

# Communities-at-Risk

## Housing and Long-term Recovery Challenges

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# HayWired Damages

## Mainshock and Aftershock damages

- \$72B regionwide.; \$33B in Alameda County
- Extensive/Complete damage is 8% of 9 county buildings; 27% of Alameda County

## Population effects

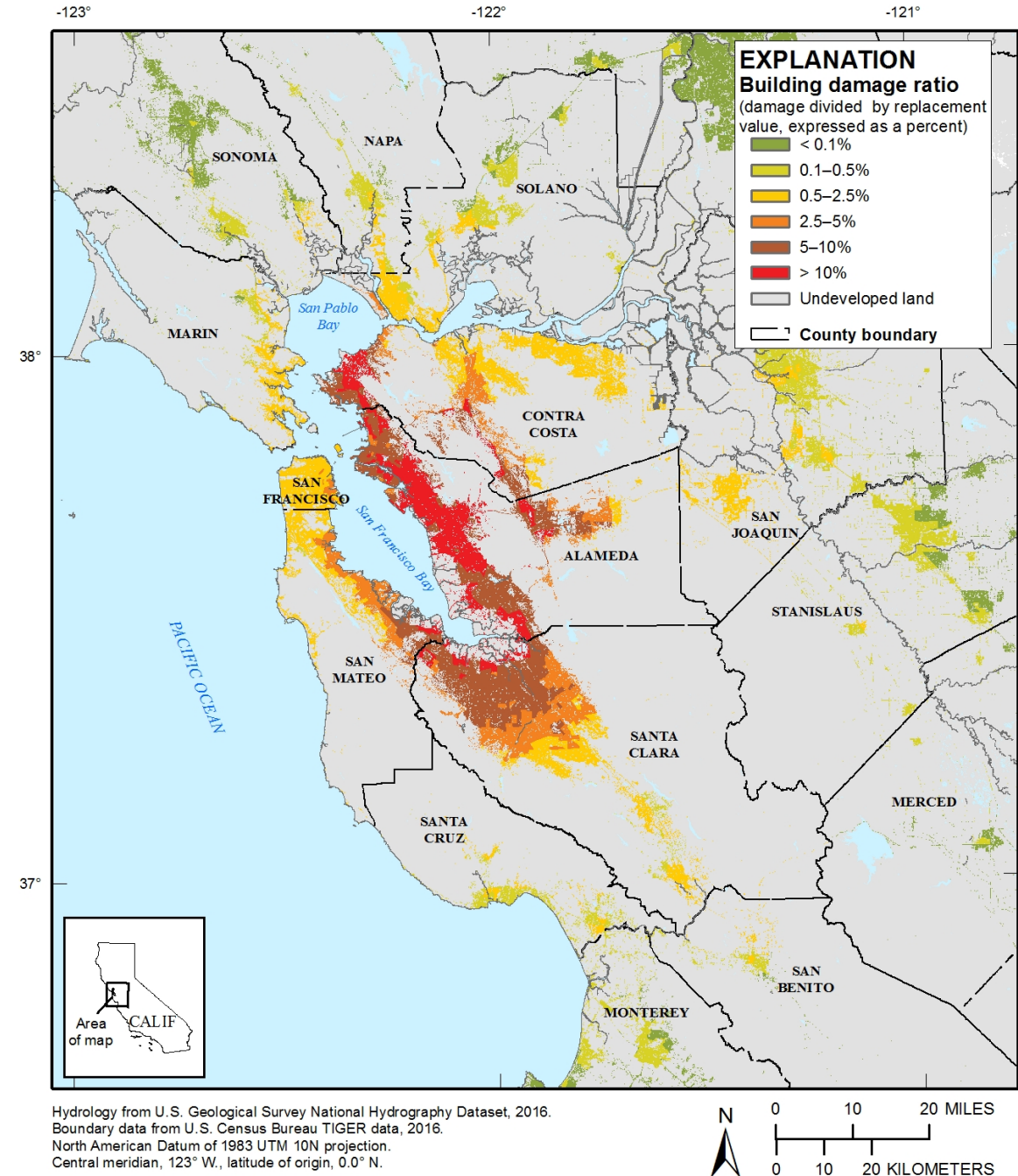
- 800 Deaths; 1800 injuries
- 77,000-152,000 displaced households

## Earthquake insurance payouts

- 9% of residential, 20% of commercial damages
- 60% insured losses in Alameda, 17% in Santa Clara, 11% Contra Costa, <5% elsewhere

