



PANEL 2A – EMERGENCY REGULATIONS AND THE DROUGHT

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Department of Water Resources Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance

In 2010, The State Of California Implemented **AB-1881** in its Continuing Effort to Conserve Water in our Drought Prone State. In 2015, Unprecedented Drought has Forced the State to Make the Ordinance more Severe.

Projects Subject to the Ordinance

- New Development with 500 sq.ft. of Landscape Area
- Residential, Commercial, Industrial & Institutional Projects that Require Permit, Plan Check or Design Review
- Rehab of Existing Landscapes Remains at 2,500 sq.ft.

Deadlines for Projects Subject to Ordinance

- Local Agencies have until 12/1/15 to comply
- Multi-agency regional groups have until
12/1/16
- Reporting requirements for all on 12/1/15

More Efficient Irrigation Systems

- Dedicated Water Meters or Sub-Meters Required for Residential Landscapes +5000 Sq.Ft. & Non-Residential Landscapes +1000 Sq.Ft.
- Pressure Regulators & Master Shut-off Valves Required.
- Emission Devices Must Meet National Standard to Ensure High Efficiency Sprinklers are Installed.
- Flow Sensors That Detect & Report High Flow Conditions due to Breakage Required for Landscape Areas + 5000 Sq.Ft.
- Minimum Width of Areas for Overhead Irrigation Increased to 10' Wide
- Areas Less Than 10' Wide Must be Irrigated by Subsurface Drip or Other Technology that Produces No Overspray or Runoff.

Challenges and Opportunities

As Xeriscaping becomes The New Normal, Our Challenge is to Design Both New & Retrofitted Landscapes in ways that are Attractive – Adding Value without Resorting to a “Trailer Park” Vibe.



Current State Of Landscape Design

TYPICAL COMMERCIAL CENTER

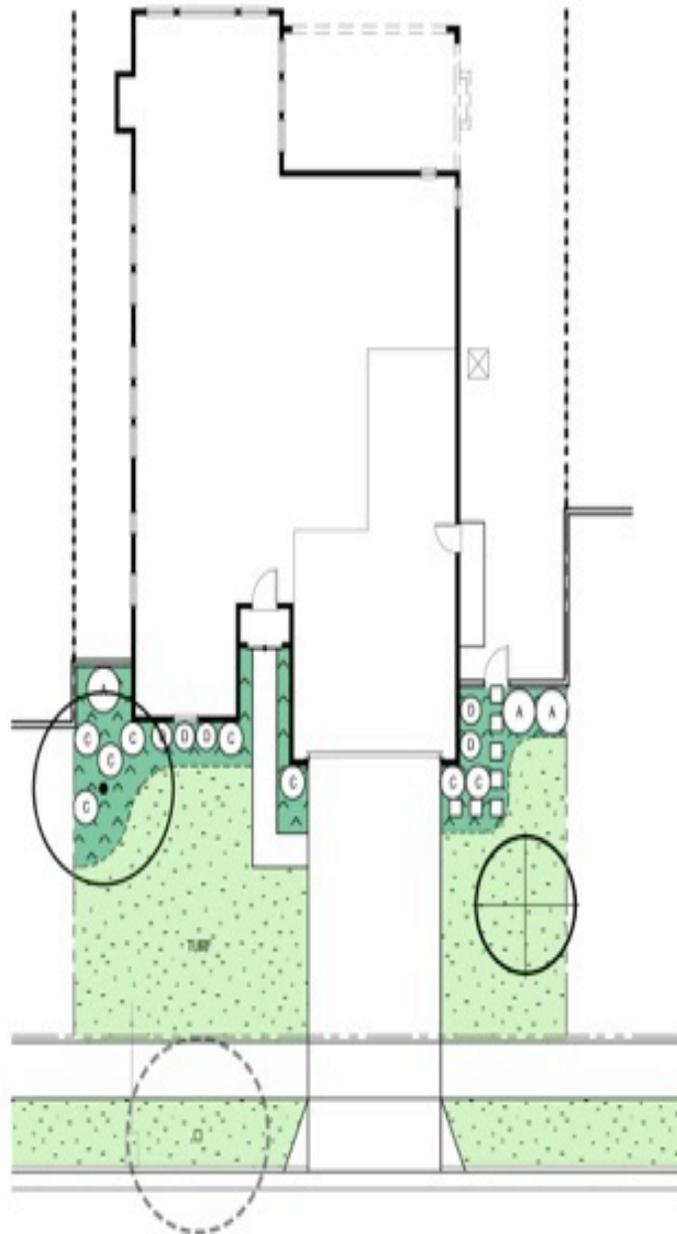
A photograph of a modern landscape design. A light-colored concrete path curves through a garden. The garden features gravel beds with large, grey, angular rocks and small, reddish-purple plants. Young trees are planted in rows along the path. The background shows a grey building wall.

