



2015 Integrated Water Resources Plan Update

SCWC Stormwater Workshop
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Presentation Overview

- IRP Update background, process, and goals
- The role of stormwater in the IRP
- IRP Issue Paper input

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IRP Background

- What is the Integrated Water Resources Plan?
 - A comprehensive long-term strategy to identify potential resource development needs, adaptation measures, and implementation pathways
- IRP Objectives
 - Ensure reliability
 - Ensure affordability
 - Ensure water quality
 - Maintain diversity and flexibility
 - Acknowledge constraints

To begin I would like to provide a

The IRP is both a planning framework and the blueprint for resource development and implementation.

It has always been formulated with input from stakeholders: member and retail agencies, other water and wastewater managers, environmental, business and community interests.

Acknowledging the importance of water to the economic and social health of Southern California.

Reliability

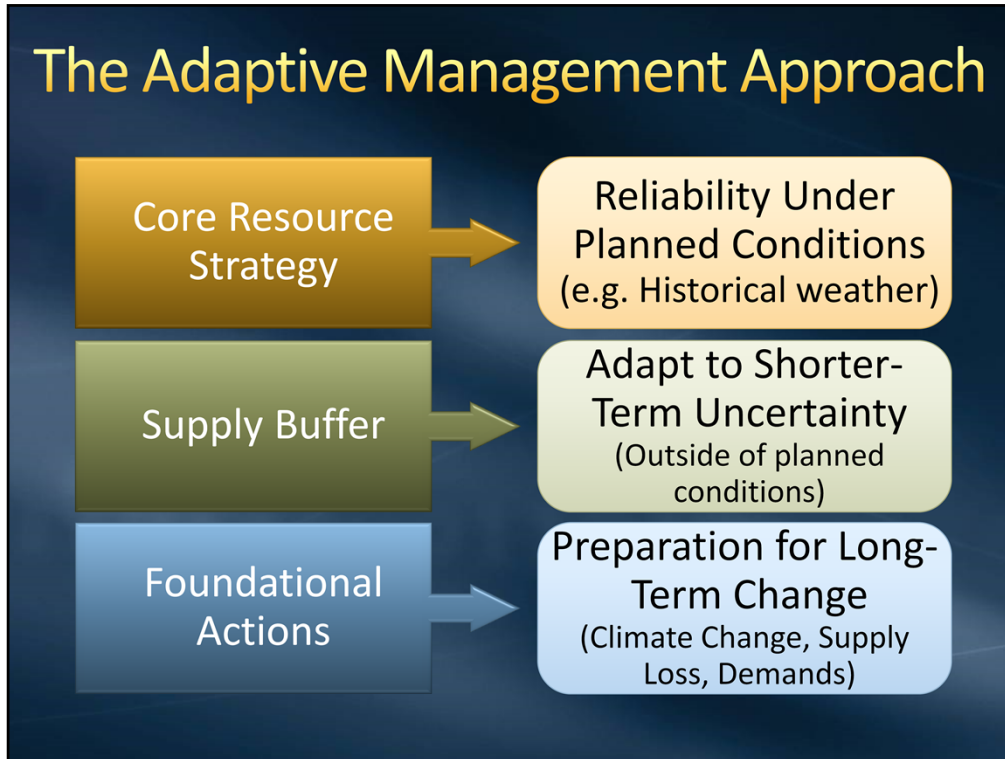
Affordability

Water Quality

Diversity

Flexibility

Constraints – Recognizing the environmental and institutional constraints to resource development



Core Resources Strategy

- Meet full-service demands at the retail level under all foreseeable hydrologic conditions
- Essentially this portion is what the 1996 IRP set out to do

Supply Buffer

- Went beyond the “Planning Buffer” introduced in the 2004 IRP Update
- Called for development of WUE and Local Projects to mitigate shorter term risk
- Shorter-term uncertainties include
 - Loss or reduction of existing supplies due to environmental or legal challenges
 - Fluctuations in demands due to economy

