

# American River Basin Study

Executive Steering Committee Meeting # 4  
July 9, 2018, 1-3 pm



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# Meeting Agenda

## 1. Introductions

## 2. Background & Budget Update

## 3. Study Progress & Key Achievements

- Climate Change Hydrology Development
- CalSim 3 Model Preparation
- Temperature Models Review

## 4. Discussion

- M&I & Agricultural Demands Projections
- Formulation of Adaptation Portfolios
- Communication & Outreach Plan

## 5. Related Regional Efforts Updates

## 6. Next-Steps/Action Items

# Background & Budget Update

# Key Milestones

**March 2016** - Reclamation released Basin Study solicitation

**June 2016** - Proposal for an American River Basin Study (ARBS) submitted by six non-Federal Partners

**September 2016** - Award of \$650K by Reclamation; \$1.8M proposed by non-Federal Partners as in-kind matching contributions.

**June 28, 2017** – MOA for the ARBS fully signed by Reclamation and six non-Federal Partners

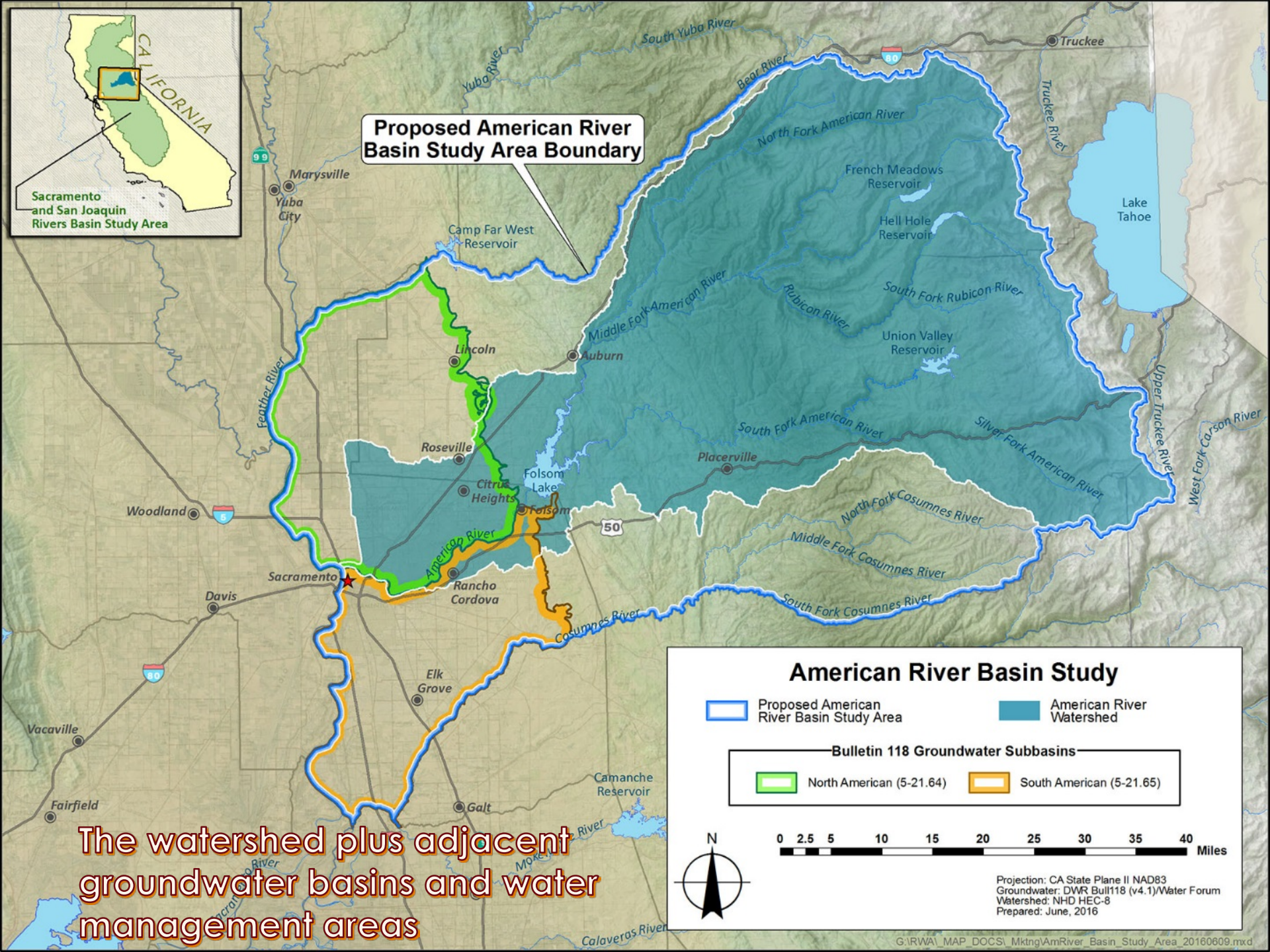
**September 21, 2017** – Reclamation awarded contract for preparation of the ARBS (\$557K)