Current State Of Landscape Design

WHERE WE ARE GOING

A Typical Front Yard Design Pre & Post AB-1881

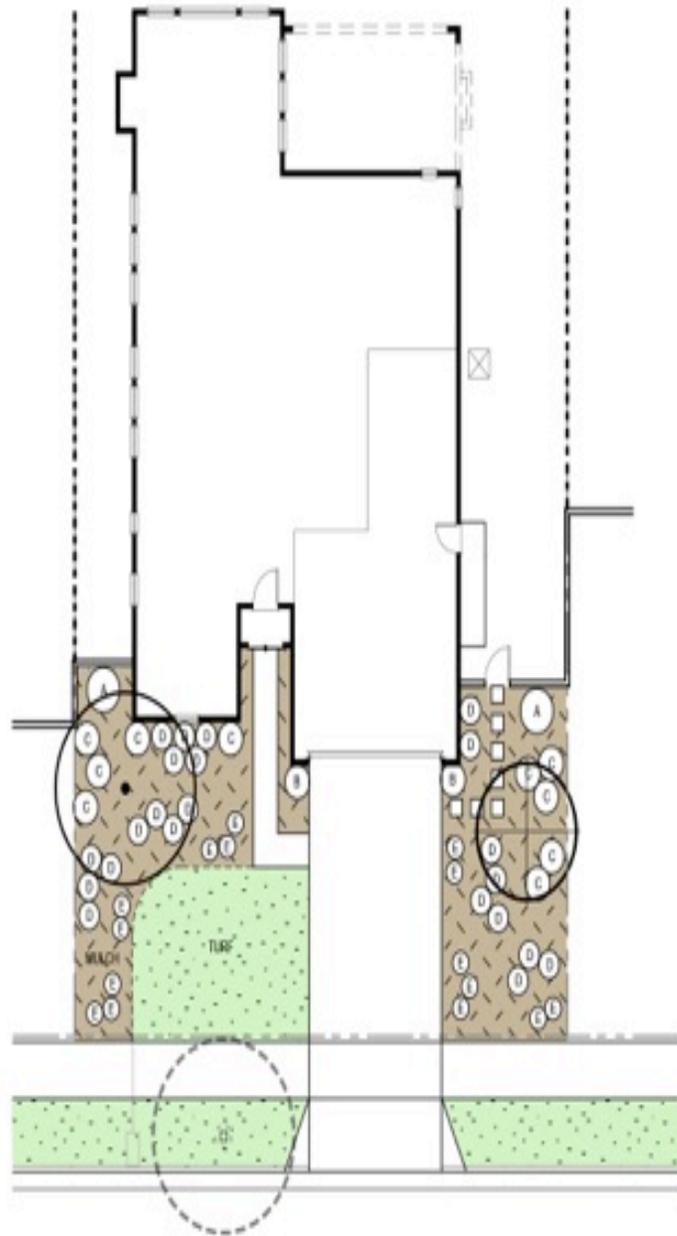
EVOLUTION OF DROUGHT TOLERANT DESIGN



Landscape Water Use Calculations	
Project Information This is an example of a typical landscape from prior to implementation of Landscape and Water Conservation Guidelines	
Project Data	Total square footage of Landscape Area LA= 1,700
	Hist. ETo for the area ETo= 54.0
Maximum Annual Water Allocation (MAWA)	MAWA is calculated using the following formula: $(Eto) (.62) (0.7 \times LA) + (0.3 \times SLA)$
	MAWA = 7 40,379 gallons / yr
Estimated Applied Water Use (EAWU)	EAWU is calculated using the following formula: $(Eto) (.62) [(PF \times HA) / (E) + SLA]$
Hydrozone 1: Mixed Shrubs Dripline	Plant Factor PF= 0.4
HZ1	square footage of hydrozone SLA= 340
	hydrozone irrigation efficiency IE= 0.9
	HZ1 EAWU = 5,238 gallons / yr
Hydrozone 2: Turf	Spray Plant Factor PF= 0.8
HZ2	square footage of hydrozone SLA= 1,296
	hydrozone irrigation efficiency IE= 0.71
	HZ2 EAWU = 49,433 gallons / yr
Hydrozone 4: Trees	Rws Bubblers Plant Factor PF= 0.4
HZ4	square footage of hydrozone SLA= 60
	hydrozone irrigation efficiency IE= 0.85
	HZ4 EAWU = 950 gallons / yr
	Total EAWU = 55,625 gallons / yr
	MAWA - EAWU = -15,246 gallons / yr

Pre-AB1881 Total Water Usage: 55,625 gallons / year

- No restrictions on turf
- Overhead sprinklers okay for shrub and turf areas
- Drip irrigation not required

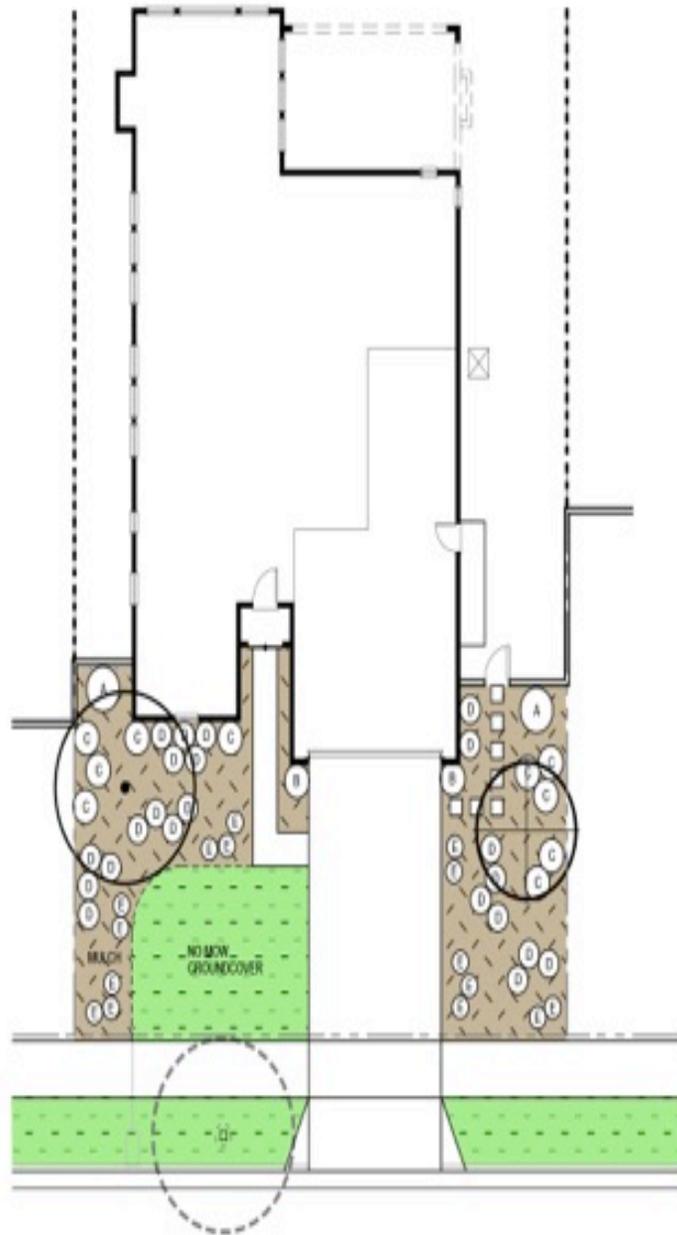


Landscape Water Use Calculations	
Project Information	
The entire landscape area is irrigated with recycled water. In accordance with the City's Chapter 16.07, Landscape and Water Conservation Guidelines, the total square footage of LA is then considered a Special Landscape Area. The following calculations reflect those determinations.	
Project Data	
Total square footage of Landscape Area (including Special Landscape Area) LA=	1,704
Total square footage of Special Landscape Area SLA=	0
Inst. ETo for the area ETo=	54.0
Maximum Annual Water Allocation (MAWA)	
MAWA is calculated using the following formula: $(Eto) (.82) [(0.7 \times LA) + (0.3 \times SLA)]$	
MAWA = 40,379 gallons / yr	
Estimated Applied Water Use (EAWU)	
EAWU is calculated using the following formula: $(Eto) (.82) [(PF \times HA) / (E) + SLA]$	
Hydrozone 1: Mixed Shrubs Drip	
HZ1	Plant Factor PF= 0.4
square footage of hydrozone SLA=	941
hydrozone irrigation efficiency IE=	0.9
HZ1 EAWU =	14,156 gallons / yr
Hydrozone 2: Turf Drip	
HZ2	Plant Factor PF= 0.8
square footage of hydrozone SLA=	335
hydrozone irrigation efficiency IE=	0.9
HZ2 EAWU =	11,080 gallons / yr
Hydrozone 3: Turf Mprotators	
HZ3	Plant Factor PF= 0.8
square footage of hydrozone SLA=	358
hydrozone irrigation efficiency IE=	0.75
HZ3 EAWU =	11,208 gallons / yr
Hydrozone 4: Trees Rvs Bubblers	
HZ4	Plant Factor PF= 0.4
square footage of hydrozone SLA=	60
hydrozone irrigation efficiency IE=	0.85
HZ4 EAWU =	956 gallons / yr
Total EAWU = 38,482 gallons / yr	
MAWA - EAWU = 1,897 gallons / yr	

