



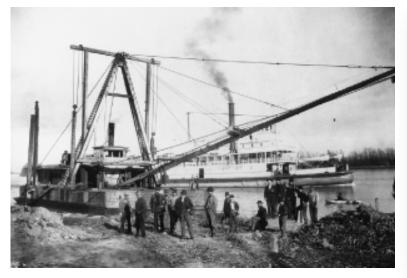
#### WATER FOR THE 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT

Santa Ana River Watershed Conference April 11, 2013

#### **Historical Context**



- Swamp and Overflow Act
- State and Central Valley Flood Systems
- Water System Development







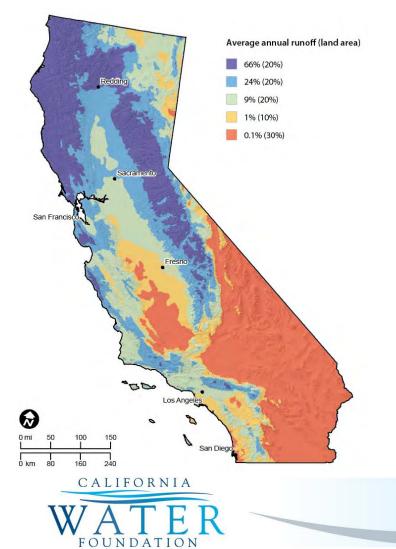
#### Historical Context Adaptability?



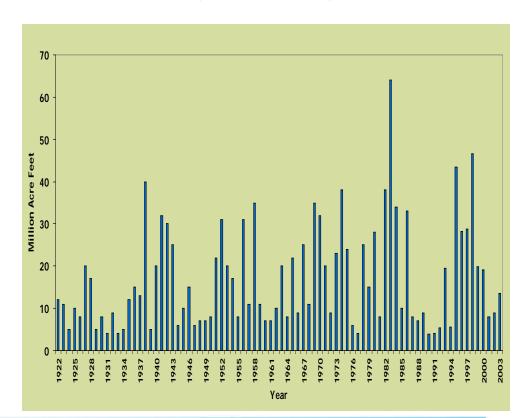




### Water Variability and Use



Yearly Total Delta Outflow (Calendar Year)



#### **California Water Systems**



- Fueled California economy
- All had unintended consequences
- All are less reliable today

# Water System in Crisis

- Increasing population
- Aging infrastructure
- Groundwater overdraft
- Degraded ecosystems
- Increasing conflict
- Uncertainty due to climate change





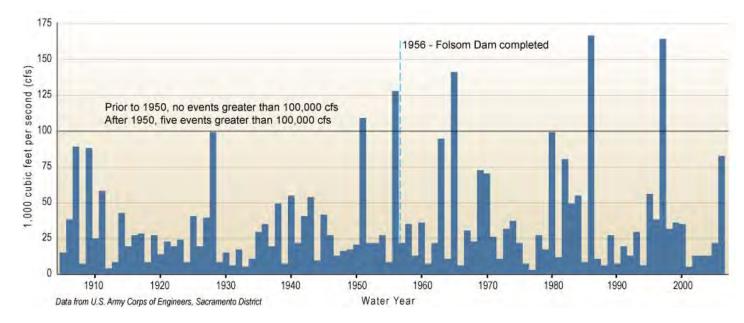






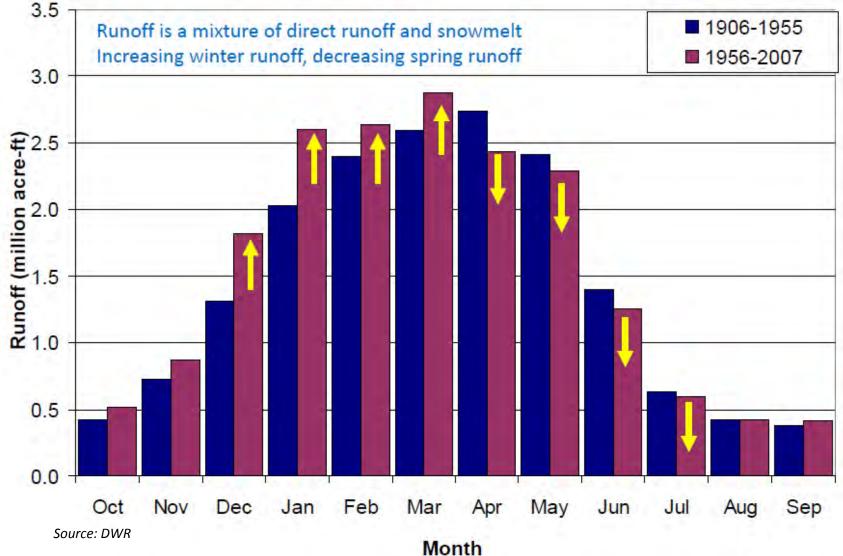
#### American River Runoff Annual Maximum 3-Day Flow

