

ISP Public Comments from Central Delta Water Agency

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Nancy: Attached are the comments on behalf of the Central Delta Water Agency. The supporting data for lack of water supply is in the attached submittal to the Delta Stewardship Council. The support on the overstatement for sea level rise is in the hyperlinks. DJN Sr
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Re: Interim Strategic Plan

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

General Comment

Protection and preservation of Delta agriculture and other uses requires: 1) adequate levees, 2) a robust emergency response mechanism to immediately repair and restore levee and drainage systems in the event of failure, 3) good in-channel water quality, 4) an adequate supply with the recognized rights to divert from the channels for irrigation of crops, wildlife friendly agricultural practices, habitat and recreation, 5) recognized rights to drain the lands and discharge seepage, stormwater and irrigation return flows to the channels. The role of the Conservancy should be to facilitate the above by funding and supporting needed studies, improvements and adjusted regulatory programs.

Page 26 - Line 3 change to read "The Delta and Suisun Marsh are key links in the Pacific Flyway." The Delta's importance as critical wintering habitat for waterfowl is understated. The agricultural fields are an essential winter food source for hundreds of thousands of geese and ducks as well as a variety of other migratory birds.

Page 27 - Line 7. This is an incorrect statement. Change to read "Portions of the Delta lands are below sea level." Check the topographic maps to verify the sea level lines. Attached hereto is DWR's map showing the Delta lowlands and uplands. The lowlands are all those lands below five (5) feet above sea level. The area at or below sea level is much smaller than the area within the Delta lowlands.

Page 27 - Line 8 - the "locally built and maintained" statement suggests that more risk is associated with such levees. The risk associated with levees is more directly related to their intended level of protection. Project levees (those built by the USACE) fail quite often. Many are designed and built to provide a relatively low level of protection, i.e., ten (10) year, forty (40)

year, etc.

Suggested change - Lines 8 and 9 - "These levees are subject to varying risks of failure."

Page 29 Resource Challenges, Item 3. The word "increased" should be deleted. Should read "Excessive and increasing demand on existing water supplies." The current and past demand on existing Delta water supplies has exceeded the safe yield of the Delta watershed. The SWP failed to develop the five (5) million acre feet per year of supplemental supply from North Coast watersheds and yet the SWP continues to export water from the Delta. The plan was to develop such supply by the year 2000. See attached copy of comments submitted to the Delta Stewardship Council.

Page 31, Line 6. The plan provides: "The overwhelming scientific consensus is that the rate of rise will accelerate significantly over the coming decades." This is overstated. If you focus on the Golden Gate, the rise has been about seven (7) inches in the last 100 years and there is some question as to whether or not the trend has flattened. Suggested change: "level, and planning should anticipate some future rise in sea level." Perhaps the Conservancy can facilitate a truly independent evaluation and prediction. See hyperlinks. See pages 16-19 of NIPCC_final.pdf. Summary Report - Nature - Not Human Activity Rules the Climate. See also full report nipcc.report.org which is 880 pages.

Page 46, Line 8. The date probably should be adjusted.

Yours very truly,



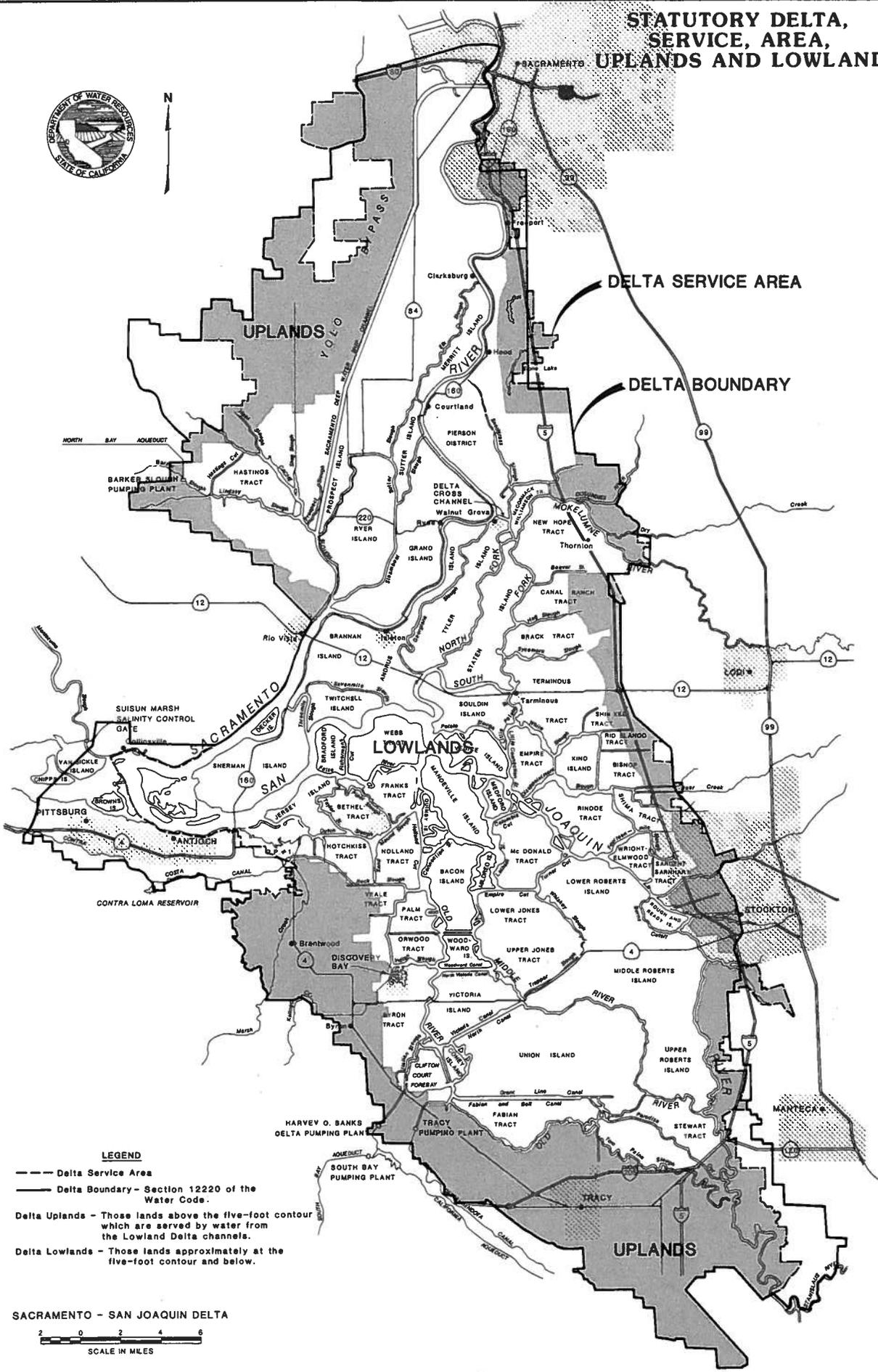
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Enclosures

STATUTORY DELTA, SERVICE, AREA, UPLANDS AND LOWLANDS



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LEGEND

- Delta Service Area
- Delta Boundary - Section 12220 of the Water Code.
- Delta Uplands - Those lands above the five-foot contour which are served by water from the Lowland Delta channels.
- Delta Lowlands - Those lands approximately at the five-foot contour and below.

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Re: Notice of Preparation
Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Delta Plan

Dear Ms. Macauley:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit the following comments:

Project Objectives

To develop a plan to achieve the “Coequal goals” of “providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem” it is necessary to include an evaluation and recognition of the limited availability of water in the Delta watershed. CEQA allows a baseline which reflects current conditions. The SWRCB for D-1641 and CALFED for its Record of Decision used levels of exports in their baselines which are unsustainable. The result of course was an environmental document which did not appropriately reflect the unmitigated impacts to the environment and inflated the projected availability of water.

Surplus Water from the Delta Watershed Is Not Sufficient To Sustain Desired Levels of Exports

The planning for the State Water Project did not anticipate that the project would be operated after the year 2000 without five (5) million acre feet per year of supplemental water from North Coast watersheds. Attached hereto are the title page and excerpts from DWR’s December 1960 Bulletin 76 report to the Legislature on the Delta Water Facilities. A complete copy of the Bulletin 76 report is being forwarded by separate email. The enlargements and highlights are mine. Exhibit A is the title page. Exhibit B is page 13 where it is shown that reduction in natural inflow due to upstream development and build-up in exports require the importation of the 5,000,000 acre feet from the north coast. Exhibit C is a blowup of the graph

from page 13. It shows the expected increase in demand and timing of the planned imports from the North Coastal Projects. Exhibit D is a blowup of the graph from page 11 which shows the timing and specific projects included in the plan. None of the North Coast Projects were constructed due in major part to wild at scenic river legislation and rejection of the Dos Rios project.

Attached hereto as Exhibit E is a copy of the hydrographs from page 116 of the Weber Foundation Studies titled "An Approach To A California Public Works Plan" submitted to the California Legislature on January 28, 1960. The highlights and margin notes are mine. Exhibit F includes pages 113 through 118 of the Weber Foundation Studies which explains the State Water Plan source of the data and adjustments.

The 1928/29-1933/34 six year drought period reflected on Exhibit E shows the average yearly runoff is 17.631 million acre feet with local requirements of 25.690 million acre feet. There is a shortage during the drought period within the Delta Watershed of 8.049 million acre feet per year without any exports. It is questionable whether the groundwater basins can be successfully mined to meet the shortage within the watershed let alone the export demands. A comparable review of the hydrograph for the North Coast area reflects that surplus water could be developed.

The hydrology supporting the State Water Project planning explains why the development of the North Coast Projects was deemed necessary to sustain the SWP exports. Current unimpaired flow determinations by DWR which are set forth in Exhibit G show an even greater shortage for the 1929-1934 drought in that the average unimpaired flow is only 13.12 million acre feet, not 17.631 million acre feet as used in the SWP planning. Exhibit G also reflects that for the 1987-1992 six year drought the average unimpaired flow was even lower, i.e., 12.71 vs. 13.12 million acre feet.

In addition to the lack of precipitation in the Delta watershed to meet local and export needs are the environmental needs. Water is needed for mitigation of project impacts and the affirmative obligations for salinity control and fish restoration.

The planning for the SWP and CVP underestimated the needs to protect fish both as to flow requirements and carryover storage required for temperature control. In 2009 after only two (2) dry years, the SWP and CVP violated the February outflow requirements claiming that meeting the outflow requirements would reduce storage below the point necessary to meet cold water requirements for salmon later in the year. Although they lied and the real reason for the violation was the ongoing pumping of the natural flow to help fill San Luis Reservoir, the incident clearly shows the inability of the projects to provide surplus water for export in the 4th, 5th and 6th years of a six-year drought. There is evidence that droughts longer than six years are possible.

Reliability of Water Supply Also Applies to the Water Needs Within the Delta and Other Areas of Origin.

In addressing the reliability of water supply for the purpose of export from the Delta, it must be recognized that the exports are limited to water which is truly surplus to the present and future needs of the Delta and other areas of origin and the affirmative obligations of the projects including provision of salinity control, an adequate water supply for the Delta and restoration of fish.

The cornerstones to the export of water from the Delta by the SWP and CVP are the promises and law that exports are limited to such surplus water.

Exhibit H includes the October 12, 1948, promise from Secretary of the Interior Krug that "There is no intent on the part of the Bureau of Reclamation ever to divert from the Sacramento Valley a single acre foot of water which might be used in the valley now or later." Exhibit I is a copy of Water Code section 11460 which codified the promises and made it clear that the application would be to the "watershed or area wherein water originates, or an area immediately adjacent thereto which can conveniently be supplied with water therefrom." Exhibit J includes the sections related to WC 11460. Not included is WC 11128 which applies WC 11460 and WC 11463 to any agency of the State or Federal Government undertaking construction or operation of the projects. Exhibit K is a copy of WC 11207 which provides that "Salinity control in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta" is a primary purpose of Shasta Dam. Exhibit L is a copy of the 1960 ballot argument in favor of the California Water Resources Development Bond Act which spawned the State Water Project. Of particular note are the following representations:

"No area will be deprived of water to meet the needs of another nor will any area be asked to pay for water delivered to another."

"Under this Act the water rights of Northern California will remain securely protected."

"A much needed drainage system and water supply will be provided in the San Joaquin Valley."

Exhibit M contains copies of Water Code sections 12200 through 12205 commonly referred to as the "Delta Protection Act." These sections added by Statutes of 1959 confirm the projects obligations to provide salinity control and an adequate water supply for the Delta.

WC 12204 provides that "In determining the availability of water for export from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta no water shall be exported which is necessary to meet the requirements of Sections 12202 and 12203 of this chapter." The requirements are salinity control and an adequate water supply. Exhibit N which is a copy of page 12 of the above-referenced Bulletin 76 interprets the Delta Protection Act.

“In 1959 the State Legislature directed that water shall not be diverted from the Delta for use elsewhere unless adequate supplies for the Delta are first provided.”

As related to the Peripheral Canal or Tunnels or any other isolated conveyance facility, the requirements of WC 12205 are particularly relevant.

“It is the policy of the State that the operation and management of releases from storage into the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta of water for use outside the area in which such water originates shall be integrated to the maximum extent possible to permit fulfillment of the objectives of this part.” The objectives include salinity control and an adequate water supply. Conveyance facilities which transport stored water to the export pumps with no outlets or releases to provide salinity control and an adequate water supply in the Delta would not comply.

The export projects must fully mitigate their respective impacts. Failure to require such full mitigation is a shift of the cost of the project to someone else. The State Water Resources Development Bond Act was intended to preclude such a shift in costs. See also Goodman v. Riverside (1993) 140 Cal.App.3d 900 at 906 for the requirement that the costs of the entire project be paid by the contractors. Water Code section 11912 requires that the costs necessary for the preservation of fish and wildlife be charged to the contractors. The term “preservation” appears to be broader than mitigation and appears to create an affirmative obligation beyond mitigation.

Title 34 of Public Law 102-575 referred to as the Central Valley Project Improvement Act in section 3406(b)(1) authorizes and directs the Secretary of Interior to enact and implement a program which makes all reasonable efforts to ensure by the year 2002 natural production of anadromous fish (including salmon, steelhead, striped bass, sturgeon and American shad) will be sustainable on a long term basis at levels not less than twice the average levels attained during the period of 1967-1991.

