Appendix K

Spatial Summary for Uses

I. Labeled Uses and Associated Land Cover Types for metam-sodium

The following use list is derived from label use information. It is used as a basis for the spatial mapping of metam-sodium. Table 1 shows which land cover types are used to represent the spatial area of the use (*e.g.*, the use footprint). The land cover classes were not designed to represent each use specifically but were chosen as the best spatial representation of a use area available. For example, dumpster use sites are associated with all developed landcover classes, including developed open space, since there is a possibility dumpsters can be found there. Greenhouses and nurseries are associated with cultivated classes since it is the most likely landcover class that can represent those use site areas.

Table 1 Mapping layers and associated use sites.

Land Cover Mapping Layer	Use list
Cultivated	lettuce, melon, nursery, onion, row crops, strawberry, tomato, potato
Developed (all)	Bare ground, golf courses, general turf
Turf	Golf courses, general turf

II. Initial Area of Concern

After determining uses from label information and obtaining the representative NLCD landcover classes, a potential use 'footprint' map is made. This includes all areas within the state of California where the pesticide could be applied and is shown in Figure 1 for metam-sodium. The footprint of potential use represents the chemical's initial area of concern, and is based on available NLCD land cover data and derived map layers.

Initial Area of Concern for metam-sodium

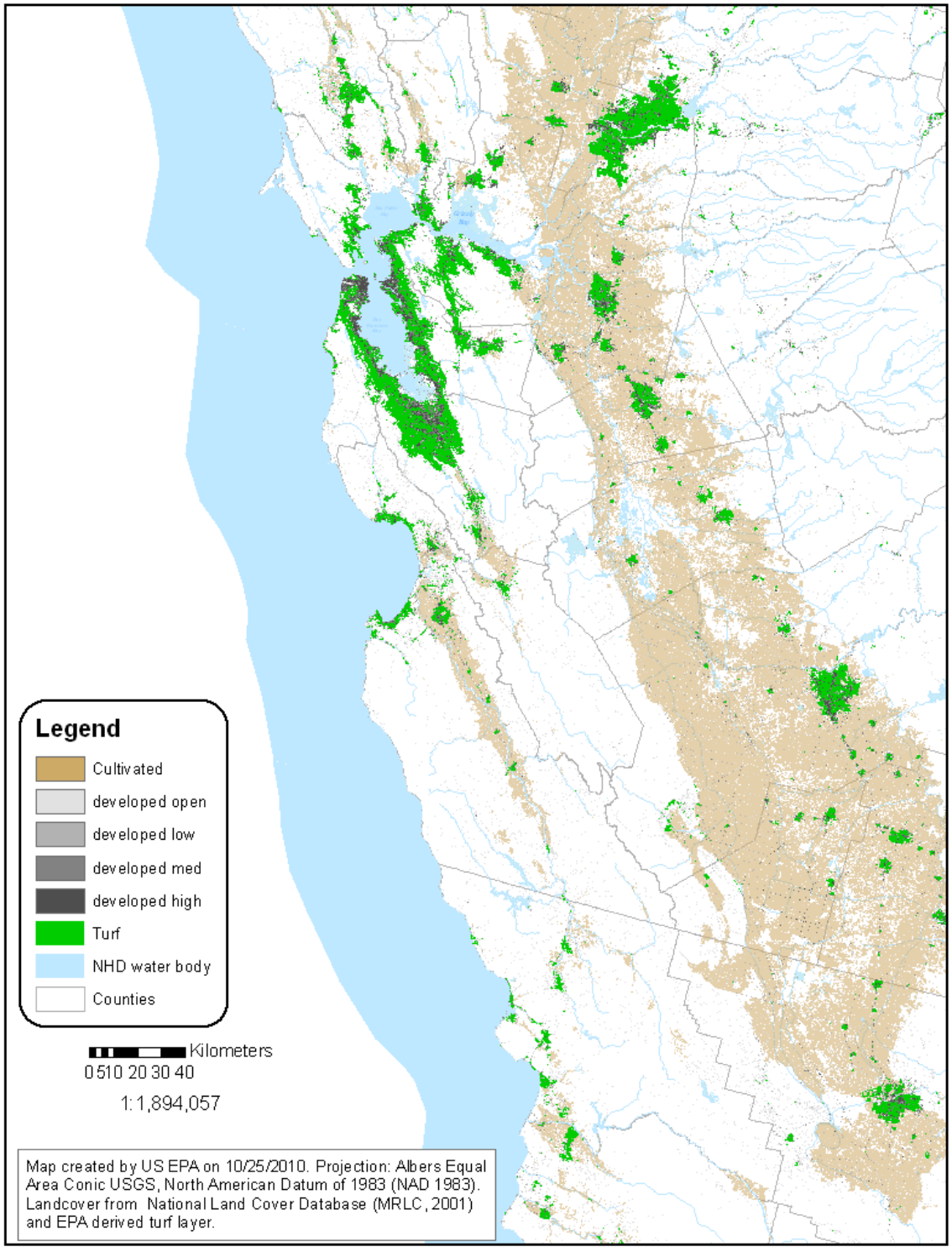

Figure 1 Potential use sites for metam-sodium.

A. Land Cover

Base mapping land cover layers for the initial area of concern analysis were obtained from the National Land Cover Dataset (NLCD 2001) for the majority of land use types. The NLCD was released as a nationally consistent, regionally indexed dataset in January 2007. California Gap Analysis Project (GAP) data from the Biogeography Lab from UCLA-Santa Barbara (1998) were obtained for the orchard and vineyard uses. These raster files were converted to vectors using simplification and majority filter routines and merged into NLCD. The turf layer is derived from the NLCD developed areas with the impervious surface layer removed. The rights-of-way land cover layer was derived by combining road and rail information from TeleAtlas (2007) with U.S. Department of Transportation's National Pipeline Mapping System (1999). Table 2 lists the NLCD and derived layers used for initial area of concern representation.