AB1881 Total Water Usage: 38,482 gallons / year

Compared to Pre-AB1881: 31% water savings

- 46% Less turf
- Overhead sprinklers in turf areas only
- Drip irrigation in shrub areas
- Drip irrigation in turf that is within 2 feet of pavements

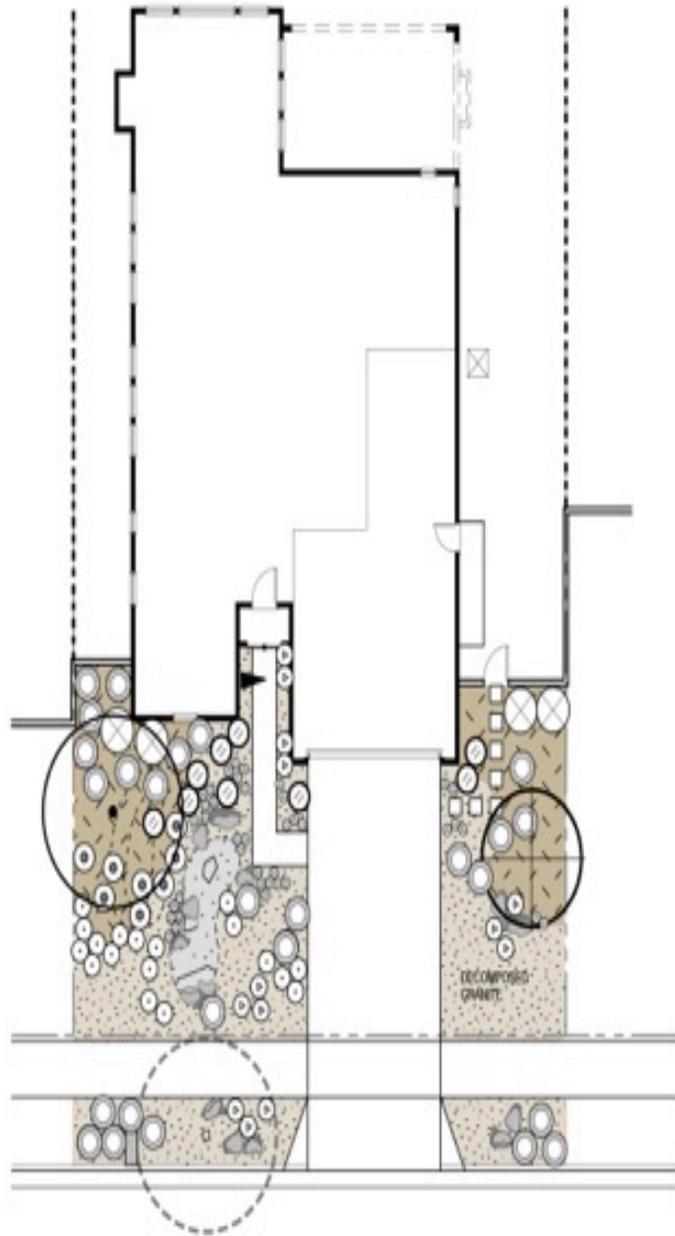


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Project Data	
Total square footage of Landscape Area (including Special Landscape Area) LA=	1,704
Total square footage of Special Landscape Area SLA=	0
Est. ETo for the area ETo=	64.6
Maximum Annual Water Allocation (MAWA)	
MAWA is calculated using the following formula: $(Eto) (.62) [(0.5 \times LA) + (0.3 \times SLA)]$	
MAWA = 28,842 gallons / yr	
Estimated Applied Water Use (EAWU)	
EAWU is calculated using the following formula: $(Eto) (.62) [(PF \times HA / IE) \times SLA]$	
Hydrozone 1: Mixed Shrubs Dripline	
HZ1	Plant Factor PF= 0.2
square footage of hydrozone SLA=	941
hydrozone irrigation efficiency IE=	0.9
HZ1 EAWU =	7,079 gallons / yr
Hydrozone 2: Groundcover Dripline	
HZ2	Plant Factor PF= 0.5
square footage of hydrozone SLA=	703
hydrozone irrigation efficiency IE=	0.9
HZ2 EAWU =	13,221 gallons / yr
Hydrozone 4: Trees Ras Bubblers	
HZ4	Plant Factor PF= 0.4
square footage of hydrozone SLA=	60
hydrozone irrigation efficiency IE=	0.85
HZ4 EAWU =	956 gallons / yr
Total EAWU = 21,256 gallons / yr	
MAWA - EAWU = 7,586 gallons / yr	

AB1881 Total Water Usage: 21,256 gallons / year

Compared to Pre-AB1881: 62% water savings
Compared to AB1881 with turf: 45% water savings

- Replace turf with low growing groundcover
- Drip irrigation only in all planted areas



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Project Data	
Total square footage of Landscape Area (including Special Landscape Area) LA=	925
Total square footage of Special Landscape Area SLA=	0
Est. E To for the area ETo=	54.8
Maximum Annual Water Allocation (MAWA)	
MAWA is calculated using the following formula: $(Eto) \cdot (.62) \cdot (0.5 \times LA) + (0.3 \times SLA)$	
MAWA = 15,318 gallons / yr	
Estimated Applied Water Use (EAWU)	
EAWU is calculated using the following formula: $(Eto) \cdot (.62) \cdot (PF \times HA / IE) \cdot SLA$	
Hydrozone 1: Mixed Shrubs Drip-line	
HZ1	Plant Factor PF= 0.2
square footage of hydrozone SLA=	485 (14+13)
hydrozone irrigation efficiency IE=	0.9
HZ1 EAWU =	3,648 gallons / yr
Hydrozone 2: DG Drip-line	
HZ2	Plant Factor PF= 0.2
square footage of hydrozone SLA=	300 (14+12)
hydrozone irrigation efficiency IE=	0.9
HZ2 EAWU =	2,708 gallons / yr
Hydrozone 4: Trees Res Bubblers	
HZ4	Plant Factor PF= 0.4
square footage of hydrozone SLA=	80 (14+13)
hydrozone irrigation efficiency IE=	0.85
HZ4 EAWU =	958 gallons / yr
Total EAWU = 7,312 gallons / yr	
MAWA - EAWU = 8,006 gallons / yr	

