

Topics for class

1. Introduction to California water plan
2. Snapshot of California water conditions
3. History of water development in California

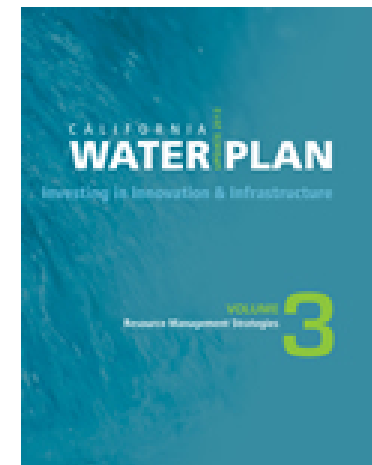
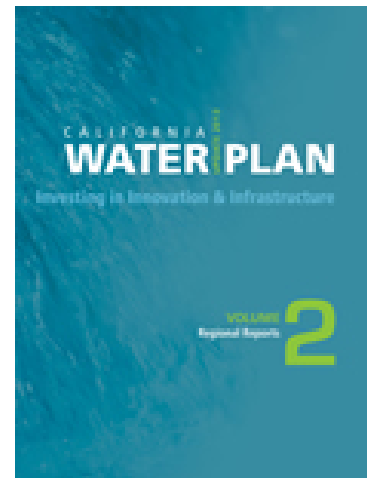
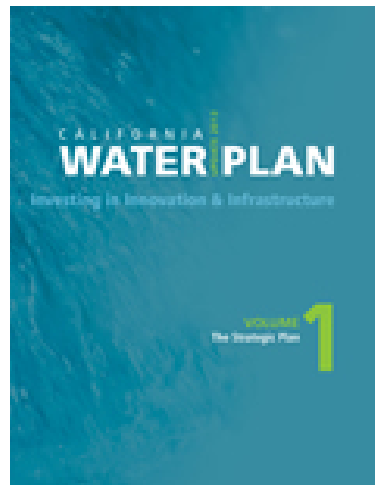
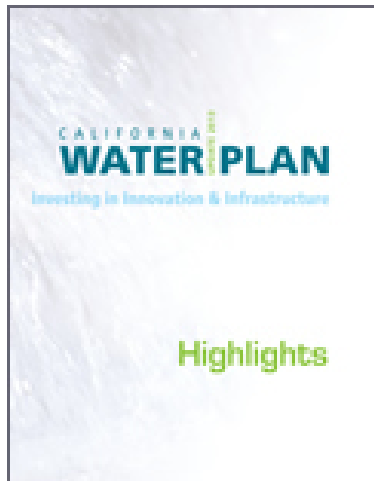
Goals

1. Develop an understanding of the multi-faceted and changing objectives of water management in California
2. Place water resources management in the context of hydrologic variability
3. Begin to understand how California's water resources management system has evolved

Questions

1. Your definition of water security, globally & for California?
2. For California, major areas for conflict? Compromise?
3. Fundamental barriers to water security, social, political, science, engineering?

California Water Plan, 2013



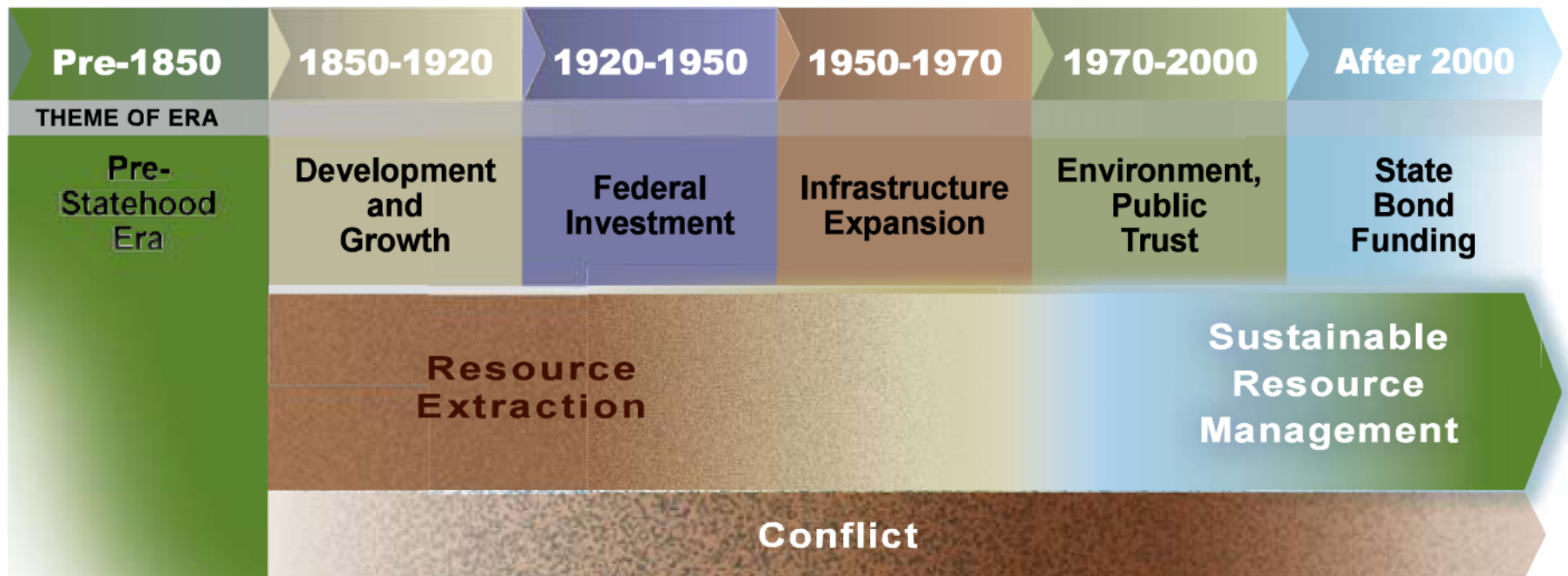
<http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/cwpu2013/>

Pre-Statehood: Tribal Practices Promoted Sustainability

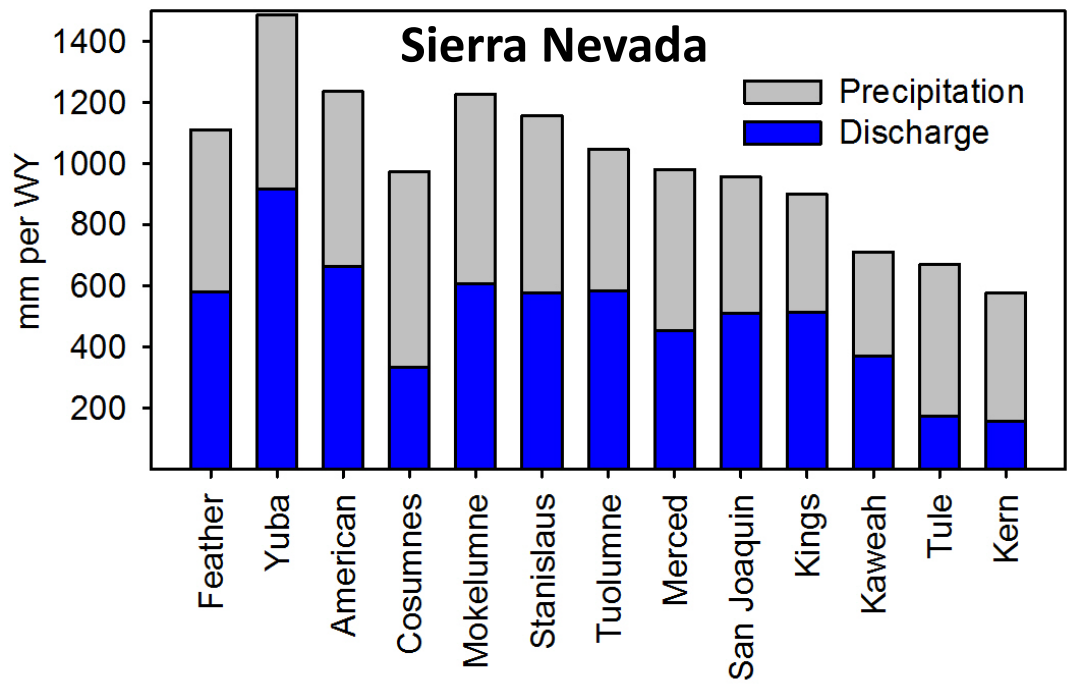
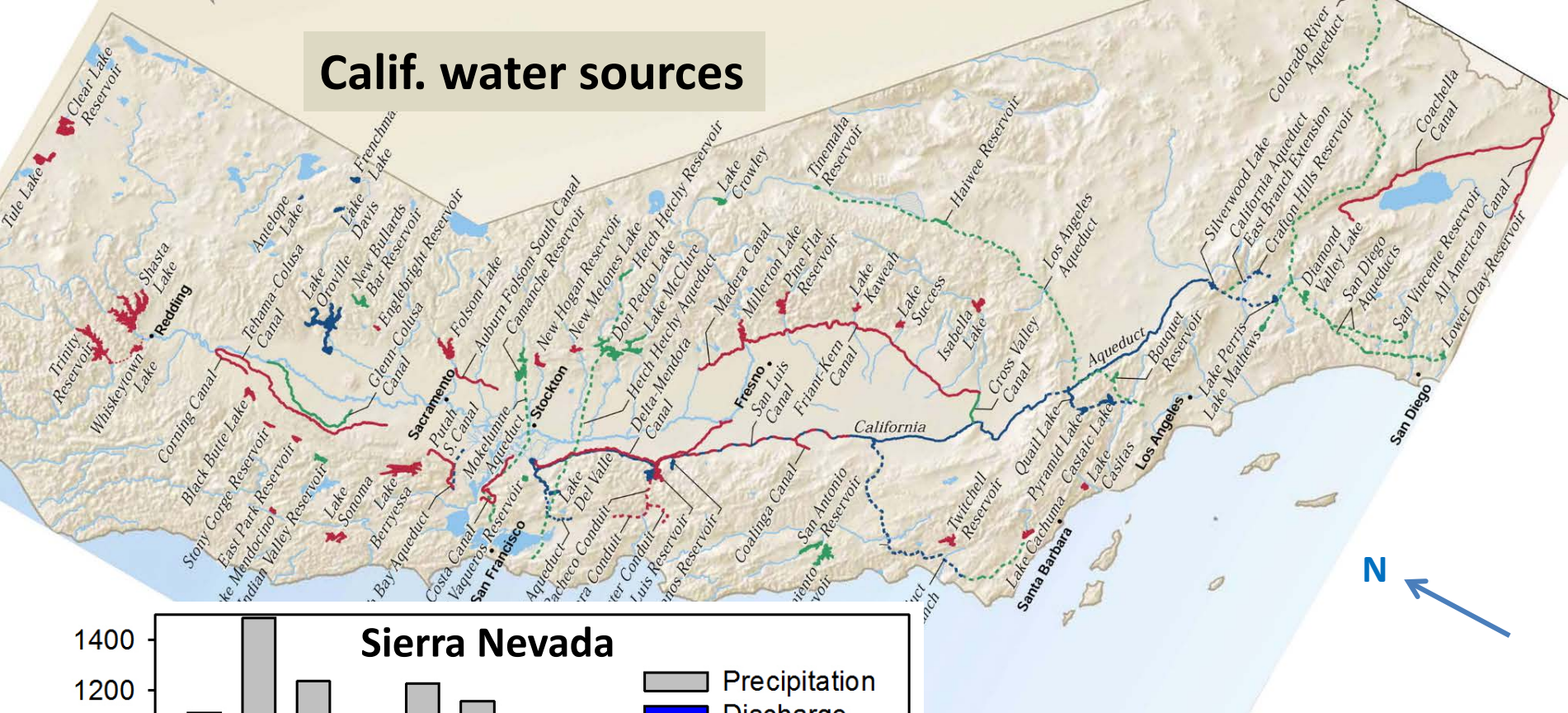
California's natural resources were carefully managed by Native American tribes, promoting sustainability to provide for the people for thousands of years. Tribal watershed management mimicked nature, enhancing the resources in many ways.

19th and 20th Centuries: Infrastructure Investments Promoted Growth and Economic Development

California invested in water and flood management infrastructure to promote growth and economic development in rural, suburban, and urban communities. This involved a period of resource extraction that led to a booming economy with benefits still enjoyed today, while at the same time creating a number of unintended consequences, including environmental degradation. Environmental laws and regulations were enacted in the latter part of the 20th century to help remedy the consequences and restore the environment.

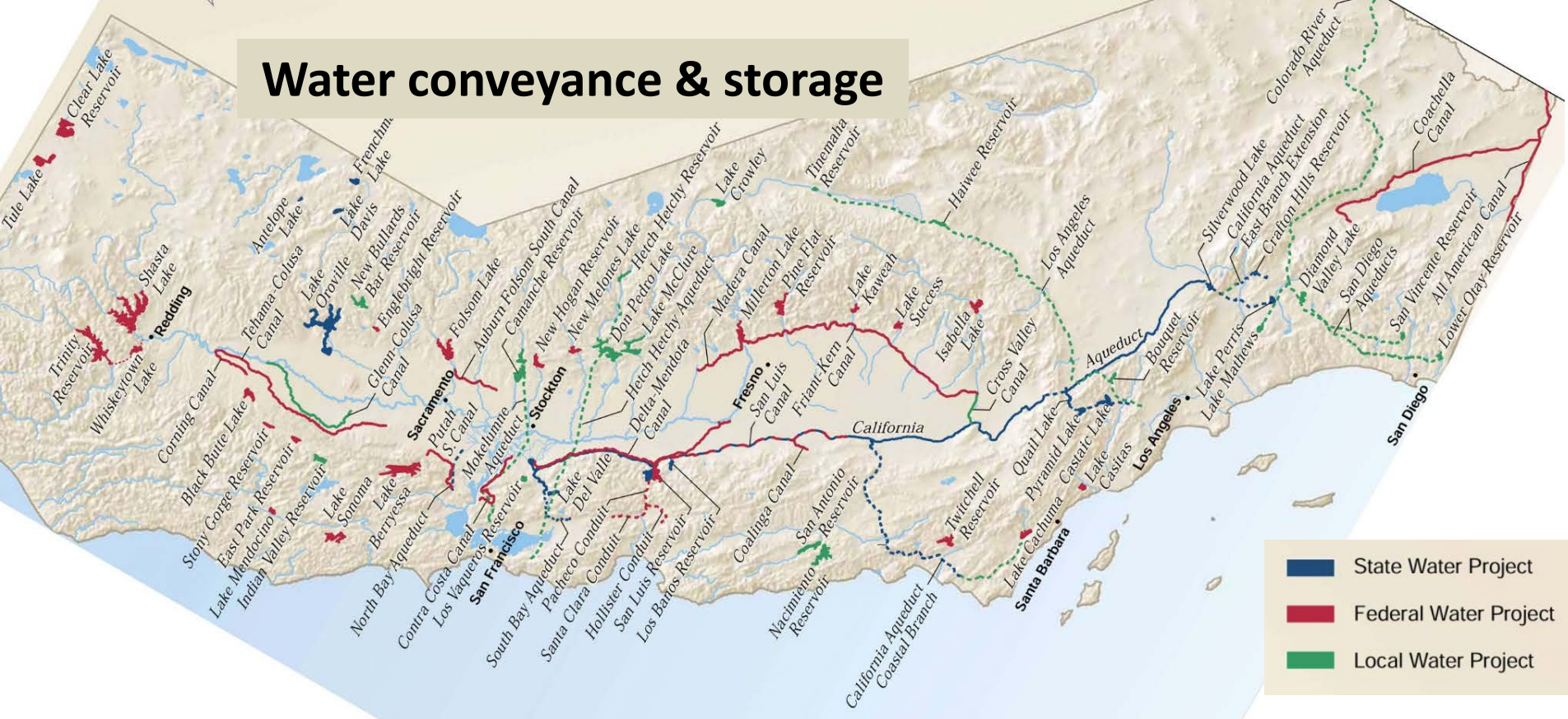


Calif. water sources



More precipitation & runoff north of Delta
 More water use south of Delta

Water conveyance & storage

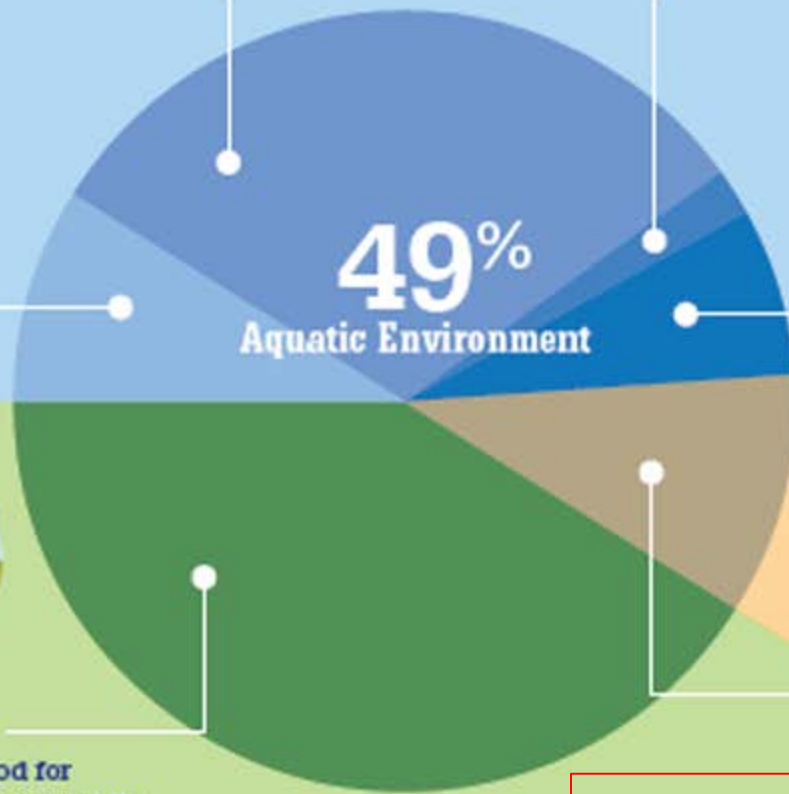


California Aqueduct

Moving water
north → south
mountains → coast

Applied water use

Precip: 200 MAF
Applied: 80 MAF
Ag: 33 MAF
Urban: 8 MAF

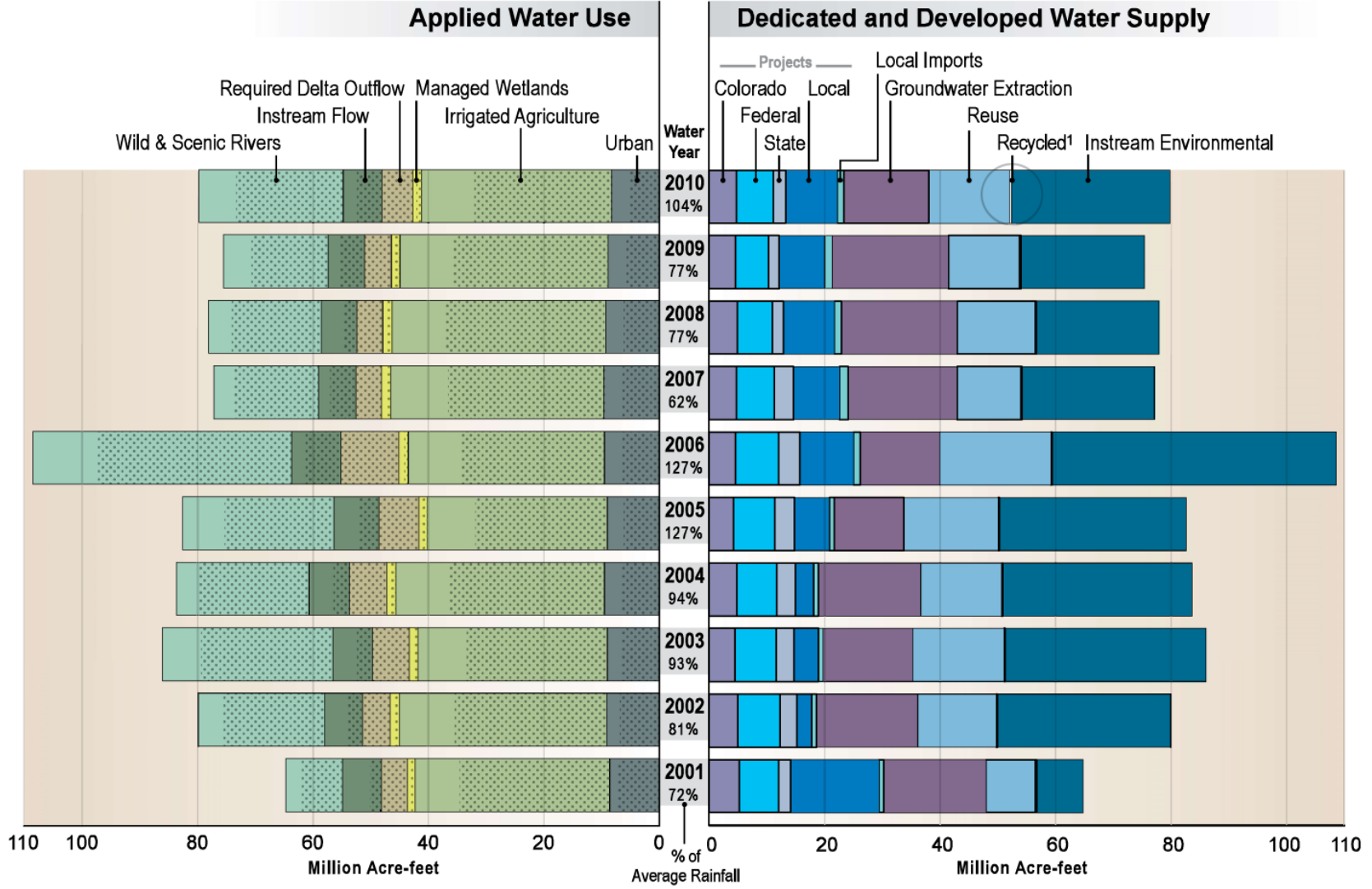


This water produces food for consumption in urban areas while also providing terrestrial and aquatic habitat for a multitude of species.