Foundational Actions

- Low regret planning and mitigation actions that present a minimal cost and risk
- Projects can be implemented more quickly when needed to help adapt to long-term change
- New supply options to help manage longer-term uncertainties
 - Permanent losses of existing and planned supplies
 - Changes in water treatment regulations
 - Changes in growth and development patterns
 - Climate Change

2010 IRP Update Targets

Water Use Efficiency

- Achieve a 20% reduction in GPCD as a region by 2020

Local Resources

- Develop ~100 TAF through incentives and partnerships

SWP

- Seek short, mid, and long-term Delta improvements

CRA

- Develop Dry-Year supply programs to fill the aqueduct when needed

Water Use Efficiency

Conservation and recycling to achieve a 20% reduction at the regional level
Commitment is above and beyond 20x2020 legislation

Local Resources

Sought to develop just over 100 TAF of additional local supplies through groundwater recovery, seawater desalination, and recycling

State Water Project

Pursue short, mid, and long-term improvements to help stabilize delta supplies

Short-term examples: emergency preparedness actions, Complete BDCDP

Mid-term examples: Implement BDCP, implement flood control protection

Long-term examples: Water supply conveyance, ecosystem restoration

Colorado River

Continue to develop dry-year supply programs on the Colorado River System

Provide flexibility in conjunction with Lake Mead ICS to provide a full CRA as needed

2015 IRP Update Process

- The IRP Update is split into a two-part process
- Technical update
 - Metropolitan staff and member agencies
- Resource policy issues discussion
 - Board process
- Both efforts will have extensive interaction with the Board through the IRP Committee

Staff is proposing that IRP Update be completed in a two phase process

The first phase will be a Technical Update of the IRP

- This effort would largely involve metropolitan staff and member agencies
- I will show you a proposed schedule at the end of the presentation

The second phase of the update would begin following completion of the Technical Update

- This effort would largely be a board process to discuss policy issues
- And would be fed by discussions raised in the technical process

Both phases will have extensive interaction through the IRP subcommittee

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IRP Technical Update Goals

- Review and update IRP resource targets
- Assess strategy for managing short and long term uncertainty
 - Core Resources Strategy
 - Supply Buffer
 - Foundational Actions
- Review IRP resource issue papers
- Communicate technical findings and identify policy needs for Board policy discussions

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The Role of Stormwater in the IRP



Ensuring Sustainable Groundwater Management



Groundwater Basins

- Sustainable Production
- Water Quality
- Planning/Operations
- Partnerships



Sources of Recharge

Stormwater

Recycled
Water

Imported
Water

Check if the bullet items still make sense, or should be adjust them

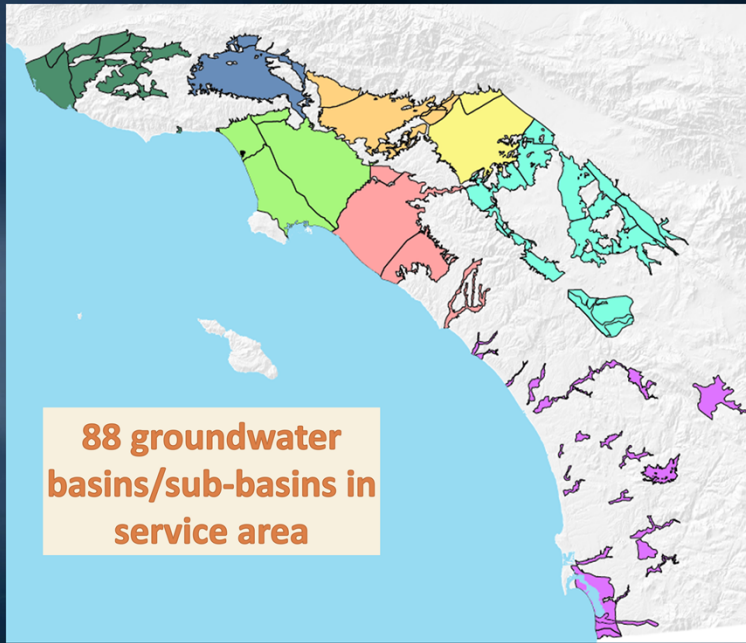
Precipitation, Stormwater, and Groundwater are Closely Related