Drought Ready Total Water Usage: 7,312 gallons / year

Compared to Pre-AB1881: 87% water savings

Compared to AB1881 with turf: 81% water savings

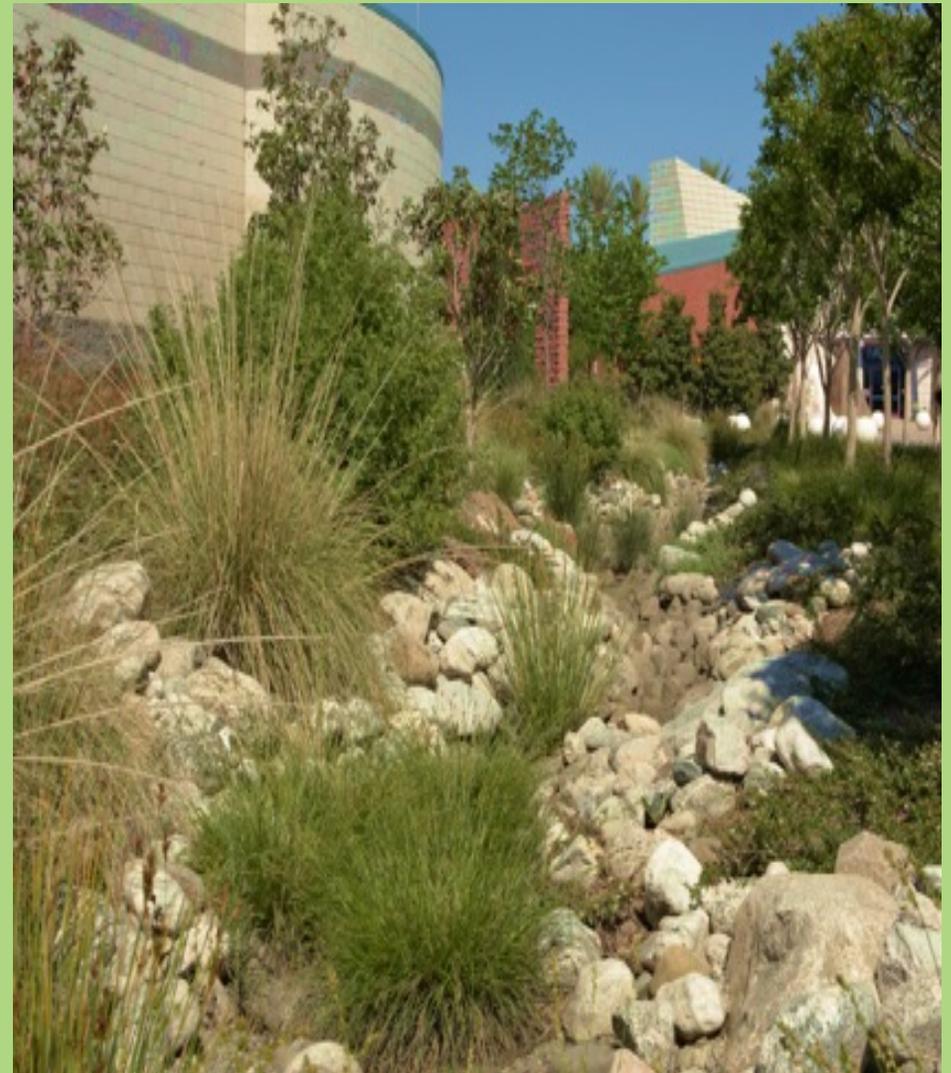
- Replace groundcover areas with decomposed granite
- Reduce drip irrigation to strictly adjacent to plant clusters

A photograph of a landscaped area featuring several tall lavender plants with purple flowers in the foreground. A concrete path leads from the foreground towards a brick building in the background. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

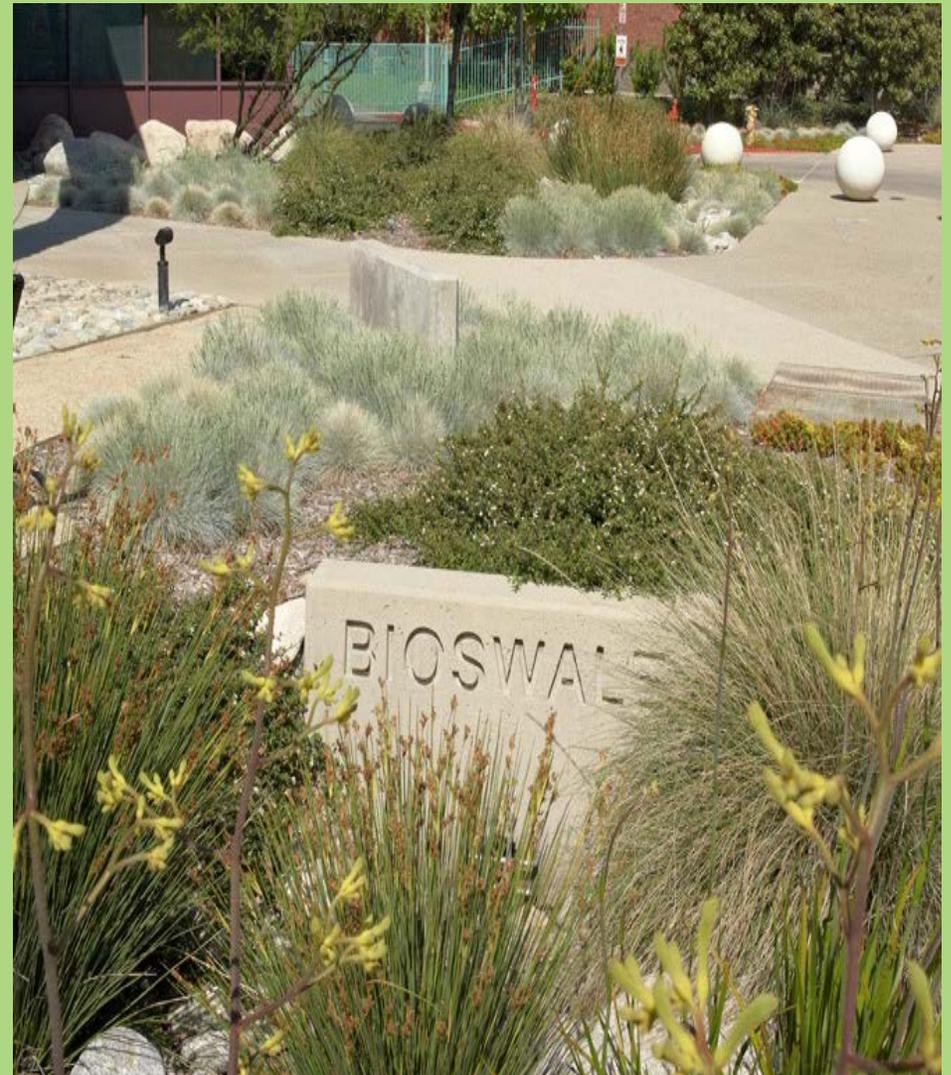
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Before and After