**October 2020** – ARBS Final Report expected

**December 28, 2020** – MOA expires



**Proposed American River Basin Study Area Boundary**



### American River Basin Study

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| Proposed American River Basin Study Area | American River Watershed |
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**Bulletin 118 Groundwater Subbasins**

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| North American (5-21.64) | South American (5-21.65) |
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0 2.5 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 Miles

Projection: CA State Plane II NAD83  
 Groundwater: DWR Bull118 (v4.1)/Water Forum  
 Watershed: NHD HEC-8  
 Prepared: June, 2016

The watershed plus adjacent groundwater basins and water management areas

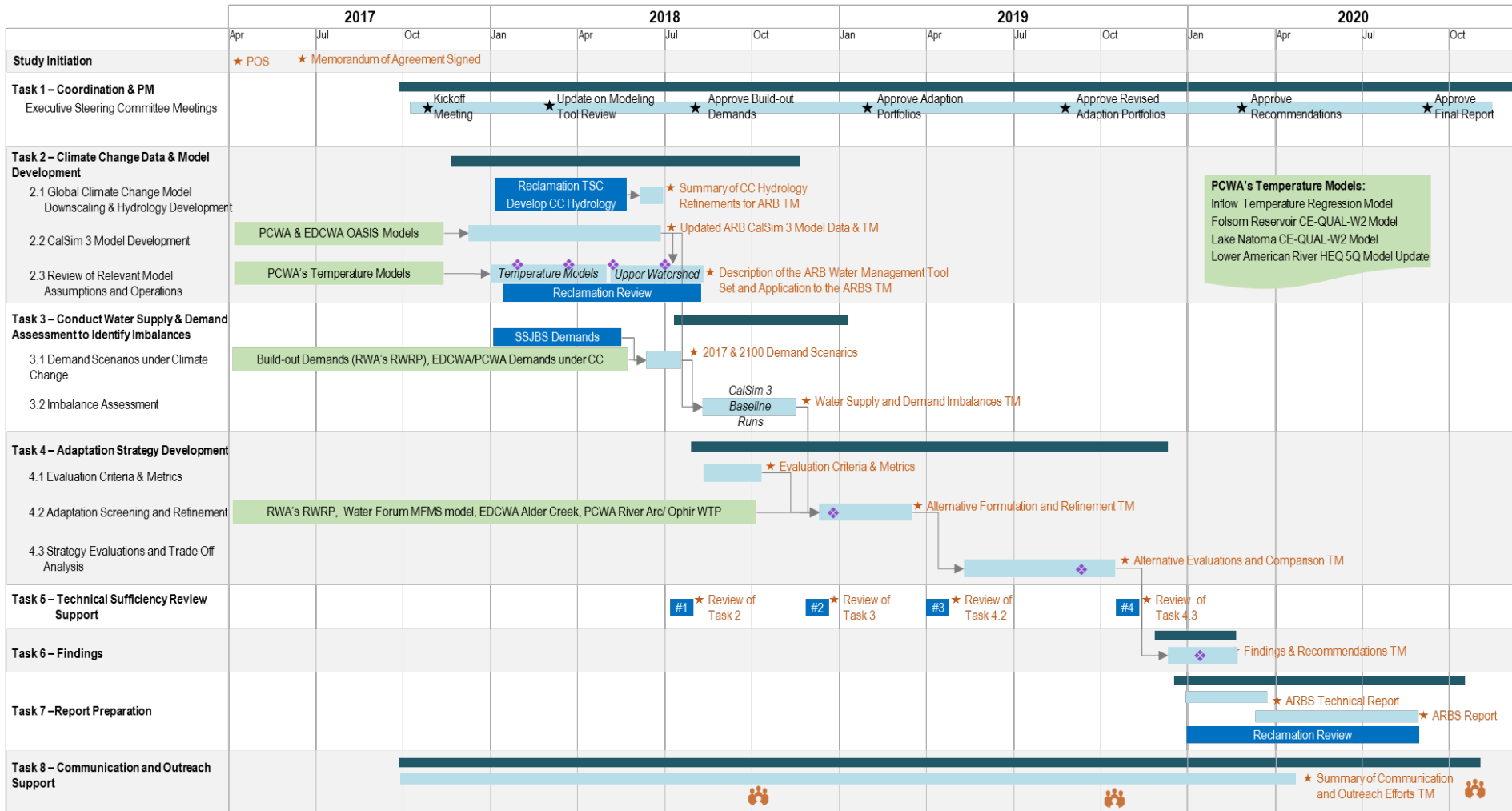
# Study Objectives

- Further refine the assessment of water supplies and demands for the American River Basin
- Address regional **demand-supply imbalance** and infrastructure deficiencies under the existing and **future climate change conditions**.
- Improve regional collaboration for sustainable water resources management.
- Improve **coordination of local and Federal water management**.
- Align water management tools, strategies, and planning efforts of Reclamation and water agencies in the basin.

