The California Central Valley Groundwater-Surface Water Simulation Model

Introduction

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Outline

Geology and Geography

Historical and Current Water System

Integrated Water Flow Model

California's Central Valley

- 20,000 sq. mi. (55,000 sq. km.)
- 30 MAF/yr Surface Water Inflow
- Agricultural Production
 - 6.8 million acres (27,500 sq. km)
 - <1% of US farm land
 - 10% of US crops value in 2002
- Population Growth
 - 1970: 2.9 million
 - 2005: 6.4 million
 - Groundwater Pumping
 - ~9 MAF in 2002
 - 10-18% if US pumping
 - Not measured or regulated

Central Valley Hydrogeology

- Tectonic development
- Alluvial stratigraphy
- Geologic cross-section
- Groundwater studies & models

Tectonic Development



100 million years ago



Early Central Valley



Tectonic Development



Tectonic Development

CASCADIA SUBDUCTION ZONE – a nearly 700-mile long plate boundary where the Gorda and Juan de Fuca plates dive beneath the North American plate, extending from Cape Mendocino to Vancouver Island, Canada.

> COASTAL ONSHORE FAULTS - caused by the subduction of the Gorda plate. ...;

NORTH AMERICAN PLATE MODOC PLATEAU - a region of active volcanism and discontinuous faults.

BASIN AND RANGE – a region of discontinuous active faults.

MENDOCINO TRIPLE JUNCTION – the area where the Gorda, Pacific and North American plates meet, one of the most seismically active areas of the continental U.S.

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SAN ANDREAS FAULT SYSTEM – the 800-mile boundary between the Pacific and North American plate. The M 7.8 1906 earthquake ruptured 250 miles of the fault from Santa Cruz to Shelter Cove.

GORDA PLATE – plate offshore and beneath Northwestern California that is being crushed and faulted by plate motions to the north and south. Example: M 7.2, 1980; M 7.2, 2005.

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MENDOCINO FALLT – a 160-mile long plate boundary e, tending west from Cape Mendocino v here the Gorda and Pacific plates grine past one another. Example: M 7.0, 195 L





Tectonic Subsidence



Central Valley Stratigraphy



Central Valley Stratigraphy



Current Central Valley

Continental Deposits

Marine Sediments

Crystalline Rocks (Coast Ranges) Crystalline Rocks (Sierra Nevada)



River Fans

Continental Deposits

Marine Sediments

Crystalline Rocks (Coast Ranges) Crystalline Rocks (Sierra Nevada)





Fig. 2. Schematic diagram of the Kings River alluvial fan and its geologic elements.

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Hydrogeology



From Faunt et al. 2009.

Corcoran Clay



Buried remnant of a Pleistocene lake bed

Deposited 615,000 - 750,000 years ago

Deformed by tectonic subsidence



Land Surface Subsidence



Groundwater Studies



Bryan, 1923. Geology and ground-water resources of Sacramento Valley, California.

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Groundwater Studies



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Regional Models

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Regional Models

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Faults

- Can act as flow barriers
- Several mapped on basement
- Vertical extent generally unknown



Faults

- Battle Creek Fault
- Red Bluff Arch
- Plainfield Ridge
 Anticline
- Pittsburgh Kirby Hills – Vaca Fault
- Vernalis Fault
- Graveley Ford Faults
- Visalia Fault
- Pond-Poso Creek
 Fault
- Edison Fault
- White Wolf Fault



Aquifer Thickness



Water Quality

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History of Central Valley Water Development

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- Water development to support hydraulic mining
- Converted to irrigation after 1886
- Local diversions and irrigation canals within a watershed

Nady and Larragueta. 1983. Development of Irrigation in the Central Valley. USGS Hydrologic Atlas 649, plate 1.

History of Central Valley Water Development

1980

- Groundwater pumping
- Inter-basin Transfers
 - Hetch-Hetchy Aqueduct
 - Mokelumne Aqueduct
 - Central Valley Project
 - State Water Project

Nady and Larragueta. 1983. Development of Irrigation in the Central Valley. USGS Hydrologic Atlas 649, plate 2.