Before and After



Before and After



Before and After





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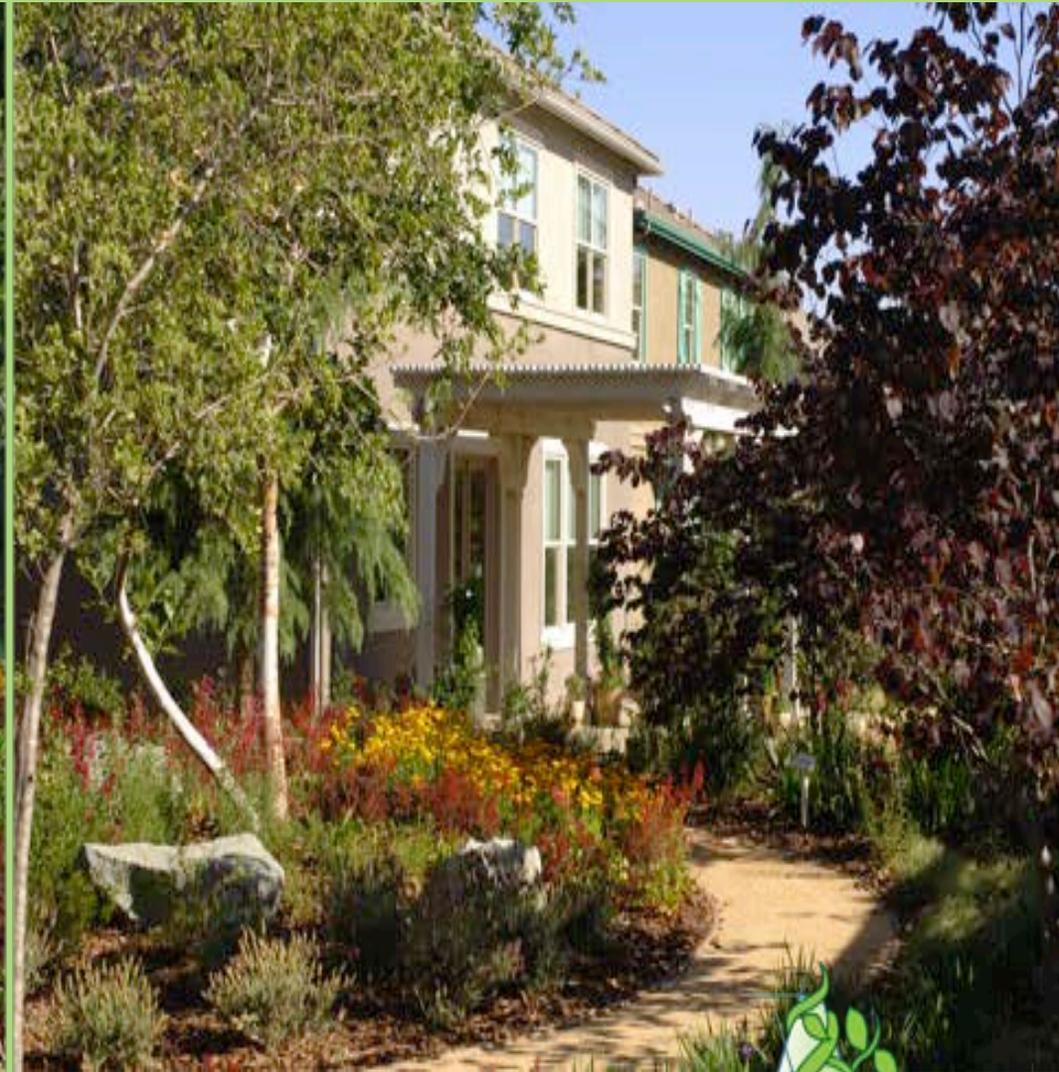


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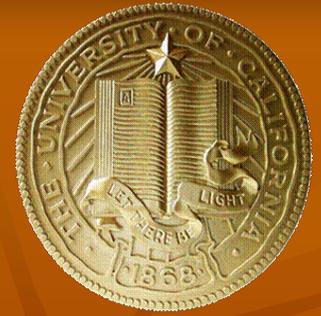
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Free downloadable publications including 'Sustainable Landscaping in California' and 'Lawn Watering Guide'

<http://ucanr.edu/Publications>



Graywater Use in California

The California Health and Safety Code defines graywater as....

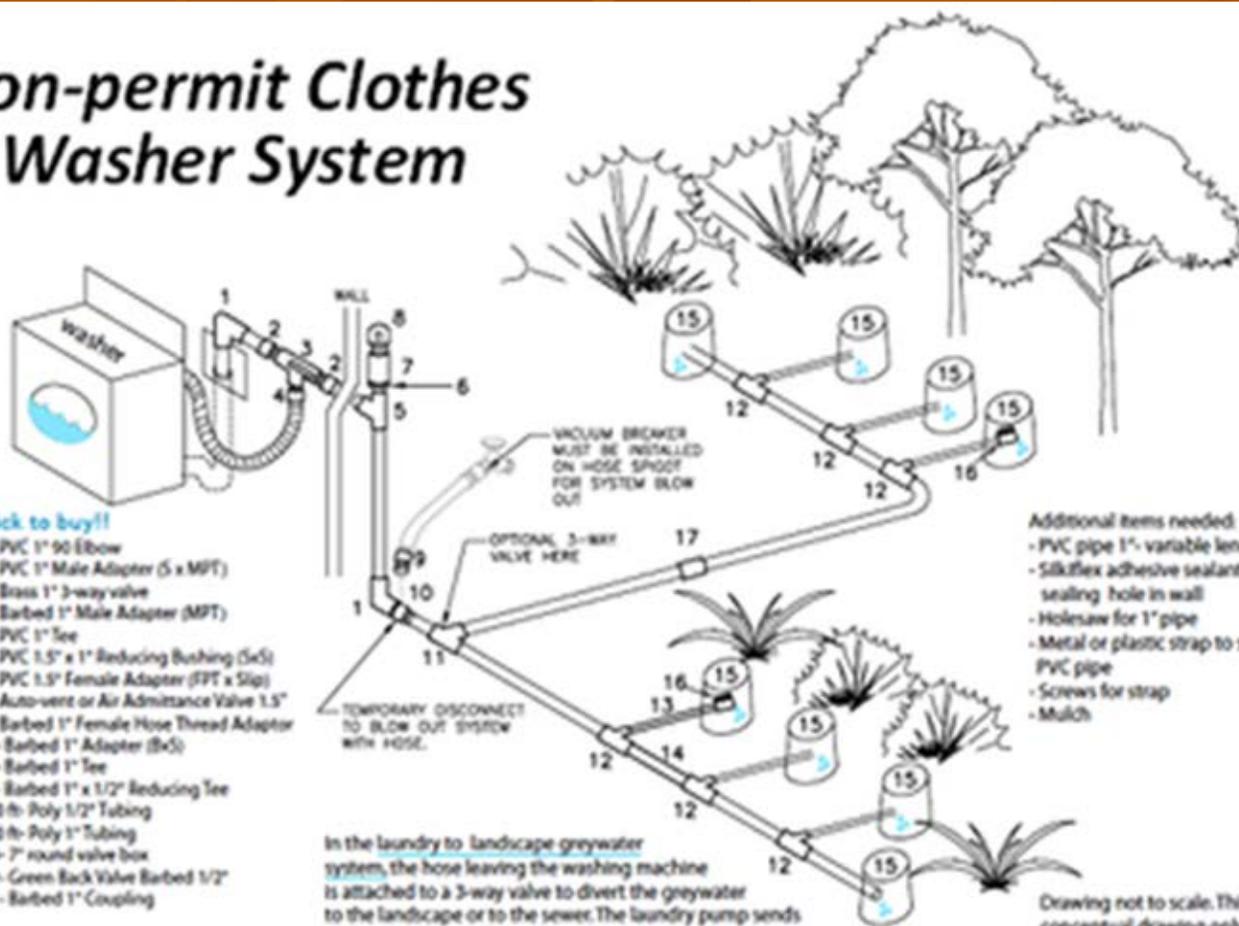
“untreated wastewater that has not been contaminated by any toilet discharge, has not been affected by infectious, contaminated, or unhealthy bodily wastes, and does not present a threat from contamination by unhealthful processing, manufacturing, or operating wastes.”

