### **HYDROMODIFICATION MONITORING**

### **CONCEPTS AND DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS**



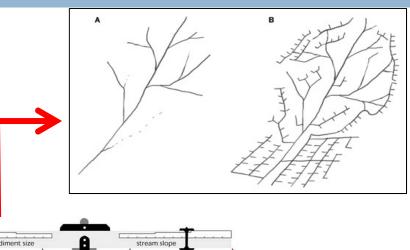
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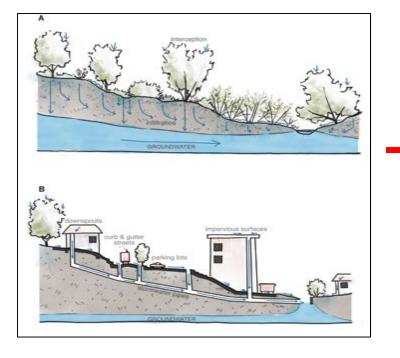
### **Today's Presentation**

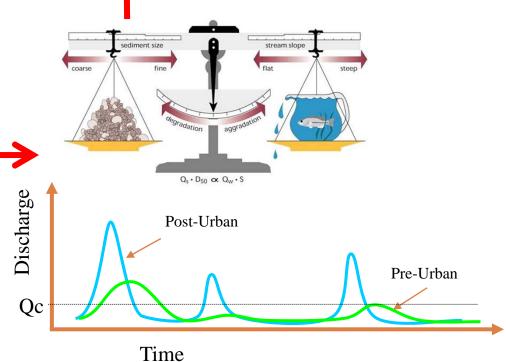
- Challenges of Hydromodification Monitoring
- Context within a Larger Management Framework
- Elements of a Good Monitoring Program
- Questions & Structure of Hydromod Monitoring
- Assessment Tools & Indicators
- Implementation Considerations

### Hydromodification 101

Hydromodification = changes to the runoff hydrograph and sediment supply resulting from land use modifications

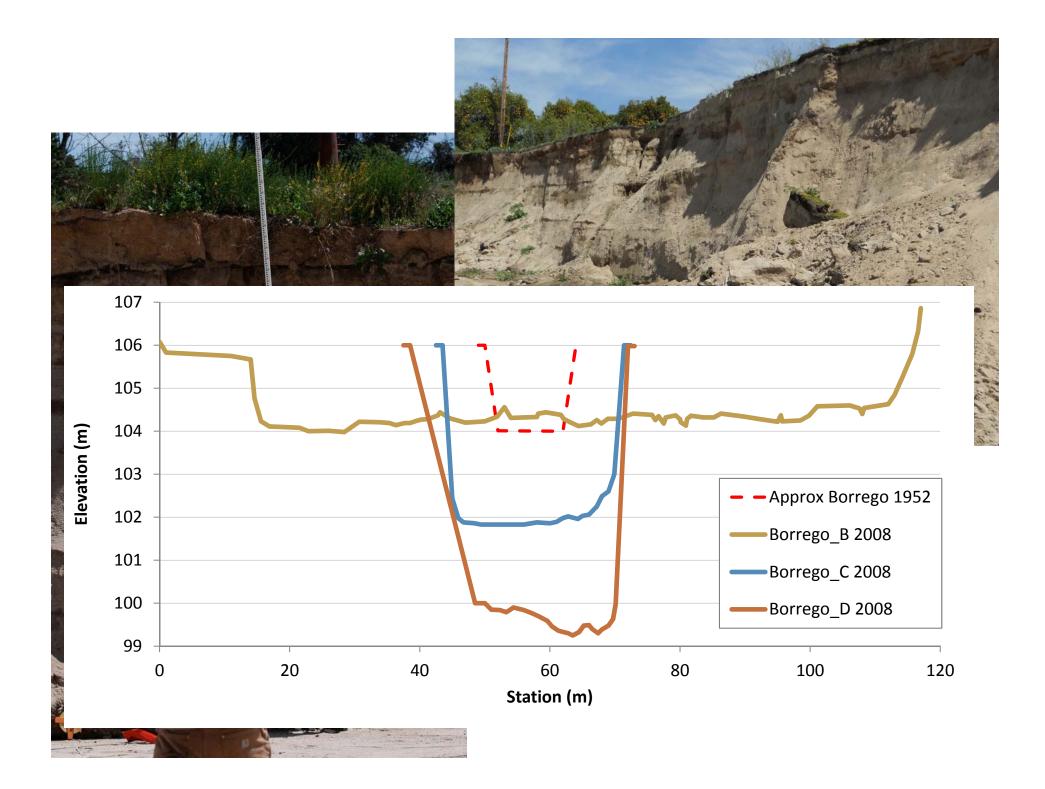


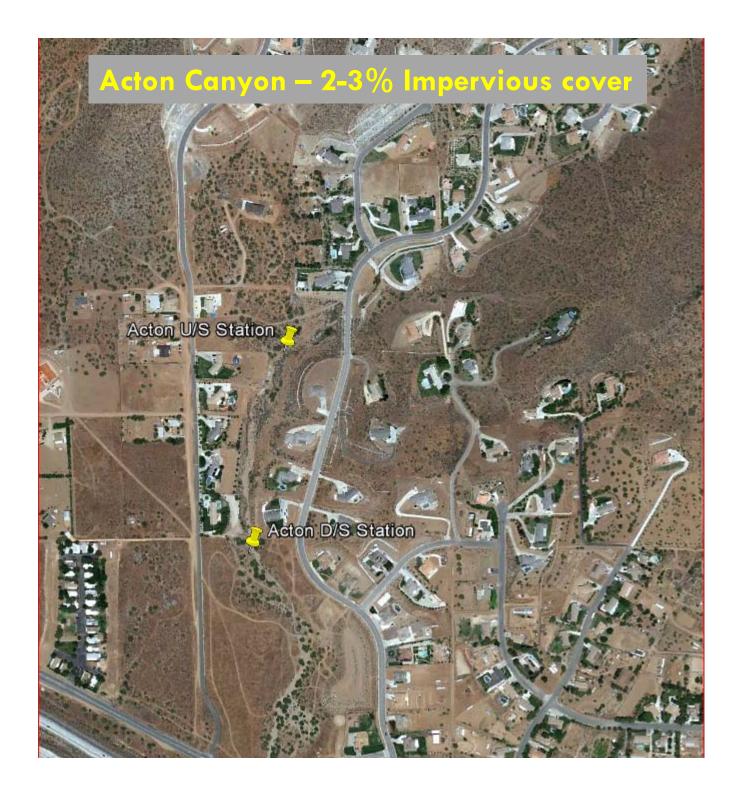


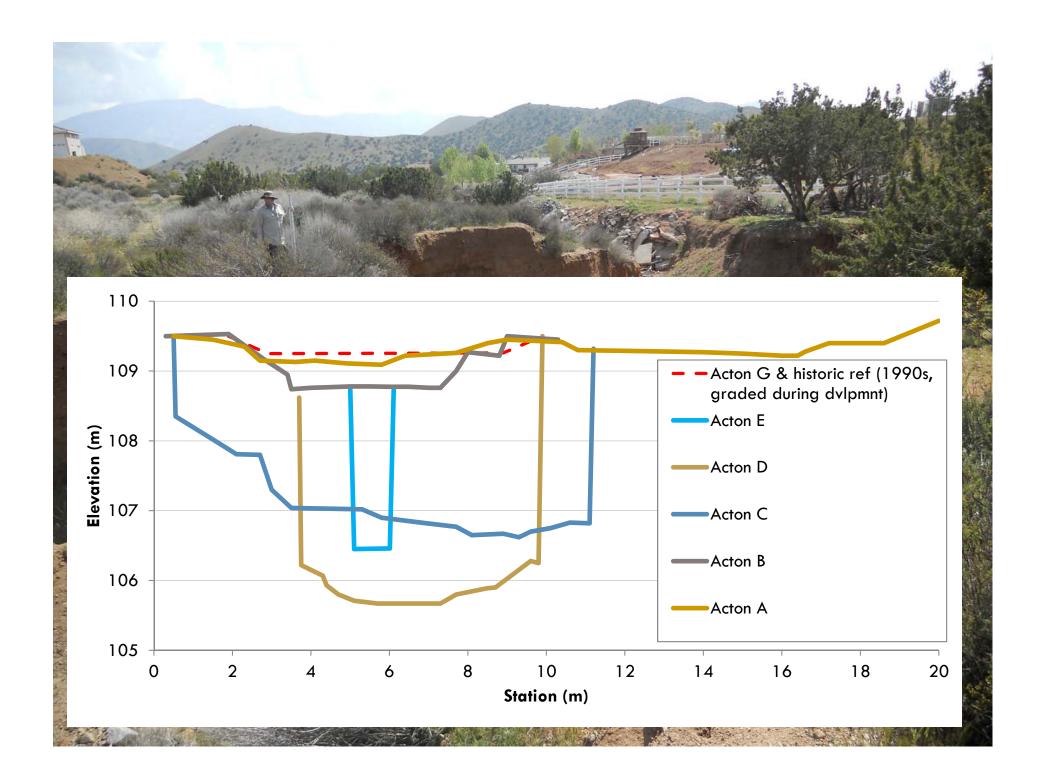


# **Hydromodification Effects**









### The Challenge of Hydromodification

Change can occur rap

Streams are highly version

May be dealing with

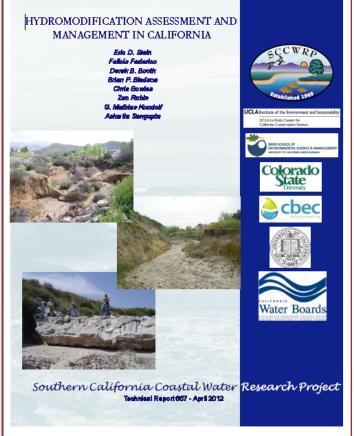


Responses are difficult to predic



# Monitoring in Context of the Overall "Framework"

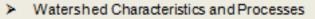
- Technical guidance on assessment of hydromodification impacts, development of strategies and approaches to management of hydromodification effects, and monitoring the effect of management actions.
  - Support development of integrated strategies
  - Improve information sharing
  - Facilitate longer-term development of new regulatory & program approaches
  - Encourage more consistent monitoring



### Report Recommendations This Workshop

- 1. Adopt a new paradigm for hydromodification management
- 2. Focus on restoration and management of watershed processes
- 3. State agencies to take leadership in developing new tools and methods necessary to implement recommend approach
- 4. Local agencies to implement new approaches over time and to implement question-driven monitoring programs
- 5. Develop a mechanism for improved information sharing to inform ongoing refinement of hydromodification management

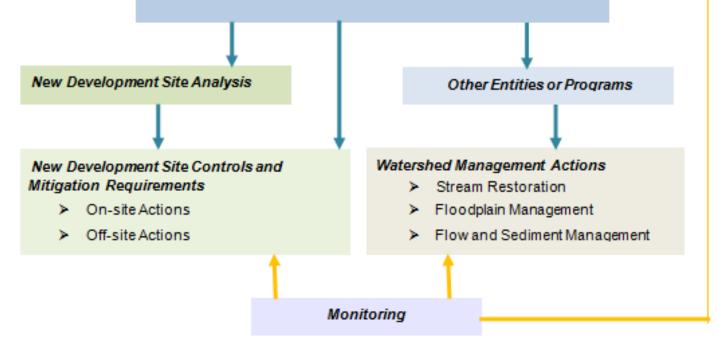




- Current Land Use and Stream Conditions
- Past Actions/Legacy Effects
- Proposed Future Actions/Changes in Land Use

