

Restoration Goal Technical Feedback Group Meeting San Joaquin River Restoration Program

April 21, 2011

CSU Stanislaus, Turlock, CA



- Introductions
- Program Background
- Technical Feedback Group Context
- TFG Meeting Purpose
- Program Updates
- Presentation monitoring/analysis studies
- Next Meeting



- Name
- Agency or Affiliation



1988	Lawsuit filed challenging Reclamation's renewal of the long-term contracts with Friant Division contractors
2004	Federal Judge rules Reclamation violated Section 5937 of the Fish and Game Code
2005	Settlement negotiations reinitiated to avoid remedy phase
2006	Settlement Agreement reached, implementation begins
2009	Federal legislation enacted



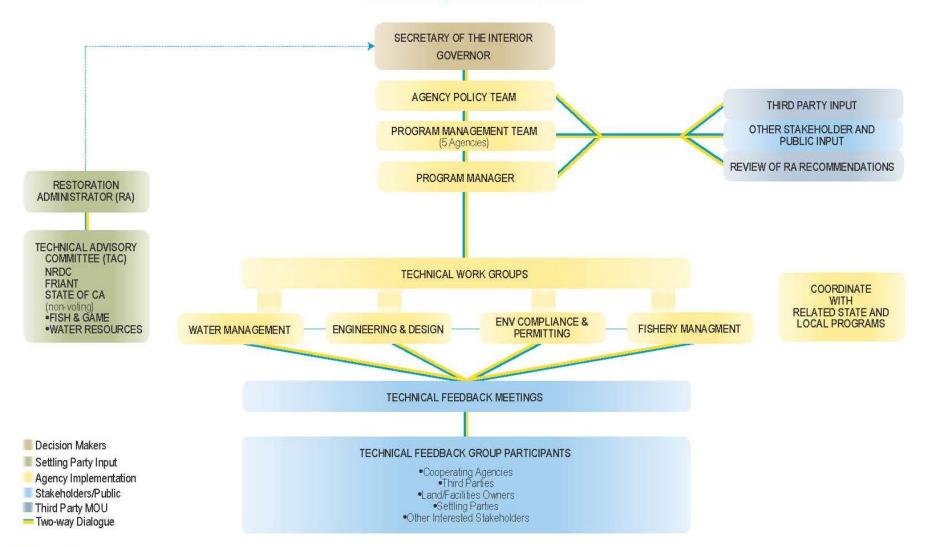
- Restoration Goal
 - To restore and maintain fish populations in "good condition" in the main stem of the San Joaquin River below Friant Dam to the confluence of the Merced River, including naturally reproducing and self-sustaining populations of salmon and other fish.
- Water Management Goal
 - To reduce or avoid adverse water supply impacts to all of the Friant Division long-term contractors that may result from the Interim Flows and Restoration Flows provided for in the Settlement.



- Federal Agencies:
 - Bureau of Reclamation
 - Fish and Wildlife Service
 - National Marine Fisheries Service
- State Agencies:
 - Department of Water Resources
 - Department of Fish and Game



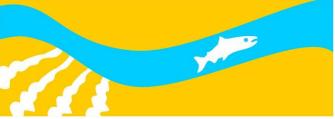
SJRRP Organizational Chart





- Exchange of restoration technical information between the Implementing Agencies, Cooperating Agencies, Settling Parties, Third Parties, landowners, and other interested stakeholders.
- Today's meeting: presentation of select monitoring/analysis results from the 2010 Annual Technical Report.





Juvenile Chinook Telemetry Study

Kim Webb U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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Study Goals and Objectives

- Track movement of juvenile chinook salmon through the Restoration Area
- Develop information that will inform reintroduction efforts in 2012





<u>Methods</u>

 Feather River Fall Run Chinook salmon

-1200 fish to be released at two locations in 4 release groups.

• Acoustic Telemetry

-Vemco 180 kHz receivers at key locations

Above and below mine pits, decision points for fish migration (bypasses, structures)

Range = 75 m radius.







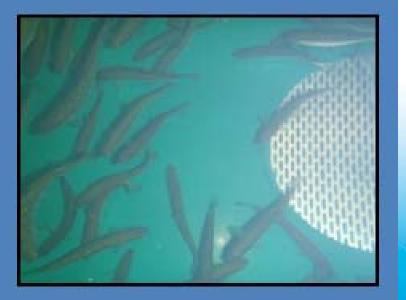


Fish anaesthetized with 50mg/IMS-222

Water treated with baking soda (to control pH) and stress coat (artificial fish slime)

Temperature and DO monitoring continuously

Fish recovering and holding in circular tanks at the Interim Conservation Facility





- Acoustic Telemetry (cont)
 - Release locations
 - Below Friant Dam (2 replicate groups)
 - Below Chowchilla Bypass (2 replicate groups)
 - Release Groups
 - Four groups 250 coded wire tagged fish +48 acoustic tagged fish
 - 2 acoustic tagged fish from each group will be held in the hatchery to determine tag life





Acoustic Telemetry (cont)

Mobile Tracking

To compliment stationary receiver data

• Download stationary receivers

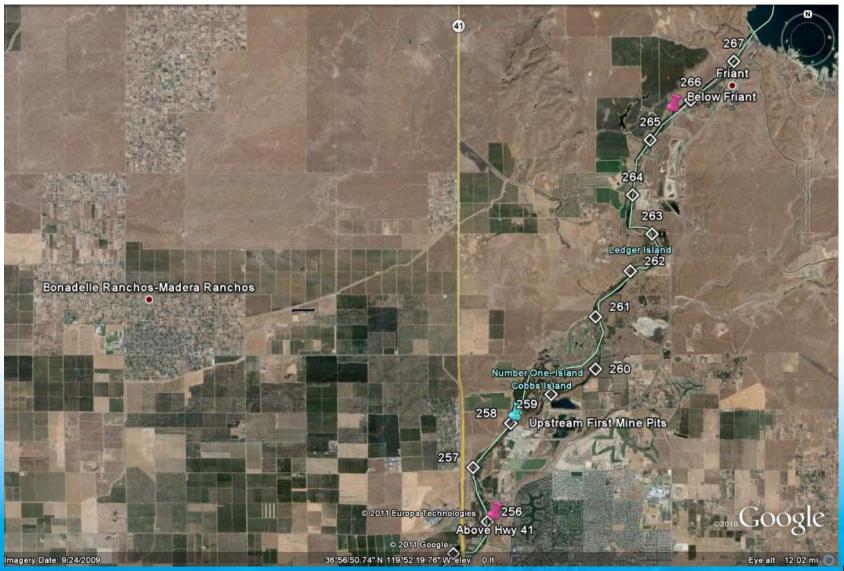
-Tag specifications

~ 63 days life

Ping rate 30 second random delay

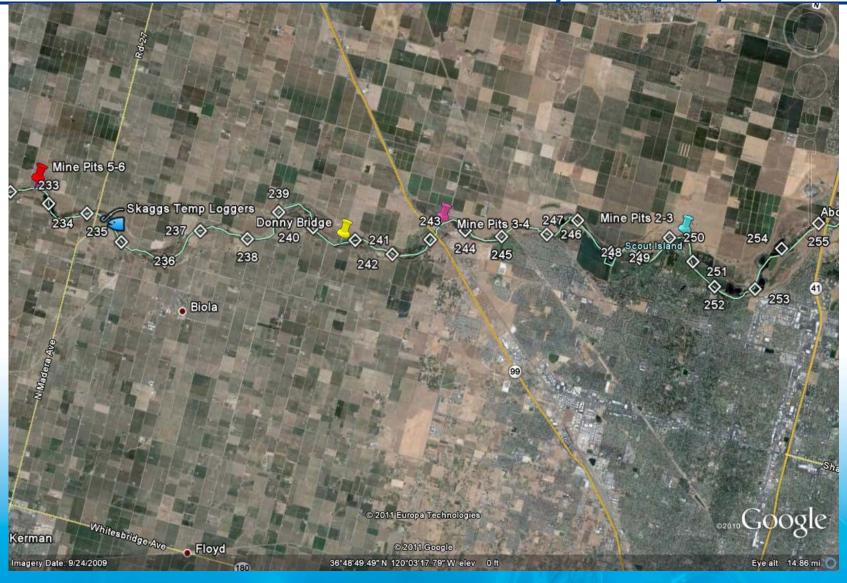


Receiver locations – Friant to Hwy 41



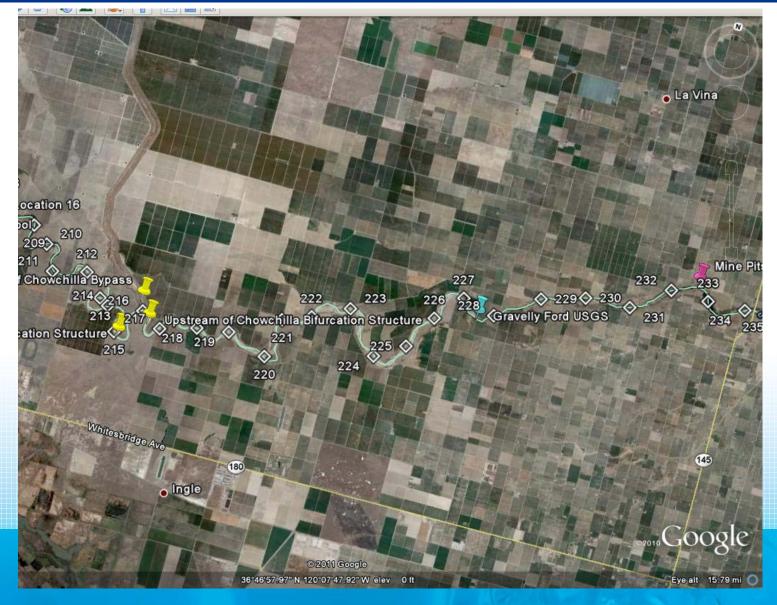


Receiver locations – Hwy 41- Hwy 99

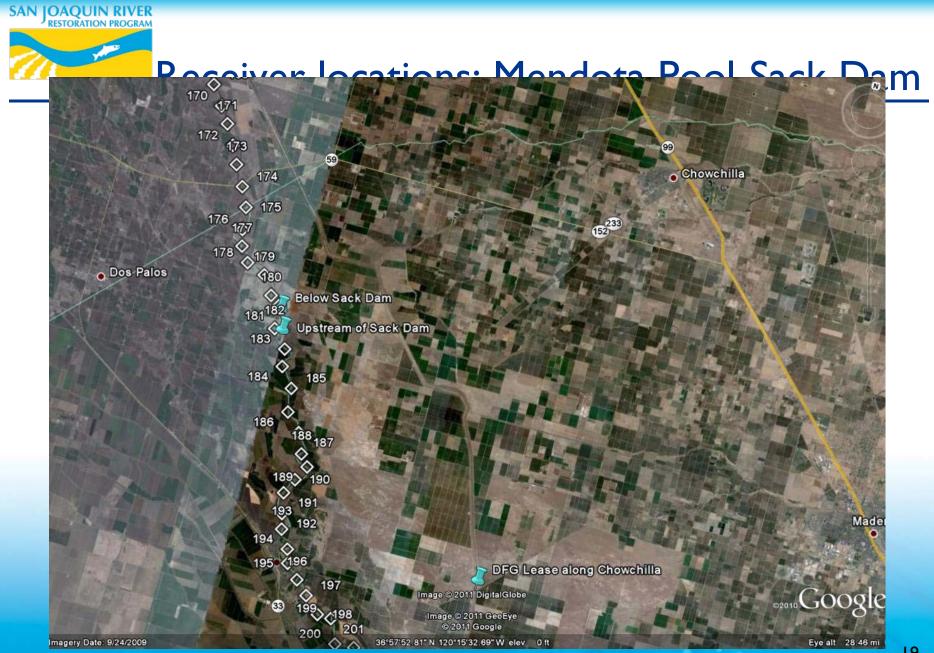




Receiver locations – Hwy 145- Chowchilla



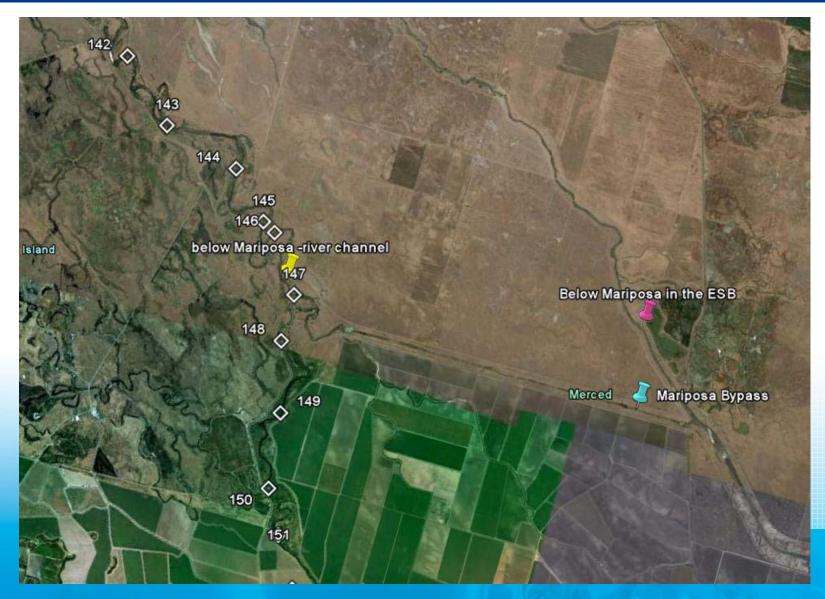
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Receiver locations: East Side and Mariposa







- Complete tagging and receiver deployment
 Target: Wednesday evening
- Releases

Target: All releases Thursday (today!)