Table 2 NLCD Layers and its description.

Layer name	Base source	Description
Cultivated Crops	NLCD	Grid code 82: Areas used for the production of annual crops, such as corn, soybeans, vegetables, tobacco, and orchards/vineyards, and also perennial woody crops such as orchards and vineyards. Crop vegetation accounts for greater than 20 percent of total vegetation. This class also includes all land being actively tilled.
Developed, High Intensity	NLCD	Grid code 24: Includes highly developed areas where people reside or work in high numbers. Examples include apartment complexes, row houses and commercial/industrial. Impervious surfaces account for 80 to100 percent of the total cover.
Developed, Low Intensity	NLCD	Grid code 22: Includes areas with a mixture of constructed materials and vegetation. Impervious surfaces account for 20-49 percent of total cover. These areas most commonly include single-family housing units.
Developed, Medium Intensity	NLCD	Grid code 23: Includes areas with a mixture of constructed materials and vegetation. Impervious surfaces account for 50-79 percent of the total cover. These areas most commonly include single-family housing units.
Developed, Open Space	NLCD	Grid code 21: Includes areas with a mixture of some constructed materials, but mostly vegetation in the form of lawn grasses. Impervious surfaces account for less than 20 percent of total cover. These areas most commonly include large-lot single-family housing units, parks, golf courses, and vegetation planted in developed settings for recreation, erosion control, or aesthetic purposes.
Forest	NLCD	Grid codes 41,42,43: Deciduous, evergreen and mixed. Areas dominated by trees generally greater than 5 meters tall, and greater than 20% of total vegetation cover.
Open Water	NLCD	Grid code 11: All areas of open water, generally with less than 25% cover of vegetation or soil.
Orchards and vineyards	CA GAP	Grid codes 11210, 11211 and 11212. This is the only CA GAP reference.
Pasture/Hay	NLCD	Grid code 81: Areas of grasses, legumes, or grass-legume mixtures planted for livestock grazing or the production of seed or hay crops, typically on a perennial cycle. Pasture/hay vegetation accounts for greater than 20 percent of total vegetation.
Wetlands	NLCD	Grid codes 90, 95: Woody wetlands and emergent herbaceous.

