



Water Supply

Groundwater, Streams & Imported Water

Water
COUNTS
ACADEMY

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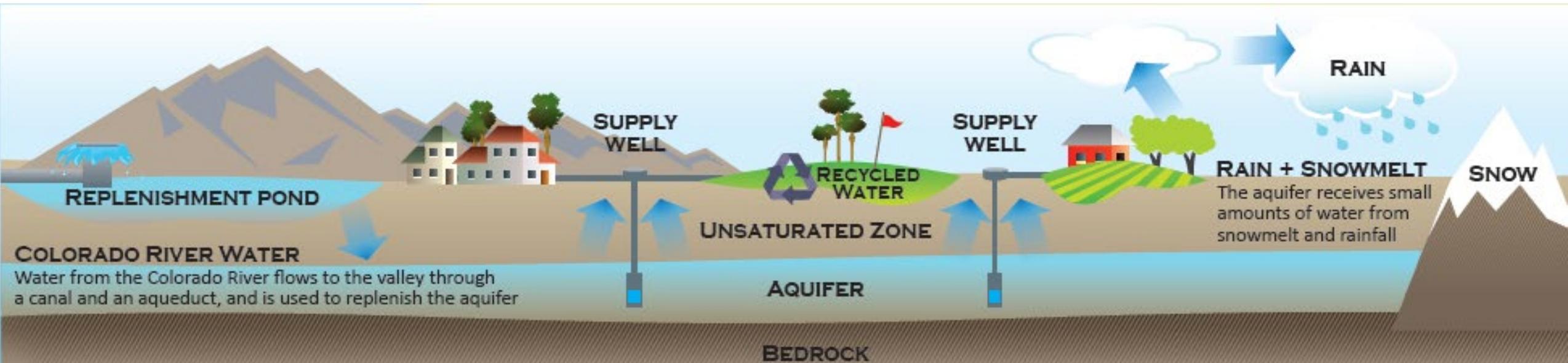
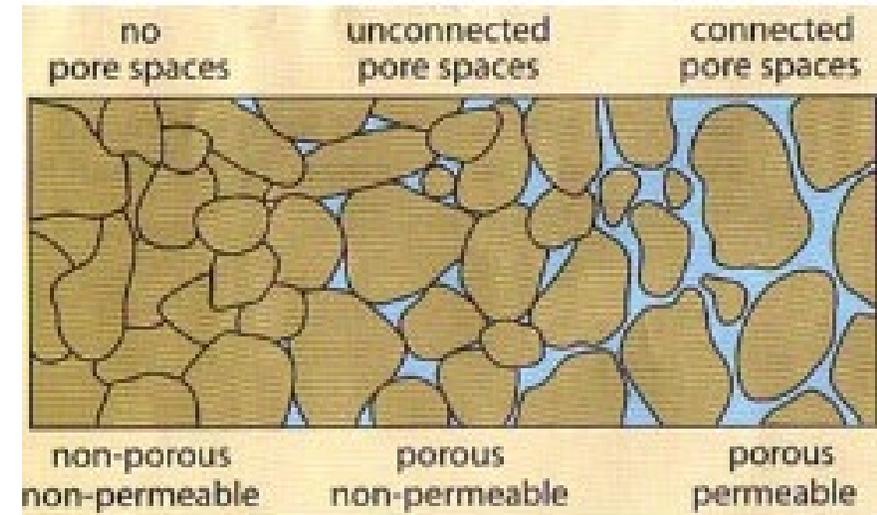
Streams

- Chino Creek, Falls Creek, Snow Creek, Whitewater River
- Less than 1% of supply valley wide

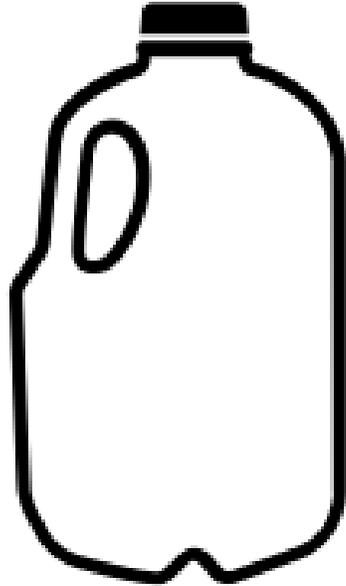


Aquifer

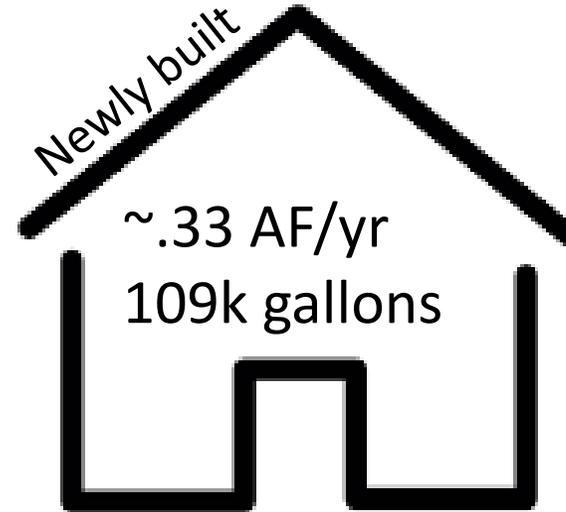
- >34.8 million acre feet stored (MAF) in first 1000 ft
- 39.9 MAF storage capacity in first 1000 ft
- Each year valley uses about .3 MAF of groundwater
- About 130 years worth of water
- Depth to water varies



