# The California Central Valley Groundwater-Surface Water Simulation Model

### **Summary**

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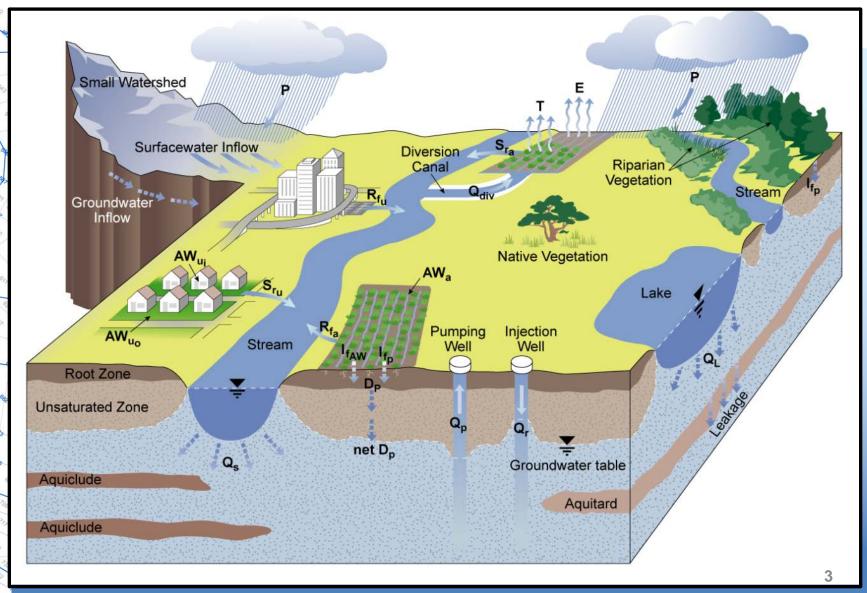
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### Integrated Water Flow Model (IWFM)



### **IWFM** Documentation

- Theoretical documentation, user's manual, reports, technical memorandums, previous presentations and posters, user's group presentations, and published articles in peer reviewed journals are available at the IWFM web site (google "IWFM")
- Technical support by DWR staff

Integrated Water Flow Model IWFM v3.02

Theoretical Documentation

Integrated Hydrological Models Development Unit Modeling Support Branch Bay-Delta Office October, 2011



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User's Manual

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Z-Budget: Sub-Domain Water Budgeting Post-Processor for IWFM

Theoretical Documentation and User's Manual

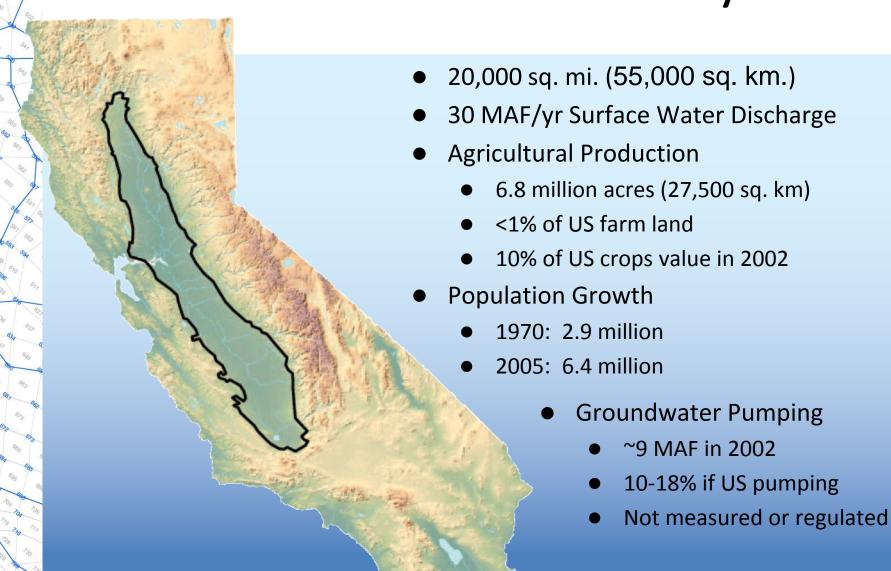
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### **IWFM Applications**

- California Central Valley Groundwater-Surface Water Model
- Butte County Groundwater Model (Heywood, CDM)
- Walla Walla River Basin Model (Petrides, OSU)
- Yolo County Integrated Model (DWR, UCD)
- Kings River Model (HydroMetrics)
- Merced Area (MAGPI, RMC)

# California's Central Valley





#### **Derived from the CVGSM model**

- WY 1922-1980 Boyle & JM Montgomery (1990)
- WY 1981-1998 CH<sub>2</sub>M Hill for CVPIA PEIS

### **Steady modification**

- DWR IWFM/C2VSim development began in 2000
- IWFM process and solver improvements
- C2VSim data sets reviewed and refined
- C2VSim input data extended through WY 2009

#### **Calibration**

- PEST parameter estimation program
- Three phases: Regional, Local, Nodal
- Calibration Period: WY 1973-2003 in phases 1 & 2, 1922-2004 in phase 3

### **C2VSim Versions**

### C2VSim CG 3.02 (R374): Release Version

- Current version, updated June 2013
- Water Years 1922-2009, monthly time step
- IWFM version 3.02

### C2VSim FG 3.02 (R374): Draft Version

- Based on C2VSim 3.02 CG
- Refine rivers, inflows, land use
- Update to current CG version
- Expected release in 2014

### **Planned Improvements**

- C2VSim 3.02 CG/FG: Extend to WY 2011 or 2012
- C2VSim 4 FG: Element-level land use, crop and diversion data



### **R375: September 2013**

Make the supply adjustment flags easier to use

#### **R376: November 2013**

- Modify irrigation schedules in subregions 15-17
- Modify curve numbers in small watersheds 103-114
- Add M&I imports from Placer Co Water Agency
- Make irrigation fraction flags easier to use

### R377: April 2014

- Remove ASR at end of the Tule & Kaweah Rivers
- Limit ASR on the Kern River Flood Channel to 1,000 cfs

### R378: April 2014

 Modify basement altitude between Merced and Los Banos to match base of fresh water

### C2VSim Coarse-Grid

"C2VSim CG-3.02"

#### **Finite Element Grid**

- 3 Layers or 9 Layers
- -1393 Nodes & 1392 Elements

#### **Surface Water System**

- 75 River Reaches, 2 Lakes
- 243 Surface Water Diversions
- -38 Inflows, 11 Bypasses
- 210 Small-Stream Watersheds

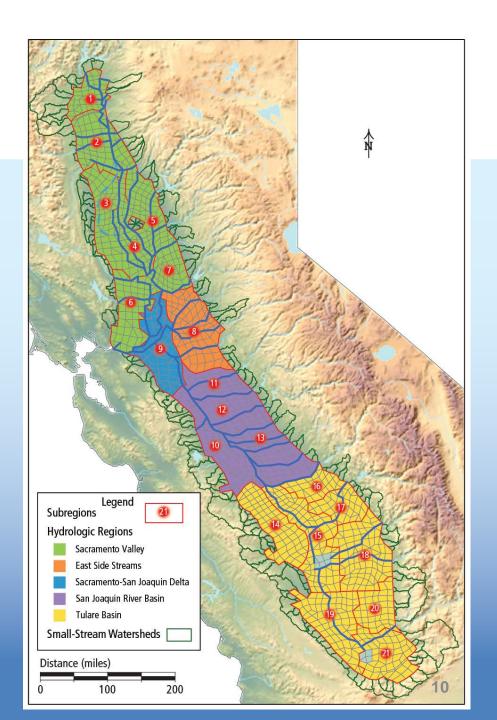
#### **Land Use Process**

- -21 Subregions (DSAs)
- 4 Land Use Types

#### Simulation periods

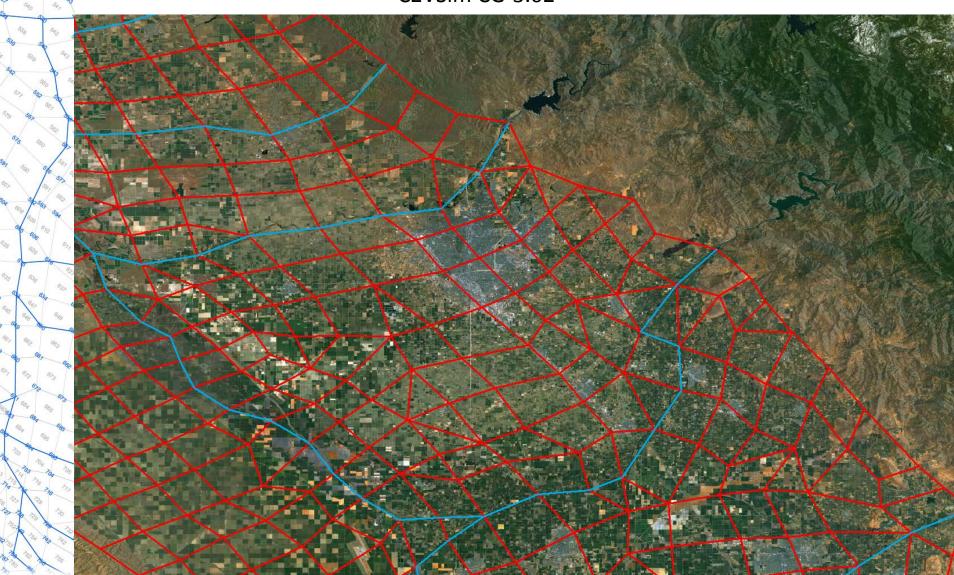
- -10/1921-9/2009 (88 yrs)
- runs in 3-6 min

