



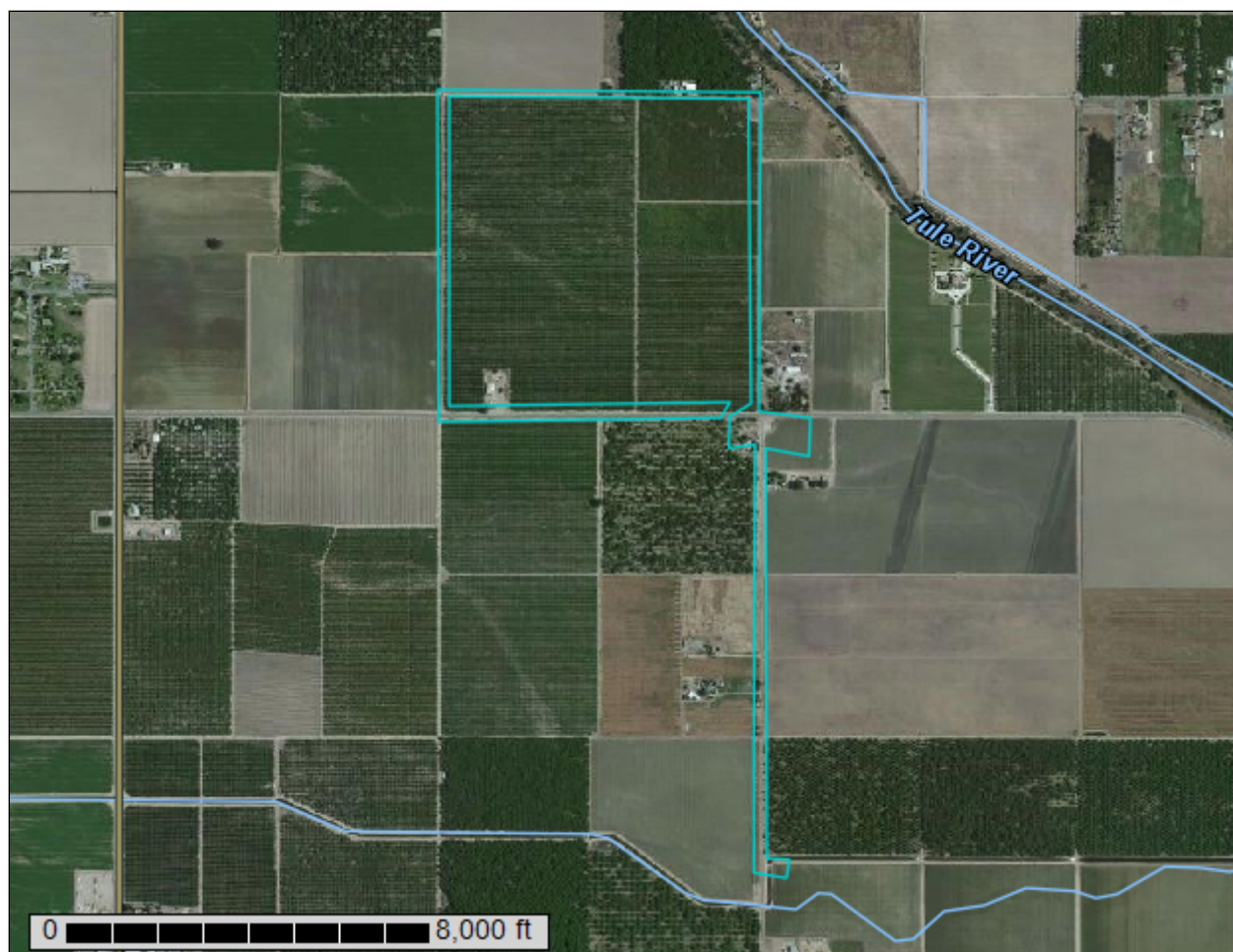
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# Custom Soil Resource Report for **Tulare County, Western Part, California**



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# Preface

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Soil surveys contain information that affects land use planning in survey areas. They highlight soil limitations that affect various land uses and provide information about the properties of the soils in the survey areas. Soil surveys are designed for many different users, including farmers, ranchers, foresters, agronomists, urban planners, community officials, engineers, developers, builders, and home buyers. Also, conservationists, teachers, students, and specialists in recreation, waste disposal, and pollution control can use the surveys to help them understand, protect, or enhance the environment.

Various land use regulations of Federal, State, and local governments may impose special restrictions on land use or land treatment. Soil surveys identify soil properties that are used in making various land use or land treatment decisions. The information is intended to help the land users identify and reduce the effects of soil limitations on various land uses. The landowner or user is responsible for identifying and complying with existing laws and regulations.

Although soil survey information can be used for general farm, local, and wider area planning, onsite investigation is needed to supplement this information in some cases. Examples include soil quality assessments (<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/soils/health/>) and certain conservation and engineering applications. For more detailed information, contact your local USDA Service Center (<http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs>) or your NRCS State Soil Scientist ([http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/soils/contactus/?cid=nrcs142p2\\_053951](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/soils/contactus/?cid=nrcs142p2_053951)).

Great differences in soil properties can occur within short distances. Some soils are seasonally wet or subject to flooding. Some are too unstable to be used as a foundation for buildings or roads. Clayey or wet soils are poorly suited to use as septic tank absorption fields. A high water table makes a soil poorly suited to basements or underground installations.

The National Cooperative Soil Survey is a joint effort of the United States Department of Agriculture and other Federal agencies, State agencies including the Agricultural Experiment Stations, and local agencies. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has leadership for the Federal part of the National Cooperative Soil Survey.

Information about soils is updated periodically. Updated information is available through the NRCS Web Soil Survey, the site for official soil survey information.

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# How Soil Surveys Are Made

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Soil surveys are made to provide information about the soils and miscellaneous areas in a specific area. They include a description of the soils and miscellaneous areas and their location on the landscape and tables that show soil properties and limitations affecting various uses. Soil scientists observed the steepness, length, and shape of the slopes; the general pattern of drainage; the kinds of crops and native plants; and the kinds of bedrock. They observed and described many soil profiles. A soil profile is the sequence of natural layers, or horizons, in a soil. The profile extends from the surface down into the unconsolidated material in which the soil formed or from the surface down to bedrock. The unconsolidated material is devoid of roots and other living organisms and has not been changed by other biological activity.

Currently, soils are mapped according to the boundaries of major land resource areas (MLRAs). MLRAs are geographically associated land resource units that share common characteristics related to physiography, geology, climate, water resources, soils, biological resources, and land uses (USDA, 2006). Soil survey areas typically consist of parts of one or more MLRA.

The soils and miscellaneous areas in a survey area occur in an orderly pattern that is related to the geology, landforms, relief, climate, and natural vegetation of the area. Each kind of soil and miscellaneous area is associated with a particular kind of landform or with a segment of the landform. By observing the soils and miscellaneous areas in the survey area and relating their position to specific segments of the landform, a soil scientist develops a concept, or model, of how they were formed. Thus, during mapping, this model enables the soil scientist to predict with a considerable degree of accuracy the kind of soil or miscellaneous area at a specific location on the landscape.

Commonly, individual soils on the landscape merge into one another as their characteristics gradually change. To construct an accurate soil map, however, soil scientists must determine the boundaries between the soils. They can observe only a limited number of soil profiles. Nevertheless, these observations, supplemented by an understanding of the soil-vegetation-landscape relationship, are sufficient to verify predictions of the kinds of soil in an area and to determine the boundaries.

Soil scientists recorded the characteristics of the soil profiles that they studied. They noted soil color, texture, size and shape of soil aggregates, kind and amount of rock fragments, distribution of plant roots, reaction, and other features that enable them to identify soils. After describing the soils in the survey area and determining their properties, the soil scientists assigned the soils to taxonomic classes (units). Taxonomic classes are concepts. Each taxonomic class has a set of soil characteristics with precisely defined limits. The classes are used as a basis for comparison to classify soils systematically. Soil taxonomy, the system of taxonomic classification used in the United States, is based mainly on the kind and character of soil properties and the arrangement of horizons within the profile. After the soil scientists classified and named the soils in the survey area, they compared the

individual soils with similar soils in the same taxonomic class in other areas so that they could confirm data and assemble additional data based on experience and research.

The objective of soil mapping is not to delineate pure map unit components; the objective is to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. Each map unit is defined by a unique combination of soil components and/or miscellaneous areas in predictable proportions. Some components may be highly contrasting to the other components of the map unit. The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The delineation of such landforms and landform segments on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

Soil scientists make many field observations in the process of producing a soil map. The frequency of observation is dependent upon several factors, including scale of mapping, intensity of mapping, design of map units, complexity of the landscape, and experience of the soil scientist. Observations are made to test and refine the soil-landscape model and predictions and to verify the classification of the soils at specific locations. Once the soil-landscape model is refined, a significantly smaller number of measurements of individual soil properties are made and recorded. These measurements may include field measurements, such as those for color, depth to bedrock, and texture, and laboratory measurements, such as those for content of sand, silt, clay, salt, and other components. Properties of each soil typically vary from one point to another across the landscape.

Observations for map unit components are aggregated to develop ranges of characteristics for the components. The aggregated values are presented. Direct measurements do not exist for every property presented for every map unit component. Values for some properties are estimated from combinations of other properties.

While a soil survey is in progress, samples of some of the soils in the area generally are collected for laboratory analyses and for engineering tests. Soil scientists interpret the data from these analyses and tests as well as the field-observed characteristics and the soil properties to determine the expected behavior of the soils under different uses. Interpretations for all of the soils are field tested through observation of the soils in different uses and under different levels of management. Some interpretations are modified to fit local conditions, and some new interpretations are developed to meet local needs. Data are assembled from other sources, such as research information, production records, and field experience of specialists. For example, data on crop yields under defined levels of management are assembled from farm records and from field or plot experiments on the same kinds of soil.

Predictions about soil behavior are based not only on soil properties but also on such variables as climate and biological activity. Soil conditions are predictable over long periods of time, but they are not predictable from year to year. For example, soil scientists can predict with a fairly high degree of accuracy that a given soil will have a high water table within certain depths in most years, but they cannot predict that a high water table will always be at a specific level in the soil on a specific date.

After soil scientists located and identified the significant natural bodies of soil in the survey area, they drew the boundaries of these bodies on aerial photographs and identified each as a specific map unit. Aerial photographs show trees, buildings, fields, roads, and rivers, all of which help in locating boundaries accurately.

