Top ~~Ten~~ Seven Insights from the 2014 Delta Drought Modeling

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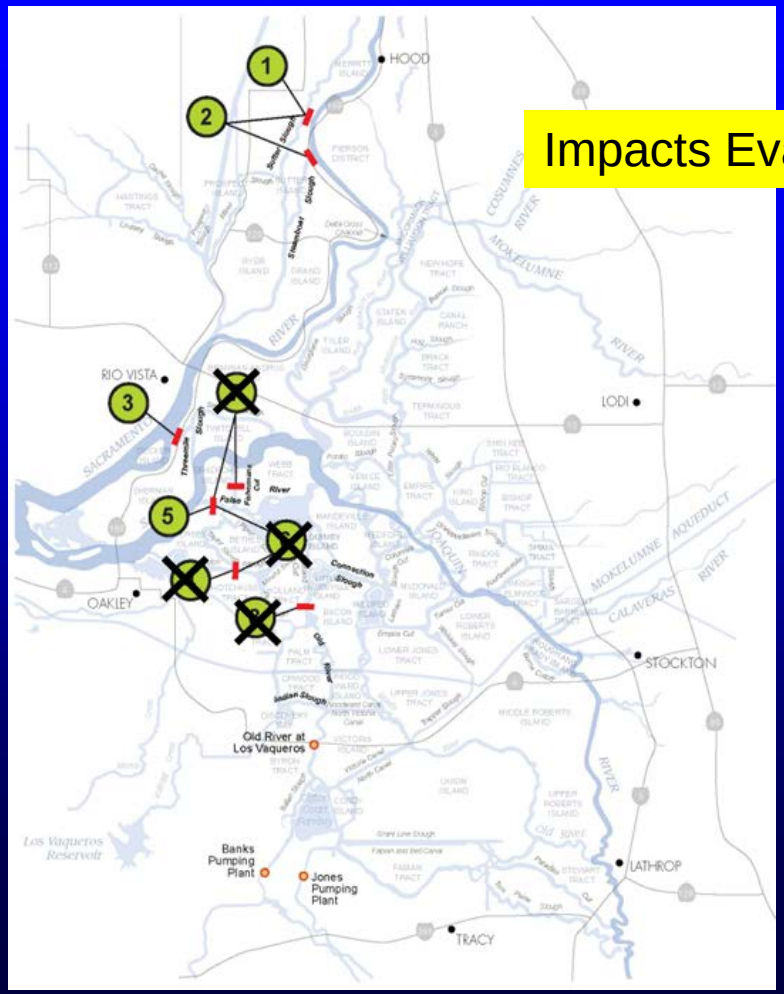
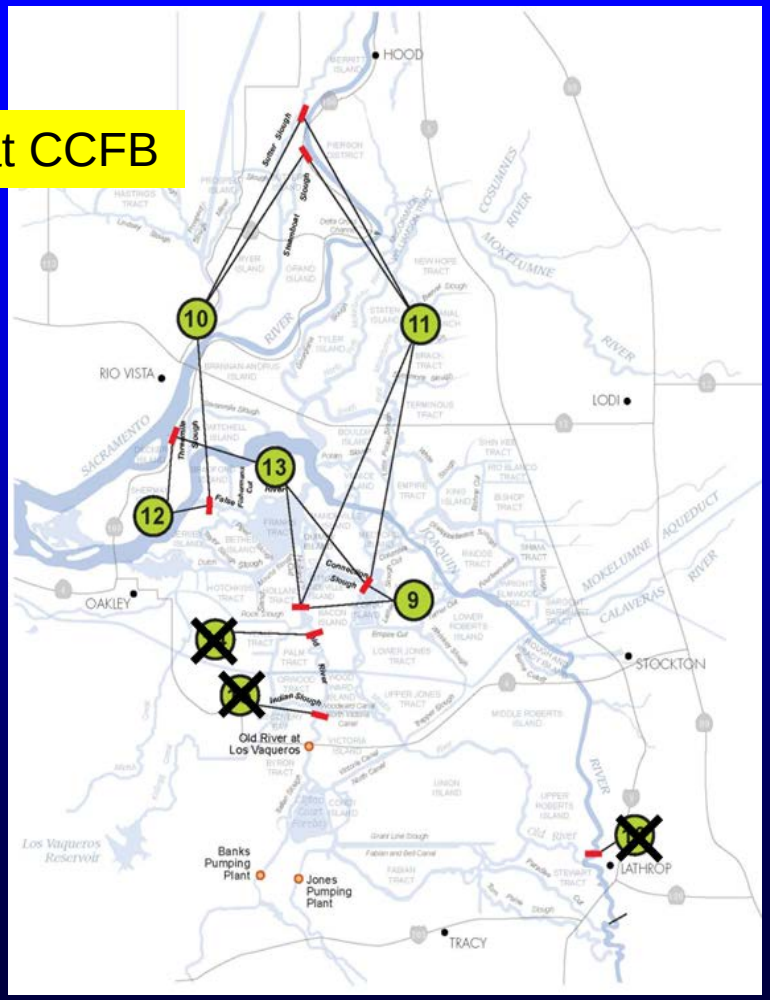


Impacts Evaluated at CCFB



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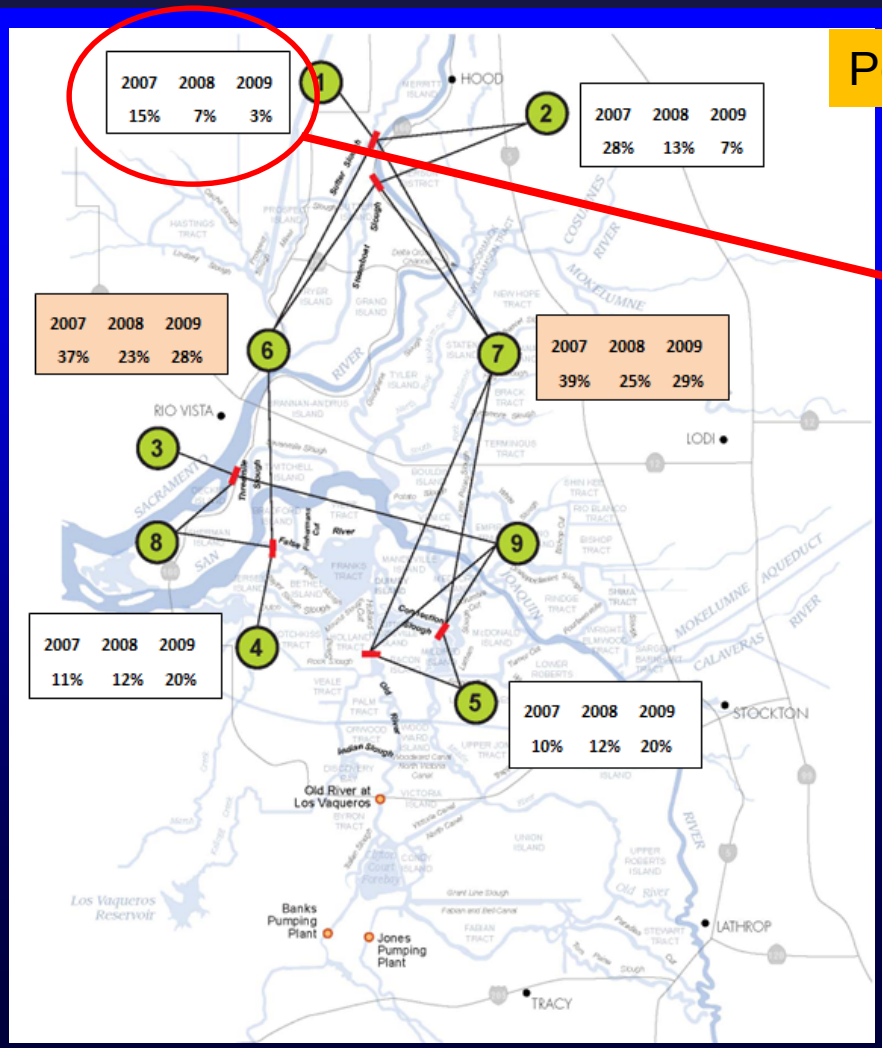