Layer name	Base source	Description
Turf	NLCD	A derived NLCD class based on developed classes and the impervious surface layer with corrections applied.
Rights-of-way	US DOT; TeleAtlas	A derived class using road, rail, and pipeline coverages.

B. Initial Stream Reaches

In addition to the land cover classes described above, the initial area of concern includes the stream segments found within those land cover areas. The stream segments are obtained from the NHDPlus dataset. For each stream reach in the hydrography network, the data provide a tally of the total area in each NLCD land cover class for the upstream cumulative area contributing to the given stream reach. Using the cumulative land cover data provided by the NHDPlus (http://www.horizon-systems.com/nhdplus/), a cumulative percent cropped area (PCA) is calculated for each stream reach based on the area representing all uses for metam-sodium and is divided by the total upstream contribution area. Pesticide exposures in the streams within the initial area of concern are conservatively assumed to be represented by the estimated environmental concentrations used in RQ calculation.

III. Spatial Extent of the Effects Determination

Based on the results of the risk quotient calculations for metam-sodium which is independent of spatial analysis, a Likely to Adversely Affect (LAA) and modification to critical habitat determination was concluded for the CTS. The spatial extent of the LAA effects determination is the area where there is overlap between the area of potential LAA effects with critical habitat, habitat, or occurrence sections (see Figure 2). This area of potential LAA effects includes the initial area of concern for application of metam-sodium on cultivated, developed and turf and the total area where there is potential for direct and/or indirect effects using EFED standard assessment procedures to occur via off-site transport mechanisms. The extent of potential off-site transport is determined by deriving an aquatic and terrestrial spray drift distance using an estimate of the downstream distance where LOCs are exceeded using the downstream dilution model. Figure 2 is a diagram depicting overlap of a potential area of LAA effects and species habitat, critical habitat, or occurrence sections which would result in an LAA effects determination or Habitat Modification Determination for critical habitat. Figure 3 is a diagram depicting lack of overlap of a potential area of LAA effects and species habitat, critical habitat, or occurrence sections which would result in a No Effect determination or No Habitat Modification Determination for critical habitat.

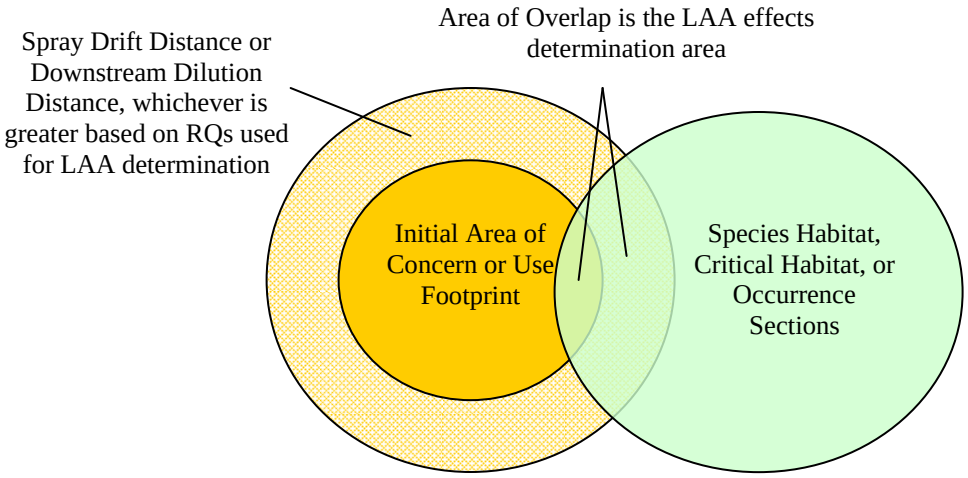

Figure 2 Conceptual diagram depicting an overlap of the area of potential LAA effect and the habitat, occurrence sections, or critical habitat of a species. If there is overlap, a LAA effects determination or habitat modification determination is made for the species.

