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> California Department of Water Resources

# Upper San Joaquin River Basin Storage Investigation

# **Public Workshop**

California Bay-Delta Authority



### **Meeting Objectives**

- Review Investigation Approaches
  - Review of Phase 1
  - Public, Agency, Stakeholder Involvement
  - Alternatives Formulation
- Update on Analysis of Storage Options
- Discuss Development of Operational Scenarios





Welcome and Introductions Investigation Overview **Conjunctive Management / Groundwater Storage** Surface Storage Option Screening **Hydropower Considerations Flood Damage Reduction Evaluation Development of Operational Scenarios** Next Steps

#### **Participation Principles**

- Participate Attend the workshops
- Learn Learn about resources, people, roles, and process
- Represent Bring issues and interests forward from others whose interests you share
- Cooperate Work with others in the workshops to share information and consider options
- Educate Report back to others who share your interests



## Workshop Ground Rules

- Commit to Being Fully Present
  - No cell phones, pagers, voicemail, etc.
  - Ask for what you need from the meeting process and participants
- Honor Our Time Limits
  - Keep comments and discussion concise
  - Stay focused on the topic Use the parking lot for other issues
- Respect Each Other
  - Listen carefully to other participants
  - Respond to ideas and issues, not individuals
- Support Constructive Discussion
  - Suggest improvements and solutions
  - Build on others' ideas Use "and" instead of "but"





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#### **Investigation Overview**

- Phase 1 Summary
  - Approach
  - Findings
- Feasibility Study and EIS/EIR
  - Summary of public scoping
  - Agency and stakeholder involvement
  - Alternatives formulation overview



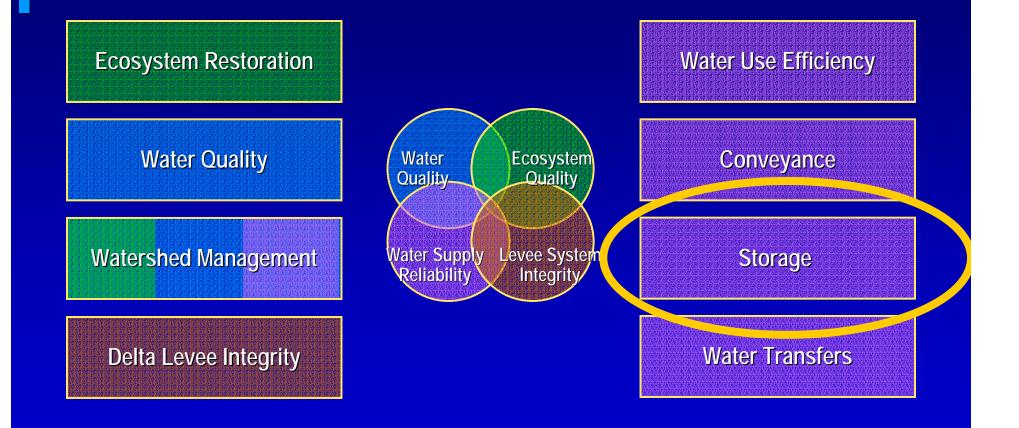
### **CALFED Bay-Delta Program Goals**

"Develop a long-term comprehensive plan that will restore ecological health and improve water management for beneficial uses of the Bay-Delta system."





## **CALFED Programs to Meet Inter-Related Objectives**



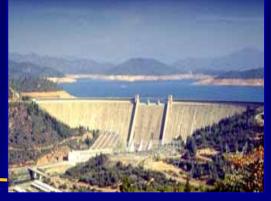


## CALFED Storage Program



North of Delta Off-Stream Storage

Sacramento



#### **Raise Shasta Dam**



#### **In-Delta Storage**



Upper San Joaquin River Basin Storage



Expand Los Vaqueros Reservoir

Groundwater Storage and Conjunctive Use (1 Million acre-feet ) Upper San Joaquin River Basin Storage Investigation Area of Influence

- San Joaquin River
  - Friant to Merced River
  - Merced River to Delta

• Eastern San Joaquin Valley

- CVP Friant Division
- Groundwater basin

South of Delta Service Area





#### **Objectives for Upper San Joaquin Storage**

Enlarge Millerton Lake by 250 to 700 TAF OR

Develop a functionally equivalent program to store San Joaquin River flow

Contribute to restoration of the San Joaquin River
Improve water quality of the San Joaquin River
Facilitate conjunctive water management and exchanges that improve urban water quality

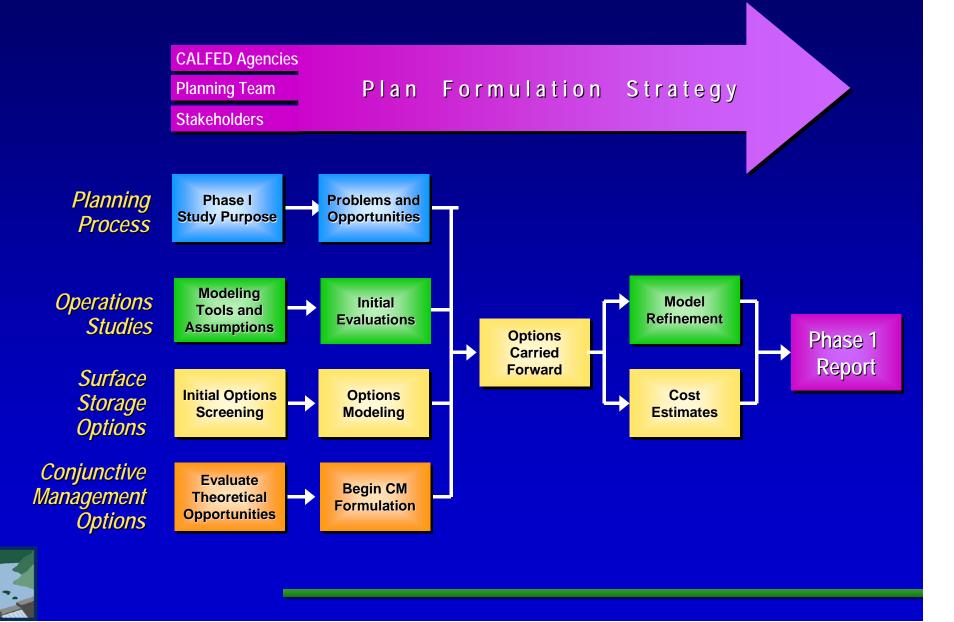
### **Other Potential Benefits of Additional Storage**

- Flood protection below Friant Dam
- Hydropower generation
- Recreation





# Phase 1 Planning Approach



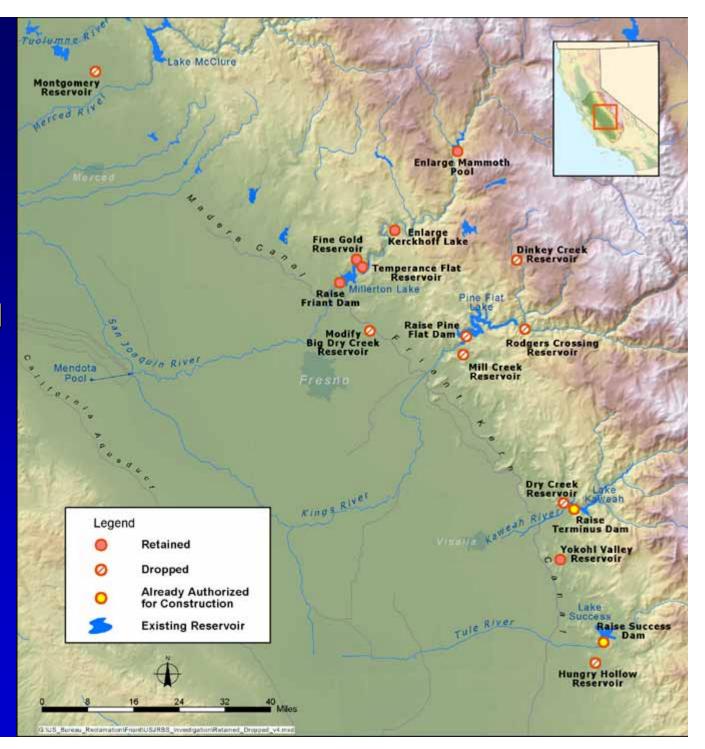
## **Key Findings from Phase 1**

- Six surface storage options will be studied further
  - Preliminary engineering, environmental, and hydrologic studies show that potential sites may be viable
  - Costs are within range of other projects under consideration elsewhere in California
- Additional water supply in the upper San Joaquin River basin could be developed with additional storage for:
  - River restoration
  - River water quality
  - Water supply reliability
- Public support for continued study of storage is strong
- Regional interest in conjunctive management is high



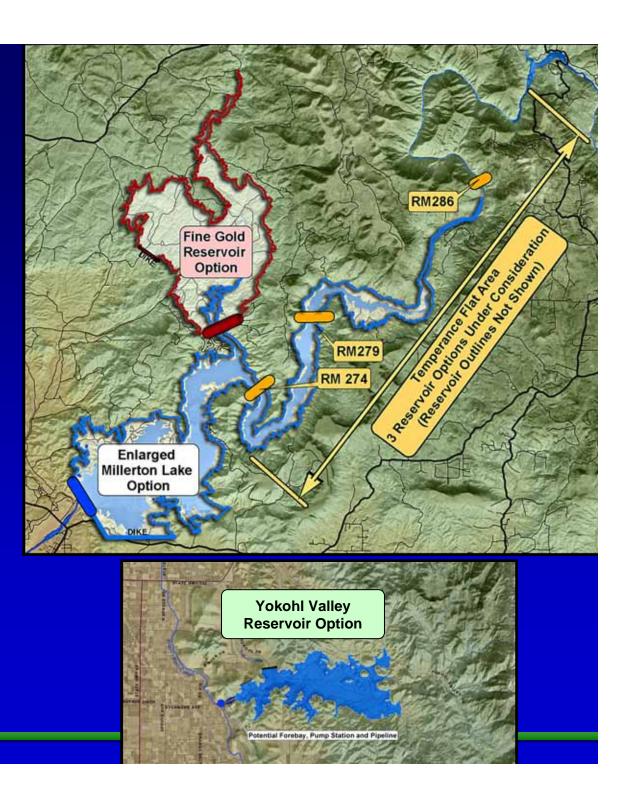
Initial Screening of Surface Storage Options

- 17 sites identified
- 2 sites already authorized for construction
- 8 sites dropped
- 7 sites retained



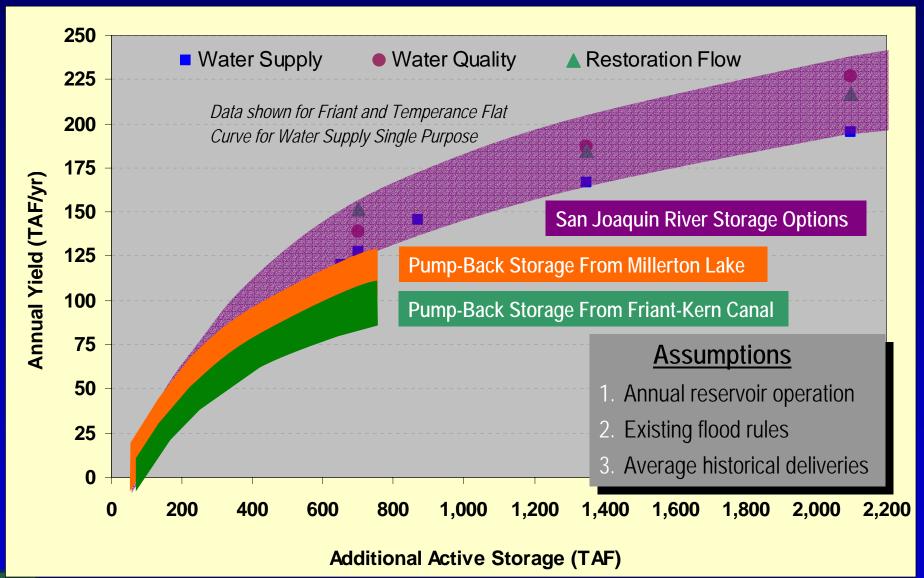
# Retained Surface Storage Options

- San Joaquin River
  - Raise Friant Dam
  - Temperance Flat
    - RM274
    - RM279
    - RM286
  - Mammoth Pool
- Off-stream
  - Fine Gold Creek
  - Yokohl Valley





# Water Supply From Additional Surface Storage





## Groundwater Storage and Conjunctive Management

- Theoretical Analysis
  - Additional conjunctive management is possible
- Stakeholder Interviews
  - Friant and non-Friant contractors
  - Interest in regional conjunctive management
  - No specific projects were identified for inclusion
  - Many stated that institutional barriers limit opportunities

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### **Summary of Scoping Process**

- NOI / NOP January 2004
- Public scoping meetings March 2004
  - Sacramento
  - Modesto
  - Friant area
  - Visalia
- Comments on flip charts and deposited cards
- Comment period closed April 16, 2004



# **Summary of Scoping Comments**

- Primary areas of interest
  - Project purposes and beneficiaries
  - Range and formulation of alternatives
  - Affected resources
  - Additional storage options
- Scoping report being prepared

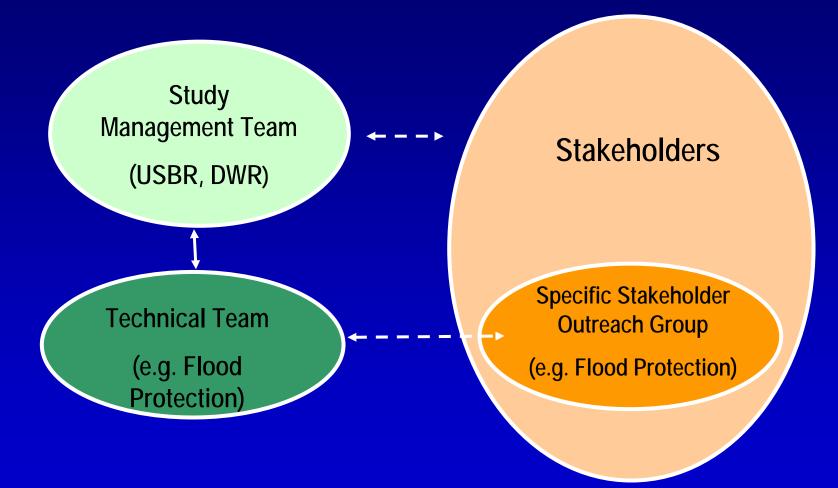


# **Cooperating Agencies**

Federal	State of California	Local or Regional
<ul> <li>BLM</li> <li>Forest Service</li> <li>Western Area Power Administration</li> <li>NOAA Fisheries</li> <li>BIA</li> <li>USEPA</li> <li>USACE</li> <li>USFWS</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>State Water Resources Control Board</li> <li>Department of Fish and Game</li> <li>The Reclamation Board</li> <li>Dept of Food and Agriculture</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Friant Water Authority</li> <li>San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority</li> <li>San Luis and Delta Mendota Water Authority</li> <li>Madera-Chowchilla Water &amp; Power Authority</li> </ul>



