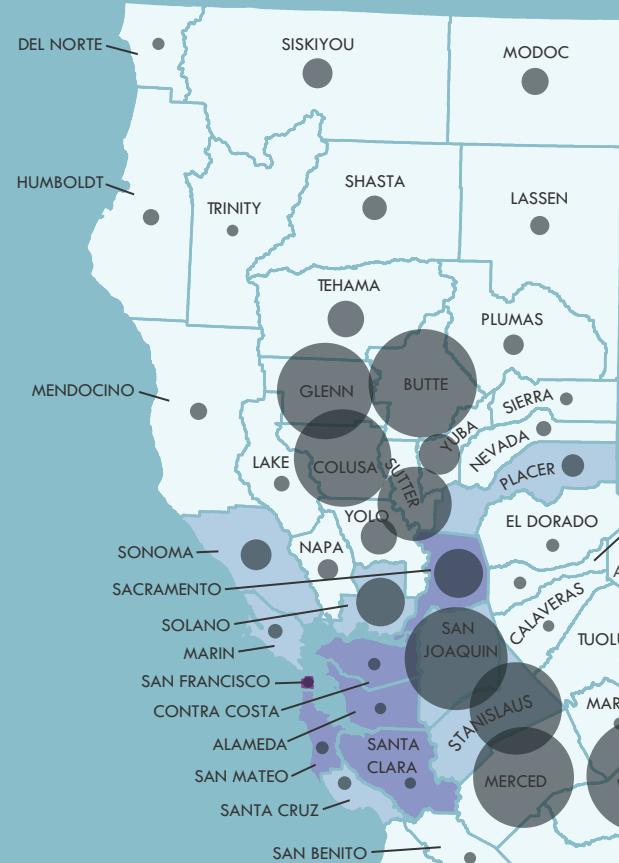


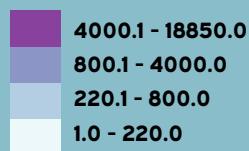
CALIFORNIA GROUNDWATER



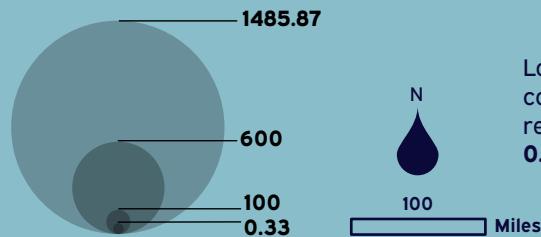
California is occupied by almost 25% desert, yet it has emerged as the most populous and most agriculturally productive state in the country. **Groundwater** is the water found underground in the cracks and spaces in soil, sand and rock. It is stored in and moves slowly through geologic formations of soil, sand and rocks called aquifers. **Groundwater aquifers provide 40% of California's water supply** and approximately 85% of Californians rely on groundwater for some portion of their water supply.



Persons per Square Mile by county



Total Groundwater Withdrawals in Millions of Gallons / Day by county



Los Angeles County is the most populous county in California with over 10 million residents. However, LA County only used 0.17% of the state's groundwater in 2015.

The Tulare Basin is a large aquifer which sits beneath 4 counties in California's Central Valley. Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and Kern Counties used 29.8% of the state's groundwater in 2015. This water contributes to the production of nearly half of the United States' nuts, fruits, and vegetables.



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