Hydrogeology  
Water Quality

Project Engineering  
Water Treatment  
Field Work

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**Rich Fink, PG, Project Manager  
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# Technical Advisory Committee and Stakeholder Advisory Group

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## Technical Advisory Committee

- Technical representatives from key regulatory agencies
- Review and advise project progress and direction
- Meet quarterly, review key documents

## Stakeholder Advisory Group

- Community members, agency representatives, NGOs
- Informed of progress, review key documents
- Provide input and comment if desired
- Meet quarterly, review documents posted on website

# Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

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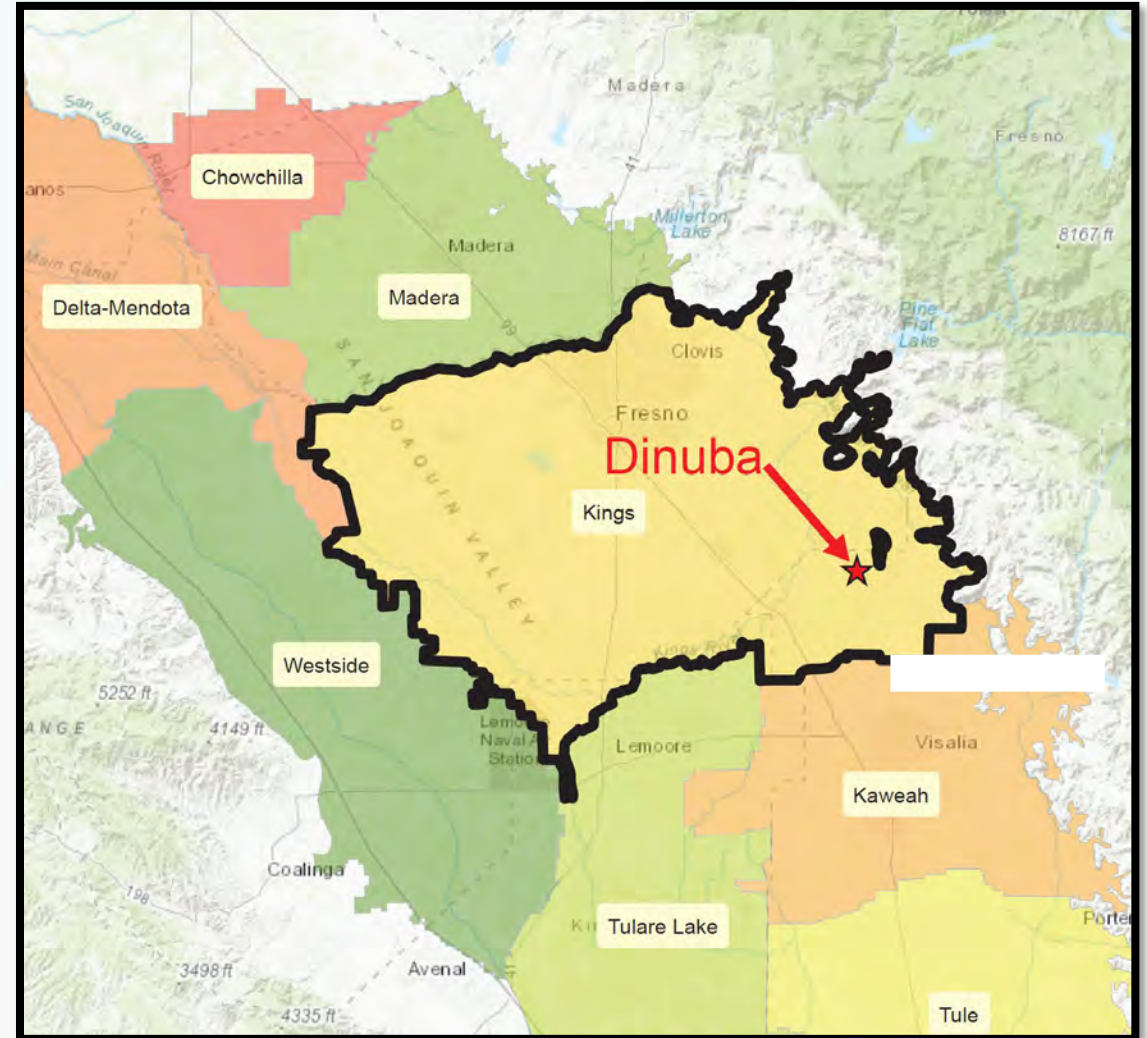