# Stakeholder and Agency Involvement





#### **Alternatives Formulation Overview**

- Screen Storage Options
- Develop Operational Scenarios
- Define Alternatives
- Determine Benefits and Costs
- Evaluate Initial Alternatives
- Define Final Alternatives
- Conduct Impact Analysis
- Evaluate Final Alternatives
- Recommend Preferred Alternative





### Schedule

Alternatives Report - Fall 2004

- Plan Formulation Report Fall 2005
- Draft EIS/EIR Fall 2007
- Final EIS/EIR Fall 2008
- ROD Early 2009





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# Conjunctive Management / Groundwater Storage Evaluation

#### **Purpose:**

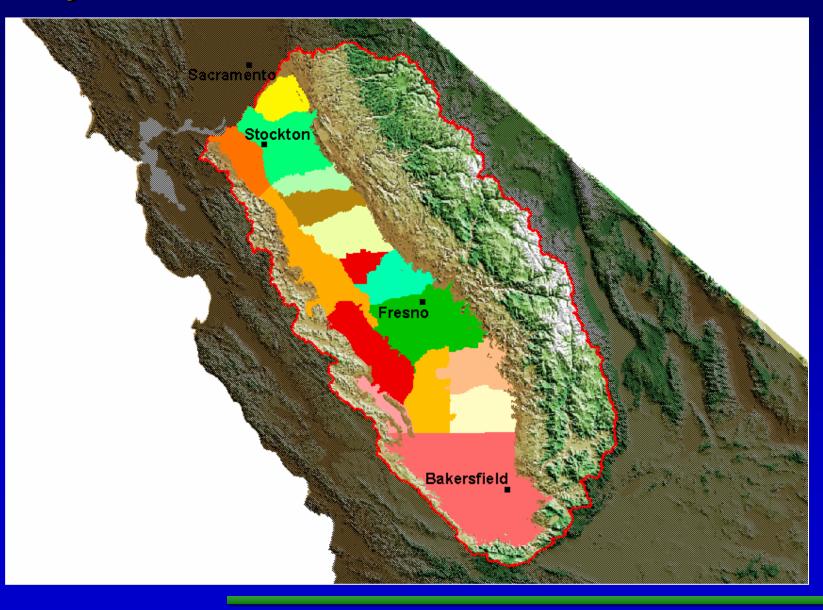
To identify and evaluate locally supported groundwater options that can contribute to ecosystem restoration, water supply reliability, and water quality improvements

#### Scope:

Regional groundwater evaluation of the San Joaquin and Tulare Lake Hydrologic Regions, including projects and programs that complement the USJRB storage investigation



# **Study Area with Groundwater Basins**





## Summary of Findings to Date (1)

- Local agencies have recently developed or expanded numerous conjunctive use projects
- The cumulative benefits of these projects to the region have not been evaluated
- Additional opportunities exist in the region to develop conjunctive management programs
- In most cases, additional facilities or modified operations will be required



## Summary of Findings to Date (2)

- Groundwater programs can be enhanced by new surface storage
- Most stakeholders support and have interest in developing new groundwater projects
- Continued local control and assurances are crucial
- Economics and potential impacts need to be better understood



Conjunctive Management / Groundwater Storage Next Steps and Schedule

Complete ongoing stakeholder interviews Follow-up mtgs & formulate opportunities Opportunities Report Technical evaluations & modeling Groundwater workshop(s) Alternatives Report Late Summer 2004 Fall 2004 Early 2005 Thru Summer 2005 Spring 2005 Fall 2005



## **Potential Projects**

Expansion of existing groundwater banks **Reservoir reoperation** New groundwater storage facilities In lieu programs Conveyance improvements Combinations of the above Above with new surface storage

### Items To Be Evaluated

- Regional yield
- Yield at Friant
- Institutional and legal issues
- Required facilities
- Potential benefits
- Cost
- Other





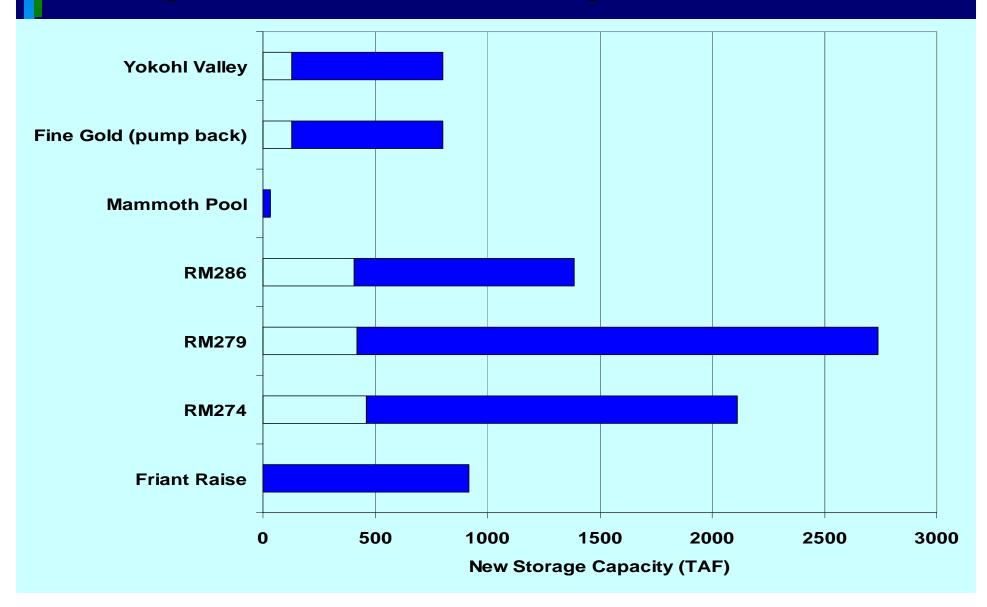
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## Surface Storage Options Screening Approach

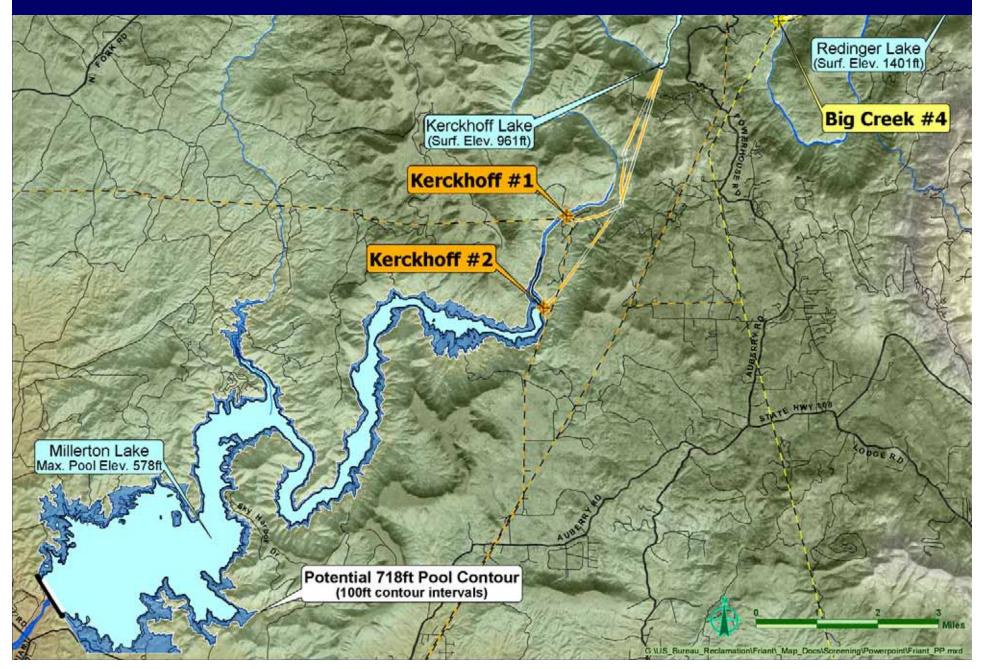
- Begin with options retained from Phase 1
- Narrow range of sizes at potential reservoir sites
  - Hydropower impacts and generation
  - Environmental considerations
  - Cost
- Compare retained options
- Select reservoir options for initial alternatives



## Surface Storage Options Retained from Phase 1: Range of Potential New Storage Considered

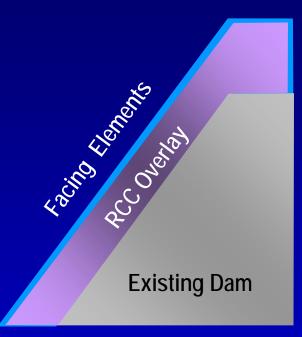


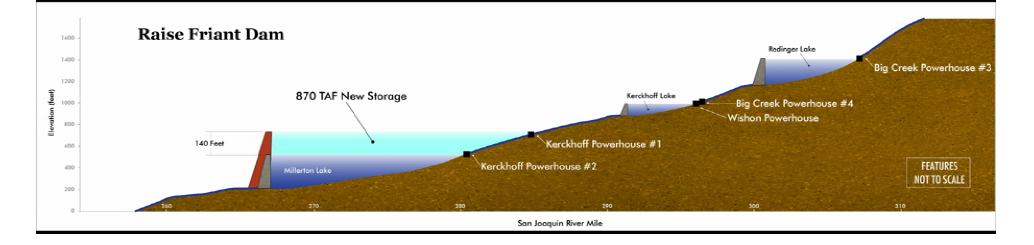
#### **Raise Friant Dam**



#### **Raise Friant Dam**

- Raise up to 140 feet
- Concrete overlay on main dam
- Embankments
- No construction in reservoir





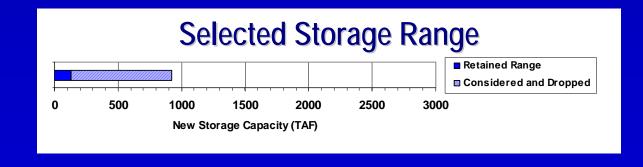
#### **Raise Friant Issues**

- Potential impacts to Kerckhoff Power Project
- Millerton Lake area residences
- Recreational facilities
- Dike construction requirements
- Environmental impacts



### Narrowed Range of Storage Sizes Raise Friant Dam

- Upper Limit defined by elevation of Kerckhoff No. 2 (+130 TAF)
  - 25 ft raise
  - Gross pool elevation 603 ft
  - Kerckhoff Power Project would remain functional
  - Maximum raise without flooding Kerckhoff No. 2 Powerhouse
- Lower Limit not considered