Percentage Salinity Improvement at CCFB

2007	2008	2009
15%	7%	3%

Checked Impacts with 2014 Forecast

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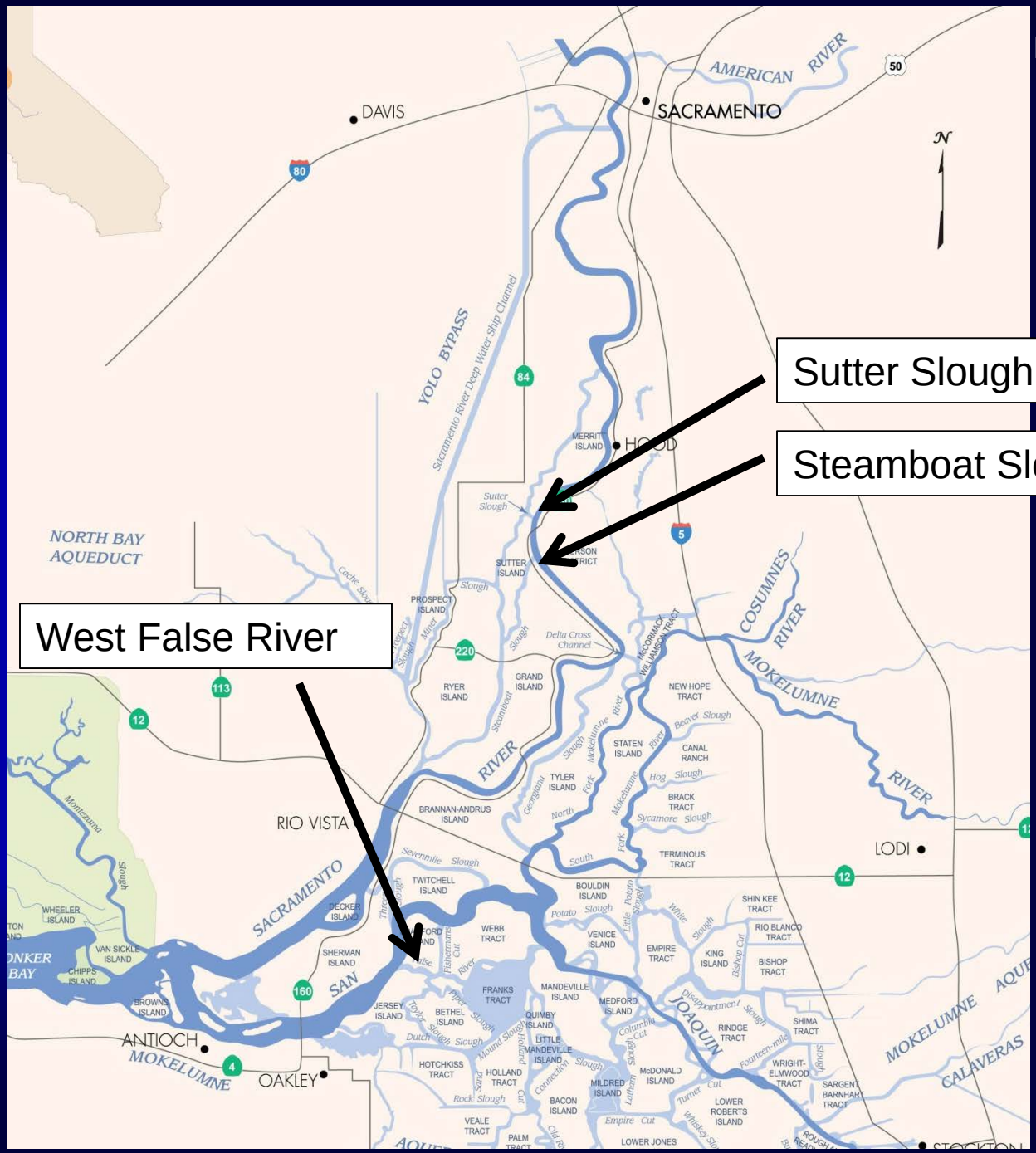
Proposed Emergency Barrier Locations



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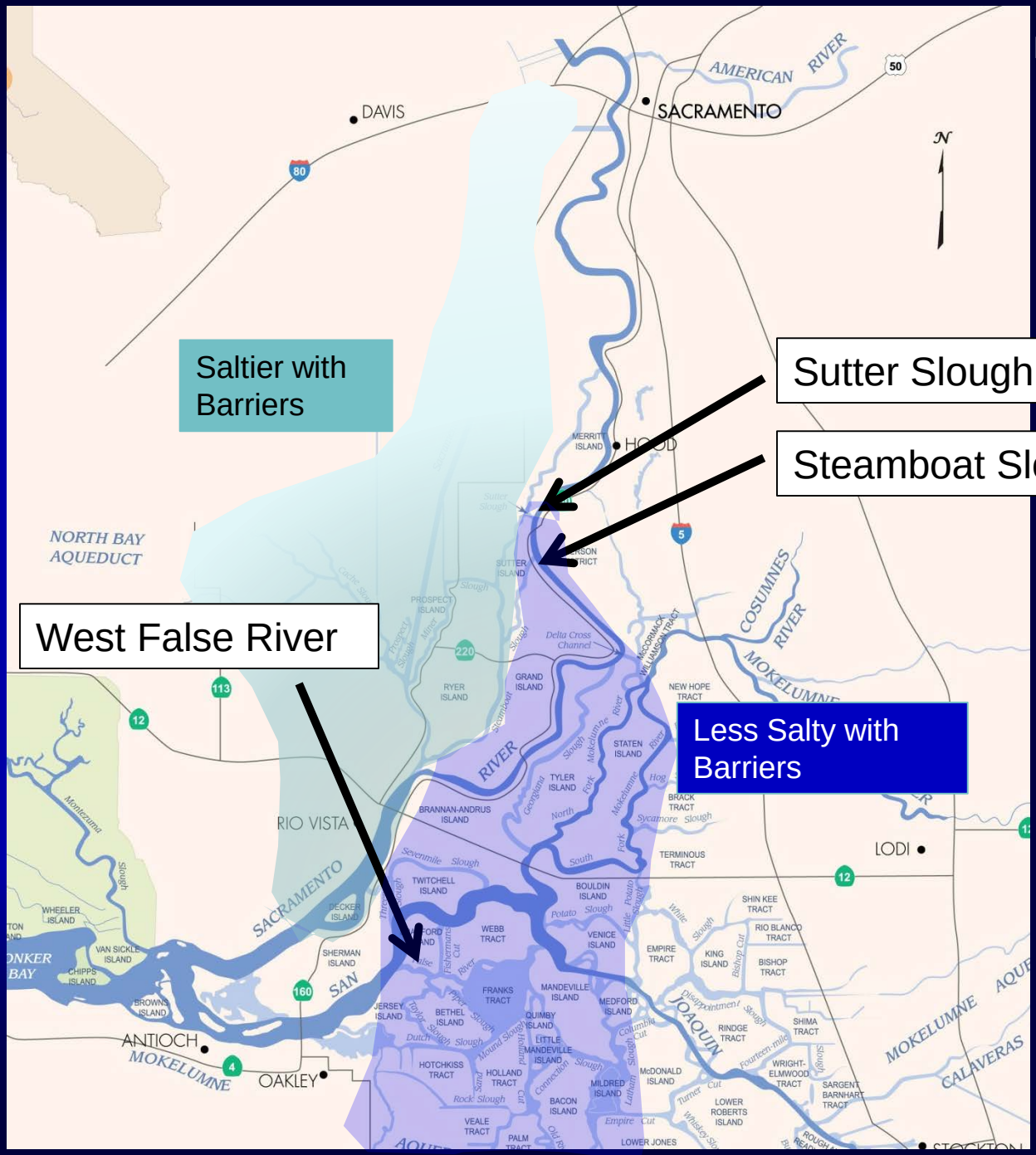

2 Forecasts – Let Me Count the Ways

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Modeling Forecasts Don't Predict the Future!

- Precipitation Changes
- Operations/Uses will vary

Review Results knowing the Assumptions in the Modeling Runs.