- Precipitation provides natural/passive recharge of groundwater basins
- Water agencies have worked together for many decades to infiltrate stormwater for GW recharge
- On average, passive and active GW recharge of precipitation (stormwater) supports at least $\frac{3}{4}$ of GW produced in Metropolitan's service area
- Active recharge of recycled and imported water comprise the balance of recharge water

Stormwater Capture Supports Groundwater Production

- Active Stormwater Recharge
 - 470 TAFY average annual stormwater recharge (1986-2005)
 - High: 1.06 MAF in 2005
 - Low: 177 TAF in 2013
- Estimated Average Passive Stormwater Recharge ~ 750,000 AFY
- Average Precipitation ~ 15.2 inches/year

Groundwater Basins in MWD Service Area

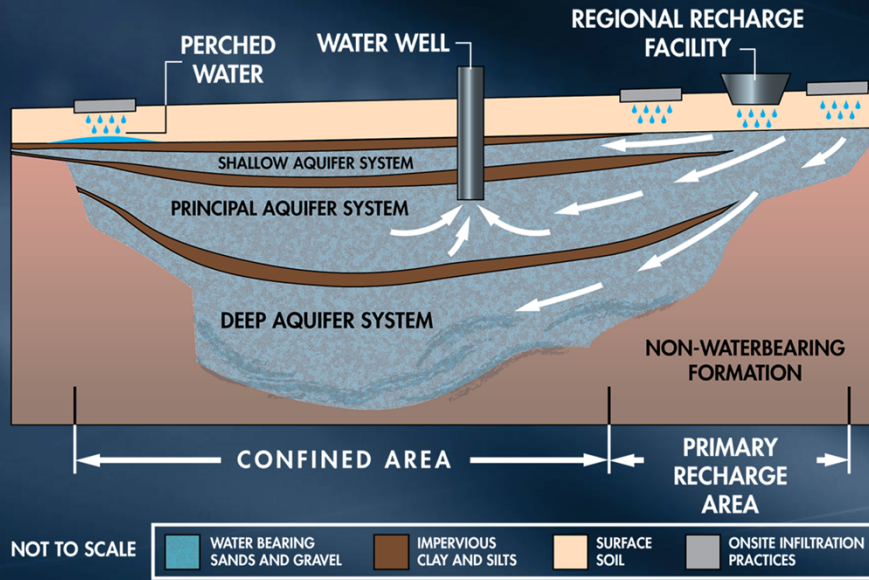


Can Stormwater do More for Water Supply?

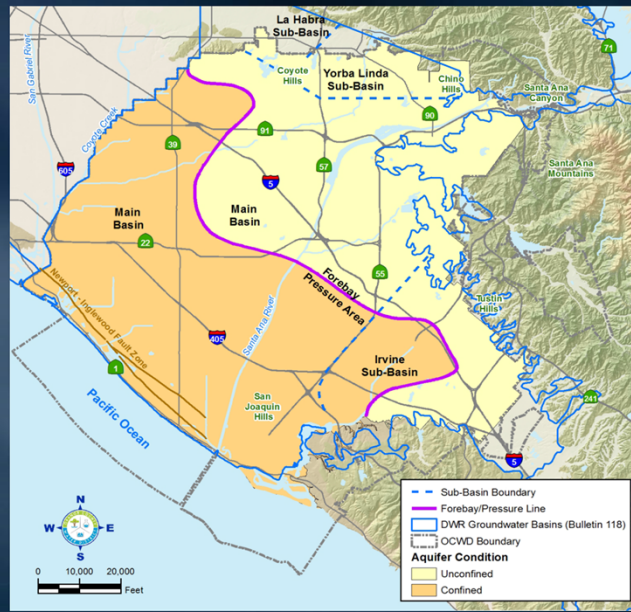
- Groundwater recharge
- Surface water supplies
- How do we quantify the water supply benefit ?
 - What is the actual offset of imported water achieved?
 - Not all infiltrated AF are equal

