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During the first half of 2013, Reclamation continued to collect water samples from seven sites along the river, as well as within the Mendota Wildlife Management Area. About 533 samples were collected between January and July 2013 to measure TSS, nutrients, TOC/DOC, bacteria (E. coli, fecal coliform, total coliform), cations, anions, and trace metals. Special samples were collected in April to measure carbamates, pyrethroids, organophosphate, and organochlorine pesticides. Roughly 1960 analyses have been made of 133 constituents. Sediment samples were collected in May of 2013 at five sites in Reaches 1, 2 and 3. A majority of the water quality and sediment samples were collected in Reaches 1, 2 and 3 due to the lack of water below Sack Dam.

Project data indicate that there are few contaminants of concern in Reaches 1 and 2, between Friant Dam and the Mendota Pool. Despite the adjacent urban areas no pesticides were detected in all water samples. Several trace elements (e.g. nickel and selenium) have been measured in the water below Mendota Dam because of the inflow of water from the Delta-Mendota Canal and other tributaries.

Many known sources of contamination in the San Joaquin River below Mendota Dam are monitored by Reclamation and the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. Preliminary data does not show a measurable improvement in water quality in the river (Reaches 3 through 5) due to the arrival of Interim Flows water.

This appendix includes summary figures that illustrate real-time measurements of flow, temperature, and salinity, as well as results from the monthly grab samples. Figures 7j, 7k, 8j, and 8k include additional data collected at Fremont Ford and Hills Ferry under the Grasslands Bypass Project. All data including sediment and pesticide data are available from Reclamation upon request.

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Figure 1a. San Joaquin River below Friant Dam (Lost Lake Park)

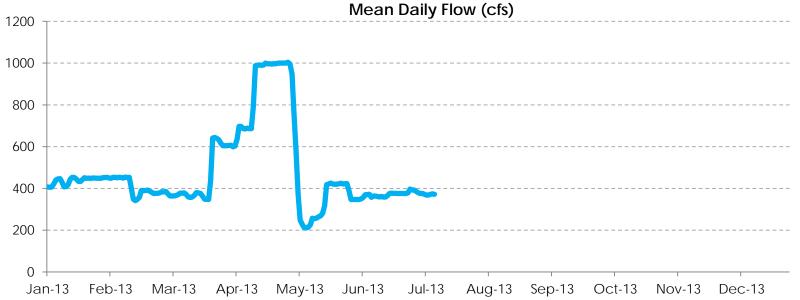


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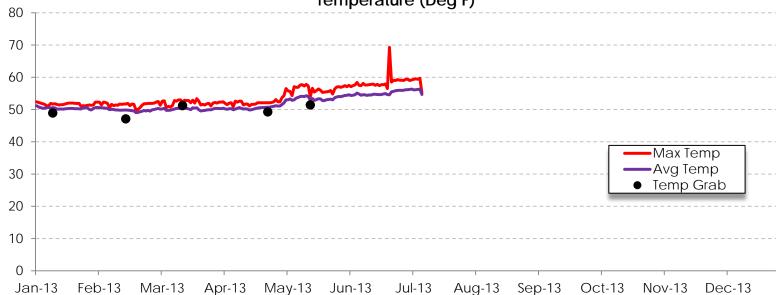


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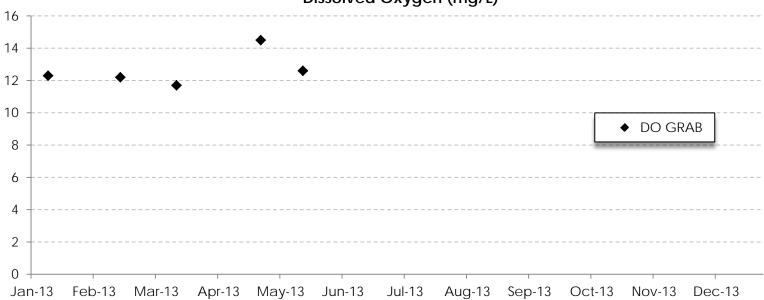


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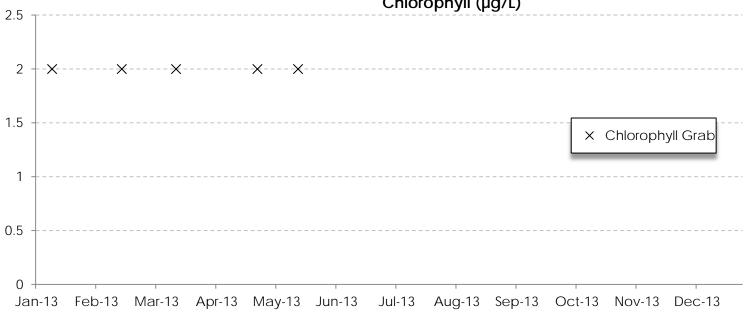
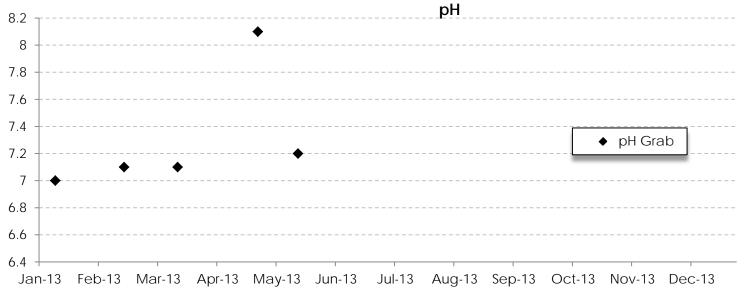
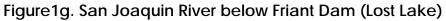