#### Watershed Hydromodification Management

- Opportunities/Constraints
- Management Objectives
- > Framework for Determining Site Control Requirements
- > Valuation Method for Mitigation

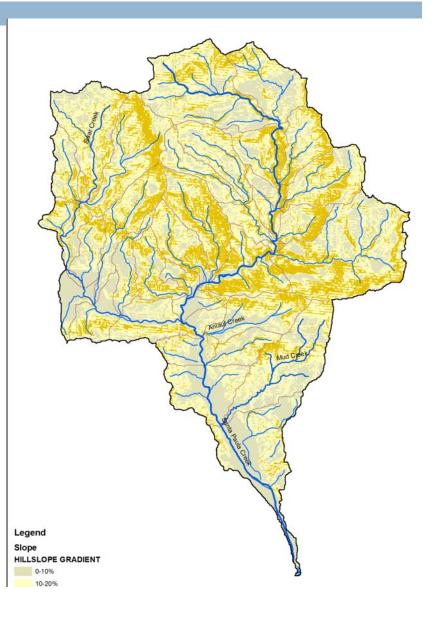


# **Desirable Monitoring Attributes**

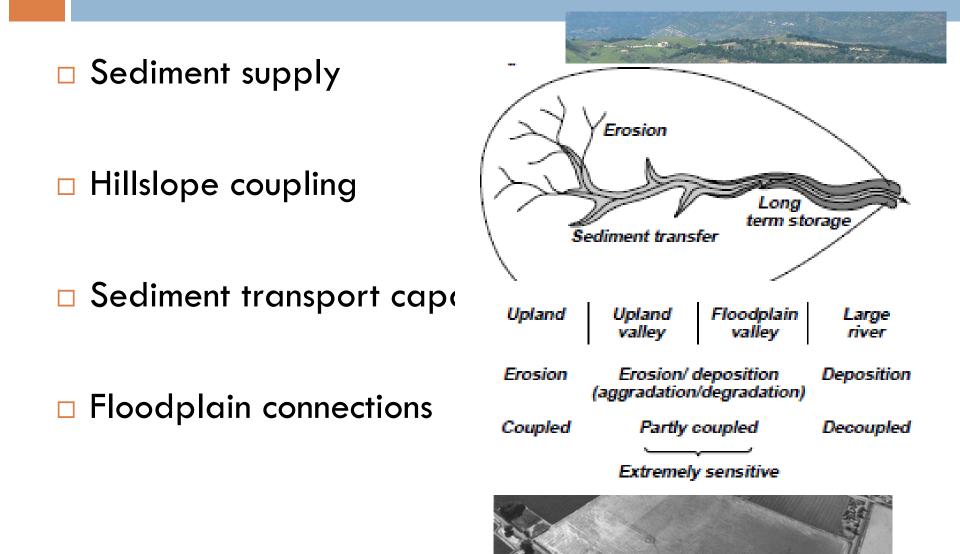
- Monitoring should be question driven
  - Do not monitor for the sake of monitoring
  - Establish clear assessment endpoints
- Monitoring should be multi-dimensional based on the questions
- Monitoring should be based on multiple indicators
  - Use weight of evidence
  - More robust investigation of potential causative factors
- Monitoring should be modular
  - Phased or tiered implementation
- Monitoring should be consistent with and coordinated with other programs (regulatory and ambient)
- Monitoring should be adapative
- MUST have a long-term commitment to implementation

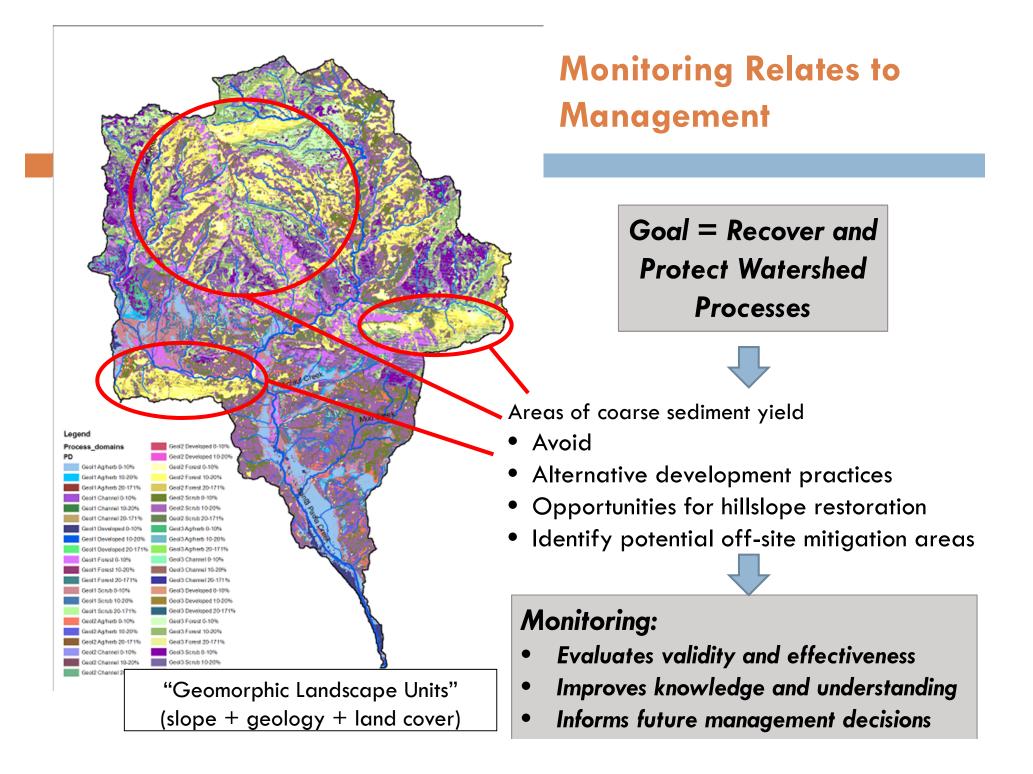
# Watershed Analysis

- Start with watershed analysis
- Informs development of monitoring questions
- Priority locations
- Opportunities to leverage off existing programs
- Ability to monitor process indicators over time



# Monitoring in the Context of Watershed Processes

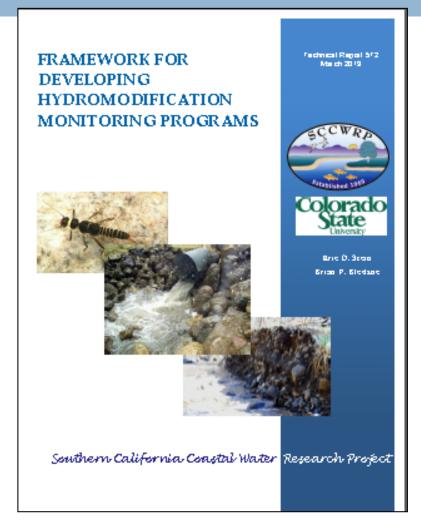




# Framework for Hydromodification Monitoring (draft)

- Question driven with clear assessment endpoints
- Multiple indicators used (hydrologic, physical, and biological)
- Modular
- Consistent with other regional programs
- Adaptive





### **Multi-dimensional Monitoring Questions**

Performance Evaluation

Effectiveness Evaluation

Spatial and Temporal Trends Assessment

Characterization Monitoring

### **Monitoring Questions**

#### **1.** Performance

How do specific BMPs or facilities function relative to their designs?

#### 2. Effectiveness

How well do specific management actions or suites of actions protect the condition or beneficial use of receiving waters?

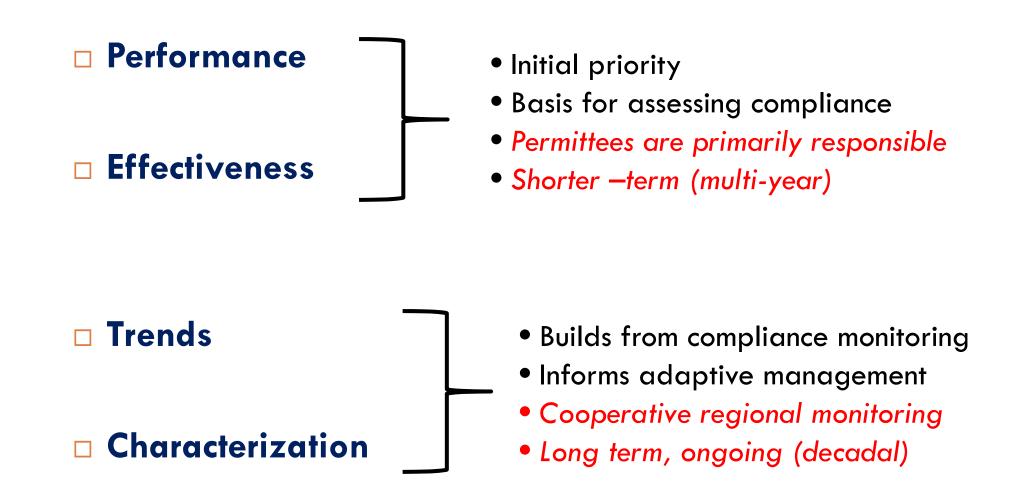
#### **3. Spatial and Temporal Trends**

- What is the spatial footprint of responses to management relative to discharge locations?
- Are conditions improving or declining over time?

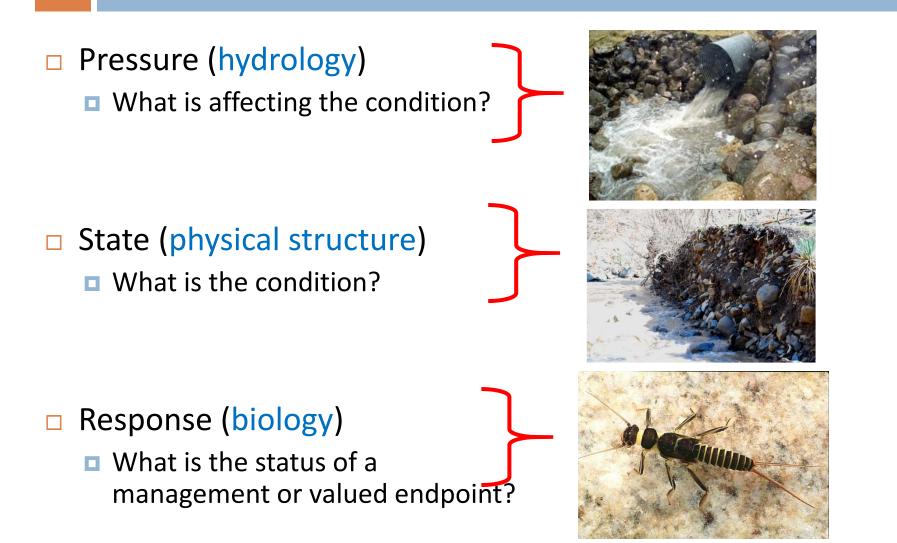
#### 4. Characterization

What is the condition of target areas relative to specific benchmarks (e.g. standards, reference condition, ambient)?