Deep Percolation of Stormwater

source: SCWC Stormwater White Paper



Recharge is Effective in Forebay





Stormwater Background

Types of Stormwater Capture

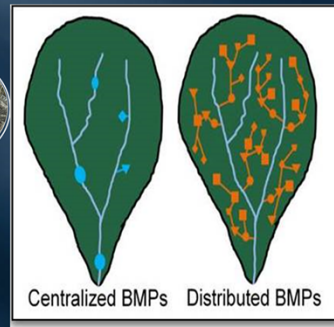
- Parcel-based projects (e.g., rain gardens)
- Green streets
- Site specific

Distributed



- Regional facilities (e.g., spreading basins)
- Subregional projects

Centralized



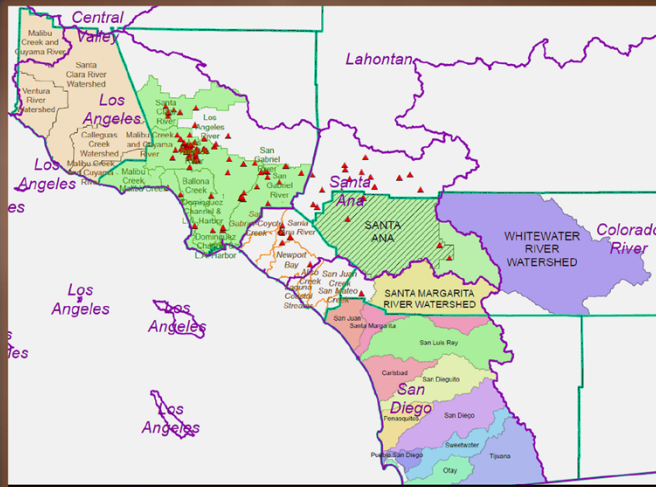
Active recharge (not talking about passive)
Talking about recharge (not direct use for now)

Stormwater Data is Preliminary

- Data are from multiple sources
- Methodologies for estimating costs and capture are not standardized
- Actual costs and capture quantities have not yet been verified
- Relationship between captured stormwater and water supply yield varies
 - Site suitability for recharge
 - Soils and geology
 - Absence of contamination
 - Quantity of infiltration at site

Sources of Stormwater Data

81 Identified Projects



- Central Orange County
- N. Orange County IRWMP
- Ventura County
- Upper Santa Clara IRWMP
- SAWPA
- GLAC IRWMP
- San Diego IRWMP
- MWD IRP
- IEUA
- Riverside FCD