**IWFM version 3.02** 

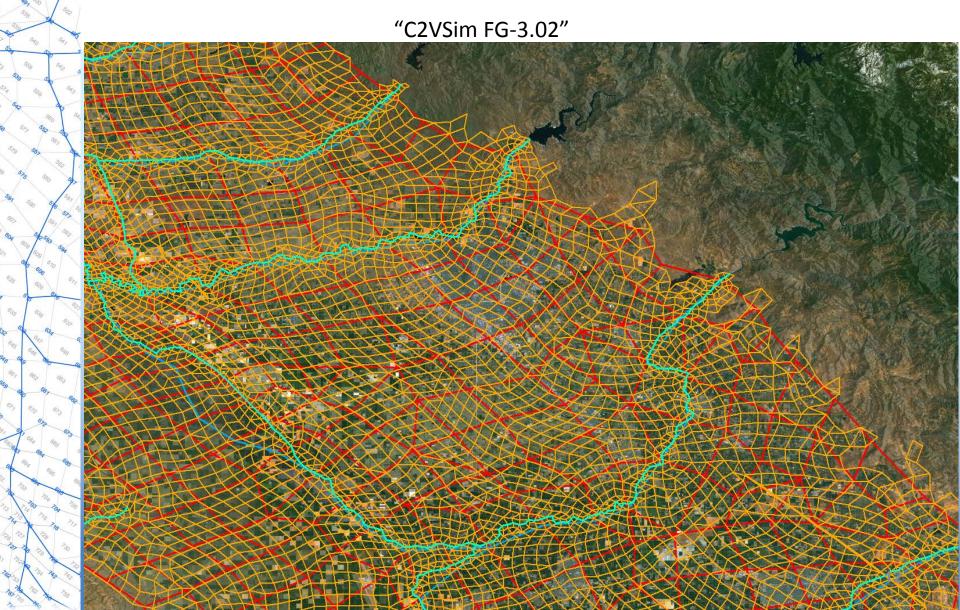


# **Coarse Grid**

"C2VSim CG-3.02"



# Fine Grid



# Fine Grid

"C2VSim FG-3.02"

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		Coarse Grid	Fine Grid
	<b>Nodal Spacing</b>		
	Minimum	0.6 mi	0.4 mi on rivers
	Maximum	9.4 mi	1.5 mi on edge
~1	Average	14.4 mi²	0.6 mi <sup>2</sup>
之	<b>Model Grid</b>		
	Nodes	1,393	30,179
$\stackrel{\sim}{\nearrow}$	Elements	1,392	32,537
$\geq$	River nodes	449	4,529
X			
X	Run Time		
Ĭ.	88 years	3-6 min	Appx 4 hrs

#### Suggested uses:

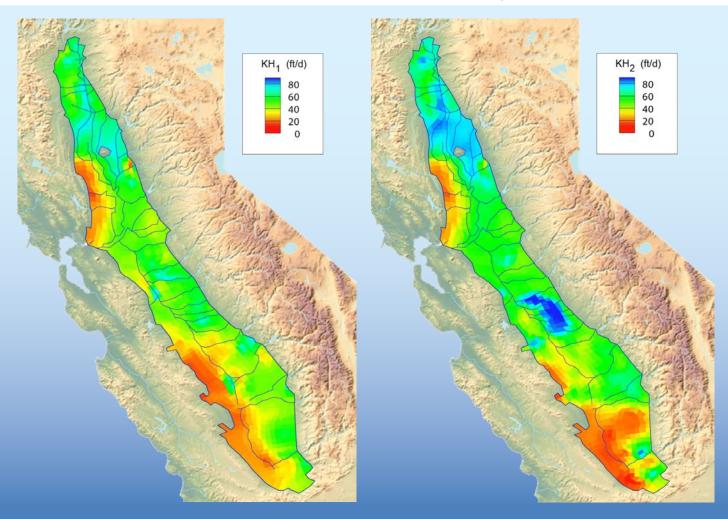
- CG region-scale analyses
- FG local-scale analyses

#### Beta release after staff review

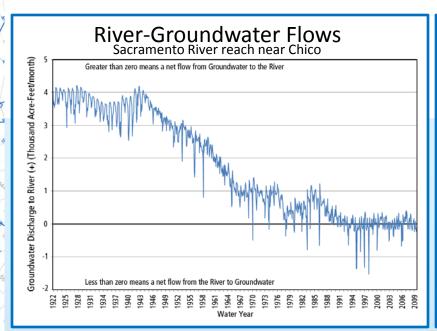
- Available for limited use
- Integrated with C2VSim ArcGIS GUI

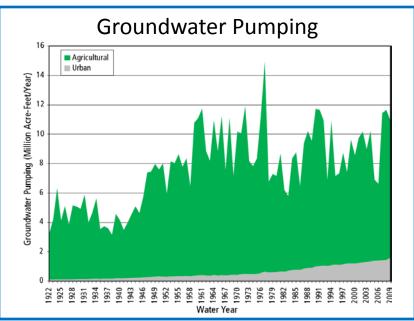
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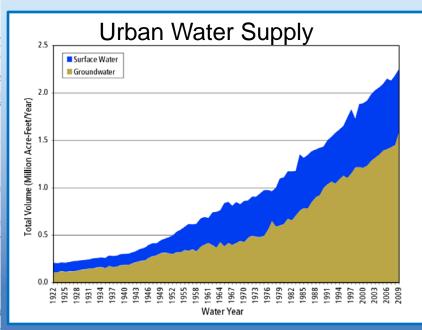
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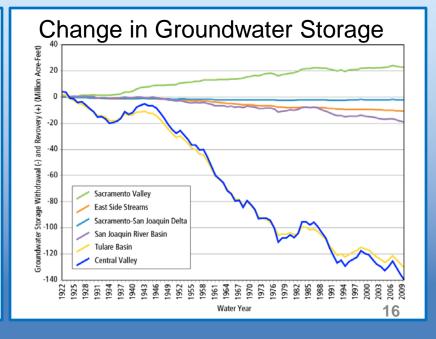


### Simulated Annual Water Budget Average Flows for water years 2000-2009 [Million Acre-Feet/Year] Atmosphere Native & Agriculture Urban Lakes Imports Riparian 0.9 Small Water-**Groundwater Flow System** 0.9 sheds Storage Surface Water Inflow Delta Outflow & Exports **Streams and Rivers** 24.1

