

# Watershed Friendly Design:

Planning for the Future of California as if Water Mattered

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# Adam Smith

## The Wealth of Nations

“How is it that water, which is so very useful that life is impossible without it, has such a low price-while diamonds, which are quite unnecessary, have such a high price?”



# Key Topics

- Why do we care?
- What are we trying to achieve?
- How do we get there?

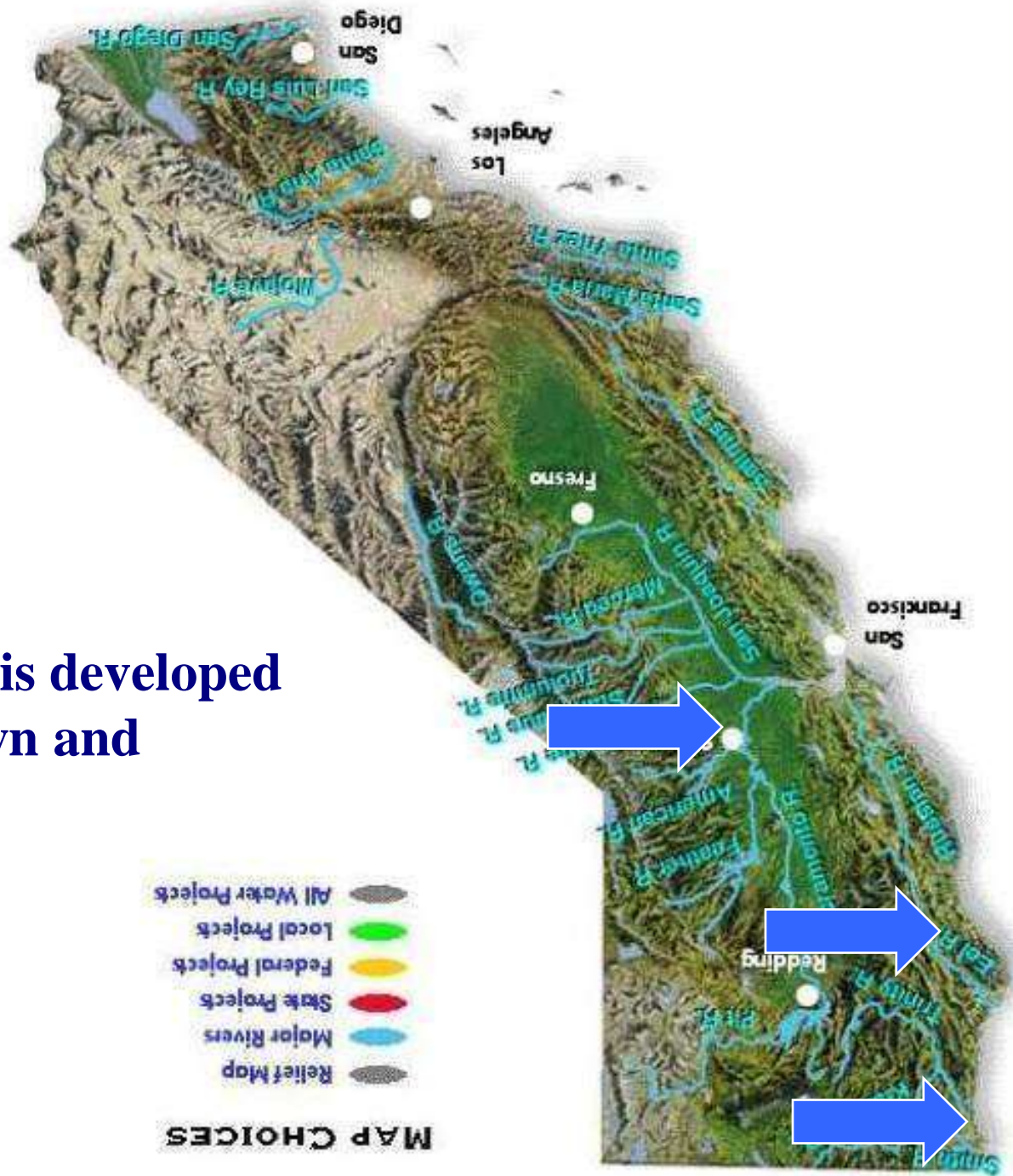


**Why do we care?  
Not enough water in  
the “right” places at  
the “right” times**



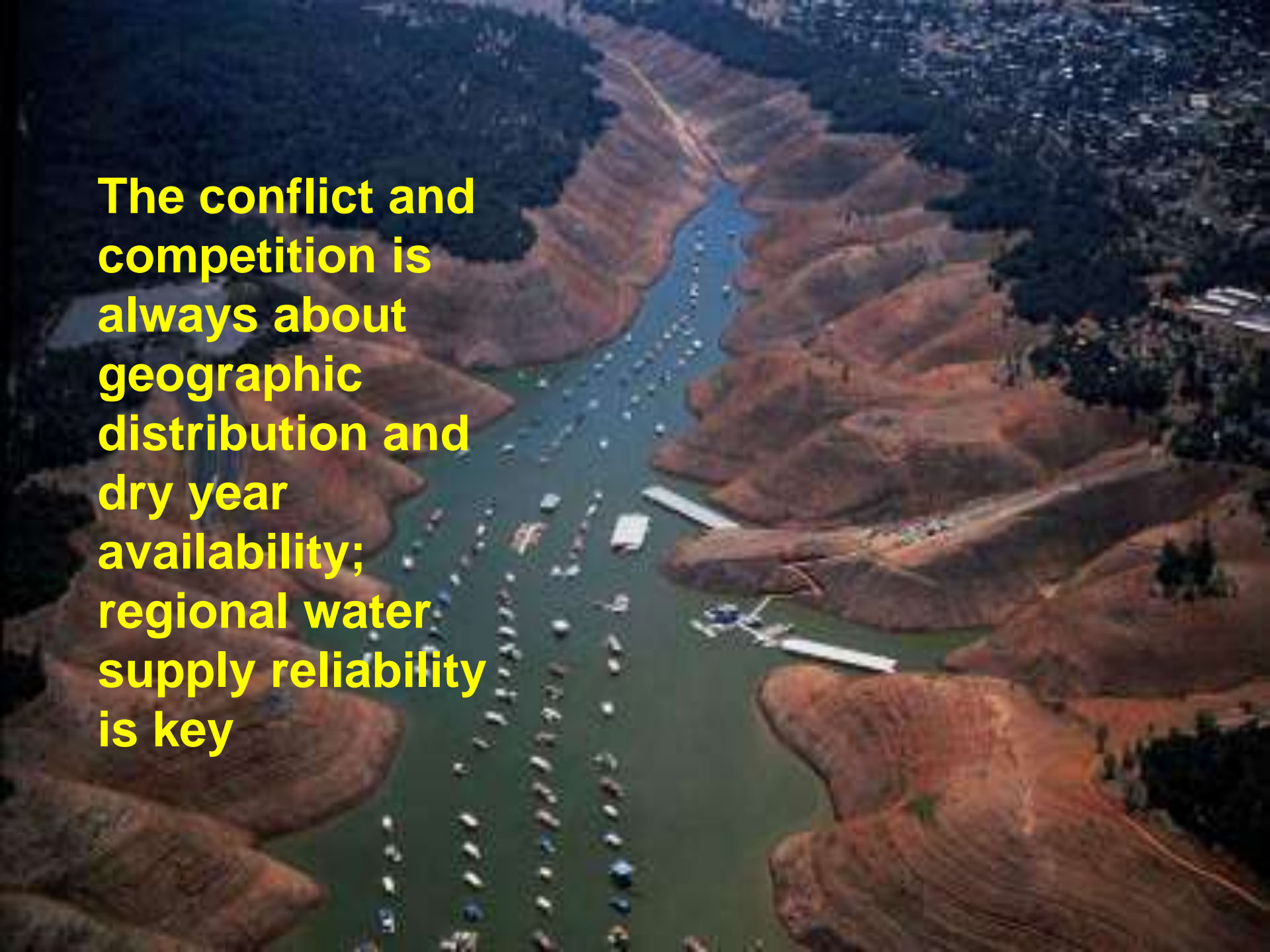


California is developed  
upside down and  
backwards



- MAP CHOICES
- Relief Map
  - Major Rivers
  - State Projects
  - Federal Projects
  - Local Projects
  - All Water Projects

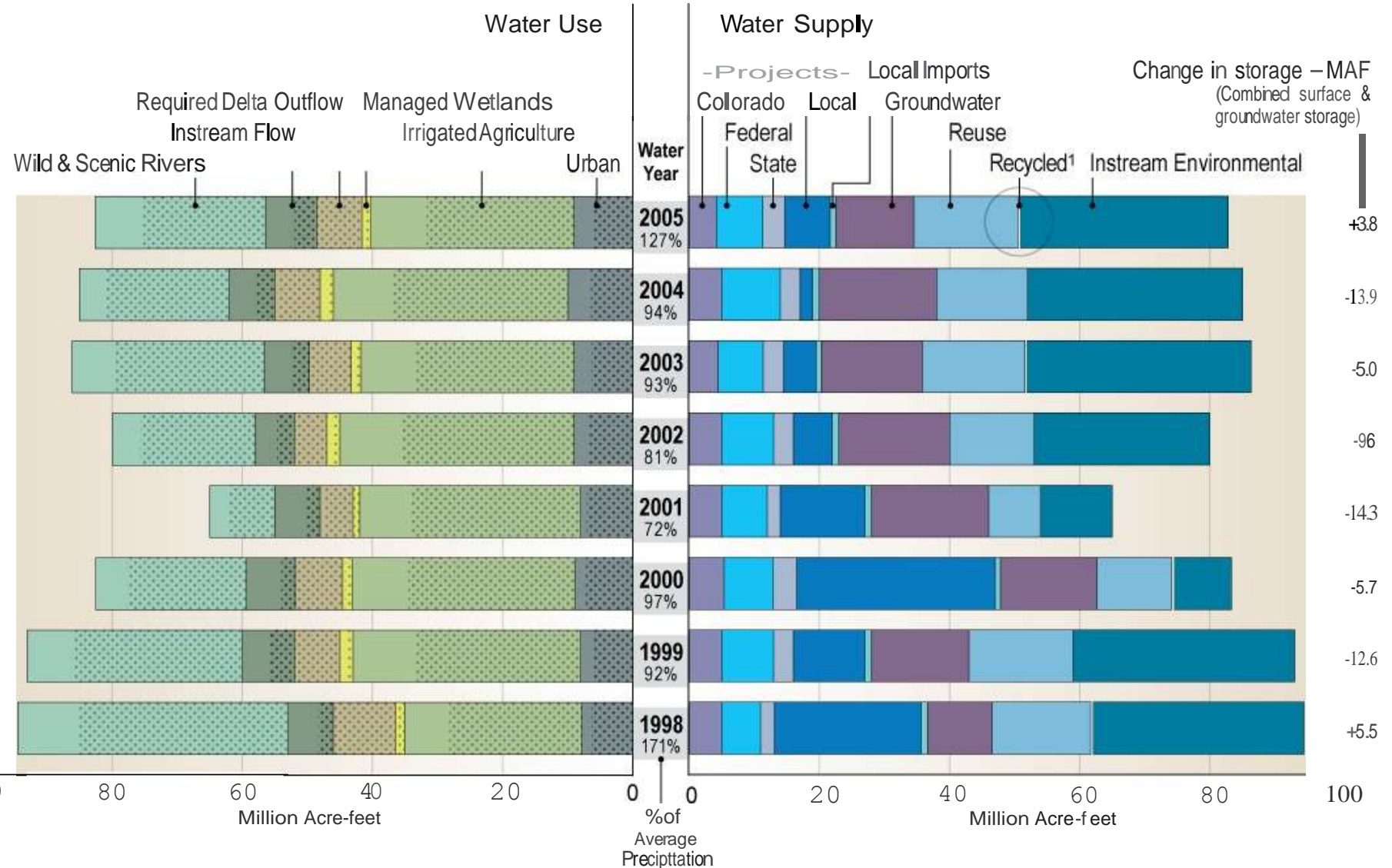
**The conflict and competition is always about geographic distribution and dry year availability; regional water supply reliability is key**

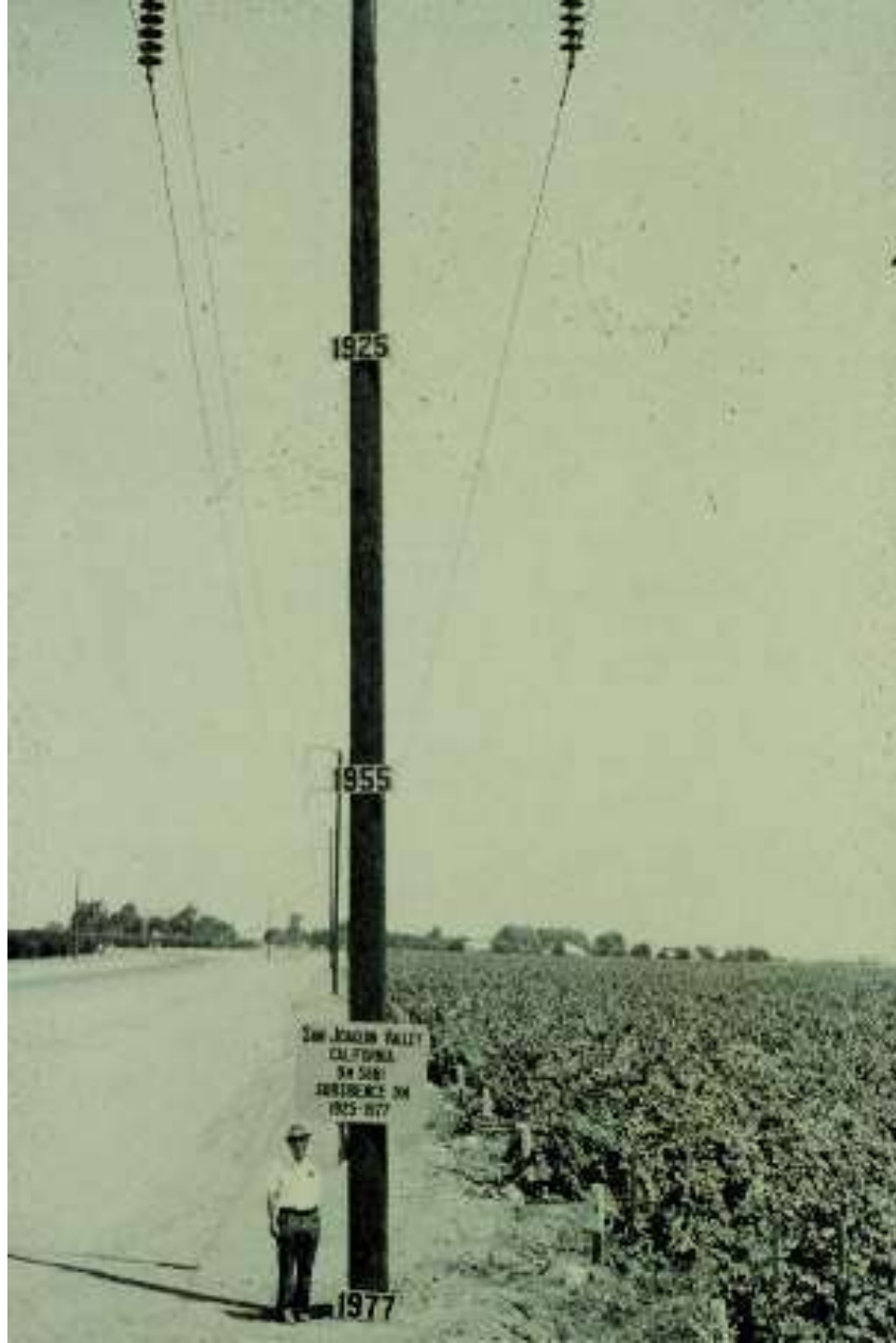




# California Water Balance by Year

A lot of information is presented in this figure including statewide water use, source of supply, annual change in storage, and percentage of average precipitation





1925

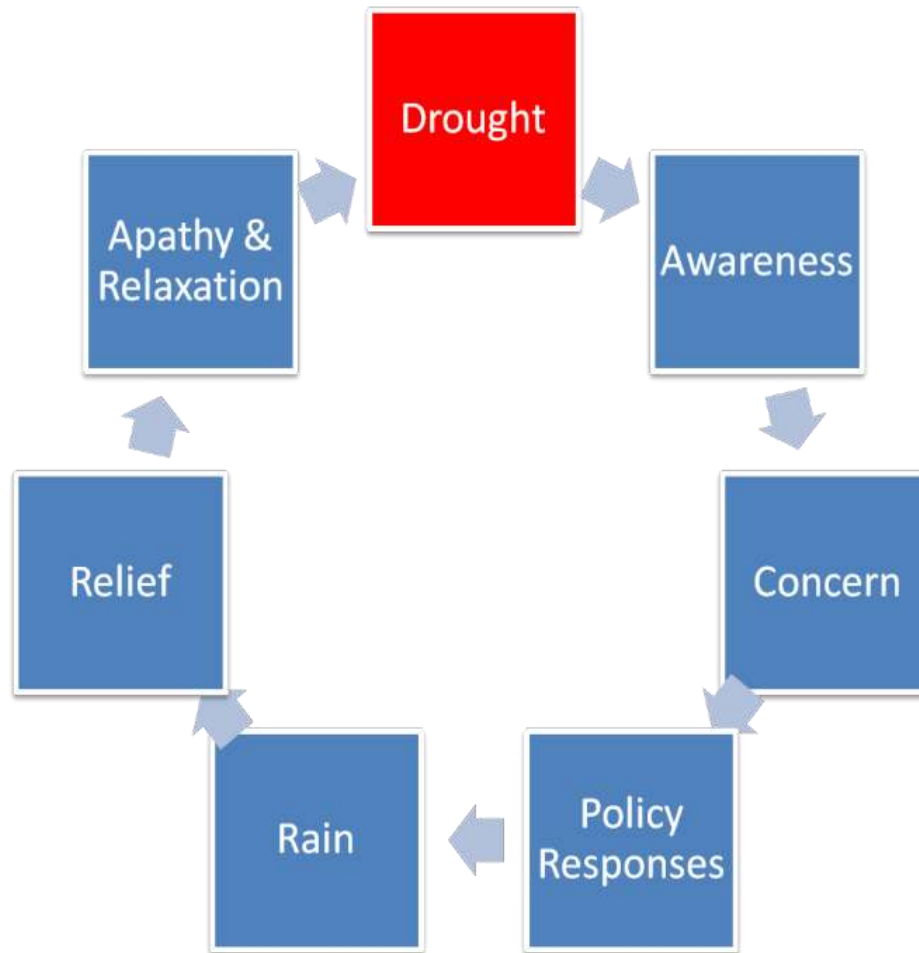
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1925-1977

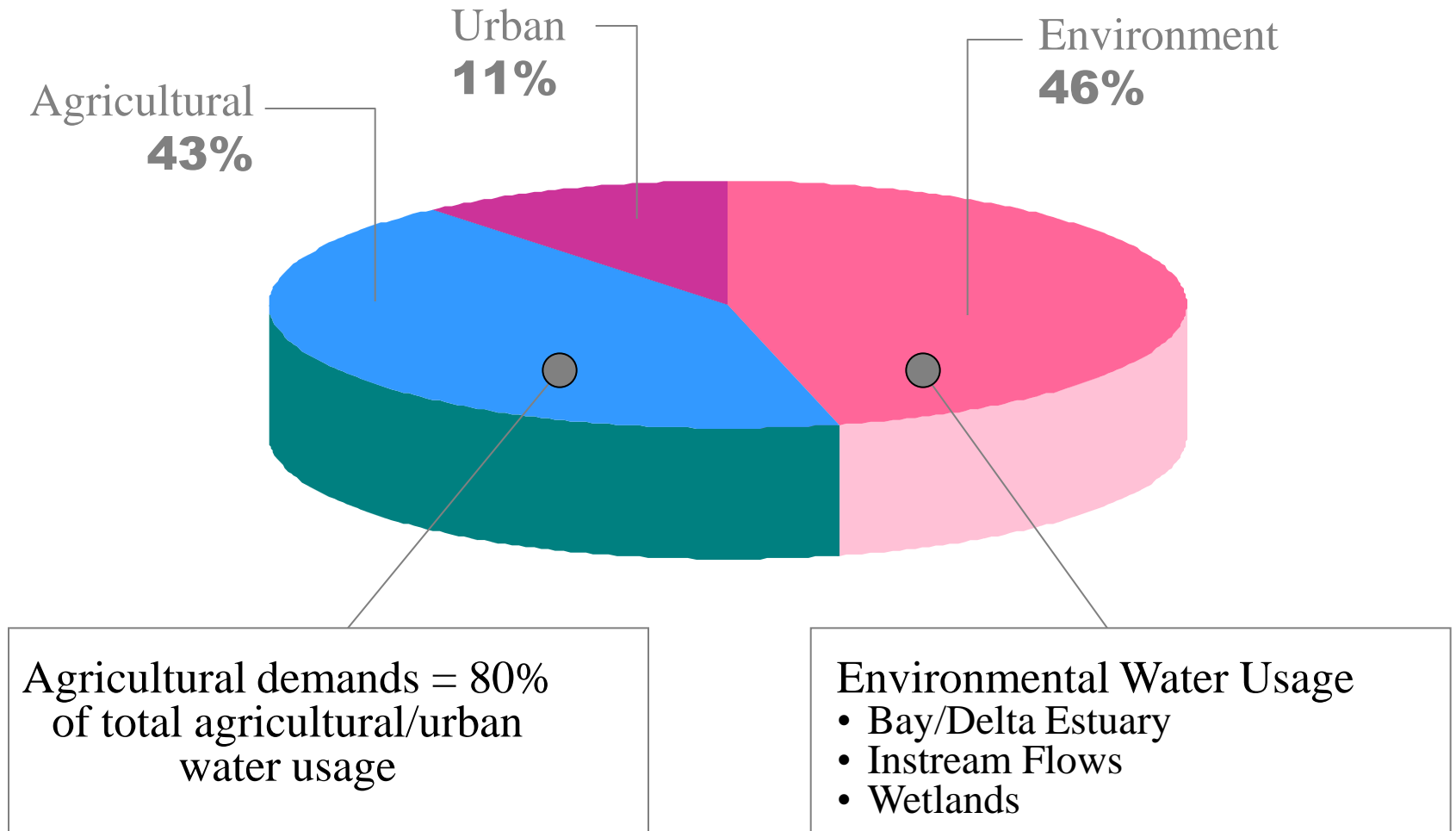
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# Hydro – Illogic Cycle



# ***Statewide Water Usage***





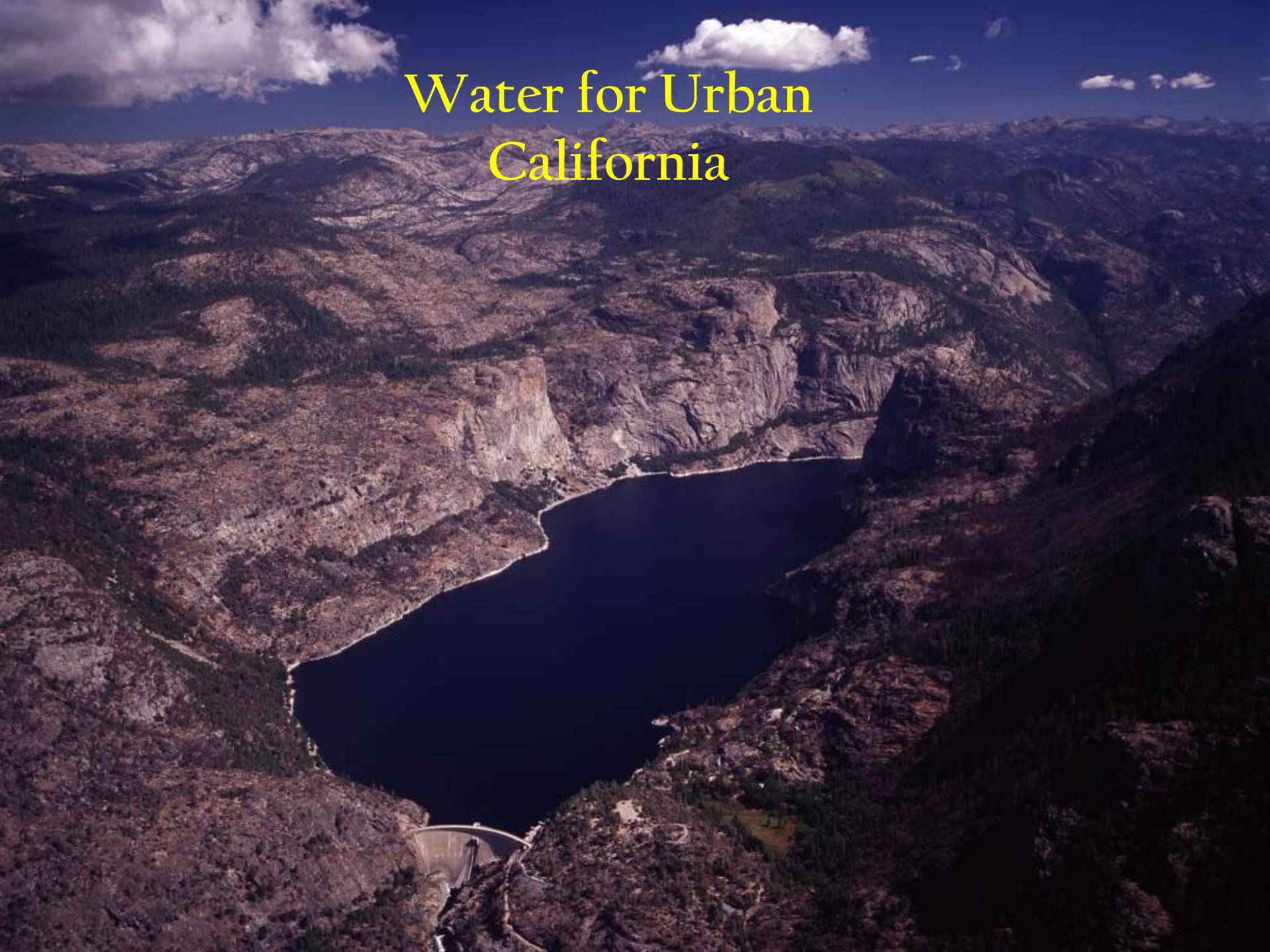


# Water for the Environment





# Water for Urban California





# EAST COAST SPRAWL



# CALIFORNIA SPRAWL





# EAST COAST DENSITY





# CALIFORNIA DENSITY



# Future Water Supplies and Demands

- 37 million to 50 million Californian's by 2030
- 2-6 million acre feet annual increase in urban demand (assuming conservation)
- Where: Inland Empire, San Joaquin Valley, Sacramento – hotter, drier
- Groundwater contamination and overdraft impacts
- Increased regulation, environmental water use and drinking H<sub>2</sub>O standards
- “Hardening” of supplies because of laudable conservation efforts; there is no fudge factor in the next drought
- Loss of 800,000 AFY from Colorado River
- Climate Change and water supply



### Current Trends

Recent trends are assumed to continue into the future. Regulations are not coordinated or comprehensive, creating uncertainty for planners and managers. The state continues to face lawsuits, from flood damages to water quality and endangered species protections.