Source: SCWC, 2014

Summary of Stormwater Recharge Project Costs: 81 Identified Projects

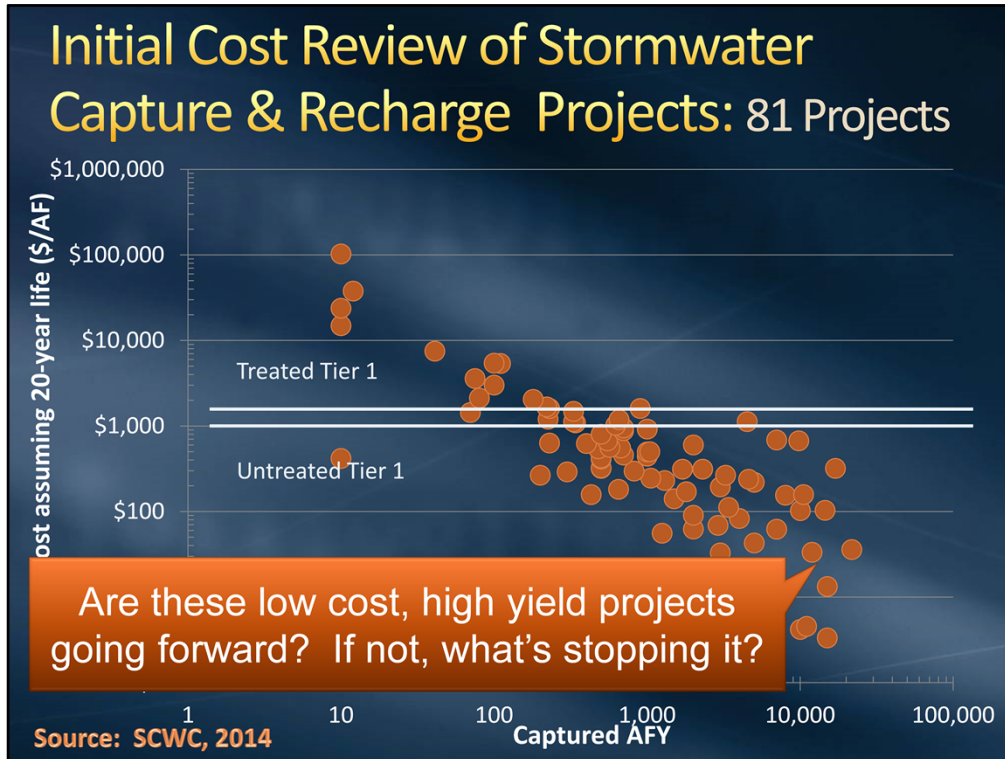
Total Cost (all projects)

- Total Capital Cost (\$800M-1.2B)
- O&M Cost (\$10-\$15M/yr)
- Median \$/AF ~\$450/AF

Yield (all projects)

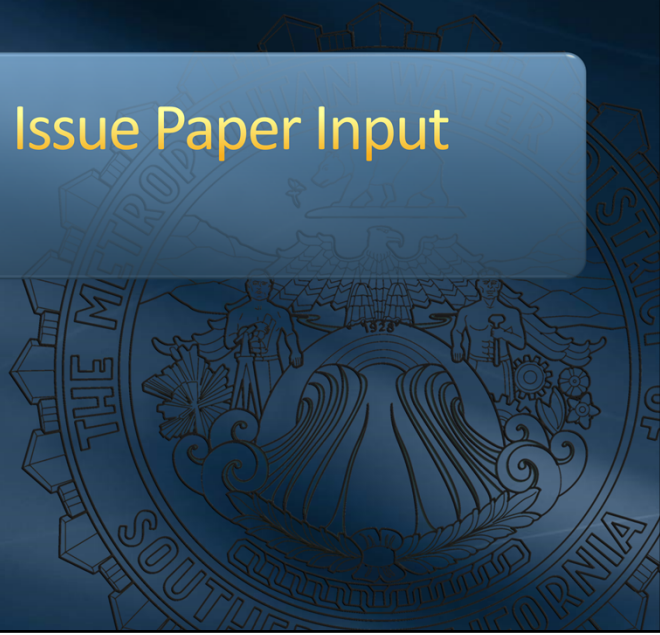
- Average Annual 200-300 TAFY
- Median yield ~1,000 AFY per project