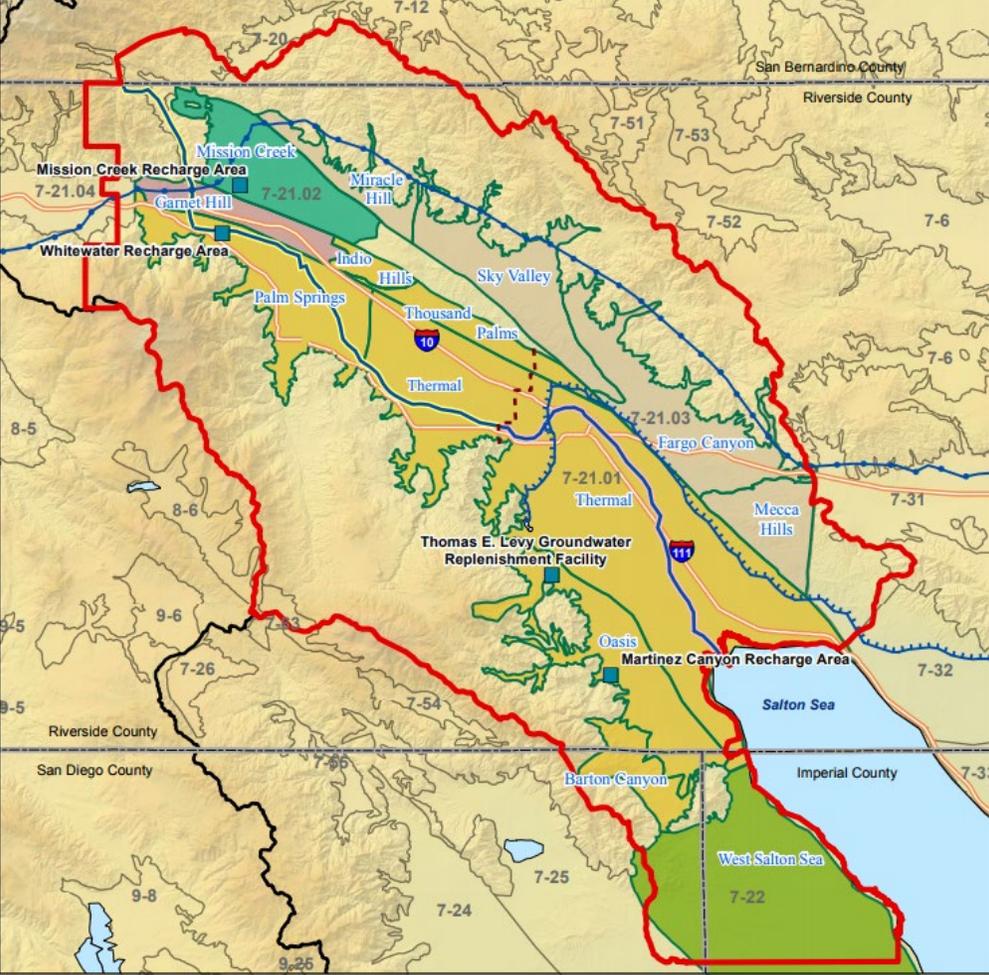
Acre foot



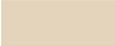
325,851
gallons



Subbasin map



Groundwater Basins in Coachella Valley

	Desert Hot Springs	2.5 MAF
	Garnet Hill	1 MAF
	Indio/Whitewater River	28.8 MAF
	Mission Creek	2.5 MAF