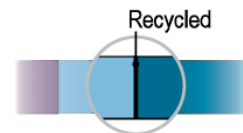
Water supplies:
Agriculture: 80%
Urban 20%

How California uses and supplies water

Statewide water uses and supplies are highly variable



Stippling in bars indicates depleted (irrecoverable) water use (water consumed through evapotranspiration, flowing to salt sinks like saline aquifers, or otherwise not available as a source of supply).



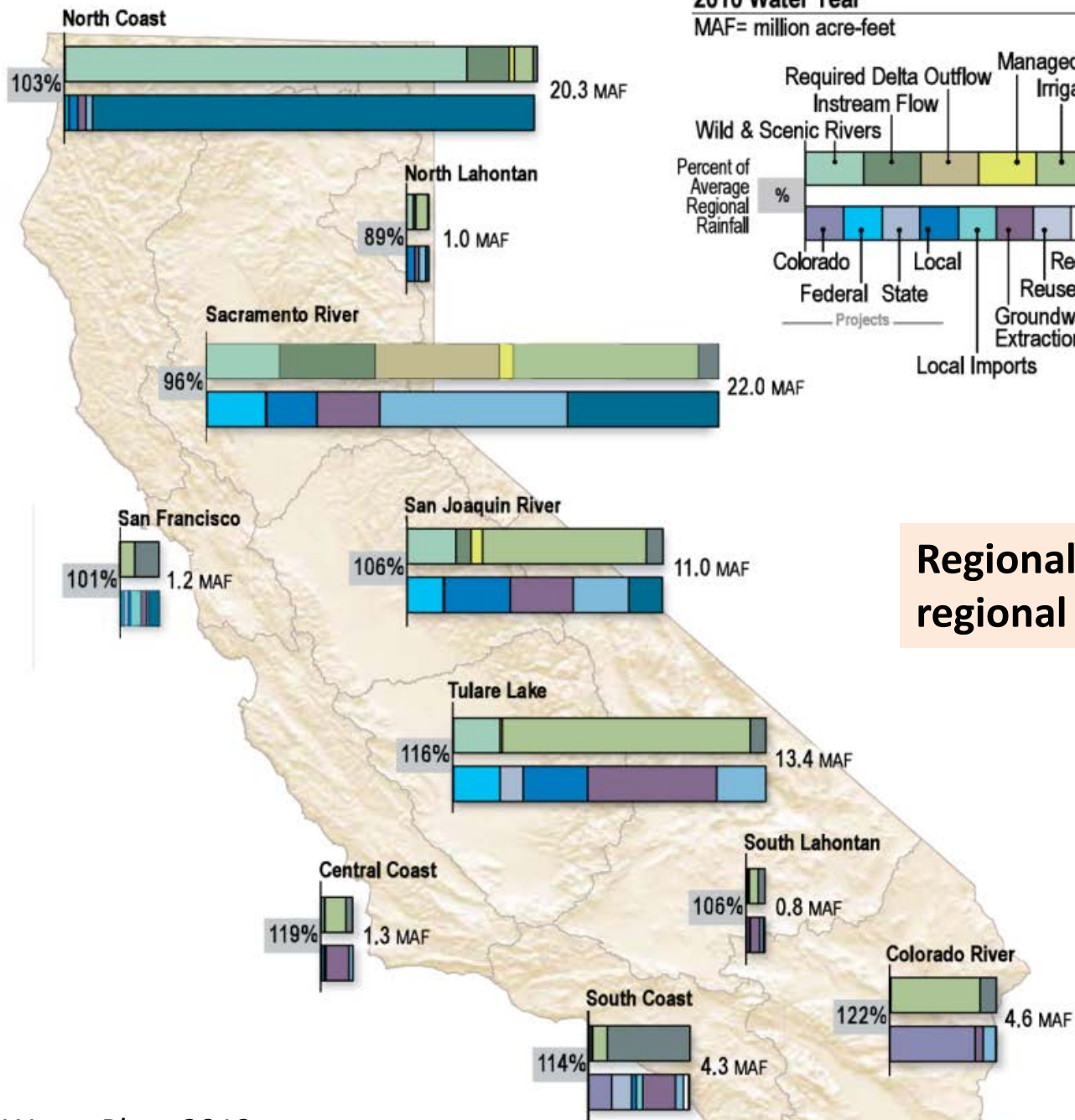
¹ Detail of bar graph: For water years 2001-2010, recycled municipal water varied from 0.2 to 0.7 MAF of the water supply.

California Water Balance by Water Year Data Table (MAF)

| | 2001 (72%) | 2002 (81%) | 2003 (93%) | 2004 (94%) | 2005 (127%) | 2006 (127%) | 2007 (62%) | 2008 (77%) | 2009 (77%) | 2010 (104%) |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Applied Water Use | | | | | | | | | | |
| Urban | 8.6 | 9.1 | 9.0 | 9.5 | 9.0 | 9.5 | 9.6 | 9.3 | 8.9 | 8.3 |
| Irrigated Agriculture | 33.7 | 35.9 | 32.8 | 36.1 | 31.2 | 33.3 | 36.9 | 37.0 | 36.0 | 32.9 |
| Managed Wetlands | 1.3 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Req Delta Outflow | 4.5 | 4.8 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 7.0 | 10.1 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 5.3 |
| Instream Flow | 6.8 | 6.6 | 6.9 | 7.0 | 7.8 | 8.5 | 6.5 | 6.2 | 6.3 | 6.8 |
| Wild & Scenic R. | 9.8 | 21.9 | 29.5 | 23.0 | 26.2 | 44.8 | 18.1 | 19.5 | 18.1 | 25.1 |
| Total Uses | 64.7 | 79.9 | 86.1 | 83.7 | 82.6 | 107.9 | 77.1 | 78.0 | 75.5 | 79.8 |
| Depleted Water Use (stippling) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Urban | 7.0 | 6.7 | 6.3 | 6.4 | 6.1 | 6.2 | 6.2 | 6.1 | 5.8 | 5.2 |
| Irrigated Agriculture | 26.0 | 26.2 | 24.3 | 26.8 | 22.7 | 24.2 | 27.1 | 27.6 | 26.6 | 23.8 |
| Managed Wetlands | 0.9 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 1.0 |
| Req Delta Outflow | 4.5 | 4.8 | 6.4 | 6.5 | 7.0 | 10.1 | 4.5 | 4.5 | 4.7 | 5.3 |
| Instream Flow | 2.2 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 6.1 | 4.4 | 2.2 | 4.1 | 4.4 |
| Wild & Scenic R. | 6.9 | 17.5 | 22.8 | 18.9 | 18.7 | 33.8 | 14.7 | 15.4 | 13.2 | 18.5 |
| Total Uses | 47.5 | 58.6 | 63.2 | 62.1 | 58.5 | 81.3 | 57.8 | 56.8 | 55.2 | 58.3 |
| Dedicated and Developed Water Supply | | | | | | | | | | |
| Instream | 8.0 | 29.9 | 34.7 | 32.7 | 32.3 | 49.2 | 22.8 | 21.2 | 21.4 | 27.4 |
| Local Projects | 15.4 | 2.6 | 4.2 | 3.2 | 6.0 | 9.3 | 8.0 | 8.8 | 7.9 | 8.8 |
| Local Imported Deliveries | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.1 |
| Colorado Project | 5.2 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.7 |
| Federal Projects | 6.8 | 7.3 | 7.1 | 6.9 | 7.2 | 7.4 | 6.6 | 6.1 | 5.7 | 6.4 |
| State Project | 2.1 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.7 | 3.3 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 2.2 |
| Groundwater Extraction | 17.6 | 17.5 | 15.5 | 17.7 | 12.0 | 13.1 | 18.8 | 20.0 | 20.1 | 14.7 |
| Inflow & Storage | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Reuse & Seepage | 8.5 | 13.6 | 15.8 | 14.0 | 16.3 | 19.2 | 11.1 | 13.5 | 12.3 | 14.1 |
| Recycled Water | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| Total Supplies | 64.7 | 79.9 | 86.1 | 83.7 | 82.6 | 107.9 | 77.1 | 78.0 | 75.5 | 79.8 |

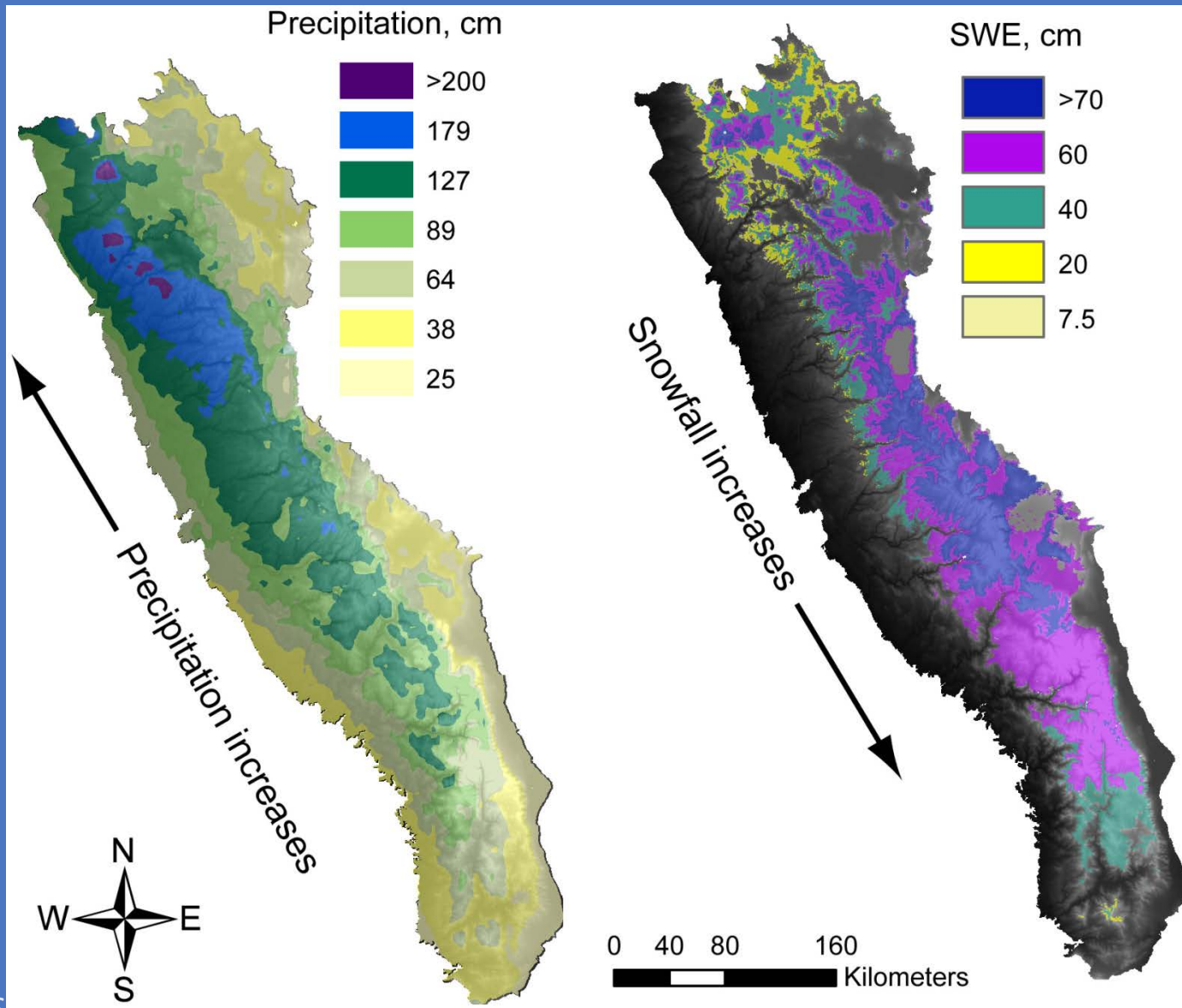
2010 Water Year

MAF= million acre-feet



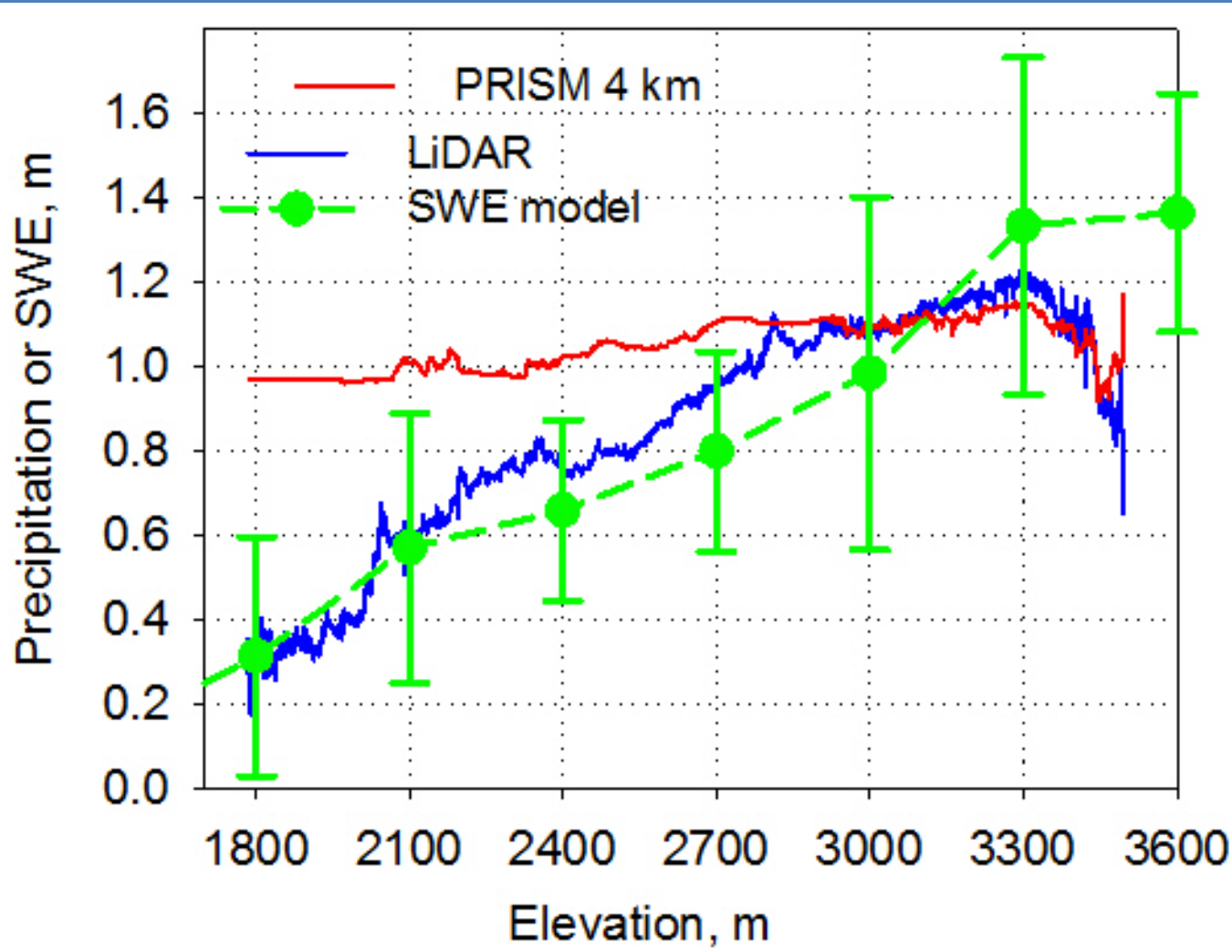
Regional diversity requires regional solutions

Sierra Nevada precipitation & snow water equivalent (SWE) – climatological estimate



Comparison of SWE measured by LiDAR w/ indirect estimates of SWE & precipitation, Kaweah R. basin

WY 2010



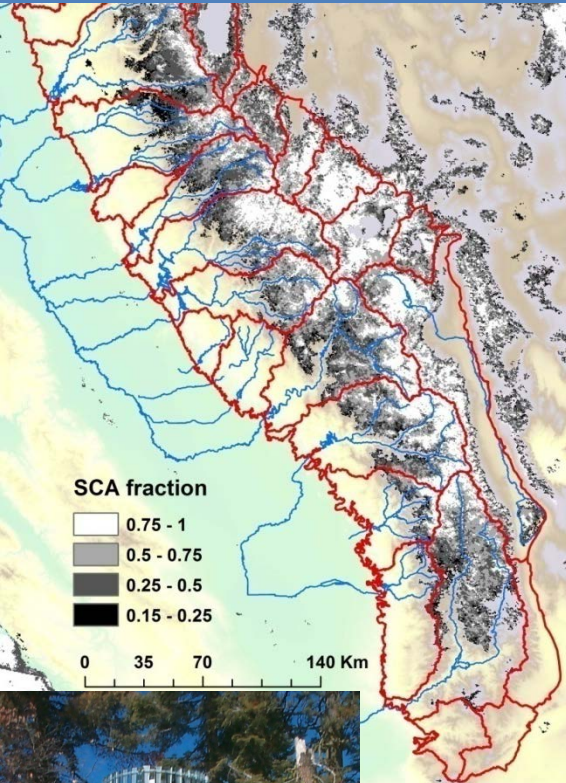
Future: data from distributed, wireless sensor networks, blended w/ remote sensing data

Kirchner et al., 2015.

SWE: Guan et al., 2013

Basic water balance

$$\text{Precipitation} = \text{Evapotranspiration} + \text{Runoff}$$



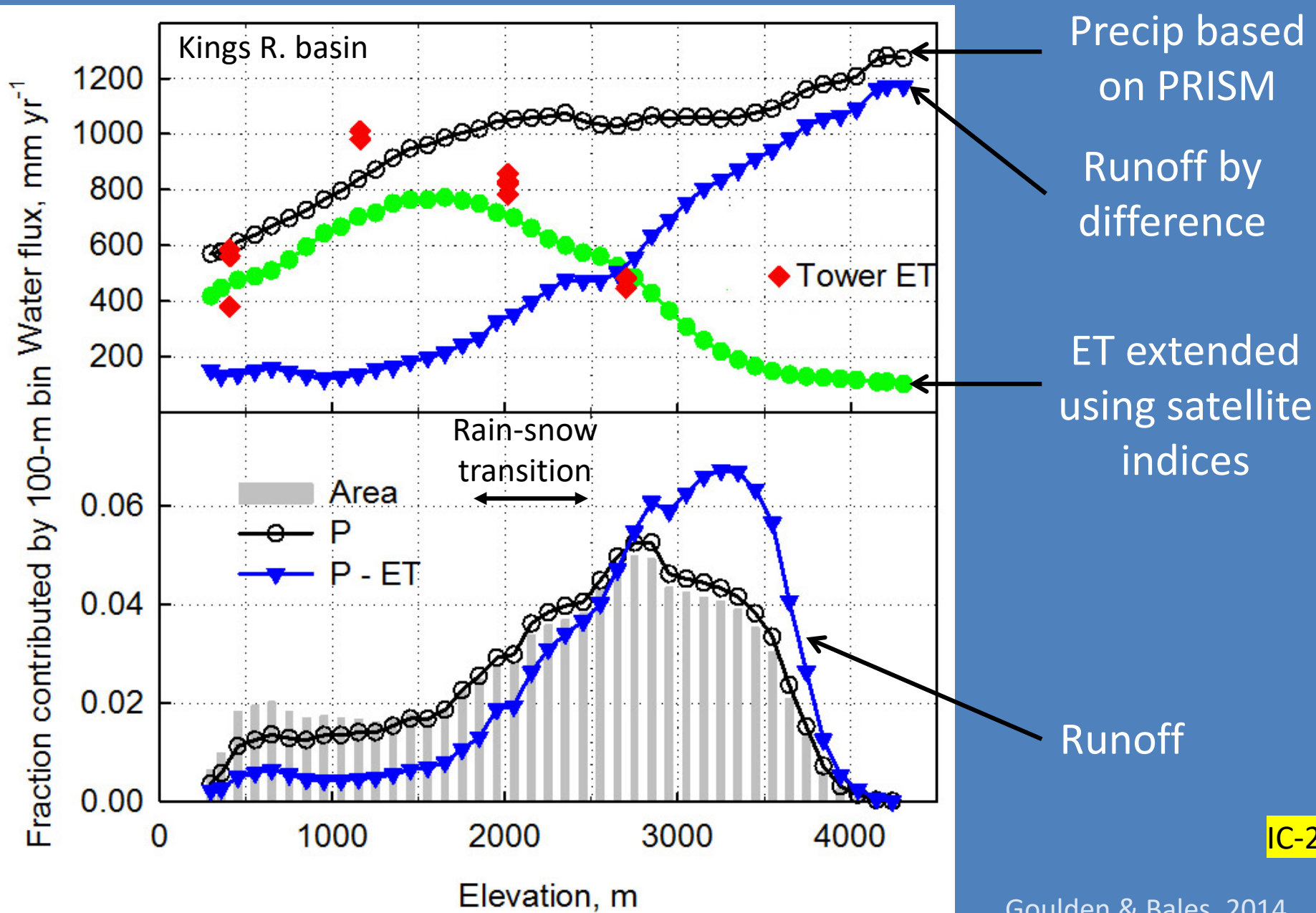
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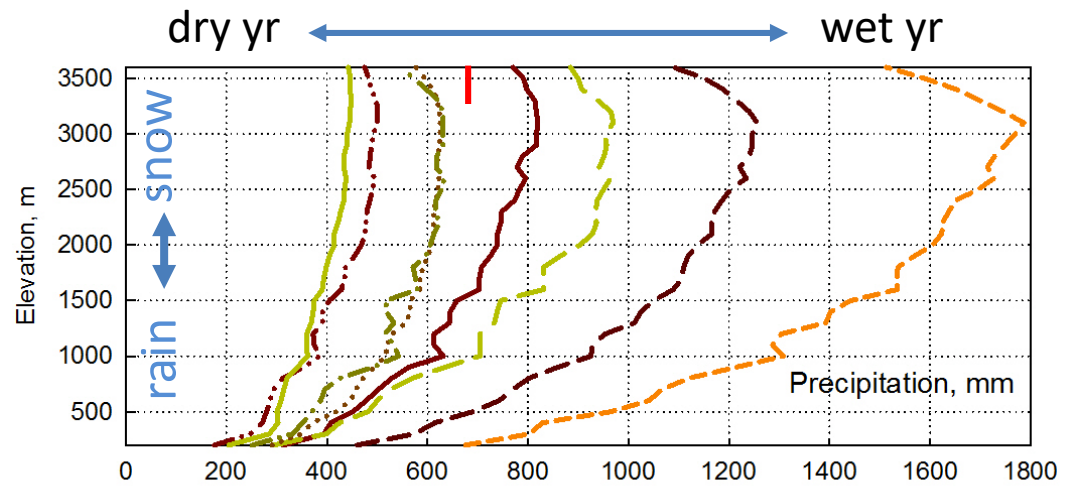


