Renewal of Sacramento River Settlement Contracts

Public Scoping Meetings
August 6 – 8, 2001

Agenda

- Overview
- Schedule
- Open Discussion
- Who to Contact
- Wrap-up

Why Are We Here?

- Initiate the environmental analysis for renewal of Sacramento River Settlement contracts
- Receive comments from contractors, public, and interested parties
- Identify significant contract and environmental issues

Sac River Settlement Contracts

- 16 districts and 122 individuals
- ~2.2 MAF of water
- Contracts expire March 31, 2004
- Types of water:
  - Base Supply
  - Project Water

Water Supply

- Prior to Shasta Dam the need for Project Water arose because of the quantities of water available were deficient during certain months
- Deficiency was determined by studies and negotiations
- Average deficiency was applied to estimated water right yield to determine Base Supply and Project Water

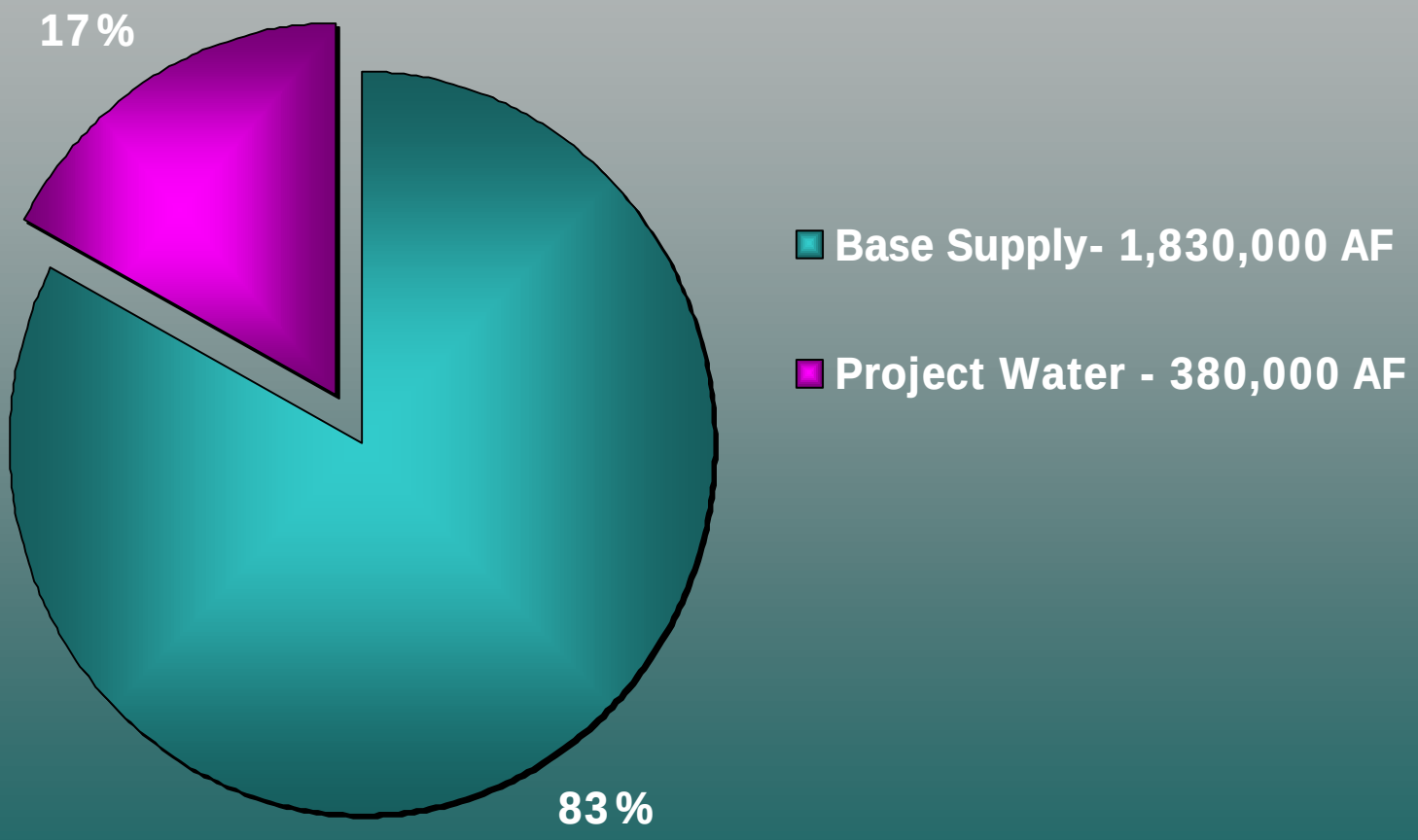
Definition of Base Supply

Base Supply is the quantity of water which the US agrees may be diverted by the Contractor from its source of supply each month during the period April through October of each year without payment to the US for such quantities diverted.

Definition of Project Water

Project Water is all water diverted or scheduled to be diverted each month during the period April through October of each year by the Contractor from its source of supply which is in excess of Base Supply.