State Water Contractor



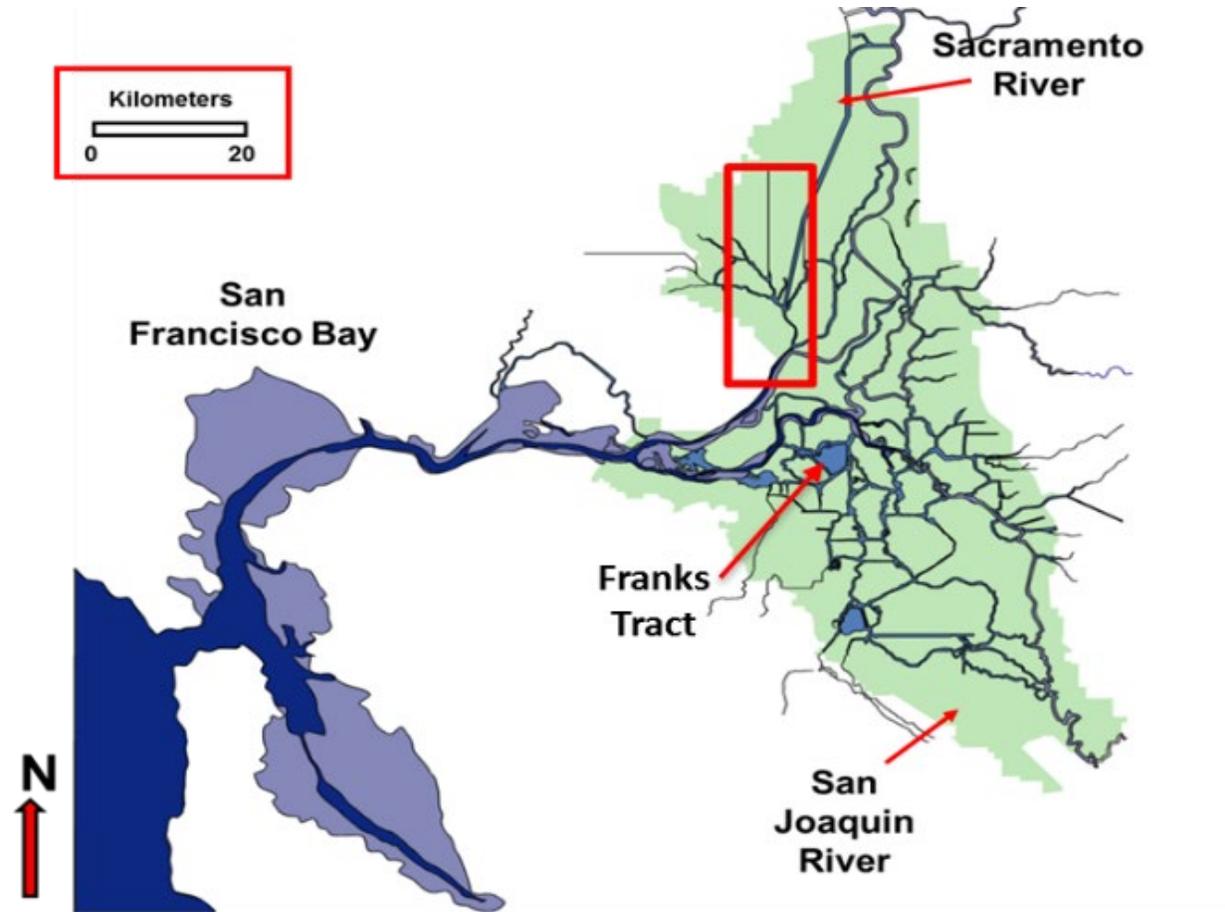
- Two of 29 in the state
- That's why DWA was formed back in 1961
- Work with DWR to maintain statewide system
- Pay to import water



Sierra Nevada



The Delta



The Delta



- More than 30 million acre feet flow through each year
- About half the total river flow in the state passes through this region
- Supplies an estimated 7 million acre feet of water per year to approximately 23 million people



Regulations

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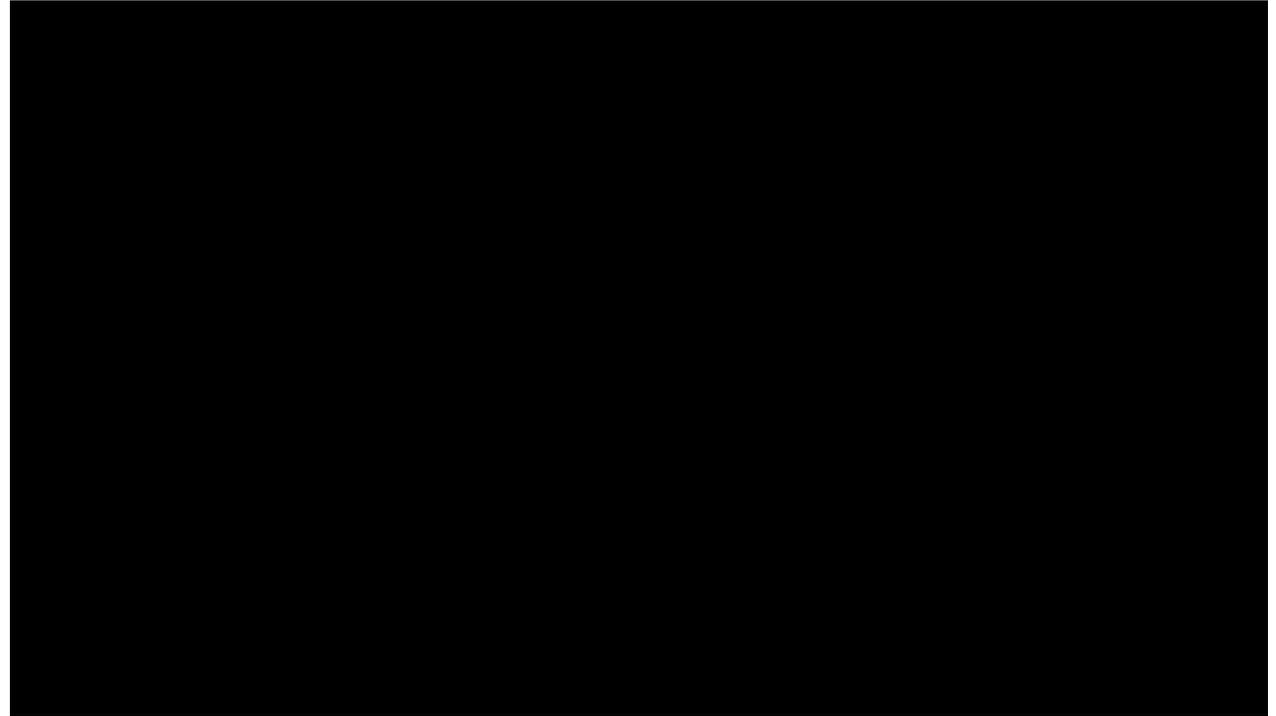