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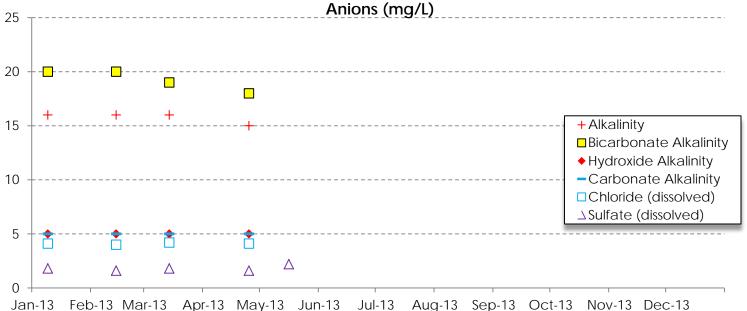
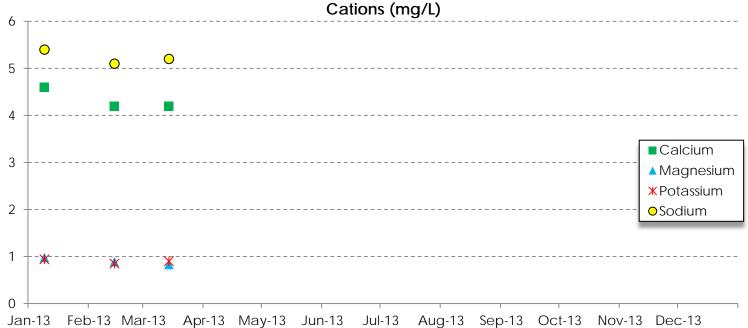
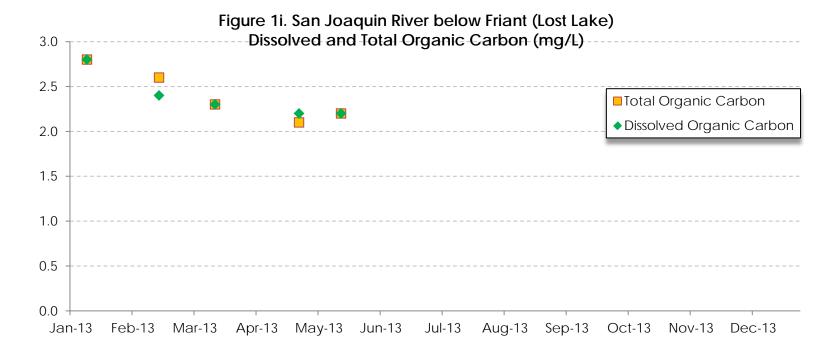
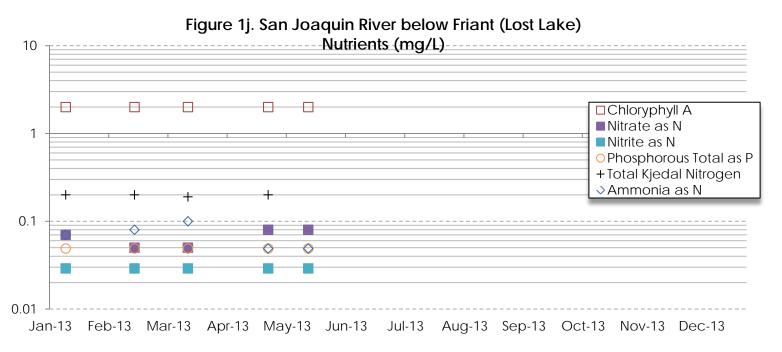


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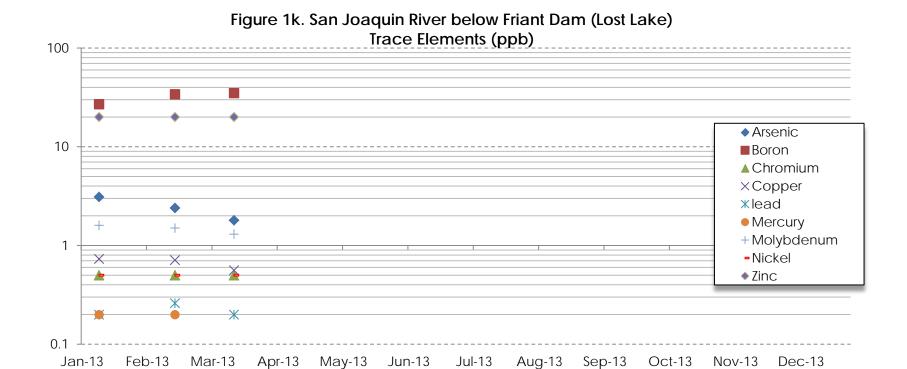


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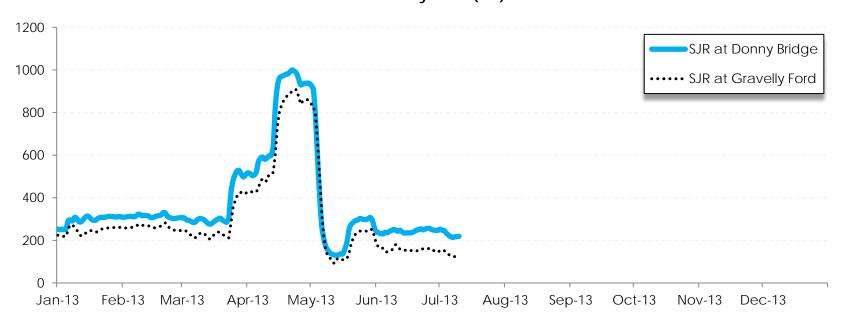


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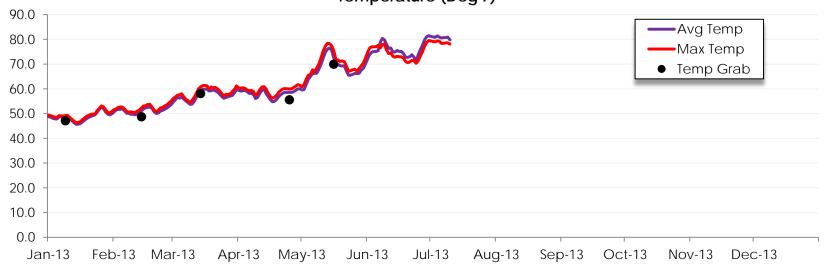


Figure 2c. San Joaquin River at Hwy 99 (Camp Pashayan)
Electrical Conductivity (µS/cm)



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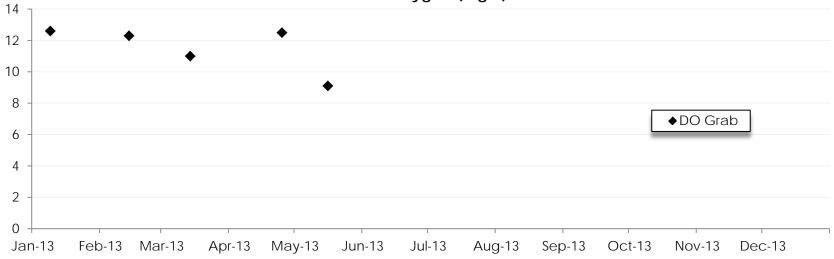


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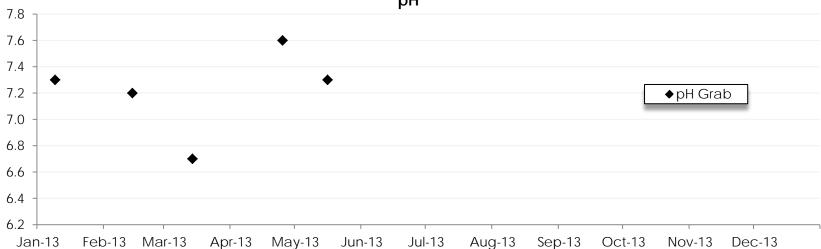


Figure 2g. San Joaquin River at Hwy 99 (Camp Pashayan)
Anions (mg/L)



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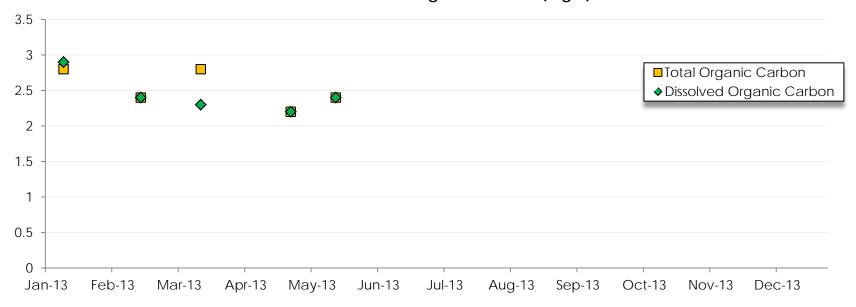