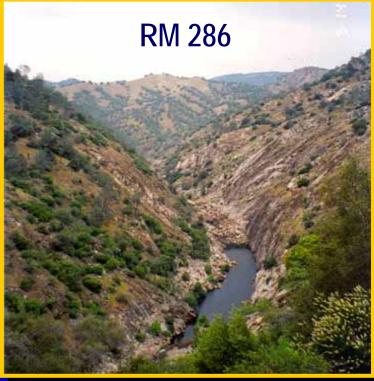




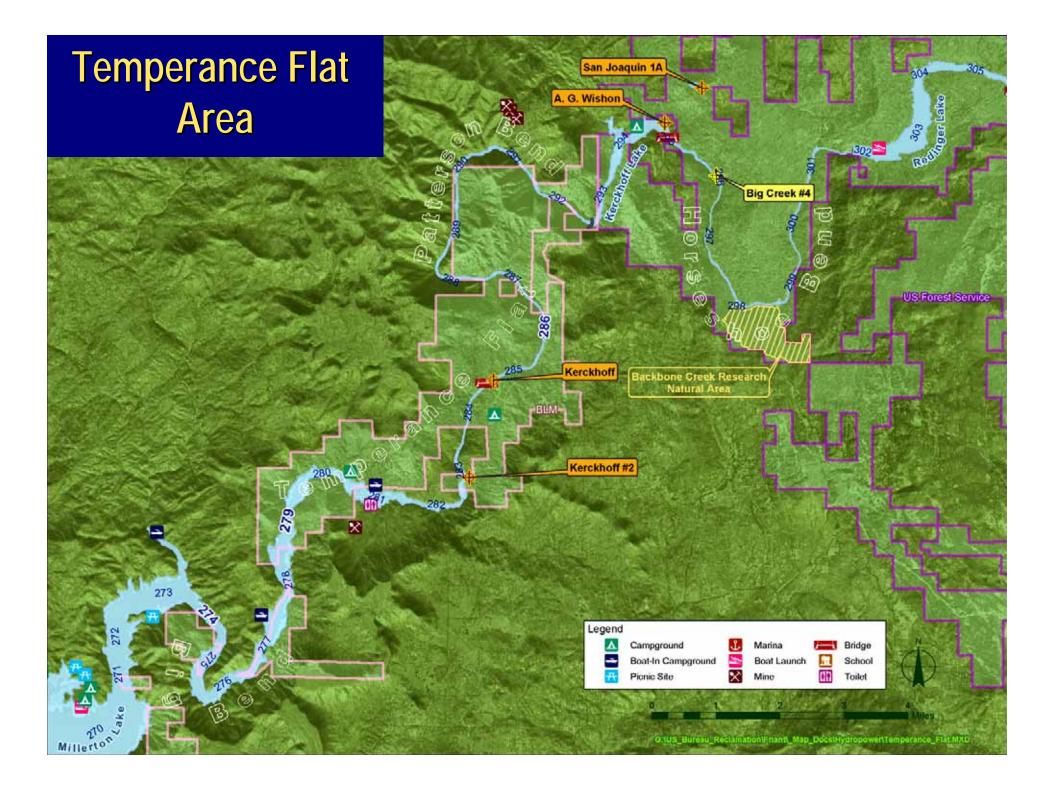
## **Temperance Flat Dam Site Options**



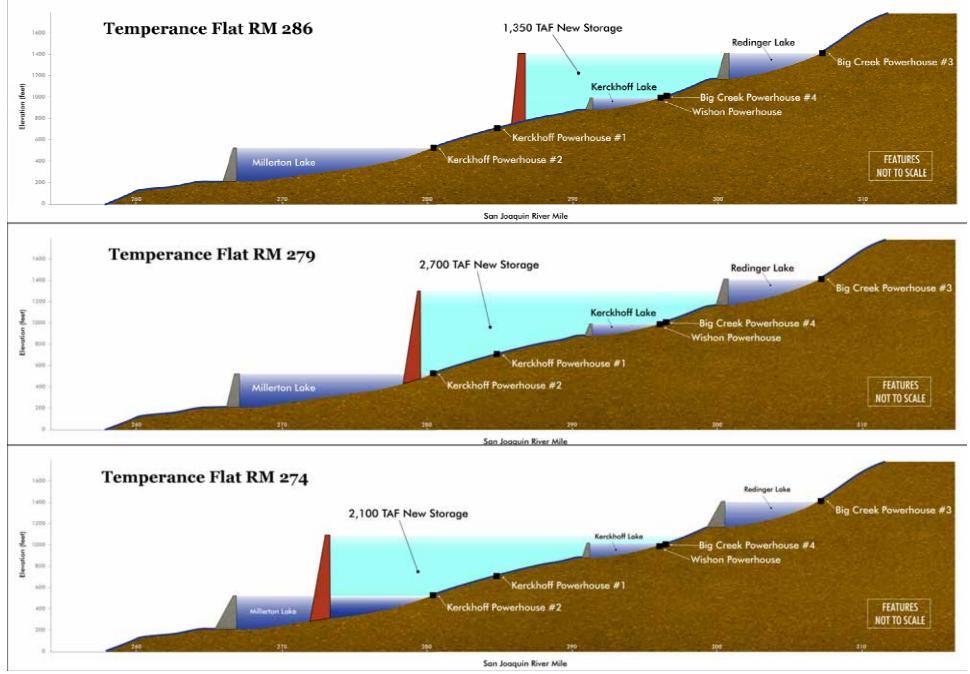








## **Temperance Flat Reservoir Options**

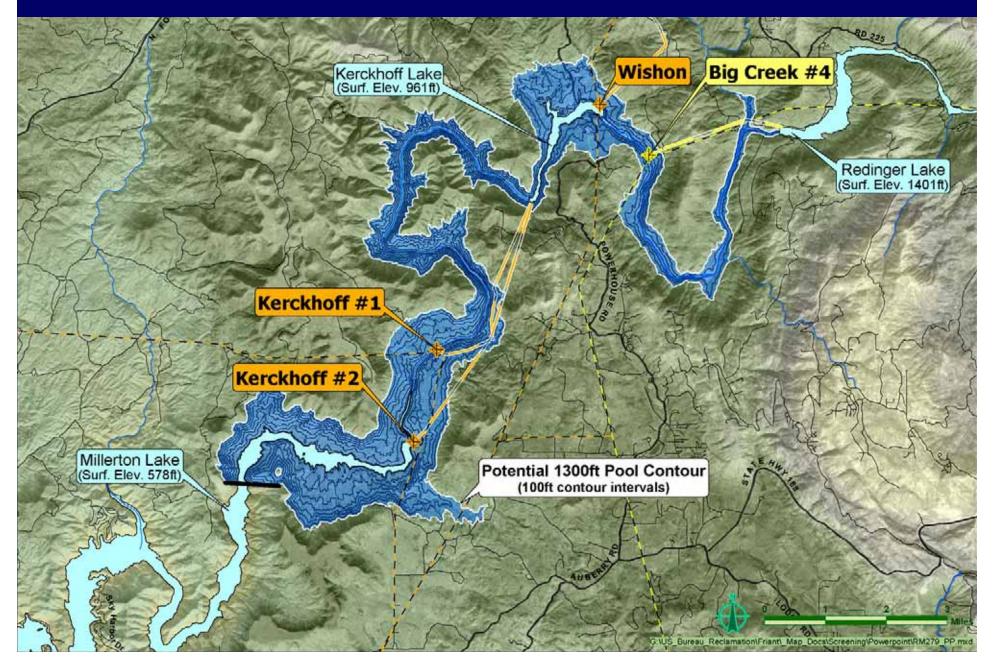


#### **Temperance Flat Reservoir Issues**

- Potential impacts to existing hydropower facilities
  - Reduced generation
  - Inundation
- Potential for replacement and new hydropower generation
- Environmental resources in SJR reaches
  - Big Bend
  - Temperance Flat
  - Patterson Bend
  - Horseshoe Bend



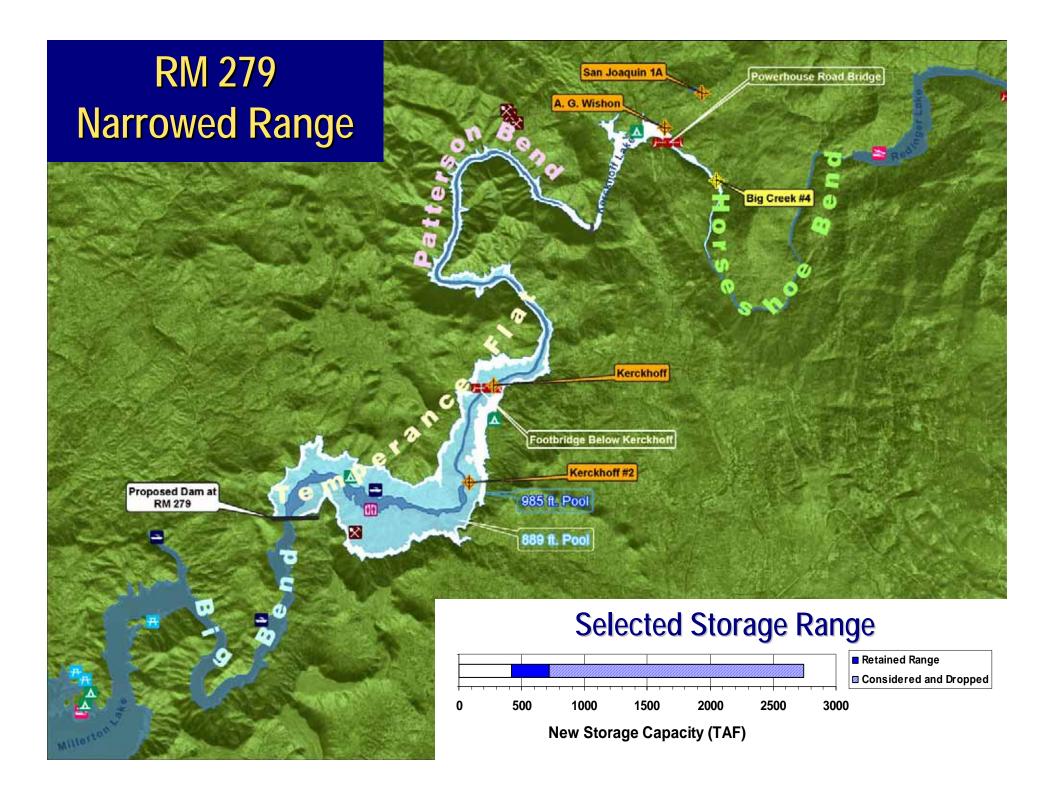




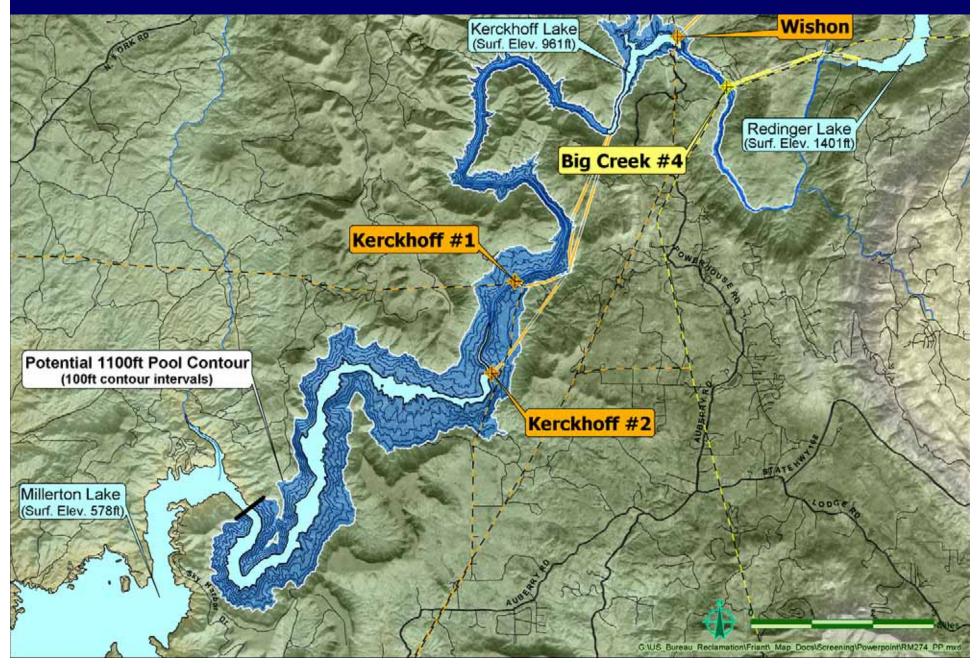
### Narrowed Range of Storage Sizes Temperance Flat - RM 279

- Upper Limit defined by elevation of Kerckhoff Lake (720 TAF)
  - Higher elevation would inundate Powerhouse Rd Bridge, Big Creek No. 4, and Wishon Powerhouses
  - RM 274 site would support larger storage capacities with similar impacts to Temperance Flat area
- Lower Limit defined by Base of Kerckhoff Dam (420 TAF)
  - Smaller sizes would have similar environmental and power impacts and costs





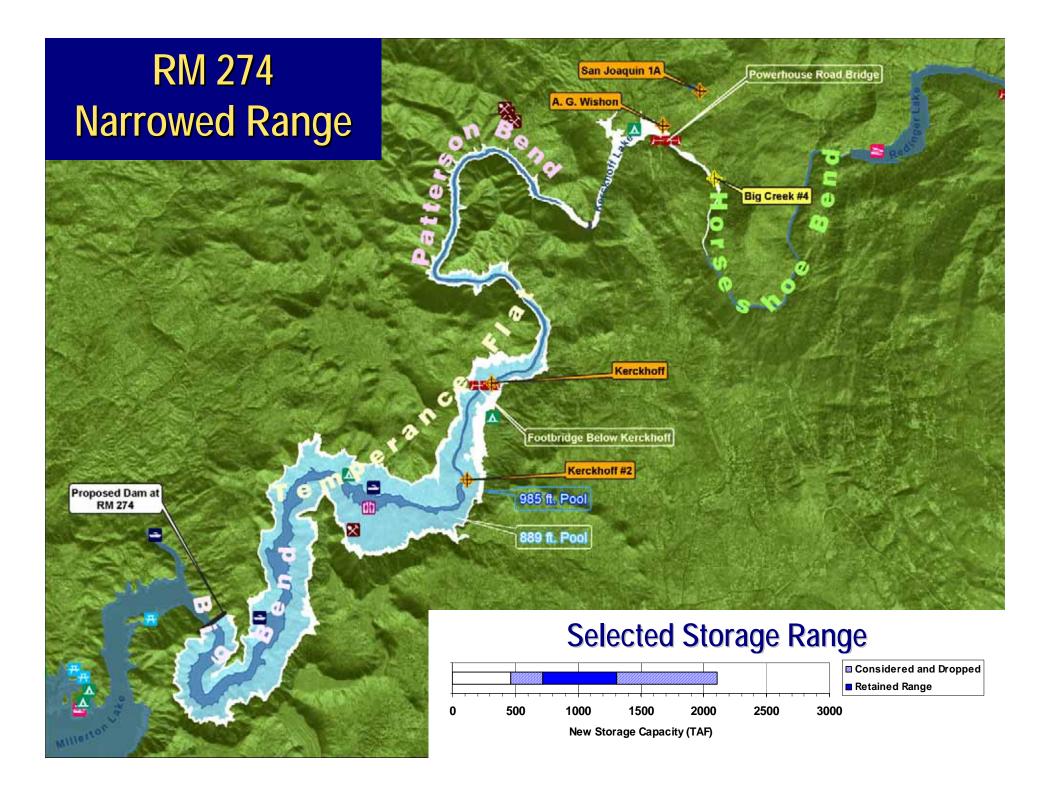
#### **RM 274**



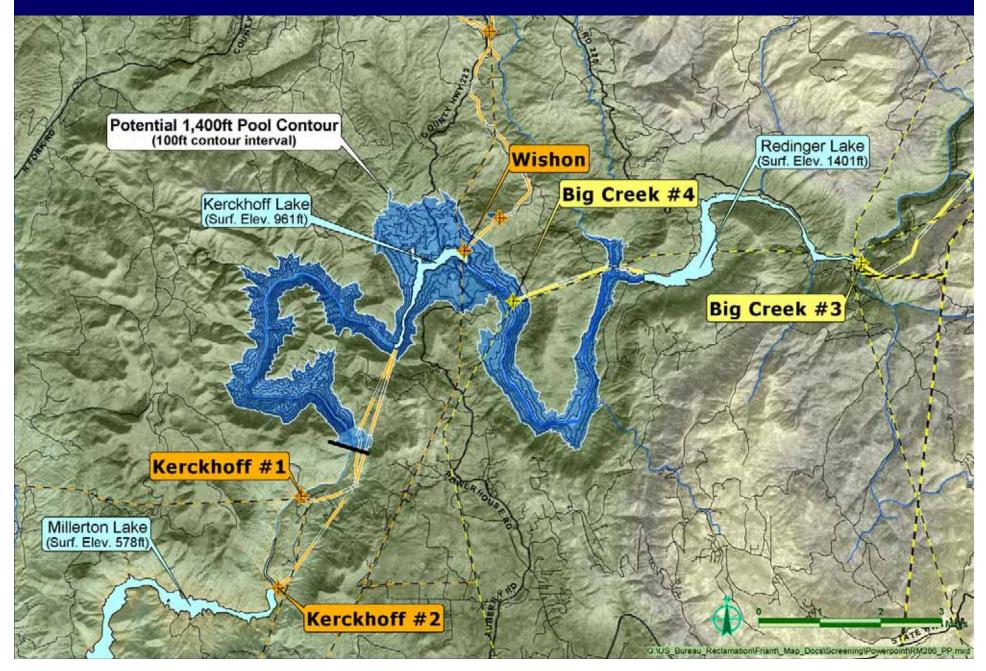
## Narrowed Range of Storage Sizes Temperance Flat - RM 274

- Upper Limit defined by elevation of Kerckhoff Lake (1,300 TAF)
  - Higher elevation would inundate Powerhouse Road Bridge, Big Creek No. 4, and Wishon Powerhouses
- Lower Limit defined by maximum size of RM 279 option (720 TAF)
  - Smaller sizes would have
    - Greater impacts to Millerton Lake than RM 279 option at similar size
    - Similar impacts to Temperance Flat and Patterson Bend
    - Higher replacement energy costs than RM 279 option at similar size