Earthquakes

Typical water flow
snowmelt/
reservoir releases



Earthquake
ocean

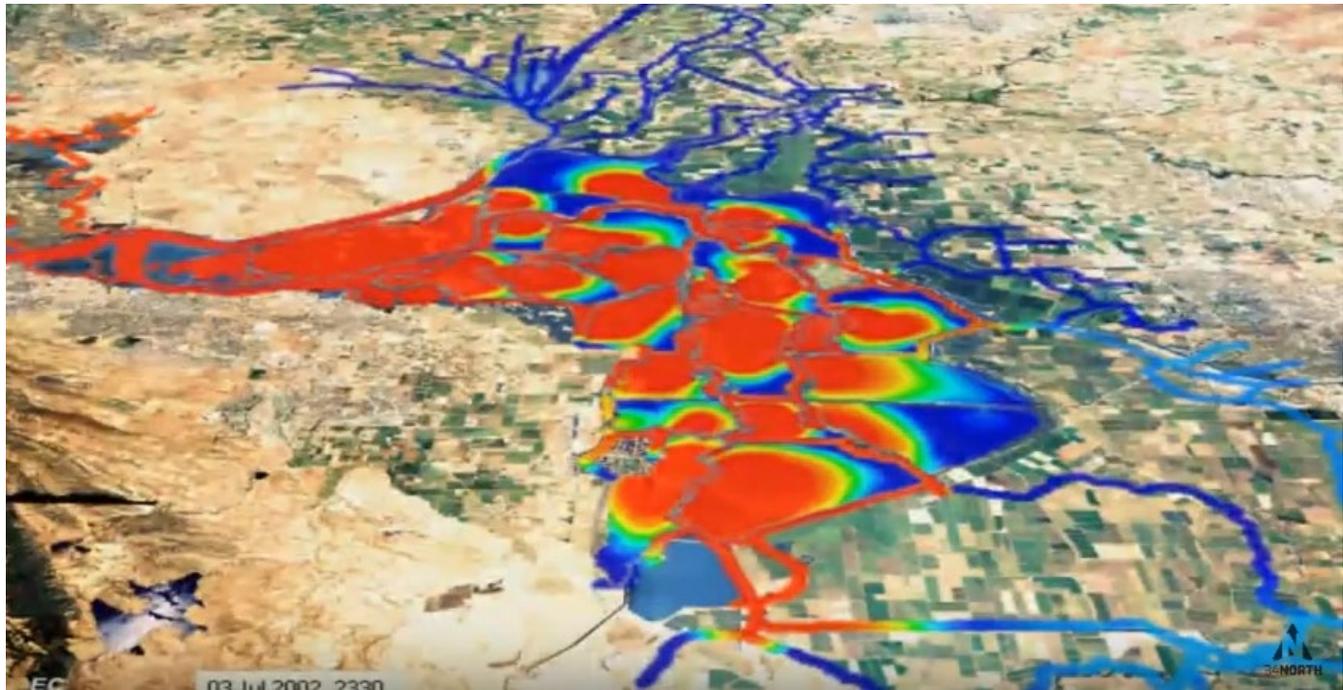


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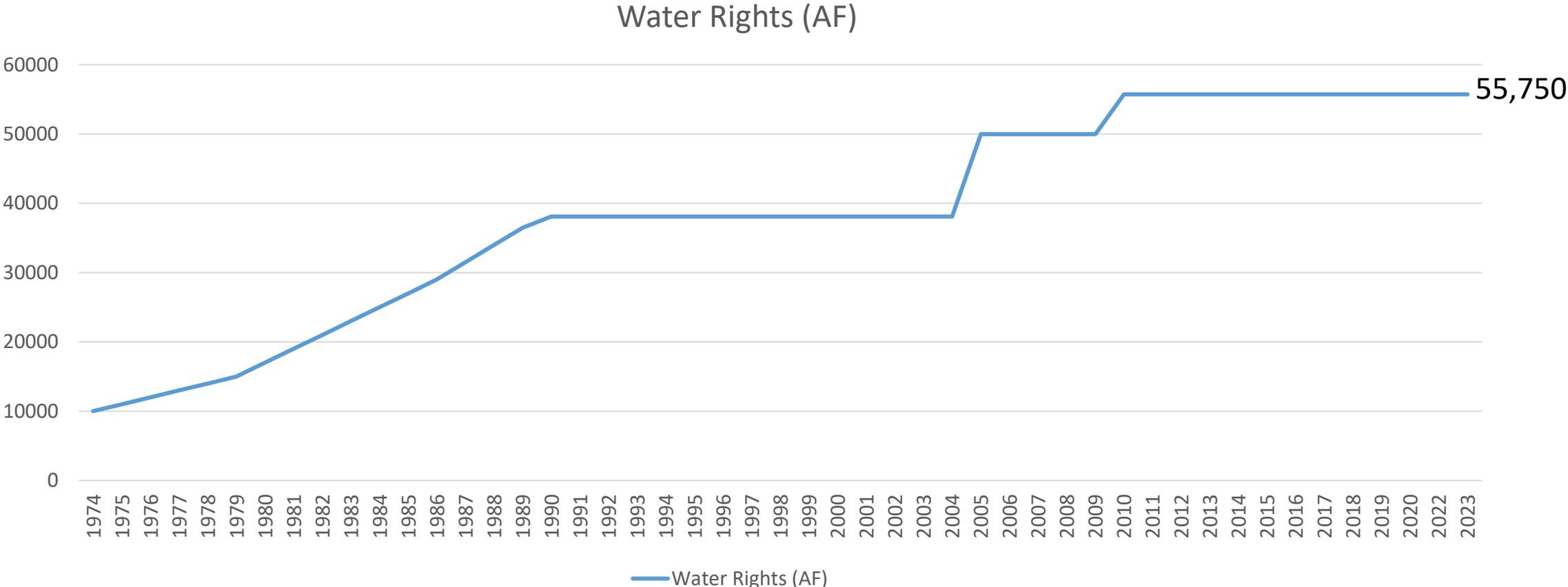