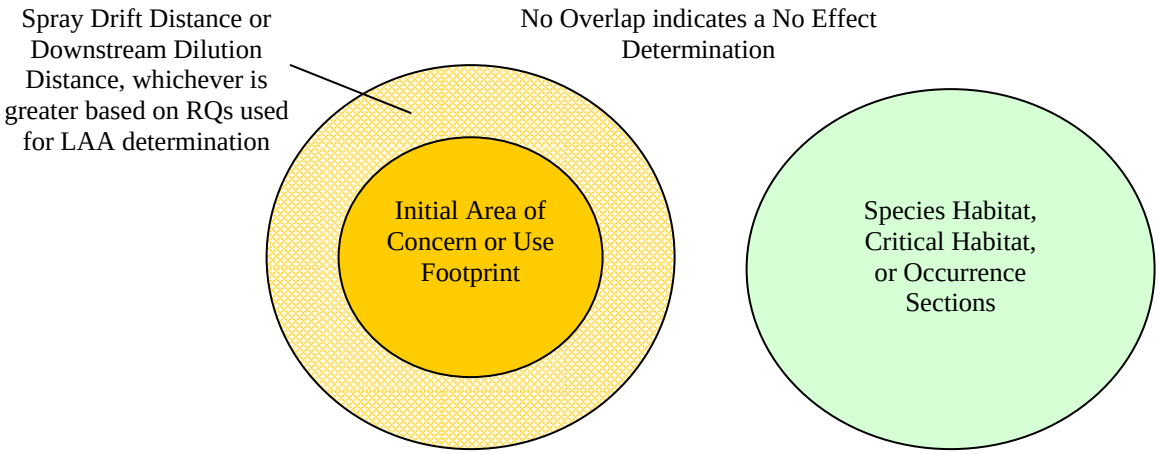

Figure 3 Conceptual diagram depicting no overlap of the area of potential LAA effect and the habitat, occurrence sections, or critical habitat of a species. If there is no overlap, a No Effect determination is made for the species.

The identified direct effects for the aquatic phase CTS, indirect reduction in prey for both the aquatic and terrestrial phase CTS and habitat alteration effects for the terrestrial CTS are anticipated to occur only for those currently occupied core areas, occurrence sections, and areas of designated critical habitat from legal use sites where metam-sodium is applied to cultivated, developed and turf land classes. Downstream extent analysis shows that 52.1 **km** is the furthest distance downstream from the initial area of concern, or largest area of potential LAA effects, that could have LOC exceedances. The downstream dilution distance is representative of the maximum continuous downstream

dilution from the edge of the initial area of concern where direct/indirect effects and/or critical habitat modification may occur. The distance reflects the largest distance whether from potential for direct or indirect effects. It is possible that areas of potential indirect effects could have a larger area than areas of direct effects. Lotic (*i.e.*, flowing) water bodies within the downstream extent distance that overlap with the SFB habitat potentially contain concentrations of metam-sodium sufficient to result in LAA determination and/or modification of critical habitat. Results of cumulative downstream dilution analysis are presented in Table 3, below.

Table 3 Summary of inputs and resulting downstream extent estimated based on the RQ:LOC for a specific taxon. These distances reflect the distance from the use area where there is potential for direct effects to the identified taxon.[1]

Taxon	RQ:LOC	Downstream extent (km)
Amphibian/Fish	3.62:0.05	52.1

1 The land cover types run with the downstream dilution model include: cultivated, developed and turf land cover classes.

The geographic distribution and locations of the SFB species are based on three sources of data: critical habitat, occurrence sections obtained from USFWS and from *Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) vs. EPA et al*. (Case No. 07-2794-JCS), and distribution largely from Recovery Plans. Figure 4 represent the range for the California Tiger Salamander.