59.5 million\* (22.8 million increase)



Continued development



8.6 million acres (0.7 mil. acre decrease)



1.0 additional MAF



10% more efficient

### Slow & Strategic Growth

Private, public, and governmental institutions form alliances to provide for efficient planning and development that is less resources intensive than current conditions. State government implements comprehensive and coordinated regulatory programs to improve water quality, protect fish and wildlife, and protect communities from flooding.



44.2 million (7.5 million increase)



Compact development



9.0 million acres (0.2 mil. acre decrease)



1.5 additional MAF



15% more efficient

### Expansive Growth

Future conditions are more resource intensive than existing conditions. Protection of water quality and endangered species is driven mostly by lawsuits. State government has responded on a case-by-case basis, creating a patchwork of regulations and uncertainty for planners and water managers.



69.8 million (33.1 million increase)



Sprawling development



8.2 million acres (1.0 mil. acre decrease)

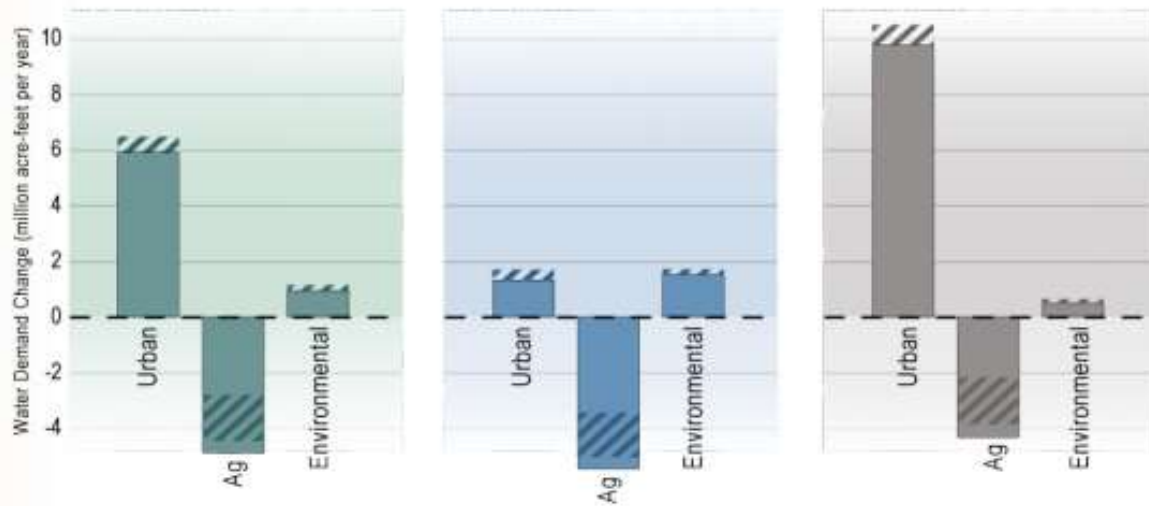


0.6 additional MAF



5% more efficient

### 2050 Water Demand Changes by Scenario







Increased  
air temperature

# Climate Change Effects on Water Resources

Total precipitation may increase or decrease



More precipitation as rain than snow  
due to higher temperatures

Less snowpack

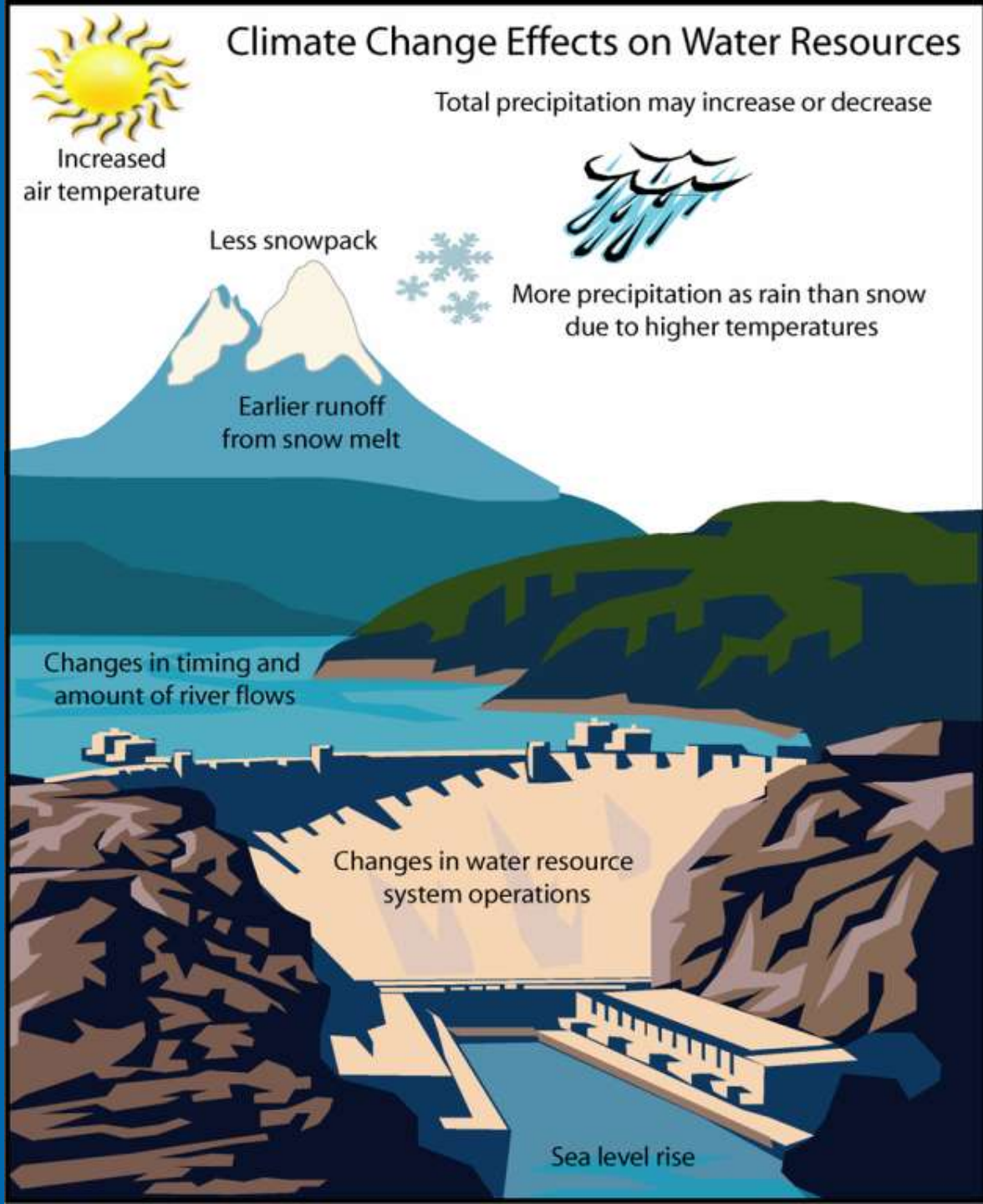


Earlier runoff  
from snow melt

Changes in timing and  
amount of river flows

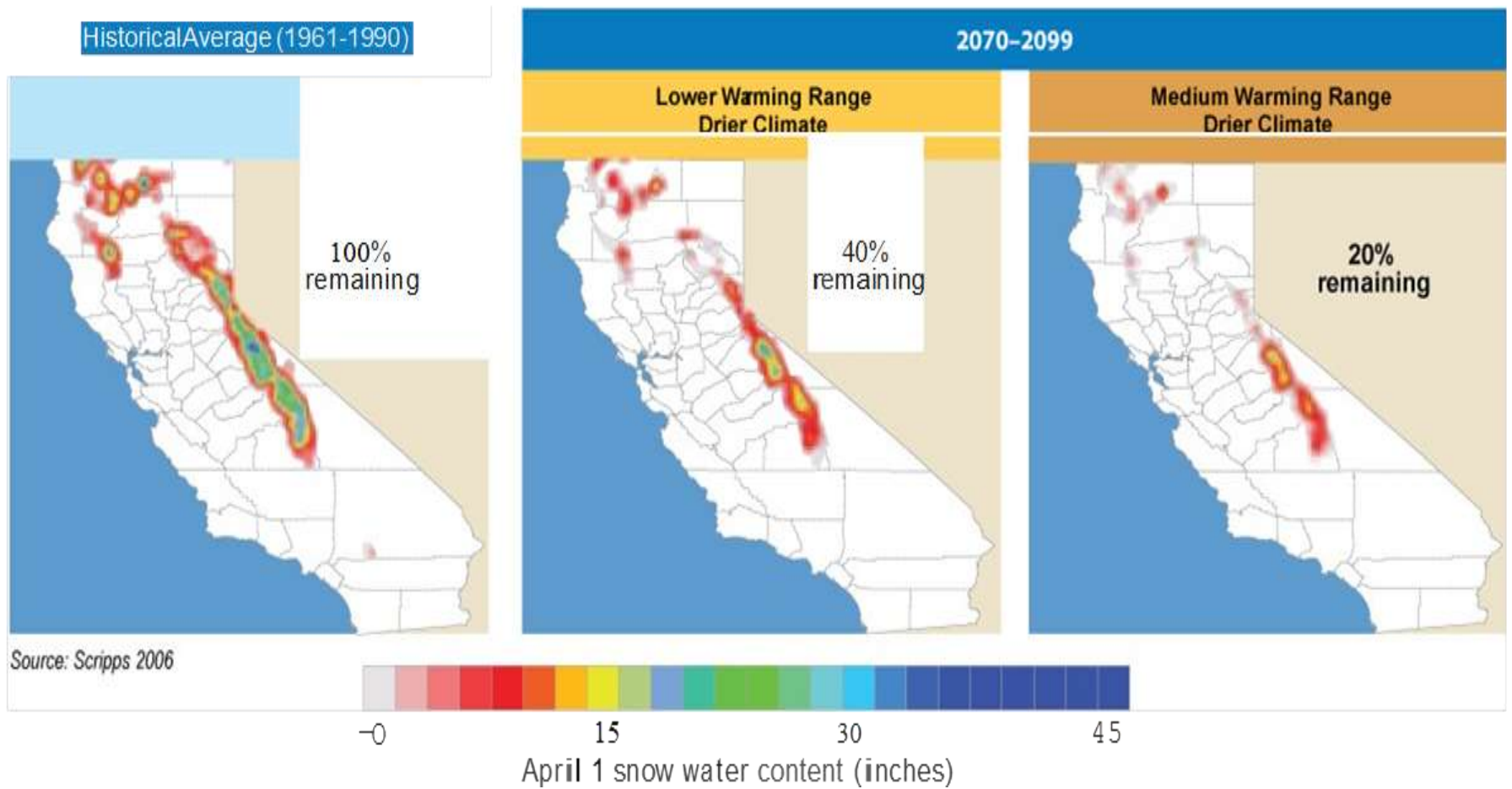
Changes in water resource  
system operations

Sea level rise



# Decreasing California Snowpack

These figures show projections of how two climate scenarios may reduce Sierra snowpacks to 40% and 20% of recent historical averages





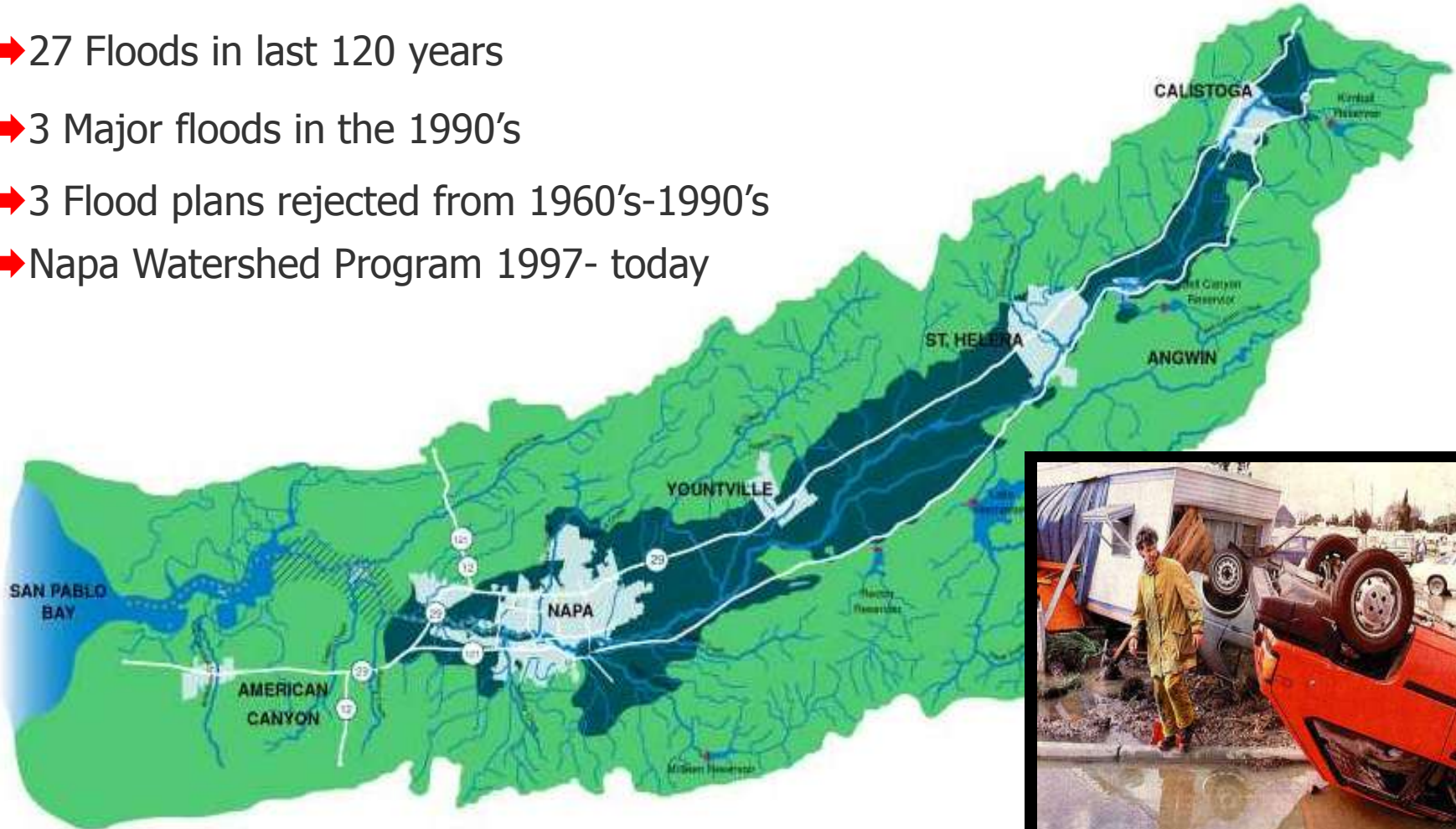
**Then if it is not enough water, it is too much water in the  
“wrong” places: Santa Barbara airport on a rainy  
weekend**



# Napa River Watershed



- ➔ 27 Floods in last 120 years
- ➔ 3 Major floods in the 1990's
- ➔ 3 Flood plans rejected from 1960's-1990's
- ➔ Napa Watershed Program 1997- today



# ORGANIZING FOR ACTION:



## Coalition Structure

### Joint Flood District/Community Executive Committee

Countywide Local Elected Officials, Army Corps Rep, Key Napa City/County Staff & Two Community Reps

### Community Coalition

#### Friends of the Napa River

Flood Plain Business Coalition  
State Fish and Game  
United Napa Valley Associates  
Agricultural Commission  
Homeowner Organizations  
Napa County Landmarks  
Napa County Farm Bureau

#### Napa Valley Economic Development Corp

Napa Valley Grape Growers Association  
Napa County Resource Conservation District  
Napa Valley Fisherman's Association  
American Center for Wine, Food and Arts  
Upvalley Chambers of Commerce  
Napa County Conference & Visitors Bureau  
Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Napa Chamber

Sierra Club  
Napa County Land Trust  
Building Trades Council  
Suscol Council  
Napa Valley Expo  
Napa Downtown Merchants  
Napa Valley Vintners Assoc

### Design Review Committee

Community Panel, **Resource Agencies**, City/County & Army Corp Staff, River Experts & Consultants

### Financial/Regulatory Committee

Community Panel, City/County Staff and Consultants

### Workgroups

Upvalley Retention

Oxbow/Downtown

South of 3rd St.

Water Quality/Fish Habitat



# ORGANIZING FOR ACTION:



## Getting 23 Government Agencies to Play Ball as a Team

| FEDERAL                                      | STATE                                      | REGIONAL                       | COUNTY  | CITY                    |
|--|--|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------|
| Army Corps of Engineers                      | State Dept. of Water Resources             | Bay Area Water Quality         | County of Napa  | City of American Canyon |
| Environmental Protection Agency              | California Dept. of Fish & Game            | California Coastal Conservancy | Napa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District | City of Napa            |
| US Fish & Wildlife Service                   | State Lands Commission                     |                                | Napa County Resource Conservation District                | Town of Yountville      |
| National Marine Fisheries Service            | The Governors Office of Emergency Services |                                | Napa County Agriculture Commission                        | City of St. Helena      |
| Federal Emergency Management Agency          | California Dept of Commerce                |                                |   | City of Calistoga       |
| USDA Natural Resources Conservation District | CALTRANS                                   |                                |   |                         |



# Wetlands Restoration

Pre-project Condition-diked grazing land

Highway 29



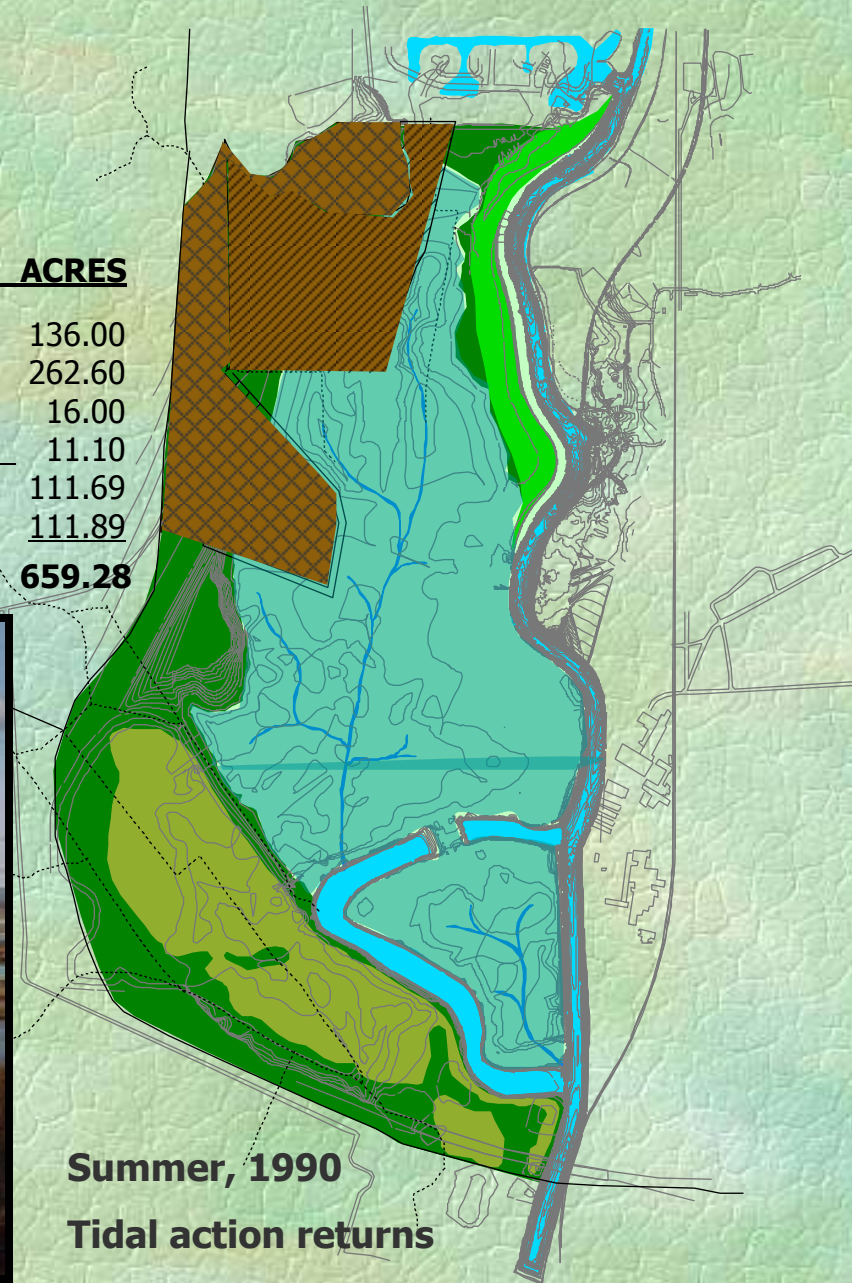


# Technical Analysis

## Wetlands Restoration

After

| <u>CONVERTED FROM</u>   | <u>CONVERTED TO</u>         | <u>ACRES</u>  |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Farmed seasonal wetland | non-farmed seasonal wetland | 136.00        |
|                         | emergent marsh              | 262.60        |
|                         | open water/tidal mudflat    | 16.00         |
|                         | high-value woodland         | 11.10         |
| Farmed uplands          | emergent marsh              | 111.69        |
|                         | high value woodlands        | <u>111.89</u> |
| <b>TOTAL</b>            |                             | <b>659.28</b> |