Extending flux-tower results to the basin scale

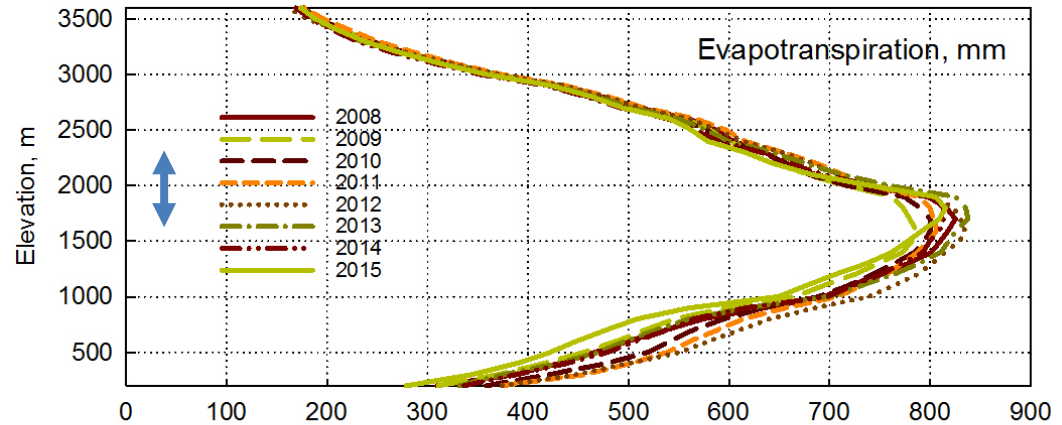


Southern Sierra averages

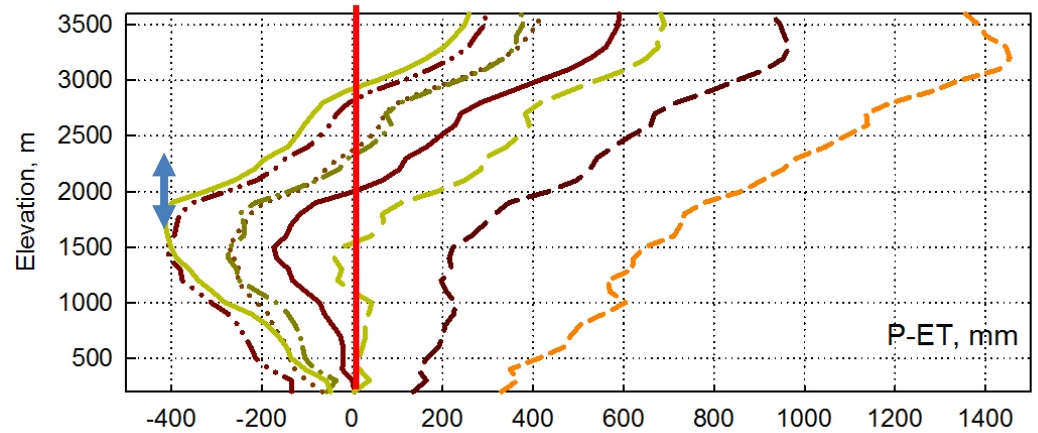
Precipitation (P) from PRISM



Evapotranspiration (ET) from NDVI: "canopy-acclimated ET"



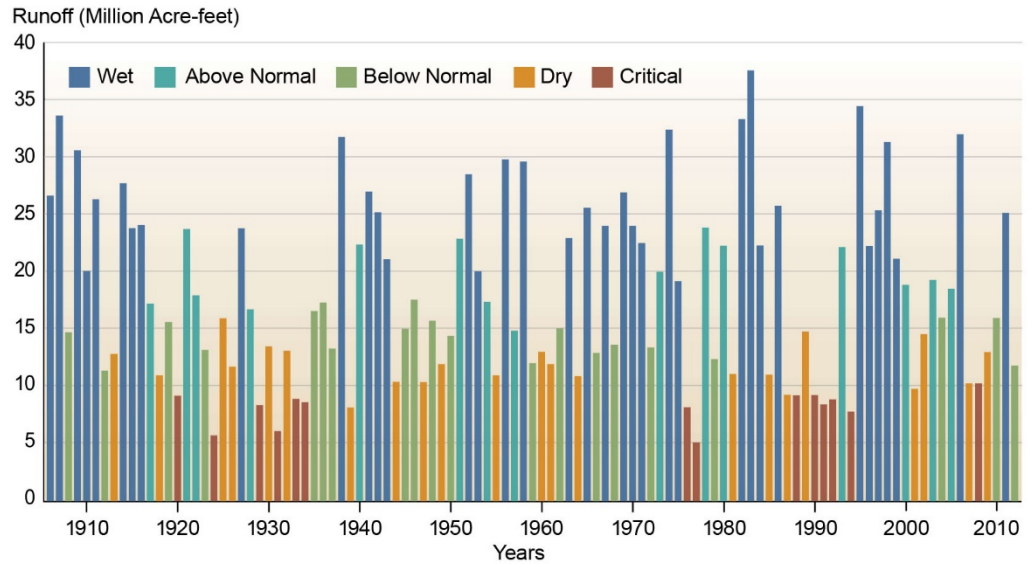
$P - ET$ is difference



Unimpaired runoff

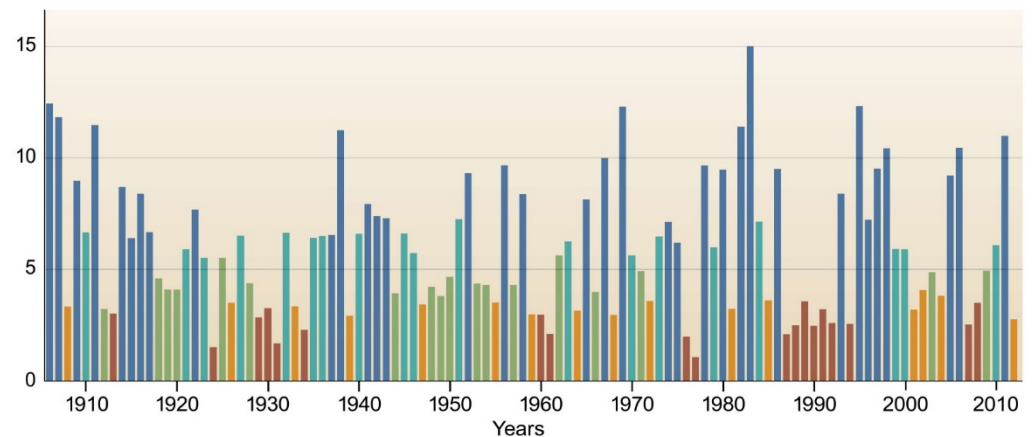
How frequent are critically dry years?

Figure 3-7 Sacramento Four Rivers Unimpaired Runoff, 1906-2012



Note: The Sacramento Four Rivers are Sacramento River above Bend Bridge, near Red Bluff; Feather River inflow to Lake Oroville; Yuba River at Smartville; American River inflow to Folsom Lake.

Figure 3-8 San Joaquin Four Rivers Unimpaired Runoff, 1906-2012



Note: The four San Joaquin rivers are Stanislaus River inflow to New Melones Reservoir, Tuolumne River inflow to New Don Pedro Reservoir, Merced River inflow to New Exchequer Reservoir, and San Joaquin River inflow to Millereton Reservoir.

Flooding

Potential Occurrence by County
 □ Absent ■ Present ■ Likely



Tsunami Flooding

Duration: Minutes to hours
Time to Peak: Variable (hours to days)
Area Flooded: Coastal areas
Causes: Earthquake



Slow Rise Flooding

Duration: Weeks
Time to Peak: Days
Area Flooded: Deep floodplains and low-lying urban areas
Causes: Heavy precipitation especially with snowmelt



Engineered Structure Failure Flooding

Duration: Variable
Time to Peak: Minutes to hours
Area Flooded: Areas downstream of engineered structure (i.e., levees, dams)
Causes: Failure of structures



Flash Flooding

Duration: Hours
Time to Peak: Hours
Area Flooded: Steep slopes and impermeable surfaces, as well as adjacent to local streams and creeks
Causes: High-volume rainstorms, thunderstorms, or slow-moving storms



Coastal Flooding

Duration: Seasonal
Time to Peak: Hours to days
Area Flooded: Coastal areas, bays, back bays, sounds, and inland tidal waterways
Causes: Winter and Spring coastal storms, high winds, storm surges and high tides



Alluvial Fan Flooding

Duration: Hours
Time to Peak: Hours
Area Flooded: Surface and toe of alluvial fans
Causes: High-volume rainstorms and thunderstorms; displaces high volume of sediment



Debris Flow Flooding

Duration: Hours
Time to Peak: Hours
Area Flooded: Areas downstream of denuded hillsides
Causes: Heavy localized rainstorms on hillsides with charred or denuded ground



Stormwater Flooding

Duration: Hours
Time to Peak: Hours
Area Flooded: Localized urban areas
Causes: Rainstorms along with blocked or overwhelmed storm drainage systems

Flooding



Tsunami Flooding

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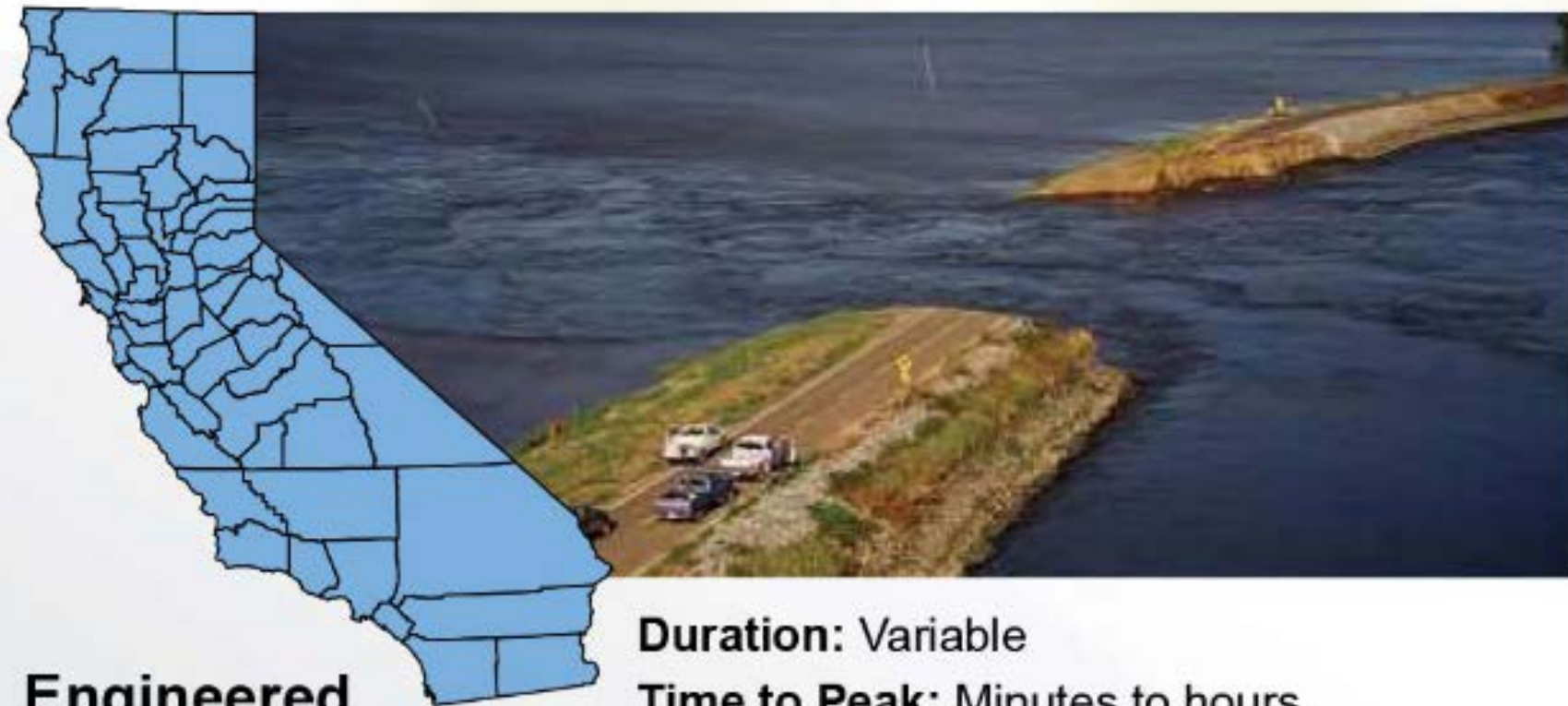
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Flooding



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Area Flooded: Surface and toe of alluvial fans

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Flooding



Stormwater Flooding

Duration: Hours

Time to Peak: Hours

Area Flooded: Localized urban areas

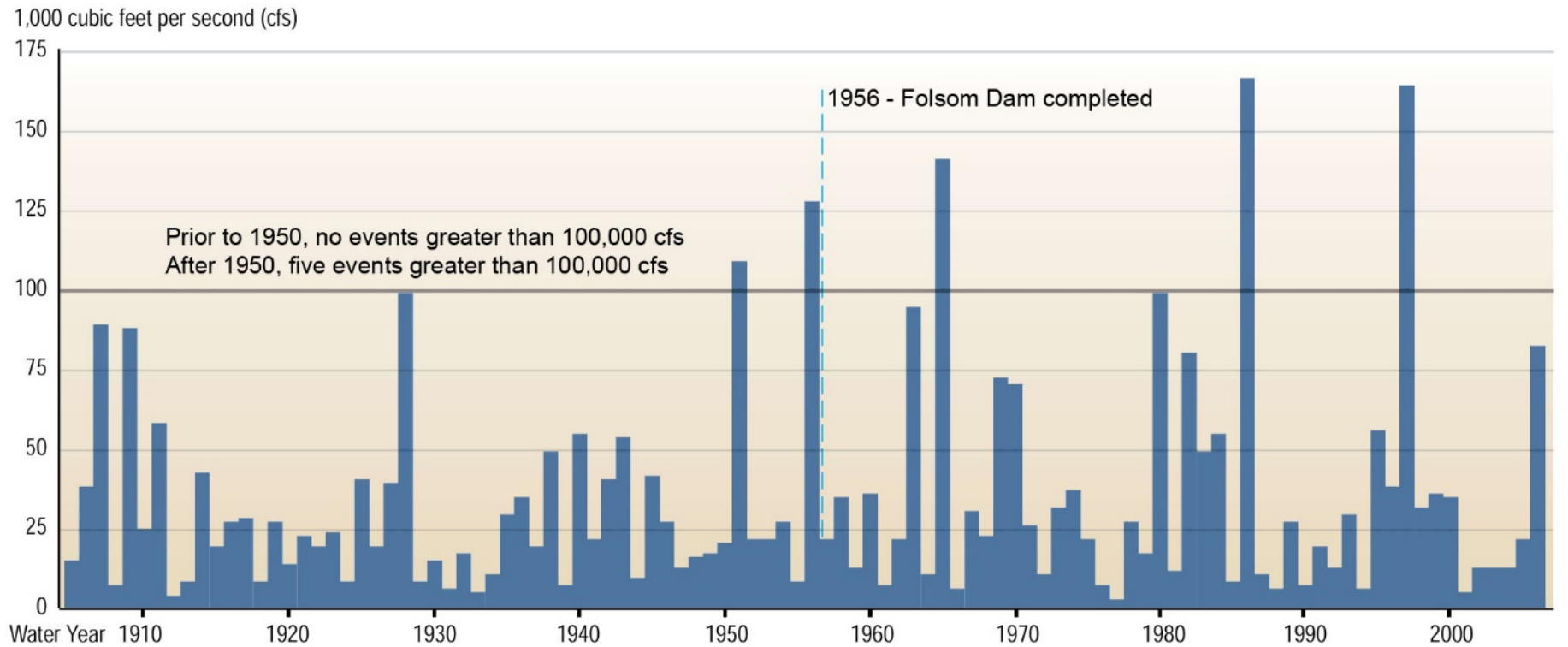
Causes: Rainstorms along with blocked or overwhelmed storm drainage systems

American River floods

Understanding of 100-year flood event magnitude on the American River has changed substantially over time. In the early 1900s, a 100-year flood was estimated to equate to a peak flow of just over 200,000 cubic feet per second (cfs) at what is now Folsom Dam. The estimate with current data is more than 300,000 cfs.

Figure A American River at Folsom Dam

The five highest floods of record on the American River have occurred since 1950.

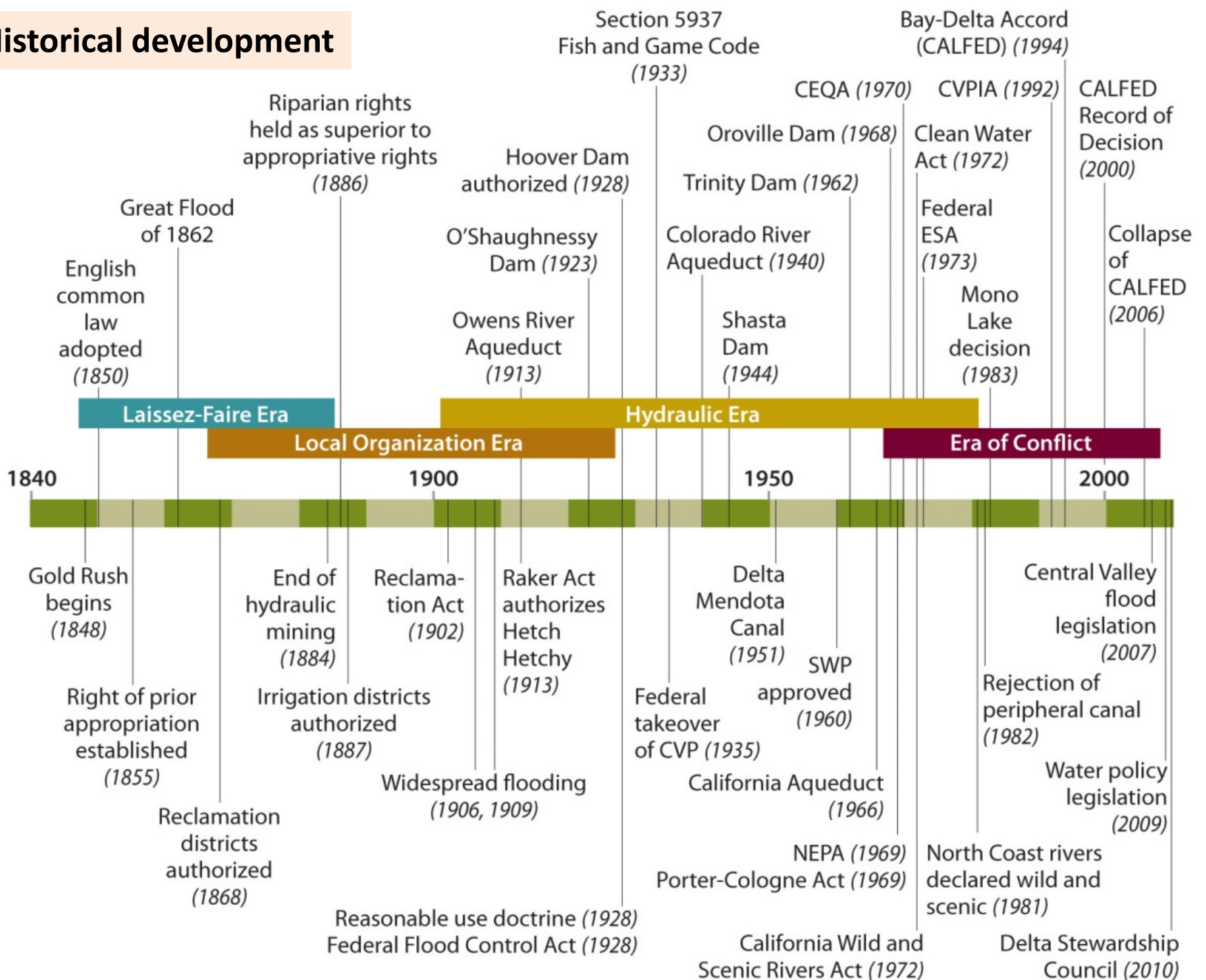


Data from U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District

Water development

California's networks of dams, canals, levees, and water treatment plants, along with the laws, regulations, and institutions that govern them, were not developed in concert as part of a grand vision or plan. Rather, they evolved over the course of more than 160 years, responding to a rapidly growing population, changing demographics and demands, and the occasional drought, flood, and lawsuit.