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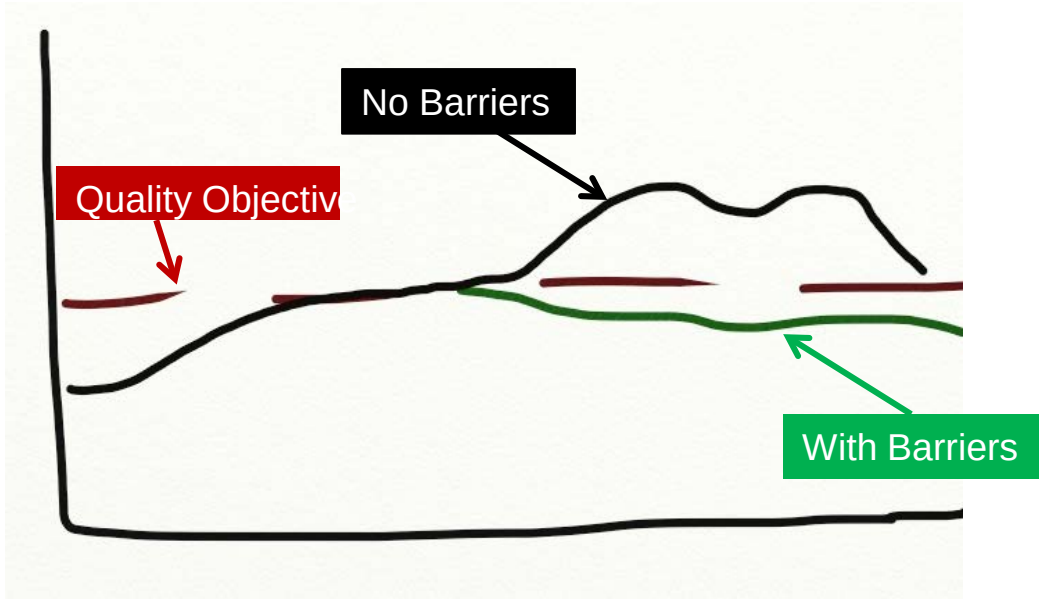
Minimum Releases

Early Forecast
Location in Central/South Delta
Minimum Releases



2014 Forecast

Minimum Releases – Release Storage over Time

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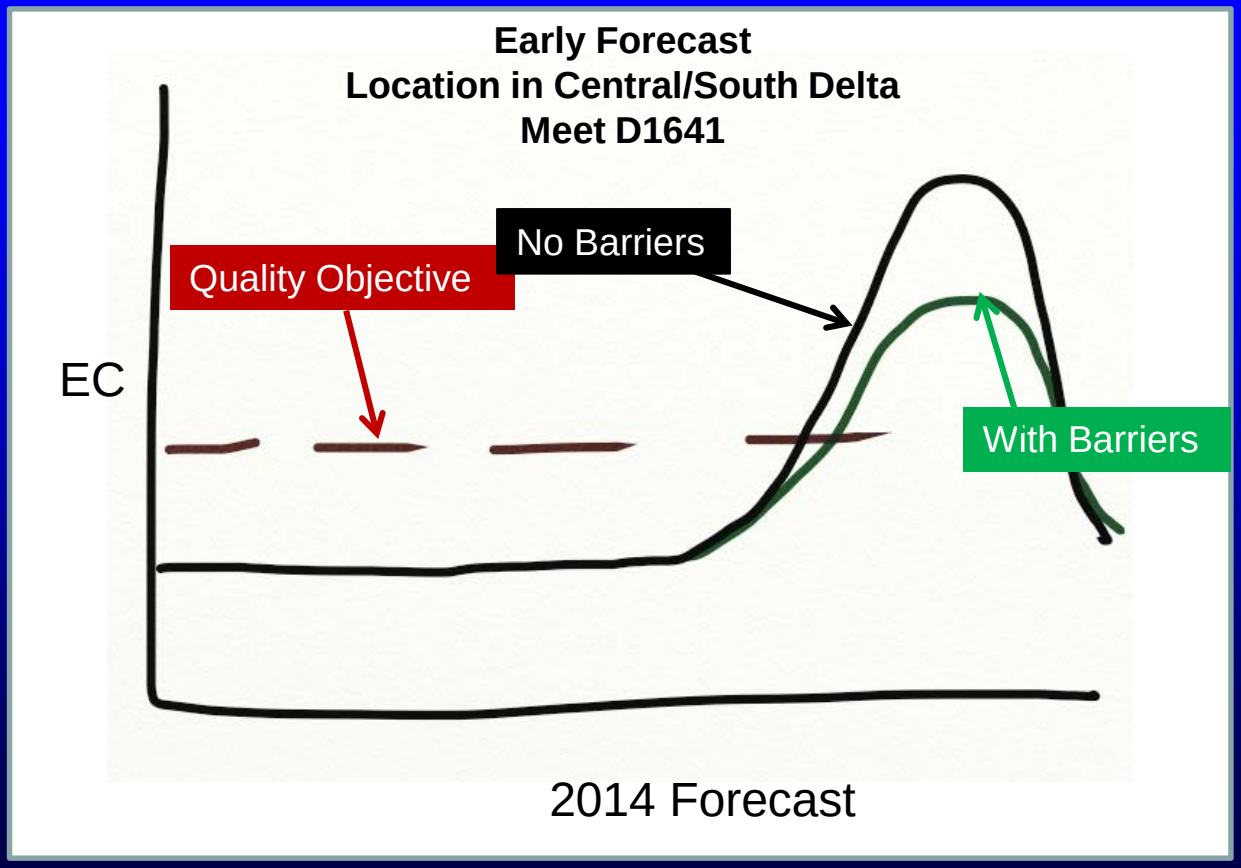
Meet D-1641

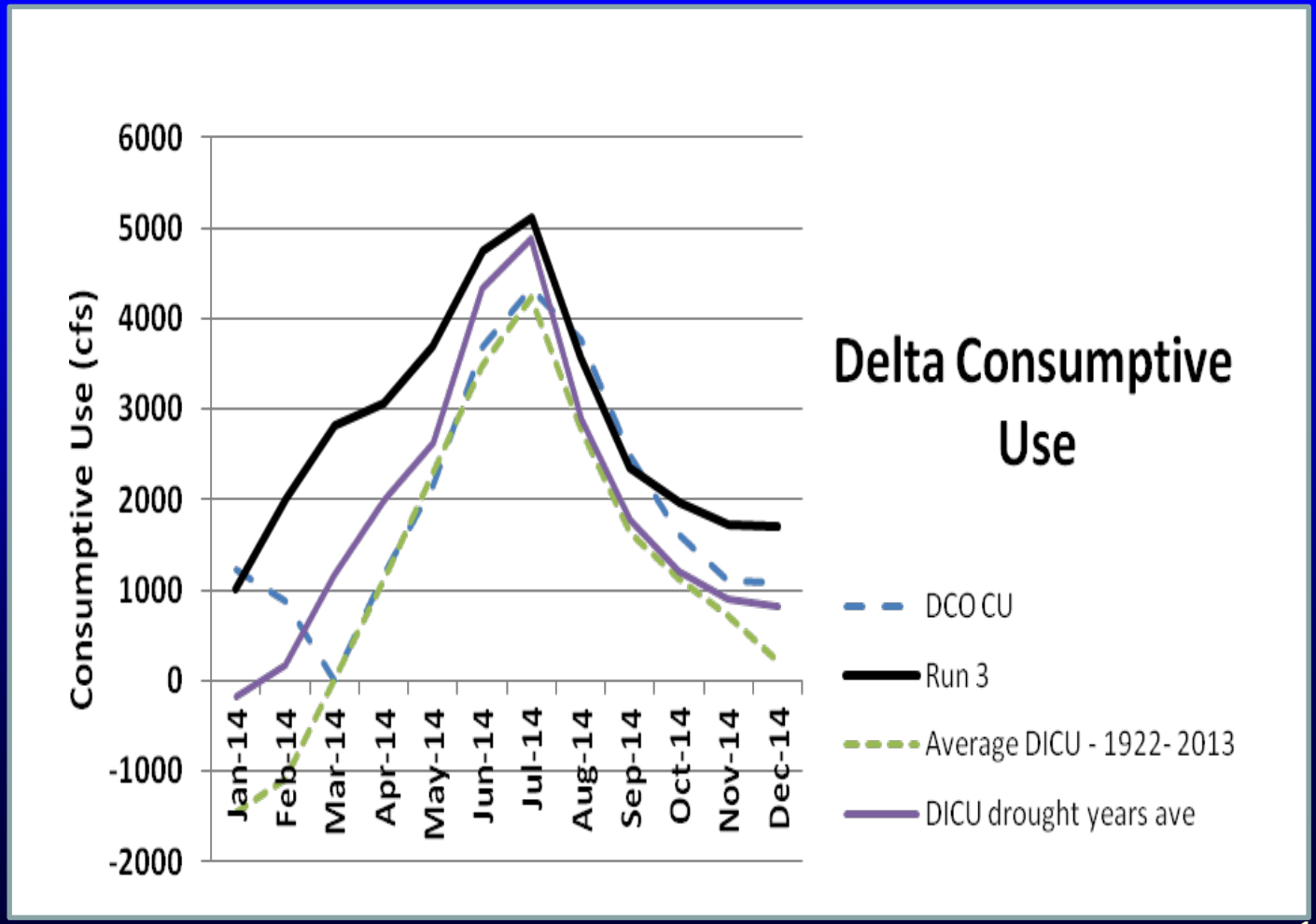


Meet WQ Objectives Until Run Out of Reservoir Storage

3 Will the Real Consumptive Use Please Stand Up

Delta Consumptive Use

- CU Has Large Impact in Drought
- Also Uncertainty



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Simple Flow Balance Example

Inflows	- Exports	- In Delta Use	= Net Delta Outflow Index
8500	- 1500	- 4500	= 2500

A Difference of 1000 cfs can have a huge impact on salinity intrusion

CU Matters!

