

# DIGITAL MAPPING TECHNIQUES 2022

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# Conversion of legacy geodatabase to GeMS for compilation: Managing and preserving generalized map product details

**Example from the Preliminary geologic map of the west half of the  
San Luis Obispo 30' x 60' Quadrangle, CA (Version 2.0)**

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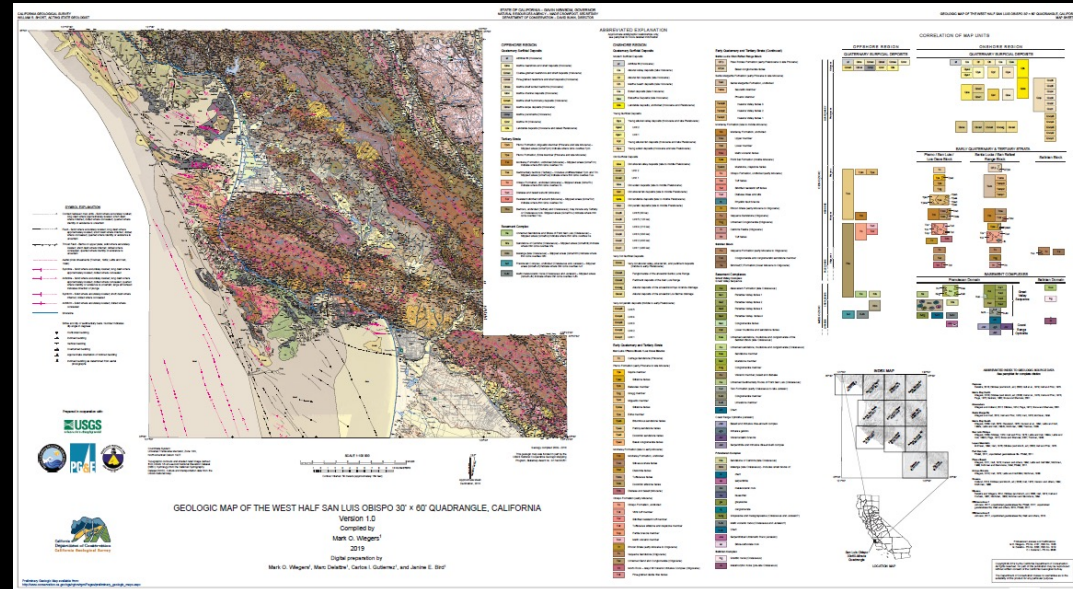
# West Half of the San Luis Obispo 30' x 60' Quadrangle

## Project Tasks – STATEMAP FY 20-21

- Convert legacy database into a Level 3 GeMS geodatabase
- Generalize map to improve the cartographic display at 1:100,000-scale
  - Explore strategies/methodologies for retaining the 1:24,000-scale detail, while simplifying mapping to make suitable for 1:100,000-scale display
- Update map layout and pamphlet to reflect any changes

## Deliverables

- GeMS-compliant (Level 3) geologic map database and updated map and pamphlet in PDF format

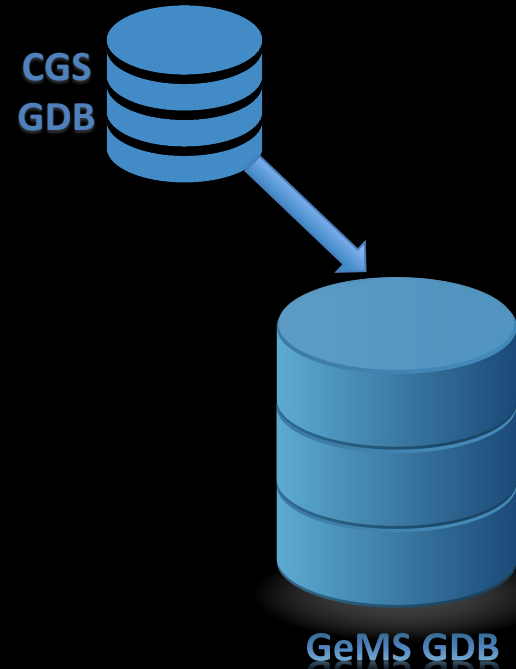


Wiegers, M.O., 2021, Preliminary geologic map of the west half of the San Luis Obispo 30' x 60' Quadrangle, Version 2.0: California, California Geological Survey, scale 1:100,000.

