Attachment 1 to request for USACE hearing regarding DWR proposal to place barriers across Steamboat and Sutter Sloughs

Unexplained Gaps in waterflow data reporting March 2014 CDEC website

Review of flow under-reporting for *Freeport *Sutter Slough *Steamboat Slough *Georgiana Slough *Below Georgiana Slough (DCC closed)

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Data compiled by N. Suard, Esq.

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March 15 to 30, 2014 review shows important gaps in flow reporting online at CDED website that may indicate under-reporting of both flow and experiments in process on Steamboat and Sutter Slough, and under-reporting of diversions through Georgiana Slough.

Since there was unreported flow or gaps in data at each of the CDEC monitoring stations of the North Delta reviewed, one should question if there are also gaps in data and reporting for the earlier months. Is there actually more flow on the waterways than reported or do the gaps hide experiments on flow? REVIEW OF CDEC FLOW DATA TO DETERMINE ACTUAL PERCENT OF FLOW GOES INTO EACH TRIBUTARY OF SACRAMENTO RIVER SHOWS DWR PRESUMPTION OF SPLITS IS WRONG Data website: http://cdec.water.ca.gov/cgi-progs/nearbymap?staid=FPT and the other stations AND ALSO EXPOSES IMPORTANT GAPS IN FLOW DATA REPORTING

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Below Georgiana Slough on the Sacramento River: 3/18 between 8:15 to 9:30; 3/28 between 13:15 to 14:30.

4/8/2014 Data compiled by N. Suard, Esg. Snug Harbor Resorts, LLC

Freeport	Sutter	Steamboat	Georgiana	Georgiana		
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The process used to discover missing data:

1. Go to online CDEC site for the monitoring station to be reviewed.

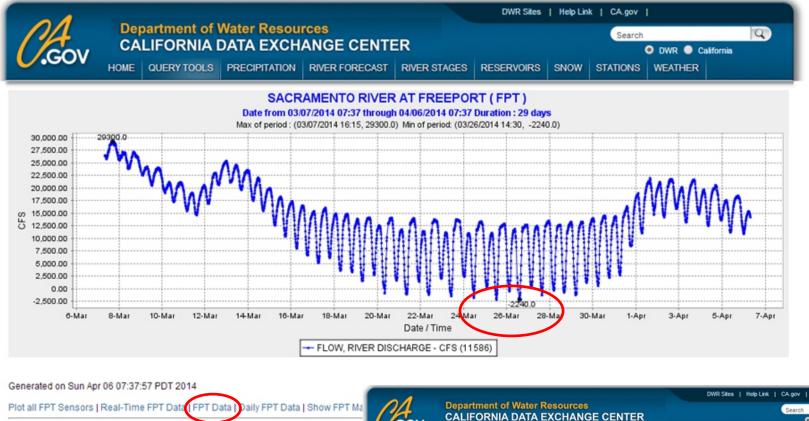
2. Define a time frame such as 30 days and click on the button to show the flow graphic.

3. Below the graphic look for the link that provides the data in time series of 15 minute increments, not the daily averages or total flows.

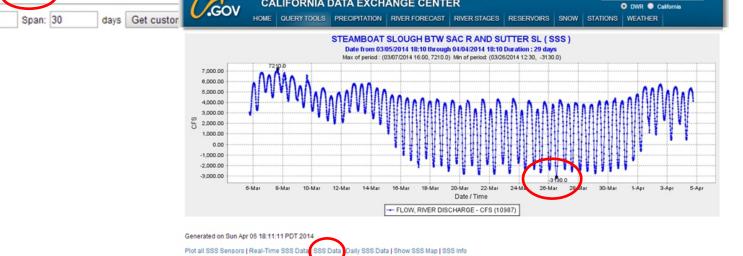
4. Copy the flow data and timing from the cdec and paste into an excel spread sheet.

5. Next to the timing per hour and day, create a complete baseline day & 15 minute interval collum. Compare the baseline collum to the data from CDEC and the times there are data gaps will be easier to find.

6. Move the CDEC data to the correct 15 minute increments compared to the baseline to specify the exact timing of the gaps in data per each day reviewed.



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Plot from ending date: 04/04/2014 18:10 Span: 30 days Get custom plot

Example: Data gap on 3/26/14 for Freeport and Steamboat Slough

From 10:45 to 12 noon Sacramento River flow drops over 6000 cfs, from 8210 to 2180. Flows continue to drop to -1760 in just a 3 hour time. This indicates all flow on the Sacramento River at Freeport had been cut off Impact to Steamboat Slough from flow cut-off is hidden due to gap in data reporting. What does show is that Steamboat Slough was already not receiving freshwater inflow, and the cutoff of flow created a more drastic low tide at this time. Impact to Sutter Slough shows less drastic low water impact.