Integrated Water Flow Model (IWFM)

- Open-source, regional-scale integrated hydrologic model
- Simulates land surface, groundwater, surface water, and surface-groundwater interactions
- Represent agricultural and urban water management practices, and their effects on the water system



A planning and analysis tool that computes agricultural and urban water demands based on climatic, soil, land-use and agronomic parameters, then adjusts groundwater pumping and stream diversions to meet these demands



Land Surface Process



Surface Water Process







IWFM Small Watersheds



IWFM

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IWFM Water Balance Diagram

Simulated Annual Water Budget

Average Flows for water years 2000-2009 [Million Acre-Feet/Year]



Object-Oriented Design



Link with Other Models



IWFM consists four programs executed in sequence



Pre-processor

- Read nodal coordinates
- Link nodes to form elements
- Compile vertical aquifer stratigraphy at each node
- Link selected nodes to form river reaches
- Link river reaches into a flow network
- Compile profiles for river nodes
- Apply soil properties to elements
- Apply drainage patterns to elements
- Assign elements to subregions
- Link precipitation data to elements
- Compile specified pumping wells

Simulation

- Read binary file produced by Preprocessor
- Calculate a balanced water budget for each model component for each time step
 - Precipitation, river inflow, diversions
 - Land use, crop acreage * ET, urban demands
 - Runoff and return flow
 - Deep percolation
 - Stream-groundwater flows
 - Calculate groundwater pumping
- Write out results for each time step to a series of files:
 - Budget and Z-Budget results to binary files
 - Groundwater and surface water hydrographs to text files
 - TecPlot movie data to text files

Post-processors (Budget, Z-Budget)

- Read binary files produced by Simulation
- Budget tabulates a set of water budgets:
 - Land and Water Use
 - Root Zone
 - Groundwater
 - Stream Reaches
 - Small-Stream Watersheds
- Z-Budget compiles water budgets for user-specified aquifer zones of one to many elements. Example zones:
 - Subregions
 - Hydrologic Regions
 - Groundwater Basins

Simulation Scheme



Input and Output Files

- Input files contain comment fields
- Tab-delimited for easy cut-and-paste with Excel
- Time-tracking simulations are aware of the date and time; <u>input and output</u> <u>time-series data</u> have a date and time stamp

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Calibration Tools





Calibration Tools



IWFM-PEST Tools

- Translate parameters from pilot points to IWFM
 - CVoverwrite.dat file
 - FAC2REALI program
- Convert IWFM hydrographs to SMP format
 - IWFM2OBS program
- Calculate vertical head differences to SMP format

 IWFM2OBS program
- Stream-groundwater flows to SMP format
 - STACDEP2OBS program
- Log-transform surface water hydrographs

 LOG_TRAN_SMP program

Documentation and User Support

- 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

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Validation and Verification

Eleven verification runs; report available at IWFM web site (Ercan, 2006)

VERIFICATION PROBLEMS FOR IWFM

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Validation of Z-Budget Post-processor

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

Theoretical Documentation and User's Manual

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Flow Computation and Mass Balance in Galerkin Finite-Element Groundwater Models

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Abstract: In most groundwater modeling studies, quantification of the flow rates at domain and subdomain boundaries is as important as the computation of the groundwater heads. The computation of these flow rates is not a trivial task when a finite-element method is chosen to solve the groundwater qualton. Generally, it is believed that finite-element methods do not conserve runss locally. In this paper, a postprocessing technique is developed to compute mass-conserving flow rates at element faces. It postprocesses the groundwater head field obtained by the Gadexin finite-element method, and the calculated flow rates conserve mass locally and globally. The only requirement for the postprocessor to be applicable is the irrotationality of the flow field, i.e., the curl of the Darcy flox should be zero. The accuracy and the mass conservation properties of the new postprocessor are demonstrated using several test problems that include one-, two, and three-dimensional flow systems in both homogeneous and hercorgeneous aquifer conditions.