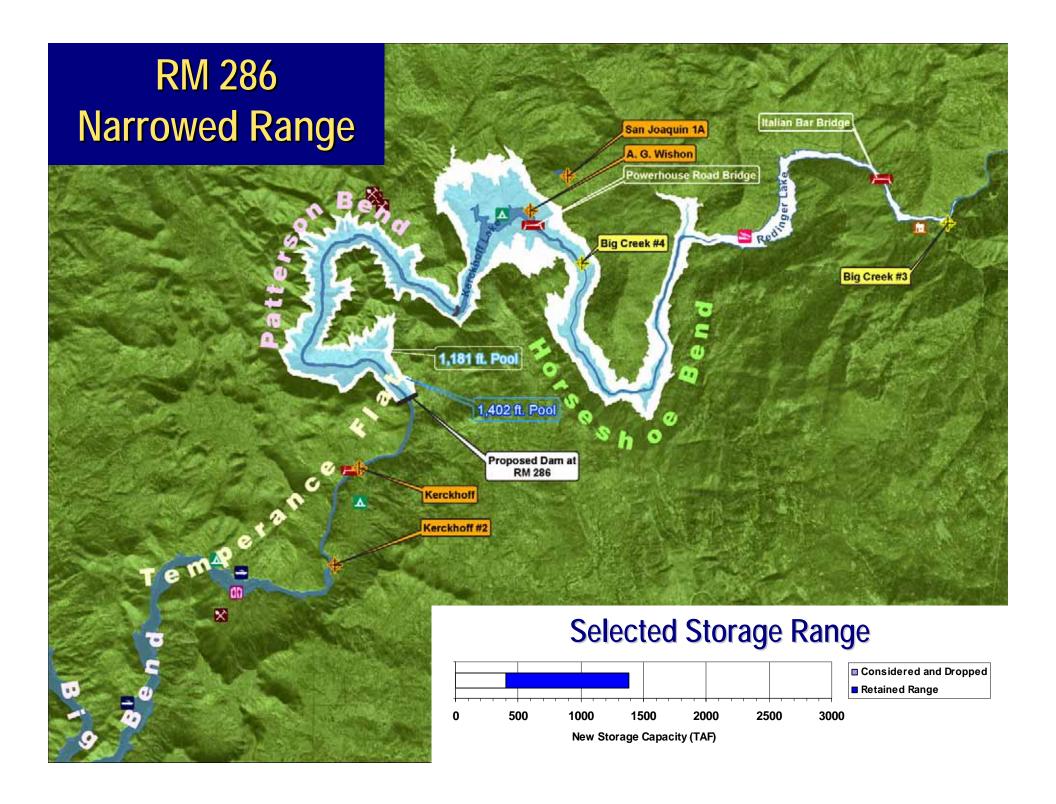
#### RM 286



## Narrowed Range of Storage Sizes Temperance Flat - RM 286

- Upper Limit defined by elevation of Redinger Lake (1,390 TAF)
  - Higher elevations would inundate Big Creek No. 3 Powerhouse
- Lower Limit defined by base of Redinger Dam (405 TAF)
  - Smaller sizes would have similar environmental and power impacts





#### **Fine Gold Reservoir**

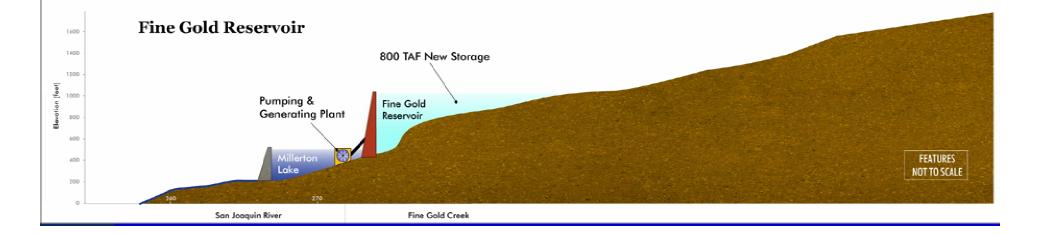


#### **Fine Gold Reservoir Issues**

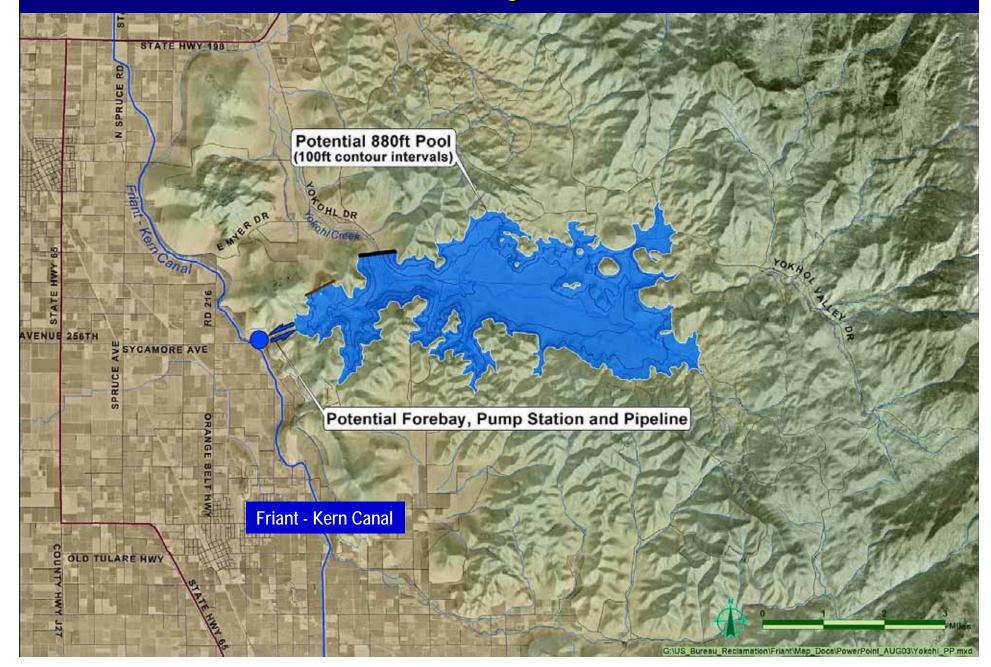
Nearby Millerton Lake area residences
Operation would affect Millerton Lake levels and recreation
Environmental impacts

Pristine watershed with endangered species

Storage sizes range from 130 TAF to 800 TAF

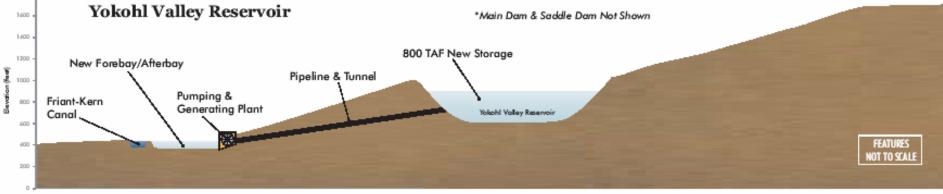


### Yokohl Valley Reservoir

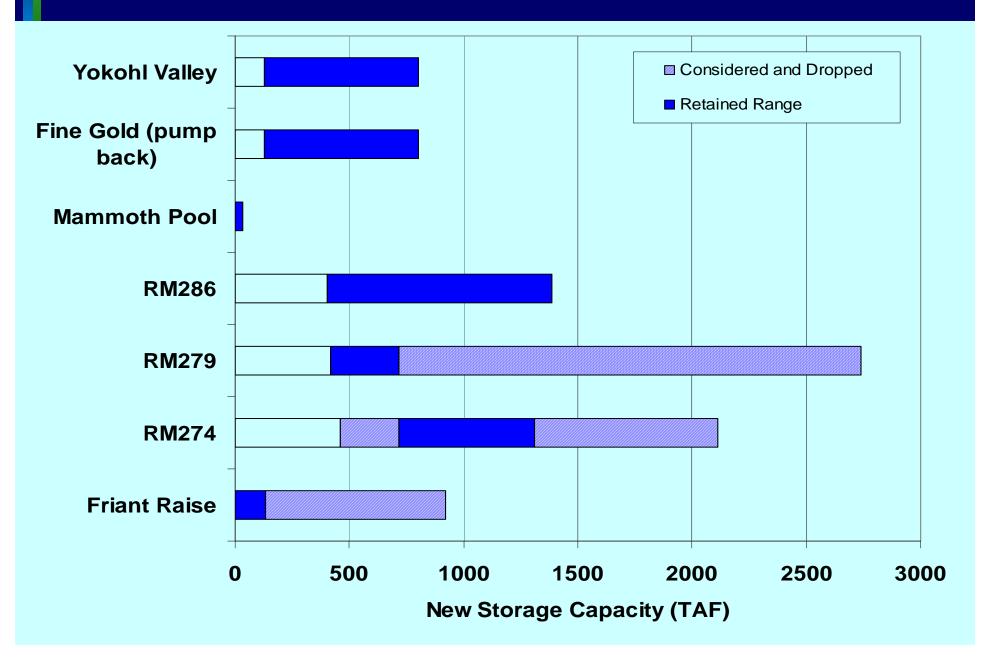


#### **Yokohl Valley Reservoir Issues**

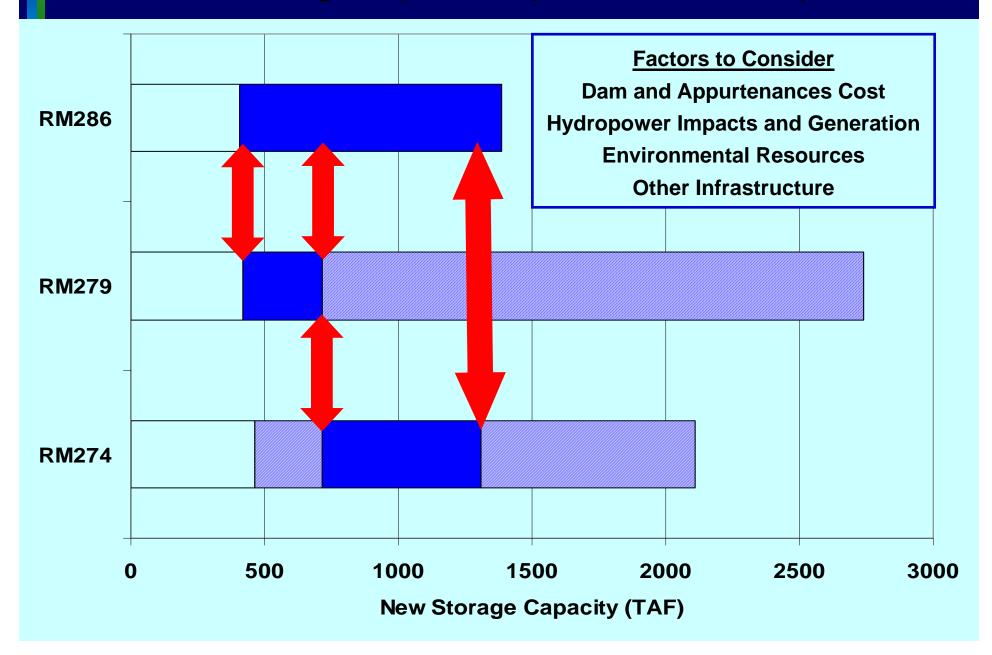




### Narrowed Range of Surface Storage Options



#### **Next Screening Step - Compare Retained Options**



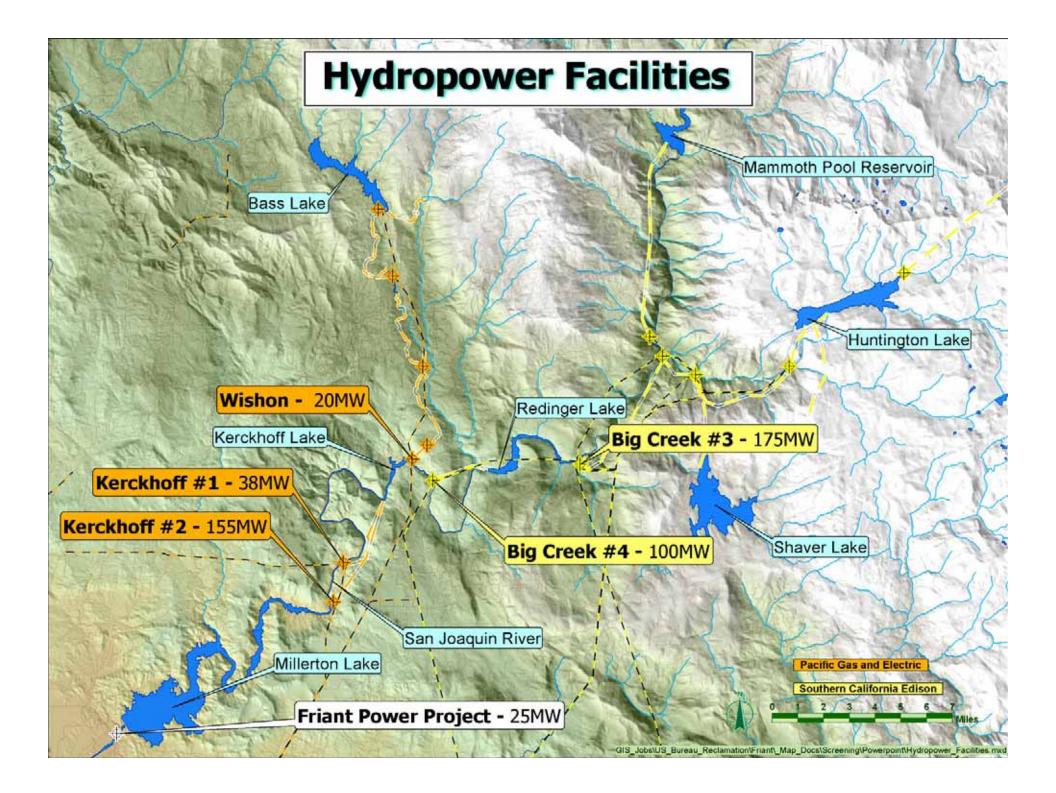


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#### Hydropower Considerations

- Hydropower baseline
- Potential power generation and use
- Options that avoid power impacts





#### **Hydropower Operations Baseline**

- Represents existing hydropower facilities
- Similar level of detail to water operations analysis
  - Monthly time-step water volume
  - 1922 1994 hydrologic record
- Basis of comparison for storage options