Program Updates

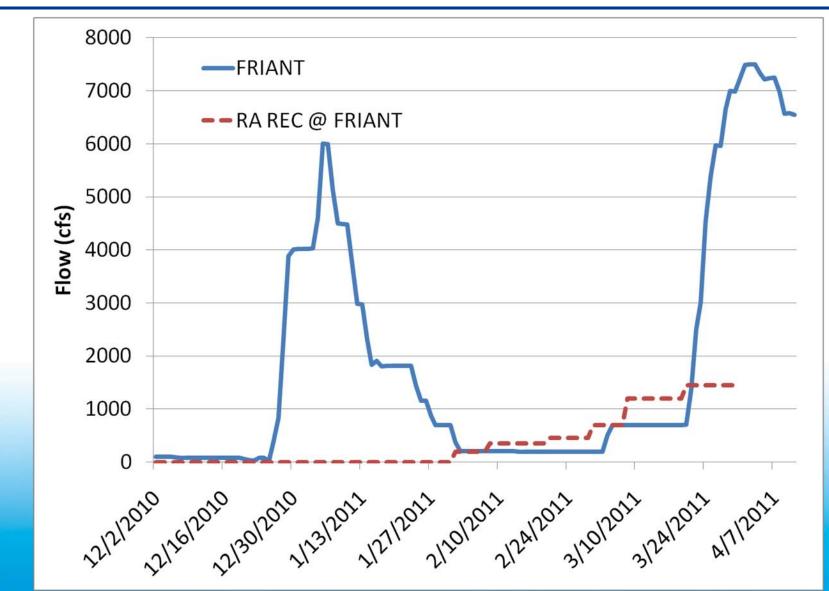
Interim Flows/ Flood Control Operations Dave Mooney Reclamation

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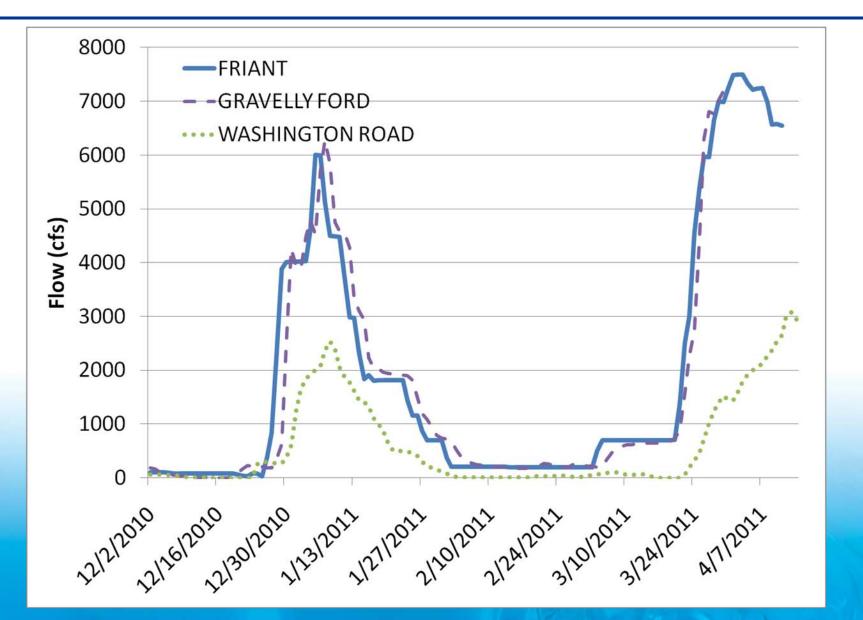
- To collect relevant data concerning flows, temperatures, fish needs, seepage losses, recirculation, recapture and reuse.
- Current Data Collection includes:
 - Flow Measurements
 - Water Surface Profile Surveys
 - Groundwater Measurements
 - Temperature Measurements
 - Water Quality Measurements
 - Sediment Studies
 - Aerial Photos
 - Fish Tagging Study

Friant Releases compared to initial RA Recommendation



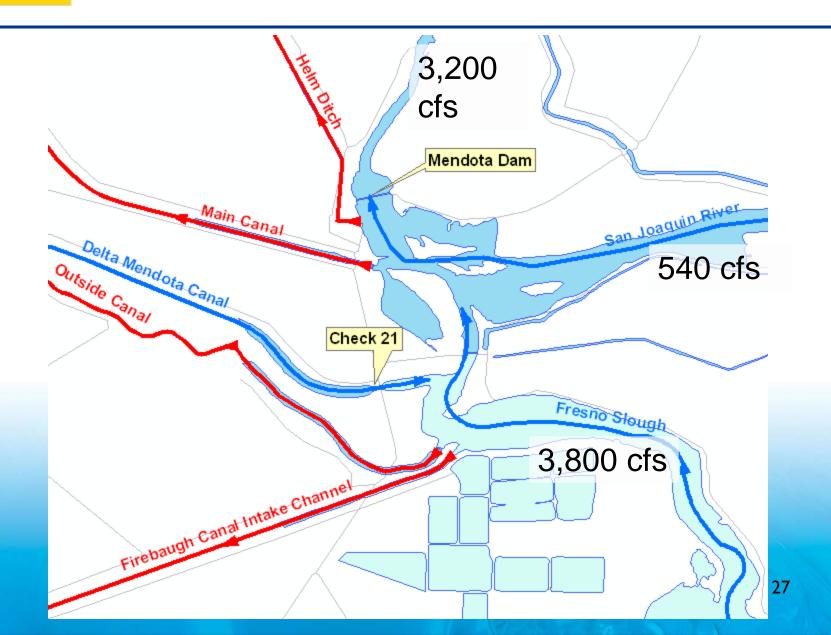


Downstream Flows



Mendota Pool 4/20/2011

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Reach 4B Headgates





Questions?





Program Updates

Program EIS/R

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Release & Distribution:

- April 22, 2011 : Release of Program Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Report (PEIS/R)
- The document will be sent to interested parties, federal agencies, state and local agencies, elected officials, and tribal entities
- Public notice of the document's availability will be through media, on the SJRRP web site, and via mailings
- Start of 60-day comment period (June 21, 2011)



Public Hearings:

- <u>Visalia</u>: Tuesday, May 24 @10:00 a.m.
- <u>Fresno</u>: Tuesday May 24 @ 6:00 p.m.
- Los Banos: Wednesday, May 25 @ 6:00 p.m.
- <u>Sacramento</u>: Thursday, May 26 @ I:30 p.m.



Public Comment & Response

• Written comments may be provided at any time during the comment period

• Oral comments may be provided at any of the public hearing venues

• Comments become part of the PEIS/R public record

 DWR and Reclamation have a responsibility to address substantive comments



Public meeting information and documents will be available at:

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Annual Technical Report

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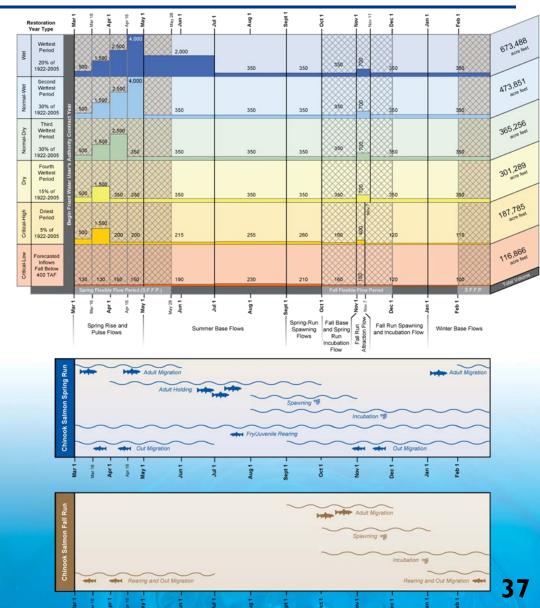
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- Background/ Settlement Requirements
- Annual Planning/Reporting Schedule
- Documents
- Conclusions



- SJRRP is a comprehensive longterm effort to restore:
 - flows
 - self-sustaining Chinook salmon fishery
 - while reducing or avoiding adverse water supply impacts





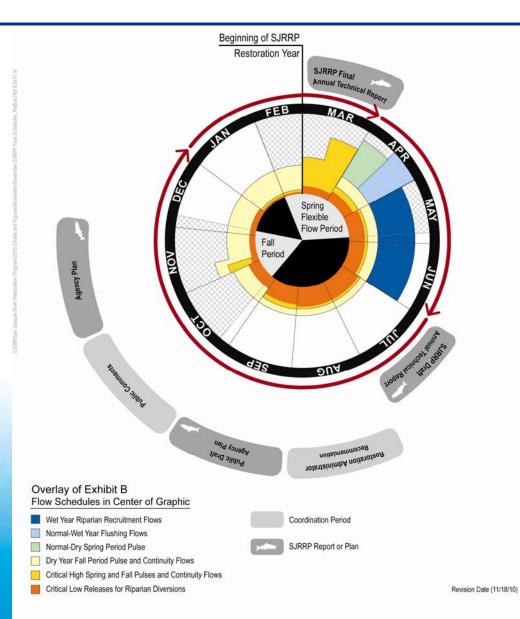
- Channel and Structural
 Improvements
- Restoration Flows
- Reintroduction of Salmonids
- Interim Research Program and Releases
- Water Management



- Interim Flows to collect relevant data concerning physical and biological parameters.
 - Install monitoring network
 - Develop studies
 - Data collection
 - Data analysis
 - Reporting



Planning and Reporting Schedule





Monitoring and Analysis Plan (Agency Plan)

• Presents the Implementing Agencies' monitoring and analysis activities (**Studies**) for the next year of SJRRP.



Annual Technical Report

- Reports monitoring and analysis results (Reports)
- Develops and tracks long-term strategies for SJRRP implementation (*Problem Statements*)
- Identifies uncertainties to resolve in order to implement SJRRP (*Information Needs*)



Planning/Reporting documents assist SJRRP to:

- coordinate monitoring/analysis activities
- report on a regular schedule to a common location
- make information from the Interim Research Program available to inform Settlement implementation



Fisheries Habitat Monitoring

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Fisheries Habitat Monitoring

Monitoring – Biological Parameters

- Temperature Monitoring
- Meso-Habitat Mapping



Goal

 Collect sufficient data to determine if instream temperatures are adequate to support all lifehistory needs for spring and fall-run Chinook salmon



Temperature Monitoring

Objectives:

- Identify potential warm water sources.
- Collect reliable water temperature data in both reservoir and stream environments at time and space intervals.
- Evaluate Millerton Reservoir flow releases.
- Calibrate models
- Investigate yet to be defined water management alternatives.
- Evaluate restoration flows.



Methods

HOBO Water Temp.
 Pro v2 by Onset

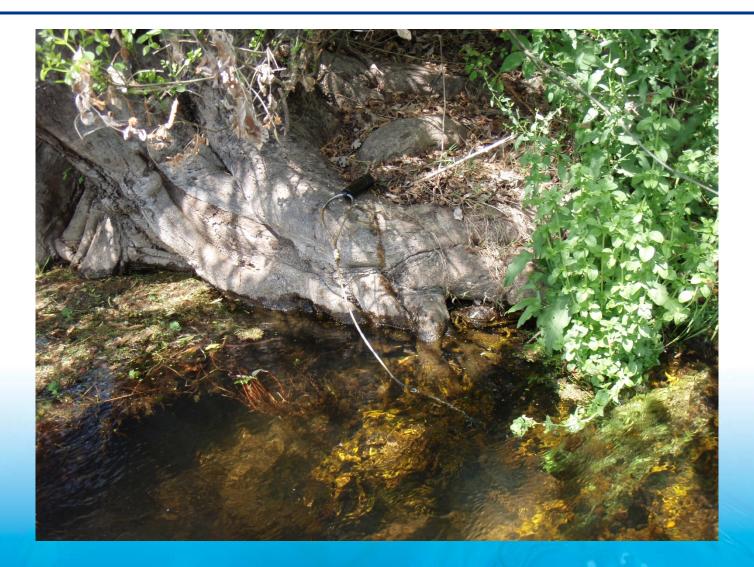




Methods

- Loggers arrayed to evaluate all life history stages of Chinook salmon
- Deployed within the thalweg of the river
- Requires a stable anchor point