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## Project Overview, Goals & Benefits

# Setting

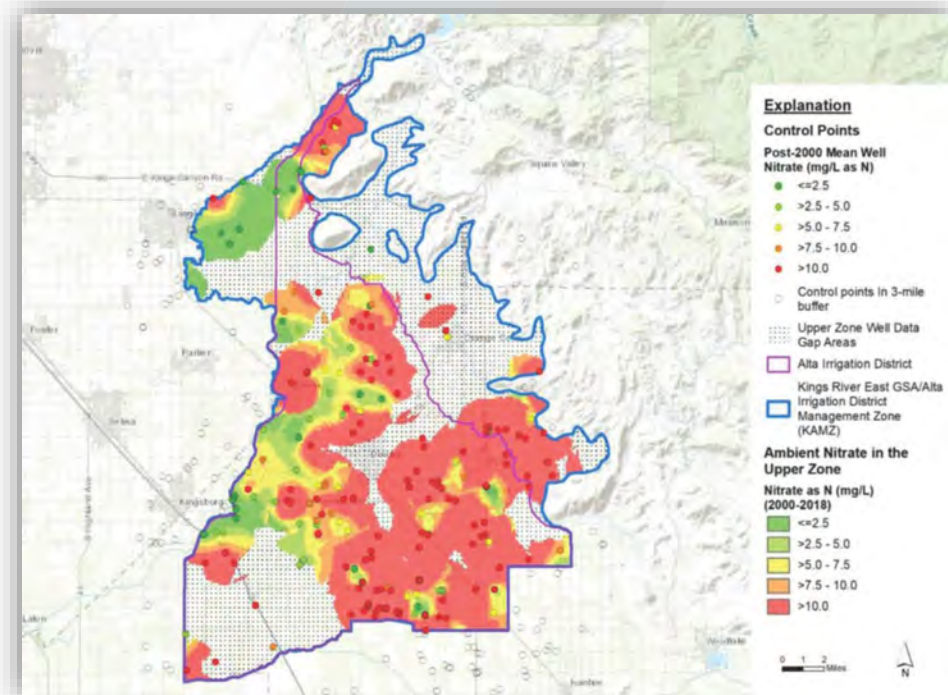
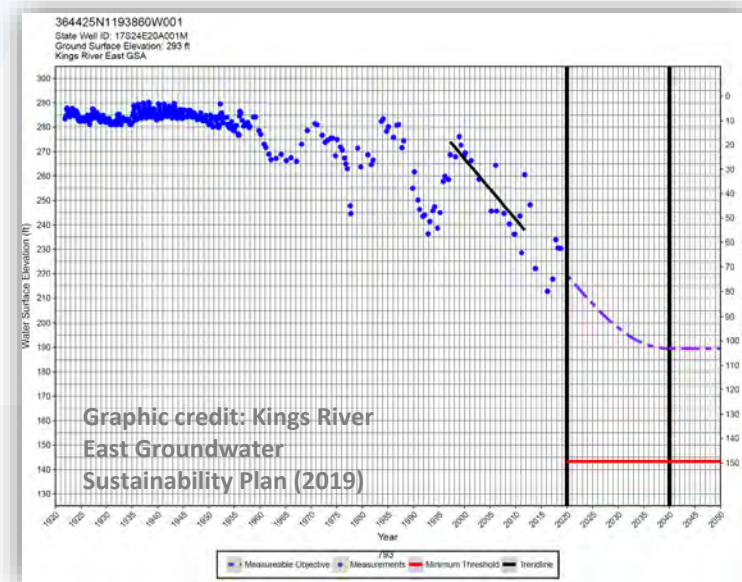
- ✓ Disadvantaged community in agricultural area
- ✓ Groundwater is sole municipal water supply
- ✓ Kings Groundwater Subbasin considered critically overdrafted
- ✓ Priority basin for establishment of Nitrate Management Zones
- ✓ Located in Kings River East GSA