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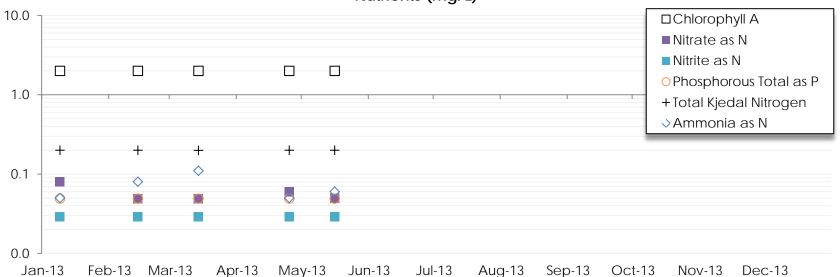


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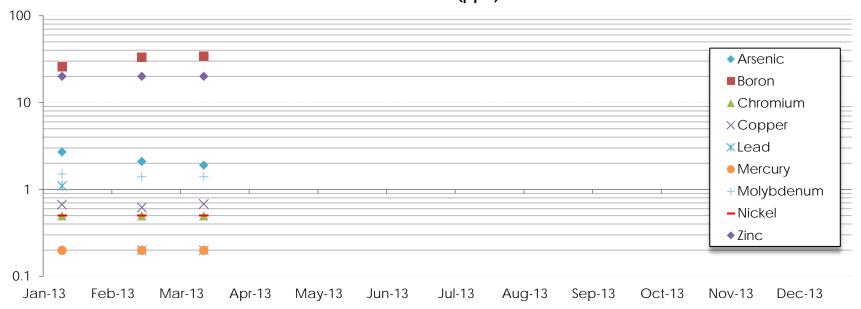
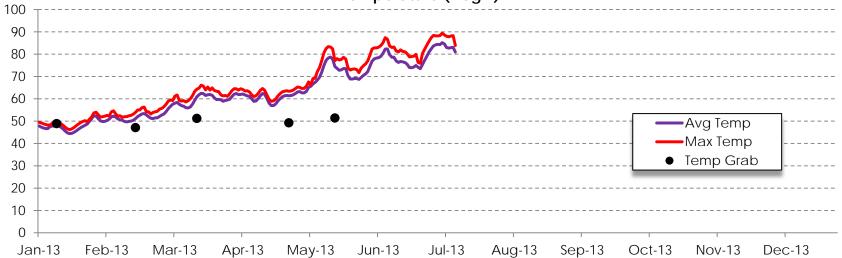
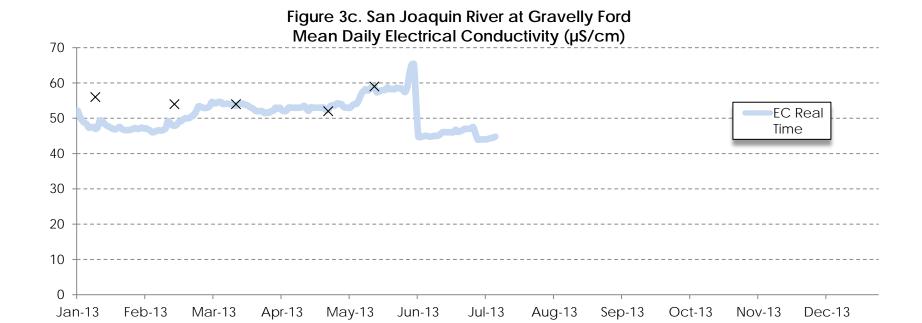


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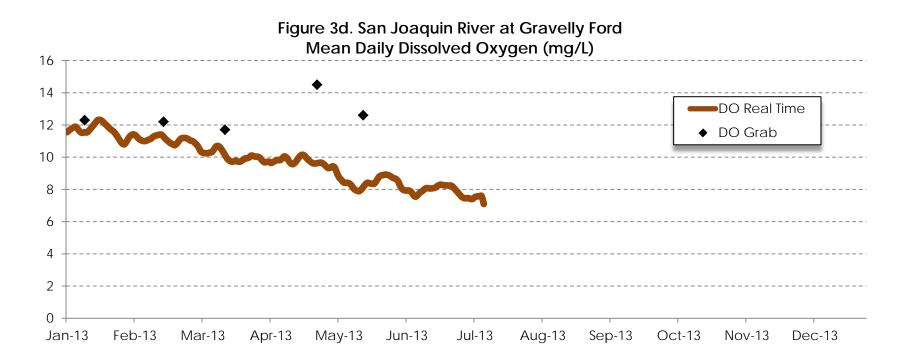


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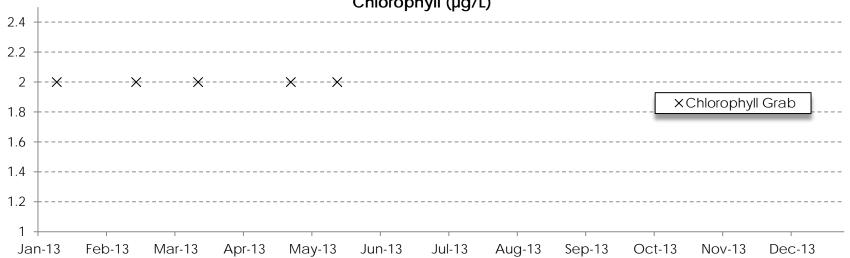


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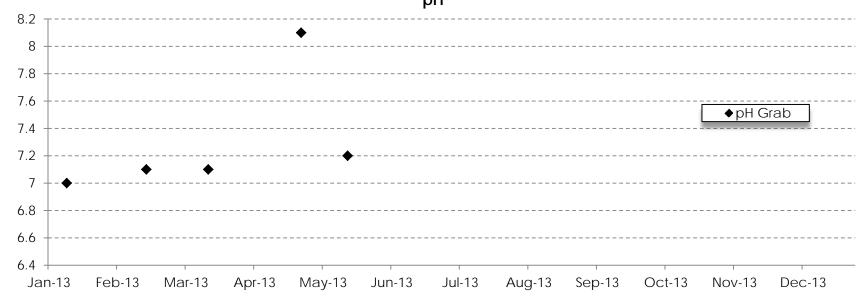
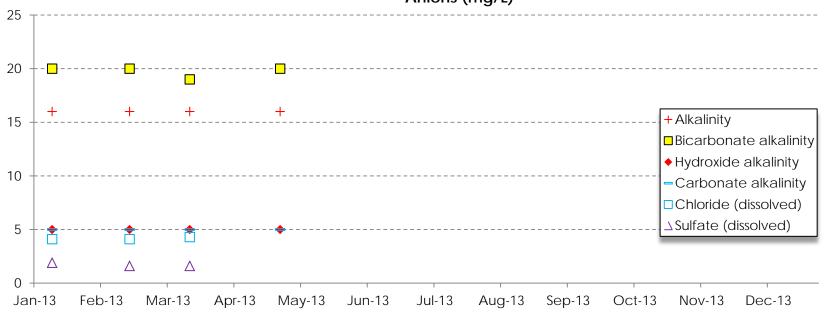
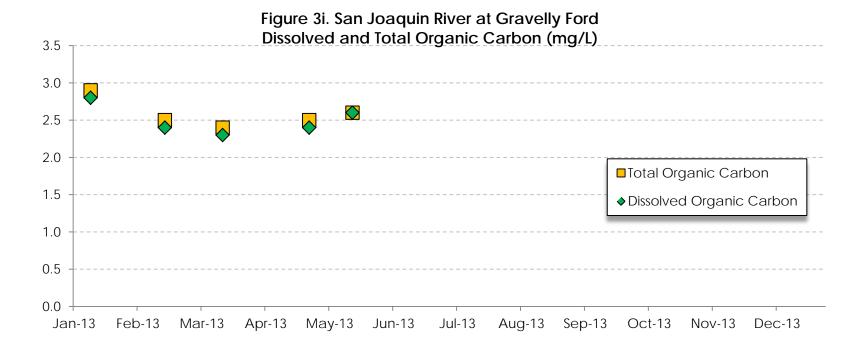