Reliability of water supply for exports from the Delta should include a clear confirmation of the types and numbers of years when no water will be available for export and provide estimates of the amounts that might be available in other years. Care should be taken to model carryover storage with due consideration of temperature, flow and area of origin requirements to determine the firm yield available for export.

Protecting, Restoring and Enhancing the Delta Ecosystem Should Not Be Focused On Conditions Prior To Reclamation of the Delta.

The Delta Swamp and Overflowed Lands were fully reclaimed by about 1925. See Exhibit O from said above-referenced Bulletin 76. Due to subsidence of peat soils from oxidation, erosion, compaction and other causes, much of the land is below sea level and if

levees are breached or removed would become a waterbody with some riparian vegetation. Such a condition would on average evaporate or consume much more water than present uses. See Exhibit P.

Fish species in the Delta appeared to be doing well until the increase in SWP operations in the early and mid 1970's. See Exhibits Q, R, S and T. The CVPIA focus is on averages for 1967-1991. The most dramatic decline in fish species is more recent and includes the period from about 2000 to the present. The plight of the fisheries was recognized back when the striped bass index was recognized as the indicator for the environmental health of the Bay-Delta estuary. In 1978 the SWRCB found that "To provide full mitigation of project impacts on all fish species now would require the virtual shutting down of the project export pumps." See Exhibit U. The SWRCB also found that protection of Suisun Marsh would require an additional two (2) million acre feet of fresh water flow in dry and critical years. See Exhibit V. Exports were not shut down and the two (2) million acre feet was not provided for the Suisun Marsh. See Exhibit W.

In 1987 a review was made by Luna Leopold of the Rozengurt, Herz and Feld 1987 Analysis of the influence of water withdrawals on runoff to the Delta-San Francisco Bay ecosystem (1921-1983): Paul F. Romberg Tiburon Center For Environmental Studies, Tech. Rept. No. 87-7. The review reflected that use of the "Four River Index" rather than the total runoff into the Delta distorted the planning of the SWP and CVP and concluded that it was imperative to preclude any additional diversions of water from the Delta system. See Exhibit X. I will provide by separate email copies of the referenced analysis.

Additional Comments

The secondary planning area should include all of the southern portion of the State that could be potentially served with water from the Delta on the Colorado River, the interrelationship of the supply from the Colorado River to demands for exports from the Delta should not be ignored. The restructuring of water rights, measuring and reporting of surface and ground water and making water use inefficiency the equivalent of waste and unreasonable use are all tools which we believe will be used to destroy the water rights in the Delta and other areas of origin. Protection of such rights is critical to protection of the Bay-Delta watershed. The cost and expense of producing data which is of limited value is unjustified. Water use in the watersheds of origin is not wasteful in that flow into the Delta and into the usable underground is beneficial. Transfers outside of the watersheds of origin should be the focus of concern. The cornerstone of protection of the Delta is limiting exports to water which is truly surplus to the present and future needs of the Delta and other areas of origin including environmental needs. The SWP and CVP must not only mitigate their impacts in the Delta, upstream of the Delta (spawning habitat, cold water, etc.) and restore the San Joaquin River both as to fish and drainage from the CVP service areas on the west side, but must meet their affirmative obligations; to provide salinity control and an adequate water supply for the Delta; restore the natural production of anadromous fish

(including salmon, striped bass, sturgeon, etc.) to twice the 1967-1991 levels as required by the CVPIA and integrate to the maximum extent possible all releases from storage for export to provide an adequate water supply and salinity control for the Delta (WC 12205). We oppose isolated conveyance and support maintaining the common Delta Pool. We support self sufficiency and reduction in reliance on the Delta. Delta levees should be improved with a sufficiently funded locally managed levee program with a robust emergency response capability. South Delta permanent agricultural barriers should be installed with low lift pumps or the equivalent to provide adequate water quality and water levels. Channel improvements with dredging/setbacks in the south delta in the areas where export pumping greatly impacts water levels/sedimentation and in the north and south forks of the Mokelumne and the connections to the Delta cross channel should be evaluated. Features of the Delta corridors proposal and fish screens at the cross channel and export facilities should be evaluated. Operational control of the SWP and CVP should be given to an independent watermaster who is directed to and wants to protect the Bay-Delta watershed. Delta outflows should be restored with interconnections to Suisun Marsh. A determination should be made as to the present and future water needs including environmental needs within the Delta and other areas of origin and what water and under what conditions water is truly surplus and available for export. Restoration of habitat should be directed at the post reclamation condition with particular emphasis on outflow and the Suisun marsh. The Delta economy should not be destroyed to mitigate for export project impacts. Exports must be restrained to avoid such impacts. Without the 5 million acre feet of water per year that the SWP was supposed to develop from the north coast region by the year 2000 the water supply planned for export by the SWP does not exist. Similarly the water supply for the San Luis Unit was not supported by new development of yield. Planting of permanent crops dependent upon surplus water should be at the risk of those planting and the allocation of export water should be insulated from political management. Improvement of Paradise Cut with an intake farther upstream, channel improvements, and some levee setbacks should be evaluated. A diversion point west of the Delta should be evaluated. We oppose the BDCP proposed conversion of agricultural land to habitat and instead urge enhancement of the habitat of the in-channel berms and already flooded islands and cuts. Diversion and or spreading of flood water upstream of the Delta to recharge groundwater basins and provide flood control appears to have promise.

Your very truly



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STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

STATEMENT OF CLARIFICATION

This preliminary edition presents a comparison of alternative solutions to the Delta problem. This bulletin shows that the Single Purpose Delta Water Project is the essential minimum project for successful operation of the State Water Facilities. This bulletin also presents, for local consideration, optional modifications of the Single Purpose Delta Water Project which would provide additional local benefits.

The evaluation of project encroachments, benefits, costs, and costs of project services, are intended only to indicate the relative merits of these solutions and should not be considered in terms of absolute values. Benefits related to recreation are evaluated for comparative purposes. Detailed recreation studies, presently in progress, will indicate specific recreation benefits.

Subject to local review and public hearings on this preliminary edition, a final edition will be prepared setting forth an adopted plan. The adopted plan will include, in addition to the proposed minimum facilities, those justifiable optional modifications requested by local entities.

Bulletin No. 76

REPORT TO THE
CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE

ON THE

DELTA WATER FACILITIES

AS AN INTEGRAL FEATURE OF

THE STATE WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

John A. Wilson

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Governor

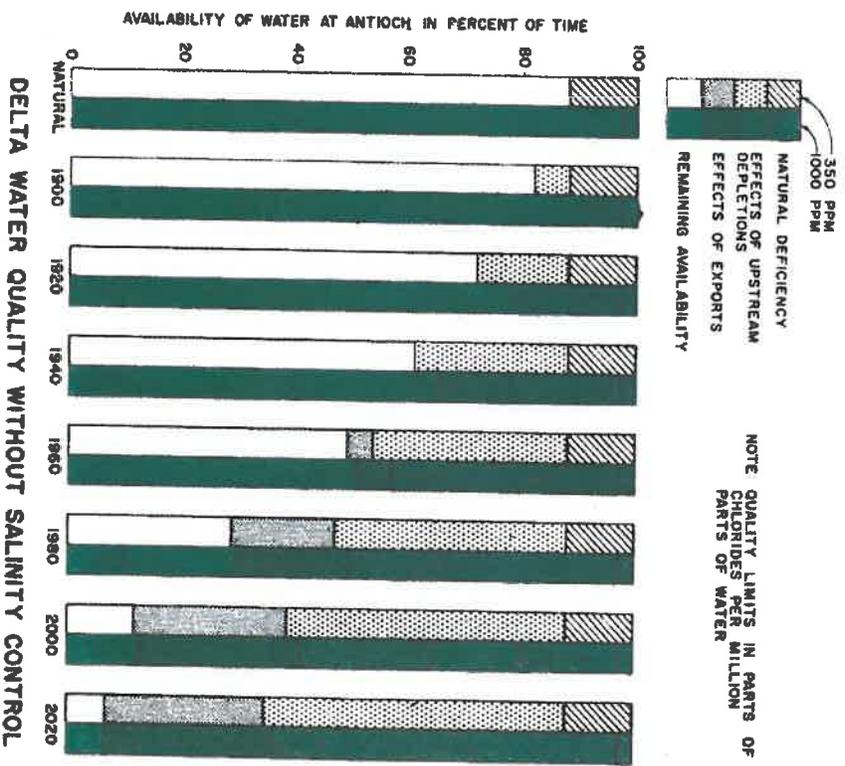
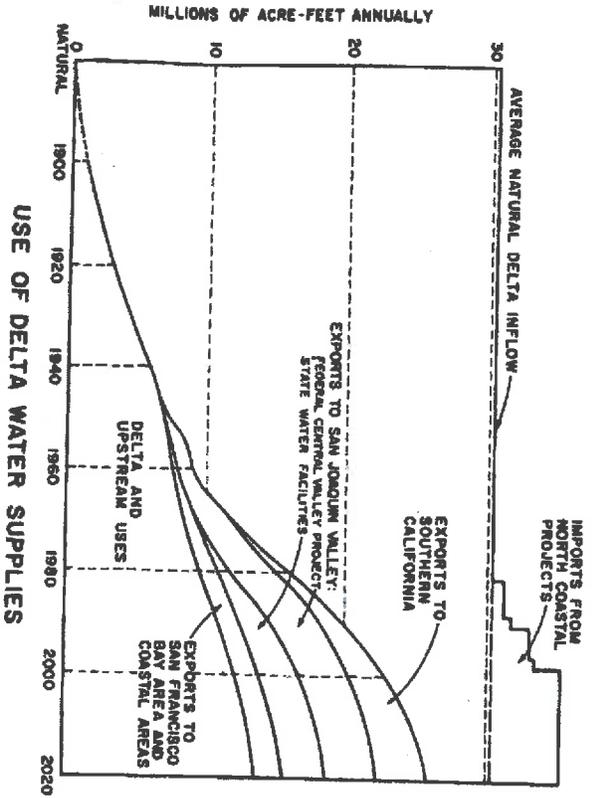


December, 1960

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Director

EXHIBIT A

The natural availability of good quality water in the Delta is directly related to the amount of surplus water which flows to the ocean. The graph to the right indicates the historic and projected availability of water in the San Joaquin River at Antioch containing less than 350 and 1,000 parts chlorides per million parts water, under long-term average runoff and *without* specific releases for salinity control. It may be noted that even under natural conditions, before any significant upstream water developments, there was a deficiency of water supplies within the specified quality limits. It is anticipated that, without salinity control releases, upstream depletions by the year 2020 will have reduced the availability of water containing less than 1,000 ppm chlorides by about 60 percent, and that exports will have caused an additional 30 percent reduction.



The magnitude of the past and anticipated future uses of water in areas tributary to the Delta, except the Tulare Lake Basin, is indicated in the diagram to the left. It may be noted that, while the present upstream use accounts for reduction of natural inflow to the Delta by almost 25 percent, upstream development during the next 60 years will deplete the inflow by an additional 20 percent. By that date about 22 percent of the natural water supply reaching the Delta will be exported to areas of deficiency by local, state, and federal projects. In addition, economical development of water supplies will necessitate importation of about 5,000,000 acre-feet of water seasonally to the Delta from north coastal streams for transfer to areas of deficiency.