# Napa River-Downtown Reach:



Promenade

Third  
Street  
Bridge

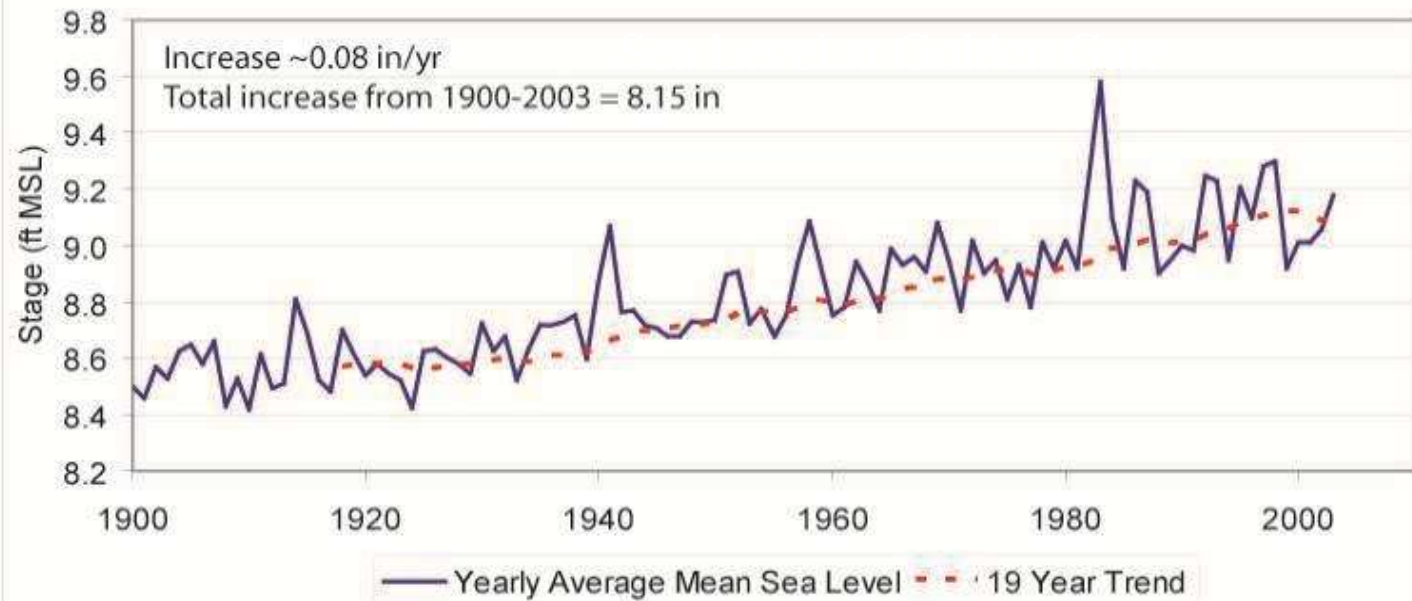
First  
Street  
Bridge



Climate change mitigation may  
be about energy, but climate  
change adaptation is about  
**WATER!**



January 1, 2006, Twitchell Island

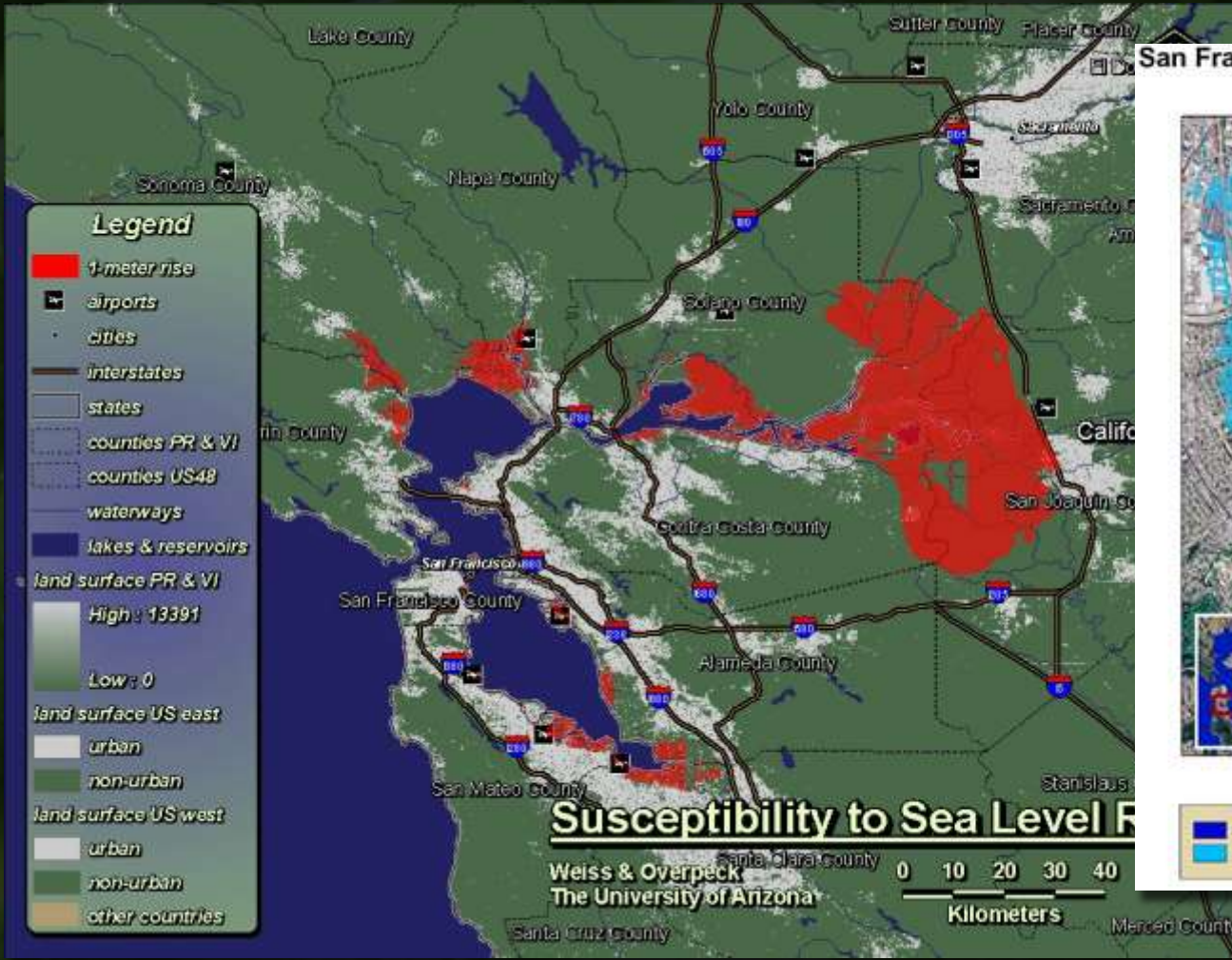


## Sea Level Rise at Golden Gate Bridge





# Sea-Level Rise Vulnerability – 1 Meter



San Francisco Bay Scenarios for Sea Level Rise SFO





# Wildfire Risks: Property and Loss of Life, Water Quality, Carbon Released





# Ecosystem Damage





# ***Fishery Implications***

So Far:

40% loss on average (2.5 MAF)

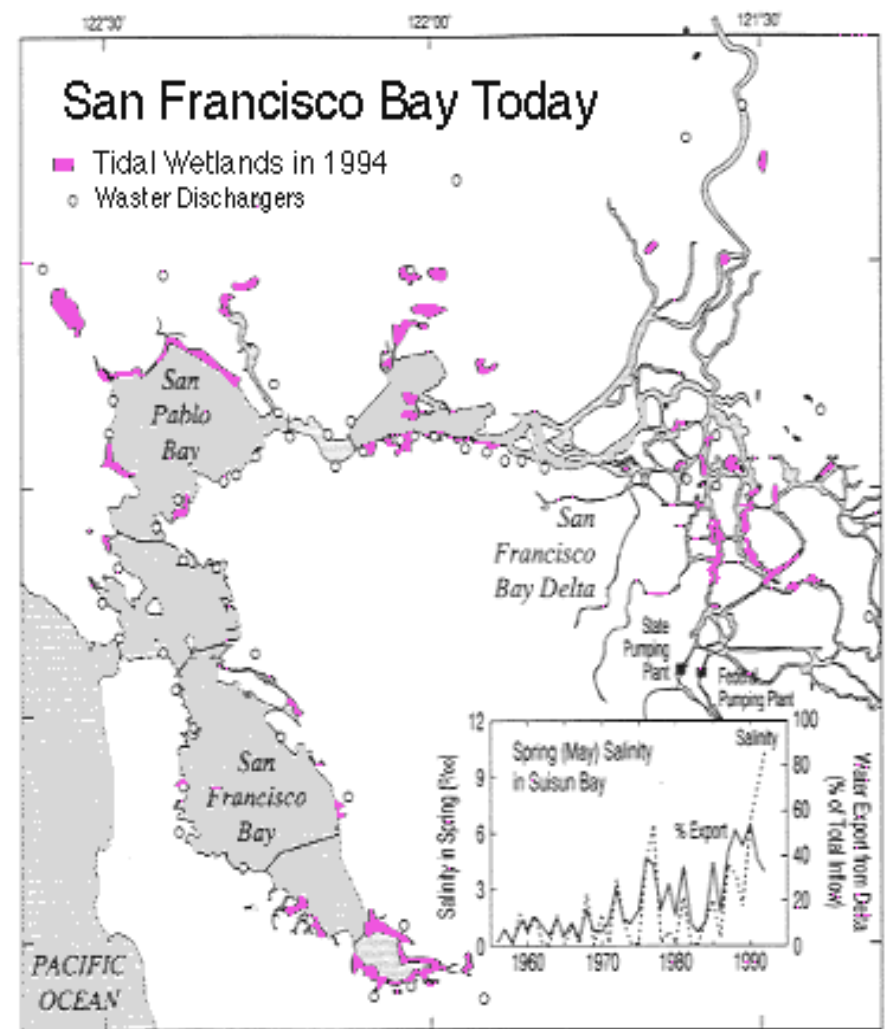
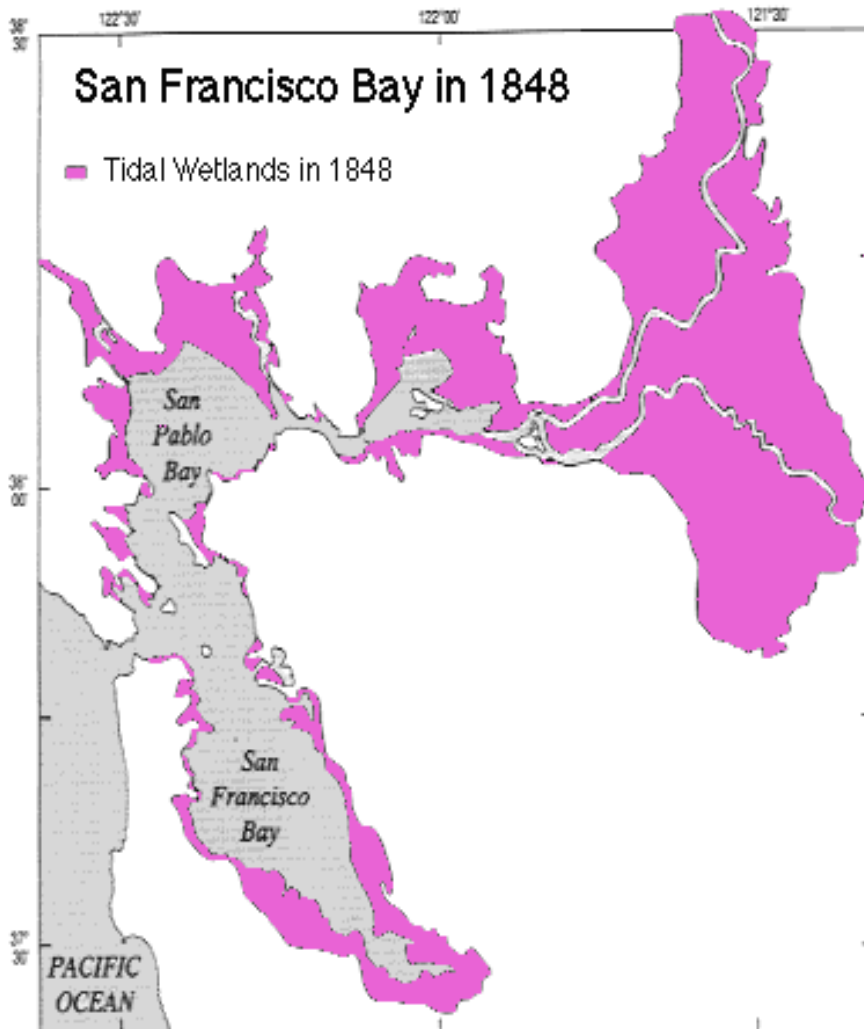
50%+ in drought years

And it will get worse.



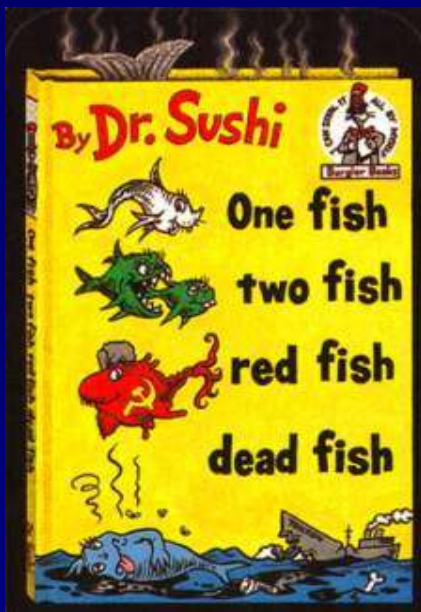


# San Francisco Bay and Delta Tidal Marshes – Historical and Current Conditions



# Delta Ecosystems: The Imperfect Storm of Multiple Stressors

- Loss of fresh water flows, reverse flows in the south Delta, lack of flooding regime
- Pelagic fish collapse, listed species and fish entrapment
- Loss of all types of aquatic and related habitats (especially river and floodplain connections), invasive species
- Salinity problems, numerous water quality issues

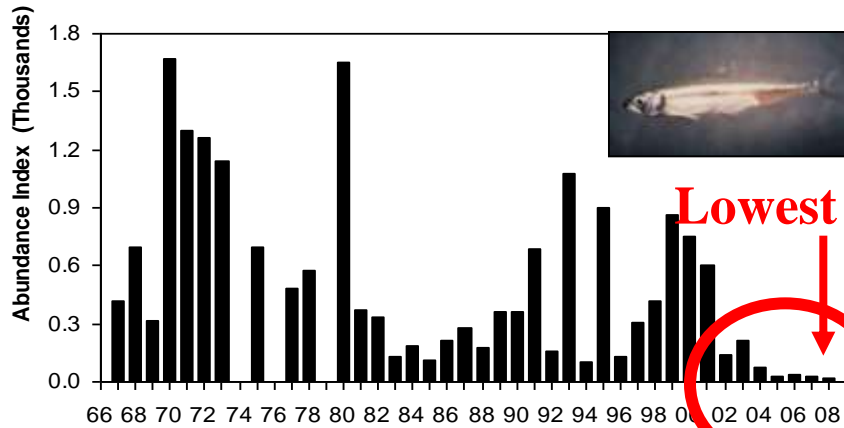




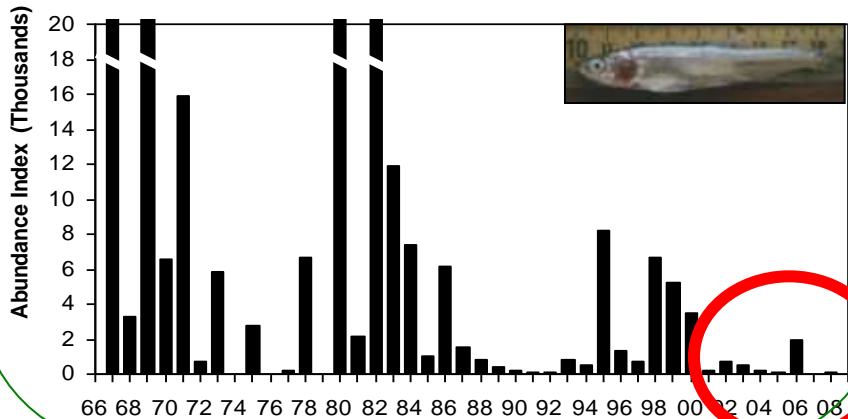
# An Ecosystem in Crisis

## Native

Delta Smelt

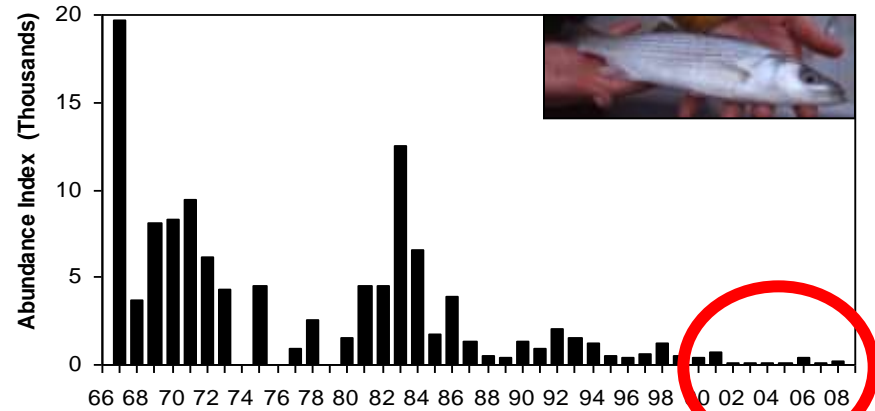


Longfin Smelt

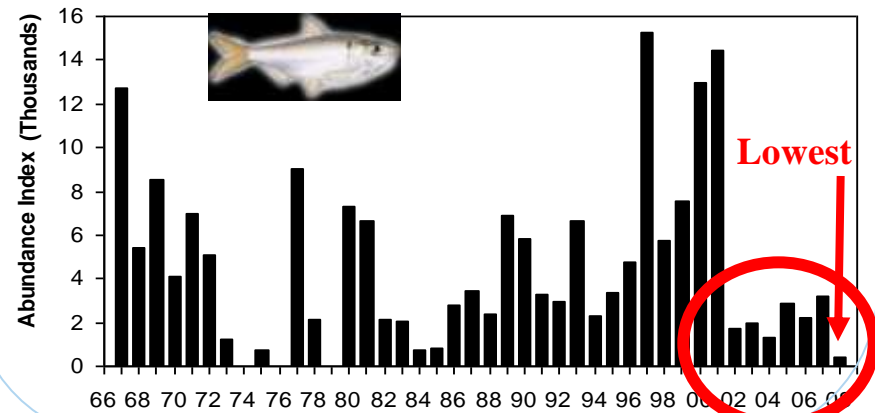


## Non-Native

Striped Bass



Threadfin Shad



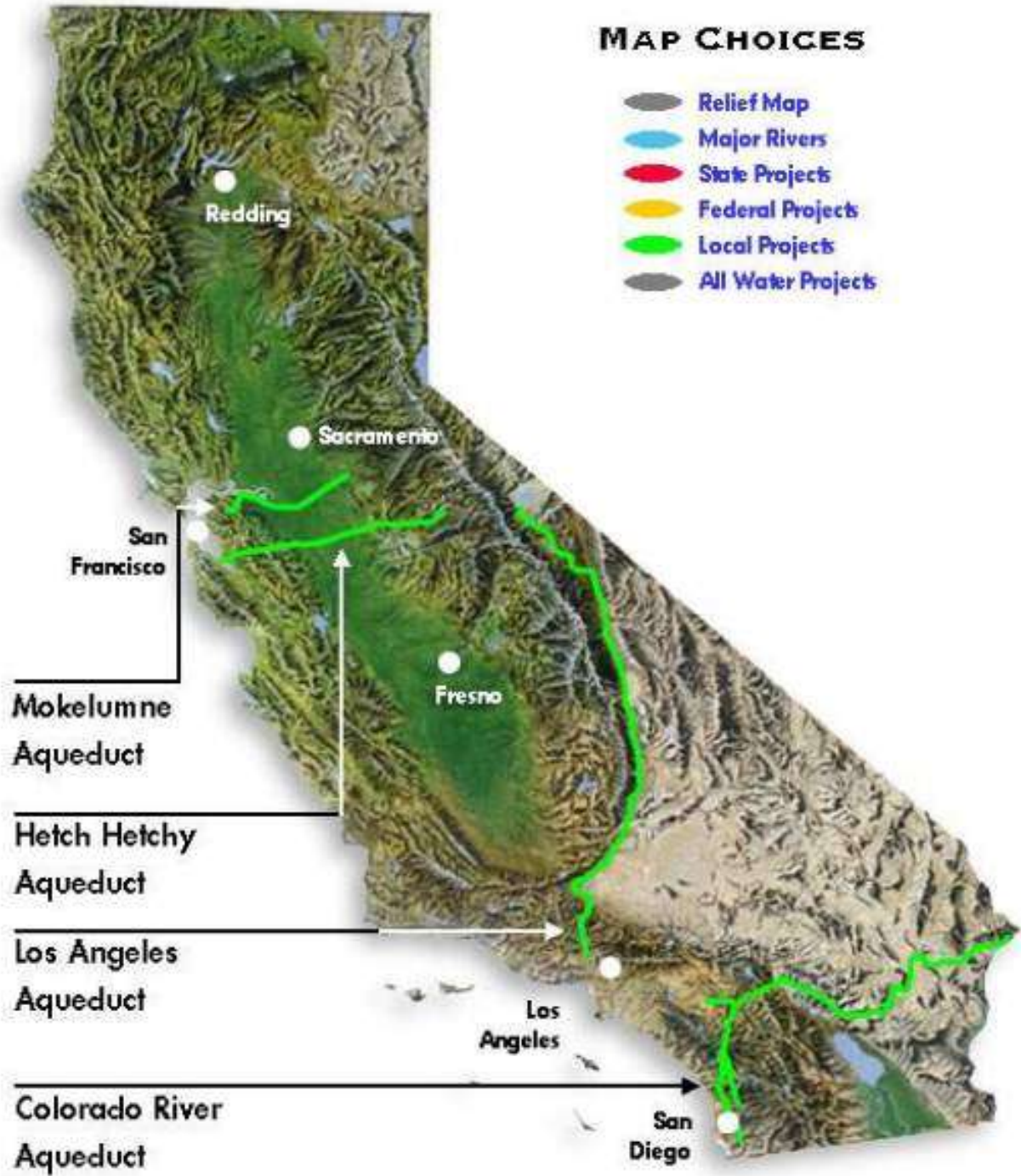
Source DFG 2008 Fall MW Trawl; No sampling 1974 and 1979





## MAP CHOICES

- Relief Map
- Major Rivers
- State Projects
- Federal Projects
- Local Projects
- All Water Projects



Redding

Sacramento

San Francisco

Fresno

Los Angeles

San Diego

Mokelumne  
Aqueduct

Hetch Hetchy  
Aqueduct

Los Angeles  
Aqueduct

Colorado River  
Aqueduct

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Click on label or area to see facilities in that area.