Historical development



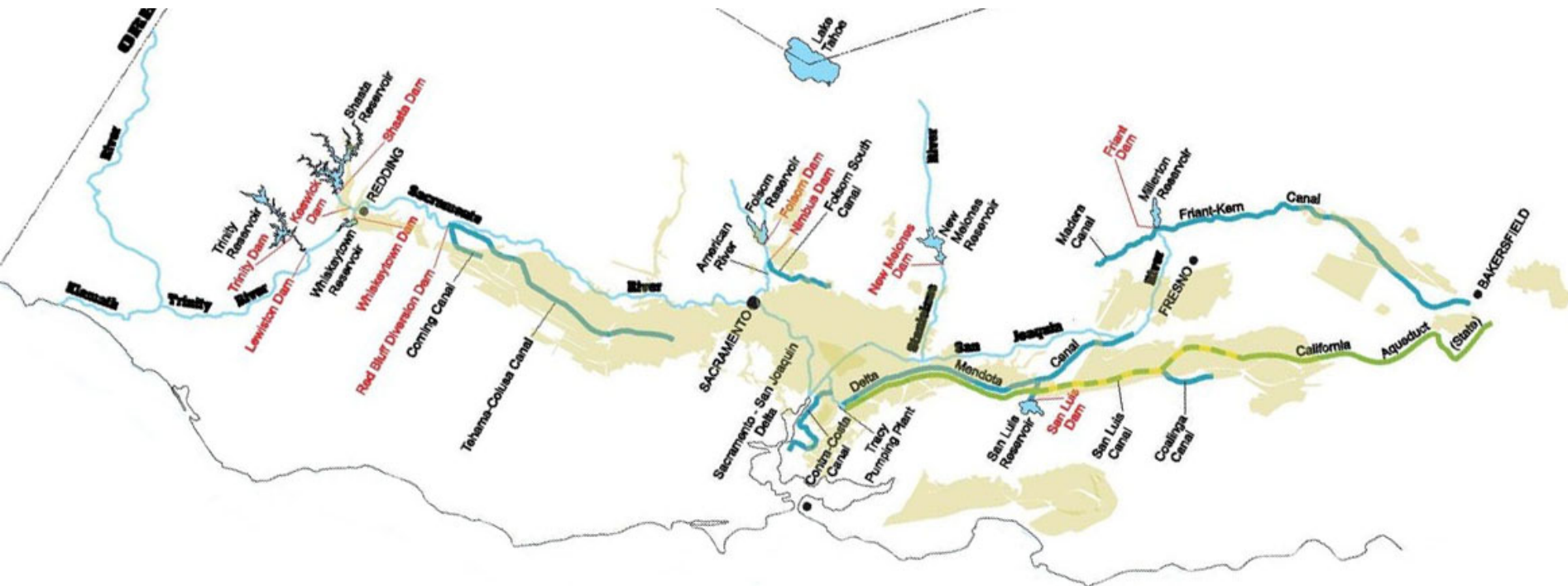
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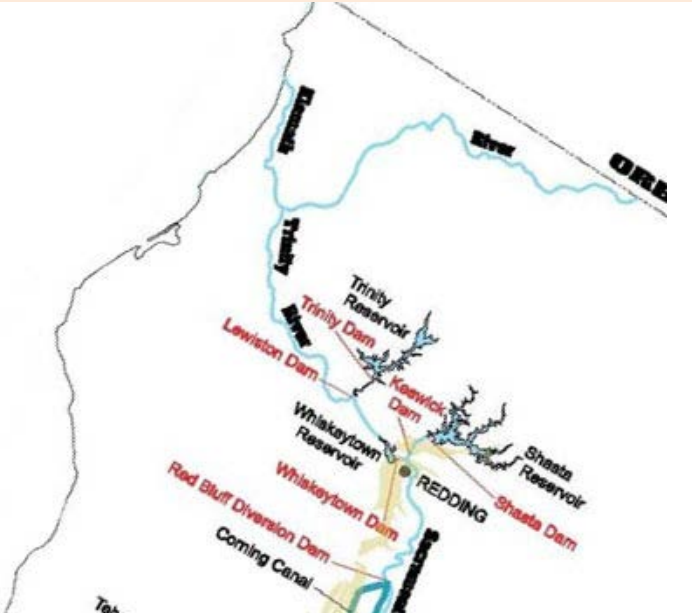
Central Valley Project

The CVP operates 18 dams and reservoirs, 11 power plants, and 500 miles of canals and other facilities between the Cascade Range near Redding and the Tehachapi Mountains near Bakersfield. It serves agricultural, municipal and industrial needs in the Central Valley, urban centers in parts of the San Francisco Bay Area, and is the primary water source for many Central

Valley wildlife refuges. In an average year, the CVP delivers approximately 7 maf of water, for agriculture, urban and wildlife use, irrigating about one-third (3 million acres) of California's agricultural lands and supplying water for nearly one million households



Central Valley Project – Shasta Dam



<http://www.shastalake.com/>

Central Valley Project – Whiskeytown Dam & Trinity Diversion



Central Valley Project – Sacramento River



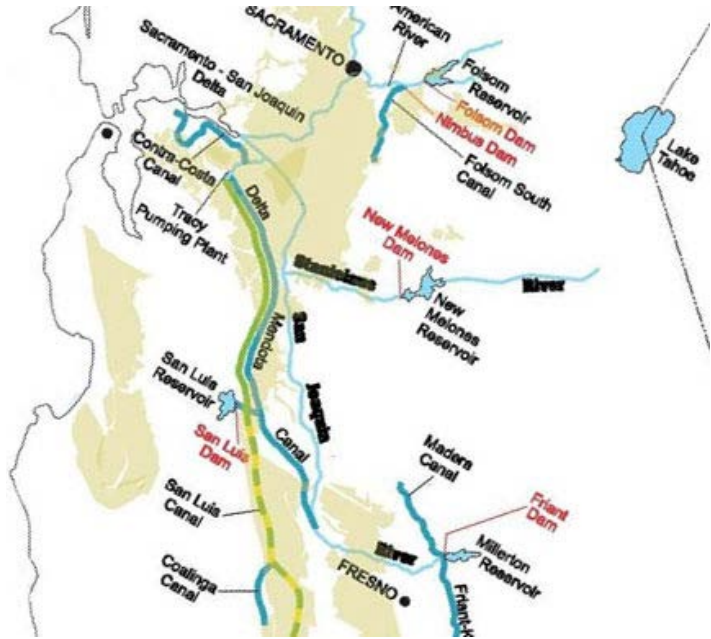
Aerial photograph of the Sacramento River and Redding, Shasta County, California. View to the west.
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Central Valley Project – Delta Pumping Plant

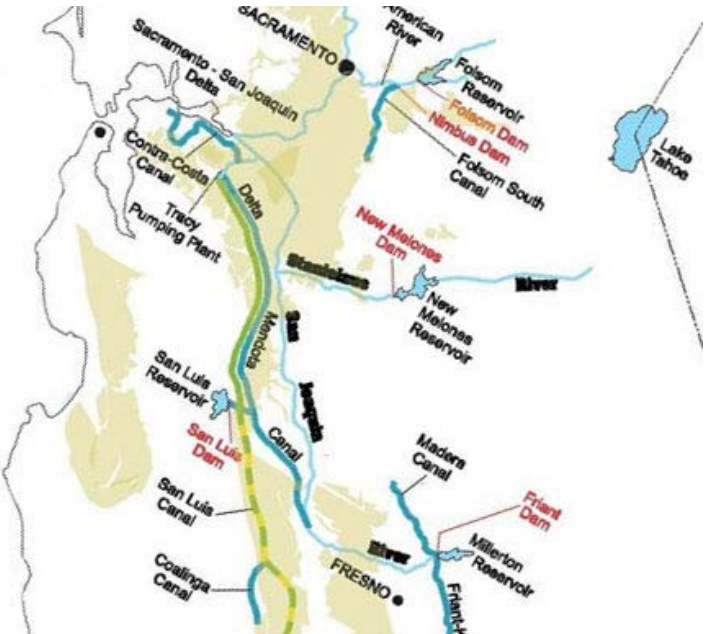


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Central Valley Project – Delta-Mendota Canal



Central Valley Project – San Luis Reservoir



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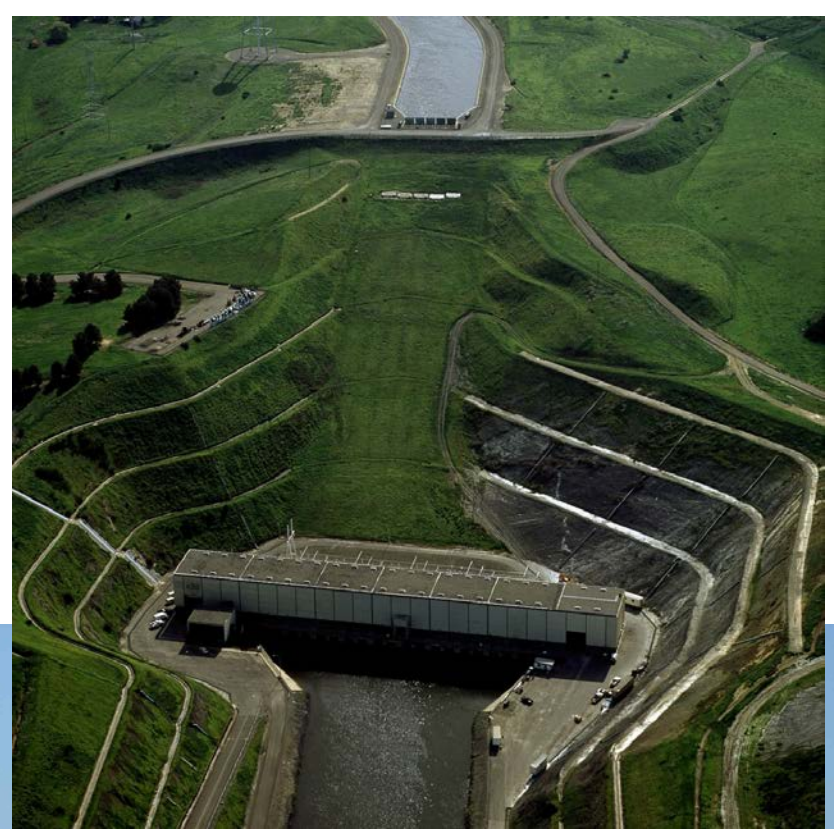
State Water Project



SWP FACILITIES IN THE WEST BRANCH AREA



State Water Project



<http://www.water.ca.gov/>

Colorado River Supplies

In recent years, Arizona has begun to exercise full use of its basic apportionment, & Nevada has approached full use of its entitlement & surplus allocation

However ...

Before 2003, California's annual use of Colorado River water ranged between 4.5-5.2 maf

Therefore ...

California has had to reduce its dependence on Colorado R. water to 4.4 maf in average years

And ...

A record 8-yr drought in the Colorado basin has reduced current reservoir storage throughout the river system to just over 50% of total storage capacity



Colorado River Supplies



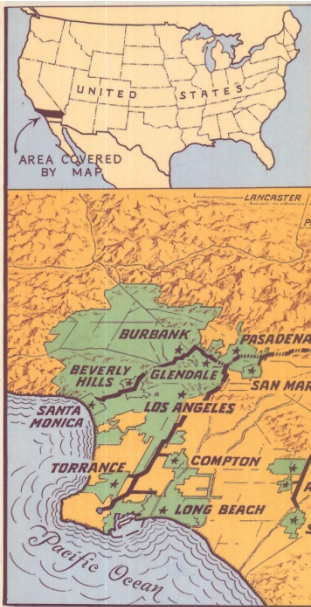
Glen Canyon Dam, en.wikipedia.org



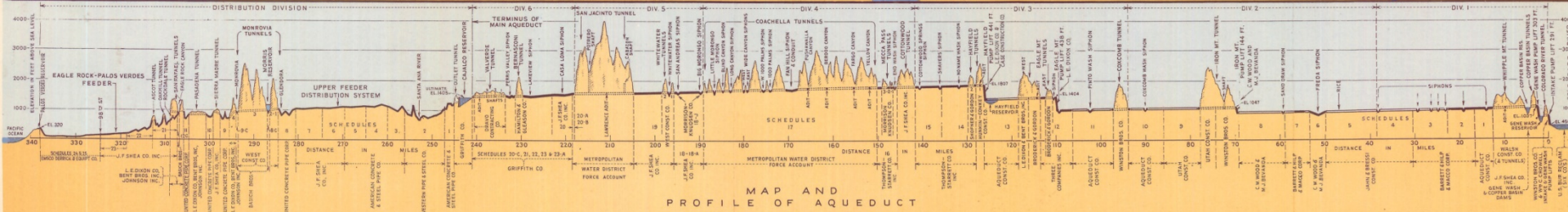
Colorado River Aqueduct



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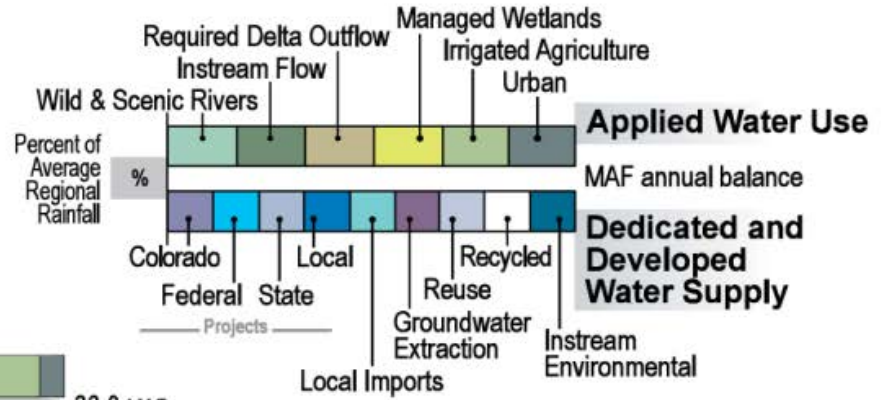
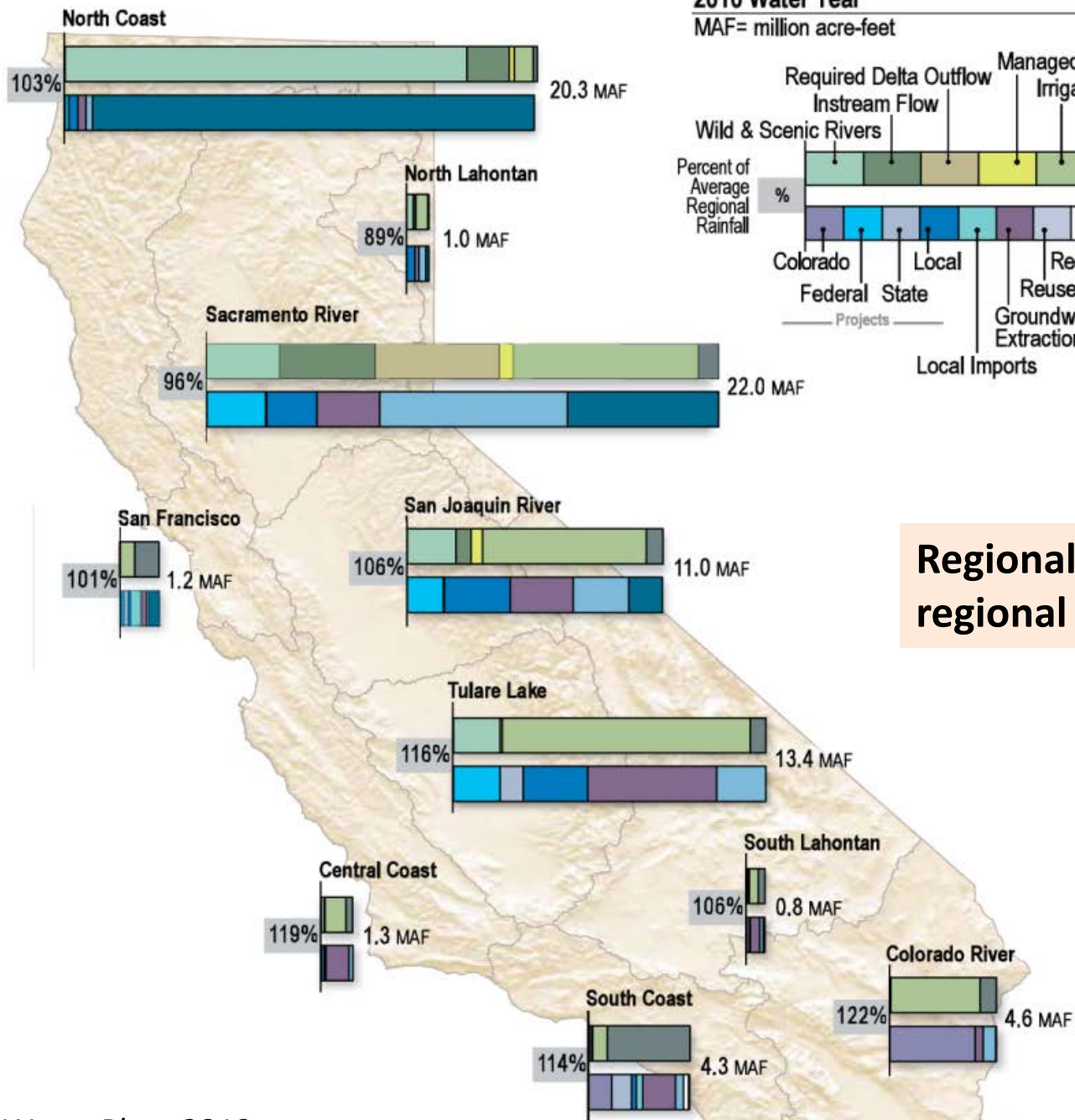


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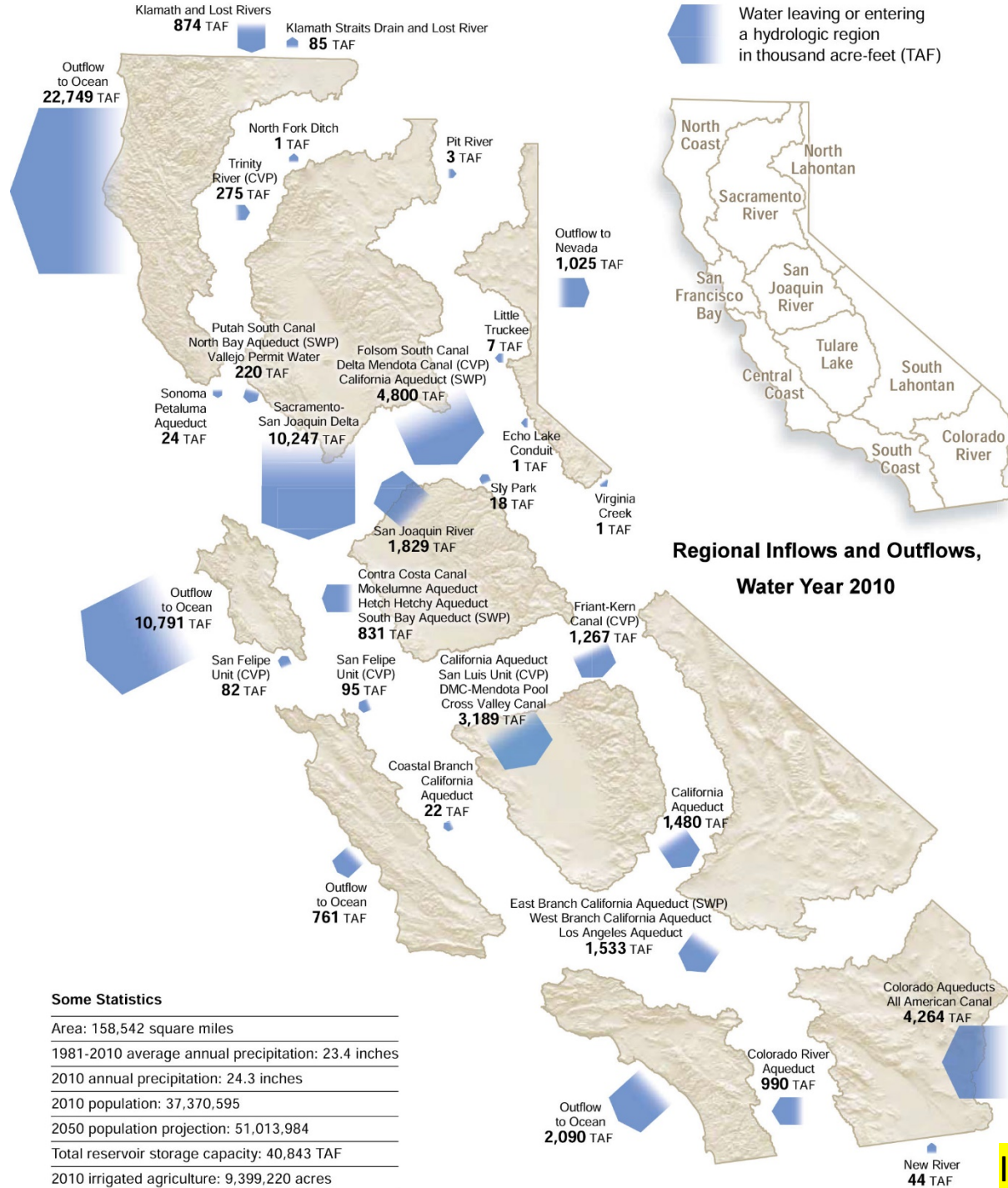
MAP AND PROFILE OF AQUEDUCT