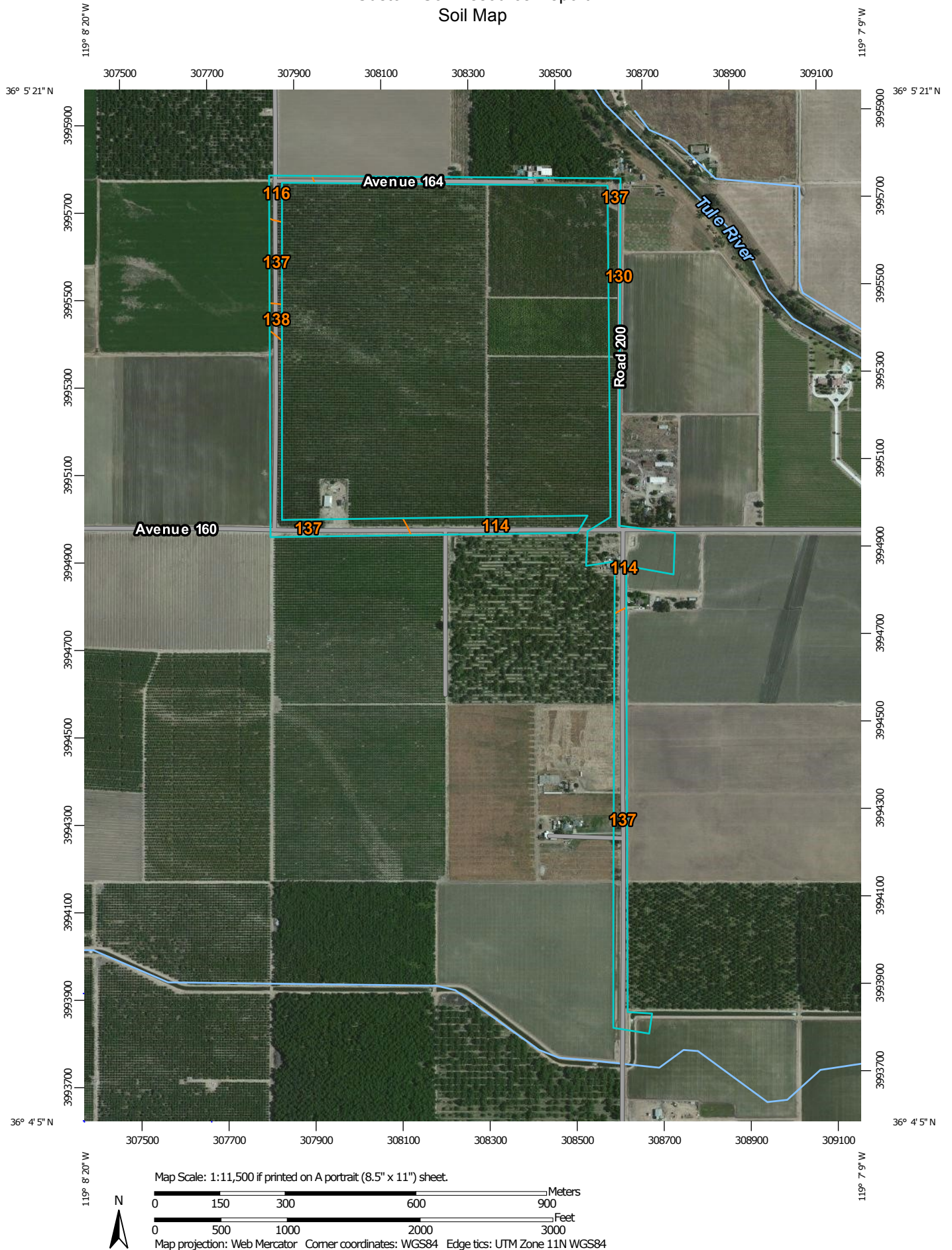
# Soil Map

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The soil map section includes the soil map for the defined area of interest, a list of soil map units on the map and extent of each map unit, and cartographic symbols displayed on the map. Also presented are various metadata about data used to produce the map, and a description of each soil map unit.



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## MAP LEGEND

### Area of Interest (AOI)

 Area of Interest (AOI)

### Soils

 Soil Map Unit Polygons

 Soil Map Unit Lines

 Soil Map Unit Points

### Special Point Features

 Blowout

 Borrow Pit

 Clay Spot


 Closed Depression

 Gravel Pit

 Gravelly Spot

 Landfill

 Lava Flow

 Marsh or swamp

 Mine or Quarry

 Miscellaneous Water


 Perennial Water

 Rock Outcrop


 Saline Spot

 Sandy Spot

 Severely Eroded Spot

 Sinkhole


 Slide or Slip

 Sodic Spot

 Spoil Area

 Stony Spot

 Very Stony Spot

 Wet Spot

 Other

 Special Line Features

### Water Features

 Streams and Canals


### Transportation

 Rails

 Interstate Highways

 US Routes

 Major Roads

 Local Roads

### Background

 Aerial Photography

## MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:24,000.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Web Soil Survey URL: <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov>  
Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: Tulare County, Western Part, California  
Survey Area Data: Version 9, Sep 30, 2015

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Aug 27, 2010—Jul 3, 2011

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

## Map Unit Legend

Tulare County, Western Part, California (CA659)			
Map Unit Symbol	Map Unit Name	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
114	Exeter loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	12.4	37.2%
116	Flamen loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	1.0	3.1%
130	Nord fine sandy loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	0.1	0.2%
137	Tagus loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	19.4	58.0%
138	Tujunga loamy sand, 0 to 2 percent slopes	0.5	1.5%
<b>Totals for Area of Interest</b>		<b>33.4</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Map Unit Descriptions

The map units delineated on the detailed soil maps in a soil survey represent the soils or miscellaneous areas in the survey area. The map unit descriptions, along with the maps, can be used to determine the composition and properties of a unit.

A map unit delineation on a soil map represents an area dominated by one or more major kinds of soil or miscellaneous areas. A map unit is identified and named according to the taxonomic classification of the dominant soils. Within a taxonomic class there are precisely defined limits for the properties of the soils. On the landscape, however, the soils are natural phenomena, and they have the characteristic variability of all natural phenomena. Thus, the range of some observed properties may extend beyond the limits defined for a taxonomic class. Areas of soils of a single taxonomic class rarely, if ever, can be mapped without including areas of other taxonomic classes. Consequently, every map unit is made up of the soils or miscellaneous areas for which it is named and some minor components that belong to taxonomic classes other than those of the major soils.

Most minor soils have properties similar to those of the dominant soil or soils in the map unit, and thus they do not affect use and management. These are called noncontrasting, or similar, components. They may or may not be mentioned in a particular map unit description. Other minor components, however, have properties and behavioral characteristics divergent enough to affect use or to require different management. These are called contrasting, or dissimilar, components. They generally are in small areas and could not be mapped separately because of the scale used. Some small areas of strongly contrasting soils or miscellaneous areas are identified by a special symbol on the maps. If included in the database for a given area, the contrasting minor components are identified in the map unit descriptions along with some characteristics of each. A few areas of minor components may not have been observed, and consequently they are not mentioned in the descriptions, especially where the pattern was so complex that it was impractical to make enough observations to identify all the soils and miscellaneous areas on the landscape.

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The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The objective of mapping is not to delineate pure taxonomic classes but rather to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. The delineation of such segments on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, however, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

An identifying symbol precedes the map unit name in the map unit descriptions. Each description includes general facts about the unit and gives important soil properties and qualities.

Soils that have profiles that are almost alike make up a *soil series*. Except for differences in texture of the surface layer, all the soils of a series have major horizons that are similar in composition, thickness, and arrangement.

Soils of one series can differ in texture of the surface layer, slope, stoniness, salinity, degree of erosion, and other characteristics that affect their use. On the basis of such differences, a soil series is divided into *soil phases*. Most of the areas shown on the detailed soil maps are phases of soil series. The name of a soil phase commonly indicates a feature that affects use or management. For example, Alpha silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is a phase of the Alpha series.

Some map units are made up of two or more major soils or miscellaneous areas. These map units are complexes, associations, or undifferentiated groups.

A *complex* consists of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas in such an intricate pattern or in such small areas that they cannot be shown separately on the maps. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar in all areas. Alpha-Beta complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes, is an example.

An *association* is made up of two or more geographically associated soils or miscellaneous areas that are shown as one unit on the maps. Because of present or anticipated uses of the map units in the survey area, it was not considered practical or necessary to map the soils or miscellaneous areas separately. The pattern and relative proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar. Alpha-Beta association, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

An *undifferentiated group* is made up of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas that could be mapped individually but are mapped as one unit because similar interpretations can be made for use and management. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas in a mapped area are not uniform. An area can be made up of only one of the major soils or miscellaneous areas, or it can be made up of all of them. Alpha and Beta soils, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

Some surveys include *miscellaneous areas*. Such areas have little or no soil material and support little or no vegetation. Rock outcrop is an example.

## Tulare County, Western Part, California

### 114—Exeter loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes

#### Map Unit Setting

*National map unit symbol:* hp4j

*Elevation:* 250 to 570 feet

*Mean annual precipitation:* 8 to 12 inches

*Mean annual air temperature:* 63 to 64 degrees F

*Frost-free period:* 250 to 300 days

*Farmland classification:* Farmland of statewide importance

#### Map Unit Composition

*Exeter, 0-2% slopes, and similar soils:* 85 percent

*Minor components:* 15 percent

*Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

#### Description of Exeter, 0-2% Slopes

##### Setting

*Landform:* Fan remnants

*Landform position (two-dimensional):* Shoulder

*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Side slope

*Down-slope shape:* Linear

*Across-slope shape:* Linear

*Parent material:* Alluvium derived from granitic rock sources

##### Typical profile

*Ap - 0 to 9 inches:* loam

*Bt1 - 9 to 26 inches:* sandy clay loam

*Bt2 - 26 to 28 inches:* clay loam

*Btqm - 28 to 46 inches:* indurated

*2Bt - 46 to 72 inches:* stratified very gravelly loamy coarse sand to gravelly loam

##### Properties and qualities

*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent

*Depth to restrictive feature:* 20 to 40 inches to duripan

*Natural drainage class:* Moderately well drained

*Runoff class:* Medium

*Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat):* Low to moderately low  
(0.01 to 0.06 in/hr)

*Depth to water table:* More than 80 inches

*Frequency of flooding:* Very rare

*Frequency of ponding:* None

*Calcium carbonate, maximum in profile:* 5 percent

*Salinity, maximum in profile:* Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)

*Available water storage in profile:* Low (about 4.4 inches)

##### Interpretive groups

*Land capability classification (irrigated):* 3s

*Land capability classification (nonirrigated):* 4s

*Hydrologic Soil Group:* C

### Minor Components

#### Hanford

*Percent of map unit:* 4 percent

*Landform:* Flood plains, alluvial fans

#### Colpien

*Percent of map unit:* 3 percent

*Landform:* Fan remnants

#### San joaquin

*Percent of map unit:* 3 percent

*Landform:* Fan remnants

#### Quonal

*Percent of map unit:* 2 percent

*Landform:* Fan remnants

#### Calgro

*Percent of map unit:* 2 percent

*Landform:* Fan remnants

#### Unnamed, ponded

*Percent of map unit:* 1 percent

*Landform:* Depressions

## 116—Flamen loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes

### Map Unit Setting

*National map unit symbol:* hp4l

*Elevation:* 260 to 550 feet

*Mean annual precipitation:* 8 to 12 inches

*Mean annual air temperature:* 63 to 64 degrees F

*Frost-free period:* 250 to 300 days

*Farmland classification:* Prime farmland if irrigated and either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season

### Map Unit Composition

*Flamen and similar soils:* 85 percent

*Minor components:* 15 percent

*Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

### Description of Flamen

#### Setting

*Landform:* Fan remnants

*Landform position (two-dimensional):* Shoulder

*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Side slope

*Down-slope shape:* Linear

*Across-slope shape:* Linear

*Parent material:* Alluvium derived from granitic rock sources

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### Typical profile

*Ap1 - 0 to 17 inches:* loam  
*Ap2 - 17 to 28 inches:* loam  
*Btk - 28 to 43 inches:* loam  
*2Btkqm - 43 to 72 inches:* cemented

### Properties and qualities

*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent  
*Depth to restrictive feature:* 40 to 60 inches to duripan  
*Natural drainage class:* Moderately well drained  
*Runoff class:* Low  
*Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat):* Moderately low to moderately high (0.06 to 0.20 in/hr)  
*Depth to water table:* More than 80 inches  
*Frequency of flooding:* Very rare  
*Frequency of ponding:* None  
*Calcium carbonate, maximum in profile:* 2 percent  
*Salinity, maximum in profile:* Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)  
*Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum in profile:* 12.0  
*Available water storage in profile:* Moderate (about 6.6 inches)

### Interpretive groups

*Land capability classification (irrigated):* 2s  
*Land capability classification (nonirrigated):* 4e  
*Hydrologic Soil Group:* B

### Minor Components

#### Exeter

*Percent of map unit:* 3 percent  
*Landform:* Fan remnants

#### San joaquin

*Percent of map unit:* 3 percent  
*Landform:* Fan remnants

#### Hanford

*Percent of map unit:* 2 percent  
*Landform:* Flood plains, alluvial fans

#### Calgro

*Percent of map unit:* 2 percent  
*Landform:* Fan remnants

#### Colpien

*Percent of map unit:* 2 percent  
*Landform:* Fan remnants

#### Centerville

*Percent of map unit:* 2 percent  
*Landform:* Fan remnants

#### Unnamed, ponded

*Percent of map unit:* 1 percent  
*Landform:* Depressions



## 130—Nord fine sandy loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes

### Map Unit Setting

*National map unit symbol:* hp51

*Elevation:* 190 to 520 feet

*Mean annual precipitation:* 8 to 12 inches

*Mean annual air temperature:* 61 to 64 degrees F

*Frost-free period:* 250 to 275 days

*Farmland classification:* Prime farmland if irrigated and either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season

