

1 **Abbreviations and Acronyms**

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| 2 | ABL | Aquatic Bioassessment Laboratory |
| 3 | Act | San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act |
| 4 | ADCP | Acoustic Doppler Current Profiler |
| 5 | ATR | Annual Technical Report |
| 6 | BMI | benthic macroinvertebrates |
| 7 | CDEC | California Data Exchange Center |
| 8 | cfs | cubic feet per second |
| 9 | DFG | California Department of Fish and Game |
| 10 | DWR | California Department of Water Resources |
| 11 | EMAP | Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program |
| 12 | EPA | United States Environmental Protection Agency |
| 13 | FMWG | Fisheries Management Working Group |
| 14 | IBI | Index of Biotic Integrity |
| 15 | Restoration Area | San Joaquin River Restoration Area |
| 16 | RM | River Mile |
| 17 | SAFIT | Southwestern Association of Freshwater Invertebrate |
| 18 | | Taxonomists |
| 19 | SJRRP | San Joaquin River Restoration Program |
| 20 | STE | Standard Taxonomic Effort |
| 21 | SWAMP | Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program |
| 22 | SWRCB | State Water Resources Control Board |
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1 1.0 Benthic Macroinvertebrate 2 Bioassessment

3 1.1 Introduction / Background

4 Benthic macroinvertebrate (BMI) communities, the subject of this study, are both
5 bioindicators of stream condition and a food resource for fish. The main purpose of
6 assessing the biological condition of aquatic communities is to determine how well a
7 water body supports aquatic life. Biological communities comprise the effects of different
8 pollutant stressors such as increased temperature, toxic chemicals, excessive nutrients and
9 sediment loading. The BMI within these communities respond to different types of
10 human disturbance, physical changes in riparian vegetation and instream habitat
11 heterogeneity. In addition, BMI are key food sources for the native and potentially
12 reintroduced fish in the San Joaquin River.

13 In general, we anticipate that the San Joaquin River restoration flows will significantly
14 improve physical habitat conditions and elicit changes in the abundance and diversity of
15 BMIs. As portions of the river are restored and vegetated, BMIs can respond as a result of
16 changes in stream condition because of alterations to water chemistry and physical
17 habitat. Therefore, by collecting BMI and physical habitat data in different areas of the
18 San Joaquin River, we can help assess water chemistry and identify habitat features
19 responsible for the restoration of ecological integrity (Harrington 1999, Rehn and Ode
20 2005). Restoration Flows in the San Joaquin River could impact ecological integrity as a
21 result of changes in habitat suitability.

22 This study provides information about the ecological integrity of the San Joaquin River
23 system within the Restoration Area. The study directly addresses habitat objectives set
24 forth in the San Joaquin River Restoration Program (SJRRP) Fisheries Management Plan
25 and has been identified by the Fisheries Management Working Group (FMWG) as an on-
26 going need for the SJRRP (SJRRP 2010). The main objective of this study requires that
27 the ecological integrity of the Restoration Area be restored as a result of improved
28 streamflow, water quality conditions and the biological condition of aquatic communities.
29 Our original goal was to find if at least 50% of the total target river length was observed
30 to be in *good condition* (benthic index of biotic integrity (B-IBI) = 61-80) or *very good*
31 *condition* (B-IBI=81-100). In addition, none of the study sites should be in *very poor*
32 *condition* (B-IBI=0-20). We hypothesized that the community composition of BMI will
33 vary among individual survey sites and river reaches 1-5 because of changes in physical
34 habitat and water chemistry.

35 1.2 Methods

36 1.2.1 Reconnaissance Surveys on Reaches 1 through 5 of the Restoration Area

1 Sampling locations were selected from a random set of 150 sites distributed throughout
2 Reaches 1 through 5 that were generated each year with software developed by the
3 Environmental Monitoring and Assessment Program (EMAP) of the United States
4 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). We surveyed the random set of locations to
5 identify at least 30 sampling reaches (sites) on 2010, 2011 and 2012 which met a set of
6 criteria including access conditions and wadeable depths, consistent with California's
7 Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP) Bioassessment Procedures
8 (Figure 1). Each sampling reach had a length of 150m or 250m depending on whether the
9 wetted width of the channel at the center of the reach was below or above 10m,
10 respectively.

11 **1.2.2 Physical Habitat at Sampling Reaches**

12 The DWR and DFG staff characterized the physical habitat at 30 sites throughout the
13 Restoration Area each year (Figure 2). At each site, the crew delineated 11 river transects
14 and 10 inter-transects according to the Reachwide Benthos Procedure (Ode 2007). This
15 procedure includes the measurement of ancillary water quality parameters and a general
16 assessment of habitat complexity, riparian vegetation, bank stability and human
17 influence. This multiyear study intends to capture temporal and spatial variation in
18 physical habitat features during a minimum period of three years between the months of
19 May and September from 2010 through 2012. The period between the months of May
20 and September has been identified as the index period for SWAMP bioassessment in the
21 Central Valley. This report includes new baseline information for 2011, the second year
22 of surveys. We have successfully completed additional physical habitat surveys during
23 the 2012 study period. The 2012 physical habitat results will be presented in conjunction
24 with taxonomic results in the final report of this study.

25 **1.2.3 Benthic Macroinvertebrate Collection and Analysis**

26 The DWR and DFG staff collected benthic macroinvertebrate samples at the designated
27 sampling locations during the SWAMP index period of late May through the end of
28 September in 2010, 2011 and 2012 (Figure 2). This report includes a discussion of
29 physical habitat and taxonomic results from the first two years of the study. Taxonomic
30 analysis of 2012 samples is currently underway. Subsamples collected at each transect in
31 a particular site were combined in a composite sample for each location. We included
32 10% duplicate samples each season to serve as controls for the sampling technique. The
33 samples were delivered to the DFG's Aquatic Bioassessment Laboratory (ABL) at
34 Rancho Cordova, CA. At the laboratory, ABL taxonomists performed quality control and
35 quality assurance of the samples and logged in the sample information. Samples were
36 identified according to the Standard Taxonomic Effort (STE) Level 2 of the Southwestern
37 Association of Freshwater Invertebrate Taxonomists (SAFIT), using a fixed-count of
38 organisms per sample. Level 2 entailed identification down to species for the more
39 important indicator species and genus or higher taxonomic level for other species such as
40 some nonarthropod invertebrates.

1 **1.3 Results**

2 **1.3.1 Reconnaissance Surveys in Reaches 1 through 5 of the Restoration Area**

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4 We surveyed a total of 90 random sampling sites throughout the Restoration Area in
5 2010, 2011 and 2012 (Figure 1). All of the sites were visited before each survey to ensure
6 that they met sampling criteria set forth by SWAMP. Physical habitat characterization
7 and BMI sample collection occurred simultaneously at a rate of one sampling reach per
8 work-day. All of the San Joaquin river reaches, except Reach 4A, were surveyed in the
9 2010 study. Reach 4A samples and the rest of the Restoration Area were represented in
10 2011. In 2012, groundwater management experts from the Flow Scheduling subgroup of
11 the SJRRP determined that there would be no restoration flow releases below Sack Dam.
12 Subsequently, Reach 4A remained dry and could not be included in the last year of
13 bioassessment surveys. In addition, flows below Reach 4B were likely dominated by
14 backwater effects because of water management and irrigation practices in the San Luis
15 National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) and adjacent rangeland, respectively.

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17 Agriculture was the dominant land use in the bioassessment study area in 2010 and 2011,
18 although wildlife area land use remained dominant in reaches B2 and 5 (Table 1).

19 **1.3.2 Physical Habitat at Sampling Reaches**

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21 Physical habitat features and ancillary *in situ* water quality measures have been recorded
22 in association to BMI samples. Key physical habitat parameters describe different
23 components of instream habitat complexity, river bed substrate, bank stability, riparian
24 vegetation and human disturbance (Table 2). We compared water chemistry parameters
25 to the water quality criteria set forth by the Fisheries Management Workgroup (SJRRP
26 2010, Exhibit B) to determine if water quality at the sites reflected unsuitable conditions
27 for BMI and Chinook salmon.
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30 Water temperatures during the 2011 index period exceeded most of the recommended
31 thresholds for spring-run Chinook salmon adult holding. They also exceeded optimal and
32 critical temperature thresholds for spring-run and fall-run Chinook salmon spawners,
33 incubating eggs and emerging fry in all of the surveyed sites, except for two sites in
34 Reach 1A. These two sites in Reach 1A had the lowest temperatures at 14.8°C and
35 15.32°C. Water temperatures at surveyed sites in 2011 would allow some level of in-river
36 fry/juvenile survival within Reach 1A, but they increased to a lethal range in all of the
37 downstream sites.
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39 Salinity objectives were exceeded at some of the sampling sites. The maximum specific
40 conductivity (838µS/cm) recorded reflects exceedances of salinity objectives for the
41 irrigation (700µS/cm from April to August) season based on the State Water Resources
42 Control Board (SWRCB) water quality standards. In 2011, two out of four sites surveyed
43 in Reach 4B had specific conductivity values of 740.4µS/cm and 838µS/cm. Similarly,
44 salinity measurements were highest at these two sites. For instance, we did not record
45 salinity values above zero at any of the sites above Mendota Pool and Dam surveyed in

1 2010 and 2011. However, all of the sites below Mendota Pool and Dam had non-zero
2 salinity measurements (range 0.11-0.43ppt).

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4 Recorded pH values did not exceed the recommended criteria for freshwater and aquatic
5 life protection (instantaneous maximum = 6.5-9 units) in most sites. However, at least
6 three sampling sites had pH values below the lower level of the instantaneous maximum
7 pH objective (<6.5). These slightly acidic sites were located in Reach 1A (RM=261,
8 pH=6.16), Reach 1B (RM=232, pH=6.41) and Reach 3 (RM=200, pH=6.46). None of the
9 sites surveyed in 2011 exceeded the upper threshold of the pH objective.

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11 Most other water quality constituents did not exceed the recommended habitat objectives.
12 The mean total dissolved solids concentration (0.169 mg/L) did not exceed the SJRRP
13 objectives during the survey period. Also, dissolved oxygen measurements were above
14 the water quality standards for the Restoration Area (>6.0mg/L) in all surveyed sites,
15 with only one exception. One site in Reach 4B at RM 138 had an oxygen level of
16 5.97mg/L. This value falls slightly below the recommended threshold for salmonid
17 migration, spawning and rearing within the Restoration Area during the period of 1
18 September through 30 November.

19
20 Bed substrate and bank stability showed marked transitions throughout the study area.
21 Cobble substrate was only present in Reach 1A and 1B in 2010 and 2011. Coarse gravel
22 substrate was absent below Reach 2A; fine gravel substrate was sparse or absent
23 downstream of Reach 2A. Bedrock and boulder substrates were not represented in the
24 2010 evaluation, but were observed in the uppermost site in Reach 1A in 2011. Sand and
25 fines were predominant throughout the study area in 2010 and 2011. Eroded and
26 vulnerable sandy banks were predominant at all of the study sites in Reach 2A during
27 2011 surveys.

28
29 We recorded flow habitats at every sampling site. Flow habitats were quantified as fast
30 water habitats (runs and riffles) or slow water habitats (pools and glides). Slow water
31 habitats were predominant in the Restoration Area at sites surveyed in 2011, mainly
32 throughout Reach 1A, most of Reach 2A, 2B, 3 and 4B.