# ARBS Anticipated Outcomes

- Consistent modeling data, and assumptions for Federal and Regional planning in the American River Basin (climate change hydrology, upper watershed operations, and temperature).
- Assessment of imbalance at build-out under climate change conditions
- Assessment of how a range of selected adaptations can reduce these imbalances

# ARBS Schedule



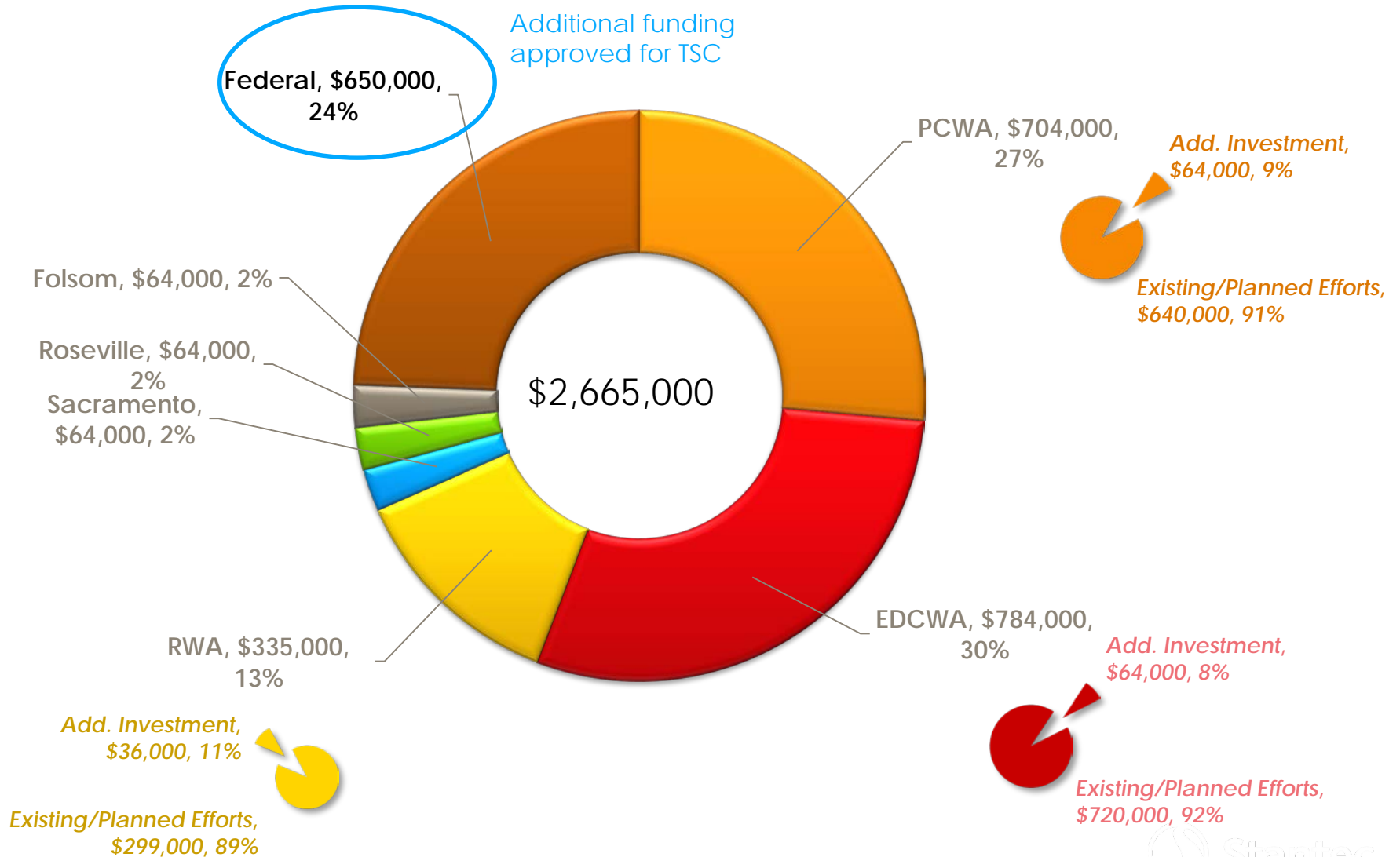
◆ Technical Workshop

👥 Stakeholder Meeting

■ Reclamation Activity

■ Non-Federal Cost Share Contribution

# ARBS Budget Update





# Study Progress & Key Achievement

- Climate Change Hydrology Development
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# ARBS Climate Change Approach



- Confirmed the selection of the Fixed Level of Development climate change approach




- More appropriate for the study needs compared to the transient analysis approach.



- Selected Future Periods: 2015 (baseline), 2050 (2035-2064), 2070 (2055-2084), 2085 (2070-2099)

- Reflect build-out conditions of local agencies under current land use assumptions
- Reflect conditions at the furthest distant future, per available dataset.
- Leverage existing state-wide climate change data and tools.

