

**California Department of Conservation  
FARMLAND MAPPING AND MONITORING PROGRAM**

**2014 FIELD REPORT**

**COUNTY:** El Dorado

**FIELD MAPPER(S):** Jacob Kizer

**IMAGE DATA USED:**

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| Source: National Agriculture Imagery Program, USDA      |
| Acquisition date: Summer 2014                           |
| Data description: True color mosaic, 1 meter resolution |
| Coverage gaps: None                                     |
| Additional imagery used: Google Maps                    |

**WRITTEN, DIGITAL & ORAL INFORMATION SOURCES:**

*The following entities and individuals provided information used to conduct 2014 mapping.*

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| Local Review Comments<br>(submitted by cities, counties, & others on 2012 maps)       |
| None.   |
| Personal Contacts   |
| None.   |
| Websites Used for Reference   |
| Google Maps, Street View: <a href="http://maps.google.com">http://maps.google.com</a> |
| GIS Data Used for Reference   |
| California City Boundary Layer, County Base Map                                       |

**2012-2014 CHANGE SUMMARY:**

*Changes made during the map update are summarized by type and location. Particular attention is paid to large or unusual changes and their estimated acreages. Please note that land use type, size of land use unit, soil quality, and Farmland of Local Importance definition (if any) determines the final Important Farmland (IFL) category. [See definitions](#) at bottom of table.*

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| <b>Conversions to Urban Land</b>   |           |
| Irrigated Farmland to Urban Land   | 0 changes |
| There were no significant conversions of Irrigated Farmland to Urban Land this |           |

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| update.   |           |
| Nonirrigated Land Uses and Other Land to Urban Land   | 9 changes |
| <p>These changes were primarily due to new homes and schools. Most of these changes occurred in the western portion of the county in the El Dorado Hills area.</p> <p>Approximately 100 acres of new homes were added at Blackstone El Dorado, off of Latrobe Road south of the Carson Creek Watershed Reservoir. The Valley View Elementary School was also added in the area (~10 acres), along with the Lesarra Luxury Apartments (~10 acres) to the north of the reservoir.</p> <p>About 40 acres of homes were also added to the Pinnacles at the Serrano housing development and country club in El Dorado Hills.</p> |           |
| <b>Conversions from Irrigated Farmland<br/>aside from urbanization</b>  |           |
| Irrigated Farmland to Nonirrigated Land Uses  | 9 changes |
| <p>Around 120 acres of conversions of Irrigated Farmland to Nonirrigated Land Uses occurred this update. These changes were due to irrigated farmland going fallow for three or more update cycles and they were scattered throughout the middle of the county. Most of these changes were 10 to 20 acres in size.</p>  |           |
| Irrigated Farmland to Other Land  | 1 change  |
| <p>These changes were due to the delineation of existing ranchettes.</p>  |           |
| <b>Conversions to Irrigated Farmland</b>  |           |
| Nonirrigated Land Uses and Other Land to Irrigated Farmland   | 3 changes |
| <p>There were just over 130 acres of conversions of Nonirrigated Land Uses to Irrigated Farmland this update. The largest change was the expansion of a large vineyard to the north of Georgetown along Spanish Dry Diggins Road (~100 acres).</p> <p>There was also an expansion of Starfield Vineyards (~20 acres) on Jacquier Road off of Highway 50 next to the City of Placerville.</p>  |           |
| <b>Unusual Changes</b>  |           |
| (Types of change not already described or special circumstances during the 2014 update.)  |           |
| None.   |           |
| <b>Areas of Concern for Future Updates</b>  |           |
| (Locations or map categories noted as needing careful checking during 2016 update, and reasons.)  |           |
| None.   |           |
| <b>Definitions:</b>   |           |
| <b>Irrigated Farmland</b> includes most irrigated crops grown in California. When   |           |

combined with soil data, these farmed areas become the Important Farmland (IFL) categories of Prime Farmland, Farmland of Statewide Importance & Unique Farmland. Because of the nature of the IFL definitions, some irrigated uses, such as irrigated pastures or nurseries, may not be eligible for all three IFL categories.

**Nonirrigated land uses** include grazing areas, land used for dryland crop farming, and formerly irrigated land that has been left idle for three or more update cycles. These uses are frequently incorporated into county Farmland of Local Importance definitions.

**Other Land** includes a variety of miscellaneous uses, such as low density rural residential development, mining areas, vacant areas and nonagricultural vegetation. Confined animal agriculture facilities are mapped as Other Land unless incorporated into a county Farmland of Local Importance definition.

**Urban Land** includes residential, industrial, recreational, infrastructure and institutional uses.

For more on map categories, including Farmland of Local Importance definitions, visit the [FMMP web site](#).

#### **LABOR ESTIMATE:**

*Time estimates for conducting the 2014 update.*

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| Image interpretation, start date: 12/23/2015     |
| Image interpretation, number of days: 6          |
| Ground truth dates: 1/28/2016                    |
| Number of days for post-ground truth clean-up: 5 |

*Further information on the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program can be found at:*  
<http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/fmmp/Pages/Index.aspx>