33 34 **1.3.3 Benthic Macroinvertebrate Collection and Analysis**

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36 We estimated the abundance of the most important indicator taxonomic levels of
37 arthropod and nonarthropod invertebrates present in the sample (Tables 3 through 11).
38 Abundance was determined by weighing the total number of organisms collected within
39 each taxa by the number of samples collected within a particular reach of the Restoration
40 Area. Our data shows that different BMI taxa showed restricted or unrestricted
41 distribution throughout the study area. Their distinctive distribution patterns could be
42 associated to their intrinsic tolerance for environmental degradation (Figure 3).

43
44 Tolerance for environmental degradation in the Restoration Area was quantified by
45 weighted average tolerance values (Figure 3A) and estimated by the percentages of
46 sensitivity indicator taxa present at surveyed sites (Figure 3B and 3C). Pairwise

1 comparisons of weighted average tolerance values between reaches showed that, in 2010,
2 only reach 4B had a significantly higher presence of tolerant taxa (ANOVA $F=2.6$,
3 $p=0.017$). In 2011, reach 4A had a significantly higher presence of tolerant taxa than the
4 adjacent reach 3 (ANOVA $F=0.99$, $p=0.442$). When considering the spatial distribution
5 of sensitivity indicator taxa, we noticed a gradual loss of sensitive taxa as we moved to
6 downstream reaches throughout the Restoration Area. Only reach 1A shows an increase
7 in the mean percentage of sensitivity indicators (Ephemeroptera, Plecoptera and
8 Trichoptera, EPT) between years; reaches 1B, 2A, 2B, 3, 4B and 5 showed a slight
9 decrease in the mean percentage of EPT taxa. Further analysis of % EPT taxa collected
10 within the Restoration Area at sites surveyed in 2010 and 2011 showed that, overall,
11 significantly less sensitivity indicators were collected on the second year of this study (T-
12 test $T=4.02$, $df=4.02$, $p=0.000$).

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14 Coleopterans, commonly known as water beetles, were mostly confined to Reach 1 in
15 2010 and 2011 (Table 3). In 2010, coleopterans were found in reaches 1A and 1B; they
16 did not occur anywhere else downstream, except for one observation in Reach 3. In 2011,
17 *Microcyloepus*, the most sensitive of the elmudid coleopteran larvae collected that year,
18 were still confined to Reach 1B. On the other hand, we observed coleopteran larvae (i.e.,
19 *Dubiraphia*), for the first time, as far downstream as Reach 4B. In addition, we observed
20 adult coleopterans for the first time in 2011. These adults could be identified as
21 hydrophilid coleopterans (i.e., *Ochthebius*) occurring in reaches 2B and 3.

22
23 A large diversity of Dipterans, commonly known as true flies, occurred throughout the
24 study area. A few taxa within the Chironomidae family dominated Reaches 2A, 2B and 3
25 (Table 4).

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27 Ephemeropterans, commonly known as mayflies, include a few sensitive families (Table
28 5). In general, Ephemeropterans are very important in aquatic environments because of
29 their diversity and abundance. In 2010 and 2011, two of their families, Ephemerellidae
30 and Leptohiphidae, occurred predominantly in Reach 1A. The family Ephemerellidae
31 has the greatest sensitivity and was only present in Reach 1A in both years. Also,
32 *Tricorythodes* larvae from the family Leptohiphidae were the dominant Ephemeroptera
33 in Reach 1A and its abundance decreased sharply in downstream samples in both years.
34 None of these sensitive larvae were recovered at reaches 4A, 4B or 5 during the first two
35 years of this study.

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37 Hemipterans, also known as the true bugs, are considered pollution tolerant and tend to
38 prefer warm slow water with abundant vegetation (Table 6). In 2010, corixid larvae, from
39 the order Hemiptera, were most abundant in Reach 5. In 2011, we found a slightly lower
40 species richness of hemipterans; however, corixid hemipterans were relatively more
41 abundant on the second year. Nevertheless, the change in total hemipteran abundance was
42 minimal. Total hemipteran abundance observed in 2010 and 2011 was 20.5 and 23.2,
43 respectively. This observation coincides with the highly tolerant nature of most
44 hemipterans collected in this study.

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1 Lepidopterans, also known as aquatic moths, have at least one family (Pyralidae) that can
2 have successful aquatic stages. We observed *Petrophila* larvae, belonging to the aquatic
3 pyralid moths, only at Reach 1A in the first two years of this study (Table 7). In 2011,
4 *Petrophila* larvae were also observed in Reach 1B for the first time. Another order was
5 collected in 2011 for the first time. Megalopterans (Table 8), represented by corydalid
6 larvae, were only observed in Reach 3.

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8 Benthic larvae belonging to the order Odonata occurred throughout the study area in both
9 years (Table 9). However, we observed a higher diversity of odonatans in 2011,
10 compared to the previous year. In addition, they were present in all reaches upstream of
11 Reach 4A in 2011; however, they were not recovered downstream of Reach 4A.

12
13 Different trichopteran taxa, commonly known as caddisflies, occurred throughout the
14 study area (Table 10). The overall estimated abundance of trichopterans in the
15 Restoration Area increased from 2010 to 2011. Specifically, the estimated relative
16 abundance of *Glossosoma* larvae in Reach 1A increased between the two years.
17 Glossosomatid larvae and pupae with zero tolerance for environmental stress (TV=0)
18 occurred only in Reach 1 on both years. Sensitive caddisflies, such as *Protoptila* larvae
19 (TV=1) were observed only in Reach 1B. Less sensitive caddisflies (e.g., *Hydroptila*)
20 were absent below Reach 2B; and those groups with the lowest tolerance values (TV)
21 (i.e., greatest sensitivity) occurred mostly or only in sites within Reach 1A and 1B (e.g.,
22 *Neptopsyche*).

23
24 Most non-insects can tolerate water pollution and can live in mud or even low oxygen
25 waters (Table 11). We observed that non-insect classes were widely represented
26 throughout the study area, with few exceptions. In particular, Oligochaeta, also known as
27 segmented aquatic worms, can be found in silty substrate and detritus. They were among
28 the most abundant non-insect BMI detected in this study. We observed an overall
29 reduction in the abundance of segmented aquatic worms during the second year of
30 Interim Flows. This reduction in abundance was notable in reach 4B (68% reduction).
31 We know that their abundance can indicate sedimentation, which may be supporting their
32 persistence throughout reach 4B. Likewise, other non-insect classes, such as bivalves,
33 appear to be more abundant in Reach 3. The introduced Asian clam (*Corbicula* sp.) was
34 most abundant in Reach 3. This reach has also supported the gastropod species *Tryonia*;
35 they have been present only in reach 3 in 2010 and 2011.

36
37 Taxonomic observations were used to estimate a number of metrics associated to the
38 relative abundance of different groups, their feeding mechanisms, habits and diversity.
39 We simplified the taxonomic data into indices of biotic integrity (IBI) that measure
40 biological condition at each site (Table 12). High IBI scores reflect good ecological
41 conditions while low IBI scores reflect poor ecological conditions. A previous study by
42 Rehn and others (2008) was the first to set expectations for Central Valley BMI
43 assemblages and has been used here as a general interpretive framework for benthic
44 samples collected within the Restoration Area. We have measured and scored five
45 metrics for inclusion in IBI estimations for the sampling reaches: collector richness,
46 predator richness, percent EPT taxa, percent clinger taxa and the Shannon diversity

1 measure. Our results show that most of the study sites were in poor condition in 2011
2 (36.7%) and at least one site exhibited very poor biological condition (3.3%). In 2010, the
3 only two sites with good biological condition (6.67%) were located within Reach 1A and
4 Reach 1B; In 2011, more sites exhibited good biological condition (26.67%) (Figure 4).

5
6 We explored the potential relationship between the calculated IBIs and four multimetric
7 scores estimated from the physical habitat data (Figure 5): the riparian human disturbance
8 index (W1_HALL) (Kaufmann et al. 1999), the mean mid-channel canopy density,
9 riparian vegetation complexity and instream habitat heterogeneity. The W1_HALL is a
10 proximity-weighted sum of all types of human disturbance metrics scored at each
11 sampling site (Figure 2). Human disturbance indicators scored at each sampling site
12 included the following: walls/rip-rap/dams, buildings, pavement/cleared lots,
13 road/railroads, pipes, landfill/trash, park/lawns, row crops, pasture, range, logging
14 operations, mining activity, vegetation management, bridges/abutments and
15 orchards/vineyards. The mean mid-channel canopy density was calculated from the
16 densitometer readings at the center of each transect at each sampling site. Riparian
17 vegetation complexity averages the cover estimates for three vegetation layers (upper
18 canopy, lower canopy and ground cover) for the whole reach. Finally, instream habitat
19 heterogeneity combines the scores for different habitat features within the channel
20 including: filamentous algae, aquatic macrophytes, emergent vegetation, boulders, woody
21 debris, undercut banks, overhanging vegetation, live tree roots and artificial structures.
22 Analyses of human disturbance of riparian habitat at sites surveyed in 2010 and 2011
23 show a significant association between the W1_HALL index and the benthic IBI within
24 the study area (2010: $r=0.322$, $p<0.05$; 2011: $r=0.323$, $p<0.05$) (Figure 5A). In addition,
25 riparian vegetation complexity had a positive linear association with the benthic IBI at
26 sites surveyed in 2011 (Figure 5C).

27 1.4 Discussion

28 *Interpretation:*

29 The BMI bioassessment study used our ability to rank sampling sites relative to a set of
30 biological expectations and applied it to the San Joaquin River restoration monitoring.
31 The biological condition goal was to find that at least 50% of the total target river length,
32 as represented by the area covered in this study, was in good condition (benthic index of
33 biotic integrity (B-IBI) = 61-80) or very good condition (B-IBI=81-100). In addition, we
34 did not anticipate to find that any of the study sites showed a “very poor condition” (B-
35 IBI=0-20). We also hypothesized that the community composition of BMI would vary
36 among individual sites and reaches 1-5 because of changes in physical habitat and water
37 chemistry.

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39 A preliminary analysis shows that we did not meet the original expectation of finding that
40 about half of the surveyed area would be in a “good” or “very good” condition during the
41 second year of surveys. Although one of the study sites was found to have a “very poor”
42 biological condition, we found improvements in the benthic macroinvertebrate
43 communities on the second year of this study. The proportion of sites in “good condition”
44 almost quadrupled (2010 =6.67%; 2011=26.67%); moreover, sites with “good condition”

1 occurred, for the first time, below reaches 1A and 1B. Specifically, three new sites
2 showed “good condition” in reaches 2A and 3. These types of improvements in benthic
3 assemblages and food availability for fish can be anticipated as we restore and maintain
4 San Joaquin River connectivity and provide sufficient flows throughout the Restoration
5 Area.

