### Hydropower and Electric Grid Analysis of Lower San Joaquin River Flow Alternatives



### **Two-Part Analysis**

- Monthly hydropower generation
  Change in timing and magnitude of hydropower generation by month
- Electric grid reliability
  - Effect of reduced generation under summer peak load conditions and contingencies



#### Lower San Joaquin River Watershed



## **Hydropower Facilities**





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#### Facilities by Location and Tributary (# (Nameplate Capacity))

Tributary	Upstream	In-Stream	<b>Off-Stream</b>
Stanislaus	11 (462)	1 (17)	2 (8)
Tuolumne	5 (391)	1 (4)	3 (5)
Merced	0 (0)	2 (19)	3 (6)

Nameplate capacity rounded to nearest megawatt

- New Melones 300 MW
- New Don Pedro 203 MW
- New Exchequer 95 MW



### **Monthly Hydropower Generation**

- WSE model provides reservoir releases/elevations and diversions.
- Power equation used for major reservoir and in-stream facilities
- Percentage of capacity for off-stream facilities equal to surface water diversions
- Monthly hydropower estimated for three alternatives and compared to baseline.



#### Average Annual Baseline Hydropower Generation and Difference from Baseline

				Project	
	Stanislaus	Tuolumne	Merced	Area	
Alternative	(GWh)	(GWh)	(GWh)	(GWh)	
Baseline	437	628	403	1,467	
20% UF	-10	0	0	-10	
40% UF	-19	-9	-9	-37	
60% UF	-31	-18	-18	-66	
Alternative	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	
20% UF	-2%	0%	0%	-1%	
40% UF	-4%	-2%	-2%	-3%	
60% UF	-7%	-4%	-5%	-6%	
GWh = gigawatt hours					



#### **Average Monthly Generation**



Water Boards

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### **Electric Grid Reliability**

- Power flow analysis using General Electric
  Positive Sequence Load Flow Model
- Lowest July reservoir storage level from WSE model with full rated flow.
- Calculate hydropower capacity for this worst-case month
- Used latest 2011 heavy summer demand model from WECC.



#### Change in July Capacity (20% Unimpaired Flow)





#### **Change in July Capacity** (40% Unimpaired Flow)





#### Change in July Capacity (60% Unimpaired Flow)





### **Scenarios Modeled**

Case Description	Output of Hydro Units <sup>a</sup>	Normal Conditions	Contingency Conditions			
Base Case / 20% Unimpaired	Normal	Х	Х			
40% Unimpaired	Reduced by 5 %	Х	Х			
60% Unimpaired	Reduced by 8 %	Х	Х			
<sup>a</sup> Units refer to New Melones, New Exchequer, and New Don Pedro Facilities						



### **Grid Reliability Modeling Results**

With the worst-case July capacity reductions under peak summer demand assumptions:

- The 60% flow alternative had a minor, but easily mitigated violation under a transmission line contingency
- All contingency scenarios and all other alternatives experienced no limit violations



# Questions?