## Hydropower Baseline - Preliminary Results

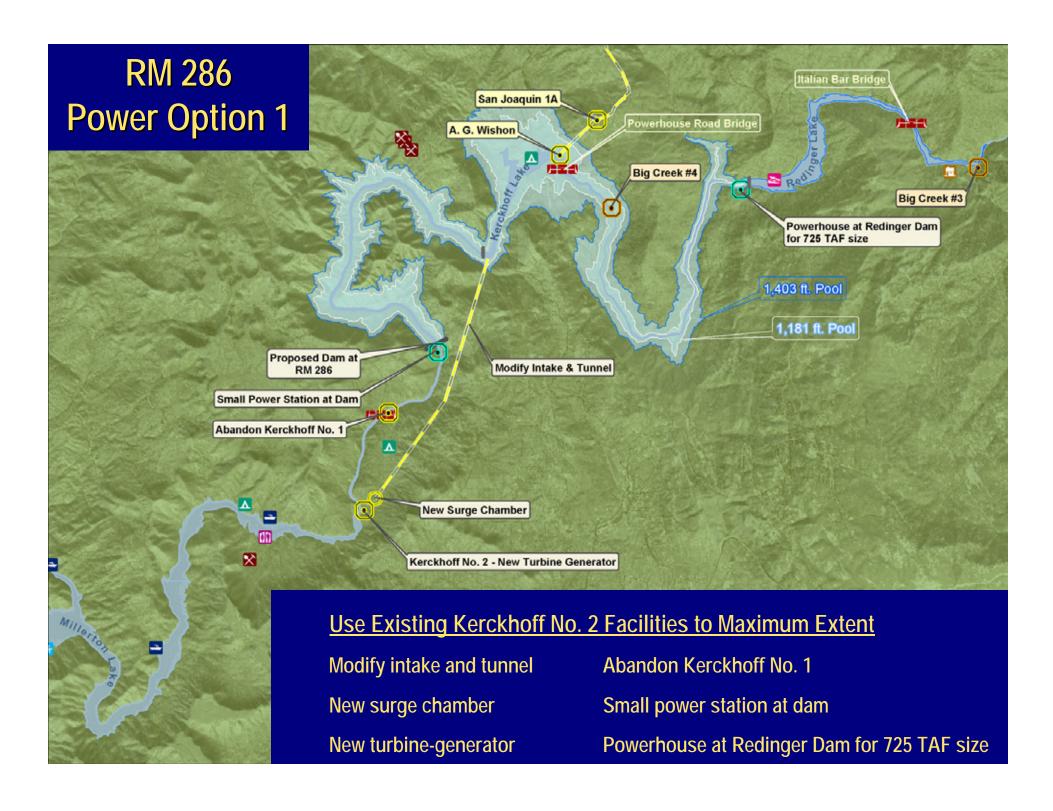
Facility	Estimated Generation 1922-1994 (GWh/yr)	Recent Generation 1994-2002 (GWh/yr)
Big Creek No. 4	420	470
Wishon	50	70
Kerckhoff	140	50
Kerckhoff No. 2	370	530
TOTAL	980	1120



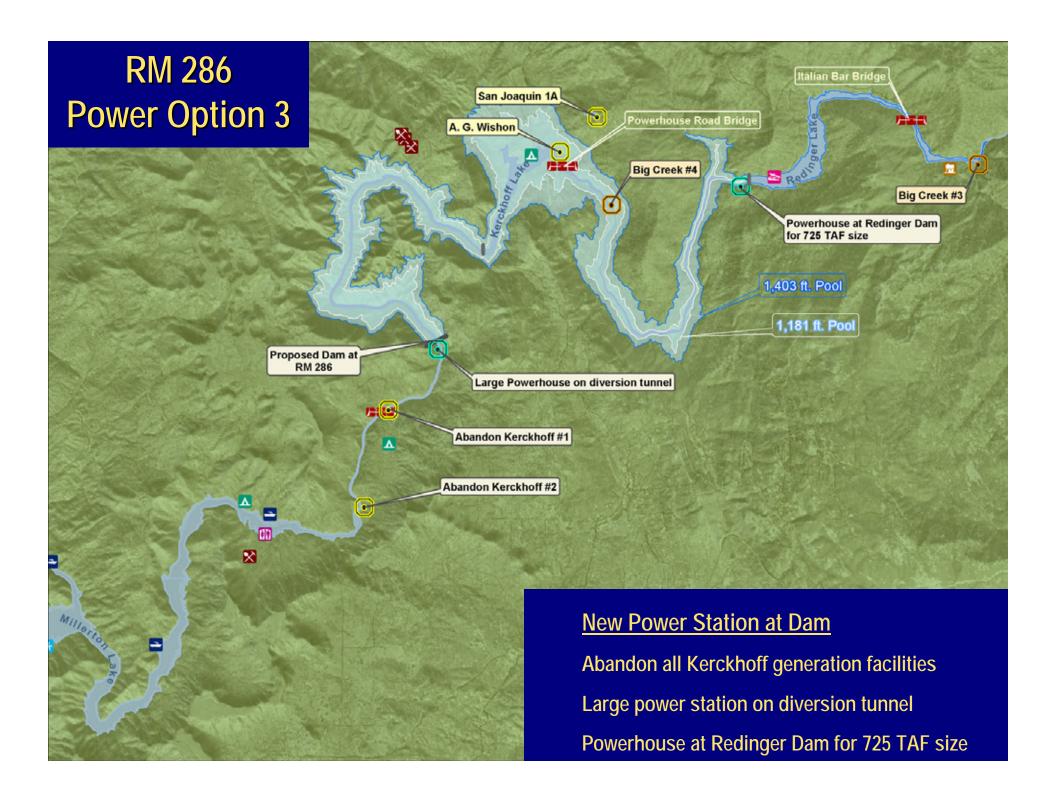
# **Temperance Flat Options Hydropower Generation**

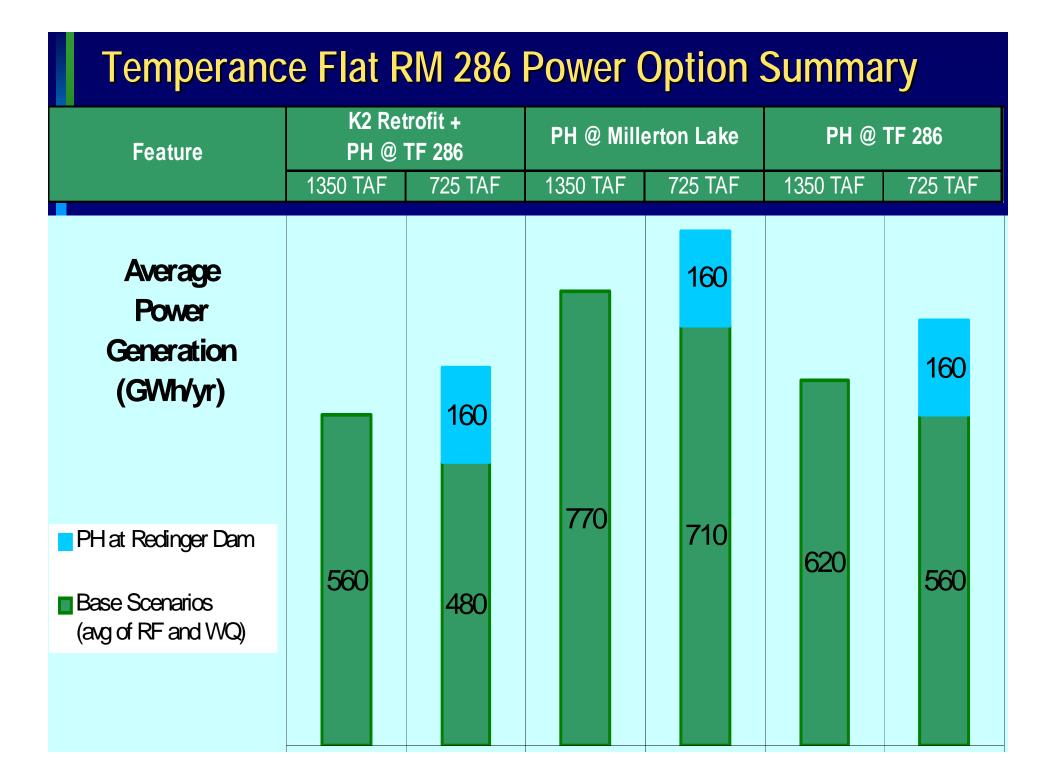
Capacity (TAF)	Elevation (ft msl)	New Generation (GWh/yr)	Lost Generation (GWh/yr)				
RM 274 - Power Station at Dam							
725	850	210	470				
1350	975	270	470				
RM 279 - Power Station at Dam							
725	975	390	470				
1350	1100	450	980				
RM 286 - Multiple Power Station Options							
725	1250	480 - 870	980				
1350	1400	560 - 770	980				
*Values exclude additional power generation at Friant							











## **Off-Stream Reservoir Options Power Effects**

Option	Capacity (TAF)	Elevation (ft msl)	New Generation (GWh/yr)	Pumping Energy (GWh/yr)
Fine Gold	800	1110	95	165
Yokohl	800	860	70	140



#### Additional Suggested Storage Options

- Options would avoid hydropower impacts
  - RM 315 Reservoir
    - Upstream extent at base of Mammoth Pool Dam
    - 200 TAF
  - Storage sites on tributaries to Mammoth Pool
  - Fine Gold Creek Reservoir
    - Tunnel from Kerckhoff Lake (limited to 260 TAF)
    - Potential pumping for larger sizes

Options have not yet been evaluated in Investigation





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# Flood Damage Reduction Overview

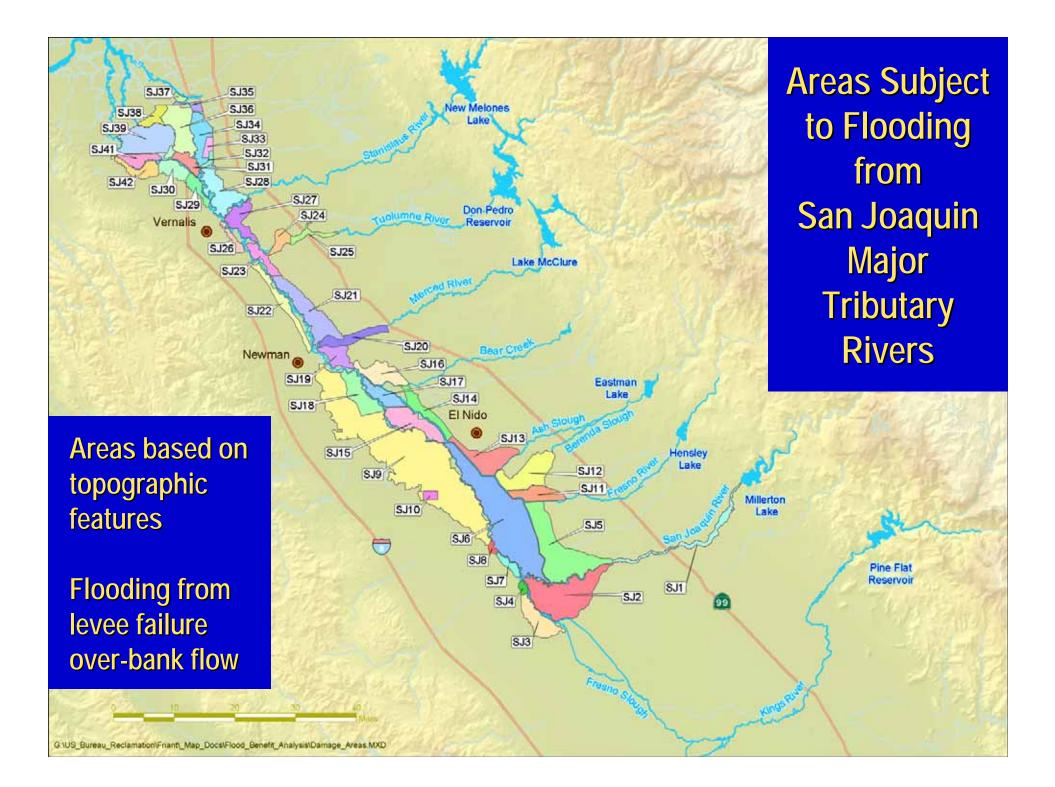
- Estimate potential benefits of new dedicated flood storage
- System-wide approach
  - Entire San Joaquin River Basin
  - Major flood management features
    - 7 Major reservoirs
    - East Side Bypass
- Identify potential changes in flood damages
  - Residential
  - Commercial
  - Agricultural

