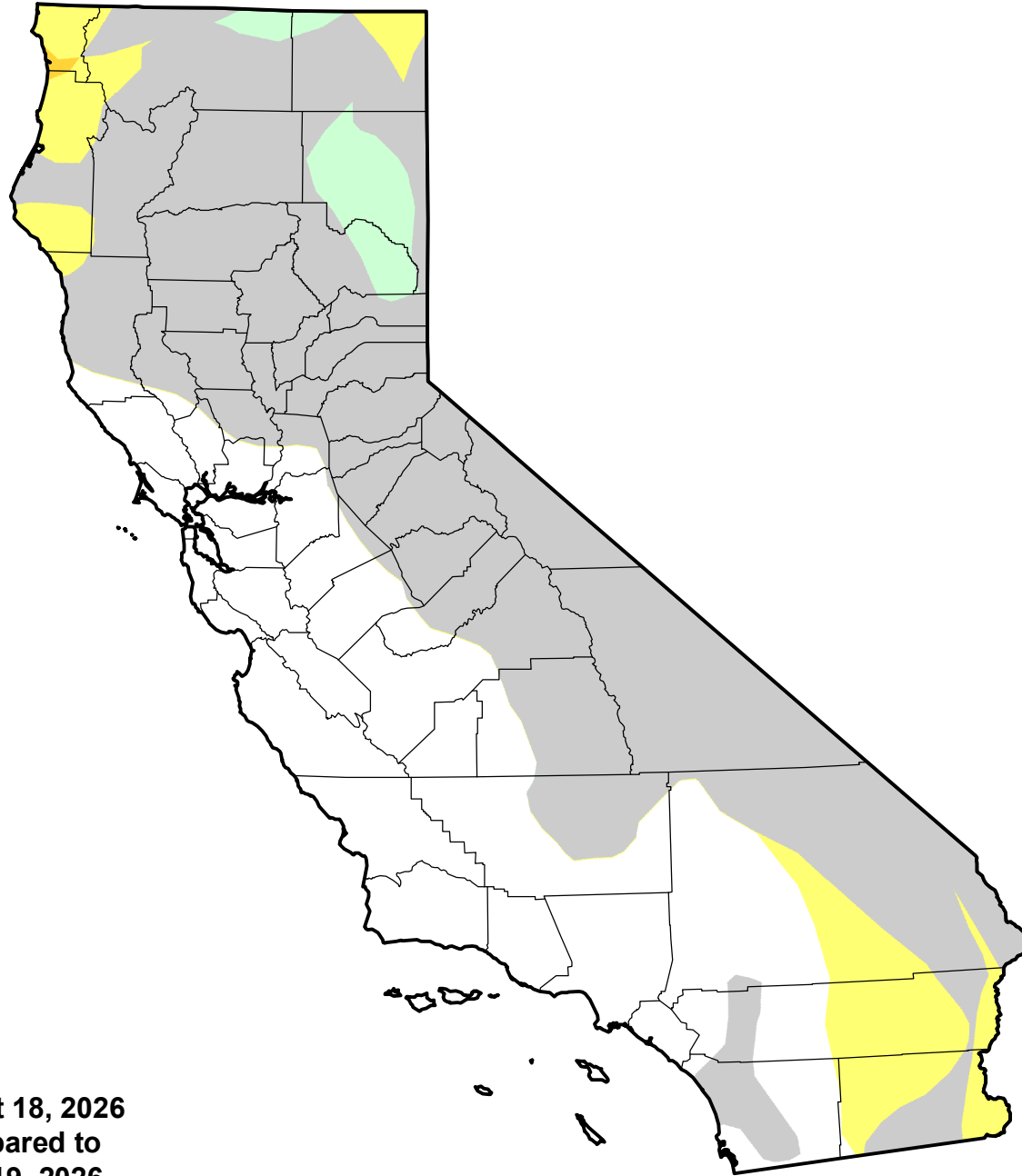


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- Legend for the degradation and improvement classes:
- 5 Class Degradation (Dark Brown)
 - 4 Class Degradation (Brown)
 - 3 Class Degradation (Orange)
 - 2 Class Degradation (Yellow)
 - 1 Class Degradation (Light Yellow)
 - No Change (Gray)
 - 1 Class Improvement (Light Green)
 - 2 Class Improvement (Green)
 - 3 Class Improvement (Dark Green)
 - 4 Class Improvement (Teal)
 - 5 Class Improvement (Dark Blue)