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





### Monthly Average Runoff of Sacramento River System



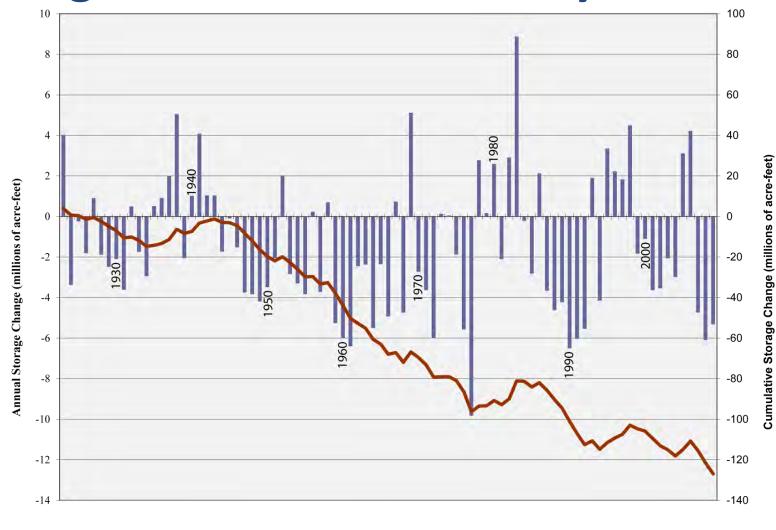
# Australian 'Big Dry' in CA?

\$500 Billion Total negative economic impact
1.6 Percent Reduction in GDP growth
114,000 Jobs lost
30 Percent Reduced agricultural output





#### Change in Groundwater Storage for the Central Valley



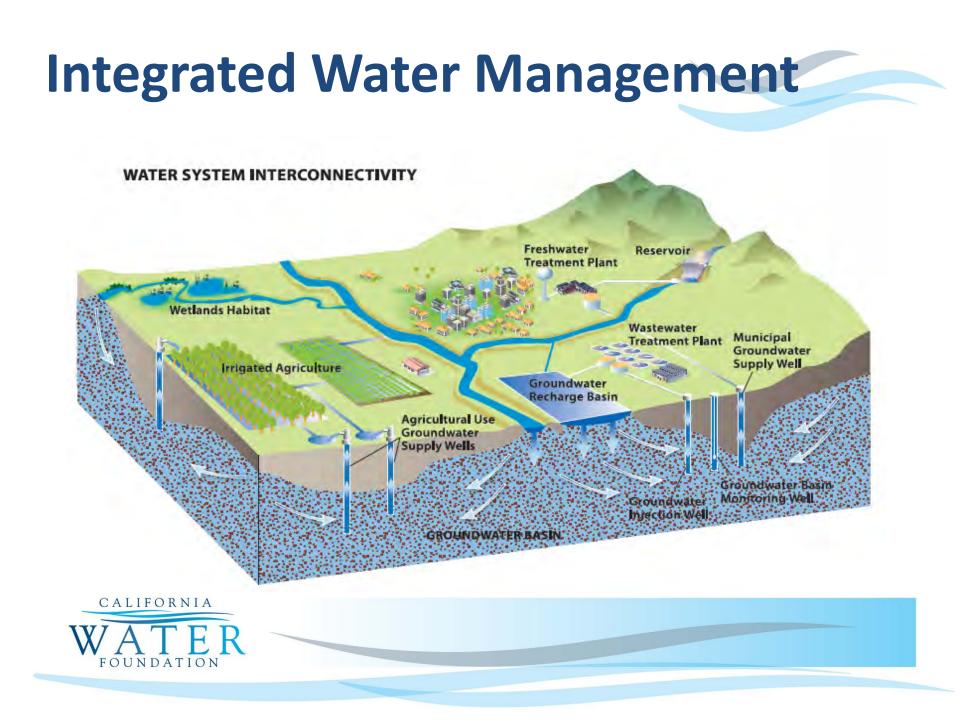
Annual Storage Change Cumulative Storage Change

