

Scott Valley Integrated Hydrologic Model (SVIHM)

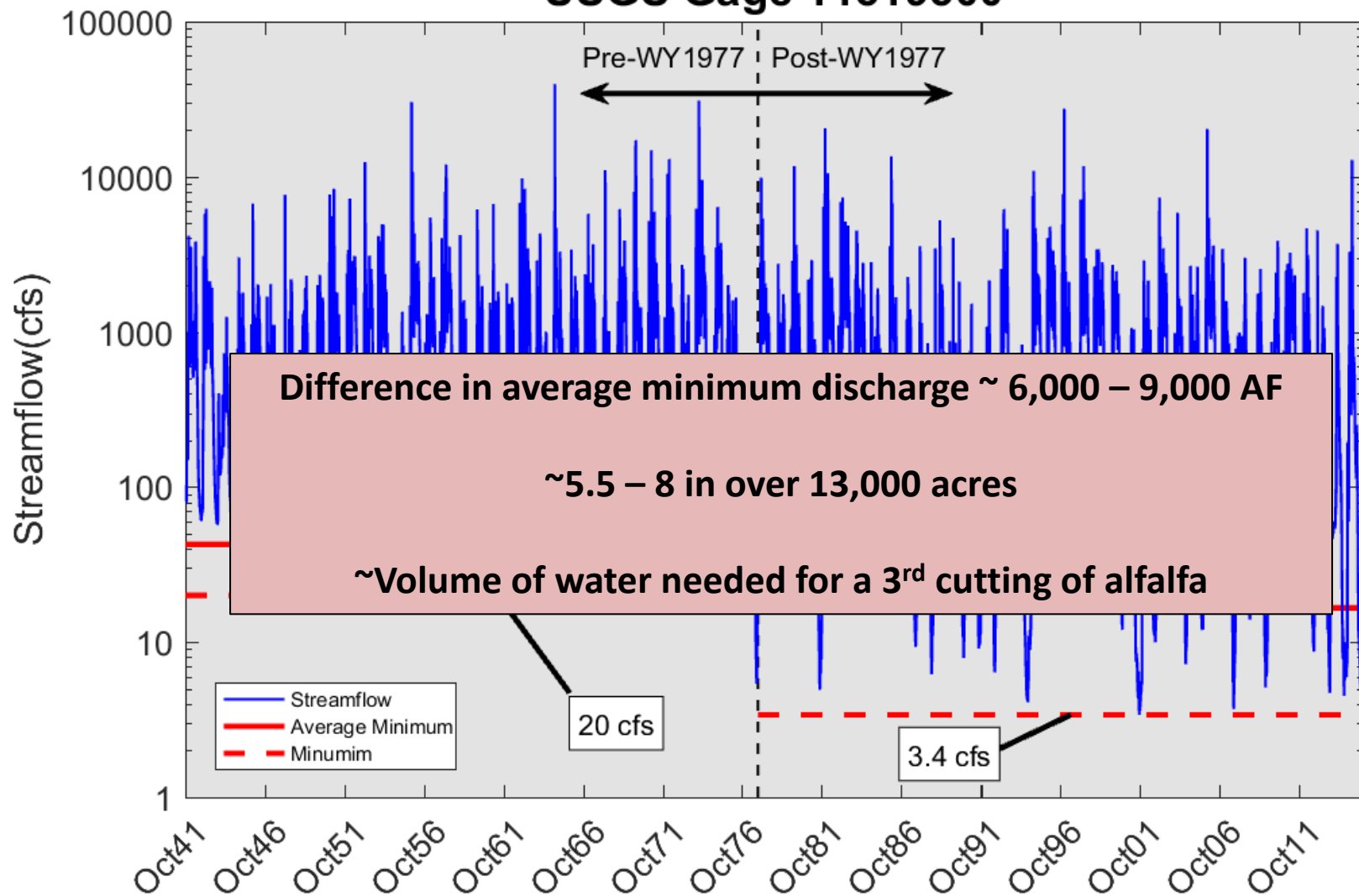
The Basics

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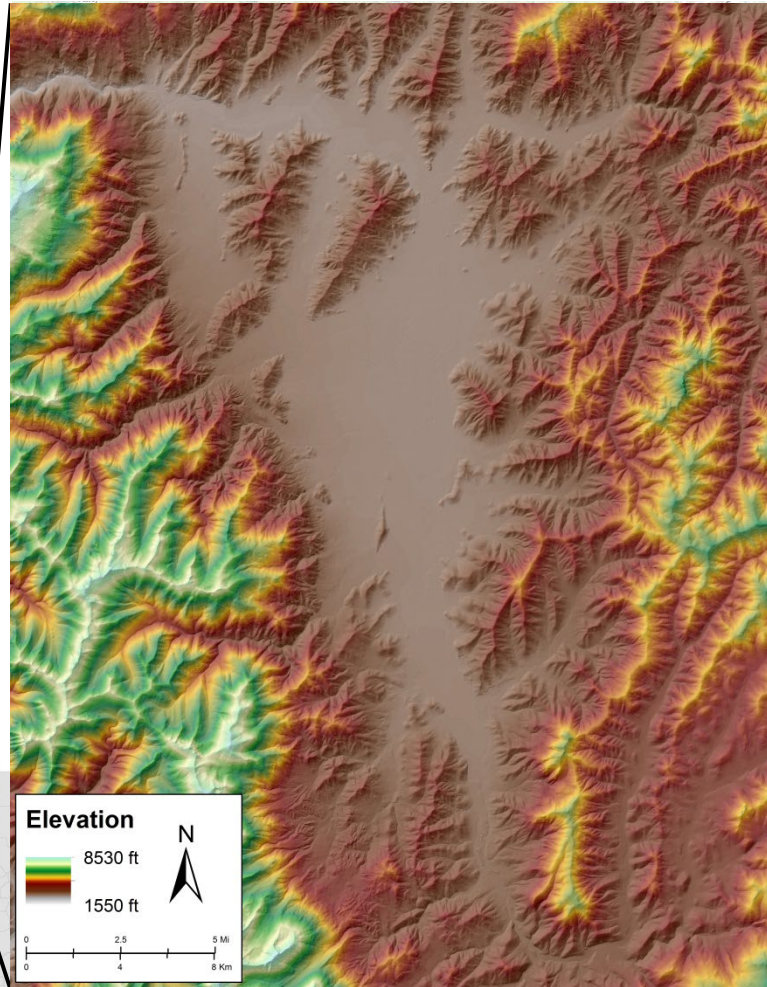
Scott River Streamflow USGS Gage 11519500



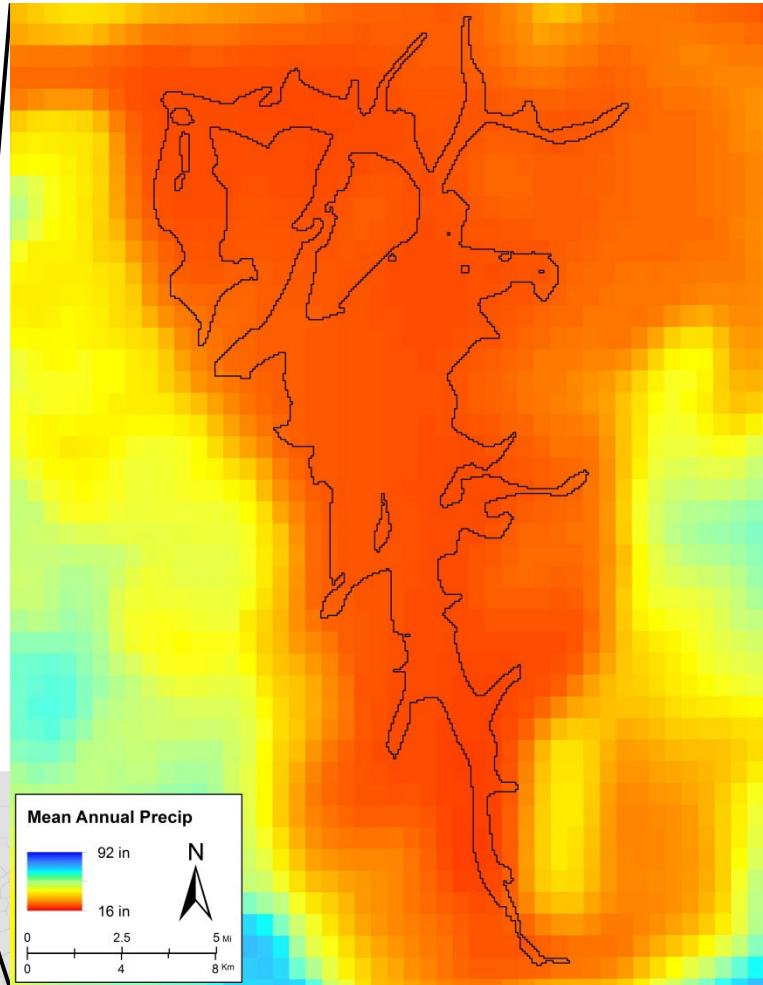
- Unforeseen consequences from move to more efficient irrigation:
 - Increased consumptive use in the valley (+ 50% for alfalfa)
 - Decreased groundwater recharge
 - Increased extractions from the aquifer
 - Streamflow depletion
- **Can we change management strategies in the basin to improve fish habitat while maintaining agricultural production in the valley?**

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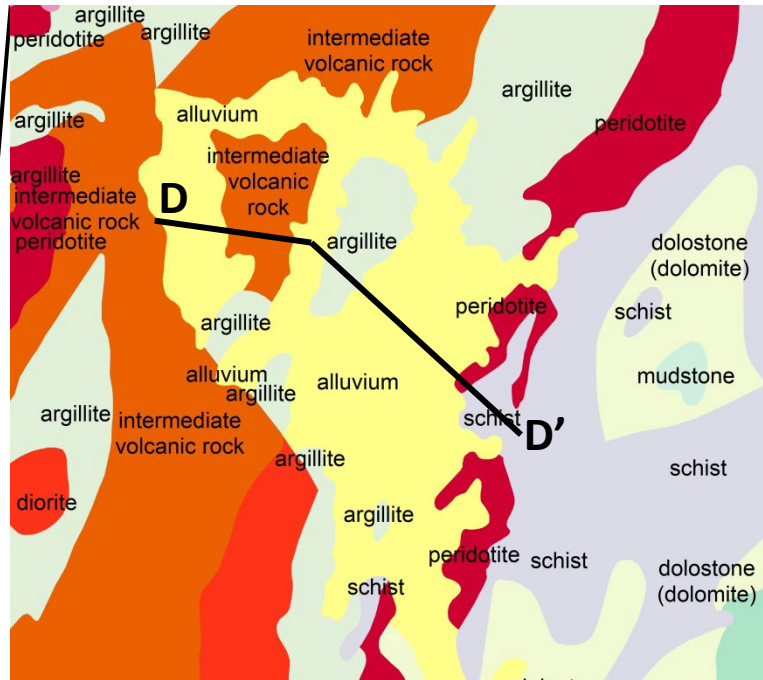
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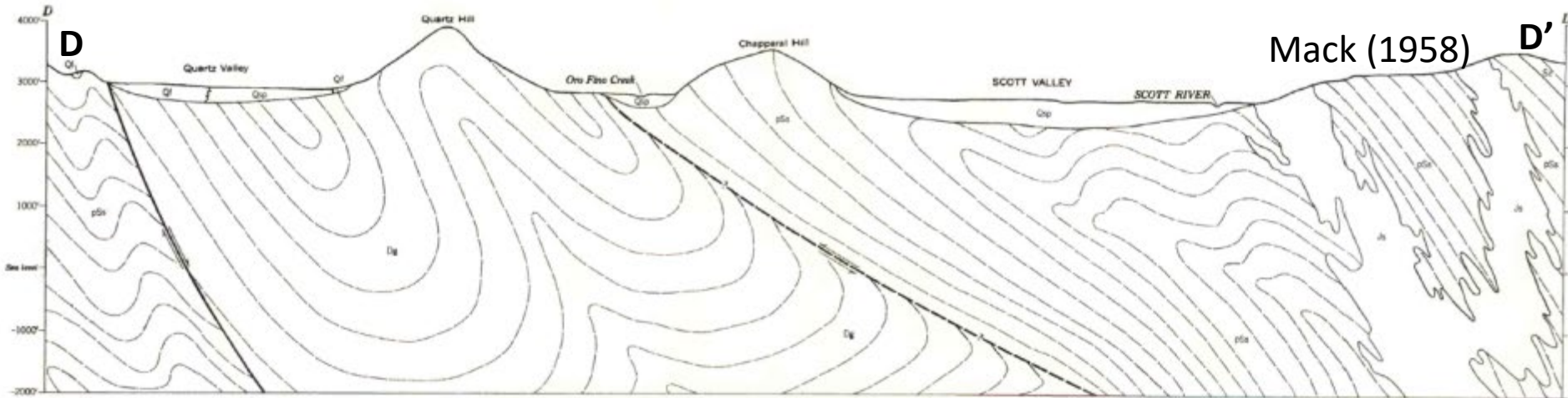


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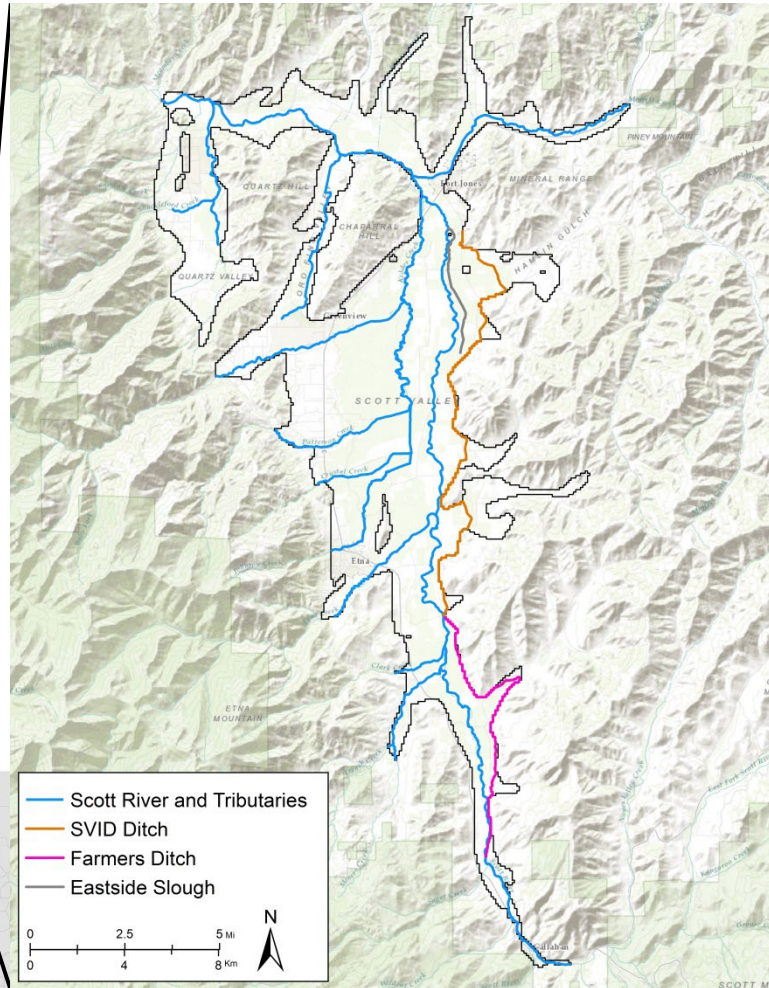
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Mack (1958)

DIAGRAMMATIC SECTION ILLUSTRATING STRUCTURE OF THE BEDROCK UNITS



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- Scott River flows from south to north
 - 12 major tributary streams
 - 2 major diversion ditches

- Motivation and study area overview
- **Conceptual outline and description of Scott Valley Integrated Hydrologic Model (SVIHM)**
- Sensitivity analysis and calibration results
- Uncertainty analysis
- Future work

...all models are wrong...

...the ability to devise simple but evocative models is the signature of the great scientist...

...overparameterization is often the mark of mediocrity.

[Box, 1976]

- **All models are wrong, but some are useful.**
- **Principle of parsimony (KISS)**



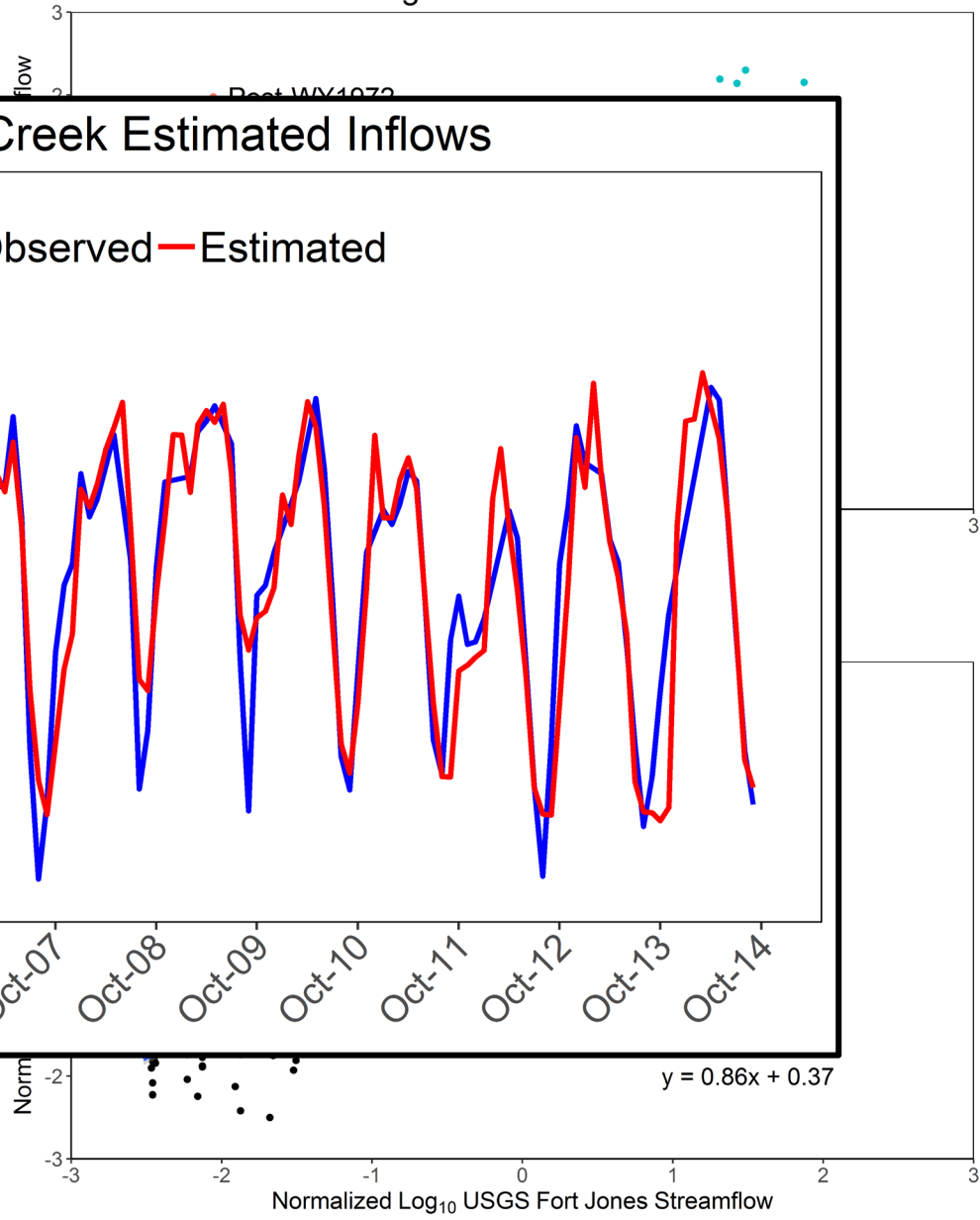
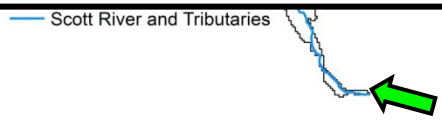
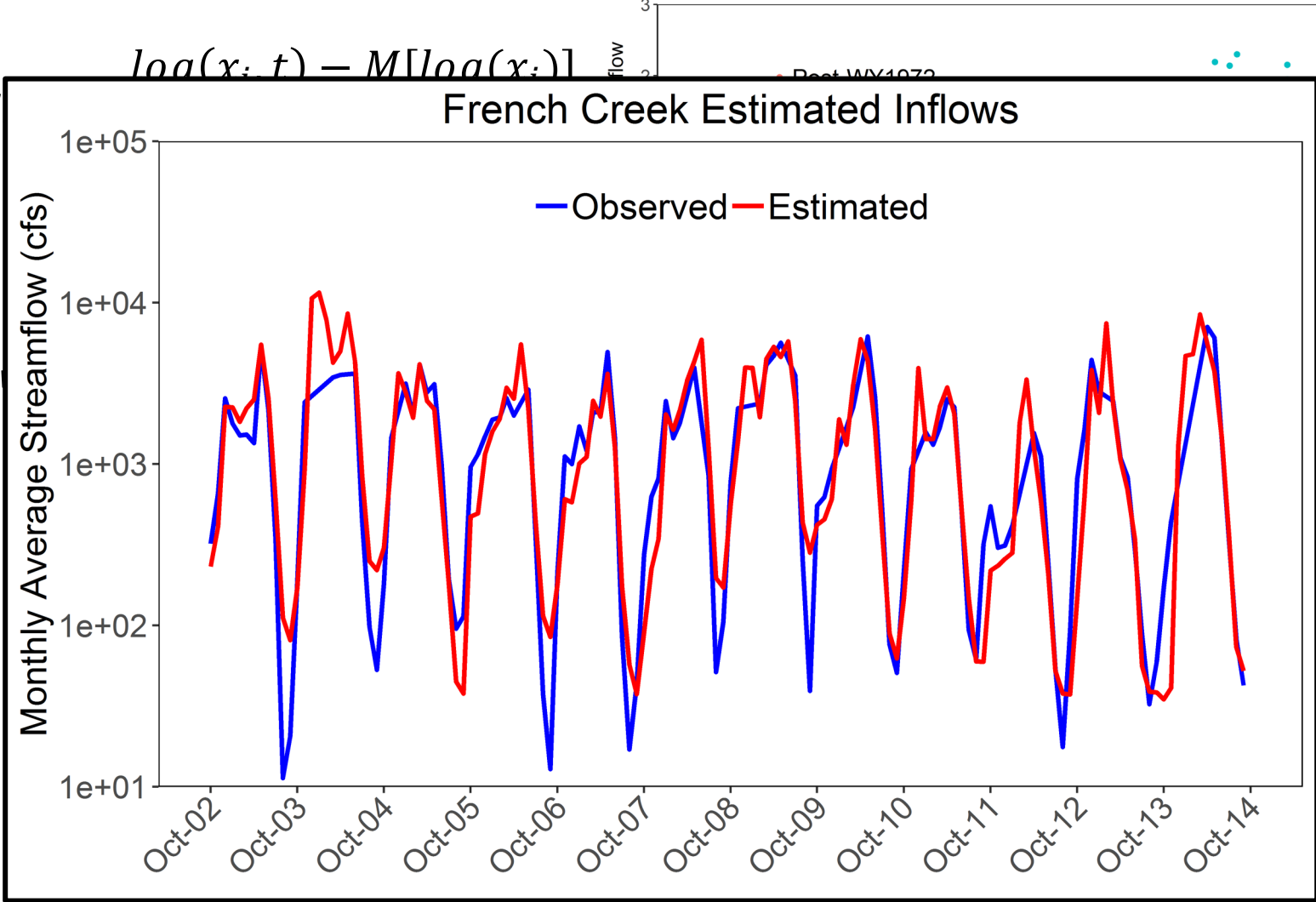
**Upper Watershed
Model**