## Fire following Earthquake

- Another \$30 B in property losses
- Increases deaths, injuries, displacement



# HayWired Scenario – Communities-at-risk Analysis

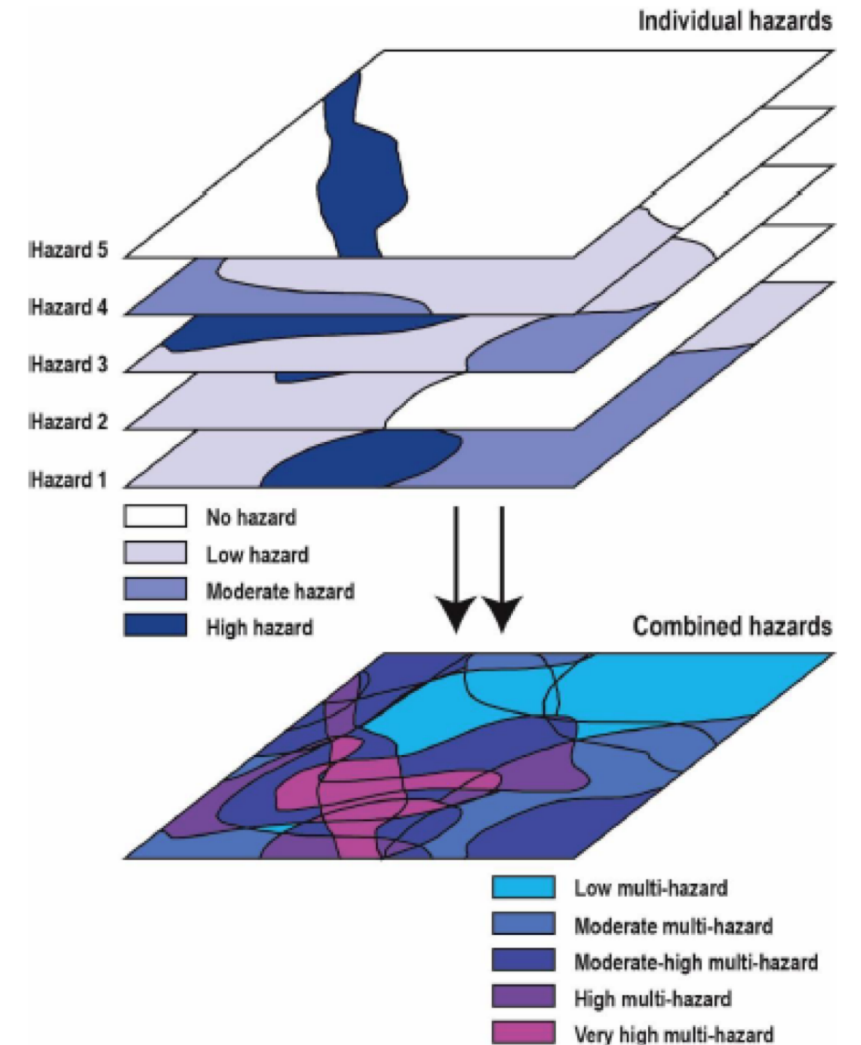
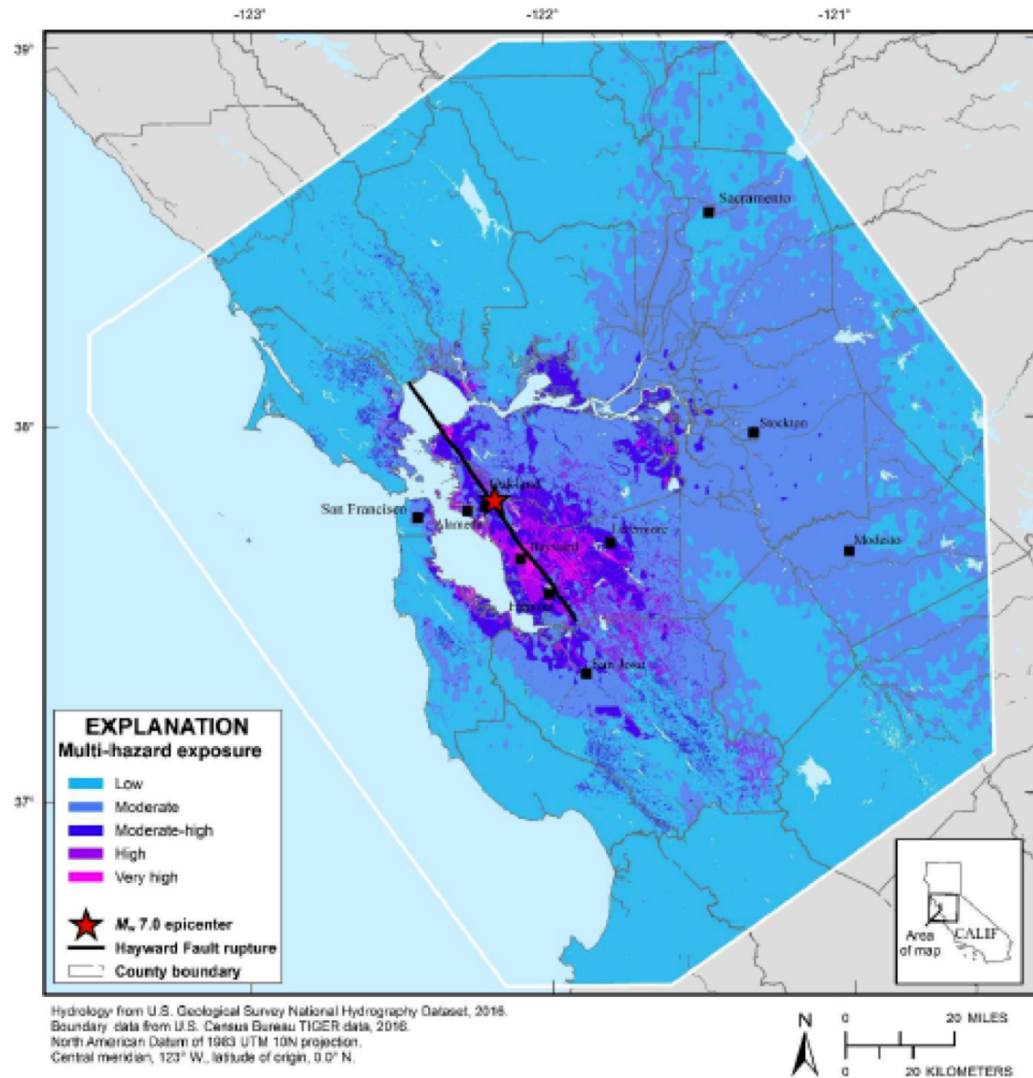
***Damage Footprint and Dollars*** – High-impact areas were defined by combining the Hazus estimates of building damage resulting from earthquake shaking, landslide and liquefaction damage with the fire following earthquake damage