# **Modular Monitoring Elements**



### Monitoring with Multiple Assessment Endpoints



### **Multiple Types of Monitoring Sites**

#### Reference sites

- Provide context
- Differentiate effects from natural variability

#### BMP monitoring sites

- Evaluate performance relative to goals or design expectations
- Evaluate compliance

#### Targeted and sentinel sites

- Evaluate effectiveness of management actions
- Evaluate spatial and temporal trends

#### Probabilistic

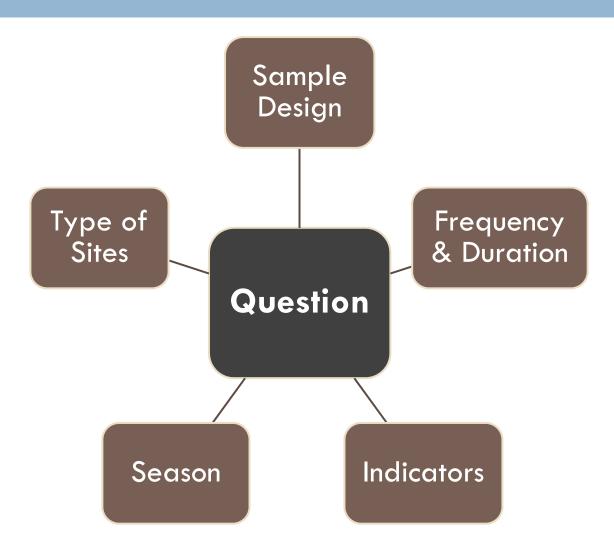
- Provide regional context
- Interpret long-term trends
- Help understand natural variability
- Inform causal assessment

Sites can serve multiple roles Roles can change over time

### **Relationship Between Sites and Questions**

	Performance	Effectiveness	Spatial and Temporal	Characterization
Reference Sites				
BMP Sites		Short-term only		
Targeted/Sentinel				
Probabilistic Sites		possible		

# **Design of Monitoring Elements**



### **Illustration of Design Elements**

#### Hasley Canyon, Santa Clara Watershed, Los Angeles



### Performance

- Targeted Design
- Sites
  - BMP and other management measures
    - Inflow and outflow
    - Pre-project and post-project
  - Reference sites
- Storm season (prefer continuous monitoring)
- □ Focus monitoring in years following initial installation



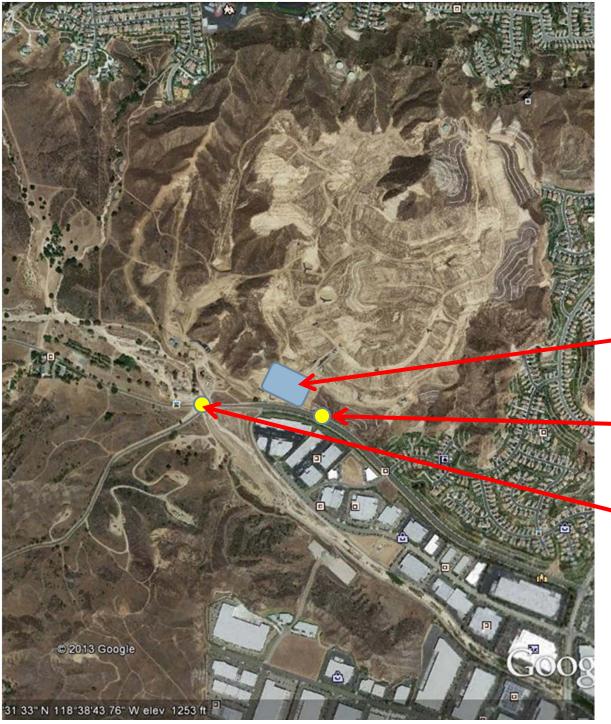
#### Proposed flow-duration basin

#### **Storm Flow Monitoring**

- Pre vs. post project
- BMP and reference
- Continuous monitoring
  - Magnitude
  - Volume
  - Duration

### **Effectiveness**

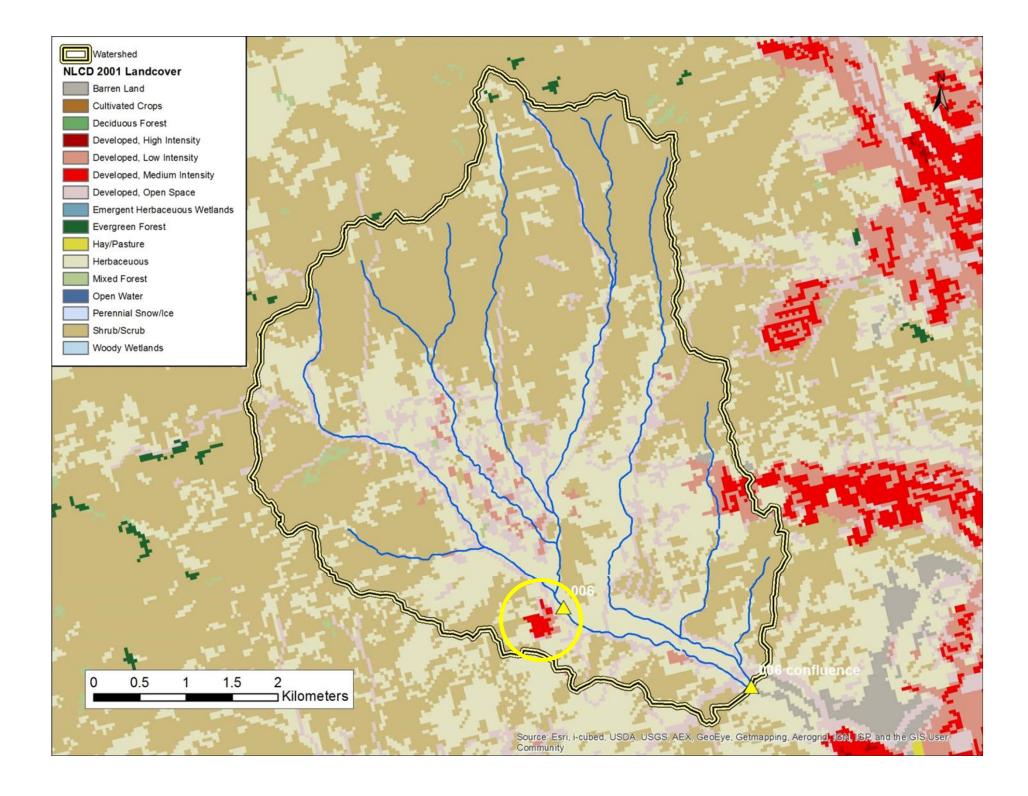
- Targeted Design
- Sites
  - Upstream and downstream of BMPs and other management measures
  - Reference sites
- End of storm season
  - Includes continuous flow monitoring
- □ GIS/watershed analysis of potential causative factors
- □ Focus monitoring in years following initial installation



#### Proposed flow-duration basin

#### Jargeted Monitoring

- Continuous flow monitoring
- Geomorphology
- Biology

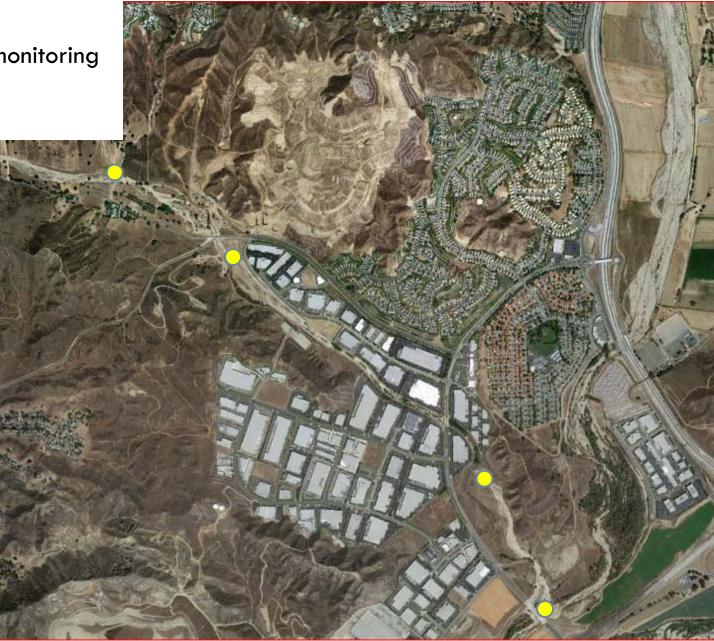


# **Spatial and Temporal Trends**

- Targeted Design
- Sites
  - Reference sites
  - Sentinal/integrator sites
  - Downstream of management action
- Dry season
  - Include continuous flow
- Ongoing monitoring
  - Every several years or following large event

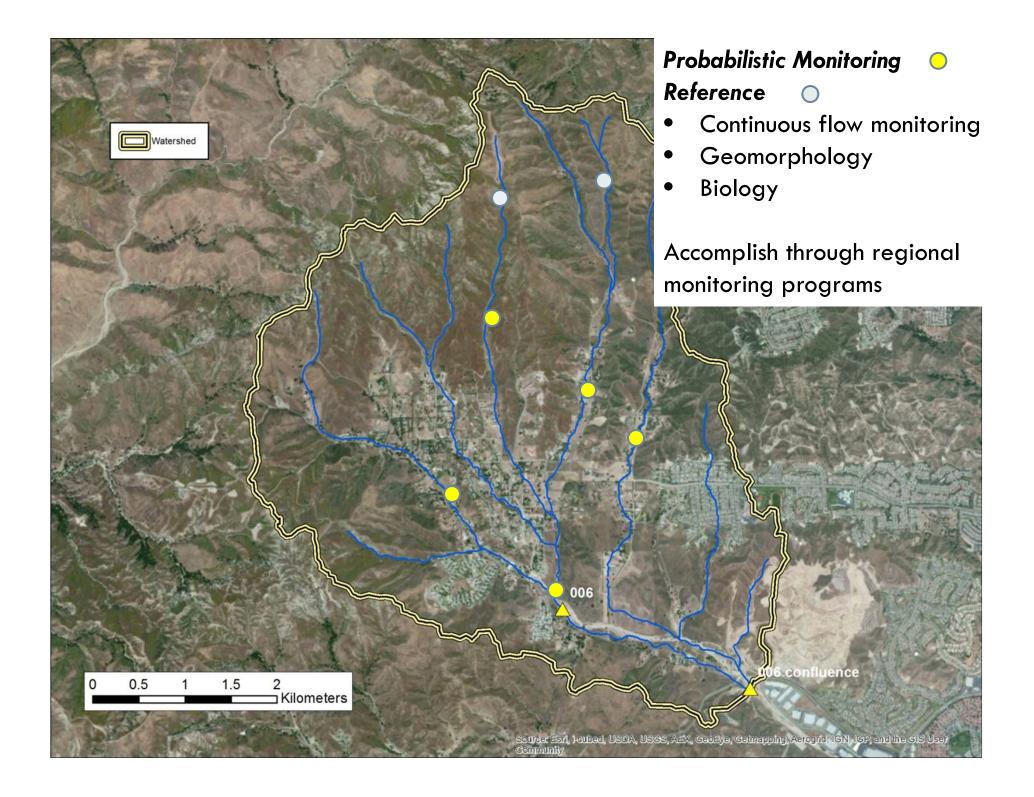
#### Targeted Monitoring

- Continuous flow monitoring
- Geomorphology
- Biology



### Characterization

- Probabilistic Design
- Sites
  - Randomly selected
  - Can be stratified by management area or association with BMPs
- Dry seaon
- Ongoing annual monitoring
  - Associated with regional ambient assessment programs



### **Monitoring Indicators**

- Hydrologic
  - What is affecting the condition?