### Map Unit Composition

*Nord and similar soils:* 85 percent

*Minor components:* 15 percent

*Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

### Description of Nord

#### Setting

*Landform:* Flood plains, alluvial fans

*Landform position (two-dimensional):* Toeslope, footslope

*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Base slope

*Down-slope shape:* Linear

*Across-slope shape:* Linear, convex

*Parent material:* Alluvium derived from mixed

#### Typical profile

*Ap - 0 to 11 inches:* fine sandy loam

*C1 - 11 to 38 inches:* stratified sandy loam to loam

*C2 - 38 to 50 inches:* stratified loamy coarse sand to coarse sandy loam

*2Btb - 50 to 72 inches:* stratified sandy loam to silt loam

#### Properties and qualities

*Slope:* 0 to 1 percent

*Depth to restrictive feature:* About 38 inches to abrupt textural change; About 50 inches to abrupt textural change

*Natural drainage class:* Well drained

*Runoff class:* Negligible

*Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat):* Moderately high to high (0.60 to 2.00 in/hr)

*Depth to water table:* More than 80 inches

*Frequency of flooding:* Very rare

*Frequency of ponding:* None

*Calcium carbonate, maximum in profile:* 4 percent

*Salinity, maximum in profile:* Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)

*Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum in profile:* 10.0

*Available water storage in profile:* Low (about 4.9 inches)

#### Interpretive groups

*Land capability classification (irrigated):* 1

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*Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 4c*  
*Hydrologic Soil Group: B*

### Minor Components

#### **Grangeville, saline-sodic**

*Percent of map unit: 3 percent*  
*Landform: Flood plains, alluvial fans*

#### **Hanford**

*Percent of map unit: 3 percent*  
*Landform: Flood plains, alluvial fans*

#### **Tujunga**

*Percent of map unit: 3 percent*  
*Landform: Flood plains*

#### **Tagus**

*Percent of map unit: 2 percent*  
*Landform: Fan remnants*

#### **Akers**

*Percent of map unit: 2 percent*  
*Landform: Fan remnants*

#### **Colpien**

*Percent of map unit: 2 percent*  
*Landform: Fan remnants*

## 137—Tagus loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes

### Map Unit Setting

*National map unit symbol: hp58*  
*Elevation: 230 to 400 feet*  
*Mean annual precipitation: 9 to 12 inches*  
*Mean annual air temperature: 63 to 64 degrees F*  
*Frost-free period: 250 to 300 days*  
*Farmland classification: Prime farmland if irrigated and either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season*

### Map Unit Composition

*Tagus and similar soils: 85 percent*  
*Minor components: 15 percent*  
*Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

### Description of Tagus

#### **Setting**

*Landform: Fan remnants*  
*Landform position (two-dimensional): Shoulder*  
*Landform position (three-dimensional): Side slope*  
*Down-slope shape: Linear*

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*Across-slope shape:* Linear

*Parent material:* Alluvium derived from granitic rock sources

### Typical profile

*Ap - 0 to 17 inches:* loam

*Bk1 - 17 to 40 inches:* loam

*Bk2 - 40 to 63 inches:* loam

### Properties and qualities

*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent

*Depth to restrictive feature:* More than 80 inches

*Natural drainage class:* Well drained

*Runoff class:* Low

*Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat):* Moderately high to high  
(0.60 to 2.00 in/hr)

*Depth to water table:* More than 80 inches

*Frequency of flooding:* Very rare

*Frequency of ponding:* None

*Calcium carbonate, maximum in profile:* 10 percent

*Salinity, maximum in profile:* Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)

*Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum in profile:* 12.0

*Available water storage in profile:* Moderate (about 8.4 inches)

### Interpretive groups

*Land capability classification (irrigated):* 1

*Land capability classification (nonirrigated):* 4c

*Hydrologic Soil Group:* B

### Minor Components

#### Tujunga

*Percent of map unit:* 5 percent

*Landform:* Flood plains

#### Hanford

*Percent of map unit:* 5 percent

*Landform:* Flood plains, alluvial fans

#### Grangeville

*Percent of map unit:* 3 percent

*Landform:* Flood plains, alluvial fans

#### Colpien

*Percent of map unit:* 2 percent

*Landform:* Fan remnants

## 138—Tujunga loamy sand, 0 to 2 percent slopes

### Map Unit Setting

*National map unit symbol:* hp59

*Elevation:* 210 to 520 feet

*Mean annual precipitation:* 10 to 12 inches

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*Mean annual air temperature:* 63 to 64 degrees F

*Frost-free period:* 250 to 300 days

*Farmland classification:* Farmland of statewide importance

### Map Unit Composition

*Tujunga and similar soils:* 85 percent

*Minor components:* 15 percent

*Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

### Description of Tujunga

#### Setting

*Landform:* Flood plains

*Landform position (two-dimensional):* Toeslope

*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Base slope

*Down-slope shape:* Linear

*Across-slope shape:* Linear

*Parent material:* Alluvium derived from granite

#### Typical profile

*Ap - 0 to 14 inches:* loamy sand

*C - 14 to 70 inches:* stratified coarse sand to loamy sand

#### Properties and qualities

*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent

*Depth to restrictive feature:* More than 80 inches

*Natural drainage class:* Somewhat excessively drained

*Runoff class:* Negligible

*Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat):* High to very high (6.00 to 20.00 in/hr)

*Depth to water table:* More than 80 inches

*Frequency of flooding:* Rare

*Frequency of ponding:* None

*Available water storage in profile:* Low (about 3.1 inches)

#### Interpretive groups

*Land capability classification (irrigated):* 3s

*Land capability classification (nonirrigated):* 6e

*Hydrologic Soil Group:* A

### Minor Components

#### Grangeville

*Percent of map unit:* 5 percent

*Landform:* Flood plains, alluvial fans

#### Yetter

*Percent of map unit:* 4 percent

*Landform:* Flood plains, alluvial fans

#### Akers, saline-sodic

*Percent of map unit:* 3 percent

*Landform:* Fan remnants

#### Akers

*Percent of map unit:* 3 percent

*Landform:* Fan remnants



# **Soil Information for All Uses**

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## **Suitabilities and Limitations for Use**

The Suitabilities and Limitations for Use section includes various soil interpretations displayed as thematic maps with a summary table for the soil map units in the selected area of interest. A single value or rating for each map unit is generated by aggregating the interpretive ratings of individual map unit components. This aggregation process is defined for each interpretation.

## **Land Classifications**

Land Classifications are specified land use and management groupings that are assigned to soil areas because combinations of soil have similar behavior for specified practices. Most are based on soil properties and other factors that directly influence the specific use of the soil. Example classifications include ecological site classification, farmland classification, irrigated and nonirrigated land capability classification, and hydric rating.

## **California Revised Storie Index (CA) (PID Service Area One)**

The Storie Index is a soil rating based on soil properties that govern a soil's potential for cultivated agriculture in California.

The Storie Index assesses the productivity of a soil from the following four characteristics: Factor A, degree of soil profile development; factor B, texture of the surface layer; factor C, slope; and factor X, manageable features, including drainage, microrelief, fertility, acidity, erosion, and salt content. A score ranging from 0 to 100 is determined for each factor, and the scores are then multiplied together to derive an index rating.

For simplification, Storie Index ratings have been combined into six grade classes as follows: Grade 1 (excellent), 81 to 100; grade 2 (good), 61 to 80; grade 3 (fair), 41 to 60; grade 4 (poor), 21 to 40; grade 5 (very poor), 11 to 20; and grade 6 (nonagricultural), 10 or less.



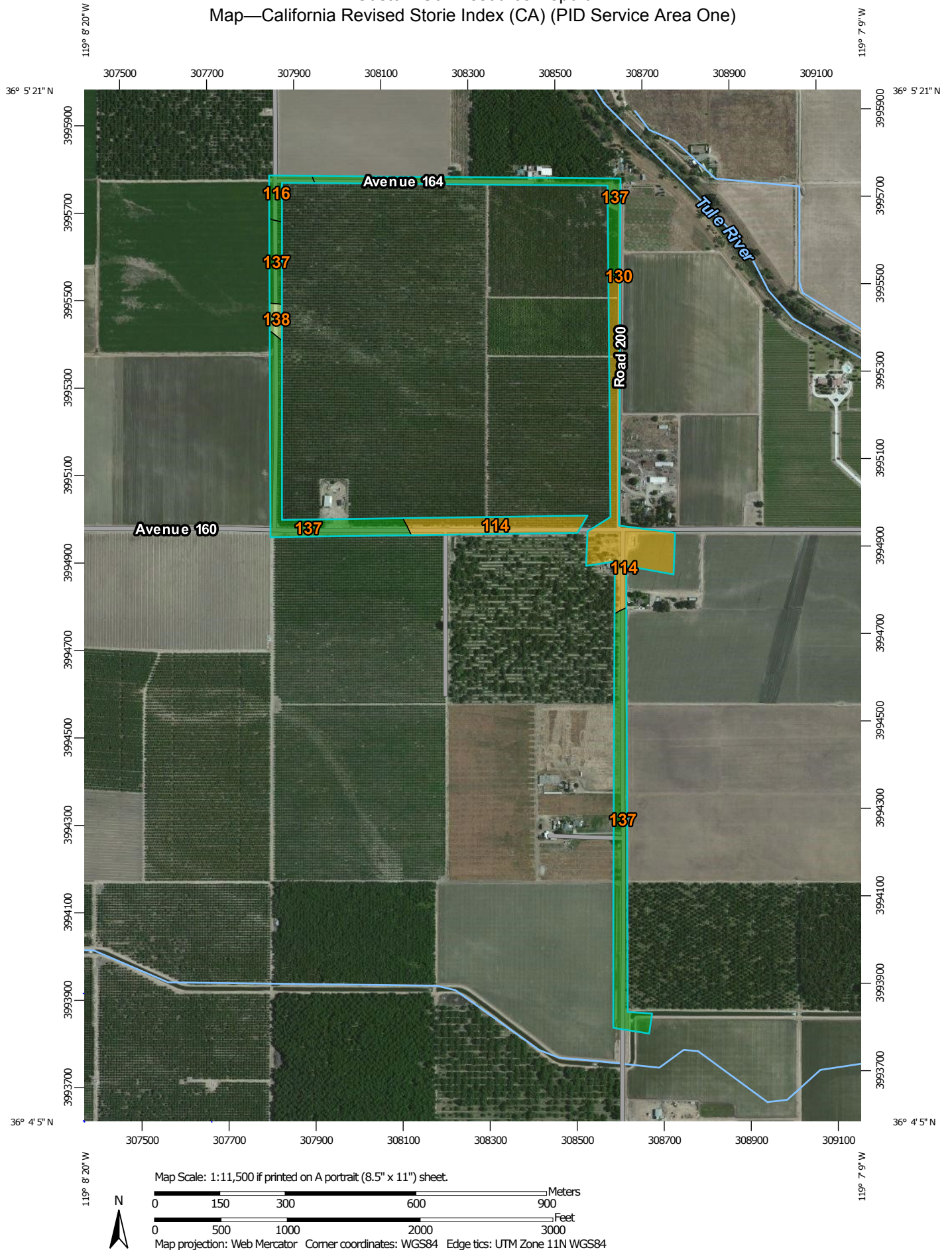
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The components listed for each map unit in the accompanying Summary by Map Unit table in Web Soil Survey or the Aggregation Report in Soil Data Viewer are determined by the aggregation method chosen. An aggregated rating class is shown for each map unit. The components listed for each map unit are only those that have the same rating class as the one shown for the map unit. The percent composition of each component in a particular map unit is given to help the user better understand the extent to which the rating applies to the map unit.

Other components with different ratings may occur in each map unit. The ratings for all components, regardless the aggregated rating of the map unit, can be viewed by generating the equivalent report from the Soil Reports tab in Web Soil Survey or from the Soil Data Mart site. Onsite investigation may be needed to validate these interpretations and to confirm the identity of the soil on a given site.