***Population Displacement*** – Consider recent studies of short- and long-term population displacement following large-scale disasters and analyze displacement risk using a range of methods – Hazus, damage footprints and utility disruptions, and socioeconomic vulnerability

***Long-term Community Recovery*** – Identify the potential long-term recovery challenges for communities and residents after a catastrophic earthquake like the HayWired Scenario

***Community Resilience*** – Highlight the spatial and systematic approach needed to build community resilience and truly realize the community-wide benefit of individual resilience efforts

# Combined Hazard Exposure: Earthquake ground shaking, landslides, liquefaction and fires

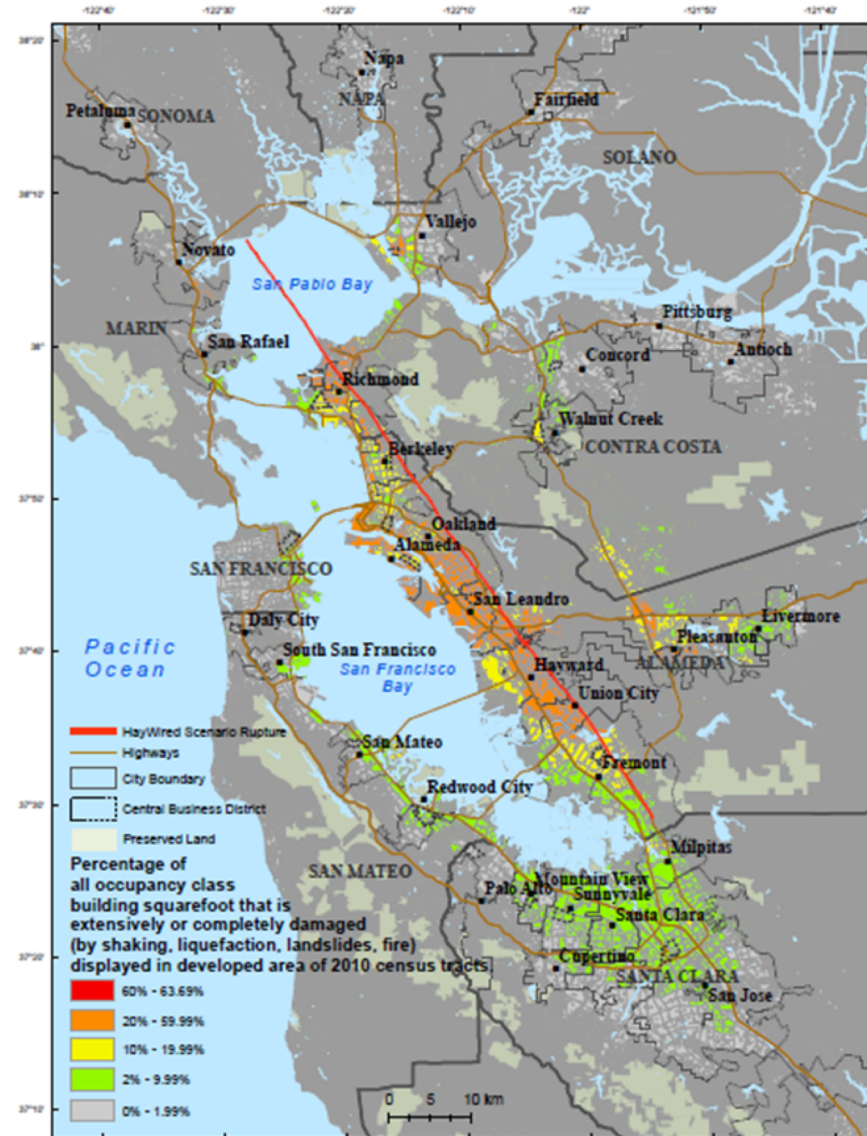