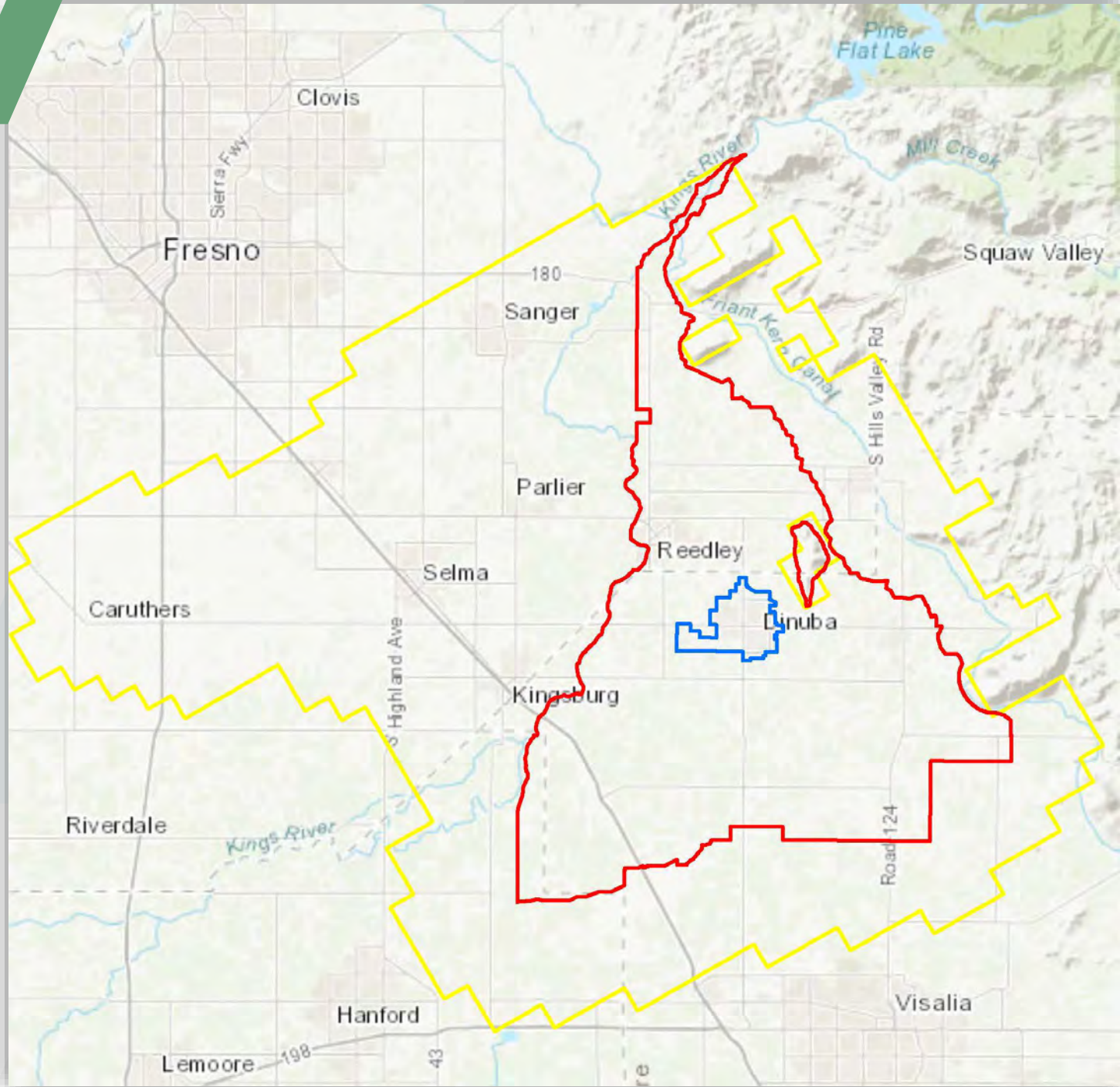




# Regional Groundwater Issues

- ✓ Long-term groundwater level decline
- ✓ Widespread shallow groundwater impacts:
  - Nitrates from agricultural activities, municipal wastewater and septic systems
  - Dibromochloropropane (DBCP) soil fumigant
  - 1,2,3-trichloropropane (TCP), component of soil fumigants