# Climate Change Hydrology Development

-  Additional funding for Reclamation TSC support
-  Completed downscaling of climate data for the ARB and Central Valley (2050, 2070, 2085)
  - Dataset can be leveraged for other Reclamation and State-wide studies
-  Developing climate change hydrology using the VIC model:
  - ARB defined sub-watersheds (based on OASIS)
  - Central Valley (CalSim 3 domain)
  - Expected completion by end of July
- Next steps:
  - Bias correction of VIC outputs (runoff, evapotranspiration)

# CalSim 3 Model Preparations

- CalSim 3 model refinement of upper Watershed operations under the ARBS
  - Middle Fork American River
  - South Form American River
- Additional model refinement leveraging DWR efforts
  - Yuba – Bear Watershed (DWR)
  - North Fork American River (DWR)

# CalSim 3 Model Preparations



- Completed CalSim 3 updates for representation of:

- Middle Fork Project
- Upper American River Project
- EID - Project 184

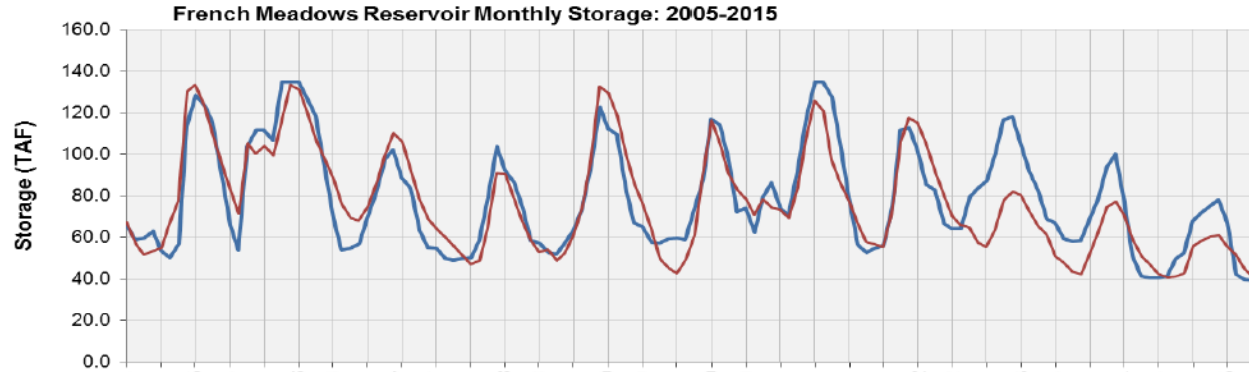


- Major model updates

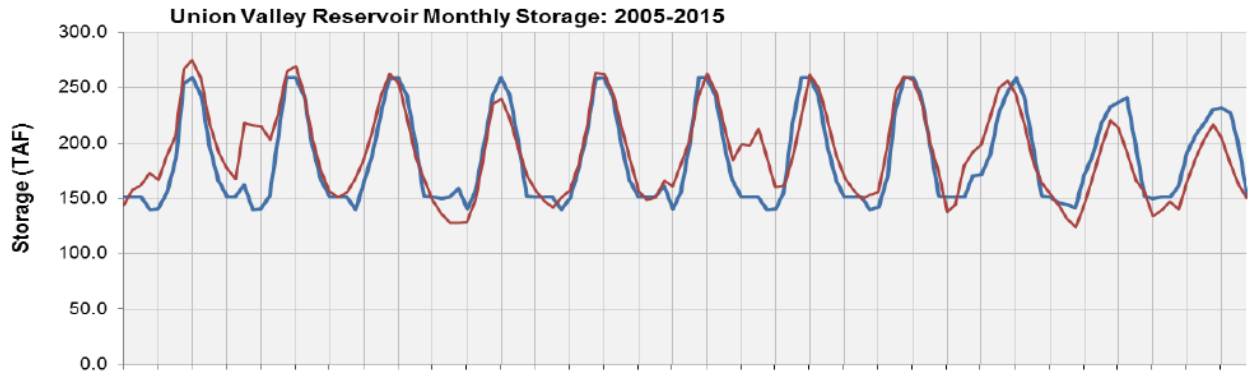
- Implemented new FERC license requirements
- Implemented water right requirements
- Implemented Discretionary releases for water supply and hydropower
- Added Project-specific operating agreements and contracts