# Combined Damage “Footprint”

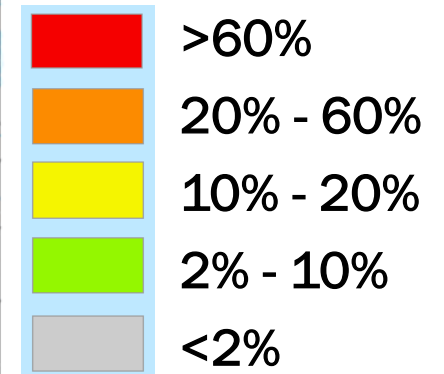
Combined effects of earthquake ground shaking, landslides, liquefaction and fires

- Nearly 1 million residential buildings (1.4 million housing units) and nearly 40,000 non-residential buildings sustain damage. Almost 1/3 of Bay Area housing stock would be damaged
- 100,000 residential buildings sustain extensive or complete damage

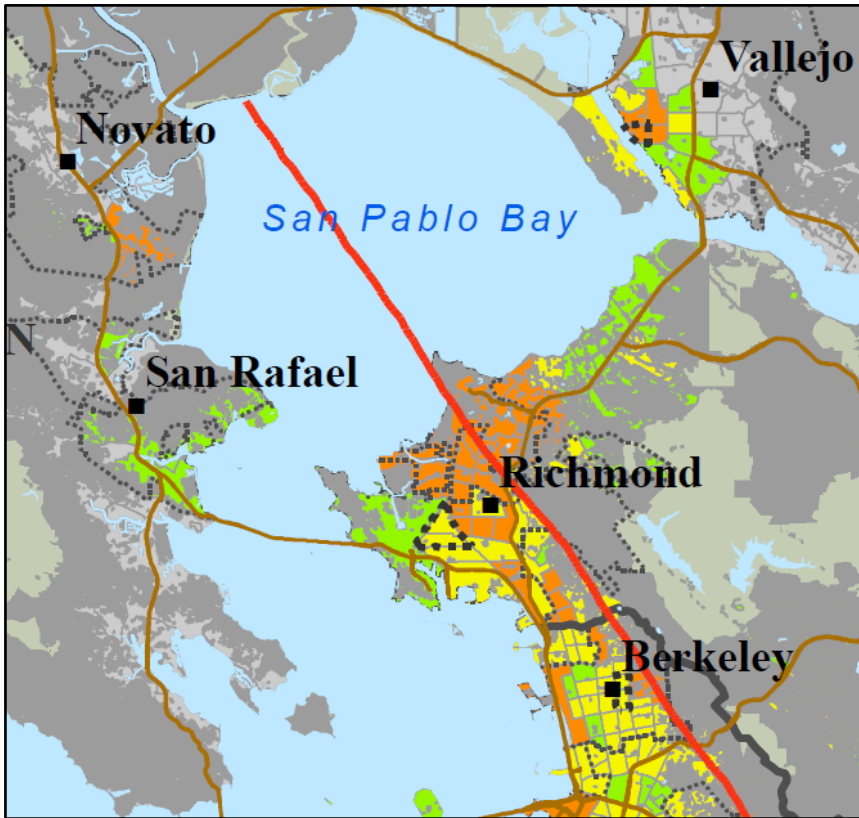
High-impact areas cover only 8% of all census tracts in the 9-county region, but contain nearly 50% of all housing that is likely to be uninhabitable or completely destroyed and 600,000 employees