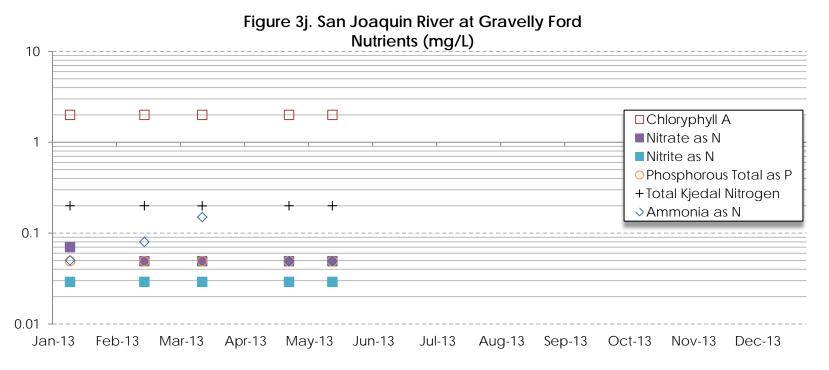
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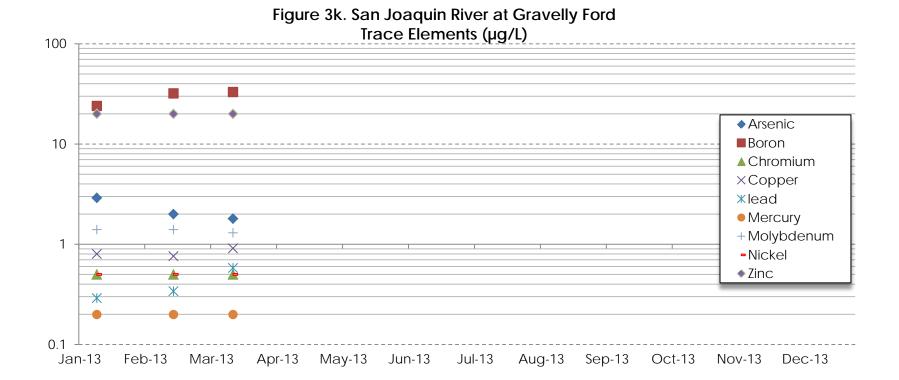


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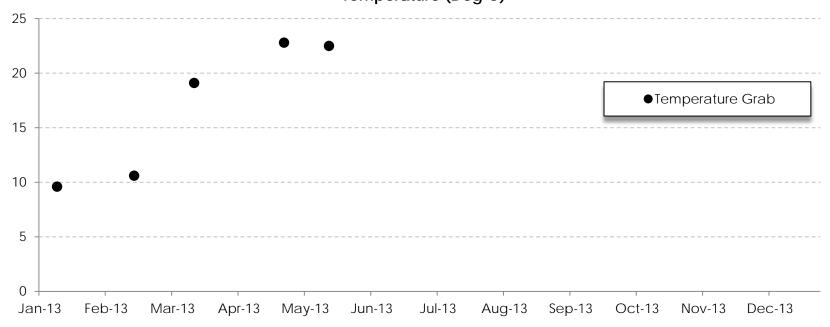


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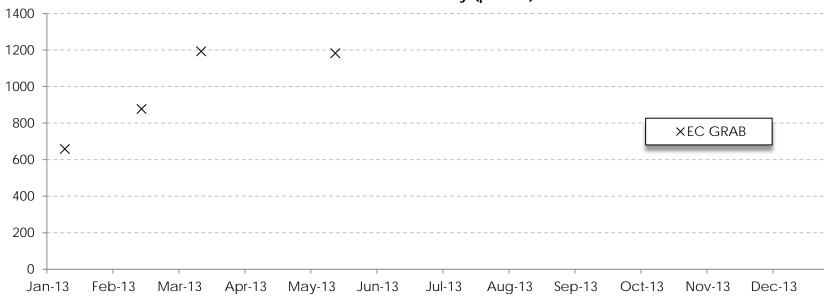


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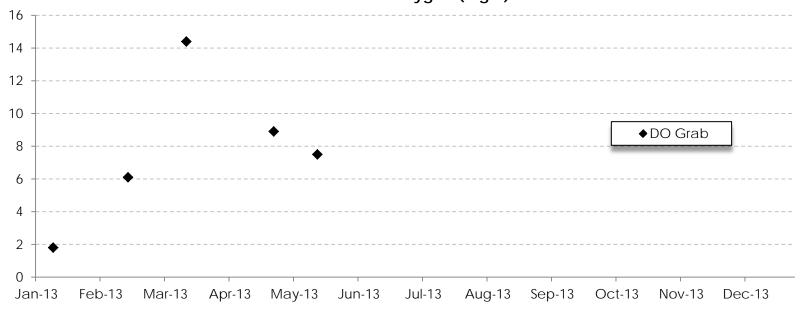


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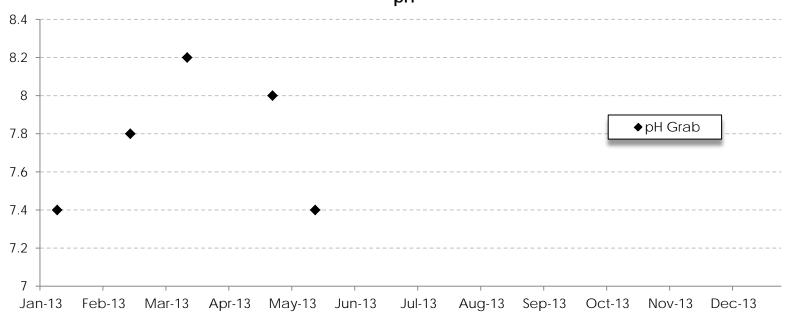