4 Yoga For Delta Models

Models Not Calibrated for Extreme Drought – Outside of Historical Record

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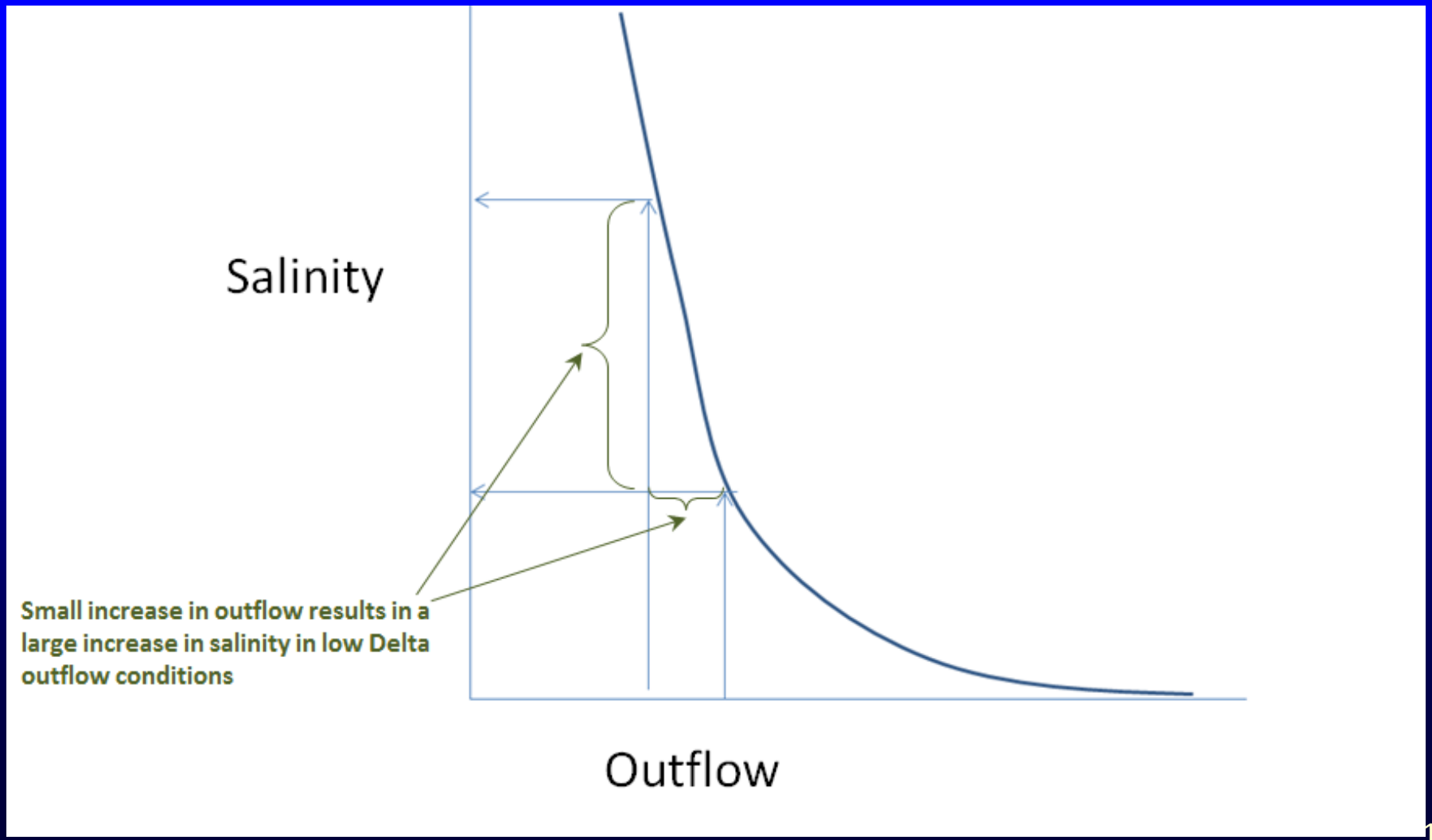

How Bad Can it Be?

Will the Delta Reach Some Equilibrium Salinity?