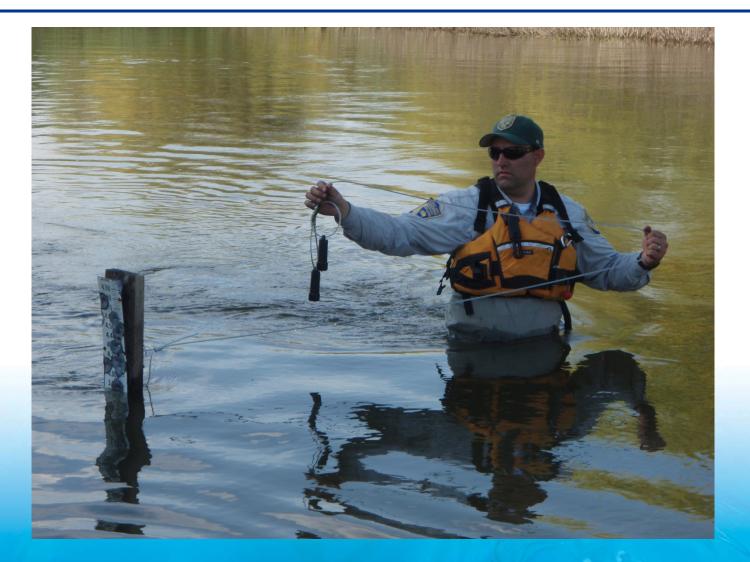




Temperature Monitoring - Methods



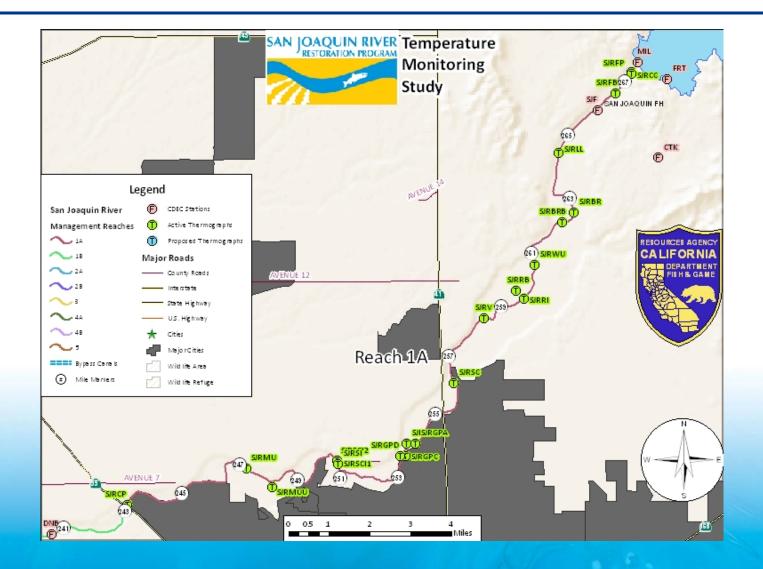






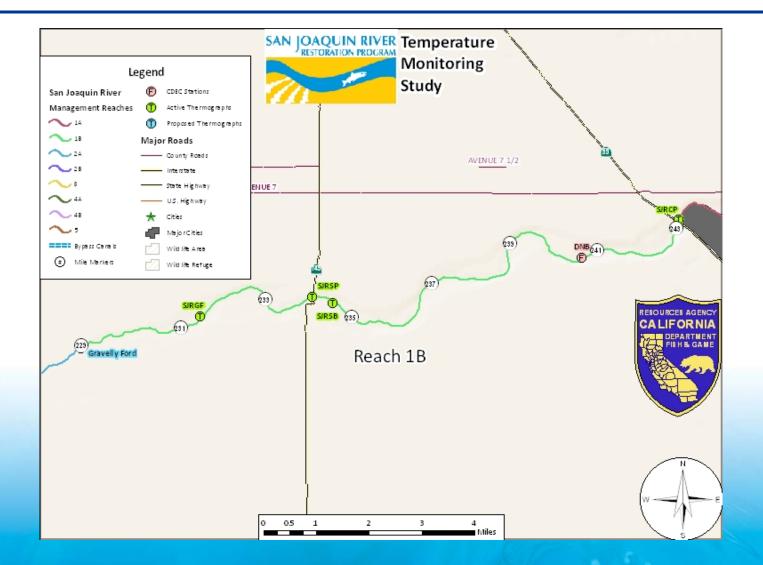


Temperature Monitoring Locations IA



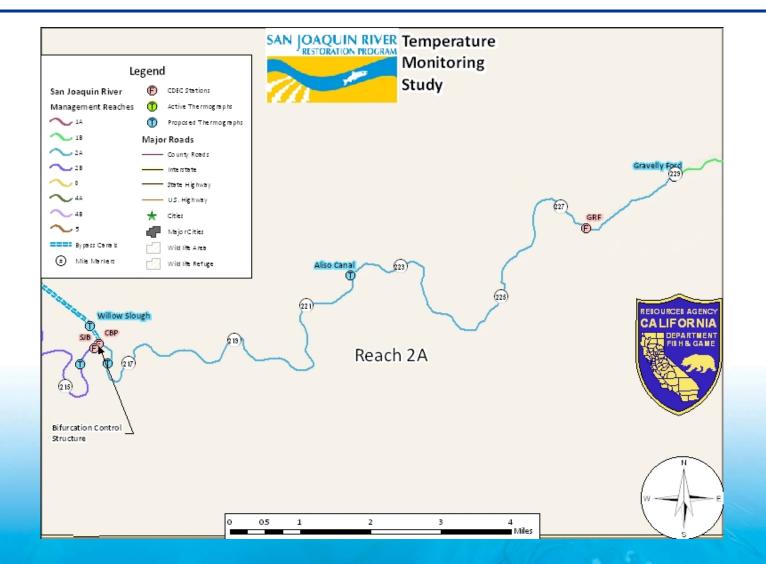
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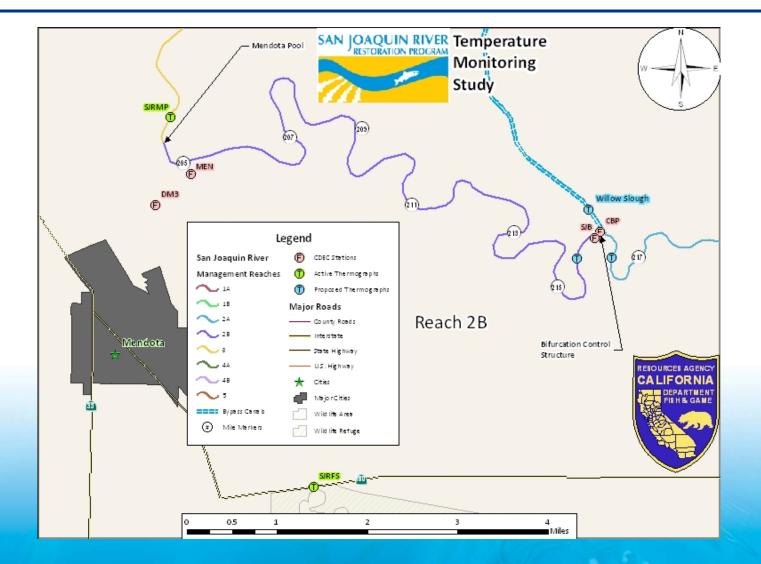
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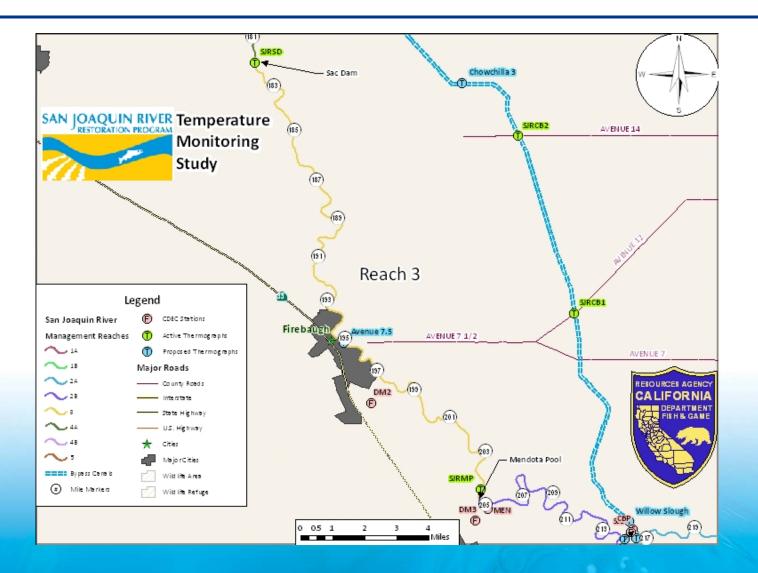


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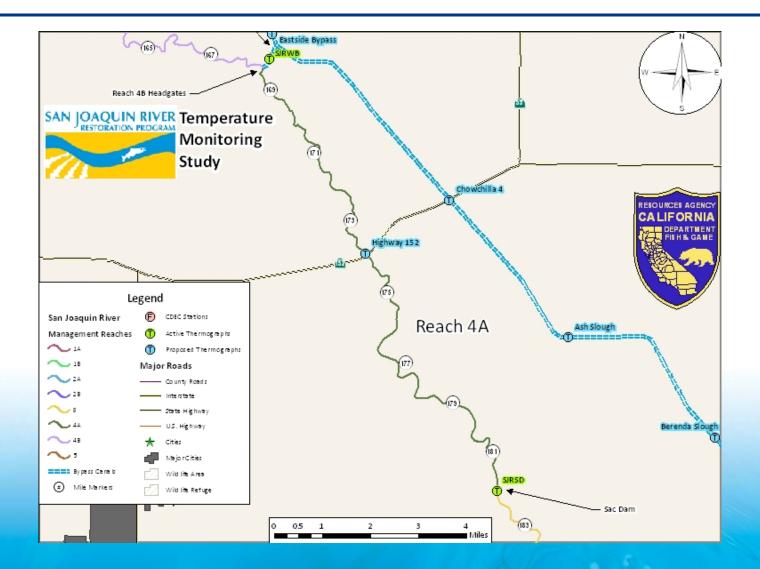
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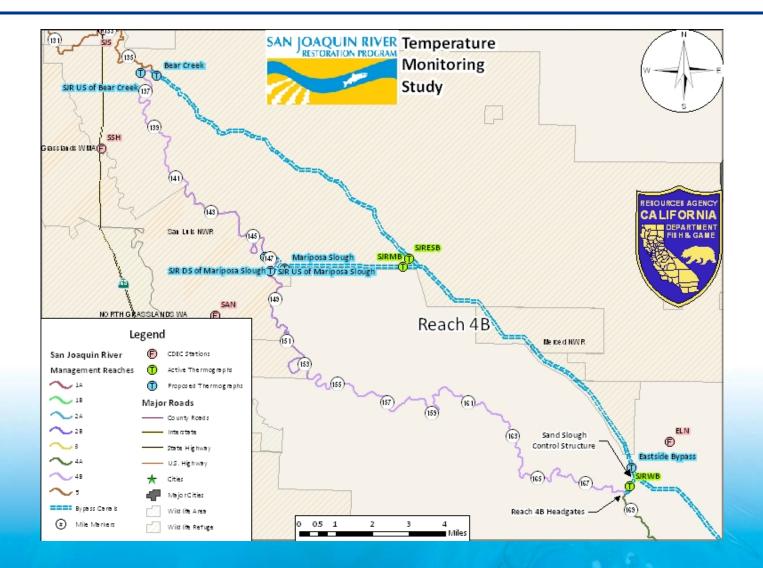
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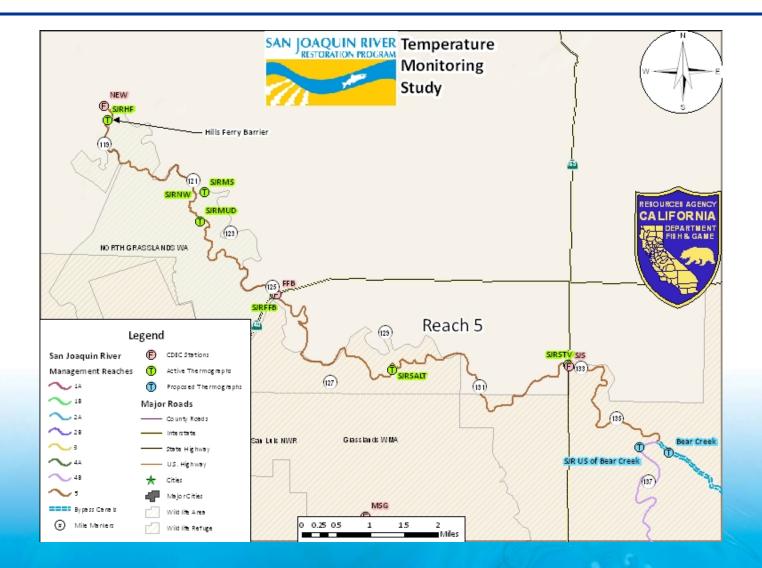








Temperature Monitoring Locations 5





Constraints

- Access
- Vandalism
- High Flows



Next Steps

- Continue monitoring
- Increase reliability for mining pits
- Evaluate temperature as it relates to restoration flows



Goal

 Document the longitudinal distribution of habitat units



Objectives:

- Quantify habitat
- Develop an understanding of how instream habitat responds to flows
- Track habitat changes through time



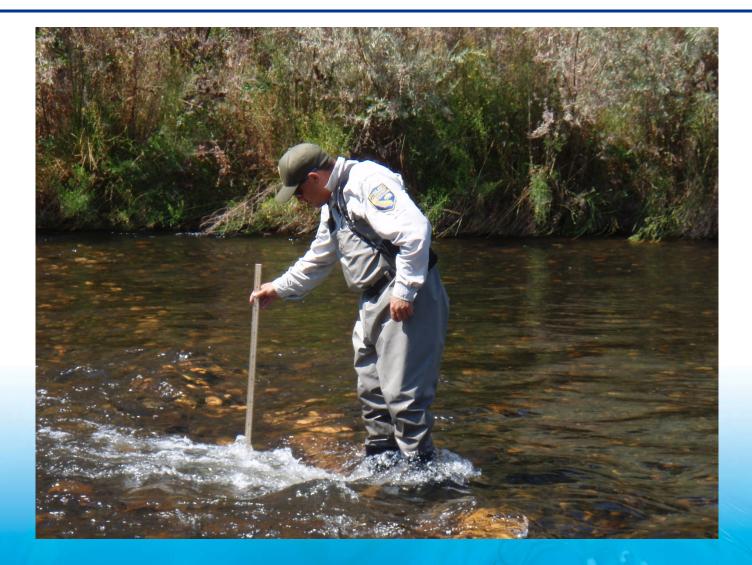
Time window	Reach	Friant Dam Release	Local CDEC Site Release
Oct 1-31, 2009	1A	350 cfs	348-353 cfs (MIL)
Jul 12-14, 2010	1B	350 cfs	164-175 cfs (GRF)
Jul 28-29, 2010 Aug 3, 2010	2A+2B	347-355 cfs	121-137 cfs (GRF)
Nov 8, 2010 Nov 10, 2010	4A	353-355 cfs	220-292 cfs (MEN)



Methods

- Habitat units identified by visually estimating flow, depth, and substrate
- Measure wetted width and depth
- GPS and photo document