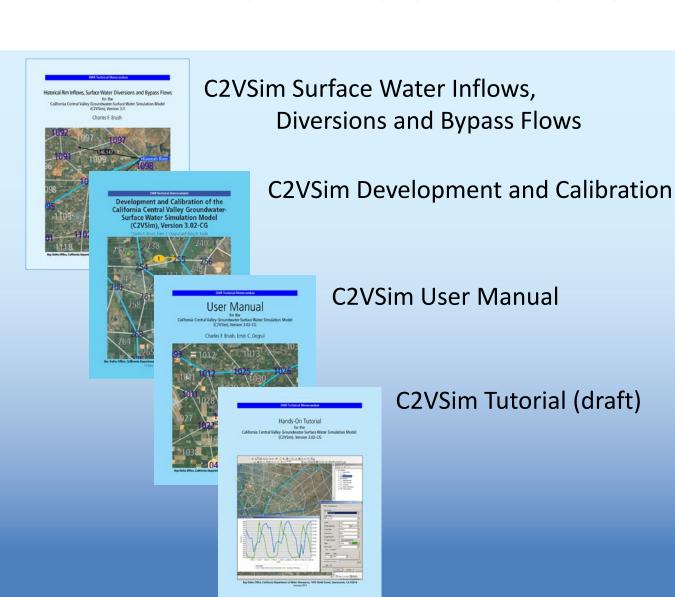




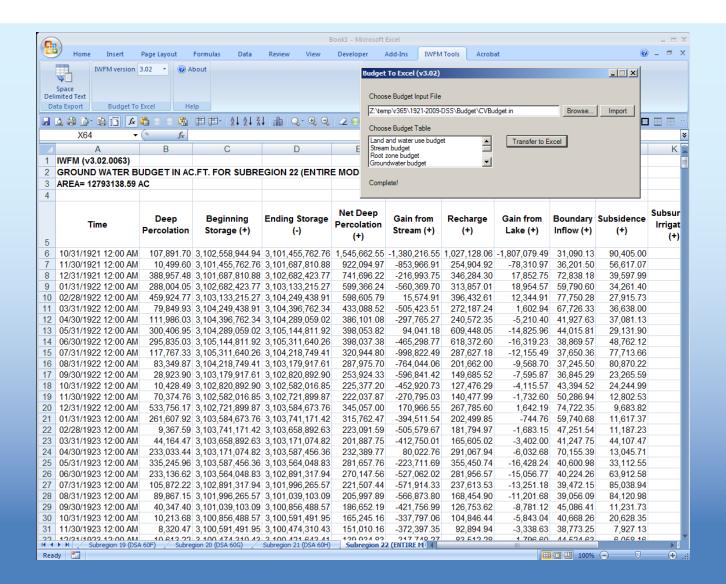




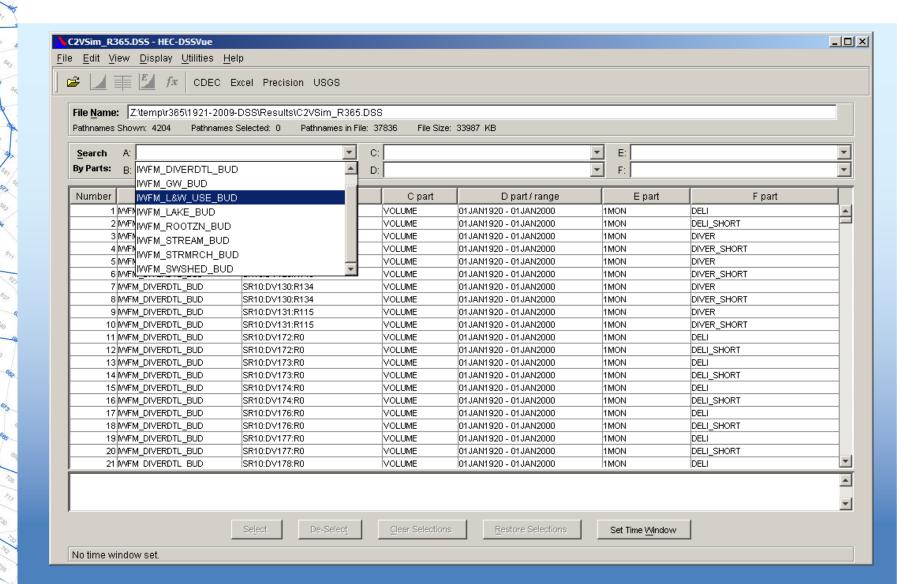
## **C2VSim Publications**



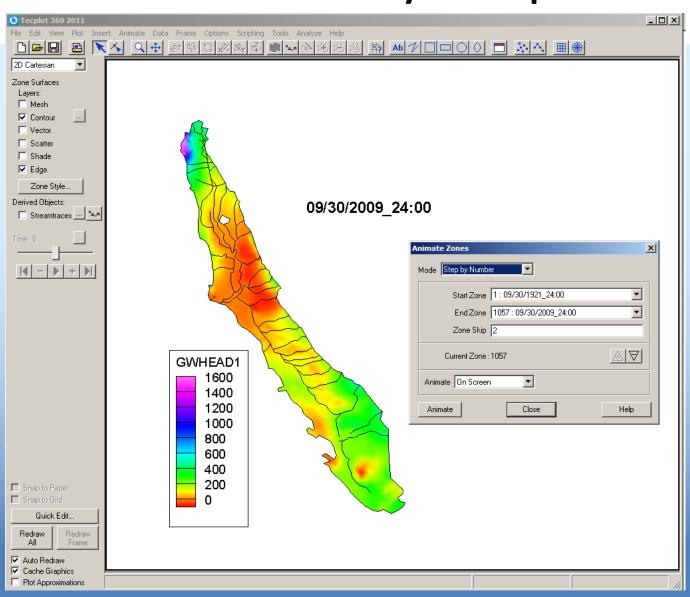
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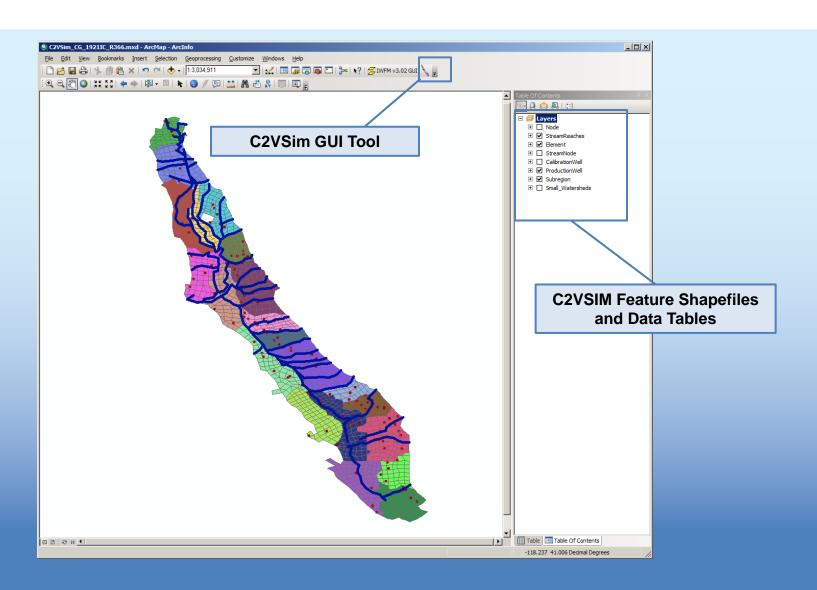
### **HEC-DSS**



# **TecPlot-Ready Output**



## C2VSim ArcGIS Tool



### C2VSim Uses

- CalSim 3 groundwater component
- Integrated Regional Water Management Plans
- Stream-groundwater flows
- Climate change assessments
- Groundwater storage investigations
- Planning studies
- Ecosystem enhancement scenarios
- Infrastructure improvements
- Impacts of operations on Delta flows



- Groundwater Substitution Water Transfer:
   Sacramento Valley Water Management Program
- Potential Impacts of Climate Change I: Aquifer
   Response to Extended Drought
- Potential Impacts of Climate Change II: Aquifer Response to Extended Drought with Economic Adaptation
- GRACE Collaboration: Downscaling Remote Sensing Observations with C2VSim

# Sacramento Valley Water Management Program

- Sacramento Valley Water Mgmt. Agreement
  - SWRCB D-1641, A15
  - Sacramento Valley water users
  - California DWR
  - USBR
  - Export water users
- Conjunctive water management projects
  - Groundwater substitution for surface water
  - Approximately 30 participants
  - Operate in non-wet years (Sacramento River Index)
  - 173 TAF/year, June 1 October 31

# C2VSIM Simulation of the SVWMP

- Identify individual wells and pumping rates
- Prepare IWFM input files
  - October 1972 September 2003 Hydrology
  - Pumps run Jun-Oct in non-wet years
- C2VSIM runs
  - 1. Turn on groundwater adjustment
  - 2. Turn on surface water adjustment
  - 3. Turn on SVWMP wells & reduce diversions in non-wet years (Sacramento River Index)