MILLIONS OF ACRE-FEET ANNUALLY

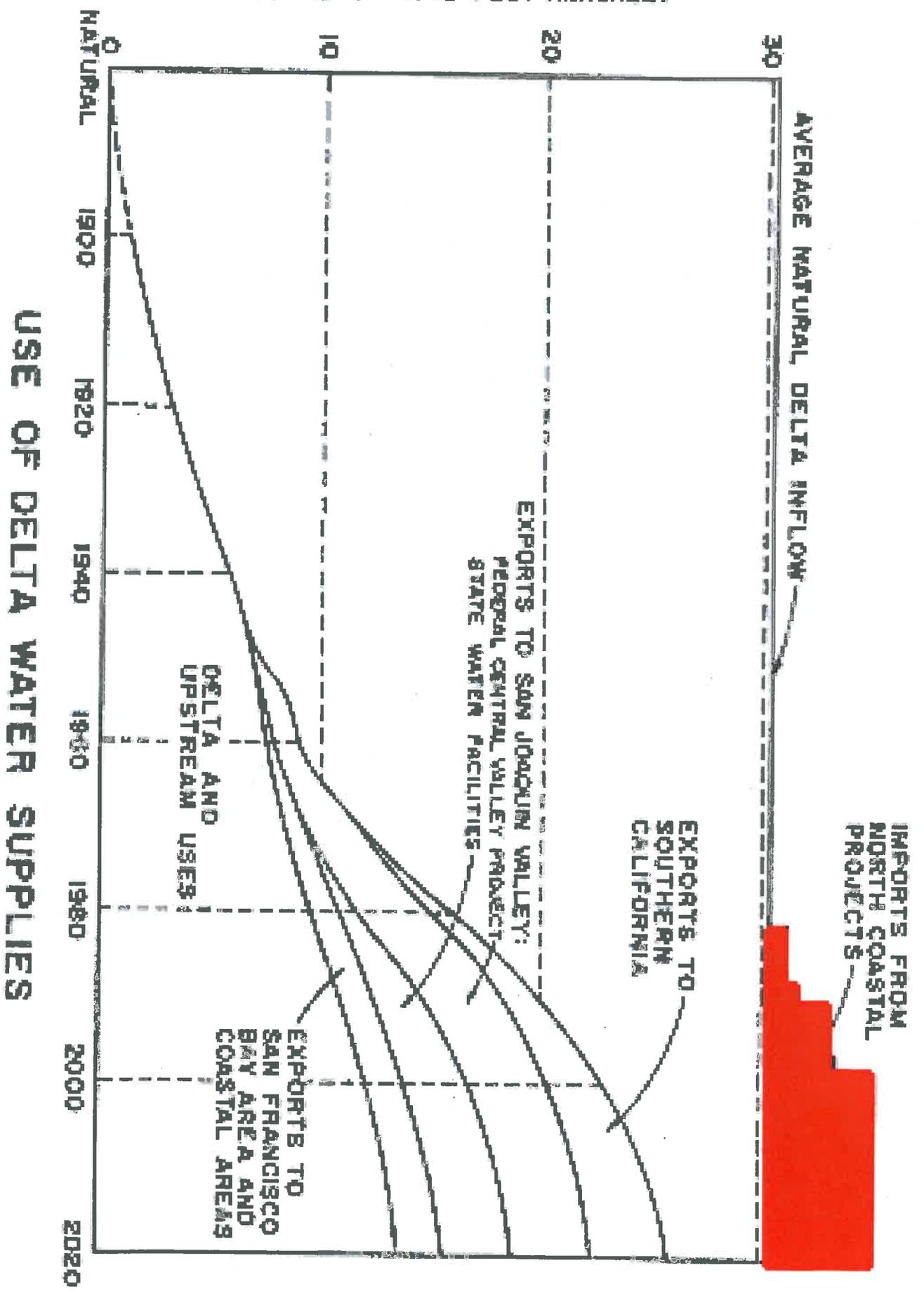
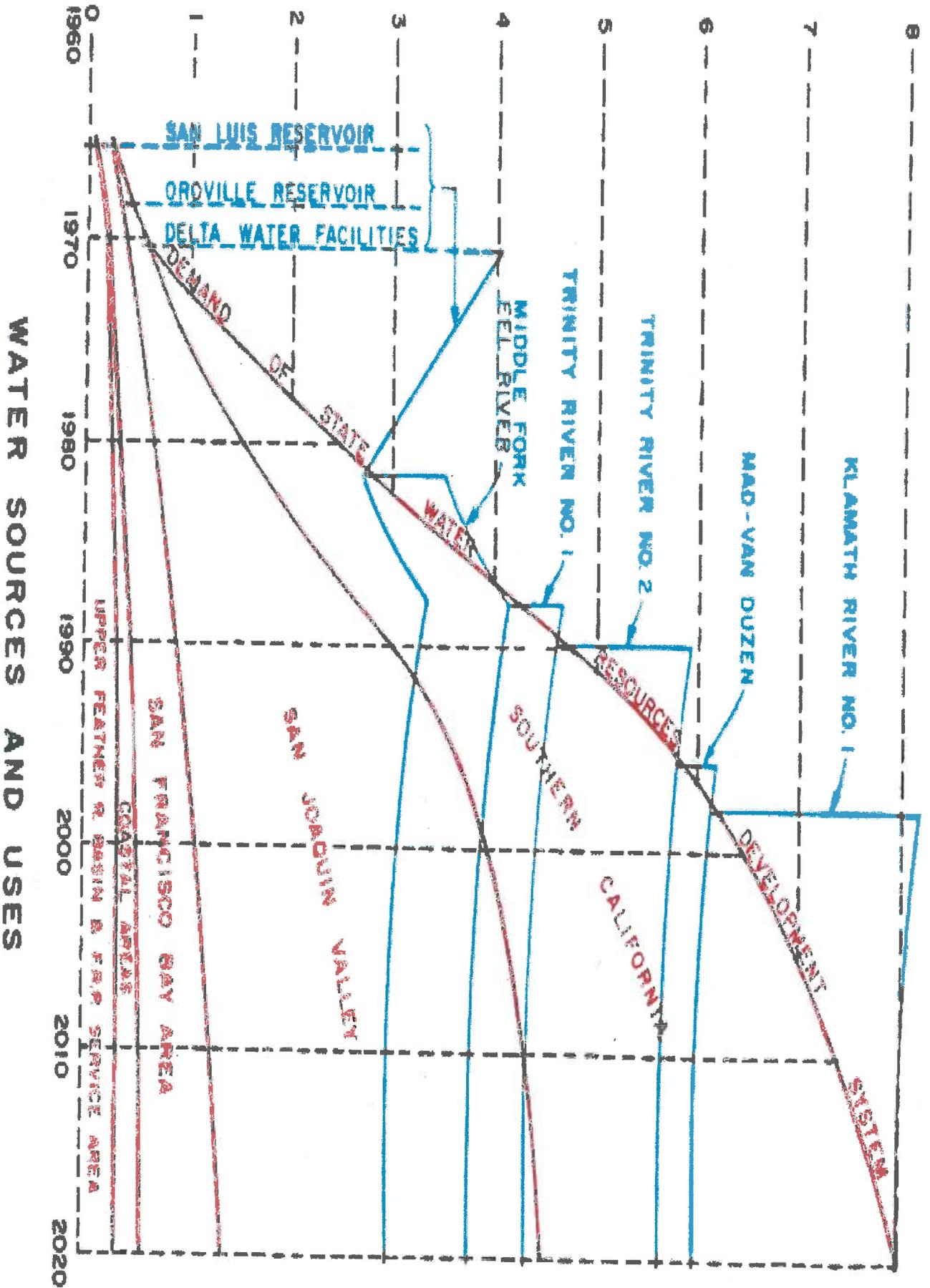


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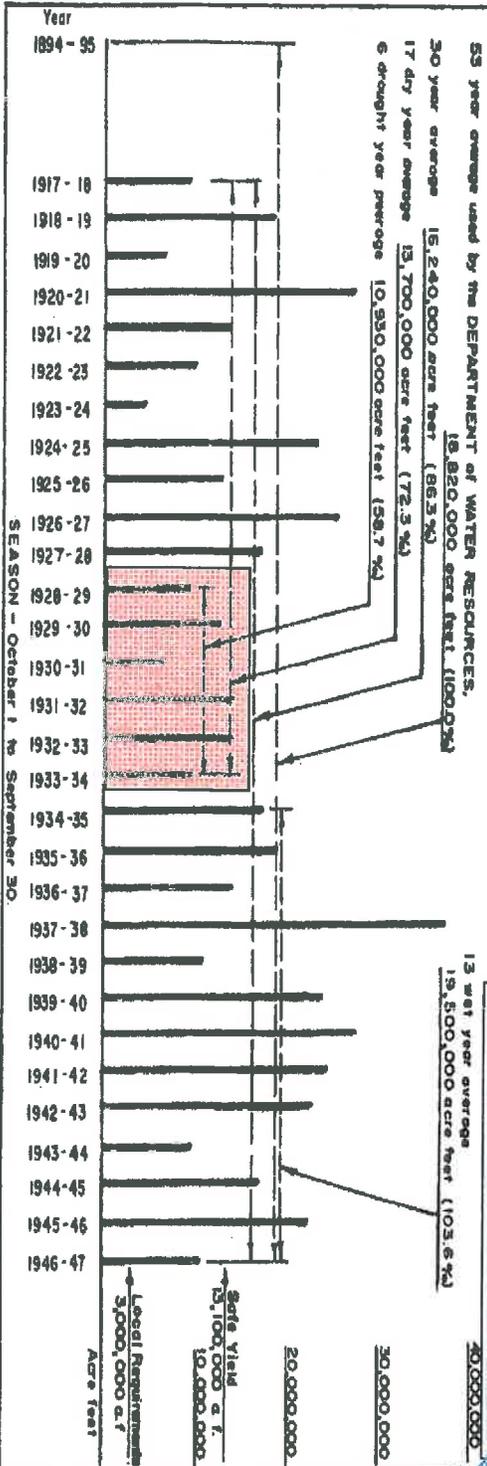


WATER SOURCES AND USES

EXHIBIT D

ESTIMATED SEASONAL NATURAL RUNOFF
Klamath, Eel, Van Duzen, Mad, and Russian Rivers -

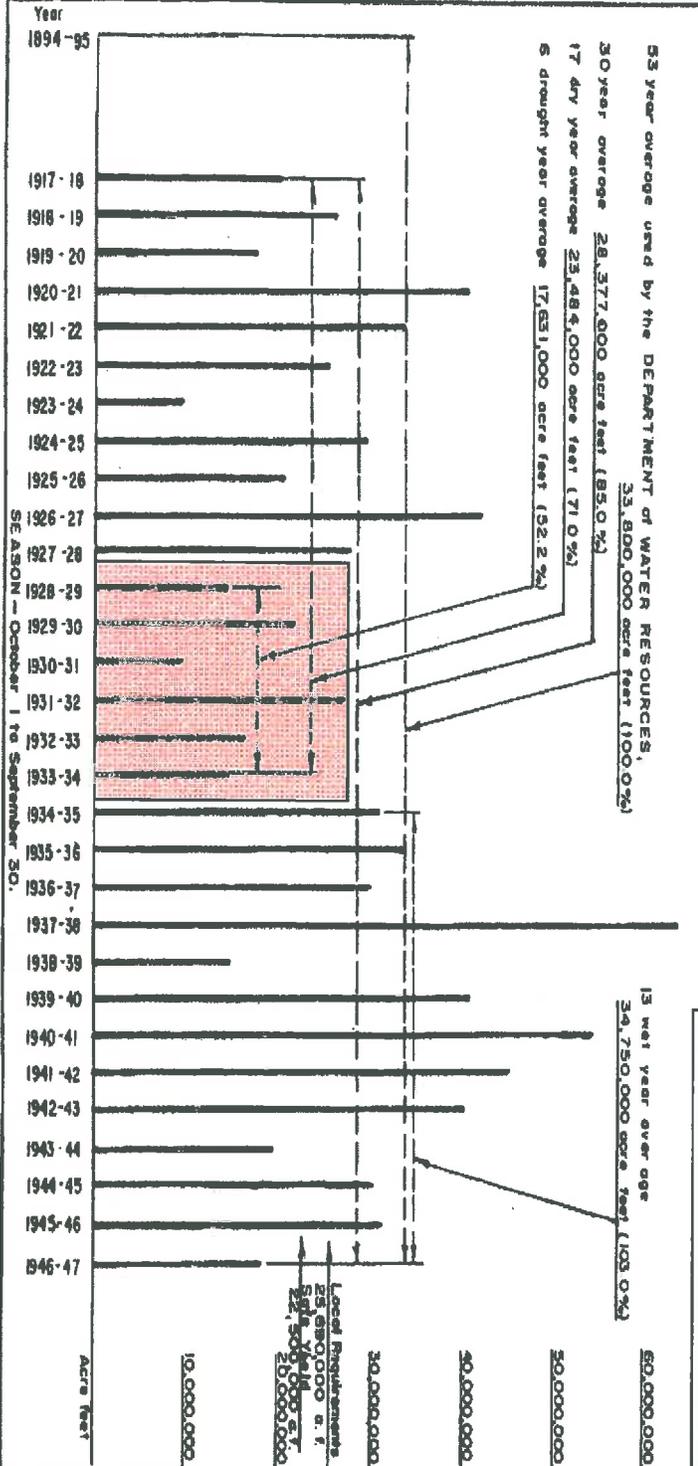
NORTH COAST AREA
1917-18 to 1946-47



Surplus
 7,930,000 AF/YF

ESTIMATED SEASONAL NATURAL RUNOFF

CENTRAL VALLEY
1917-18 to 1946-47



SHORTAGE
 8,049,000 AF/Y

SECTION V BASIC PREMISES

IMPORTANCE OF BASIC PREMISES

Basic premises and basic data are a prerequisite to any sound planning program. In order that the planning be practical and usable, the premises must be realistic and acceptable and the data must be factual. For these reasons a detailed discussion of premises and basic data is included in this report.

Planning cannot arise above the levels established by the premises. If they are limited, so is the planning. If they are false or erroneous, so is the planning. If they are vague, or in conflict with each other, or contrary to important facts, then the planning based upon these assumptions is indefinite, confused and without certain goal. It is not easy to choose and formulate basic premises for studies such as these.

The basic premises are not self-evident. They must be searched for. They have evolved as the result of much research and exploration. They have withstood the erosion of countless tests. As stated here they are believed to be genuinely basic and completely sound.

PREMISE ONE

ALL OF THE WATER RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA SHOULD EVENTUALLY BE DEVELOPED BY AND EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTED FOR THE USE OF THE PEOPLE OF CALIFORNIA

This premise is of prime importance. It colors, limits and conditions all valid thinking regarding water resource development. Its acceptance invalidates at once much of the "project planning" which has heretofore been accepted as proper. It also establishes a standard by which all water development projects and all segments of projects must be tested.

When this premise is accepted, any project must be rejected which develops a water resource for the benefit of a segment of the population to the detriment or neglect of another portion of the population. Also projects must be rejected which are wasteful of water in that a more beneficial (economic) use of the water could be made at some other place. Also rejected are projects which apply a water resource to a present use which will prevent its utilization at some future date for a much more important use.

The acceptance of this premise requires that every use to which any project is put be evaluated in terms of maximum benefit to the whole population, and since the distribution of water limits the distribution of population, water project planning and population planning (land use) must be co-ordinated. The planning agency must be concerned with the ultimate economic return to be derived from each acre-foot of water.

We will run out of available water resources in California before we run out of land suitable for irrigation. There is ultimately no overall state surplus of water. A continually expanding population will, in time, bring us face to face with a very real shortage of fresh water.

Where Is California's Water Supply?

The basic premise that all of the water resources of California must be developed requires that the search for available water supplies be realistic and factual. All the existing information and data regarding water supplies must be critically studied and reviewed. New data must be collected. It is only within the past few years that anyone has attempted to formulate a "water balance sheet" for the State of California. The first such "water balance sheet" to be published appears as Table 3-5 in the State Water Plan (1956 edition).

The figures in this Table 3-5 propose that there is an exportable surplus of 21.22 million acre-feet of water in the north coastal area of California, and in the Sacramento River basin, which can be transported to various water deficient areas in the State.

Critical analysis of the data in Table 3-5 indicates that the figures given for "mean runoff" and "safe yield" are too large to be used as a basis for planning the complete development of California's water resources. The "mean runoff" figures as used in this table are derived by finding the average runoff for a period of 53 years (1894-1947).

Tables and bar graphs of the estimated natural runoff of principal streams of the north coastal area and of the Central Valley follow.