2010 Water Year
MAF= million acre-feet



Regional diversity requires regional solutions

Regional redistribution of water



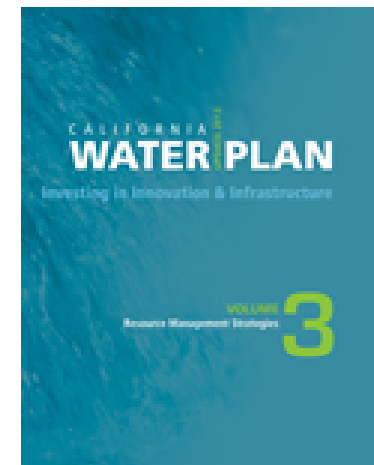
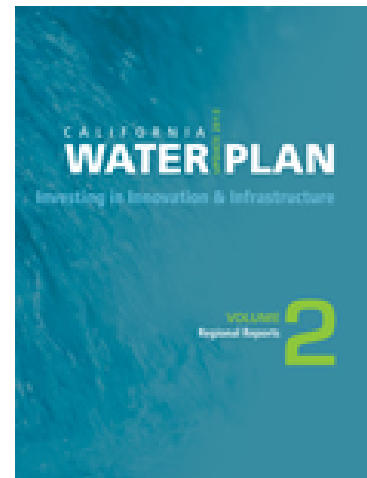
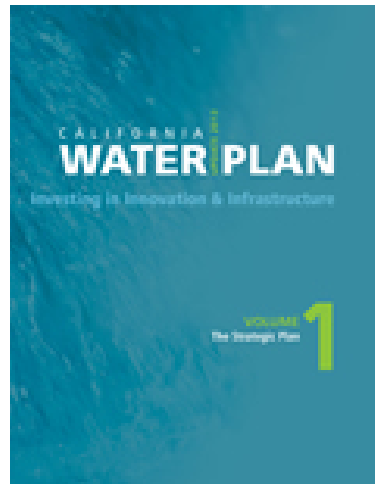
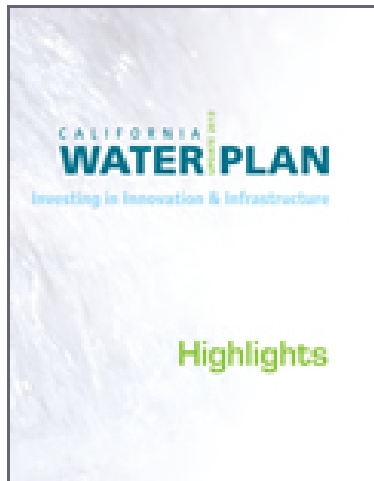
Some Statistics

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|---|
| Area: 158,542 square miles |
| 1981-2010 average annual precipitation: 23.4 inches |
| 2010 annual precipitation: 24.3 inches |
| 2010 population: 37,370,595 |
| 2050 population projection: 51,013,984 |
| Total reservoir storage capacity: 40,843 TAF |
| 2010 irrigated agriculture: 9,399,220 acres |

Table 3-2 California Statewide Water Balance for 2001-2010 (in maf)

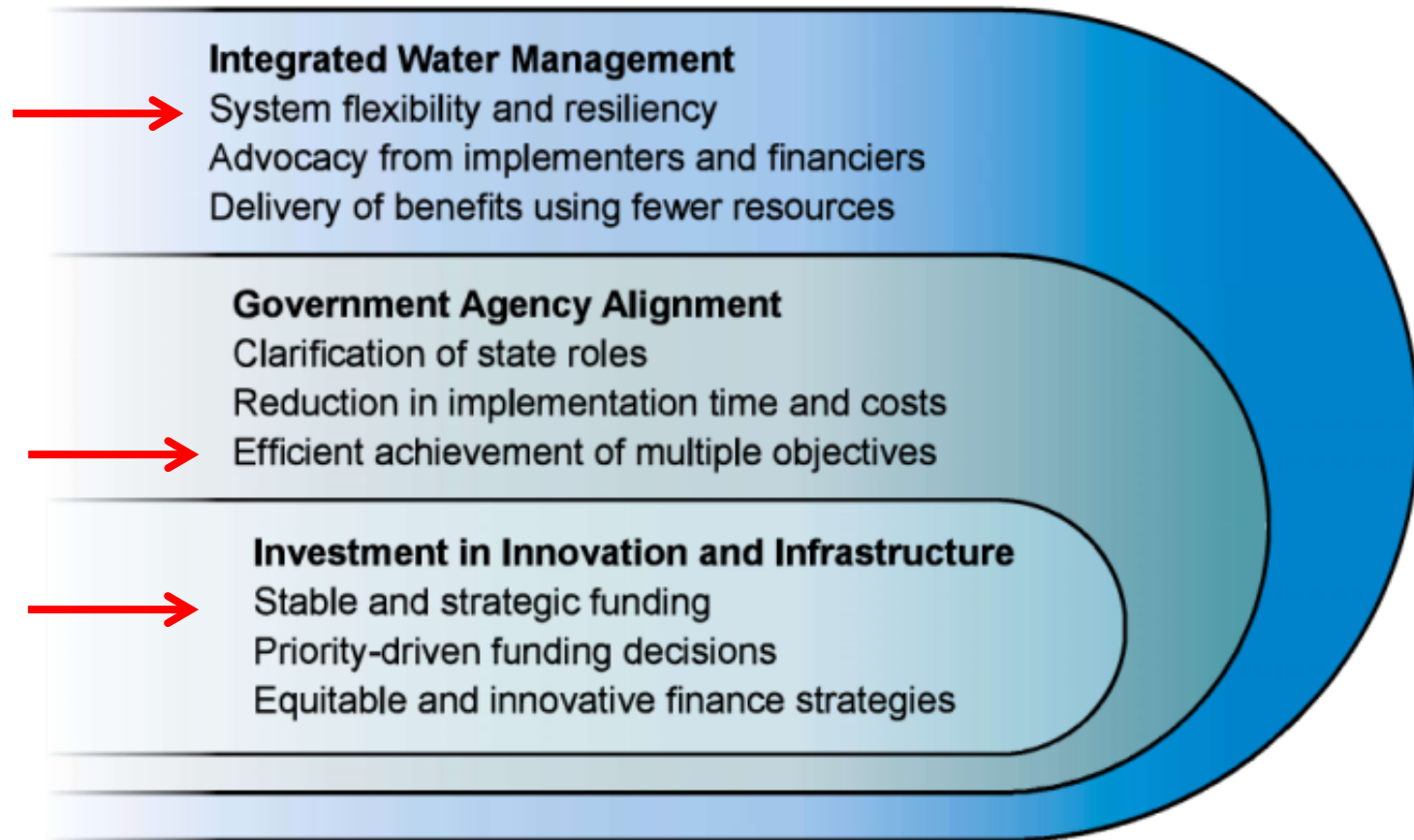
| Statewide (maf) | Water Year (Percent of Normal Precipitation) | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | 2001 (72%) | 2002 (81%) | 2003 (93%) | 2004 (94%) | 2005 (127%) | 2006 (127%) | 2007 (62%) | 2008 (77%) | 2009 (77%) | 2010 (104%) |
| WATER ENTERING THE REGION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Precipitation | 139.2 | 160.1 | 184.4 | 186.5 | 251.9 | 251.1 | 123.3 | 152.2 | 151.8 | 205.0 |
| Inflow from Oregon/Mexico | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 2.3 | 1.2 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 0.9 |
| Inflow from Colorado River | 5.2 | 5.4 | 4.5 | 4.8 | 4.2 | 4.6 | 4.7 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 4.7 |
| Imports from Other Regions | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Total | 145.5 | 166.6 | 190.0 | 192.4 | 257.1 | 258.0 | 129.2 | 158.3 | 157.4 | 210.6 |
| WATER LEAVING THE REGION | | | | | | | | | | |
| Consumptive use of applied water^a (Ag, M&I, Wetlands) | 26.5 | 27.7 | 25.7 | 28.2 | 23.7 | 25.6 | 28.6 | 29.0 | 28.1 | 25.0 |
| Outflow to Oregon/Nevada/ Mexico | 0.5 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 2.1 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| Exports to other regions | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| Statutory required outflow to salt sink | 12.6 | 23.1 | 31.0 | 26.0 | 24.6 | 43.7 | 20.3 | 20.6 | 18.3 | 24.4 |
| Additional outflow to salt sink | 14.8 | 13.6 | 18.7 | 18.1 | 20.0 | 48.4 | 9.2 | 10.6 | 8.6 | 13.8 |
| Evaporation, evapotranspiration of native vegetation, groundwater subsurface outflows, natural and incidental runoff, ag effective precipitation & other outflows | 105.4 | 111.2 | 118.7 | 133.2 | 183.7 | 142.9 | 89.8 | 114.3 | 113.4 | 149.2 |
| Total | 159.8 | 176.4 | 195.2 | 206.3 | 253.4 | 262.7 | 148.7 | 175.4 | 169.4 | 213.5 |
| CHANGE IN SUPPLY | | | | | | | | | | |
| [+] Water added to storage | | | | | | | | | | |
| [-] Water removed from storage | | | | | | | | | | |
| Surface reservoirs | -4.6 | 0.1 | 3.7 | -4.1 | 7.9 | 1.4 | -8.0 | -3.9 | 1.1 | 5.1 |
| Groundwater ^b | -9.7 | -9.6 | -8.7 | -9.8 | -4.1 | -6.1 | -11.5 | -13.1 | -13.1 | -8.0 |
| Total | -14.3 | -9.5 | -5.0 | -13.9 | 3.8 | -4.7 | -19.5 | -17.0 | -12.0 | -2.9 |
| Applied water^a (ag, urban, wetlands) (compare with consumptive use) | 43.7 | 46.6 | 43.3 | 47.2 | 41.6 | 44.4 | 48.1 | 47.9 | 46.5 | 42.7 |

California Water Plan, 2013



<http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/cwpu2013/>

California Water Plan – themes



California Water Plan Highlights – summary

A Resource for Implementing the Governor’s Water Action Plan

This guide links two key State government plans: the Governor’s Water Action Plan (Five-Year Plan) and the more long-term Update 2013. Linkages are shown between implementation actions in Update 2013 that advance one or more of the Governor’s 10 priorities in the Five-Year Plan. The actions related to the 17 objectives in Update 2013 represent the alignment of nearly 40 State agency plans and are well supported by the State’s diverse stakeholder groups and opinion leaders.

Use this table to access more than 300 specific actions in Update 2013. The Update 2013 actions are presented topically by the 17 objectives and related resource management strategies (RMSs) listed in the table. The specific actions behind the objectives and RMSs can be accessed in Volume 1, Chapter 8, “Roadmap for Action,” and Volume 3, *Resource Management Strategies*, respectively.

| Water Action Plan’s 10 Essential Actions | Make conservation a California way of life | Invest in integrated water management and increase regional self-reliance | Achieve the coequal goals for the Delta | Protect and restore important ecosystems | Manage and prepare for dry periods | Expand water storage capacity | Provide safe drinking water and secure wastewater systems to all communities | Increase flood protection | Improve operational and regulatory efficiency | Identify sustainable and integrated financing opportunities |
|---|--|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|---|--|
| <p>Update 2013 Objectives (Volume 1, Chapter 8)</p> <p><i>See foldout 11A-11B for an explanation of Update 2013 Objectives</i></p> | #2 – Use and Reuse Water More Efficiently | <p>#1 – Strengthen Integrated Regional Water Management Planning</p> <p>#10 – Improve Data, Analysis, and Decision-Support Tools</p> <p>#17 – Improve Integrated Water Management Finance Strategy and Investments</p> | #7 – Manage the Delta to Achieve the Coequal Goals for California | <p>#4 – Protect and Restore Surface Water and Groundwater Quality</p> <p>#5 – Practice Environmental Stewardship</p> <p>#9 – Reduce the Carbon Footprint of Water Systems and Water Uses</p> <p>#14 – Public Access to Waterways, Lakes, and Beaches</p> | <p>#2 – Use and Reuse Water More Efficiently</p> <p>#3 – Expand Conjunctive Management of Multiple Supplies</p> <p>#7 – Manage the Delta to Achieve the Coequal Goals for California</p> <p>#8 – Prepare Prevention, Response, and Recovery Plans</p> | #3 – Expand Conjunctive Management of Multiple Supplies (includes groundwater and surface storage) | <p>#4 – Protect and Restore Surface Water and Groundwater Quality</p> <p>#12 – Strengthen Tribal/State relations and Natural Resources Management</p> <p>#13 – Ensure Equitable Distribution of Benefits</p> | #6 – Improve Flood Management Using an Integrated Water Management Approach | #3 – Expand Conjunctive Management of Multiple Supplies | #17 – Improve Integrated Water Management Finance Strategy and Investments |
| <p>Resource Management Strategies (Volume 3)</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ag Water Use Efficiency Urban Water Use Efficiency Recycled Municipal Water Outreach and Engagement Economic Incentives Water and Culture | All 30+ RMSs can enhance regional self-reliance, depending on where they are implemented and how the benefits are allocated. | All 30+ RMSs have the potential to help meet Delta coequal goals, depending on where they are implemented and how the benefits are allocated. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Six RMSs involve water quality Ag Lands Stewardship Ecosystem Restoration Forest Mgmt. Land Use Planning and Mgmt. Recharge Area Protection Sediment Mgmt. Watershed Mgmt. Water and Culture | <p>(Partial list)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ag Water Use Efficiency Urban Water Use Efficiency Recycled Municipal Water Conjunctive Mgmt. of Surface and Groundwater CALFED/Local/Regional Surface Storage System Reoperation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conjunctive Mgmt. of Surface and Groundwater CALFED Surface Storage Local/Regional Surface Storage System Reoperation | Nearly all 30+ RMSs can help provide safe water and wastewater to all communities, depending on where they are implemented and how the benefits are allocated. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flood Management Land Use Planning and Management Sediment Management Watershed Management Urban Stormwater Runoff Management Forest Management | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conveyance Delta Conveyance Regional/Local System Reoperation Water Transfers | |
| <p>Cross-Cutting Objectives (Volume 1, Chapter 8)</p> | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> #10 – Improve Data, Analysis, and Decision-Support Tools #11 – Invest in Water Technology and Science #12 – Strengthen Tribal/State Relations and Natural Resources Management #13 – Ensure Equitable Distribution of Benefits | | | | | | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> #15 – Strengthen Alignment of Land Use Planning and Integrated Water Management #16 – Strengthen Alignment of Government Processes and Tools #17 – Improve Integrated Water Management Finance Strategy and Investments | |

Context for water-resources management

The highly diverse population, climate and ecosystems result in many objectives that stakeholders consider important considerations for water-resources management

Examples

- Facilitate access to safe drinking water for disadvantaged communities.
- Achieve environmental-water quality objectives.
- Control invasive species.
- Maintain a reasonably high standard of living and quality of life.
- Enhance economic stability.
- Minimize greenhouse-gas emissions in water management activities.
- Improve water supply reliability.
- Reduce direct property damage resulting from floodwater.
- Reduce high-severity wildfires.
- Many more ...

Public lands

USDA Forest Service — 20,741,000 acres.

U.S. Bureau of Land Management — 15,128,485 acres.

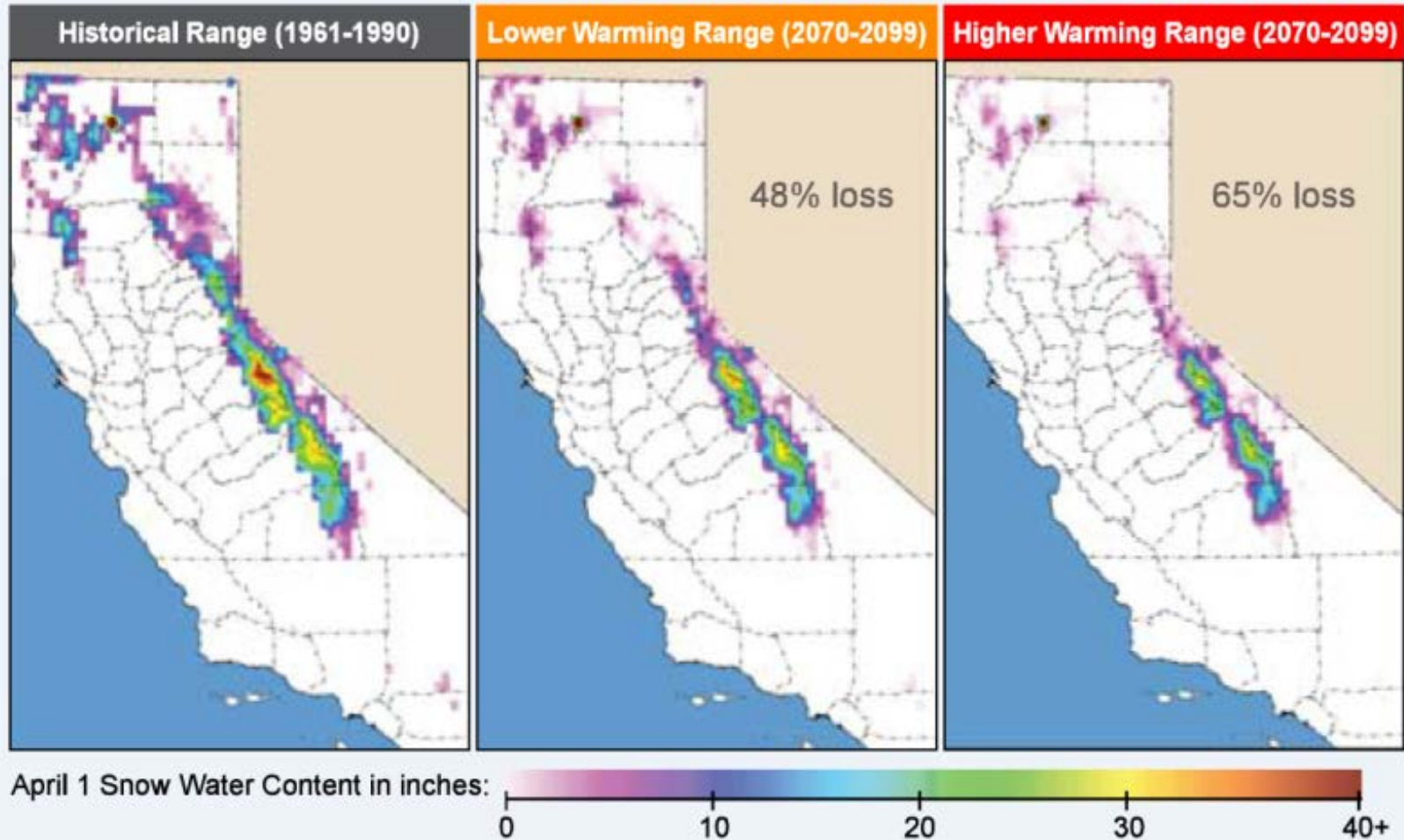
National Park Service — 7,559,121 acres.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service — 472,338 acres.