Use groundwater in lieu of surface water

### **SVWMP Wells**

- 29 Districts
- 293 wells
- 187,633 AF/year

### Operate non-wet years

- 1973 1 yr

- 1976-81 6 yrs

- 1985 1 yr

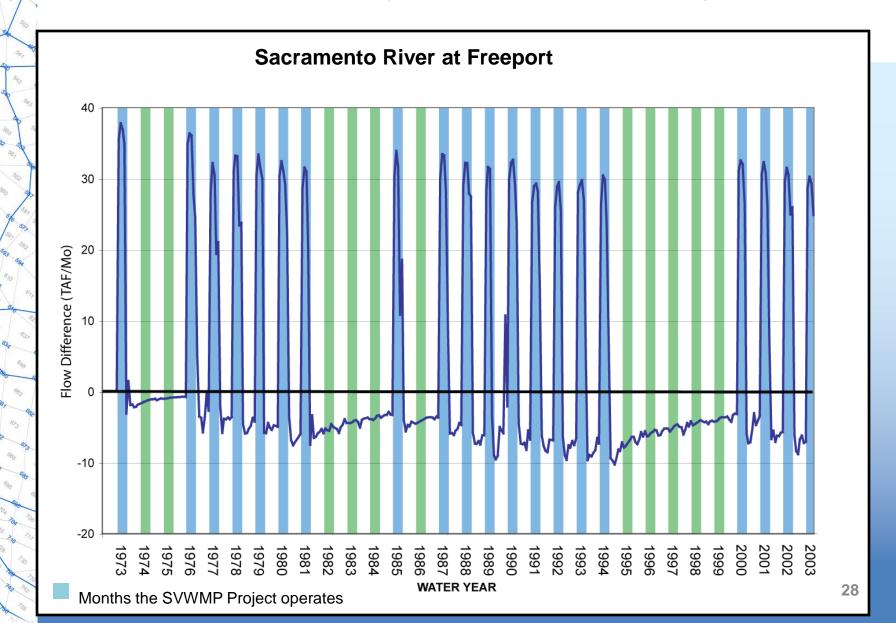
- 1987-94 8 yrs

- 2000-03 4 yrs

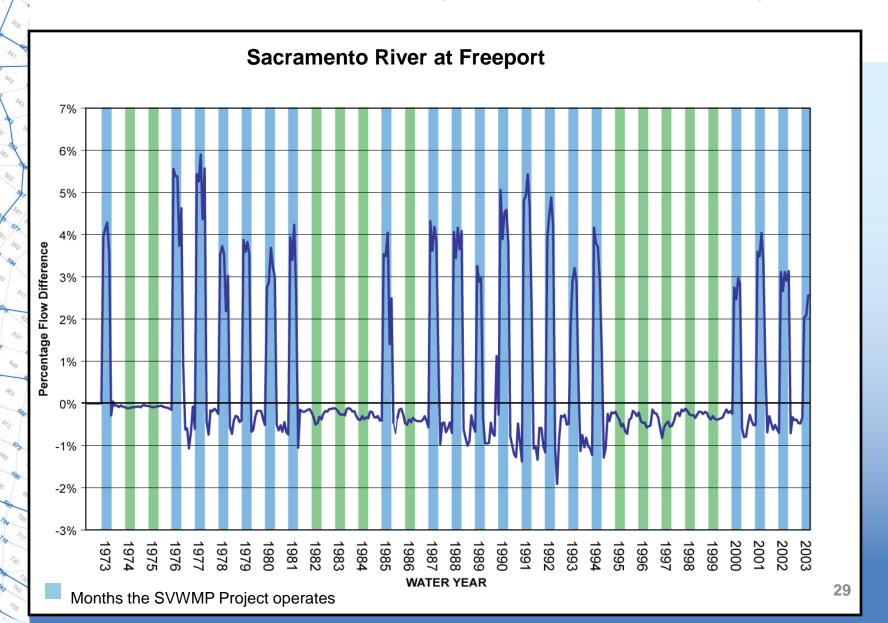
# Sacramento Valley Water Management Program C2VSIM Diversions

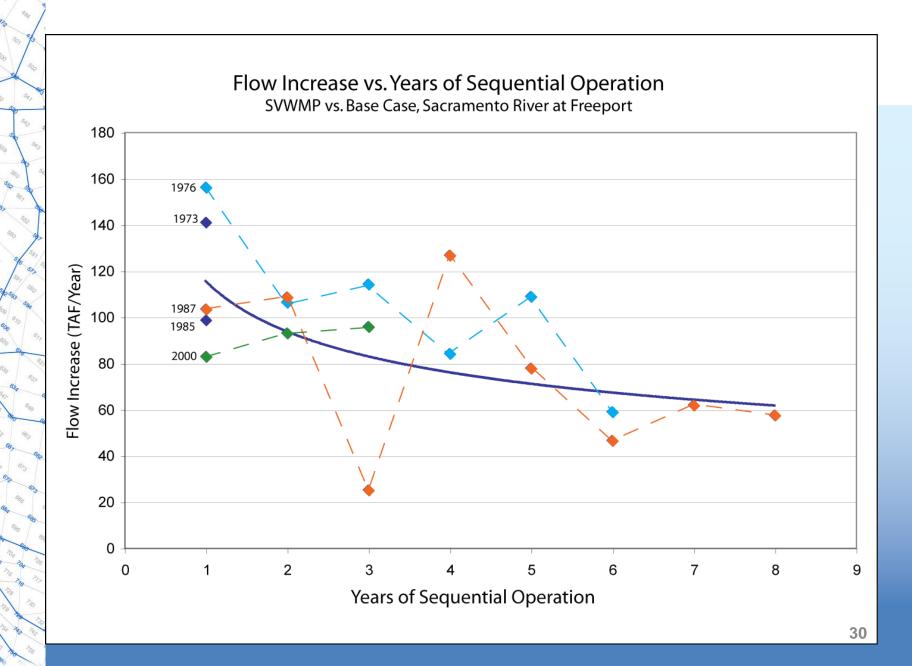
- Adjusted:
  - 19 diversions above Freeport
- Unadjusted:
  - 11 imports
  - 2 exports

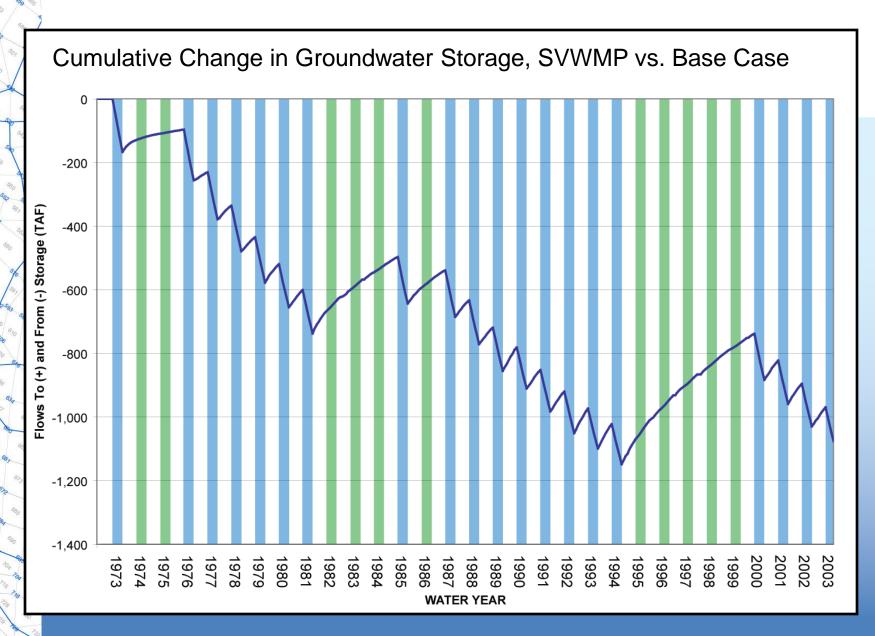
### Flow Difference (SVWMP – Base Case)