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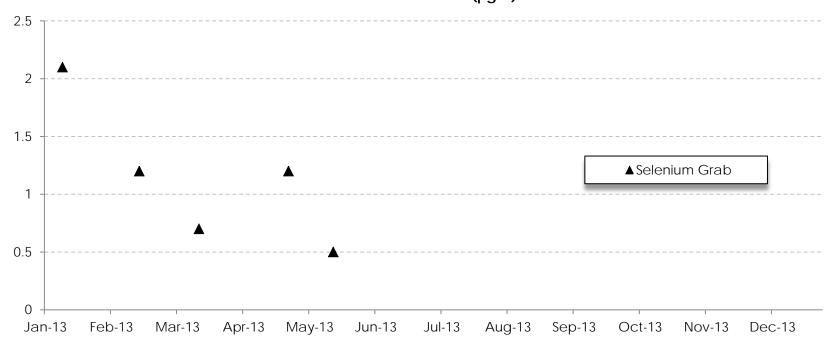
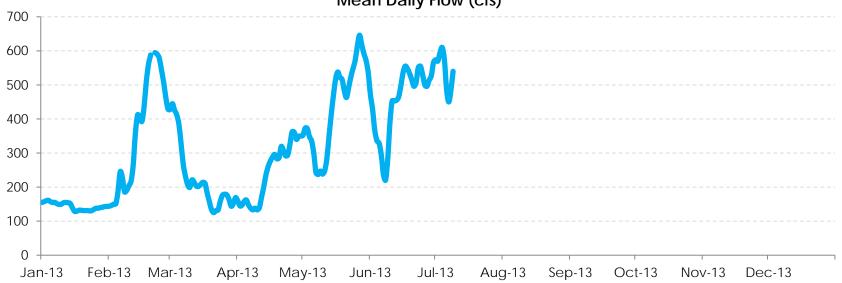


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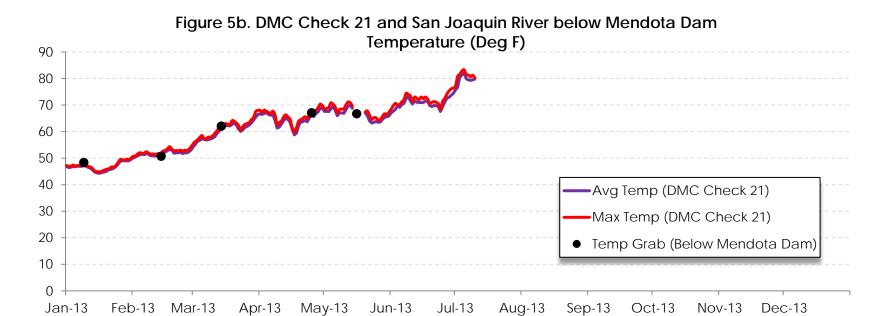


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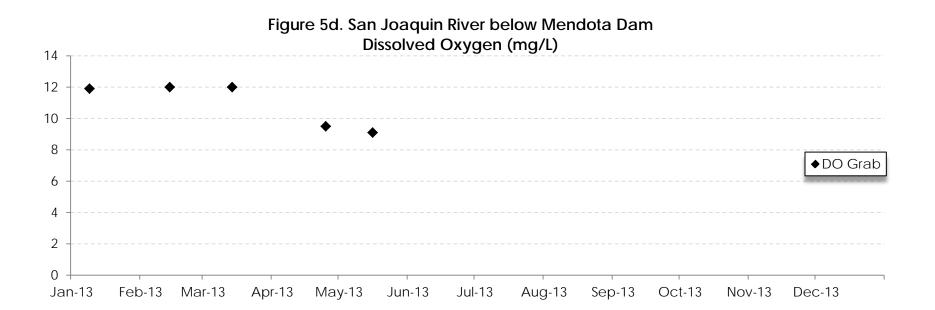


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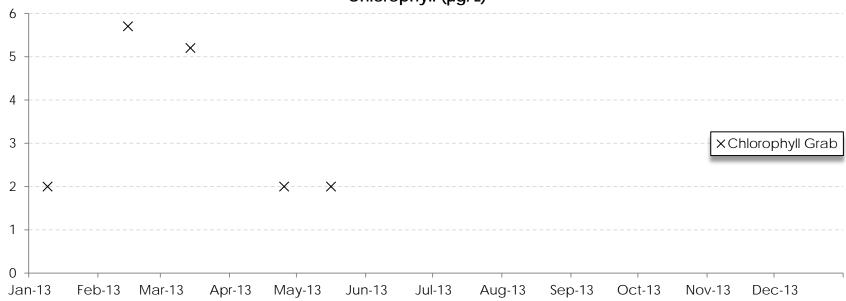


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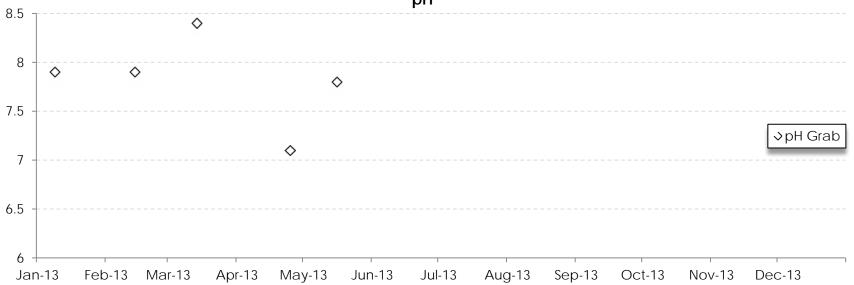
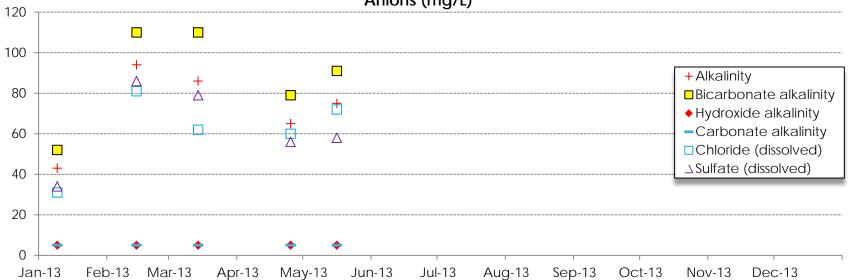
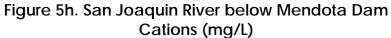


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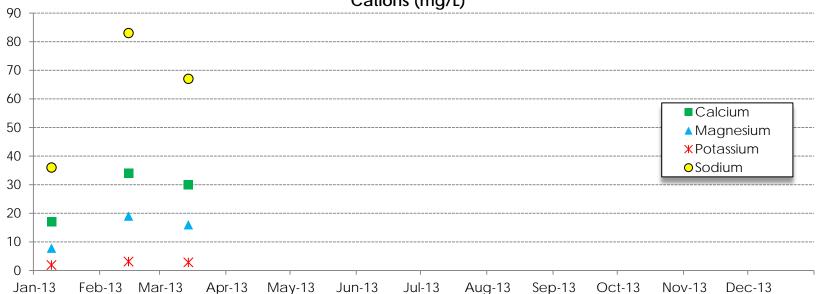
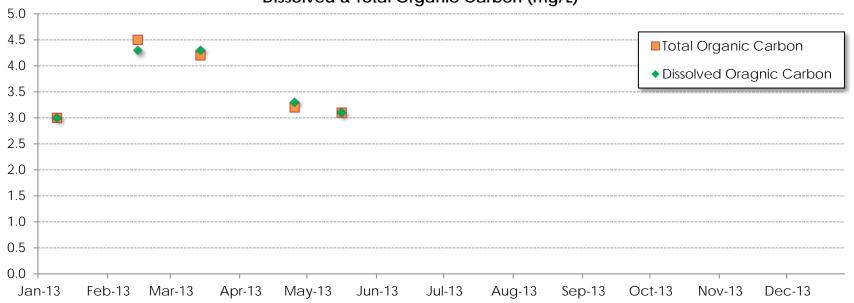