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**A River  
Southern  
California  
Style**



**Loss of local habitats and ecosystems; loss of bio-diversity;  
loss of millions of \$ of “free” ecosystem services**





# The Connection Between Water and Energy

- 20% of all energy used by California is used to move and treat water
- This equates to 250,000 GWh of energy annually
- Water conservation is energy conservation

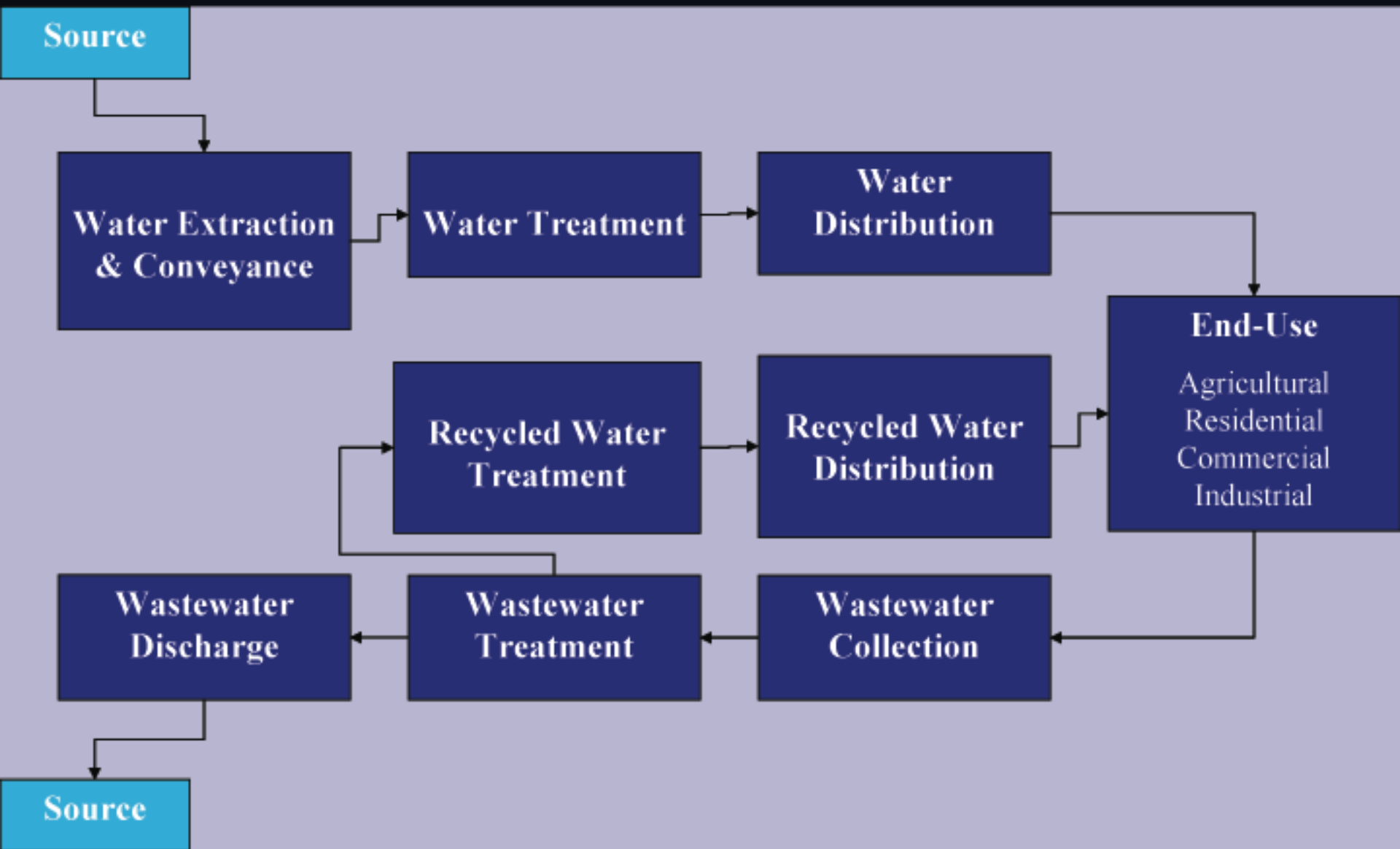






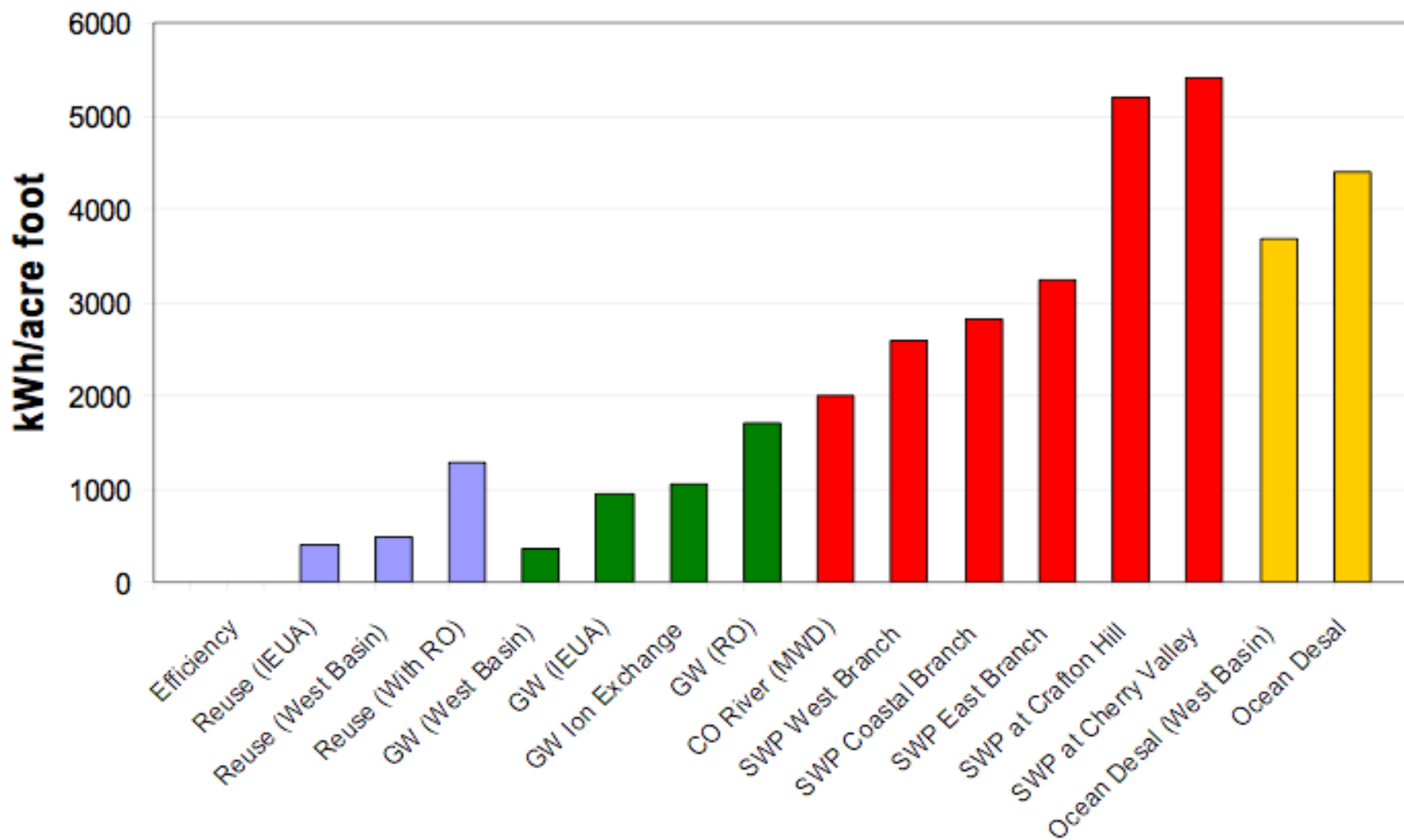


# Energy Inputs to Water Systems





## Energy Intensity of Selected Water Supply Sources in Southern California





Synergistic effects of solutions:  
Water conservation means  
energy conservation, especially  
south of the Tehachapi's



**Water quality degradation: over 300 impaired water  
bodies in California alone**  
**Point Source and Non-Point Source**



# New River Improvement Project Strategic Plan

## Vision

The New River is a healthy river corridor that serves as an asset to the people, communities, ecosystems and agricultural industry of the Imperial Valley.

## Goals

### Public Health:

A restored and transformed New River corridor provides a safe, healthy and accessible recreational resource for local communities.

### Ecology:

Improved water quality, habitat and river corridor conditions in the New River support a healthy aquatic and riparian ecosystem and supplies water that contributes to the restoration of the Salton Sea and its delta.

### Economy:

The New River is an aesthetic and environmental amenity that enhances community development opportunities and benefits agricultural activities throughout the Imperial Valley.





# **New River Water Pollution Issues are Severe: 12 Pollutants Impairing the River and entering the Salton Sea**

## **Foam at the Border**



## **Slaughterhouse discharge in Mexicali**



**WARNING**

**CONTAMINATED SOIL AND  
NEW RIVER WATER**



**KEEP OUT!!**

**¡PELIGRO!**



**TIERRA Y AGUA DEL RIO  
NUEVO CONTAMINADA  
¡PROHIBIDO ENTRAR!**

PAID FOR BY CALEXICO NEW RIVER COMMITTEE



NEW

BRIDGE

98 IMP.











# MORE WATER FASTER

Urban growth changes the way rain runs to rivers and streams

## Developed landscape

Rain pours more quickly off cities and suburbs

Pavement and rooftops shed water

Streets act as streams

Drains deliver water directly to rivers

## Natural Landscape

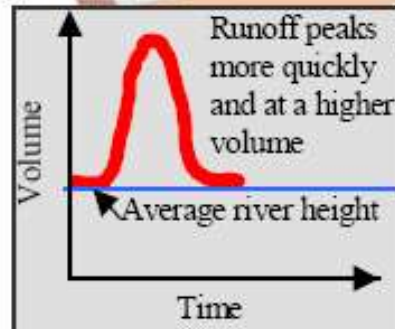
Grass, trees, brush, and soil help soak up rain and slow runoff

Trees break the momentum of raindrops pelted the ground so there is less erosion

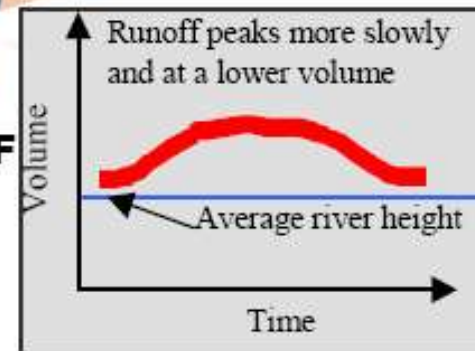
Indentations in the landscape pool water

Vegetation helps build organic, absorbent soil

Tree roots anchor the soil



**RUNOFF**

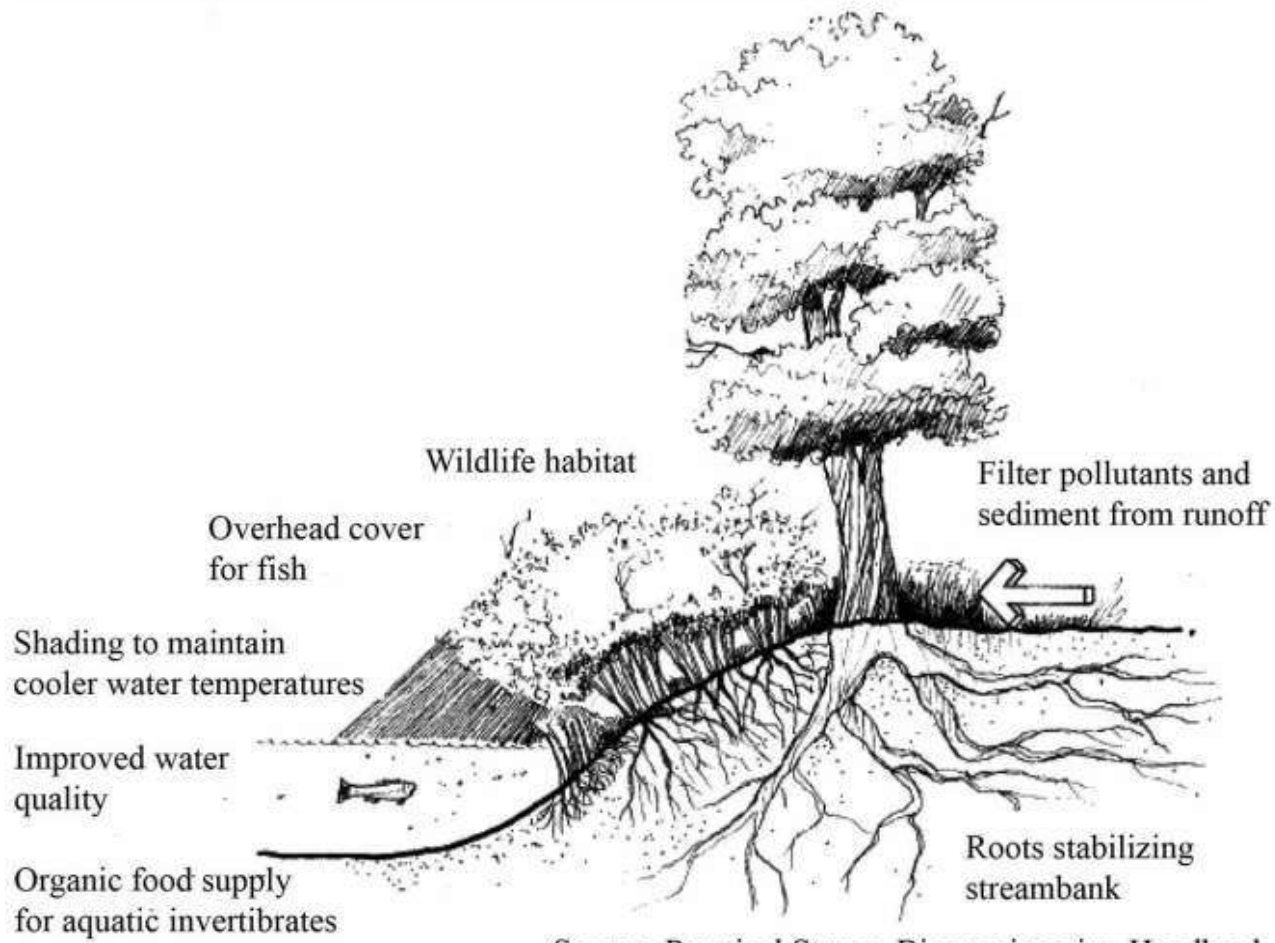


**Effects of hydro-modification due to urbanization: down-cutting of streams, in-sized channels, no floodplains, high levels of erosion and sedimentation, loss of aquatic habitat**





# Healthy Urban Riparian Corridors and Creeks



Source: Practical Stream Bioengineering Handbook

# Key Issues facing California Water Policy

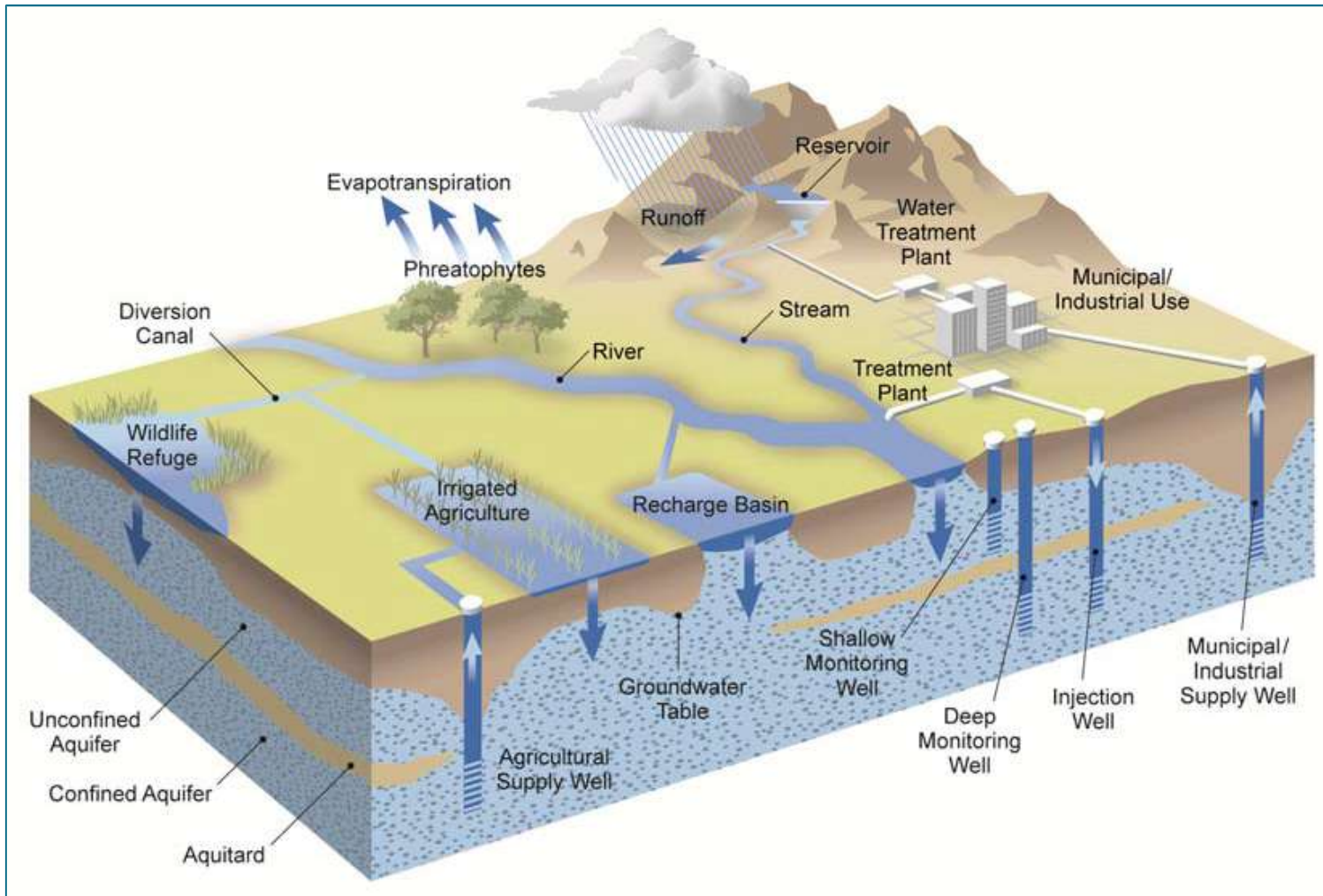
- Water supply reliability and future demands and sources
- Confluence of Bay Delta issues including ecosystem degradation, levee failure, water reliability and quality
- Groundwater pollution and overdraft affecting aquifers
- Impaired water bodies – NPS water pollution, enforcement of point source standards
- Urban storm water pollution – beach closures, hydro-modification, watershed effects, etc.
- Providing more water for fish and wildlife - e.g. Klamath Basin, Yuba River, American River, etc.
- Linking urban growth and water supplies
- Agricultural drainage in the San Joaquin Valley in particular; urban drainage also
- Flood risks especially in the Central Valley and coast
- Dealing with prolonged drought
- Regional issues: Salton Sea and New River, etc. etc.



**What are we trying to achieve?**



**Figure 1 Conceptual Model of Water Management System**



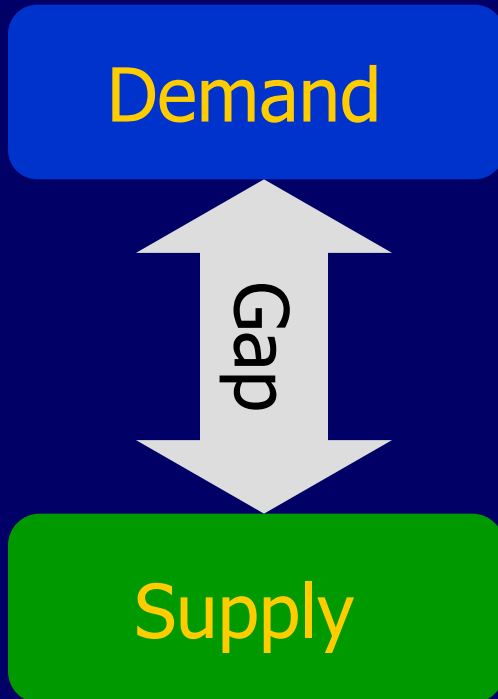


# DWR's "Pyramid of a Successful Water Future"



# Water Supply Reliability

Minimize gap between supply & demand

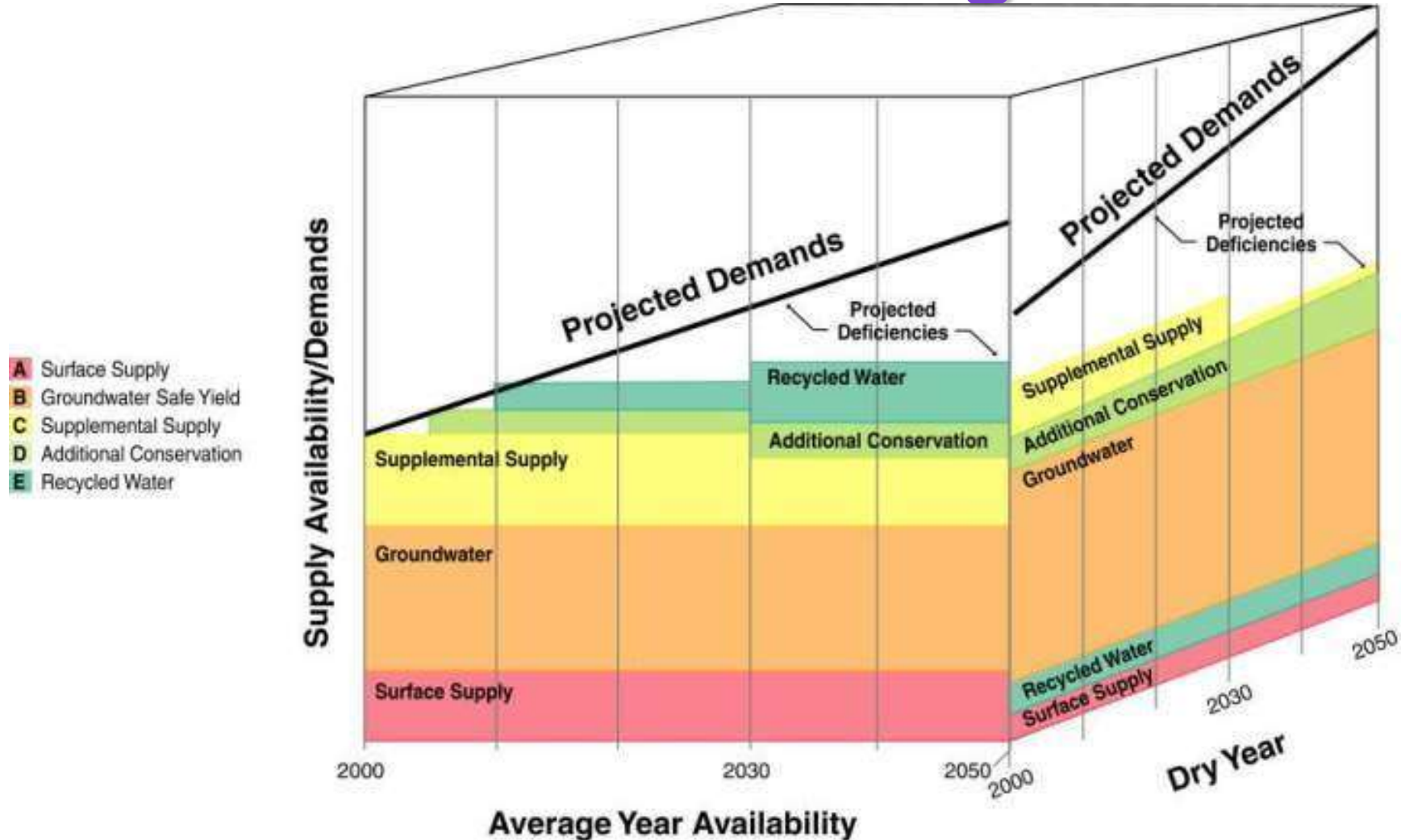


- Conservation
- Recycling
- Surface Storage
- Groundwater Storage
- Conveyance
- Desalination
- Transfers

**Diversified portfolio: optimize public investment & reduce risk**



# Complex and Integrated Portfolio Water Management



# Integrated Land and Water Principles

## Natural Infrastructure



## Efficient Land Use and Community Design



## Efficient Water Use



## Sustainable Site Design



## Implementation







## **Integrated Water Management**

## **Desired future for California water**

California has healthy watersheds and integrated, reliable and secure water resources and management systems that

- Enhance public health, safety, and quality of life in all its communities;
- Sustain economic growth, business vitality, and agricultural productivity; and
- Protect and restore California's unique biological diversity, ecological values, and cultural heritage.



## **Statements of intent / What and when**

### **1. Expand Integrated Regional Water Management**

Promote, improve, and expand Integrated Regional Water Management to create and build on partnerships that are essential for California water resources planning, sustainable watershed and floodplain management, and increasing regional self-sufficiency.

### **2. Use and Reuse Water More Efficiently**

Use water more efficiently with significantly greater water conservation, recycling, and reuse to help meet future water demands and adapt to climate change.

### **3. Expand Conjunctive Management of Multiple Supplies**

Advance and expand conjunctive management of multiple water supply sources with existing and new surface water and groundwater storage to prepare for future droughts, floods, and climate change.

### **4. Protect Surface Water and Groundwater Quality**

Protect and restore surface water and groundwater quality to safeguard public and environmental health and secure California's water supplies for their beneficial uses.

### **5. Expand Environmental Stewardship**

Practice, promote, improve, and expand environmental stewardship to protect and enhance the environment by improving watershed, floodplain, and instream functions and to sustain water and flood management systems.

### **6. Practice Integrated Flood Management**

Promote and practice integrated flood management to provide multiple benefits including better emergency preparedness and response, higher flood protection, more sustainable flood and water management systems, and enhanced floodplain ecosystems.

### **7. Manage a Sustainable California Delta**

Set as co-equal goals a healthy Delta ecosystem and a reliable water supply for California and recognize the Delta as a unique and valued community and ecosystem to promote and practice management for a sustainable California Delta.