All of California is about 100 million acres

Climate change is affecting California's water

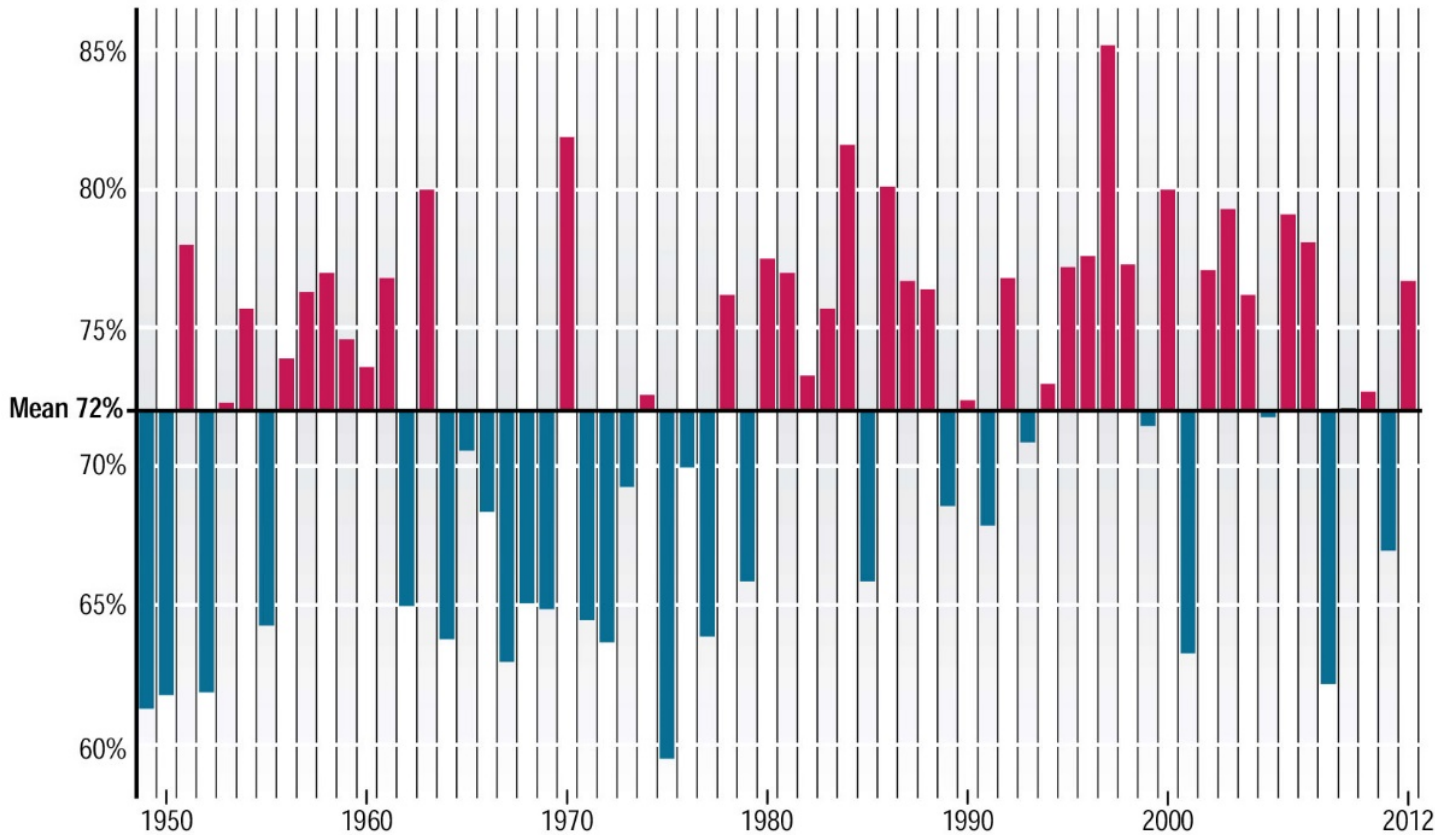
California Is Losing Its Largest Surface Reservoir



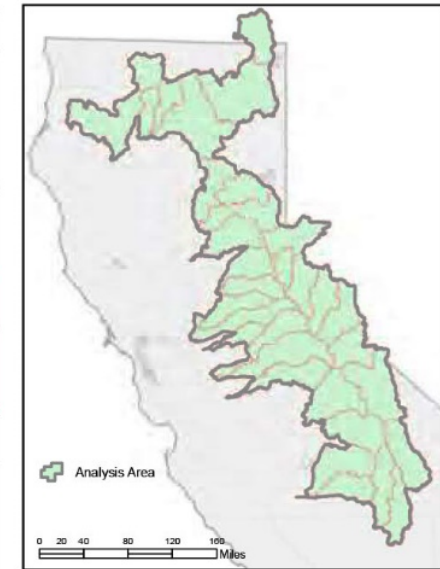
Historical and projected April 1 snow water content for the Sierra for lower and higher warming scenarios depicting the effect of human-generated greenhouse gases and aerosols on climate. By the end of this century, the Sierra snowpack is projected to experience a 48 to 65 percent loss from its average at the end of the previous century (Pierce and Cayan 2013).

Rain versus snow

Rain as Percentage of Total Precipitation



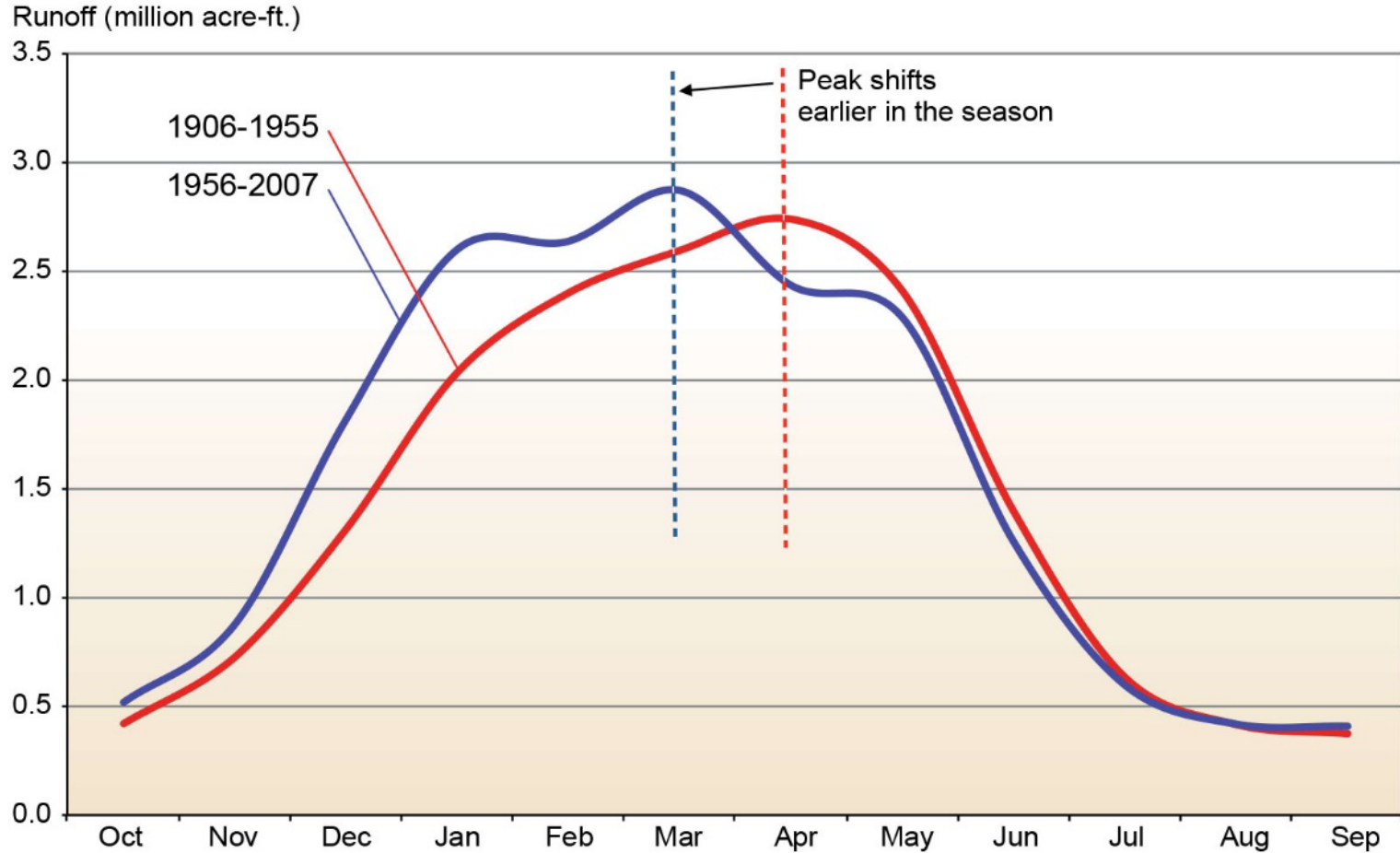
Location of 33 watersheds sampled



Note: Percentage of precipitation falling as rain over the 33 main water-supply watersheds of the State is shown for water years ending 1949 through 2012 (Oct. 1948–Sept. 2012), using Western Region Climate Center historic precipitation and freezing level re-analysis (<http://www.wrcc.dri.edu>).

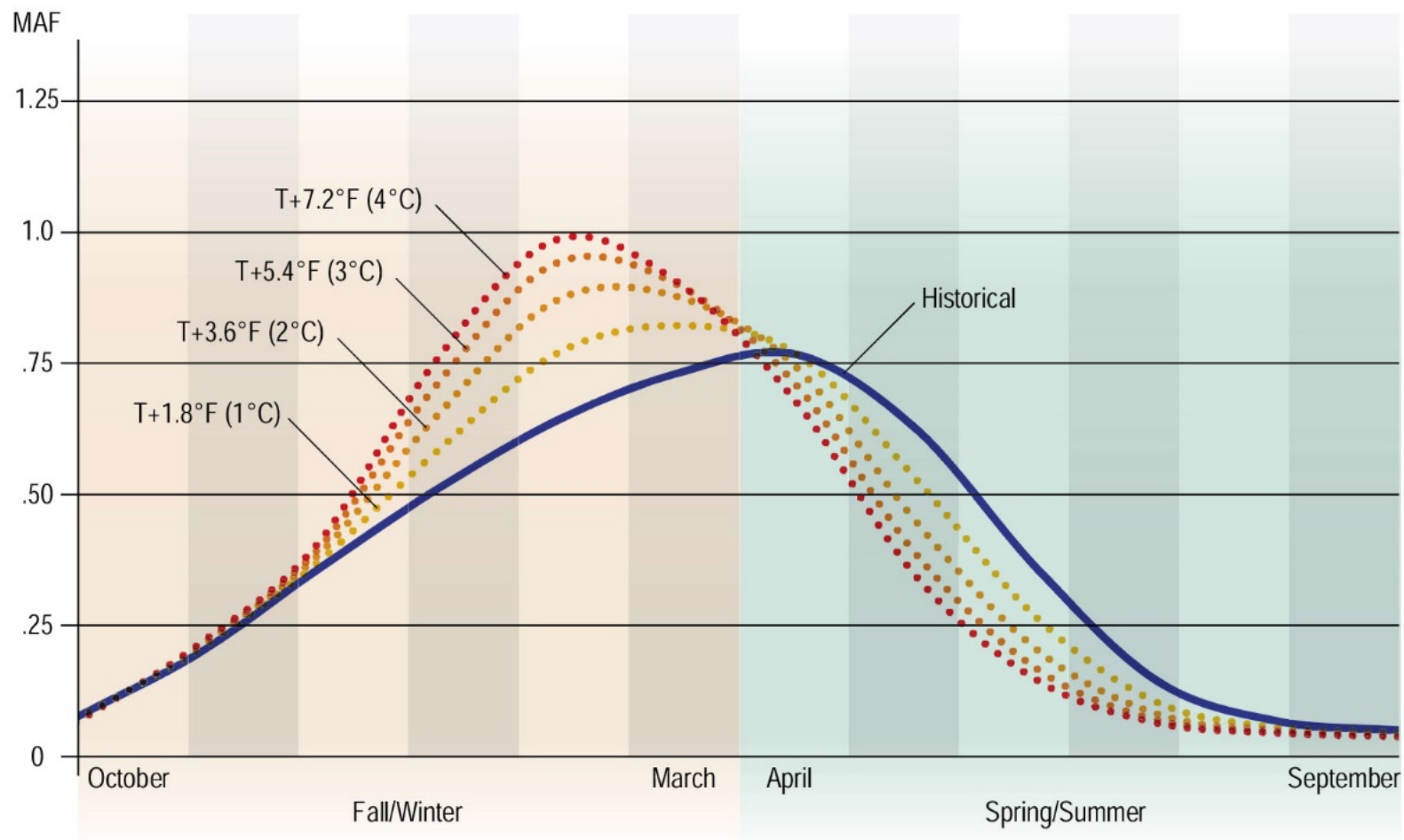
These watersheds experience a mean of 72 percent of precipitation as rain; years with red bars have a higher percentage of rain than the mean, and years with blue bars have a lower percentage of rain than the mean. Years with a higher percentage of rain are more common in the later period of record, in agreement with expectations under a warming climate and previous studies. There is substantial annual variability resulting from climate signals that occur on annual and decadal scales.

Monthly average runoff in Sacramento River system



Note: Average monthly runoff in the Sacramento River System is a critical component of California's water supply. Flood protection and water supply infrastructure have been designed and optimized for historical conditions. However, the timing of peak monthly runoff between 1906-1955 (redline) and 1956-2007 (blue line) has shifted nearly a month earlier, indicating that this key hydrology metric is no longer stationary. Timing is projected to continue to move earlier in the year, further constraining water management by reducing the ability to refill reservoirs after the flood season has passed.

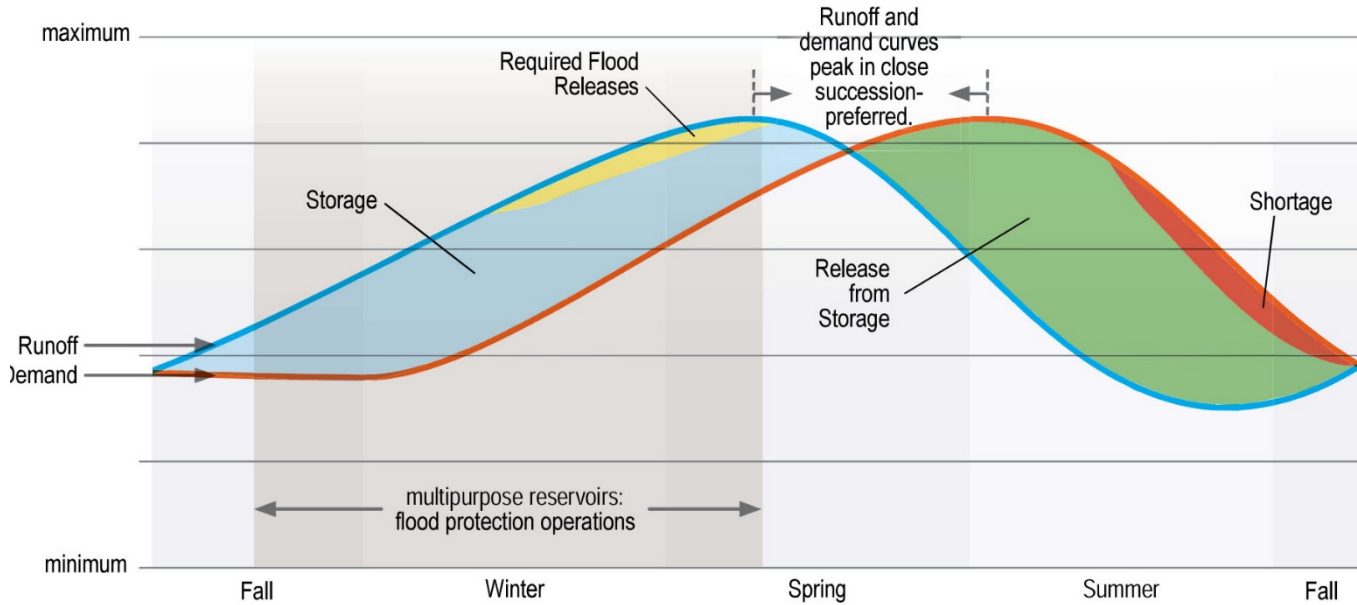
Climate change impacts on State Water Project inflow to Oroville



Note: Climate warming will cause substantial reductions in the natural storage of water in the accumulation and melt of seasonal snowpack. Earlier runoff during the spring snowmelt period will occur. Monthly average natural stream inflows to Lake Oroville (water year 1922-2010), before being regulated by reservoir operation and diversions, were simulated with a rainfall-runoff model (SWAT). The results shown in this figure indicate that the reduction in spring snowmelt runoff for water supply can only be recovered and captured by additional reservoir storage as air temperature increases.

How earlier runoff affects water availability

Current Conditions:



Projected Conditions:

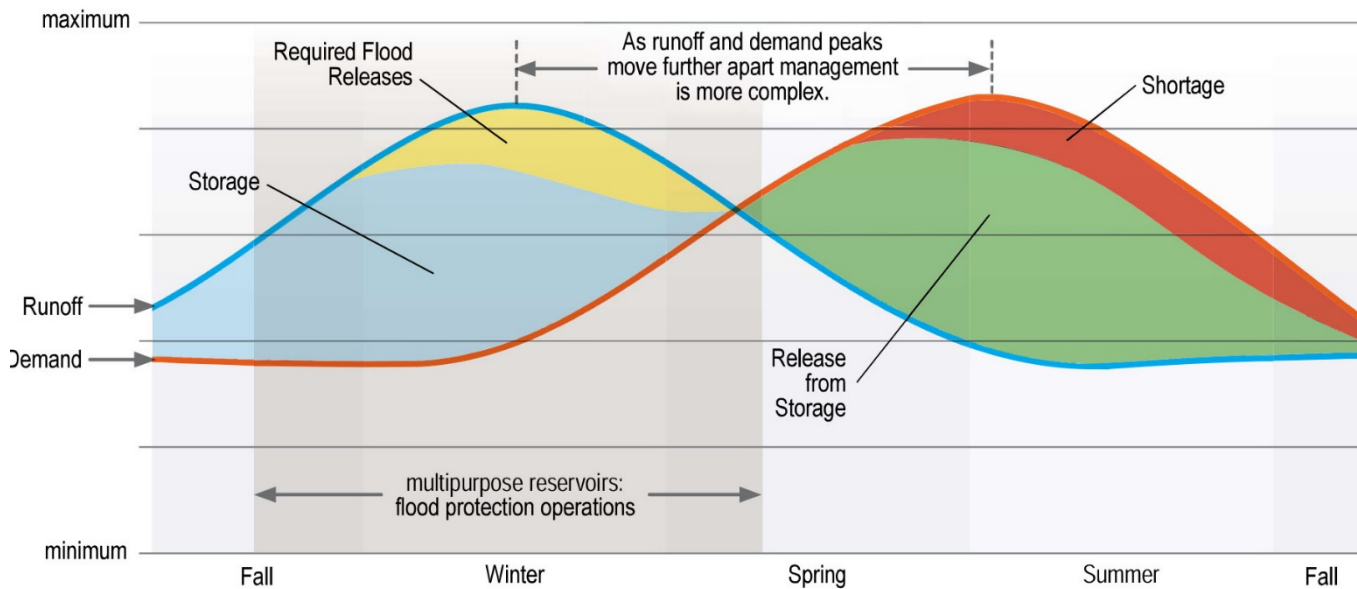
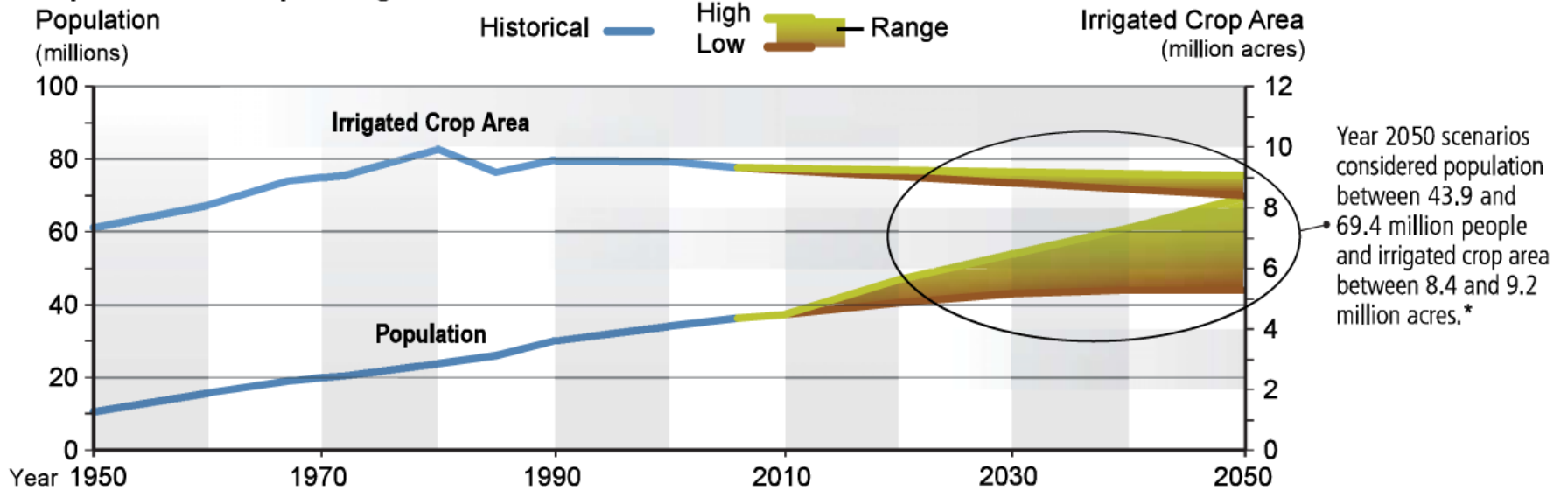