TABLE III
ESTIMATED SEASONAL NATURAL RUNOFF
1917-18 TO 1946-47
FROM NORTH COAST AREA

(Klamath R. near Requa, less Klamath R. at Keno, Eel R. at Scotia, Van Duzen R. at Bridgeville, Mad R. at Sweasy Dam, Russian R. at Guerneville)

(In thousands of acre-feet)

Season	
Oct. 1-Sept. 30	
1917-18	9,551
-19	18,521
1919-20	6,732
-21	27,181
-22	13,672
-23	9,980
-24	4,272
1924-25	23,033
-26	12,624
-27	25,496
-28	17,097
-29	9,133
1929-30	12,440
-31	6,651
-32	13,843
-33	14,150
-34	9,365
6 year mean (1929-34)	10,930
17 year mean (1917-34)	13,700
1934-35	17,021
-36	18,737
-37	13,593
-38	37,326
-39	10,607
1939-40	23,623
-41	27,302
-42	24,181
-43	22,451
-44	9,335
1944-45	16,834
-46	22,109
-47	10,368
13 year mean (1935-47)	19,504
30 year mean (1917-47)	16,240
53 year mean (1894-47)	
As used by Department of Water Resources	18,820

The Central Valley Area has been subdivided into three parts:

1. Sacramento Valley above Sacramento.
2. The northerly part of the San Joaquin Valley, including the Tuolumne River Basin and all of the area to the north of it, to the Sacramento Valley.
3. The remaining portion of the San Joaquin Valley, to the south of the Tuolumne River Basin.

In each of these subdivisions the estimated runoff is divided into two parts. Part "one" includes the runoff of the streams estimated in Table 62 of "Bulletin No. 1, Water Resources of California, 1951."

Part "two" includes the remainder of the runoff in each subdivision of the Central Valley. The mean seasonal runoff therefor is derived from the quantities given in Table 61 of Bulletin No. 1, for the period extending from 1894-95 to 1946-47. As an approximation of the runoff for each season, the seasonal distribution is assumed to roughly correspond to that of

a stream basin selected from Table No. 62, Bulletin No. 1, in each subdivision of the Central Valley. By reason of the small runoff per square mile, from these areas, as compared to that from the selected stream basin, the resulting quantities will tend to be too small for wet years and too large for dry years. However, it is believed that the error will not be relatively significant for overall quantities. In the Sacramento Valley, the runoff of Stony Creek, above canyon mouth, was selected; in the northerly part of the San Joaquin Valley, the runoff of Calaveras River, at Jenny Lind, was used; and in the southerly part of the San Joaquin Valley the runoff of Tule River above Porterville was used as a criterion for seasonal distribution.

In the Sacramento Valley, part "one" includes the runoff of: Sacramento River near Red Bluff; Feather River at Oroville; Yuba River at Smartsville; Bear River at Wheatland; American River at Fair Oaks; Stony Creek above canyon mouth; Cache Creek near Capay; and Putah Creek near Winters.

In the northerly part of the San Joaquin Valley, part "one" includes the runoff of: Tuolumne River near La Grange; Stanislaus River near Knights Ferry; Calaveras River at Jenny Lind; Mokelumne River near Clements; and Cosumnes River at Michigan Bar.

In the southerly part of the San Joaquin Valley, part "one" includes the runoff of: Kern River near Bakersfield; Tule River above Porterville; Kaweah River near Three Rivers; Kings River at Piedra; San Joaquin River above Friant; Fresno River near Daulton; Chowchilla River at Buchanan Damsite; and Merced River at Exchequer.

The foregoing graphs indicate that the 1894-1947 period contains a 17-year dry period (1917-1934), when the average natural runoff was only 72.3 percent in the north coastal area, and 71.0 percent in the Central Valley of the Department of Water Resources 53-year average for these areas. Also these graphs show that during this 17-year dry period there occurred six years of extreme drought (1928-1934), as many Californians can recall. During this six-year drought period the natural runoff in the Central Valley was only 52.2 percent of the average for the 1894-1947 period. In the north coastal area the average dropped to 58.7 percent of the 53-year average. In the single dry season of 1923-24, the runoff fell to 26.6 percent of the 53-year average for the Central Valley, and 22.7 percent in the north coast.

For the purpose of these studies it is more realistic to base the water development planning on the water supply which would be available to California in a 17-year dry period containing a series of drought years such as occurred in the period from 1917 to 1934. Such dry periods are inevitable. Neither the time of

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TABLE IV
ESTIMATED SEASONAL NATURAL RUNOFF, 1917-18 TO 1946-47
FROM CENTRAL VALLEY AREA

(In thousands of acre-feet)
(Subdivisions)

Season	Sacramento Valley		N. San Joaquin Valley		S. San Joaquin Valley		Total
	Part "one"	Part "two"	Part "one"	Part "two"	Part "one"	Part "two"	
Oct. 1- Sept. 30							
1917-18	11,426	1,080	3,253	307	4,609	171	20,846
-19	16,832	2,130	3,070	141	4,176	254	26,603
1919-20	9,444	620	2,811	120	4,584	374	17,953
-21	26,161	4,018	4,789	322	5,292	304	40,866
-22	18,380	1,479	5,476	319	7,687	469	33,828
-23	14,361	990	4,245	262	5,951	345	25,554
-24	5,837	405	1,877	34	1,444	83	9,680
1924-25	17,674	2,348	4,550	230	4,681	306	29,789
-26	13,012	1,412	2,317	95	3,517	166	20,519
-27	26,381	3,610	4,943	262	6,707	440	42,343
-28	18,419	1,945	3,560	189	3,589	174	27,866
-29	8,863	688	1,994	59	2,875	186	14,665
1929-30	14,616	1,306	2,579	96	2,935	156	21,688
-31	6,292	456	1,193	20	1,559	67	9,587
-32	14,016	856	4,684	201	6,884	442	27,083
-33	9,335	640	2,277	47	3,685	269	16,253
-34	9,272	785	1,744	83	2,148	74	14,106
6-yr. mean (1929-1934)	10,399	788	2,412	84	3,348	199	17,230
17 yr. mean (1917-34)	14,137	1,458	3,256	164	4,219	251	23,484
1934-35	18,016	2,049	4,617	217	5,853	302	31,054
-36	18,978	1,905	5,320	415	6,573	540	33,731
-37	14,453	1,386	4,551	336	3,256	949	29,931
-38	35,517	6,208	7,979	540	12,219	1,110	63,573
-39	8,511	508	2,001	47	3,297	274	14,638
1939-40	24,912	3,143	5,301	302	6,486	650	40,794
-41	31,517	7,030	5,378	294	9,256	758	54,233
-42	28,255	3,349	5,625	290	7,205	449	45,173
-43	22,862	2,079	6,011	400	7,837	1,105	40,000
-44	11,090	577	2,737	114	4,276	345	19,139
1944-45	16,023	1,274	4,730	222	7,129	640	30,028
-46	18,908	1,737	4,363	170	5,735	314	31,277
-47	11,014	710	2,349	71	3,647	185	17,976
13 yr. mean (1934-47)	20,004	2,459	4,689	263	6,752	586	34,750
30 yr. mean (1917-47)	16,679	1,891	3,877	207	5,317	396	28,377
53 yr. mean (As used by Department of Water Resources) (1894-1947)	19,958	2,591	4,463	288	6,044	456	33,800

their coming nor their duration is predictable. They are, however, facts which we must face and with which we must live.

The Water Supply "Balance Sheet"

The following Table V repeats the form and figures in State Water Plan Table 3-5. For comparison purposes new figures are shown in parenthesis () based upon the water supply available during a 17-year dry period. (It is assumed that this dry period is preceded by at least three wet years and that all reservoirs

developed for year to year carry-over storage are filled at the beginning of the dry period.) Also, a restudy has been made of water requirements for all areas of the State.

These adjusted figures reveal an overall average annual deficiency of water in California of 6.22 million acre-feet during a 17-year dry period. The sheet can be made to balance by reducing the seasonal water requirements of all areas by 12.7 percent, or to nearly balance by eliminating exports to the Lahontan area. (See notes following table.)

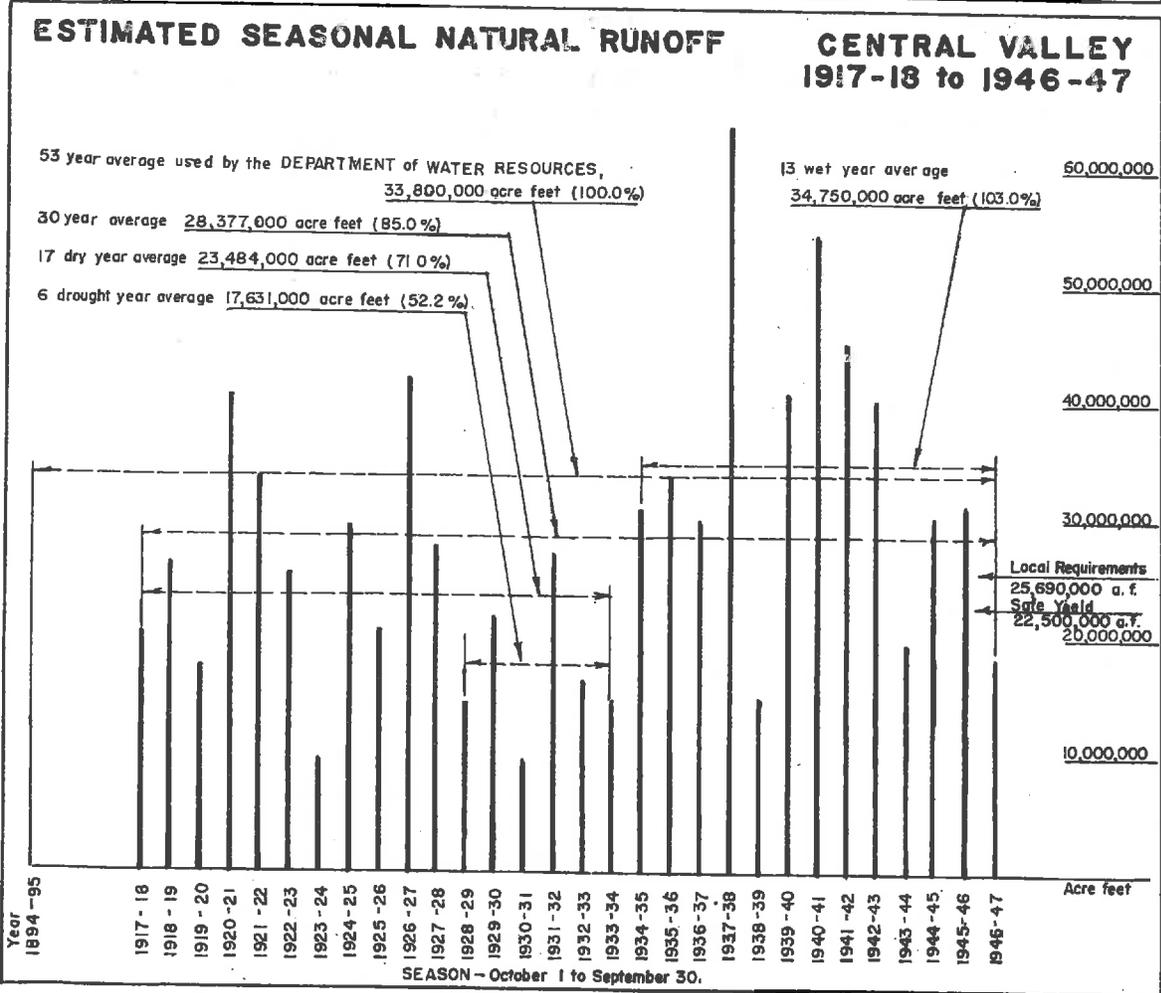
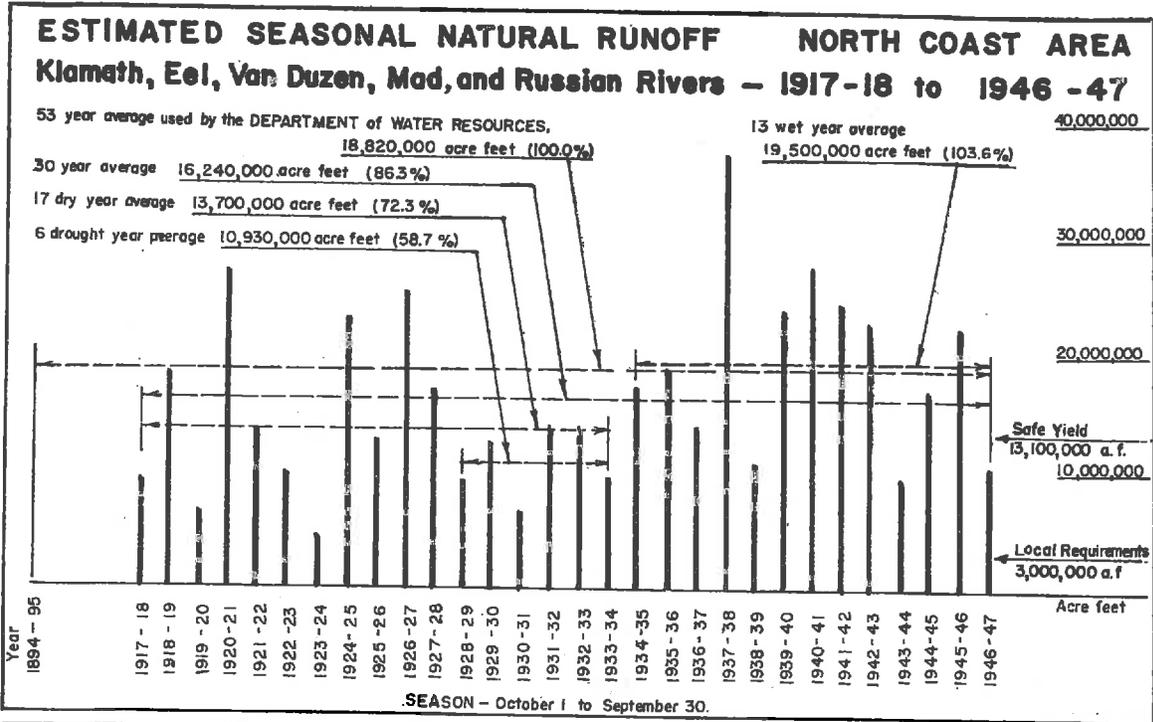


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TABLE V
SUMMARY OF ESTIMATED ULTIMATE MEAN SEASONAL EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF WATER

(Million Acre-Feet)

Figures in parenthesis—Adjusted to 17-year mean and restudy of seasonal requirements.
Other figures—State Water Plan Table 3-5—Bulletin No. 3—May 1956.

