

Bureau of Reclamation
Mid-Pacific Region

California Department
of Water Resources

Upper San Joaquin River Basin Storage Investigation

Workshop 1

May 29, 2002

Agenda

- ◆ **Welcome and Introductions – Bill Luce and Mark Cowin**
- ◆ **Workshop Purpose and Ground Rules – Charles Gardiner**
- ◆ **Investigation Overview – Jason Phillips**
- ◆ **Participant Roles – Coral Cavanagh**
- ◆ **Phase I Approach – Bill Swanson**
- ◆ **Lunch**
- ◆ **Planned Technical Activities**
 - **Modeling – Yung-Hsin Sun**
 - **Engineering – David Rogers**
 - **Environmental – Bill Swanson**
- ◆ **Next Steps and Meeting Review**

Workshop Purpose

- ◆ **First Workshop**
 - **Introductory Presentations and Discussion**
 - ◆ **Project Overview**
 - **CALFED Context**
 - **Planning Objectives and Roles**
 - **Planned Activities and Schedule**
 - ◆ **Initial Input**
 - **Problems to Address**
 - **Process and Roles**
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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 team members
 - 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

- ◆ Background
 - ◆ Investigation Focus
 - ◆ Relationship to Other Projects and Programs
 - ◆ Investigation Schedule
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CALFED PROGRAMS

Overview

“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

Programs Established in Record of Decision



CALFED PROGRAMS

Goals of Storage Program

- ◆ **Improve water supply reliability**
 - ◆ **Provide water for environmental needs**
 - ◆ **Provide flows timed to maintain water quality**
 - ◆ **Protect levees through coordinated operations with flood control reservoirs**
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CALFED PROGRAMS

Storage Options

- ◆ **Surface storage projects to be pursued**
 - In-Delta storage
 - Expand Shasta Reservoir
 - Expand Los Vaqueros Reservoir
- ◆ **Surface storage requiring further consideration**
 - Sites Reservoir
 - Additional storage in Upper San Joaquin watershed
- ◆ **Groundwater storage and conjunctive use**
- ◆ **Groundwater management**

UPPER SAN JOAQUIN RIVER BASIN STORAGE INVESTIGATION – Objectives that May Be Addressed by Increasing Storage

- ◆ **Contribute to restoration of San Joaquin River**
- ◆ **Improve water quality in San Joaquin River**
- ◆ **Improve water quality of urban deliveries**
 - **Facilitate conjunctive water management and water exchanges**
- ◆ **Assist in solving other regional problems**



UPPER SAN JOAQUIN RIVER BASIN STORAGE INVESTIGATION – Measures Considered

- ◆ Enlarge existing storage facilities
 - ◆ Add new surface storage
 - ◆ Expand conjunctive management
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UPPER SAN JOAQUIN RIVER BASIN STORAGE INVESTIGATION – Relationships to Other Programs

- ◆ **Interaction with Other CALFED Programs**
 - **Other Surface Storage Investigations**
 - **Conjunctive Management Investigations**
 - **Other CALFED Programs**

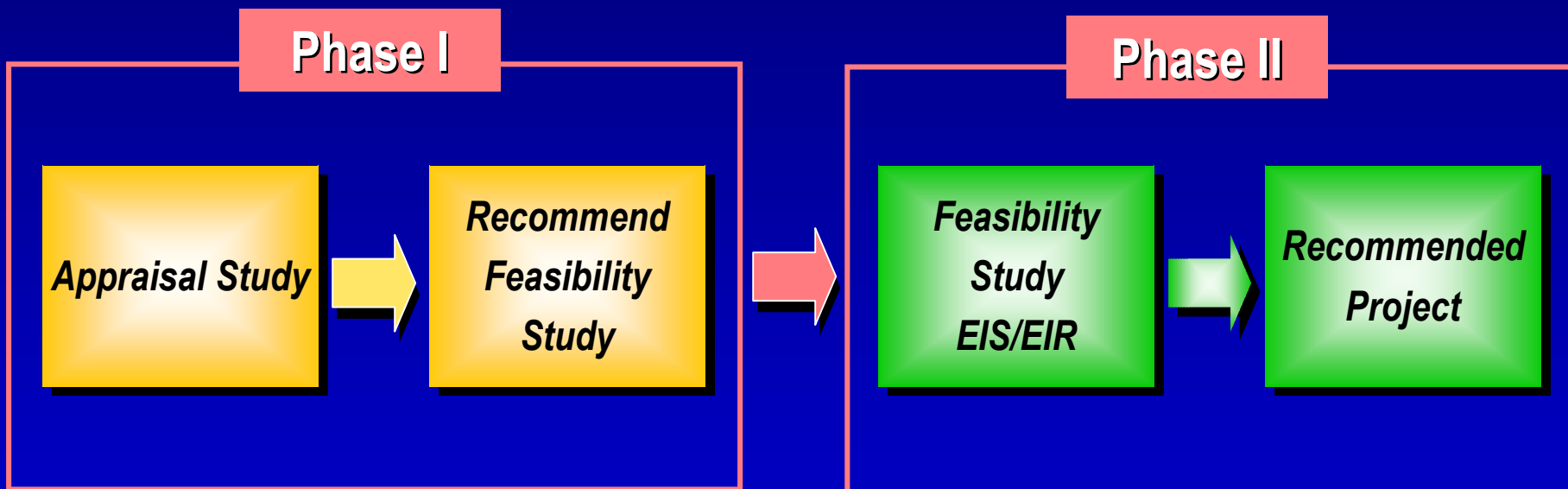
UPPER SAN JOAQUIN RIVER BASIN STORAGE INVESTIGATION – Relationships to Other Programs