### **8. Prepare Prevention, Response, and Recovery Plans**

Prepare prevention, response, and recovery plans for floods, droughts, and catastrophic events to help residents and communities, particularly disadvantaged communities, make decisions that reduce the consequences and recovery time of these events when they occur.

**9. Reduce Energy Consumption of Water Systems and Uses**

Reduce the energy consumption of water and wastewater management systems by implementing the water-related strategies in AB 32 Scoping Plan to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions.

**10. Improve Data and Analysis for Decision-making**

Improve and expand monitoring, data management, and analysis to support decision-making, especially in light of uncertainties, that support integrated regional water management and flood and water resources management systems.

**11. Invest in New Water Technology**

Identify and fund applied research on emerging water technology to make them attainable and more cost effective.

**12. Improve Tribal Water and Natural Resources**

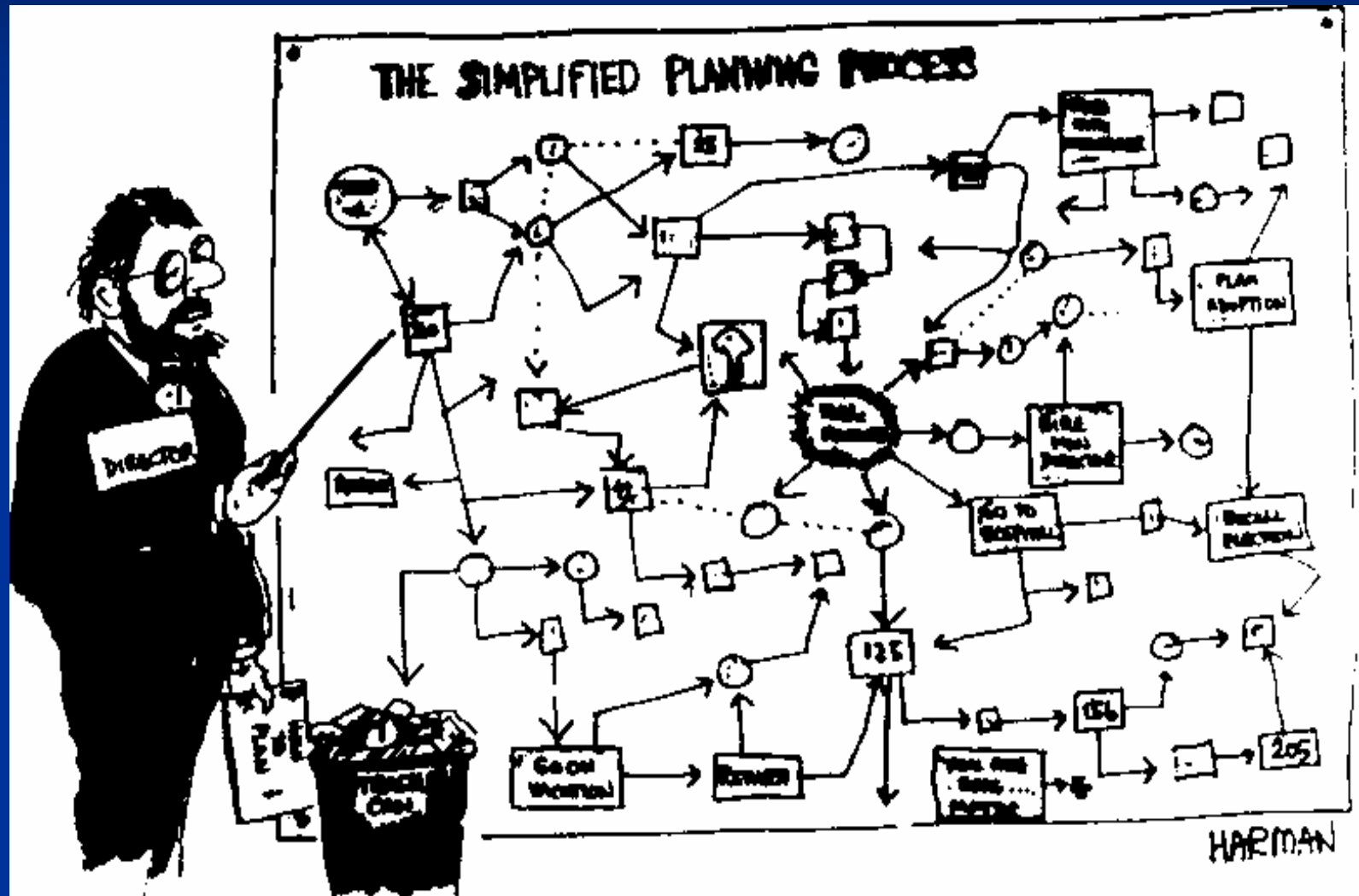
Develop Tribal consultation, collaboration, and access to funding for water programs and projects to better sustain Tribal water and natural resources.

**13. Ensure Equitable Distribution of Benefits**

Increase the participation of small and disadvantaged communities in state processes and programs to achieve fair and equitable distribution of benefits. Consider mitigation of impacts from the implementation of state government programs and policies to provide safe drinking water and wastewater treatment to all California communities and ensure that these programs and policies address the most critical public health threats in disadvantaged communities.



# How do we get there?



# Moving from Conflict and Competition to Collaboration



Water wars

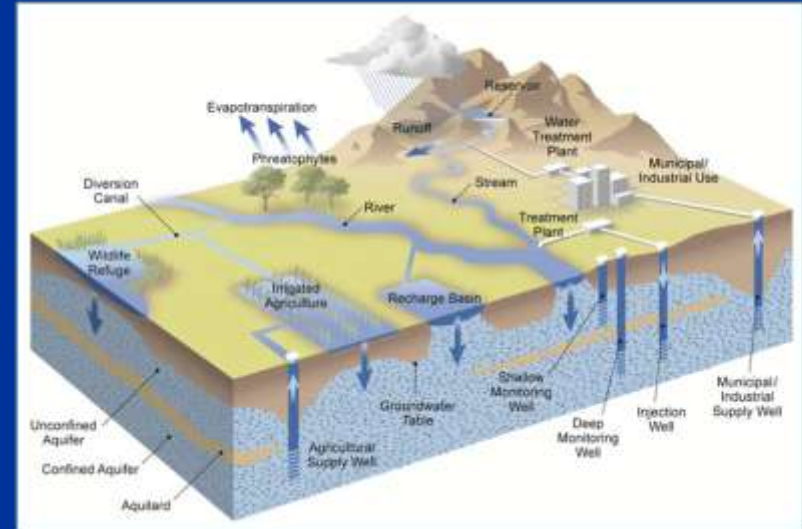




# Integrated Regional Water Management Plans

- IRWMP's consider all parts of the water cycle, include all regional partners and look for ways to save money, use water wisely and link ecosystem protection, water quality, quantity and flood/drainage management
- Most regions in California are developing one (linked to billions of dollars of Proposition funding)
- Are they “integrated” and “regional” or are they: “**I Really Want My Project**”
- Will they engage all the stakeholders and issues?

Figure 1 Conceptual Model of Water Management System





WATER  
FORUM

## **Sacramento Water Forum: Watershed scale focused on water supply & ecological restoration**



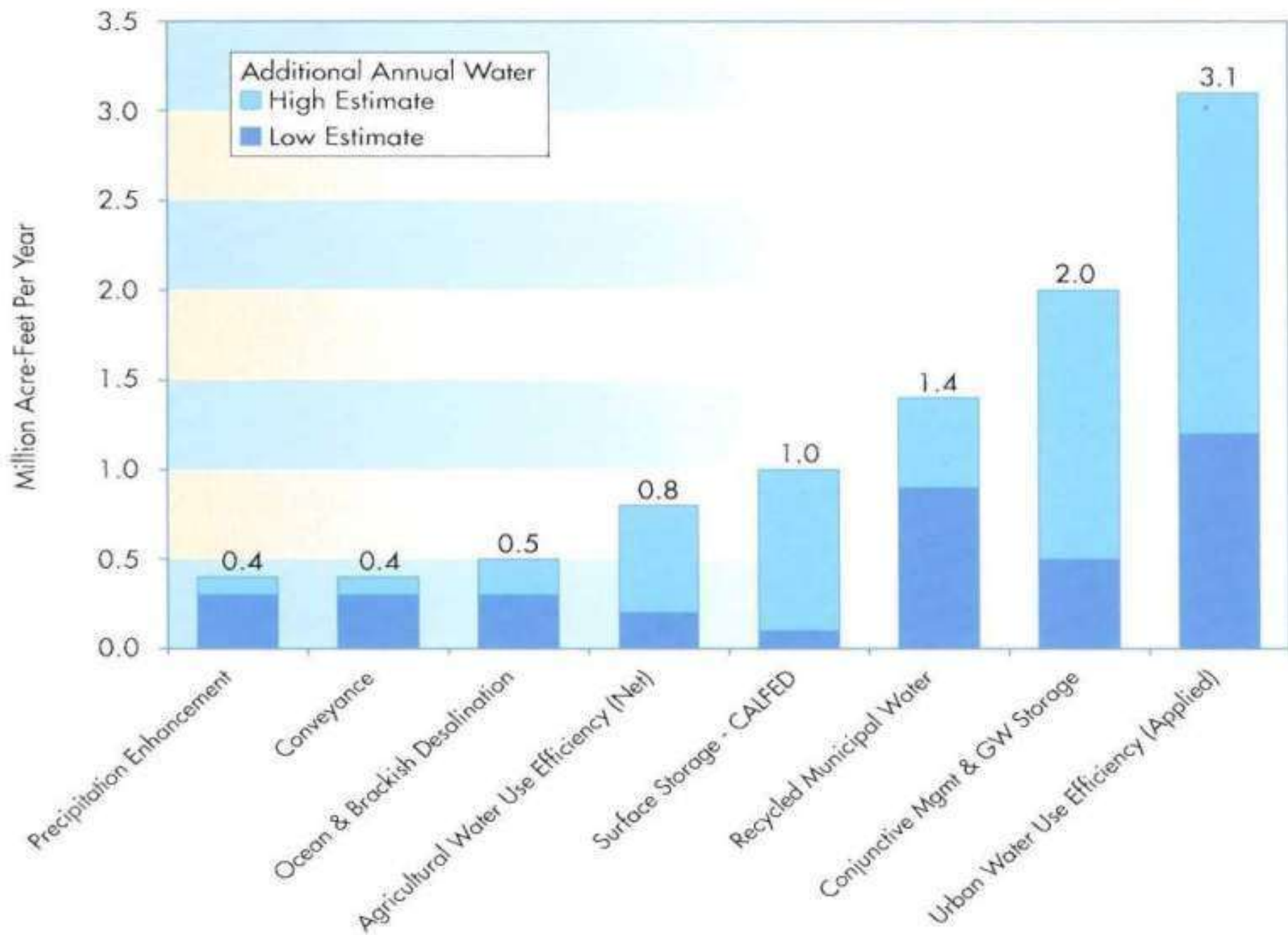
***40 stakeholder organizations; 7 years to agree on the plan, 30 years of implementation***



# Where will we get our water: are we likely to become more sustainable?

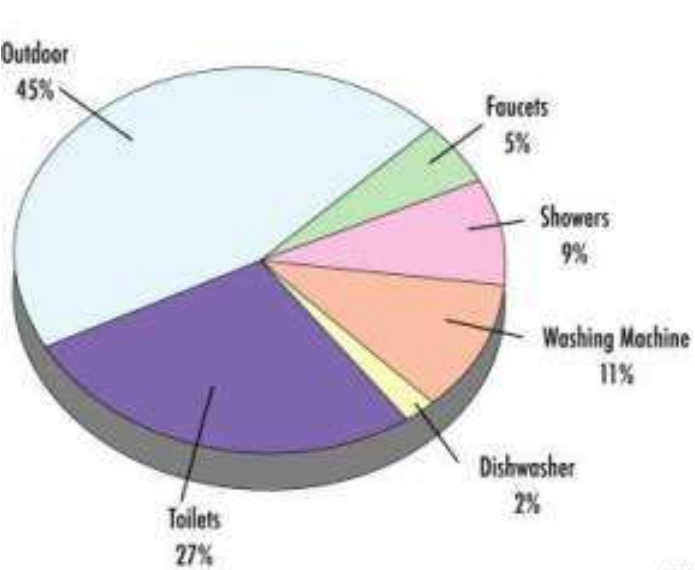


Figure 1-1 Range of additional annual water for eight resource management choices

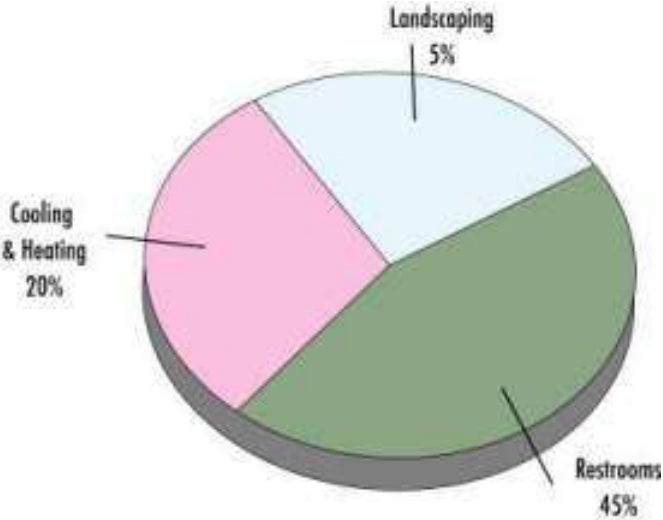




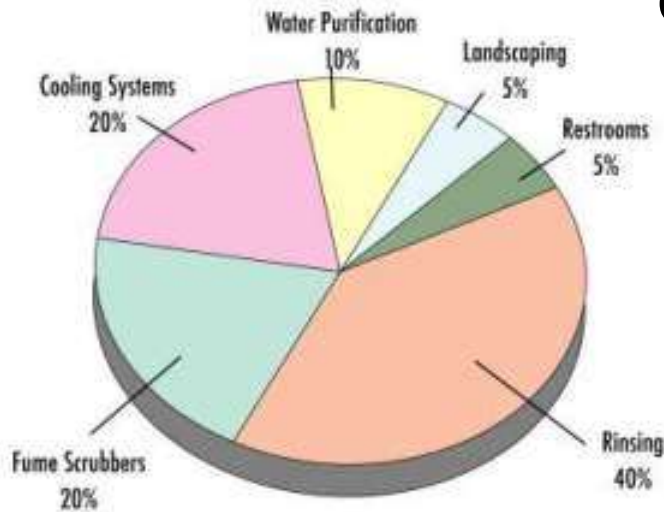
# Water Conservation



**Single-Family Residential**



**Commercial**



**Industrial**

# Urban Water Conservation

- Three recent California studies
- 10-33% conservation over current water use levels
- Costs range from \$220-600/acre foot; less than most alternate new supplies
- Total amount conserved annually: 1.2-2.3 million acre feet
- Projected shortfalls of 2-6 maf/year by 2030
- Governor's "policy" 20X2020
- None of the studies considered climate change effects
- **California Urban Water Conservation Council continues to lead the way**





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Ocotillo



October Daphne



Octopus Agave



Old Gold Pfitzer



Old La Rochette Alum Root Hybrid



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# Best Management Practices

- ❑ Water Audits Program for single-family and multi-family residential customers
- ❑ Residential plumbing retrofit
- ❑ Distribution system water audits, leak detection, repair
- ❑ Metering with commodity rates
- ❑ Large landscape conservation programs/incentives
- ❑ High-efficiency washing machine rebate programs
- ❑ Public information





# Best Management Practices

- ❑ School education programs
- ❑ Commercial/industrial/institutional conservation programs
- ❑ Wholesale agency assistance programs
- ❑ Conservation pricing
- ❑ Conservation coordinator
- ❑ Water waste prohibition
- ❑ Residential ULFT replacement programs

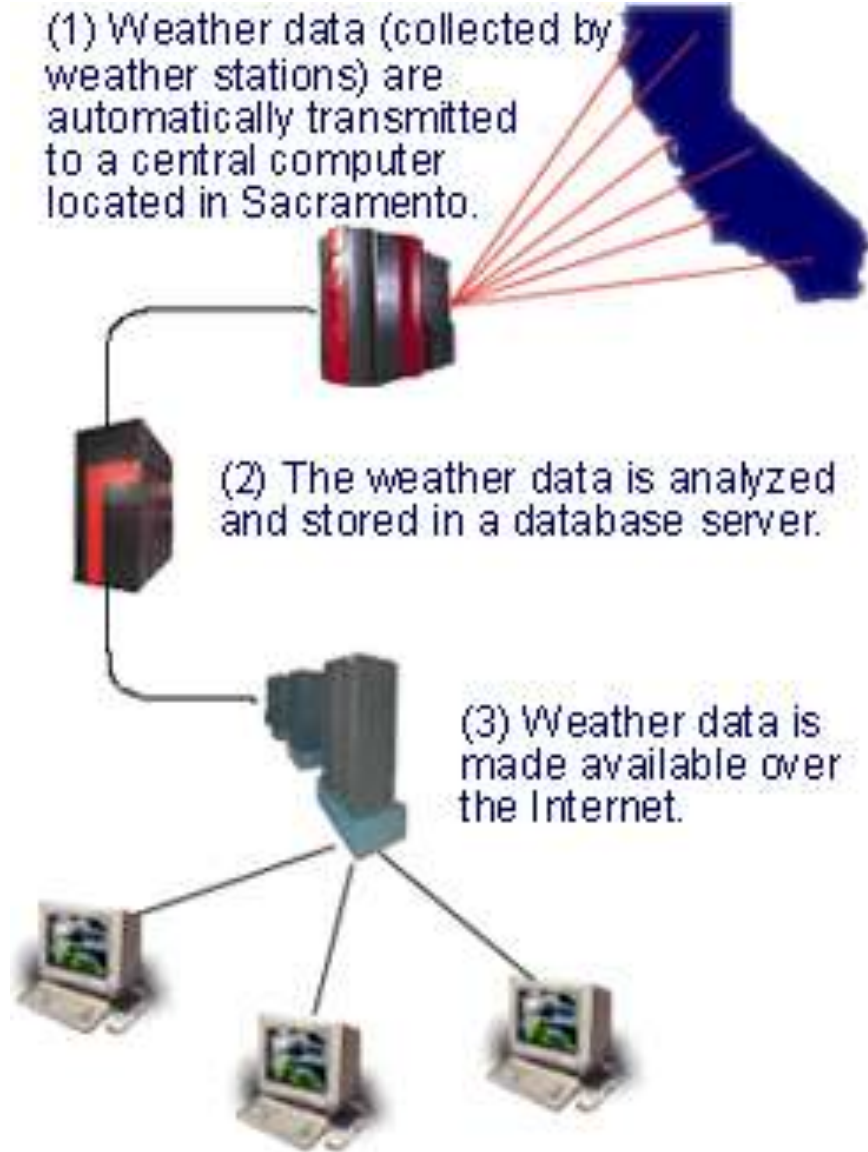


# New Conservation Measures Must Go Above & Beyond

- Artificial turf
- Moisture sensitive irrigation sensors
- Use of CIMIS for urban parks and landscapes
- Water-less urinals and ultra-low flow toilets
- Rain water and gray water capture and use
- Recycled water for private as well as public spaces and indoor uses
- Aggressive conservation pricing; retro-fit on resale; conservation off-set programs
- Aggressive landscape conservation



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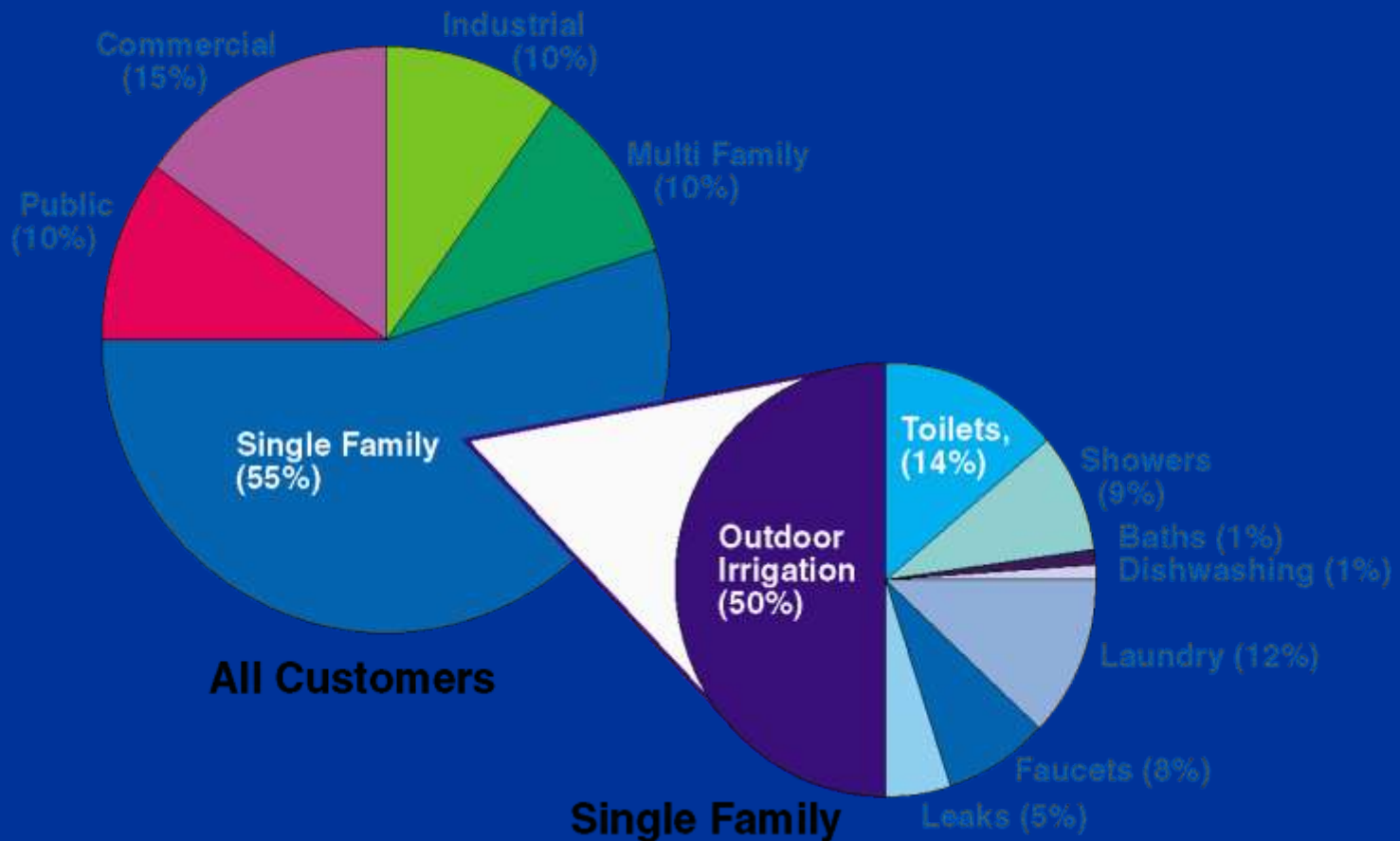
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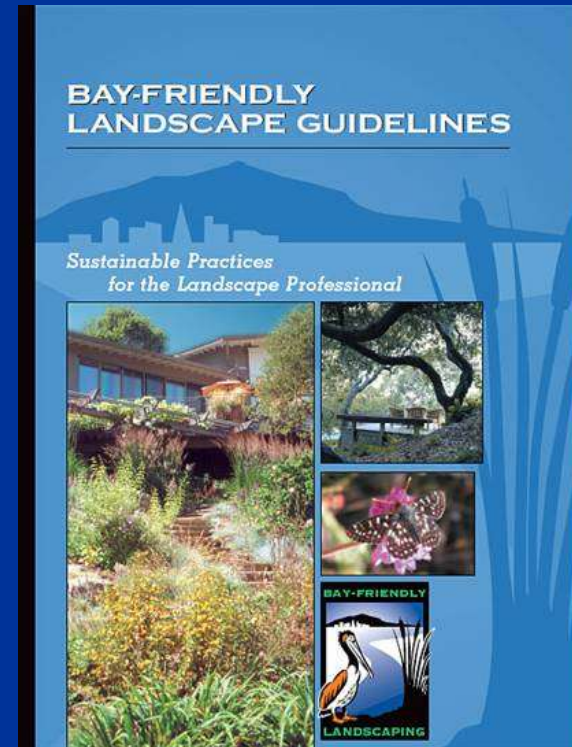
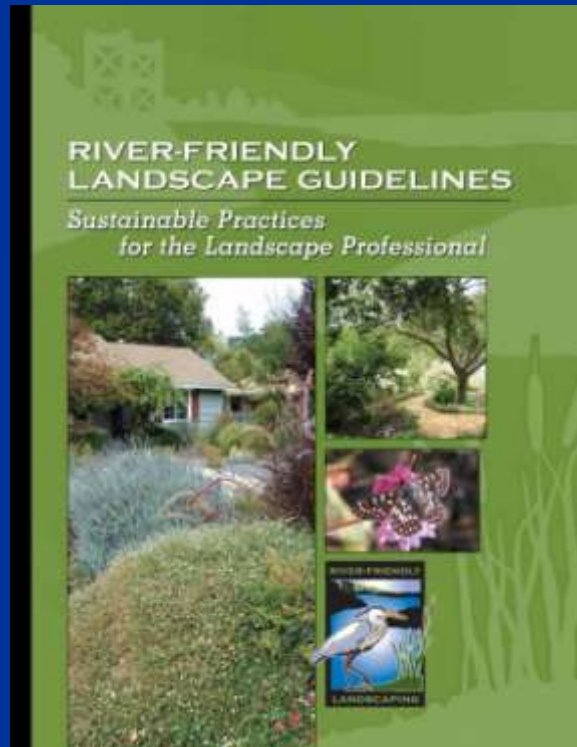
# Landscape Water Conservation: A Very Large Untapped Resource

## 1.4 million acres of urban irrigated landscape in California





# Getting Consistent Adoption of Appropriate Policies and Design Standards





**retired lawn**





**Zero-scape or xeriscape?**























# No Panacea (Maybe Panic, See ya!)

- How well we will implement measures, especially in the face of economic challenges?
- Will energy savings get factored in?
- What happens in a prolonged drought; do we have any more to “squeeze out of the sponge”?
- Will they last over time (e.g. trading out landscaping, poor maintenance, declining budgets)?
- Who monitors and enforces?
- How (and when) we will push agricultural conservation?