# West Half San Luis Obispo 30' x 60'

## GeMS Conversion

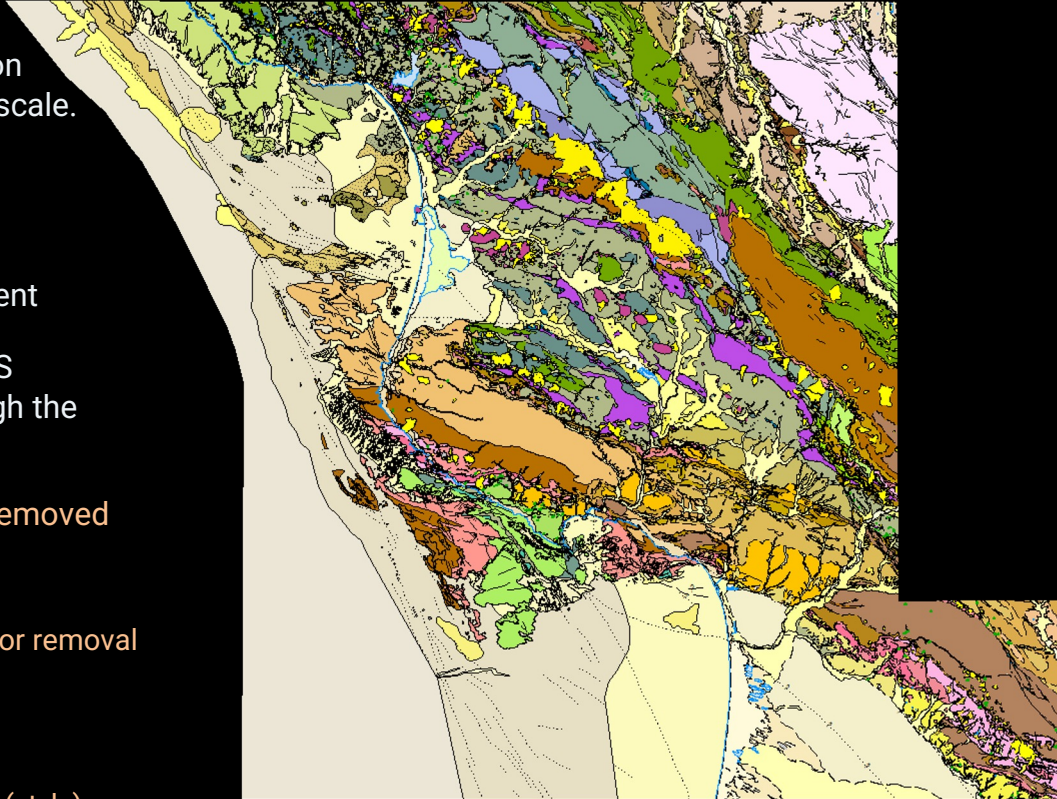
- All data from original compilation were loaded into a GeMS database
  - Small polygons and associated lines previously removed were reintegrated
- Offshore data were merged with onshore data
- Data QC
- GeMS attribution was completed
  - e.g., DataSourceID, LocationConfidenceMeters fields
- GeMS tables were populated
  - DataSourcees, DescriptionOfMapUnits, and Glossary tables
- GEOLEX
  - Formal geologic unit names used in the map were checked for conformance with the U.S. Geologic Names Lexicon (GEOLEX)