Table 3-1 California Population Change 2005 to 2010 Statewide and by Hydrologic Region

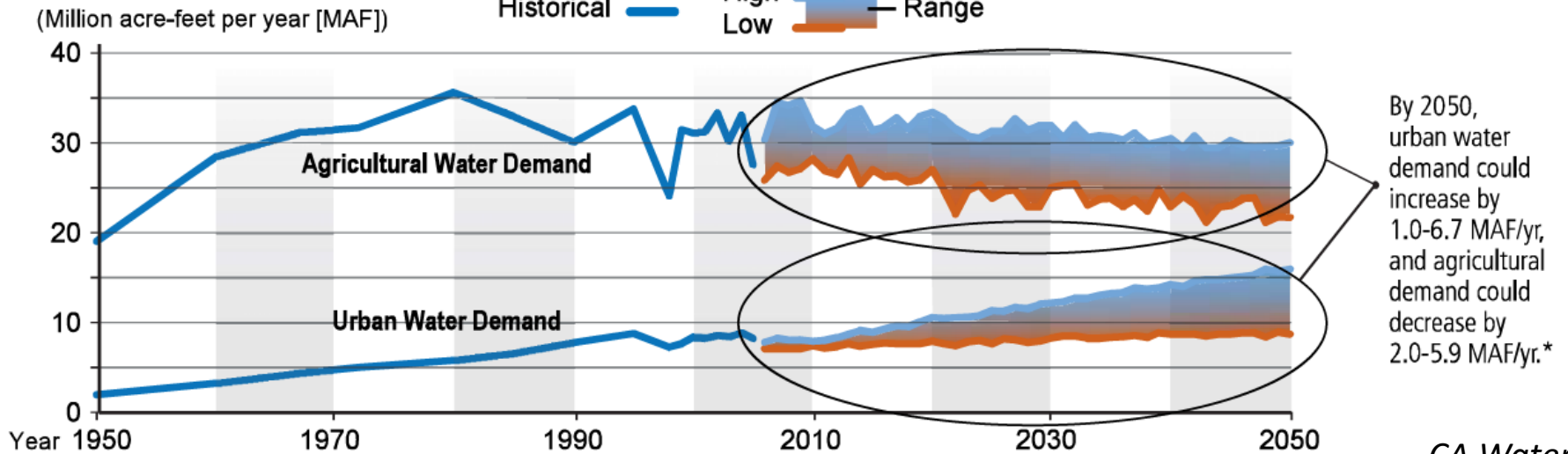
| Hydrologic Region | 2005 Population | 2010 Population | Growth |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| North Coast | 656,064 | 671,344 | 2.3% |
| San Francisco Bay | 6,132,111 | 6,345,194 | 3.5% |
| Central Coast | 1,486,250 | 1,528,708 | 2.9% |
| South Coast | 19,176,154 | 19,579,208 | 2.1% |
| Sacramento River | 2,846,723 | 2,983,156 | 4.8% |
| San Joaquin River | 1,999,295 | 2,104,206 | 5.2% |
| Tulare Lake | 2,093,865 | 2,267,335 | 8.3% |
| North Lahontan | 97,644 | 96,910 | -0.8% |
| South Lahontan | 806,672 | 930,786 | 15.4% |
| Colorado River | 690,804 | 747,109 | 8.2% |
| Total | 35,985,582 | 37,253,956 | 3.5% |

California water futures

Population and Crop Acreage

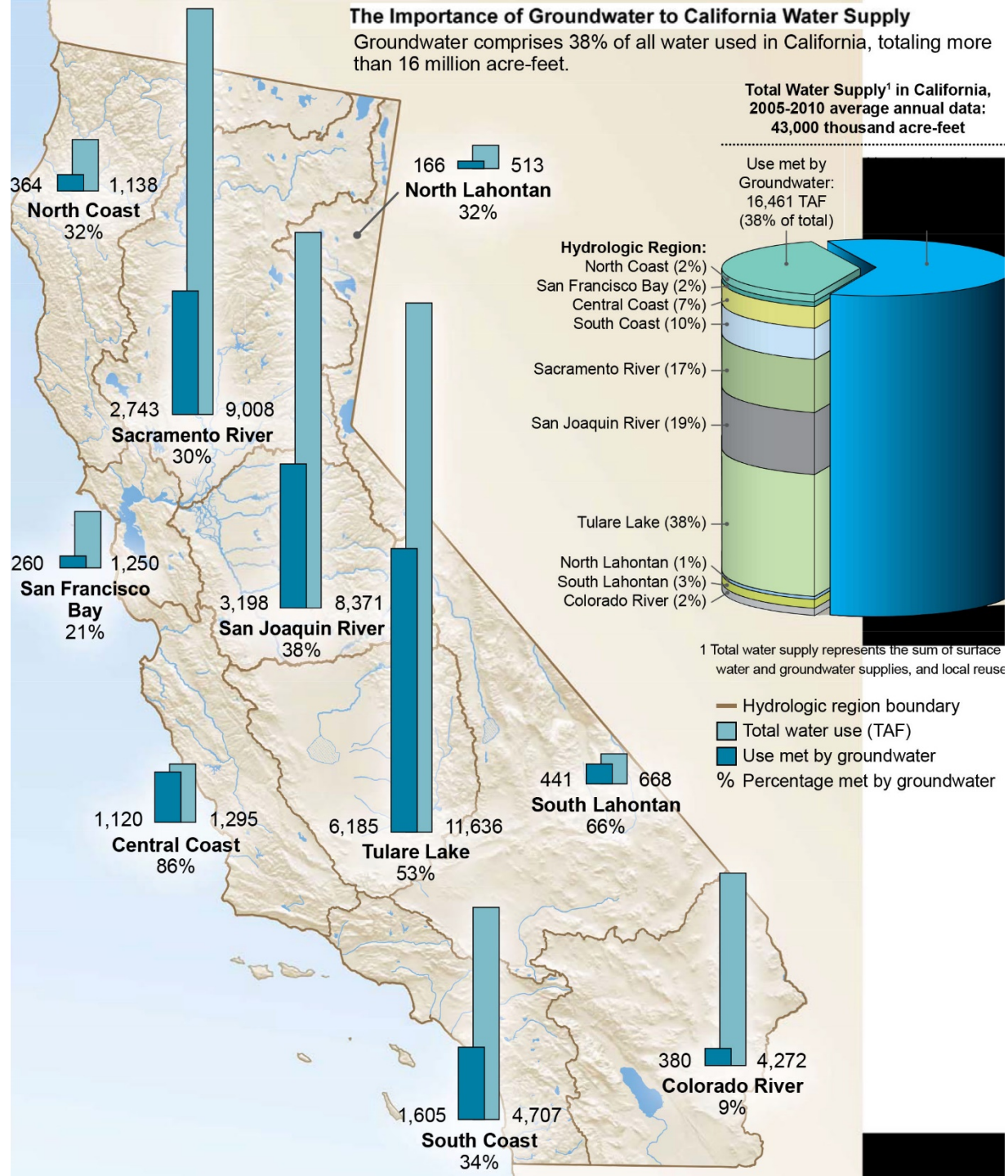


Water Demand



Recent groundwater use

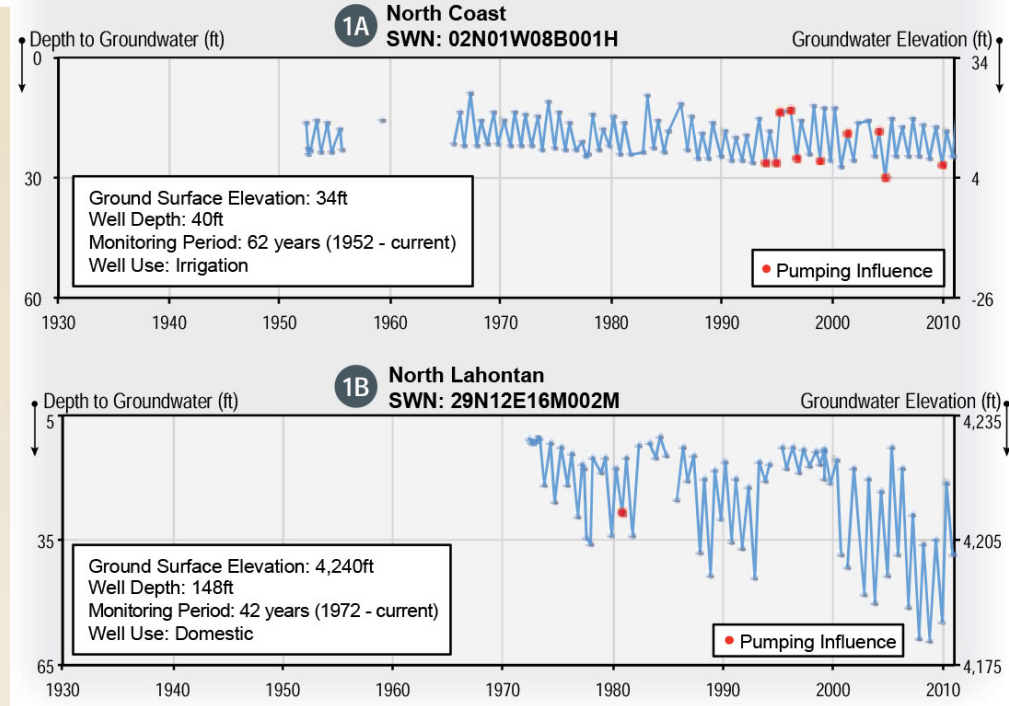
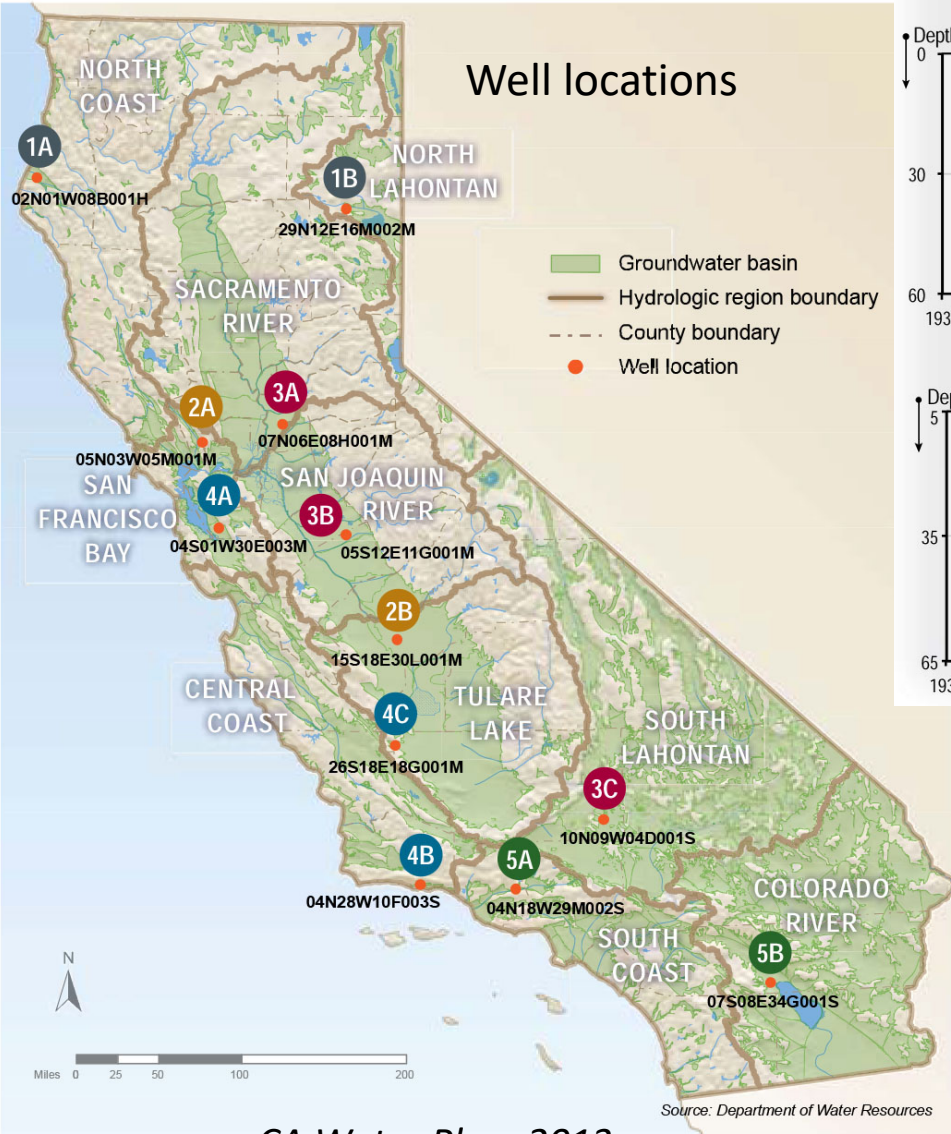
The Importance of Groundwater to California Water Supply
 Groundwater comprises 38% of all water used in California, totaling more than 16 million acre-feet.



California groundwater level trends

Aquifer response to changing demand & management

Theme 1: Long term groundwater levels remain reasonably stable due to limited demand and adequate recharge.



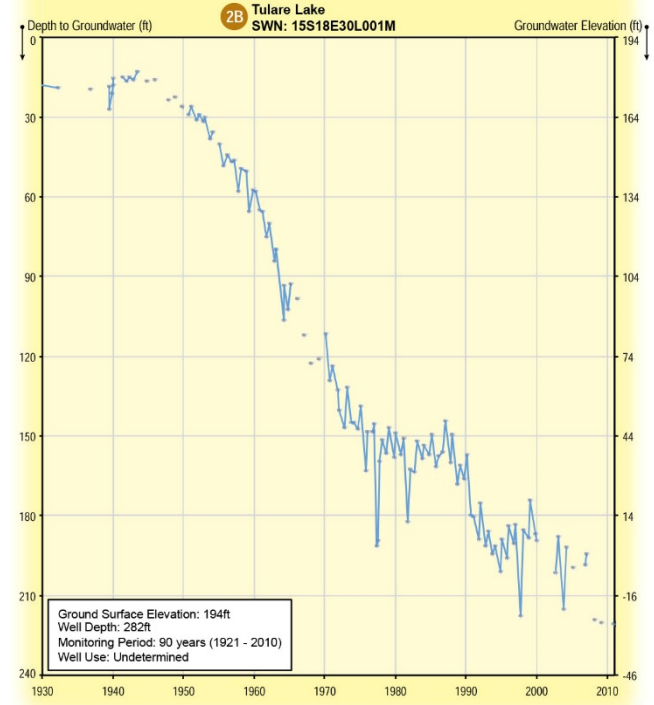
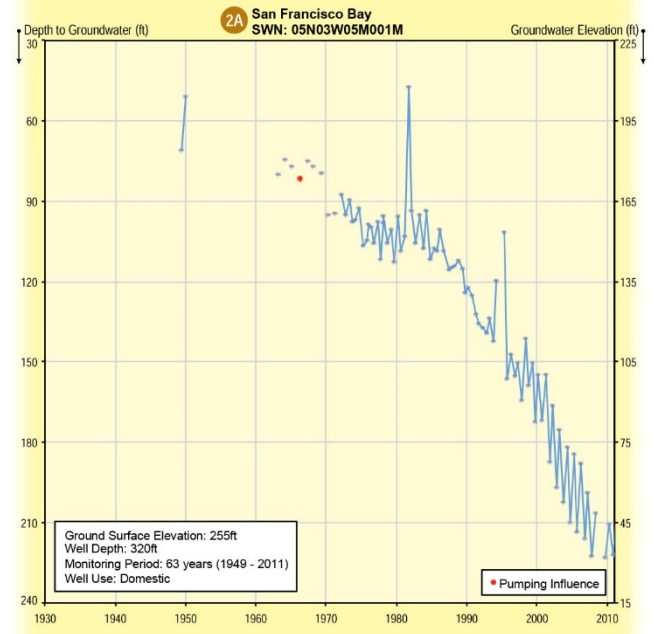
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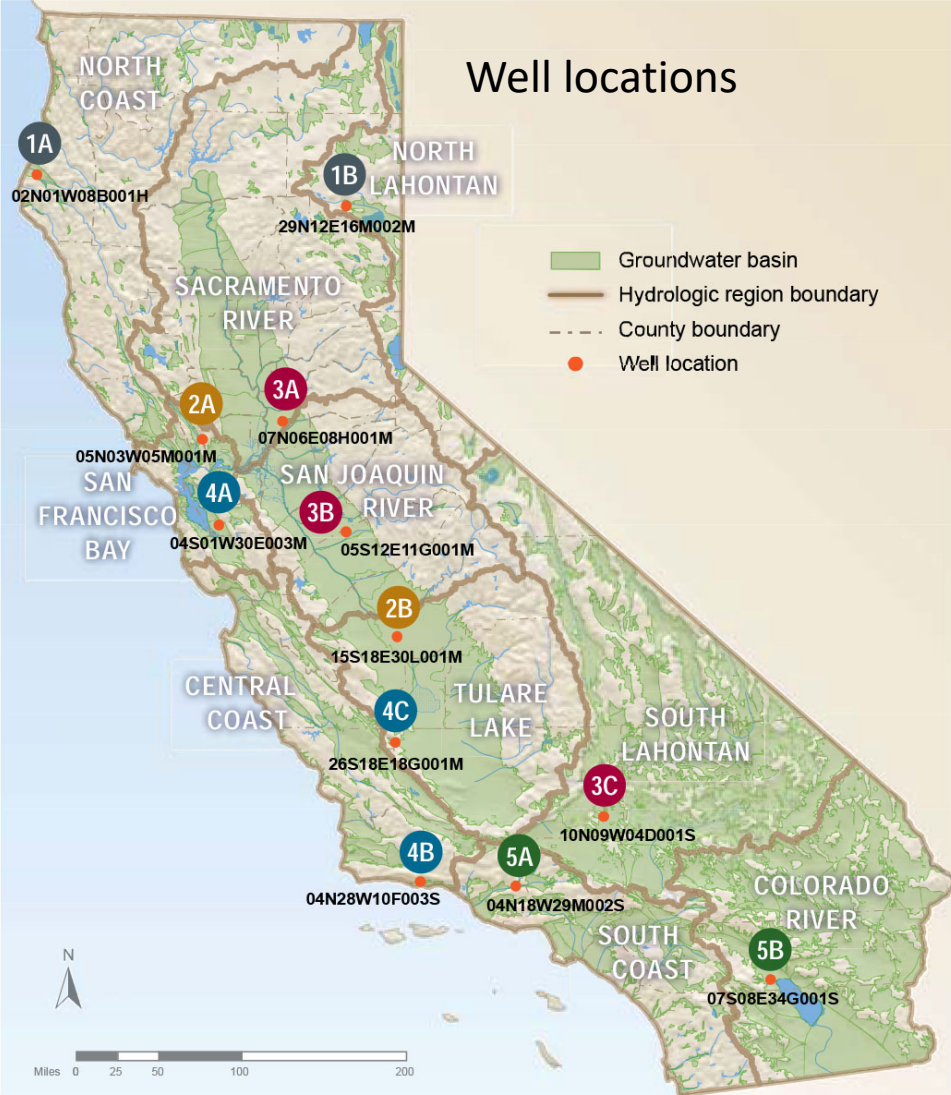
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Theme 2: Long-term decline in groundwater levels due to annual demand being consistently greater than annual recharge.