Note: Cost and yield calculation methodologies vary



Example: sediment removal, environmental impacts? Capital funds?
 D. Pettijon: LRP program that will help facilitate program...never had anything like that in stormwater (how to evaluate and if region should facilitate)
 Need regional leadership...right now, MWD not involved in
 Harvey: offset imported water sales (current LRP), does it translate into an offset into ...why not D.P. based on yield...how would you evaluate the yield of a stormwater project of some stripe...would have to all agree upon the yield calculation of a stormwater project
 KK: done stormwater capture for decades on a large scale. Now looking at some smaller projects or expand existing projects...how much actually makes it to the water table...perched water, such a diffused way that doesn't make it to the table
 Then institutional...gw rights, and unless rights increase, it it considered new yields or just maintaining existing yields
 Hard to measure...add amount that can pump the gw basin?
 Xx: environmental laws gotten so bad over couple decades, impediment (hard to do projects in river beds, watershed)
 Benefit/cost ratio...not sure how often going to rain...convince board that worth-while project based on cost/benefit
 Winter time, can capture more stormwater, in summer time, can get MWD water
 Henry: peak flows wipe out riparian environment ...framing of where want to evaluate it Doesn't necessarily translate into water can sell...how to monetize benefit of stormwater capture...unless water that we can sell and have direct benefits to ratepayers...barrier
 DP: evaluate recharge on a case-by-case basis...can tell...gotta build a project in the right places
 Hydrologically dependent, doesn't see difference with recycled water, can calculate (certainly isn't zero)
 Goals for IRP (1.3 MAFY)...not a whole lot of tools in the toolbox, stormwater is one to facilitate groundwater levels
 Some gw basins give a 1:1 credit, others support safe yield, others excess credits may be freed up by stormwater recharge
 Don't turn back on stormwater just cuz not a straightforward...start to run out of things that can do
 This round of IRP, issue that should try to address and how to regionally support project...go thru process to see if make sense to regionally support

IRP Issue Paper Input



IRP Issue Paper Topics



Conservation

Groundwater

Recycled Water

Seawater Desal

Stormwater

Graywater

Synergy

IRP Issue Paper Input Categories



Also have flagged (and will continue to flag) policy items, which we will go through at the end



Challenges/Barriers



Cost/Funding

- Unit costs and total costs may be relatively high
- May be dependent on grant funding
- Difficult to sustain O&M funding



Institutional

- Adjudication handling of new stormwater yield
- Community opposition
- Narrow agency mission



Technical

- Water supply yields need to be quantified
- Limited land availability for centralized projects
- Difficult to capture peak flows

****Statement about unit cost may contradict the next slide on the costs****

Variable hydrology and limited storage? Army Corps dams, etc. Peak flows attenuation



Opportunities

Operational

- Storage space has increased ~ 1 MAF since 2005
- Additional space for stormwater projects

Programs & Funding

- Additional cooperation between agencies for grant funding

Planning & Partnerships

- Build upon successes seen in past partnerships
- LA Basin Study & LA Stormwater Master Plan
- Foundational Actions Funding Program

Reimbursable services agreements (adopted by MWD in 2014) **see previous note**

Elmer Avenue



Lessons Learned

Project

- Centralized projects tend to be more cost effective
- Project Siting is important to water supply results
- Land acquisition may be a large consideration in centralized projects

Public Relations

- Extensive outreach is important to the success of projects

Costs

- It is important to include long-term O&M in project cost
- Grants often pay for upfront capital but not O&M
- In distributed projects, ongoing O&M may fall to homeowners

Centralized more cost-effective than distributed

Capture and infiltrate more effective than direct-use (this comment seems more like an opinion)



Recommendations

Short-term

- Evaluate the water supply performance of existing projects and programs

Long-term

- Determine regional benefit & dry year yield
- Evaluate business case for providing funding/incentives for stormwater projects