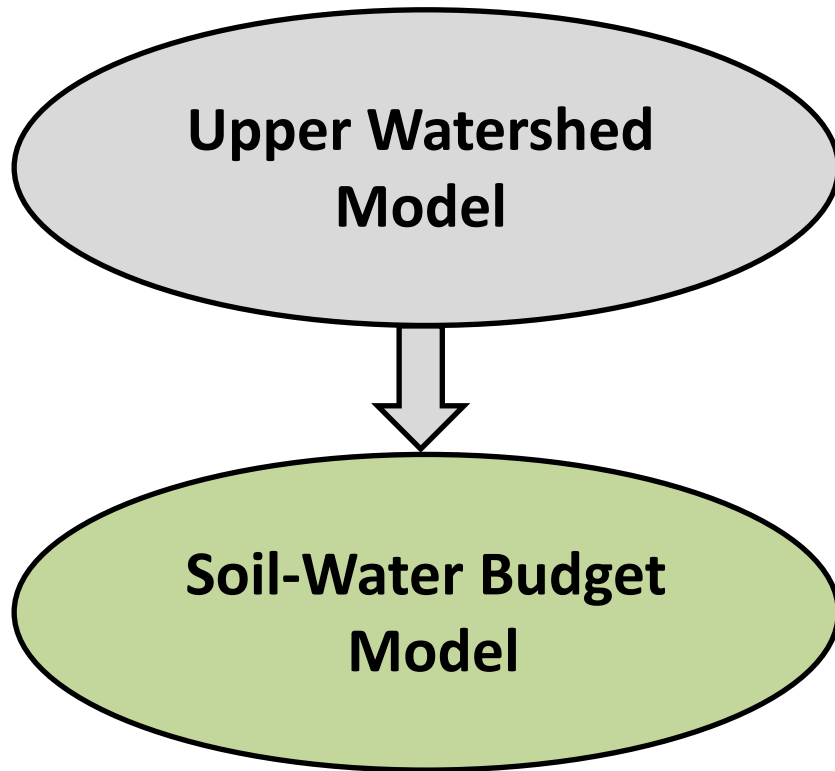
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$Norm(x)$

$$\log(x; t) = M[\log(x;)]$$

Regression - All Years





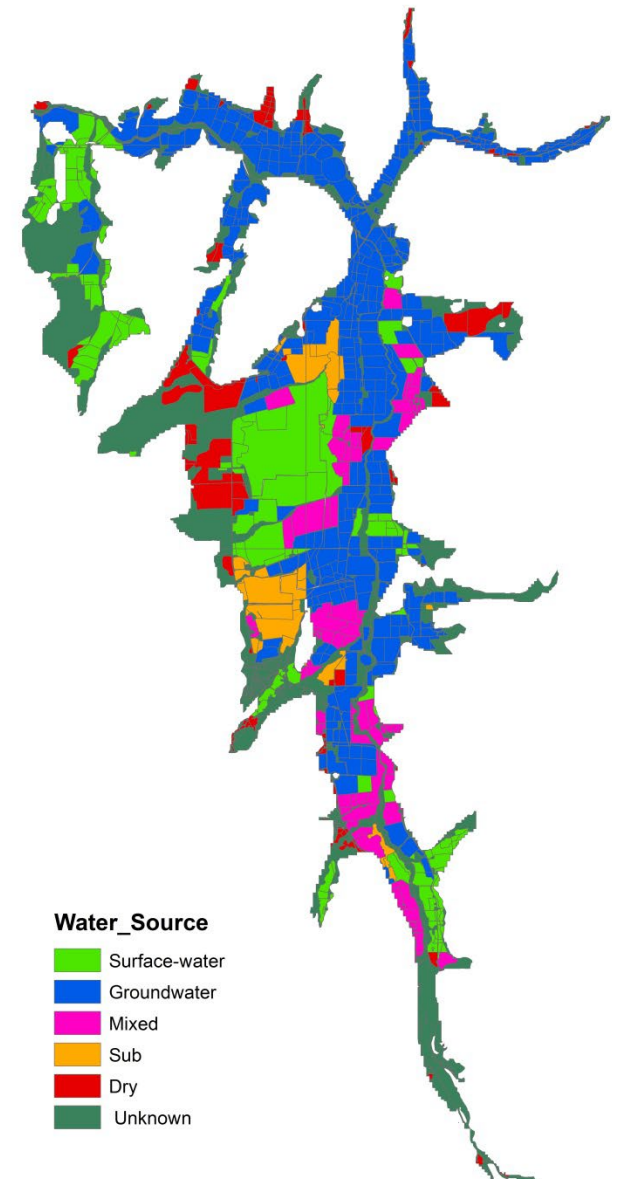
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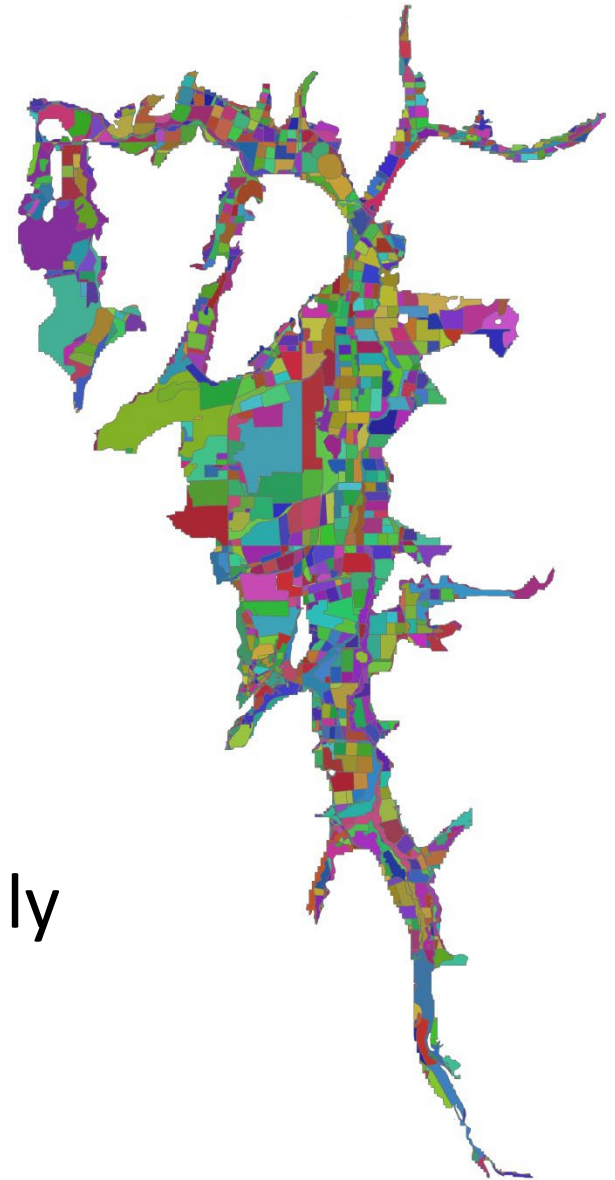
- Calculates daily water fluxes at field-scale
- Input data
 - Landuse (transient)
 - Soil properties
 - Irrigation type (transient)
 - Water source
 - Potential ET
 - Crop Coefficients (K_c)
 - Rooting depth
 - Precipitation
 - Streamflow

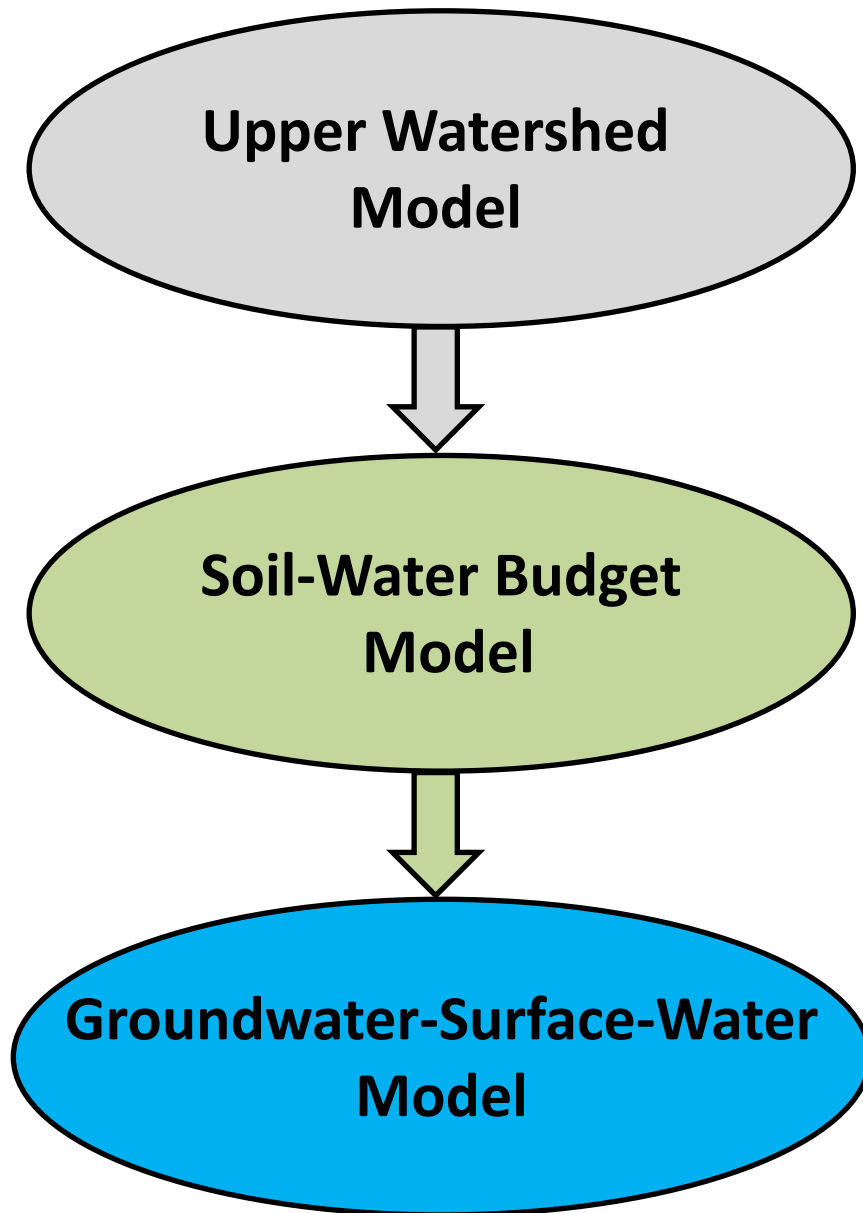


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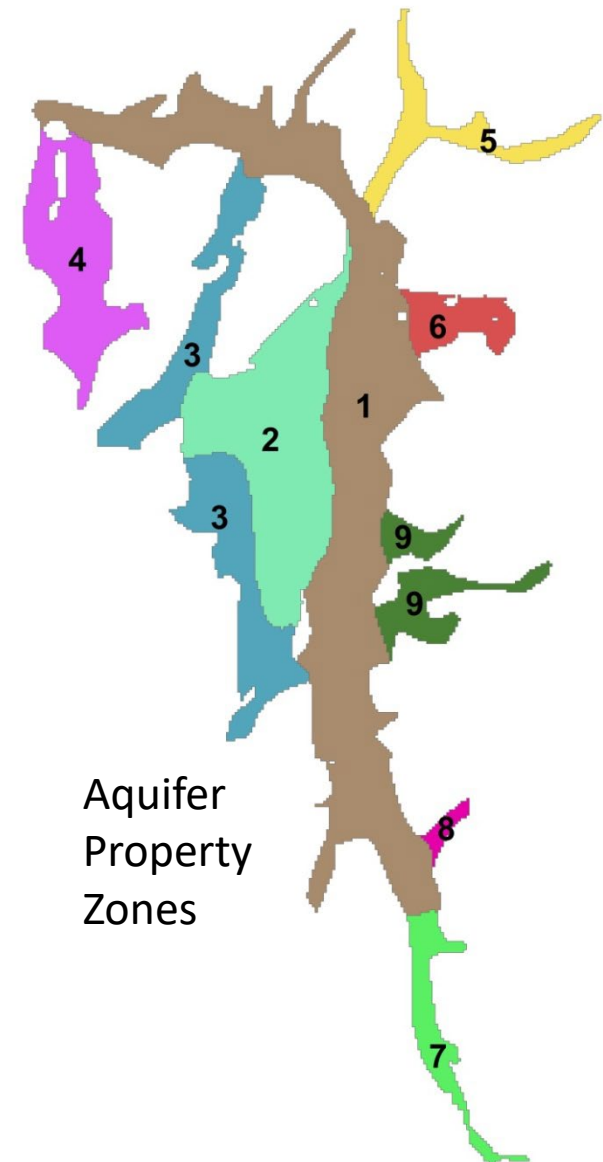


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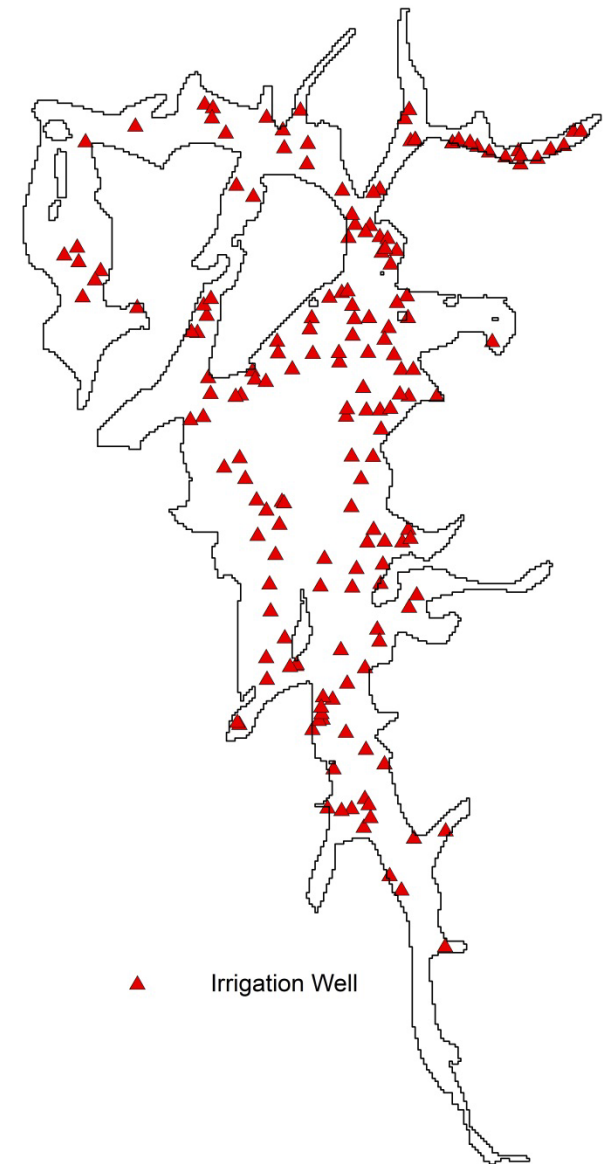
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Detailed groundwater levels and
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(MODFLOW model)

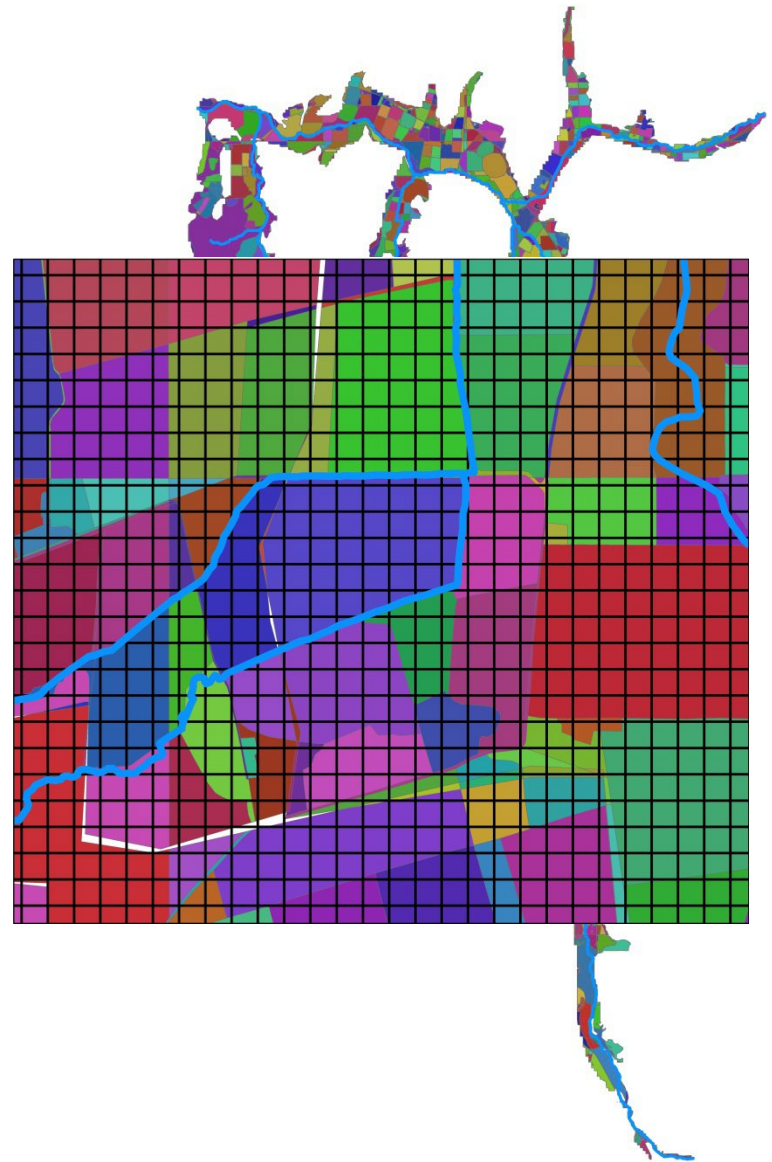
- Aquifer properties:
 - Hydraulic conductivity (vertical/horizontal)
 - Specific yield (storage coefficient)
 - Largely based on zones defined by Mack (1958)



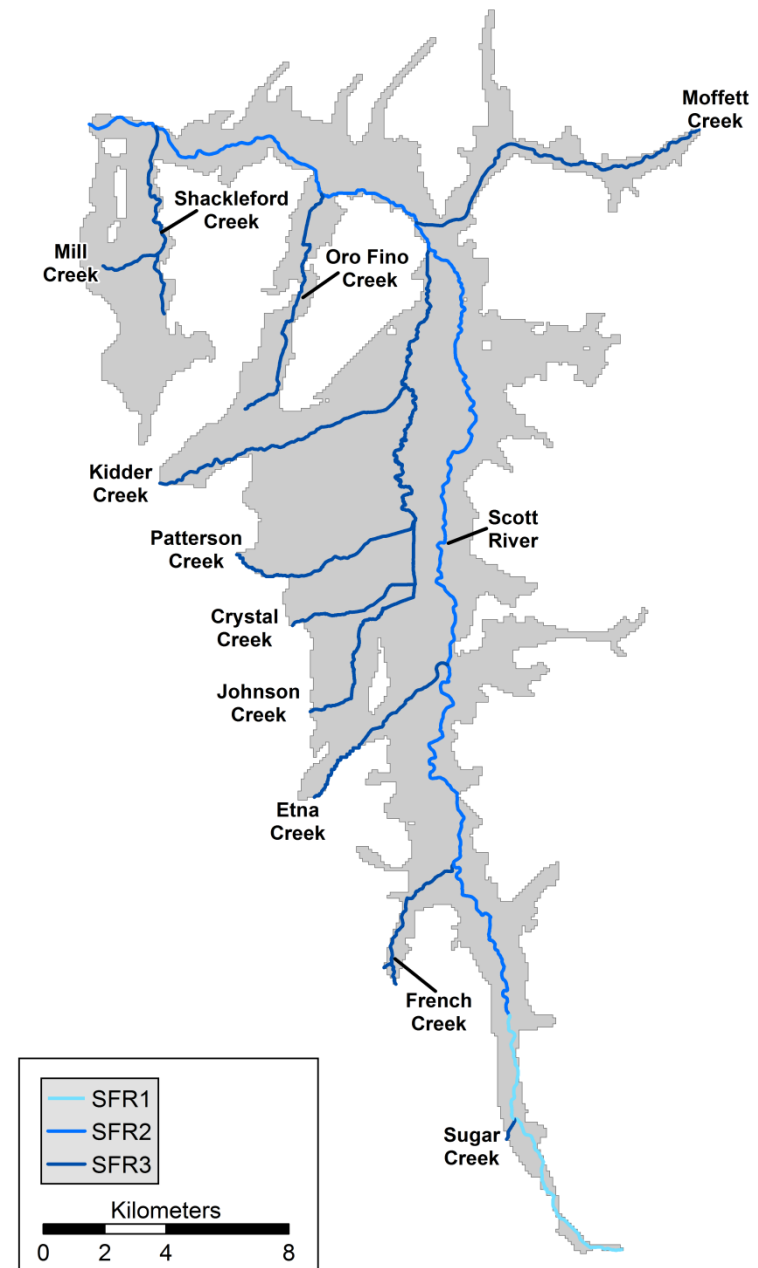
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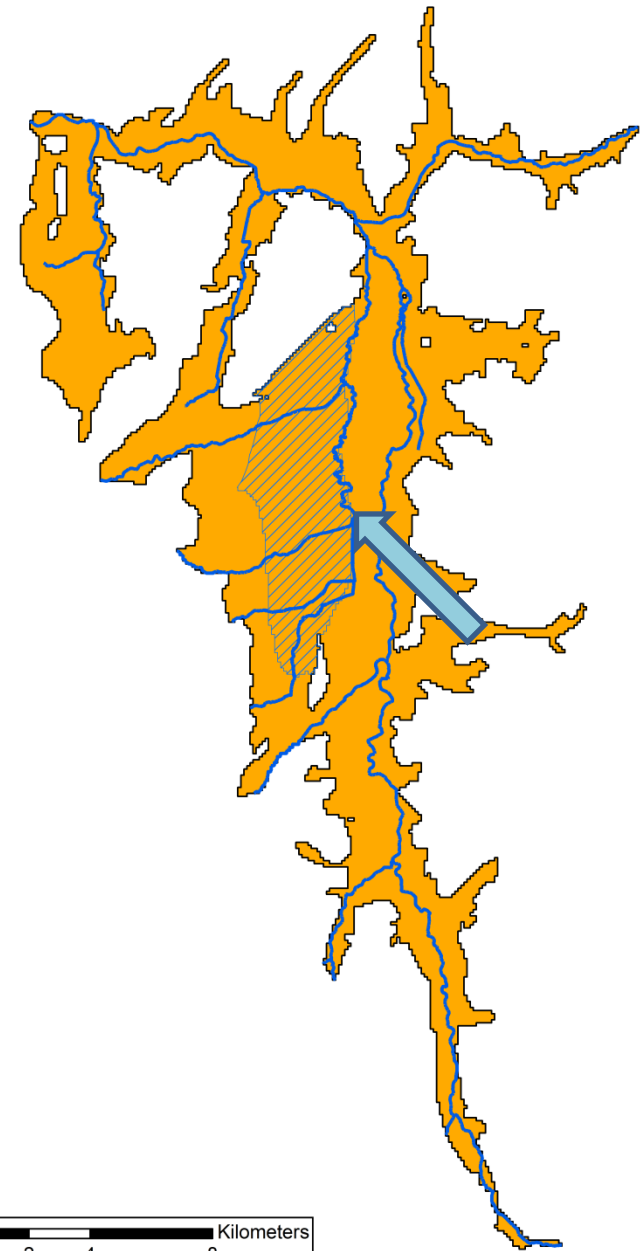
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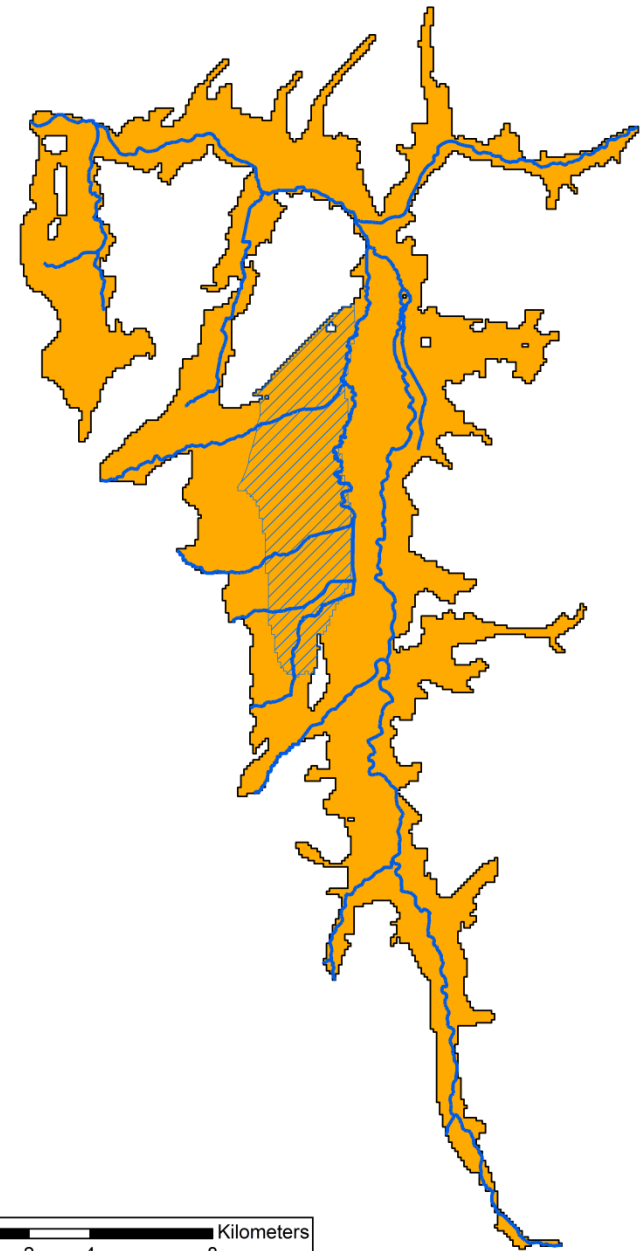
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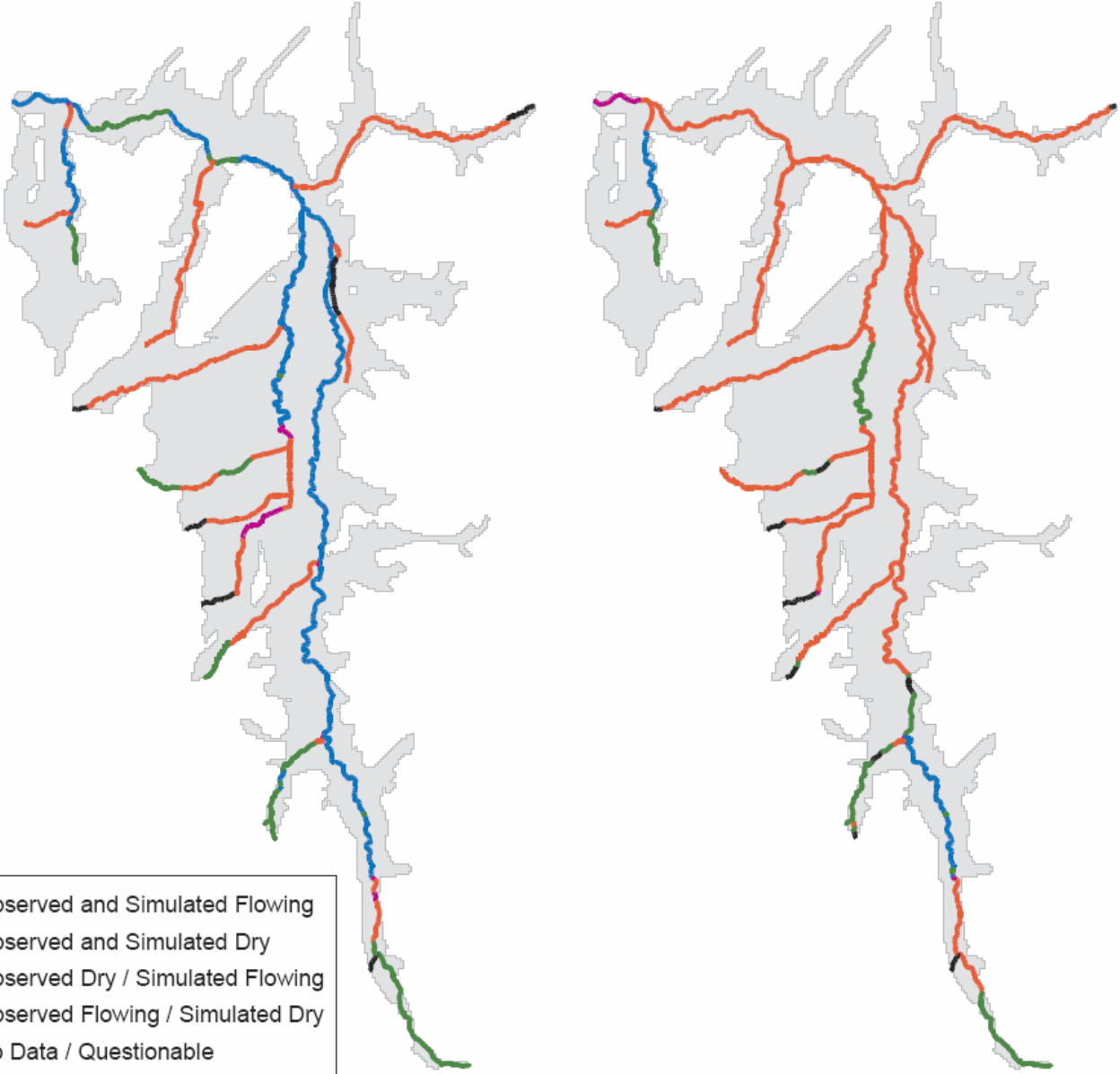
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- Oct 1, 1990 – Sep 30, 2011 simulation period