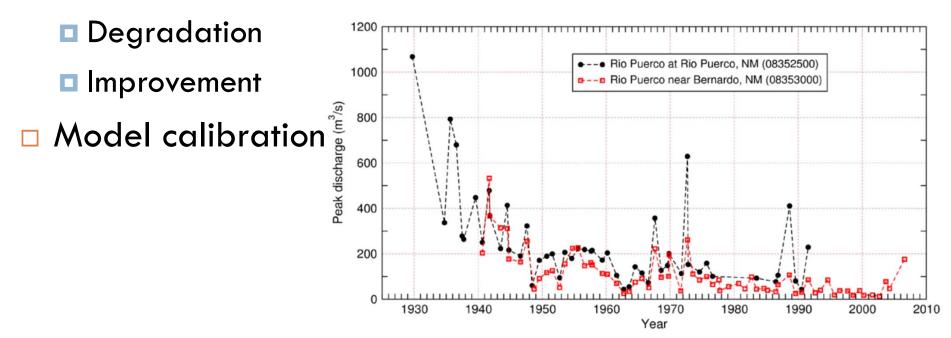
- Geomorphic
  - What is the condition?

- Biologic
  - What is the status of a management or valued endpoint?



# **Hydrologic Monitoring**

- Main "pressure" variable
- Need long-term data sets
- Understand "natural" ranges of variability
- Detect deviations from past ranges



### **Flow Measurement Options**

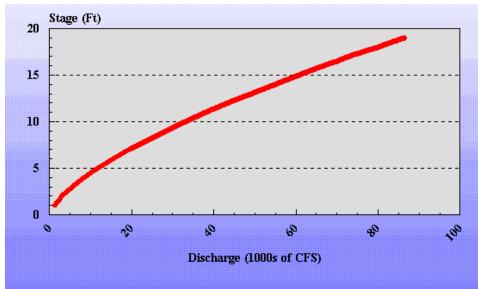
BMP outflow relative to design standards

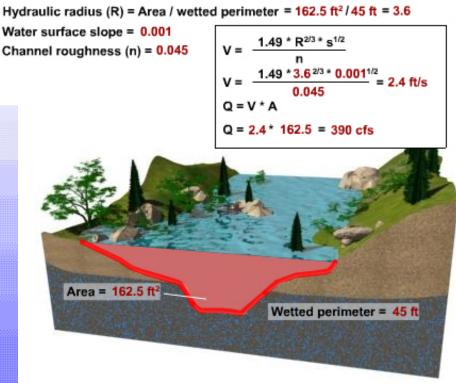
- Stream flow measurements
  Handheld flow meters
  - Pressure transducers
  - Flow gauging stations



### How We Estimate Discharge

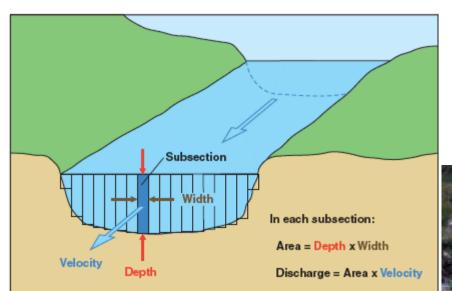
- Rely on stage-discharge relationship
- Relatively stable cross-section
  - Contains flow
  - "rateable"
  - Readily accessible





Manning's Equation Example

### Hand-held Flow Measures



Current-meter discharge measurements are made by determining the discharge in each subsection of a channel cross section and summing the subsection discharges to obtain a total discharge.

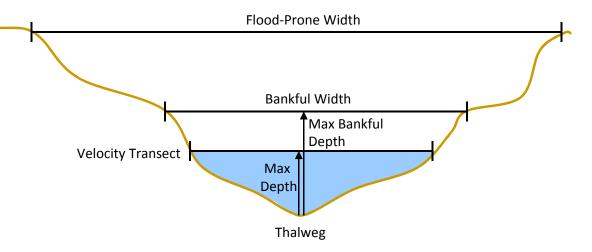
- Low cost
- Relatively easy
- Prone to high variability
- Not continuous





### **Pressure Transducer**





- Low cost
- Relatively easy
- Extended deployment
- Regular downloads



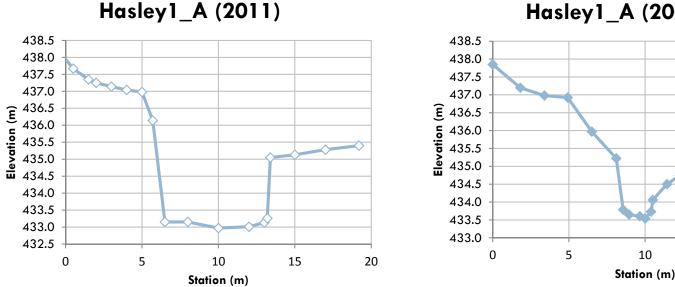
### **Flow Gauging**



- More costly
- More complex to install
- Need external power
- Higher quality data
- Continuous/long-term data

### **Geomorphic Monitoring**

- Main "state" variable
- Evaluate sentinel stations over time
  - Understand natural variability
  - Detect deviation of trajectories and rates of change
- Support deterministic and statistical modeling





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### **Types of Geomorphic Assessments**

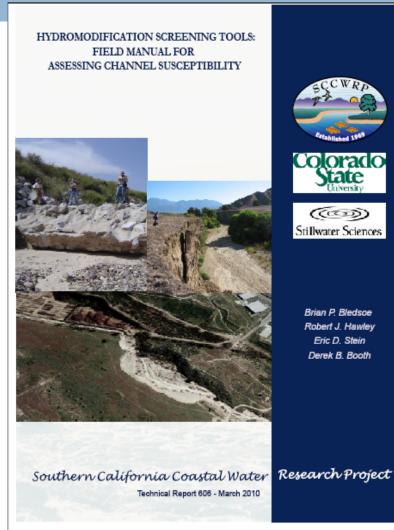
Hydromodification screening tool indicators

Channel cross-sections and profiles

Physical Habitat (PHAB) measures
 Part of routine stream bioassessment

# **Field Screening Tool**

- Classify streams by:
  - Likely severity of response
  - Likely direction of response
- Decision trees
  - Clear endpoints very high, high, medium, low
- □ Simple to apply field metrics
  - Does not rely on complex field measures
- Locally calibrated
- Rapid < 1 day in office + 1 day in field</p>



# **Screening Tool Indicators**

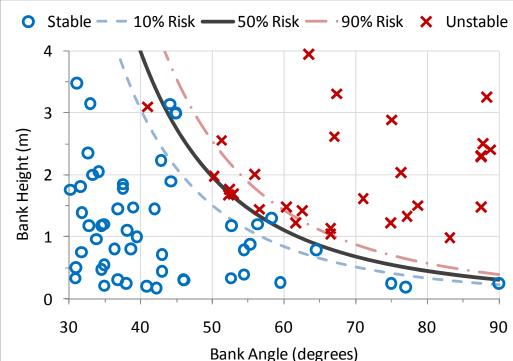
### **Vertical Susceptibility**

- Dominant bed material
  - Labile
  - Transitional armored
- Amount of armoring
- Grade control
  - Spacing
  - Height
  - Integrity
- Proximity to incision threshold

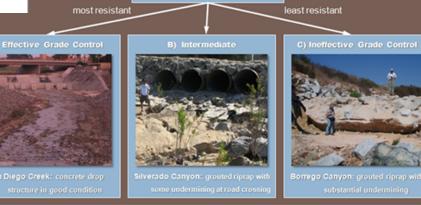
#### Lateral Susceptibility

- Evidence of mass wasting or bank cutting
- Consolidation of bank material
- Toe material (coarse or fine)
- Bank height and angle
  - Proximity to braiding threshold
- Valley confinement
  - Valley Width Index (VWI)
  - valley bottom width versus channel width
- Vertical susceptibility score

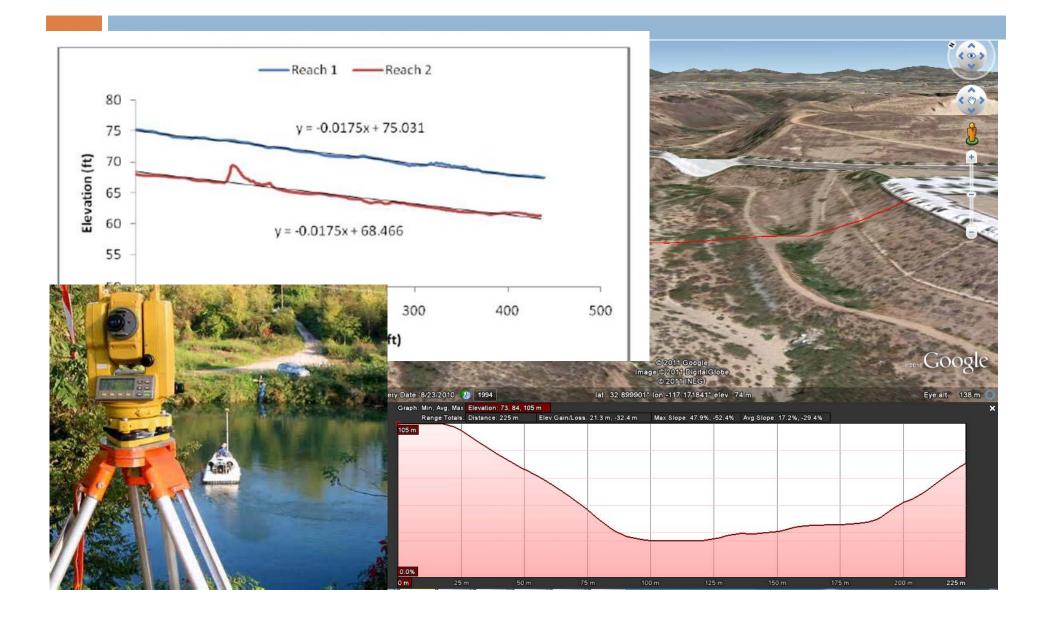
### Field Indicators + Empirical Relationships



