



CALWATER

A Standardized Set of Watersheds

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| Hydrologic Regions | Hydrologic Unit |
| Central Coast | Hydrologic Area |
| Colorado River | Major Rivers |
| North Coast | |
| North Lahontan | |
| Sacramento River | |
| San Francisco Bay | |
| San Joaquin | |
| South Coast | |
| South Lahontan | |
| Tulare Lake | |

The California Interagency Watershed Map of 1999 (Calwater 2.2, updated May 2004, "calw221") is the State of California's working definition of watershed boundaries. Previous Calwater versions (1.2 and 2.2) described California watersheds, beginning with the division of the State's 101 million acres into ten Hydrologic Regions (HR). Each HR is progressively subdivided into six smaller, nested levels: the Hydrologic Unit (HU, major rivers), Hydrologic Area (HA, major tributaries), Hydrologic Sub-Area (HSA), Super Planning Watershed (SPWS), and Planning Watershed (PWS). At the Planning Watershed (the most detailed level), where implemented, polygons range in size from approximately 3,000 to 10,000 acres. At all levels, a total of 7035 polygons represent the State's watersheds.

The map only depicts Hydrologic Regions, Units, and Areas. Smaller divisions of watersheds are more appropriately viewed at a larger scale.