- SVIHM weakly couples a streamflow regression model, soil-water budget model, and MODFLOW model
- Recharge is estimated at the field scale
- Fine spatial discretization (100 m laterally)
- Groundwater heads and streamflow are solved together

August 2010 - Average Year

August 2001 - Dry Year



- Observed and Simulated Flowing
- Observed and Simulated Dry
- Observed Dry / Simulated Flowing
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- No Data / Questionable

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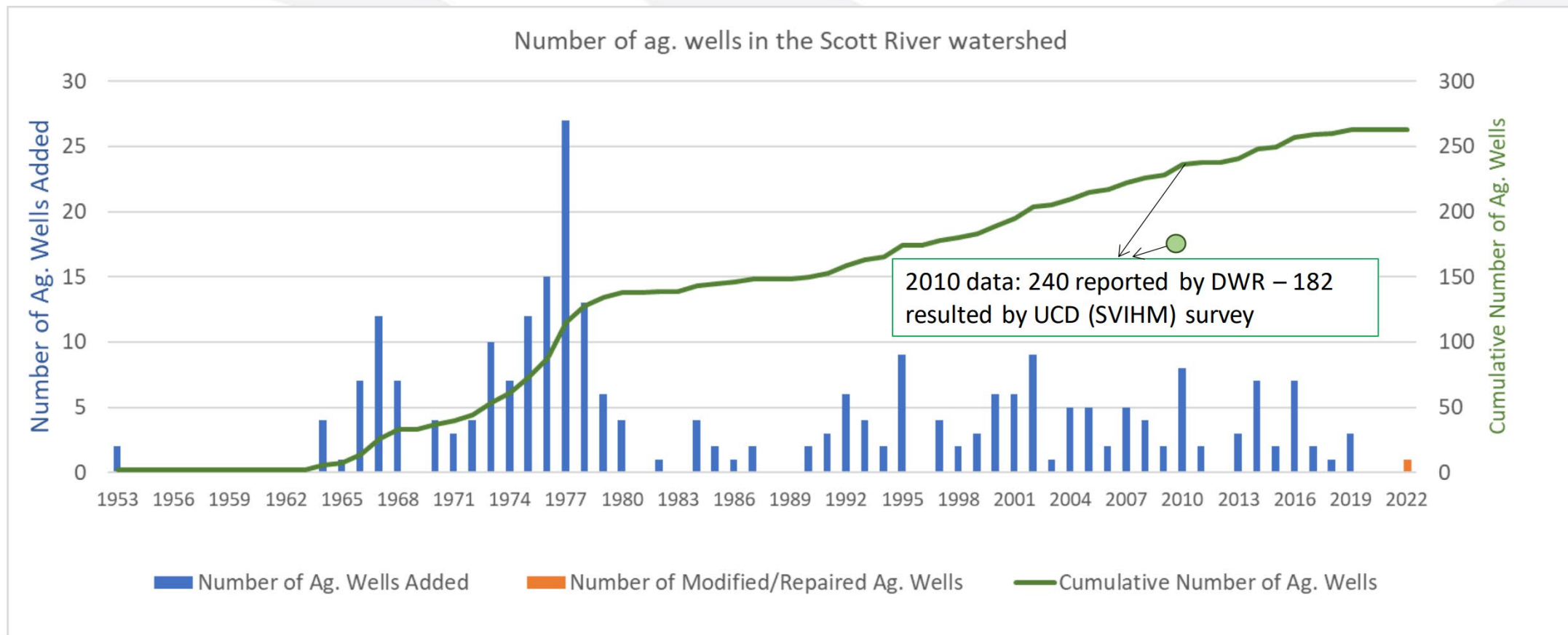
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Number of Agricultural Wells Drilled is **NOT EQUAL** to Groundwater Use!



Adapted from [Well Completion Reports - Datasets - California Natural Resources Agency Open Data](#)

* Note: may include inactive and abandoned wells

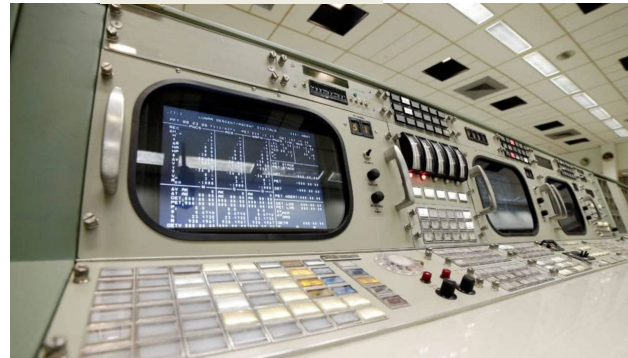
Computer models are, of course, a standard tool to assess complex environmental links

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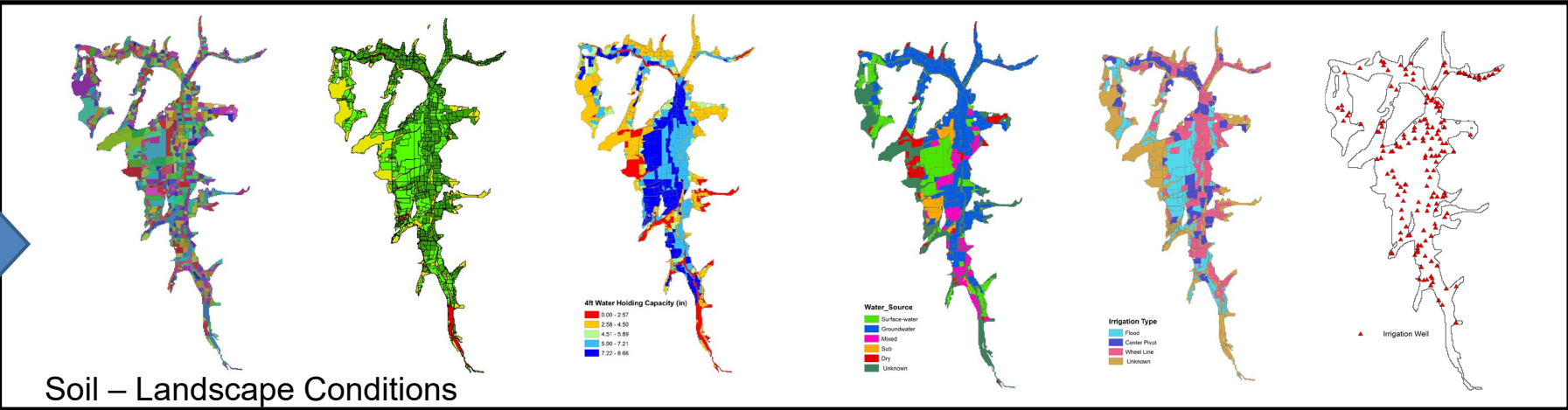
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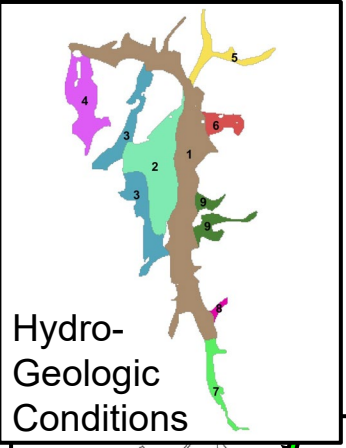
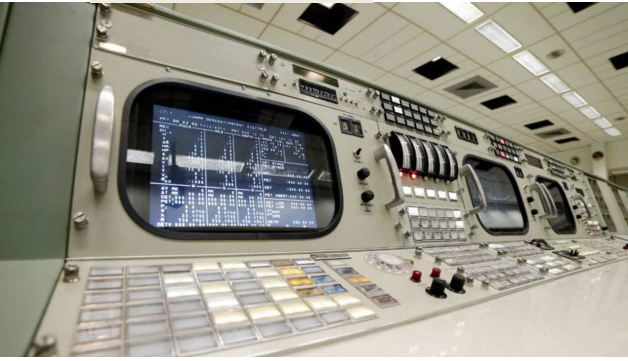
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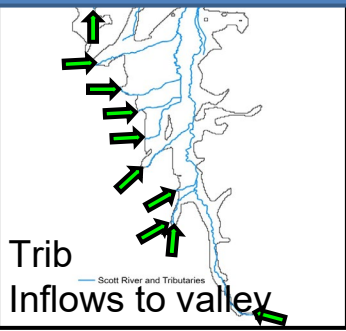
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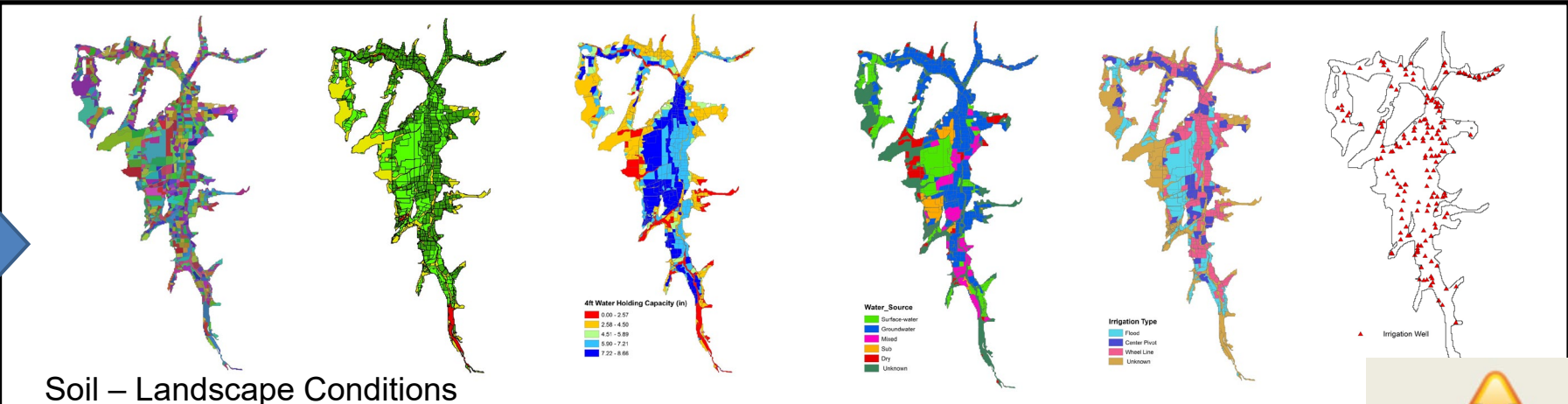
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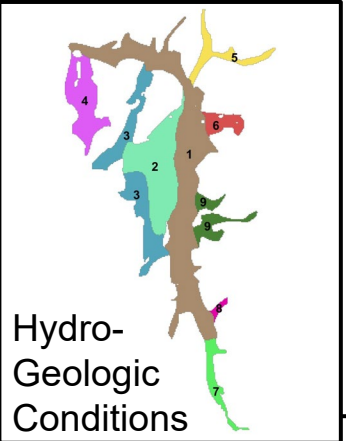
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Basecase: The real history represented in a model to estimate flow, water levels, budgets

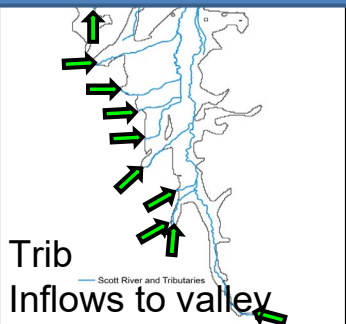
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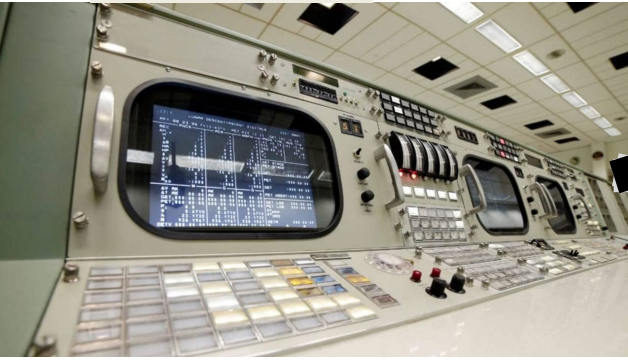
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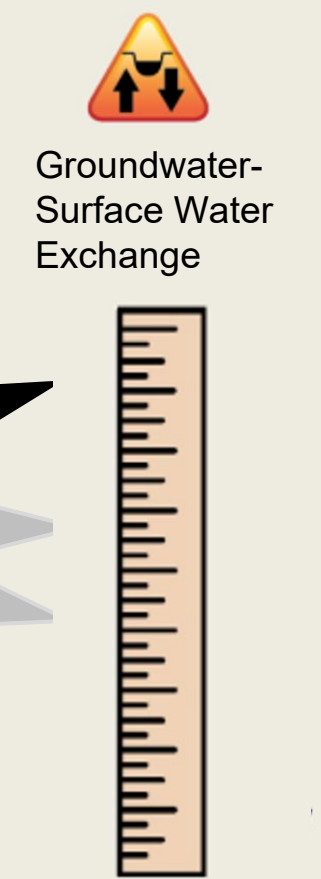
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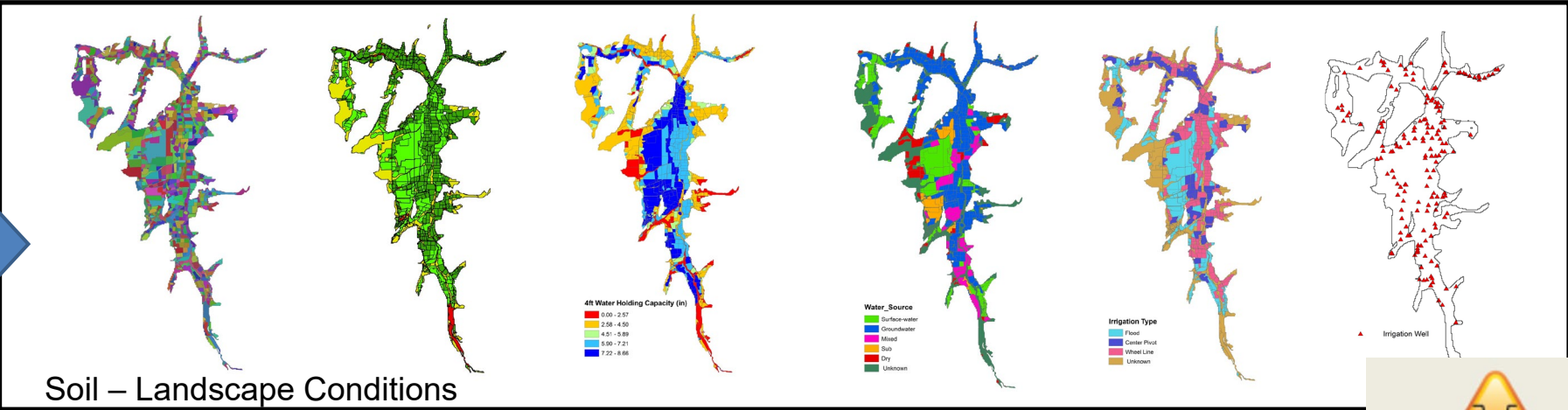
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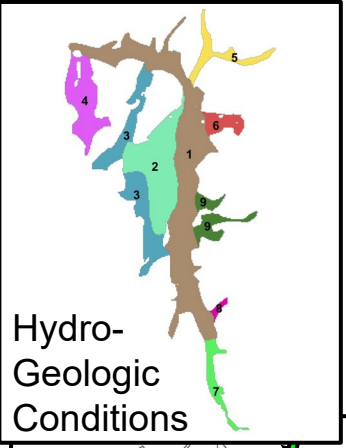
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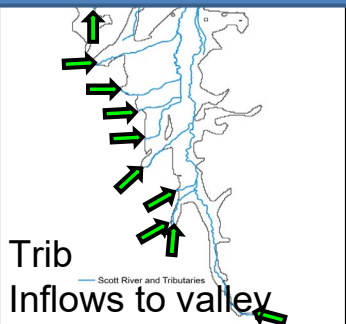
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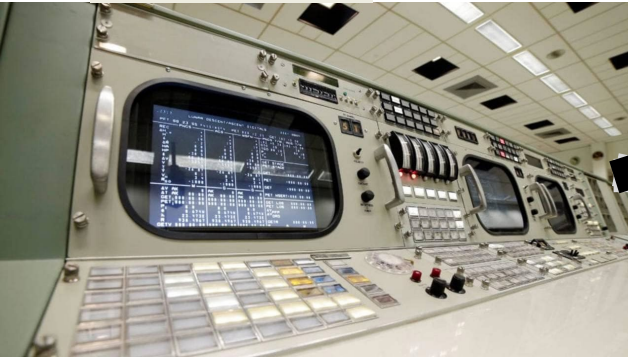


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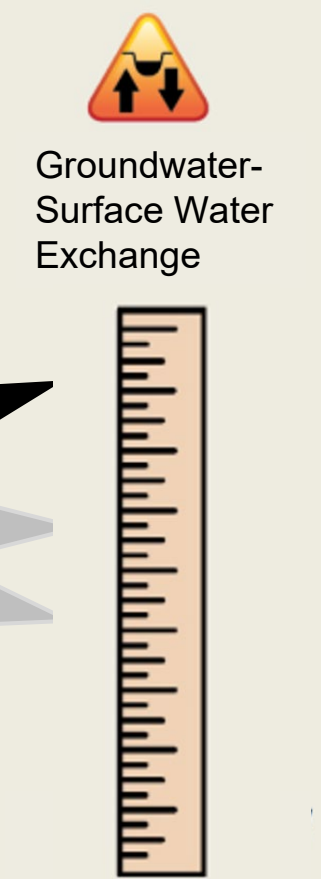


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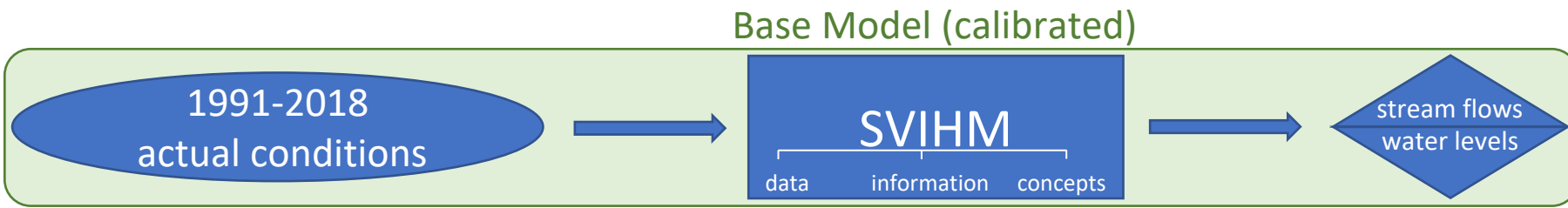
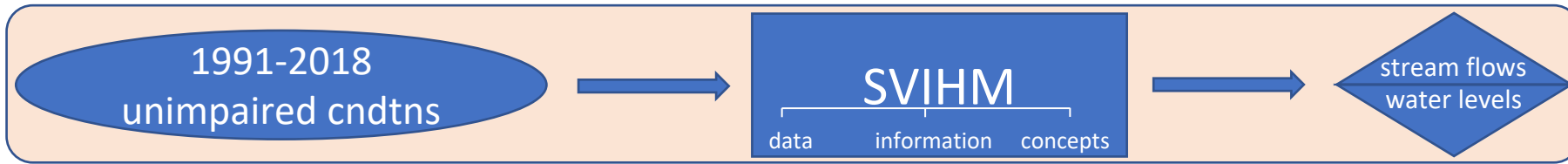
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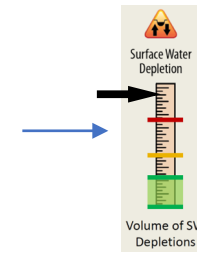
But will the history repeat itself?

Not exactly, but perhaps similar enough.

SCENARIO: No Pumping/Unimpaired Reference Case Model



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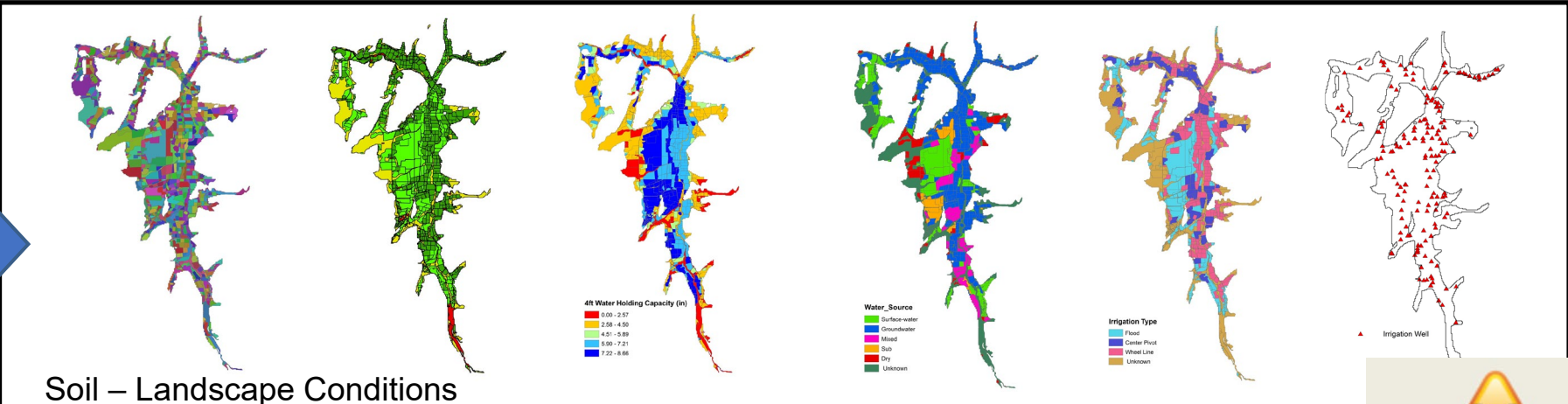


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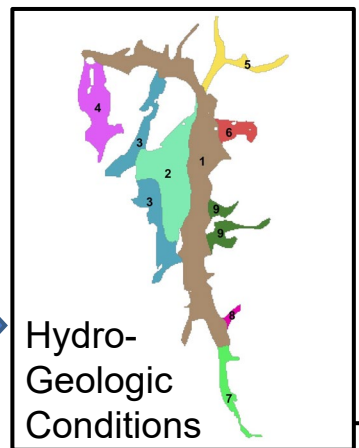