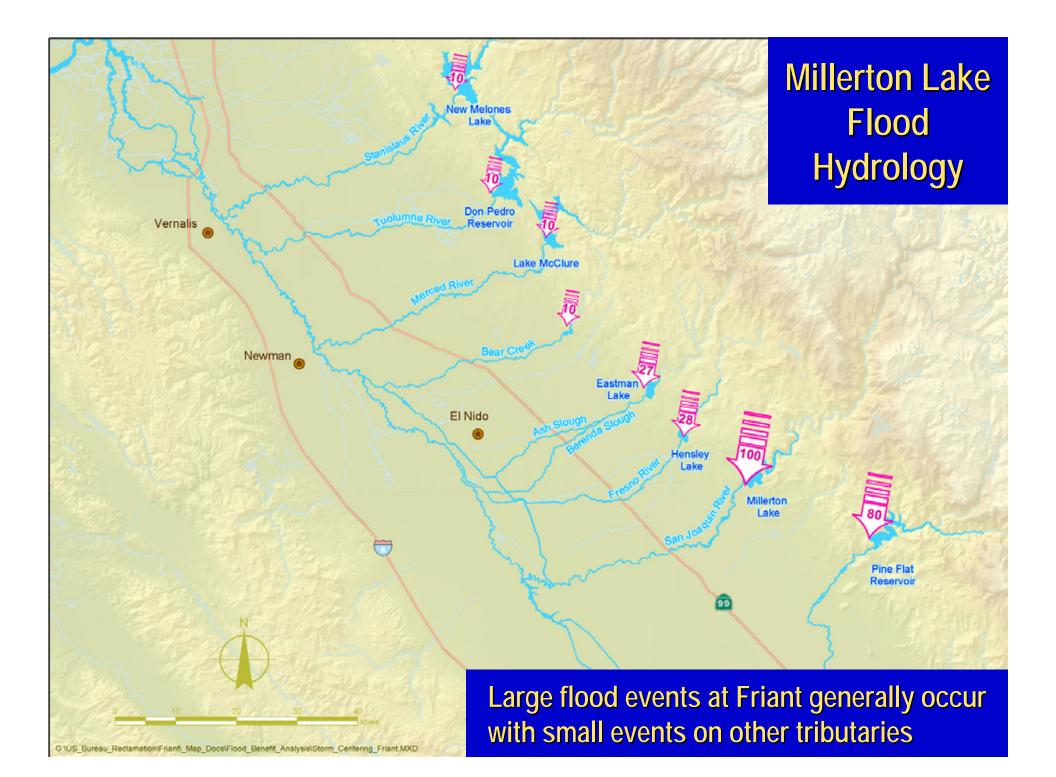


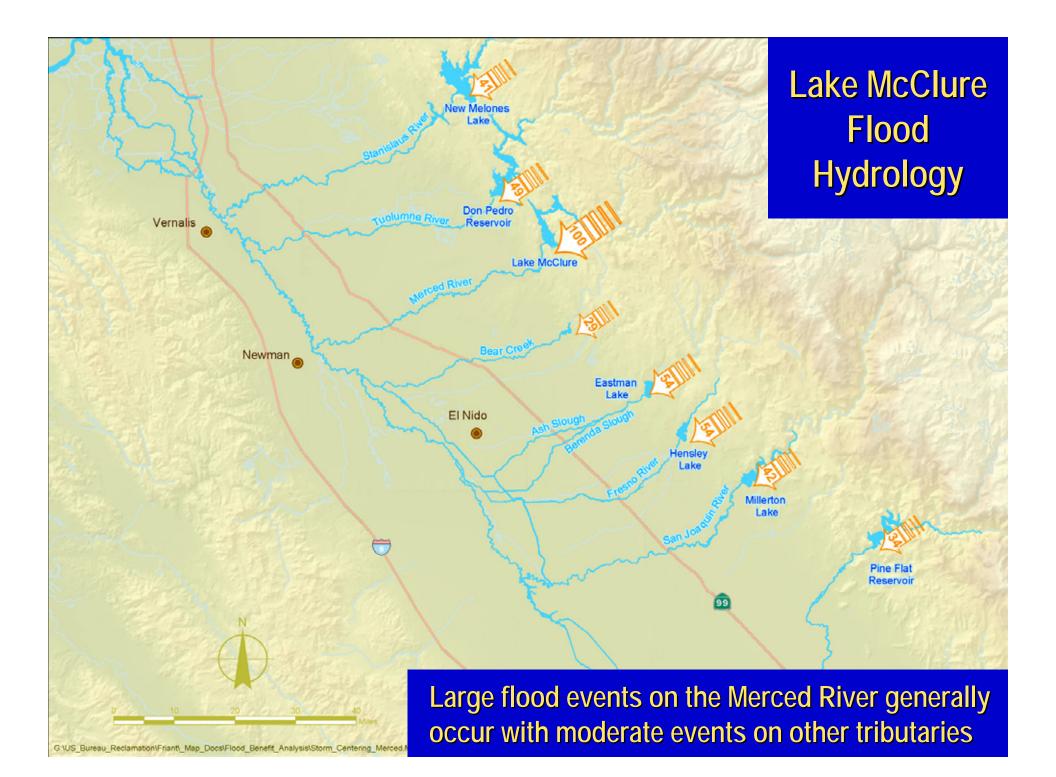
# Analysis Approach

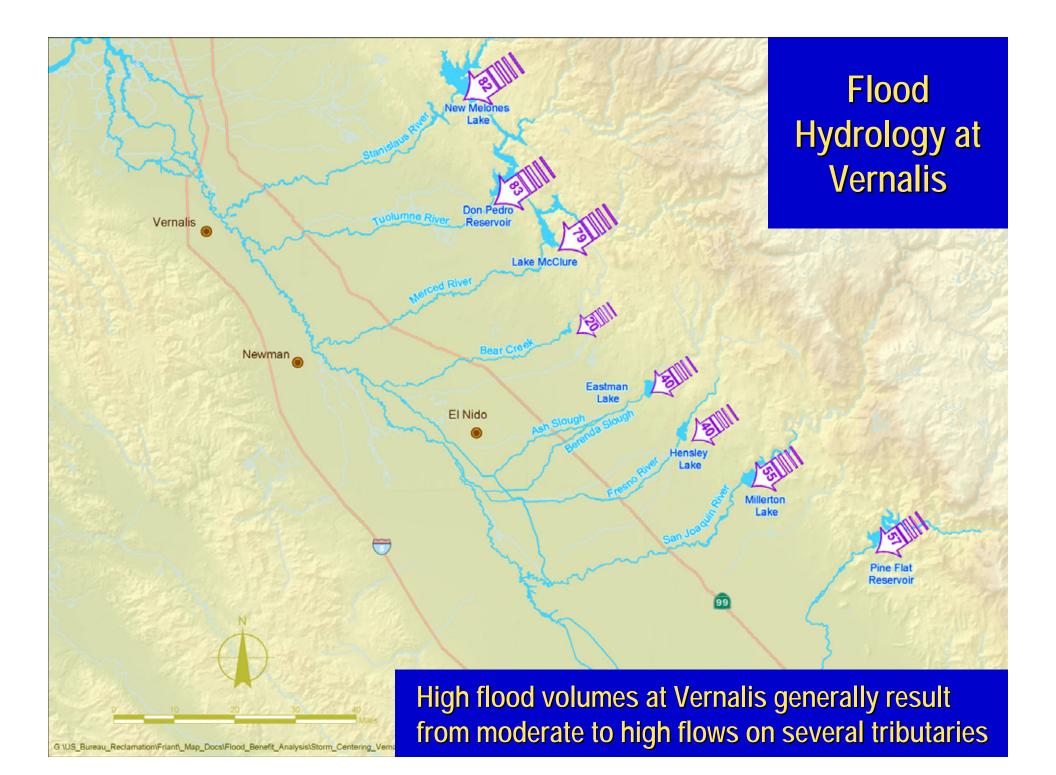
- Tools
  - Hydrology and reservoir models (Corps)
  - Hydraulic river models (Corps)
  - Flood damage analysis model (DWR)
- Methodology
  - Apply basin-wide flood hydrology
  - Identify maximum hydraulic effects
  - Estimate flood damages
- First step establish baseline conditions

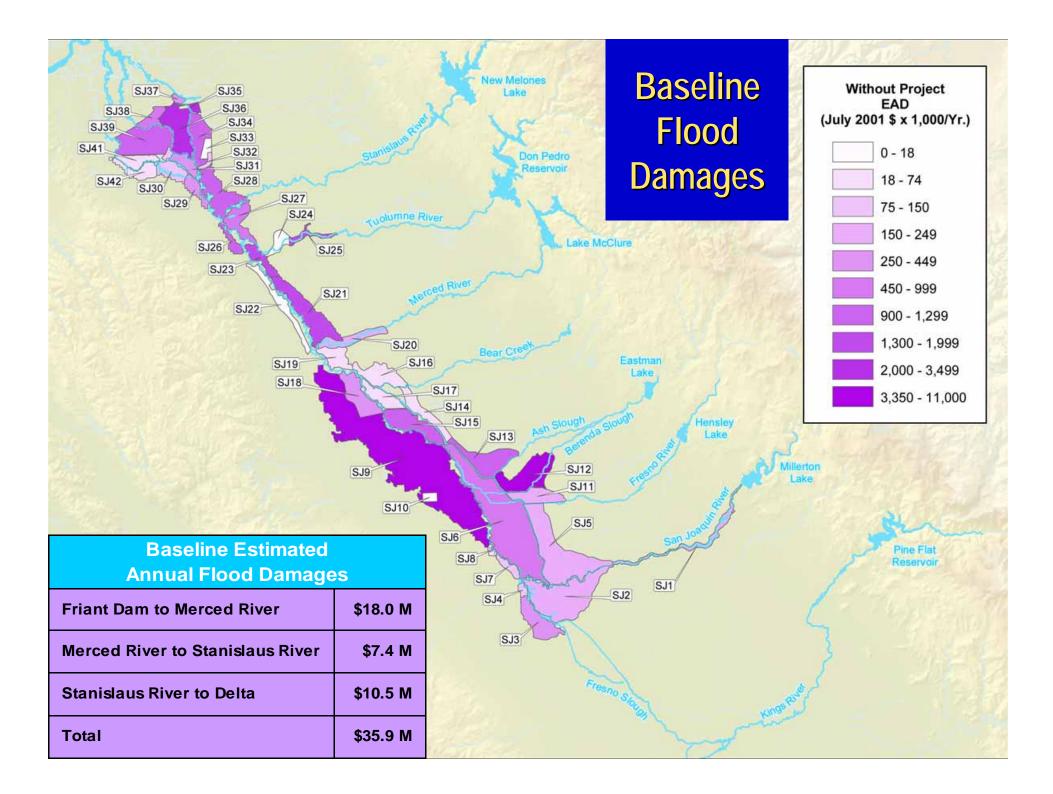












### Next Steps for Flood Damage Analysis

- Simulate effects of additional flood storage at Friant
  - Consider multiple sizes of additional flood space
- Identify extent of downstream hydraulic effects
- Estimate changes in flood damages
- Consider other types of flood management actions
  - Changes in objective releases





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# **Steps in Development of Operational Scenarios**

Incorporate related work where possible

- Develop analytical approach
- Identify issues to resolve



# **Sources of Relevant Information**

- FWUA / NRDC restoration strategies
- RMC restoration plan
- FWUA / MWD exchange studies
- East Side integrated resources plan



# Information Needed to Begin Operational Scenario Development

- Preliminary questions
  - What are the key decision points for operations?
  - Do we understand the range of scenarios adequately?
- Desired input
  - Range of operating approaches
  - Operating criteria and assumptions

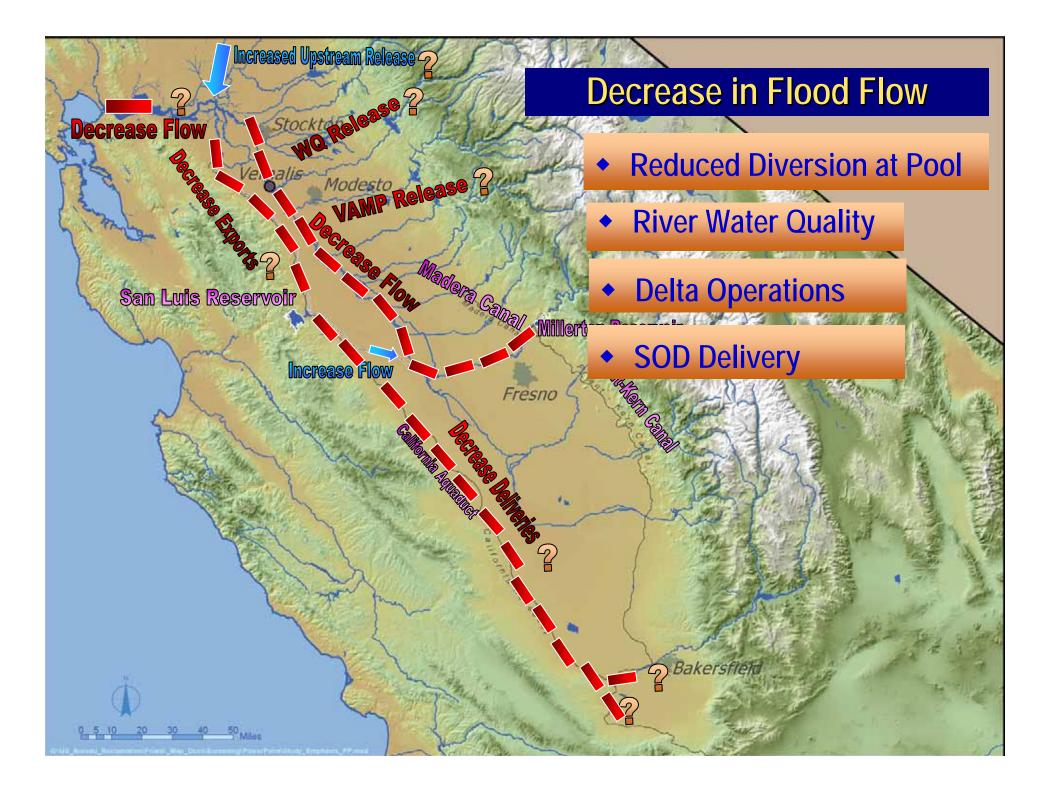


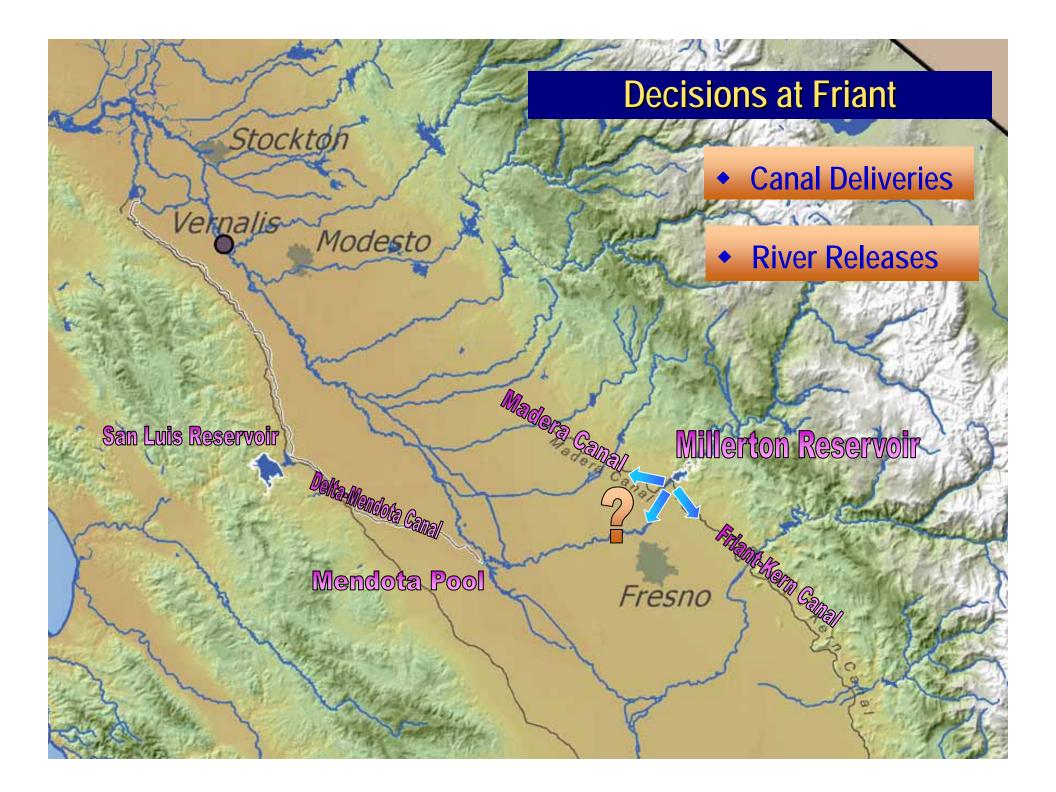
#### **Operational Criteria are Needed**