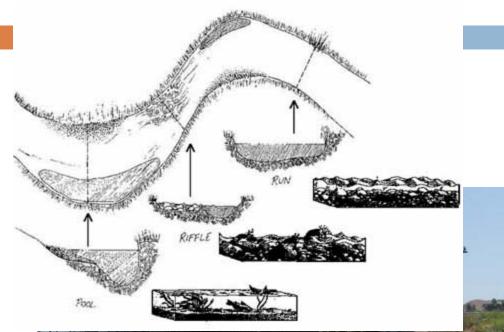
#### Form 3 Checklist 2: Grade Control Grade control is present with spacing <50 m or 2/S, m А No evidence of failure/ineffectiveness, e.g., no headcutting (>30 cm), no active mass wasting (analyst cannot say grade control sufficient if masswasting checklist indicates presence of bank failure), no exposed bridge pilings, no culverts/structures undermined · Hard points in serviceable condition at decadal time scale, e.g., no apparent undermining, flanking, failing grout · If geologic grade control, rock should be resistant igneous and/or metamorphic; For sedimentary/hardpan to be classified as 'grade control', it should be of demonstrable strength as indicated by field testing such as hammer test/borings and/or inspected by appropriate stakeholder Intermediate to A and C - artificial or geologic grade control present but в spaced 2/Sv m to 4/Sv m or potential evidence of failure or hardpan of uncertain resistance С Grade control absent, spaced >100 m or >4/Sy m, or clear evidence of ineffectiveness **GRADE CONTROL** most resistan least resistant A) Effective Grade Control



### **Channel Cross-sections and Profiles**



### Physical Habitat (PHAB) MMI





#### Habitat Assessment Field Data Sheet Low Gradient Streams

Station #	_ Rivermile	_		
Lat	Long	_		
Storet #				
Form Completed By		Date Time AM PM		
Habit Parameter				317
I. Epifaunal Substrate/ Available Cover	Greater than 50% of substrate favorable for epifunal colonization and fabt cover, mix of snags, submerged logs, undercut banks, cobble or other stable habitat and ai stage to allow full colonization potential ( <i>i.e.</i> , logs/anags that are <u>not</u> transient).	30 - 50% mix of stable habitat; well-suited for full colonization potential, adequate habitat for maintenance of populations; presence of additional substrate in the form of newfall, but not yet prepared for colonization (may rate at high end of scale).	10 - 30% mix of stable habitat; habitat availability less than desirable; substrate frequently disturbed or removed.	Less than 10% stabl habitat; lack of habitat is obvious; substrate unstable or lacking.
SCORE	20 19 18 17 16	15 14 13 12 11	10 9 8 7 6	]
2. Pool Substrate Characterization	Mixture of substrate materials, with gravel and firm sand prevalent; root mats and submerged vegetation common.	Mixture of soft sand, mud, or clay; mud may be dominant; some root mats and submerged vegetation present.	All mud or clay or sand bottom; little or no root mat; no submerged vegetation.	Hard-pan clay or bedrock; no root mat or vegetation.
SCORE	20 19 18 17 16	15 14 13 12 11	10 9 8 7 6	
3. Pool Variability	Even mix of large- shallow, large-deep, small-shallow, small- deep pools present.	Majority of pools large-deep; very few shallow.	Shallow pools much more prevalent than deep pools.	Majority of pools small-shallow or pools absent.
SCORE	20 19 18 17 16	15 14 13 12 11	10 9 8 7 6	

# **PHAB MMI Metrics**

#### **Condition Categories**

- Riparian condition
- Substrate condition
- Productivity
- Channel equilibrium
- Riparian condition

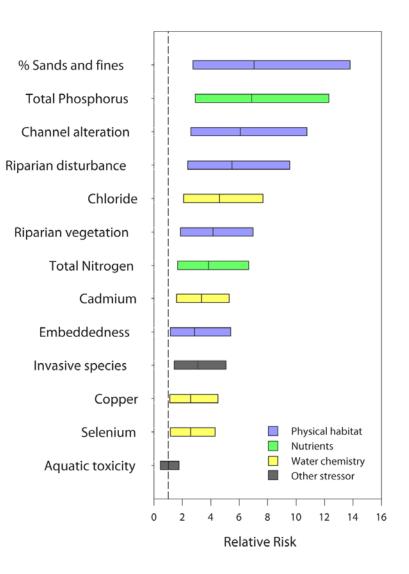
Index under development

#### **Candidate Metrics**

- Percent Presence of Macroalgae
- Percent Stable Banks
- Percent Fast Water of Reach
- Natural Shelter cover SWAMP
- Mean Mid-Channel Shade
- Canopy cover
- Riparian Vegetation All 3 Layers
- CPOM Presence
- Particle Size Median (d50)
- Percent Substrate <2 mm</p>

# **Biological Monitoring**

- Main "response" variable
- Direct measure of biological endpoint
  - Integrate stream conditions
  - Monitor for shifts in community structure
- Support characterization and effectiveness assessments



# **Biological Assessment Tools**

### California Rapid Assessment Method (CRAM)

Benthic Macroinvertebrates

Stream Algae



Emerging Bioassessment Indicators

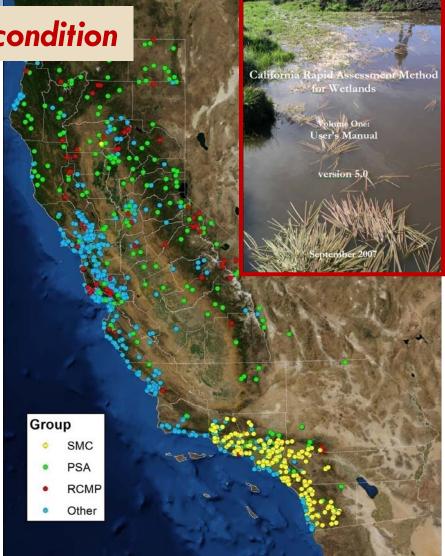




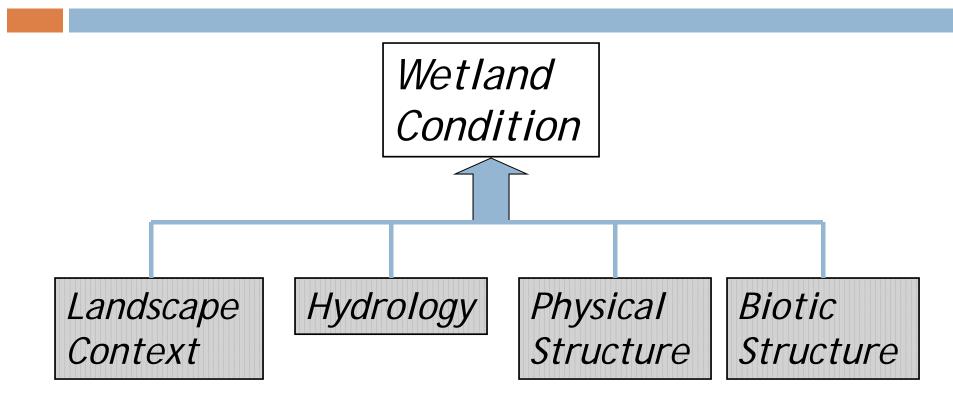
### California Rapid Assessment Method (CRAM)

### Field-based, rapid tool to assess condition

- Applicable to all wetland types, including streams
- Based on readily observable field indicators
- Evaluates broad suite of conditions
- Validated with more intensive measures of condition

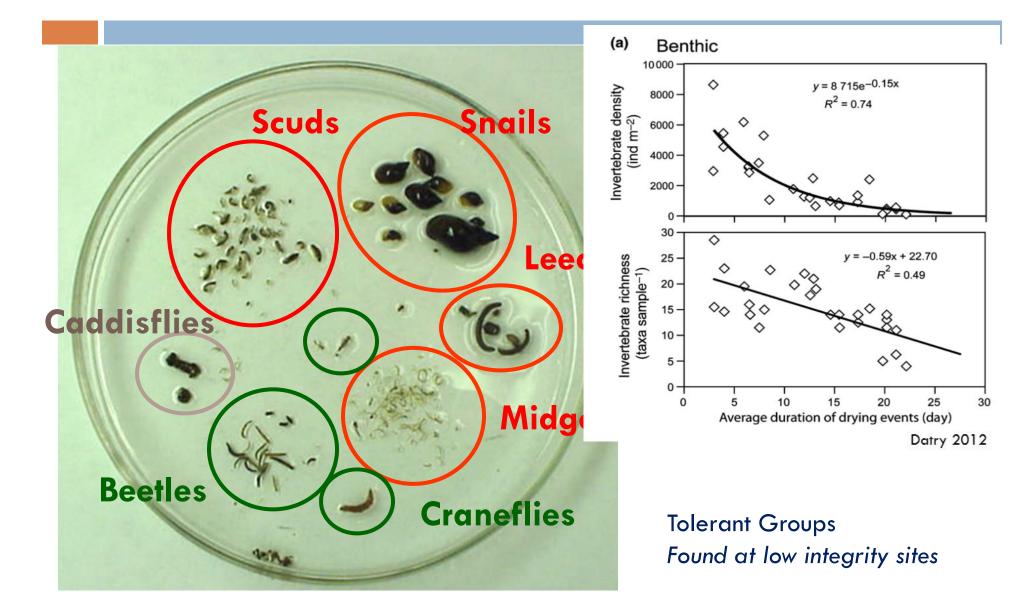


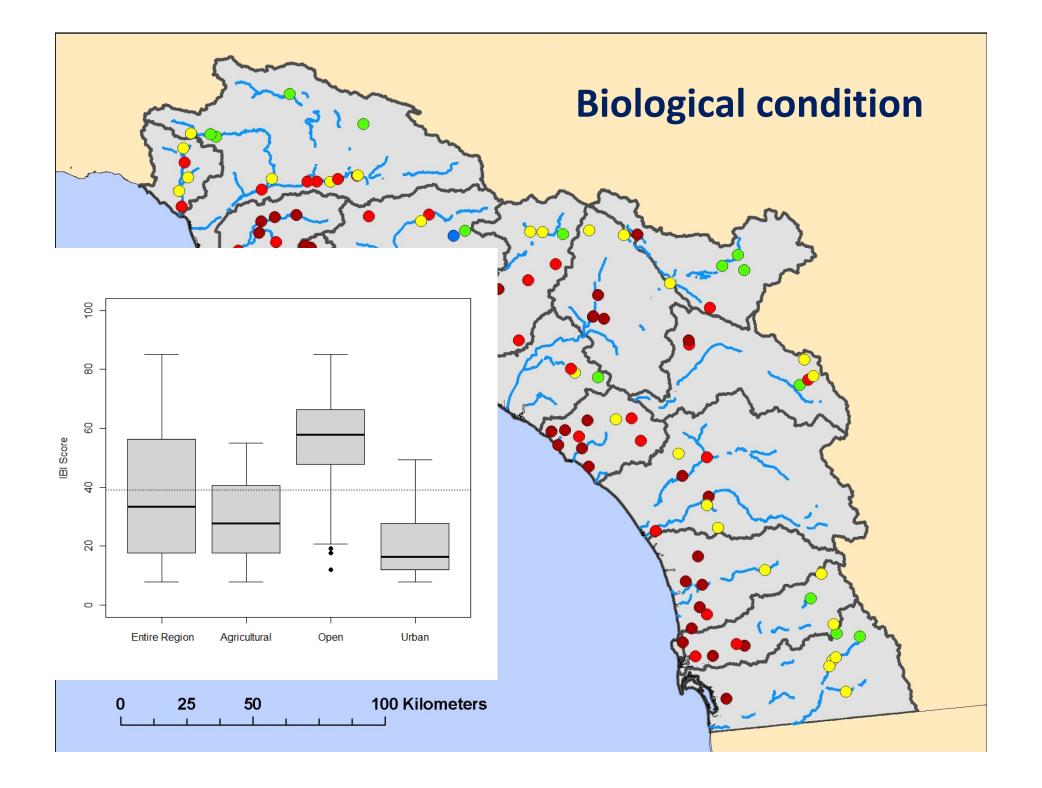
### **CRAM Attributes**



- CRAM recognizes four attributes of wetland condition
- Each attribute is represented by 2-3 metrics, some of which have sub-metrics.