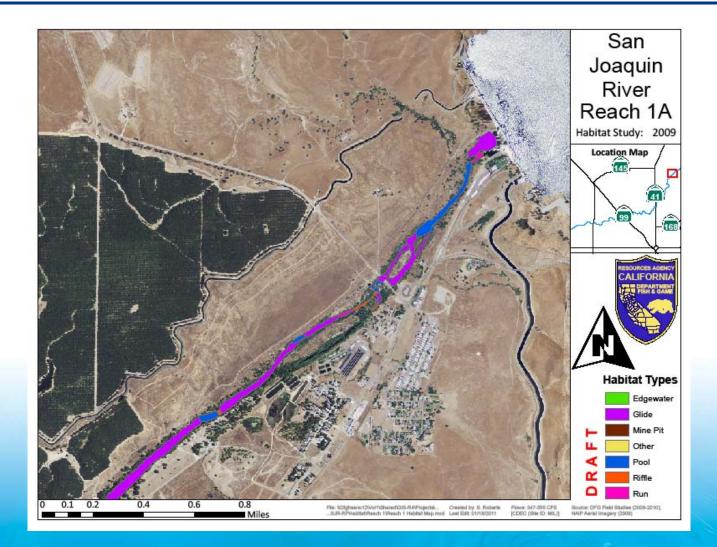




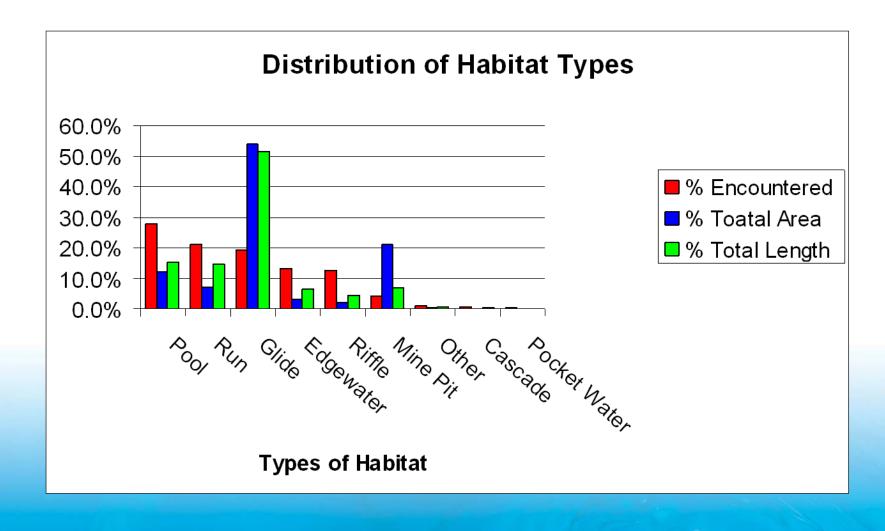




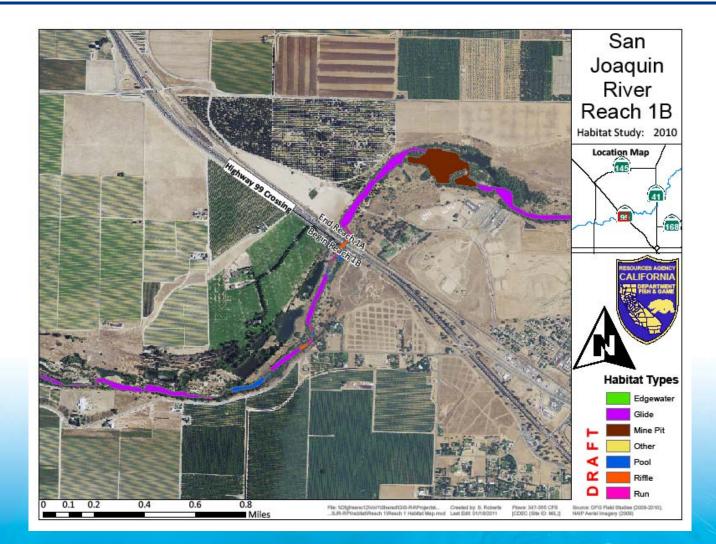






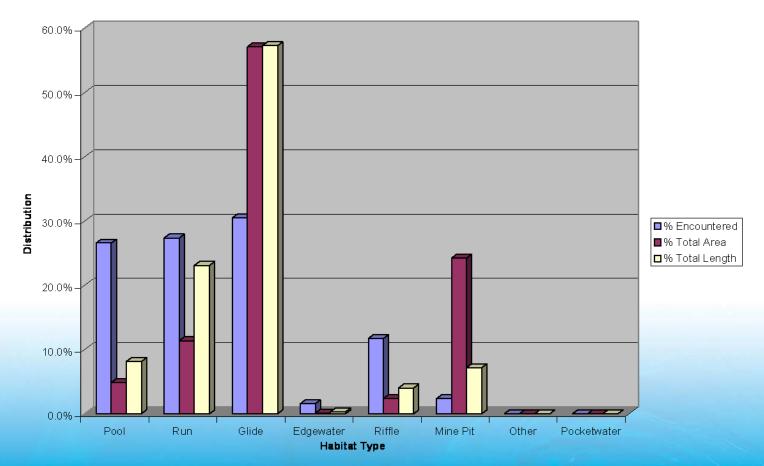




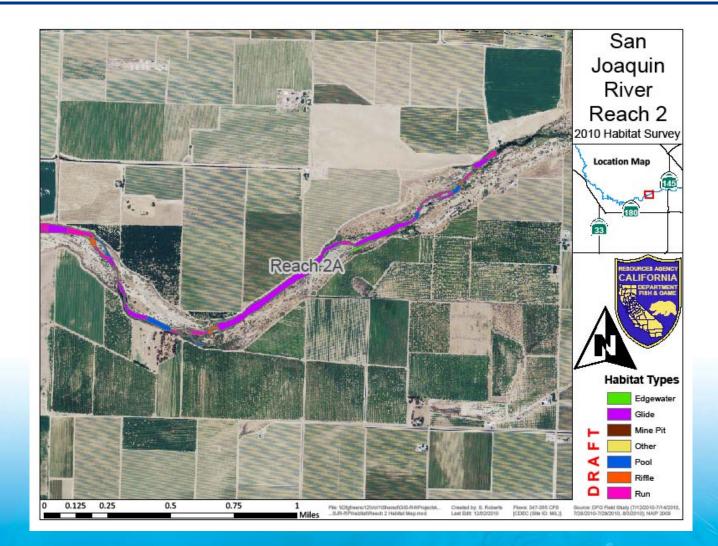






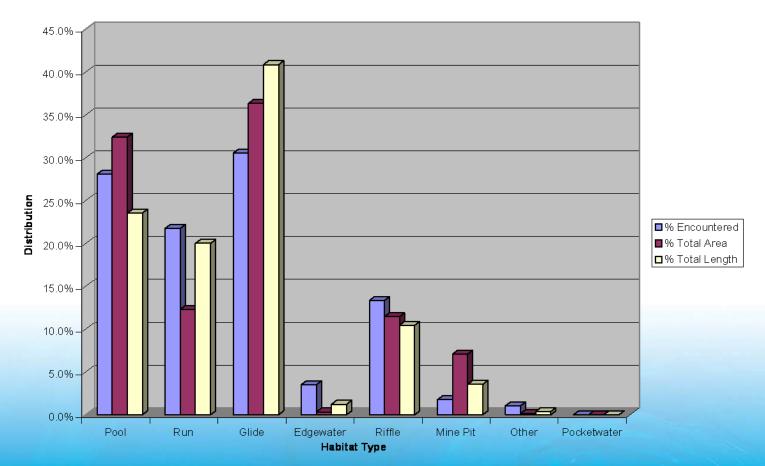




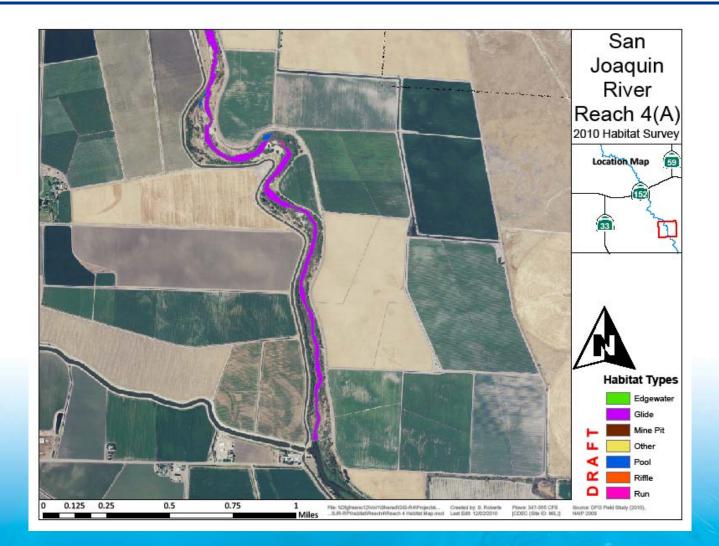






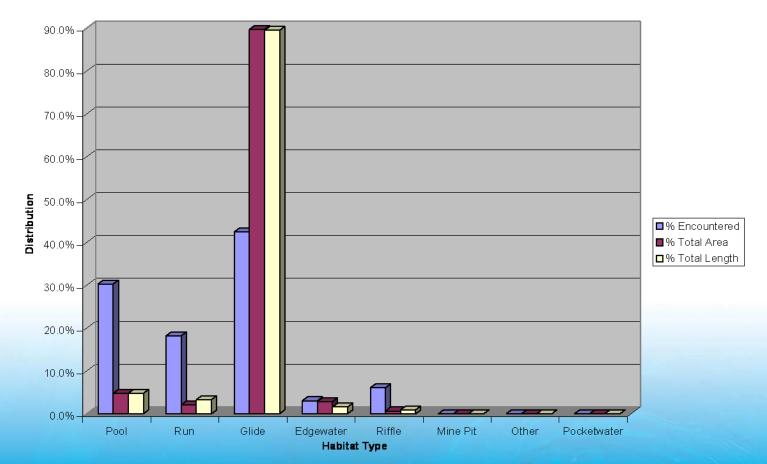












Fish Passage Evaluation

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Restoration Goal

- Settlement Restoration Goal
 - Paragraph 11 modifications to structures
 - Paragraph 12 enhance the success
- Fisheries Management Plan
 - Section 5.2.1
 - Appendix H of the Fisheries Implementation Plan 2009-2010



Fish Passage Evaluation Purpose

- Develop alternatives for unimpeded fish passage
- Access to suitable spawning areas
- Determine obstructions
 - Water velocities
 - Physical barriers
 - Inlet contraction
 - Low flows



Fish Passage Evaluation Plan

- Objectives
 - Identify potential channel and structural barriers
 - Evaluate passage impairment of potential barriers using common passage criteria
 - Develop a prioritized list of channel and structural barriers
 - Provide alternative designs
- Divided into Tasks
 - Task 1 First Pass
 - Task 2 Second Pass
 - Task 3 Develop alternatives





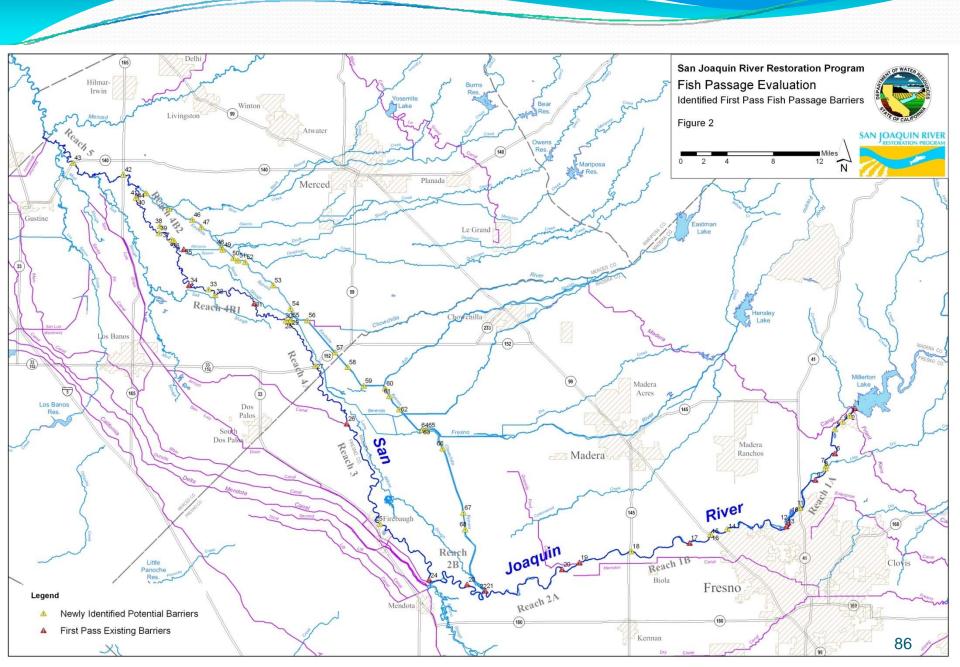
San Joaquin River Control





Task 1 Report

- 68 potential barriers
- First Pass Surveys
 - Physical Measurements
 - Length
 - Width
 - Height/Drop
- Rank
 - Green not a barrier
 - Gray need more info
 - Red definite barrier





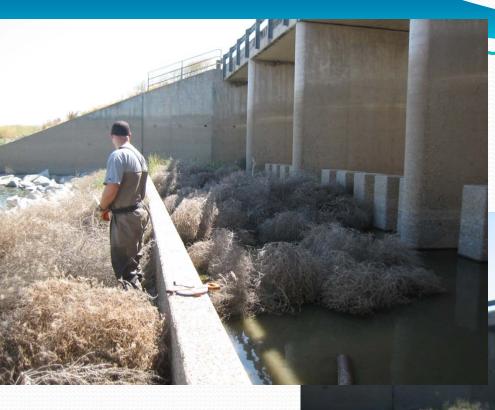
Task 1 Results

- 45 structures were surveyed
 - 49 were ranked
- Initial Ranking
 - 28 Green
 - Bridges, removed structures
 - 13 Gray
 - Weirs, low flow crossings, beaver dams
 - 8 Red
 - Dams, control structures