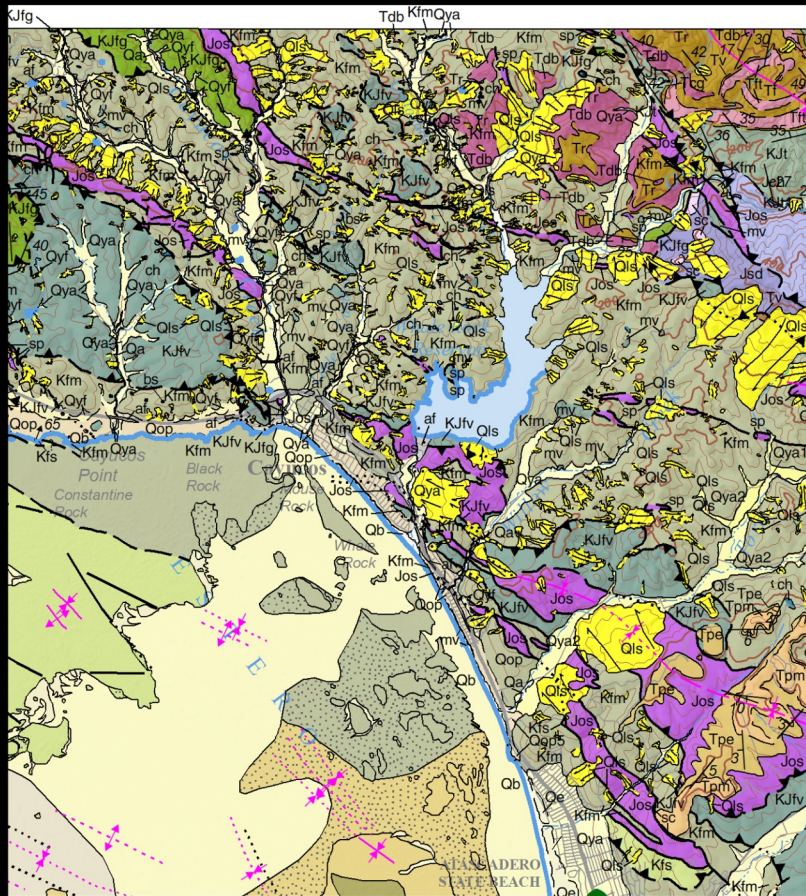


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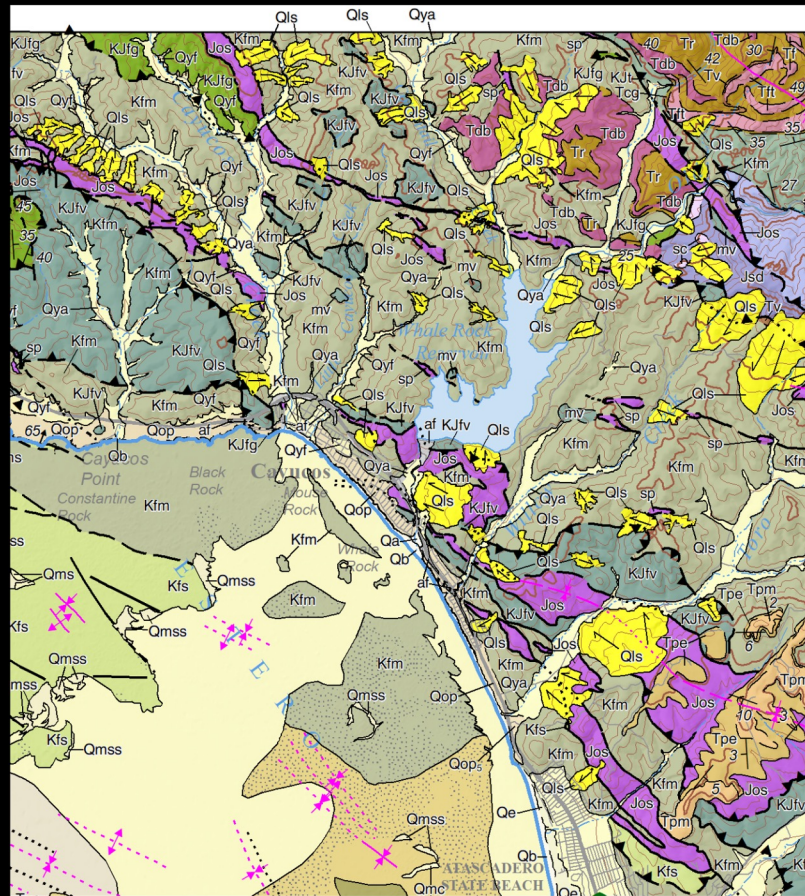
## Generalization – why did need to do this?

