

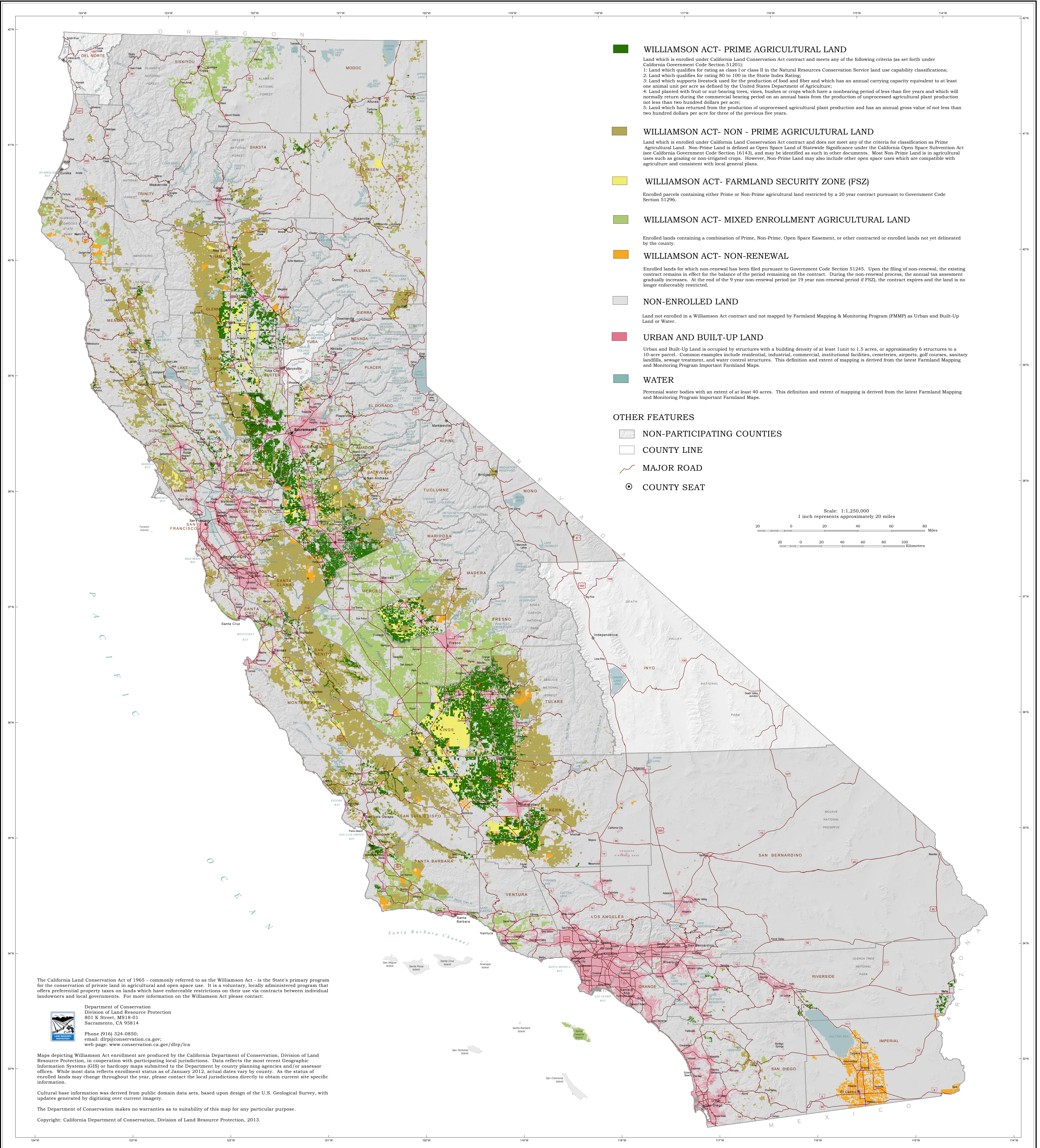


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STATE OF CALIFORNIA WILLIAMSON ACT CONTRACT LAND

DATA SUBMISSIONS CURRENT TO 2012

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WILLIAMSON ACT- PRIME AGRICULTURAL LAND

