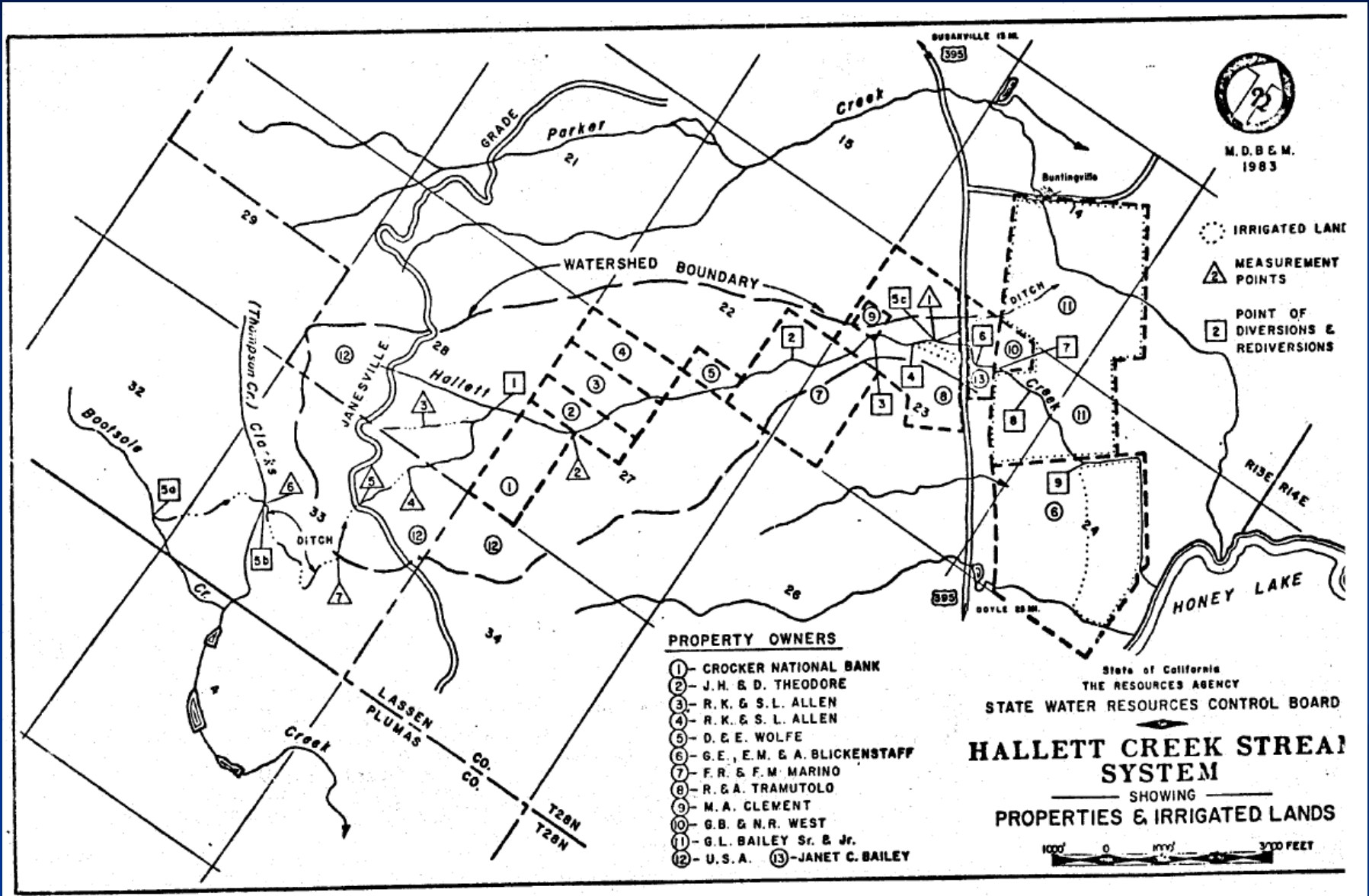


*Sierra Nevada Meadow Enhancement Efforts, Water Rights
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1976 – Private water user petitions the State Water Resources Control Board for a stream adjudication

1988 – California Supreme Court issues its decision

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ALLOTMENTS TO VARIOUS CLAIMANTS
FROM HALLETT CREEK STREAM SYSTEM

Name of Claimant	Diversion Number on SWRCB Map	Use	Area Irrigated in Acres	FIRST Priority (Gal/Day)	SECOND Priority (Gal/Min.)	THIRD Priority (Gal/Min.)
United States Forest Service	1	Industrial Firefighting			95,000 gal/annum	
Marino	2	Irrigation	0.75		3	
Clement	3	Domestic		30		
Tramutolo	7	Irrigation	3.5		10	
*Bailey, G. L.	5a,b,c	Stockwatering Irrigation	200			
Bailey, J. C.	6	Domestic		30		
West	7	Stockwatering			0.5	
Bailey, G. L.	8	Irrigation	152		409	
Blickenstaff	9	Irrigation	100			371

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Hallett Creek In the course of 12 years:

- The Water Board conducts hearings, collects evidence, and initially rules against the Forest Service
- The Sierra Club intervenes on the side of the Forest Service in Lassen County court
- The Lassen Court disagrees with the Water Board and rules in favor of the Forest Service

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Hallett Creek In the course of 12 years:

- The Water Board files an appeal.
- The Court of Appeal reverses the trial court and rules mostly in favor of the Water Board – but not completely
- The Forest Service, Water Board, and Sierra Club all petition the California Supreme Court for review

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Hallett Creek In the course of 12 years:

- The California Supreme Court grants petitions to file briefs to:
 - Associate of California Water Agencies
 - Modesto Irrigation District
 - Turlock Irrigation District
 - Friant Water Users Authority
(24 water agencies in the San Joaquin Valley)

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Hallett Creek In the course of 12 years:

- The California Supreme Court reverses the Court of Appeal and rules in favor of the Forest Service
- The remedy provided to the Forest Service:

Go back to the trial court and start up the ladder again

What are the knowns and unknowns about water rights and restoration projects?

How can we work at the lowest and least complicated level to avoid or mitigate potential conflicts?