- Peer review and internal review comments noted on Version 1 map too complex for display at present scale.
- Reviewed options for retaining all 24k detail from original compilation.
- Tested smoothing and generalizing techniques – undesirable changes to line character and placement
- Decided to preserve a version of full-detailed GeMS GDB and proceed with a copy that would go through the generalization process:
  - Small polygons were filtered by size and removed
    - Geologic units less than 12,300 m<sup>2</sup>
    - Landslides less than 50,000 m<sup>2</sup>
  - Thin polygons were identified and evaluated for removal
  - Minimal lumping of map units
  - Thinning of structural data
  - Cartographic cleanup
    - New map unit and structure point labels (style)

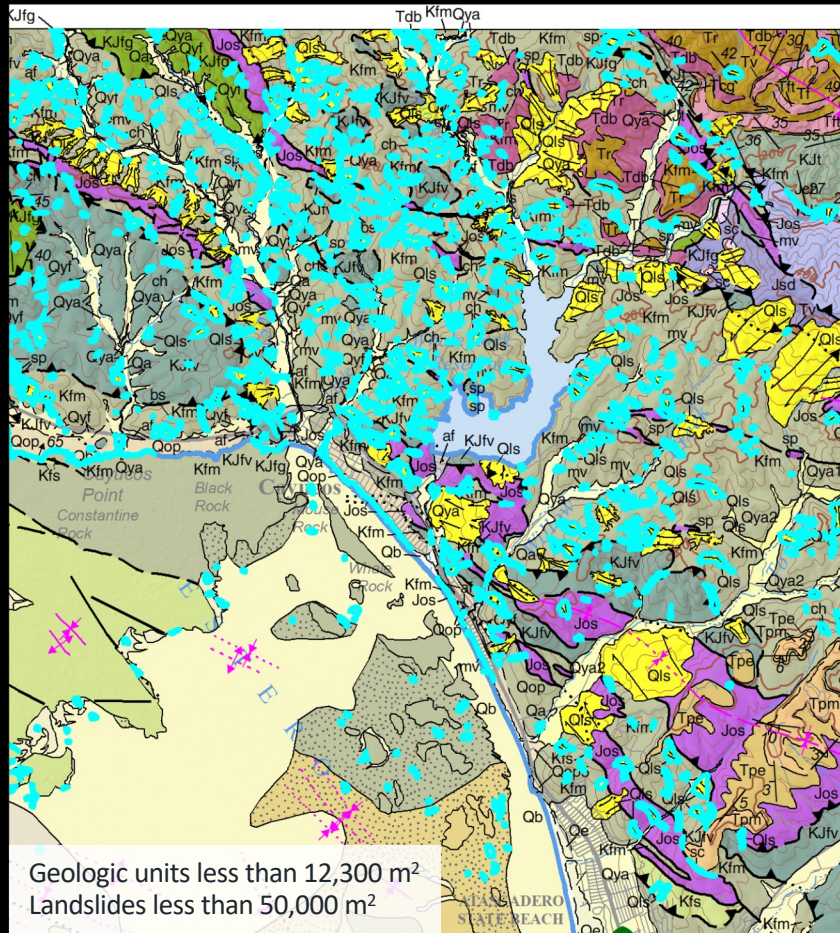




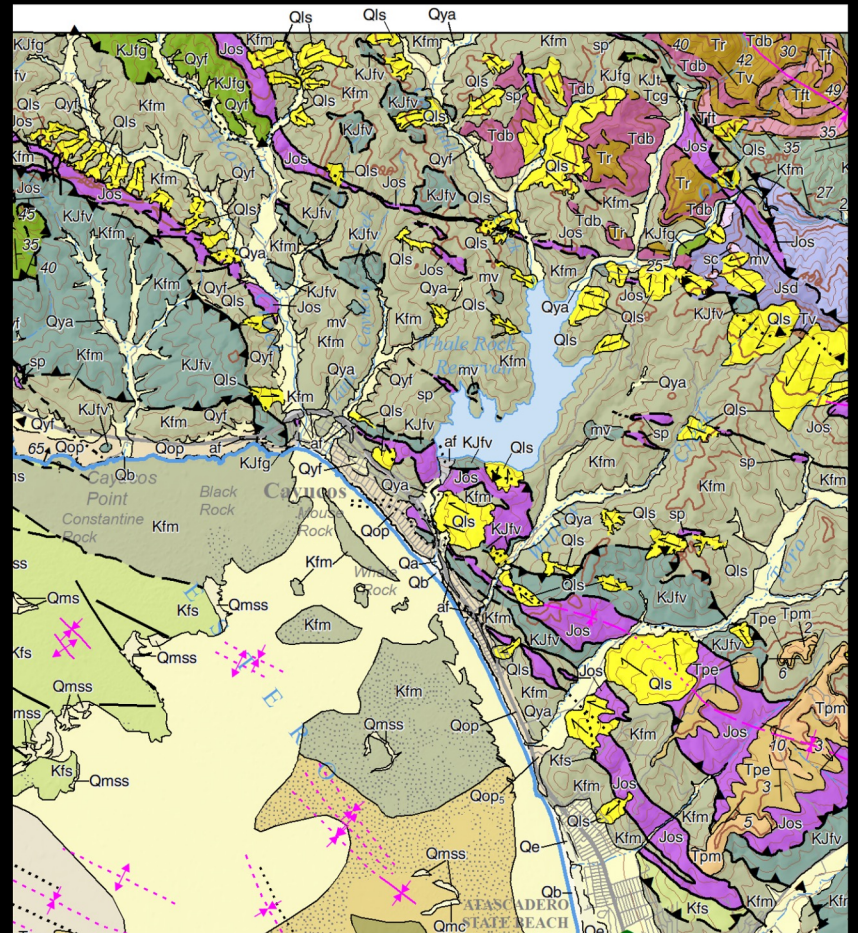
Version 1.0



Version 2.0

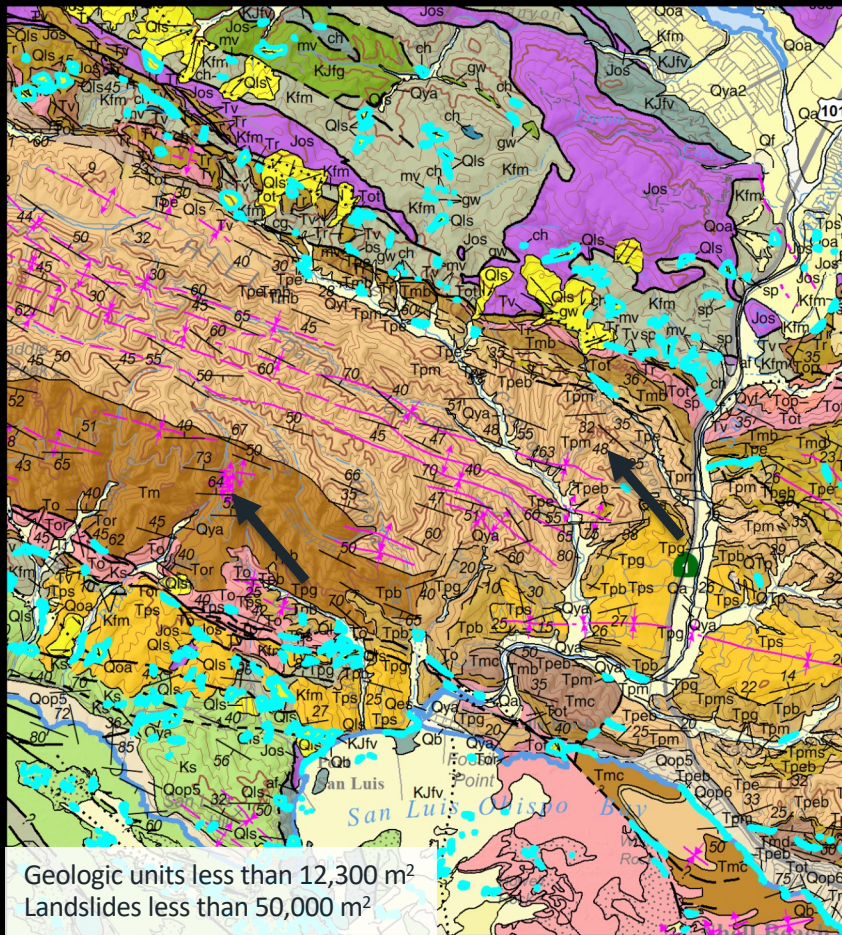


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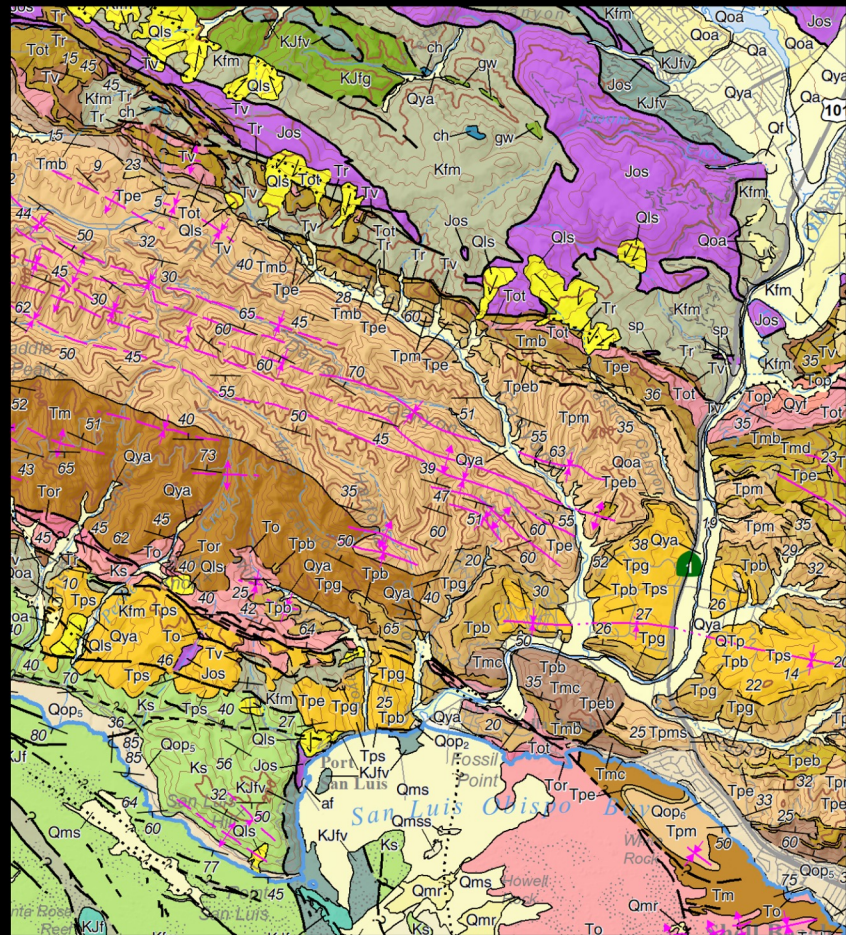