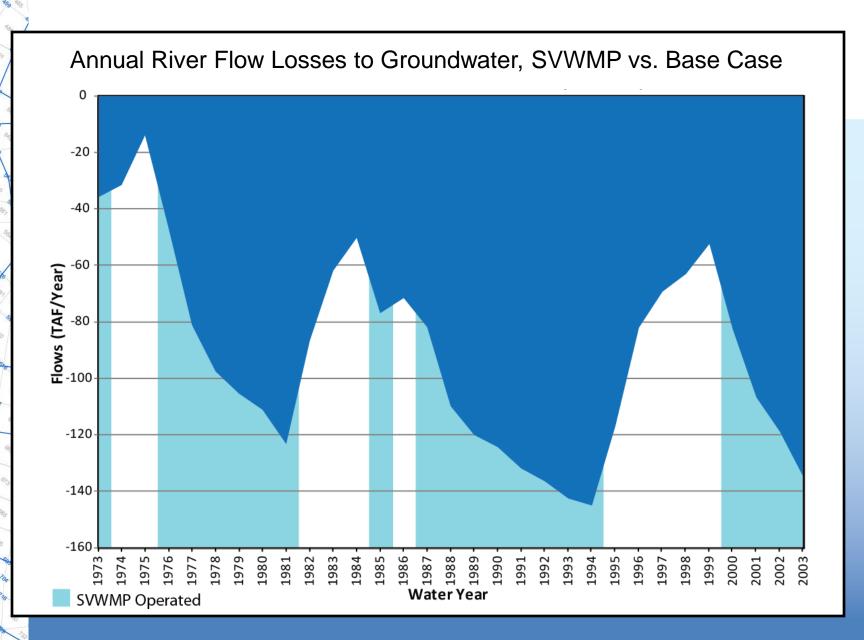


### Percent Flow Difference (SVWMP – Base Case)









# **Preliminary Findings**

- C2VSIM simulation of SVWMP operations
  - SVWMP simulation is easy to implement in C2VSIM
  - Summer flow increase at Freeport averages 128 MAF (68%)
  - Multi-year impacts are very important
  - Annual flow loss at Freeport as groundwater recovers
  - Lots of information areal recharge, storage, GW-SW
- Issues regarding C2VSIM and SVWMP
  - Scale: C2VSIM is a 'regional' model
  - Water budget: Subregional 'virtual farms'
  - All currently being addressed in continued development of C2VSIM and IWFM

## Potential Impacts of Climate Change

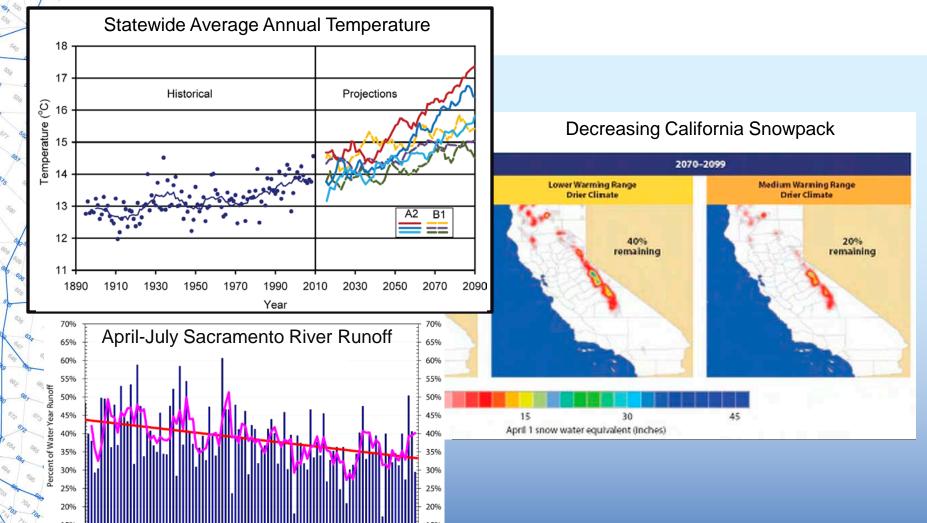
- I: Aquifer Response to Extended Drought
- II: Linking Economic and Hydrologic Models to Study Impacts with Economic Adaptation

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# Climate Variability



Water Year (October 1 - September 30)

Sources: DRI 2008, 2009; CalEPA 2009; CNRA 2009; Mosher et al. 2009

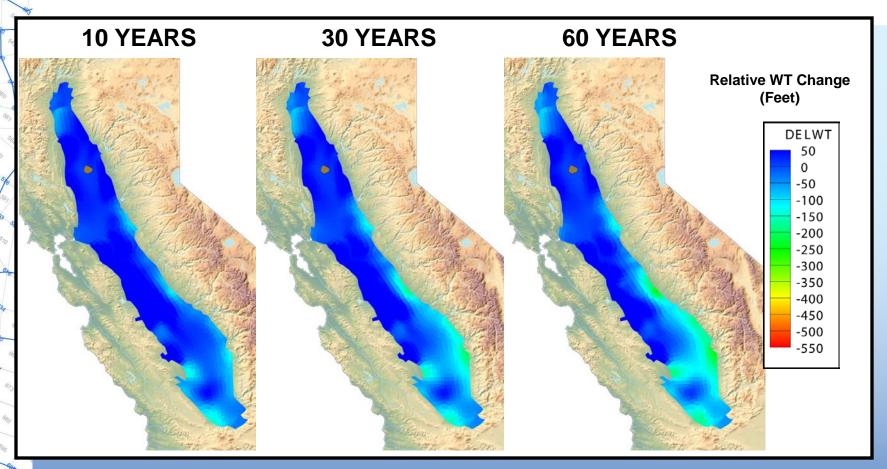
### Methods

- Use historical 1972-2003 data to construct 10-year monthly valley-rim inflows for (1) base case, (2) slight, (3) moderate and (4) severe droughts
- Develop diversion scenarios using CALSIM-II
- Determine economic parameters using CVPM
- Integrated hydrologic simulations with C2VSIM
  - 10-year spin-up at 'average' conditions
  - 10-, 20-, 30- or 60-year drought
  - 30-year recovery period
  - Calculate groundwater pumping to meet demands
- Incorporate economic factors using Logit functions
  - Fixed agricultural water demand
  - Variable agricultural water demand

#### **Central Valley Water Table 'Relative' Response**

Joint LBNL-DWR Drought Simulation

30-percent reduction in surface water inflows

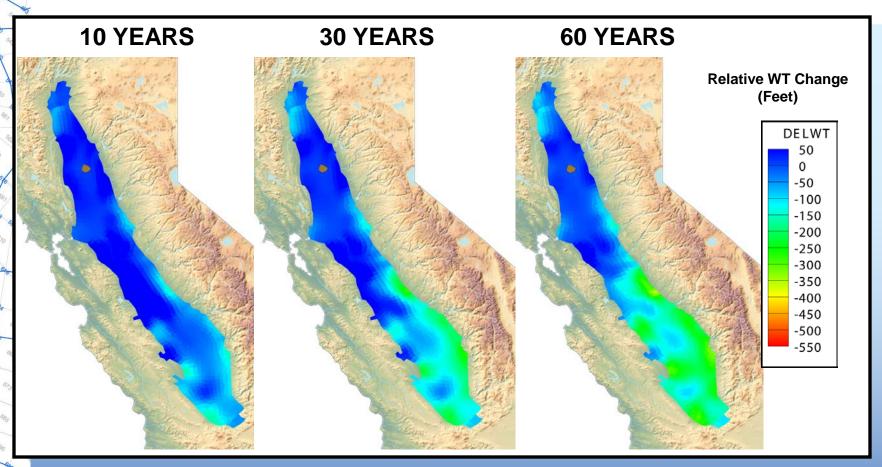


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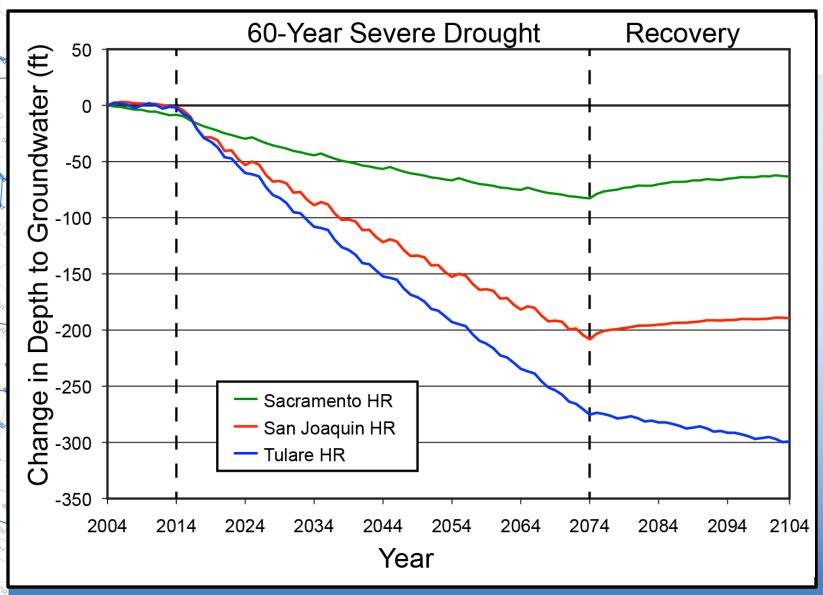
Joint LBNL-DWR Drought Simulation