Donny Bridge

Eastside and Mariposa Bypass Bifurcation

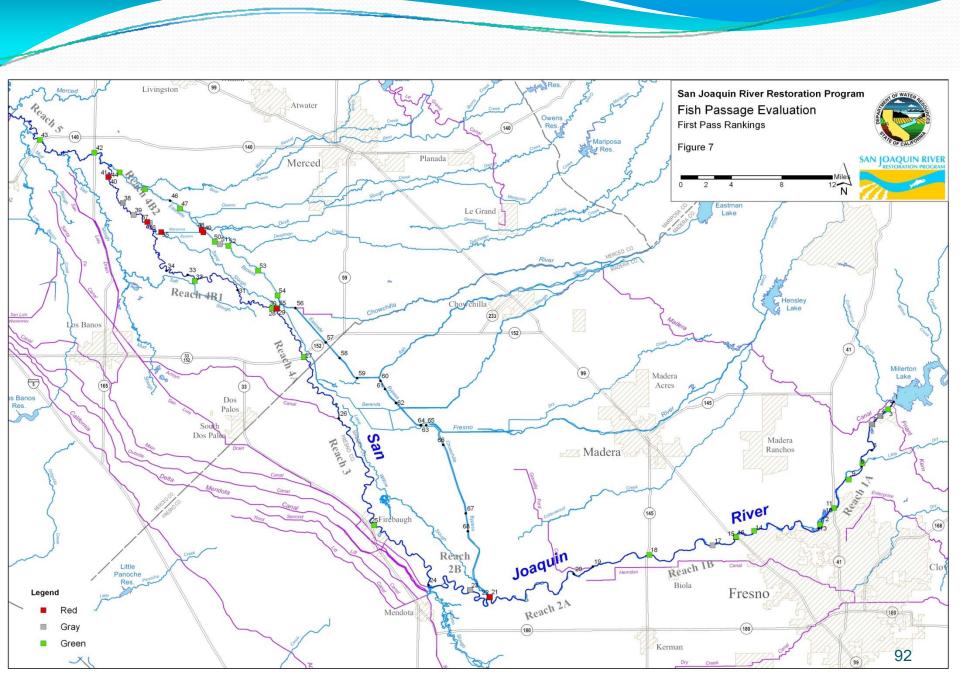


Chowchilla Bifurcation

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Vulcan Crossing





Task 2 Summary

Determine percent passage

- Hydraulic Model
- Flow, Velocity and Water Surface Elevations
- Topographic Survey
- Passage Criteria
- Prepare fish passage report



Task 2 Locations

 Data Collection for 13 Gray Sites and two additional Red Sites

Lost Lake Rock Weirs	Donny Bridge
San Mateo Avenue	Sand Slough Connector
SLWR Beaver Dams	SLWR Low Flow Crossing
Dan McNamara Road	Eastside Bypass Rock Weir
Eastside Bypass Bifurcation	Mariposa Bypass Bifurcation



Task 2 Flows

Flows for Model Calibration

Reach	Maximum (cfs)	Minimum (cfs)	Interim Flows (cfs)
Reach 1	4,000	350	1,500
Reach 2	3,855	30	1,300
Reach 3	3,655	45	1,300
Reach 4	3,655	45	1,300
Reach 5	3,655	45	1,300

Schedule

Task	2009	2009 2010 2011		2012									
	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Task 1													
Identify Passage Impediments													
Preliminary Passage Report													
Task 2													
Detailed Passage Evaluation													
Passage Analysis Report													
Task 3													
Barrier Prioritization													
Action Plan													

Questions?







Sand Supply, Storage & Transport in Reaches IA and IB

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Quantify the amounts and locations of sand deposits in Reach 1A, 1B

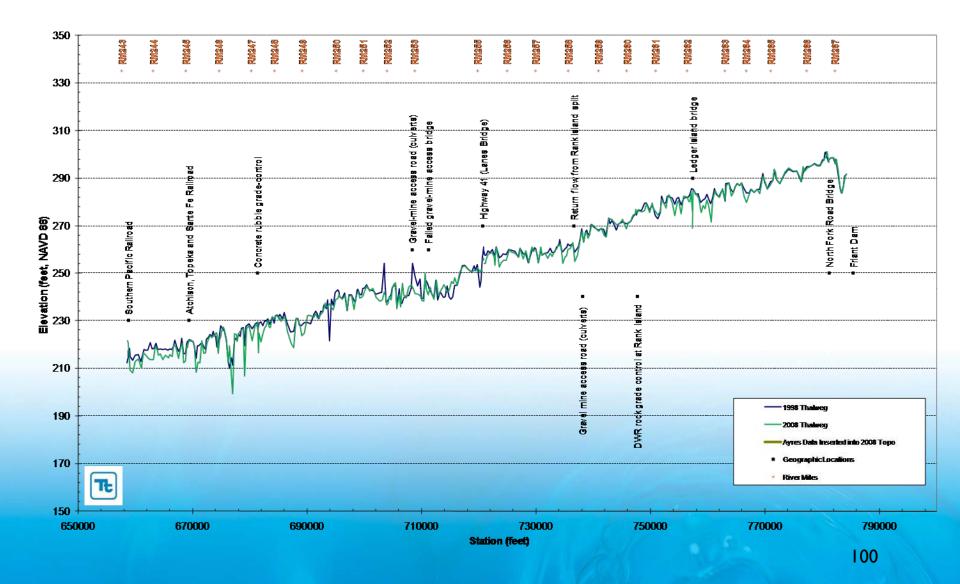
Identify the sources of sand

Evaluate changes in sand storage where possible

Provide a basis for developing a longer-term monitoring plan

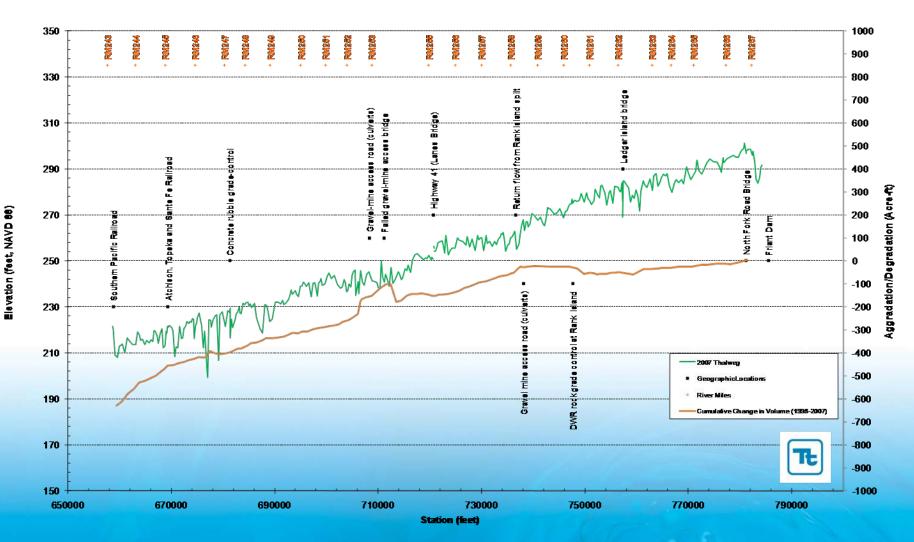


1998 – 2008 COMPARATIVE PROFILES





1998-2008 CUMULATIVE VOLUME CHANGE





Reach	River Mile- River Mile	Volume Decrease (ac-ft)	Unit Decrease (ac-ft/mi)
Friant Dam - Highway 41	267-255	147	12
Highway 41- Highway 99	255-243	481	40
Friant Dam – Highway 99	267-243	628	26



TRIBUTARIES



Cottonwood Creek

Un-named

Un-named



SEDIMENT SOURCES







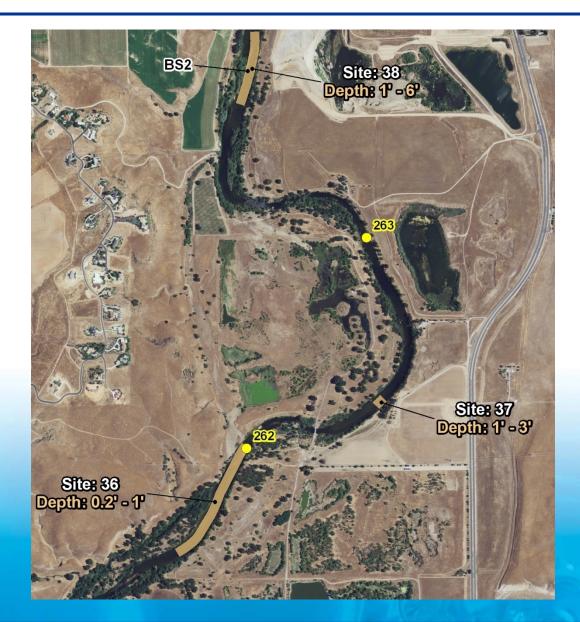








MAPPED SAND DEPOSITS





SAND STORAGE SITE CHARACTERISTICS

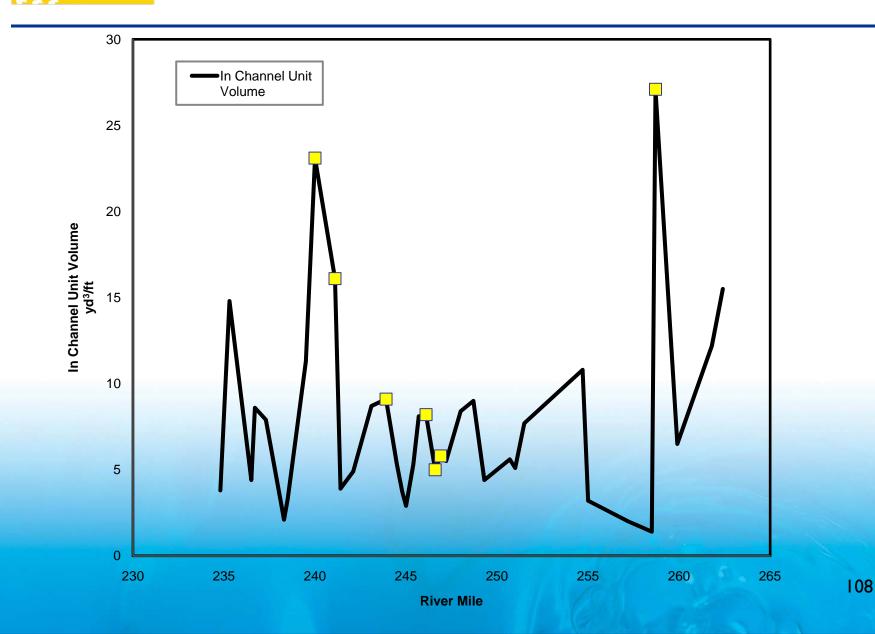
Reach	River Mile- River Mile	Average Volume/site (yd ³ /ft)	Maximum Volume/site (yd ³ /ft)	Minimum Volume/ site (yd ³ /ft)	Number of Sites	Sites per Mile
Friant Dam - Highway 41	267-255	10.9	27.1	1.4	9	0.8
Highway 41- Highway 99	255-243	6.3	10.8	2.9	18	1.5
Highway 99 – Skaggs Bridge	243-234	8.7	23.1	2.1	13	1.4

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER ESTIMATED SAND STORAGE VOLUMES BY SUBREACH

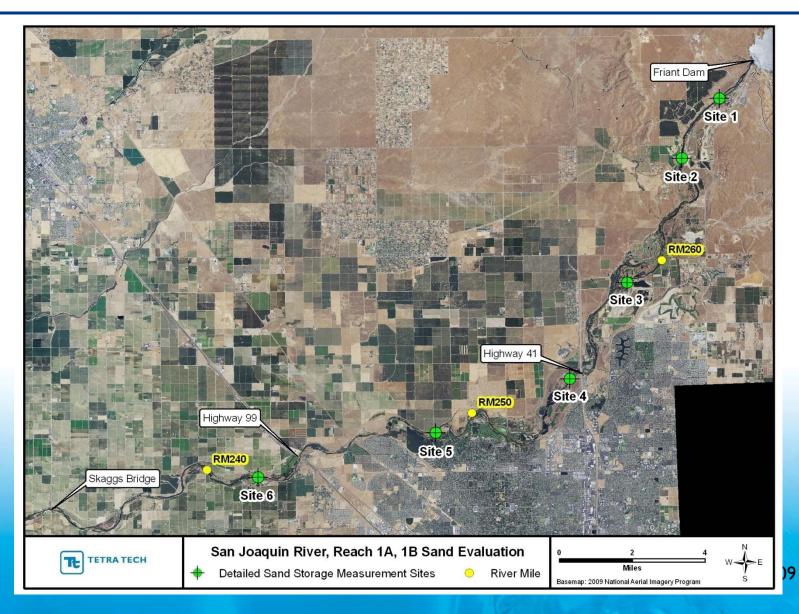
Reach	River Mile- River Mile	Sand Volume (yd³)	Reach Length (ft)	Unit Sand Volume (yd ³ /ft)
Friant Dam - Highway 41	267-255	77,090	63,360	1.2
Highway 41- Highway 99	255-243	99,980	63,360	1.6
Highway 99 – Skaggs Bridge	243-234	94,590	47,520	1.9

UNIT STORAGE VOLUMES (Table 3)

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Locations of detailed sand depth measurement sites in Reaches IA and IB





SAND VOLUMES AT DETAILED SITES

Site Number	Location (RM)	Measured Sand Volume (yd ³)	Site Length (ft)	Unit Storage (yd ³ /LF)	
1	266.1	16	54	0.3	
2	264	4,790	200	24	
3	258.7	4,020	210	19	
4	254.8	1,250	256	5	
5	248.2	1,160	200	6	
6	241.5	4,890	250	20	











BY-REACH NON-CHANNEL STORAGE VOLUMES

Reach	Disturbed Area (ft ²)	Area (acres)	Minimum Estimated Storage Volume (ac-ft)	Unit Storage Volume (ac-ft/mi)	
Friant Dam to Highway 41 (RM 267 – RM 255)	25,319,500	581	2,325	194	
Highway 41 to Highway 99 RM 255 – RM 243)	19,011,600	436	1,744	145	
Highway 99 - Skaggs Bridge (RM 243 – RM 234)	17,057,800	392	1,569	174	
Total	61,388,800	1,409	5,636	170	