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7 As expected, the community composition of BMI varied among individual sites and
8 reaches, presumably because of changes in physical habitat and water chemistry during
9 the second year of bioassessment surveys. The abundance and distribution of the taxa
10 indicate a possible response to relative environmental degradation within the reaches. For
11 instance, the predominance of tolerant species in Reach 4A relative to Reach 3 may
12 reflect the nature of the BMI colonizing the recently re-watered Reach 4A. Early
13 colonizers in the Reach 4A BMI community may have a greater tolerance to survive the
14 hydrodynamics of the reach. On the other hand, the predominance of sensitive species in
15 Reach 1A may be a response of the BMI community to increased flow releases to this
16 reach. Future assessments can help determine if sensitivity improvements propagate to
17 BMI communities downstream of Reach 1A.

18 The 2011 distribution of tolerance values (TV) of collected coleopterans suggests very
19 good water quality with possible slight organic pollution in Reach 1B, good water quality
20 with some organic pollution in reaches 2B and 3 and fair water quality with fairly
21 significant organic pollution in Reach 4B (see Hilsenhoff, 1977, 1987).

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23 The presence of chironomid dipterans with the highest tolerance value (TV=10) generally
24 indicate very poor water quality or severe organic pollution at a site (Hilsenhoff, 1987).
25 In 2011, these chironomids were most abundant in reaches 3, 4A and 4B.

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27 In contrast to true flies, mayflies (Order Ephemeroptera) were observed again mostly in
28 Reach 1A. Presumably, the more sensitive flies do not seem to have colonized and
29 established themselves beyond reach 4A and other downstream reaches within the
30 Restoration Area.

31 The Order Megaloptera, represented by corydalid larvae, was observed for the first time
32 in Reach 3 during the second year of this study. Members of the family Corydalidae
33 exhibit extreme sensitivity to environmental stress (TV=0). Therefore, the presence of
34 corydalids in the Restoration Area suggests a positive effect of Interim Flows on the
35 benthic environment.

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37 Dragonflies and damselflies (Order Odonata) can be fairly tolerant to environmental
38 degradation. Nevertheless, they did not seem to thrive downstream of Reach 4A.

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40 An increased abundance of trichopterans may signal improved habitat conditions as a
41 result of Interim Flows. The most sensitive Trichopterans seem to be restricted to the
42 upper San Joaquin reaches, with very few exceptions.

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44 Among non-insect benthic macroinvertebrates, oligochaetes and bivalves occurred
45 prominently in river reaches where physical habitat appears to be consistent with their

1 biological requirements. Oligochaetes were most abundant in reaches 4A and 4B. The
2 observed reduction in oligochaete occurrence within Reach 4B during the second year of
3 this study may represent a biological effect of increased sediment mobility because of
4 2011 Interim Flows routed through the San Luis National Wildlife Refuge area. On the
5 other hand, bivalves, such as freshwater and brackish water clams of the genus *Corbicula*
6 were most abundant in Reach 3. Sand-bedded Reach 3 receives brackish water intrusion
7 from the Delta-Mendota Canal, which may promote *Corbicula* proliferation in this
8 section of the Restoration Area.

9 *Applicability:*

10 Study results can be used to inform the SJRRP of potential biological and physical habitat
11 degradation indicators within the Restoration Area. Besides answering questions about
12 stream habitat condition and water quality, we are able to quantify food availability for
13 reintroduced fish, as reflected by the relative abundance of BMI taxa throughout the
14 Restoration Area in different years.

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16 The present study addresses two main needs that have been identified during previous
17 efforts: increase in biomonitoring scope and identification of local food resources. Recent
18 studies in the San Joaquin Basin recommended additional biomonitoring at more sites
19 over a longer period of time to fully understand the effects of water quality and habitat
20 conditions in the composition of macroinvertebrate communities in the San Joaquin River
21 watershed (e.g., Brown and May, 2004). Moreover, studies have shown that Chinook
22 salmon tend to feed mainly on autochthonous organisms (e.g., Esteban and Marchetti,
23 2004), which highlights the need to identify local food sources in the Restoration Area,
24 rather than extrapolating results from other locations. We know that salmonid diets are
25 correlated with both benthic and drift invertebrate abundance (Esteban and Marchetti,
26 2004). By combining the results of the bioassessment study with other lines of evidence
27 (e.g., drift surveys and stomach samples of rearing Fall-run Chinook salmon), the FMWG
28 and other fisheries biologists could gain a better understanding of the prey base and
29 abundance (food production) within the SJRRP Restoration Area.

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31 Our findings about biological condition within different reaches in the Restoration Area
32 provide baseline information on benthic richness; therefore, these data were incorporated
33 in the set of environmental attributes of the Ecosystem Diagnosis and Treatment (EDT)
34 framework developed for the SJRRP (SJRRP 2010, 2011). The EDT framework
35 incorporates existing information about environmental attributes such as food resource
36 availability and stream condition within discrete segments of the San Joaquin River. As a
37 result, results of the present study informed modeling of fish-habitat relationships with
38 EDT.

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40 *Limitations:*

41 Multi-annual analyses of bioassessment results require a multivariate analysis to help
42 identify both the most sensitive biological metrics and the most influential physical
43 habitat and water chemistry stressors in the Restoration Area. Thus, we will be able to
44 clarify the physical or chemical variables that have the greatest impacts on biological and
45 ecological integrity, also reflected by changes in the multimetric IBI. We anticipate
46 completing such analyses with the addition of a third set of annual taxonomic results for

1 field surveys performed on the 2012 season. This final analysis could help clarify the
2 underlying associations between the benthic IBI and other multimetric ranking of
3 physical habitat features.

4 **1.5 Conclusions and Recommendations**

5 Study results in this report show the baseline conditions of BMI in the San Joaquin River
6 Restoration Area during 2010 and 2011. Ecological integrity of instream habitat in the
7 Restoration Area was evaluated with a benthic macroinvertebrate assessment, using an
8 approach described by the California's Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program
9 (SWAMP). This study provided information about species richness and benthic
10 community composition, response to perturbation and tolerance/intolerance to
11 environmental conditions in the Restoration Area. In addition, the study provided
12 baseline parameters to evaluate the impact of restoration actions.

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14 The study was designed as a 3-year effort to ensure that we gather enough data to provide
15 spatial-temporal baseline information for BMI communities and understand their
16 variability in the entire Restoration Area. All proposed field surveys have been
17 completed; future analyses can potentially show if on-going restoration actions can
18 improve the existing biological condition within the study area. Ongoing stream
19 restoration actions in the Central Valley should consider the restoration of biological
20 condition and food production as reflected by existing benthic macroinvertebrate
21 communities.

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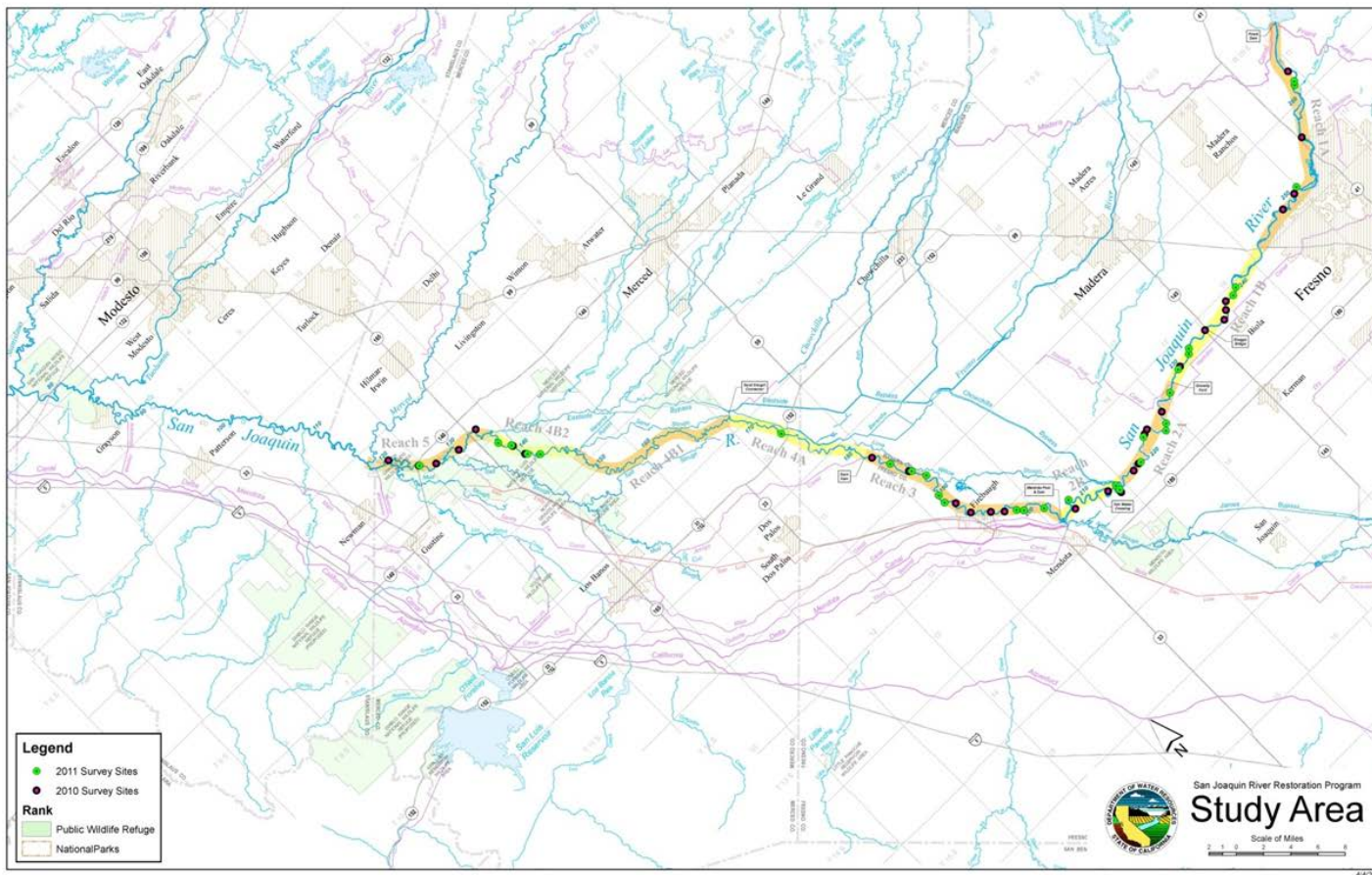
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Figure 1.
Benthic Macroinvertebrate Bioassessment Sampling Sites within the San Joaquin River Restoration Area