# Water Storage and Harvesting



CBF Merrill Environmental Center, Annapolis, MD



- **Cisterns**
  - Collect rainwater from roof and store it for irrigation and other non-potable uses
  - Attenuate peak runoff flows
  - Conserve potable water resources





# UC Davis Mondavi Center Winery and Brewery

Research & teaching winery  
for Viticulture & Enology

Research & teaching brewery, food  
processing and milk processing lab for  
Food Science & Technology



**LEED Platinum Certification**

# Rainwater Harvest System Overview

Rainwater is directed from roofs and surface areas into bioswale

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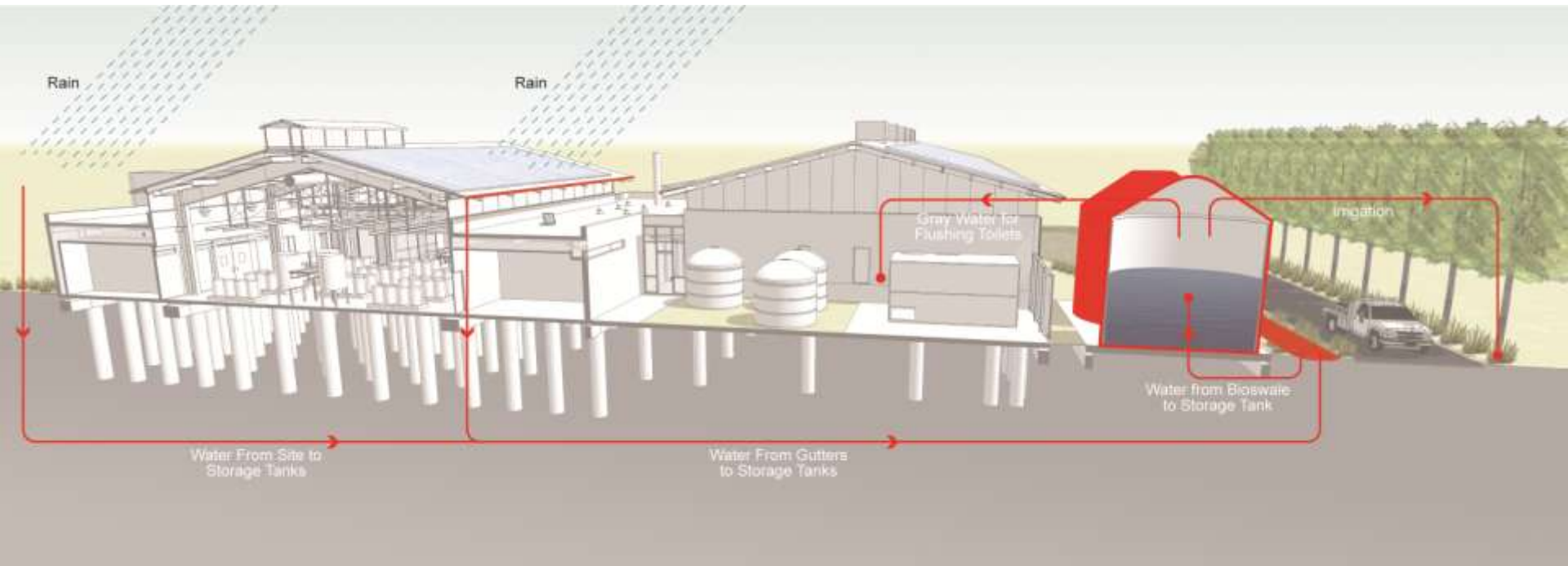
Bioswale filters and pipes the water to the lift station

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Lift station pumps water into first water storage tank



# Sustainable Solutions: LID with Rain Water Harvest



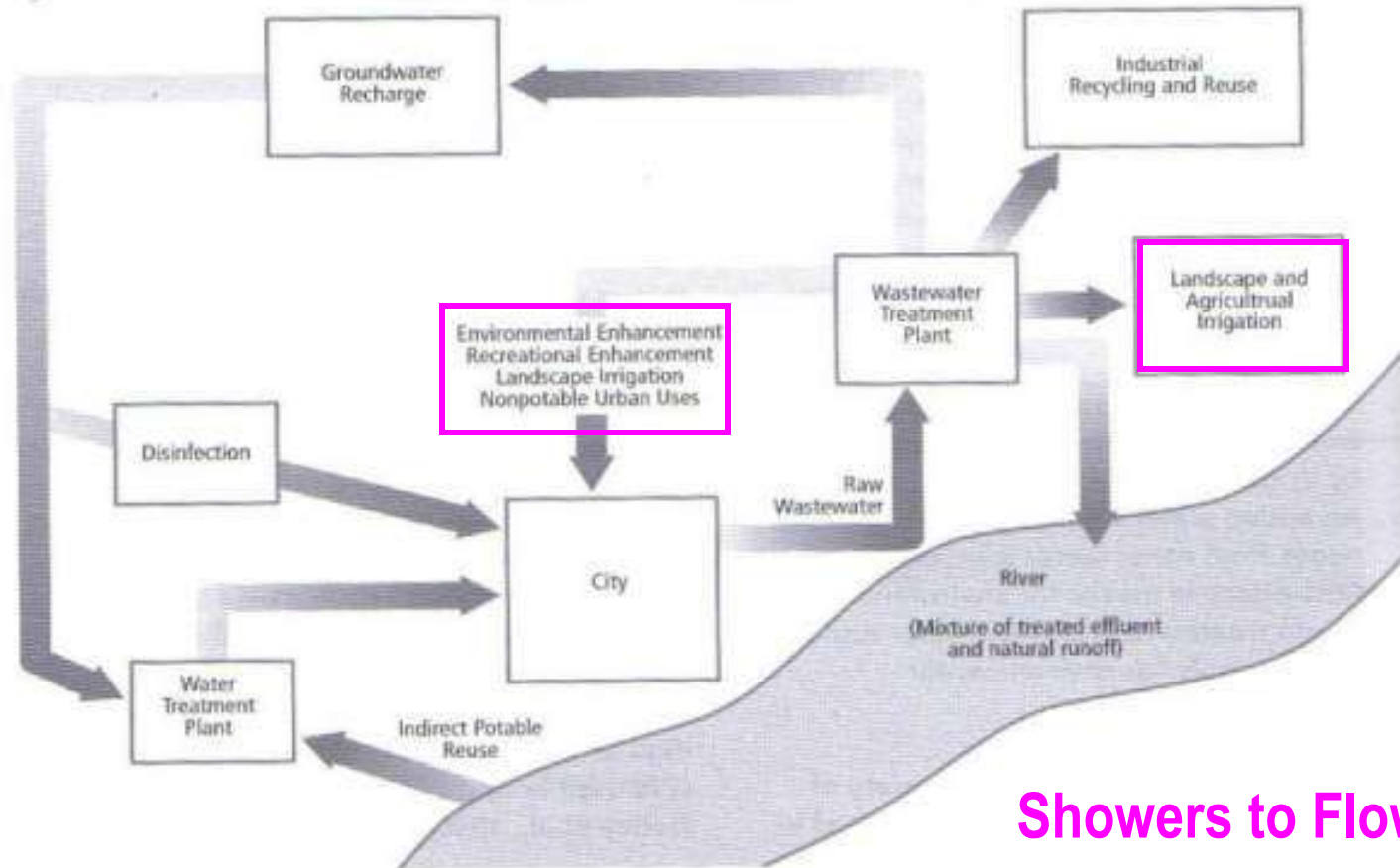
UC Davis Brewery, Winery & Food Pilot Facilities  
Rainwater Harvesting



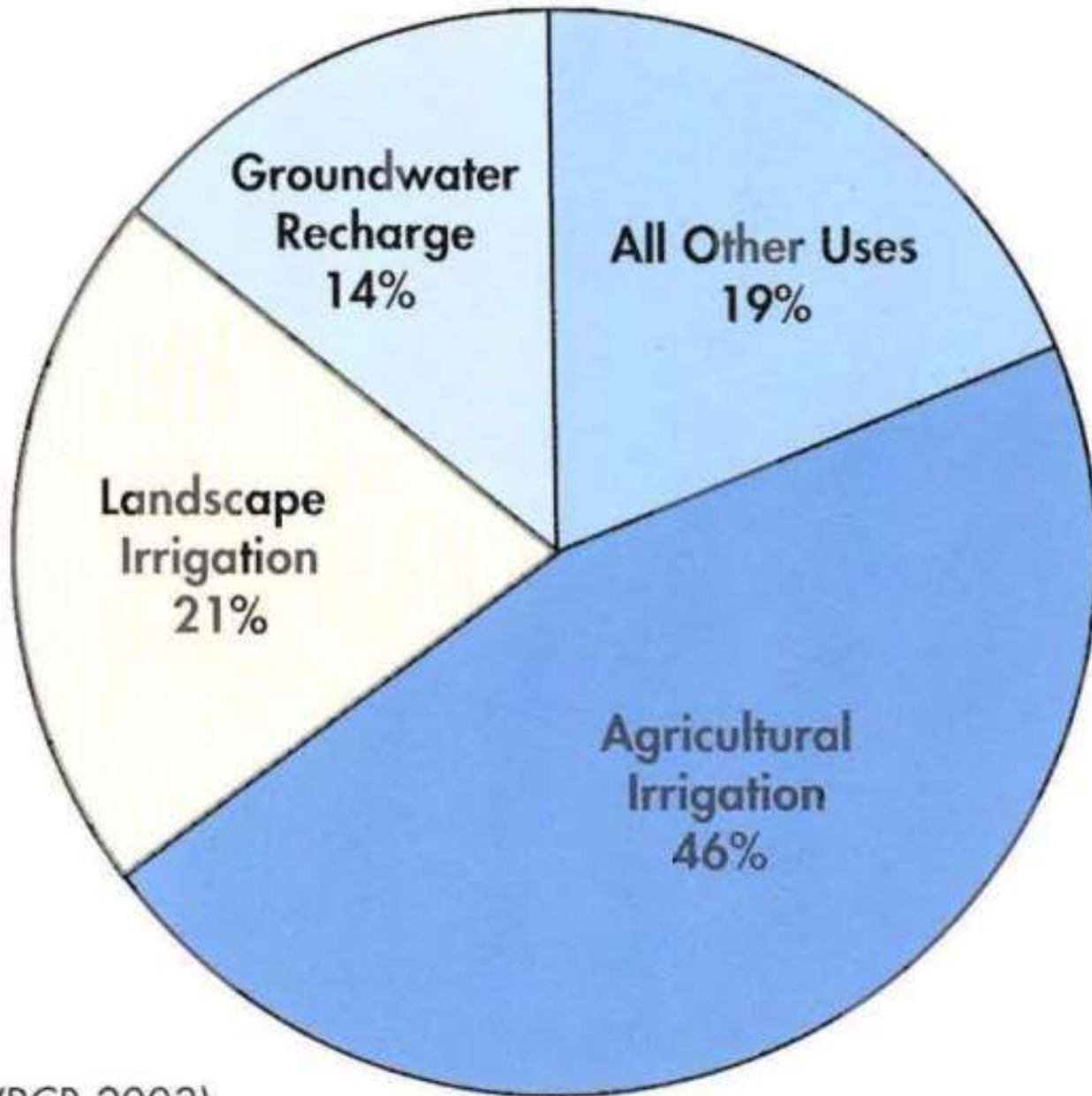
**Rain water harvest, bio-swale treatment, storage and treatment system at UC Davis**



# Direct and Indirect Recycled Water Uses (toilets to tap or showers to flowers?)



**Figure 6-1 Where recycled water is used in California**



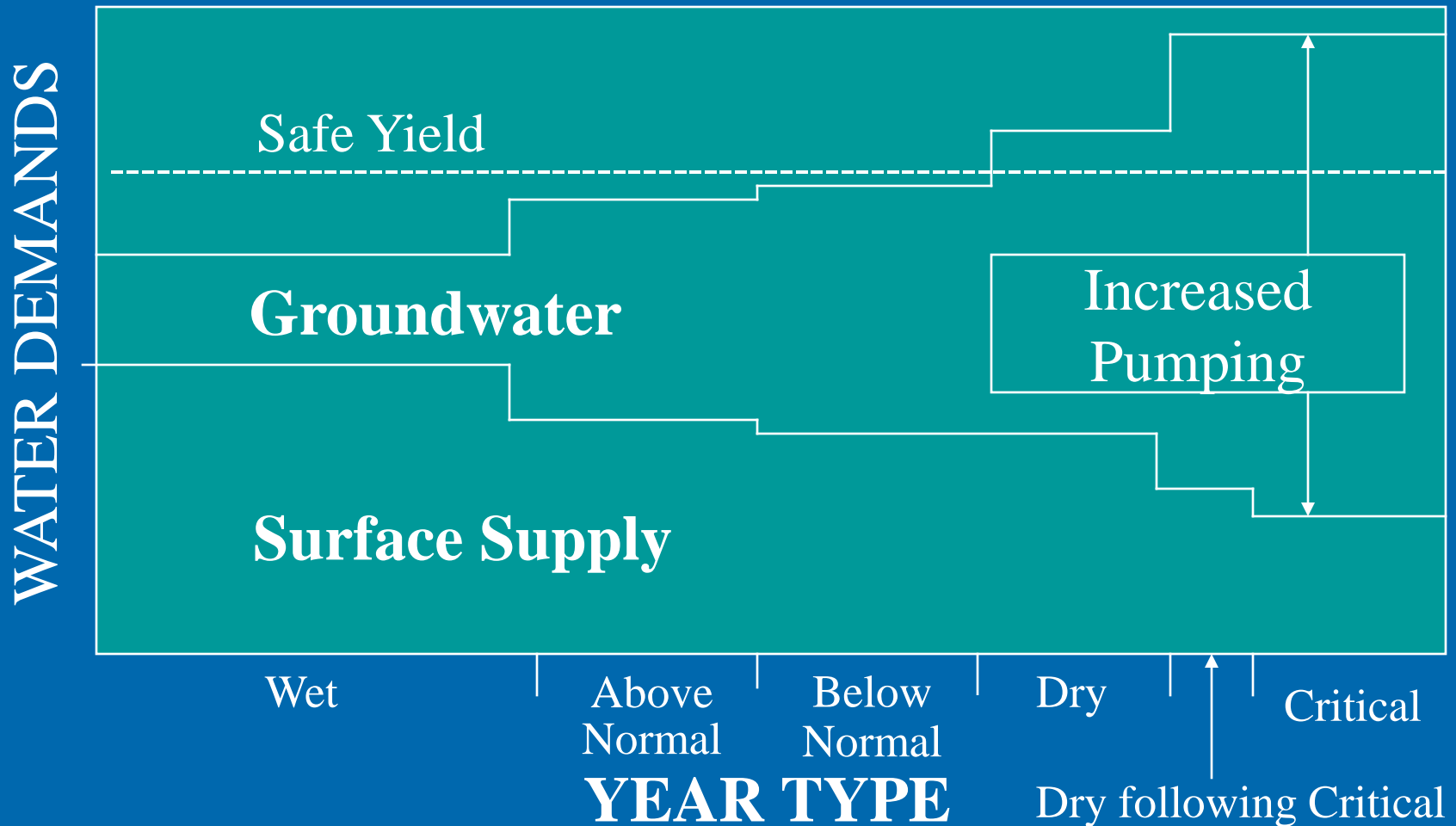
(SWRCB, 2003)



# Serrano Housing Development in California's Foothills



# Conjunctive Use of Surface and Groundwater





# Ground water Recharge & Conjunctive Use



Natural and constructed recharge areas must be protected to maintain groundwater quantity and quality. (DWR photo)

**Table 6-1 Desalting in California for new water supply**

|                  | Plants in Operation |                 | Plants in Design & Construction |                 | Plants Planned or Projected |                 |
|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Feedwater Source | No. of Plants       | Annual Capacity | No. of Plants                   | Annual Capacity | No. of Plants               | Annual Capacity |
| Groundwater      | 16                  | 79,100          | 6                               | 29,500          | 6                           | 61,700          |
| Seawater         | 7                   | 1,500           | 1                               | 300             | 13                          | 415,100         |
| Total            | 23                  | 80,600          | 7                               | 29,800          | 19                          | 476,800         |
| Cumulative       |                     |                 | 30                              | 110,400         | 49                          | 587,200         |



# Desalination Plant in Santa Barbara





Swooswater Authority customers benefit from this desalination facility that treats brackish or saline groundwater. About 24 groundwater desalting plants operate in California and provide water for municipal purposes. The total capacity of these plants is approximately 79,000 acre-feet per year. (DWR photo)



# **Agriculture to Urban Water Transfers**

**How should we assess so-called third party impacts? Do we have adequate tools to do this? What are the long term land use implications of these transfers? What about “conservation” transfers like ImperialValley?**



**Table 23-1 Pending or approved long-term water transfers<sup>1,2</sup>**

| <b>Seller</b>        | <b>Buyer</b>   | <b>Maximum Annual (Acre-feet)</b> | <b>Duration (years) (from/to)</b>                            | <b>Purpose</b>                             |
|----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| Imperial ID          | San Diego County WA  | 200,000                           | 35-75  | Agriculture to Agriculture and Urban (QSA) |
| Imperial ID          | Coachella Valley WD  | 103,000                           | 35-45  | Agriculture to Agriculture (QSA)           |
| Imperial ID          | Coachella Valley WD  | 50,000                            | 46-75  | Agriculture to Agriculture (QSA)           |
| Imperial ID          | Metropolitan WDSC  | 110,000                           | 54 years or<br>60 years + 210 days or<br>90 years + 210 days | Agriculture to Urban (QSA)                 |
| Imperial ID          | QSA Joint Powers Authority (through San Diego County WA) for Salton Sea Mitigation Program | 150,000                           | maximum of 15  | Agriculture to Environment (QSA)           |
| Butte WD             | Madera ID and Root Creek WD  | 15,000                            | 25   | Agriculture to Urban                       |
| Merced ID            | U.S. Fish and Wildlife   | 47,000                            | 10   | Agriculture to Environment                 |
| Palo Verde ID        | Metropolitan WDSC  | 111,000                           | 35   | Agriculture to Urban                       |
| South San Joaquin ID | Cities of Tracy, Escalon, Manteca, and Lathrop   | 75,000                            | 25   | Agriculture to Urban                       |

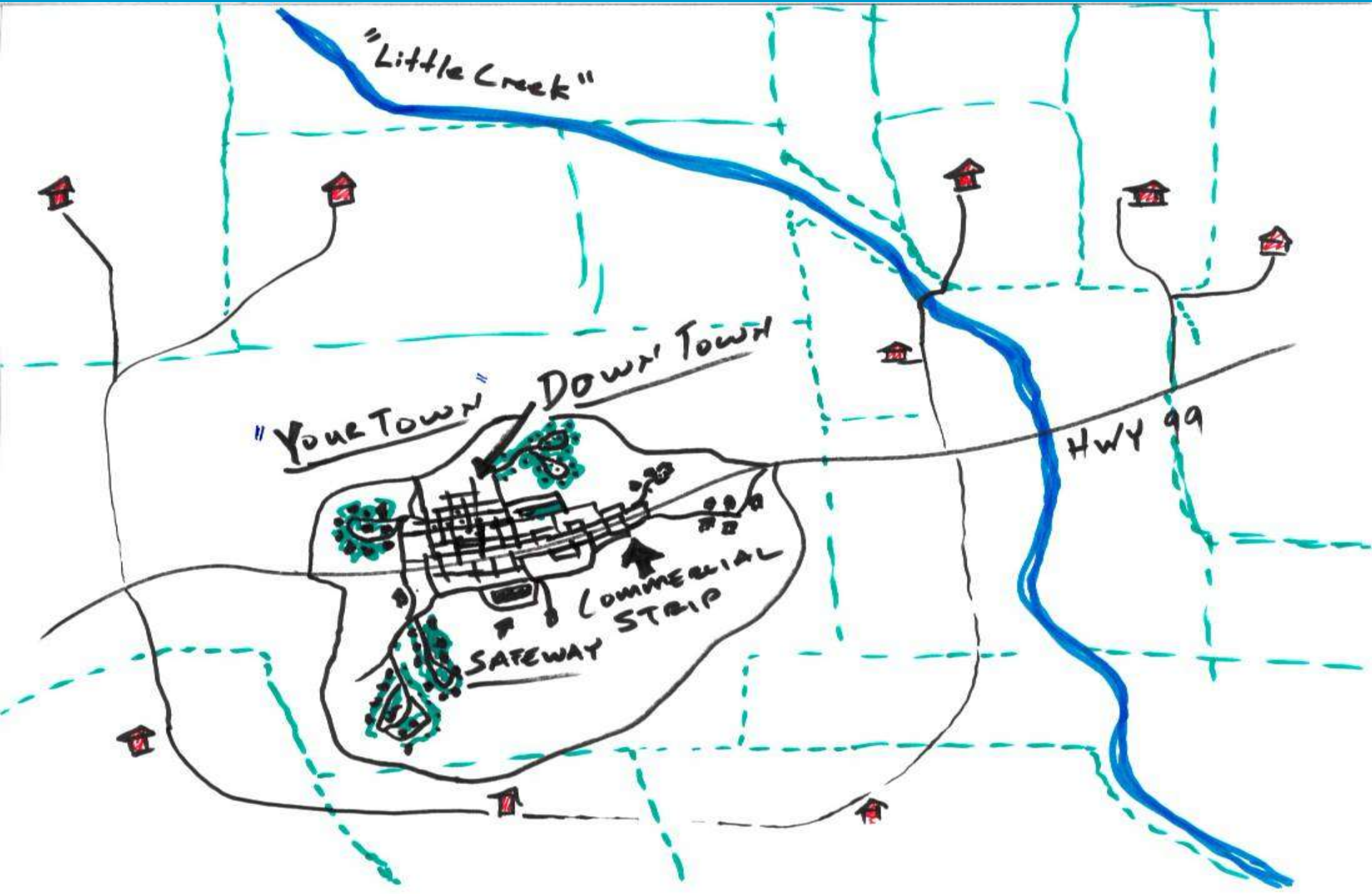


**Non-  
traditional  
off stream,  
off peak  
surface  
water  
reservoirs**



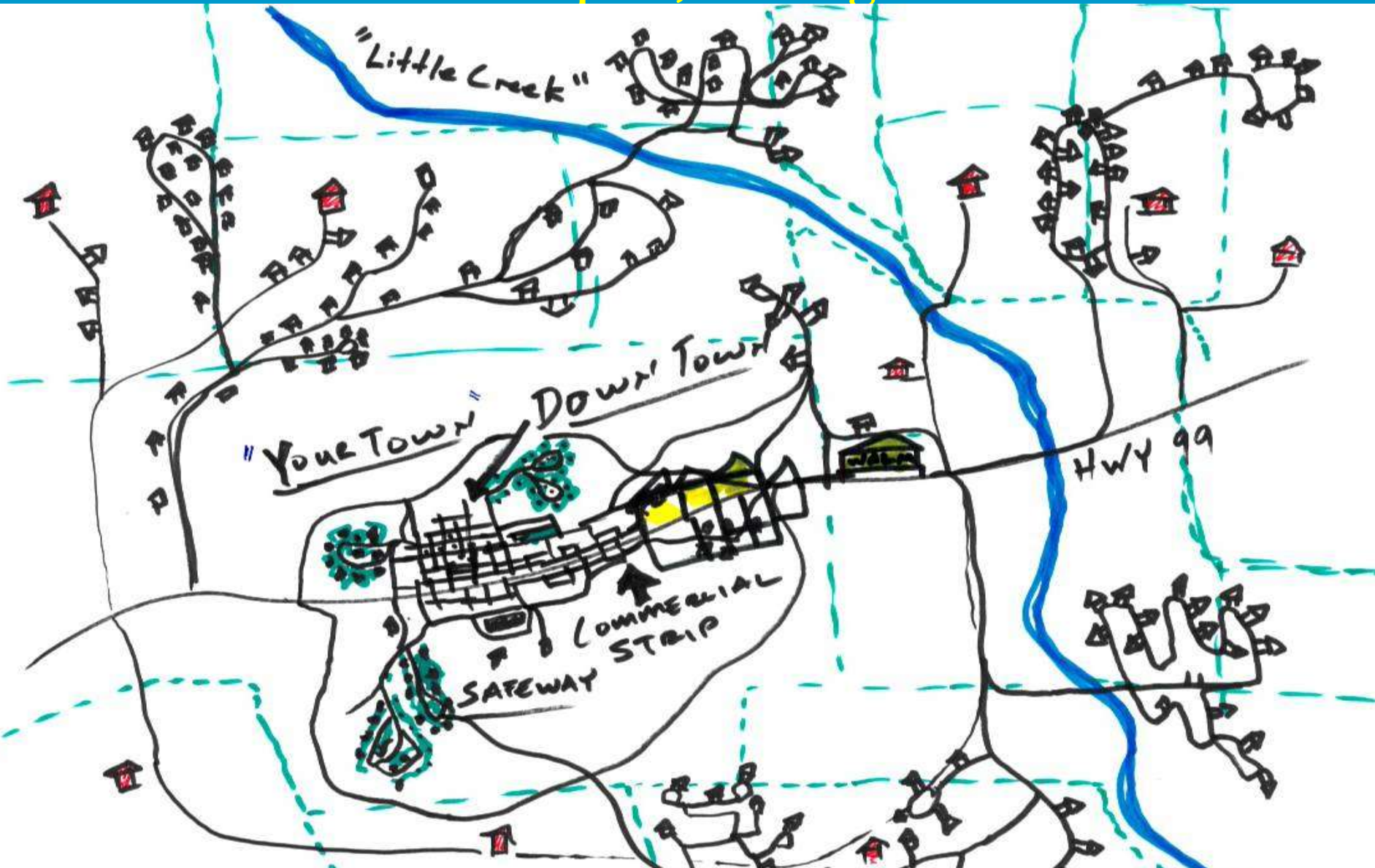
Surface storage plays an important role in California where the pattern and timing of water use does not always match the natural runoff pattern. Contra Costa Water District pumps high quality water into its Los Vaqueros Reservoir and uses it to lower salt content of water it pumps from the Delta. (DWR photo)