1997 FLOOD DEPOSITS











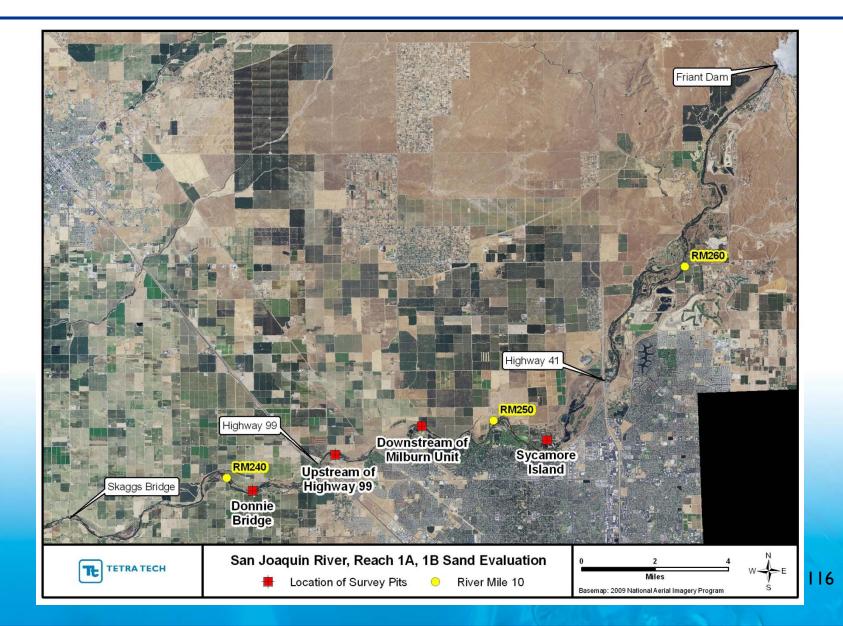
SAND GRADATION DATA

River Mile	D ₅₀ (mm)	D ₈₄ (mm)	D ₁₆ (mm)	Silt/Clay (%)						
Bed Material Samples										
266.1	266.1 0.75 1.6 0.38 <1									
263	1.8	13	0.6	<1						
258.8	0.9	2	<1							
250.1	0.75	2	0.36	<1						
248.1	1	2	0.6	<1						
241.7	1	2	0.6	<1						
237.5	1.7	3	0.8	<1						
	Trik	outaries								
267	267 1.3 2 0.68 <1									
264.9	0.75	1.5	0.38	2						
257.6	0.6	1.3 0.2		7						
Floodplain										
252	1.3	50	0.27	2						
263	0.17	0.29	<0.075	20						

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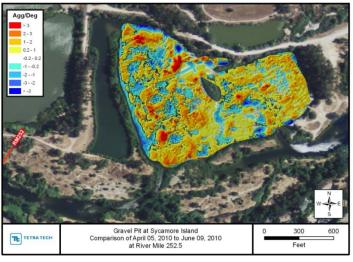
SURVEYED PITS REACH IB





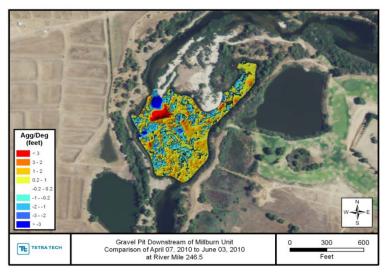
COMPARATIVE PIT SURVEYS

Sycamore: RM 252.5



Highway 99: RM 243.7

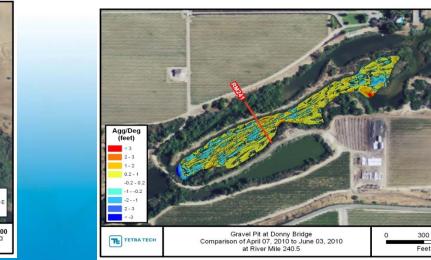


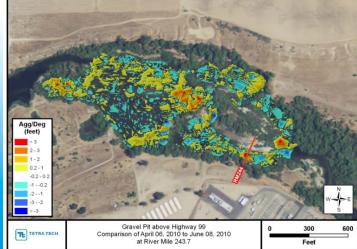


Donny Bridge: RM 240.5

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DEPOSITIONAL VOLUMES IN PITS

General Location	RM	Depositional Volume (yd ³)	Average Volume/Day (yd ³ /day)	Number of Days Between Surveys	
Sycamore Island	252.5	19,423	303	64	
Downstream of Milburn Unit	246.5	5,860	105	56	
Upstream of Highway 99	243.7	3,718	60	62	
Donny Bridge	240.5	1,688	30	56	



Groundwater Monitoring

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Overview

- Purpose
- Seepage Management Plan
- Monitoring Types & Locations
- Groundwater Response
- Flow Constraints



SEEPAGE MANAGEMENT PLAN



- Restoration and Water Management Goals
- To convey Interim and Restoration Flows
- Reduce or avoid adverse seepage impacts



- Purpose: describe the approach to conveying flows while reducing or avoiding adverse seepage impacts
- Uses for the SMMP include:
 - Disclosure of approaches
 - Guidance for actions
 - Forum for input



Seepage Impacts

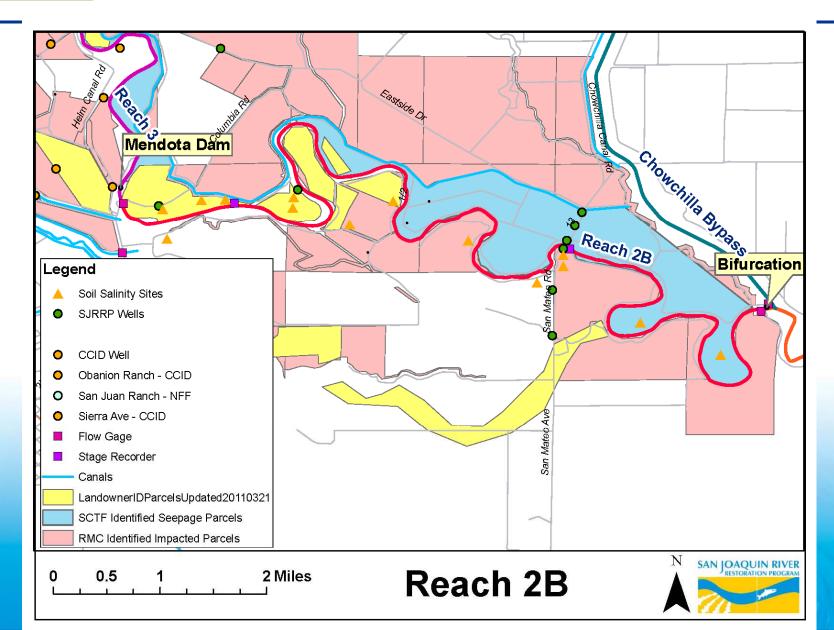
- Water logging
- Root-zone salinity
- Levee instability



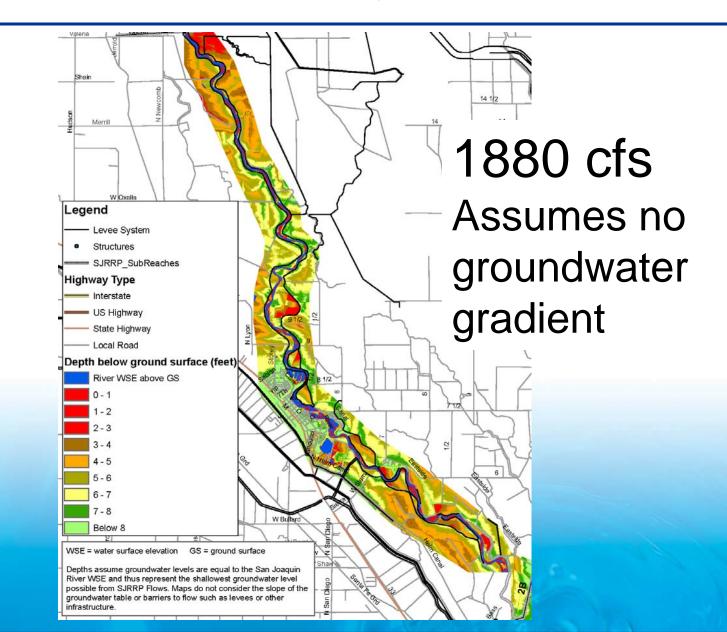




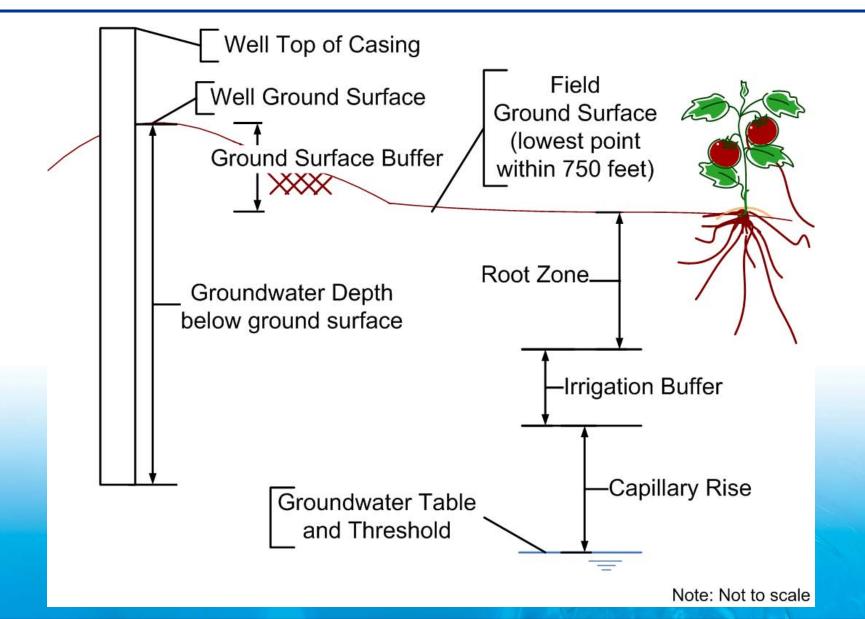
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Elevation Analysis – Reach 3



Threshold Components

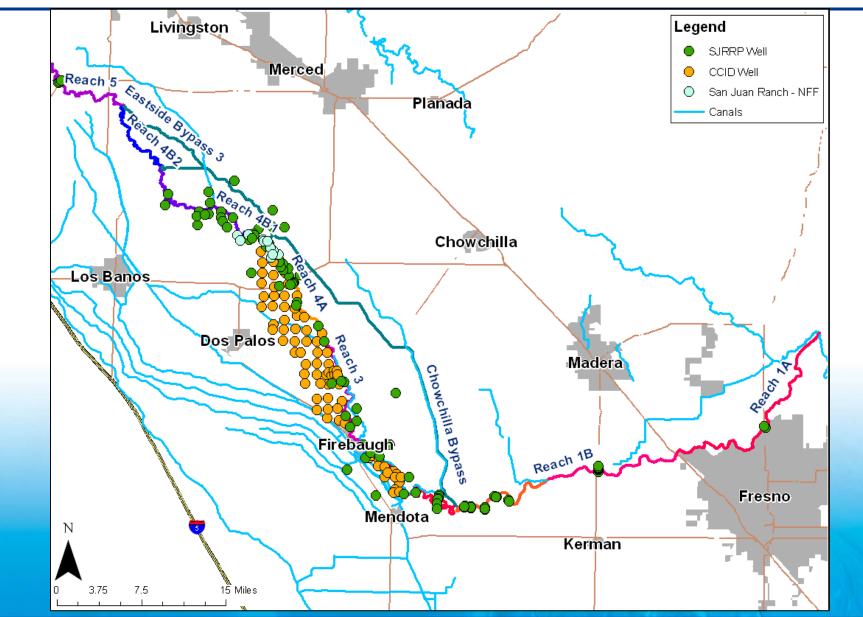




GROUNDWATER MONITORING

Types of monitoring

SJRRP Monitoring Well Network

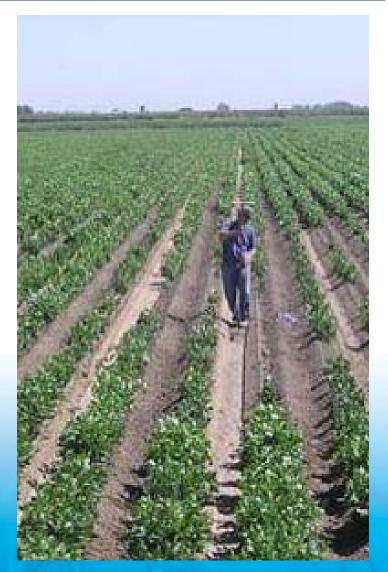




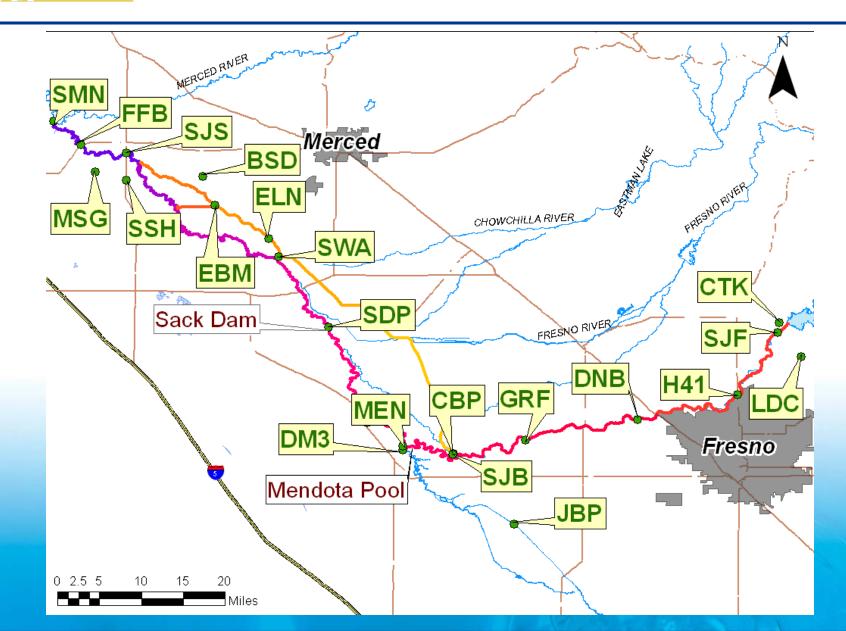
Data Types

Flow Data

- Real-time Stream gages
- Water Surface Profile and Bathymetry
- Groundwater Data
 - Real-time
 - Hourly Data Logged
 - Measurements
- Soil Salinity Sampling
- Hydraulic Conductivity
- Water Quality