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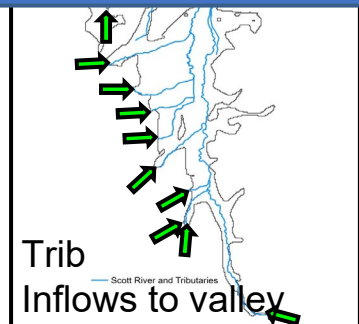
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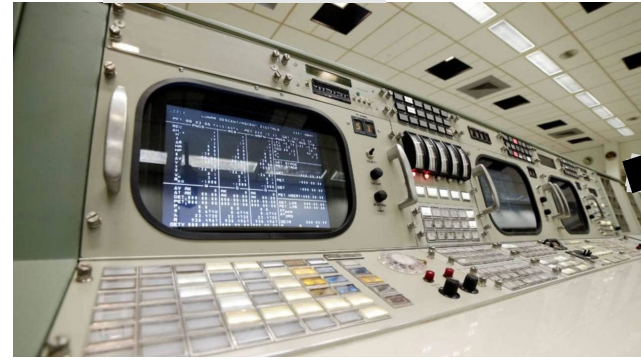
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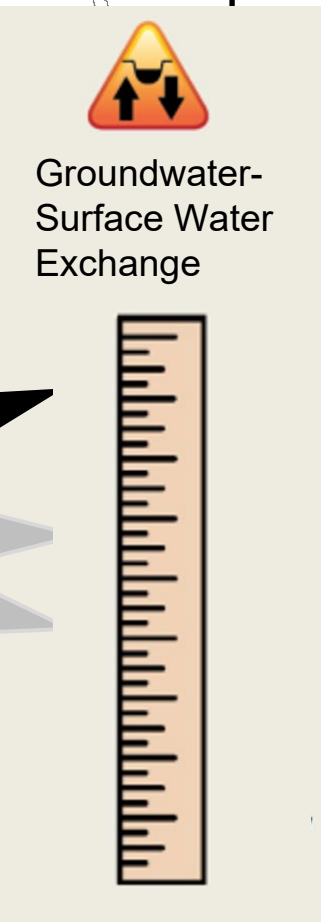
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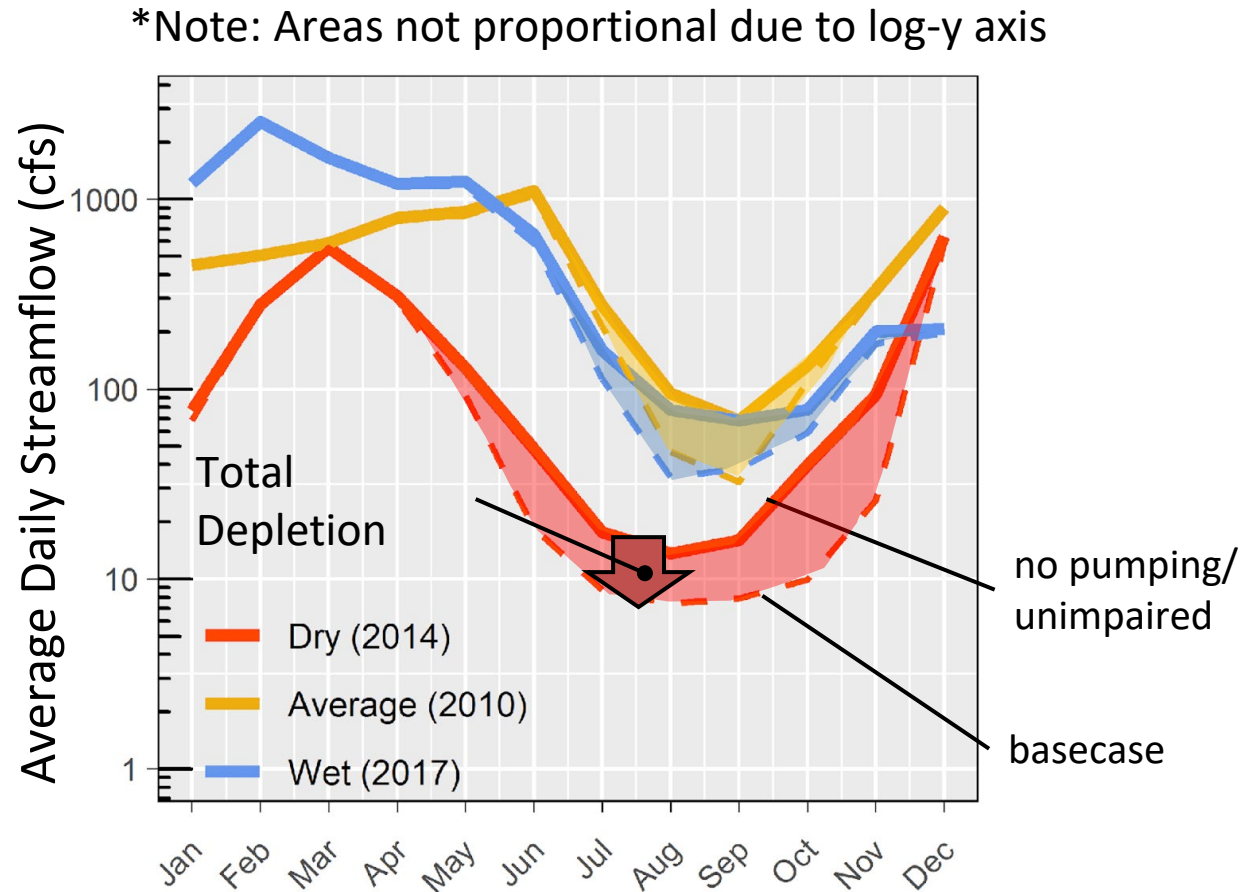
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Two Model Runs Required to Quantify Depletion

Streamflow depletion due to pumping in a group of regulated wells is quantified as:

- the **difference in surface flows...**
- over the model period of 1991-2018...
- between the Basecase (estimated historical/current) conditions and the No Pumping/Unimpaired Reference case.



Using real world observations and a computer model to take regular “measurements”

continuous monitoring: precipitation, snow-pack, stream-gages, water levels, stream transects, ...

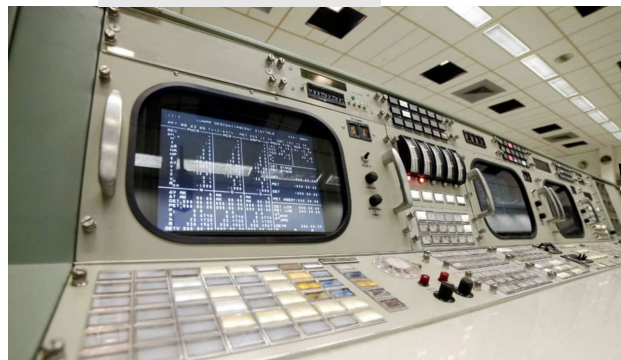
projects and management actions: implementation, monitoring of implementation



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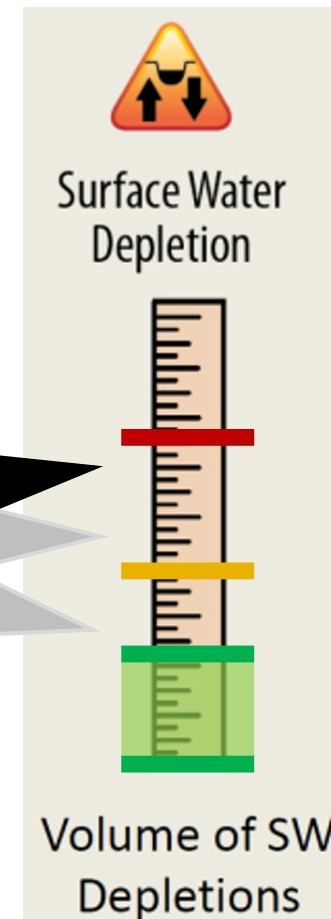


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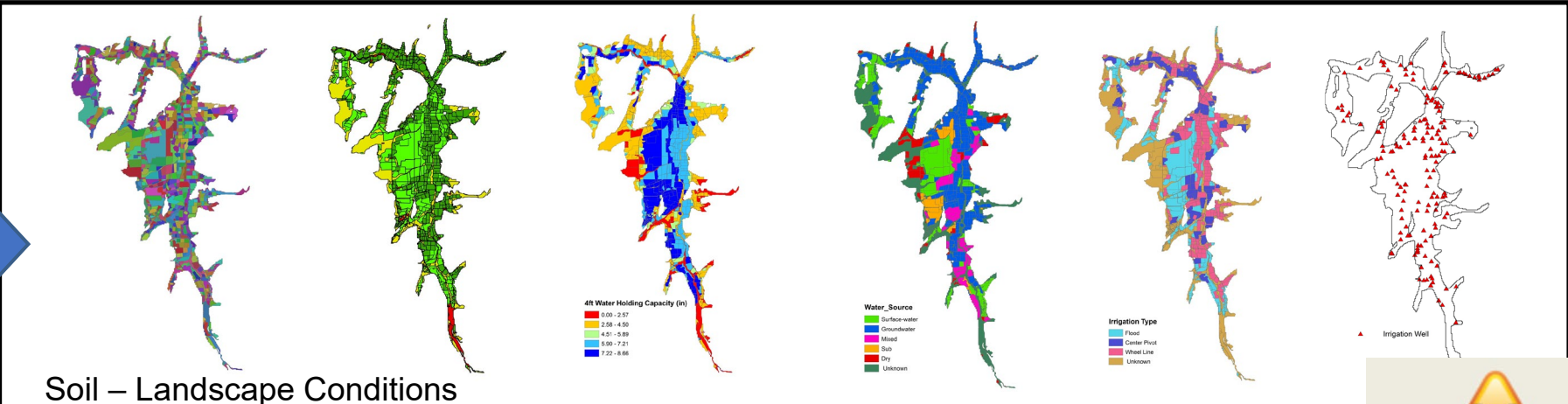
“measurement”

- regular (annual?) update to extend simulation period to current using measured input data (stream inflow, precip, temp)
- regularly (every 5 years) recalibrated against new data, projects, research
- transparent input, model construction, public domain, peer review

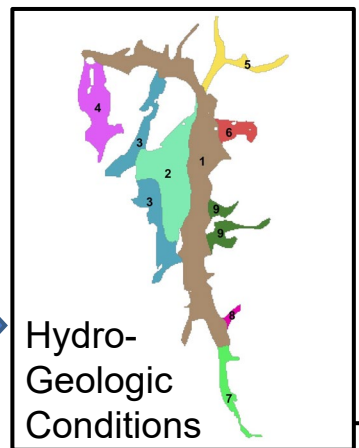


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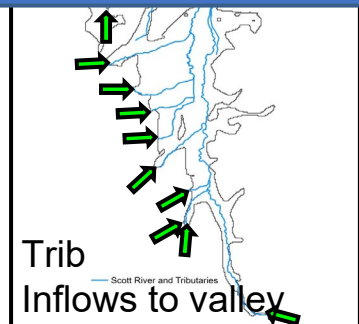
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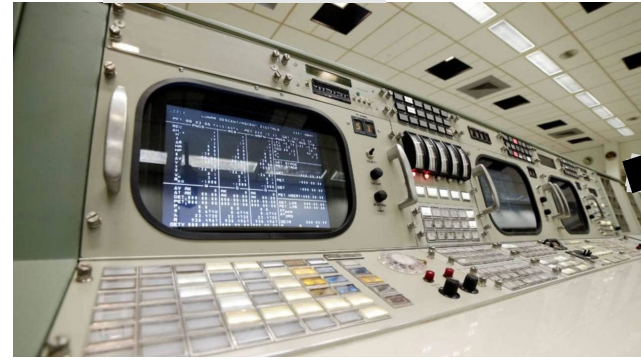
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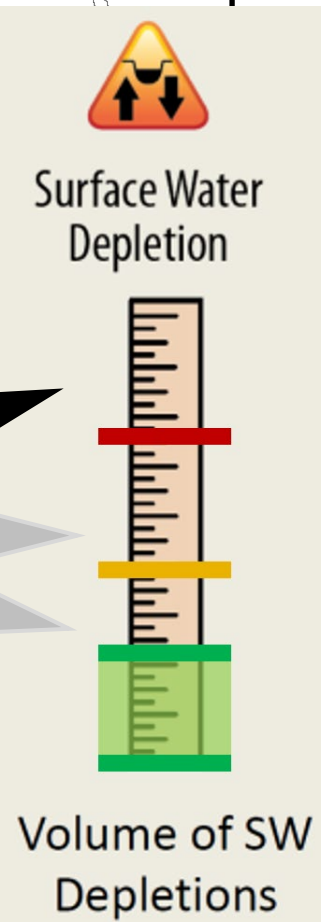
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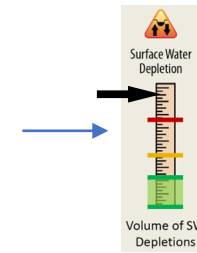
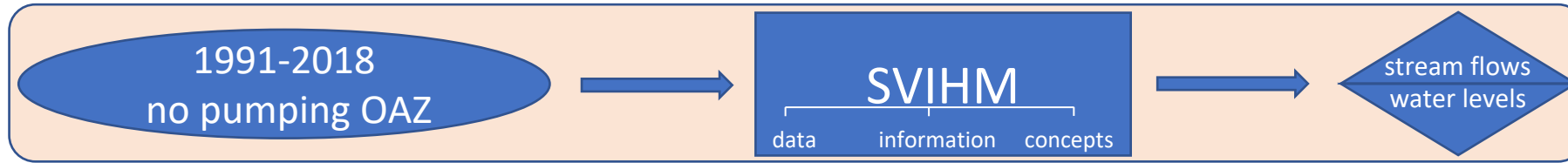
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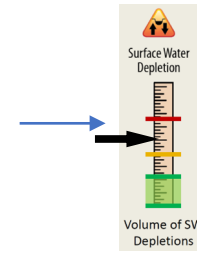


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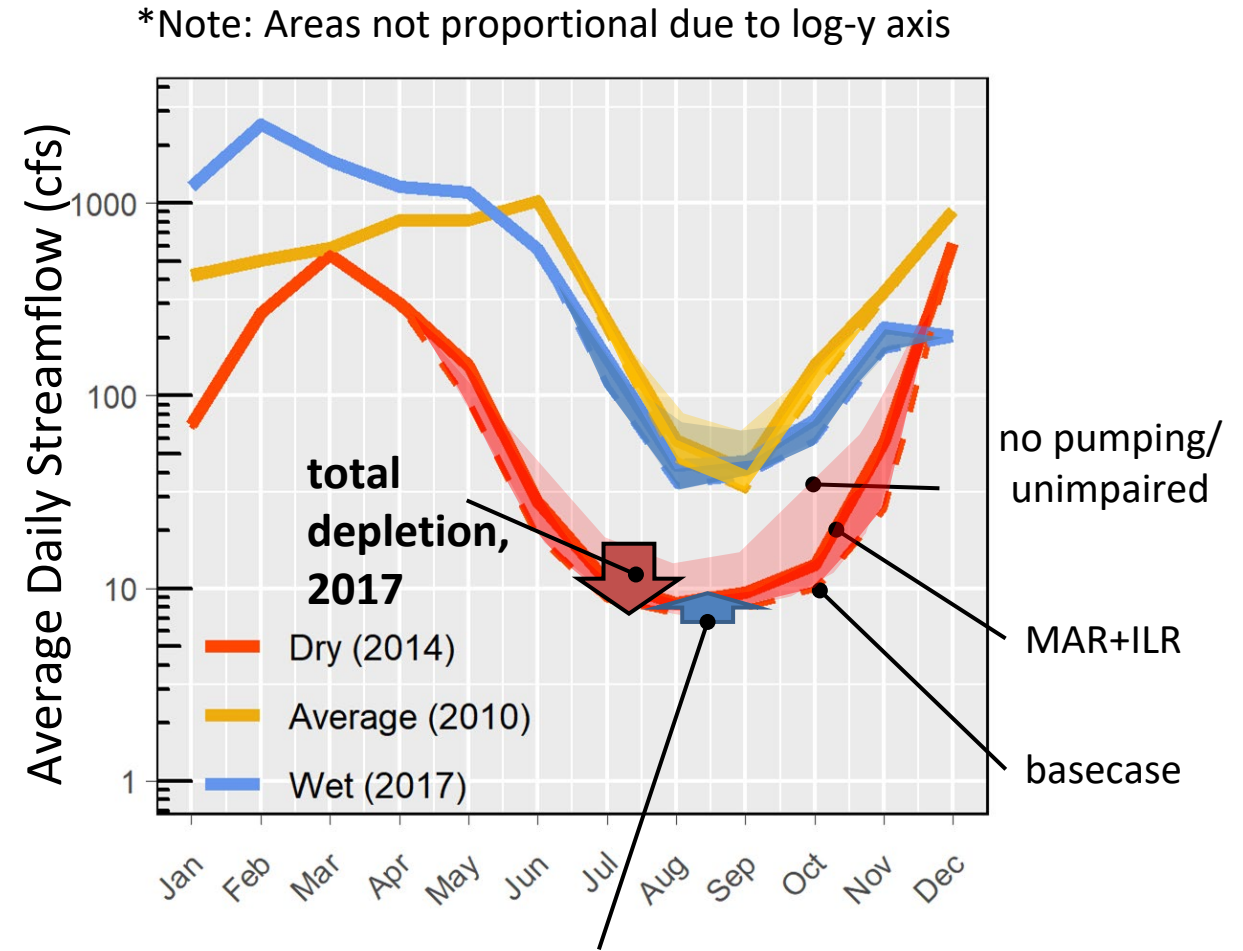


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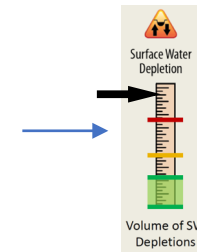
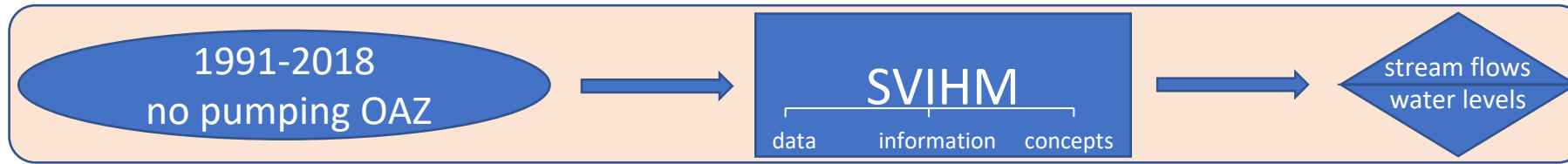
A Third Model Run Required to “Monitor” Project and Management Actions

Depletion reversal is quantified for **each** scenario as the difference between the Basecase (simulated historical & current) conditions and the relevant scenario (for example, MAR+ILR).



**Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) and In-Lieu Recharge (ILR)
Depletion Reversal, 2017**

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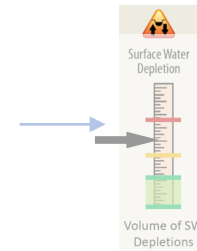


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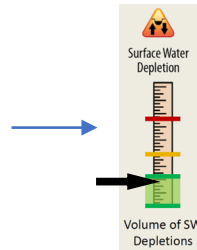
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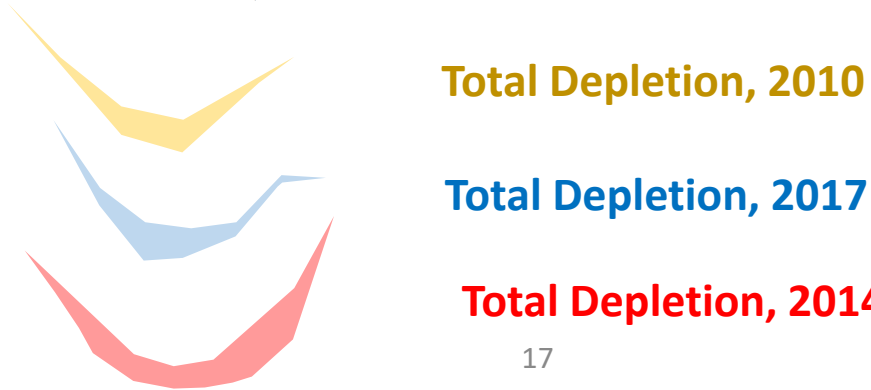
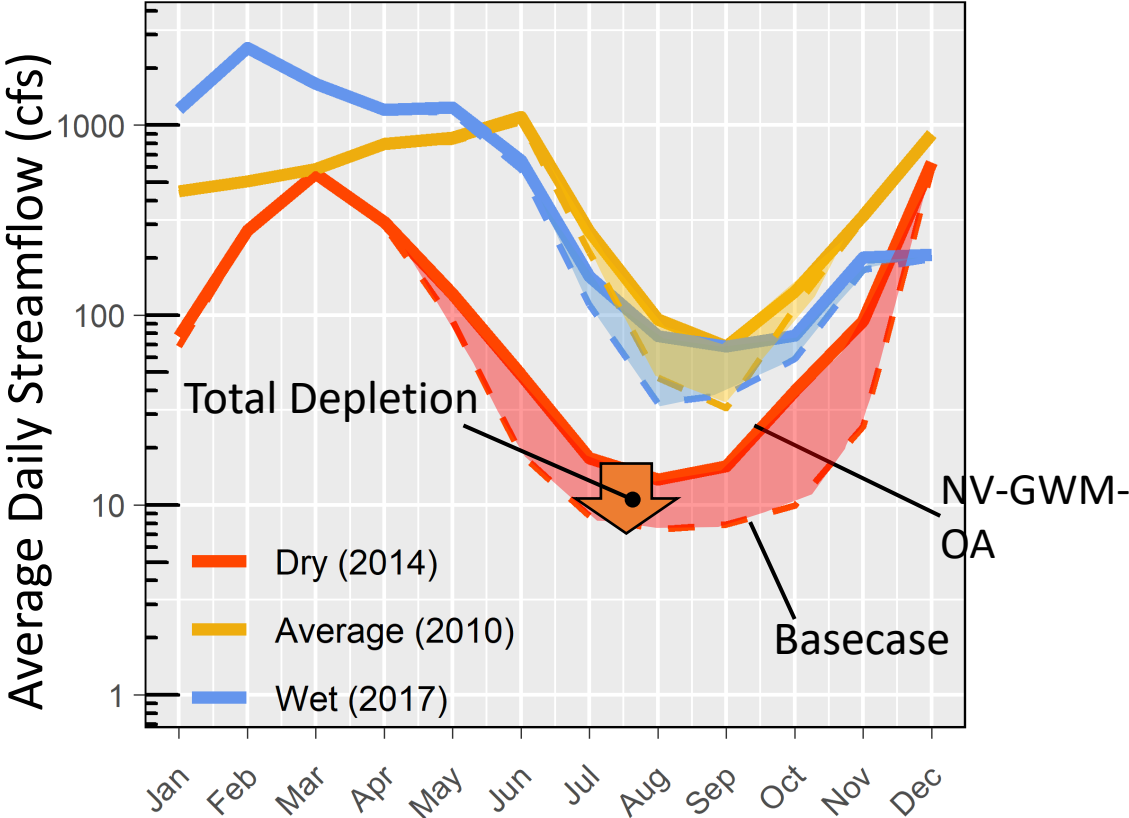


Using the No-Pumping (Unimpaired) Scenario

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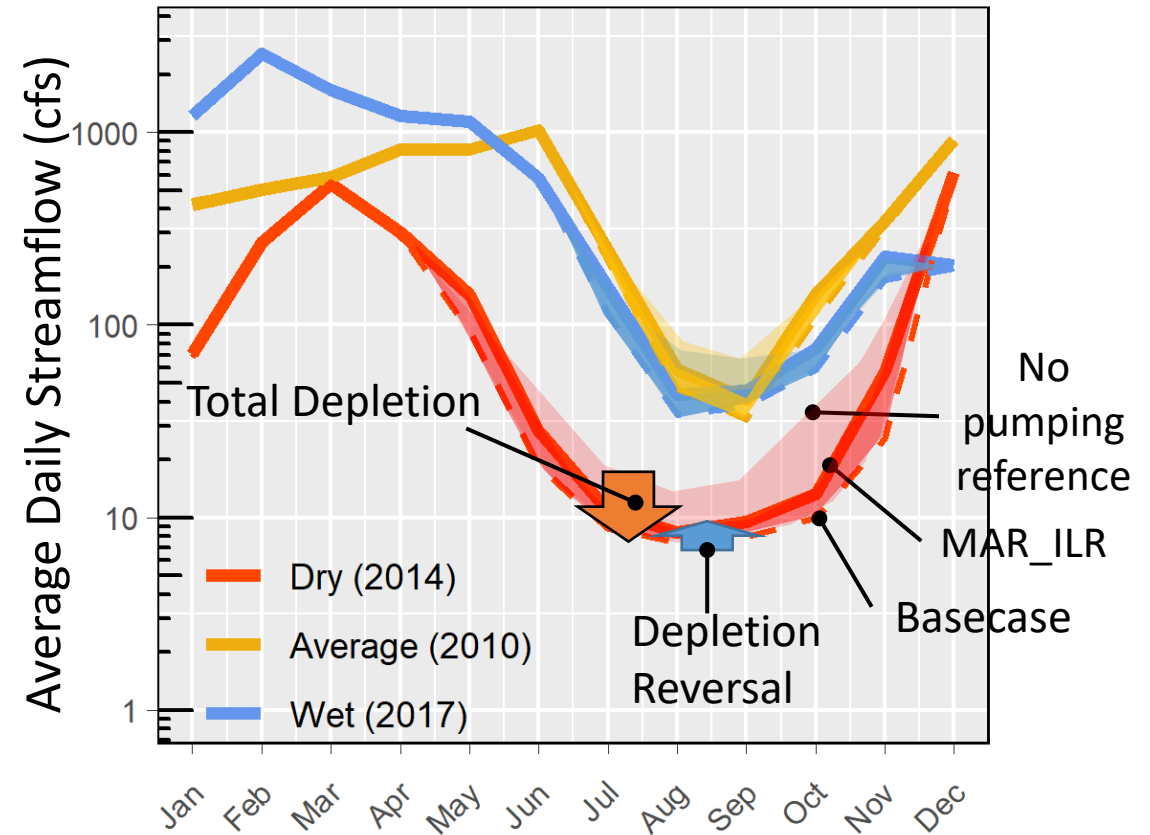


* Due to pumping in SGMA wells
 ** Also referred to as “Natural Vegetation on GW and Mixed-source fields Outside the Adjudicated Zone”, or NV-GWM-OA

Overlaying a Project/Management Action Scenario

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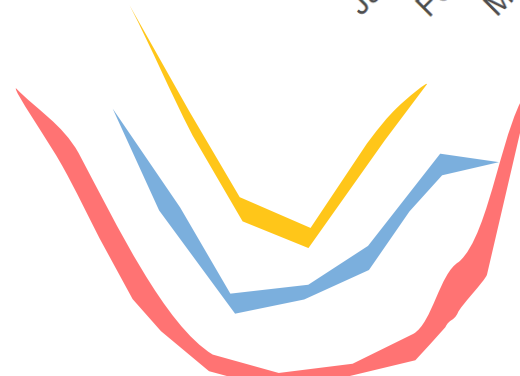
Depletion Reversal is quantified for **each** scenario as the difference between the Basecase (simulated historical & current) conditions and the relevant scenario (for example, MAR+ILR).