Graywater includes, but is not limited to, wastewater from bathtubs, showers, bathroom washbasins, clothes washing machines, and laundry tubs, but does not include wastewater from kitchen sinks or dishwashers.

- A typical household (2.6 people) produces about 90 gallons of graywater each day (including about 39 gallons of graywater daily from clothes washers).

- 'Laundry to landscape' systems can supply about $\frac{1}{4}$ of the water necessary to irrigate a typical landscape.

Non-permit Clothes Washer System



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- (1) 4- PVC 1" 90 Elbow
- (2) 2- PVC 1" Male Adapter (5 x MPT)
- (3) 1- Brass 1" 3-way valve
- (4) 1- Barbed 1" Male Adapter (MPT)
- (5) 1- PVC 1" Tee
- (6) 1- PVC 1.5" x 1" Reducing Bushing (5x5)
- (7) 1- PVC 1.5" Female Adapter (FIT x Slip)
- (8) 1- Auto-vent or Air Admittance Valve 1.5"
- (9) 1- Barbed 1" Female Hose Thread Adaptor
- (10) 1- Barbed 1" Adapter (5x5)
- (11) 1- Barbed 1" Tee
- (12) 6- Barbed 1" x 1/2" Reducing Tee
- (13) 10 ft- Poly 1/2" Tubing
- (14) 50 ft- Poly 1" Tubing
- (15) 8- 7" round valve box
- (16) 2- Green Back Valve Barbed 1/2"
- (17) 1- Barbed 1" Coupling

Included in kit but not shown:
 20- U-shaped wire hold-downs (stakes)
 1- PVC Cement - Gorilla 4 ounce
 1- Teflon tape 1/2"

In the laundry to landscape greywater system, the hose leaving the washing machine is attached to a 3-way valve to divert the greywater to the landscape or to the sewer. The laundry pump sends greywater to valve box outlets in the landscape where adjacent plants are watered. This system is low cost, easy to install, and gives great flexibility for irrigation. In most situations this is the number one place to start when choosing a greywater system! [Read more here.](#)

Additional items needed:

- PVC pipe 1"- variable length
- Sikaflex adhesive sealant for sealing hole in wall
- Holesaw for 1" pipe
- Metal or plastic strap to secure PVC pipe
- Screws for strap
- Mulch

Drawing not to scale. This is a conceptual drawing only and not to be used for construction

Due to low but potential health risks, graywater should not be used to irrigate - or come into contact with - edible plants.



Home landscape irrigated with a graywater system



Large landscaped area in Los Angeles
(Casa Domingues) irrigated with a
large, complex graywater system



‘Keeping Plants Alive Under Drought and Water Restrictions’ publication includes:

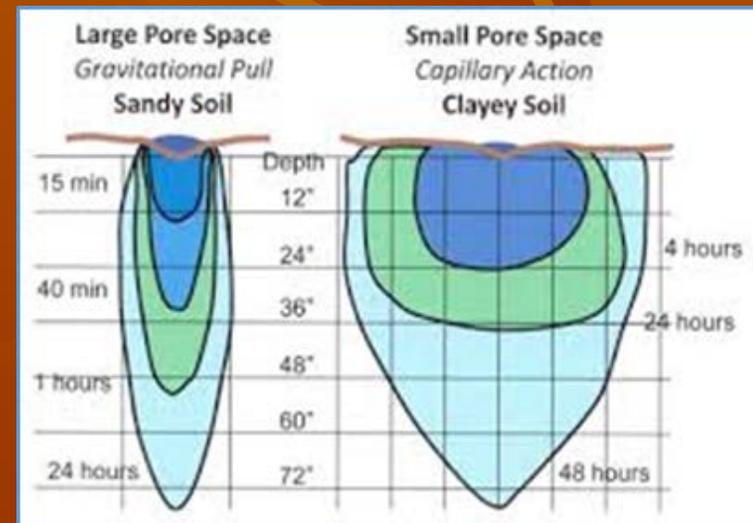
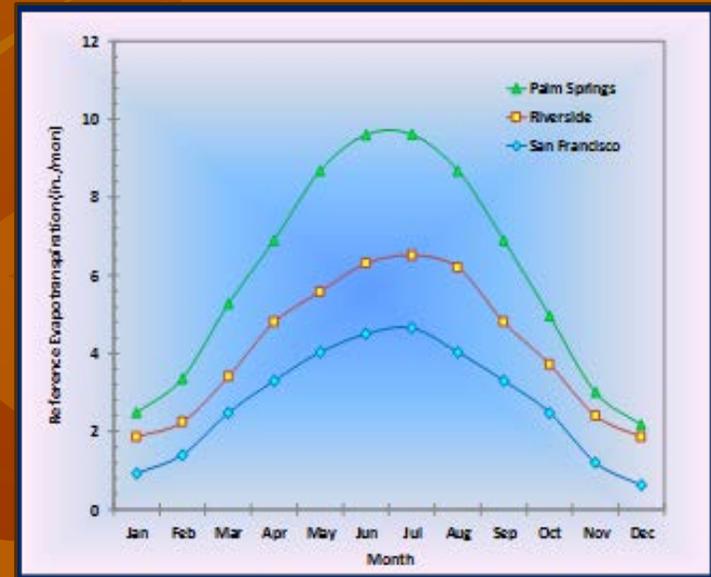
- Symptoms of drought
- Keeping different types of plants alive
- Designing water-efficient landscapes

Symptoms of drought can mimic other biotic and abiotic disorders

Drought (left) vs salt damage (right)



Irrigate based on evapotranspiration, plant water use, and soil type



What about Lawns?

- Poor distribution uniformity of applied water often waste 1/3 – 1/2 or more of water applied
- Warm-season grasses require 25% less water than cool-season grasses



The UC 'Lawn Watering Guide for California'

lists minutes to irrigate based on climate and grass type (free download)

<http://ucanr.org/freepubs/docs/8044.pdf>

Trees

- Most homeowners wisely choose to use whatever water is available to save their fruit and landscape trees.
- One or two deep irrigations with a garden hose several weeks apart in spring and summer will often keep these valued plants alive through summer, especially if roots are relatively deep.



Vegetables

- Vegetables are difficult to maintain during a drought. Know the critical watering periods for vegetables and you can target the timing and amount of water to add.
- As a rule of thumb, water is most critical during the first few weeks of development, immediately after transplanting, and during flowering and fruit production.



What Else Can Be Done Without Starting Over?

Mulch

- Apply 2-3” of mulch around garden plants and trees to hold water in and reduce soil evaporation.
- Keep it several inches away from tree trunks!
- Make sure to water beneath the mulch.