# Where we Build and How we Build has a lot to do with Water Quantity and Quality





Water demand, cost of infrastructure and service, water quality, economies of scale for wastewater and water, creek and wetland impact, drainage and runoff



# Compact Development Patterns are more water efficient





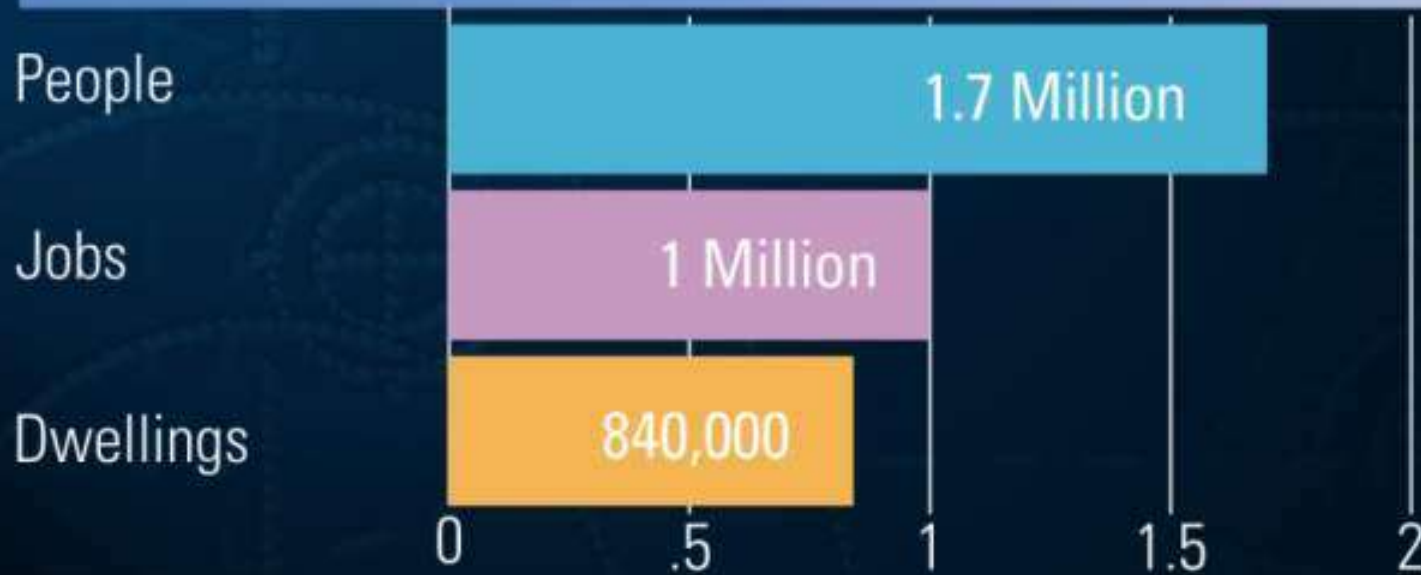
# SACOG region



Its members include the counties of El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba as well as their constituent municipal governments.

# How to Best Manage Growth?

## AMOUNT OF GROWTH Through 2050





# Seven principles of smart growth

Transportation  
Choices



Compact  
Development



Mixed  
Land Uses



Housing  
Choices



Use Existing  
Assets



Conserve  
Natural Resources



Quality  
Design



# Stakeholder Based Planning Process

5,000 citizens' input in over 50 workshops

Regional committee of city and county planners

Analyzed multiple scenarios





# Water Demand Analysis: SACOG Blueprint

| <b>Region</b>      |                                 | <b>Base Case</b><br>(acre-feet/year) | <b>Preferred Scenario</b><br>(acre-feet/year) | <b>% Difference</b> |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| <b>Residential</b> | <b>Incremental Demand</b>       | <b>661,125</b>                       | <b>408,362</b>                                | <b>-38%</b>         |
|                    | <b>Demand Per Unit</b>          | <b>0.86</b>                          | <b>0.50</b>                                   | <b>-42%</b>         |
| <b>Employment</b>  | <b>Incremental Demand</b>       | <b>199,817</b>                       | <b>181,611</b>                                | <b>-9%</b>          |
|                    | <b>Demand Per Employee</b>      | <b>0.22</b>                          | <b>0.18</b>                                   | <b>-20%</b>         |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>Total Incremental Demand</b> | <b>860,942</b>                       | <b>589,973</b>                                | <b>-31%</b>         |

# Water Quality Solutions





# New River Improvement Project Strategic Plan

## Vision

The New River is a healthy river corridor that serves as an asset to the people, communities, ecosystems and agricultural industry of the Imperial Valley.

## Goals

### Public Health:

A restored and transformed New River corridor provides a safe, healthy and accessible recreational resource for local communities.

### Ecology:

Improved water quality, habitat and river corridor conditions in the New River support a healthy aquatic and riparian ecosystem and supplies water that contributes to the restoration of the Salton Sea and its delta.

### Economy:

The New River is an aesthetic and environmental amenity that enhances community development opportunities and benefits agricultural activities throughout the Imperial Valley.



# Examples of Remediation





# Imperial Pilot Wetlands





IMPERIAL  
COUNTY  
FARM  
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# TMDL

Total Maximum Daily Load

Voluntary Compliance Program

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Farm Water  
Quality  
Management

Plan Update Deadline:  
September 1, 2007

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Best Management Practices BMP

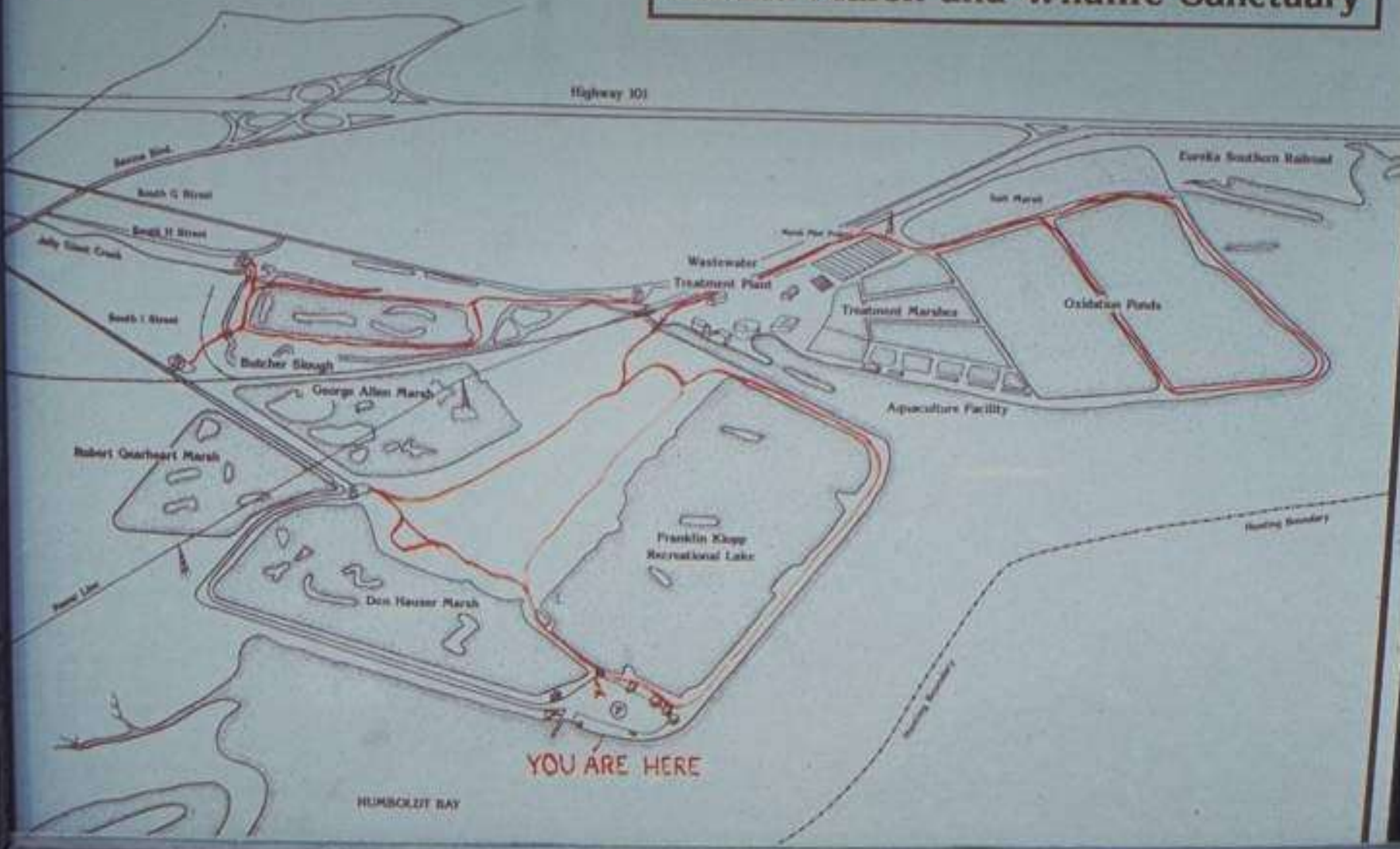
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| <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | Erosion wings on drain box  |
| <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | Cascade Irrigation-drainwater used to irrigate adjacent field   |
| <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | Wider drain box (42 inches)   |
| <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | Multiple Drainboxes   |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>            | Land leveling including field at proper grade near the drain box  |
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| <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | Tailwater ditch checks or check dams  |
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| <input type="radio"/>            | <input type="radio"/> | <input checked="" type="radio"/> | Filter Strips   |
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**Innovative and effective BMP's were developed by the farmers**





# Arcata Marsh and Wildlife Sanctuary



Highway 101

Arcata Southern Railroad

Butcher Slough

South G Street

South H Street

South J Street

South I Street

Butcher Slough

George Allen Marsh

Robert Oatheart Marsh

Don Heuser Marsh

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Treatment Marshes

Oxidation Ponds

Aquaculture Facility

Franklin Klapp Recreational Lake

Hunting Boundary

YOU ARE HERE

HUMBOLDT BAY







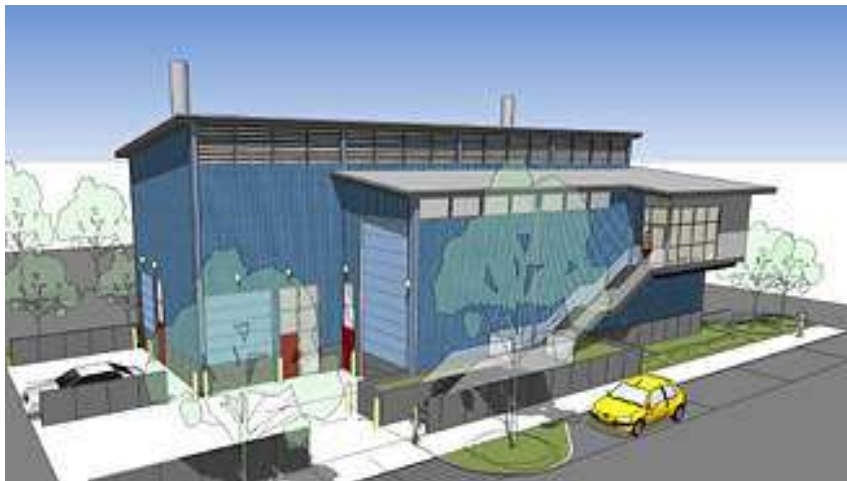
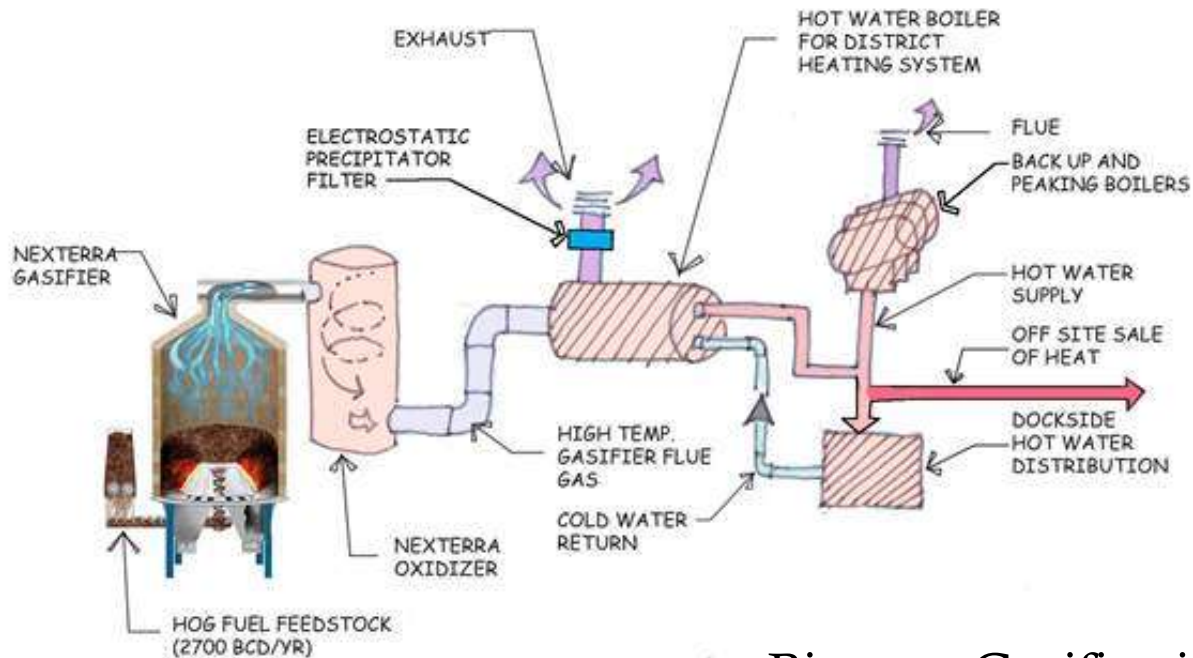
# Dockside Green

The 1<sup>st</sup> Carbon Neutral Community in  
North America





# Biomass Heat and Energy



- Biomass Gasification System to produce heat and energy.
- No smoke is produced in the process – just green energy and clean, odorless flue gases.
- Provides heat and energy for 26 buildings and 2,500 people.
- Excess biomass heat will be sold to off-site customers.

# Sewage Treatment Facility



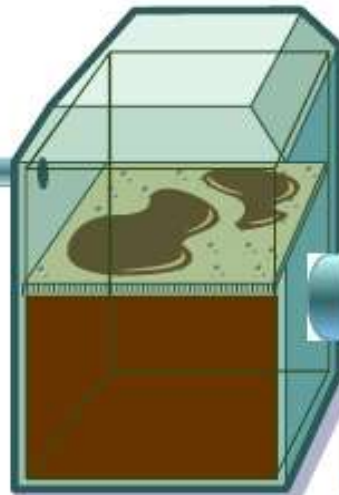


# 100% Sewage Treated On-site



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Treated water can be reused for landscape irrigation, constructed waterways, toilet flush water and for laundry facilities.



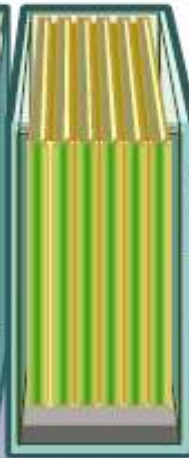
Collection Tank



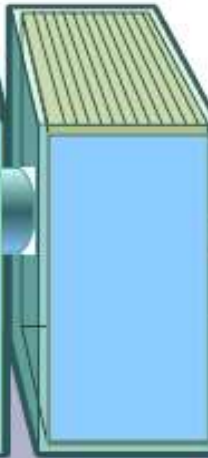
Anoxic Chamber



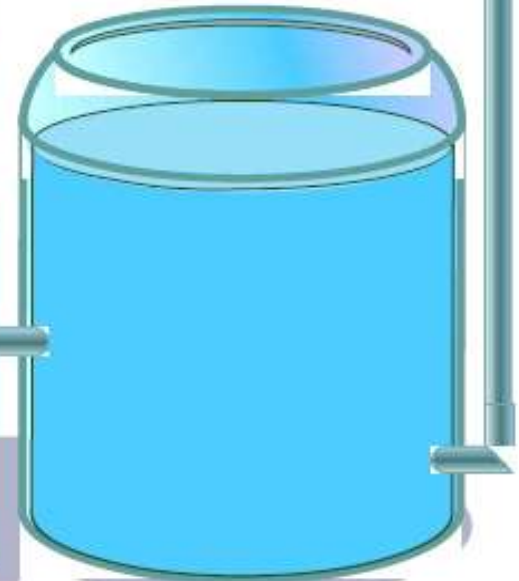
Aerobic Chamber



Membrane Filtration



UV or Ozone



Storage Tank



# Conventional Storm Drainage

- Collect storm water in curbs, gutters, and drainage pipes, channels and conduits as fast as possible
- Transport storm water through smooth conduits as fast as possible to streams, rivers, lakes or other receiving discharge points







# Low Impact Development

Tries to make  
this...



...function like  
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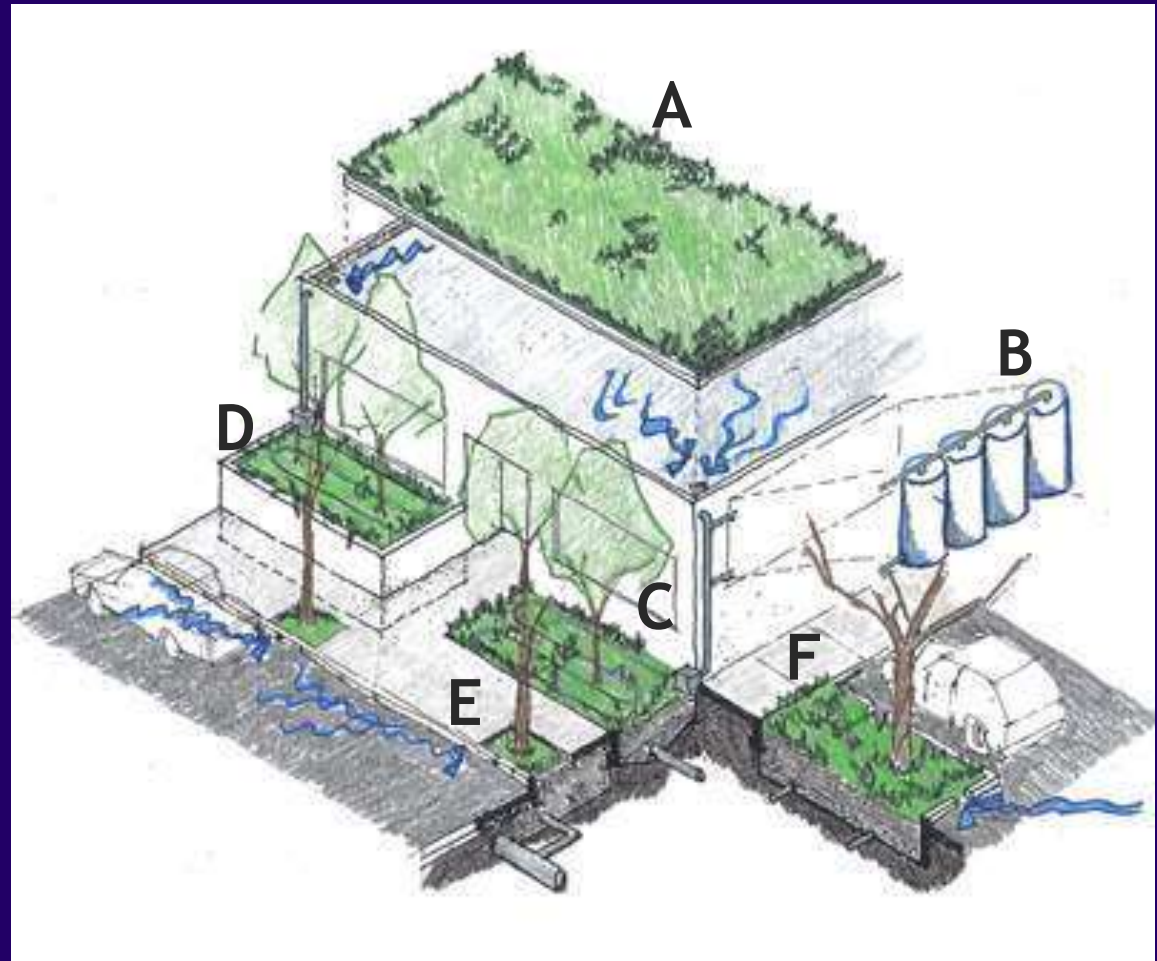




# Low Impact Development Using a Tool Box Approach

## Combined Solutions:

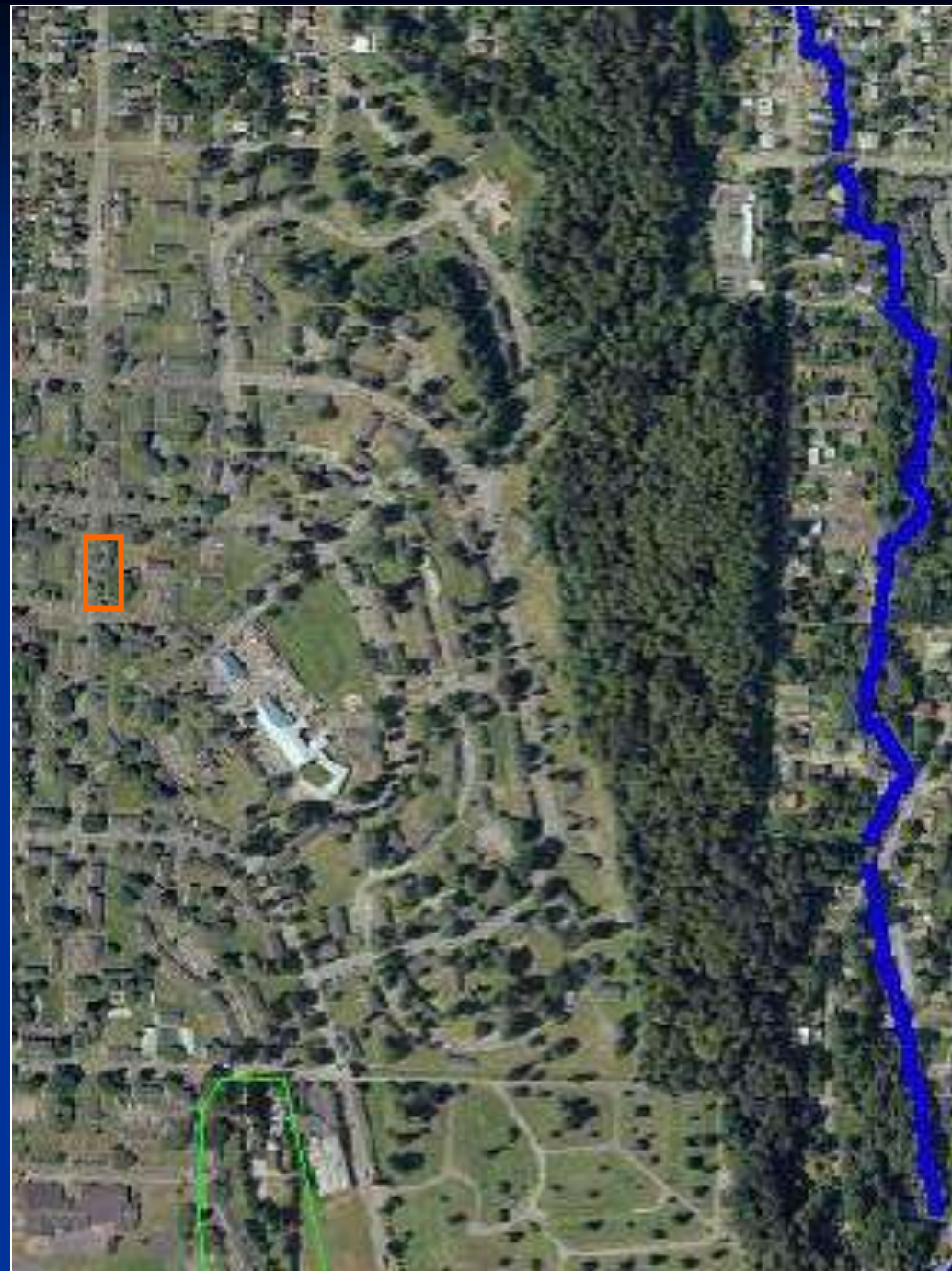
- Protected stream segment +
- Green Roof +
- Rainwater garden +
- Bio-retention tree well +
- Infiltration basin...