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## Map—California Revised Storie Index (CA) (PID Service Area One)



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
## MAP LEGEND

### Area of Interest (AOI)









 Area of Interest (AOI)

### Soils





#### Soil Rating Polygons





-  Grade 1 - Excellent
-  Grade 2 - Good
-  Grade 3 - Fair
-  Grade 4 - Poor
-  Grade 5 - Very Poor
-  Grade 6 - Nonagricultural
-  Not rated
-  Not rated or not available

#### Soil Rating Lines


-  Grade 1 - Excellent
-  Grade 2 - Good
-  Grade 3 - Fair
-  Grade 4 - Poor
-  Grade 5 - Very Poor
-  Grade 6 - Nonagricultural
-  Not rated
-  Not rated or not available

#### Soil Rating Points






-  Grade 1 - Excellent
-  Grade 2 - Good
-  Grade 3 - Fair
-  Grade 4 - Poor

-  Grade 5 - Very Poor
-  Grade 6 - Nonagricultural
-  Not rated
-  Not rated or not available

### Water Features

 Streams and Canals

### Transportation

-  Rails
-  Interstate Highways
-  US Routes
-  Major Roads
-  Local Roads

### Background

 Aerial Photography

## MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:24,000.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

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**Table—California Revised Storie Index (CA) (PID Service Area One)**

California Revised Storie Index (CA)— Summary by Map Unit — Tulare County, Western Part, California (CA659)					
Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating	Component name (percent)	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
114	Exeter loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	Grade 4 - Poor	Exeter, 0-2% slopes (85%)	12.4	37.2%
116	Flamen loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	Grade 1 - Excellent	Flamen (85%)	1.0	3.1%
130	Nord fine sandy loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	Grade 1 - Excellent	Nord (85%)	0.1	0.2%
137	Tagus loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	Grade 1 - Excellent	Tagus (85%)	19.4	58.0%
138	Tujunga loamy sand, 0 to 2 percent slopes	Grade 2 - Good	Tujunga (85%)	0.5	1.5%
<b>Totals for Area of Interest</b>				<b>33.4</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Rating Options—California Revised Storie Index (CA) (PID Service Area One)***Aggregation Method:* Dominant Condition*Component Percent Cutoff:* None Specified*Tie-break Rule:* Lower**Irrigated Capability Class (PID Service Area One)**

Land capability classification shows, in a general way, the suitability of soils for most kinds of field crops. Crops that require special management are excluded. The soils are grouped according to their limitations for field crops, the risk of damage if they are used for crops, and the way they respond to management. The criteria used in grouping the soils do not include major and generally expensive landforming that would change slope, depth, or other characteristics of the soils, nor do they include possible but unlikely major reclamation projects. Capability classification is not a substitute for interpretations that show suitability and limitations of groups of soils for rangeland, for woodland, or for engineering purposes.

In the capability system, soils are generally grouped at three levels-capability class, subclass, and unit. Only class and subclass are included in this data set.

Capability classes, the broadest groups, are designated by the numbers 1 through 8. The numbers indicate progressively greater limitations and narrower choices for practical use. The classes are defined as follows:

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Class 1 soils have few limitations that restrict their use.

Class 2 soils have moderate limitations that reduce the choice of plants or that require moderate conservation practices.

Class 3 soils have severe limitations that reduce the choice of plants or that require special conservation practices, or both.

Class 4 soils have very severe limitations that reduce the choice of plants or that require very careful management, or both.

Class 5 soils are subject to little or no erosion but have other limitations, impractical to remove, that restrict their use mainly to pasture, rangeland, forestland, or wildlife habitat.

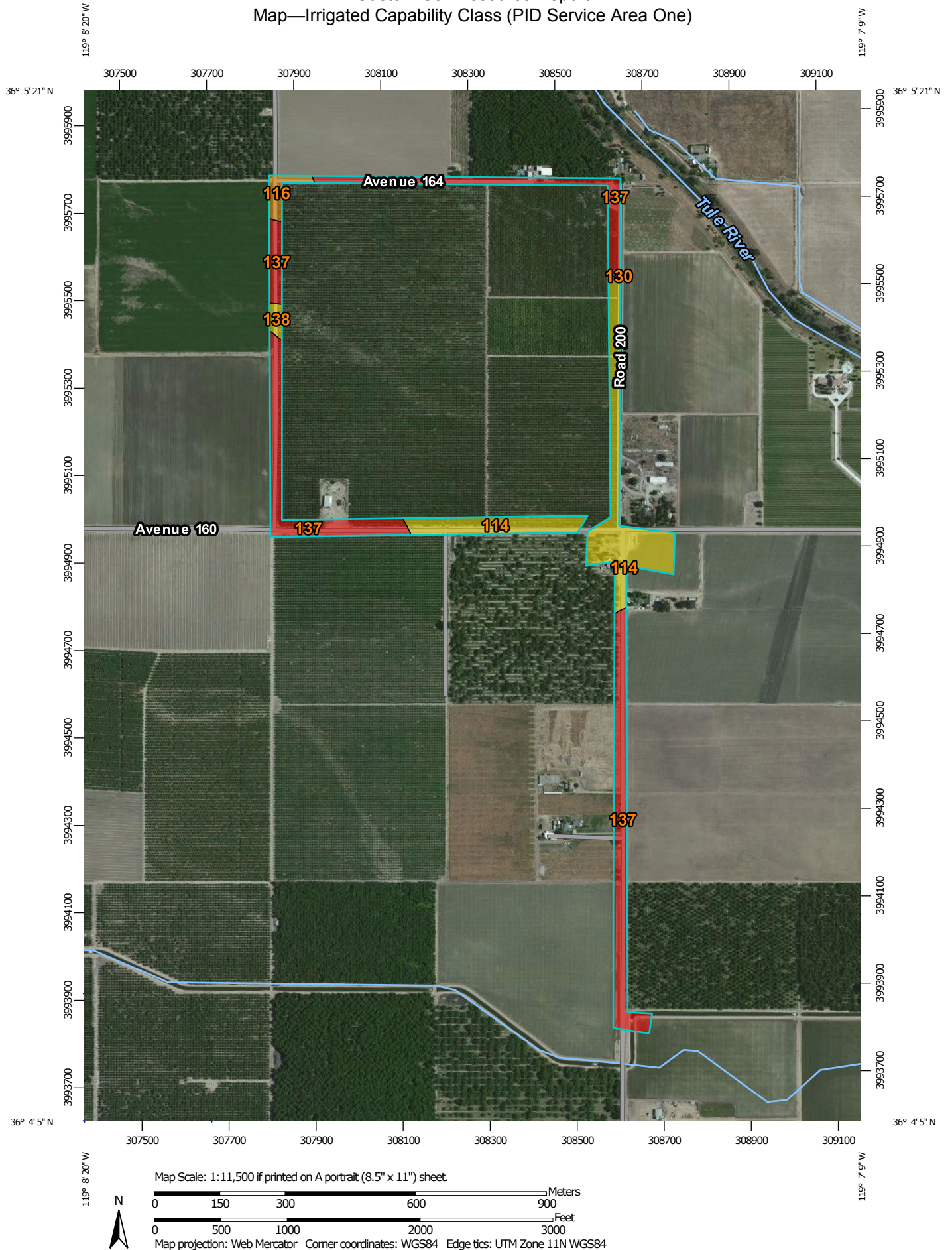
Class 6 soils have severe limitations that make them generally unsuitable for cultivation and that restrict their use mainly to pasture, rangeland, forestland, or wildlife habitat.

Class 7 soils have very severe limitations that make them unsuitable for cultivation and that restrict their use mainly to grazing, forestland, or wildlife habitat.

Class 8 soils and miscellaneous areas have limitations that preclude commercial plant production and that restrict their use to recreational purposes, wildlife habitat, watershed, or esthetic purposes.




# Custom Soil Resource Report Map—Irrigated Capability Class (PID Service Area One)





















## MAP LEGEND

### Area of Interest (AOI)










 Area of Interest (AOI)

### Soils



#### Soil Rating Polygons

	Capability Class - I		Capability Class - III
	Capability Class - II		Capability Class - IV
	Capability Class - III		Capability Class - V
	Capability Class - IV		Capability Class - VI
	Capability Class - V		Capability Class - VII
	Capability Class - VI		Capability Class - VIII
	Capability Class - VII		Not rated or not available
	Capability Class - VIII		
	Not rated or not available		

#### Soil Rating Lines

	Capability Class - I
	Capability Class - II
	Capability Class - III
	Capability Class - IV
	Capability Class - V
	Capability Class - VI
	Capability Class - VII
	Capability Class - VIII
	Not rated or not available



#### Soil Rating Points

	Capability Class - I
	Capability Class - II

### Water Features

 Streams and Canals

### Transportation

	Rails
	Interstate Highways
	US Routes
	Major Roads
	Local Roads

### Background

 Aerial Photography

## MAP INFORMATION

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**Table—Irrigated Capability Class (PID Service Area One)**

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116	Flamen loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	2	1.0	3.1%
130	Nord fine sandy loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	1	0.1	0.2%
137	Tagus loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	1	19.4	58.0%
138	Tujunga loamy sand, 0 to 2 percent slopes	3	0.5	1.5%
<b>Totals for Area of Interest</b>			<b>33.4</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Rating Options—Irrigated Capability Class (PID Service Area One)**

*Aggregation Method:* Dominant Condition

*Component Percent Cutoff:* None Specified

*Tie-break Rule:* Higher

**Irrigated Capability Subclass (PID Service Area One)**

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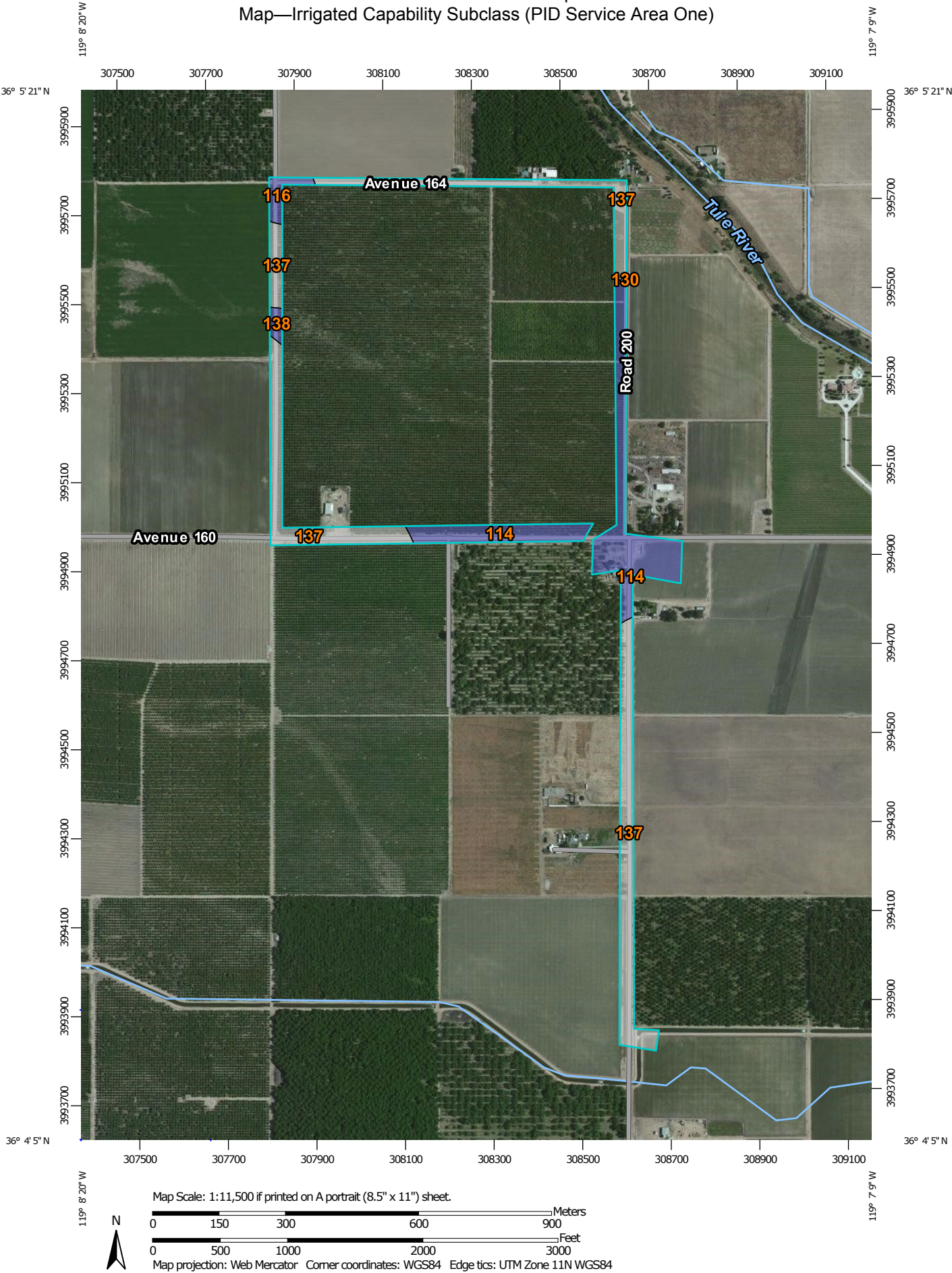
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Capability subclasses are soil groups within one capability class. They are designated by adding a small letter, "e," "w," "s," or "c," to the class numeral, for example, 2e. The letter "e" shows that the main hazard is the risk of erosion unless close-growing plant cover is maintained; "w" shows that water in or on the soil interferes with plant growth or cultivation (in some soils the wetness can be partly corrected by artificial drainage); "s" shows that the soil is limited mainly because it is shallow, droughty, or stony; and "c," used in only some parts of the United States, shows that the chief limitation is climate that is very cold or very dry.