- ◆ **San Joaquin River Restoration Water Supply Plan**
 - FWUA/NRDC ongoing study
 - USJRBSI will focus on storage, which is a portion of options identified in San Joaquin River Restoration Water Supply Plan
 - USJRBSI will review and incorporate technical work and applications, where available
 - USJRBSI has broader goals, alternatives focused on new storage

UPPER SAN JOAQUIN RIVER BASIN STORAGE INVESTIGATION – Relationships to Other Programs

- ◆ **Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins Comprehensive Study (USACE/Rec. Board)**
 - Shares some objectives with USJRBSI
 - May result in projects that would benefit both programs
- ◆ **CVP Yield Replacement**
- ◆ **Others (e.g. VAMP)**

UPPER SAN JOAQUIN RIVER BASIN STORAGE INVESTIGATION – A Two-Phase Investigation Approach



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Roles

- ◆ **Stakeholder Participants**
 - Local Expertise and Input
- ◆ **Planning Team**
 - Provides Opportunities to Participate
- ◆ **What You Can Expect**
 - Interaction
 - Information
- ◆ **What We Ask From You**
 - Principles of Participation
 - ◆ Attend, Share Ideas, and Learn
 - Comments and Suggestions

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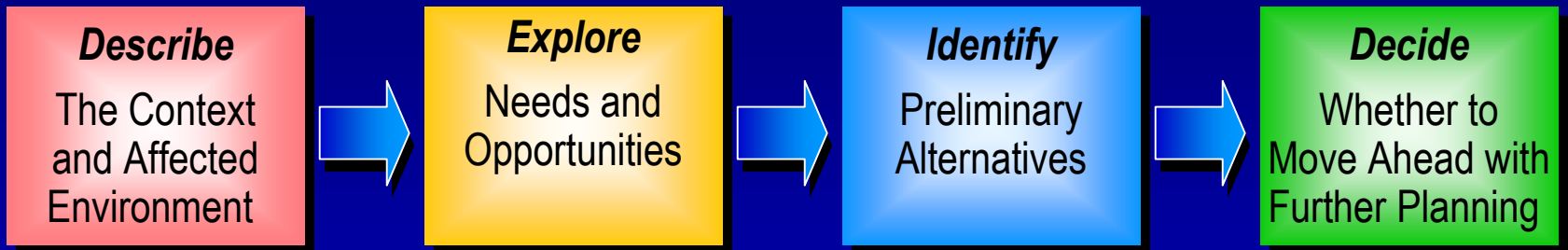
PLANNING APPROACH

Focus of the Phase I Investigation

- ◆ Consider increasing water supplies through the enlargement of Millerton Lake or a functionally equivalent storage program
- ◆ Coordinate with other Federal, State, and Regional programs and projects
- ◆ Recommend continued study
 - If a Potential Project appears viable
 - With Federal and State interests
 - With identified potential project partners
- ◆ Define scope of feasibility study and impact analysis

PLANNING APPROACH

Phase I Approach



- **Problems**
- **Objectives**
- **Constraints**
- **Existing Conditions**
- **Future Conditions**

- **Opportunities**
- **Management Measures**
- **Test for Functional Equivalence**

- **Preliminary Alternatives**
- **Applying Continuation Criteria**

PLANNING APPROACH

Problems – Local and Regional

- ◆ **Water Supply**
- ◆ **Ecosystem Conditions**
- ◆ **Operational Flexibility**
 - **Conjunctive Management**
 - **Water Exchanges**

PLANNING APPROACH

Problems – State-wide

- ◆ Water Supply
 - ◆ Ecosystem Conditions
 - ◆ Delta Water Quality and Quantity
 - ◆ CVP/SWP Operational Flexibility
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PLANNING APPROACH

Planning Objectives – Local and Regional

- ◆ **Increase Water Supply**
 - River Restoration
 - Conjunctive Management
 - Water Exchanges

PLANNING APPROACH

Planning Objectives – State-wide

- ◆ **Contribute to State Water Supply**
 - Delta Water Quality and Quantity
 - CVP/SWP Operational Flexibility
- ◆ **Contribute to State Ecosystem Restoration**

PLANNING APPROACH

Planning Constraints

- ◆ **Authorities, Regulations, Programs, and Groups**
 - Federal authorities and regulations
 - State authorities and regulations
 - Regional and local MOUs and agreements
- ◆ **Guidance Tool – Understand how these constraints may affect investigation**

PLANNING APPROACH

Planning Constraints – Examples

- ◆ **Federal authorities and regulations**
 - CVPIA, NEPA, etc.
- ◆ **State authorities and regulations**
 - Area-of-Origin Statutes, CEQA, etc.
- ◆ **Regional and local MOUs and agreements**
 - San Joaquin River Management Agreement, Mammoth Pool Agreement, etc.

PLANNING APPROACH

Define Existing Conditions

- ◆ **Historic and Current Water Uses**
 - Hydrology
 - CVP Contracts
 - Facility Operations
- ◆ **Environmental Issues**
 - Regulatory Requirements
 - Existing Habitat
 - Cultural Resources
 - Recreation

PLANNING APPROACH

Define Future Without-Project Conditions

- ◆ **Planning Horizon**
- ◆ **Future Water Demands**
 - Irrigation
 - Municipal & Industrial
 - Restoration
- ◆ **Other CALFED or Local Programs**

PLANNING APPROACH

Management Measures to be Considered

- ◆ **Surface Storage**

- Enlarge Conservation Storage in Existing Facilities
- Construct New Surface Storage

- ◆ **Conjunctive Management**

- Enhance Existing Conjunctive Management
- Initiate New Conjunctive Management

PLANNING APPROACH

Qualifying Criteria for Management Measures

- ◆ **Contribute to CALFED Objectives**
 - Address Regional Problems
 - Contribute to State-Wide Needs
- ◆ **Contribute to Other Objectives**
- ◆ **Functional Equivalence**