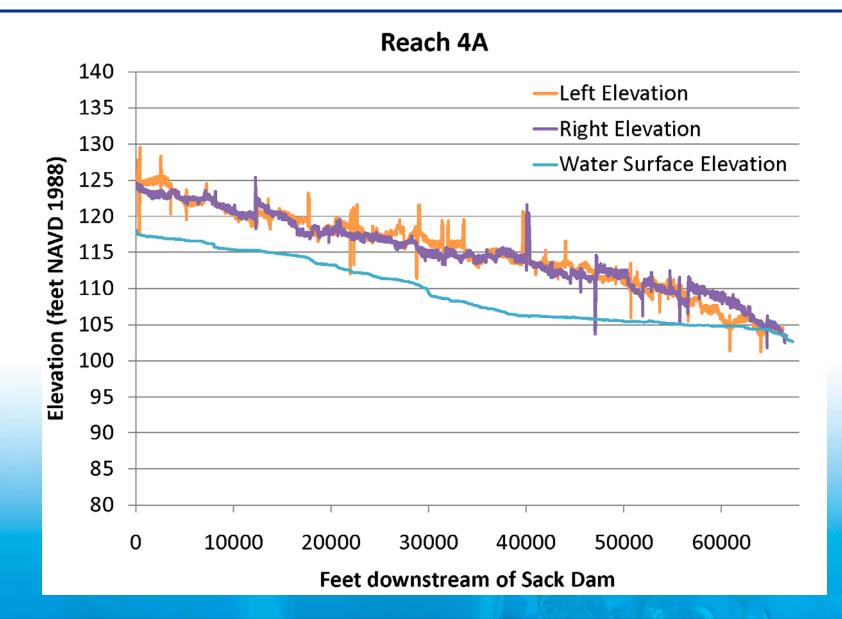


Stream Gage Network





Profiles



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Groundwater Monitoring Frequency

- Real-time
- Weekly soundings in key wells
- Hourly water level recorders
- Monthly soundings





Real Time Groundwater Monitoring



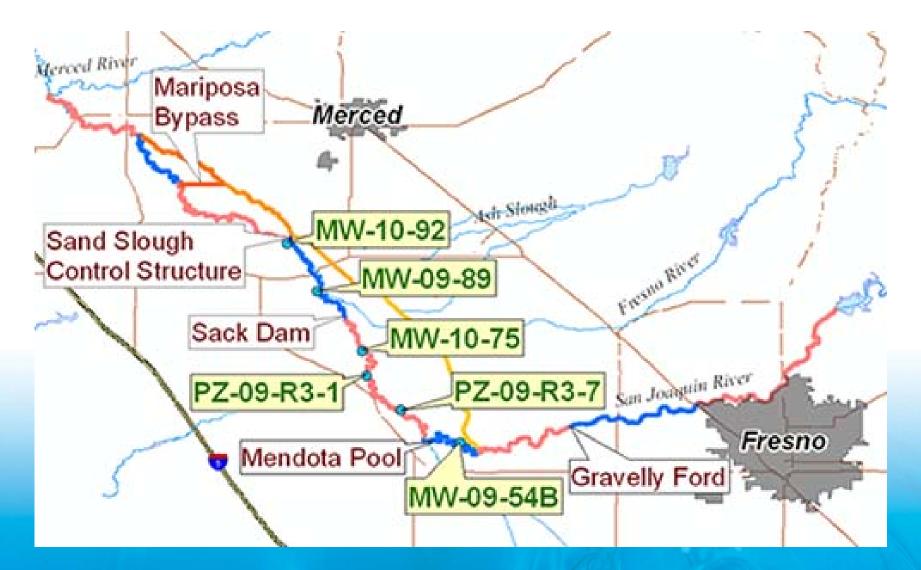
Well and data logger are below-ground in a vault (foreground). Power is supplied by a solar panel on the pole, and data are transmitted via satellite using the antenna on top of the pole.

Figure G3. Photo of a Real-Time Monitoring Well Installed By the SJRRP

- Five sites in Reaches 2-4
- Hourly depth to groundwater, temperature, and EC
- Available online at www.restoresjr.net and http://cdec.water.ca.gov
- Support water management decisions



Real Time Wells



R3-7 Telemetry Removed 4/7/2011





Priority Wells



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Weekly Groundwater Report - Week Ending April 16, 2011							

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			Buffer Zone (f								_	
Well ID	Date	DTW_GS (ft)		River Mile		Location	Station_ID	Reach	River Mile			Time
FA-9	4/13/201	1 2.7	1 4-6	218.2	Left	Friant Dam	MIL	1	267.6	6600	4/14/2011	24 hr Av
MW-47	4/13/201	1 1.8	0 6-8	218.2	Right	Gravelly Ford	GRF	2A	227.6	6468	4/14/2011	120
MA-4	4/13/201	1 3.0	5 6-8	217.2	Right	SJR below BIF	SJB	2B	216	567	4/14/2011	120
MW-49B	4/13/201	1 N	R 4-6	217.2	Left	SJR near Mendota	MEN	3	202.1	3350) 4/14/2011	120
		REAC	H 2B			SJR near Dos Palos	SDP	4	181.5	ART	4/14/2011	120
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MW-54B	4/13/201	1 10.6	D TBD	211.8	Right	SJR above Merced River	11273400	5	118.3	ART	4/14/2011	120
MW-55B	4/13/201	1 7.1	7 6-8	211.8	Left							
R2B-1	4/13/201	1 5.2	3 4-6	207.1	Right	REAL TIME GROUNDWATER MONITOR WELL INFORMATION						
R2B-2	4/13/201	1 5.3	5 4-6	205.1	Right	Well ID	CDEC_ID		Weblink			
		REAG	CH 3			MW-548	W54	<u>h</u>	ttp://cdec.wate	er.ca.gov/cgi-pi	rogs/queryF?s=w	54
			Buffer Zone (f	ft								
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R3-5	4/13/201	1 2.7	B TBD	197.8	Right	MW-75	W75	<u>h</u>	ttp://cdec.wate	er.ca.gov/cgi-pi	rogs/queryF?s=wi	75
R3-6	4/13/201	1 2.4	5 4-6	196.6	Right	MW-89	W89	<u>h</u>	ttp://cdec.wate	er.ca.gov/cgi-pi	rogs/queryF?s=w8	89
R3-7	4/13/201	1 0.0	3-5	199.2	Right	MW-92	W92	<u>h</u>	ttp://cdec.wate	er.ca.gov/cgi-pi	rogs/queryF?s=w	92
MW-75	4/12/201	1 5.7	8 6-8	187.0	Left							
		REAC	H 4A			NOTE: All data are provis	ional and are su	bject to rev	ision			
			Buffer Zone (f	ft								
Well ID	Date	DTW_GS (ft)	BGS)	River Mile	Bank	TBD=To be determined NR=No Reading (Well Inaccessible)						
MW-84	4/11/201	1 15.3	2 4-6	173.9	Right	Buffer Zone as defined in the Draft SJRRP Seepage Mgt Plan (ft BGS= feet below ground surface)						
MW-87B	4/11/201	1 Dry (>14) 4-6	173.9	Left	DTW_GS = Depth to Groundwater from Ground Surface						
MW-89	4/12/201	1 2.0	7 6-8	175.4	Right	CDEC = California Data Exhange Center						
MW-92	4/11/201	1 6.7	D TBD	170.0	Left	BRT=Below Rating Table						
		REAC	H 4B			ART=Above Rating Table						
Buffer Zone (ft												
Well ID	Date	DTW_GS (ft)	BGS)	River Mile	Bank							
MW-90	4/11/201	1 0.7	7 TBD	168.0	Right							
MW-94	4/11/201	1 4.2	7 TBD	166.7	Right							
MW-95	4/11/201	1 1.5	5 TBD	166.7	Right							



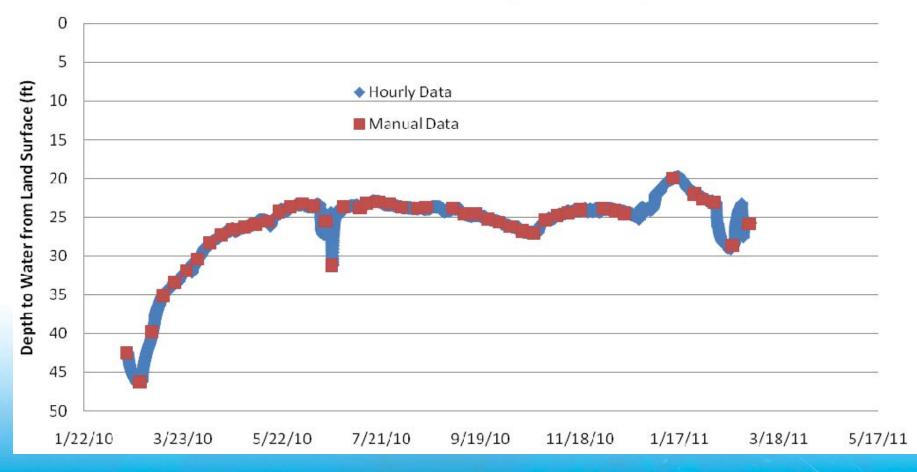
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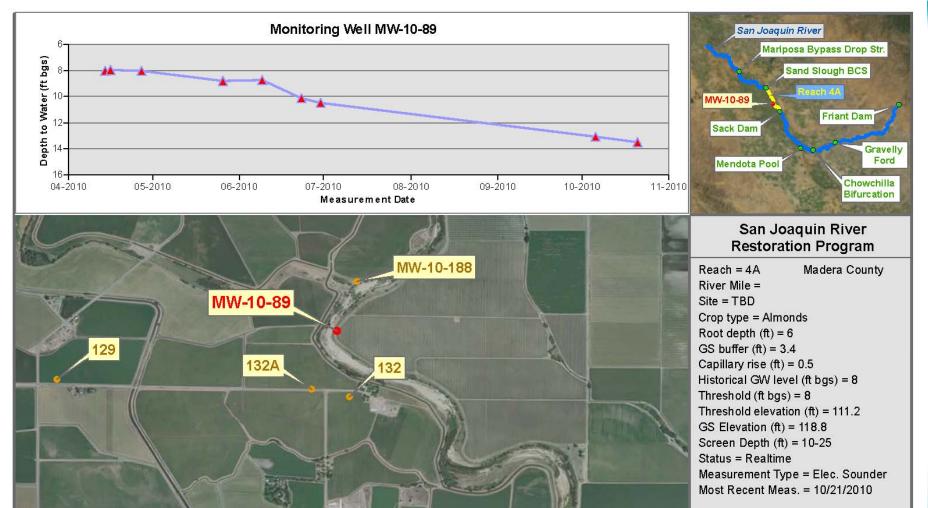




Hourly Data Logged

MW-86 Reach 4A (RM 173.9)





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Monitoring Well

MW-10-89

Description: 2 inch PVC casing AG

* = assumed value bgs = below ground surface GS = ground surface NR = not recorded

Preliminary Data



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Managing Water in the West

4.000 Feet

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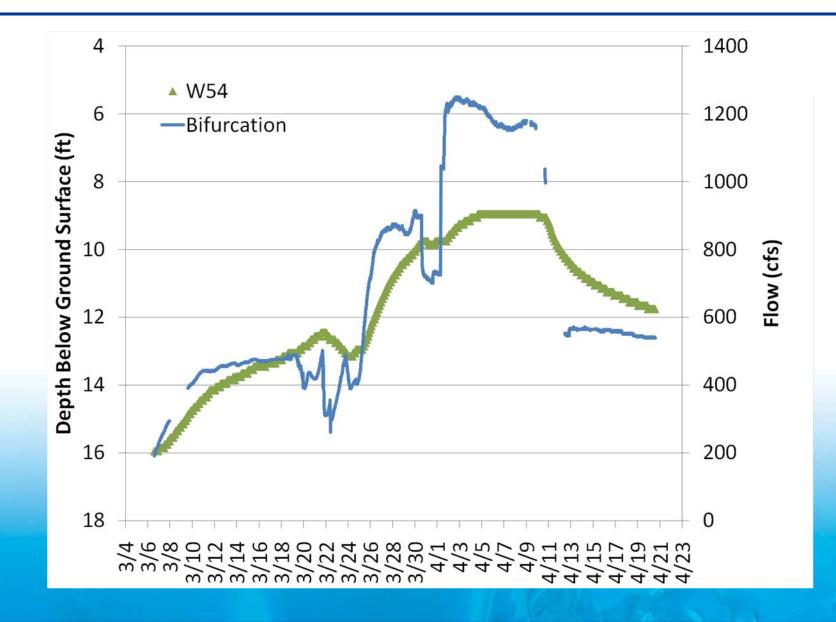
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GROUNDWATER RESPONSE