# Completed initial Model Calibration

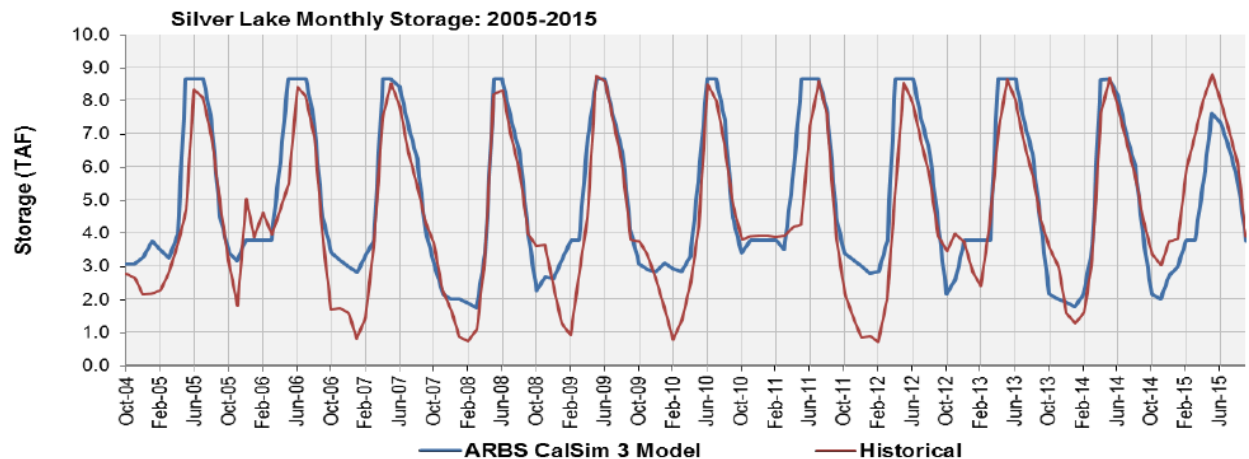
Middle Fork Project



Upper American River Project



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# CalSim 3 Model Preparations



- **Current Activities:**

- Completing detailed model documentation

- **Next Steps:**

- Model validation (expected by mid-August)
- Model integration
- Future model developments/applications for adaptation scenario formulation, including:
  - Alder Creek Reservoir
  - RiverArc
  - Groundwater Bank
  - Others

# Temperature Models Review



- TSC in the process of reviewing Lower American River Temperature model TMs
- Reclamation has initiated temperature model update effort for the Sacramento River System:
  - Initial focus on main-stem Sacramento River
  - American River is part of the scope

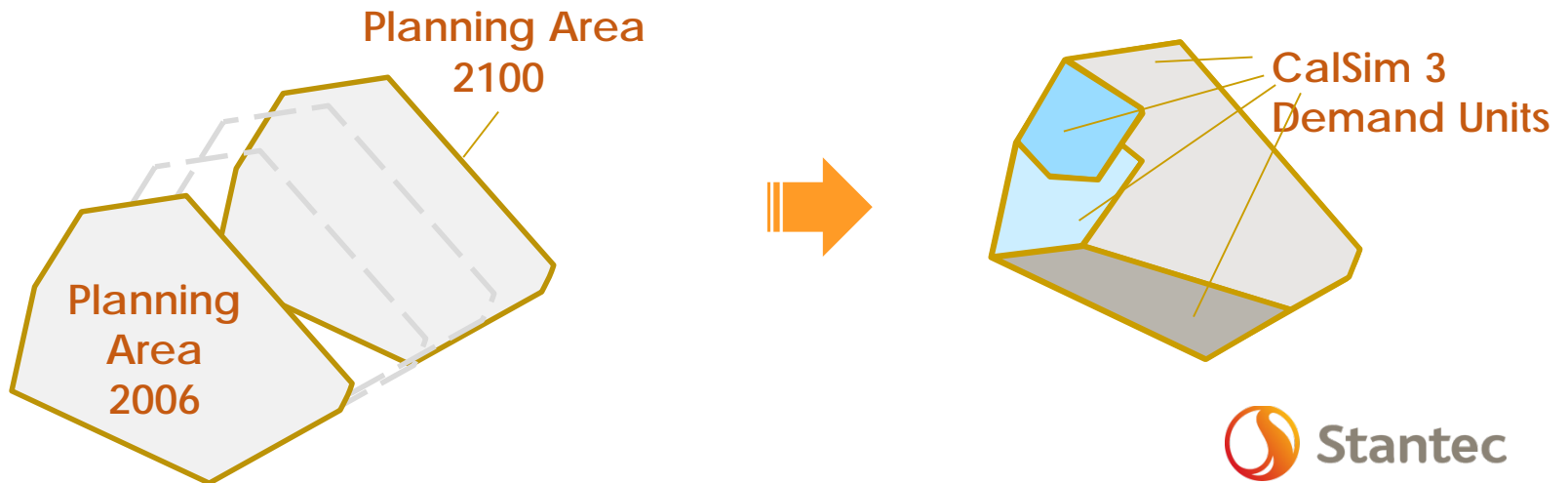
# Discussion

- How to maintain consistency between future demand projections and local planning assumptions?
- What are the key regional strategies to be considered in the adaptation Portfolios?
- Is the planned public outreach adequate?  
Suggested additional considerations?