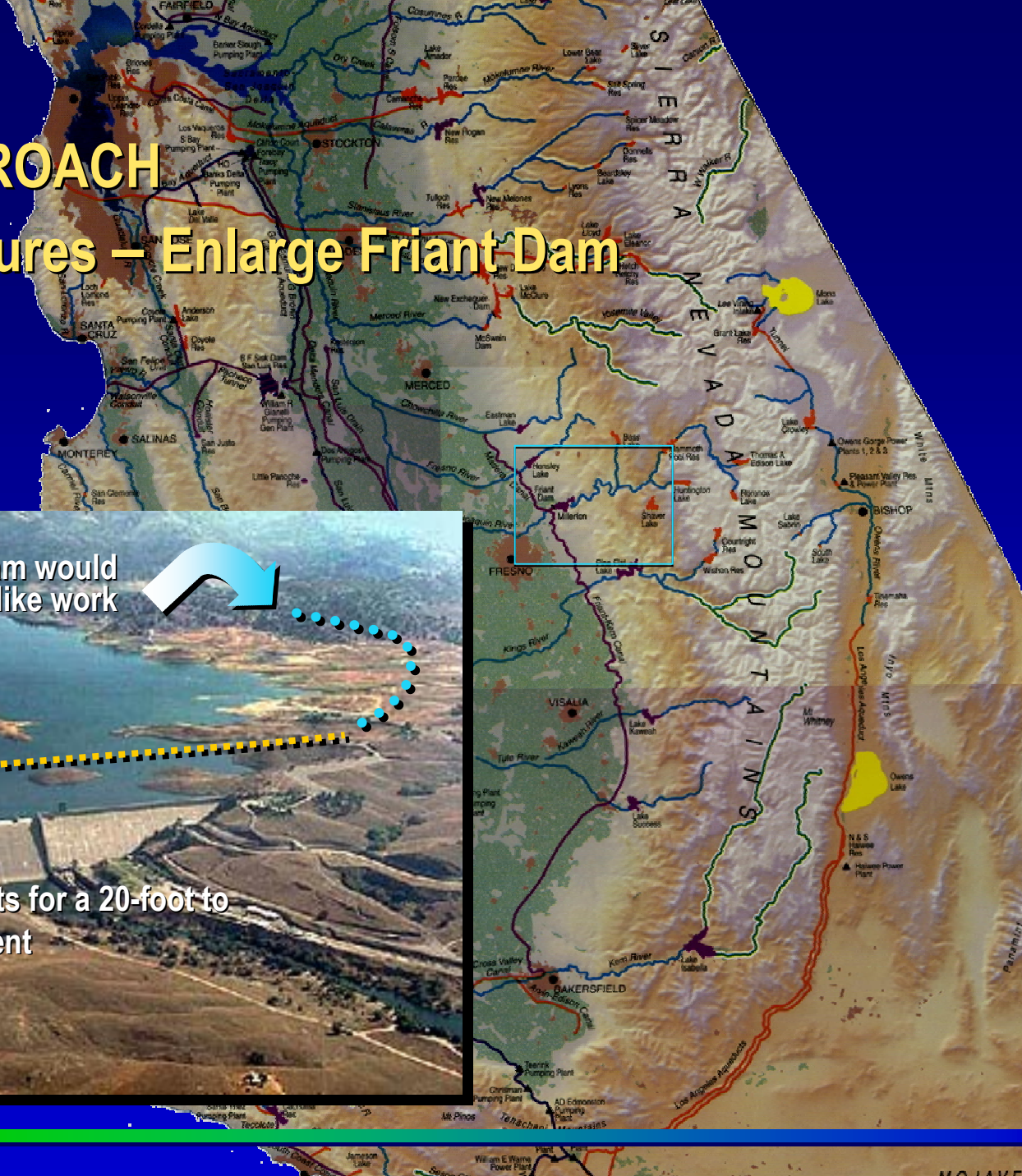
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Defining Functional Equivalence

- ◆ **Potential Accomplishments of Enlarged Millerton Lake**
 - **Restoration Water Supply**
 - **Enhanced Conjunctive Management**
 - **Enhanced Water Exchanges**
 - **Increased Flood Protection**
 - **Hydropower Generation**
 - **Recreation**
- ◆ **Stakeholder Participation to Identify Ranges**