Before



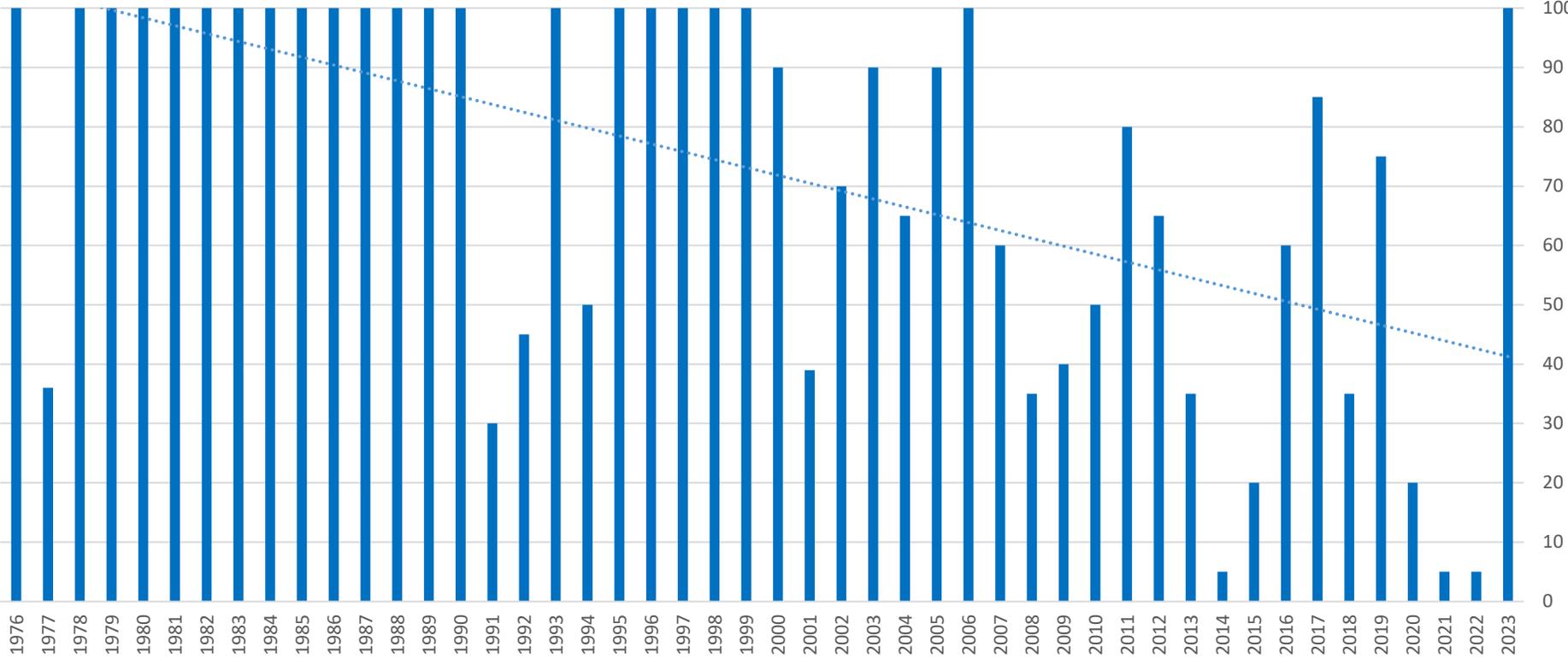
After

DWA State Water Project imports

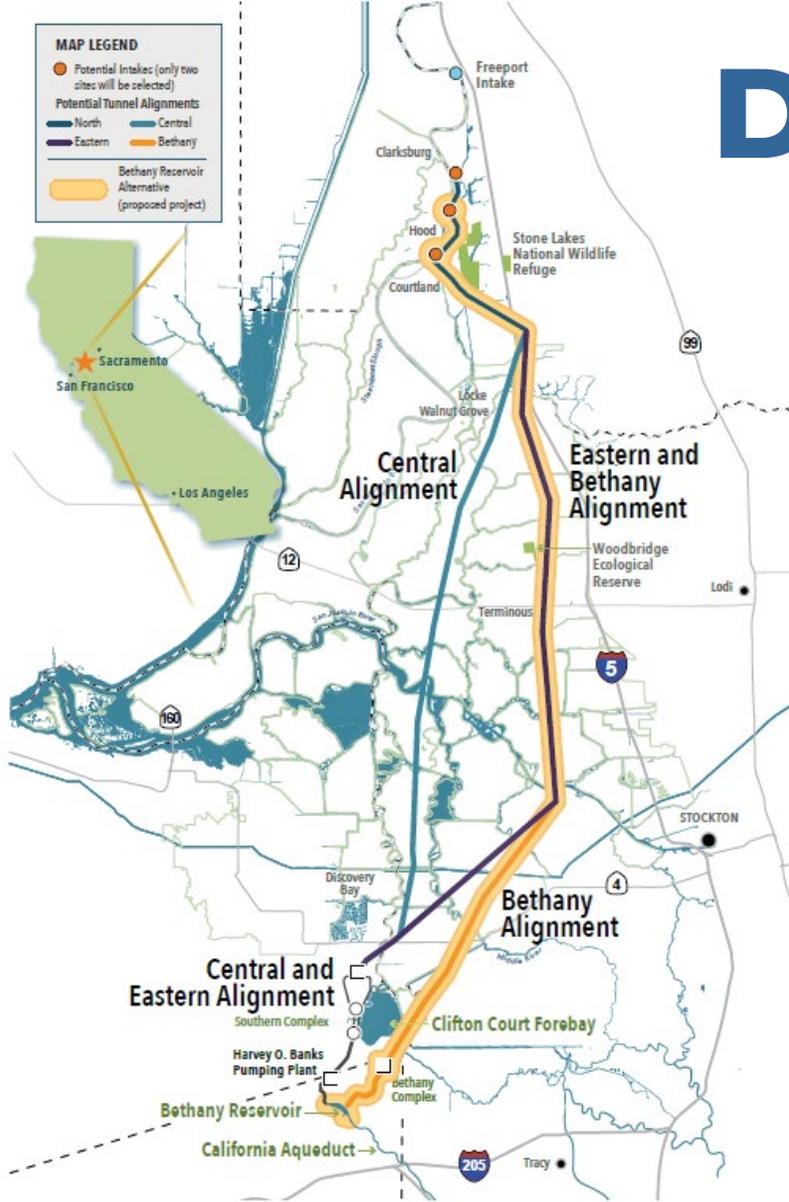


State Water Project reliability

Percent of Water Entitlement (Allocation)



Delta Conveyance Project