70-percent reduction in surface water inflows



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#### Depth to Groundwater – Constant Crops



### Incorporating Variable Demand

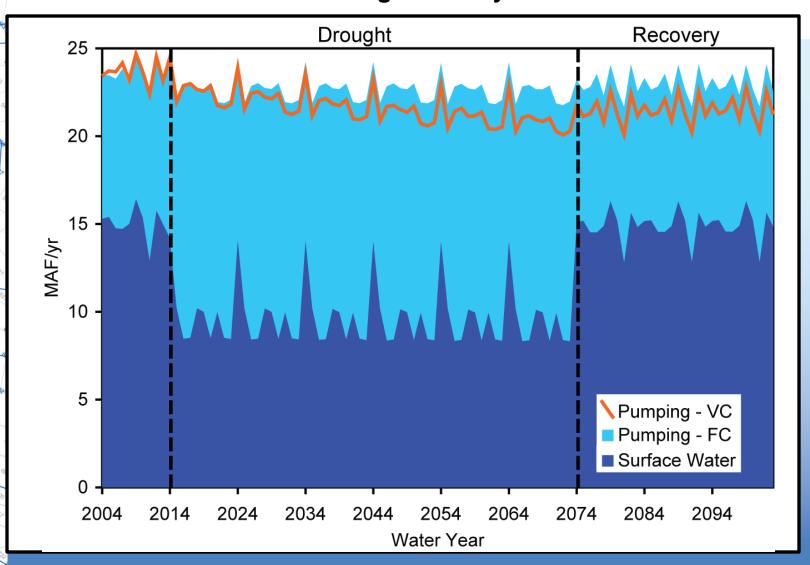
- Crop mix is a function of water cost
  - Surface water availability
  - Depth to groundwater
  - Crop water demand
  - Crop production costs and returns
- Incorporate Logit equation in IWFM application

$$\alpha_{ir} = \frac{e^{x_r \beta_{ir}}}{1 + \sum_{j} e^{x_r \beta_{jr}}}$$

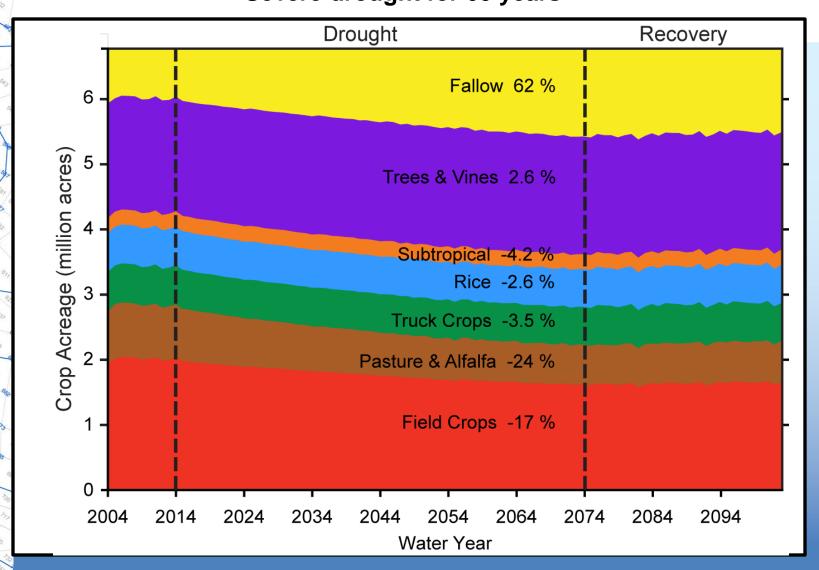
 Determine Logit equation parameters from a series of simulations conducted with the Central Valley Production Model

#### Water Use

**Severe drought for 60 years** 

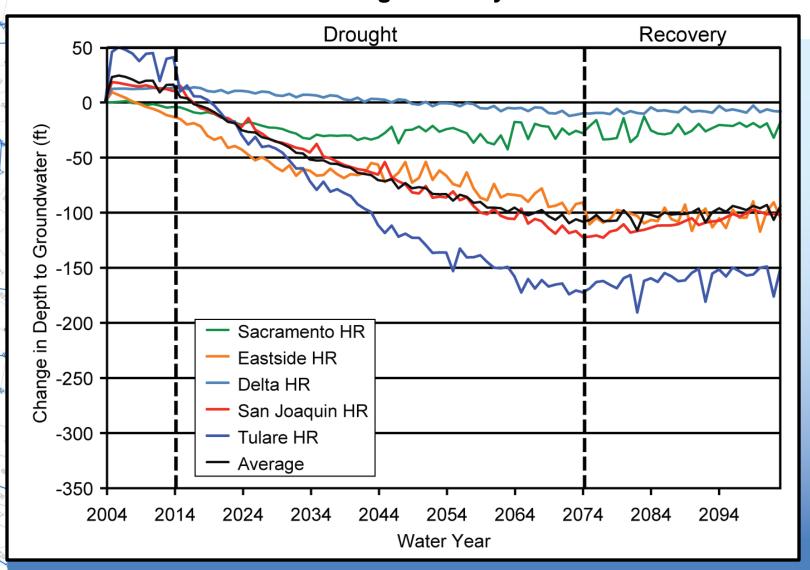


# Crop Changes Severe drought for 60 years

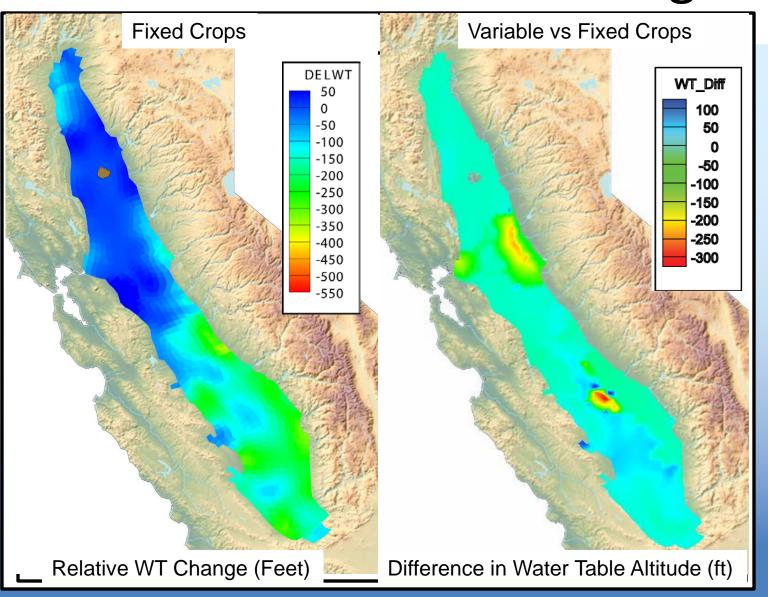


#### Depth to Groundwater

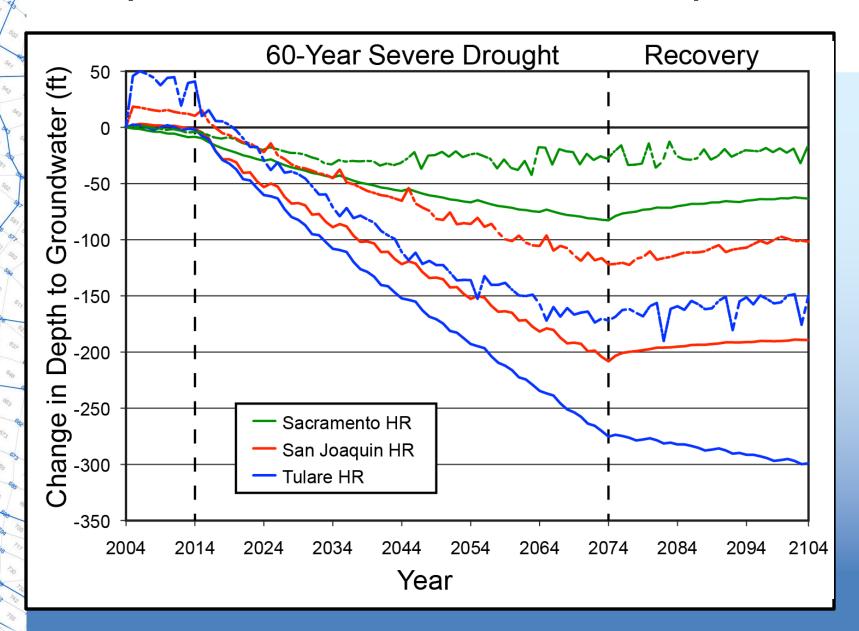
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### Water Table at End of Drought