PLANNING APPROACH

Example of Measures – Enlarge Friant Dam



Raising Friant Dam would require extensive dike work

Evaluate increments for a 20-foot to 144-foot enlargement

PLANNING APPROACH

Other Potential Storage Measures

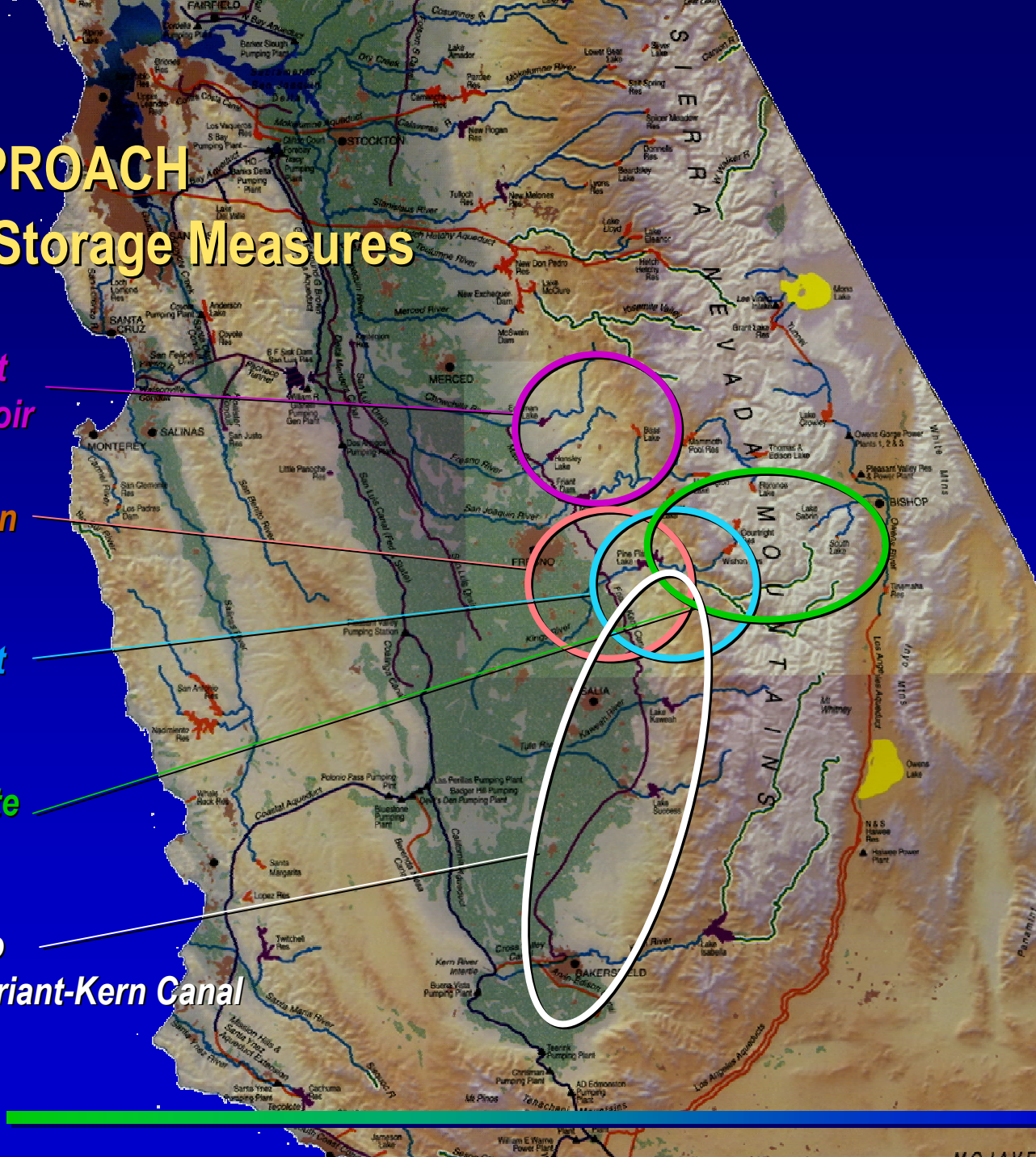
Off stream storage at Montgomery Reservoir

Off stream storage on Fine Gold Creek

On stream storage at Temperance Flat

Modify and re-operate upstream reservoirs

Additional storage to increase supply to Friant-Kern Canal



PLANNING APPROACH

Continuation Criteria

- ◆ **Meet CALFED Objectives**
 - Water Supply Benefits
- ◆ **Consistent with Federal Principles and Guidelines**
 - National Economic Development
 - National Ecosystem Restoration
- ◆ **Consistent with State Planning Guidelines**
- ◆ **Identified Non-Federal Sponsor(s)**

PLANNING APPROACH

Phase I Schedule

◆ Summer 2002

- Field Reviews
- Describe Existing Conditions
- Develop Without-Project Conditions
- Modify CALSIM II Model
- Identify Storage Measures

◆ Fall 2002

- Initial Review of Storage Measures

PLANNING APPROACH

Phase I Schedule

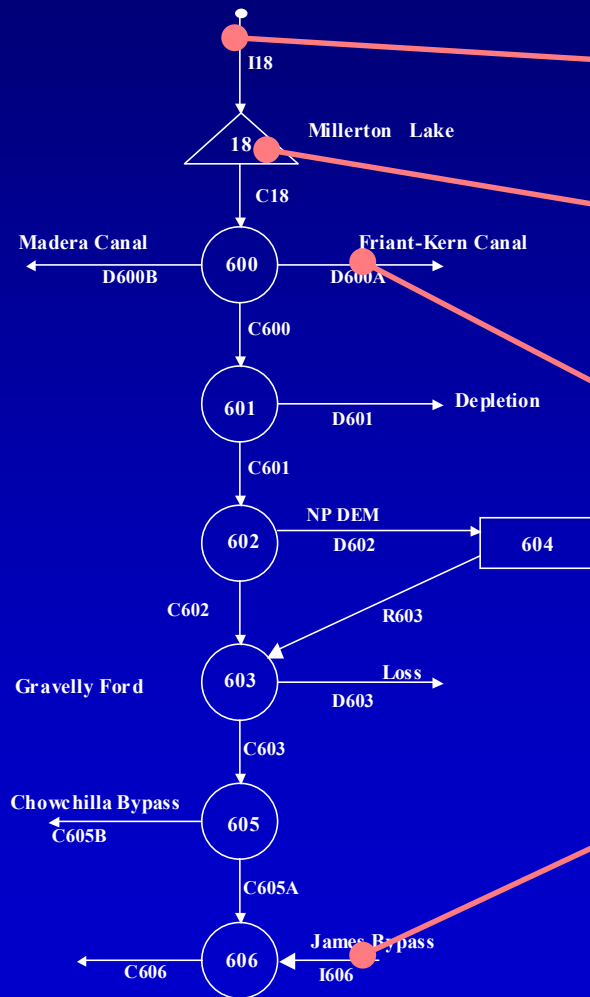
- ◆ **Winter / Spring 2003**
 - Develop Preliminary Alternatives
 - Evaluate Preliminary Alternatives
- ◆ **Summer 2003**
 - Phase I Investigation Report
- ◆ **Fall 2003 (If Warranted)**
 - NOI / NOP for Feasibility Study EIS / EIR