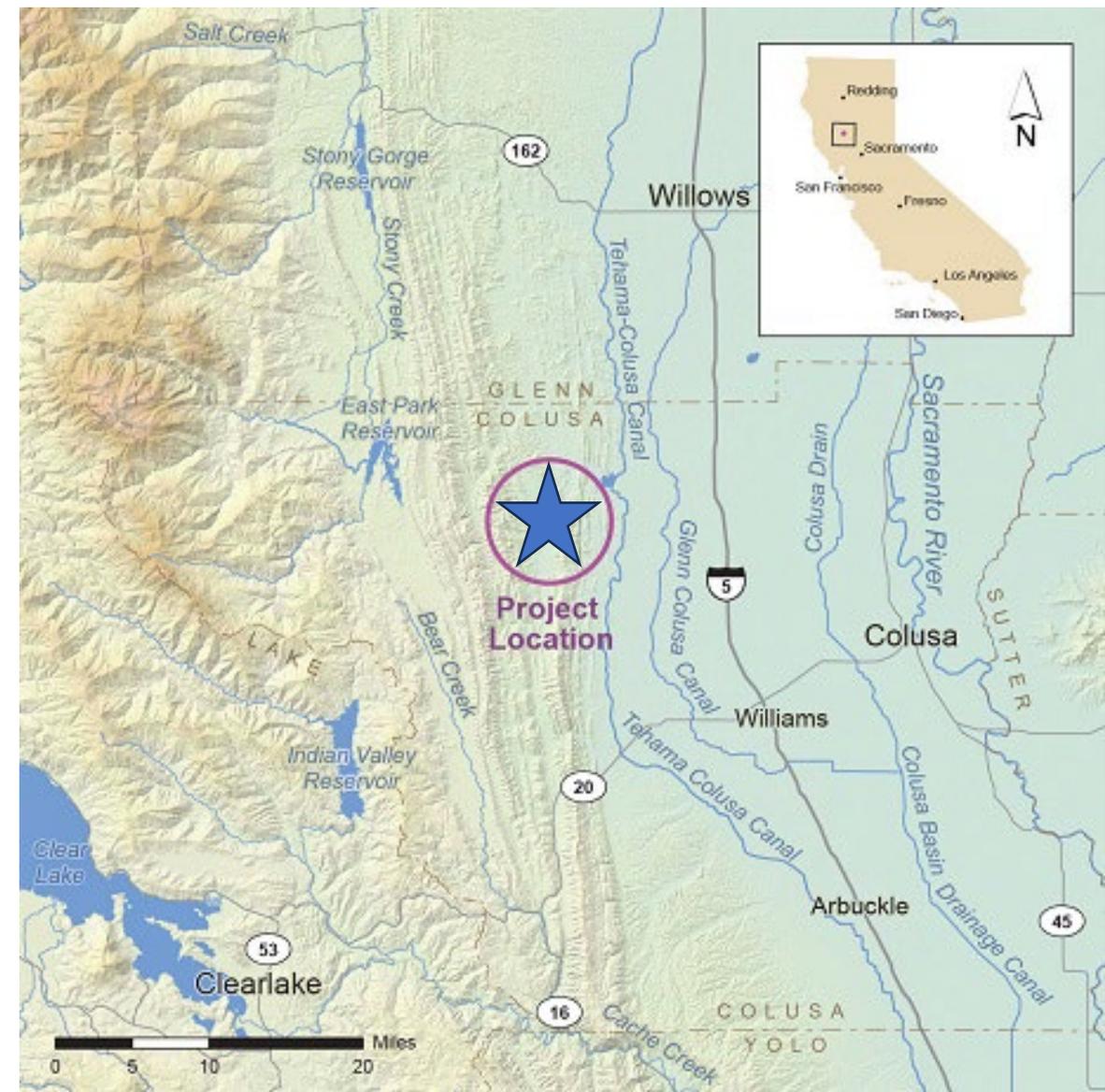
- Single tunnel
- Increase reliability and deliveries
- Less vulnerable to quakes
- DWR approved the project & certified the final EIR on Dec. 21, 2023.
- Won't be completed for decades