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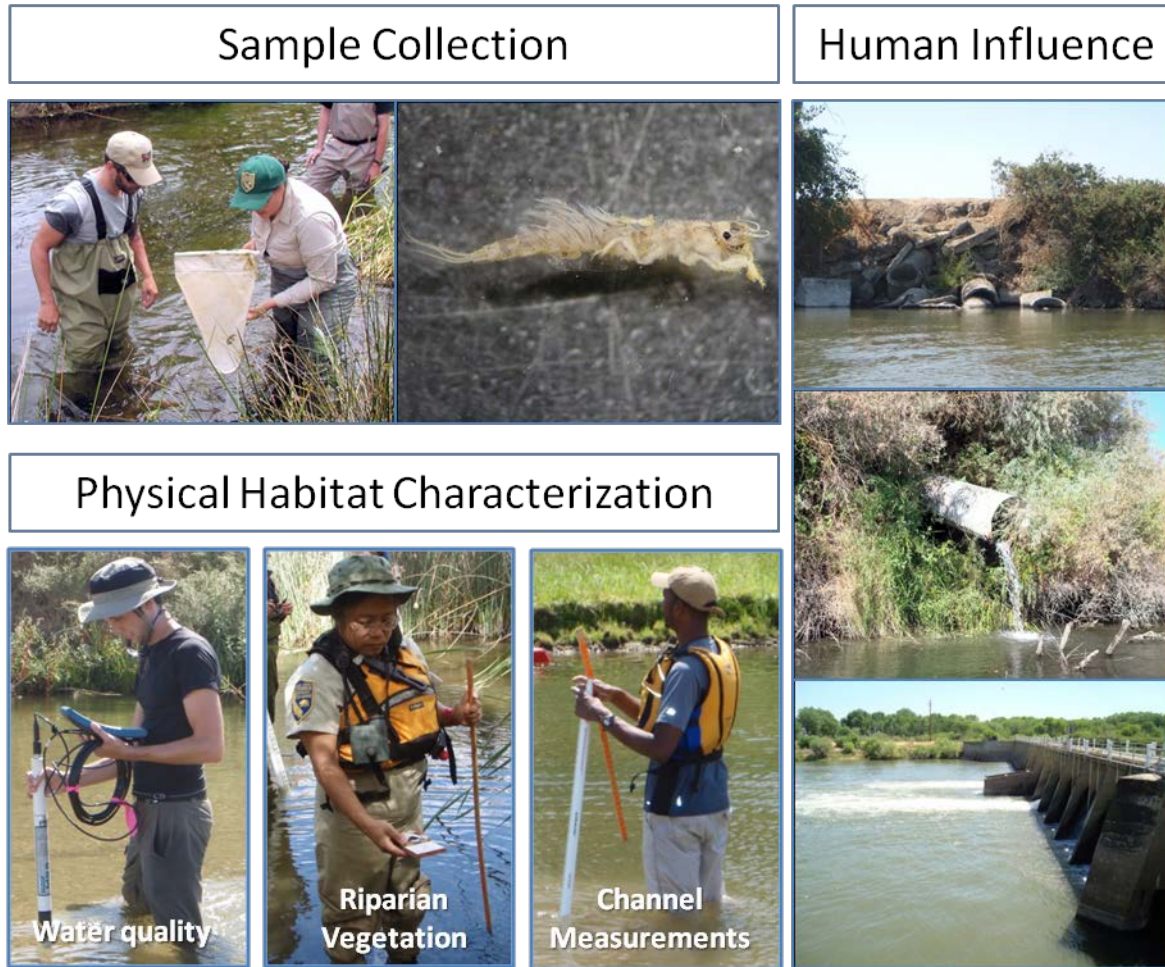


Figure 2. Physical Habitat Characterization and Benthic Macroinvertebrate Collection (2011)

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Table 1. Land use predominance in the San Joaquin River Restoration Program benthic macroinvertebrate bioassessment study area (2010 and 2011)

| Type of Land use | 2010 Frequency of dominance; %(n) | 2011 Frequency of dominance; %(n) |
|------------------------------|--|--|
| Agricultural land use | 62.5(24) | 76.67(30) |
| Wildlife Area/other land use | 25(24) | 23.33(30) |
| Urban/industrial land use | 4.17(24) | 0(30) |
| Rangeland land use | 4.17(24) | 0(30) |

Table 2. Summary of physical and chemical variables associated with benthic samples collected in the San Joaquin River Restoration Area (Summer-Fall 2011)

| Variable | Number of sites | Mean | Min | Max |
|---|----------------------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| width (m) | 30 | 36.77 | 14.0 | 68.5 |
| depth (cm) | 30 | 50.59 | 12.59 | 87.91 |
| specific conductivity ($\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$) | 28 | 236.2 | 17.3 | 838 |
| salinity (ppt) | 27 | 0.113 | 0 | 0.43 |
| DO (mg/L) | 27 | 8.2 | 5.97 | 12.1 |
| pH | 30 | 7.14 | 6.16 | 8.75 |
| temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) | 30 | 23.23 | 14.8 | 28.43 |
| turbidity (NTU) | 6 | 6.835 | 0 | 18.4 |
| total dissolved solids (mg/L) | 23 | 0.1691 | 0.0111 | 0.5355 |
| % concrete | 30 | 0.952 | 0 | 14.286 |
| % bedrock | 30 | 0.127 | 0 | 3.81 |
| % boulder | 30 | 0.159 | 0 | 4.76 |
| % wood | 30 | 1.304 | 0 | 5.714 |
| % cobble | 30 | 1.111 | 0 | 18.1 |
| % gravel | 30 | 12.147 | 0 | 56.19 |
| % coarse gravel | 30 | 9.963 | 0 | 46.67 |
| % fine gravel | 30 | 3.595 | 0 | 15.24 |
| % hardpan | 30 | 1.587 | 0 | 24.762 |
| % sand | 30 | 44.778 | 0.952 | 81.9 |
| % fines | 30 | 31.221 | 2.857 | 98.0952 |
| % algae | 30 | 0.349 | 0 | 8.57 |
| mean embeddedness (quantitative = %) | 4 | 29.56 | 0 | 44.42 |
| qualitative embeddedness | 3 | 52.98 | 21.9 | 100 |
| riparian disturbance index (W1_HALL) | 30 | 20.213 | 0 | 58.696 |
| mean mid-channel canopy density | 30 | 10.316 | 0 | 58.565 |
| riparian vegetation complexity | 30 | 1.4792 | 0.614 | 2.901 |
| instream habitat diversity | 30 | 5.665 | 0.3434 | 0.7778 |
| stable bank frequency (%) | 30 | 37.94 | 0 | 100 |
| eroded bank frequency (%) | 30 | 22.73 | 0 | 100 |
| vulnerable bank frequency (%) | 30 | 39.48 | 0 | 86.36 |
| % fast-water habitat | 30 | 28.25 | 0 | 88.85 |
| % slow water habitat | 30 | 70.033 | 11.5 | 100 |
| % pool | 30 | 43.978 | 1 | 91 |

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Table 3. Abundance of Coleopterans in the San Joaquin River Restoration Area (2011)

| Insecta: Coleoptera | | | | | | | | | | SJR Reach | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|---------|------------|---------------|-----------------------|------------|----|-----|-------|-----------|----|------|-------|---|----|----|------|
| Phylum | Subphylum | Class | Order | Family | FinalID | Life Stage | TV | FFG | Habit | 1A | 1B | 2A | 2B | 3 | 4A | 4B | 5 |
| Arthropoda | Hexapoda | Insecta | Coleoptera | Elmidae | <i>Dubiraphia</i> | Larvae | 6 | CG | CN | | | | | | | | 0.25 |
| | | | | | <i>Microcylloepus</i> | Larvae | 4 | CG | CN | 0.8 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Hydrophilidae | <i>Ochthebius</i> | Adults | 5 | SC | CN | | | 0.25 | 0.111 | | | | |

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4 **TV**= tolerance value. This value refers to the relative tolerance of BMI to environmental disturbances, with a 0 value representing the
 5 most sensitive (intolerant) BMI and a 10 representing the most insensitive (tolerant) one.

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7 **FFG**= Functional Feeding Groups. This column indicates how the BMIs obtain their food.
 8 CG= Collector-Gatherers, CF= Collector-Filterers, P= Predators, PA=Parasites, SH= Shredders, C= Collectors, G= Scrapers or
 9 Grazers, PH= Macrophyte Piercers, OM= Organic Matter Detritivores

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11 **Habit**= Mode of existence. This column refers to how the BMI utilizes the system.
 12 CN= Clingers, SW= Swimmers, SP= Sprawlers, CB = Climbers, BU= Burrowers

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Table 4. Abundance of Dipterans in the San Joaquin River Restoration Area (2011)

| Insecta: Diptera | | | | | | | | | | SJR Reach | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-----------|---------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------------|------------|----|-----------|-------|-------|-----|-----|------|--------|-------|-------|------|
| Phylum | Subphylum | Class | Order | Family | Subfamily | Tribe | FinalID | Life Stage | TV | FFG | Habit | 1A | 1B | 2A | 2B | 3 | 4A | 4B | 5 |
| Arthropoda | Hexapoda | Insecta | Diptera | Ceratopogonidae | | | | Larvae | 6 | P | | | | | | 0.111 | | | |
| | | | | | Ceratopogoninae | | <i>Bezzia/ Palpomyia</i> | Larvae | 6 | P | BU | | | | | | | | 0.25 |
| | | | | Ceratopogonidae | | | | Pupae | 6 | P | -- | | | | | 0.111 | | | 0.5 |
| | | | | | Dasyheleinae | | <i>Dasyhelea</i> | Larvae | 6 | CG | SP | | | 0.2 | | | | | 2.75 |
| | | | | | Ceratopogoninae | | <i>Probezzia</i> | Larvae | 6 | P | BU | | | | | | 1 | | |
| | | | | Chironomidae | | | | Pupae | 6 | CG | BU | 0.5 | | 0.2 | | 0.222 | | | 0.25 |
| | | | | | Chironominae | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Chironomini | | Larvae | 6 | CG | -- | | | | | 3.33 | | | 3 |
| | | | | | | Chironomini | | Pupae | 6 | CG | -- | | | 0.2 | 0.25 | 0.777 | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Chironomus</i> | Larvae | 10 | CG | BU | 0.75 | | 0.2 | 0.25 | 3.556 | 2 | 2 | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Cladopelma</i> | Larvae | 9 | CG | BU | | | | | 0.111 | | | 9 |
| | | | | | | | <i>Cladopelma</i> | Pupae | 9 | CG | BU | | | | | | | | 1.75 |
| | | | | | | | <i>Cryptochironomus</i> | Larvae | 8 | P | SP | 1.25 | 0.6 | | 0.5 | 1.444 | | | 1.75 |
| | | | | | | | <i>Cryptochironomus</i> | Pupae | 8 | P | SP | | | | | 0.111 | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Cryptotendipes</i> | Larvae | 6 | CG | BU | 0.25 | | 0.2 | | 0.444 | | | 0.25 |
| | | | | | | | <i>Dicrotendipes</i> | Larvae | 8 | CG | BU | 3 | | 0.2 | 0.25 | 5.778 | 3 | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Dicrotendipes</i> | Pupae | 8 | CG | BU | 0.25 | | 0.4 | | 0.222 | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Glyptotendipes</i> | Larvae | 10 | CG | BU | | | | | 0.333 | | 45.75 | 7 |
| | | | | | | | <i>Harnischia</i> | Larvae | 6 | CG | CN | | | | 1.5 | 0.556 | 2 | 0.25 | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Microchironomus</i> | Larvae | 6 | CG | BU | | | | 0.25 | | 1 | 1.5 | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Parachironomus</i> | Larvae | 10 | P | SP | | | | | 0.111 | 1 | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Paracladopelma</i> | Larvae | 7 | CG | SP | 0.25 | 0.2 | 0.2 | | 4.889 | | 0.25 | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Paracladopelma</i> | Pupae | 7 | CG | SP | | | | | 0.111 | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Phaenopsectra</i> | Larvae | 7 | SC | CN | 9.75 | | | | 1.333 | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Polypedilum</i> | Larvae | 6 | OM | CN | 14.25 | 1.2 | 2.8 | 2.25 | 11.556 | 15 | 2.25 | 1 |
| | | | | | | | <i>Polypedilum</i> | Pupae | 6 | OM | CN | 1 | | | | 0.888 | | 0.5 | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Robackia demeijerei</i> | Larvae | 6 | CG | BU | | | 2.2 | 2.6 | 1.25 | 2.778 | | 0.25 |
| | | | | | | | <i>Robackia demeijerei</i> | Pupae | 6 | CG | BU | | 0.4 | 2 | | 0.111 | | | |
| | | | | | | Pseudochironomini | <i>Pseudochironomus</i> | Larvae | 5 | CG | BU | 0.25 | | | | | | | |