Total Depletion, 2010

Total Depletion, 2017

Total Depletion, 2014



MAR+ILR Depletion Reversal, 2010

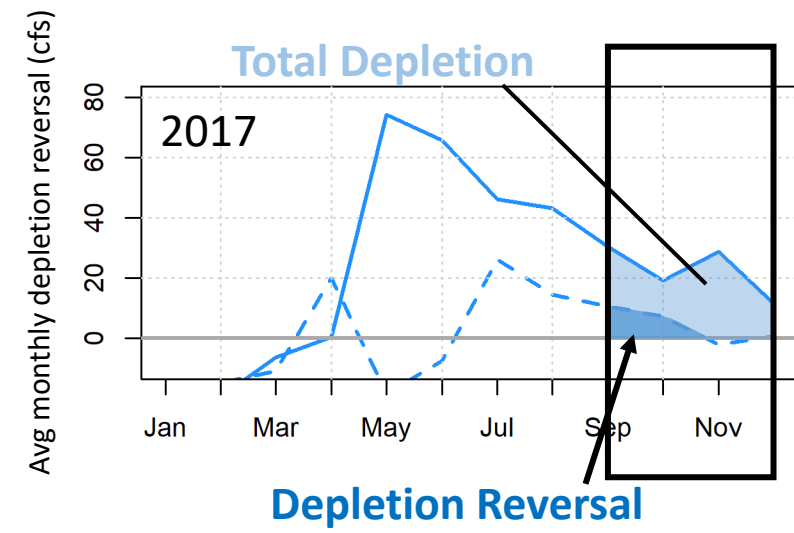
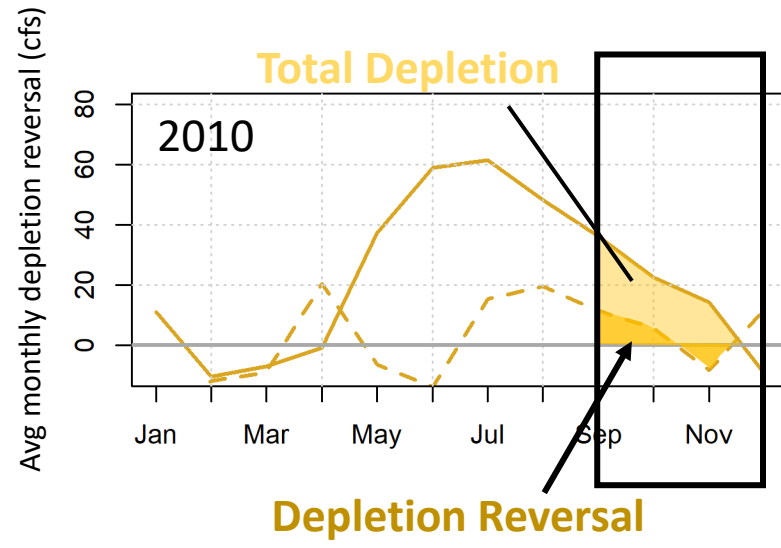
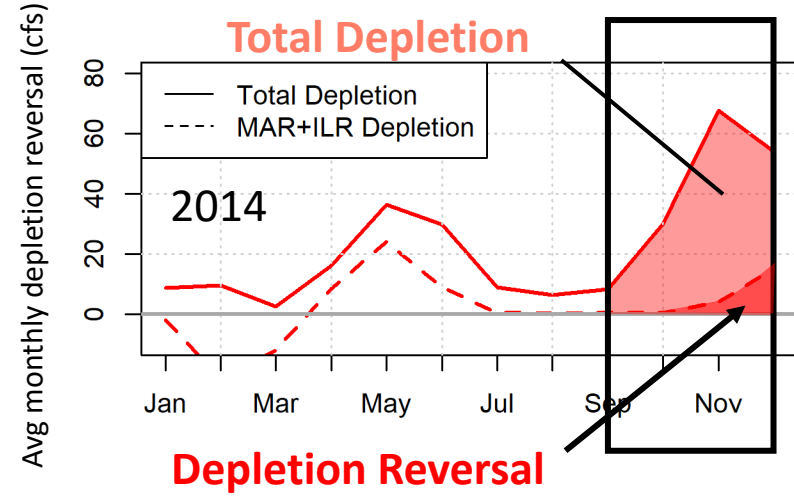
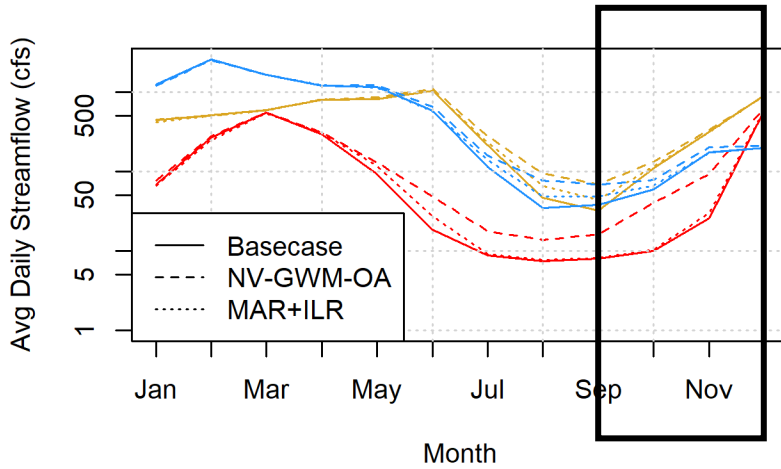
MAR+ILR Depletion Reversal, 2017

MAR+ILR Depletion Reversal, 2014

Scenario information

Scenario Type	Scenario ID	Scenario description
Enhanced Recharge	MAR	Divert surface water to over-irrigate fields and enhance groundwater recharge during the wet season (Dec-Mar) . Allow diversions from tributaries to continue as long as water is available (on a monthly volume basis).
	ILR	Divert surface water to irrigate fields during the growing season (Apr-Jun or Jul) in lieu of pumping groundwater. Allow diversions from tributaries to continue as long as water is available (on a monthly volume basis).
	MAR_ILR	Combination of MAR and ILR scenarios.
	Expanded MAR_ILR, 0.019	MAR and ILR on all old MAR and ILR fields and all other fields with Surface Water access. Assumed max infiltration rate of 0.019 m/day. CDFW instream flow recommendations restrict water available for MAR.
Crop change	80% Irrigation	Assumes unspecified irrigated crop change, reducing all irrigated acreage water demand by 20%.
	90% Irrigation	Assumes unspecified irrigated crop change, reducing all irrigated acreage water demand by 10%.
Irrigation Efficiency	Improve irrigation efficiency by 0.1	Effective irrigation efficiency of wheel line and center pivot on alfalfa and pasture improves by 0.1 (10%).
	Reduce irrigation efficiency by 0.1	Effective irrigation efficiency of wheel line and center pivot on alfalfa and pasture worsens by 0.1 (10%).
Irrigation schedule change	Alfalfa irrigation schedule - July 10 end date	Alfalfa irrigation ceases on July 10th of every growing season. (Basecase is Aug 31st)
	Alfalfa irrigation schedule - Aug 01 end date	Alfalfa irrigation ceases on Aug 1st of every growing season. (Basecase is Aug 31st)
	Aug 01 end date, <i>dry years only</i>	Alfalfa irrigation ceases on Aug 1st of every growing seasons in these years: 91, 92, 94, 01, 09, 13, 14, 18. (Basecase is Aug 31st)
	Alfalfa irrigation schedule - Aug 15 end date	Alfalfa irrigation ceases on Aug 15th of every growing season. (Basecase is Aug 31st)
	Aug 15 end date, <i>dry years only</i>	Alfalfa irrigation ceases on Aug 15th of every growing seasons in these years: 91, 92, 94, 01, 09, 13, 14, 18. (Basecase is Aug 31st)
Attribution - adjudicated area impacts	Natural Vegetation Outside Adjudicated area (NVOA)	Turns off pumping for wells serving all fields outside the adjudicated zone. Assumes that these fields, where pumping is turned off, revert to natural vegetation with a k_c value of 1.0. Assumes that all fields with 5% or more of their area overlapping with the adjudicated zone are "inside" the adjudicated zone. Increase ET extinction depth (in MODFLOW .ETS package) to 4.5 m in native vegetation areas outside the DIscharge Zone.
	Natural Vegetation, on Groundwater- or Mixed-source fields, Outside Adjudicated area (NV-GWM-OA)	Turns off pumping for wells serving fields outside the adjudicated zone, which have a "groundwater" or "mixed groundwater and surface water" irrigation source. Assumes that these fields, where pumping is turned off, revert to natural vegetation with a k_c value of 1.0. Assumes that all fields with 5% or more of their area overlapping with the adjudicated zone are "inside" the adjudicated zone. Increase ET extinction depth (in MODFLOW .ETS package) to 4.5 m in native vegetation areas outside the DIscharge Zone.
	Natural Vegetation Inside Adjudicated area (NVIA)	Turns off pumping for wells serving all fields inside the adjudicated zone. Assumes that these fields, where pumping is turned off, revert to natural vegetation with a k_c value of 1.0. Assumes that all fields with 5% or more of their area overlapping with the adjudicated zone are "inside" the adjudicated zone. Increase ET extinction depth (in MODFLOW .ETS package) to 4.5 m in native vegetation areas outside the DIscharge Zone.
	Natural Vegetation, on Groundwater- or Mixed-source fields, Inside Adjudicated area (NV-GWM-IA)	Turns off pumping for wells serving fields inside the adjudicated zone, which have a "groundwater" or "mixed groundwater and surface water" irrigation source. Assumes that these fields, where pumping is turned off, revert to natural vegetation with a k_c value of 1.0. Assumes that all fields with 5% or more of their area overlapping with the adjudicated zone are "inside" the adjudicated zone. Increase ET extinction depth (in MODFLOW .ETS package) to 4.5 m in native vegetation areas outside the DIscharge Zone.
	Natural Vegetation (NV)	Turns off pumping for wells serving all irrigated fields in the SVIHM model. Assumes that these fields, where pumping is turned off, revert to natural vegetation with a k_c value of 1.0. Assumes that all fields with 5% or more of their area overlapping with the adjudicated zone are "inside" the adjudicated zone. Increase ET extinction depth (in MODFLOW .ETS package) to 4.5 m in native vegetation areas outside the DIscharge Zone.
	Natural Vegetation on all Groundwater- or Mixed-source fields (NV-GWM)	Turns off pumping for wells serving all irrigated fields which have a "groundwater" or "mixed groundwater and surface water" irrigation source. Assumes that these fields, where pumping is turned off, revert to natural vegetation with a k_c value of 1.0. Assumes that all fields with 5% or more of their area overlapping with the adjudicated zone are "inside" the adjudicated zone. Increase ET extinction depth (in MODFLOW .ETS package) to 4.5 m in native vegetation areas outside the DIscharge Zone.
Reservoir	Reservoir, 30 cfs release, Shackelford	Simulates a 9 TAF reservoir on the Shackelford Creek tributary by withholding wet-season flow and releasing it during the dry season according to set operations rules.
	Reservoir, 30 cfs release, Etna	Simulates a 9 TAF reservoir on the Etna Creek tributary by withholding wet-season flow and releasing it during the dry season according to set operations rules.
	Reservoir, 30 cfs release, French	Simulates a 9 TAF reservoir on the French Creek tributary by withholding wet-season flow and releasing it during the dry season according to set operations rules.
	Reservoir, 30 cfs release, S. Fork	Simulates a 9 TAF reservoir on the South Fork tributary by withholding wet-season flow and releasing it during the dry season according to set operations rules.
100% reliable reservoir	100% reliability 30 cfs release	Simulates a 29 TAF reservoir on the Etna Creek tributary by withholding wet-season flow and releasing it during the dry season according to set operations rules.
	100% reliability 60 cfs release	Simulates a 29 TAF reservoir on the Etna Creek tributary by withholding wet-season flow and releasing it during the dry season according to set operations rules.

Quantifying the SMC



To calculate relative depletion reversal, sum the darker areas for each year and divide by the sum of the lighter areas in the Sept-Nov window.

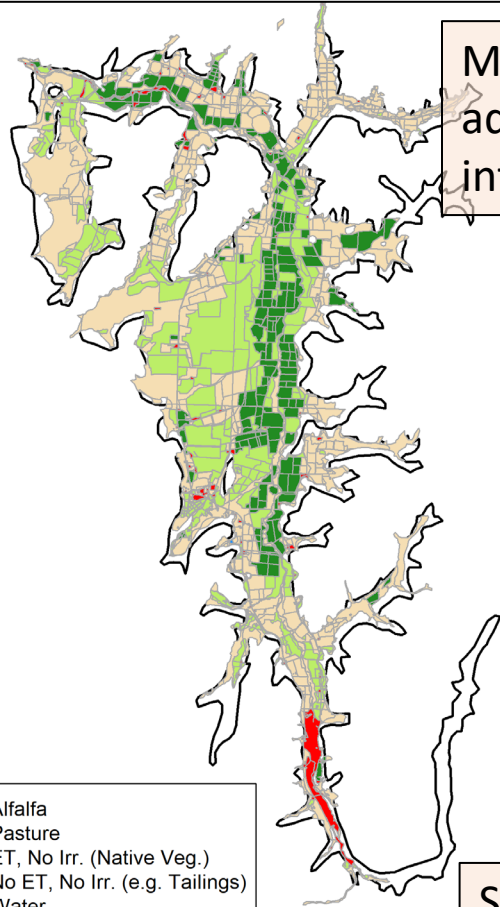
Overall, the MAR+ILR scenario Reverses **19%** of the Sept.-Nov. Depletion for 1991-2018.

Scenario Type	Scenario ID	Scenario Depletion Reversal, Sep-Nov '91-'18 (TAF)	Relative Depletion Reversal, Sep-Nov '91-'18
Enhanced Recharge	MAR	13	10%
	ILR	12	9%
	MAR_ILR	25	19%
	Expanded MAR_ILR (<i>assumed max infiltration rate of 0.019 m/d</i>)	60	44%
Crop change	80% Irrigation demand	82	61%
	90% Irrigation demand	40	29%
Irrigation Efficiency	Improve irrigation efficiency by 0.1	5.8	4%
	Reduce irrigation efficiency by 0.1	-3.2	-2%
Irrigation schedule change	Alfalfa irrigation schedule - July 10 end date	117	86%
	Alfalfa irrigation schedule - Aug 01 end date	82	60%
	Aug 01 end date, <i>dry years only ('91, '92, '94, '01, '09, '13, '14, '18)</i>	19	14%
	Alfalfa irrigation schedule - Aug 15 end date	45	33%
Attribution - adjudicated area impacts	Natural Vegetation Outside Adjudicated area (NVOA)	171	126%
	Natural Vegetation, on Groundwater- or Mixed-source fields, Outside Adjudicated area (NV-GWM-OA)	136	100%
	Natural Vegetation Inside Adjudicated area (NVIA)	126	93%
	Natural Vegetation, on Groundwater- or Mixed-source fields, Inside Adjudicated area (NV-GWM-IA)	116	85%
	Natural Vegetation (NV)	287	212%
	Natural Vegetation on all Groundwater- or Mixed-source fields (NV-GWM)	233	171%
Reservoir	Reservoir, 30 cfs release, Shackleford	46	34%
	Reservoir, 30 cfs release, Etna	65	48%
	Reservoir, 30 cfs release, French	78	58%
	Reservoir, 30 cfs release, S. Fork	35	26%
100% reliable reservoir	100% reliability 30 cfs release	72	53%
	100% reliability 60 cfs release	155	114%

How to read and interpret graphs of scenario results

Plot Explanations

Native Vegetation on *GW and Mixed Water Source Fields* Outside Adjudication

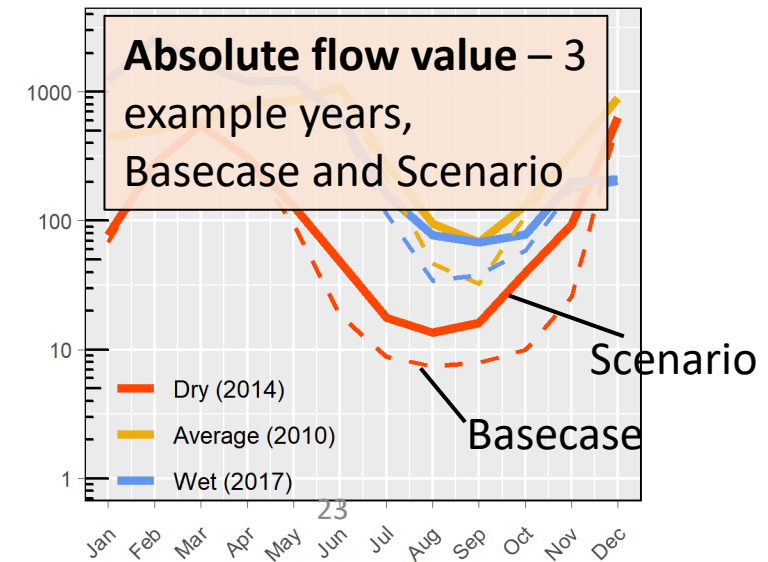
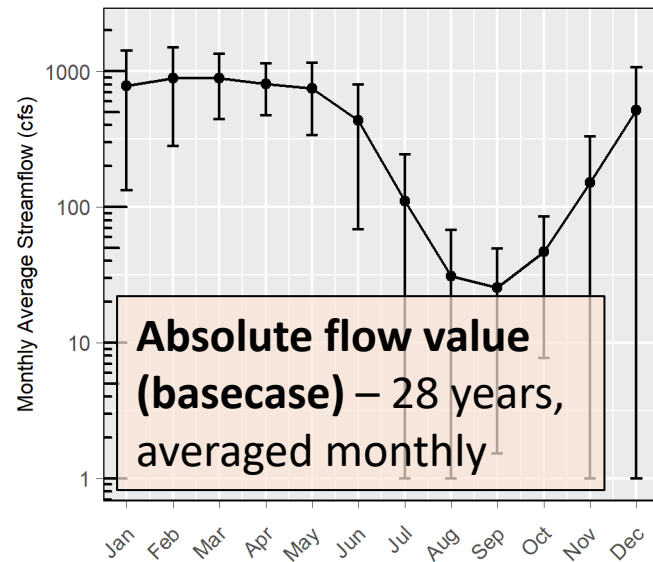
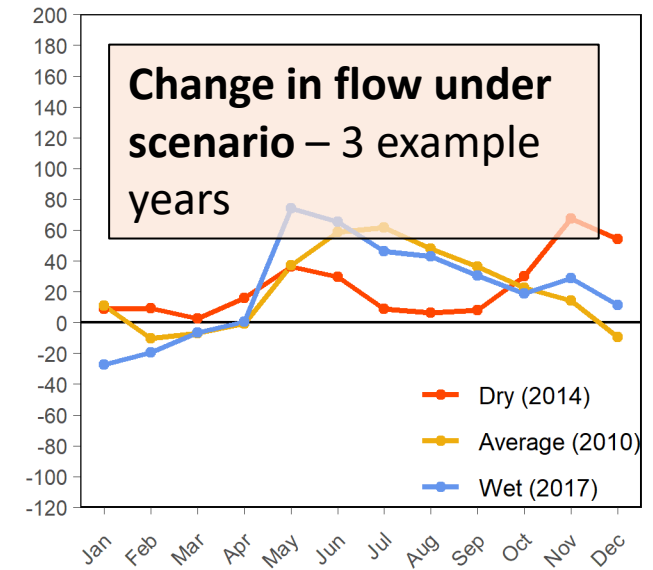
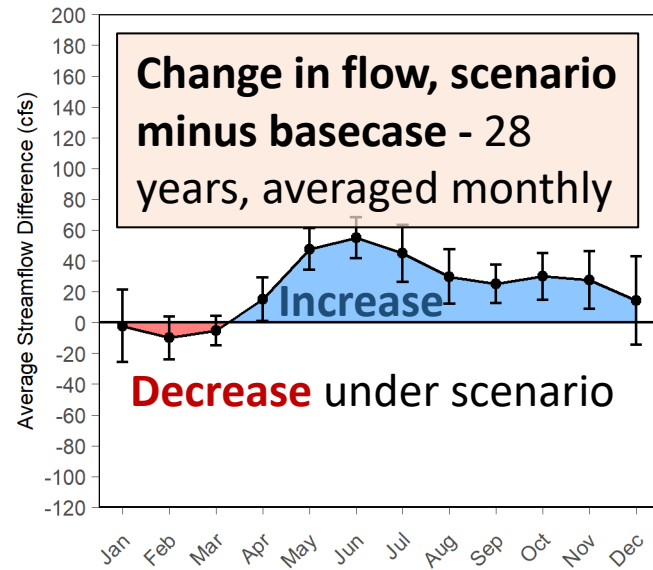


Map or additional information

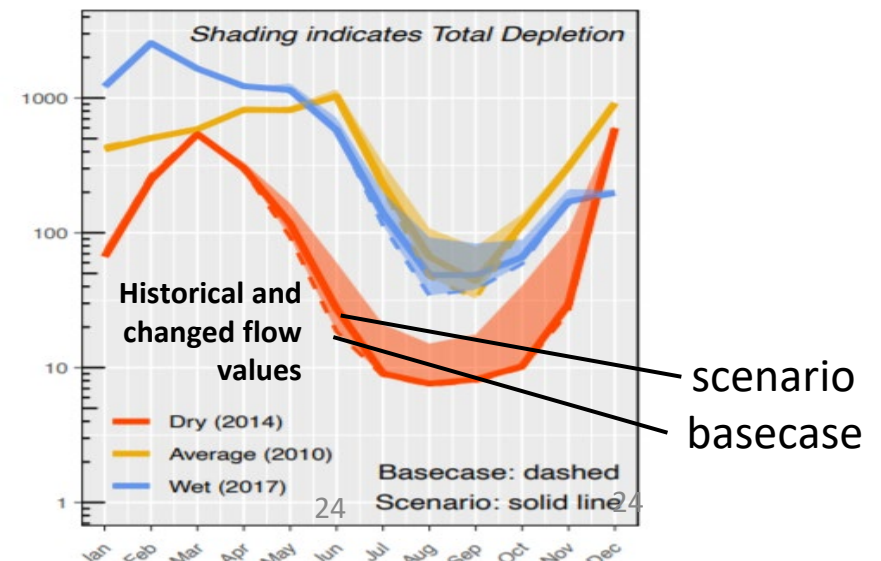
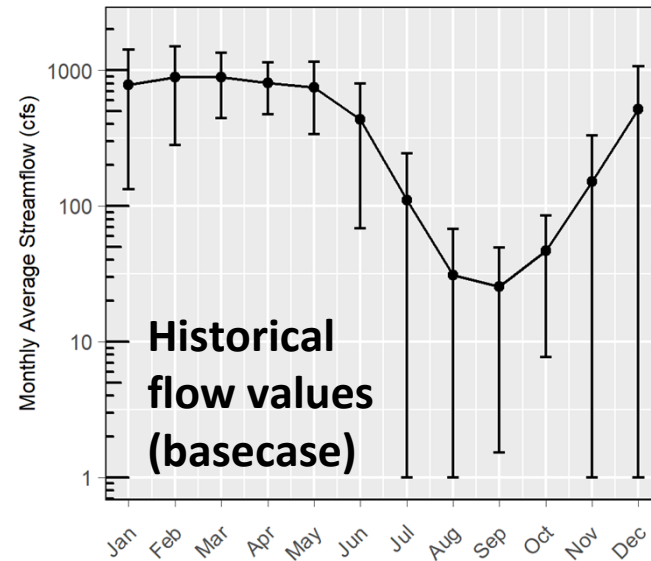
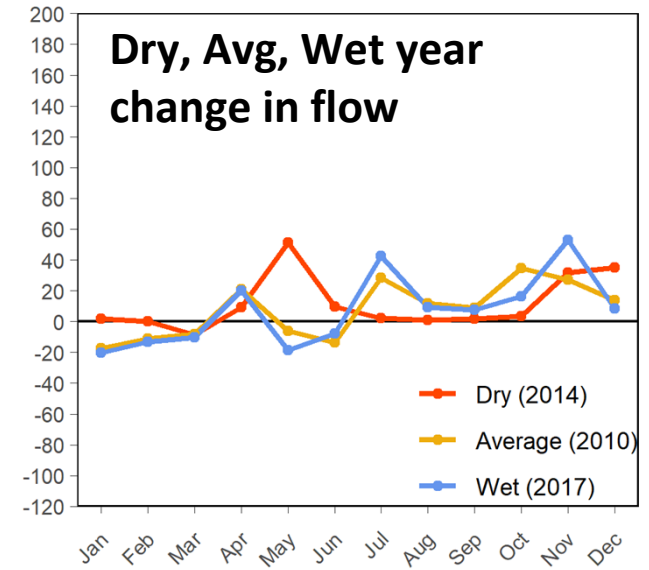
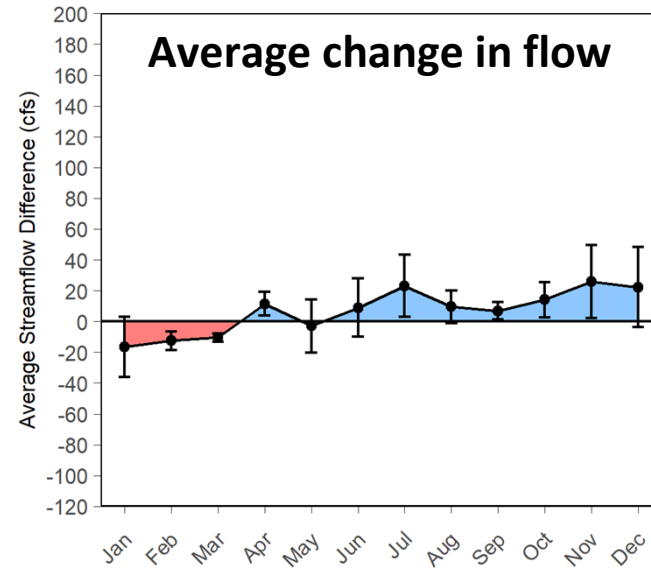
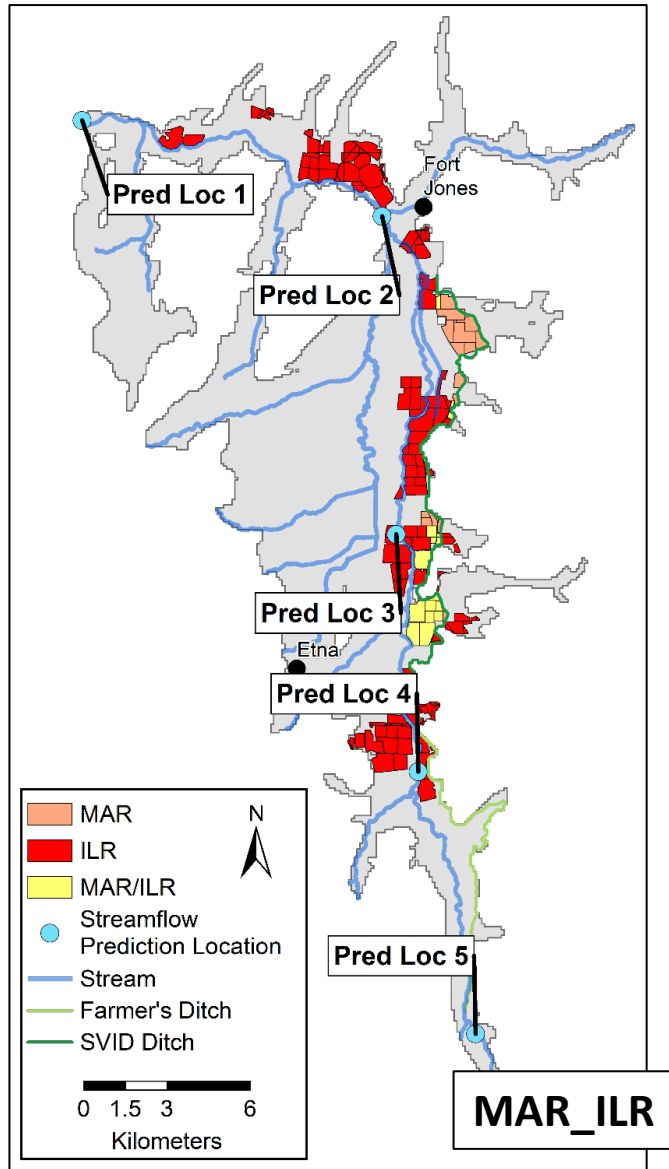
NV-GWM-OA

