



Reference Watersheds Database

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Reference watersheds represent locations across California with minimal human disturbance and can provide an expectation for the state or condition of the environment. The [Monitoring Study Group](#) developed a list or catalog of reference watersheds in California based on input from numerous resource professionals throughout California. Entries were made for both undisturbed and managed watershed that had detailed stream monitoring information. Taking a subset of the list we have created a GIS database that delineates the watershed boundaries for undisturbed watersheds in California. Examples of undisturbed reference watersheds include Little Lost Man Creek, Upper Prairie Creek, Merced River at Happy Isles, and Big Trees Creek in Calaveras Big Trees State Park.

The GIS layer and [associated database](#) are intended to support community-based watershed groups and government agencies that are conducting watershed assessments or related planning conditions.

The GIS layer is currently in a draft format. The watershed boundaries can be viewed from the link below. We hope to have a GIS version available for download by fall of 2006. Please e-mail the address below to request this version. Additionally, we encourage your feedback on the accuracy of the watershed boundaries and on the accuracy of the information presented. Also, if you know of any reference watersheds that should be consider in addition to ones shown here please let us know.

If you have any comments or suggestions please e-mail frapwatershedweb@fire.ca.gov

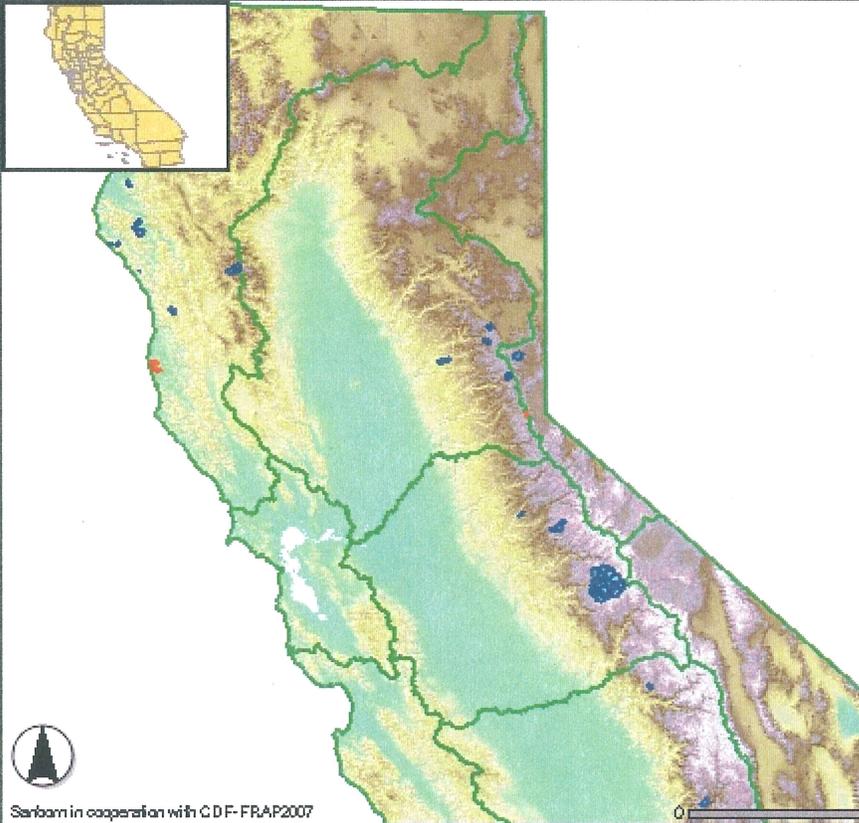
Please click [here](#) for instructions on viewing the Reference Watershed Database.

Website:

<http://frap.cdf.ca.gov/watersheds/referencewatershed.html>



Reference Watershed Viewer v0.9 (HELP!)



