### Salinity Management Update October 18, 2017







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- Salinity Management
- Water Supply
- Long-Term Planning
- Modeling Effort
- Schedule







# **Salinity Management**

- Maximum Benefit Plan enables use of RW (irrigation & GWR)
- Commitment to implement regional programs to manage/reduce TDS
- Region has been working for past 15+ years to meet this commitment
  - Chino Basin Desalters
  - Self-generating water softener use ordinance
  - Brine line discharge requirements
  - Chemical use optimization in the WWTP
  - Securing high quality supplemental water



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# **Maximum Benefit Commitments**

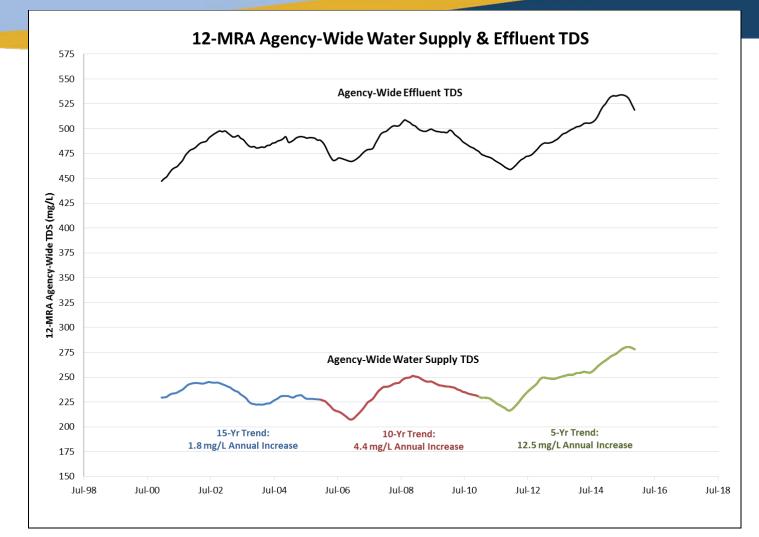
- ✓ Commitment No. 1: Surface Water Monitoring Program met
- ✓ Commitment No. 2: Groundwater Monitoring Program met
- Commitment No. 3: Chino Desalters I expansion & II constructed before recharge of RW - met
- ✓ Commitment No. 4: Future Desalters Plan implementation in progress
- ✓ Commitment No. 5: Construct Recharge Facilities met
  - Phase I & Phase II projects
  - RMPU projects
- Commitment No. 6: IEUA Wastewater Quality Improvement Plan when TDS and nitrate concentration triggers exceeded – not triggered
- ✓ Commitment No. 7: 5-Yr Running Average Recharge Quality met
  - TDS & NO<sub>3</sub>-N metrics are 345 mg/L and 3 mg/L, respectively as of Dec 2016
- ✓ Commitment No. 8: Hydraulic Control met
- ✓ Commitment No. 9: Ambient GW Quality Determination met

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## Water Supply & Effluent TDS



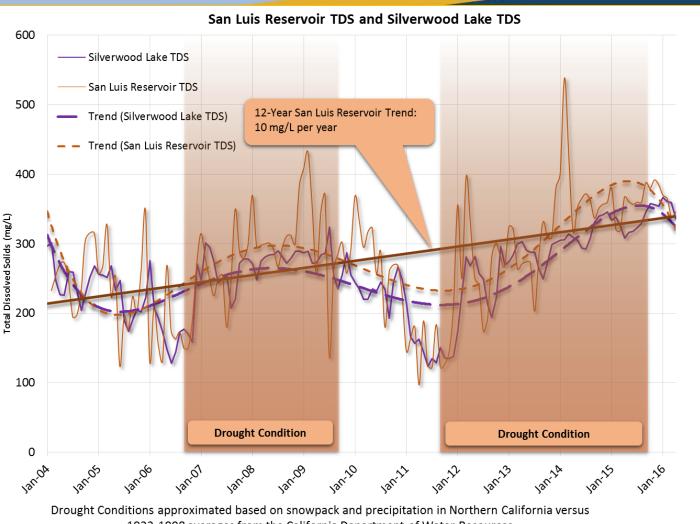
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# **State Water Project TDS Trend**

- Local water supply TDS is affected by SWP TDS
- 12-year avg:
  +10 mg/L per year



1922-1998 averages from the California Department of Water Resources.







## **Salinity Management Programs**

#### • Industry connections to Brine Line

- North NRWS: 39 industries; ~15k tons of salt exported annually
- South NRWS: 14 industries; ~30k tons of salt exported annually

#### • Water Softener Program

- 825 units removed since 2008
- 149 tons of salt per year not entering the regional sewer

#### • Septic-to-Sewer Project

- Currently in feasibility stage
- Planned implementation over the next 10 20 years
- Recharge of Low TDS Imported Water







# **Long-Term Planning Projects**

- Planned projects included in analysis:
  - Conservation
  - UV Conversion (5–20 yrs)
  - 2013 Recharge Master Plan Update (stormwater projects) (5-20 yrs)
  - Septic-to-sewer conversion (10–20 yrs)
  - Reverse Osmosis (10-20 yrs)
  - Increased supplemental recharge (SARCCUP) (5–20 yrs)
- Implementing projects provides a TDS reduction benefit







# **Scope of Work Summary**

### Scope of Work Objectives

- Develop updated modeling tools to evaluate the TDS concentrations of the Chino Basin
- Define planning scenarios
- Evaluate impacts from climate change
- Use updated modeling tools to project the TDS concentrations of the Chino Basin and perform an antidegradation analysis
- Use the results to develop and finalize a regulatory compliance strategy proposal
- Work with the Regional Board throughout this effort







## **Groundwater Modeling Tools**

- Develop an MT3D-based numerical solute transport model that is based on the 2017 Chino Basin Watermaster MODFLOW Model
  - 2017 MODFLOW Model is an updated version of the Watermaster's 2013 groundwater flow model
  - The 2013 model was extensively calibrated, peer reviewed, accepted by the Chino Basin parties and relied on by the Court to reset the safe yield of the Chino Basin







## **MT3D Model Development**

- Initial condition of vadose zone based on recharge sources and associated TDS concentrations for period of 1986-2016
- Initial condition of saturated zone based on current TDS concentrations
- Develop and agree on assumptions for TDS of recharge and discharge terms in planning projections
- This MT3D model can be used to test the impacts of different TDS management strategies on future TDS concentrations in the Chino Basin





### **Schedule**

- Collaborative effort: IEUA, CBWM, Wildermuth Environmental
- Update Chino groundwater basin modeling
- Analyze projects, source water, groundwater, and climate impacts
- Work with the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) on potential options

Description	Schedule
Develop Groundwater Model	May 2018
Groundwater Modeling & Evaluation	February 2019
Proposal to RWQCB	April 2019
Updated Proposal	August 2019
Environmental Evaluation	November 2019
Final Documents	December 2019