Table 4. (Cont.) Abundance of Dipterans in the San Joaquin River Restoration Area (2011)

| Insecta: Diptera | | | | | | | SJRRP Bioassessment | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|-----------|---------|---------|--------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------------------------|------------|----|-----|-------|------|------|-----|-------|-------|----|------|---|
| Phylum | Subphylum | Class | Order | Family | Subfamily | Tribe | FinalID | Life Stage | TV | FFG | Habit | 1A | 1B | 2A | 2B | 3 | 4A | 4B | 5 |
| Arthropoda | Hexapoda | Insecta | Diptera | Chironomidae | Chironominae | Tanytarsini | | | | | | | | | | 0.667 | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Cladotanytarsus</i> | Larvae | 7 | CG | CB | 4 | 37.8 | 1.2 | 38.75 | 4.222 | 19 | 1.5 | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Cladotanytarsus</i> | Pupae | 7 | CG | CB | 1.75 | 0.4 | 3.4 | 4.75 | 2.111 | | 0.5 | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Micropsectra</i> | Larvae | 7 | CG | CB | 2.25 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Paratanytarsus</i> | Larvae | 6 | CF | CN | 11.5 | | | | 0.222 | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Paratanytarsus</i> | Pupae | 6 | CF | CN | 0.25 | 0.25 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Rheotanytarsus</i> | Larvae | 6 | CF | CN | 27 | 0.2 | | 0.25 | | | 0.25 | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Rheotanytarsus</i> | Pupae | 6 | CF | CN | 1 | | 0.4 | 0.25 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Stempellina</i> | Larvae | 2 | CG | CB | 1.5 | 0.2 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Stempellina</i> | Pupae | 2 | CG | CB | | 0.4 | 0.2 | 0.25 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Stempellinella</i> | Larvae | 4 | CF | SP | 0.25 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Tanytarsini | | Larvae | 6 | CG | -- | 1.5 | 0.2 | | | 0.111 | | | |
| | | | | | | Tanytarsini | | Pupae | 6 | CG | -- | 0.5 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 1.111 | | | 0.5 | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Tanytarsus</i> | Larvae | 6 | CF | CN | 29.5 | 5.6 | 1.2 | 3.5 | 0.111 | 1 | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Tanytarsus</i> | Pupae | 6 | CF | CN | 0.75 | 0.4 | 0.2 | 2.25 | 0.111 | | | |
| | | | | | Diamesinae | Diamesini | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Potthastia longimana</i> group | Larvae | 2 | CG | SP | 1.75 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Orthoclaadiinae | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Cricotopus</i> | Larvae | 7 | CG | CN | 0.75 | 0.2 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Cricotopus</i> | Larvae | 7 | CG | CN | | | 0.2 | | 0.111 | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Cricotopus</i> | Pupae | 7 | CG | CN | 2.25 | 1.2 | 0.4 | | 4.667 | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Cricotopus bicinctus</i> group | Larvae | 7 | CG | CN | | | | | 6.111 | | 1.25 | 2 |
| | | | | | | | <i>Nanocladius</i> | Larvae | 3 | CG | SP | 2.75 | 1.8 | 2 | 0 | 0.333 | 0 | 0.25 | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Nanocladius</i> | Pupae | 3 | CG | SP | 0.25 | | 0.6 | | | | | |
| | | | | | Orthoclaadiinae | | | Larvae | 5 | CG | BU | 1 | 1 | | 0.25 | 0.222 | | | |
| | | | | | Orthoclaadiinae | | | Pupae | 5 | CG | BU | 1.25 | | | | 0.111 | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Orthoclaadius</i> | Pupae | 6 | CG | SP | 0.5 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Orthoclaadius complex</i> | Larvae | 6 | CG | -- | 14.5 | 3.6 | 0.6 | | 0.222 | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Parakiefferiella</i> | Larvae | 4 | CG | SP | 8 | 3.4 | | | 0.111 | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Rheocricotopus</i> | Pupae | 6 | OM | SP | | | 0.4 | | 0.667 | | 0.25 | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Parakiefferiella</i> | Pupae | 4 | CG | SP | 0.75 | 0.8 | 0.4 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Synorthoclaadius</i> | Larvae | 2 | CG | -- | 3.5 | 0.8 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Synorthoclaadius</i> | Pupae | 2 | CG | -- | 3.75 | 1.2 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Tvetenia</i> | Pupae | 5 | CG | SP | | | | | 0.111 | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Tvetenia discoloripes</i> group | Larvae | 5 | CG | SP | 0.25 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Corynoneurini | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Corynoneura</i> | Larvae | 7 | CG | SP | | 0.2 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Thienemanniella</i> | Larvae | 6 | CG | SP | 0.75 | 0.8 | | | 0.444 | | | 1 |
| | | | | | | | <i>Thienemanniella</i> | Pupae | 6 | CG | SP | | | | | 0.667 | | | |
| | | | | | Tanypodinae | | | Larvae | 7 | P | BU | | 0.6 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | Tanypodinae | | | Pupae | 7 | P | BU | 0.5 | 0.8 | | | 0.333 | | | |

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| Table 4. (Cont.) Abundance of Dipterans in the San Joaquin River Restoration Area (2011) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|---------|---------|--------------|-------------|--------------|------------------------------|------------|----|-----|-------|-----------|-----|-----|------|-------|----|------|---|
| Insecta: Diptera | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Phylum | Subphylum | Class | Order | Family | Subfamily | Tribe | FinalID | Life Stage | TV | FFG | Habit | SJR Reach | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | 1A | 1B | 2A | 2B | 3 | 4A | 4B | 5 |
| Arthropoda | Hexapoda | Insecta | Diptera | Chironomidae | Tanypodinae | Pentaneurini | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Ablabesmyia</i> | Larvae | 8 | CG | SP | 1.75 | 6.4 | 0.6 | 0.25 | 0.333 | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Ablabesmyia</i> | Pupae | 8 | CG | SP | | 0.2 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Meropelopia</i> | Pupae | 7 | P | -- | | | 0.2 | 0.25 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Pentaneura</i> | Larvae | 6 | P | SP | 2 | 0.8 | 2.2 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Pentaneura</i> | Pupae | 6 | P | SP | 0.25 | | | | 0.111 | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Thienemannimyia</i> group | Larvae | 6 | P | SP | 1 | 1.6 | 0.6 | 5.75 | 0.111 | | | |
| | | | | | | Procladiini | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Procladius</i> | Larvae | 9 | P | SP | 1.5 | | | 0.75 | | 3 | | |
| | | | | | | Tanypodini | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Tanypus</i> | Larvae | 10 | P | SP | | | | | | 1 | 2.75 | |
| | | | | Empididae | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Hemerodromia</i> | Larvae | 6 | P | SP | 0.25 | 0.8 | 0.2 | | 0.556 | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Hemerodromia</i> | Pupae | 6 | P | SP | | 1.8 | | | 0.111 | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Neoplasta</i> | Larvae | 6 | P | SP | 5.75 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Psychodidae | | | <i>Psychoda</i> | Larvae | 10 | CG | BU | | | | | | | 0.25 | |
| | | | | Simuliidae | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Simulium</i> | Larvae | 6 | CF | CN | 0.25 | 0.2 | 0.2 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | <i>Simulium</i> | Pupae | 6 | CF | CN | | 0.2 | | | | | | |

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Table 5. Abundance of Ephemeropterans in the San Joaquin River Restoration Area (2011)

| Insecta: Ephemeroptera | | | | | | | | | | | SJR Reach | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|---------|---------------|----------------|---------------------------------|------------|----|-----|-------|--|-----------|------|------|------|-------|----|------|---|
| Phylum | Subphylum | Class | Order | Family | FinalID | Life Stage | TV | FFG | Habit | | 1A | 1B | 2A | 2B | 3 | 4A | 4B | 5 |
| Arthropoda | Hexapoda | Insecta | Ephemeroptera | Baetidae | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Acentrella</i> | Larvae | 4 | CG | SW | | 12.75 | 5.8 | 0.2 | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Acentrella insignificans</i> | Larvae | 4 | CG | SW | | | 0.8 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Acentrella turbida</i> | Larvae | 4 | CG | SW | | 3.5 | 0.2 | | | | | | |
| | | | | Baetidae | | Larvae | 4 | CG | SW | | 1.75 | 4.6 | 0.2 | 0.5 | 0.111 | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Baetis</i> | Larvae | 5 | CG | SW | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Baetis tricaudatus</i> | Larvae | 6 | CG | SW | | 1.25 | 3 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Camelobaetidius warreni</i> | Larvae | 4 | CG | SW | | | 2.2 | 0.2 | | 0.333 | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Centroptilum</i> | Larvae | 2 | CG | SW | | 9.75 | 18.6 | 33.2 | 9 | 1.556 | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Fallceon</i> | Larvae | 4 | CG | SW | | 1 | 11.2 | 0.8 | 0.25 | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Paracloeodes minutus</i> | Larvae | 4 | CG | SW | | | 0.2 | 0.6 | | | | | |
| | | | | Caenidae | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Caenis latipennis</i> | Larvae | 7 | CG | SP | | 0.5 | 0.4 | | 1.25 | 1.111 | 1 | 0.75 | |
| | | | | Ephemerellidae | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Serratella micheneri</i> | Larvae | 1 | CG | CN | | 1.25 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Heptageniidae | | Larvae | 4 | SC | CN | | | 0.2 | | | 0.111 | | | |
| | | | | Leptohyphidae | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Tricorythodes</i> | Larvae | 4 | CG | SP | | 9.75 | 5.25 | 0.6 | | 0.556 | | | |

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Table 6. Abundance of Hemipterans in the San Joaquin River Restoration Area (2011)

| Insecta: Hemiptera | | | | | | | | | | SJR Reach | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|-----------|---------------------------|------------|----|-----|-------|-----------|----|----|----|-------|----|----|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | 1A | 1B | 2A | 2B | 3 | 4A | 4B | 5 |
| Phylum | Subphylum | Class | Order | Family | FinalID | Life Stage | TV | FFG | Habit | | | | | | | | |
| Arthropoda | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Hexapoda | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Insecta | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Hemiptera | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Corixidae | | Larvae | 8 | P | SW | 9.5 | | 0 | | 1.667 | | 11 | |
| | | | | | <i>Trichocorixa calva</i> | Adults | 8 | P | SW | | | | | | | 1 | |