Scenario shortname

All flows and flow changes plotted are for the Fort Jones Gauge location



Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) and In-Lieu Recharge (ILR)



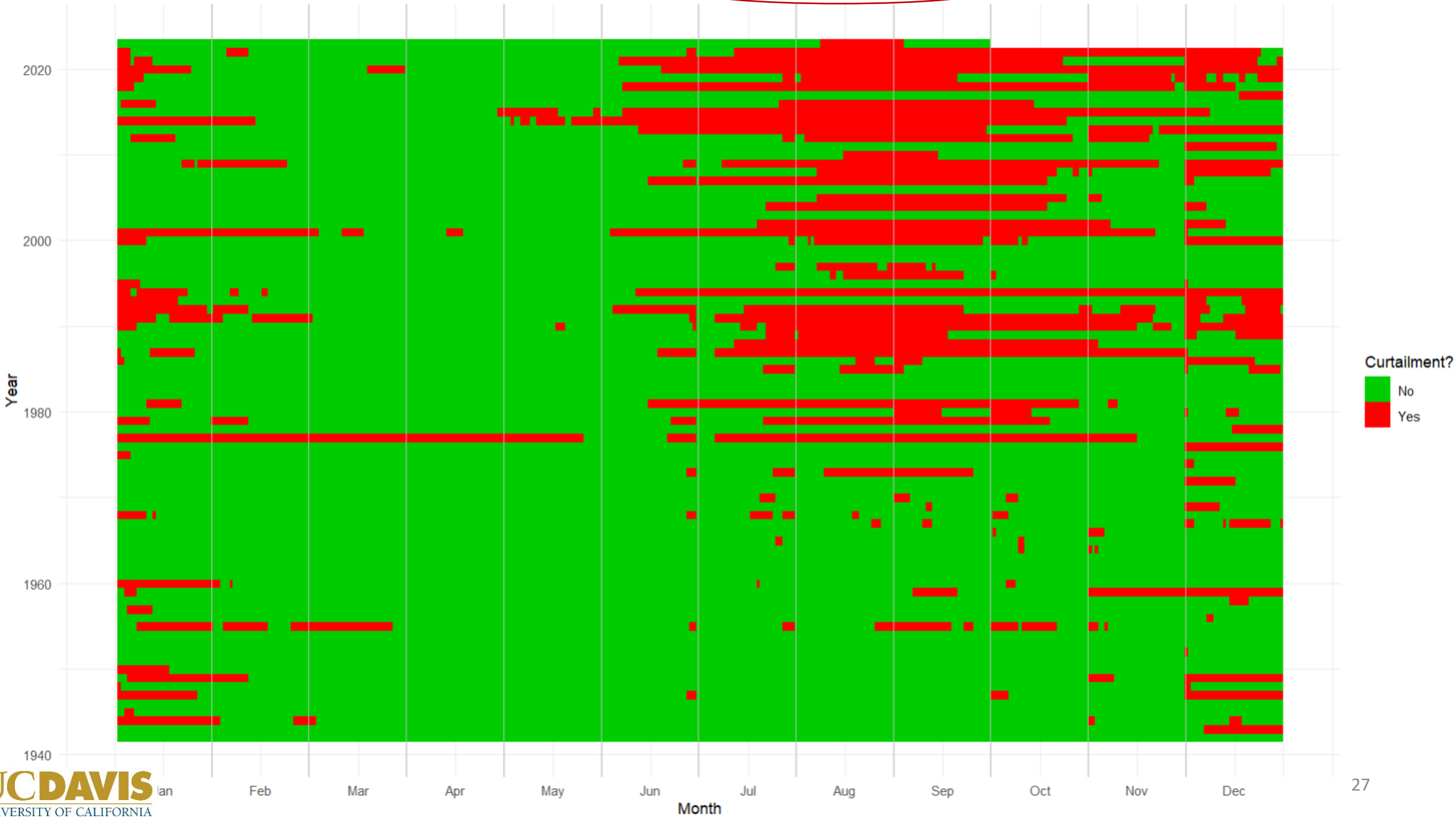
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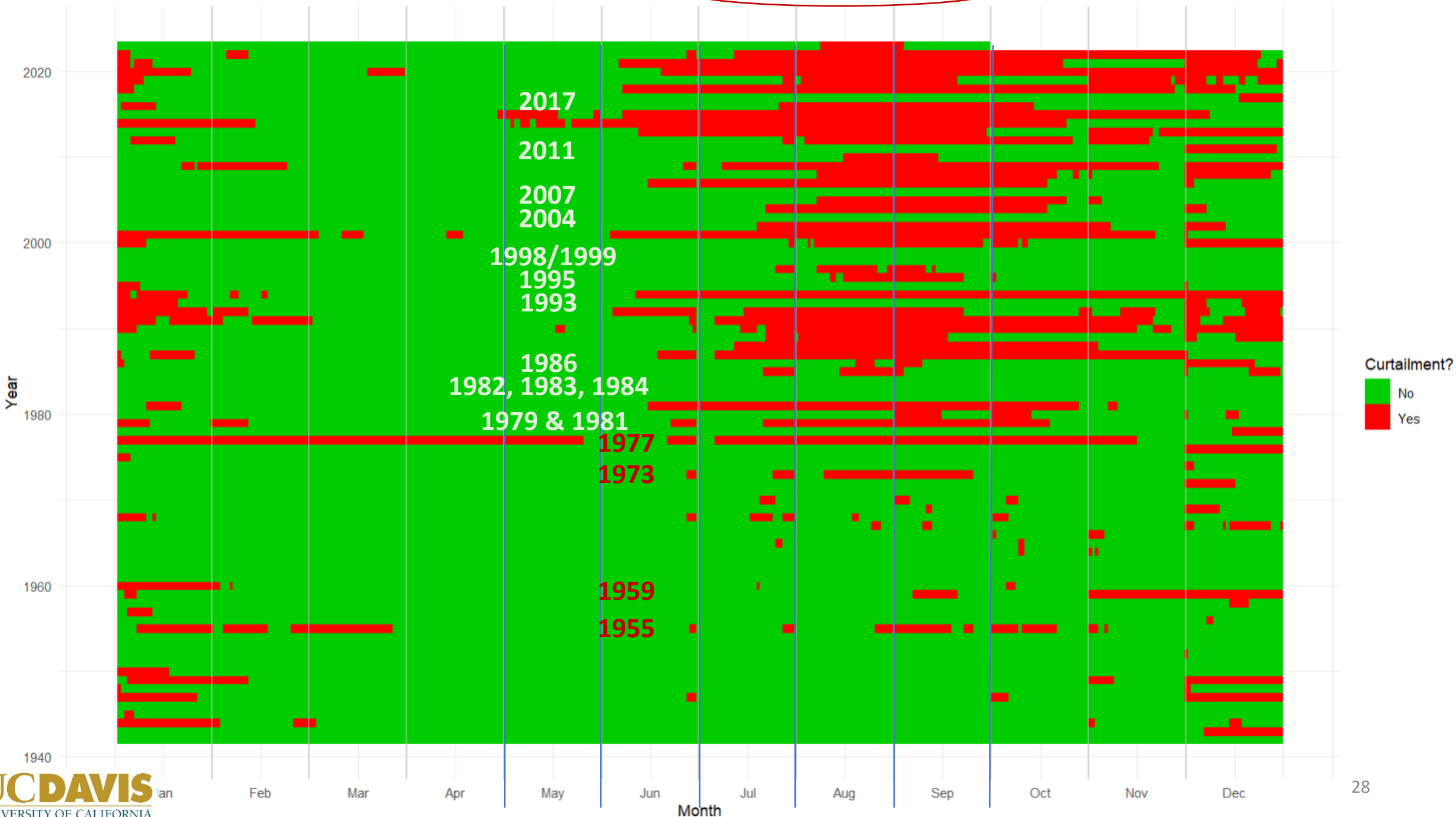
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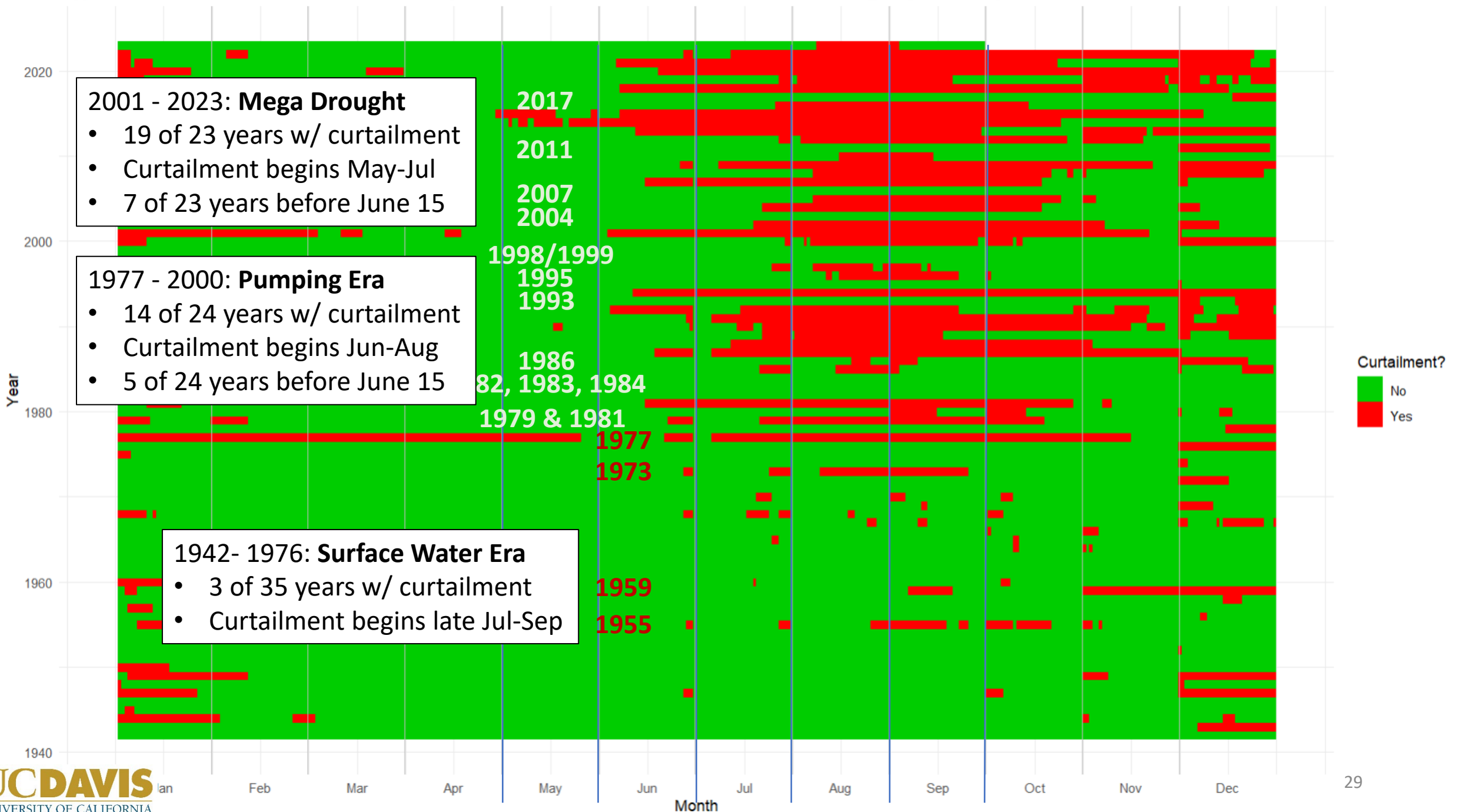
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Timeline heatmap of “above threshold” (green) or “below threshold” Ft. Jones gage flows

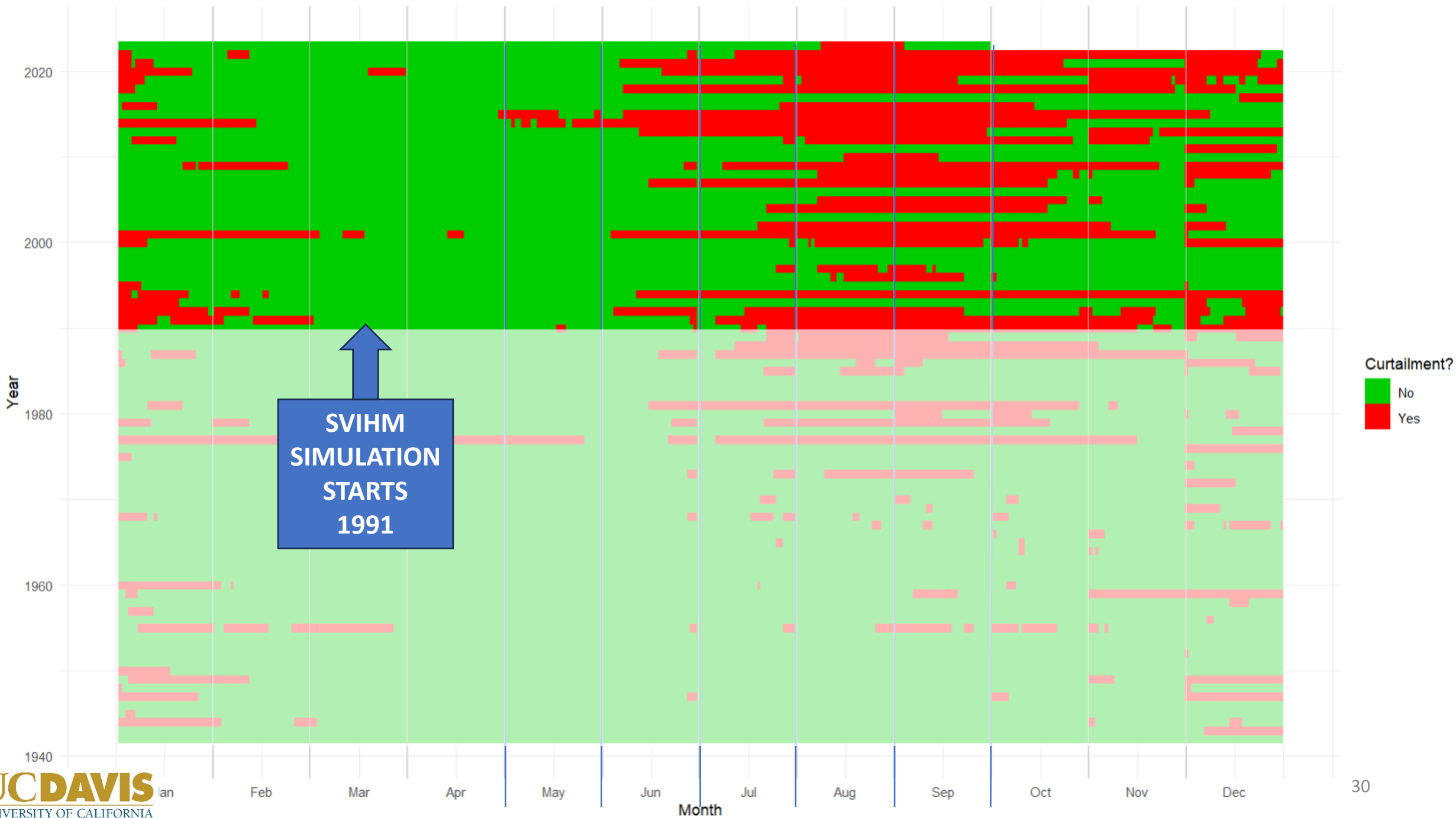
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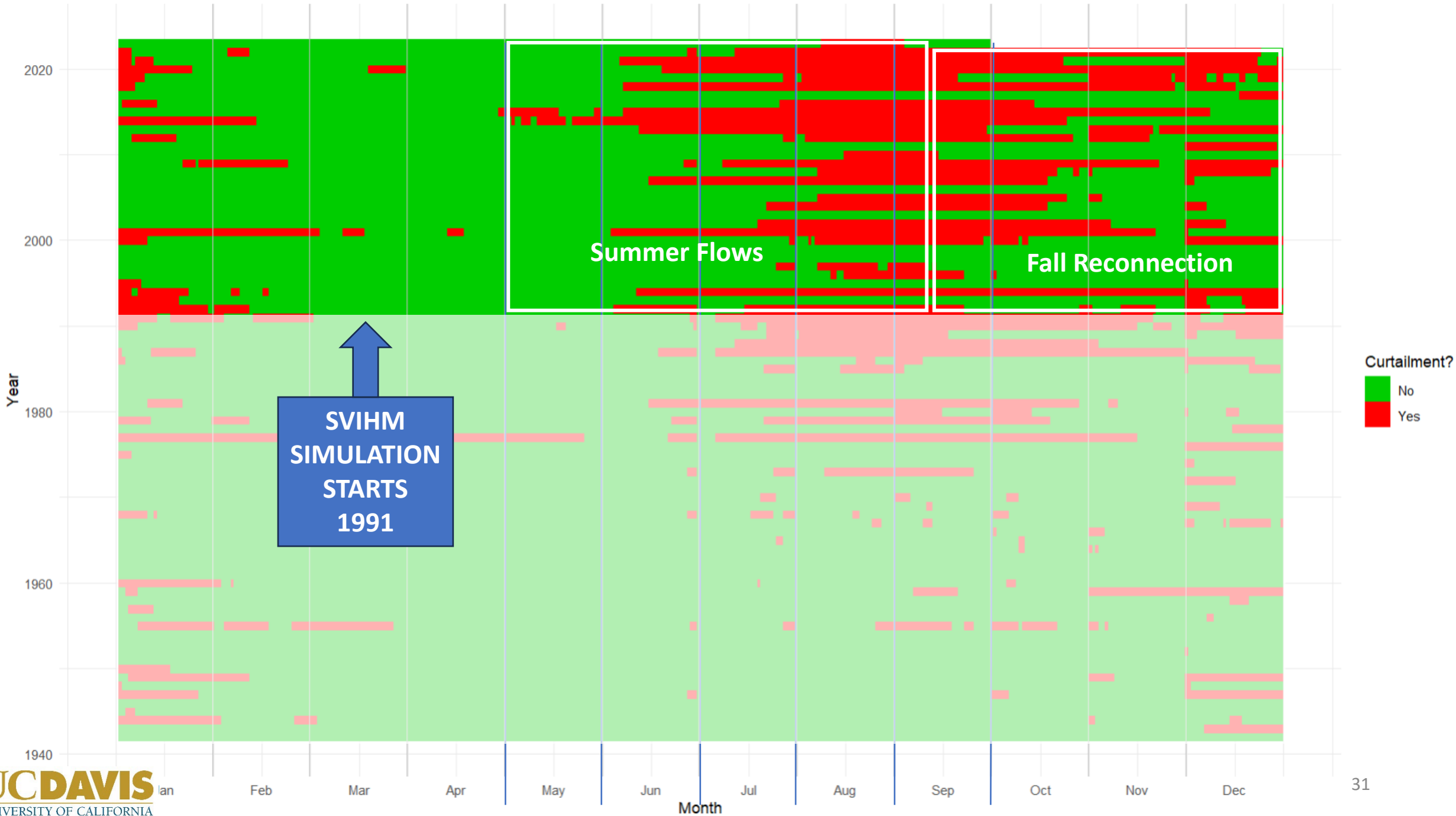






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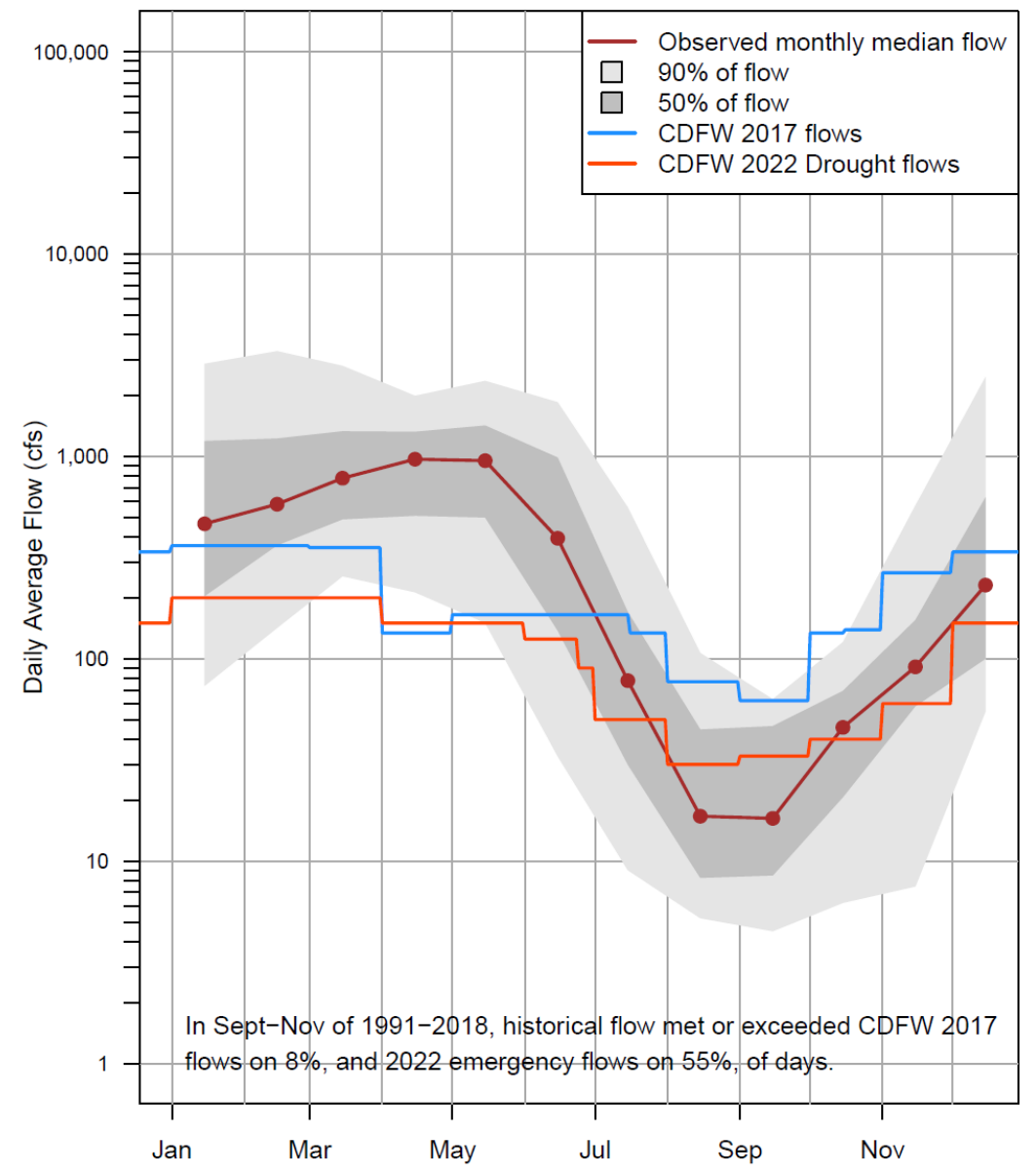