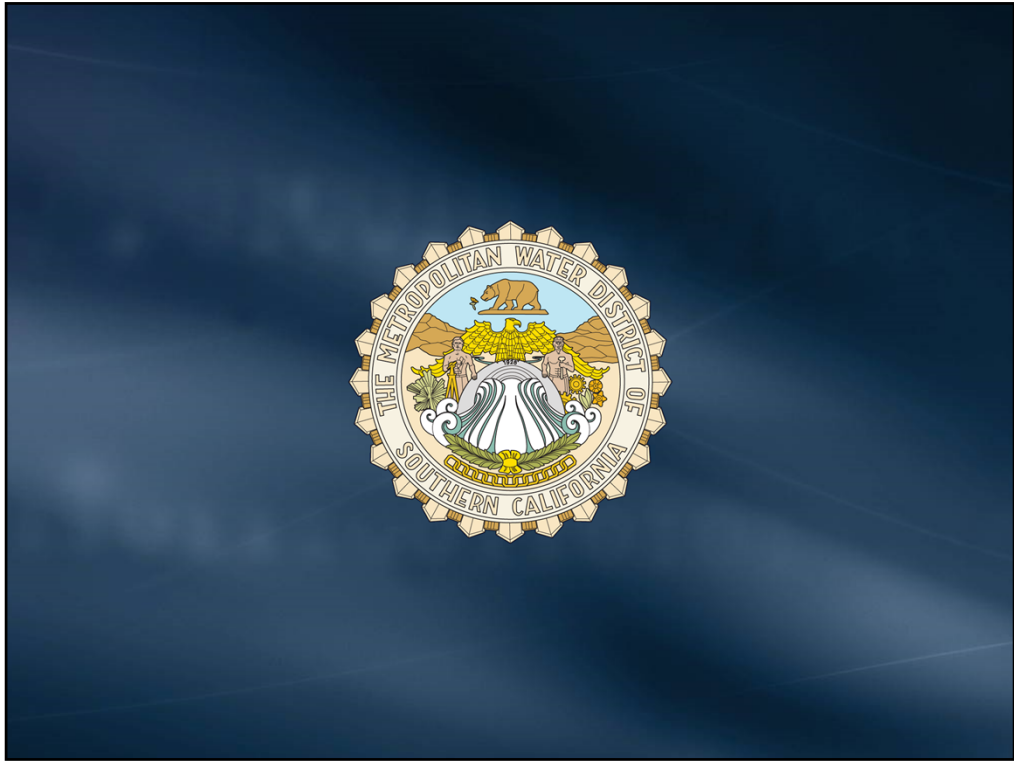
On-going

- Continue open discussion on stormwater
- Continue to encourage regional cooperation
- Encourage information sharing

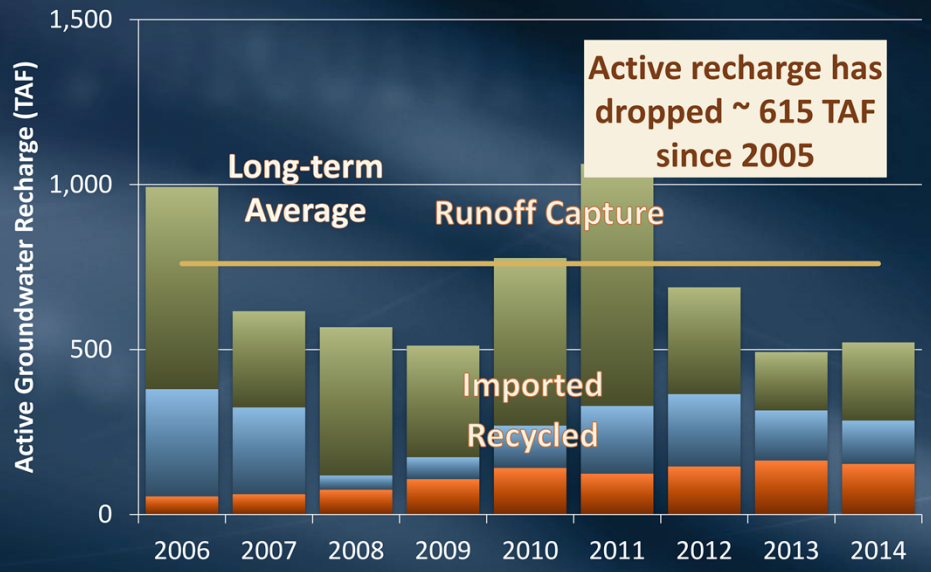
Xxx: All dams in so cal, prado dam filling up with silts
Kk: run trucks night and day for decades to beat the inflow