The overlap of land cover corresponding to metam-sodium use patterns that result in an LAA determination and California Tiger Salamander distribution and/or designated critical habitat for the entire state of California is shown in Figure 5. The overlap map(s) provide/s a depiction of land cover that corresponds to metam-sodium use patterns, overlapped with the species' range and/or critical habitat. It does not show the spray drift distance or the downstream dilution distance *e.g.*, areas in addition to the initial area of concern where LAA direct or indirect effects may occur. The actual area of overlap would be greater if the downstream dilution distance were shown on the map. Further analysis of the extent of drift for each land cover type and the overlap with habitat can be included as part of the consultation process, if needed.

California Tiger Salamander Habitat

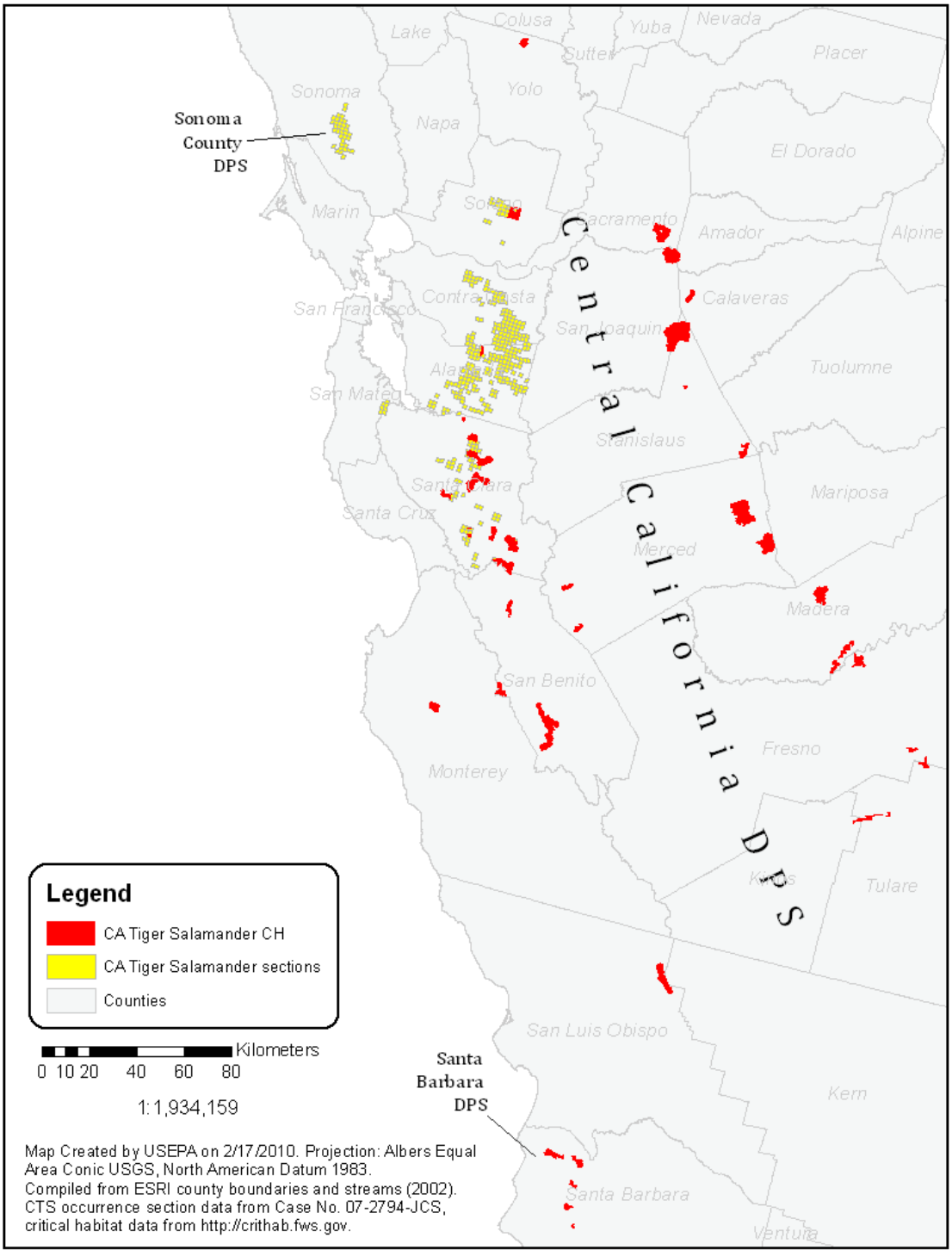

Figure 4 Habitat map for the California Tiger Salamander

California Tiger Salamander and Metam-sodium Use Site Overlap

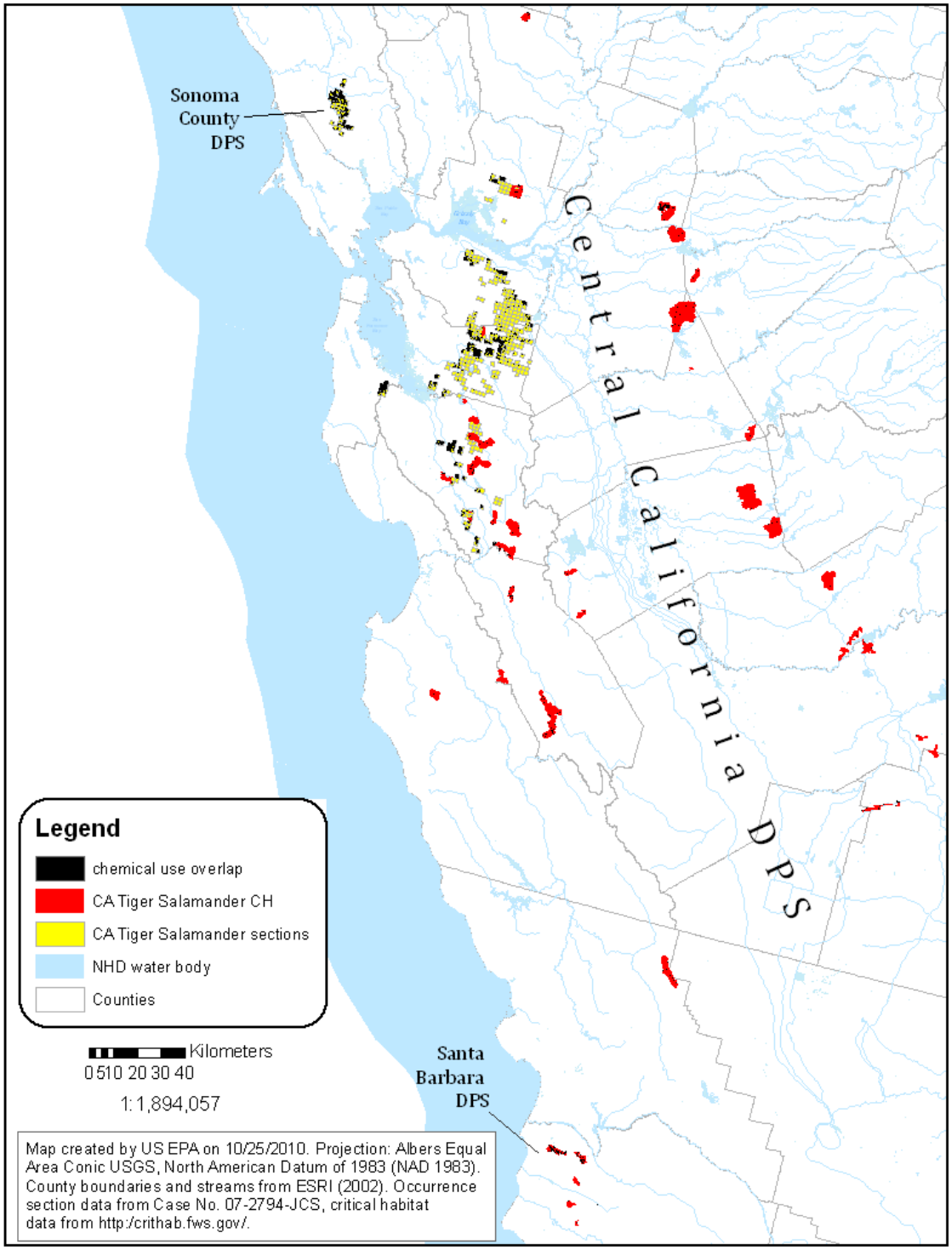

Figure 5 Map showing the overlap of California Tiger Salamander and uses on cultivated, developed and turf classes.

A. Downstream Dilution

The downstream dilution approach is used to determine the downstream extent of exposure in flowing streams and rivers where direct/indirect effects and/or habitat modification may occur. The downstream component, combined with the initial area of concern, define the downstream dilution area. The downstream extent includes the area where predicted levels of exposure could potentially exceed the highest RQ (risk quotient) to LOC ratio. The approach calculates two values, the dilution factor (DF) and the threshold Percent Cropped Area (PCA). The dilution factor (DF) is the maximum RQ/LOC, and the threshold PCA is the inverse value represented as a percent.