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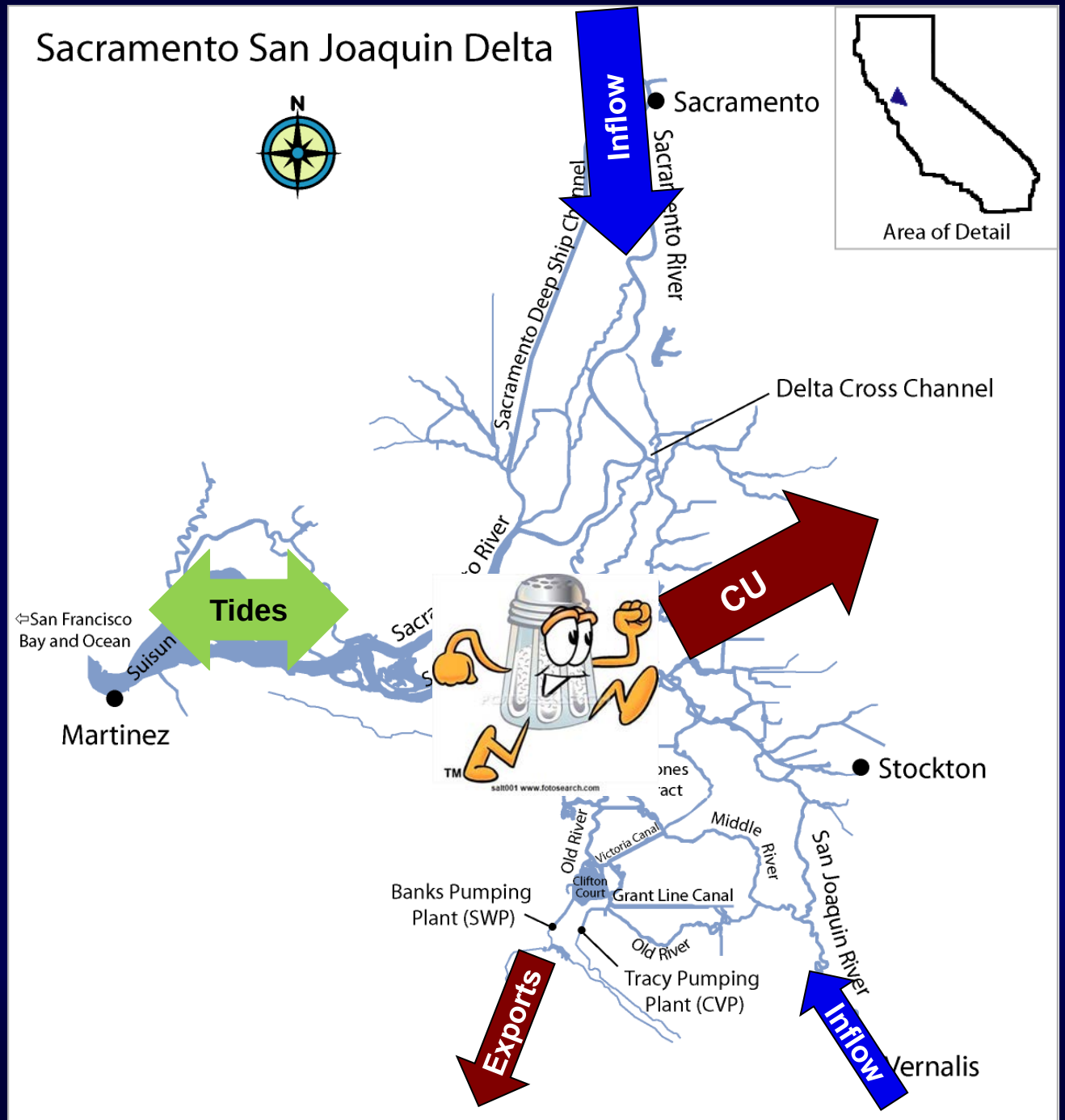
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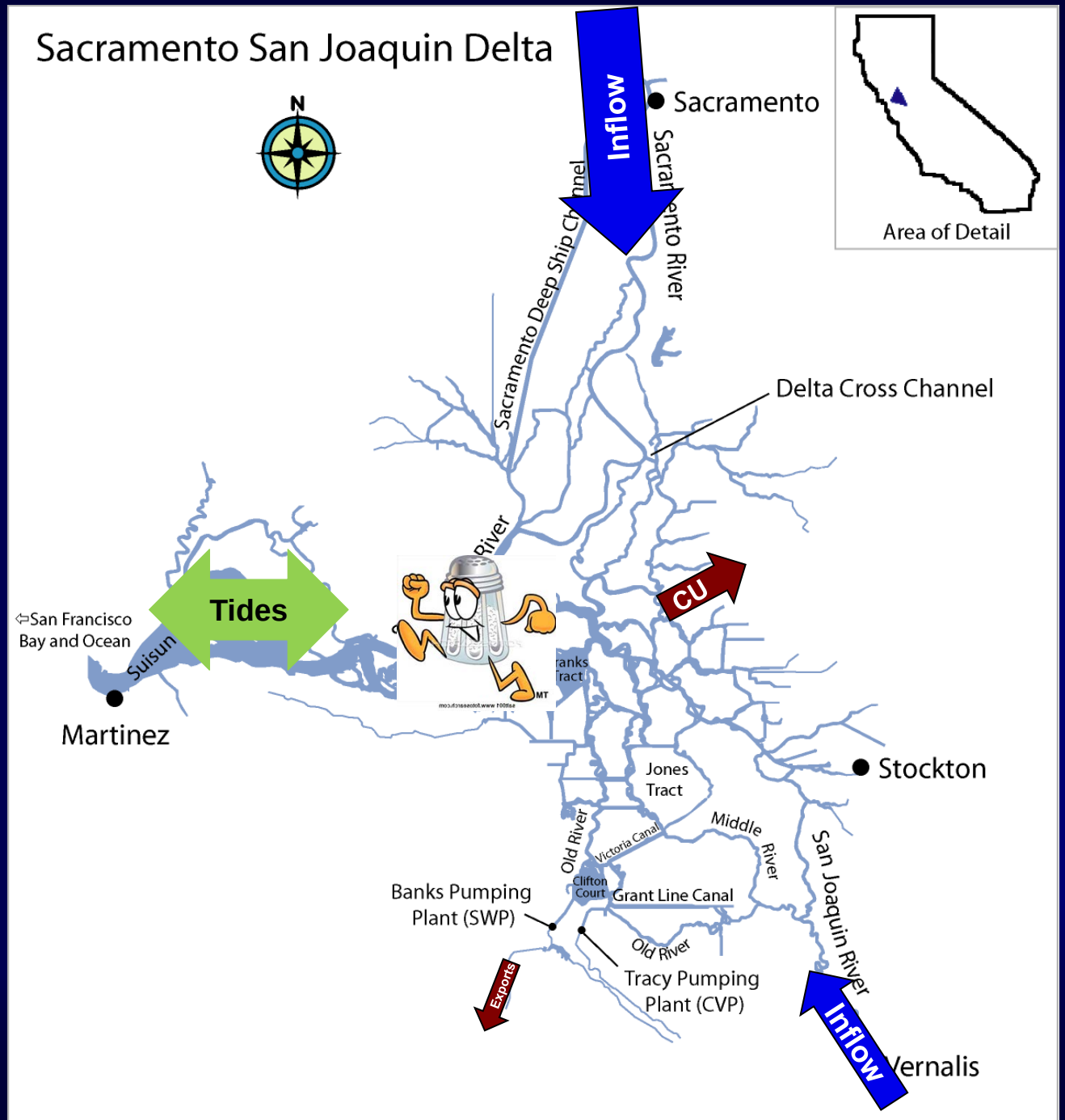
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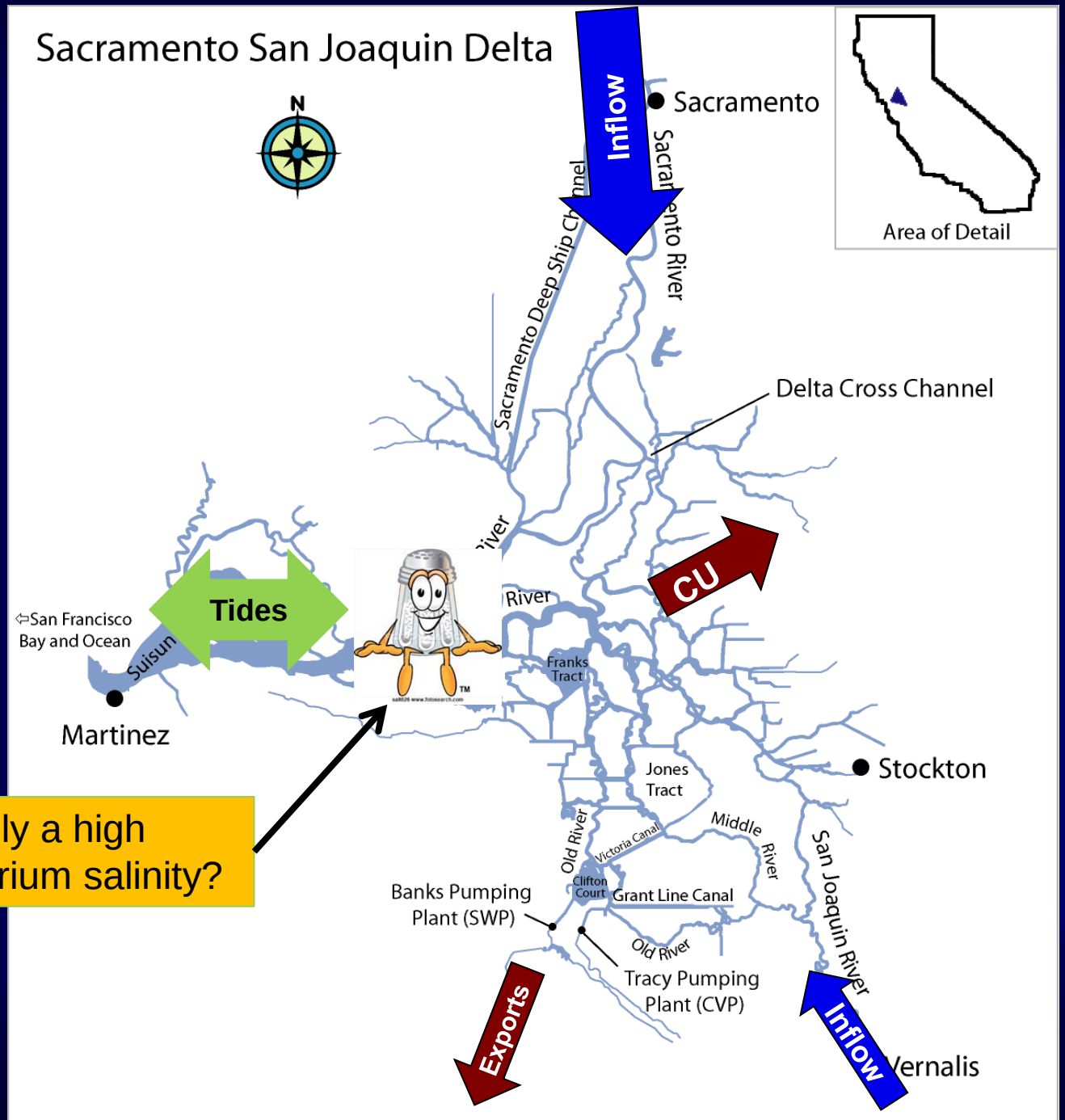

Possibly a high equilibrium salinity?