Sites Reservoir

Flexible Storage Solution

- Does not rely on Snow Pack
- Adapts to future climate change
- Fills during more frequent flooding events
- Is ideal for dry year water supply
- Potentially increases overall water supply for domestic and irrigation purposes
- The Bureau of Reclamation & Sites Project Authority certified the final EIR in Nov. 2023
- Construction is projected to start in 2026



DESERT WATER



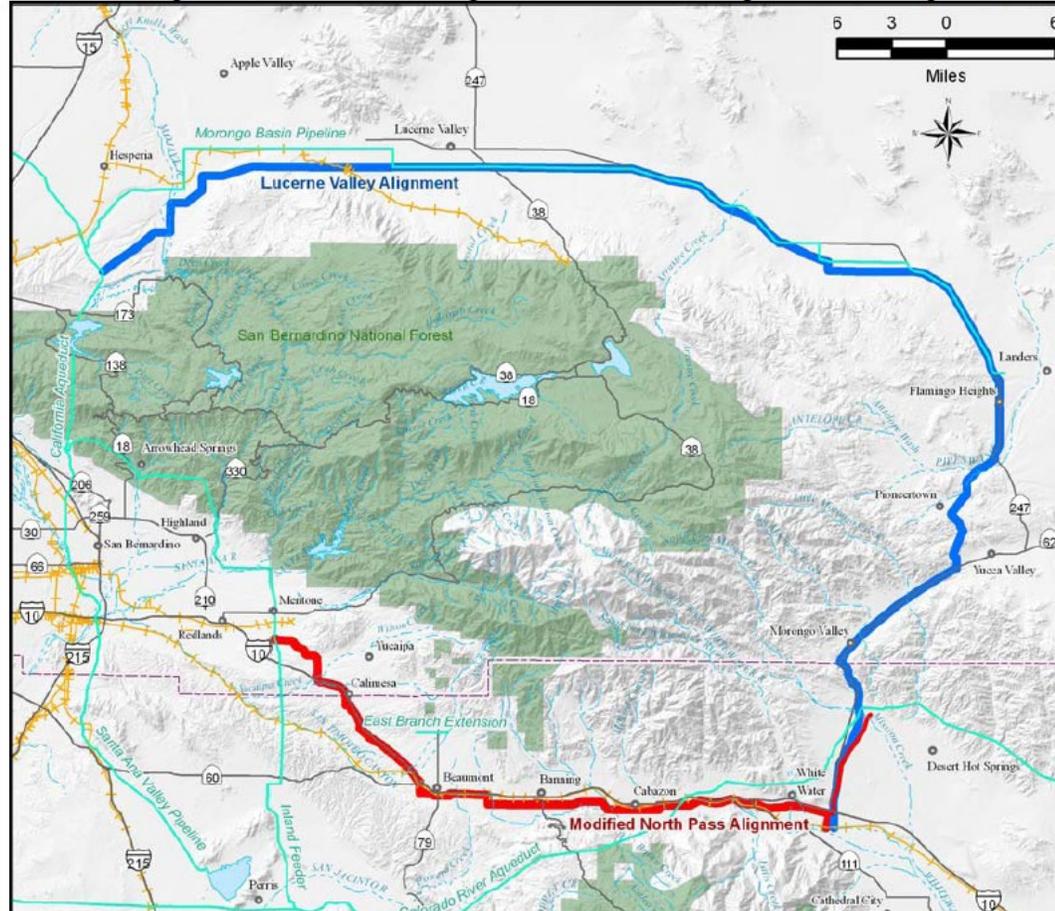
SoCal end point

- Ends at Lake Perris
- Furthest east extension in Beaumont



Possible routes to valley

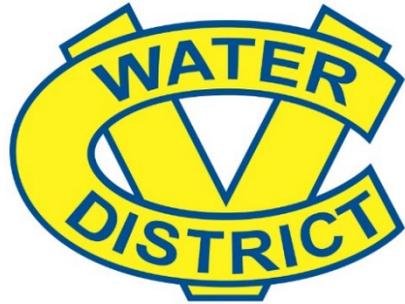
Figure 1-3 SWP Extension Alignments Evaluated During Phase 2 Investigations