# **Solving California's Water Crisis**

- No single strategy can meet all needs
- Integrated, diverse strategies contribute to sustainable solutions
- Water management actions and issues are interconnected
- Manage water as a natural resource







# **California Water Foundation**

#### Achieving sustainable water management through:

- 1. Integrated Water Management
- 2. Groundwater Management
- 3. Urban Water Use Efficiency
- 4. Agricultural Water Use Efficiency
- 5. Stormwater Capture
- 6. Recycled Water
- 7. Reservoir Reoperation
- 8. Flood Management





## Water Management Opportunities

- Water Use Efficiency 5.0 MAF
  - Urban efficiency 2.1 MAF
  - Agricultural efficiency 0.6 MAF
  - Reuse and recycling 1.5 MAF
  - Stormwater capture 0.8 MAF
- Conjunctive management and groundwater storage 1.0 MAF

CWF solutions could provide California with an additional 6 MAF of water each year



## **Sustainability**

- Resilient ecosystems
- Diverse and adaptable water supply
- Stable funding and investment
- Meet current and future economic and ecosystem water needs







## **Future of Sustainable Water Management**

- Significant opportunities exist, but new approaches are needed
- Investment in innovative new technologies
- New policies that modernize regulation and management
- Some are already paving the way with innovative solutions





## **Regional Investment Strategy**

- Invest in regional solutions
- Test new innovative tools and technologies
- Create partnerships with progressive water agencies
- Promote benefits to a broader audience









#### **Sustainable Water Management Profile**

- Method for regional water managers to better understand their water supply risk and guide investment decisions
- Using quantifiable indicators, assess the level of a region's water management sustainability
- Promote actions, investment and improvement over time



#### **Sustainable Water Management Profile**

- Develop and pilot test the new tool with Sonoma County Water Agency
- Learn and refine the tool
- Improve water management in Sonoma county
- Promote and apply in other regions
- Engage private sector



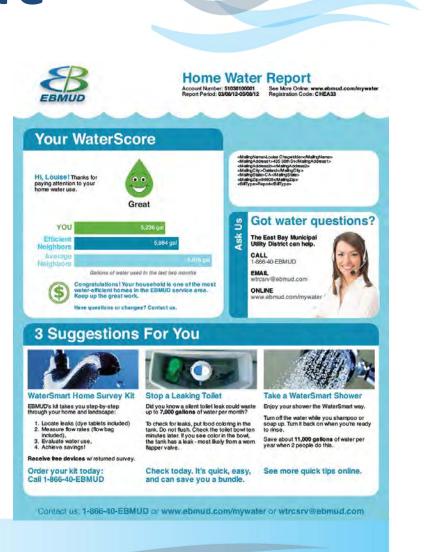




## WaterSmart Software

New Tools to Encourage Conservation

- One-year pilot project with EBMUD
- Studies what effect personalized consumer education has on reducing water use
- Water use reports, developed by WaterSmart Software
- Provides comparisons to similar users and recommends tips to conserve water





# **Knaggs Ranch**

New Approaches to Flood Management

- Loss of habitat caused fish populations decline, increased conflicts
- Goal is to show flood control, farming, and fish benefit from the same projects





**PROJECT LOCATION:** 

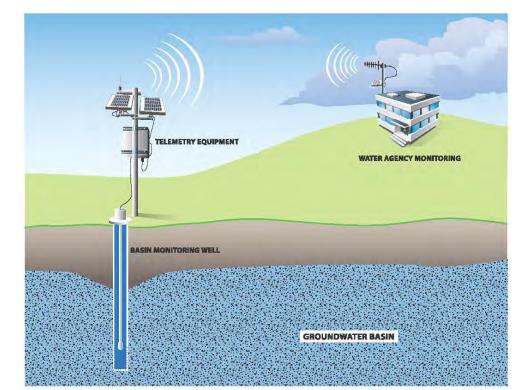




# **Kings River Conservation District**

Satellite Telemetry Project Provides Data for Better Groundwater Management

- Utilizes a Satellite Internet Telemetry system to monitor groundwater basin
- Units remit real-time daily readings via satellite to KRCD
- Provides continuous, longterm data to monitor trends in the basin





# **Kings River Conservation District**

Satellite Telemetry Project Provides Data for Better Groundwater Management

- Must adapt to changing weather patterns: more extreme floods and droughts
- To deal with volatility, water managers need more frequent and more accurate data
- KRCD could serve as model for other CA agencies







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