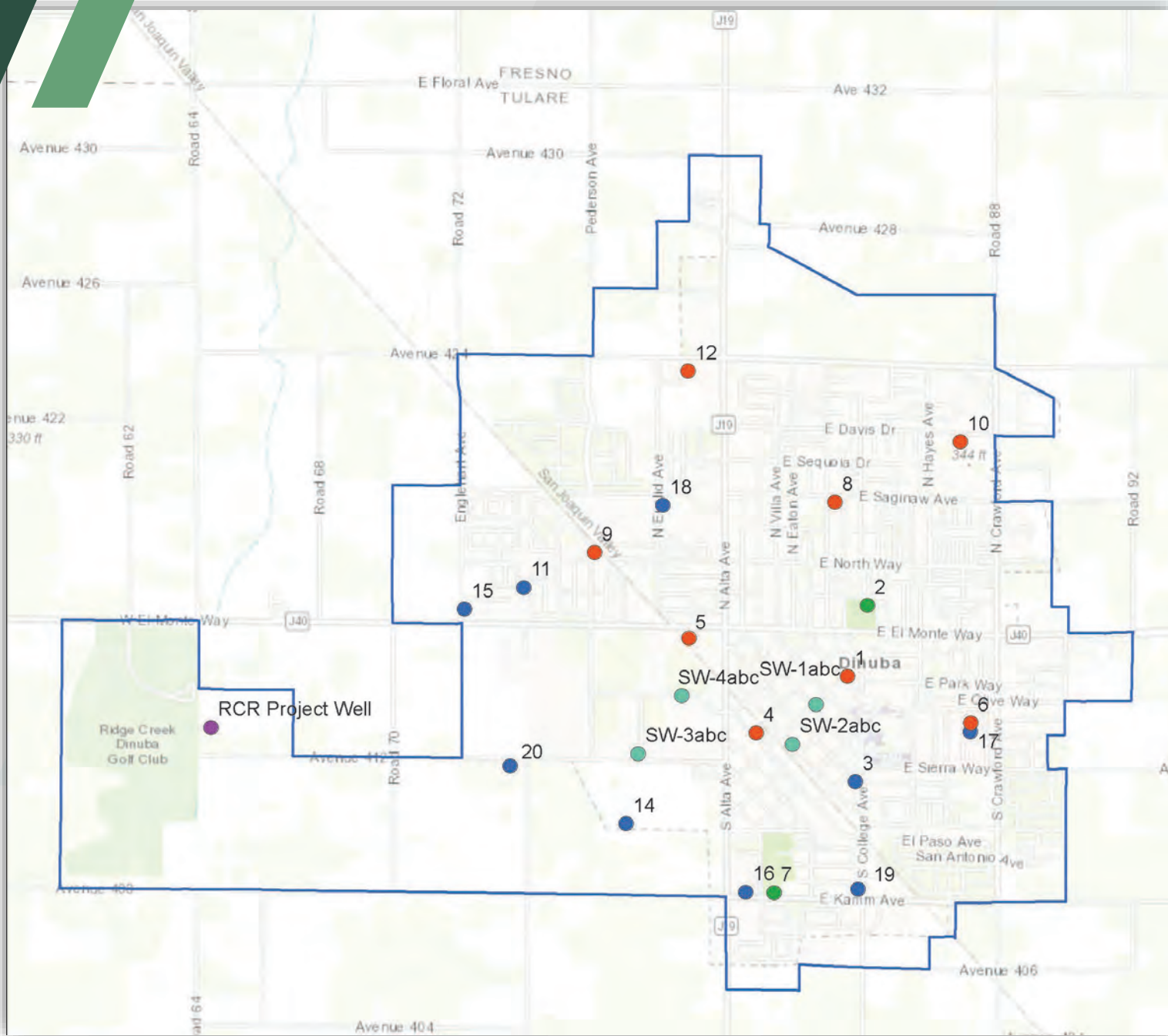




## Legend

-  Alta Irrigation District
-  AID Model Boundary
-  City of Dinuba Water Service Area





## Legend

 City of Dinuba Water Service Area

## Well Type

-  Active Well
-  Destroyed Well
-  Irrigation Well
-  Monitoring Well
-  RCR Project Well
-  Standby Well



# The Challenge

Dinuba has removed a number of wells from service due to Nitrate, DBCP or 1,2,3-TCP

Water from some wells must be treated to achieve drinking water requirements

Groundwater is increasingly important for reliable municipal water supply

Drilling deeper or providing wellhead treatment alone do not solve issues within the shallow aquifer

# The Opportunity

Dinuba is an ideal location to evaluate groundwater cleanup and supply management strategies