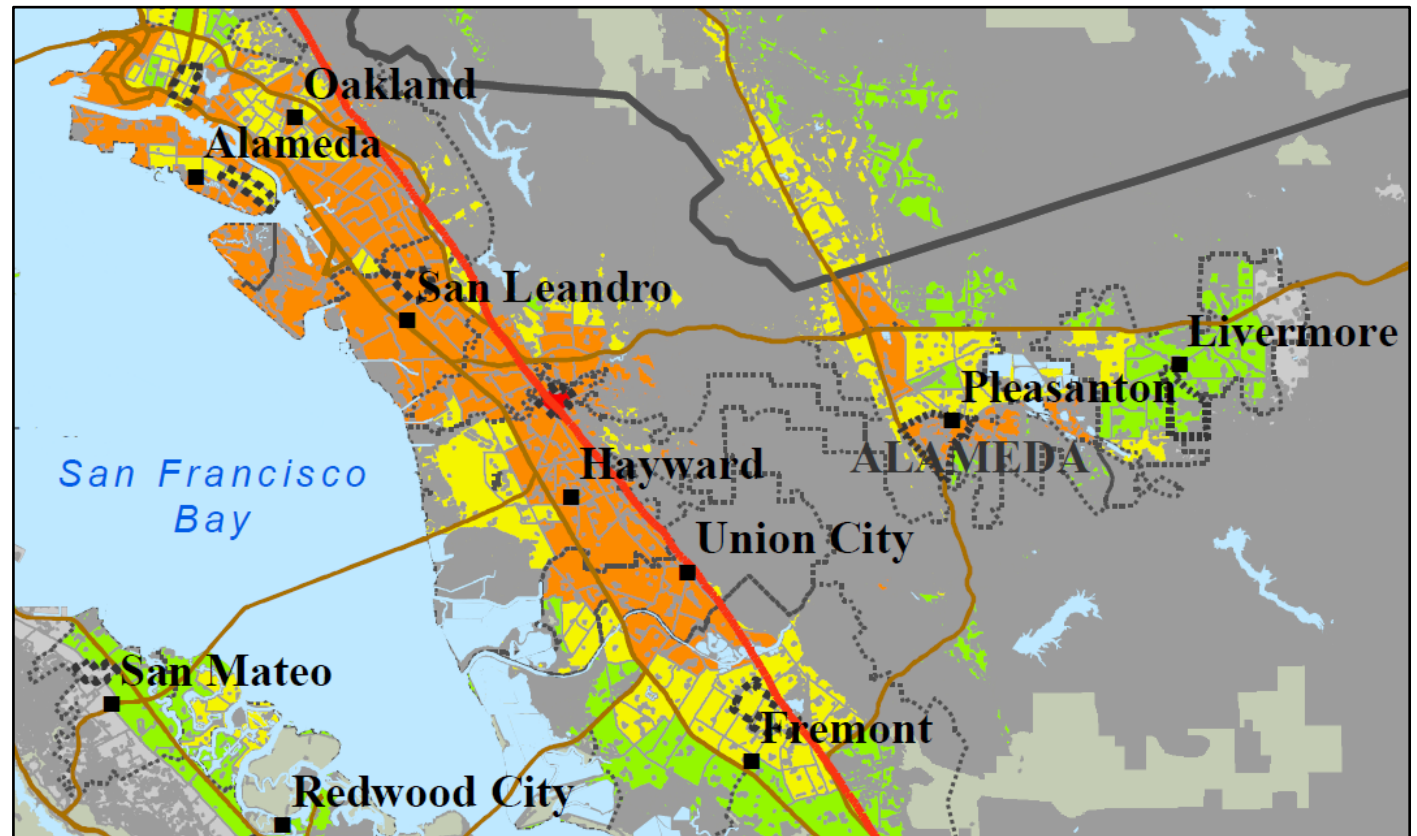
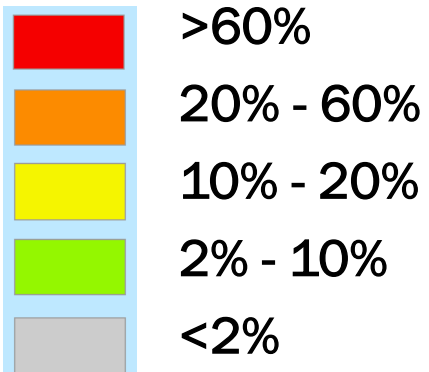
Percentage of all building square footage in a census tract in an extensive or complete damage state