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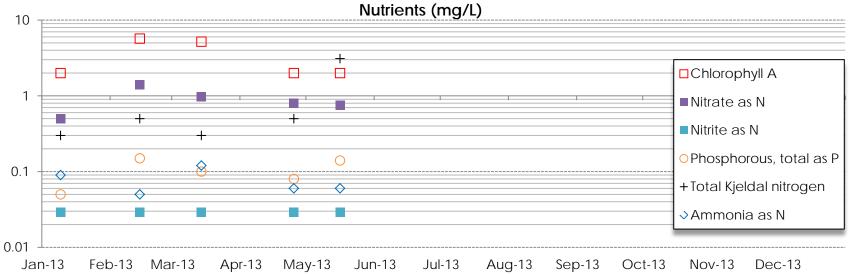


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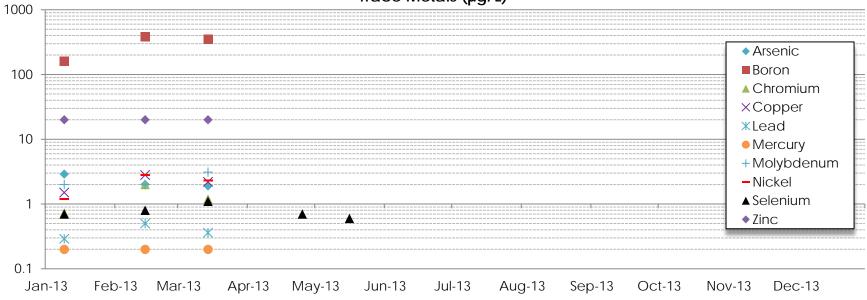
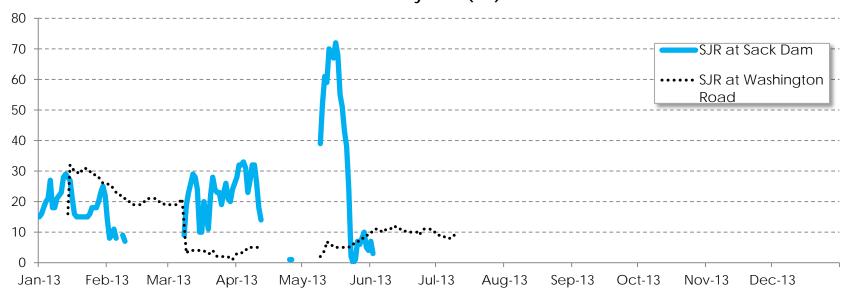


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Mean Daily Flow (cfs)



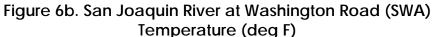




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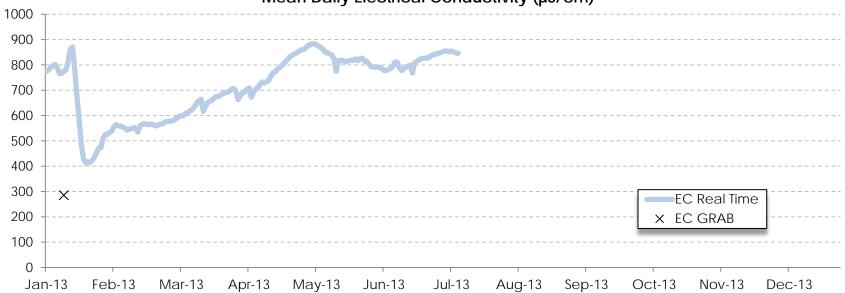


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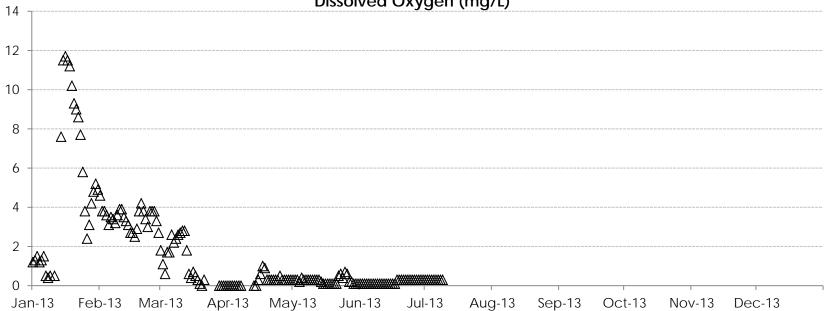


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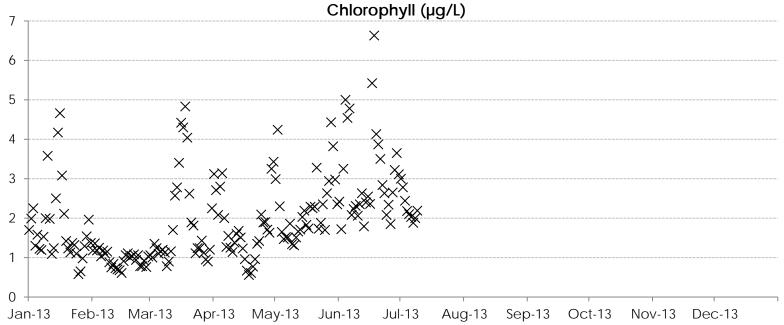


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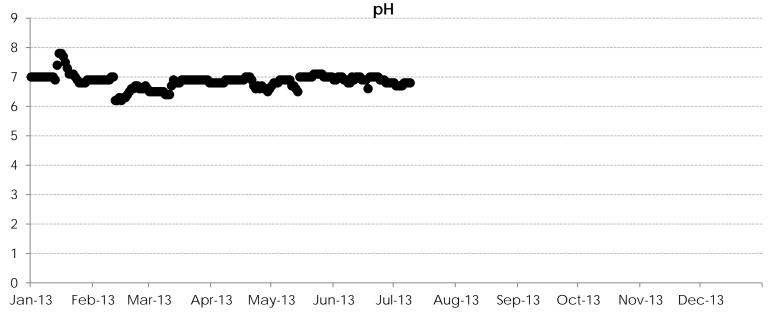