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Introduction

Finite-element methods, particularly the Galerkin finite-element method (GFEM), are commonly utilized in groundwater modeling studies because complex boundaries can be represented more closely. Generally, the momentum equation, i.e., Darcy equation, is substituted into the equation of mass conservation, and the resulting equation is solved for the groundwater head. In most groundwater modeling studies, quantification of flow rates is as important as the simulation of the groundwater heads. One reason for this is that most groundwater basins are divided into political subdomains such as water districts, counties, or states with differing strategies of managing their groundwater resources. Simulation of groundwater flow rates between adjacent subdomains caused by varying management strategies is sometimes the ultimate goal of a modeling study. Another reason is the need to examine the detailed inflow/outflow components at a subdomain level during calibration and verification stages of a modeling study

When the flow rates are required, the conventional approach is to postprocess the groundwater head field, computed using GFEM, by substituting it into the Darcy equation and obtaining

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the flux field. Then, the normal component of the Darcy flux is integrated over the domain or subdomain boundary to obtain the flow rates. However, this postprocessing approach has been shown to generate flow rates that violate local as well as global mass balances. Yeh (1981) reported global mass balance errors of up to 30% when the conventional postprocessing method is used. He suggested that the finite-element approach that is used to simulate the groundwater head field also be applied to Darcy equation with the fluxes as the state variables. Although his method produced better results, test problems still showed mass balance errors of 2-9% (Yeh 1981). Commenting on Yeh's work, Lynch (1984) showed that precise global mass balance can be achieved in GFEM by proper treatment of the Dirichlet boundary conditions. He pointed out that the common practice of discarding Galerkin equations-the discrete version of the conservation equation-along Dirichlet boundaries violates the mass balance by requiring that these fluxes he approximated by the conventional postprocessing method. He showed that retaining the Galerkin equation at Dirichlet boundaries as the equation for the flux resulted in precise global mass balance. Similar observations have been made by other researchers (Carey 1982; Carey et al. 1985; Hughes et al. 2000: Berger and Howington 2002: Carey 2002). In fact, the same idea can be used to compute the internal fluxes, i.e. once the groundwater head at an internal node is committed with GFEM, that node can be treated as a Dirichlet boundary and the Gaterkin equation at the node can be solved for the flux (Hughes et al. 2000; Carey 2002). Cordes and Kinzelbach (1992) used an alternative postprocessing method where the elements were subdivided into patches and individual fluxes for each patch were computed by assuming that the flow field was irrotational. In their method, triangular and quadrilateral elements were treated separately.

The aim of this paper is to develop and test a postprocessor that uses the groundwater heads computed by GFEM to obtain flow rates across finite-thement faces, i.e., normal flux integrated along each of the element faces, that do not violate local and global mass balances. Once flow rates through each of the ele-

Key Limitations

- Time step and stream routing: Stream flow must travel from upstream to downstream within the length of time step for the zero-storage assumption to be valid
- Time step and rainfall runoff: Re-calibrate curve numbers for different time steps (for C2VSim, the input data time step is itself a limitation)
- Spatial scale of demand and supply: Demand and supply computations are performed at the subregion level
- Vertical distribution of pumping: Static distribution limits the ability to simulate changes in the pumping depth during simulation period
- Aquifer and root zone thickness: Aquifer thickness should be large
 compared to root zone thickness to minimize error in case groundwater
 table is close to ground surface; likely to occur in native and riparian
 vegetation areas

IWFM Development

- Version 3.02:
 - Subregion water budgets
- Version 4.0
 - Element water budgets

New Features of IWFM v4.0

- Improved root zone module (a.k.a. IDC v4.0)
 - Root zone flow processes and agricultural water demands are computed at each cell for each land-use type
 - Agricultural water demands are computed using methods from irrigation scheduling models
 - Explicit simulation of rice and refuge operations
 - Simulation of re-use of agricultural tail water at different spatial resolutions
 - Simulation of regulated deficit irrigation
 - Ability to specify water demands (i.e. contractual demands) instead of computing them dynamically
 - Explicit representation of effective precipitation and ETAW
 - Detailed budget output for each land-use type

New Features of IWFM v4.0

- Ability to run the root zone module (IDC) by itself or as linked to IWFM with the same input data files
- Reduced size of Z-Budget binary output file for run-time efficiency
- Water budget output at user-selected stream nodes
- Ability to generate water budget tables accumulated to time steps larger than the simulation time step

Future IWFM Developments

- Improved simulation of riparian vegetation
- Improved simulation of rainfall-runoff and overland flow
- Improved hydraulic routing of stream flows that account for change in storage
- Continue developing ArcGIS based GUI
- Simulation of water quality
- Emulate an agricultural economics model in IWFM
- Parallel processing

- California Central Valley Groundwater-Surface Water Model (C2VSim)
- Butte County Groundwater Model (Heywood, CDM)
- Walla Walla River Basin Model (Petrides, OSU)
- Yolo County Integrated Model

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