As previously noted, the dilution approach uses the NHDPlus dataset for the downstream analysis. After the stream segments in the initial area of concern are identified, the dilution model traverses downstream from each stream segment. At each downstream node, the threshold PCA is compared to the aggregate cumulative PCA. If the cumulative PCA for that segment exceeds the threshold, the stream segment is included in the downstream extent. This continues traversing downstream until the cumulative PCA no longer exceeds the threshold.

The extent of downstream dilution is derived by identifying the stream segment that represents the maximum continuous length of stream miles downstream from the outer boundary of the initial area of concern.

In order to determine the downstream extent of the entire "LAA" area, a conservative assumption is made that all streams exiting the boundary of the initial area of concern are the same length as the identified longest stream reach and extend the maximum distance. For example, if the analysis indicates that 100 streams exiting the initial area of concern have concentrations above the LOC and the average length of these streams is 200 feet but the maximum length for any one stream is 1,000 feet; the analysis will conservatively assume that all streams exiting the initial area of concern have concentrations above the LOC for 1,000 feet downstream. It is likely, however, that this conservative assumption will result in an overestimation of stream reaches that are identified as "LAA". Although the maximum continuous downstream distance is reported, the overlap of potentially impacted stream reaches with species habitat is not depicted. However, shapefiles of the downstream analysis are available for further consideration as part of the consultation process, if needed.

IV. A Note on Limitations and Constraints of Tabular and Geospatial Sources

The geographic data sets used in this analysis are limited with respect to their accuracy and timeliness. The National Land Cover Data Set (Homer 2004) represents the most current and comprehensive collection of national land use and land cover information for the United States and represents land cover data obtained between 1994-1998. Three additional data sets were used as land cover types to depict use categories not available in

the NLCD dataset. These supplemental data include orchard and vineyard land cover data from the California Gap Analysis Project data (Davis 1998), rights-of-way data derived from road and pipeline data from Teleatlas (2007) and the turf layer derived from NLCD developed class with corrections applied.

Hydrographic data are from the NHDPlus data set (http://www.horizon-systems.com/nhdplus/) and the generalized streams and rivers layer from ESRI. NHDPlus contains the most current and accurate nationwide representation of hydrologic data were also depicted in maps. At a spatial scale of 1:100,000, the NHDPlus might omit the smallest streams and water bodies. In addition, in some isolated instances, there are errors in the data including missing or disconnected stream segments and incorrect assignment of flow direction.

OPP will continue to endeavor to identify and incorporate (as appropriate) additional land cover data sets for other land classes not captured in this assessment. In addition, as new updates to existing data occur, these will be evaluated and incorporated as appropriate.

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