# Longfellow Creek Watershed

## *High Point Redevelopment*

- **130-acre site**
- **new right-of-way**
- **1,600 units**
- **65% impervious area**
- **9% of watershed**





It's the  
**HIGH  
POINT**



**WEST SEATTLE**



# High Point Neighborhood



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## HOW HIGH POINT DRAINAGE WORKS TO RECHARGE OUR GROUNDWATER AND PROTECT THE CREEK

**HOUSES** use different strategies to collect, infiltrate, and cleanse rainwater.

- splashblocks
- rocks
- furrows or channels
- stormwater pop-ups
- planted depressions (raingardens)
- yard drains

**STREETS** slope to one side and curbs direct rainwater into planted and grass swales.

**SWALES** collect, absorb, and filter rainwater from streets and houses into the ground before going into the city storm drain.

**CONVEYANCE FURROWS** direct water away from the house via a path of gravel and crushed rock.

**stormwater pop-ups** release water into the yard

**slotted pipes** enable water to seep into the ground while moving away from the house and into the rain garden

stormwater flows across sidewalks toward swales.

**swales** are designed with crossing points.

32nd Street north of Raymond Street is porous concrete to allow water to pass through into the ground before it goes to the swale.

**city storm drain** to carry bigger rainstorms to the large pond which slowly releases cleaner stormwater to Longfellow Creek.

porous concrete **sidewalks** allow water to pass through into the ground.

filter soil mix

slotted pipe (underdrain)

**rocky soil** holds water until it seeps into the pipe.

**yard drains** direct rainwater to swales or a pipe.

**splash blocks** slow and direct water away from the house and should be kept clean of leaves.



DESIGN COMPANY









## **POROUS STREET & SIDEWALKS**



**Water seeps through  
and goes into the  
adjacent ground and  
drainage swale.**



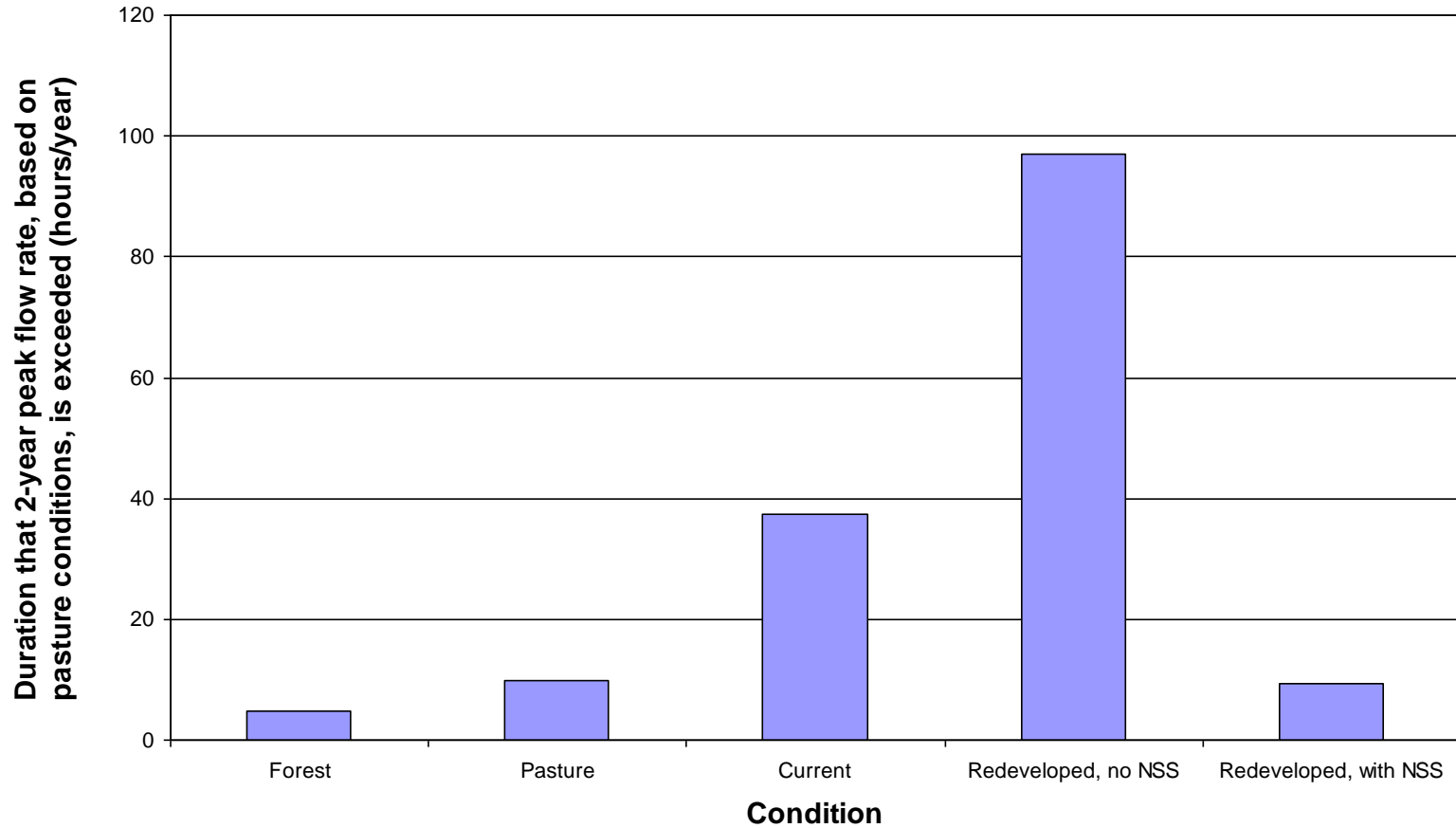






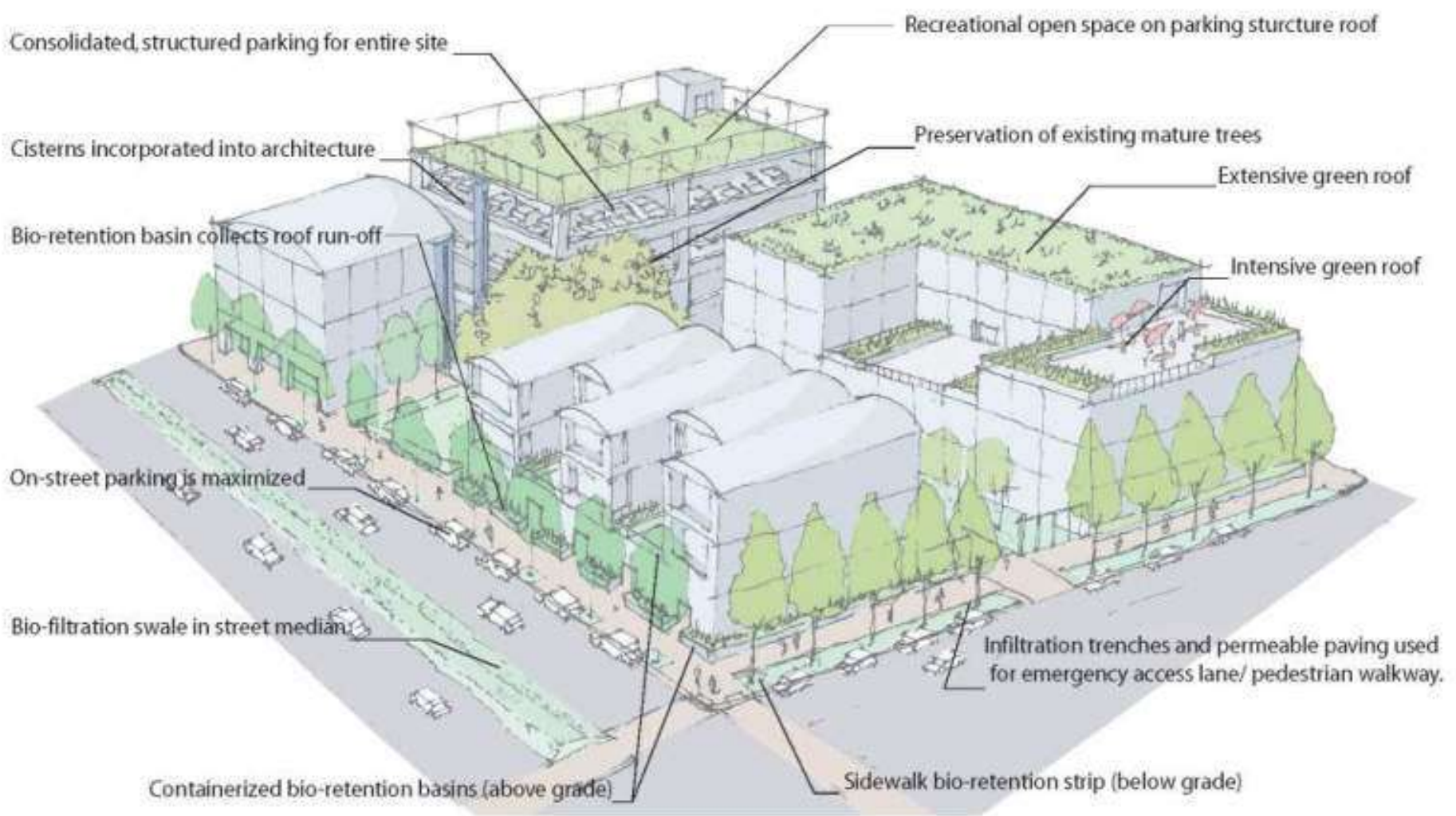


# Case Study: High Point Redevelopment, Seattle, WA



# Stormwater Quality Solutions for the City of Emeryville

December 2005









# Portland's Green Street Demonstration Projects:



NE Siskiyou Green Street



SW 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Green Street



Glencoe Elementary Raingarden  
Drawn by: Kevin Perry



Others...



MAINE TRANSIT DISTRICT  
Springfield Station









# Water Quality Results:

estimates of percent reduction in mass loading

| <u>Pollutant</u> | <u>Removal</u> |
|------------------|----------------|
| TSS              | 84 (72-92)     |
| TN               | 63 (53-74)     |
| TP               | 63 (49-74)     |
| Copper           | 83 (77-88)     |
| Zinc             | 76 (46-85)     |
| Lead             | 90 (84-94)     |
| Motor oil        | 92 (86-97)     |









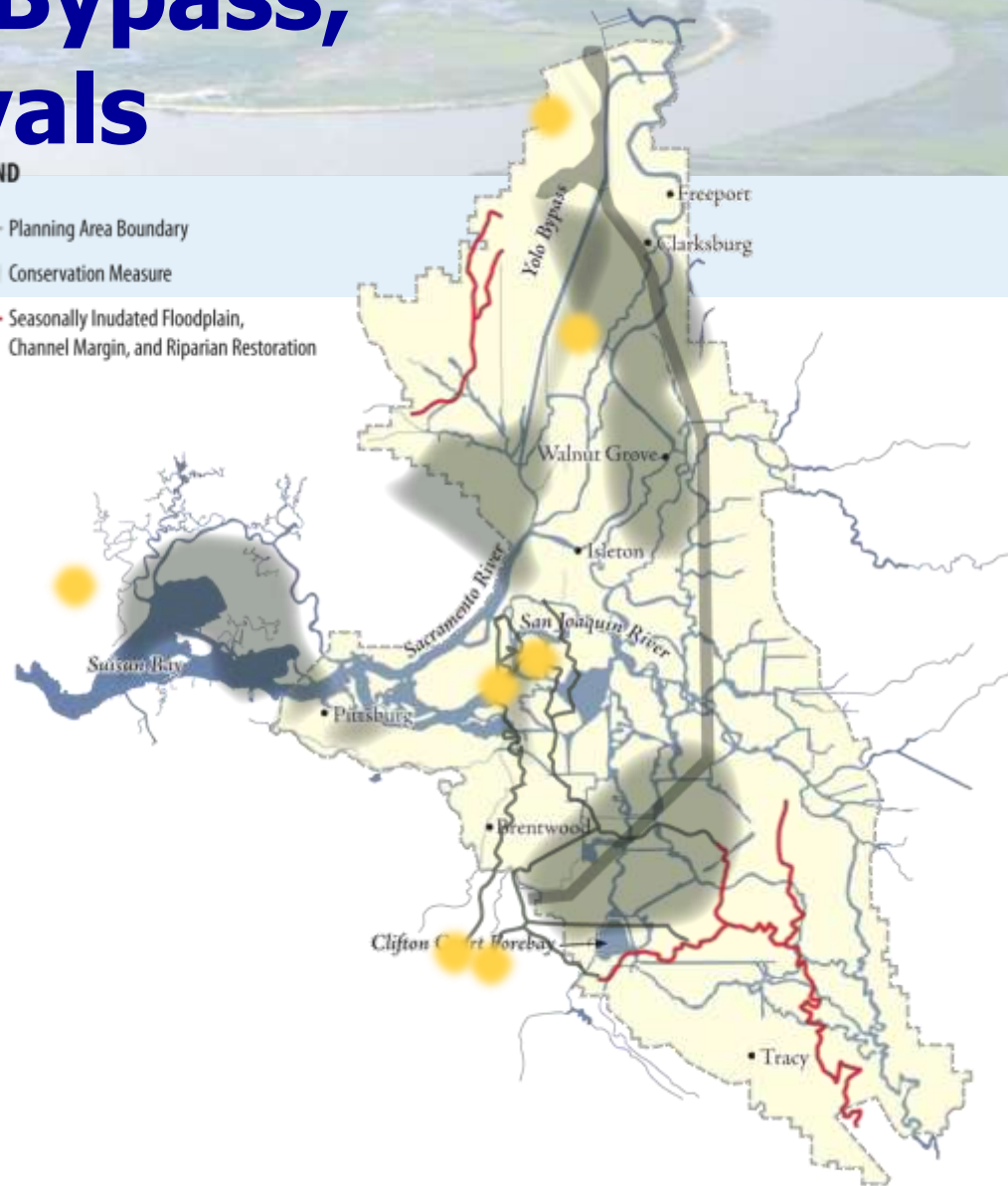




# Large Scale Restoration: Bay Delta, Yolo Bypass, Dam Removals

## LEGEND

- Planning Area Boundary
- Conservation Measure
- Seasonally Inundated Floodplain, Channel Margin, and Riparian Restoration



## ► Conveyance and Flow

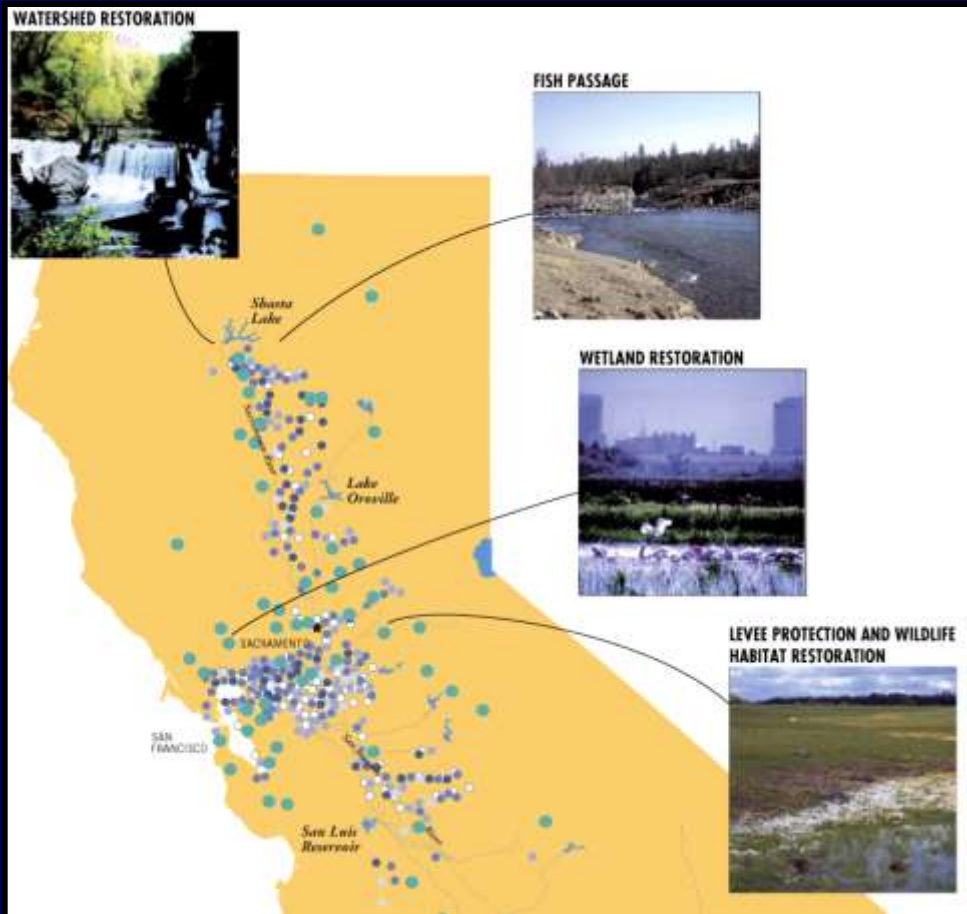
- Amount of diversions
- Cross channel operations
- Old & Middle River flows
- Pump operations
- Delta outflows

## ► Habitat restoration

- Yolo Bypass operations
- South Delta floodplain
- Suisun Marsh



# Ecosystem Restoration Accomplishments



- Over 400 ecosystem projects funded for over \$500 million
- 39,000 ha (97,000 acres) of habitat protected or restored
- 75 new or improved fish screens
- 23 comprehensive scientific studies



**Enhancing stream flows: Tuolumne  
River water purchases**





**Restoring ecological  
processes: channel  
restoration on the Merced  
River**





**Recovering at-risk species through fish screens and flow enhancement: Spring-run Chinook salmon in Butte Creek**



# Community-scale and site-scale-wide projects and programs that work together



WET PONDS



LINEAR INFILTRATION BASINS



LOCAL STREETS



STREAM CROSSING



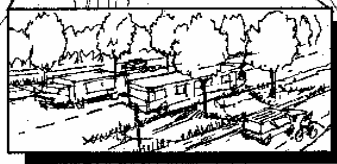
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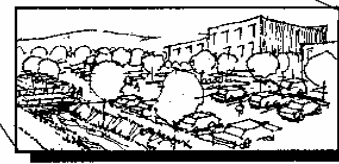
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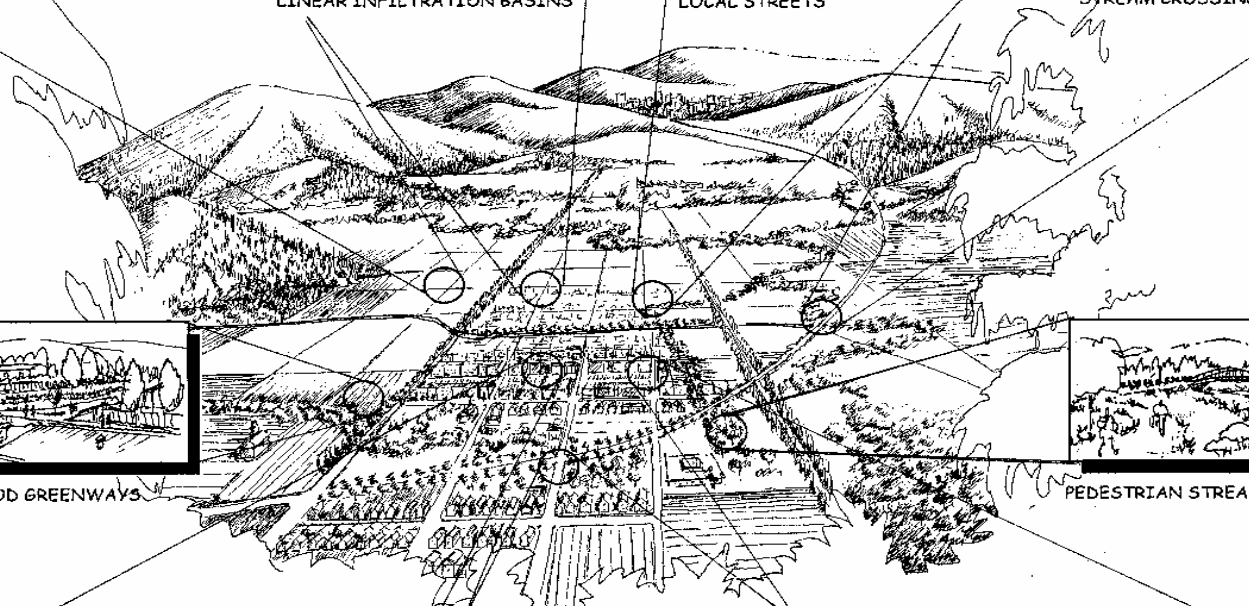
COMMUNITY BOULEVARDS



DOUBLE-MEDIAN BOULEVARDS



PARKING LOTS



## STRAWBERRY CREEK PARK





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## STRAWBERRY CREEK PARK





# Freiburg, Germany









































Bitte nicht be-  
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Chinese ideogram  
for “crisis,” which  
is comprised of the  
characters for “danger”  
and “opportunity.”