Summary of the range of flows observed in a given month at the Fort Jones gage

- Each month of 1991 – 2018:
 - January: range of average flow among 28 Januaries
 - February: range of average flow among 28 Februaries
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- Dark red line with dot: 14 years have flows above, 14 years have flows below (by month)
- Dark-shaded grey area: in half of years (14 years), monthly average daily flow was within this range (7 below the red line with dots, 7 above the red line with dots)
- Light-shaded grey area: 5 or 6 years were in this range (5 or 6 in the lower one, 5 or 6 in the upper one)
- Extreme years (1 in 10):
 - one or two years among the 28 falls below the lower the grey-shaded area and
 - one year or two years among the 28 that falls above the upper grey-shaded area
- Proposed in-stream flows:
 - Blue: CDFW 2017 instream flow table
 - Red: CDFW 2022 drought instream flow table
 - Red (in the GSP): USFS water right (similar to CDFW 2022)

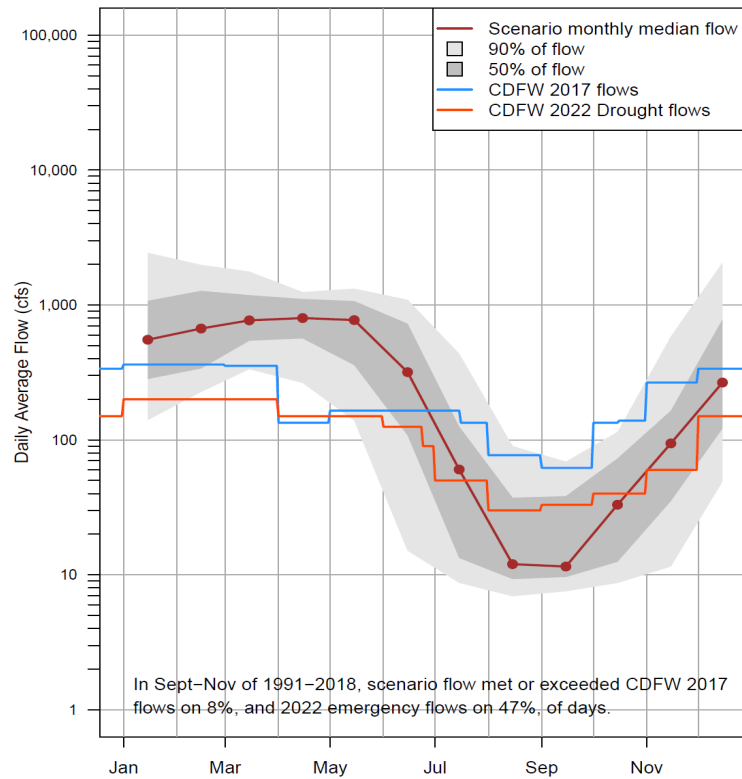
Historical observed Fort Jones Flow



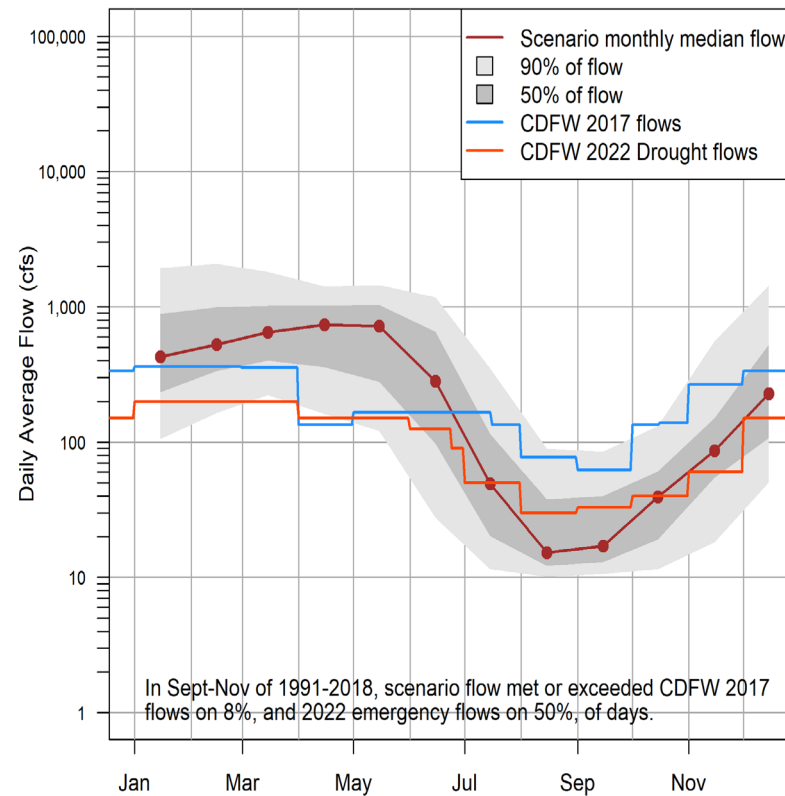
Observed FJ Flow, 1991–2018

Percentile Statistics of Monthly Fort Jones Gage Flow (from simulations)

Basecase (simulated historical)

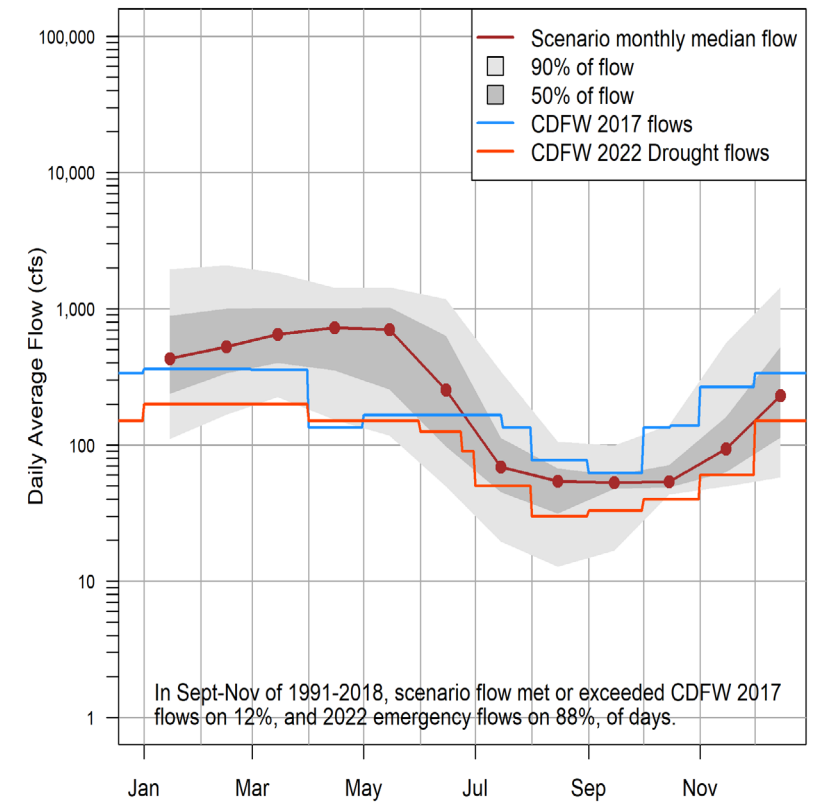


EmFlow_30LCS



Simulated FJ Flow, 1991–2018

EmFlow_100LCS

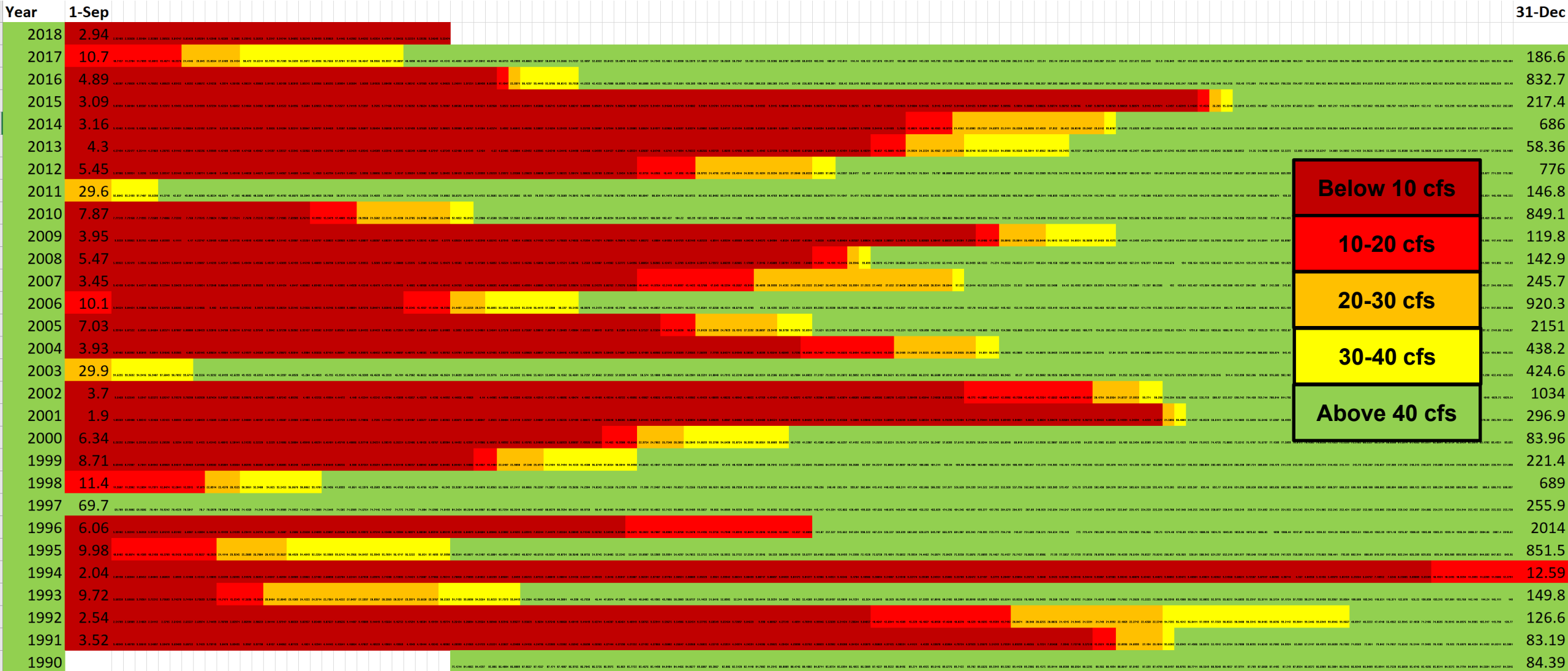


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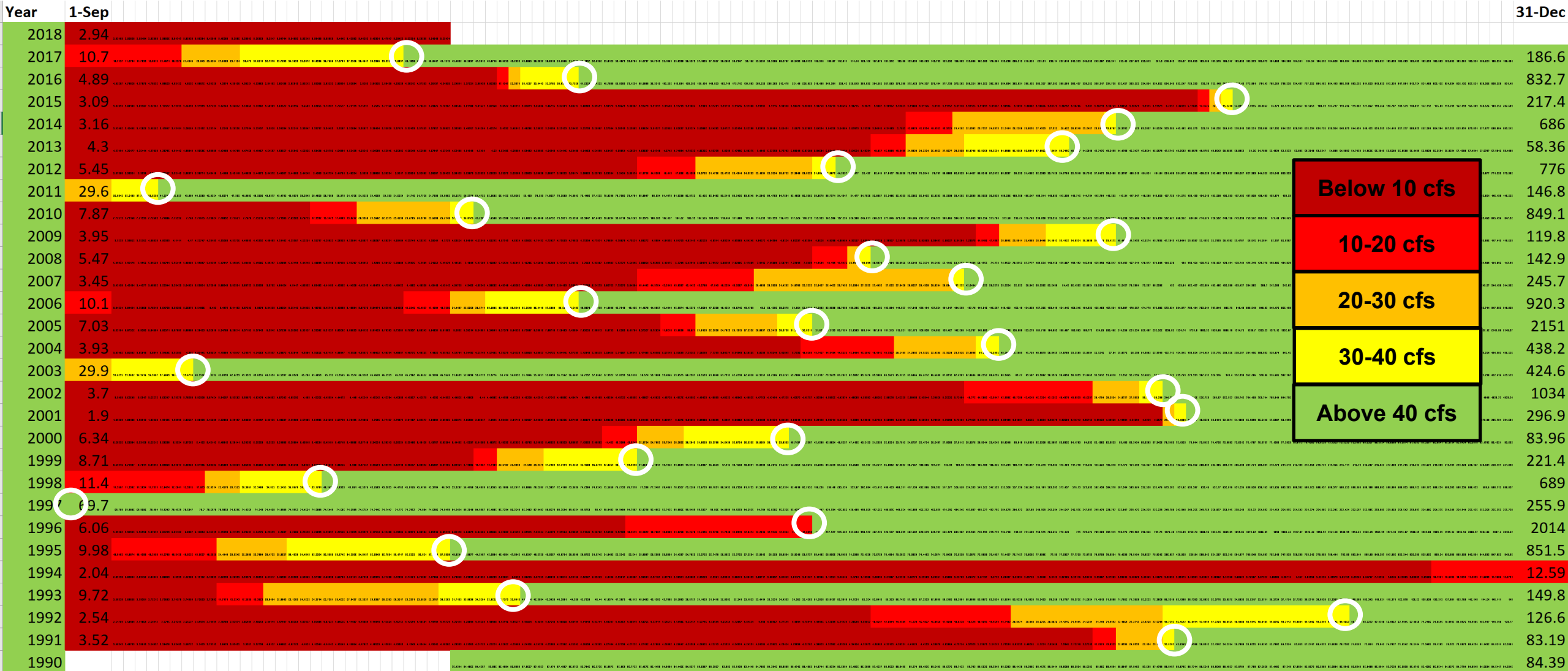
- 1 in 4 years has flows in the lower light grey zone
- 1 in 20 years has flows that fall *below* the light grey zone

Looking specifically at **fall flow reconnection timing**

Fall Season Timeline Heatmap of Forth Jones Gage Flows: Green = Good. Colored = below threshold

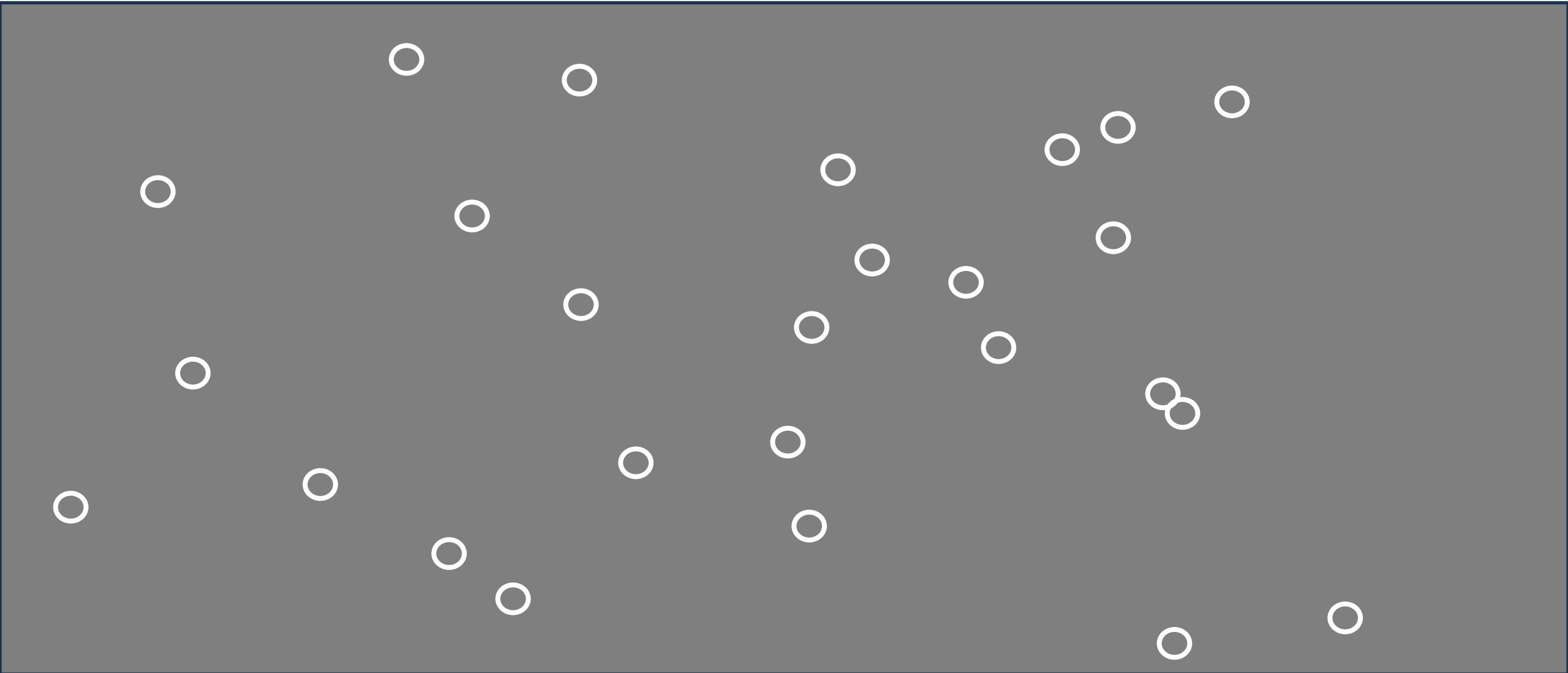


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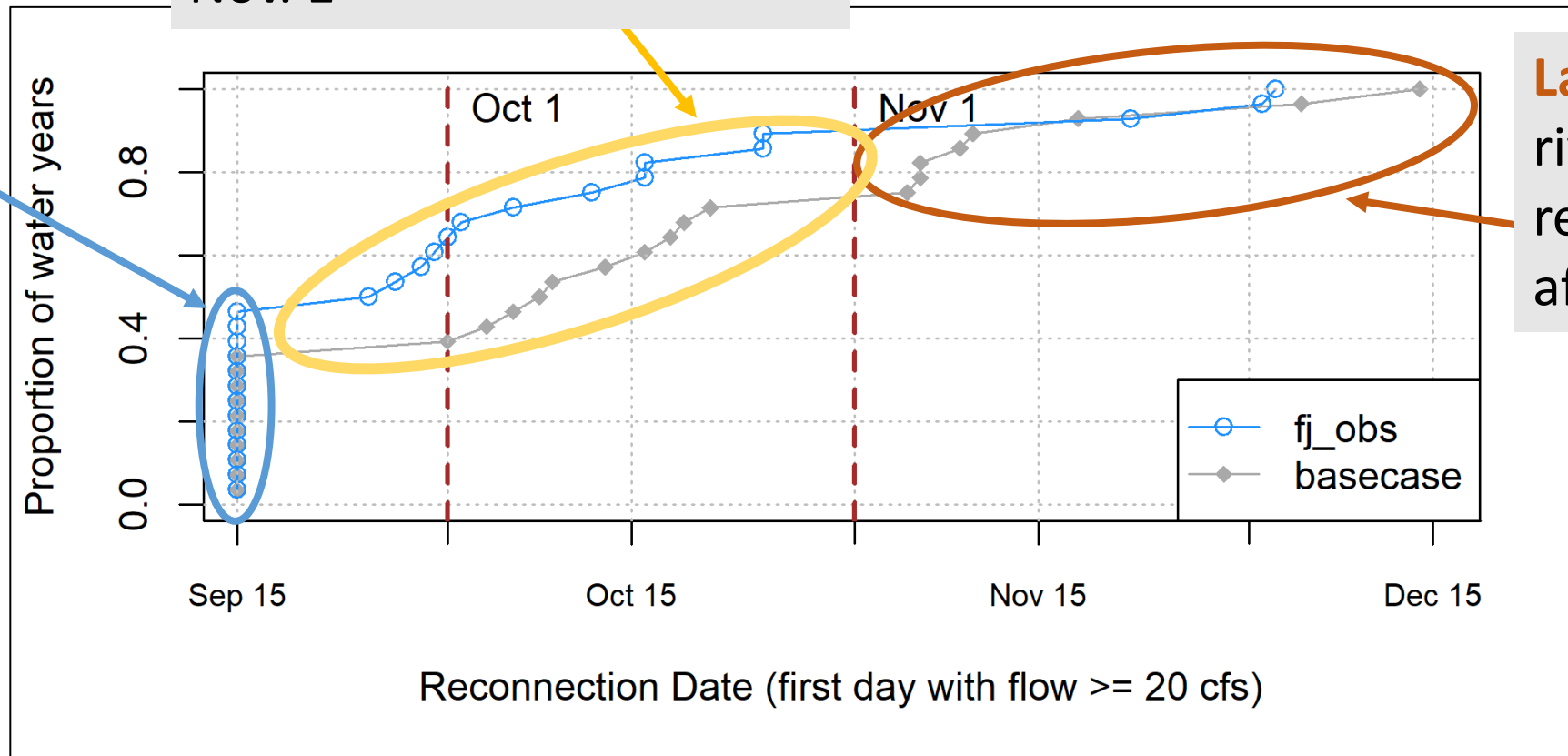
Identify the day of the year when flows are above threshold



...and now **sort those points:**
from bottom to top = **early to late**

Intermediate years – river
reconnected Sept. 15 –
Nov. 1

Early years –
river
reconnected
on or before
Sept. 15



Late years –
river
reconnected
after Nov 1

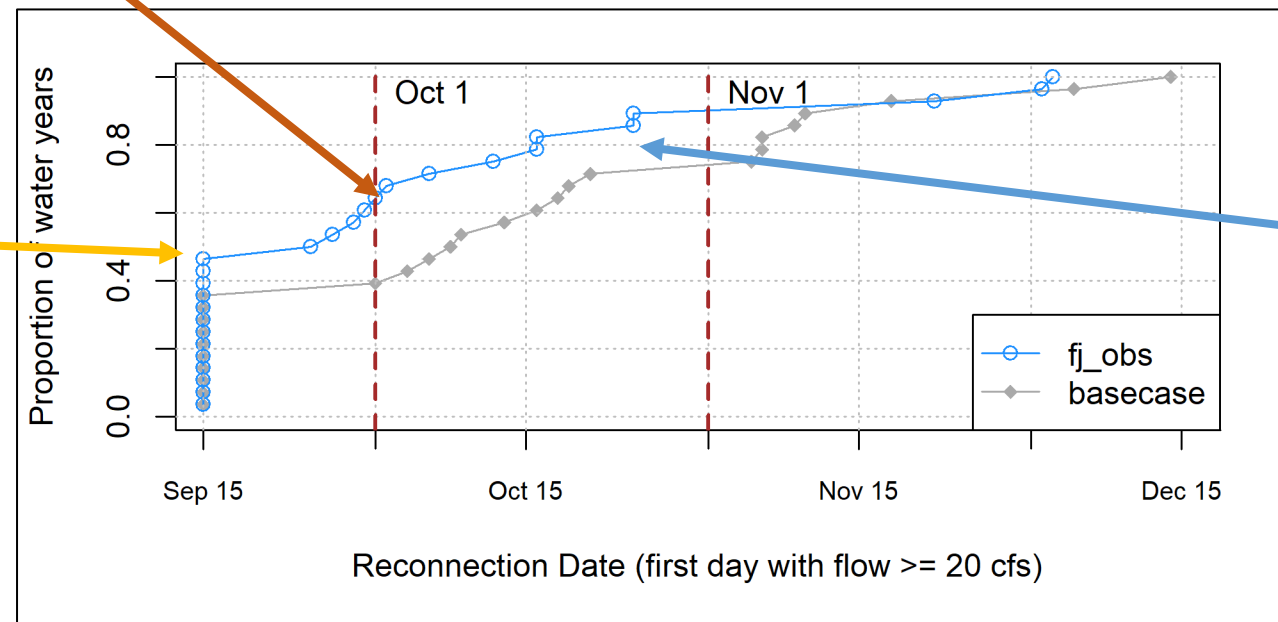
“Reconnection date distribution” graph

How to read this graph: In the years 1991-2018, the FJ gauge “reconnected”* **on or before Oct. 1** in ~**63%** of years.