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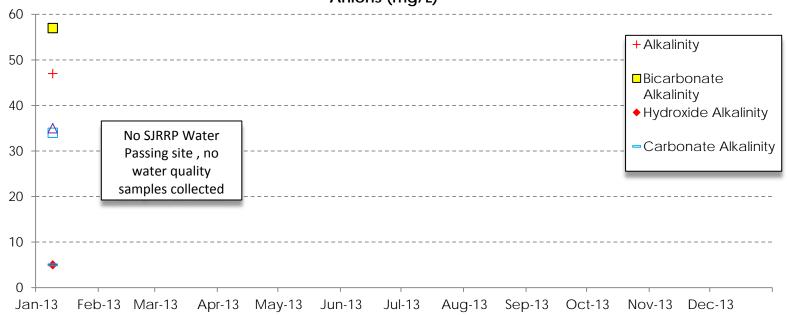
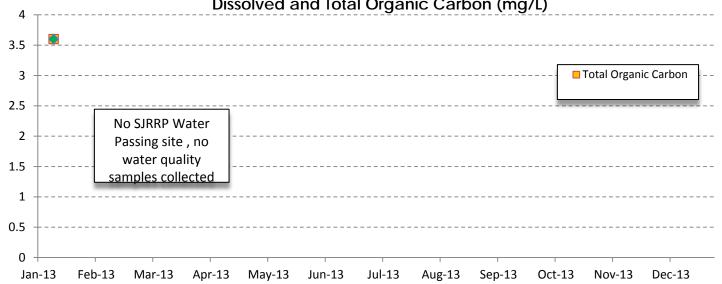
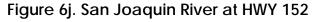


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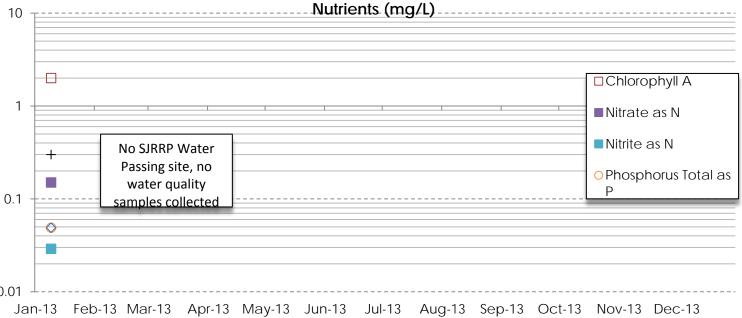


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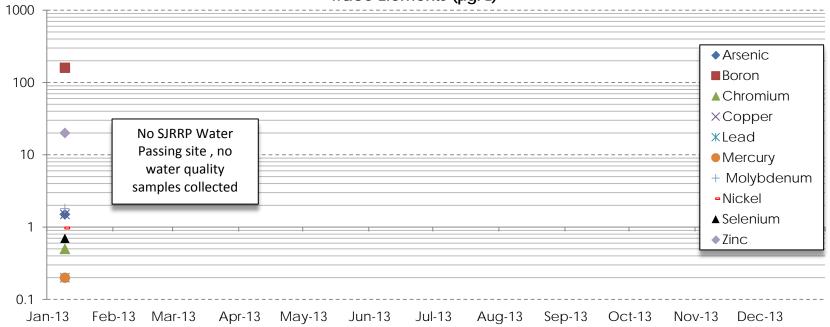


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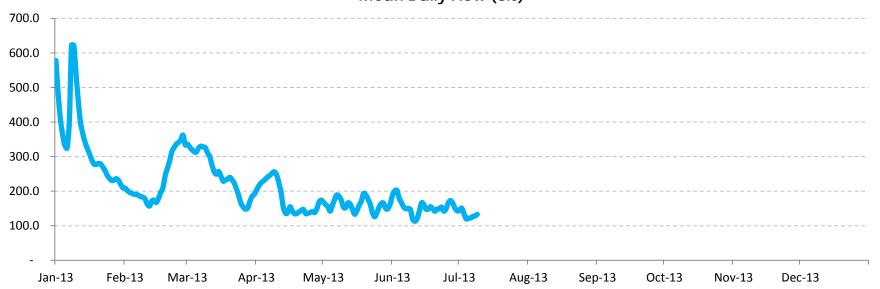


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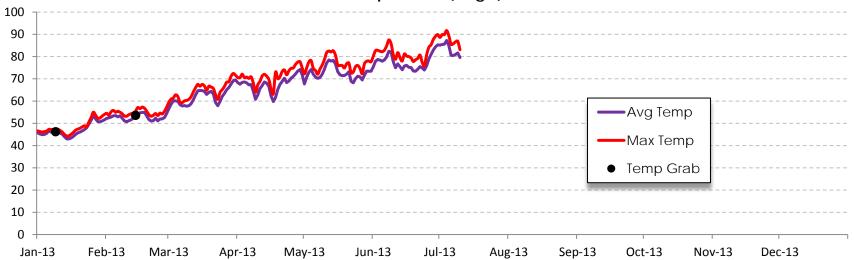


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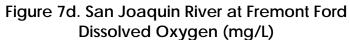




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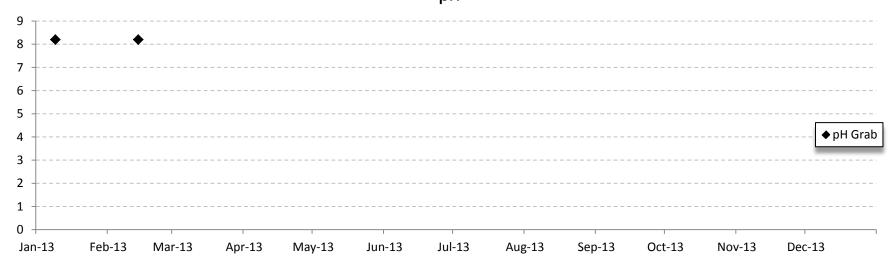
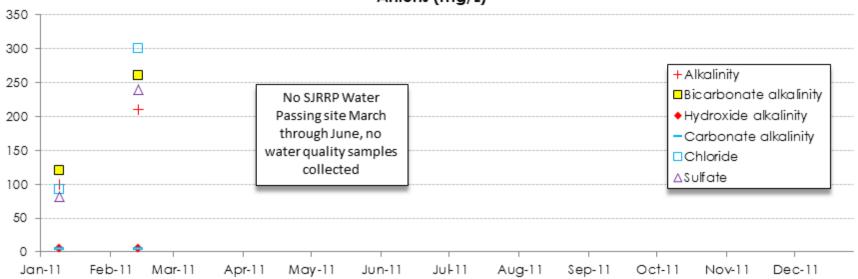
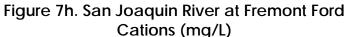