- Two routes
 - Lucerne Valley
 - 88 miles
 - San Gorgonio Pass
 - 38 miles
- Would cost about \$1.6B (not adjusted for inflation)



MWD exchange



- Trade Colorado River water for State water
- Avoid building +\$1.6B pipeline
- Saves ratepayer money
- Guaranteed delivery
- Get advanced deliveries to help groundwater levels



Colorado River



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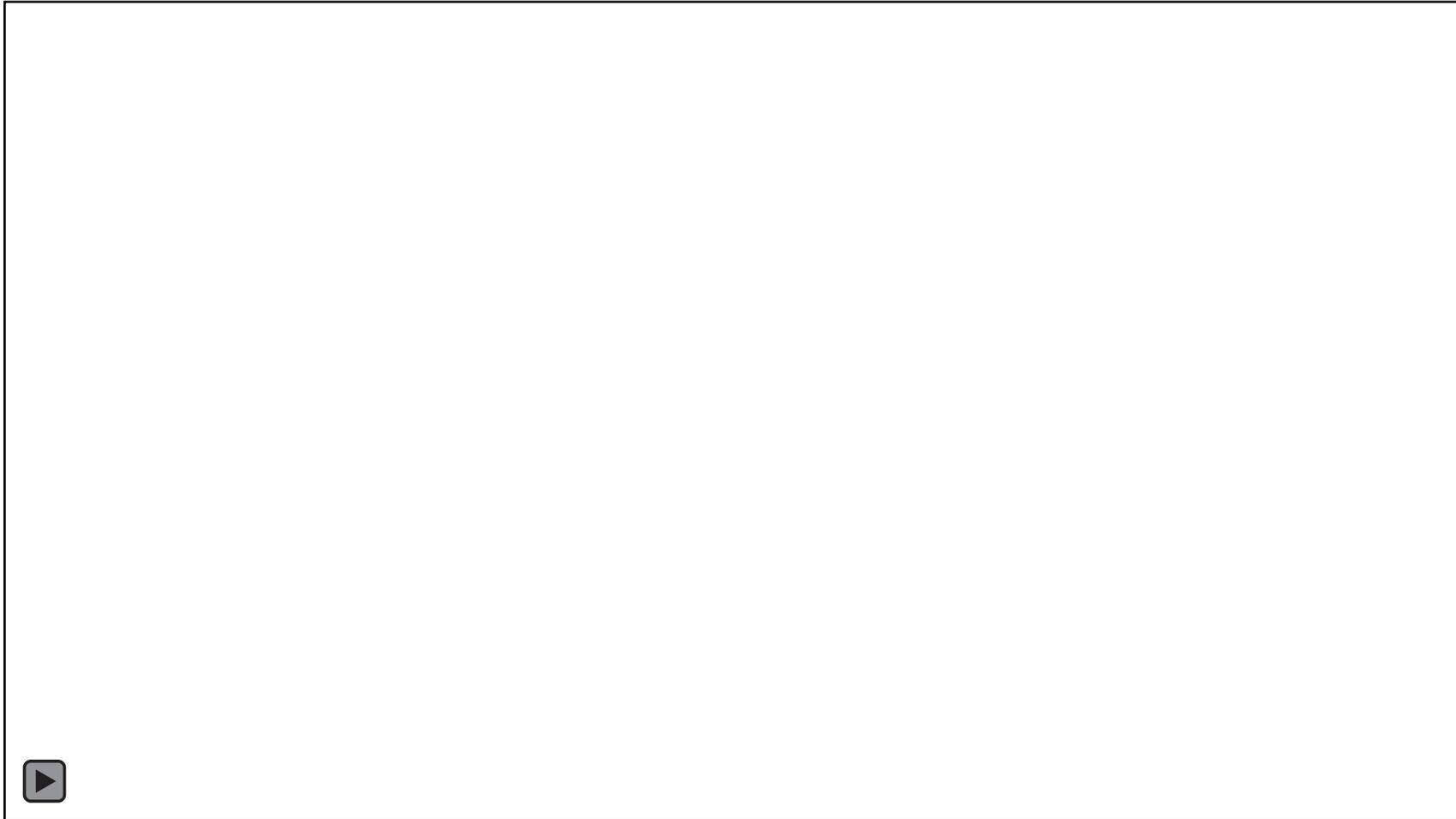


Water replenishment

- Two west valley facilities for SWP
- One mid-valley location
- One east valley location



Whitewater Hydro



Whitewater River



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Whitewater Groundwater Replenishment Facility



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Thank you!

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