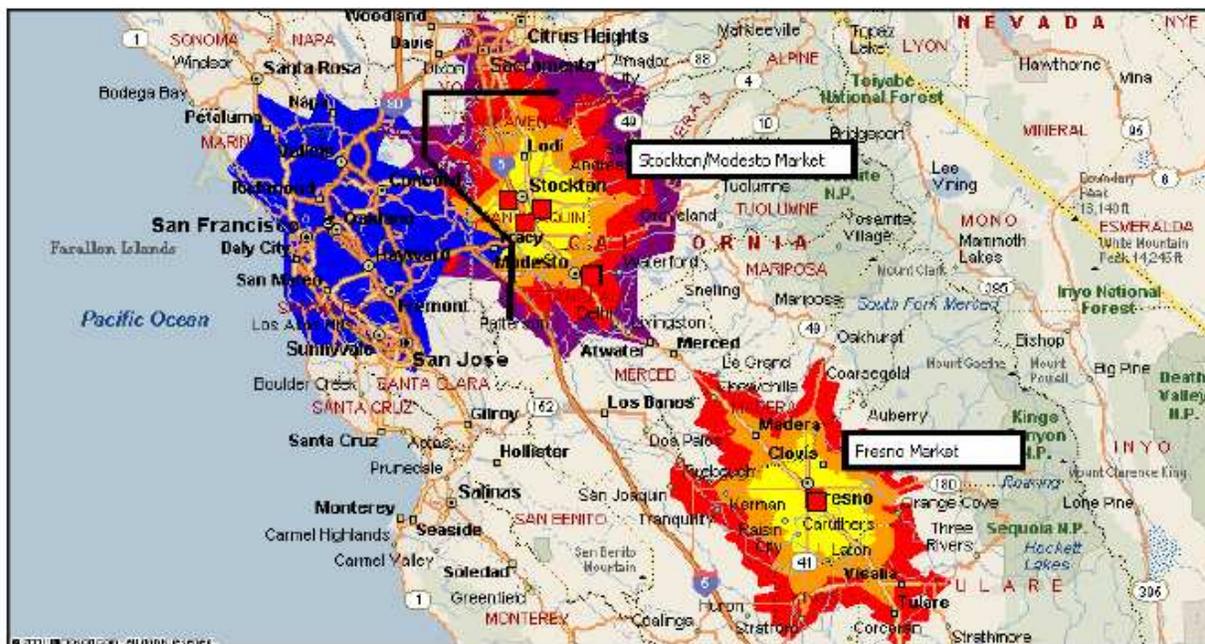


## SAN JOAQUIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS: INLAND PORT FEASIBILITY STUDIES (2003/2005)

For the San Joaquin Council of Governments, The Tioga Group, Inc. led a team analyzing the feasibility of inland port and intermodal rail operations linking California's Central Valley with the Port of Oakland. This concept is also known as The California Inter-regional Intermodal System (CIRIS). This study analyzed the accessible market for multiple existing and potential rail intermodal facilities, examined total intermodal operating costs versus prevailing truck rates, and explored the establishment of inland port functions at Central Valley locations.

### CIRIS Markets



The study found that facilities in the San Joaquin Valley could function as an inland port. Shippers would tender international traffic there and then move it by rail to Oakland, just as if they had trucked the goods to the Oakland terminal. In addition, San Joaquin Valley communities could significantly benefit from the development of ancillary service firms that ordinarily cluster around deep-water ports, but which could locate inland with an efficient link to Oakland.

As a follow-on project an implementation plan was developed.

The project is currently under development. These studies were the early analytical foundation for the inclusion of the San Joaquin Valley Short Haul Rail/Inland Port Project in the Adopted Program of Projects funded by the California Trade Corridors Improvement Fund (TCIF).