#### Depth to Groundwater – Compare



### Findings

- Regional impacts of extreme drought
  - Moderate in north (Sacramento River Basin)
  - Locally severe in middle (San Joaquin River Basin)
  - Severe in south (Tulare Basin)
- Economic behavior may significantly reduce drought impacts below levels projected using a fixed level of future development
- The C2VSIM integrated model with CVPM emulation
  - performs as expected
  - can provide valuable insights into the impacts of climate change on Central Valley aquifers and on Central Valley agriculture

#### **Publications**

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#### **Future Work**

- Develop more realistic drought scenarios
  - Downscale GCM precipitation and use VIC to simulate rim inflows
  - Monte Carlo simulations
  - Changes in amount and timing of crop water demands
  - Changes in amount and timing of reservoir releases
  - More elaborate economic model
- More complex variable-crop drought simulations
  - Economic parameters from SWAP
  - More detailed model subregions

#### Downscaling GRACE Satellite Data for Small-scale Groundwater Storage Estimates in California's Central Valley

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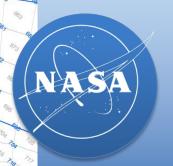
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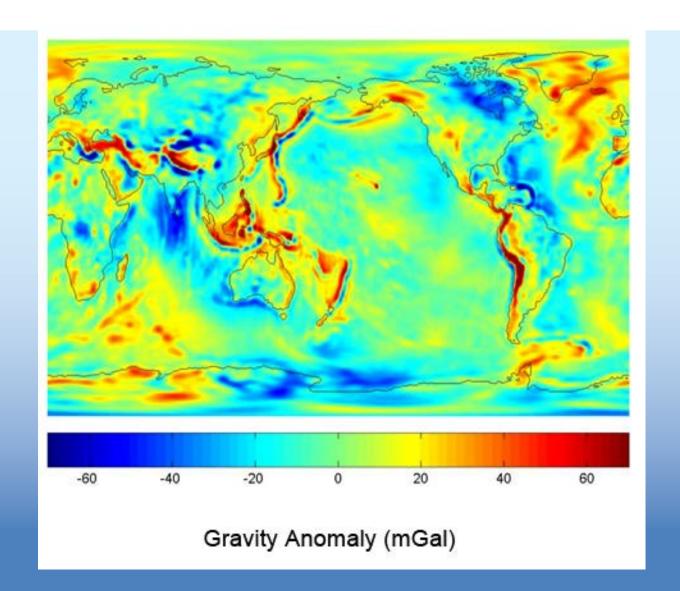


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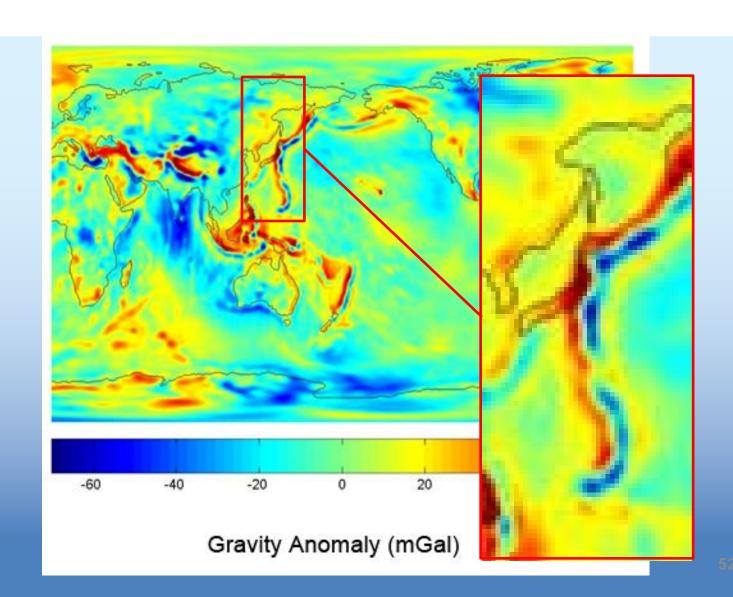
#### **GRACE Satellites**



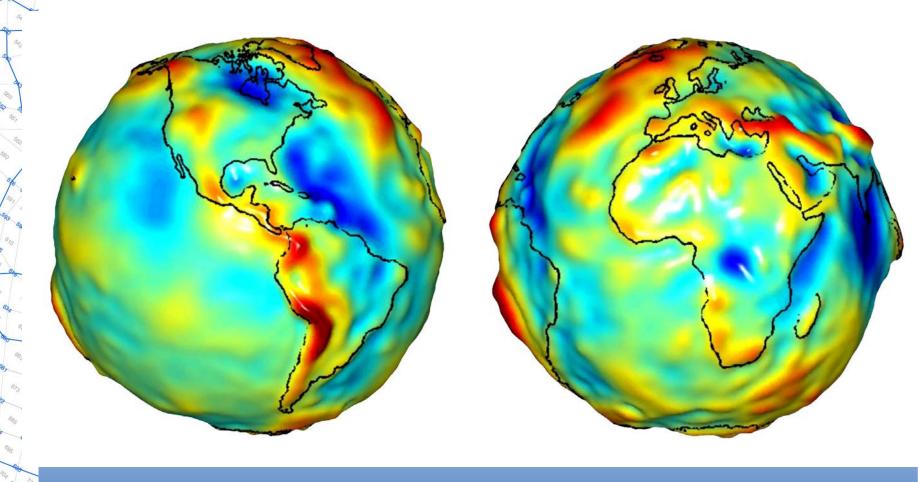
### **GRACE Earth Gravity Anomaly**



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# **GRACE Gravity Model**

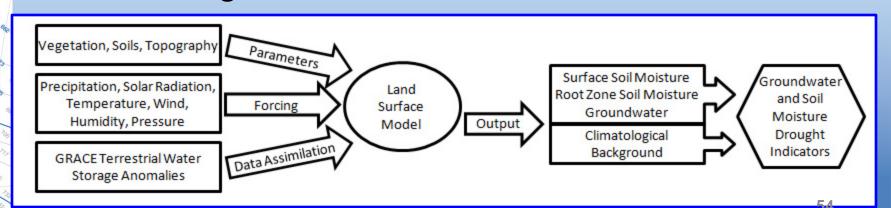


#### **GRACE** to Groundwater Storage

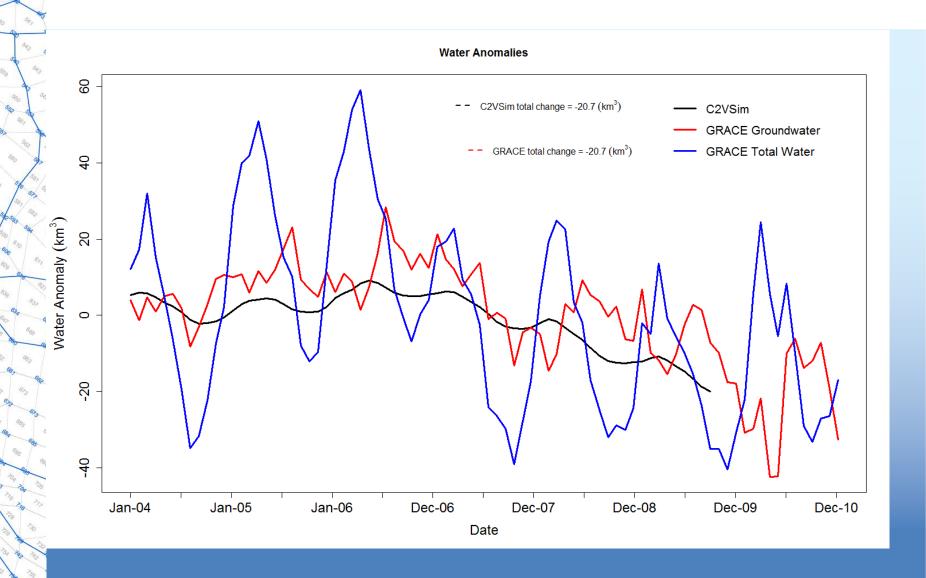
#### Change in Groundwater =

Total Change in Gravity

- Change in atmospheric moisture
- Change in snowpack
- Change in reservoir storage
- Change in soil moisture
- Change in petroleum reserves
- Change in tidal water