# High Impact Areas: Central Alameda and Western Contra Costa counties



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# Potential Population Displacement

Factors affecting initial and subsequent waves of displacement:

- Direct damage and access to housing
- Lifeline utility and community service outages
- Environmental health effects
- Aftershocks
- Social vulnerability and access to resources
- Availability of interim housing
- Availability of employment and education

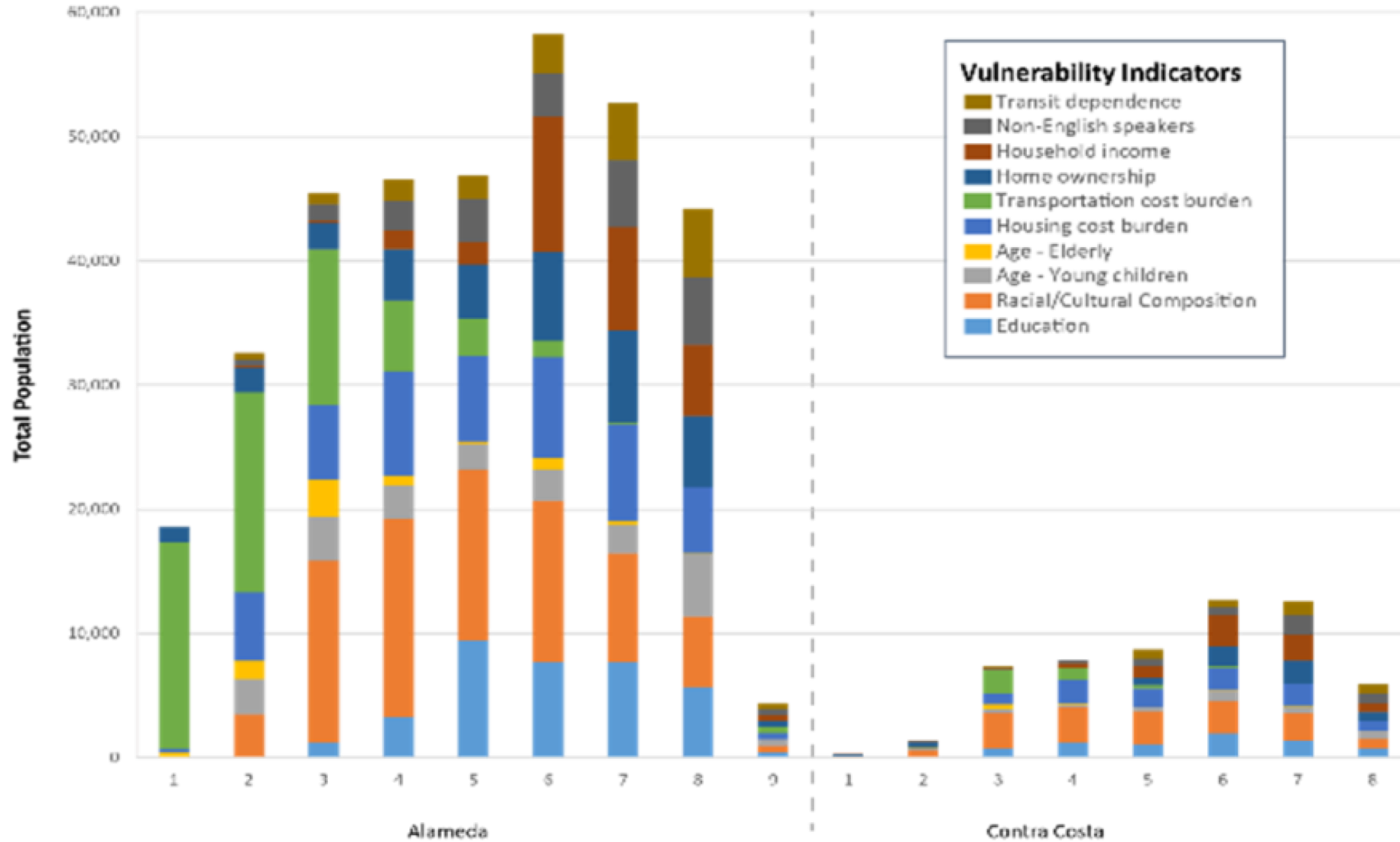
*Where are the receiving communities?*

*What are the rates of population return and newcomers?*

	Households	Population
Hazus analysis of mainshock - ground shaking and liquefaction only	152,881	414,298
Integrated damage data of mainshock increased by 20% to account for long-term utility outages	267,510	719,601
High-impact footprint for all occupancies combined	267,631	765,402
High-impact footprint for single family/duplex dwellings	128,543	363,315
High-impact footprint for multi-family dwellings	520,210	1,451,838
Hazus analysis of aftershocks - earthquake shaking only	2,845	7,653