Version 2.0

Added halos for visibility of map unit labels and structure points



Version 1.0



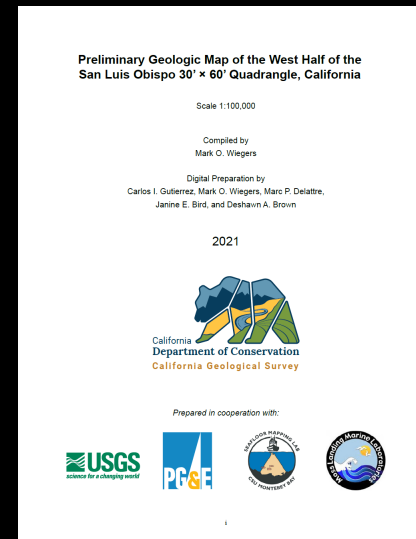
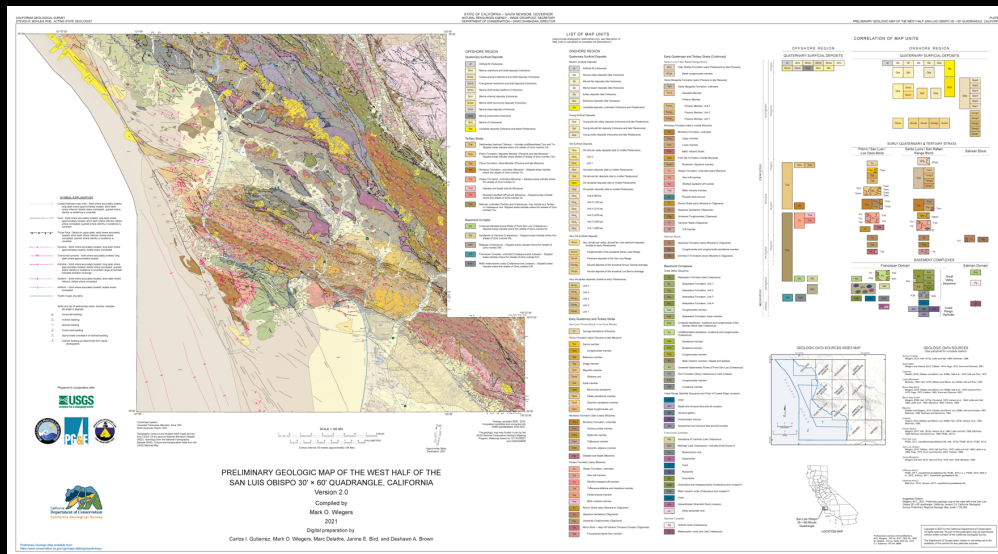
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Selected structure points and structure arcs



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## Deliverables



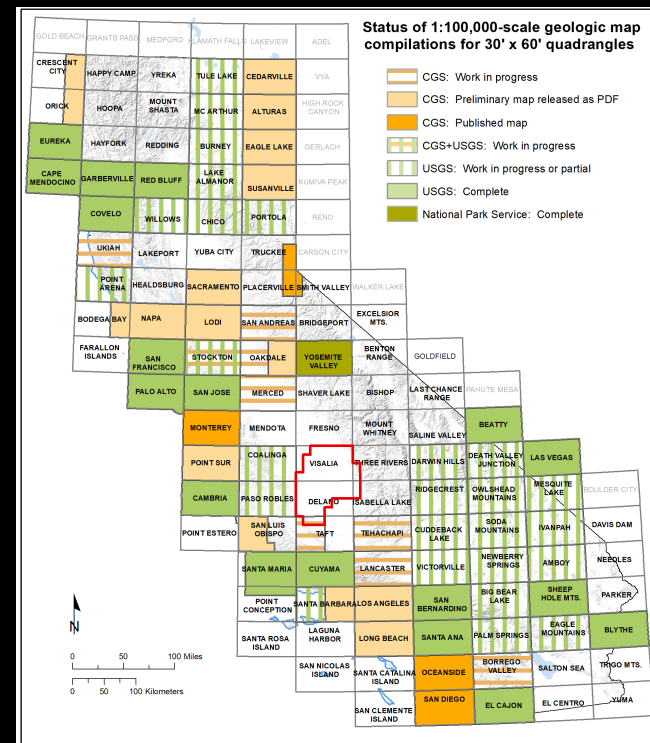
# Summary of new detailed and generalized .gdb workflow

## 24k

- Preliminary 24k .pdf maps marked with superseded comment.
- Data likely to be revised (lidar) when compiled into GeMS-compliant 30'x 60' quadrangle map.
- Detailed GeMS geodatabase with all revisions available through CGS.
- Copy of detailed .gdb used for generalized 100k version.

## 100k

- Generalization processes performed and documented.
- External peer review of map products immediately following STATEMAP period of performance.
- Posting of preliminary map on CGS website and notification to County/City agencies for awareness.
- Comments from external review will be evaluated and incorporated.
- Within one year after the period of performance, the map will be formally published into the new CGS "Geologic Map" series and final product submitted to NCGMP.





**THANK YOU**

Questions?

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