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Example: Comparison of splits of flow between the different tributaries of the Sacramento River at Freeport and below: Why don't the flow numbers add up correctly and why are there gaps in the data flow reporting online? Consistent gaps in data results in under reporting of flow and diversion into Georgiana Slough, more likely than not. Consistent timing and pattern of data gaps indicate DWR or other agencies were conducting flow experiments on these waterways at the time the gaps occured but were obscured in the online reporting. (Red boxes added to show the gap areas-compare to screen prints showing what the same timing looks like online)

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Screen print from above CDEC site for Freeport flows, accessed 4/4/14, 4/8/14 with no changes by DWR.

Can you find the data gap?

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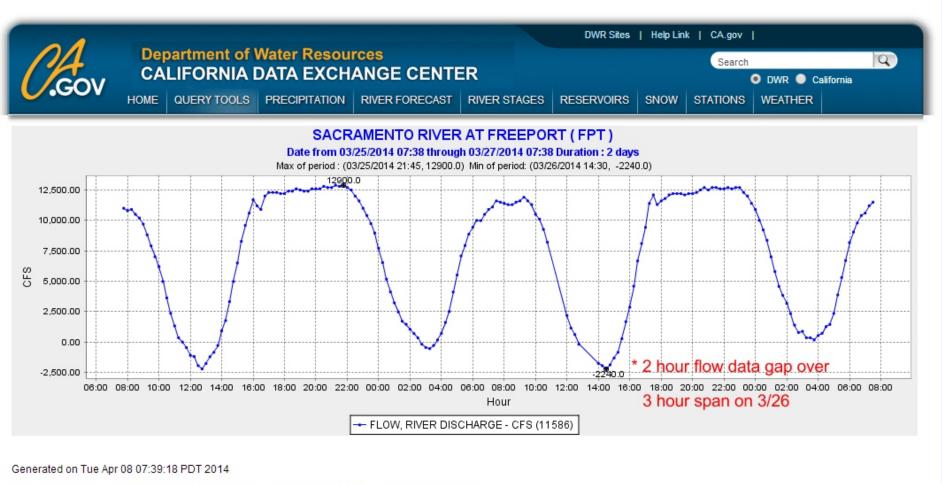
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Example of data gaps for flow reporting at Steamboat Slough gage.

Accessed online 4/4/14, 4/8/14 with no changes shown between the dates as reported by CDEC

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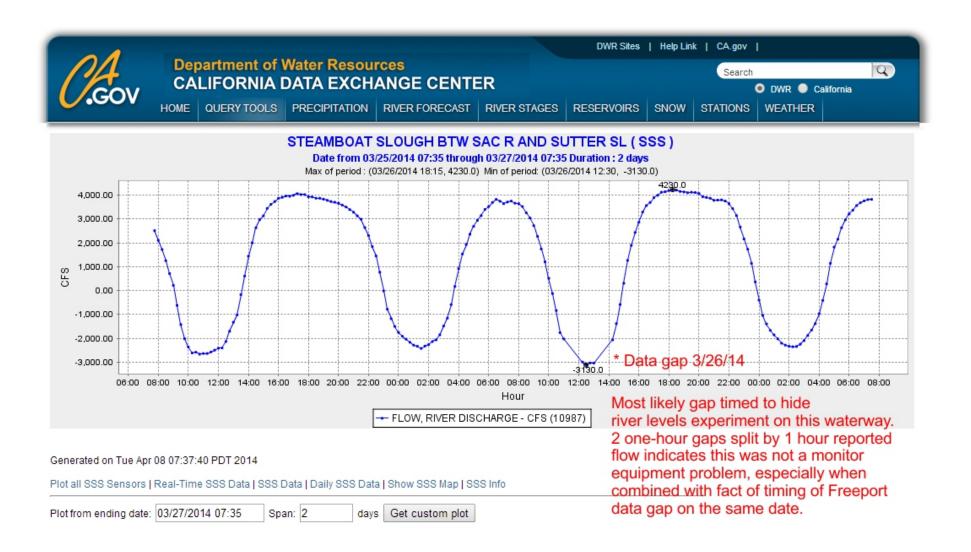


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Georgiana Slough data gaps: 3/16 between 17:15 to 18:30; 3/18 between 8:15 to 9:30.

Below Georgiana Slough on the Sacramento River: 3/18 between 8:15 to 9:30; 3/28 between 13:15 to 14:30.

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