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| Table 7. Abundance of Lepidopterans in the San Joaquin River Restoration Area (2011) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|---------|-------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|----|-----|-------|-----------|-----|----|----|---|-----|---|
| Insecta: Lepidoptera | | | | | | | | | | SJR Reach | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | 1A | 1B | 2A | 2B | 3 | 4B2 | 5 |
| Phylum | Subphylum | Class | Order | Family | FinalID | Life Stage | TV | FFG | Habit | | | | | | | |
| Arthropoda | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Hexapoda | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Insecta | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Lepidoptera | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Pyralidae | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Petrophila</i> | Larvae | 5 | SC | CB | 0.5 | 0.2 | | | | | |

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Table 8. Abundance of Megalopterans in the San Joaquin River Restoration Area (2011)

| Insecta: Lepidoptera | | | | | | | | | | SJR Reach | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|---------|-------------|-------------|---------|------------|----|-----|-------|------------------|----|----|----|-------|-----|---|
| Phylum | Subphylum | Class | Order | Family | FinalID | Life Stage | TV | FFG | Habit | 1A | 1B | 2A | 2B | 3 | 4B2 | 5 |
| Arthropoda | Hexapoda | Insecta | Megaloptera | Corydalidae | | Larvae | 0 | P | CN | | | | | 0.111 | | |

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Table 9. Abundance of Odonatans in the San Joaquin River Restoration Area (2011)

| Insecta:Odonata | | | | | | | | | | SJR Reach | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------|---------|---------|----------------|-------------------------------|------------|----|-----|-------|-----------|-----|-----|------|-------|----|----|---|
| Phylum | Subphylum | Class | Order | Family | FinalID | Life Stage | TV | FFG | Habit | 1A | 1B | 2A | 2B | 3 | 4A | 4B | 5 |
| Arthropoda | Hexapoda | Insecta | Odonata | Calopterygidae | <i>Hetaerina americana</i> | Larvae | 6 | P | CB | | | | | 0.111 | | | |
| | | | | Coenagrionidae | <i>Argia</i> | Larvae | 7 | P | CB | | 0.6 | 0.2 | | 0.111 | | | |
| | | | | Coenagrionidae | | Larvae | 9 | P | CB | 0.25 | | | | 0.222 | | | |
| | | | | Gomphidae | | Larvae | 4 | P | BU | | | | | 0.111 | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Octogomphus specularis</i> | Larvae | 4 | P | SP | 0.75 | | | 0.25 | 1.333 | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Ophiogomphus</i> | Larvae | 4 | P | BU | | | | 0.5 | 0.222 | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Progomphus borealis</i> | Larvae | 4 | P | BU | | | 0.4 | | 0.111 | | | |
| | | | | Libellulidae | | Larvae | 9 | P | SP | 0.25 | 0.6 | | 0.25 | | | | |

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| Table 10. Abundance of Trichopterans in the San Joaquin River Restoration Area (2011) | | | | | | | | | | SJR Reach | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|---------|-------------|------------------|--------------------|------------|----|-----|-------|-----------|------|-----|------|-------|----|------|---|
| Insecta:Trichoptera | | | | | | | | | | 1A | 1B | 2A | 2B | 3 | 4A | 4B | 5 |
| Phylum | Subphylum | Class | Order | Family | FinalID | Life Stage | TV | FFG | Habit | | | | | | | | |
| Arthropoda | Hexapoda | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Insecta | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Trichoptera | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Glossosomatidae | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Glossosoma</i> | Larvae | 1 | SC | CN | 1.25 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Glossosomatidae | | Larvae | 0 | SC | CN | 1 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Glossosomatidae | | Pupae | 0 | SC | CN | 1 | 1.6 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Protoptila</i> | Larvae | 1 | SC | CN | | 22.6 | | | | | | |
| | | | | Hydropsychidae | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Hydropsyche</i> | Larvae | 4 | CF | CN | 13.5 | 42.4 | 2.4 | | 3.111 | | | |
| | | | | Hydropsychidae | | Larvae | 4 | CF | CN | | | | | 0.889 | | 0.25 | |
| | | | | Hydropsychidae | | Pupae | 4 | CF | CN | | | 0.2 | | | | | |
| | | | | Hydroptilidae | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Hydroptila</i> | Larvae | 6 | PH | CN | 103.75 | 75 | 22 | | 1.111 | | | |
| | | | | Hydroptilidae | | Pupae | 4 | PH | CB | 23 | 4.4 | 0.4 | 0.25 | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Oxyethira</i> | Pupae | 3 | PH | CB | | 0.4 | | | | | | |
| | | | | Lepidostomatidae | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Lepidostoma</i> | Larvae | 1 | SH | CB | 0.25 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Leptoceridae | | Larvae | 4 | OM | -- | | 0.4 | | | 0.111 | | 0.2 | |
| | | | | Leptoceridae | | Pupae | 4 | OM | -- | | 0.4 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Nectopsyche</i> | Larvae | 3 | OM | CN | 17.25 | 10.4 | 4.4 | 1.25 | 0.556 | 1 | | |
| | | | | | <i>Oecetis</i> | Larvae | 8 | P | CN | | | 0.2 | | | | | |

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Table 11. Abundance of non-insect benthic macroinvertebrates in the San Joaquin River Restoration Area (2011)

| Non-Insects | | | | | | | | | | SJRRP Reach | | | | | |
|-------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|----|-----|-------|------|-------------|-------|-------|----|------|---|
| Phylum | Subphylum | Class | Order | Family | FinalID | TV | FFG | 1A | 1B | 2A | 2B | 3 | 4A | 4B | 5 |
| Arthropoda | Crustacea | Malacostraca | Amphipoda | Corophiidae | | 4 | CG | | 0.6 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Americorophium</i> | 4 | CF | | | | | 0.111 | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Americorophium spinicorne</i> | 4 | CF | | | | | 0.667 | | | |
| | | | | Gammaridae | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Gammarus</i> | 6 | CG | | | | | 0.333 | | | 1 |
| | | | | Hyalellidae | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Hyalella</i> | 8 | CG | 1 | 1 | 0.2 | | 1.444 | | 0.25 | |
| | | | Decapoda | Palaemonidae | | 8 | SH | | | | | 0.111 | | | 4 |
| | | | Isopoda | | | 8 | CG | | | | | 0.111 | | | |
| | | Ostracoda | | | | 8 | CG | 9 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 28 | 1 | 0.75 | |
| | Chelicerata | Arachnida | Trombidiformes | | | 5 | P | | | | | | | 1 | |
| | | | | Hygrobatidae | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Atractides</i> | 8 | P | | 0.6 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Hygrobates</i> | 8 | P | 3.75 | 8.8 | 7.2 | 0.25 | 2.111 | | | |
| | | | | Lebertiidae | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Lebertia</i> | 8 | P | 23.75 | 32.8 | 15.8 | 10.75 | 2.667 | | | |
| | | | | Limnesiidae | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Limnesia</i> | 5 | P | | | 0.2 | | | | | |
| | | | | Sperchontidae | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Sperchon</i> | 8 | P | 4 | 1.6 | | | | | | |
| | | | | Torrenticolidae | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Torrenticola</i> | 5 | P | 0.25 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Unionicolidae | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Neumania</i> | 5 | P | | | | | 0.111 | 2 | | |
| Annelida | Clitellata | Hirudinea | Arhynchobdellida | | | 10 | P | | | | | 0.222 | | | |
| | | | | Erpobdellidae | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 27 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Mooreobdella microstoma</i> | 8 | P | | 0.2 | | | | | | |
| | | | Rhynchobdellida | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Glossiphoniidae | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Helobdella</i> | 6 | PA | | | | | | | 3.25 | |

Table 11. (Cont.) Abundance of non-insect benthic macroinvertebrates in the San Joaquin River Restoration Area (2011)

| Non-Insects | | | | | | | SJR Reach | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------|-------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------|----|-----------|------|-----|-----|------|--------|-----|-------|------|
| | | | | | | | 1A | 1B | 2A | 2B | 3 | 4A | 4B | 5 | |
| Phylum | Subphylum | Class | Order | Family | FinalID | TV | FFG | | | | | | | | |
| Annelida | | Oligochaeta | | | | 5 | CG | 99 | 5.6 | 0.4 | 4.25 | 23.444 | 146 | 128.5 | 1 |
| Coelenterata | | Hydrozoa | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Hydroida | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Hydridae | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Hydra</i> | 5 | P | | | | | 0.111 | | | |
| Mollusca | | Bivalvia | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Veneroida | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Corbiculidae | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Corbicula</i> | 8 | CF | 0.25 | 2.6 | 2 | 4.75 | 15.222 | 1 | 1 | |
| | | | | Sphaeriidae | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Pisidium</i> | 8 | CF | 1 | | | | | | | |
| Mollusca | | Gastropoda | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Basommatophora | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Lymnaeidae | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Lymnaea</i> | 7 | SC | | | | | | | | 0.25 |
| | | | | Lymnaeidae | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Physidae | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Physa</i> | 8 | SC | 0.25 | 1.8 | 0.2 | | 0.111 | | | 3.5 |
| | | | | Planorbidae | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Helisoma</i> | 6 | SC | 1 | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Menetus opercularis</i> | 6 | SC | | | 0.2 | | 0.333 | | | |
| | | | Hypsogastropoda | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Cochliopidae | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Tryonia</i> | -- | -- | | | | | 4.333 | | | |
| Nemertea | | Enopla | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Hoploneurtea | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Tetrastemmatidae | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | <i>Prostoma</i> | 8 | P | 1 | 1.8 | | 0.75 | 1.333 | | | |
| Platyhelminthes | | Turbellaria | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 4 | P | 0.5 | 0.2 | | | | | | |

Table 12. Benthic Index of Biotic Integrity and component metrics for benthic macroinvertebrate sampling sites in the San Joaquin River Restoration Area (2011)

| River Mile | Reach-ID | Collector richness | Predator richness | % EPT taxa | % Clinger taxa | Shannon diversity | Central Valley B-IBI (2011) | Biological condition |
|------------|----------|--------------------|-------------------|------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| 263 | 1A-124 | 13 | 6 | 18 | 40 | 2.14 | 56 | Fair |
| 261 | 1A-108 | 17 | 7.5 | 23 | 35.5 | 2.52 | 69 | Good |
| 251 | 1A-132 | 19 | 13 | 20 | 28 | 2.92 | 78 | Good |
| 239 | 1B-156 | 12 | 8 | 32 | 39 | 2.44 | 70 | Good |
| 238 | 1B-112 | 23 | 9 | 27 | 35 | 2.99 | 78 | Good |
| 232 | 1B-147 | 12 | 3 | 36 | 38 | 2.48 | 62 | Good |
| 231 | 1B-131 | 9 | 3 | 40 | 46 | 1.72 | 54 | Fair |
| 230 | 1B-136 | 3 | 4 | 27 | 43 | 1.75 | 38 | Poor |
| 228 | 2A-120 | 16 | 7 | 28 | 36 | 2.02 | 64 | Good |
| 225 | 2A-104 | 5 | 1 | 33 | 45 | 2.35 | 48 | Fair |
| 224 | 2A-159 | 7 | 2 | 18 | 25 | 2.03 | 32 | Poor |
| 222 | 2A-143 | 4 | 3 | 25 | 40 | 1.97 | 40 | Poor |
| 220 | 2A-115 | 8 | 3 | 23 | 25 | 2.16 | 42 | Fair |
| 216 | 2B-127 | 7 | 3.5 | 25 | 32.5 | 3.97 | 42 | Fair |
| 215 | 2B-152 | 5 | 4 | 20 | 12 | 0.84 | 24 | Poor |
| 208 | 2B-139 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 40 | 1.75 | 26 | Poor |
| 203 | 3-119 | 14 | 10 | 12 | 37 | 2.6 | 64 | Good |
| 201 | 3-135 | 11 | 7 | 5 | 15 | 2.53 | 46 | Fair |
| 200 | 3-162 | 12 | 4 | 13 | 29 | 2.24 | 48 | Fair |
| 192 | 3-107 | 7 | 6 | 14 | 44 | 2.36 | 48 | Fair |
| 191 | 3-151 | 9 | 3 | 17 | 36 | 2.58 | 68 | Good |
| 189 | 3-157 | 7 | 6 | 16 | 31 | 2.45 | 46 | Fair |
| 187 | 3-141 | 5 | 2 | 21 | 50 | 1.94 | 40 | Poor |
| 185 | 3-113 | 12.5 | 7.5 | 16 | 22.5 | 2.63 | 54 | Fair |
| 174 | 4A-149 | 8 | 5 | 12 | 31 | 1.15 | 30 | Poor |
| 143 | 4B-106 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 11 | 1.2 | 12 | Very Poor |
| 141 | 4B-122 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 25 | 1.15 | 24 | Poor |
| 140 | 4B-142 | 12 | 5 | 5 | 29 | 2.03 | 21 | Poor |
| 138 | 4B-126 | 9 | 2 | 14 | 9 | 1.59 | 28 | Poor |
| 126 | 5-130 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 1.77 | 26 | Poor |

