Summary of Memorandum prepared for San Joaquin River Group Authority



The unimpaired runoff at Vernalis is a conceptual parameter representing the calculated unimpaired runoff at the San Joaquin River's major tributaries' foothill reservoirs (e.g., near New Melones Reservoir), added to runoff of the San Joaquin Valley's minor streams and valley floor, plus overflows into the San Joaquin River from the Kings River. The parameter, as computed at Vernalis, is a general indication of the surface runoff in the basin but does not include depletions within the basin.















The ratio represents the numeric result of San Joaquin River measured flow (Vernalis) divided by the sum of that flow, Sacramento River flow (Sacramento) and Yolo Bypass flow.





Smelt Abundance Indices: "Petition to the State of California Fish and Game Commission and Supporting Information for Listing the Delta Smelt (Hypomesus transpacificaus) as an Endangered Species under the California Endangered Species Act", The Bay Institute, etal., February 7, 2007. Table 1.

Consideration of the Pelagic Organism Decline in the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Jeaquin Delta Estuary

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The 2002 San Joaquin Valley water year hydrologic classification was "Dry."

- The classification index was 2,341,004 MAF
- Unimpaired Vernalis flow was 4,119,915 MAF.
- The ratio of SJR flow to total inflow (Sac + SJR) was 10%.
- Total exports (CCC + CFB + JPP) were 5,499,327 MAF.





April 1-14, 2002 Historical Conditions



Key Simulation Information No barriers installed

SJR Inflow (avg) CVP Export (avg) SWP Export (avg)	1,820 cfs 3,500 cfs 3,990 cfs
30-Day Running Av at end of period (m	/erage EC S/cm)
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Old R at Tracy Roa	ad 0.9
Vernalis	0.8
Brandt Brridge	0.9
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Maximizing San Joaquin River as Source (no barriers installed)



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July 1-31, 2002 Historical Conditions



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Maximizing Sacramento River as Source (Old River, Old River at Head, Middle River barriers installed)



Key Simulation Information Old River, Old River at Head, Middle River barriers installed

SJR Inflow (avg) 1,280 cfs CVP Export (avg) 4,350 cfs SWP Export (avg) 6,220 cfs

30-Day Running Average EC at end of period (mS/cm)

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0.4
0.6
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In 1972, the United States Bureau of Reclamation mapped the water rights in the South Delta.

Reclamation listed appropriative water rights and distinguished between lands that it could and could not assume had riparian water rights.

The Division of Water Rights is using the same maps in their South Delta Salinity project.

The SJRGA examined the Reclamation maps depicting Union Island, Roberts Island, and the San Joaquin River from Vernalis to Old River.





April 1-14, 2002. Flow remaining after satisfying Delta water rights.

January 22, 2008

Historical

conditions.

No barriers.

SJR inflow:

CVP Export:

1,820 cfs

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OBSERVATIONS

- For April 1-14, 2002, San Joaquin River inflow at Vernalis exceeded the amount of water Delta water right holders could divert by 517 cfs.
- By July 1-31, 2002, the amount of water Delta water right holders could divert exceeded San Joaquin River inflow by 113 cfs.
- Barriers elevate reverse flows in Old and Middle River.
- Barriers reduce the amount of flow available to water right holders.
- Barriers increase flow in the San Joaquin River below the Head of Old River.
- Barriers prevent reverse flows in the San Joaquin River below the Head of Old River in July.