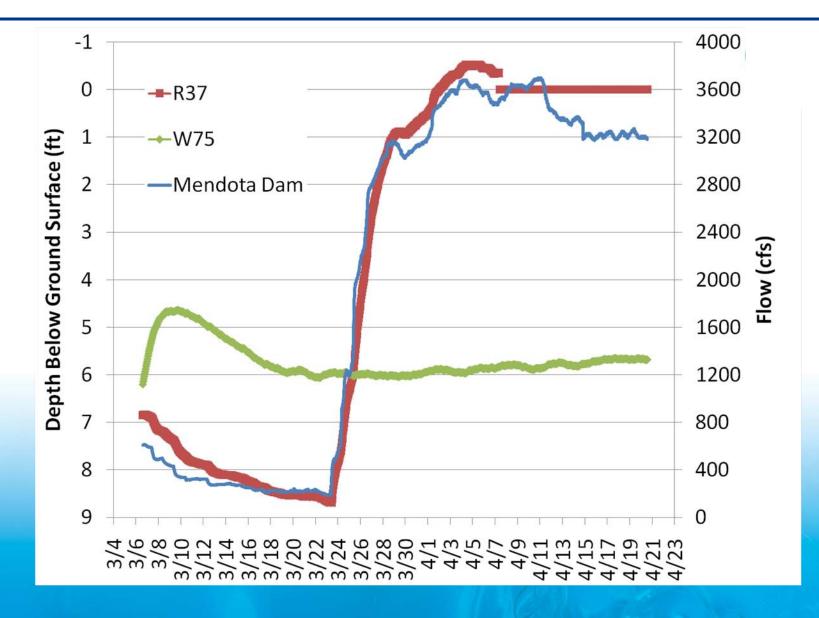


Reach 2B Groundwater

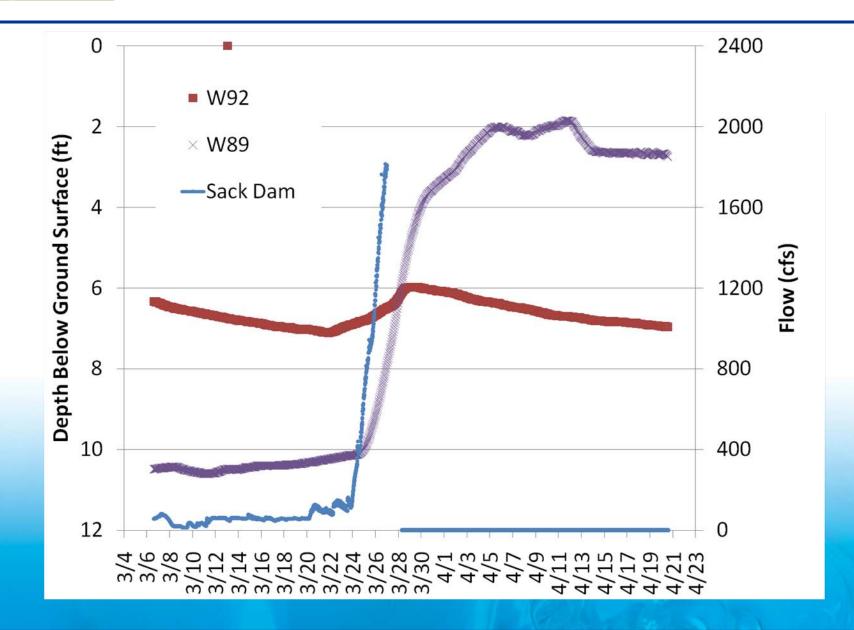




Reach 3 Groundwater

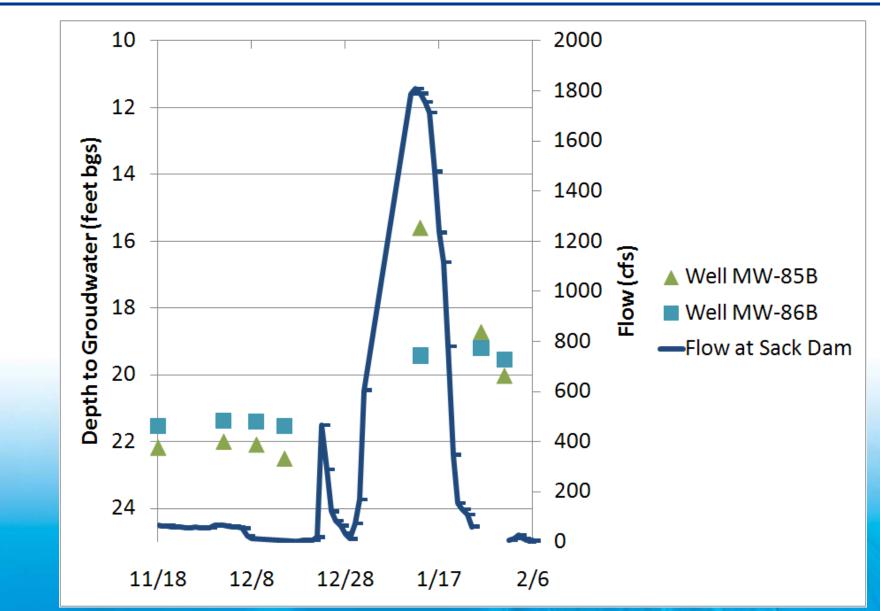


Reach 4A Groundwater



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Hwy 152 – 2011 Flood Flows



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San Joaquin River below Friant Dam Sediment Monitoring

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Thursday, April 21, 2011 CSU Stanislaus, Turlock

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Funding provided by:



Tasks and Objectives

Monitor sediment transport rates (suspended and bedload) at
 5 gages along the mainstem during spring releases

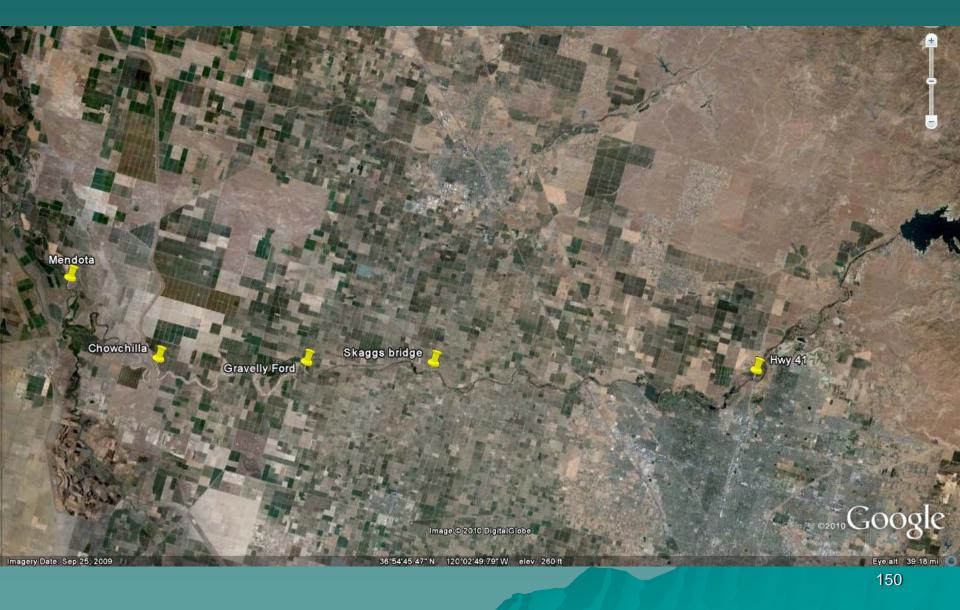
Evaluate transport rates over a range of flow releases and longitudinally downstream from Friant Dam, assess sediment supply limitation, construct sediment budgets for gravel and sand, and fines

2. Measure and estimate sediment supply from two tributaries, Cottonwood Creek and Little Dry Creek

Estimate the supply of sand and gravel from the tributaries and compare to transport rates and storage on the mainstem San Joaquin

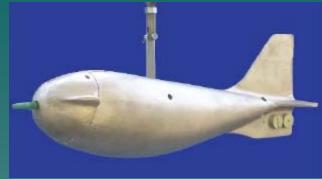


Sediment monitoring locations



Methods

Suspended sediment



Bedload transport



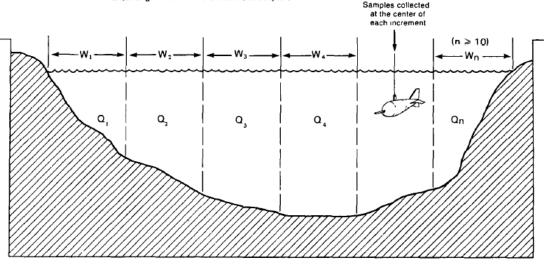
Bed material/substrate



Samples collected at multiple stations across the channels

EXPLANATION

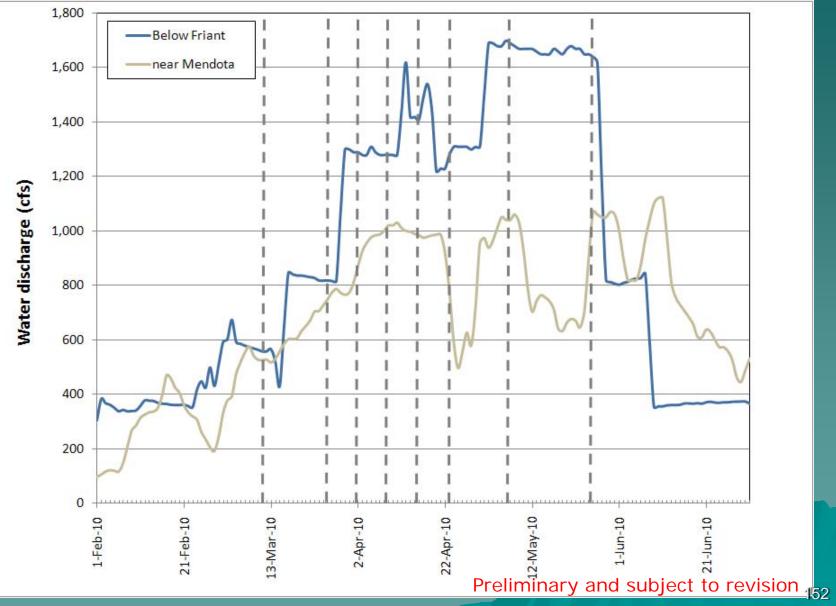
- W Width between verticals (equal, EWI)
- Q Discharge in each increment (not equal)



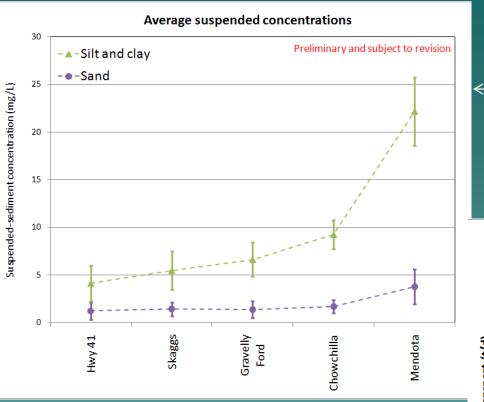


Samples analyzed in the lab for concentrations and particle size distributions

Water Year 2010 Results

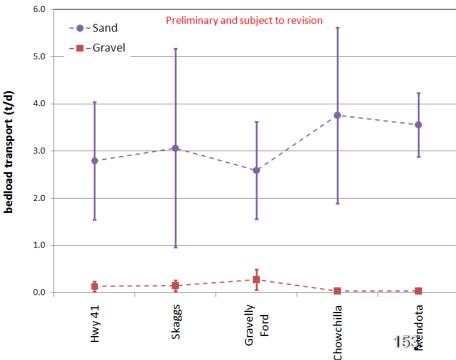


Water Year 2010 Results



Low concentrations, increasing downstream

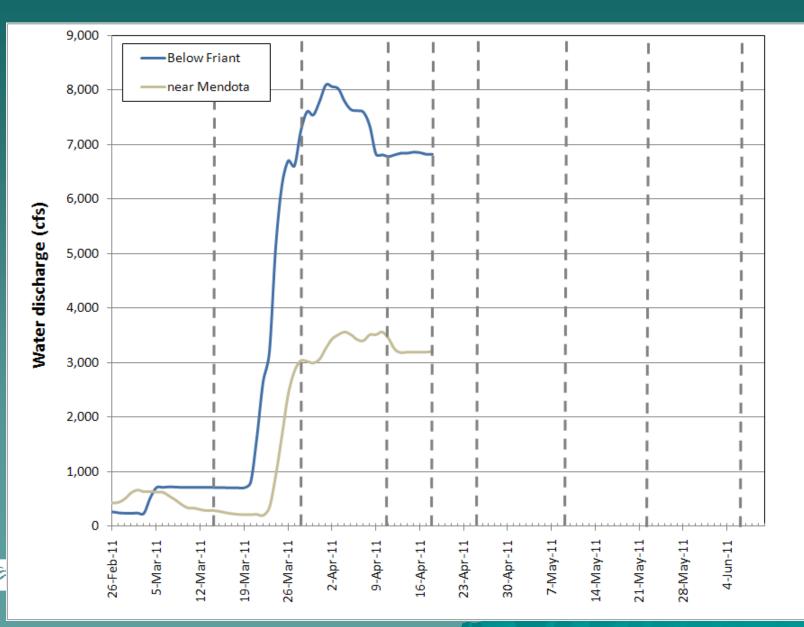
Average bedload transport rates



Almost no gravel transport

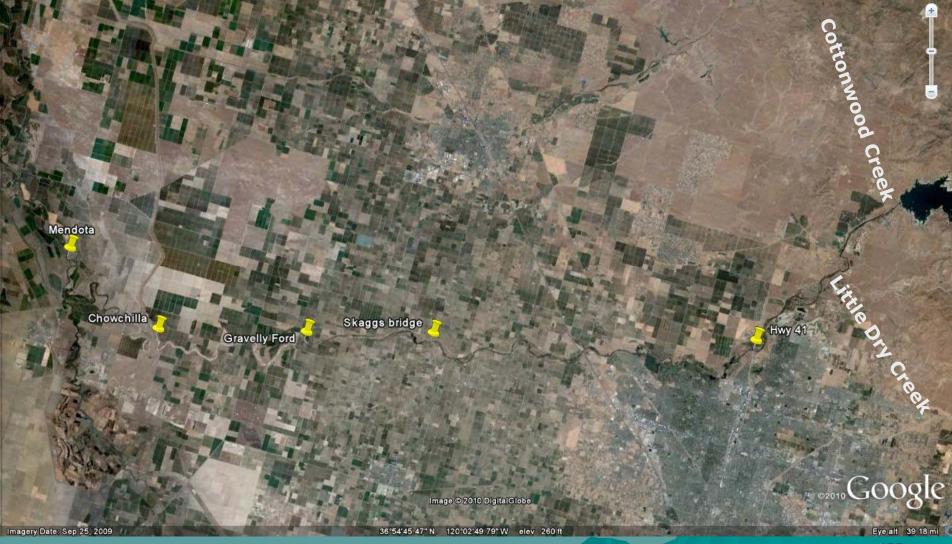


Water Year 2011 – in progress



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Tributary Supply Study



Tributary Supply Study

Objective: Quantify the sand and gravel inputs from these tribs

<u>Methods</u>

Topographic surveys of the tributary confluences with the mainstem Water surface and particle size mapping Bedload and suspended load calculations and modeling Bedload transport measurements







• Restoration Goal TFG meetings to be held approximately every 2 months

• To discuss future meeting topics, please contact Erin Rice: erice@usbr.gov.





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