### **Benthic Invertebrate Assessments**





### Algae Bioassessment

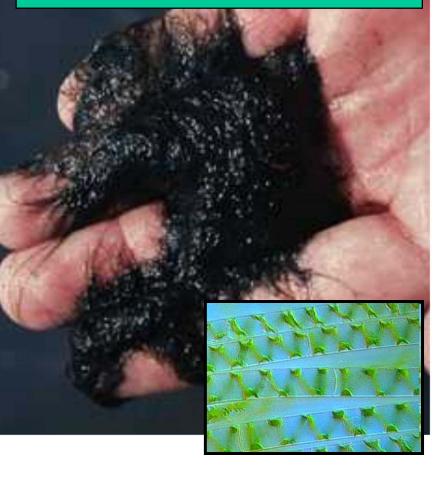
#### Information complementary to bugs

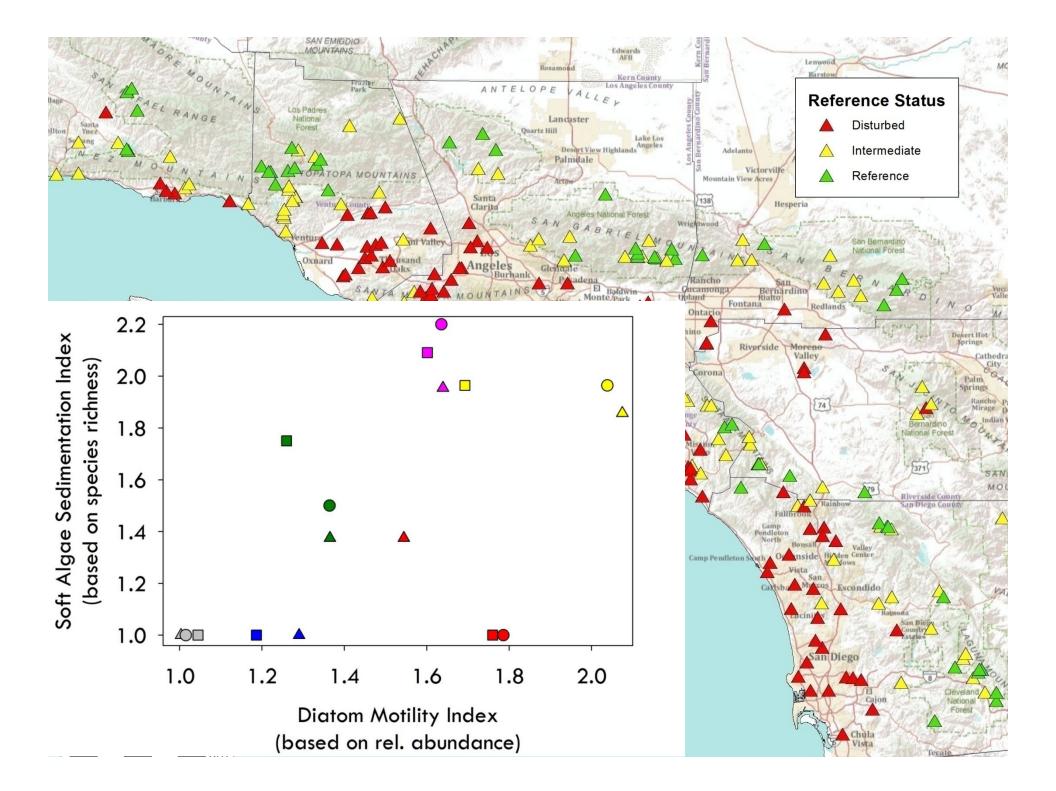
- Response to different stressors
- Strongest responses evident over different ranges of disturbance
- Weight of evidence
- Potential for broader range/flexibility in interpretation of results
  - Applicability on different substrate types

# **Benthic Algae IBIs**

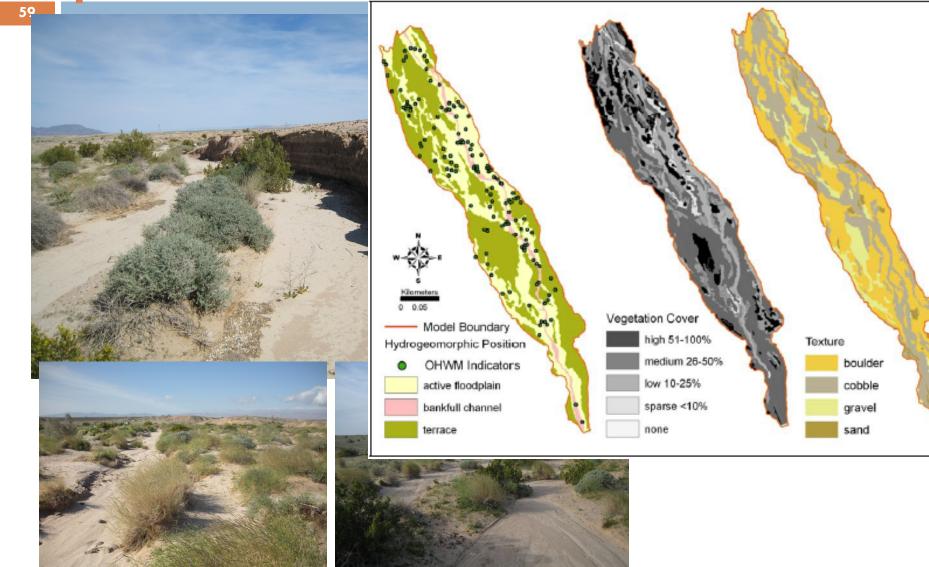


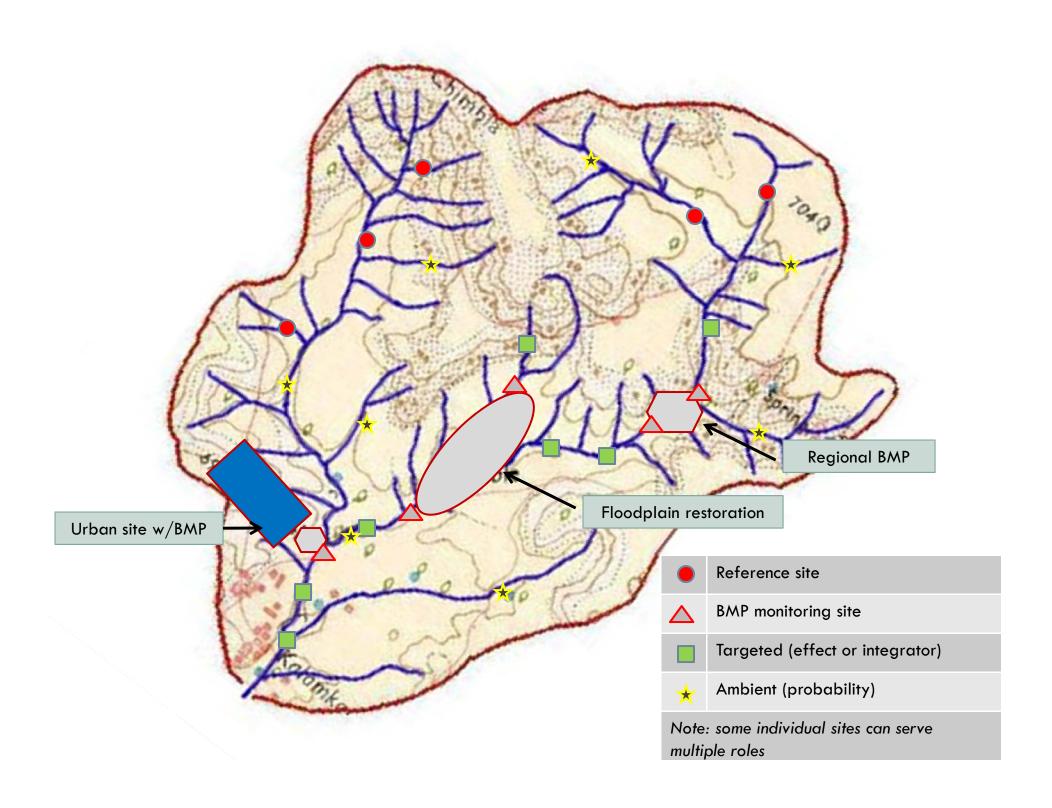
### soft-bodied algae (& cyanobacteria)





# Emerging Indicators for Nonperennial Streams





# What Do I Do With This Info?

- Identify successful management measures
- Identify areas of the watershed w/need of:
  - Additional management
  - Protection
- Calibrate, validate, refine models and tools
- Improve understanding of stressresponse relationships
- Characterize natural variability

- Pre vs post project
- Upstream vs downstream
- Differences from reference
- Relative to ambient condition

## How Much Will this Cost?

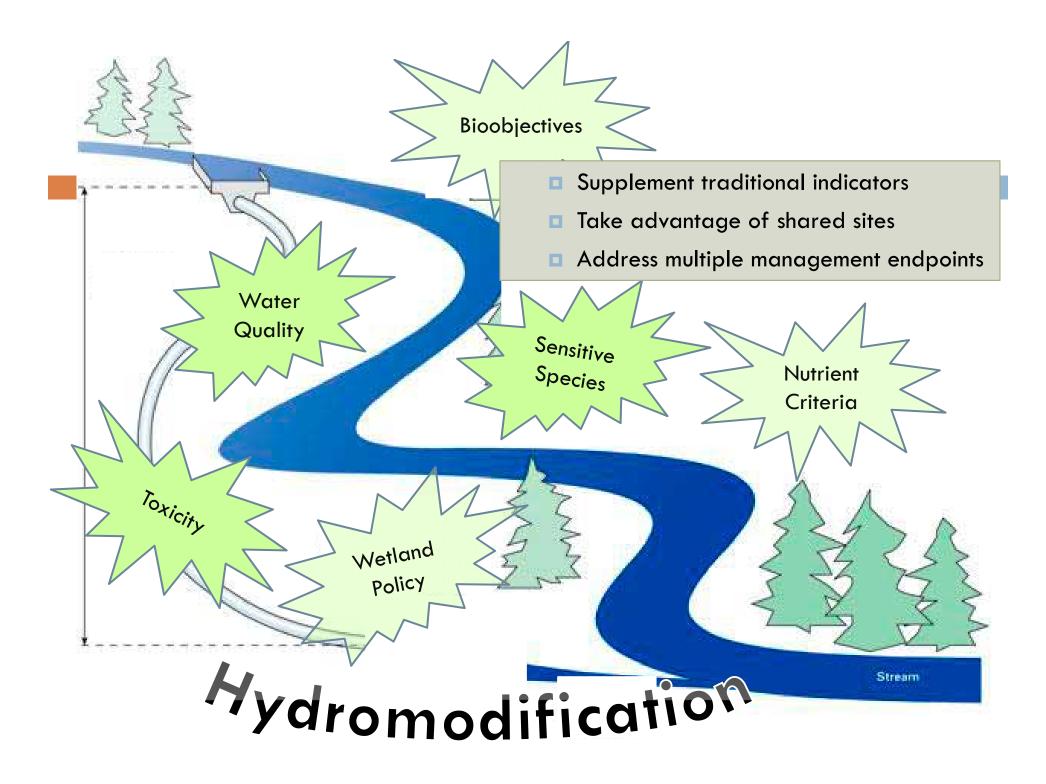
	Up-front Costs	Recurring Costs
Hydrology	\$2,500	\$5,000
Biology & Geomorphology	\$3,000	\$6,500
Type of Site	No. of sites	
BMP monitoring sites	6 - 9	
BMP reference sites (	3 - 5	
Instream effectivenes	6 - 9	
Spatial effects sites	12 - 15	
Trends sites	6 - 9	
Reference sites	6 -9	
Probalisitic sites	30	