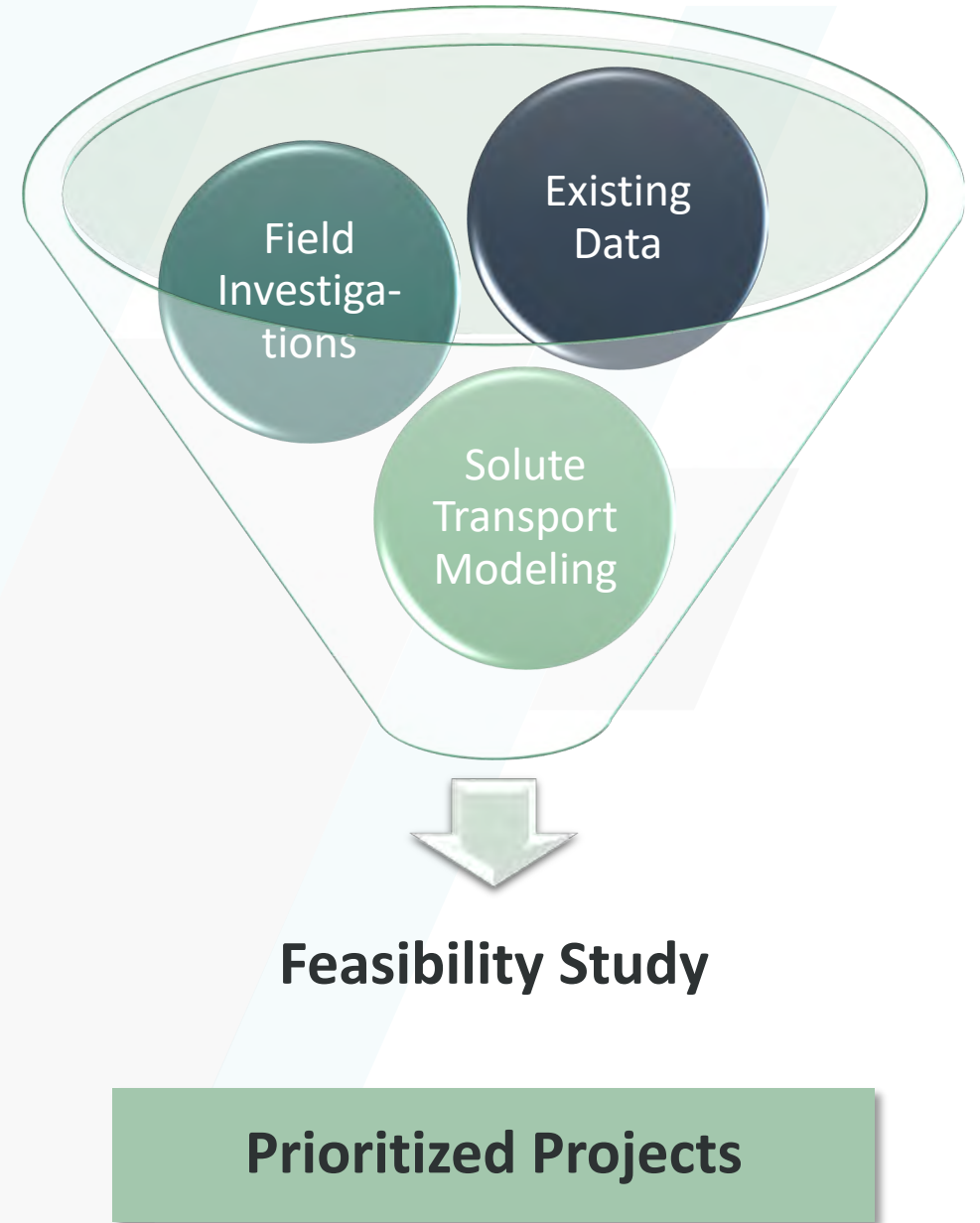
Build on USGS groundwater model and studies of nitrate conducted in the Dinuba area as part of CV-Salts program

Compile data from City of Dinuba, State databases and regional studies for CV-SALTS