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HYDROLOGIC MODELING APPROACH

Existing CALSIM II Features



Millerton Inflow: Preprocessed Flows Based on Historical Records

Millerton Lake: Flood Operation Without Forecast-Based Dynamic Storage Allocation

F-K Canal: Preprocessed Delivery Used as Demand; No Distinction Among Class I, Class II and Section 215 Waters

James Bypass: Preprocessed Flows Based on Historical Records

HYDROLOGIC MODELING APPROACH

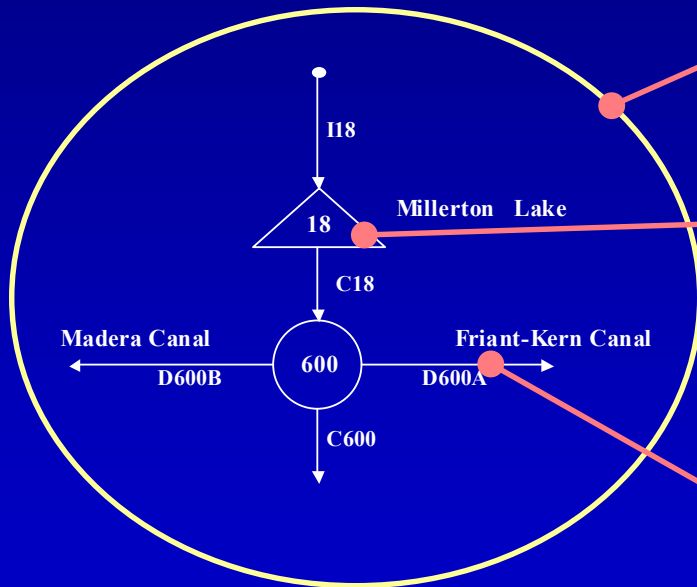
Proposed CALSIM II Revisions

- ◆ **Revise Millerton Lake Operation Logics**
 - ◆ **Add Potential San Joaquin River Facilities**
 - ◆ **Add Potential Merced River Facilities**
 - ◆ **Add Existing and Potential Tulare Lake Basin Facilities**
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HYDROLOGIC MODELING APPROACH

Proposed CALSIM II Revisions

- ◆ **Revise Millerton Lake Operation Logics**



Based on the BASE MODEL Developed Through NRDC/FWUA Recent Study

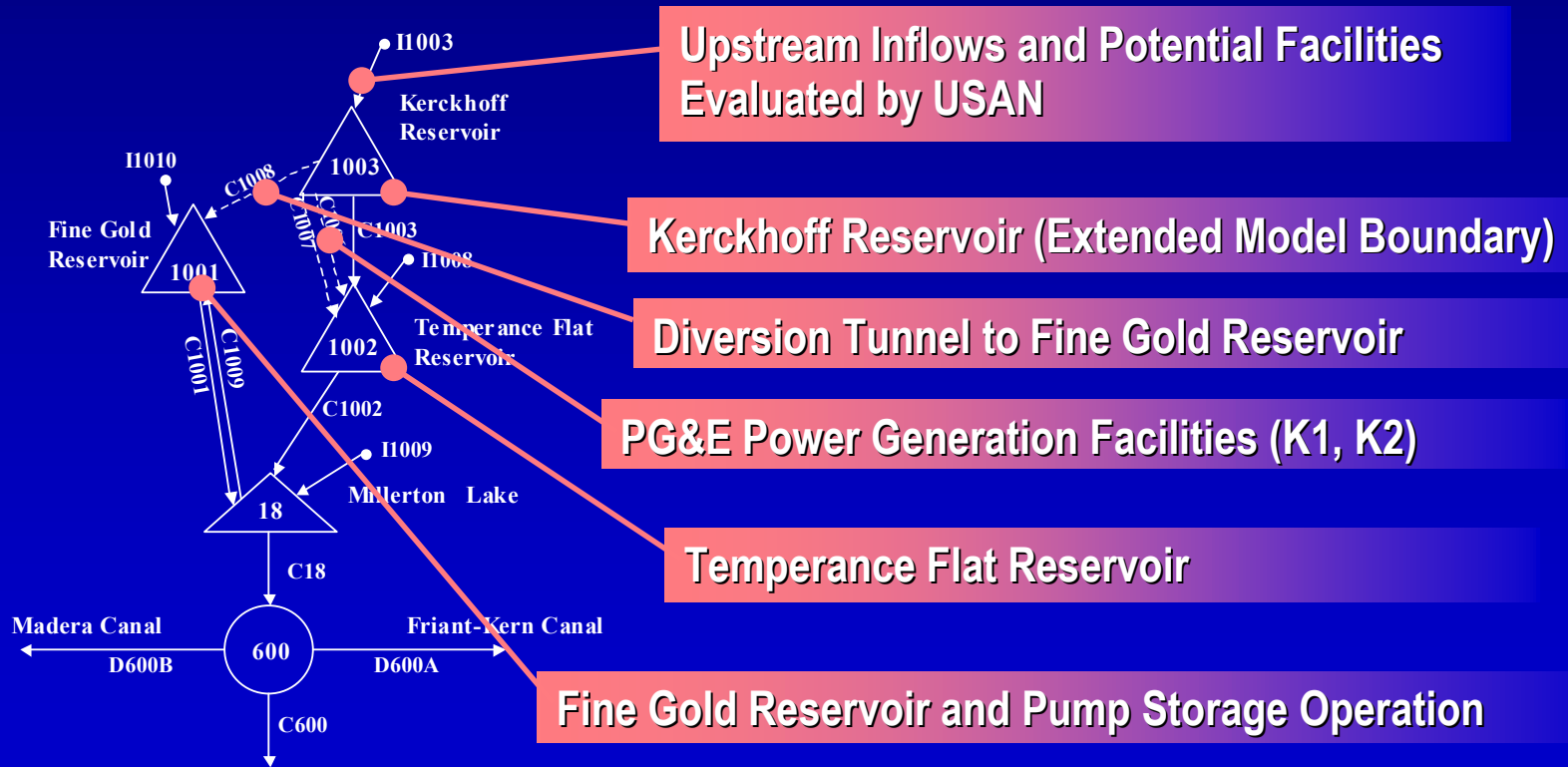
Dynamic Flood Operation Based on USACE's Flood Control Manual