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In class 1 there are no subclasses because the soils of this class have few limitations. Class 5 contains only the subclasses indicated by "w," "s," or "c" because the soils in class 5 are subject to little or no erosion. They have other limitations that restrict their use to pasture, rangeland, forestland, or wildlife habitat.

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Map—Irrigated Capability Subclass (PID Service Area One)








## MAP LEGEND

### Area of Interest (AOI)






 Area of Interest (AOI)

### Soils






#### Soil Rating Polygons

-  Erosion
-  Soil limitation within the rooting zone
-  Excess water
-  Climate condition
-  Not rated or not available


#### Soil Rating Lines

-  Erosion
-  Soil limitation within the rooting zone
-  Excess water
-  Climate condition
-  Not rated or not available






#### Soil Rating Points

-  Erosion
-  Soil limitation within the rooting zone
-  Excess water
-  Climate condition
-  Not rated or not available


### Water Features

 Streams and Canals

### Transportation

-  Rails
-  Interstate Highways
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-  Major Roads
-  Local Roads

### Background

 Aerial Photography

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<b>Totals for Area of Interest</b>			<b>33.4</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Rating Options—Irrigated Capability Subclass (PID Service Area One)***Aggregation Method: Dominant Condition**Component Percent Cutoff: None Specified**Tie-break Rule: Lower*



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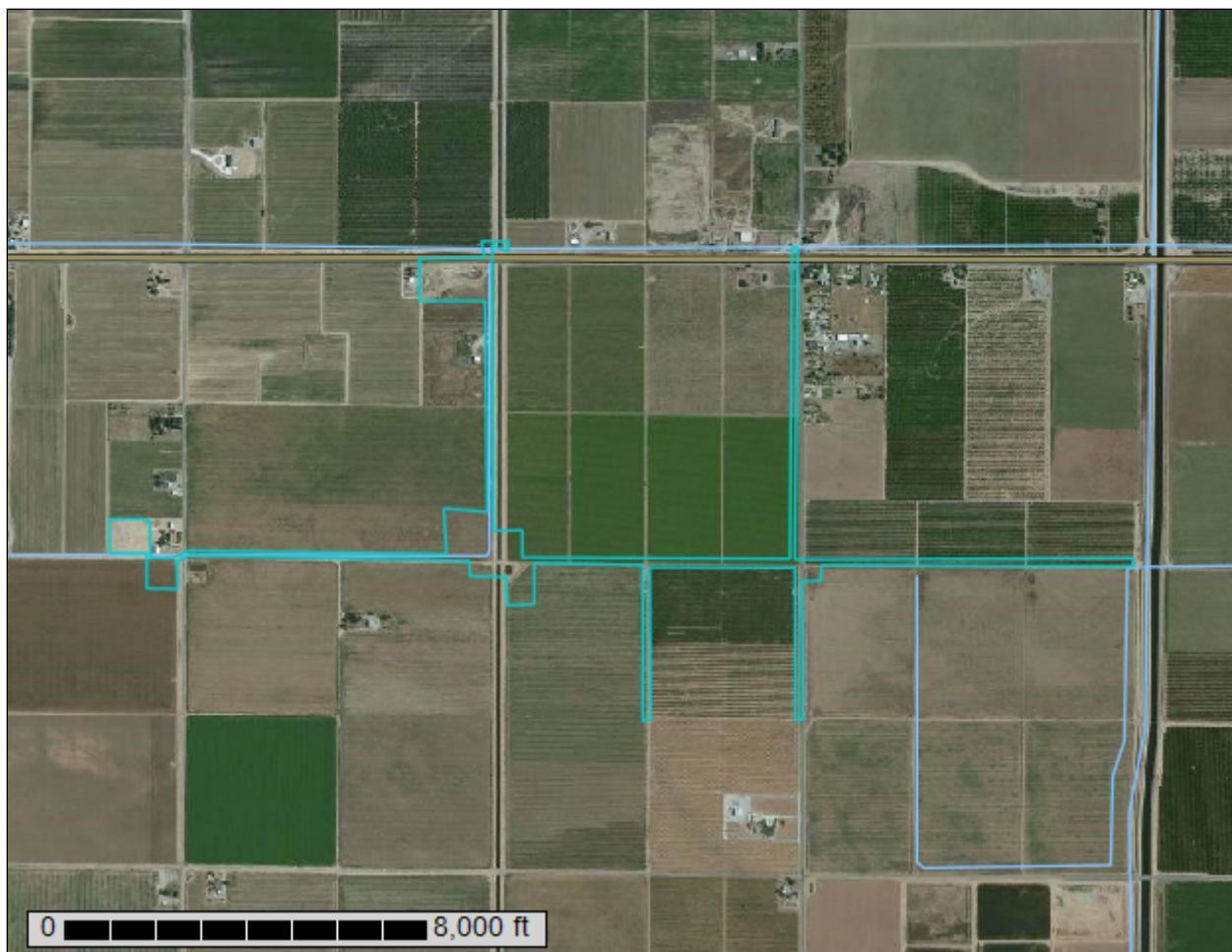
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# Custom Soil Resource Report for **Tulare County, Western Part, California**

**PID Service Area Two**



January 18, 2016

# Preface

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Soil surveys contain information that affects land use planning in survey areas. They highlight soil limitations that affect various land uses and provide information about the properties of the soils in the survey areas. Soil surveys are designed for many different users, including farmers, ranchers, foresters, agronomists, urban planners, community officials, engineers, developers, builders, and home buyers. Also, conservationists, teachers, students, and specialists in recreation, waste disposal, and pollution control can use the surveys to help them understand, protect, or enhance the environment.

Various land use regulations of Federal, State, and local governments may impose special restrictions on land use or land treatment. Soil surveys identify soil properties that are used in making various land use or land treatment decisions. The information is intended to help the land users identify and reduce the effects of soil limitations on various land uses. The landowner or user is responsible for identifying and complying with existing laws and regulations.

Although soil survey information can be used for general farm, local, and wider area planning, onsite investigation is needed to supplement this information in some cases. Examples include soil quality assessments (<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/main/soils/health/>) and certain conservation and engineering applications. For more detailed information, contact your local USDA Service Center (<http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?agency=nrcs>) or your NRCS State Soil Scientist ([http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/soils/contactus/?cid=nrcs142p2\\_053951](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/soils/contactus/?cid=nrcs142p2_053951)).

Great differences in soil properties can occur within short distances. Some soils are seasonally wet or subject to flooding. Some are too unstable to be used as a foundation for buildings or roads. Clayey or wet soils are poorly suited to use as septic tank absorption fields. A high water table makes a soil poorly suited to basements or underground installations.

The National Cooperative Soil Survey is a joint effort of the United States Department of Agriculture and other Federal agencies, State agencies including the Agricultural Experiment Stations, and local agencies. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has leadership for the Federal part of the National Cooperative Soil Survey.

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# How Soil Surveys Are Made

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Soil surveys are made to provide information about the soils and miscellaneous areas in a specific area. They include a description of the soils and miscellaneous areas and their location on the landscape and tables that show soil properties and limitations affecting various uses. Soil scientists observed the steepness, length, and shape of the slopes; the general pattern of drainage; the kinds of crops and native plants; and the kinds of bedrock. They observed and described many soil profiles. A soil profile is the sequence of natural layers, or horizons, in a soil. The profile extends from the surface down into the unconsolidated material in which the soil formed or from the surface down to bedrock. The unconsolidated material is devoid of roots and other living organisms and has not been changed by other biological activity.

Currently, soils are mapped according to the boundaries of major land resource areas (MLRAs). MLRAs are geographically associated land resource units that share common characteristics related to physiography, geology, climate, water resources, soils, biological resources, and land uses (USDA, 2006). Soil survey areas typically consist of parts of one or more MLRA.

The soils and miscellaneous areas in a survey area occur in an orderly pattern that is related to the geology, landforms, relief, climate, and natural vegetation of the area. Each kind of soil and miscellaneous area is associated with a particular kind of landform or with a segment of the landform. By observing the soils and miscellaneous areas in the survey area and relating their position to specific segments of the landform, a soil scientist develops a concept, or model, of how they were formed. Thus, during mapping, this model enables the soil scientist to predict with a considerable degree of accuracy the kind of soil or miscellaneous area at a specific location on the landscape.

Commonly, individual soils on the landscape merge into one another as their characteristics gradually change. To construct an accurate soil map, however, soil scientists must determine the boundaries between the soils. They can observe only a limited number of soil profiles. Nevertheless, these observations, supplemented by an understanding of the soil-vegetation-landscape relationship, are sufficient to verify predictions of the kinds of soil in an area and to determine the boundaries.

Soil scientists recorded the characteristics of the soil profiles that they studied. They noted soil color, texture, size and shape of soil aggregates, kind and amount of rock fragments, distribution of plant roots, reaction, and other features that enable them to identify soils. After describing the soils in the survey area and determining their properties, the soil scientists assigned the soils to taxonomic classes (units). Taxonomic classes are concepts. Each taxonomic class has a set of soil characteristics with precisely defined limits. The classes are used as a basis for comparison to classify soils systematically. Soil taxonomy, the system of taxonomic classification used in the United States, is based mainly on the kind and character of soil properties and the arrangement of horizons within the profile. After the soil scientists classified and named the soils in the survey area, they compared the

individual soils with similar soils in the same taxonomic class in other areas so that they could confirm data and assemble additional data based on experience and research.

The objective of soil mapping is not to delineate pure map unit components; the objective is to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. Each map unit is defined by a unique combination of soil components and/or miscellaneous areas in predictable proportions. Some components may be highly contrasting to the other components of the map unit. The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The delineation of such landforms and landform segments on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans. If intensive use of small areas is planned, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

Soil scientists make many field observations in the process of producing a soil map. The frequency of observation is dependent upon several factors, including scale of mapping, intensity of mapping, design of map units, complexity of the landscape, and experience of the soil scientist. Observations are made to test and refine the soil-landscape model and predictions and to verify the classification of the soils at specific locations. Once the soil-landscape model is refined, a significantly smaller number of measurements of individual soil properties are made and recorded. These measurements may include field measurements, such as those for color, depth to bedrock, and texture, and laboratory measurements, such as those for content of sand, silt, clay, salt, and other components. Properties of each soil typically vary from one point to another across the landscape.

Observations for map unit components are aggregated to develop ranges of characteristics for the components. The aggregated values are presented. Direct measurements do not exist for every property presented for every map unit component. Values for some properties are estimated from combinations of other properties.