Key Takeaways

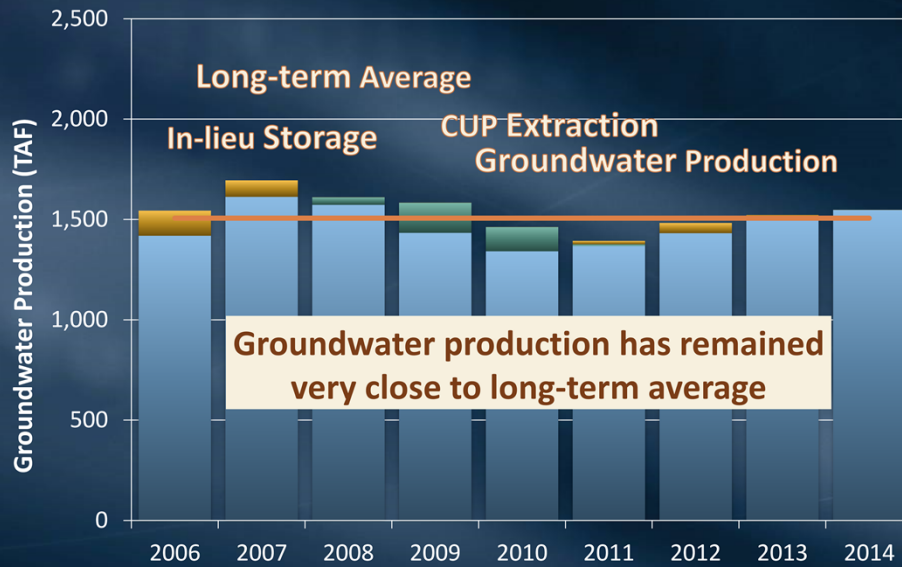
- Ensuring sustainable groundwater management is a fundamental element of the IRP
 - Stormwater plays an important role in maintaining sustainability into the future
- The IRP Issue Paper input includes recommendations for stormwater
 - Review stormwater inventory and cost data
 - Do additional studies on regional benefits and groundwater yields
 - Develop criteria for funding or incentive programs



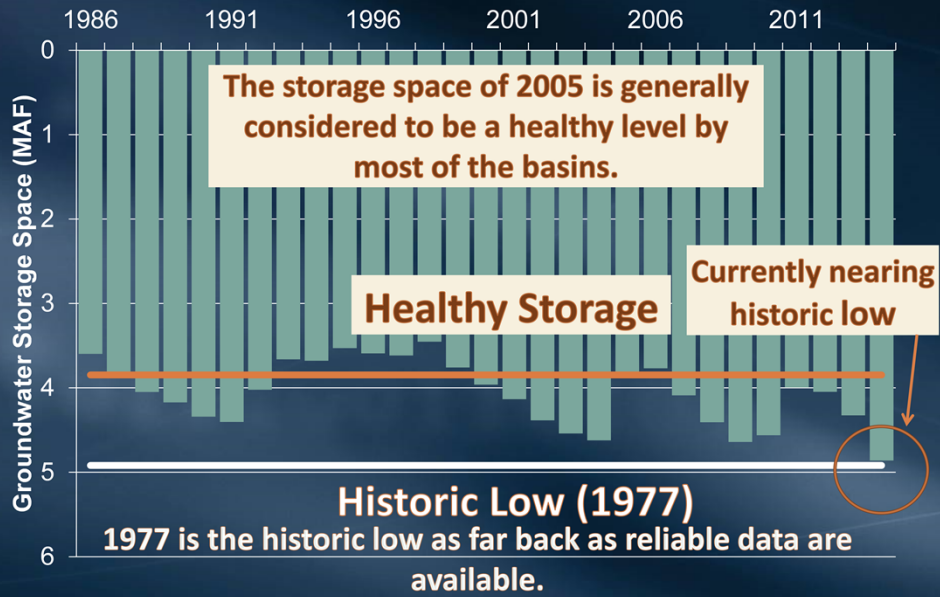
Active Recharge has Dropped



Groundwater Production has Remained Stable



Storage Space in GW Basins



OC infiltration constraint map