## **Overall Estimated Costs**

		Up front	Annual
Short term questions	Performance & Effectiveness	\$40,000 - \$80,00	\$85,00 - \$120,000
Longer term questions	Trends and Spatial Patterns	\$45,000 - \$70,000	\$100,000 - \$150,000
Probabilistic		\$90,000	\$200,000

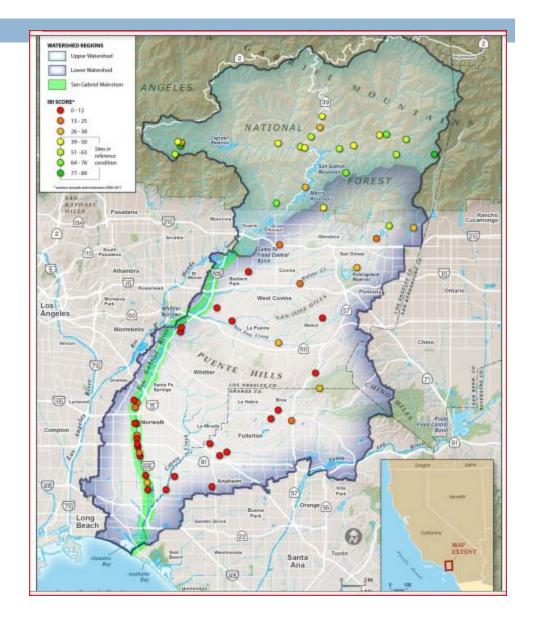
### **Don't Freak Out!**





## Leverage off Existing Programs

- Regional Monitoring
  Characterization
  Regional reference
- Stormwater MonitoringEffectiveness
- Section 404/401
  Performance



### Challenges

Site identification

Long-term commitment

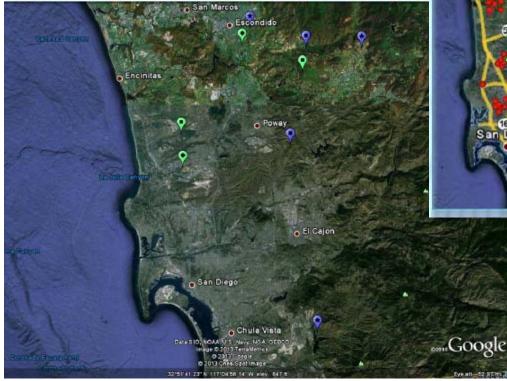
Responsibility

Funding

Information management and dissemination
 Central database for hydromodification BMP/LID performance and effectiveness monitoring data

### **Challenges of Site Identification**

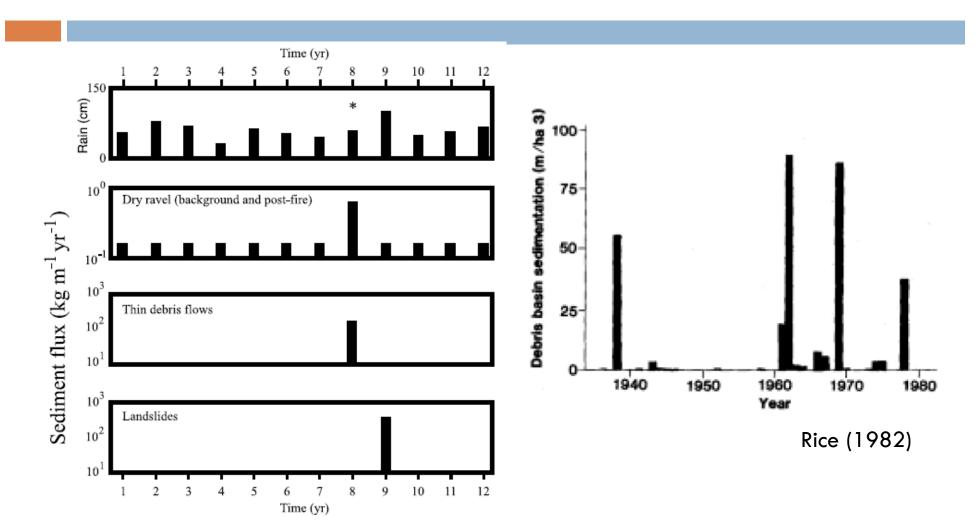
- Identify candidate sties
- Office screening
- Field screening
- Legal access and permissions





300 sites researched10 sites selected

### **MUST Monitor for the Long-view**



Gabet and Dunne (2003)

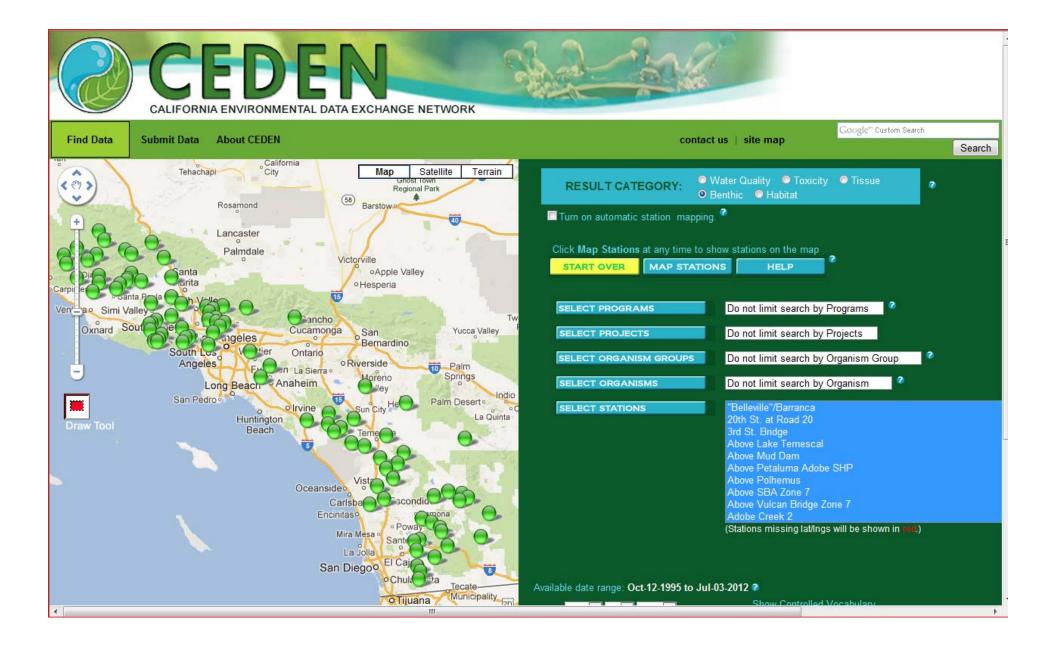
### How Can You Access the Data

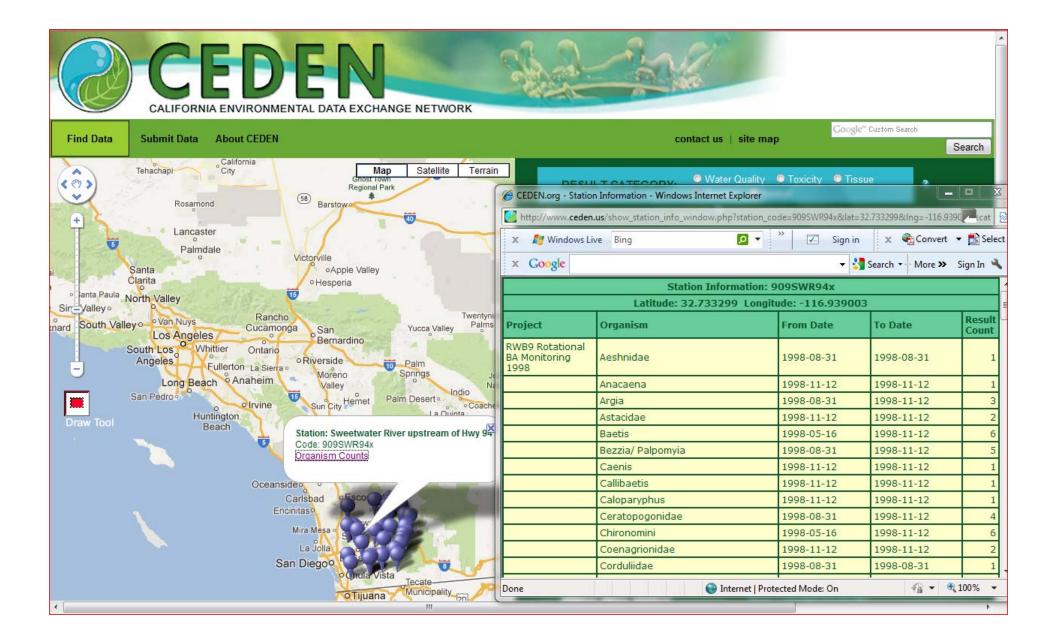


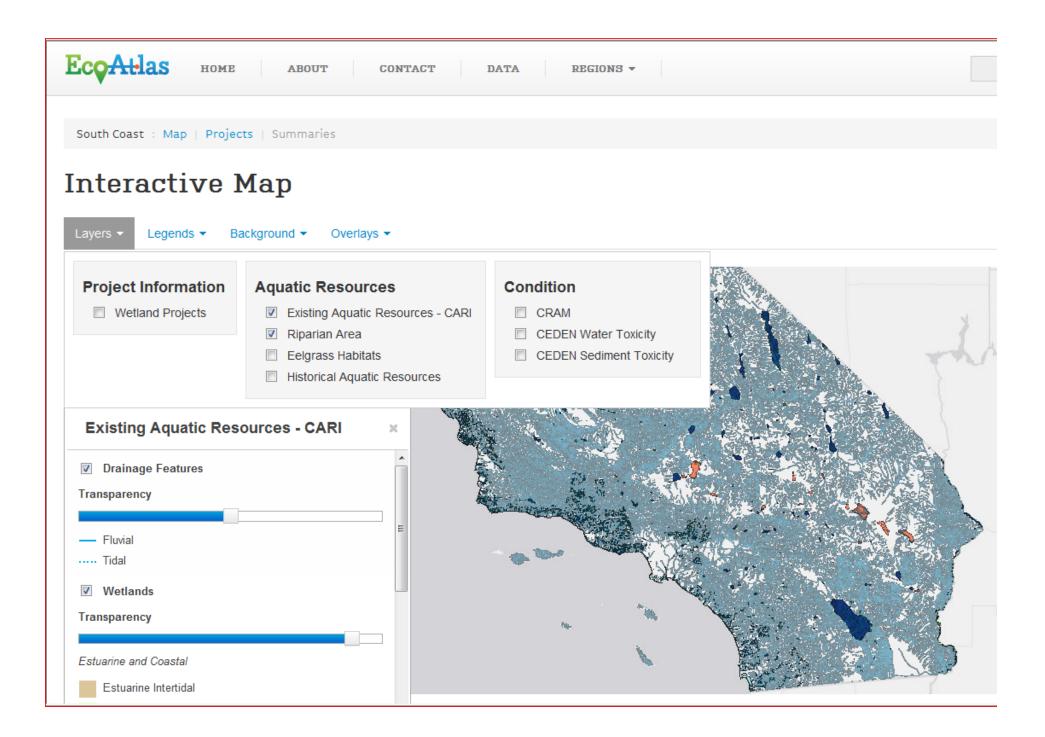
#### Benthic invertebrates, Algae, Chemistry, Toxicity