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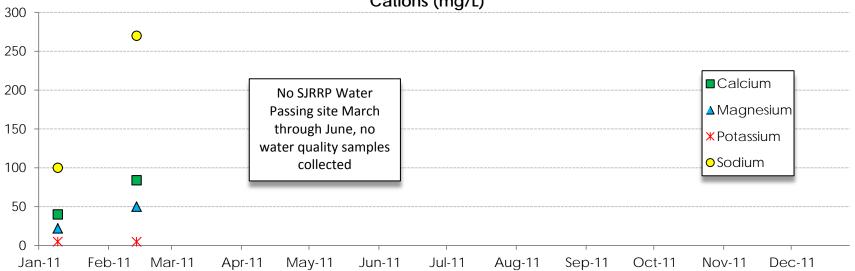
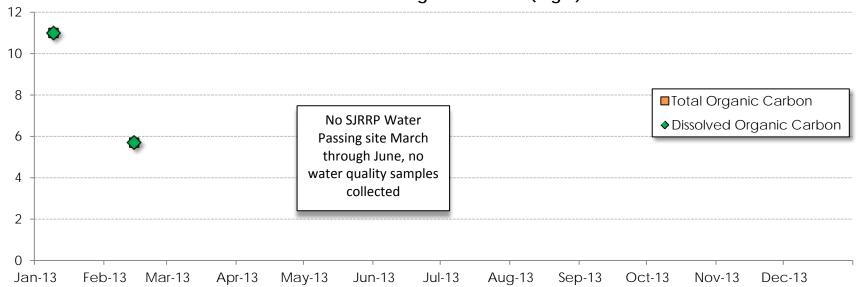
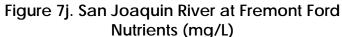
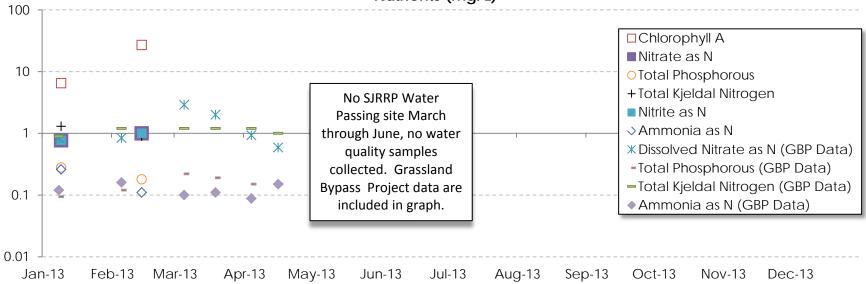
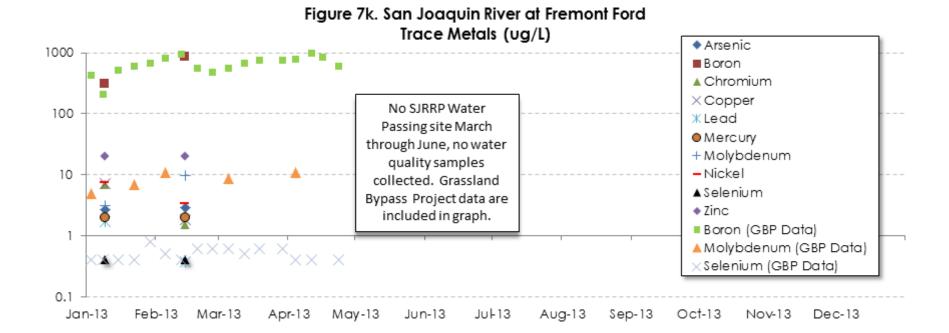


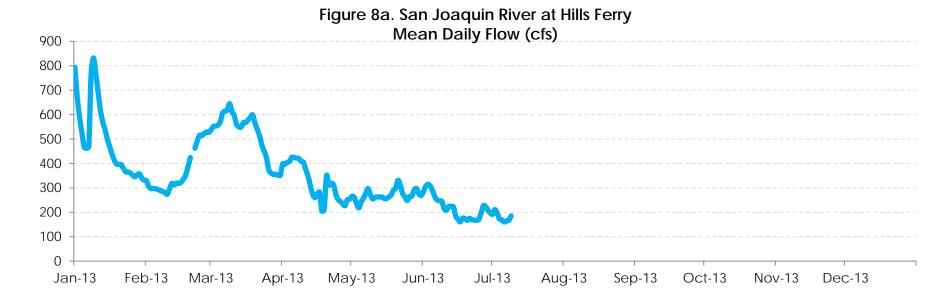
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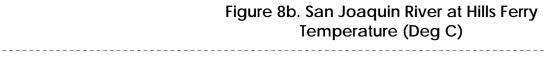




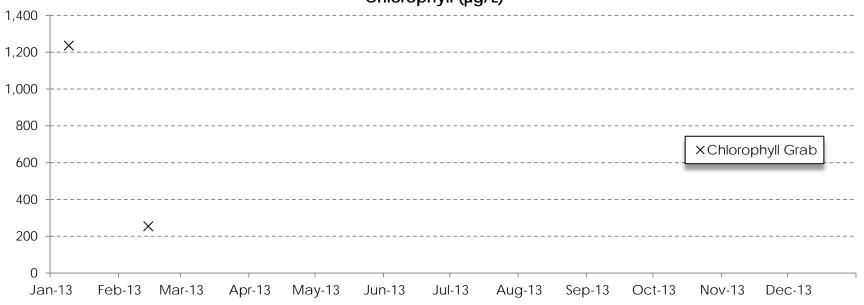
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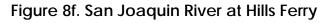


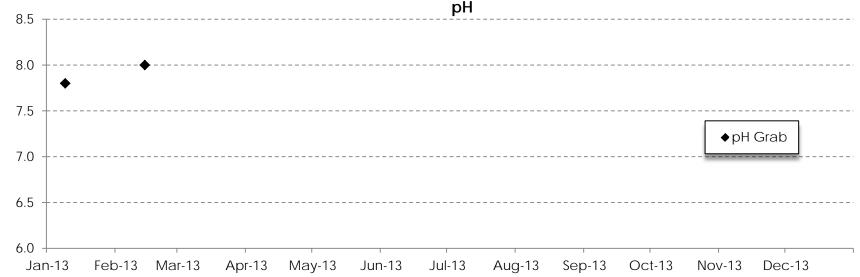
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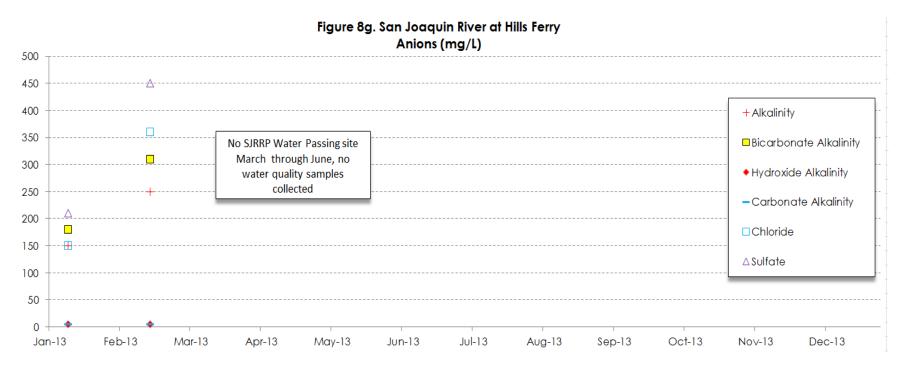


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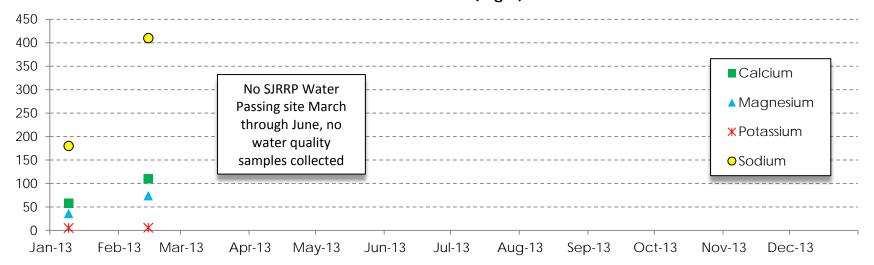


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