Land which is enrolled under California Land Conservation Act contract and meets any of the following criteria (as set forth under California Government Code Section 51201):
1: Land which qualifies for rating as class I or class II in the Natural Resources Conservation Service land use capability classifications;
2: Land which qualifies for rating 80 to 100 in the Sierle Index Rating;
3: Land which supports livestock used for the production of food and fiber and which has an annual carrying capacity equivalent to at least one animal unit per acre as defined by the United States Department of Agriculture;
4: Land planted with fruit or nut-bearing trees, vines, bushes or crops which have a nonbearing period of less than five years and which will normally return during the commercial bearing period on an annual basis from the production of unprocessed agricultural plant production not less than two hundred dollars per acre;
5: Land which has returned from the production of unprocessed agricultural plant production and has an annual gross value of not less than two hundred dollars per acre for three of the previous five years.

WILLIAMSON ACT- NON - PRIME AGRICULTURAL LAND

Land which is enrolled under California Land Conservation Act contract and does not meet any of the criteria for classification as Prime Agricultural Land. Non-Prime Land is defined as Open Space Land of Statewide Significance under the California Open Space Subvention Act (see California Government Code Section 16143), and may be identified as such in other documents. Most Non-Prime Land is in agricultural uses such as grazing or non-irrigated crops. However, Non-Prime Land may also include other open space uses which are compatible with agriculture and consistent with local general plans.

WILLIAMSON ACT- FARMLAND SECURITY ZONE (FSZ)

Enrolled parcels containing either Prime or Non-Prime agricultural land restricted by a 20 year contract pursuant to Government Code Section 51296.

WILLIAMSON ACT- MIXED ENROLLMENT AGRICULTURAL LAND

Enrolled lands containing a combination of Prime, Non-Prime, Open Space Easement, or other contracted or enrolled lands not yet delineated by the county.

WILLIAMSON ACT- NON-RENEWAL

Enrolled lands for which non-renewal has been filed pursuant to Government Code Section 51245. Upon the filing of non-renewal, the existing contract remains in effect for the balance of the period remaining on the contract. During the non-renewal process, the annual tax assessment gradually increases. At the end of the 9 year non-renewal period (or 19 year non-renewal period if FSZ), the contract expires and the land is no longer enforceably restricted.

NON-ENROLLED LAND

Land not enrolled in a Williamson Act contract and not mapped by Farmland Mapping & Monitoring Program (FMMP) as Urban and Built-Up Land or Water.

URBAN AND BUILT-UP LAND

Urban and Built-Up Land is occupied by structures with a building density of at least 1 unit to 1.5 acres, or approximately 6 structures to a 10-acre parcel. Common examples include residential, industrial, commercial, institutional facilities, cemeteries, airports, golf courses, sanitary landfills, sewage treatment, and water control structures. This definition and extent of mapping is derived from the latest Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program Important Farmland Maps.

WATER

Perennial water bodies with an extent of at least 40 acres. This definition and extent of mapping is derived from the latest Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program Important Farmland Maps.

OTHER FEATURES

NON-PARTICIPATING COUNTIES

COUNTY LINE

MAJOR ROAD

COUNTY SEAT

Scale: 1:1,250,000
1 inch represents approximately 20 miles
0 20 40 60 80 Miles
0 20 40 60 80 100 Kilometers

The California Land Conservation Act of 1965 - commonly referred to as the Williamson Act - is the State's primary program for the conservation of private land in agricultural and open space use. It is a voluntary, locally administered program that offers preferential property taxes on lands which have enforceable restrictions on their use via contracts between individual landowners and local governments. For more information on the Williamson Act please contact:



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Maps depicting Williamson Act enrollment are produced by the California Department of Conservation, Division of Land Resource Protection, in cooperation with participating local jurisdictions. Data reflects the most recent Geographic Information Systems (GIS) or hardcopy maps submitted to the Department by county planning agencies and/or assessor offices. While most data reflects enrollment status as of January 2012, actual dates vary by county. As the status of enrolled lands may change throughout the year, please contact the local jurisdictions directly to obtain current site specific information.

Cultural base information was derived from public domain data sets, based upon design of the U.S. Geological Survey, with updates generated by digitizing over current imagery.

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