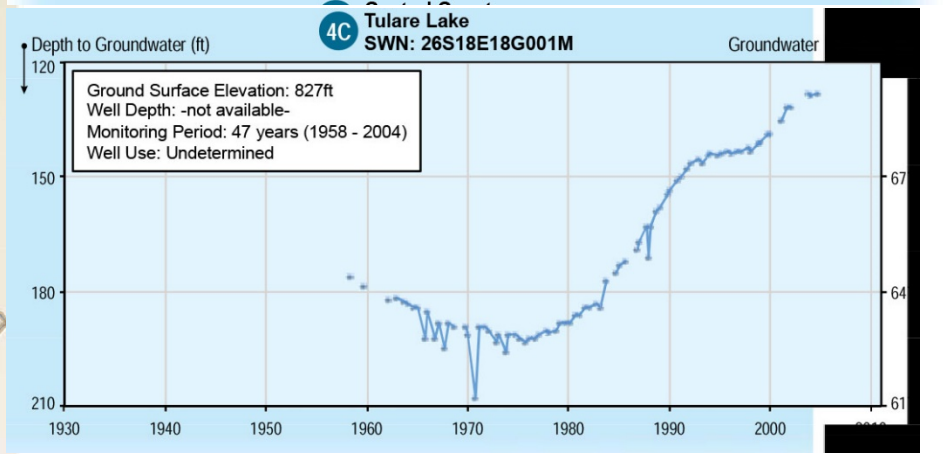
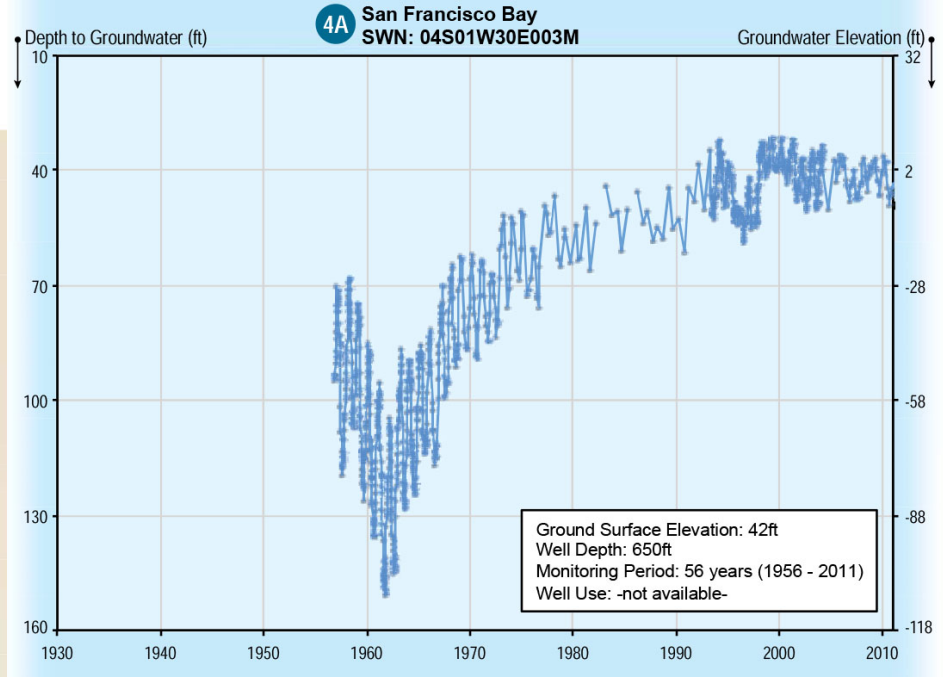


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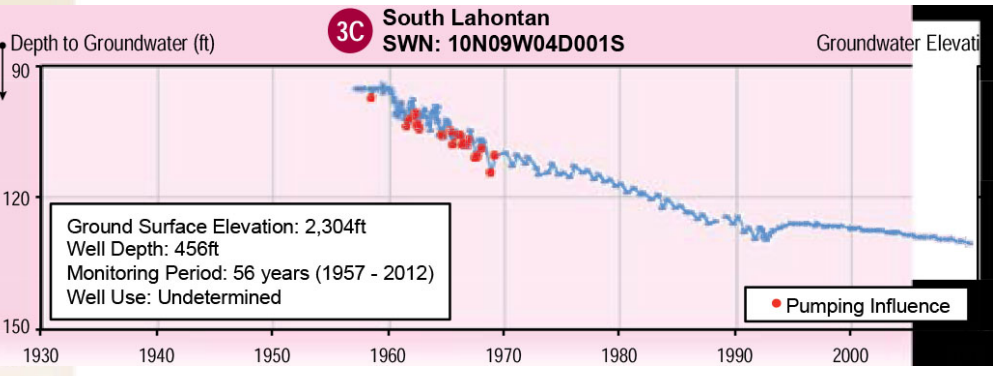
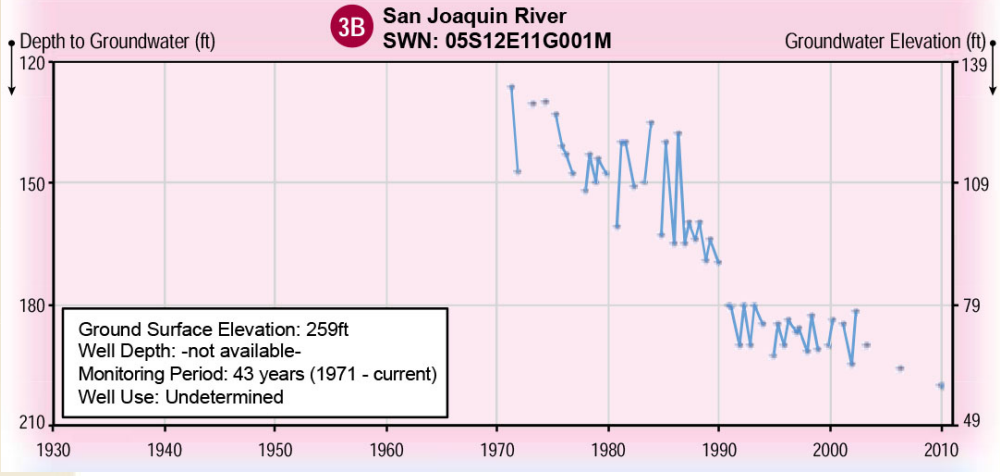
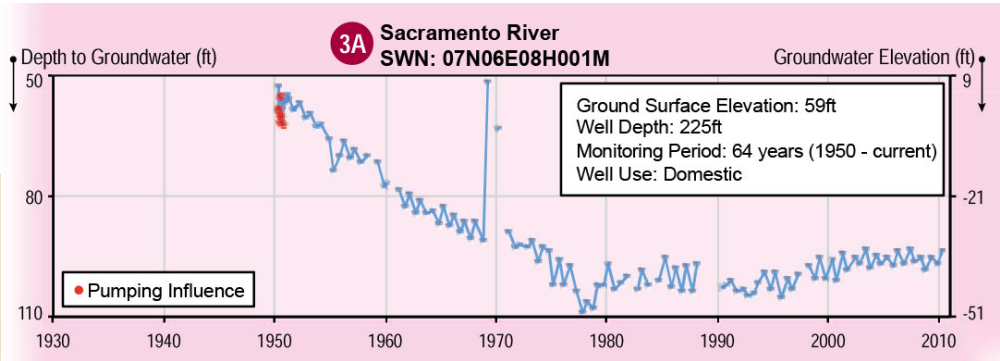
Theme 4: Long-term decline in groundwater levels that have stabilized and improved, due to reduced demand and increased recharge.



California groundwater level trends

Theme 3: Long-term decline in groundwater levels that have stabilized but not recovered, due to reduced demand.

Aquifer response to changing demand & management



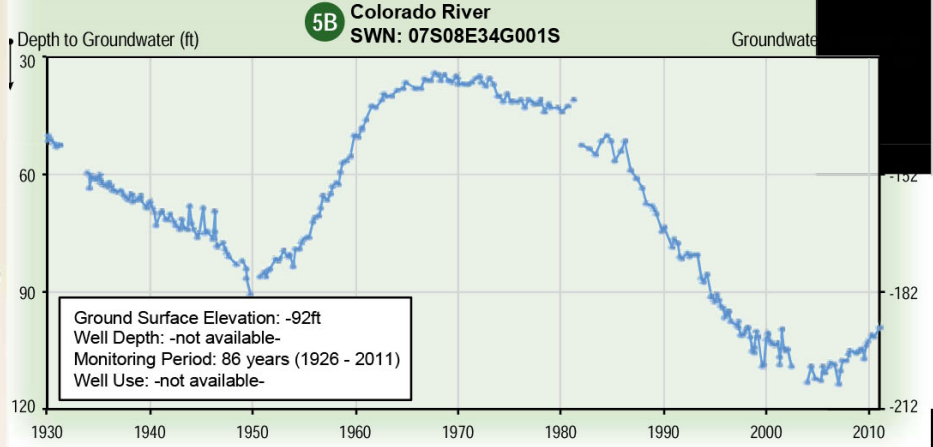
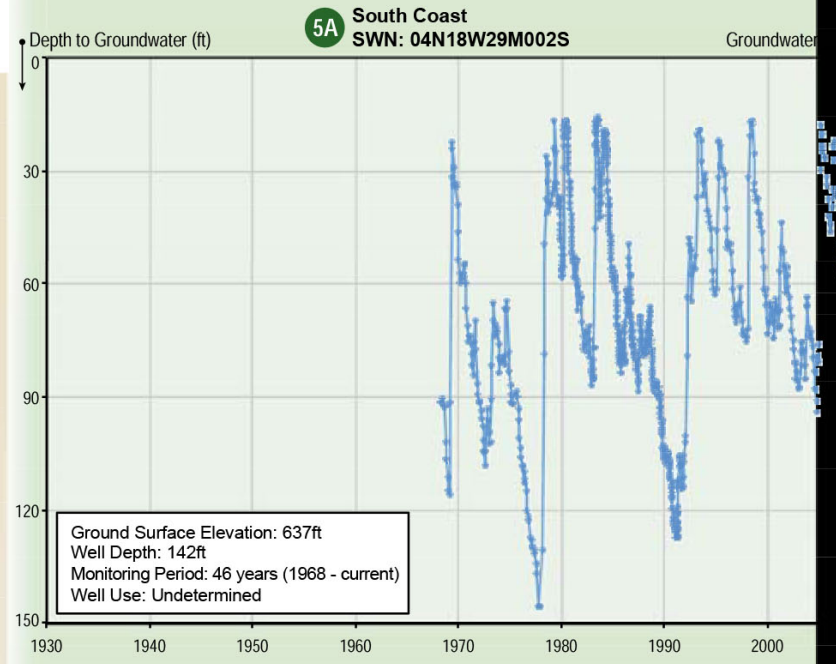
Source: Department of Water Resources

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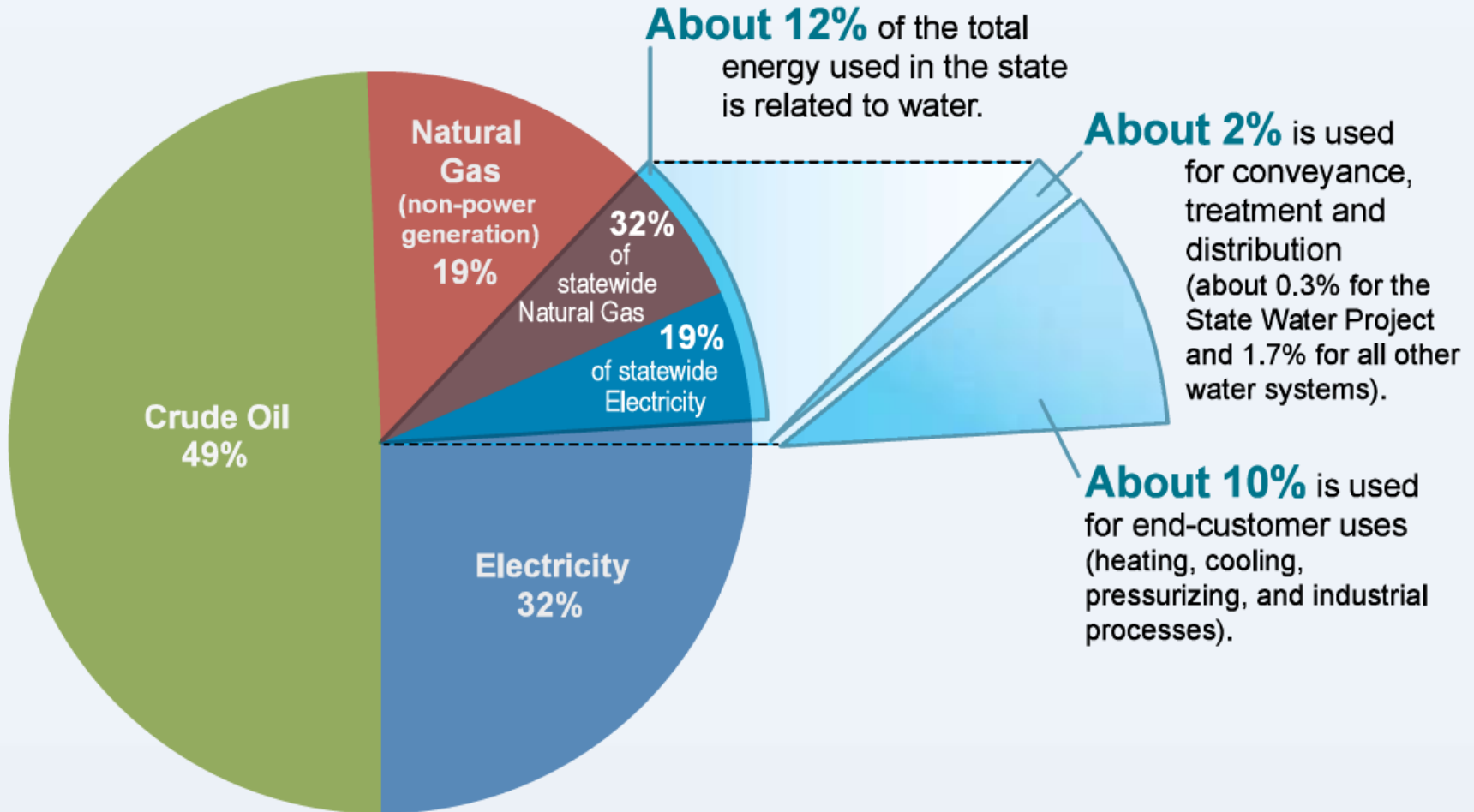


Theme 5: Long-term groundwater levels remain reasonably stable due to proactive recharge, prior to long-term declines.



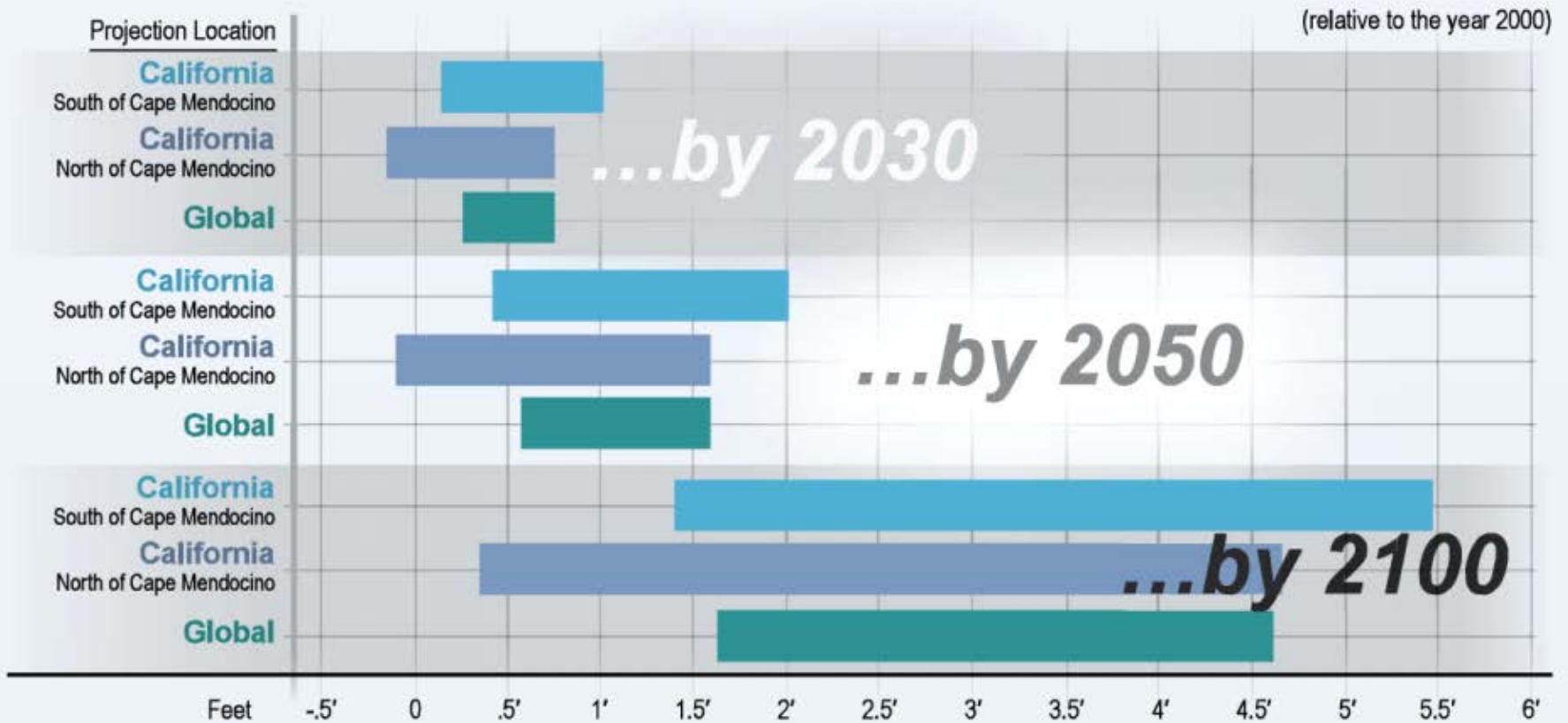
Water-energy nexus

Energy Use Related to Water



Climate change is affecting California's water

Sea Level Rise Will Complicate the Way We Manage Water



Investments to increase resilience

Increasing Resilience in the Sacramento Region¹

| Response Package | Urban Supply Reliability | Agricultural Supply Reliability | Change in Ground-water Conditions | Meeting New Ecosystem Flows | Average Annual Cost above Current Plan |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Currently Planned | High | High | Medium | Medium | \$0 |
| + Conservation + Recycling + Groundwater Recovery Targets + New Ecosystem Flow Targets | High | High | High-Medium | Medium | \$300 |

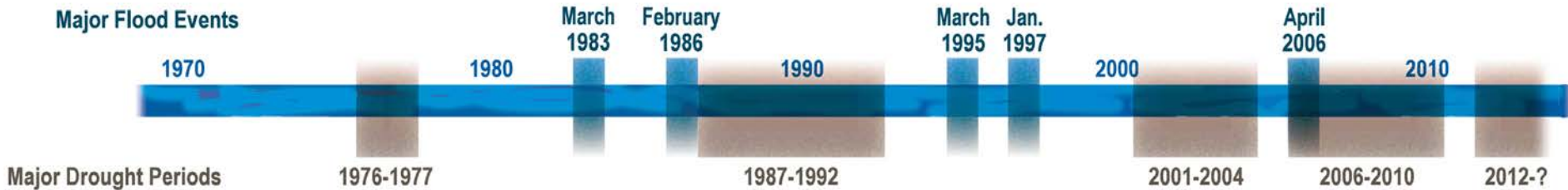
Increasing Resilience in the Tulare Lake Region¹

| Response Package | Urban Supply Reliability | Agricultural Supply Reliability | Change in Ground-water Conditions | Average Annual Cost above Current Plan |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| Currently Planned | Medium | Low | Low | \$0 |
| + Conservation + Recycling + Groundwater Banking + Groundwater Recovery Targets | High-Medium | Low | High-Medium | \$550 |

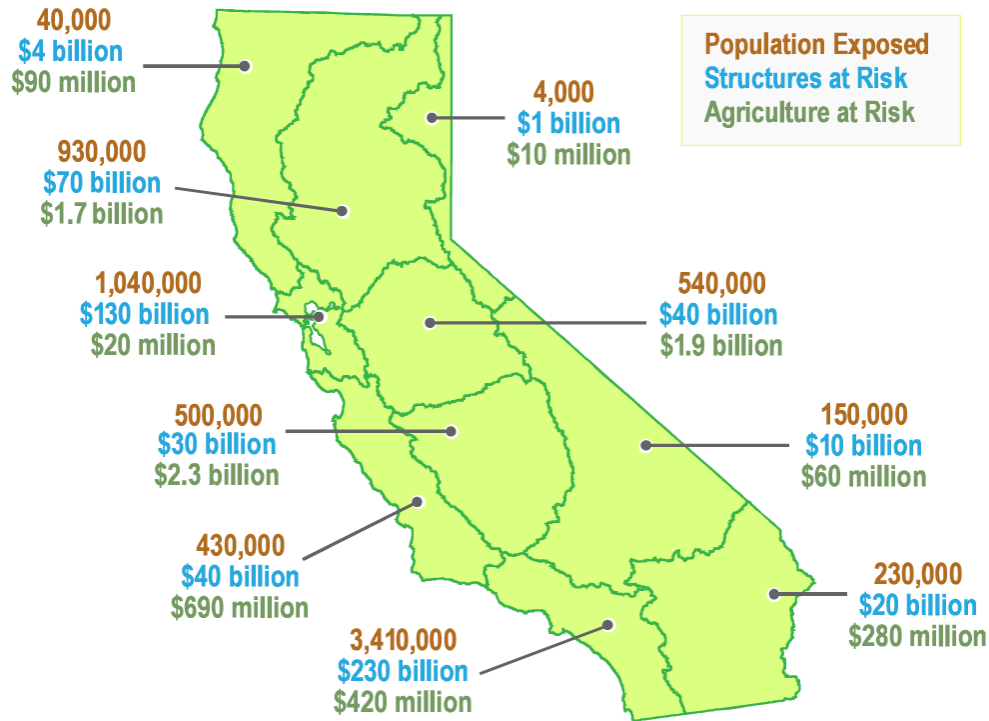
Increasing Resilience in the San Joaquin Region¹

| Response Package | Urban Supply Reliability | Agricultural Supply Reliability | Change in Ground-water Conditions | Meeting New Ecosystem Flows | Average Annual Cost above Current Plan |
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| Currently Planned | High | Medium | High-Medium | Low | \$0 |
| + Conservation + Recycling + Groundwater Banking + Groundwater Recovery Targets + New Ecosystem Flow Targets | High | High | High | High | \$400 |

Costs of inaction



Seven Million People and \$600 Billion in Assets in Floodplains



Hydrologic context

Topics for class

1. Introduction to California water plan
2. Snapshot of California water conditions
3. History of water development in California

Goals

1. Develop an understanding of the multi-faceted and changing objectives of water management in California
2. Place water resources management in the context of hydrologic variability
3. Begin to understand how California's water resources management system has evolved

Questions

1. Your definition of water security, globally & for California?
2. For California, major areas for conflict? Compromise?
3. Fundamental barriers to water security, social, political, science, engineering?