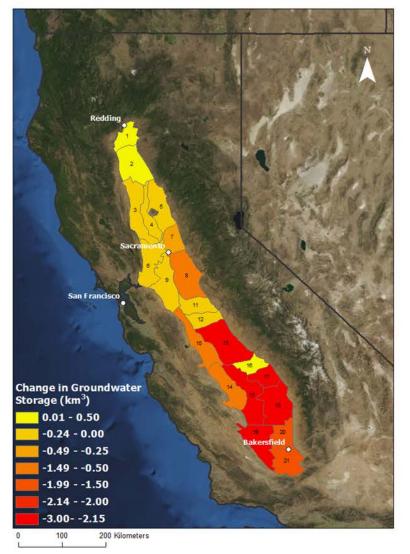


### Compare GRACE and C2VSim

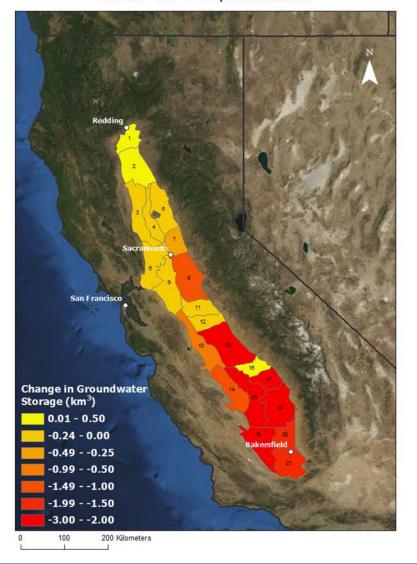


#### **Groundwater Storage Estimates**

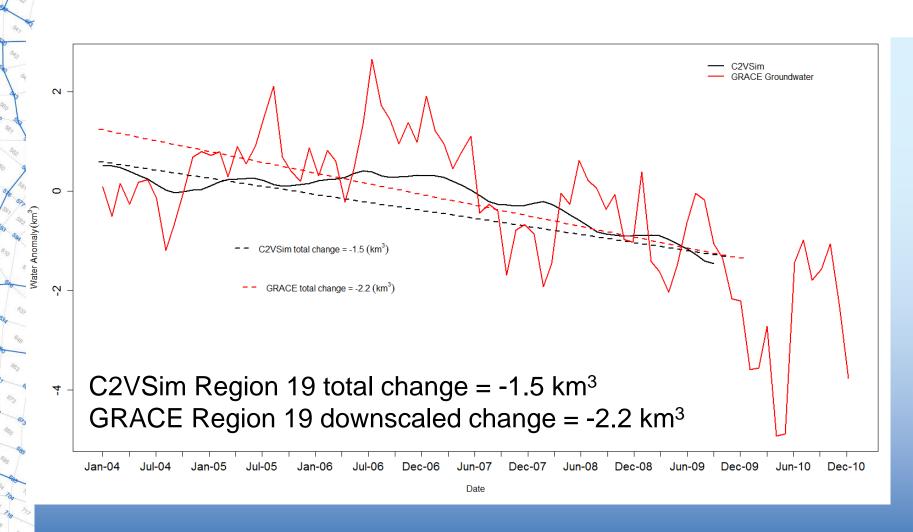
C2VSim Change in Groundwater Storage October 2004 - September 2009



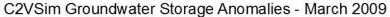
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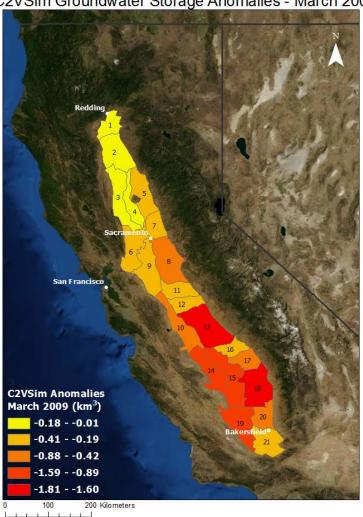


### Downscale to Subregion 19

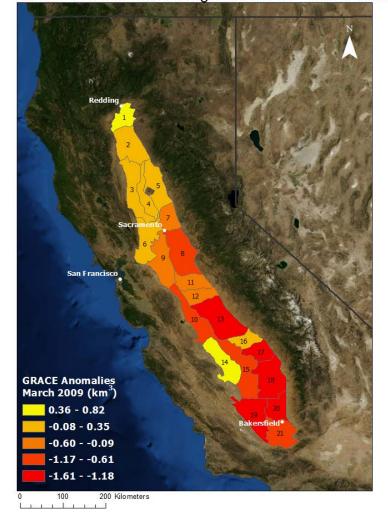


#### **Downscaled Estimates**

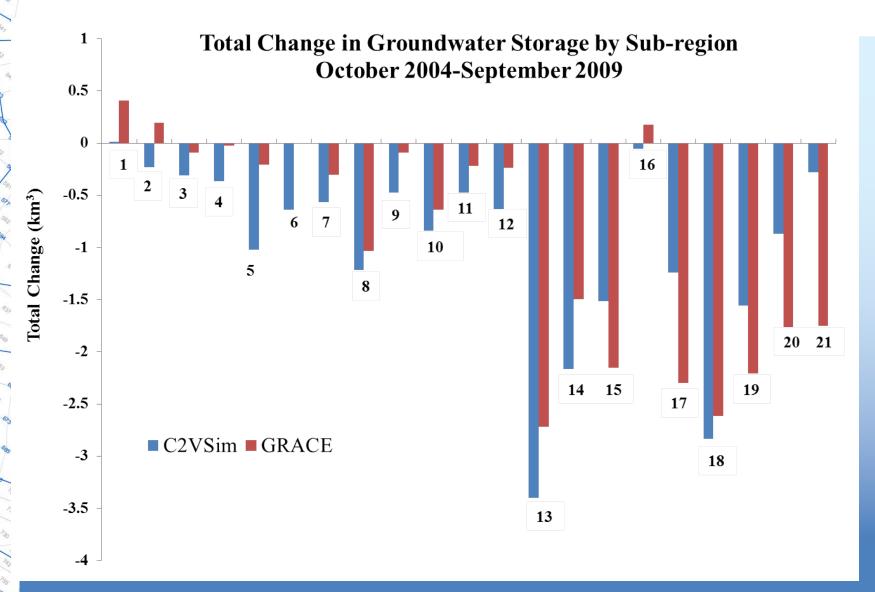




GRACE Groundwater Storage Anomalies - March 2009



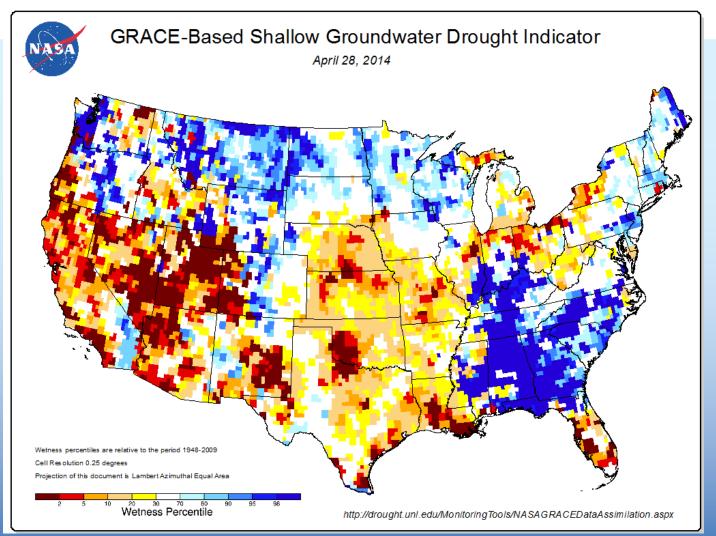
# Subregional Change in Storage



## **Preliminary Findings**

- GRACE provides reasonably accurate estimates of the change in groundwater storage in near-real time for large areas (Central Valley) and long time frames (1 year)
- GRACE loses accuracy as the time and/or area are reduced
- GRACE results can be downscaled using C2VSim

### Change in Groundwater Storage



National Drought Mitigation Center.

http://drought.unl.edu/MonitoringTools/NASAGRACEDataAssimilation.aspx

#### **Tomorrow**

- Running C2VSim
- Using the C2VSim ArcGIS GUI
- Groundwater Pumping Case Study
  - Add some pumps to the model
  - See the changes in heads and river flows
- Aquifer Storage and Recovery Case Study
  - Modify a diversion and add a pump
  - See the changes in heads and river flows