Hydrographic area	Mean runoff	Safe yield	Present rights for		Seasonal water requirements	Seasonal surplus for export	Seasonal deficiency to be met by import	Notes
			Import	Export				
COASTAL								
North Coastal.....	28.89 (20.40)	13.69 (13.10)			2.10 (3.00)	11.59 (10.10)		#1
San Francisco Bay.....	1.25 (.90)	.53 (.40)	.67 (.67)		3.51 (3.30)		2.31 (2.23)	#2
Central Coastal—Monterey County South to Ventura County.....	2.45 (1.80)	1.17 (1.00)			2.36 (2.46)		1.19 (1.46)	#3
South Coastal—Los Angeles County to San Diego County.....	1.23 (.90)	1.15 (.80)	1.53 (1.53)		5.55 (5.55)		2.87 (3.22)	#4
CENTRAL VALLEY								
Sacramento River Basin.....	22.39 (15.60)	18.44 (15.00)			7.72 (9.00)	9.63 (6.00)		#5
San Joaquin and Tulare River Basins.....	11.25 (7.90)	9.08 (7.50)		.67 (.67)	16.31 (16.69)		7.90 (9.86)	#6
LAHONTAN								
Area North of Mono Basin.....	1.84 (1.30)	.31 (.31)			1.33 (.31)		1.02 (.00)	
Mono Basin and Area South.....	1.33 (1.00)	.83 (.70)		.32 (.32)	5.40 (4.02)		4.84 (3.64)	#7
Colorado Desert.....	.22 (.13)	.08 (.07)	4.15 (4.15)		5.62 (4.23)		1.39 (.00)	
California's Right to Colorado River Water.....		5.36 (5.36)		5.36 (5.36)				
Requirements for works in Delta and Losses in Transport and Storage.....					.72* (1.90)			#8
Totals.....	70.85 (49.93)	50.64 (44.24)	6.35 (6.35)	6.35 (6.35)	50.62 (50.46)	21.22 (16.10)	21.52 (20.41)	#9
Average Annual Deficiency.....					(-6.22)			

* Operation of Delta Works only.

Notes on Water Supply "Balance Sheet"

NOTE 1—The adjusted estimates are based on the 17-dry-year (1917-1934) runoff of north coastal watersheds and are 72.3 percent of the figure used by State Water Plan authorities. The adjusted yield, however, is only slightly less. The State Water Plan figure of 2.1 million acre-feet for north coastal use is considered to be too low in the light of probable future industrial developments in the north coastal area. A total use of 3.0 million acre-feet of water appears to be a more realistic figure. This leaves a 10.1 million acre-feet seasonal surplus for export, which is only 87 percent of the amount estimated in the State Water Plan. Even this amount is probably larger than can be practically transported into the Central Valley.

NOTE 2—In the San Francisco Bay area the adjusted estimate based on the 17-dry-year period reduces the safe annual yield from local sources to 0.4 million acre-feet. Restudy of the ultimate seasonal requirements results in a figure of 3.3 million acre-feet. The San Francisco Bay area now imports 0.67 million acre-feet of water from the San Joaquin Basin. (See Note No. 6.)

NOTE 3—The adjusted estimate based on the 17-dry-year period indicates that the safe annual yield in the central coastal

area is 1.0 million acre-feet of water. Restudy of the ultimate seasonal water requirement indicates that this area can utilize 2.46 million acre-feet.

NOTE 4—The south coastal area, which has an estimated ultimate annual water requirement of 5.5 million acre-feet, would have, during a 17-dry-year period, a safe annual yield of only 0.8 million acre-feet. This area now has import rights amounting to 1.53 million acre-feet. (0.32 m.a.f. from Mono and Owens basins and 1.21 m.a.f. from the Colorado River.) It must, therefore, import 3.22 million acre-feet from some northern source to meet its ultimate requirements.

NOTE 5—Based upon the 53-year period (1894-1947) the mean annual runoff in the Sacramento River Basin area is 22.39 million acre-feet. During the 17-dry-year period (1918-1937) the average annual runoff is reduced to 15.6 million acre-feet. The safe annual yield is estimated at 15.0 million acre-feet. The seasonal water requirements as estimated in the State Water Plan are too low for a dry period. New acreage coming into production is allotted less than two acre-feet per annum. Restudy of the ultimate water requirements of the Sacramento River Basin area indicates that 9.0 million acre-feet of water per year would be needed to meet annual requirements during such a 17-year dry period.

Notes on Water Supply "Balance Sheet"—Continued

The seasonal surplus available for export is 6.0 million acre-feet of water, which is less than that required to meet deficiencies in the San Joaquin and Tulare Basins.

NOTE 6—Average runoff in the San Joaquin and Tulare Basin areas based on the 17-dry-year period (1917-1934) is estimated at 7.88 million acre-feet, 10.1 percent of the 53-year (1894-1947) state total average annual runoff. The safe annual yield is estimated at 7.5 million acre-feet, and the seasonal water requirement is 16.69 million acre-feet. This area, which is thus deficient by 9.19 million acre-feet, exports 0.67 m.a.f. to the San Francisco Bay area, increasing its total deficiency to 9.86 million acre-feet of water.

Considering the great Central Valley as one unit, the average annual safe yield for the 17-dry-year period (1917-1934) is 22.5 million acre-feet, and the combined ultimate water requirements are 25.69 million acre-feet. Consequently, during a 17-dry-year period such as 1917-1934, this area would suffer an average annual water deficiency of 3.19 million acre-feet, or else would require additional usable surface and underground storage capacity of $3.19 \times 17 = 54.2$ million acre-feet plus about 10 percent for carryover and transportation losses. This additional stored capacity would have to be full at the beginning of the 17-year dry period.

NOTE 7—The problem of water for the desert areas of California is a very special one. The estimates of seasonal requirements in the desert areas are based on the available arable land and not upon studies of economic yield per acre-foot of water. The State Water Plan (Bulletin No. 3) estimates that the seasonal water requirements for the irrigation of irrigable areas are 12.35 million acre-feet. A restudy which discards lands which obviously can be served with water only at the expense of more productive lands reduces this seasonal requirement to 9.58 million acre-feet. More critical studies should reduce the figure even further. Water resources in the desert areas are estimated at 5.23 million acre-feet. This includes an estimated safe yield of 1.08 million acre-feet, and a water right of 4.15 million acre-feet from the Colorado River. These areas are now probably richer in water resources than any comparable desert areas on the face of the earth.

The average annual water deficiency of the desert areas as revised for the 17-dry-year period (1917-1934) is estimated at 4.16 million acre-feet. This is 66.8 percent of the average annual deficiency for the entire State. (See Note No. 9.)

NOTE 8—The State Water Plan (Bulletin No. 3) estimates that 0.72 million acre-feet of water is required for the operation of works in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. No allowance is made for losses in the storage and transportation of water. (An earlier version of Table 3-5 made an allowance of 1.74 million acre-feet for the above combined uses.)

The Weber Foundation studies indicate that 1.90 million acre-feet per annum must be allotted for the operation of Delta works and for losses in the transportation of water.

NOTE 9—The State Water Plan "balance sheet" balances; that is, safe seasonal yield equals seasonal water requirements, and seasonal surplus for export equals seasonal deficiencies to be met by import. The water supply figures adjusted to the 17-dry-year period (1917-1934) and the restudied seasonal requirements do not balance but indicate that during a 17-dry-year period California would suffer an average annual deficiency of 6.22 million acre-feet. The figures can be made to balance by reducing the seasonal water requirements of the various areas by 12.7 percent or by having a supplemental volume of more than 105 million acre-feet of stored water supply at the beginning of such a critical period.

If the technical, financial, legal and political problems can be solved, a large part of such storage volume could be provided by ground water basin storage. Some potential surface reservoir sites, such as a Greater Monticello Reservoir and a Great Kern Canyon Reservoir, could provide about 20 percent of that volume, and thereby make it possible to greatly extend the ground water replenishment periods, and thereby increase the total input during wet periods.

PREMISE TWO

THE ECONOMIC FEASIBILITY OF SPECIFIC PROJECTS ESSENTIAL TO THE ULTIMATE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR WATER RESOURCES MUST BE CONSIDERED IN THE LIGHT OF THE TOTAL DEVELOPMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Preliminary studies of proposed water development projects are required to determine (1) The "engineering feasibility" (practicability) of the project, and (2) The "economic feasibility" (ratio between cost and return) of the project. Inasmuch as the art of the economist is less "scientific" in its approach to the solution of its feasibility problems than is the art of the engineer, much of the controversy regarding project feasibility arises in the economic field.

Many proposed water development projects, which upon investigation prove to be feasible from an engineering standpoint, are judged to be (at a specific time and place) "economically unfeasible" because no definite future value can be assigned to the necessity (demand) for water.

As population gains, and water development in California proceeds, and undeveloped water resources become scarcer or more remote, then the limits of economic feasibility approach the limits of engineering feasibility.

Water is a necessity. Ultimately the demand for water will exceed the natural usable supply and the "value" which can be placed upon water will be sufficient to justify as economically feasible any project which is judged to be feasible or practical from an engineering standpoint.

Thus, in these studies, any water development project essential to the ultimate total water development plan, which is feasible from an engineering standpoint, is considered to be ultimately economically feasible. Studies of economic feasibility, separate from engineering feasibility, are important only in determining priorities for the specific projects in the total water development program.

Economic feasibility studies in the development of California water resources rest heavily upon the "values" which are and which in the future will be placed upon water development "byproducts" such as power, fish production, recreation, and navigation, and upon such special water expenditures as flood wastes and salt and organic pollution control.

Economic necessity will in the future engender many technological advances which will extend the limits of engineering feasibility. We will (it is sincerely hoped) solve some of the perplexing problems inherent in the subsurface storage of water supplies. Certainly we will learn how to construct larger and longer tunnels at lesser costs than prevail today. We may find ways to reduce loss of water by evaporation from storage reservoir surfaces. Our new understand-

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**Unimpaired Flow Sacramento and San Joaquin Valley
from Department of Water Resources California Data Exchange Center**

Water Year	Water Year Sum	Water Year Average
1929	11.24	
1930	16.77	
1931	7.76	
1932	19.75	13.12
1933	12.28	
1934	10.91	
1976	10.17	8.17
1977	6.17	
1987	11.35	
1988	11.71	
1989	18.38	12.71
1990	11.72	
1991	11.64	
1992	11.45	
2007	12.79	13.25
2008	13.71	

On October 12, 1948, Secretary of the Interior Krug, in a public speech at Oroville, stated: "Let me state, clearly and finally, the Interior Department is fully and completely committed to the policy that no water which is needed in the Sacramento Valley will be sent out of it." He added: "There is no intent on the part of the Bureau of Reclamation ever to divert from the Sacramento Valley a single acre-foot of water which might be used in the valley now or later." (Staff 9, p. 799 & SRDWA 19).

On November 15, 1949, Regional Director Richard L. Boke reaffirmed these main policy statements and summarized them in a letter to Congressman Clair Engle, stating, "We believe the foregoing is a summary of the main policy statements by Government officials on the subject of importation of Sacramento Valley water to the San Joaquin Valley." (Staff 9, p. 799 & SRDWA 19).

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§ 11460. Prior right to watershed water

In the construction and operation by the department of any project under the provisions of this part a watershed or area wherein water originates, or an area immediately adjacent thereto which can conveniently be supplied with water therefrom, shall not be deprived by the department directly or indirectly of the prior right to all of the water reasonably required to adequately supply the beneficial needs of the watershed, area, or any of the inhabitants or property owners therein.

(Added by Stats.1943, c. 370, p. 1896. Amended by Stats.1957, c. 1932, p. 3410, § 296.)

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are fully redeemed and paid. *(Added by Stats. 1943, c. 370, p. 1896.)*

§ 11454. Rates and charges; contracts; indemnification provisions

Under such regulations and upon such terms, limitations, and conditions as it prescribes, the department may do any of the following:

(a) Fix and establish the prices, rates, and charges at which the resources and facilities made available by the project shall be sold and disposed of.

(b) (1) Enter into contracts and agreements and do any and all things which in its judgment are necessary, convenient, or expedient for the accomplishment of the purposes and objects of this part.

(2) The contracts and agreements may include provisions for the indemnification of parties with whom the department contracts as necessary to accomplish the purposes and objects of this part, except that the contracts and agreements may not include provisions for the indemnification, including indemnification for any costs of defense, of any party to those contracts or agreements for that party's acts or omissions involving negligence, gross negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct or for acts or omissions involving negligence, gross negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct on the part of that party's employees, agents, or contractors.