Incorporate cutting edge technologies for well flow and contaminant profiling

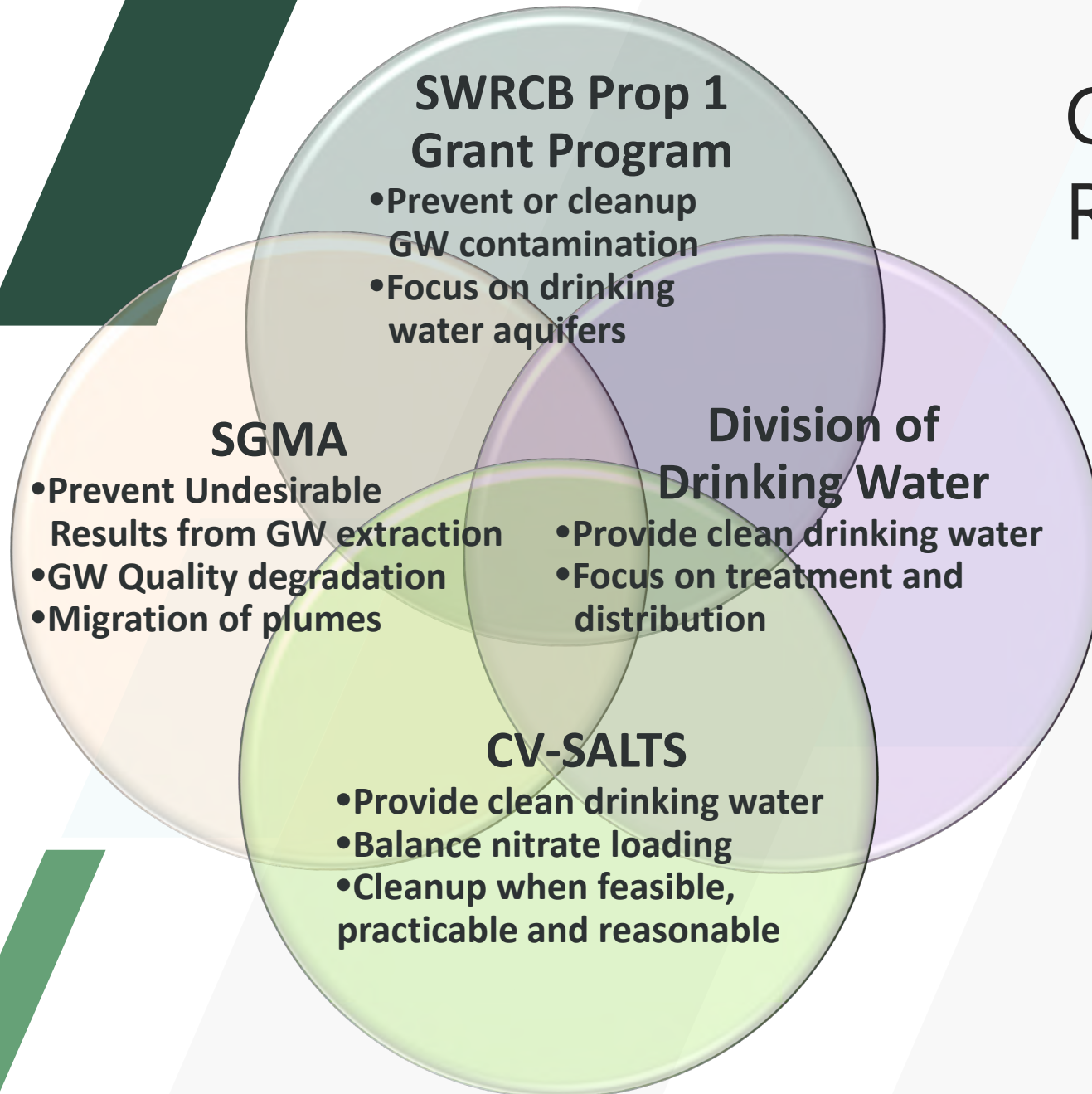
## Approach

- ✓ Identify, evaluate and rank project alternatives that slow or prevent contamination spread; help clean up aquifers over time
- ✓ Identify a preferred project for implementation under future grant funding
- ✓ Potential projects include:
  - Wellfield modifications
  - Wellfield operation strategies
  - Recharge projects
  - Source reduction



# Overlapping Regulatory Programs

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The proposed RI/FS will study potential implementation projects that fall within the Prop 1 program, explore alternatives to and coordinate with treatment engineering approaches, explore practical aquifer cleanup solutions under CV-SALTS and the Water Code, and support sustainable groundwater management under SGMA.