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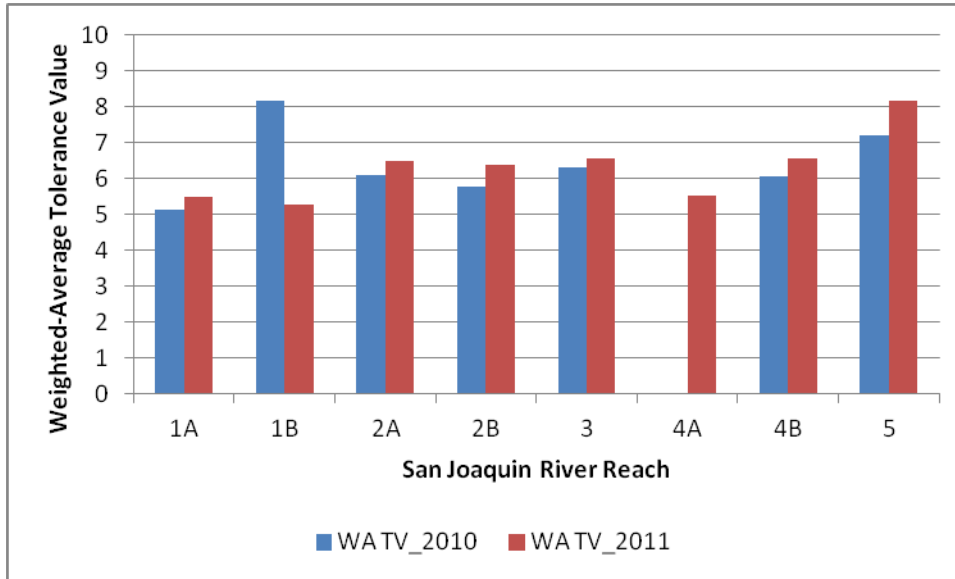
2 EPT = Ephemeroptera, Plecoptera and Trichoptera

3 B-IBI = Benthic Index of Biotic Integrity

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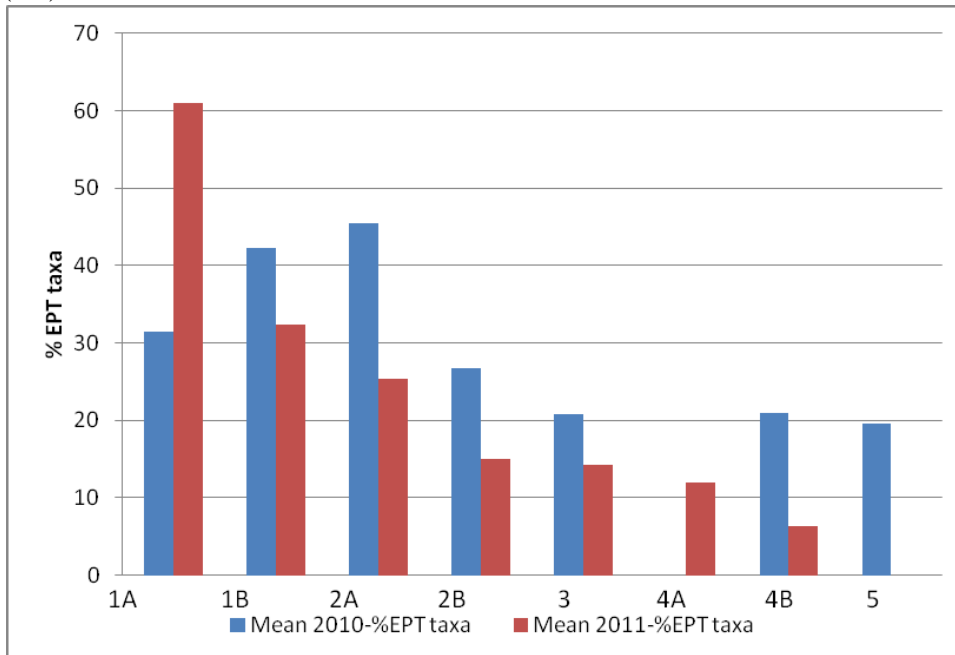
Figure 3. Tolerance Analysis of the San Joaquin River Restoration Area in 2010 and 2011: (A) weighted-average tolerance values by reach, (B) percentage of sensitivity indicators (Ephemeroptera, Plecoptera and Trichoptera) by reach and (C) by river mile.

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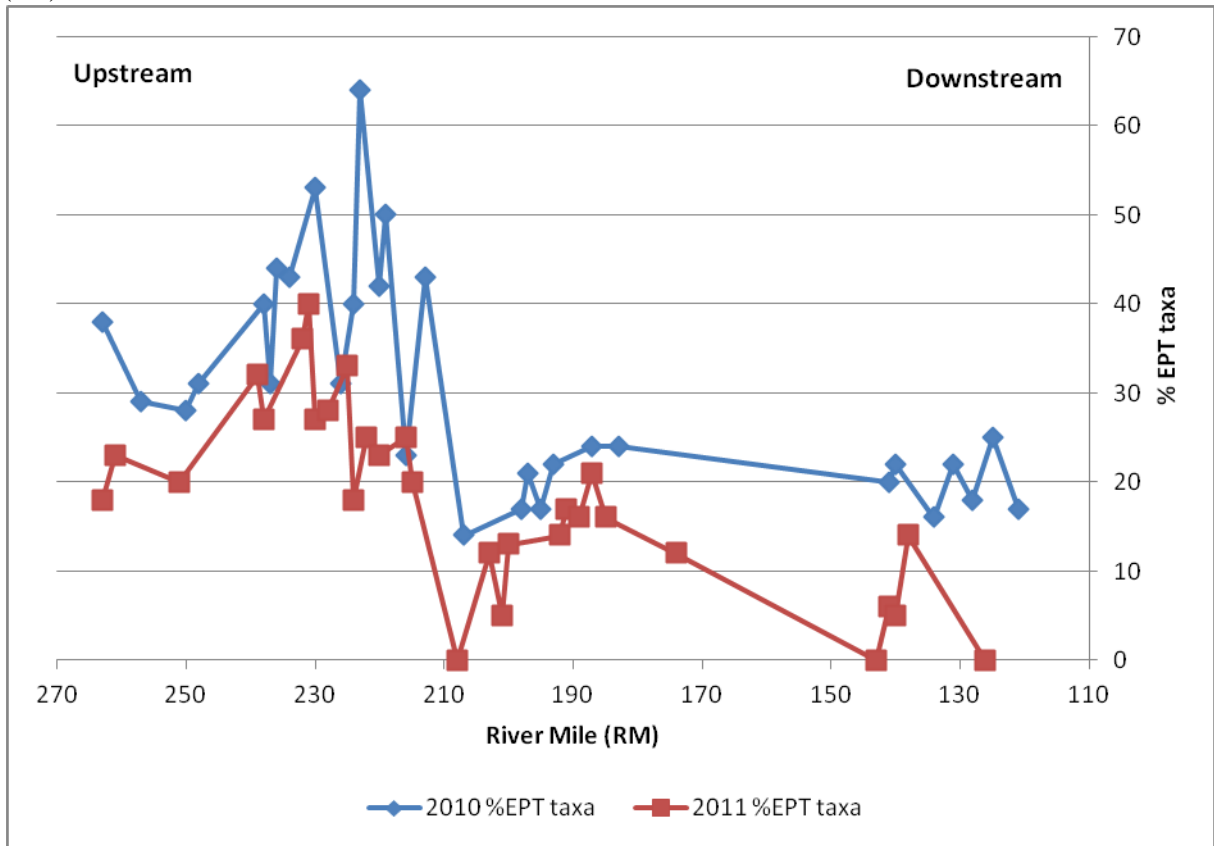
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Figure 4. Benthic Index of Biotic Integrity in the San Joaquin River Restoration Area

