1900 to 1925 - Public Land Survey Sections Containing BLM Patents in the Salinas Valley and Vicinity (Draft)

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Salinas River

Salinas River Watershed overlaying Salinas River Groundwater Basin

Coastal Watershed overlaying Salinas River Groundwater Basin

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Patents outside Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin or its contributing watersheds

Patents in watersheds contributing to Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin

Patents overlaying Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin

County Boundary

Notes:

Patent legal description data was obtained from the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") and was mapped to BLM shapefiles of the US Public Land Survey ("PLS") grid. Thus, the polygon areas shown on this map are not the exact Patent land boundary, but the boundary to which the patent was, as recorded in BLM online data and delineated by the PLS. No claims to accuracy or completeness are made by the BLM.

Patent legal description location data from the BLM is mapped to the Quarter-Quarter Section Division ("Qt-Qt") of the PLS for approximately 94.5% of the available patent land descriptions; 5.4% of the patent land descriptions were mapped to the Section division of the PLS; less than 0.1% of the patent land descriptions could not be mapped to any Section or were seemingly mapped to the Pacific Ocean.

PLS Section divisions are each 640 acres, whereas Qt-Qt or Qt divisions are each 40 acres within a Section. Patents which describe land areas that are much smaller than their corresponding Qt-Qt or Qt divisions are lighter and more transparent; a transparent area indicates that the patented land area lies somewhere within the transparent shape. Similarly, Patents which describe enough acres to fill or account for the majority of the corresponding Section or Qt-Qt are less transparent and darker. As a result the relative accuracy of the mapping location is displayed by the transparency or darkness of the patent polygon.

Some BLM Patents are not contiguous and contain land descriptions in several counties or in several locations within the same county – this is evidenced, for example, by yellow polygons that appear outside the groundwater basin because they are linked (at the same Qt-Qt) to land that is over the groundwater basin.

This dataset excludes Spanish and Mexican land grants, which appear on a separate map in this series. The series includes Spanish and Mexican Land Grants, Patents from 1830-1875, Patents from 1875-1900, Patents from 1900-1925, Patents from 1925-1945, and the overlay of Patents from 1850 - After 1925.