# Demand Analysis Approach

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- Demand data are available from the WEAP model developed for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Basin Study
  - Available for period **2006-2100**
  - Aggregated by **Planning Areas**
- Scale urban demand and irrigated acreage

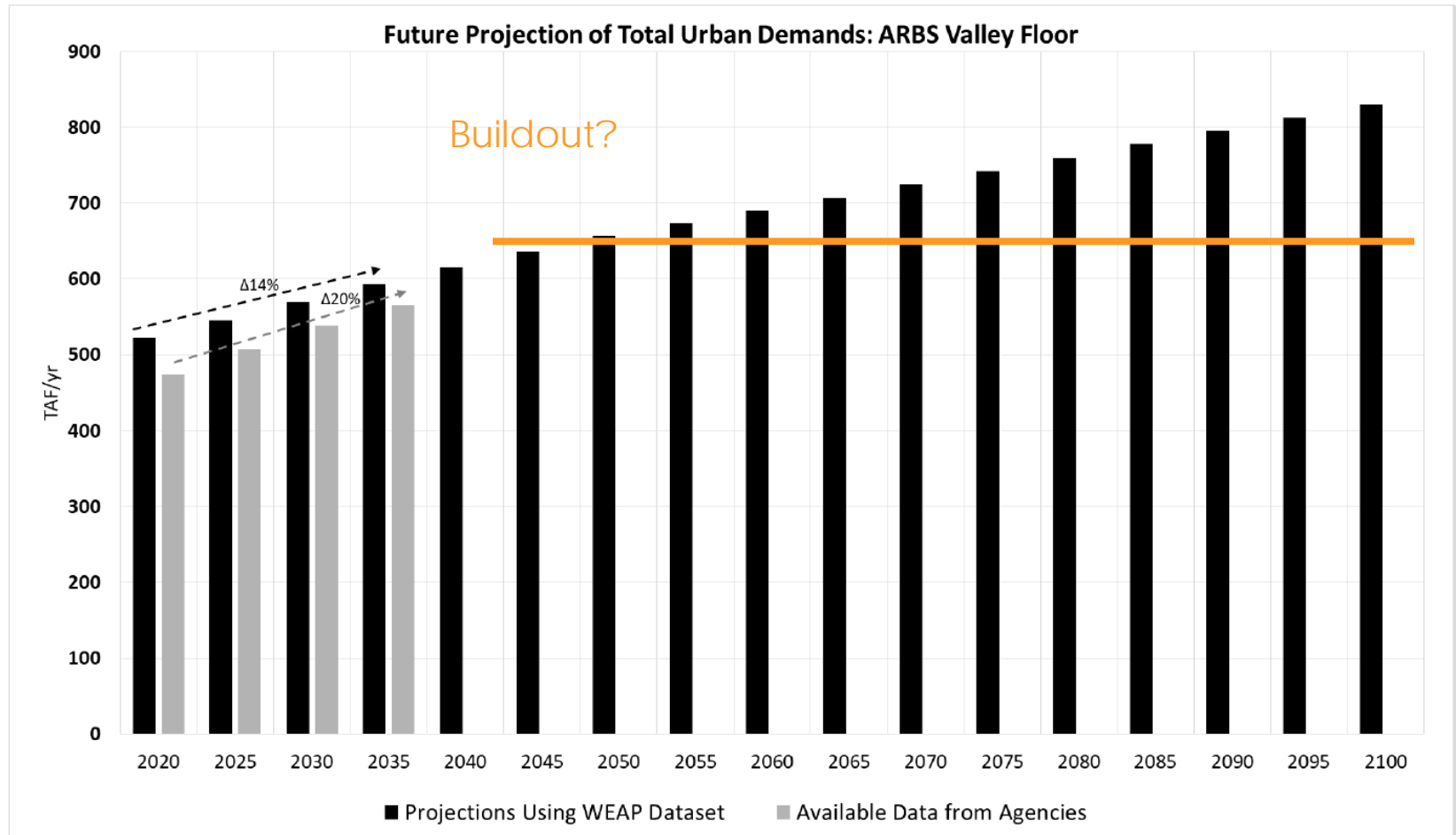


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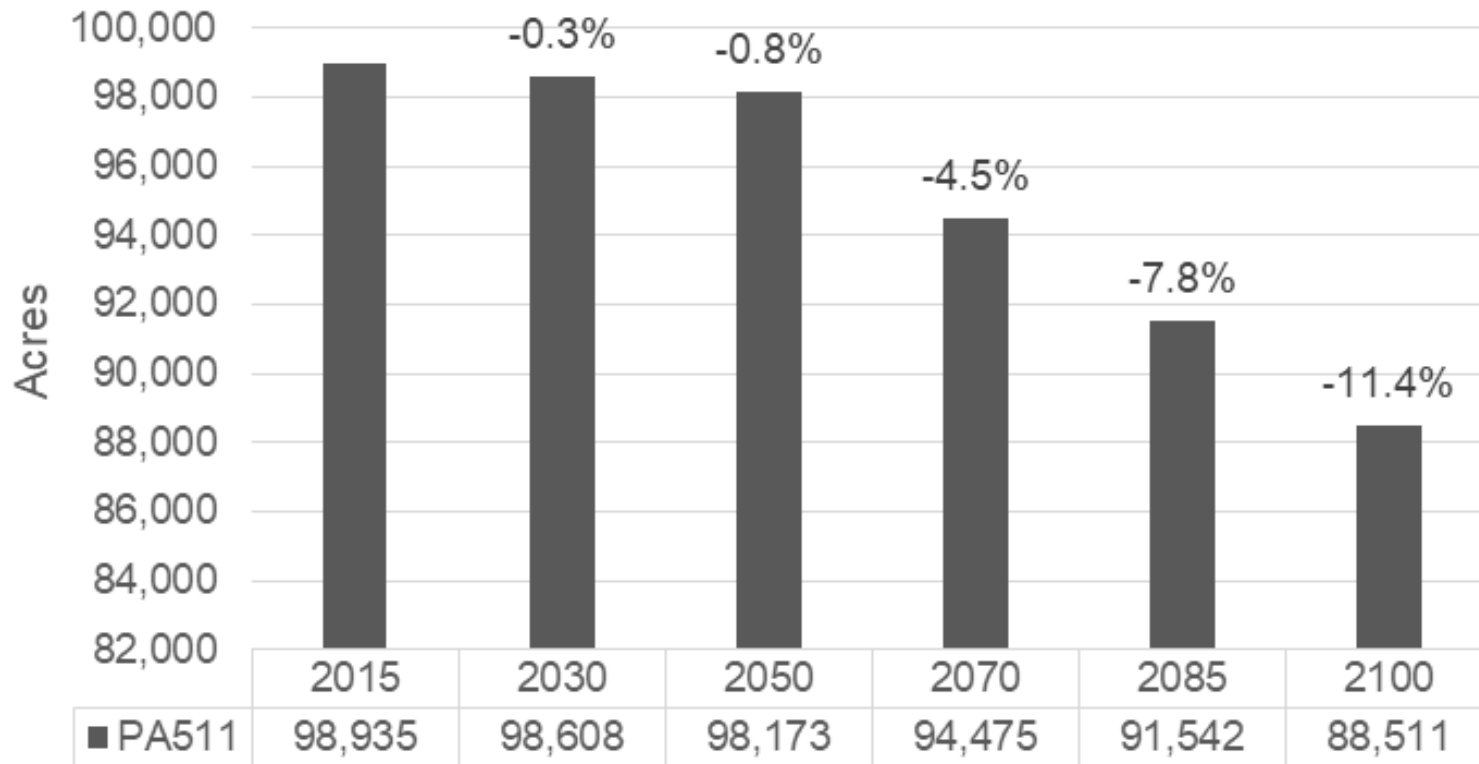
|              | Central Valley  | ARB (Valley Floor)  | ARB (Foothills)   |
|--------------|---|---|---|
| Urban        |  Developed using SSJBS WEAP data |  Developed using SSJBS WEAP data<br><br> Assess consistency with local planning   |  Under development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ EDCWA – West Slope Study (2014)</li> <li>○ EID UWMP</li> </ul> |
| Agricultural |  Developed using SSJBS WEAP data |  Developed using SSJBS WEAP data<br><br> Assess consistency with local planning |  Under development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ EDCWA – West Slope Study (2014)</li> </ul>                     |

# Future Urban Demand Projections

- How to maintain consistency between future demand projections and local planning assumptions?