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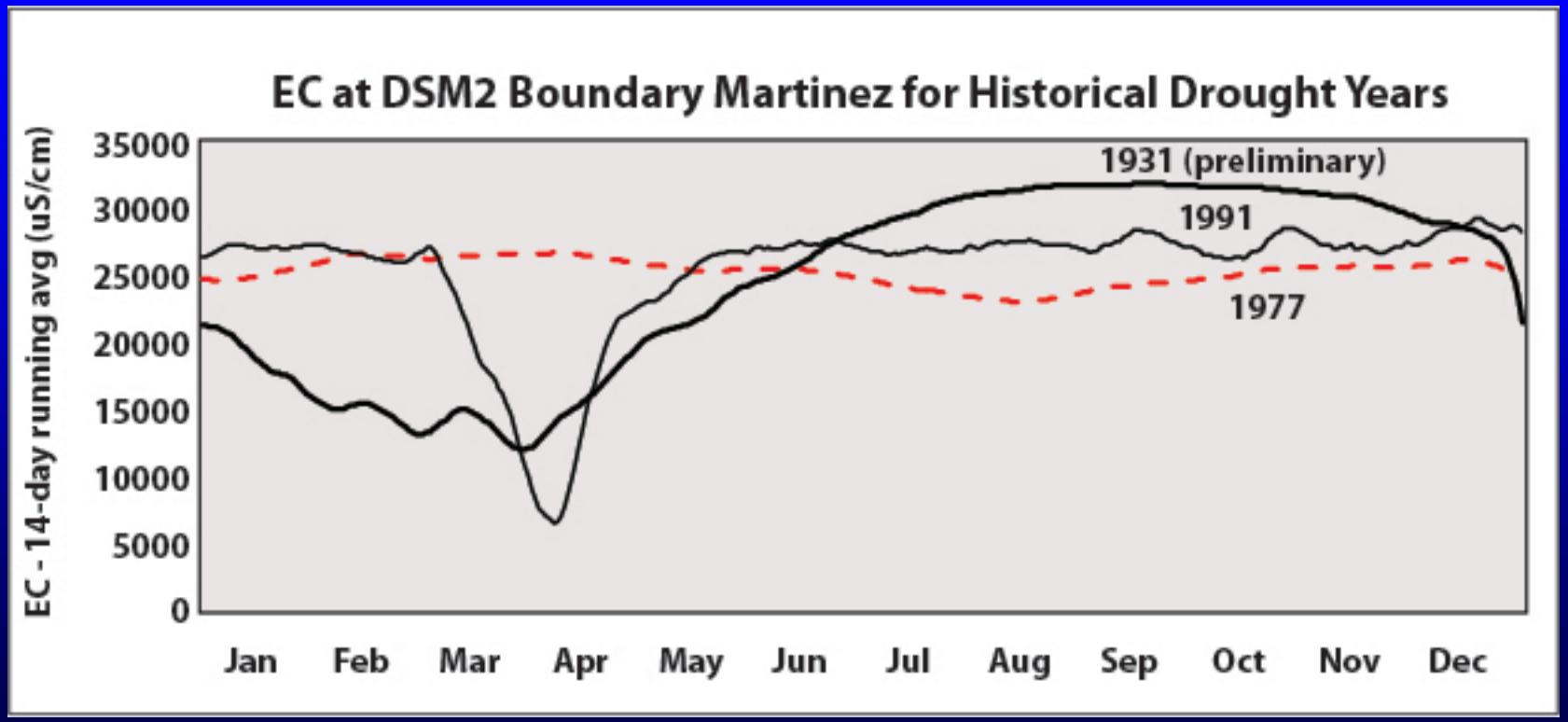

It's Not Just Salinity

- Fish Spawning and Migration
- Water Levels Near Barrier Sites
- Bromide and Organic Carbon
- Velocities

Lots of Model Output to Analyze

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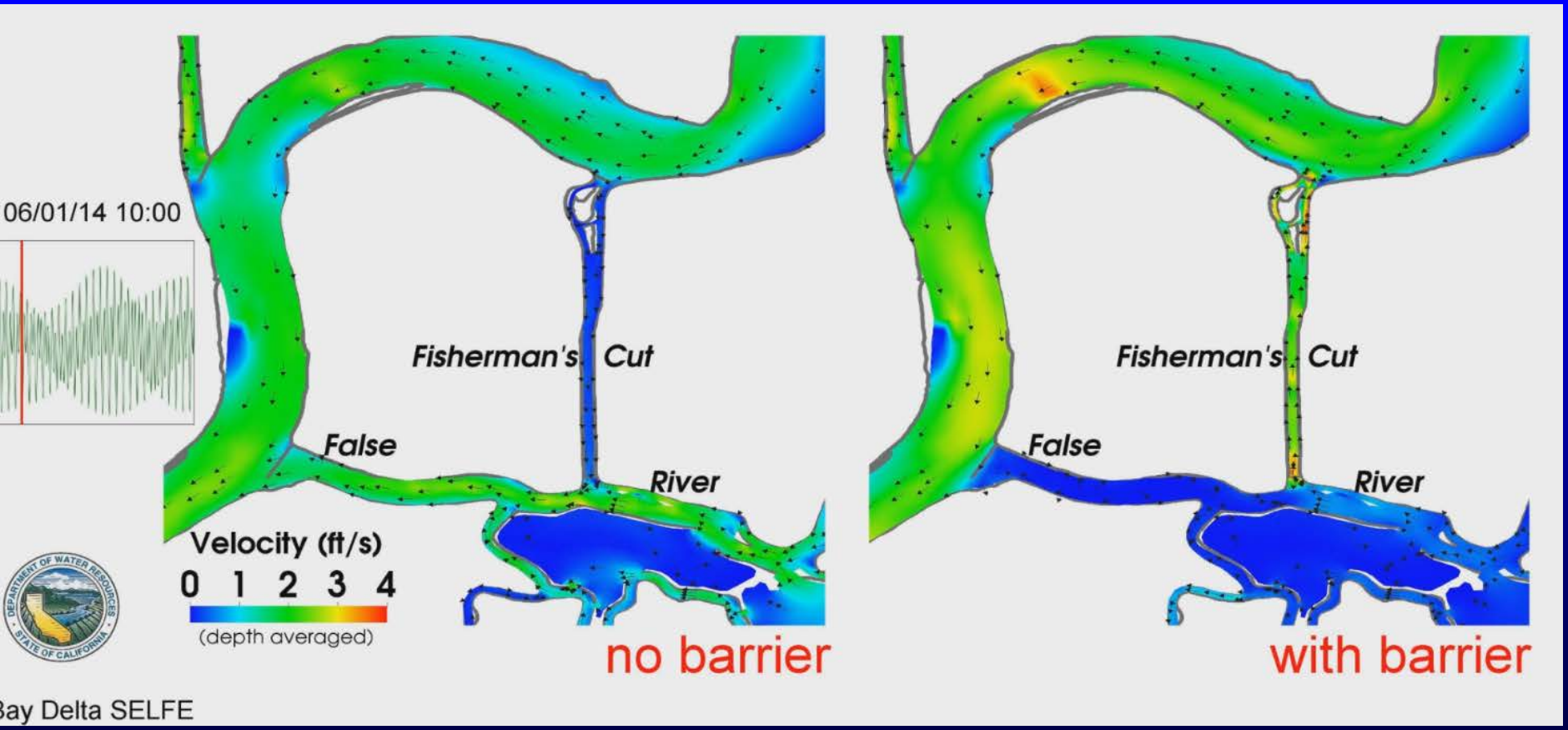

Quality Versus Quantity

Changing Goals as Precipitation Occurred

- "Good to the Last Drop"

Using the Barriers, Can we Meet Most of the D1641 Water Quality Objectives Through the Summer?

- "We Just Want to Pump You Up"

Using the Barriers, How Much Water Can We Save for Later Uses?

Quality Versus Quantity

How much water do the Barriers Save?

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Quality Versus Quantity

Net Delta Outflow Needed to Meet D-1641 Objectives for Various Alternatives

Objective	Without Emergency Barriers	Emergency Barriers	NDO Difference(positive indicates water savings with barriers)
Emmaton	3657 cfs	3893 cfs	-236 cfs
Relaxed	3045 cfs	2769 cfs	
NDO Difference (positive indicates water savings with relaxed objectives)	612 cfs	1124 cfs	

If you meet all D1641 Objectives – Including Emmaton – There is a water cost with the barriers

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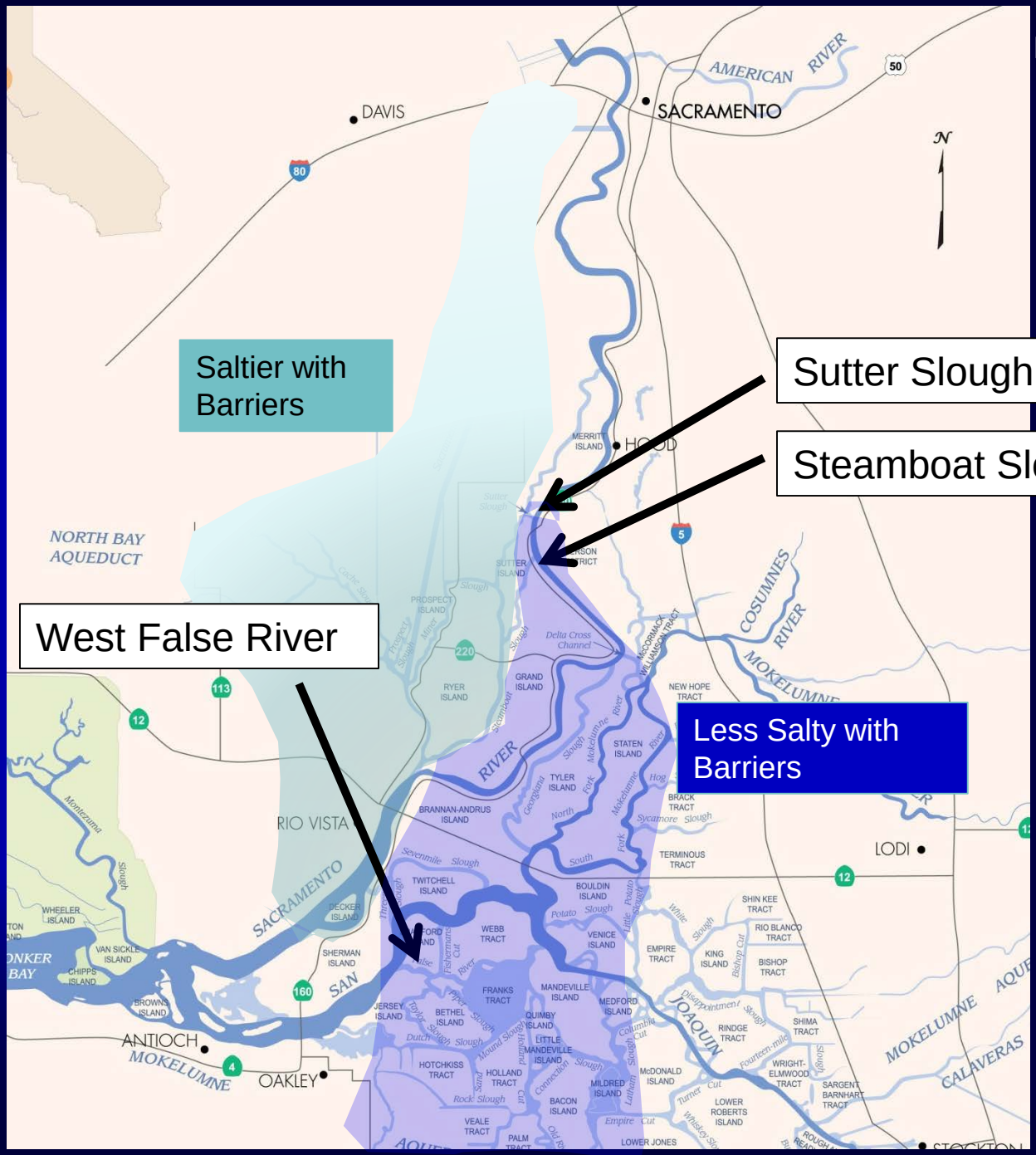

