

# ***Delta-Mendota Canal Recirculation Study***

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## **Final Report on Hydrologic Modeling Appendix A CALSIM2 Benchmark Studies Assumptions**

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	<b>Existing Condition</b>	<b>Future Condition</b>
<b>Period of Simulation</b>	73 years (1922-1994)	Same
<b>HYDROLOGY</b>		
<b>Level of Development (Land Use)</b>	2001 Level, DWR Bulletin 160-98 <sup>1</sup>	2020 Level, DWR Bulletin 160-98
<b>Demands</b>		
<b><u>North of Delta (exc American River)</u></b>		
CVP	Land Use based, limited by Full Contract	Same
SWP (FRSA)	Land Use based, limited by Full Contract	Same
Non-Project	Land Use based	Same
<b><u>CVP Refuges</u></b>	Firm Level 2	Same
<b><u>American River Basin</u></b>		
Water rights	2001 <sup>2</sup>	2020, Sacramento Water Forum <sup>3</sup>
CVP	2001 <sup>4</sup>	2020, Sacramento Water Forum <sup>5</sup>
<b><u>San Joaquin River Basin</u></b>		
Friant Unit	Regression of historical	Same
Lower Basin	Fixed annual demands	Same
Stanislaus River Basin	New Melones Interim Operations Plan	Same
<b><u>South of Delta</u></b>		
CVP	Full Contract	Same
CCWD	140 TAF/YR <sup>6</sup>	195 TAF/YR <sup>7</sup>
SWP (w/ North Bay Aqueduct)	3.0-4.1 MAF/YR	3.3-4.1 MAF/YR
SWP Article 21 Demand	MWDSC up to 50 TAF/month, Dec-Mar, others up to 84 TAF/month	MWDSC up to 50 TAF/month, Dec-Mar, others up to 84 TAF/month
<b>FACILITIES</b>		
	Existing Facilities (2001)	Same

<sup>1</sup> 2000 Level of Development defined by linearly interpolated values from the 1995 Level of Development and 2020 Level of Development from DWR Bulletin 160-98

<sup>2</sup> 1998 Level Demands defined in Sacramento Water Forum's EIR with a few updated entries; assumptions for each purveyor are presented in Appendix B

<sup>3</sup> Sacramento Water Forum 2025 Level Demands defined in Sacramento Water Forum's EIR; assumptions for each purveyor are presented in Appendix B

<sup>4</sup> Same as footnote 2

<sup>5</sup> Same as footnote 3

<sup>6</sup> Delta diversions include operations of Los Vaqueros Reservoir operations

<sup>7</sup> Same as footnote 7

	Existing Condition	Future Condition
<b>REGULATORY STANDARDS</b>		
<b><u>Trinity River</u></b>		
Minimum Flow below Lewiston Dam	Trinity EIS Preferred Alternative (369-815 TAF/YR)	Same
Trinity Reservoir End-of-September Minimum Storage	Trinity EIS Preferred Alternative (600 TAF as able)	Same
<b><u>Clear Creek</u></b>		
Minimum Flow below Whiskeytown Dam	Downstream water rights, 1963 USBR Proposal to USFWS and NPS, and USFWS discretionary use of CVPIA 3406(b)(2)	Same
<b><u>Upper Sacramento River</u></b>		
Shasta Lake End-of-September Minimum Storage	SWRCB WR 1993 Winter-run Biological Opinion (1900 TAF)	Same
Minimum Flow below Keswick Dam	Flows for SWRCB WR 90-5 and 1993 Winter-run Biological Opinion temperature control, and USFWS discretionary use of CVPIA 3406(b)(2)	Same
<b><u>Feather River</u></b>		
Minimum Flow below Thermalito Diversion Dam	1983 DWR, DFG Agreement (600 CFS)	Same
Minimum Flow below Thermalito Afterbay outlet	1983 DWR, DFG Agreement (1000 – 1700 CFS)	Same
<b><u>American River</u></b>		
Minimum Flow below Nimbus Dam	SWRCB D-893 (see accompanying Operations Criteria), and USFWS discretionary use of CVPIA 3406(b)(2)	Same
Minimum Flow at H Street Bridge	SWRCB D-893	Same
<b><u>Lower Sacramento River</u></b>		
Minimum Flow near Rio Vista	SWRCB D-1641	Same
<b><u>Mokelumne River</u></b>		
Minimum Flow below Camanche Dam	FERC 2916-029, 1996 (Joint Settlement Agreement) (100 – 325 CFS)	Same
Minimum Flow below Woodbridge Diversion Dam	FERC 2916-029, 1996 (Joint Settlement Agreement) (25 – 300 CFS)	Same
<b><u>Stanislaus River</u></b>		
Minimum Flow below Goodwin Dam	1987 USBR, DFG agreement , and USFWS discretionary use of CVPIA 3406(b)(2)	Same
Minimum Dissolved Oxygen	SWRCB D-1422	Same
<b><u>Merced River</u></b>		
Minimum Flow below Crocker-Huffman Diversion Dam	Davis-Grunsky (180 – 220 CFS, Nov – Mar), and Cowell Agreement	Same
Minimum Flow at Shaffer Bridge	FERC 2179 (25 – 100 CFS)	Same
<b><u>Tuolumne River</u></b>		
Minimum Flow at Lagrange Bridge	FERC 2299-024, 1995 (Settlement Agreement) (94 – 301 TAF/YR)	Same
<b><u>San Joaquin River</u></b>		
Maximum Salinity near Vernalis	SWRCB D-1641	Same

