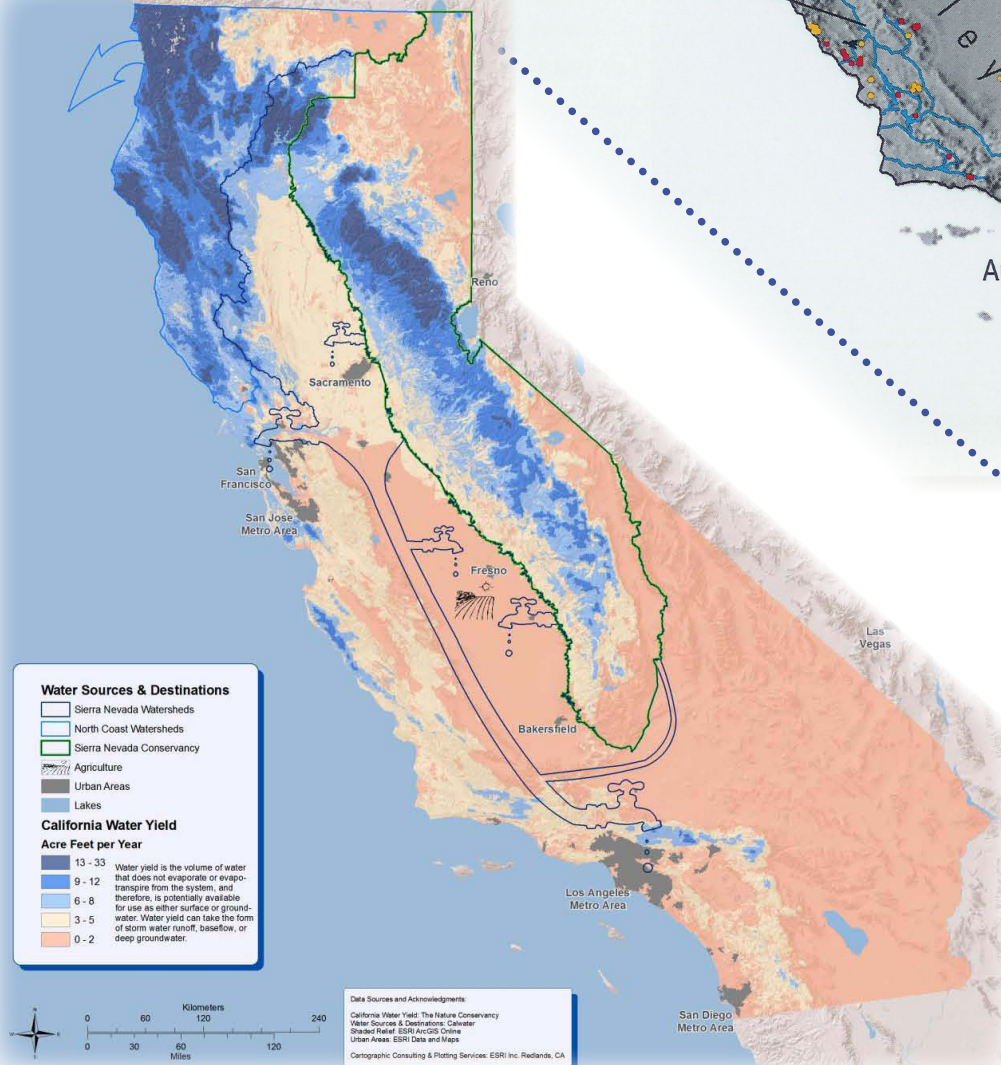
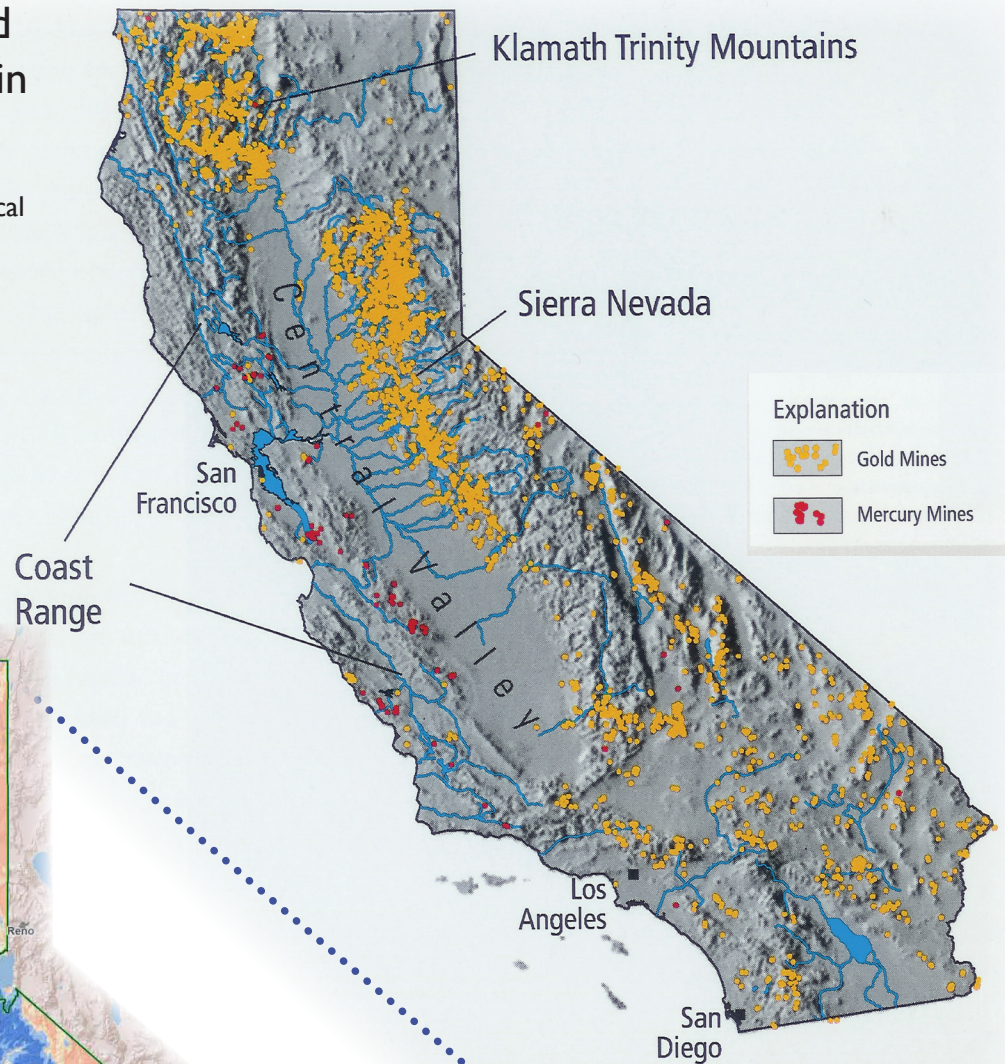


LEGACY MINES & WATER IN CALIFORNIA

The majority of California's surface water comes from the Sierra Nevada, where the gold mines are. Legacy mine drainage and toxic plumes travel from the Sierra to the Sea in rivers and through municipal water systems.

Legacy Gold and Mercury Mines in California

Map source: US Geological Survey, 2005



California's Water Sources

Map source: Sierra Nevada Conservancy, 2009