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If you relax the Emmaton objective with no barriers there is a water savings. However, water quality degrades at the export locations

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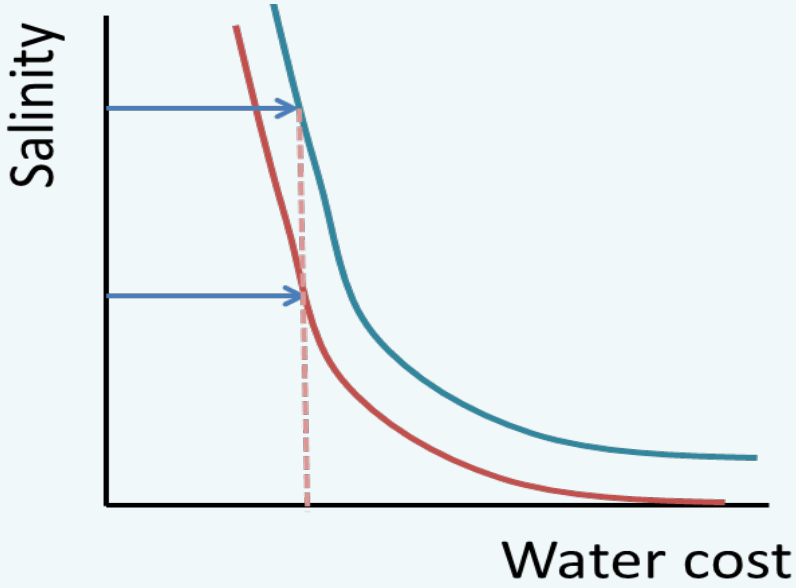
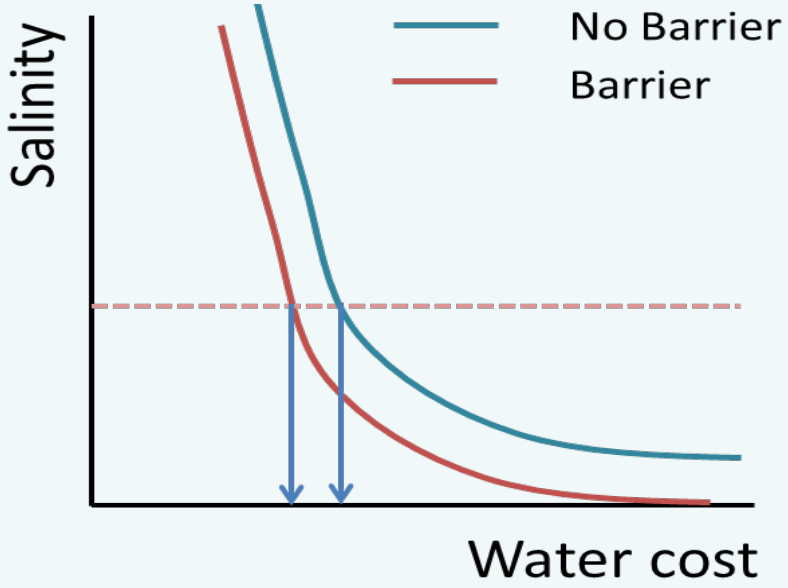


Large salinity change for fixed flow pattern



Small water cost savings for fixed salinity constraint

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- Relaxation of, or Movement of Emmaton Objective to Three Mile Slough can Potentially Affect Bromide Levels.
- Those impacts were evaluated.

Current Modeling Related to Drought

- Forecasts
- Modeling for Programmatic EIR
- Working with RMA on Model Differences
- Evaluating Historical Dry Years – 1920s onward
- Attempting to Determine Net Delta Outflow from Observed Data using Tidal Analysis/Statistical Tools
- Improving DSM2 Model Boundary Extension
- Evaluating Historical Consumptive Use Data including Well Usage
- Reviewing How Well DSM2 Modeled 2014