# Benefits

## Prioritized Projects

Improved groundwater quality and supply resilience

Decreased treatment costs

Recharge to increase groundwater storage

Demonstrate regional management strategies











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## Project Schedule

# General Execution Timeline

	 Data Sourcing & Analytics	 2D/3D Data Visualization & Exploratory Data Analysis	 Conceptual Site Model	 Remedial Investigation	 Groundwater Transport Model	 Feasibility Study
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2020	In Progress	In Progress	In Progress	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020	In Progress	In Progress	In Progress	In Progress	In Progress	Not applicable
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2021	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress	In Progress	In Progress
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2021	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress	In Progress

Not applicable
  In Progress
  Complete

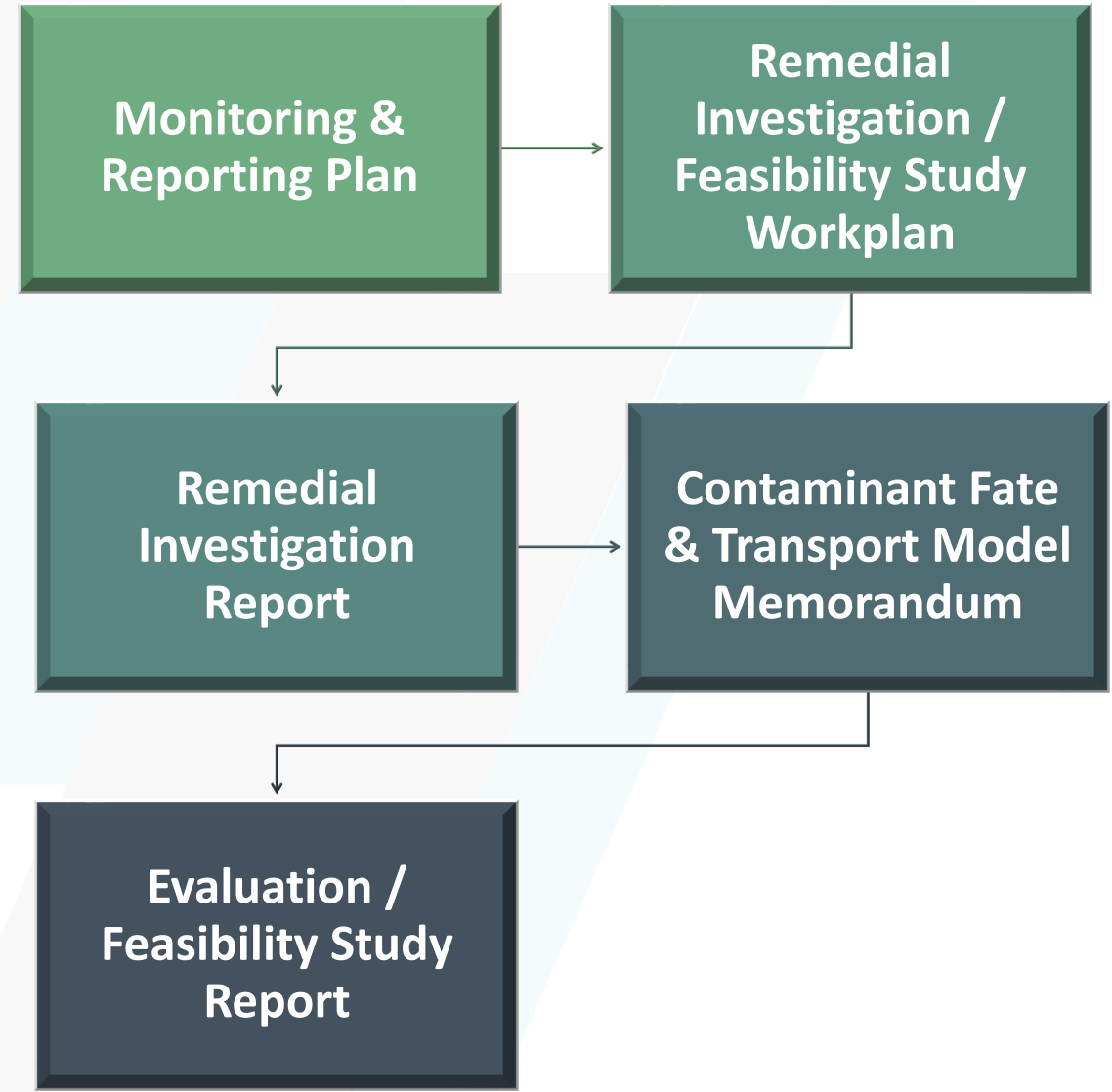


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## Project Deliverables

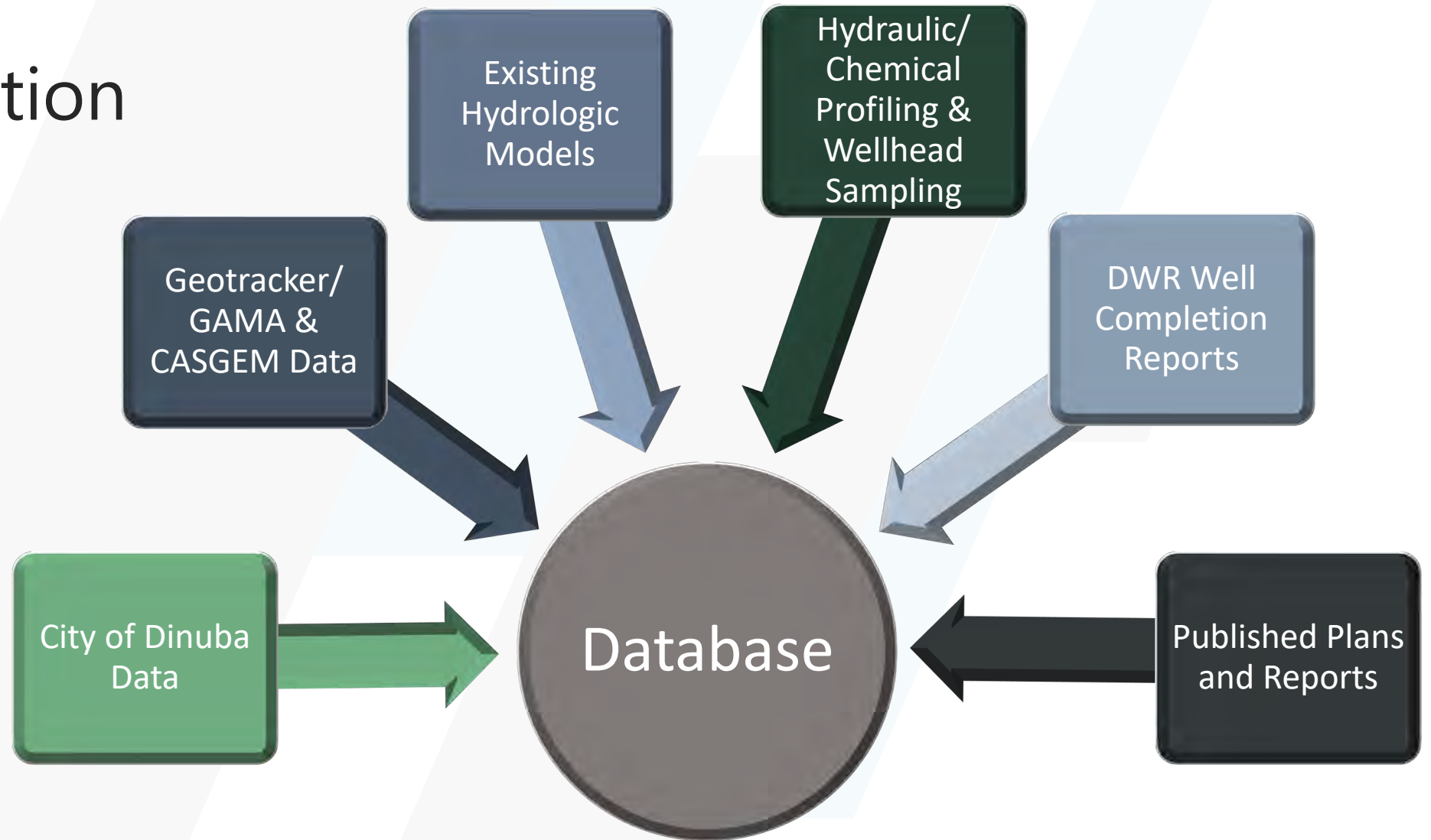
# Major Project Deliverables

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# Data Compilation

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# Remedial Investigation Fieldwork

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## Well Monitoring & Sampling

- Water levels
- Sampling and analysis

## Supply Well Profiling

- Ambient and pumping flow profiling
- Chemical flow profiling
- Well interference

## Opportunistic Sampling

- Sampling during ongoing monitoring programs
- Test well data
- Drawdown interference

# Feasibility Study

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Identify and Screen Potential Approaches



Define, Evaluate and Compare Potential Implementation Project



Rank Potential Projects



Preliminary Design of Preferred Project Alternative



Future Implementation Grant Application



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## **Next Steps, Opportunities for Involvement, Questions & Comments**

# Next Steps

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- ✓ Questions?
- ✓ Next meeting date in February 2021
- ✓ Project Website:  
<http://www.dinuba.org/departments/122-public-works/598-dinuba-rifs>
- ✓ Thank you for participating

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