More Realistic Delivery Allocations to Class I, Class II, and Section 215 Waters

HYDROLOGIC MODELING APPROACH

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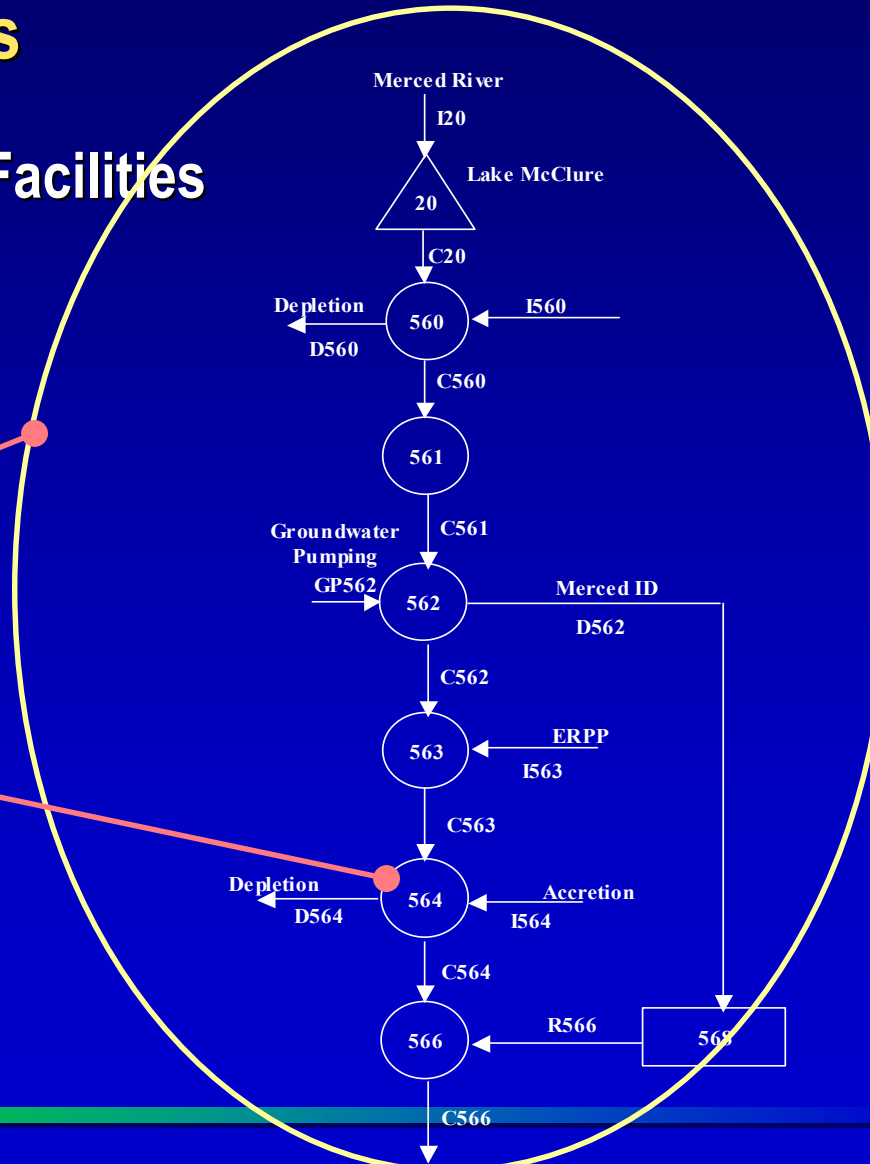
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- ◆ Add Potential Merced River Facilities

Existing CALSIM II Features in the Merced River Basin above Dry Creek Confluence

Dry Creek Confluence



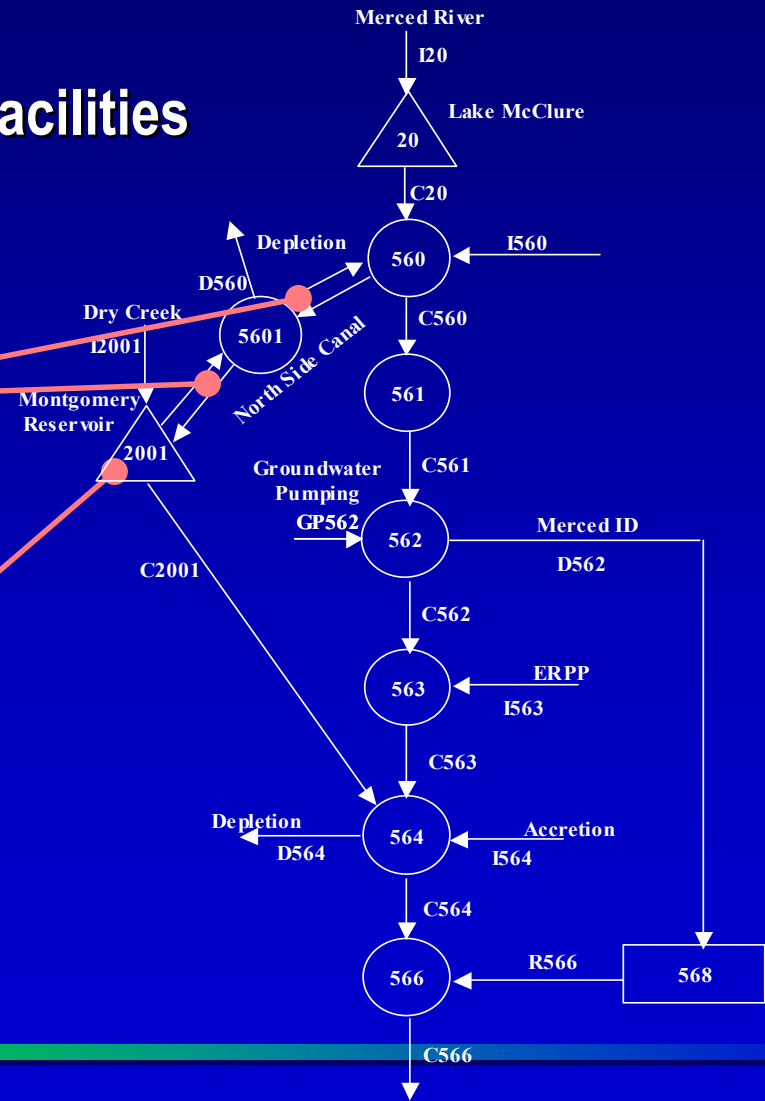
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Two-way Conveyance
Through North Side Canal