(3) The Legislature finds and declares that the amendments made to this subdivision during the 1997 portion of the 1997-98 Regular Session are declaratory of existing law. *(Added by Stats. 1943, c. 370, p. 1896. Amended by Stats. 1957, c. 1932, p. 3410, § 293; Stats. 1997, c. 566 (S.B. 543), § 1, eff. Sept. 29, 1997.)*

§ 11455. Revenue requirements

The department shall enter into such contracts and fix and establish such prices, rates, and charges so as at all times to provide revenue which will afford sufficient funds to pay all costs of operation and maintenance of the works authorized by this part, together with necessary repairs and replacements thereto, and which will provide at all times sufficient funds for redemption of all bonds and payment of interest thereon, as and when such costs and charges become due and payable. *(Added by Stats. 1943, c. 370, p. 1896. Amended by Stats. 1957, c. 1932, p. 3410, § 294.)*

ARTICLE 3. LIMITATION OF POWERS

Section

- 11460. Prior right to watershed water.
 - 11461. Purchase of watershed water rights.
 - 11462. Creation of new property rights.
 - 11463. Exchange of watershed water.
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 - 11465. Revision of charges, established by contract.
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§ 11461. Purchase of watershed water rights

In no other way than by purchase or otherwise as provided in this part shall water rights of a watershed, area, or the inhabitants be impaired or curtailed by the department, but the provisions of this article shall be strictly limited to the acts and proceedings of the department, as such, and shall not apply to any persons or state agencies. *(Added by Stats. 1943, c. 370, p. 1896. Amended by Stats. 1957, c. 1932, p. 3410, § 297.)*

§ 11462. Creation of new property rights

The provisions of this article shall not be so construed as to create any new property rights other than against the department as provided in this part or to require the department to furnish to any person without adequate compensation therefor any water made available by the construction of any works by the department. *(Added by Stats. 1943, c. 370, p. 1896. Amended by Stats. 1957, c. 1932, p. 3410, § 298.)*

§ 11463. Exchange of watershed water

In the construction and operation by the department of any project under the provisions of this part, no exchange of the water of any watershed or area for the water of any other watershed or area may be made by the department unless the water requirements of the watershed or area in which the exchange is made are first and at all times met and satisfied to the extent that the requirements would have been met were the exchange not made, and no right to the use of water shall be gained or lost by reason of any such exchange. *(Added by Stats. 1943, c. 370, p. 1896. Amended by Stats. 1957, c. 1932, p. 3411, § 299.)*

§ 11464. Conveyance of property

No water right, reservoir, conduit, or facility for the generation, production, transmission, or distribution of electric power, acquired by the department shall ever be sold, granted, or conveyed by the department so that the department thereby is divested of the title to and ownership of it. *(Added by Stats. 1943, c. 370, p. 1896. Amended by Stats. 1957, c. 1932, p. 3411, § 300.)*

§ 11465. Revision of charges, established by contract

The department shall not make any change, alteration, or revision of any rates, prices, or charges established by any contract entered into pursuant to this part except as

§ 11207. Primary purposes

Shasta Dam shall be constructed and used primarily for the following purposes:

(a) Improvement of navigation on the Sacramento River to Red Bluff.

(b) Increasing flood protection in the Sacramento Valley.

(c) Salinity control in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

(d) Storage and stabilization of the water supply of the Sacramento River for irrigation and domestic use. (*Added by Stats.1943, c. 370, p. 1896.*)

Title THE CALIFORNIA WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT BOND ACT
Year/Election 1960 general
Proposition type bond (leg)
Popular vote Yes: 3,008,328 (51.5%); No: 2,834,384 (48.5%)
Pass/Fail Pass
Summary This act provides for a bond issue of one billion, seven hundred fifty million dollars (\$1,750,000,000) to be used by the Department of Water Resources for the development of the water resources of the State.

For **Argument in Favor of California Water Resources Development Bond Act**

Your vote on this measure will decide whether California will continue to prosper.

This Act, if approved, will launch the statewide water development program which will meet present and future demands of all areas of California. The program will not be a burden on the taxpayer; no new state taxes are involved; the bonds are repaid from project revenues, through the sale of water and power. In other words, it will pay for itself. The bonds will be used over a period of many years and will involve an approximate annual expenditure averaging only \$75 million, as compared, for example with \$600 million a year we spend on highways.

Existing facilities for furnishing water for California's needs will soon be exhausted because of our rapid population growth and industrial and agricultural expansion. We now face a further critical loss in the Colorado River supply. Without the projects made possible by this Act, we face a major water crisis. We can stand no more delay.

If we fail to act now to provide new sources of water, land development in the great San Joaquin Valley will slow to a halt by 1965 and the return of cultivated areas to wasteland will begin. In southern California, the existing sources of water which have nourished its tremendous expansion will reach capacity by 1970 and further development must wholly cease. In northern California desperately needed flood control and water supplies for many local areas will be denied.

This Act will assure construction funds for new water development facilities to meet California's requirements now and in the future. No area will be deprived of water to meet the needs of another. Nor will any area be asked to pay for water delivered to another.

To meet questions which concerned, southern California, the bonds will finance completion of all facilities needed, as described in the Act. Contracts for delivery of water may not be altered by the Legislature. The tap will be open, and no amount of political maneuvering can shut it off.

Under this Act the water rights of northern California will remain securely protected. In addition, sufficient money is provided for construction of local projects to meet the pressing needs for flood control, recreation and water deliveries in the north.

A much needed drainage system and water supply will be provided in the San Joaquin Valley.

Construction here authorized will provide thousands of jobs. And the program will nourish tremendous industrial and farm and urban expansion which will develop an ever-growing source of employment and economic prosperity for Californians.

Our Legislature has appropriated millions of dollars for work in preparation, and construction is now underway. It would be tragic if this impressive start toward solution of our water problems were now abandoned.

If we fail to act now to insure completion of this constructive program, serious existing water shortages will only get worse. The success of our State is at stake. Vote "Yes" for water for people, for progress, for prosperity!

applicable, and with like effect. Where the law applicable to such agency does not set forth a procedure for the judicial determination of the validity of the public agency's bonds, the action shall be had as in the case of the judicial determination of the general obligation bonds of irrigation districts under the Irrigation District Law (Division 11 (commencing with Section 20500) of this code), as it may now or hereafter be amended, as nearly as the same may be applicable, and with like effect. (Added by Stats. 1966, 1st Ex. Sess., c. 42, p. 351, § 1, eff. May 2, 1966.)

Part 4.5

SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA

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CHAPTER 1. GENERAL POLICY

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§ 12200. Legislative findings and declaration

The Legislature hereby finds that the water problems of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta are unique within the State; the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers join at the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to discharge their fresh water flows into Suisun, San Pablo and San Francisco Bays and thence into the Pacific Ocean; the merging of fresh water with saline bay waters and drainage waters and the withdrawal of fresh water for beneficial uses creates an acute problem of salinity intrusion into the vast network of channels and sloughs of the Delta; the State Water Resources Development System has as one of its objectives the transfer of waters from water-surplus areas in the Sacramento Valley and the north coastal area to water-deficient areas to the south and west of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta via the Delta; water surplus is gathered in the areas in which it originates is gathered in the Delta and thereby provides a common source of fresh water supply for water-deficient areas. It is, therefore, hereby declared that a general law cannot be made applicable to said Delta and that the enactment of this law is necessary for the protection, conservation, development, control and use of the waters in the Delta for the public good. (Added by Stats. 1959, c. 1766, p. 4247, § 1.)

§ 12201. Necessity of maintenance of water supply

The Legislature finds that the maintenance of an adequate water supply in the Delta sufficient to maintain and expand agriculture, industry, urban, and recreational development in the Delta area as set forth in Section 12220, Chapter 2, of this part, and to provide a common source of fresh water for export to areas of water deficiency is necessary to the peace, health, safety and welfare of the people of the State, except that delivery of such water shall be subject to the provisions of Section 10505 and Sections 11460 to 11463, inclusive, of this code. (Added by Stats. 1959, c. 1766, p. 4247, § 1.)

§ 12202. Salinity control and adequate water supply; substitute water supply; delivery

Among the functions to be provided by the State Water Resources Development System, in coordination with the activities of the United States in providing salinity control for the Delta through operation of the Federal Central Valley Project, shall be the provision of salinity control and an adequate water supply for the users of water in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. If it is determined to be in the public interest to provide a substitute water supply to the users in said Delta in lieu of that which would be provided as a result of salinity control no added financial burden shall be placed upon said Delta water users solely by virtue of such substitution. Delivery of said substitute water supply shall be subject to the provisions of Section 10505 and Sections 11460 to 11463, inclusive, of this code. (Added by Stats. 1959, c. 1766, p. 4247, § 1.)

§ 12203. Diversion of waters from channels of delta

It is hereby declared to be the policy of the State that no person, corporation or public or private agency or the State or the United States should divert water from the channels of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to which the users within said Delta are entitled. (Added by Stats. 1959, c. 1766, p. 4249, § 1.)

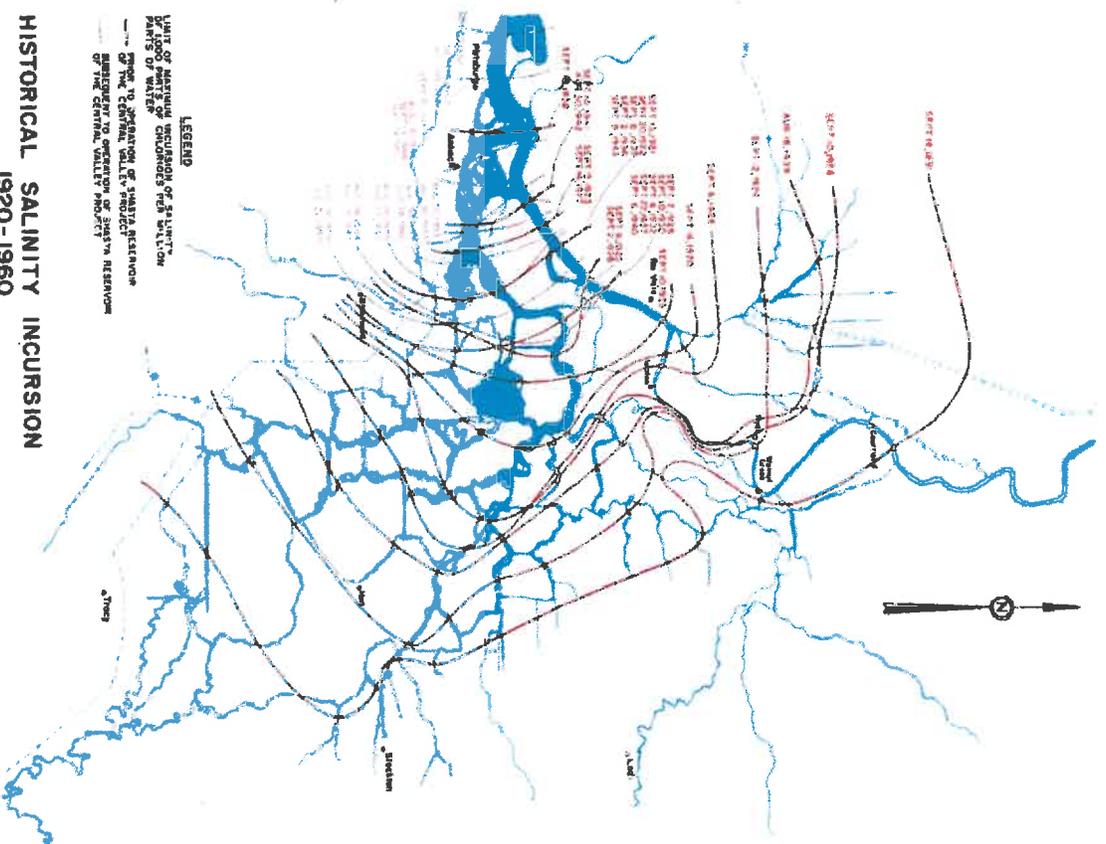
§ 12204. Exportation of water from delta

In determining the availability of water for export from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta no water shall be exported which is necessary to meet the requirements of Sections 12202 and 12203 of this chapter. (Added by Stats. 1959, c. 1766, p. 4249, § 1.)

§ 12205. Storage of water; integration of operation and management of release of water

It is the policy of the State that the operation and management of releases from storage into the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta of water for use outside the area in which such water originates shall be integrated to the maximum extent possible in order to permit the fulfillment of the objectives of this part. (Added by Stats. 1959, c. 1766, p. 4249, § 1.)

Delta Problems — salinity incursion and water supplies



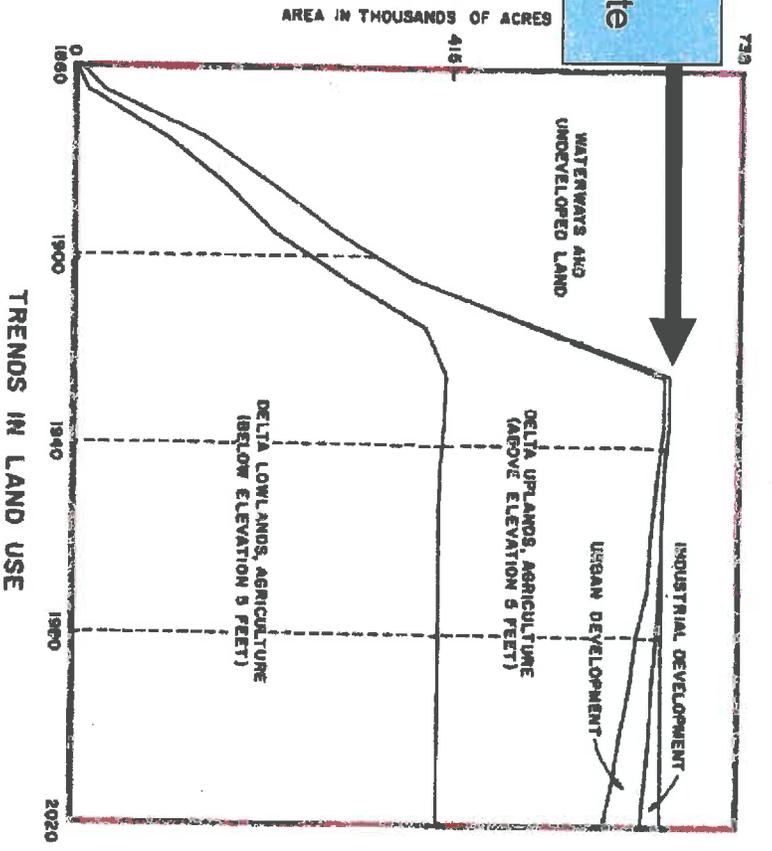
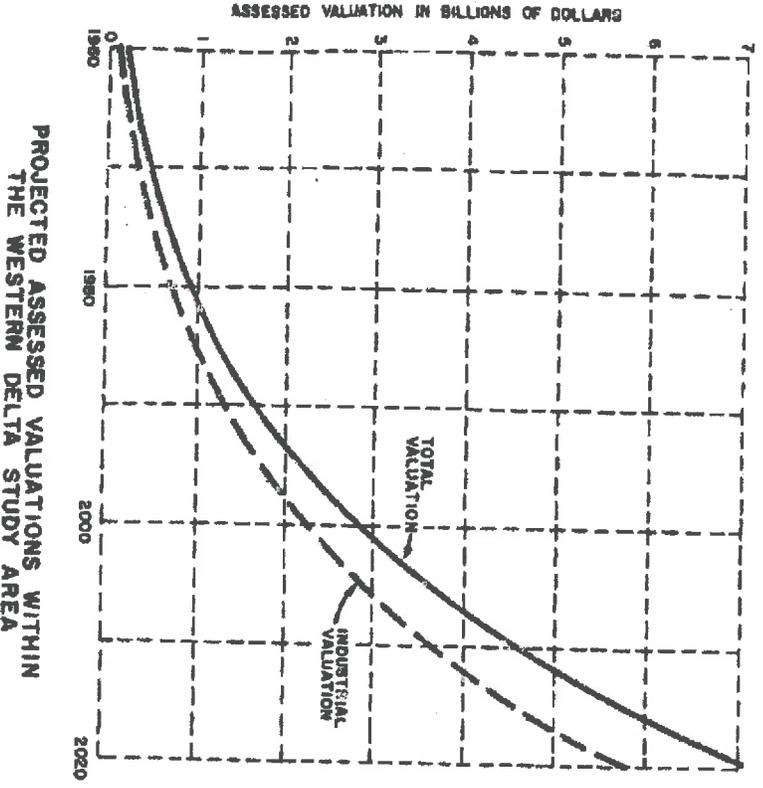
HISTORICAL SALINITY INCURSION
1920-1960

Salinity incursion into the Delta results from the flooding and ebbing of ocean tides through the San Francisco Bay and Delta system during periods when the fresh water outflow from the Delta is insufficient to repel the saline water. The natural fresh water outflow from the Central Valley was historically inadequate to repel salinity during summer months of some years. The first known record of salinity encroachment into the Delta was reported by Cndr. Ringgold, U. S. Navy, in August 1841, whose party found the water at the site of the present city of Antioch very brackish and unfit for drinking. Since that time, and particularly after the turn of the century, with expanding upstream water use salinity incursion has become an increasingly greater problem in Delta water supplies. The maximum recorded extent of salinity incursion happened in 1931, when ocean salts reached Stockton. Since 1944 extensive incursion has been repeated much of the time by fresh water releases from Central Valley Project storage in Shasta and Folsom Reservoirs. Without such releases, saline water would have spread through about 90 percent of the Delta channels in 1955 and 1959. Although upstream uses might not have reached present levels in the absence of the Central Valley Project, salinity problems would still have been very serious during most years.