While a soil survey is in progress, samples of some of the soils in the area generally are collected for laboratory analyses and for engineering tests. Soil scientists interpret the data from these analyses and tests as well as the field-observed characteristics and the soil properties to determine the expected behavior of the soils under different uses. Interpretations for all of the soils are field tested through observation of the soils in different uses and under different levels of management. Some interpretations are modified to fit local conditions, and some new interpretations are developed to meet local needs. Data are assembled from other sources, such as research information, production records, and field experience of specialists. For example, data on crop yields under defined levels of management are assembled from farm records and from field or plot experiments on the same kinds of soil.

Predictions about soil behavior are based not only on soil properties but also on such variables as climate and biological activity. Soil conditions are predictable over long periods of time, but they are not predictable from year to year. For example, soil scientists can predict with a fairly high degree of accuracy that a given soil will have a high water table within certain depths in most years, but they cannot predict that a high water table will always be at a specific level in the soil on a specific date.

After soil scientists located and identified the significant natural bodies of soil in the survey area, they drew the boundaries of these bodies on aerial photographs and identified each as a specific map unit. Aerial photographs show trees, buildings, fields, roads, and rivers, all of which help in locating boundaries accurately.

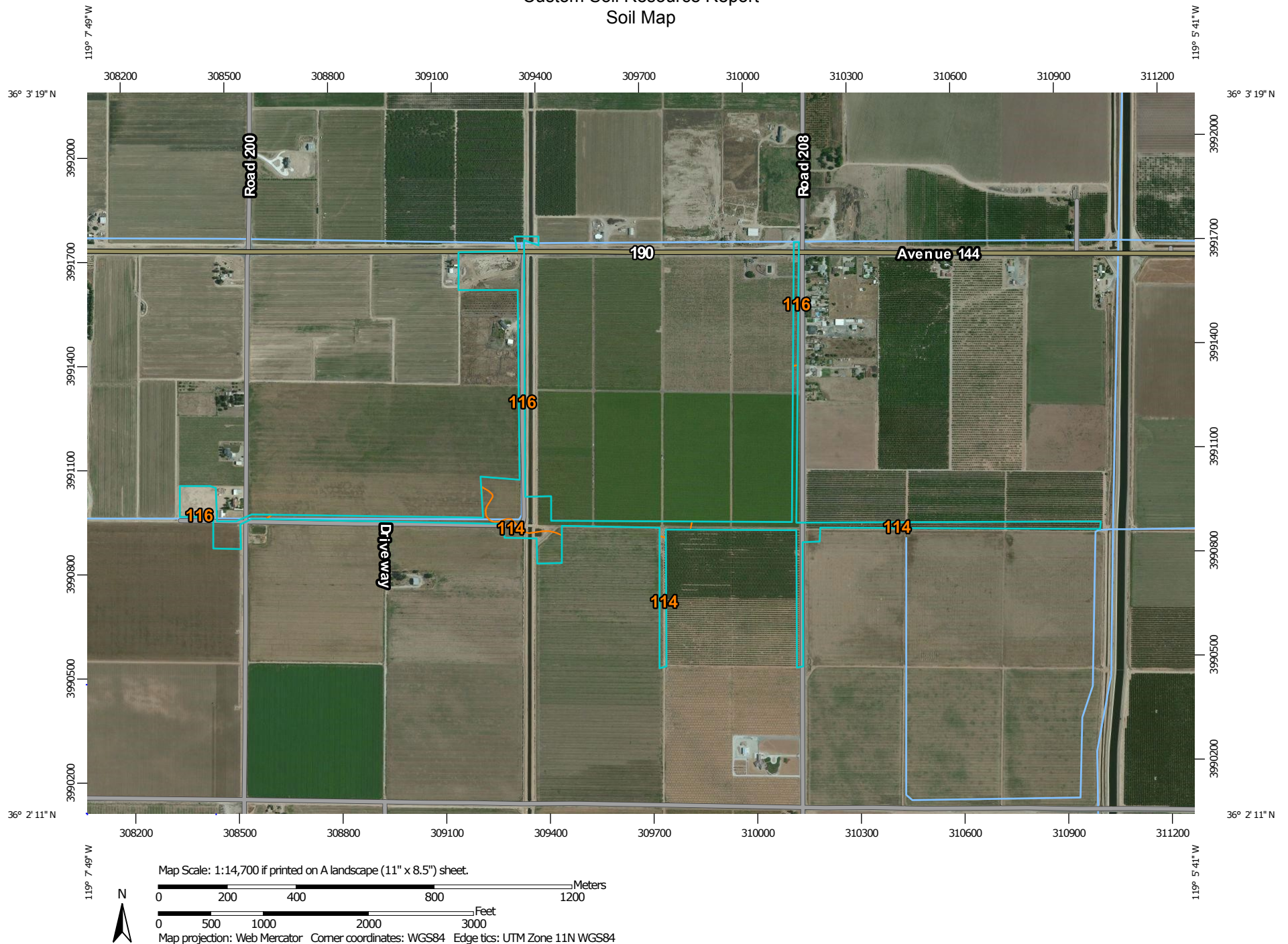


# Soil Map

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The soil map section includes the soil map for the defined area of interest, a list of soil map units on the map and extent of each map unit, and cartographic symbols displayed on the map. Also presented are various metadata about data used to produce the map, and a description of each soil map unit.


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## MAP LEGEND

### Area of Interest (AOI)

 Area of Interest (AOI)


### Soils


 Soil Map Unit Polygons


 Soil Map Unit Lines


 Soil Map Unit Points

### Special Point Features

 Blowout

 Borrow Pit

 Clay Spot

 Closed Depression

 Gravel Pit

 Gravelly Spot


 Landfill

 Lava Flow

 Marsh or swamp

 Mine or Quarry

 Miscellaneous Water


 Perennial Water

 Rock Outcrop


 Saline Spot

 Sandy Spot

 Severely Eroded Spot


 Sinkhole


 Slide or Slip

 Sodic Spot


 Spoil Area

 Stony Spot


 Very Stony Spot

 Wet Spot

 Other

 Special Line Features

### Water Features

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### Transportation

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 Local Roads

### Background

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## Map Unit Legend

Tulare County, Western Part, California (CA659)			
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<b>Totals for Area of Interest</b>		<b>37.5</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Map Unit Descriptions

The map units delineated on the detailed soil maps in a soil survey represent the soils or miscellaneous areas in the survey area. The map unit descriptions, along with the maps, can be used to determine the composition and properties of a unit.

A map unit delineation on a soil map represents an area dominated by one or more major kinds of soil or miscellaneous areas. A map unit is identified and named according to the taxonomic classification of the dominant soils. Within a taxonomic class there are precisely defined limits for the properties of the soils. On the landscape, however, the soils are natural phenomena, and they have the characteristic variability of all natural phenomena. Thus, the range of some observed properties may extend beyond the limits defined for a taxonomic class. Areas of soils of a single taxonomic class rarely, if ever, can be mapped without including areas of other taxonomic classes. Consequently, every map unit is made up of the soils or miscellaneous areas for which it is named and some minor components that belong to taxonomic classes other than those of the major soils.

Most minor soils have properties similar to those of the dominant soil or soils in the map unit, and thus they do not affect use and management. These are called noncontrasting, or similar, components. They may or may not be mentioned in a particular map unit description. Other minor components, however, have properties and behavioral characteristics divergent enough to affect use or to require different management. These are called contrasting, or dissimilar, components. They generally are in small areas and could not be mapped separately because of the scale used. Some small areas of strongly contrasting soils or miscellaneous areas are identified by a special symbol on the maps. If included in the database for a given area, the contrasting minor components are identified in the map unit descriptions along with some characteristics of each. A few areas of minor components may not have been observed, and consequently they are not mentioned in the descriptions, especially where the pattern was so complex that it was impractical to make enough observations to identify all the soils and miscellaneous areas on the landscape.

The presence of minor components in a map unit in no way diminishes the usefulness or accuracy of the data. The objective of mapping is not to delineate pure taxonomic classes but rather to separate the landscape into landforms or landform segments that have similar use and management requirements. The delineation of such segments on the map provides sufficient information for the development of resource plans. If

intensive use of small areas is planned, however, onsite investigation is needed to define and locate the soils and miscellaneous areas.

An identifying symbol precedes the map unit name in the map unit descriptions. Each description includes general facts about the unit and gives important soil properties and qualities.

Soils that have profiles that are almost alike make up a *soil series*. Except for differences in texture of the surface layer, all the soils of a series have major horizons that are similar in composition, thickness, and arrangement.

Soils of one series can differ in texture of the surface layer, slope, stoniness, salinity, degree of erosion, and other characteristics that affect their use. On the basis of such differences, a soil series is divided into *soil phases*. Most of the areas shown on the detailed soil maps are phases of soil series. The name of a soil phase commonly indicates a feature that affects use or management. For example, Alpha silt loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is a phase of the Alpha series.

Some map units are made up of two or more major soils or miscellaneous areas. These map units are complexes, associations, or undifferentiated groups.

A *complex* consists of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas in such an intricate pattern or in such small areas that they cannot be shown separately on the maps. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar in all areas. Alpha-Beta complex, 0 to 6 percent slopes, is an example.

An *association* is made up of two or more geographically associated soils or miscellaneous areas that are shown as one unit on the maps. Because of present or anticipated uses of the map units in the survey area, it was not considered practical or necessary to map the soils or miscellaneous areas separately. The pattern and relative proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas are somewhat similar. Alpha-Beta association, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

An *undifferentiated group* is made up of two or more soils or miscellaneous areas that could be mapped individually but are mapped as one unit because similar interpretations can be made for use and management. The pattern and proportion of the soils or miscellaneous areas in a mapped area are not uniform. An area can be made up of only one of the major soils or miscellaneous areas, or it can be made up of all of them. Alpha and Beta soils, 0 to 2 percent slopes, is an example.

Some surveys include *miscellaneous areas*. Such areas have little or no soil material and support little or no vegetation. Rock outcrop is an example.

## Tulare County, Western Part, California

### 114—Exeter loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes

#### Map Unit Setting

*National map unit symbol:* hp4j

*Elevation:* 250 to 570 feet

*Mean annual precipitation:* 8 to 12 inches

*Mean annual air temperature:* 63 to 64 degrees F

*Frost-free period:* 250 to 300 days

*Farmland classification:* Farmland of statewide importance

#### Map Unit Composition

*Exeter, 0-2% slopes, and similar soils:* 85 percent

*Minor components:* 15 percent

*Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

#### Description of Exeter, 0-2% Slopes

##### Setting

*Landform:* Fan remnants

*Landform position (two-dimensional):* Shoulder

*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Side slope

*Down-slope shape:* Linear

*Across-slope shape:* Linear

*Parent material:* Alluvium derived from granitic rock sources

##### Typical profile

*Ap - 0 to 9 inches:* loam

*Bt1 - 9 to 26 inches:* sandy clay loam

*Bt2 - 26 to 28 inches:* clay loam

*Btqm - 28 to 46 inches:* indurated

*2Bt - 46 to 72 inches:* stratified very gravelly loamy coarse sand to gravelly loam

##### Properties and qualities

*Slope:* 0 to 2 percent

*Depth to restrictive feature:* 20 to 40 inches to duripan

*Natural drainage class:* Moderately well drained

*Runoff class:* Medium

*Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat):* Low to moderately low  
(0.01 to 0.06 in/hr)

*Depth to water table:* More than 80 inches

*Frequency of flooding:* Very rare

*Frequency of ponding:* None

*Calcium carbonate, maximum in profile:* 5 percent

*Salinity, maximum in profile:* Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)

*Available water storage in profile:* Low (about 4.4 inches)

##### Interpretive groups

*Land capability classification (irrigated):* 3s

*Land capability classification (nonirrigated):* 4s

*Hydrologic Soil Group:* C

### Minor Components

#### Hanford

*Percent of map unit:* 4 percent

*Landform:* Flood plains, alluvial fans

#### Colpien

*Percent of map unit:* 3 percent

*Landform:* Fan remnants

#### San joaquin

*Percent of map unit:* 3 percent

*Landform:* Fan remnants

#### Quonal

*Percent of map unit:* 2 percent

*Landform:* Fan remnants

#### Calgro

*Percent of map unit:* 2 percent

*Landform:* Fan remnants

#### Unnamed, ponded

*Percent of map unit:* 1 percent

*Landform:* Depressions

## 116—Flamen loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes

### Map Unit Setting

*National map unit symbol:* hp4l

*Elevation:* 260 to 550 feet

*Mean annual precipitation:* 8 to 12 inches

*Mean annual air temperature:* 63 to 64 degrees F

*Frost-free period:* 250 to 300 days

*Farmland classification:* Prime farmland if irrigated and either protected from flooding or not frequently flooded during the growing season