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Layers

Visible Active

- Reference Watersheds
- Calwater
- Hydrologic Regions
- USGS 24k Quad Boundaries
- Color Hillshade

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North Coast/Central Coast	Major Drainage	County	Calwater
No or Very Minor Disturbance			Planning WS No.
(undisturbed 2nd growth watersheds denoted with *)			(* indicates only a portion of unit)
Arroyo de la Cruz Creek, Hearst Property	Pacific Ocean	San Luis Obispo	310.12
Balm of Gilead Creek, Mendocino NF	MF Eel River	Trinity	1111.740103; 1111.740104
Blue Creek, Crescent City Fork, lower Klamath River trib.	Klamath River	Del Norte	
Blue Creek, Upper West Fork, Klamath River trib.	Klamath River	Humboldt	
Canoe Creek, Humboldt Redwoods SP	Eel River	Humboldt	
Caspar Creek, NF tributaries HEN and IVE*	Pacific Ocean	Mendocino	1113.303404 [†]
Cedar Creek, Jedidiah Smith Redwoods SP	Smith River	Humboldt	
Clark Creek--West Fork, Jedidiah Smith Redwoods SP	Smith River	Humboldt	
Coldwater Creek, Smith River tributary	Smith River	Del Norte	
Cow Creek, Humboldt Redwoods SP	Eel River	Humboldt	
Dillion Creek, Klamath River tributary	Klamath River	Trinity	
Dream Stream (unnamed tributary to the Mattole River)	Mattole River	Humboldt	
Elder Creek, Coast Range Reserve	Eel River	Mendocino	1111.330402
Godwood Creek, tributary of Prairie Creek	Redwood Creek	Humboldt	
Honeydew Creek, Upper West Fork	Mattole River	Humboldt	112.30042
Kelly Creek, Smith River tributary	Smith River	Del Norte	
Little Lost Man Creek, Redwood NP	Redwood Creek	Humboldt	1107.100104
Little River, Van Damme State Park*	Pacific Ocean	Mendocino	
Morrison Creek, Mendocino NF	MF Eel River	Trinity	
Oak Creek, King Range National Conservation Area		Humboldt	
Russian Gulch, Russian Gulch State Park*	Pacific Ocean	Mendocino	1113.300405
Sespe Creek, Los Padres NF	Santa Clara River	Ventura	
South Fork Elk River, Headwaters Forest Reserve	Elk River	Humboldt	
Squaw Creek, Humboldt Redwoods SP	Eel River	Humboldt	
Upper Prairie Creek, above Brown Creek (RNP)	Redwood Creek	Humboldt	1107.100201 [†]
Virgin Creek, trib. of Lacks Cr., trib. of Redwood Creek	Redwood Creek	Humboldt	
Yew Creek, Mattole River Monastery	Mattole River	Humboldt	

Sierra Nevada/Cascade/Klamath Mts			
No or Very Minor Disturbance			
Big Trees Creek, SF Grove, Calaveras Big Trees SP	Stanislaus River	Toulumne	6534.500403 [†]
Chapman Creek, tributary of NF Yuba River	Yuba River	Sierra	
Lily Creek, tributary of the Clavey River	Stanislaus River	Toulumne	
General Creek, Lake Tahoe Basin*	Lake Tahoe		
Grizzley Creek, tributary of MF Yuba River	Yuba River	Nevada	
Haskell Creek, tributary of NF Yuba River	Yuba River	Nevada	
Kiln Creek, tributary of Sagehen Creek	Sagehen Creek		
Merced River at Happy Isles, Yosemite NP	Merced River	Mariposa	6537.600000
Milton Creek, tributary of NF Yuba River	Yuba River	Sierra	
Norh Fork American River, headwaters (Chickering Preserve)	American River	Placer	
Onion Creek, Central Sierra Snow Laboratory	American River	Placer	5514.55013 [†]
Plummer Creek, Salmon River tributary	Salmon River		
Teakettle Creek, Teakettle Creek Experimental Forest	Kern River	Fresno	7552.330704
Sagehen Creek, Sagehen Creek Field Station		Nevada/Sierra	8636.000301; 8636.000302
Upper Peppermint Creek, Sequoia NF		Tulare	7554.240807 [†]