* flow gauge measured flow > 20 cfs

Notes on model performance:

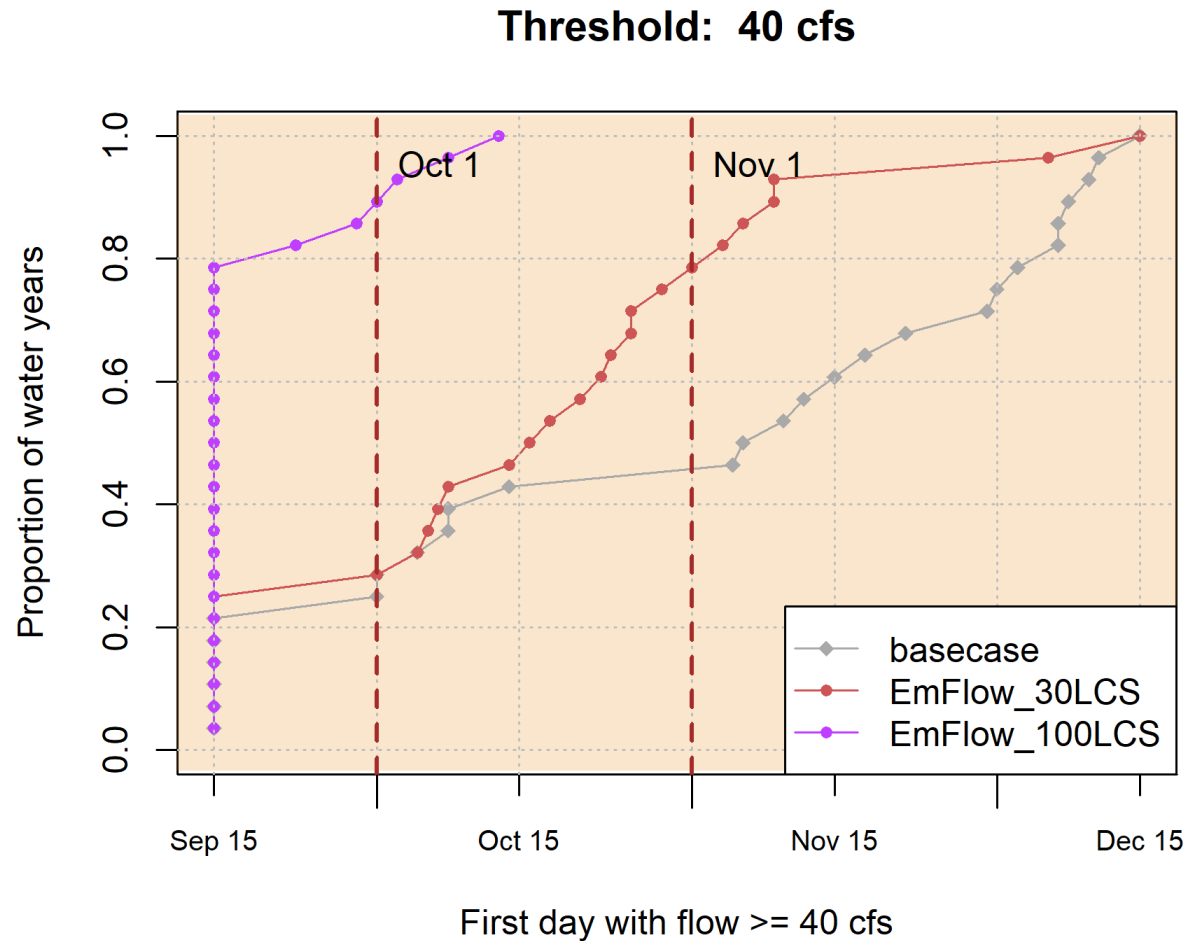
The basecase simulates 10 years reconnecting before Sept 15 (**early years**); in the observed record it's 13 years.



Notes on model performance:
The discrepancies between the observed and simulated basecase distributions are another reason to think of scenario results as “relative change” rather than an exact prediction of future conditions.

Fall Reconnection Date, 1991-2018

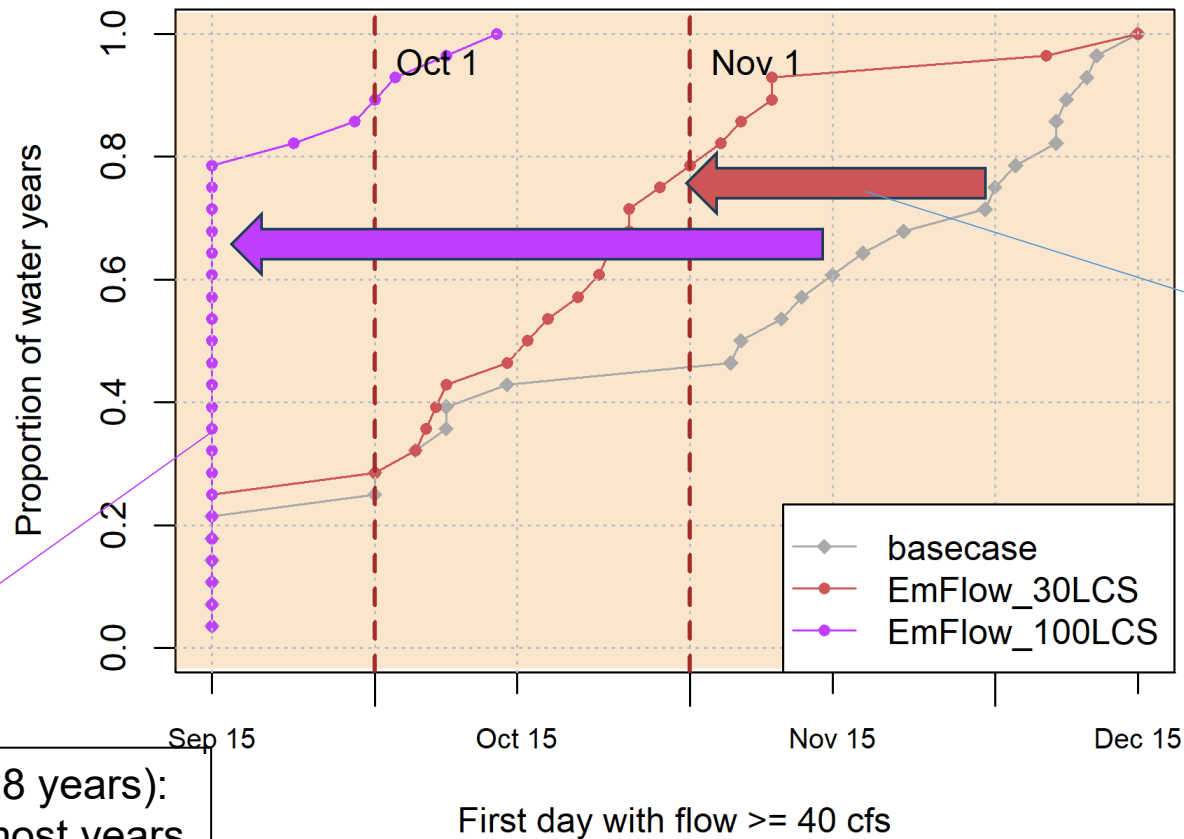
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Fall Reconnection Date, 1991-2018

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Threshold: 40 cfs



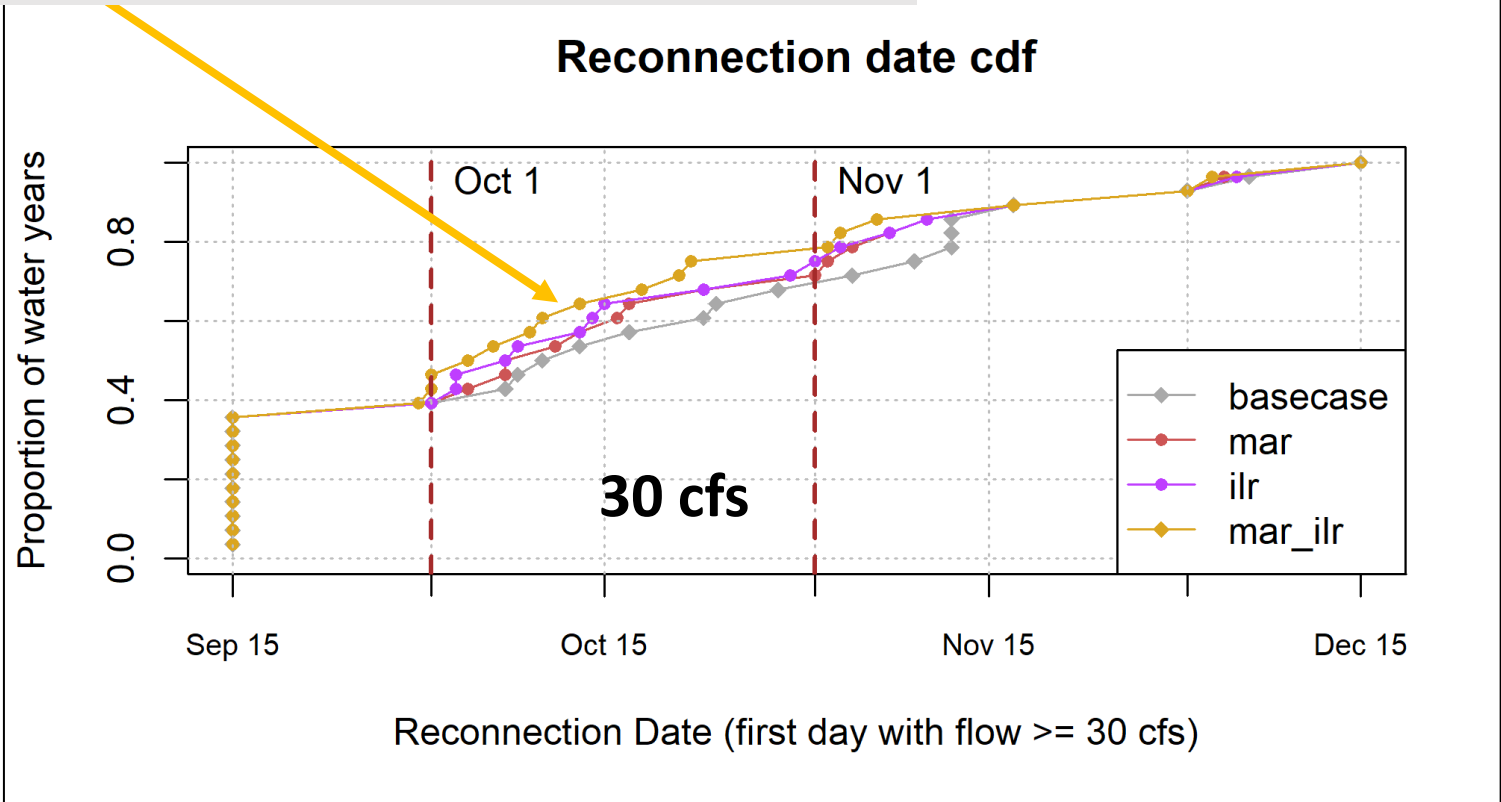
2022-like curtailment:
1 month earlier in all but the driest years

Full curtailment (in 20 of 28 years):
No loss of connection in most years

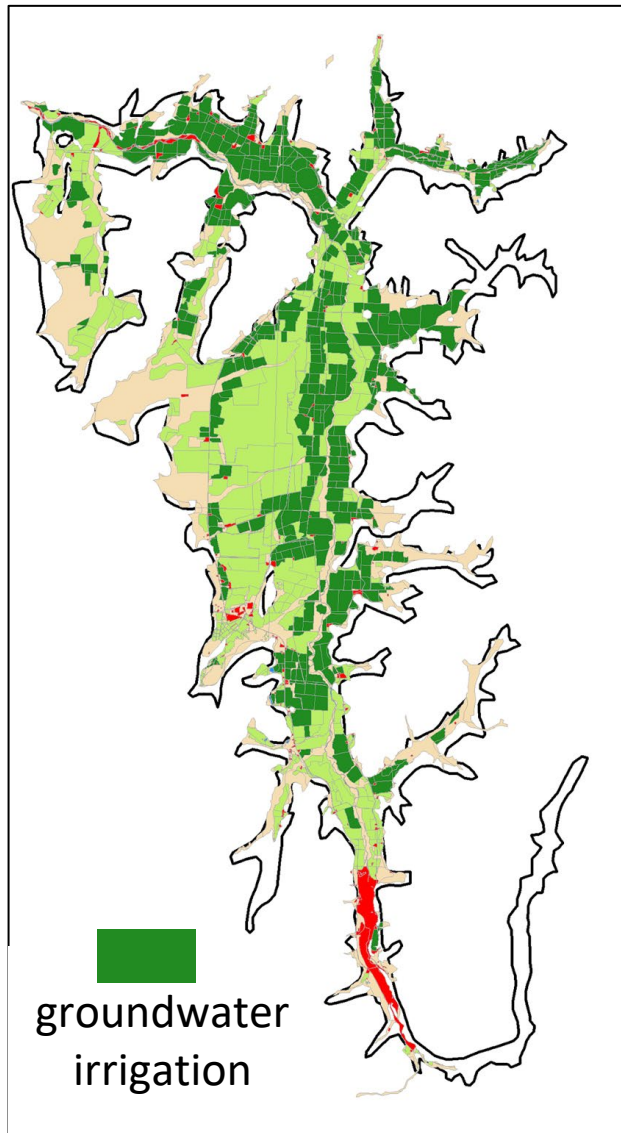
“Reconnection date distribution” graphs

Using them to explore an scenario option

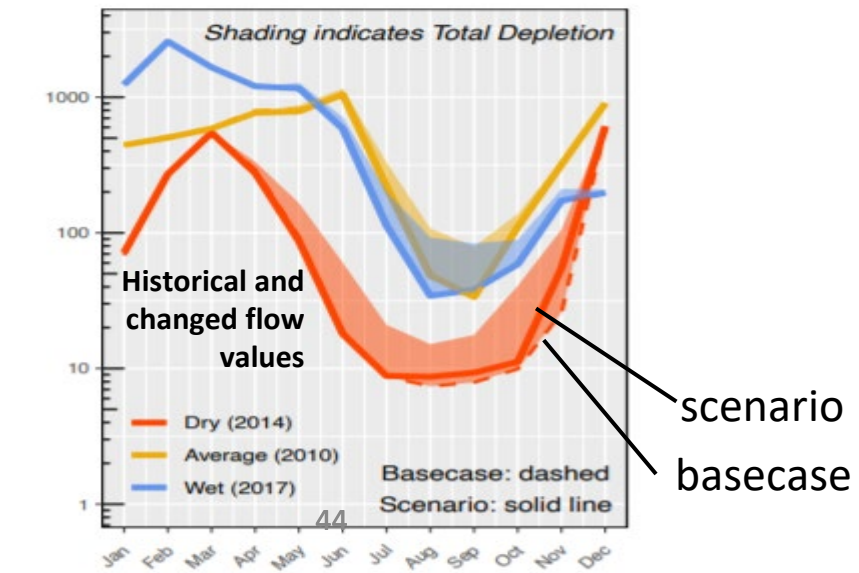
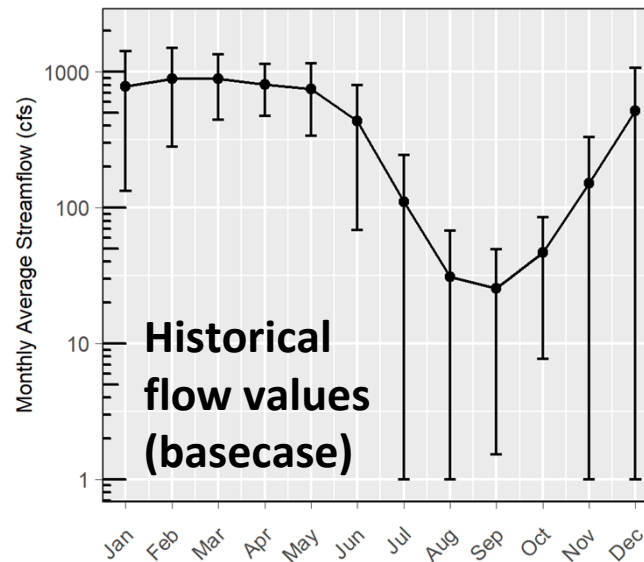
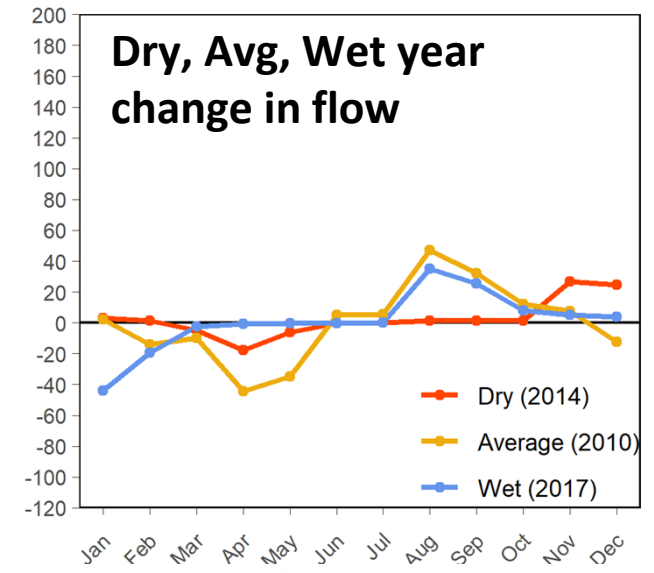
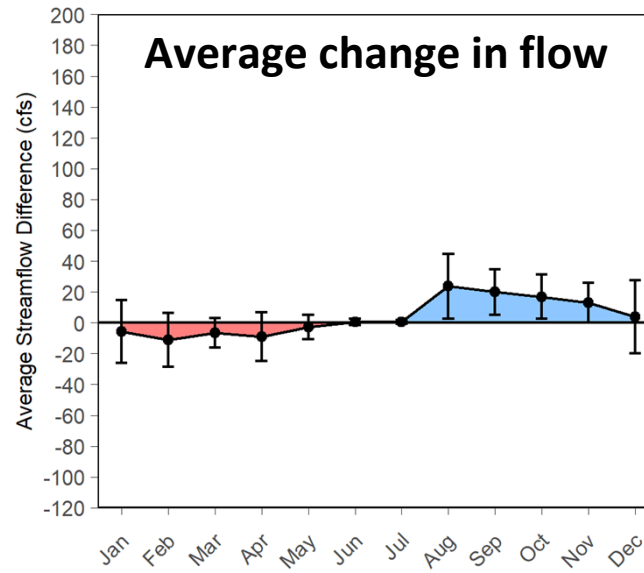
MAR+ILR: Aim for a gain of 7-10 days in intermediate and some late years



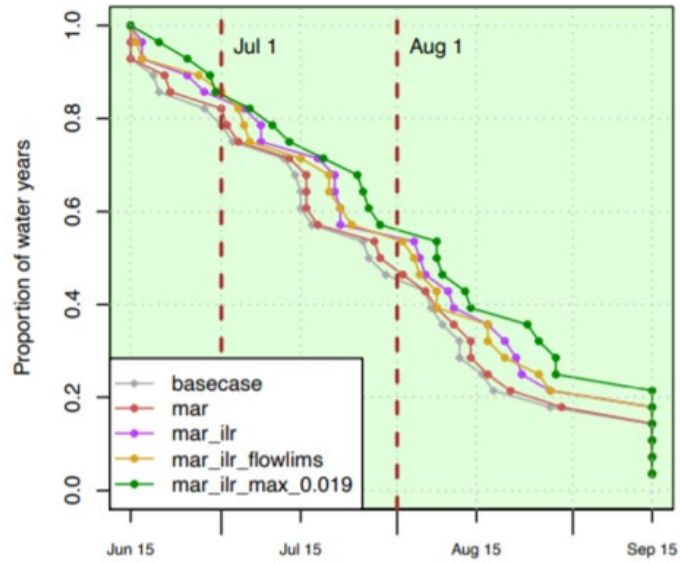
Groundwater Irrigation Terminates on August 1 (annually)



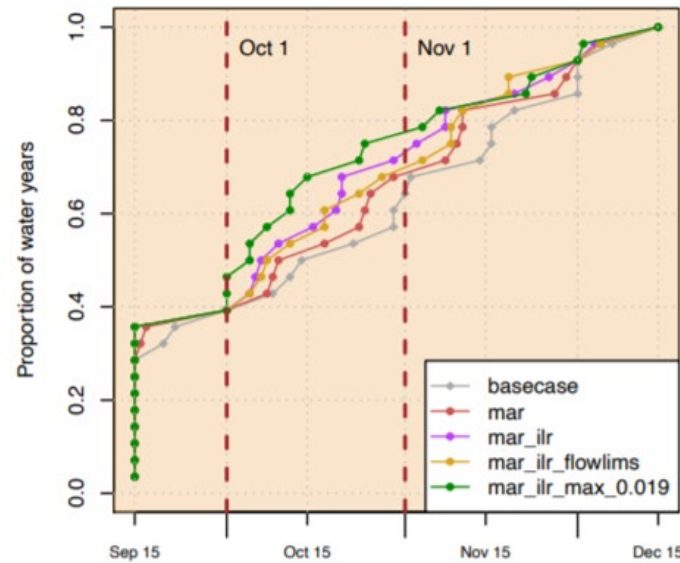
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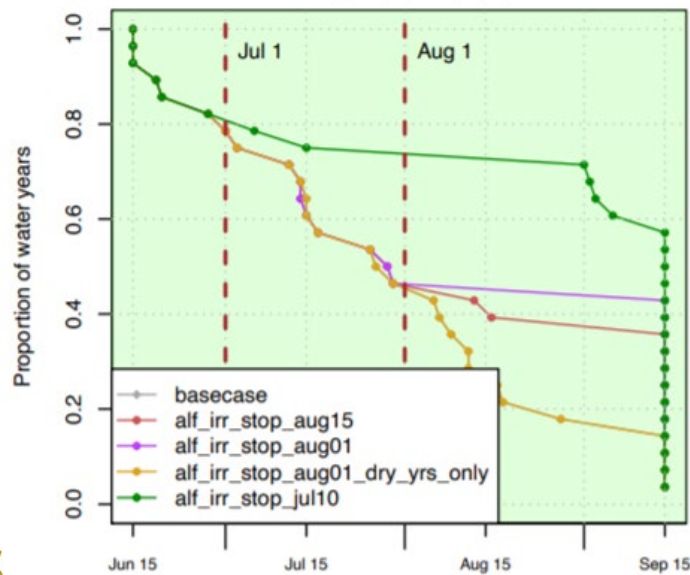
Statistical Analysis: Disconnection Reconnection, By-Month-Ranges



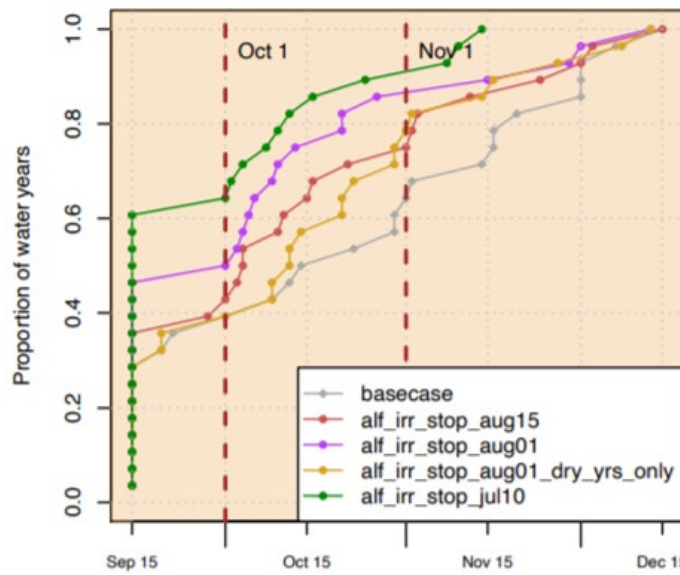
First day with flow ≤ 40 cfs



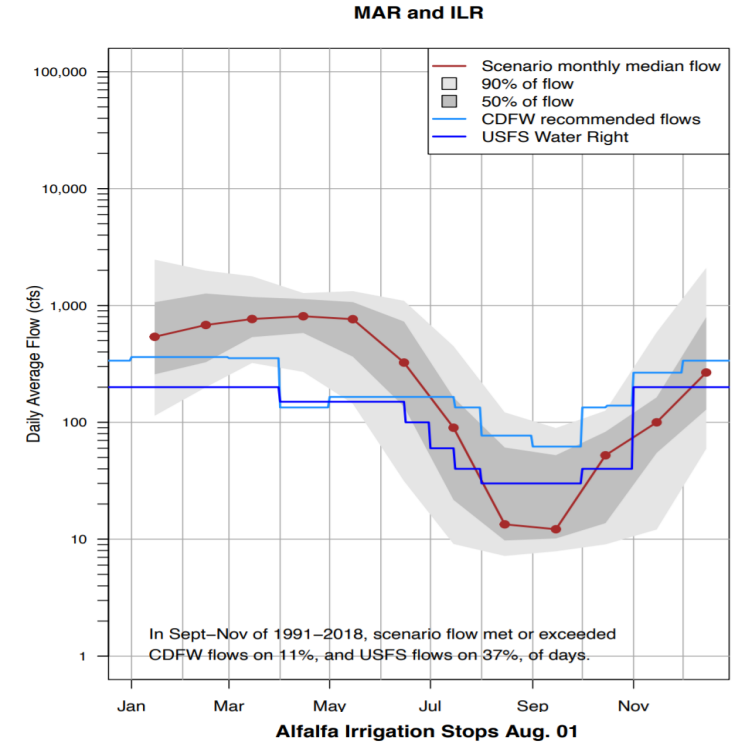
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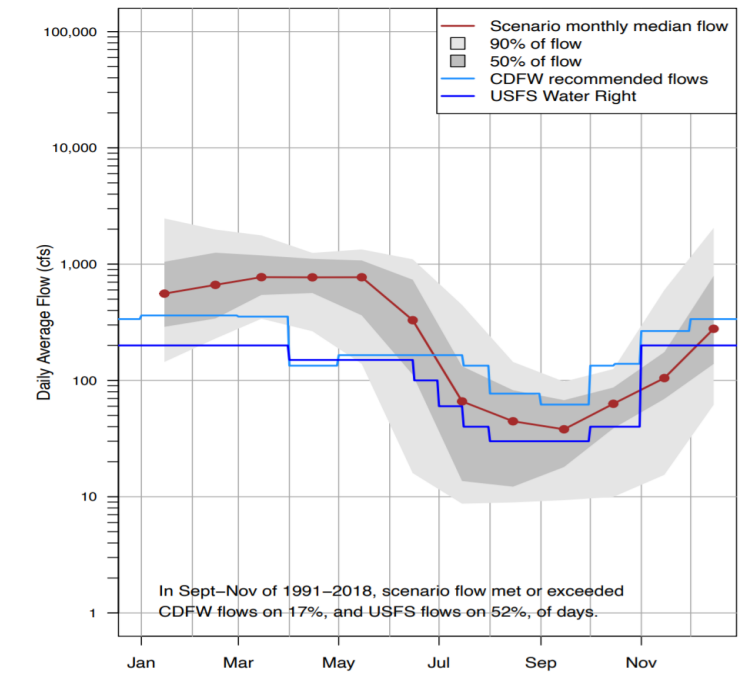
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First day with flow ≥ 40 cfs



Alfalfa Irrigation Stops Aug. 01



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