	Existing Condition	Future Condition
Minimum Flow near Vernalis	SWRCB D-1641, and Vernalis Adaptive Management Program per San Joaquin River Agreement	Same
<b><u>Sacramento River-San Joaquin River Delta</u></b>		
Delta Outflow Index (Flow and Salinity)	SWRCB D-1641	Same
Delta Cross Channel Gate Operation	SWRCB D-1641	Same
Delta Exports	SWRCB D-1641, USFWS discretionary use of CVPIA 3406(b)(2), and CALFED Fisheries Agencies discretionary use of EWA	Same
<b>OPERATIONS CRITERIA</b>		
<b>Subsystem</b>		
<b><u>Upper Sacramento River</u></b>		
Flow Objective for Navigation (Wilkins Slough)	Discretionary 3,500 – 5,000 CFS based on Lake Shasta storage condition	Same
<b><u>American River</u></b>		
Folsom Dam Flood Control	SAFCA, Interim-Reoperation of Folsom Dam, Variable 400/670 (without outlet modifications)	Same
Flow below Nimbus Dam	Discretionary operations criteria corresponding to SWRCB D-893 required minimum flow	Same
Sacramento Water Forum Mitigation Water	None	Sacramento Water Forum (up to 47 TAF/YR in dry years)
<b><u>Stanislaus River</u></b>		
Flow below Goodwin Dam	1997 New Melones Interim Operations Plan	Same
<b><u>San Joaquin River</u></b>		
Flow near Vernalis	San Joaquin River Agreement in support of the Vernalis Adaptive Management Program	Same
<b>System-wide</b>		
<b><u>CVP Water Allocation</u></b>		
CVP Settlement and Exchange	100% (75% in Shasta Critical years)	Same
CVP Refuges	100% (75% in Shasta Critical years)	Same
CVP Agriculture	100% - 0% based on supply (reduced by 3406(b)(2) allocation)	Same
CVP Municipal & Industrial	100% - 50% based on supply (reduced by 3406(b)(2) allocation)	Same
<b><u>SWP Water Allocation</u></b>		
North of Delta (FRSA)	Contract specific	Same
South of Delta	Based on supply; Monterey Agreement	Same
<b><u>CVP/SWP Coordinated Operations</u></b>		
Sharing of Responsibility for In-Basin-Use	1986 Coordinated Operations Agreement	Same
Sharing of Surplus Flows	1986 Coordinated Operations Agreement	Same

	Existing Condition	Future Condition
Sharing of Restricted Export Capacity	Equal sharing of export capacity under SWRCB D-1641; use of CVPIA 3406(b)(2) only restricts CVP exports; EWA use restricts CVP and/or SWP as directed by CALFED Fisheries Agencies	Same
<b>CVPIA 3406(b)(2)</b> Allocation	800 TAF/YR (600 TAF/YR in Shasta Critical years)	Same
Actions	1995 WQCP (non-discretionary), Fish flow objectives (Oct-Jan), CVP export reduction (Dec-Jan), VAMP (Apr 15-May 16) CVP export restriction, 3000 CFS CVP export limit in May and June (D1485 Striped Bass continuation), Post (May 16-31) VAMP CVP export restriction, Ramping of CVP export (Jun), Pre (Apr 1-15) VAMP CVP export restriction, CVP export reduction (Feb-Mar), Upstream Releases (Feb-Sep)	Same
Accounting Adjustments	Per February 2002 Interior Decision, no limit on responsibility for non-discretionary D1641 requirements, no Reset with the Storage metric and no Offset with the Release and Export metrics	Same
<b>CALFED Environmental Water Account</b> Actions	Total exports restricted to 4000 CFS, 1 wk/mon, Dec-Mar (wet year: 2 wk/mon), VAMP (Apr 15- May 16) export restriction, Pre (Apr 1-15) and Post (May 16-31) VAMP export restriction, Ramping of export (Jun)	Same
Assets	50% of use of JPOD, 50% of any CVPIA 3406(b)(2) releases pumped by SWP, flexing of Delta Export/Inflow Ratio (not explicitly modeled), dedicated 500 CFS increase of Jul – Sep Banks PP capacity, north-of-Delta (0 - 135 TAF/Yr ) and south-of-Delta purchases (50 - 185 TAF/Yr), and 200 TAF/YR south-of-Delta groundwater storage capacity	Same
Debt restrictions	No planned carryover of debt past Sep, asset carryover allowed	Same