Proposed WaterFix Project Would Increase Exports During Drier Periods

Total South-of-Delta Exports -- CWF H3+

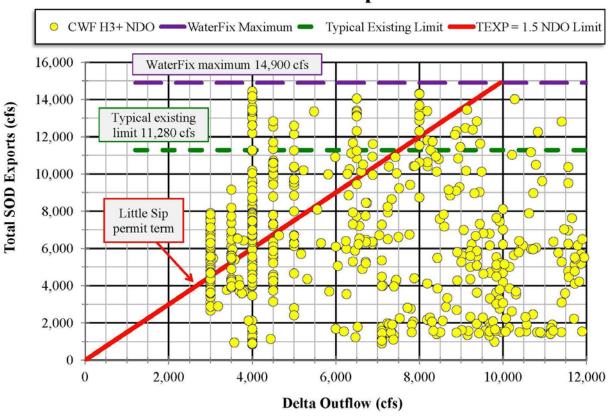


Figure 1: Monthly-averaged total South-of-Delta exports for the proposed WaterFix project CWF H3+ as a function of the corresponding Delta outflow. The data represent the modeling period, October 1, 1921 through September 30, 2003. Only data for outflows less than 12,000 cfs are plotted to highlight the proposed WaterFix operations during drier periods. The WaterFix project increases exports beyond existing levels when Delta outflows are very low and the Delta ecosystem is most vulnerable. This is the exact opposite of the "Little Sip" concept. The suggested 1.5 times Delta outflow limit would help ensure operations consistent with the "Little Sip" concept.