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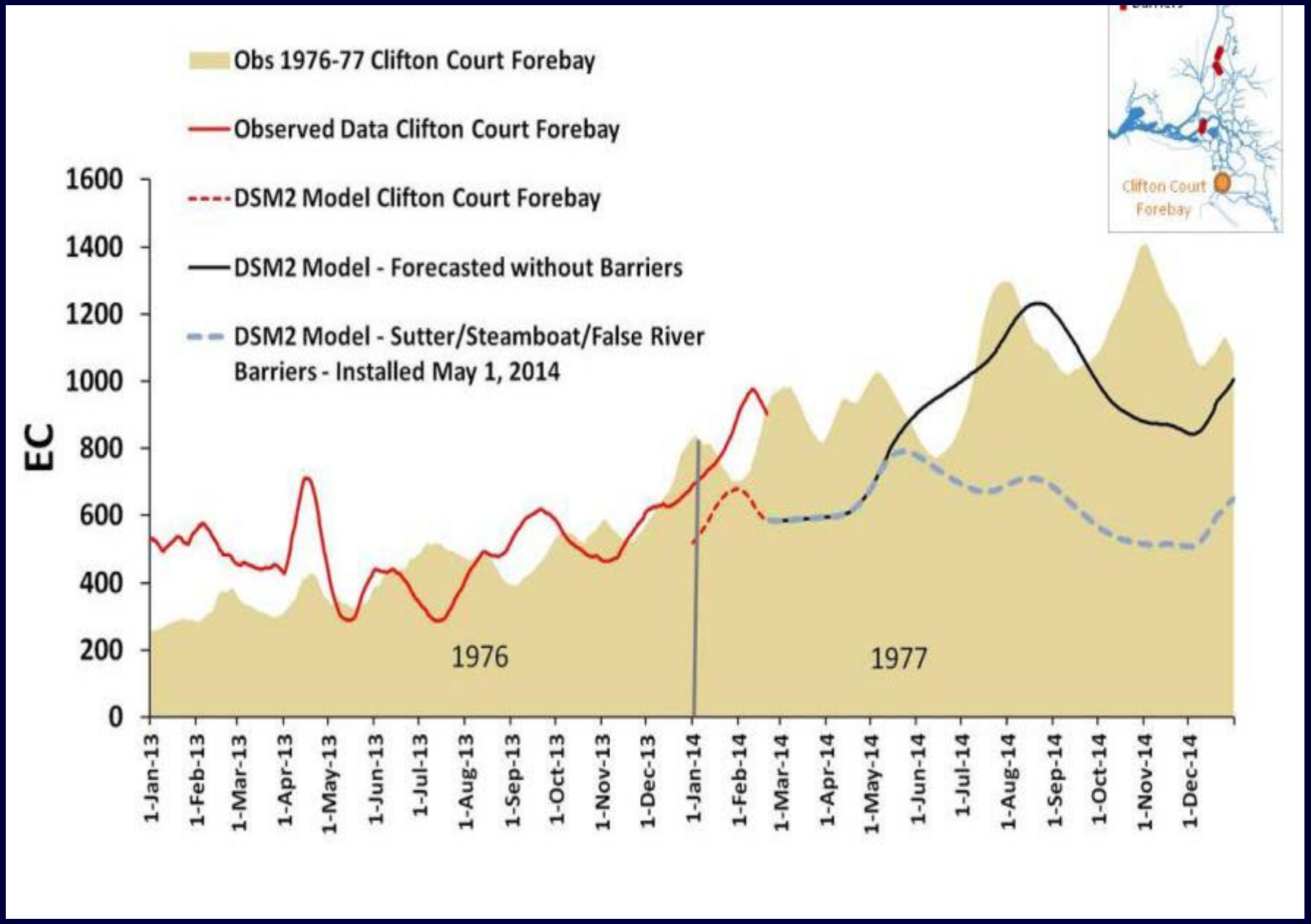
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DSM2 Model - Forecasted without Barriers
DSM2 Model - Sutter/Steamboat/False River Barriers - Installed May 1, 2014
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1600
1400
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1976
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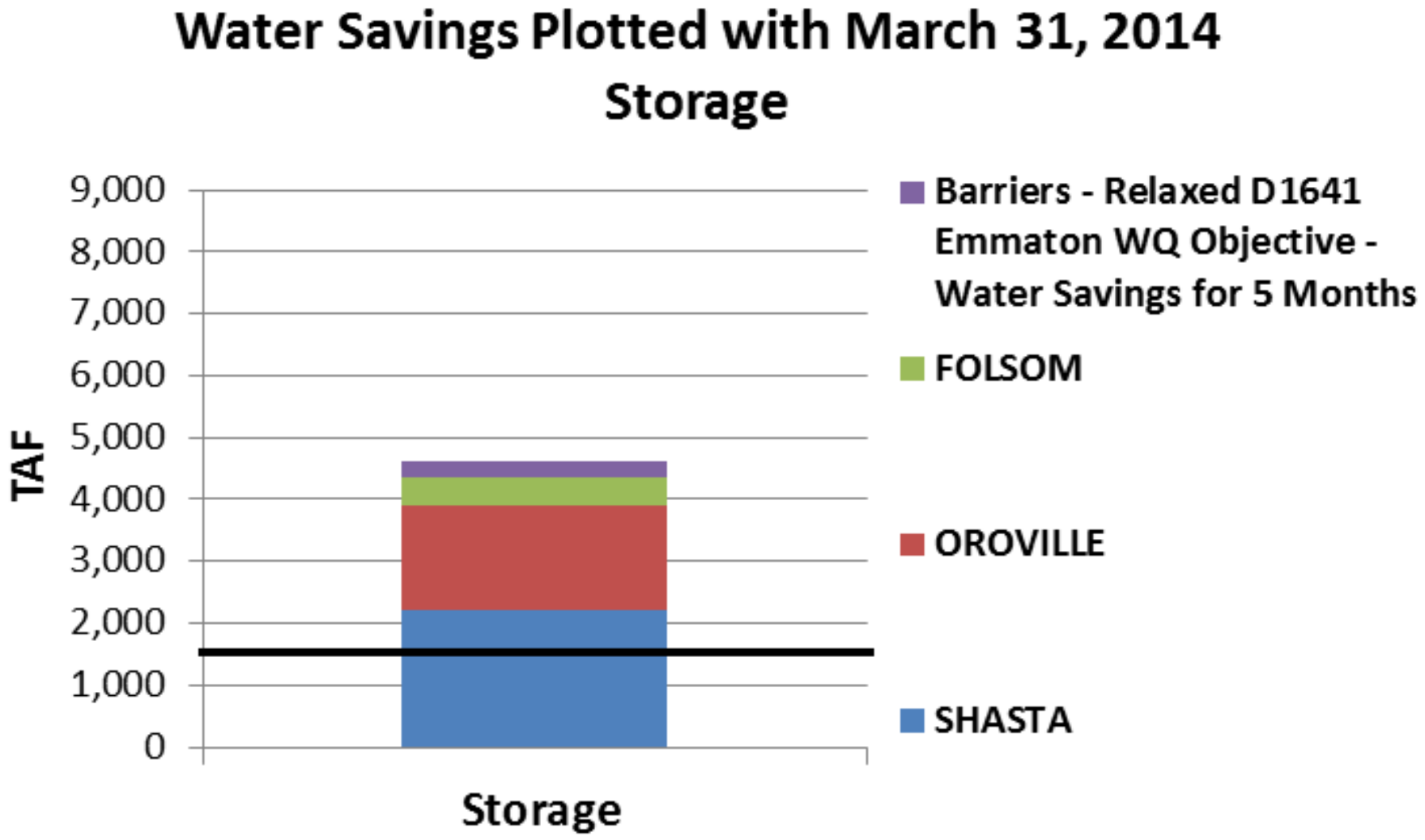
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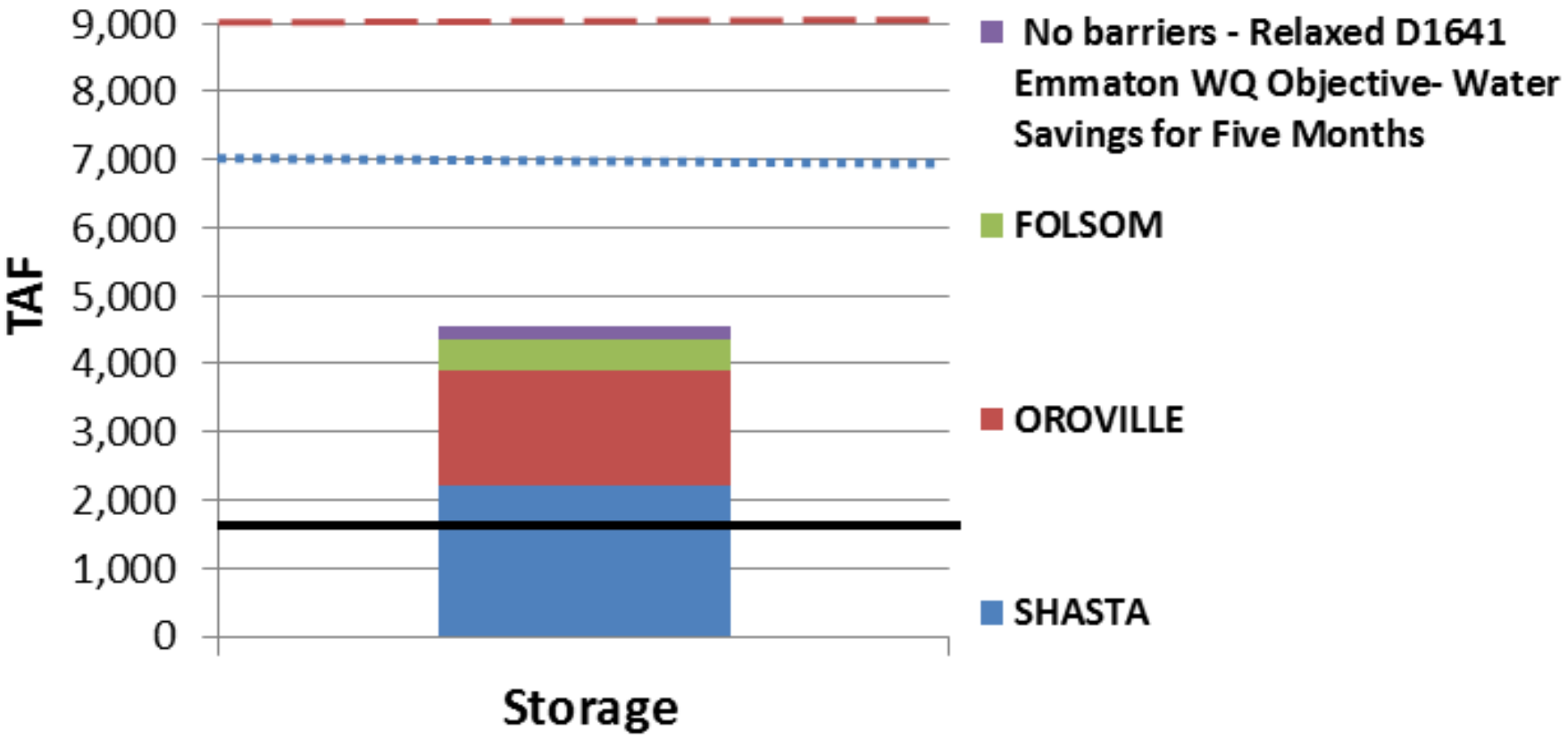
Storage
Barriers - Relaxed D1641 Emmaton WQ Objective - Water Savings for 5 Months
FOLSOM
OROVILLE
SHASTA

Water Savings Plotted with March 31, 2014 Storage - No Barriers, Relaxed Emmaton WQ



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