# Social Vulnerability

- **14% of Alameda County population (207,000 people) and 4% of Contra Costa County (40,000 people) reside in high-impact areas with 5 or more of the 10 community vulnerability indicators**



Total Vulnerability Indicators by County



# Utilities and Transportation Disruption

**Electric power: 3-4 weeks**

**Fuel: 7 -10 days (minimum)**

**Voice and data: 7-10 days**

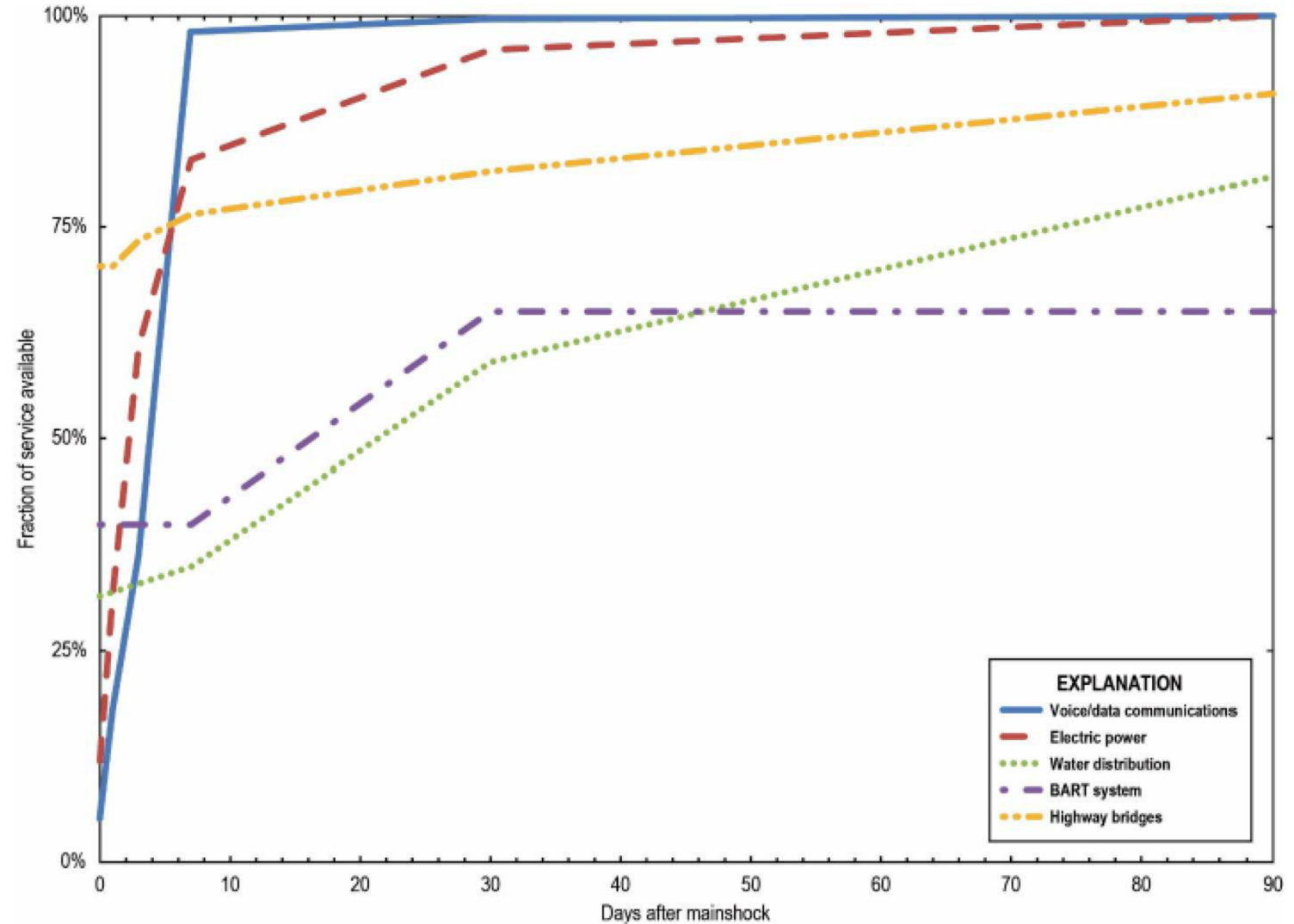
**Water: up to 6 months in core damage areas**