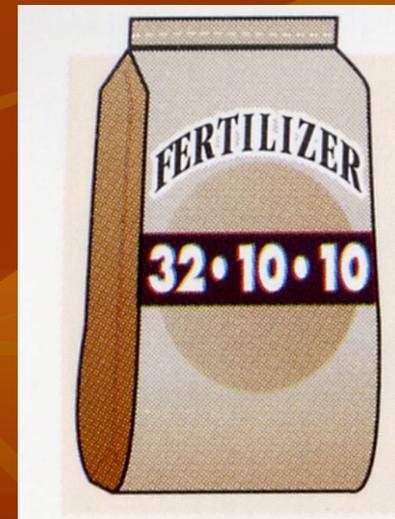
Avoid Planting New Plants in Heat of Summer

- Young plants require frequent irrigation until established and should not be planted during a drought or under water restrictions.
- Even native plants require continually moist root zones during establishment.



Avoid Overfertilizing

- Too much nitrogen results in lush, weak new growth, and increases the need for even more water.
- Too much fertilizer can lead to pollution of waterways.



**Water early in the morning when
evaporation is low**



Keep Weeds Out

- Weeds often outcompete garden plants and trees for water.
- Avoid using chemical herbicides; hand-weed instead. Overuse of pesticides can lead to waterway pollution.



Use a Broom Instead of a Hose to Clean up After Gardening/Pruning

- Save water and avoid polluting waterways.
- Get some exercise!



What about Long-Term Solutions?

- Once water restrictions are lifted consider replacing all or a portion of your lawn with drip-irrigated water-efficient ornamentals.
- Hydrozone: place plants with similar water needs together.
- Before planting, mix compost evenly several inches into the soil to improve water holding capacity and decrease the chance of waterway pollution



Advice to Grow by...Ask Us!

UCCE Master Gardener Program

University of California Cooperative Extension



**Homeowners can Contact a Trained
Master Gardener for More Information**

Master Gardener Program San Bernardino County





Areas of Emphasis:

- Sustainable Landscapes**
 - Food Production**
 - Healthy Communities**



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Thank you!



Water Quality in the Santa Ana Region

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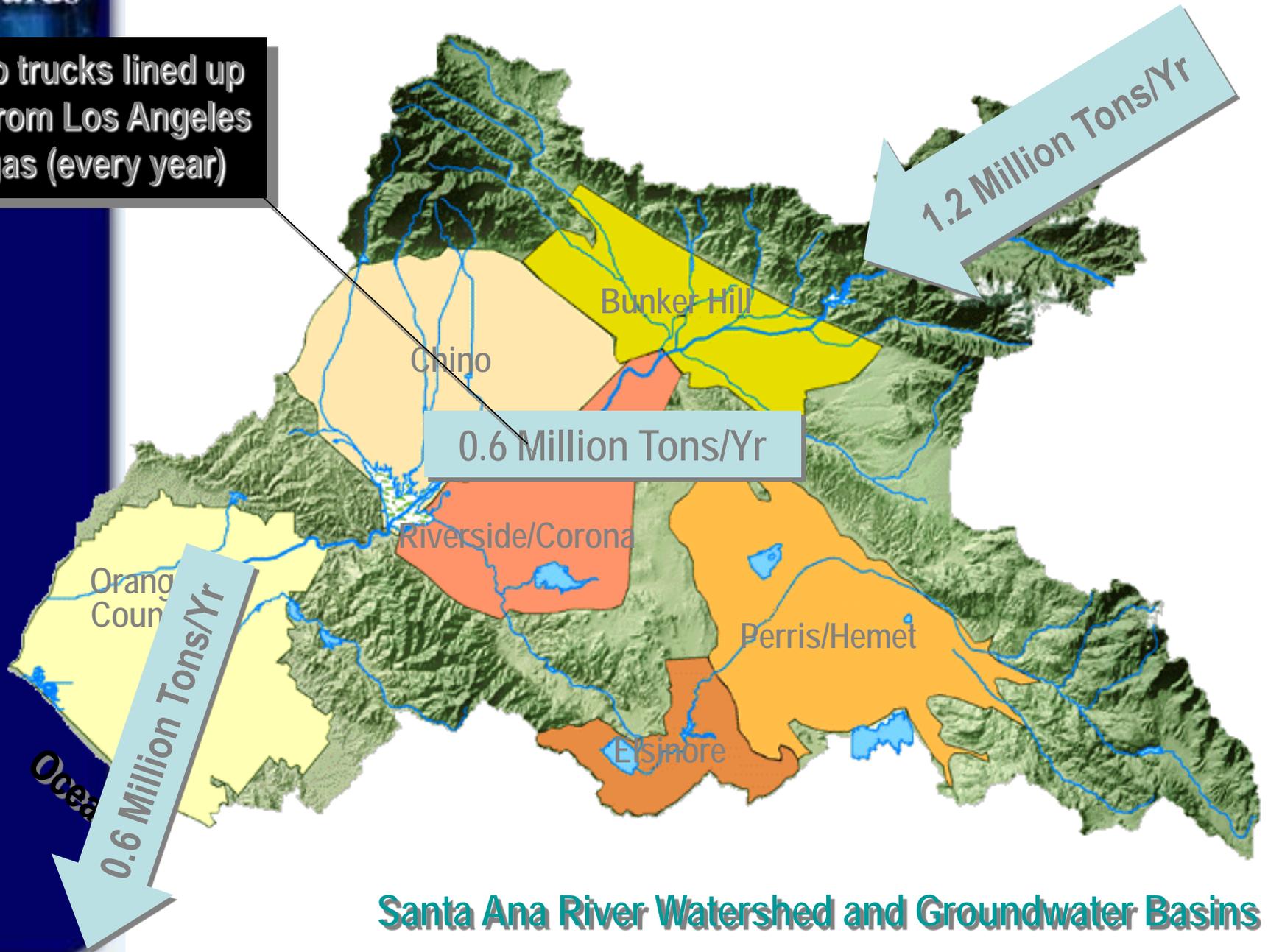
- 70% local supply
- Groundwater important, but some areas rely on imports
- Water quality challenges



Water Boards

Watershed Salt Accumulation

37,000 dump trucks lined up end-to-end from Los Angeles to Las Vegas (every year)