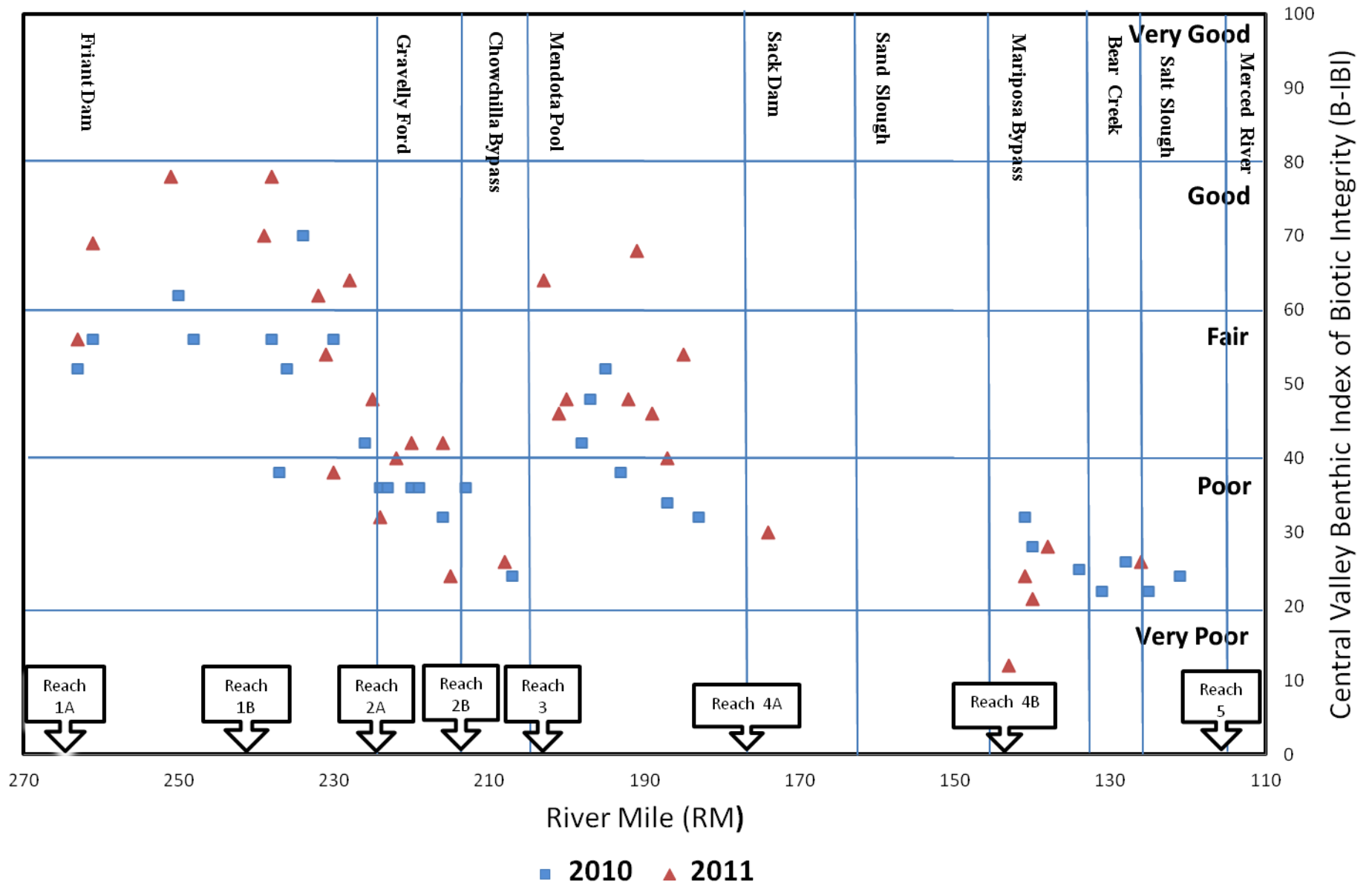


Figure 5. Linear association of the Central Valley benthic index of biotic integrity (B-IBI) with (a) riparian disturbance index (W1_HALL), (b) mid-channel canopy density, (c) riparian vegetation complexity and (d) instream habitat diversity.

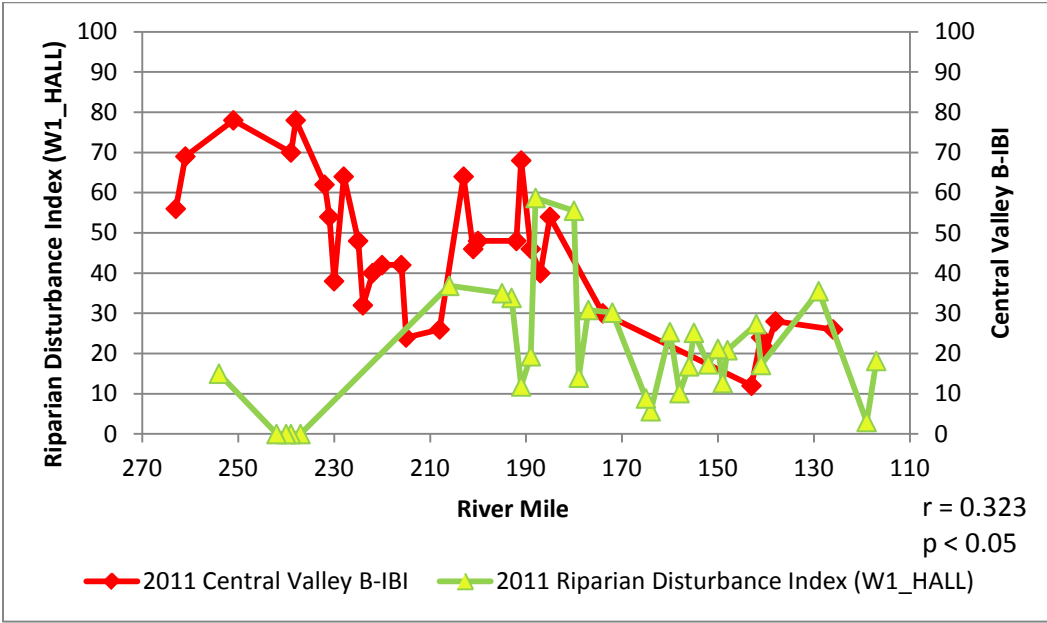


Figure 5A: Riparian Disturbance

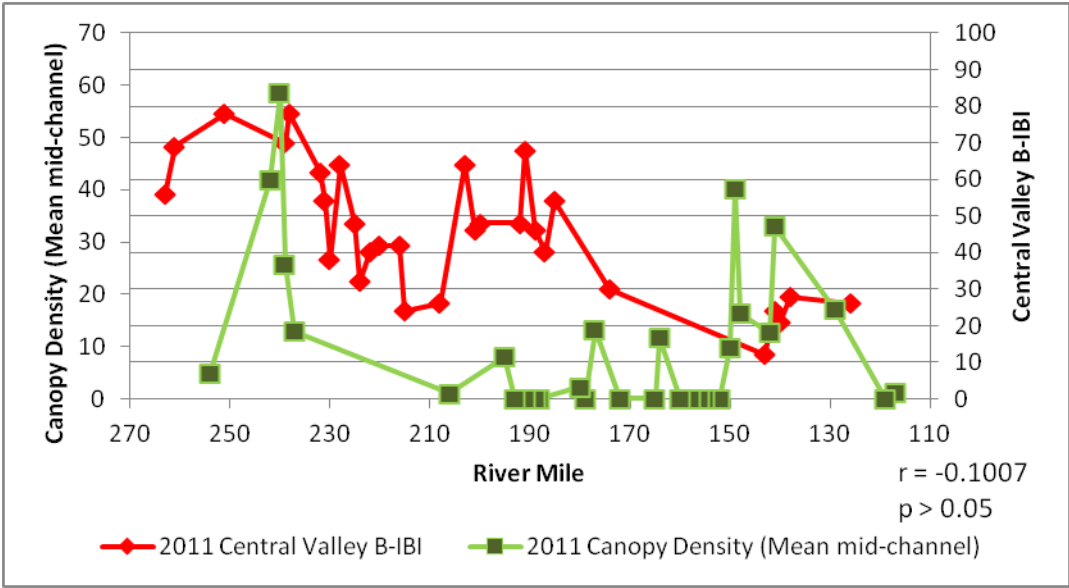


Figure 5B: Canopy Density

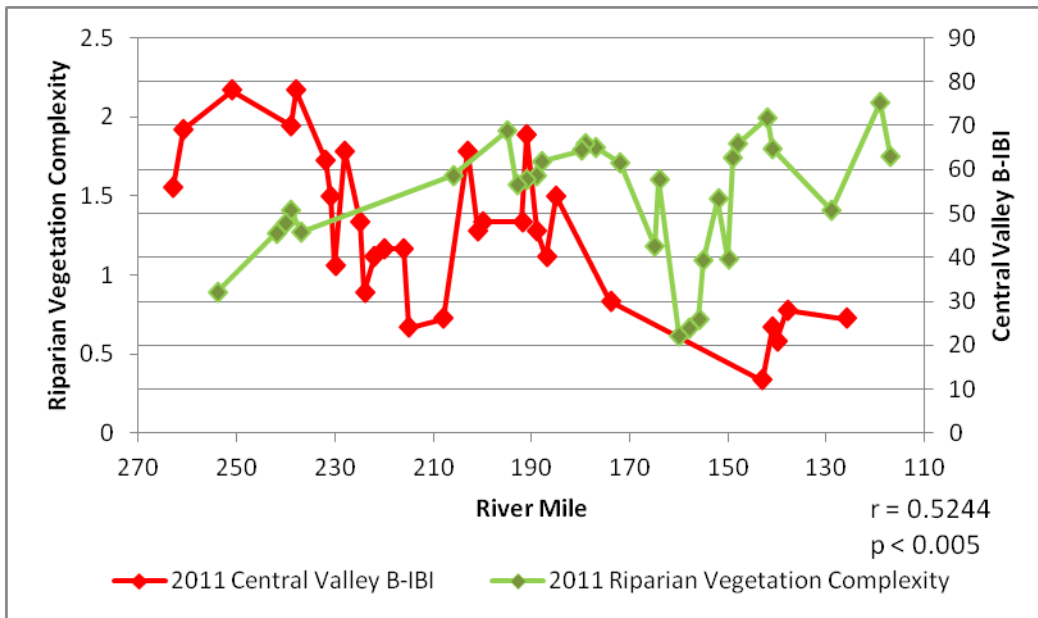


Figure 5C: Riparian Vegetation Complexity

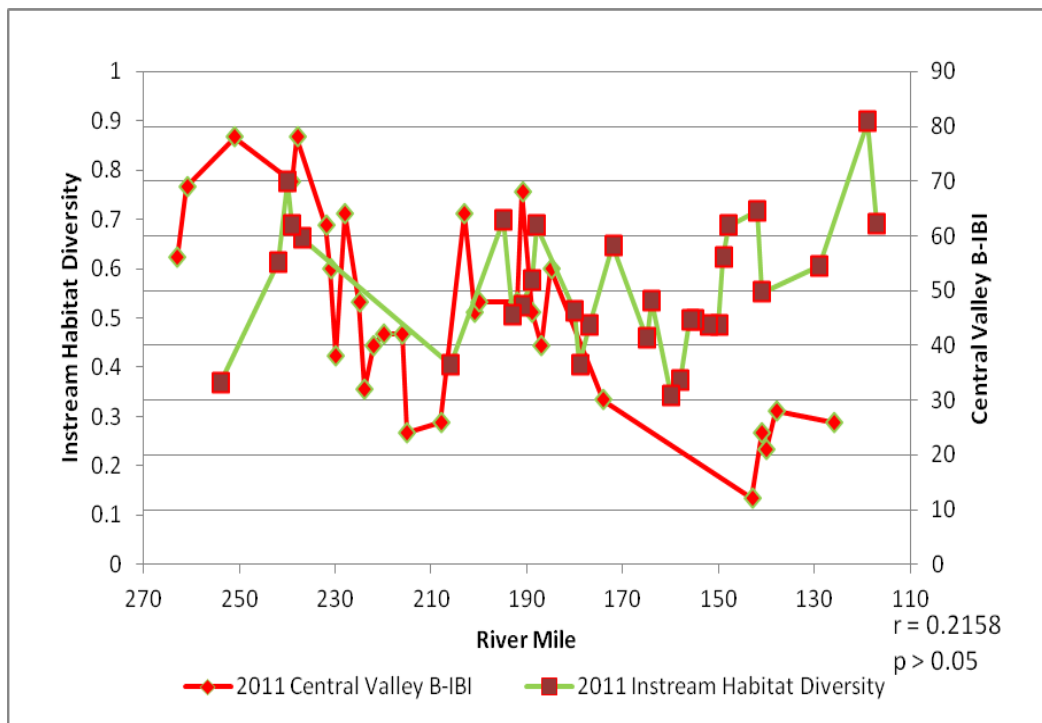


Figure 5D: Instream Habitat Diversity