**Highway bridges: up to 4-10 months**

**BART stations: up to 1-3 years**

**Longest restoration times in Alameda, Contra Costa (water) counties**

**Intermediate restoration times in Contra Costa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, San Francisco counties**



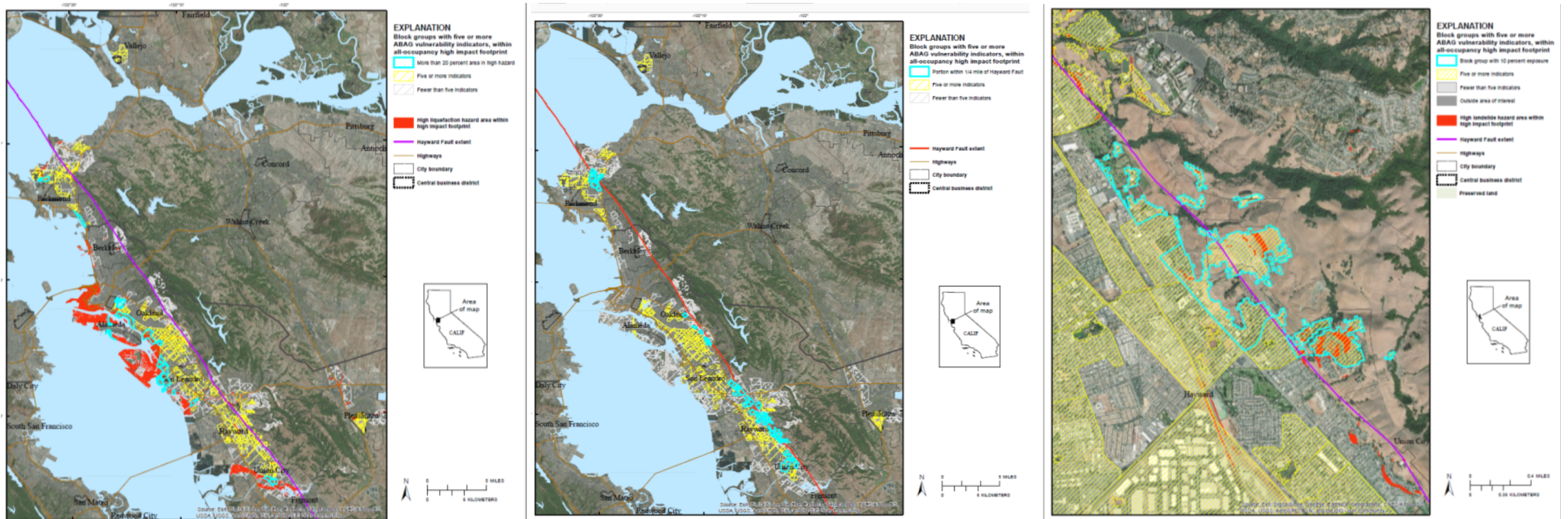
Alameda County lifeline restoration time lines

# Long-Term Recovery Challenges

Availability and access to recovery dollars and resources

Repairing and rebuilding damaged housing

Addressing areas requiring substantial re-planning and governmental intervention in order to recover



Blue outlined areas have both high social vulnerability and high hazards (liquefaction, surface faulting or landslides)

# Opportunities to Improve Community Resilience

1. Accelerate systematic retrofit or replacement of the region's extensive stock of seismically-vulnerable housing.
2. Set region-wide lifeline infrastructure seismic performance objectives and undertake a regionally-shared approach to prioritizing and financing upgrades to the region's seismically-vulnerable lifeline infrastructure, especially water distribution systems.
3. Building more housing in safe locations and to modern or higher construction standards.
4. Acknowledge and address the risks that seismically-vulnerable housing and lifelines pose to communities and the region in local and regional policies.
5. Place greater emphasis on the risk of disaster-induced population displacement, especially vulnerable populations, in government, individual and business response planning, exercises, preparedness campaigns and training.
6. Plan for long-term recovery at all levels of government.
7. Understand and plan for post-earthquake recovery financing at all scales—individuals, businesses, communities, regionally, and even at the state level.