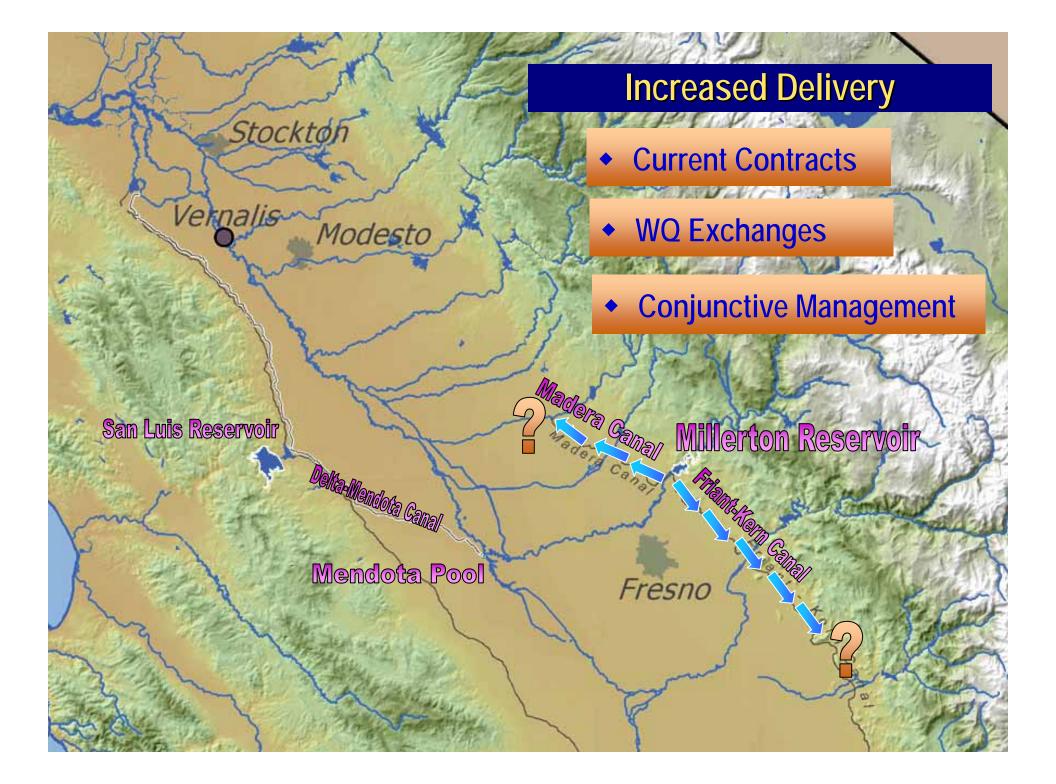
Single purpose evaluations were completed in Phase 1

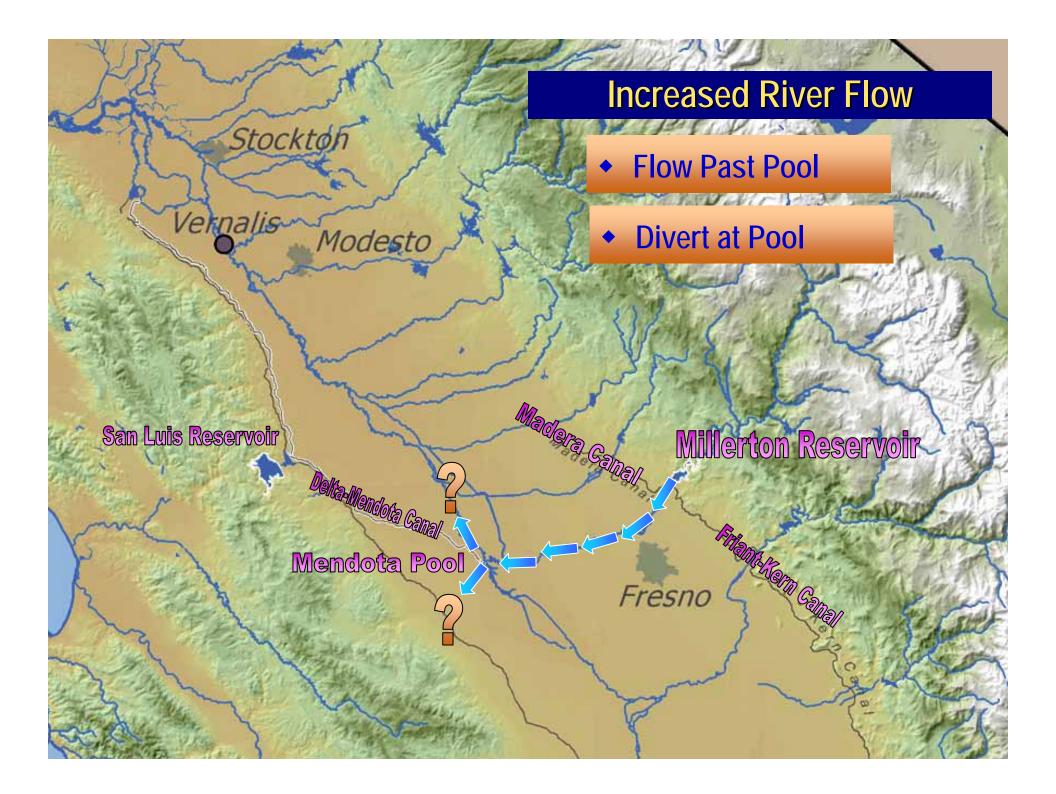
- Helpful in developing understanding of water supply increase
- Did not address mutual benefits or full degree of benefits
- Need to develop multiple-purpose operational criteria

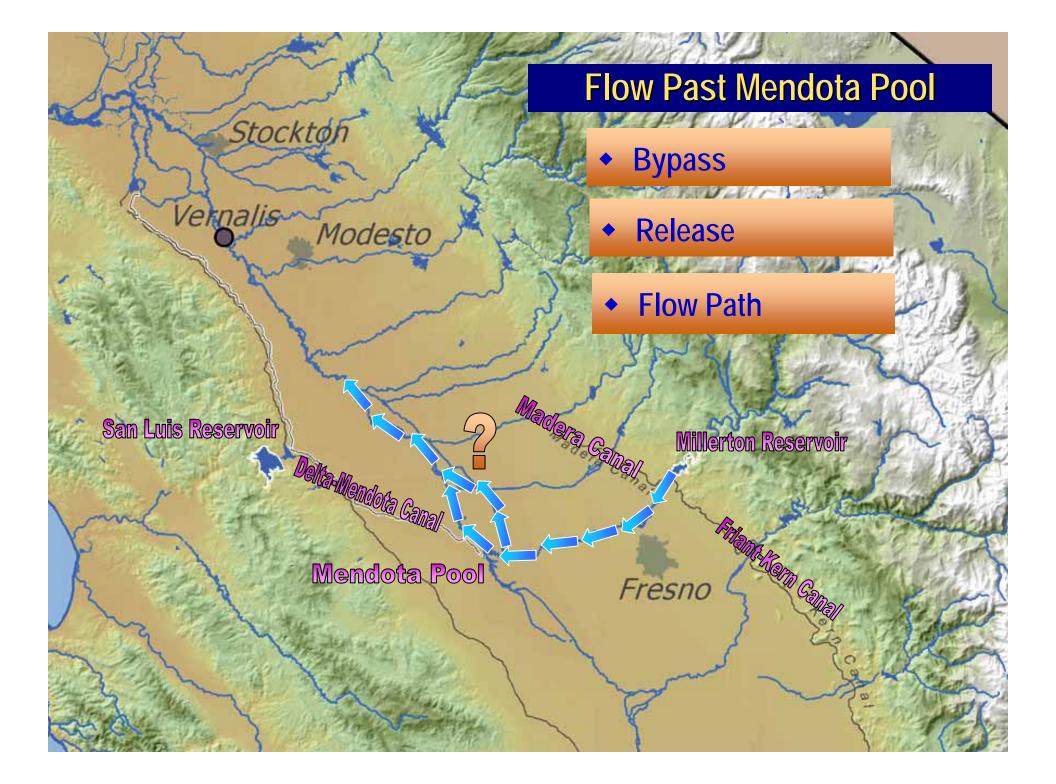


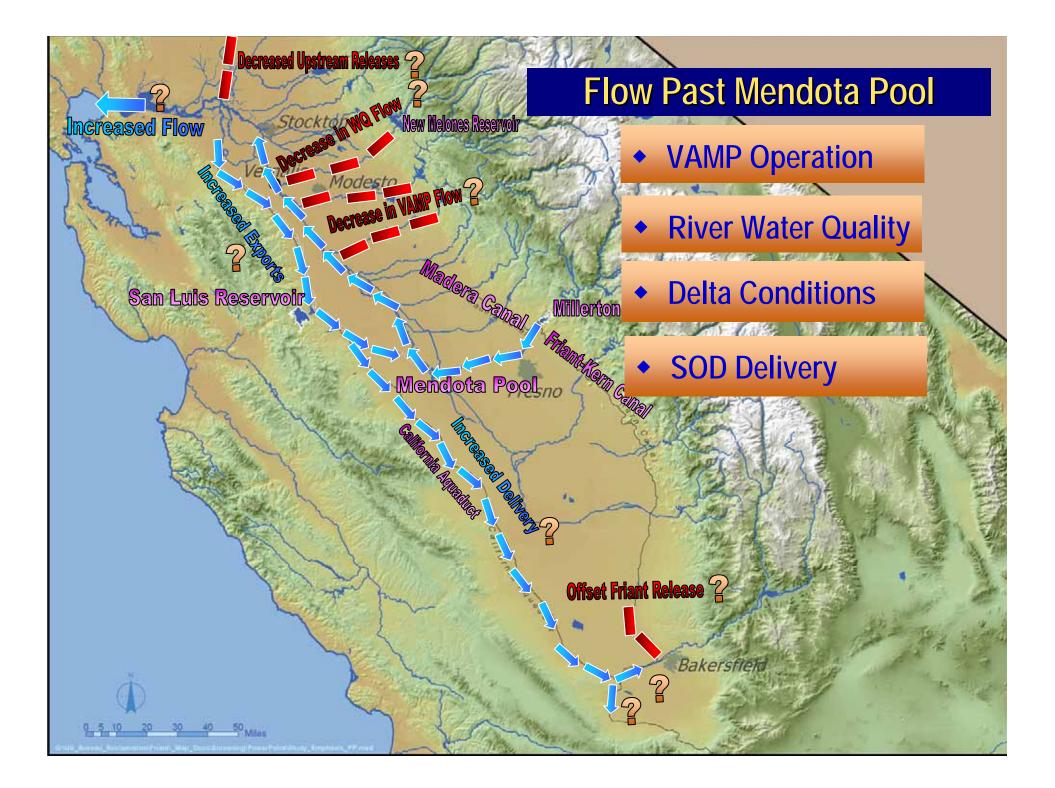


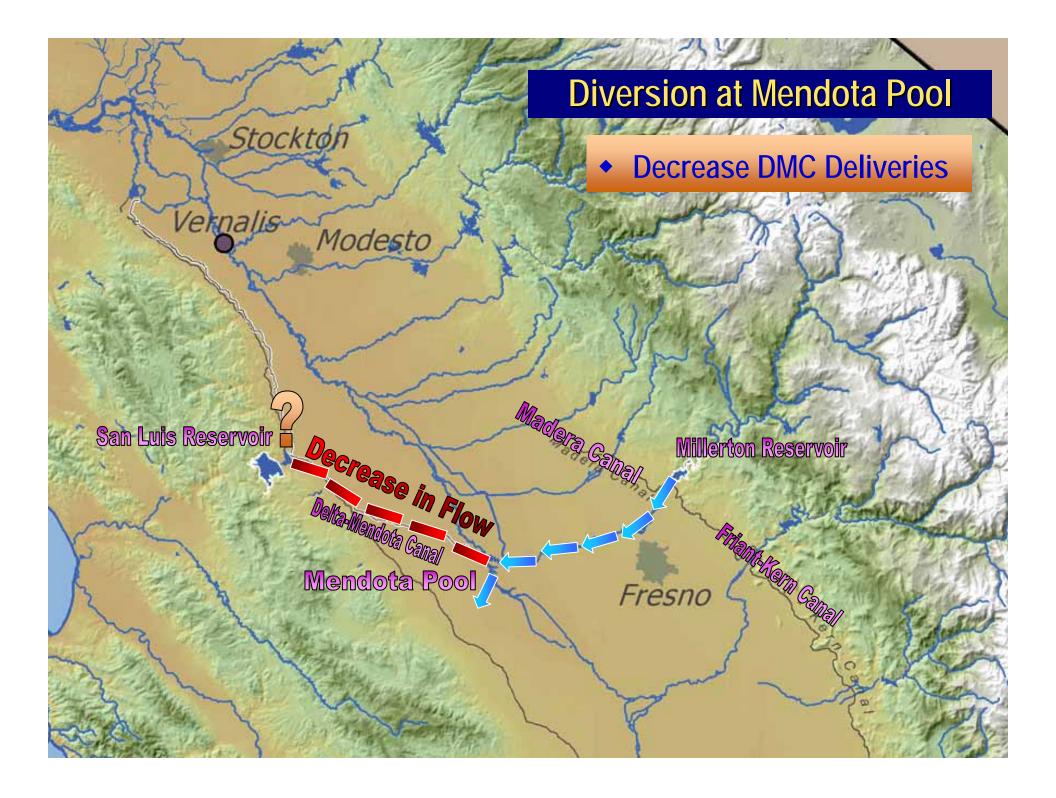


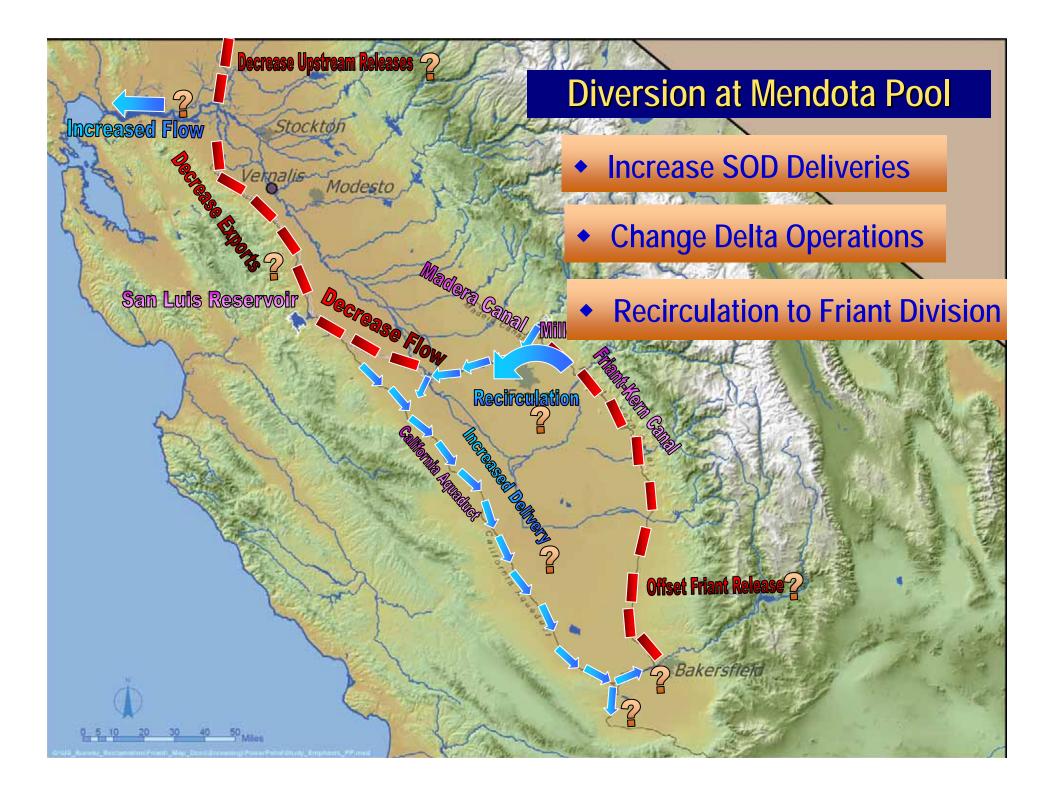












# **Next Steps for Water Operations Evaluations**

Determine sensitivity for operational decisions

- Review initial modeling results
- Identify magnitude of effects
- Develop multiple-purpose operating criteria and assumptions
  - Establish reasonable range of operating scenarios
- Obtain input from cooperating agencies