### Map Unit Composition

*Flamen and similar soils:* 85 percent

*Minor components:* 15 percent

*Estimates are based on observations, descriptions, and transects of the mapunit.*

### Description of Flamen

#### Setting

*Landform:* Fan remnants

*Landform position (two-dimensional):* Shoulder

*Landform position (three-dimensional):* Side slope

*Down-slope shape:* Linear

*Across-slope shape:* Linear

*Parent material:* Alluvium derived from granitic rock sources

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### Typical profile

*Ap1 - 0 to 17 inches: loam*  
*Ap2 - 17 to 28 inches: loam*  
*Btk - 28 to 43 inches: loam*  
*2Btkqm - 43 to 72 inches: cemented*

### Properties and qualities

*Slope: 0 to 2 percent*  
*Depth to restrictive feature: 40 to 60 inches to duripan*  
*Natural drainage class: Moderately well drained*  
*Runoff class: Low*  
*Capacity of the most limiting layer to transmit water (Ksat): Moderately low to moderately high (0.06 to 0.20 in/hr)*  
*Depth to water table: More than 80 inches*  
*Frequency of flooding: Very rare*  
*Frequency of ponding: None*  
*Calcium carbonate, maximum in profile: 2 percent*  
*Salinity, maximum in profile: Nonsaline to very slightly saline (0.0 to 2.0 mmhos/cm)*  
*Sodium adsorption ratio, maximum in profile: 12.0*  
*Available water storage in profile: Moderate (about 6.6 inches)*

### Interpretive groups

*Land capability classification (irrigated): 2s*  
*Land capability classification (nonirrigated): 4e*  
*Hydrologic Soil Group: B*

### Minor Components

#### Exeter

*Percent of map unit: 3 percent*  
*Landform: Fan remnants*

#### San joaquin

*Percent of map unit: 3 percent*  
*Landform: Fan remnants*

#### Hanford

*Percent of map unit: 2 percent*  
*Landform: Flood plains, alluvial fans*

#### Calgro

*Percent of map unit: 2 percent*  
*Landform: Fan remnants*

#### Colpien

*Percent of map unit: 2 percent*  
*Landform: Fan remnants*

#### Centerville

*Percent of map unit: 2 percent*  
*Landform: Fan remnants*

#### Unnamed, ponded

*Percent of map unit: 1 percent*  
*Landform: Depressions*





# **Soil Information for All Uses**

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## **Suitabilities and Limitations for Use**

The Suitabilities and Limitations for Use section includes various soil interpretations displayed as thematic maps with a summary table for the soil map units in the selected area of interest. A single value or rating for each map unit is generated by aggregating the interpretive ratings of individual map unit components. This aggregation process is defined for each interpretation.

## **Land Classifications**

Land Classifications are specified land use and management groupings that are assigned to soil areas because combinations of soil have similar behavior for specified practices. Most are based on soil properties and other factors that directly influence the specific use of the soil. Example classifications include ecological site classification, farmland classification, irrigated and nonirrigated land capability classification, and hydric rating.

## **California Revised Storie Index (CA) (PID Service Area Two)**

The Storie Index is a soil rating based on soil properties that govern a soil's potential for cultivated agriculture in California.

The Storie Index assesses the productivity of a soil from the following four characteristics: Factor A, degree of soil profile development; factor B, texture of the surface layer; factor C, slope; and factor X, manageable features, including drainage, microrelief, fertility, acidity, erosion, and salt content. A score ranging from 0 to 100 is determined for each factor, and the scores are then multiplied together to derive an index rating.

For simplification, Storie Index ratings have been combined into six grade classes as follows: Grade 1 (excellent), 81 to 100; grade 2 (good), 61 to 80; grade 3 (fair), 41 to 60; grade 4 (poor), 21 to 40; grade 5 (very poor), 11 to 20; and grade 6 (nonagricultural), 10 or less.

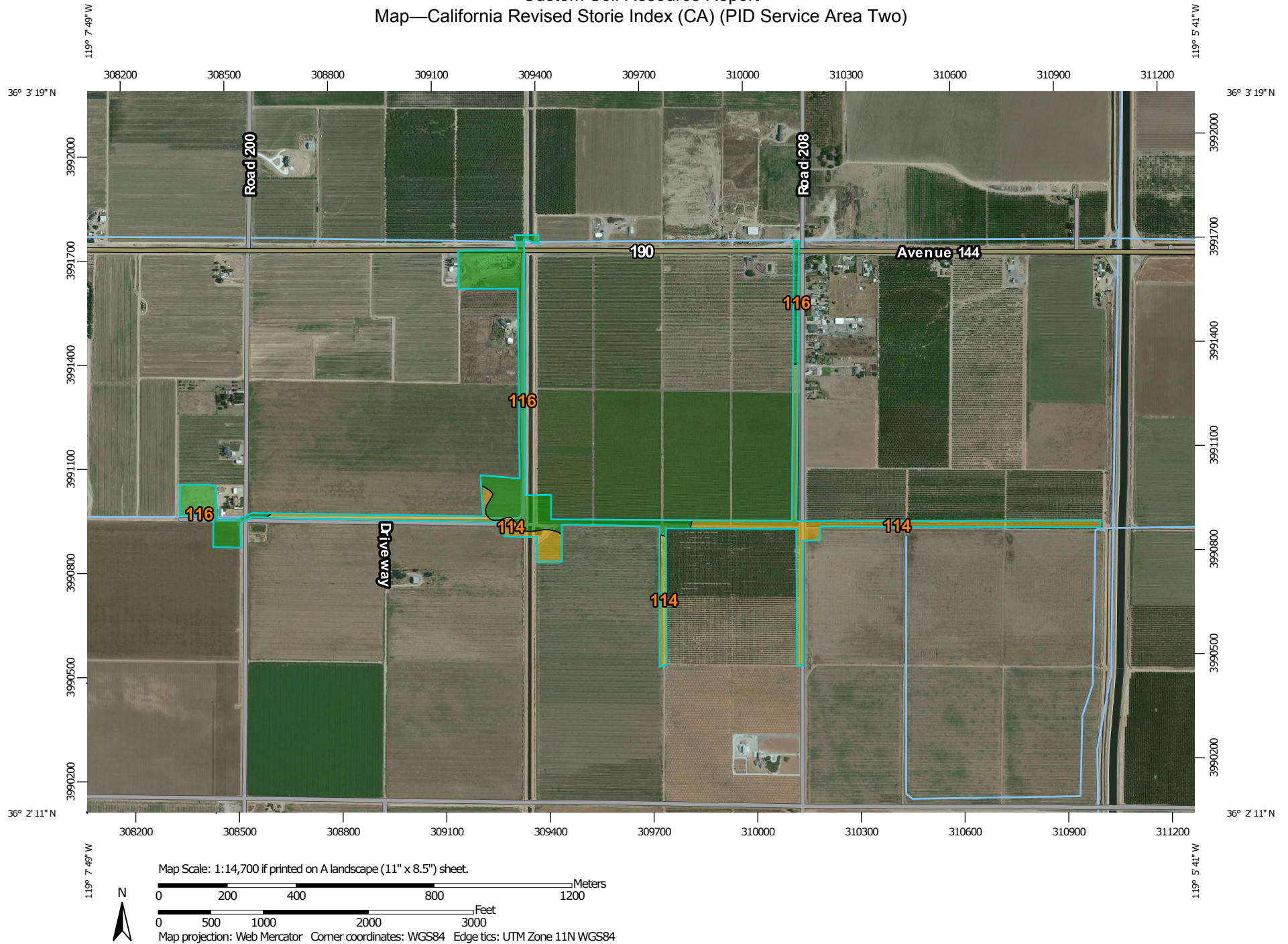
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The components listed for each map unit in the accompanying Summary by Map Unit table in Web Soil Survey or the Aggregation Report in Soil Data Viewer are determined by the aggregation method chosen. An aggregated rating class is shown for each map unit. The components listed for each map unit are only those that have the same rating class as the one shown for the map unit. The percent composition of each component in a particular map unit is given to help the user better understand the extent to which the rating applies to the map unit.

Other components with different ratings may occur in each map unit. The ratings for all components, regardless the aggregated rating of the map unit, can be viewed by generating the equivalent report from the Soil Reports tab in Web Soil Survey or from the Soil Data Mart site. Onsite investigation may be needed to validate these interpretations and to confirm the identity of the soil on a given site.

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## Map—California Revised Storie Index (CA) (PID Service Area Two)



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
### MAP LEGEND

#### Area of Interest (AOI)









 Area of Interest (AOI)

#### Soils





##### Soil Rating Polygons





-  Grade 1 - Excellent
-  Grade 2 - Good
-  Grade 3 - Fair
-  Grade 4 - Poor
-  Grade 5 - Very Poor
-  Grade 6 - Nonagricultural
-  Not rated
-  Not rated or not available

##### Soil Rating Lines


-  Grade 1 - Excellent
-  Grade 2 - Good
-  Grade 3 - Fair
-  Grade 4 - Poor
-  Grade 5 - Very Poor
-  Grade 6 - Nonagricultural
-  Not rated
-  Not rated or not available

##### Soil Rating Points






-  Grade 1 - Excellent
-  Grade 2 - Good
-  Grade 3 - Fair
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-  Grade 6 - Nonagricultural
-  Not rated
-  Not rated or not available


#### Water Features

 Streams and Canals

#### Transportation

-  Rails
-  Interstate Highways
-  US Routes
-  Major Roads
-  Local Roads

#### Background

 Aerial Photography

### MAP INFORMATION

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116	Flamen loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	Grade 1 - Excellent	Flamen (85%)	21.0	55.9%
<b>Totals for Area of Interest</b>				<b>37.5</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Rating Options—California Revised Storie Index (CA) (PID Service Area Two)**

*Aggregation Method:* Dominant Condition

*Component Percent Cutoff:* None Specified

*Tie-break Rule:* Lower

**Irrigated Capability Class (PID Service Area Two)**

Land capability classification shows, in a general way, the suitability of soils for most kinds of field crops. Crops that require special management are excluded. The soils are grouped according to their limitations for field crops, the risk of damage if they are used for crops, and the way they respond to management. The criteria used in grouping the soils do not include major and generally expensive landforming that would change slope, depth, or other characteristics of the soils, nor do they include possible but unlikely major reclamation projects. Capability classification is not a substitute for interpretations that show suitability and limitations of groups of soils for rangeland, for woodland, or for engineering purposes.

In the capability system, soils are generally grouped at three levels-capability class, subclass, and unit. Only class and subclass are included in this data set.

Capability classes, the broadest groups, are designated by the numbers 1 through 8. The numbers indicate progressively greater limitations and narrower choices for practical use. The classes are defined as follows:

Class 1 soils have few limitations that restrict their use.

Class 2 soils have moderate limitations that reduce the choice of plants or that require moderate conservation practices.

Class 3 soils have severe limitations that reduce the choice of plants or that require special conservation practices, or both.

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Class 4 soils have very severe limitations that reduce the choice of plants or that require very careful management, or both.

Class 5 soils are subject to little or no erosion but have other limitations, impractical to remove, that restrict their use mainly to pasture, rangeland, forestland, or wildlife habitat.

Class 6 soils have severe limitations that make them generally unsuitable for cultivation and that restrict their use mainly to pasture, rangeland, forestland, or wildlife habitat.