Further increase in water use in areas tributary to the Delta will worsen the salinity incursion problem and complicate the already complex water rights situation. To maintain and expand the economy of the Delta, it will be necessary to provide an adequate supply of good quality water and protect the lands from the effects of salinity incursion. In 1959 the State Legislature directed that water shall not be diverted from the Delta for use elsewhere unless adequate supplies for the Delta are first provided.

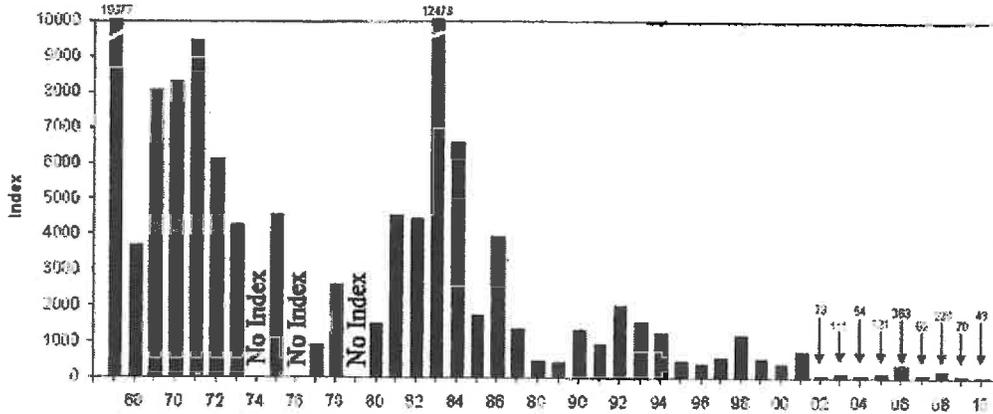
Several towns and cities are located in the upland areas and an industrial complex is expanding in the Delta. Early industrial development centered around steel production, fiberoptic building activity. Large water-using industries, paper products, and chemicals, have developed in the Delta. The Delta area where water, rail, and highway transportation, coupled with water supplies, has stimulated growth. The manufacturing employment in this area was about 10,000 people in 1960.

1925 Delta Reclamation Complete

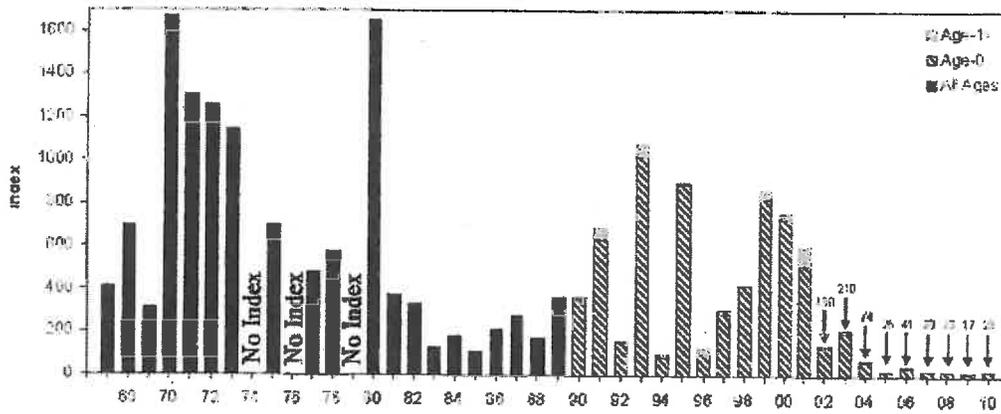


A deep-draft ship channel serving commercial and military installations terminates at Stockton, and another is being constructed to Sacramento. Water-borne shipments in the Delta amounted to about 6,000,000 tons annually in recent years. The Delta encompasses one of California's most important high quality natural gas fields. Since 1941 the field has produced about 300,000,000 cubic feet of methane gas for use in the San Francisco Bay area. With the growing significance of recreation, the Delta has blossomed into a major recreation area at the doorsteps of metropolitan development in the San Francisco Bay area, Sacramento, and Stockton. In 1960, nearly 2,800,000 recreation-days were enjoyed in this boating wonderland.

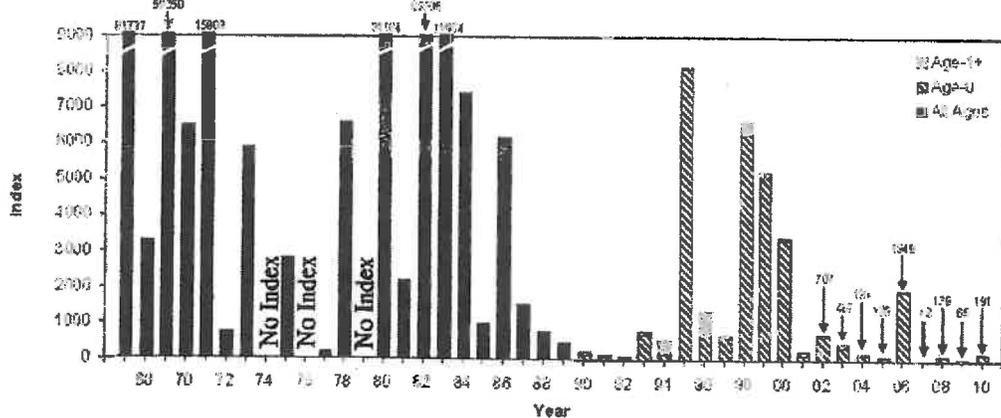
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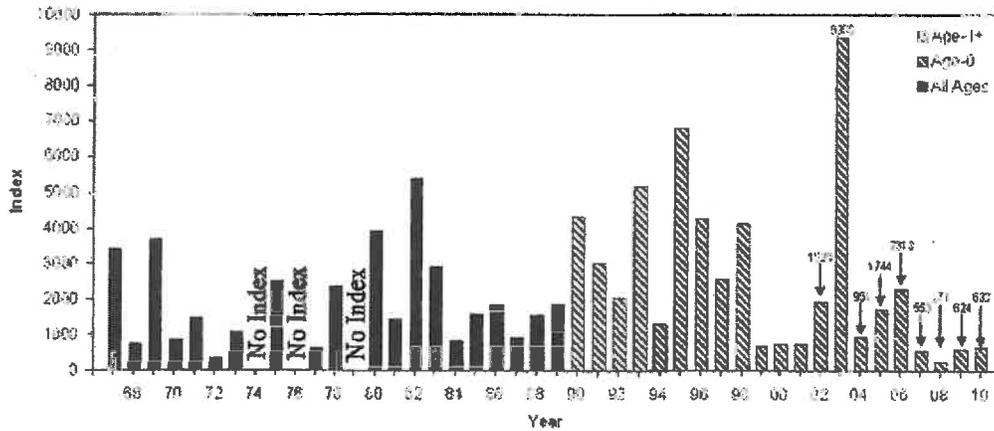
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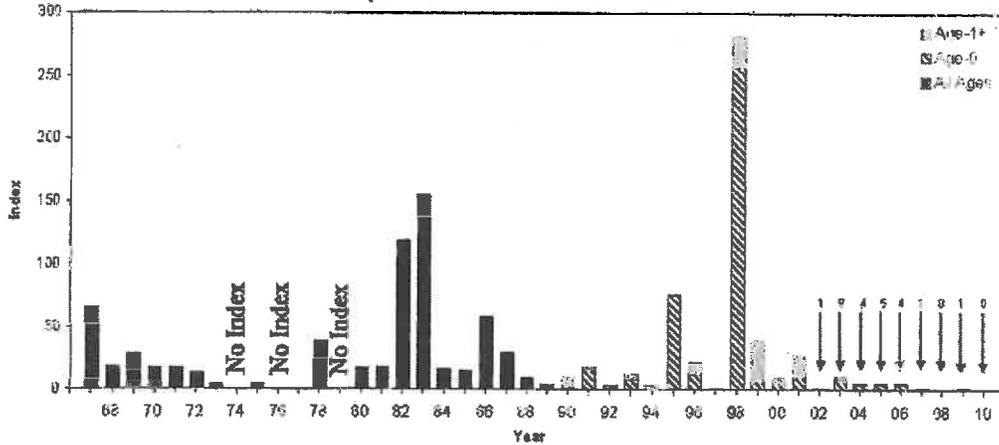
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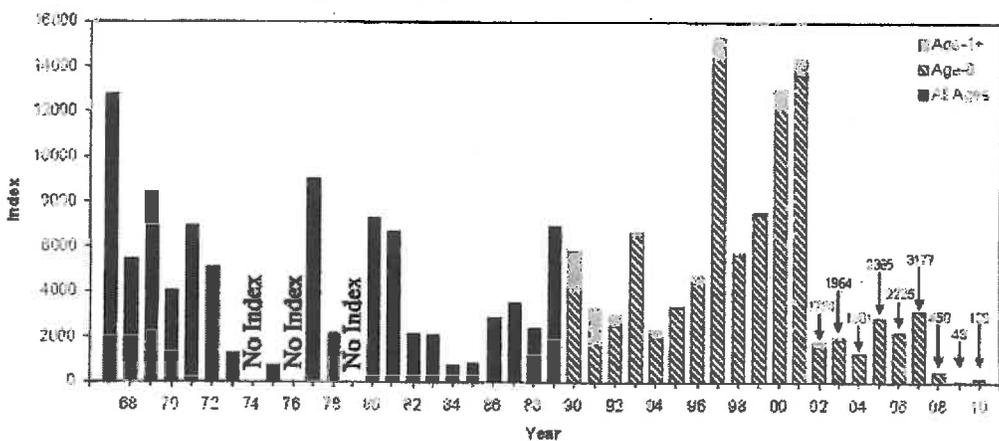
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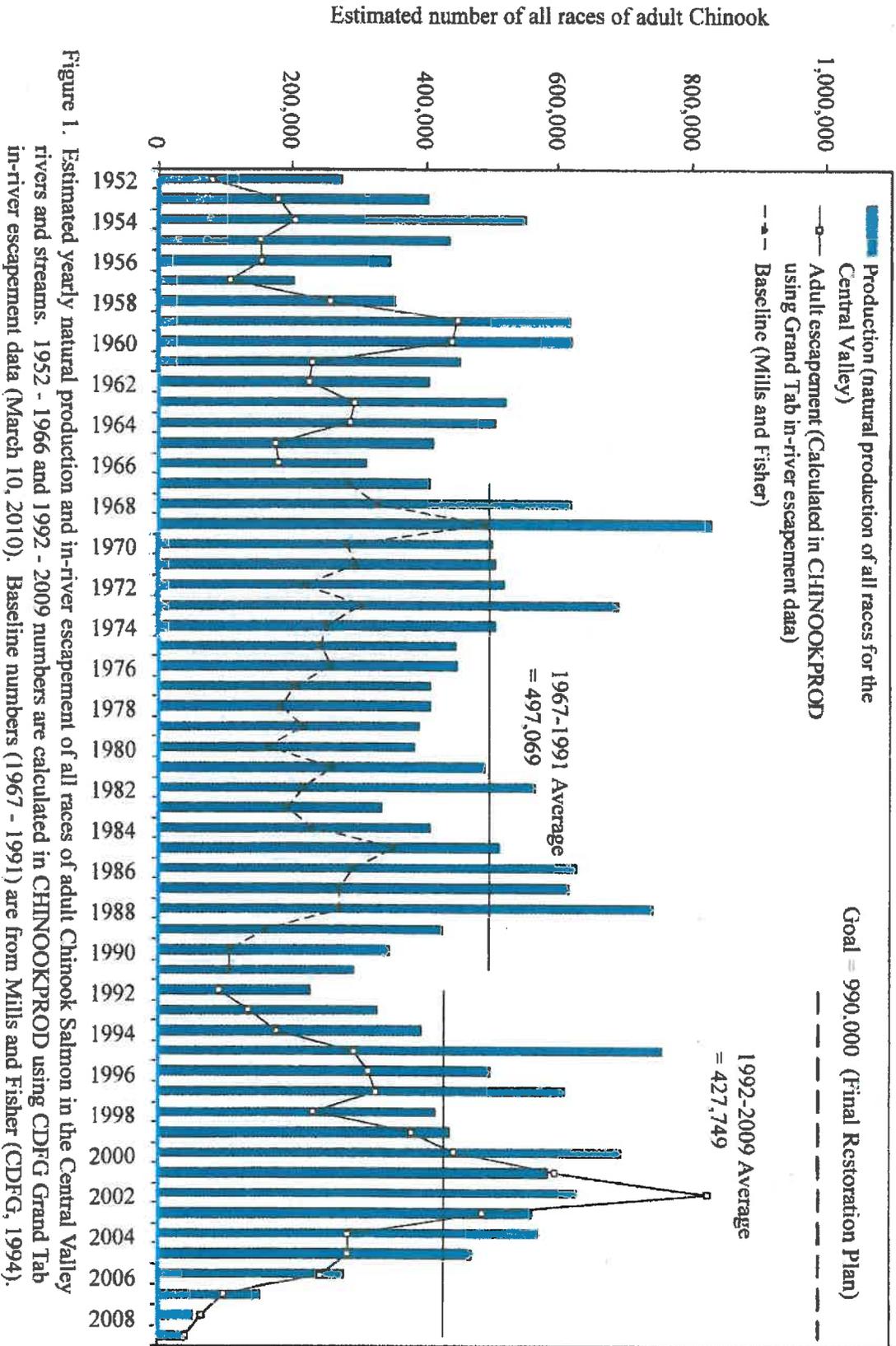
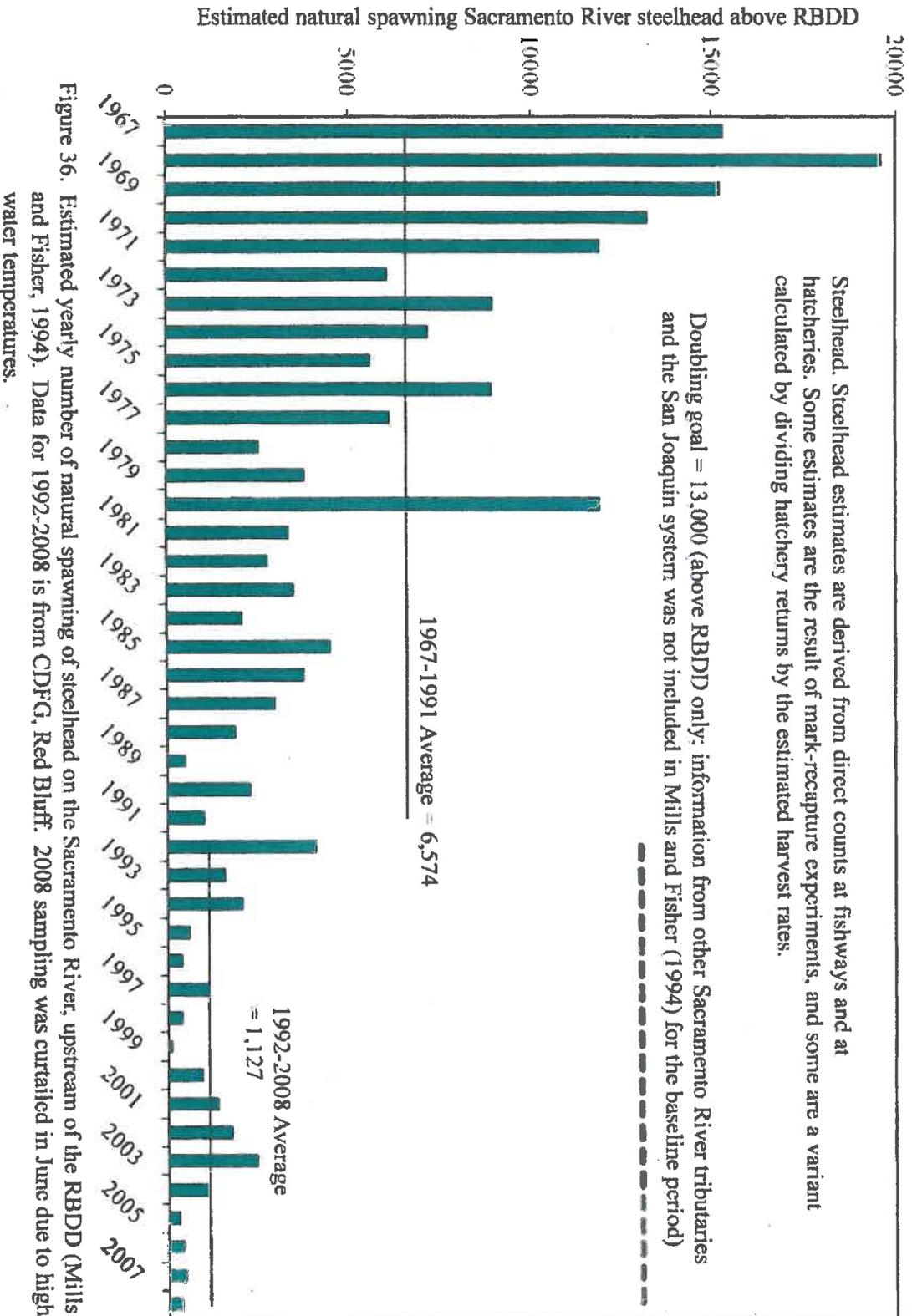