# Future Agricultural Demands

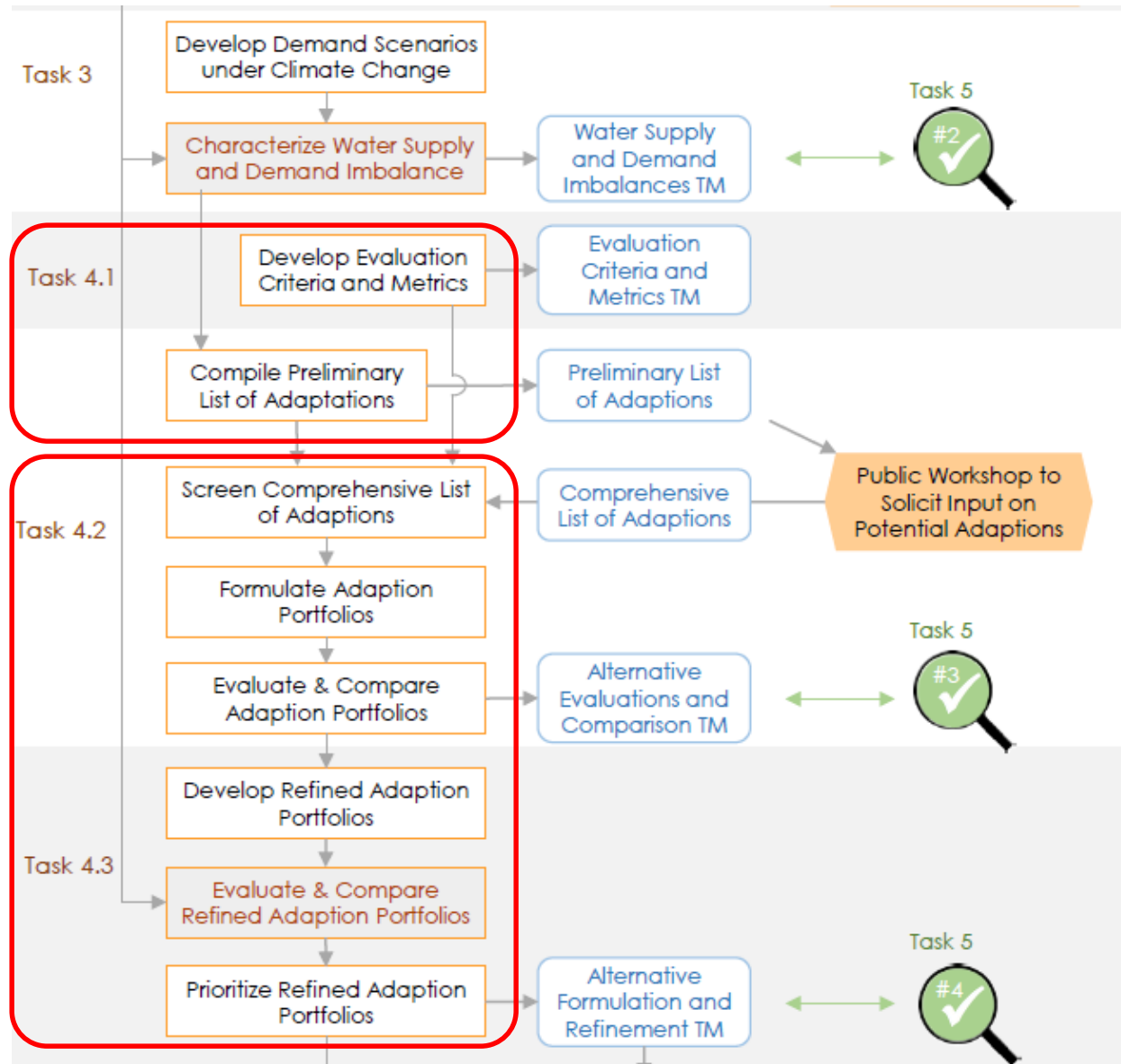


# Demand Analysis

- **Next Steps**

- Finalized demand projects for ARB valley floor and foothills
- Conduct demand-supply imbalance assessment under climate change conditions
- Expected completion – end of September

# Formulation of Adaptions



# Wide Range of Adaptation Actions

- Over 400 regional actions:
  - SSJBS (2016)
  - RDCP/RWRP (2018)
  - ARB IRWMP (2018)
  - West Slope Study (2014)
  - ED Stormwater Plan (2018)
- Organized under strategies and tactics to facilitate formulation of portfolios



# Adaptation Portfolios

- What are the key regional strategies to be considered in the adaptation Portfolios?

| Portfolio   | Actions  |
|---|--|
| A. Future Baseline  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With Climate Change (2050, 2070, 2085)</li> <li>• State-mandated Demand Reduction</li> <li>• Lower American River Flow Management Standard</li> </ul>                     |
| B. Valley Floor Water Reliability                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RiverArc</li> <li>• Water Bank</li> </ul>   |
| C. Upper Watershed and Foothill Water Reliability         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alder Creek Reservoir</li> <li>• Water Bank</li> </ul>  |
| D. South Area Water Reliability                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Sacramento County Agricultural Project</li> <li>• Water Bank</li> </ul>   |
| E. Lower American River Modified Flow Management Standard | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lower American River Modified Flow Management Standard</li> <li>• Folsom Carry-over Storage Requirement</li> <li>• Folsom Dam temperature control device (TCD)</li> </ul> |
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# Evaluation Criteria

| Criteria   | Metrics   |
|--|---|
| Contribution to Long-Term Regional Water Reliability                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduction in demand-supply imbalance</li><li>• Increase of conjunctive use potential</li></ul>                                      |
| Contribution to Watershed and Foothill Communities Water Reliability     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduction in demand-supply imbalance for foothill communities</li><li>• Increase in upper watershed supply reliability</li></ul>    |
| Contribution to Reclamation's Operations Flexibility                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increase in Folsom Lake storage</li><li>• Increase in American River outflow</li><li>• Reduction in demand on CVP exports</li></ul> |
| Contribution to Lower American River Ecosystem Health and Sustainability | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Improvement of temperature on the Lower American River</li><li>• Maintenance of flows on the Lower American River</li></ul>         |
| Contribution to Multi-Benefits   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Benefits types addressed</li><li>• Magnitude of benefits</li></ul>  |

# Communication & Outreach

- Basin Studies are required to have public outreach
- ARBS Plan of Study – Public Outreach and Communication Plan
  - Provides for public involvement at key points
  - The ESC will approve meeting type and times
  - Provides suggestion for public outreach elements like website for basin study, for news/press releases and meeting types

# Public Outreach

- **Is the planned public outreach adequate? Suggested additional considerations?**
- Suggested First Public Outreach Meeting
  - Held when Task 3.2 (Imbalance Assessment TM) is completed
  - Likely meeting timeframe is from late October to late January
  - Suggested meeting format is a web-based presentation to stakeholders and others suggested by each Partner

# Related Regional Efforts Updates

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- ARB IRWMP Update
- Groundwater Sustainability Plans
- Regional Water Reliability Plan
- Water Marketing Strategy Project
- PCWA's RiverArc
- Stormwater Resource Plans
- EDCWA's Supplemental Water Right Project
- Long-term CVP Water Contracts Renewals
- Others