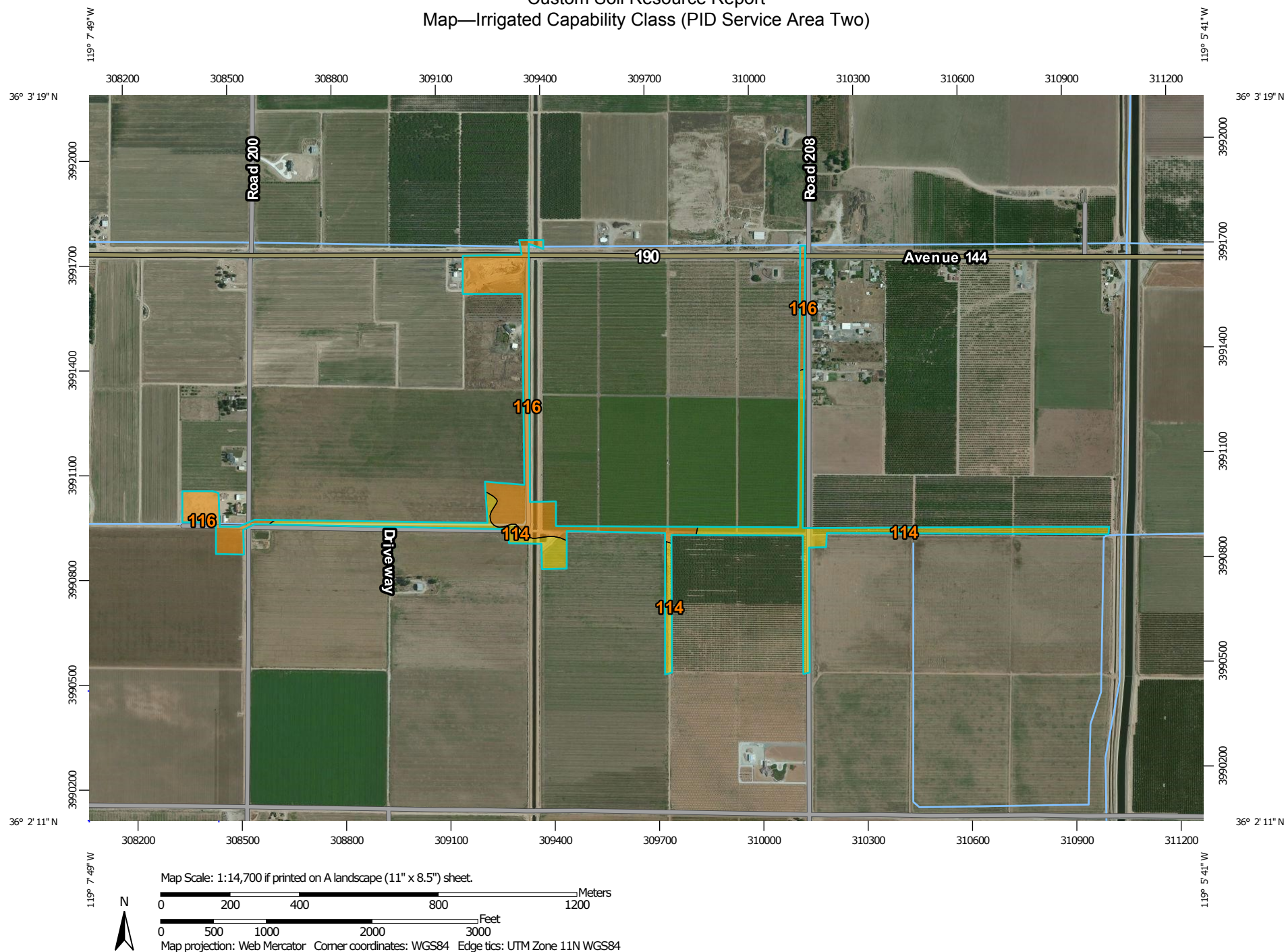
Class 7 soils have very severe limitations that make them unsuitable for cultivation and that restrict their use mainly to grazing, forestland, or wildlife habitat.

Class 8 soils and miscellaneous areas have limitations that preclude commercial plant production and that restrict their use to recreational purposes, wildlife habitat, watershed, or esthetic purposes.



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## Map—Irrigated Capability Class (PID Service Area Two)












## MAP LEGEND

### Area of Interest (AOI)










 Area of Interest (AOI)

### Soils



#### Soil Rating Polygons








 Capability Class - I  
 Capability Class - II  
 Capability Class - III  
 Capability Class - IV  
 Capability Class - V  
 Capability Class - VI  
 Capability Class - VII  
 Capability Class - VIII  
 Not rated or not available

#### Soil Rating Lines


 Capability Class - I  
 Capability Class - II  
 Capability Class - III  
 Capability Class - IV  
 Capability Class - V  
 Capability Class - VI  
 Capability Class - VII  
 Capability Class - VIII  
 Not rated or not available

#### Soil Rating Points






 Capability Class - I  
 Capability Class - II

 Capability Class - III  
 Capability Class - IV  
 Capability Class - V  
 Capability Class - VI  
 Capability Class - VII  
 Capability Class - VIII  
 Not rated or not available


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**Rating Options—Irrigated Capability Class (PID Service Area Two)**

*Aggregation Method:* Dominant Condition

*Component Percent Cutoff:* None Specified

*Tie-break Rule:* Higher

**Irrigated Capability Subclass (PID Service Area Two)**

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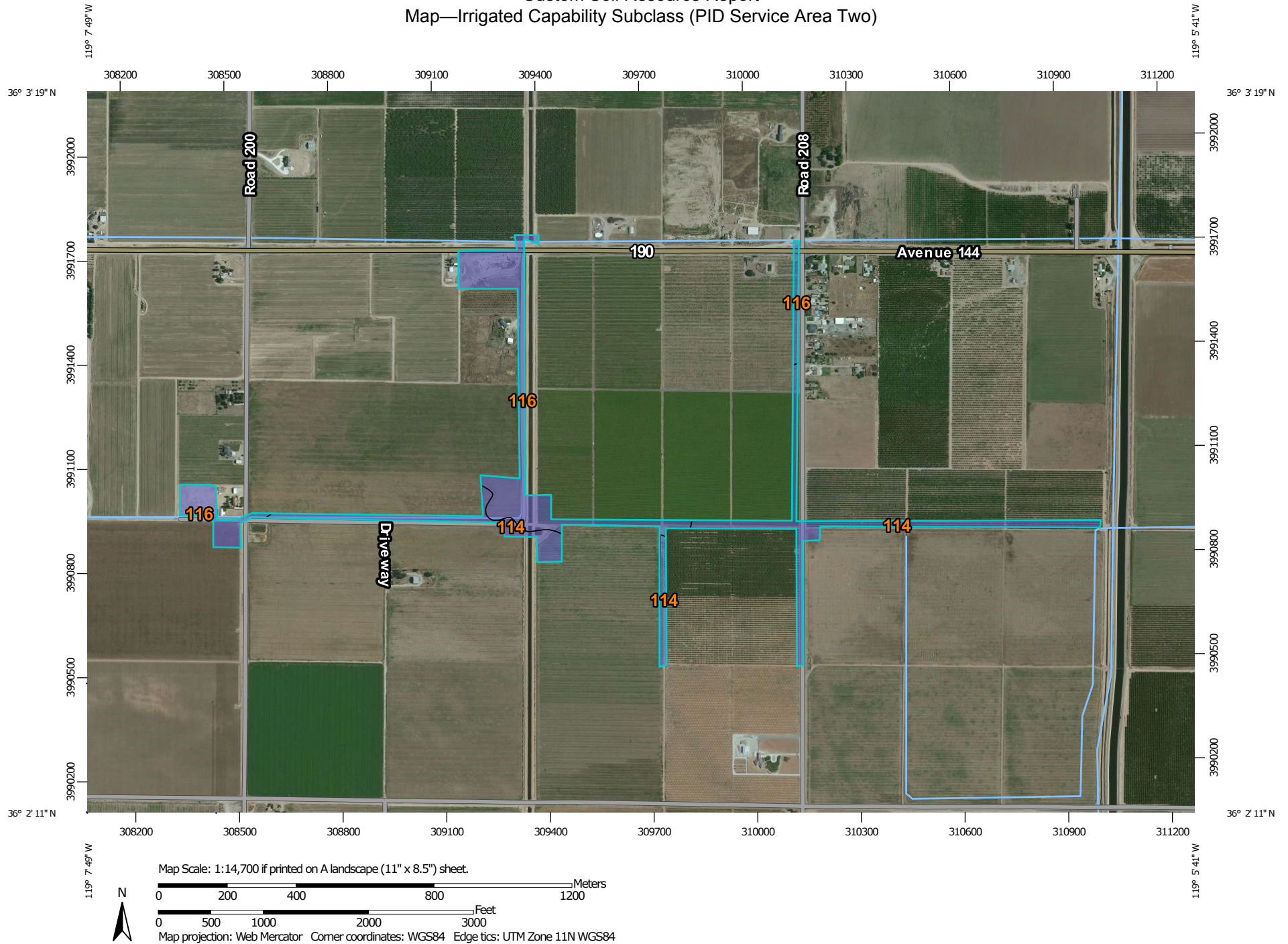
Capability subclasses are soil groups within one capability class. They are designated by adding a small letter, "e," "w," "s," or "c," to the class numeral, for example, 2e. The letter "e" shows that the main hazard is the risk of erosion unless close-growing plant cover is maintained; "w" shows that water in or on the soil interferes with plant growth or cultivation (in some soils the wetness can be partly corrected by artificial drainage); "s" shows that the soil is limited mainly because it is shallow, droughty, or stony; and "c," used in only some parts of the United States, shows that the chief limitation is climate that is very cold or very dry.

In class 1 there are no subclasses because the soils of this class have few limitations. Class 5 contains only the subclasses indicated by "w," "s," or "c" because the soils in class 5 are subject to little or no erosion. They have other limitations that restrict their use to pasture, rangeland, forestland, or wildlife habitat.




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## Map—Irrigated Capability Subclass (PID Service Area Two)








## MAP LEGEND

### Area of Interest (AOI)






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### Soils






#### Soil Rating Polygons

-  Erosion
-  Soil limitation within the rooting zone
-  Excess water
-  Climate condition
-  Not rated or not available


#### Soil Rating Lines

-  Erosion
-  Soil limitation within the rooting zone
-  Excess water
-  Climate condition
-  Not rated or not available






#### Soil Rating Points

-  Erosion
-  Soil limitation within the rooting zone
-  Excess water
-  Climate condition
-  Not rated or not available


### Water Features

 Streams and Canals

### Transportation

-  Rails
-  Interstate Highways
-  US Routes
-  Major Roads
-  Local Roads

### Background

 Aerial Photography

## MAP INFORMATION

The soil surveys that comprise your AOI were mapped at 1:24,000.

Warning: Soil Map may not be valid at this scale.

Enlargement of maps beyond the scale of mapping can cause misunderstanding of the detail of mapping and accuracy of soil line placement. The maps do not show the small areas of contrasting soils that could have been shown at a more detailed scale.

Please rely on the bar scale on each map sheet for map measurements.

Source of Map: Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Web Soil Survey URL: <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov>  
Coordinate System: Web Mercator (EPSG:3857)

Maps from the Web Soil Survey are based on the Web Mercator projection, which preserves direction and shape but distorts distance and area. A projection that preserves area, such as the Albers equal-area conic projection, should be used if more accurate calculations of distance or area are required.

This product is generated from the USDA-NRCS certified data as of the version date(s) listed below.

Soil Survey Area: Tulare County, Western Part, California  
Survey Area Data: Version 9, Sep 30, 2015

Soil map units are labeled (as space allows) for map scales 1:50,000 or larger.

Date(s) aerial images were photographed: Aug 27, 2010—Jul 3, 2011

The orthophoto or other base map on which the soil lines were compiled and digitized probably differs from the background imagery displayed on these maps. As a result, some minor shifting of map unit boundaries may be evident.

**Table—Irrigated Capability Subclass (PID Service Area Two)**

Irrigated Capability Subclass— Summary by Map Unit — Tulare County, Western Part, California (CA659)				
Map unit symbol	Map unit name	Rating	Acres in AOI	Percent of AOI
114	Exeter loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	s	16.5	44.1%
116	Flamen loam, 0 to 2 percent slopes	s	21.0	55.9%
<b>Totals for Area of Interest</b>			<b>37.5</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Rating Options—Irrigated Capability Subclass (PID Service Area Two)**

*Aggregation Method:* Dominant Condition

*Component Percent Cutoff:* None Specified

*Tie-break Rule:* Lower

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