Figure 1. Estimated yearly natural production and in-river escapement of all races of adult Chinook Salmon in the Central Valley rivers and streams, 1952 - 1966 and 1992 - 2009 numbers are calculated in CHINOOKPROD using CDFG Grand Tab in-river escapement data (March 10, 2010). Baseline numbers (1967 - 1991) are from Mills and Fisher (CDFG, 1994).



executed. The criteria in the draft agreement were recommended by Fish and Game and endorsed by the Department, and were extensively analyzed by the Board staff. Based on our most current assessment, the fishery standards provide significantly higher protection than existing basin plans. The Striped Bass Index is a measure of young bass survival through their first summer. The Striped Bass Index would be 71 under without project conditions (i.e., theoretical conditions which would exist today in the Delta and Marsh in the absence of the CVP and SWP), 63 under the existing basin plans, and about 79³/₄ under this decision.

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While the standards in this decision approach without project levels of protection for striped bass, there are many other species, such as white catfish, shad and salmon, which would not be protected to this level. To provide full mitigation of project impacts on all fishery species now would require the virtual shutting down of the project export pumps. The level of protection provided under this decision is nonetheless a reasonable level of protection until final determinations are made concerning a cross-Delta transfer facility or other means to mitigate project impacts.

3/ There is some indication that factors other than those considered in the Board's analysis of without project levels may also affect striped bass survival. The effects of these factors are such that the without project levels would be greater than 71. However, the magnitude of this impact is unknown and cannot be quantified at this time.



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Suisun Marsh. Full protection of Suisun Marsh now could be accomplished only by requiring up to 2 million acre-feet of freshwater outflow in dry and critical years in addition to that required to meet other standards. This requirement would result

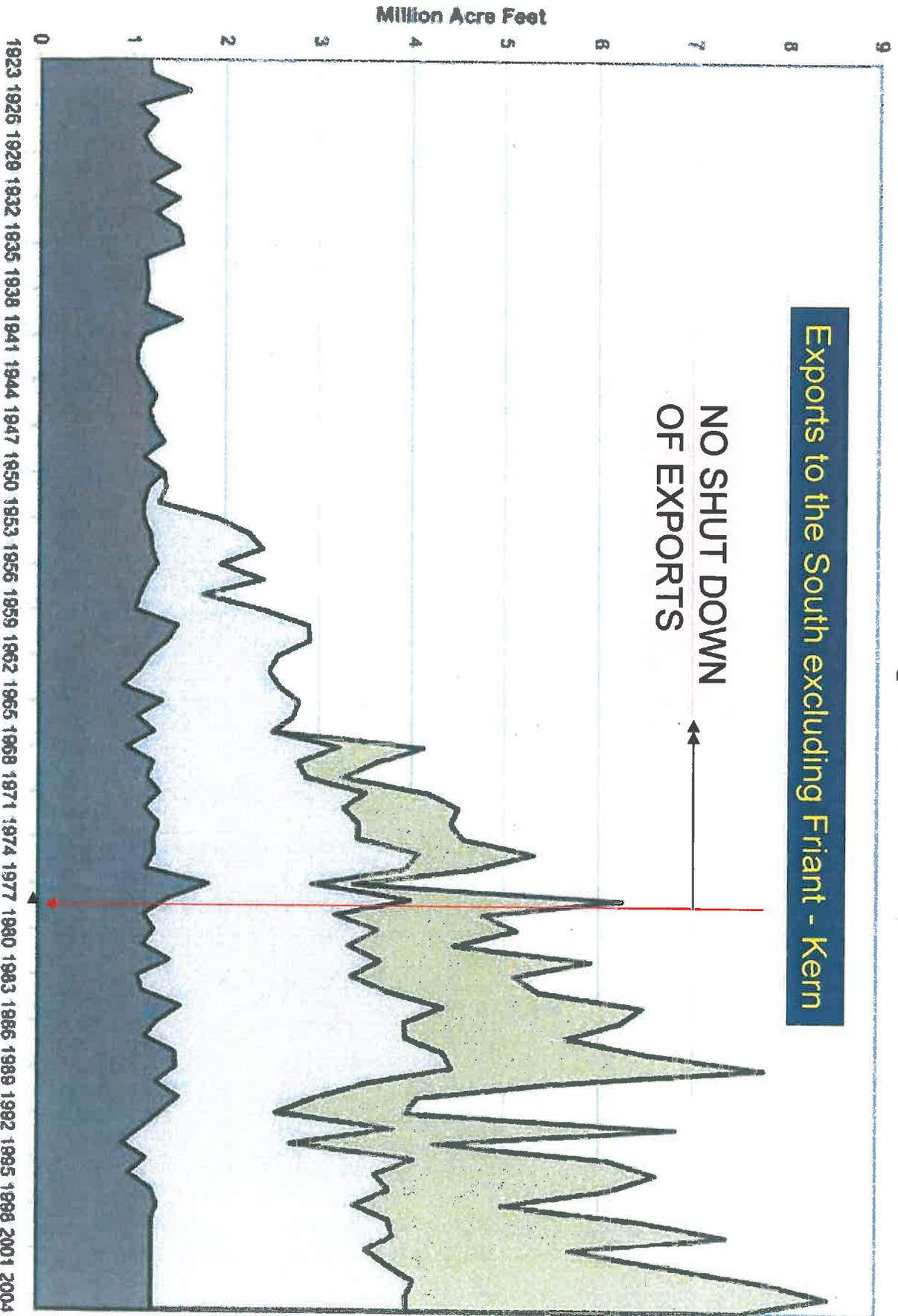
in a one-third reduction in combined firm exportable yield of State and federal projects. In theory, the existing Basin 5B Plan reports to provide full protection to the Marsh. However, during the 1976-77 drought when the basin plan was in effect, the Marsh received little if any protection because the system almost ran out of water and emergency regulations had to be imposed. This decision balances the limitations of available water supplies against the mitigation responsibility of the projects. This balance is based on the constitutional mandate "...that the water resources of the State be put to beneficial use to the fullest extent of which they are capable..." and that unreasonable use and unreasonable diversion be prevented (Article 10, Section 2, California Constitution).

The Bureau, the Department, Fish and Game, and U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service are working together to develop alternative water supplies for the Marsh. Such alternative supplies appear to represent a feasible and reasonable method for protection of the Marsh and mitigation of the adverse impacts of the projects. Under this decision the Department and Bureau are required, in cooperation with other agencies, to develop a plan for Suisun Marsh by July 1, 1979. The Suisun Marsh plan should ensure that the

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■ In-Delta Diversions ■ Tracy Exports ■ Banks Exports

Figure 6



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California must take heed of well documented experience in the Soviet Union where diversion of fresh water from the natural supply to an estuary has resulted in immense economic loss and the near destruction of an important estuary. Regulation of the Don River has resulted in an increase of salinity of the Azov Sea by a mere 7 percent and the result was to reduce total fish production from about 15 to 3 thousand tonnes annually. This has been documented in detail by Volovik (1986) and reviewed in the Tiburon report here being discussed.

The Tiburon report as it will here be called is a detailed study of the water situation in the Sacramento Delta. The reference is:

Rozengurt, M., Herz, M.J., and Feld, S., 1987, Analysis of the influence of water withdrawals on runoff to the Delta-San Francisco Bay ecosystem (1921-1983): Paul F. Romberg Tiburon Center for Environmental Studies, Tech. Rept. No 87-7.

This voluminous study cannot be either read or taken lightly for it is statistical, detailed, and in many places less than clear. Nevertheless, the more one studies it the more impressive is the informational content. The present review deals only with the discussion and data dealing with annual flow data whereas the Tiburon report analyses both annual and monthly data.

The present discussion is an attempt to bring out those points that seem most significant and to present some reanalysis to clarify and emphasize some of the important conclusions.

The data base is reviewed in some detail. It appears that during the planning and construction stages of water development and diversion in the Sacramento system, two somewhat shortcut data compilations were used. The "Four River Index" is a data base that includes runoff from only 75 % of the total drainage area. A "modified method" had previously been employed also selecting less than the full runoff. Finally a compilation was made that estimated the runoff not only from the major rivers but included runoff from the foothill areas and is thought to represent a good approximation of the full runoff volume of 100% of the basin area.

The Tiburon report shows that the planners done in the early years based on these less than full runoff volumes have given an over-optimistic picture of the water available for diversion from the Delta system.

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Natural outflow less Regulated Outflow
Average values in millions of acre feet

Time Period	Depletion
1921-1929	3.77
1930-1939	3.79
1940-1949	4.73
1950-1959	6.64
1960-1969	8.74
1970- 1979	10.94
1980-1982	12.70

In conclusion, my studies confirm the general conclusions in the Tiburon report. The depletions have been massive and continue to increase. They have greatly increased the percentage of years of critical drought in the Delta and the Bay.

It is my professional opinion that no set of standards of water quality can be written that can have the practical effect of protecting the ecosystem from further degradation if diversions increase over the present level. Because forecasts of runoff are imperfect the effect of diversions in a year that turns out to be dry will already have taken its toll on the ecosystem before water quality measurements can compare the condition with the standards.

The logical and in my opinion the imperative step is to preclude henceforth any additional diversions of water from the Delta system.