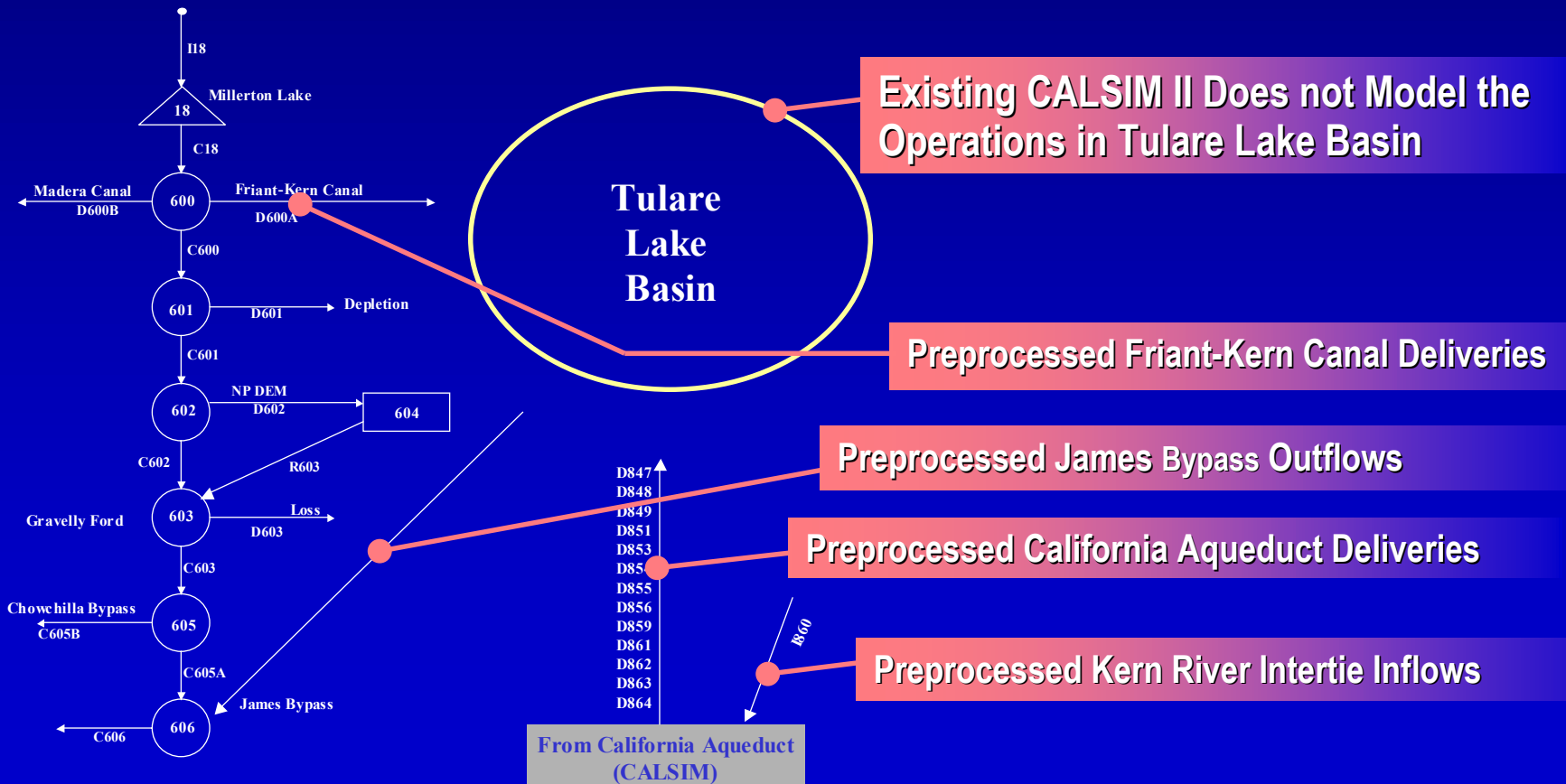
Montgomery Reservoir



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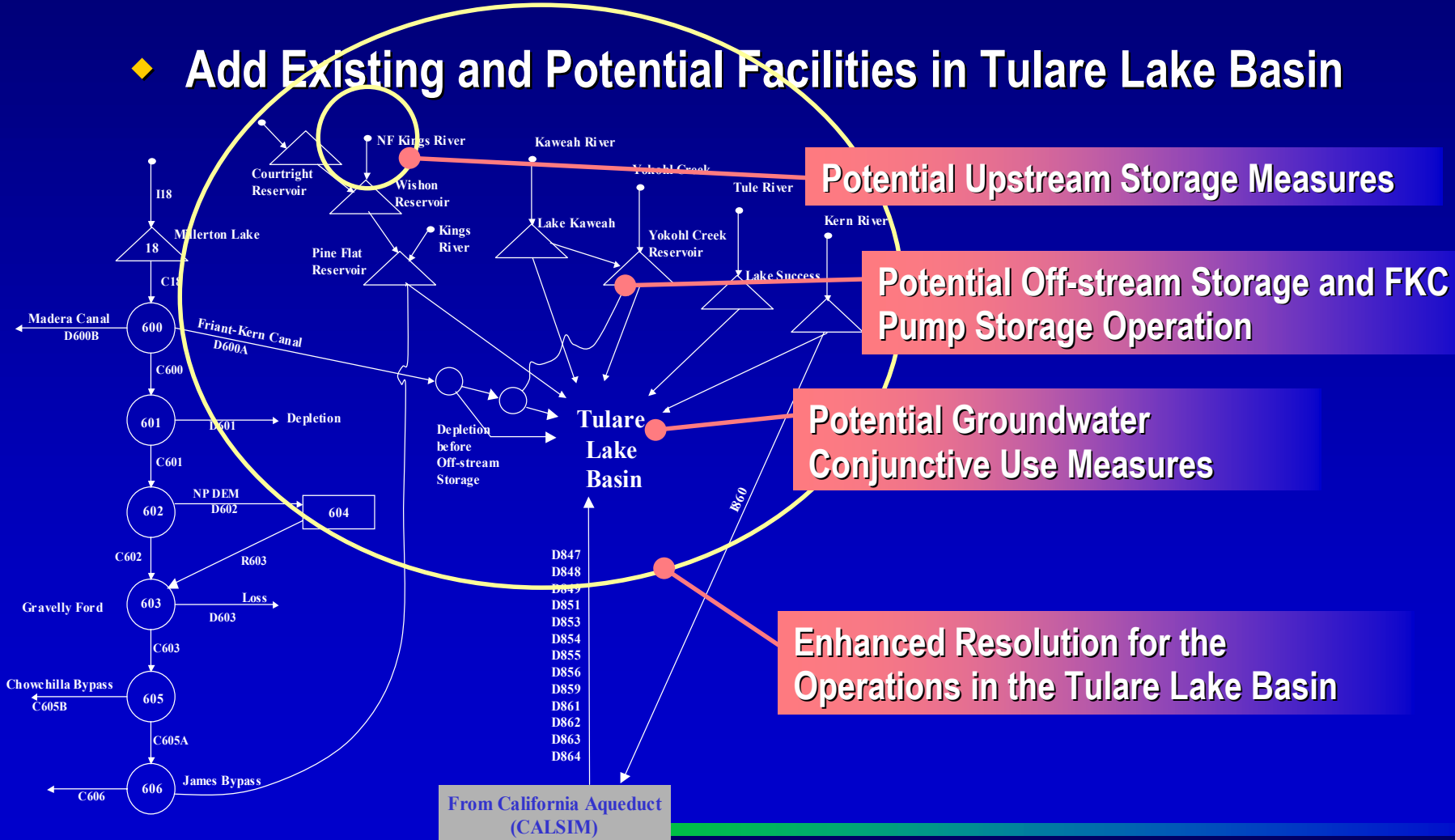
- ◆ Add Existing and Potential Facilities in Tulare Lake Basin



HYDROLOGIC MODELING APPROACH

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TECHNICAL STUDIES IN PHASE I INVESTIGATION

Surveying and Mapping

- ◆ **Recent Aerial Photography**
 - 5 - foot contours for reservoir areas
 - 2 - foot contours at potential dam sites
- ◆ **Other Existing Information**

TECHNICAL STUDIES IN PHASE I INVESTIGATION

Storage Site Considerations

- ◆ **Site Features**
 - Access
 - Layout
 - ◆ **Ranges of Sizes**
 - ◆ **Dam Design Options**
 - ◆ **Potential Additional Features**
 - Hydropower
 - Tunnels
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TECHNICAL STUDIES IN PHASE I INVESTIGATION

Cost Considerations

- ◆ **Initial Costs**
 - Construction
 - Borrow
 - Disposal
- ◆ **Annual Costs**
- ◆ **Local Availability of Resources**

TECHNICAL STUDIES IN PHASE I INVESTIGATION

Constructability

- ◆ **DSOD Coordination and Approval**
 - Seismic Design Requirements
 - Flood Routing During Construction
 - Spillway Design
- ◆ **FERC Requirements for Power Features**

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TECHNICAL STUDIES IN PHASE I INVESTIGATION

Environmental Review

◆ Objectives

- Appraisal Description of Existing Conditions
- Potential Impacts due to Storage Site Construction
- Qualitative Mitigation Requirements

◆ Approach

- Literature Review
- Site Observations
- Focus on construction-related issues

TECHNICAL STUDIES IN PHASE I INVESTIGATION

Environmental Review

- ◆ **NDDB Review**
- ◆ **“Gross” Estimate of Habitat Types**
- ◆ **Likely Effects on Existing Facilities**
- ◆ **Cultural Resources Issues**
- ◆ **Unique Environmental Characteristics**

TECHNICAL STUDIES IN PHASE I INVESTIGATION

Potential Benefits

- ◆ **Regional and Local VS Statewide**
- ◆ **Quantifiable VS Qualitative**
- ◆ **Potential Benefit Categories**
 - **Water supply (Ag, M&I, Restoration)**
 - **Water quality (M&I, Restoration)**
 - **Hydropower**
 - **Flood damage reduction**
 - **Recreation**

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