Base Supply & Project Water



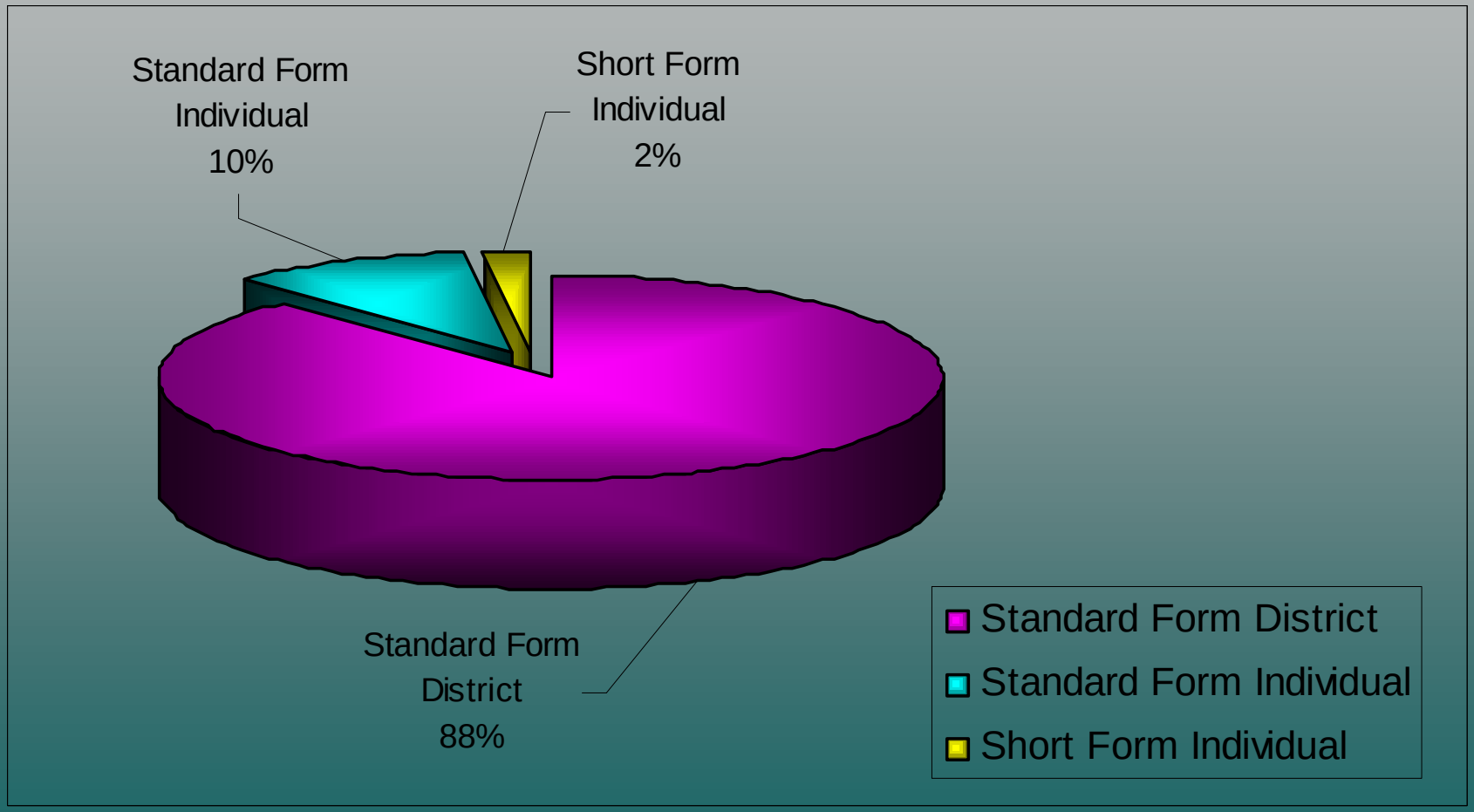
Standard Form vs. Short Form

Standard Form	Short Form
Districts & Large Landholdings	Small Landholdings (under 160/320 acres)
Pay by acre-foot	Pay by acres

Sac River Settlement Contracts

Type of Contract	Number Contracts	Base Supply (af)	Project Water (af)
Standard Form Districts	16	1,600,000	320,000
Standard Form Individual	36	183,000	32,000
Short Form Individual	+86	19,000	15,000
Total Sacramento River Settlement Contracts	138	1,832,000	380,000

Water Quantities by Contractor Type



Rates/Charges for Project Water

Rate/Charge	Base Supply	Project Water	
		Ag	M&I
Existing Contract	-0-	$2	$9.00
Cost of Service	-0-	$13-25*	$15-20*
Restoration Charge	-0-	$7.28*	$14.56*
*Rates adjusted annually			

SCORE

- Settlement Contractors Open Re-contracting Effort
- Litigation by 8 Sac River Settlement Contractors
- January 1997 Settlement included MOU
- Participation in MOU available to others
- Total 14 contractors now participating in MOU

SCORE MOU Components

- Update and extend 1956 Cooperative Study
- Basin-wide management plan
- Contracting principles
- Environmental documentation

Contracting Process

- Identify contract issues
- Submit Basis of Negotiation for approval
- Draft contract
- Initiate negotiations
- Prepare environmental documentation
- Finalize contract
- Public review and comment

Public Review and Comment

- Public scoping — public input on issues and concerns to be addressed in development of the environmental documentation
- Contract negotiations open to the public
- Public review of draft environmental document and draft contract
- Public comments will be considered in final documents

Schedule

- 08/24/01 — Receive scoping comments
- 01/23/02 — Initiation contract negotiations
- 05/02/03 — Release draft environmental document
- 10/01/03 — Issue final environmental document
- 03/01/04 —Execute final contract

Open Discussion

- Scope of environmental document
- Issues or concerns on contract or environmental document
- Alternatives to be considered
- Potential impacts

Mail written comments on the environmental document by August 27, 2001, to:

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