CRAM, Chemistry, Toxicity, + Project info





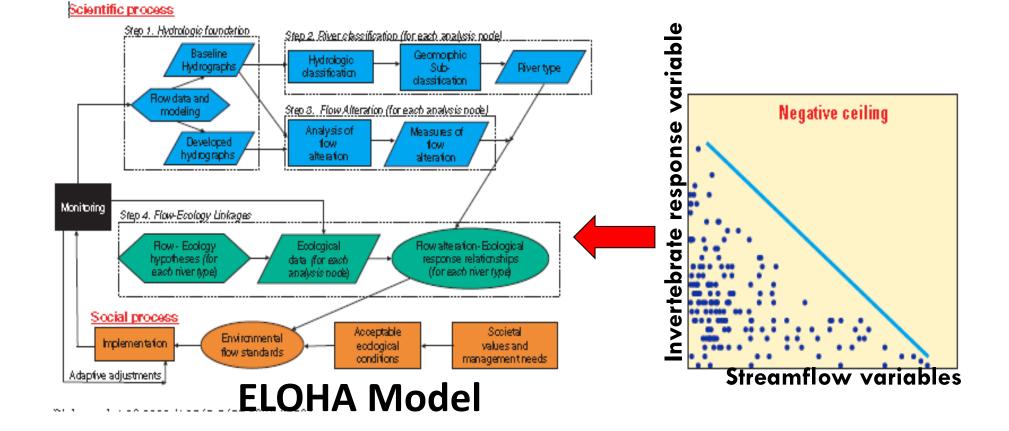


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#### **Programmatic Needs & Future Directions**

- Central database for hydromodification BMP/LID performance and effectiveness monitoring data
- Examples/demonstrations of how to apply the framework and integrate multiple monitoring efforts to better leverage effort
- Develop more explicit connections with biological endpoints
  - Coordination with bio-objectives and causal assessment

## **Toward Flow-Ecology Models**

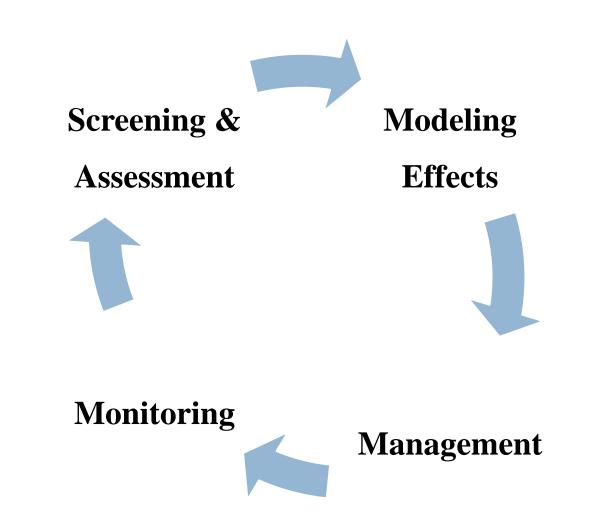


# Relating Water Quality Indicators to Higher Trophic Level Functions

Do relationships exist between hydromodification, biological indicators (e.g bugs), and higher trophic levels?

- Common stressors
- Food chain effects

#### **Monitoring Informs Future Management**



#### **Final Thoughts**

Questions drive monitoring

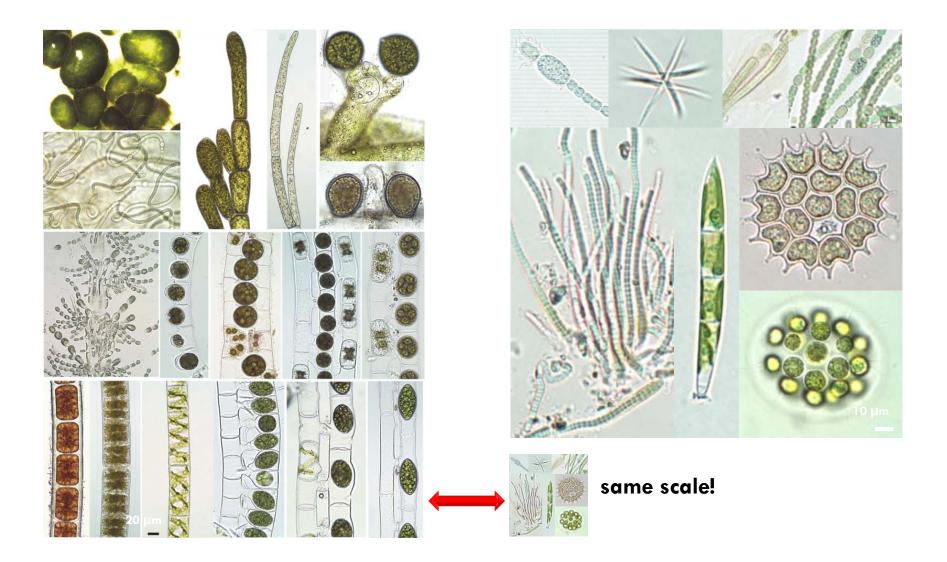
True benefits will only be realized over the long-term
 Need long-term implementation mechanisms

Monitoring data contributes to new knowledge
 Data must be made broadly available



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## Algae Come in a Variety of Shapes/Sizes...



## **Component Metrics**

- 1. proportion sedimentation tolerant (incl. highly motile)
- 2. proportion low-nitrogen indicators (incl. N fixers)
- 3. proportion haplobiontic
- 4. proportion nitrogen heterotrophs
- 5. proportion requiring > 50% saturation DO
- 6. proportion of organic-associated spp
- 7. proportion of copper-associated spp
- 8. proportion of low-phosphorus-associated spp

# Sample Application: Sweetwater

#### Taxonomic Completeness

Observed	Missing
Acari	Bezzia
Baetis	
Chironominae	. /
Orthocladiinae	~ to append
Simulium	
Oligochaeta	/ 1
Tanypodinae	
low taxa richness	at Sweetwater.

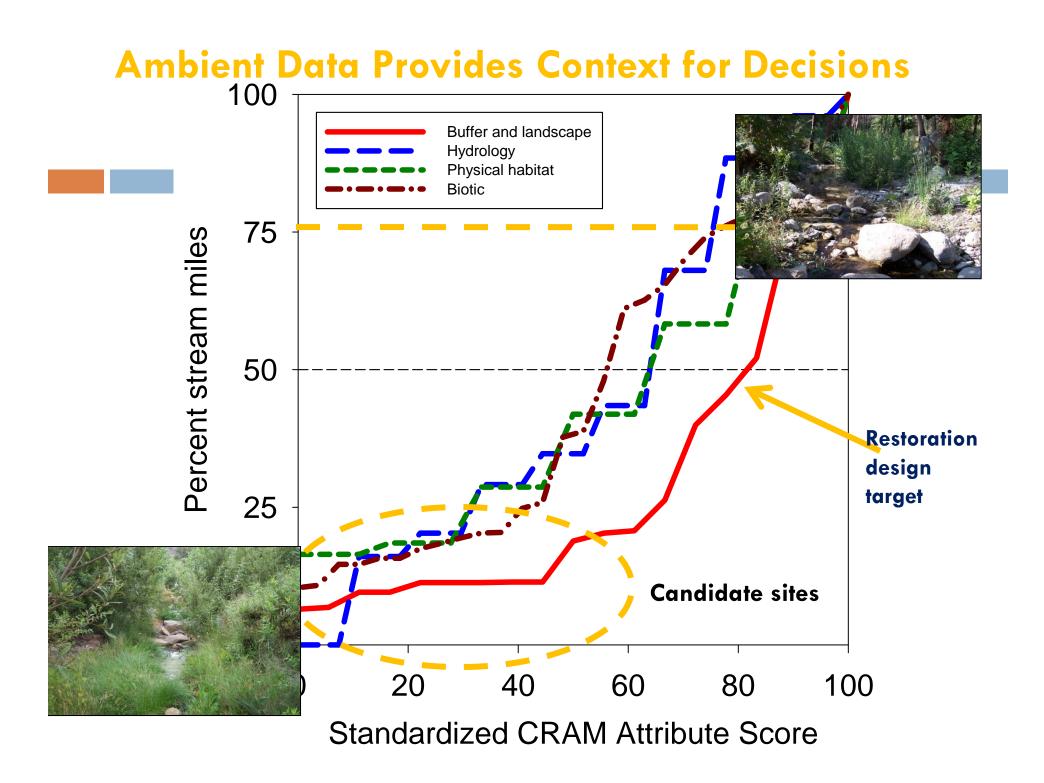
low taxa richness at Sweetwater, but hardly anything missing.

Index/Component	Sweetwater
CSCI	1.04
MMI	0.96
O/E	1.13

Metric	0	E	Score
Shannon Div	2.3	1.6	1.0
% Intol Taxa	0.0 6	0.23	0.3
Tol Value	6.2	5.8	0.7
Shredder Taxa	0	0.8	0.6
Clinger Taxa	5.6	6.5	0.7
Coleo Taxa	5.1	3.1	1.0
% Noninsect Taxa	0.2	0.2	0.9
Collector Taxa	12. 2	9.4	1.0

**Ecological Structure** 





#### **Report Recommendations**

- 1. Adopt a new paradigm for hydromodification management
- 2. Focus on restoration and management of watershed processes
- State agencies to take leadership in developing new tools and methods necessary to implement recommend approach
- 4. Local agencies to implement new approaches over time and to implement question-driven monitoring programs
- Develop a mechanism for improved information sharing to inform ongoing refinement of hydromodification management