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# **Next Steps**

- Continue Identifying Groundwater Options
- Continue Screening Surface Storage Options
  - Identify and compare tradeoffs
  - Select preferred or representative sizes
- Develop Operational Scenarios for Storage Options
- Alternatives Report
- Next Stakeholder Workshop





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**Reserve Slides** 

# **Opportunities to Store San Joaquin River Water**

- Surface Water Storage
  - Enlarge existing reservoirs
  - New upstream reservoirs
  - Off-stream or off-canal reservoirs
- Groundwater Storage
  - Increase deliveries (in-lieu)
  - Increase deliveries to recharge facilities
  - New recharge facilities

# Temperance Flat Reservoir & Enlarged Kerckhoff Lake

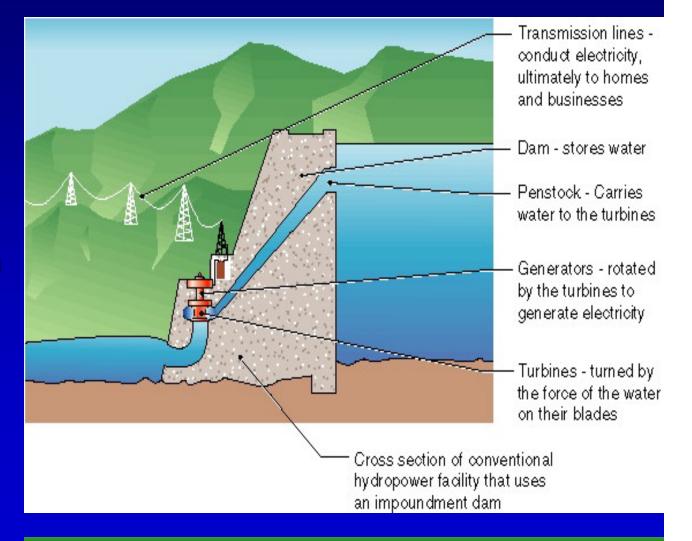
- 3 Dam Sites
  - RM 274
  - RM 279
  - RM 286
- Key Concerns
  - Design and Construction
  - Environmental resources
  - Hydropower generation





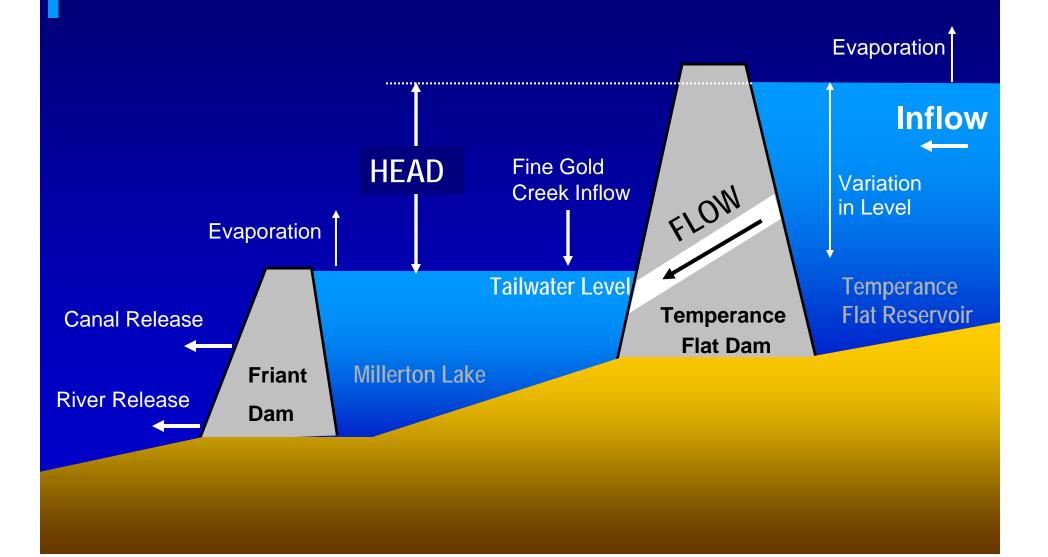
# Hydropower Background

- Generation affected by
  - Head
  - Flow
- Head depends on reservoir levels
- Flow depends upon reservoir operations





# **Temperance Flat Hydropower Variables**



#### Proposed Revised Agenda: Budget

Lunch

Break

# Agenda (6/15)

Welcome and Introductions (30 mins; 5 slides)

Phase 1 Overview (15 mins; 5 slides)

Phase 2 (30 mins; 10 slides) Scoping (6 mins; 2 slides) Agency Involvement (18 mins; 6 slides) Formulation (6 mins; 2 slides)

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Key:
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Gold = determined

White = undetermined

Storage Options Analysis Update (6 sections; 150 mins; ? slides)
 Review Retained Surface Storage Options (20 mins; 7 slides)
 Conjunctive Management / Groundwater Storage
 Potential Flood Damage Reduction Accomplishments
 Potential Hydropower Accomplishments
 Construction and Real Estate Cost Estimates

Preliminary Screening Results

Development of Operational Scenarios (60 mins; ? slides) Next Steps and Wrap Up (10 mins) Ave section: 25 mins; 8 slides

# **List of Technical Teams**

- Hydropower
- Flood Protection
- Conjunctive Management
- Water Operations
- Reservoir Area Environmental Resources
- Downstream SJR Environmental Resources
- Engineering



Economics

# **Example: Flood Protection Team**

#### Objective

- Identify economic benefits of additional flood storage space
- Technical Team Agencies
  - Reclamation
  - DWR
  - USACE
- Stakeholder Outreach Group
  - Lower San Joaquin Levee District
  - San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust
  - San Joaquin River Resources Management Coalition
  - Madera and Fresno Counties



# Technical Teams: Stakeholder Outreach Schedule

	Initial Stakeholder	Anticipated	
Topical Focus	Outreach Method	Outreach Date	
Hydropower	Outreach Subgroup	June 2004	
Flood Protection	Outreach Subgroup	early July 2004	
Water Operations	Stakeholder Workshop	July 15, 2004	
Conjunctive Management	Stakeholder Workshop	July 15, 2004	
Engineering	Stakeholder Workshop	July 15, 2004	
Reservoir Area Environmental Resources	Outreach Subgroup	Fall 2004	
Economics	Stakeholder Workshop	Fall 2004	
Downstream SJR Environmental Resources	TBD	TBD	



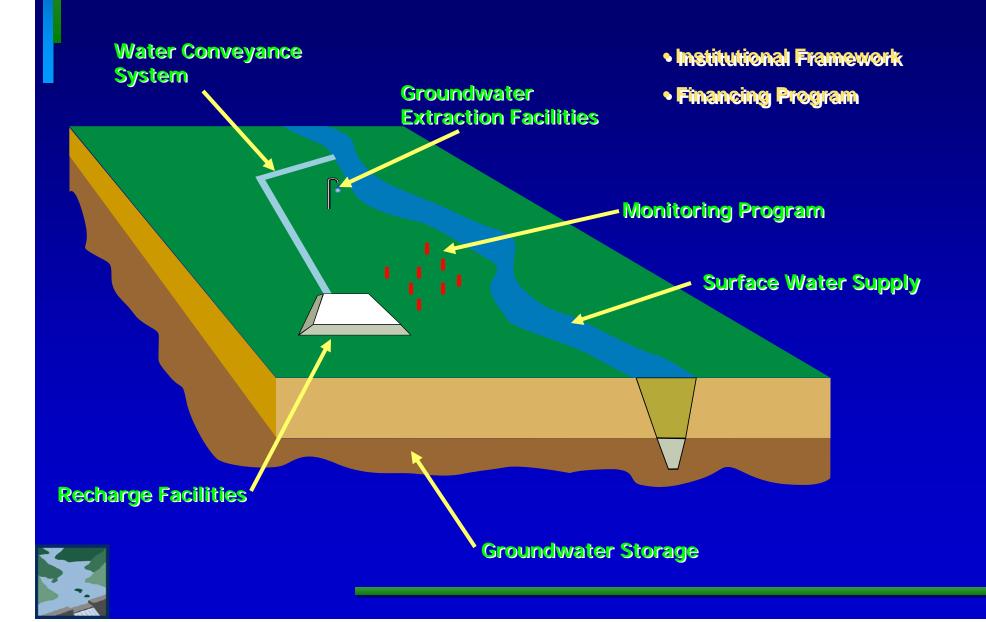
# **Cooperating Agency (CA) Involvement**

- CAs will participate in technical team(s)
  - Assist with seamless review of analysis
  - Potential technical tasks include:
    - data collection
    - development of evaluation tools
    - identification of impacts and mitigation
    - identification and quantification of benefits

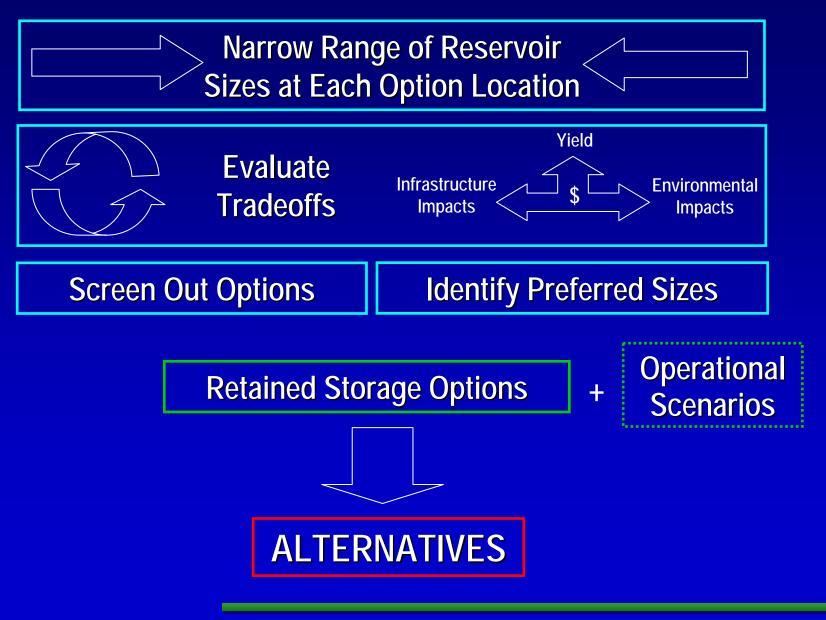
 CAs will participate in relevant stakeholder outreach meetings



#### Groundwater Storage Required Components



# **Alternative Formulation Process**





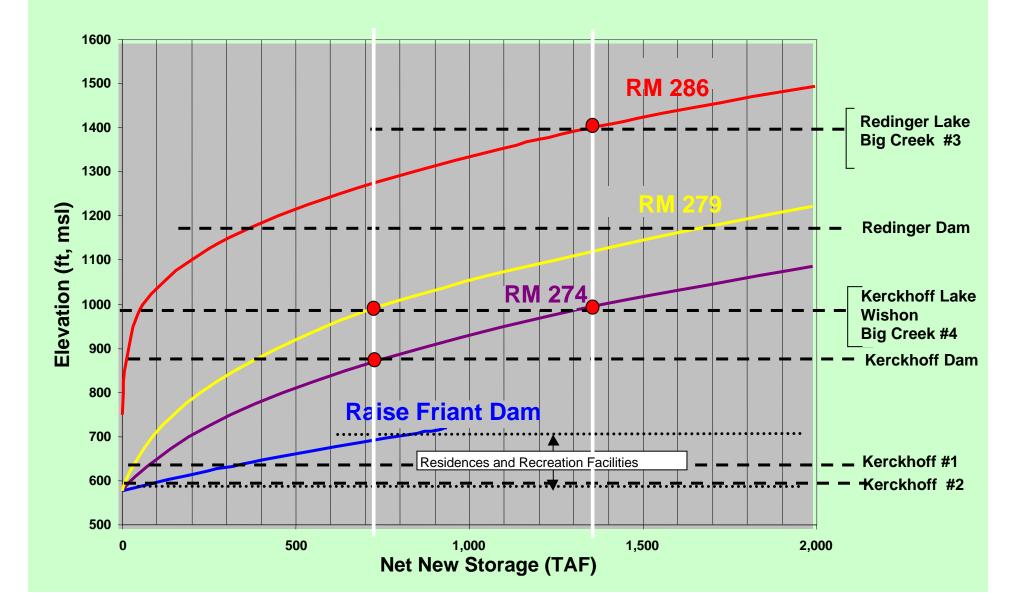
# Analysis of Potential Hydroelectric Energy Generation and Impacts

#### Focus

- Energy generation potential
- Impacts to existing operations
- Major Assumptions
  - Analysis based on CALSIM monthly output
- Limitations
  - Indicative only, dependent upon simplifying assumptions
  - Energy value not estimated
  - Potential impacts not analyzed in system context



#### **Potentially Affected Power Facilities**



# Friant Power Project Baseline -Preliminary Results

Facility	Estimated Generation 1922-1994 (GWh/yr)	Recent Generation (GWh/yr)	
Friant-Kern No. 1	50	?	
Madera	20	?	
River Outlet	20	?	
TOTAL	90	?	



#### **Raise Friant Option Hydropower Generation**

Additional Capacity (TAF)	Elevation (ft msl)	Additional Generation (GWh/yr)	Impacted Generation (GWh/yr)
132	603	20	0
340	638	40	580
870	718	80	580

Temperance Flat, Yokohl, and Fine Gold options would also allow for increased generation at Friant Power Project (not yet quantified)