Santa Ana River Watershed and Groundwater Basins

Salt Management

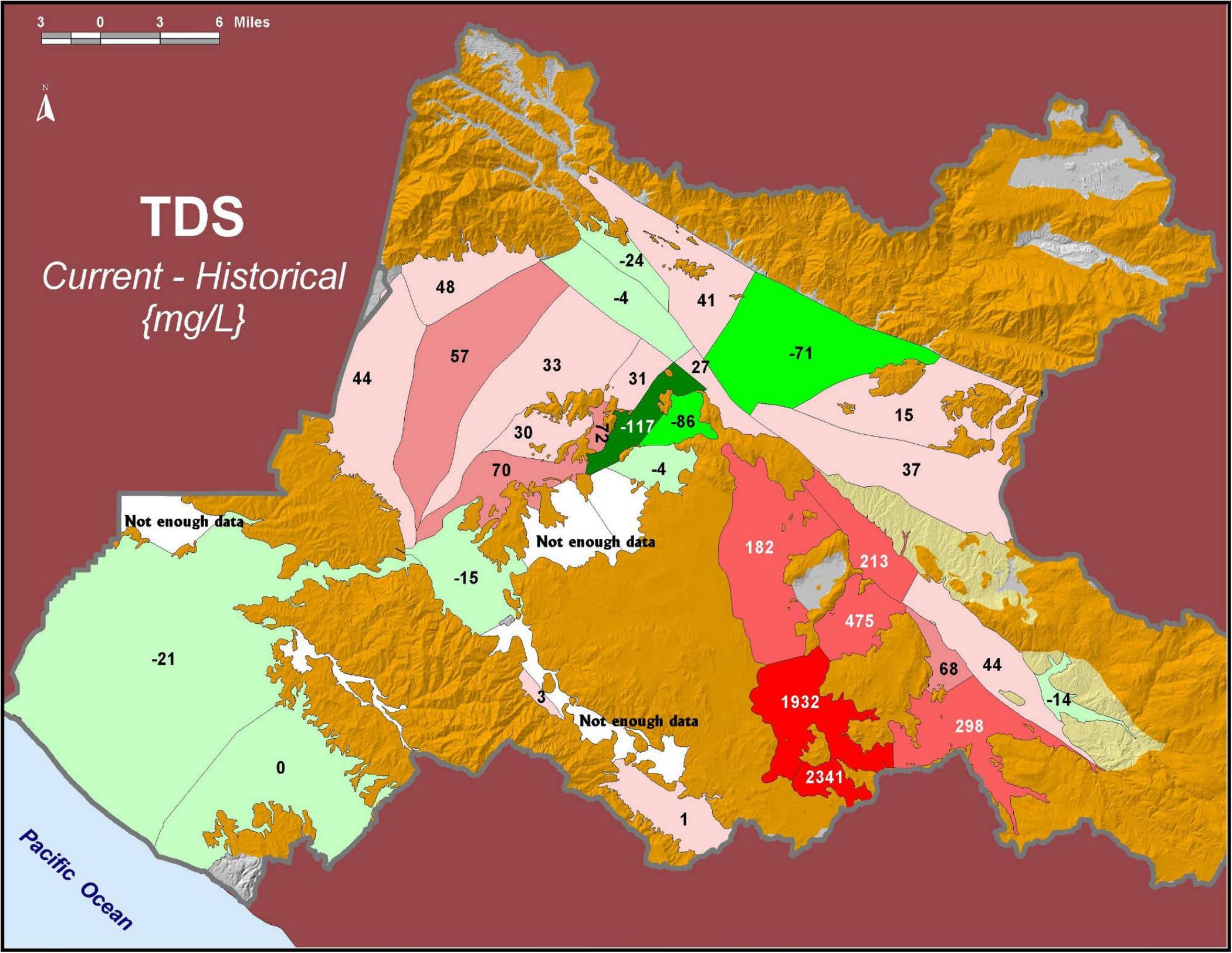
- Regulatory program in Basin Plan
- Regional desalters
- Salt export through Brine Line
- Recalculation of ambient quality
- Provide for use of recycled water

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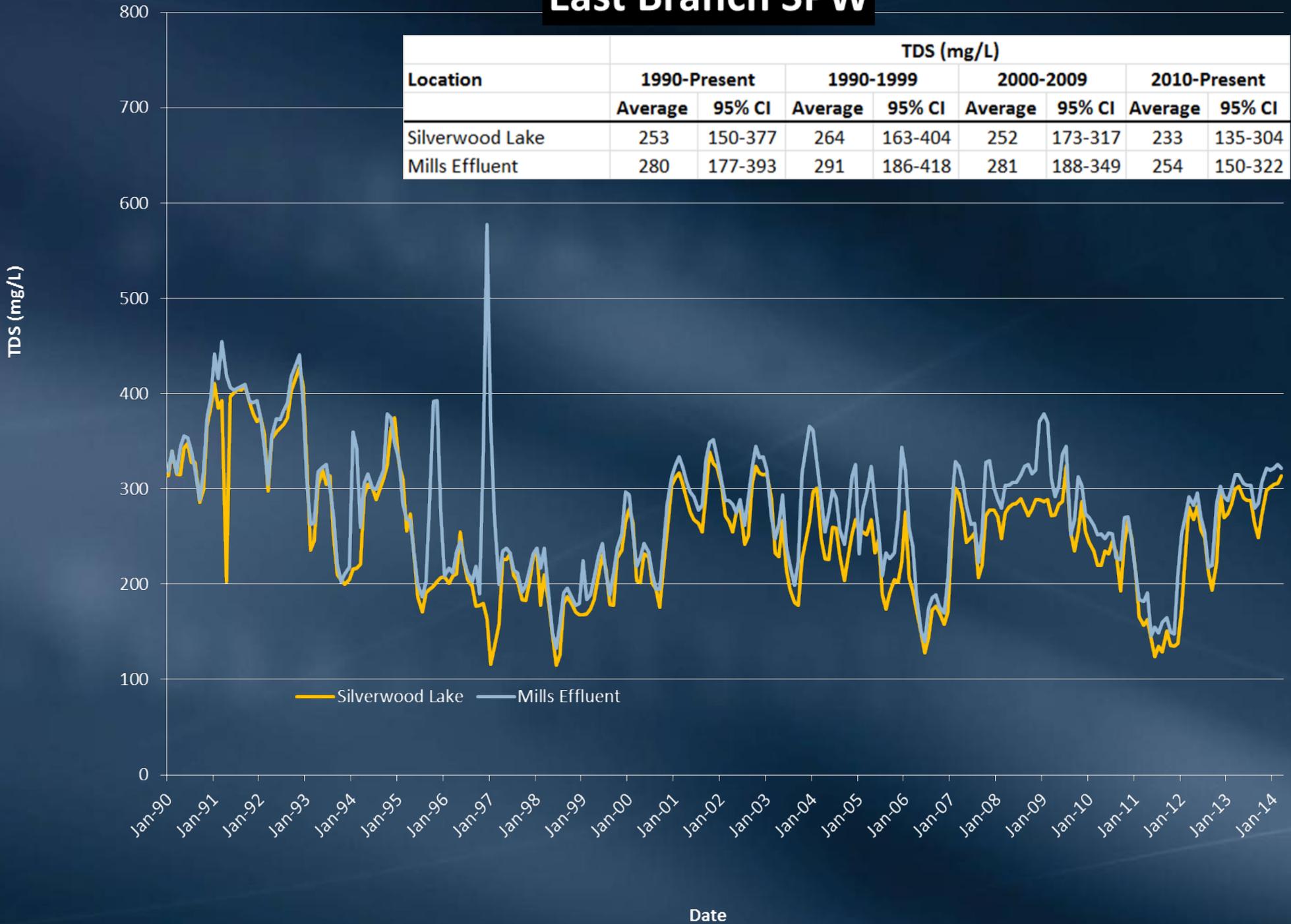


TDS

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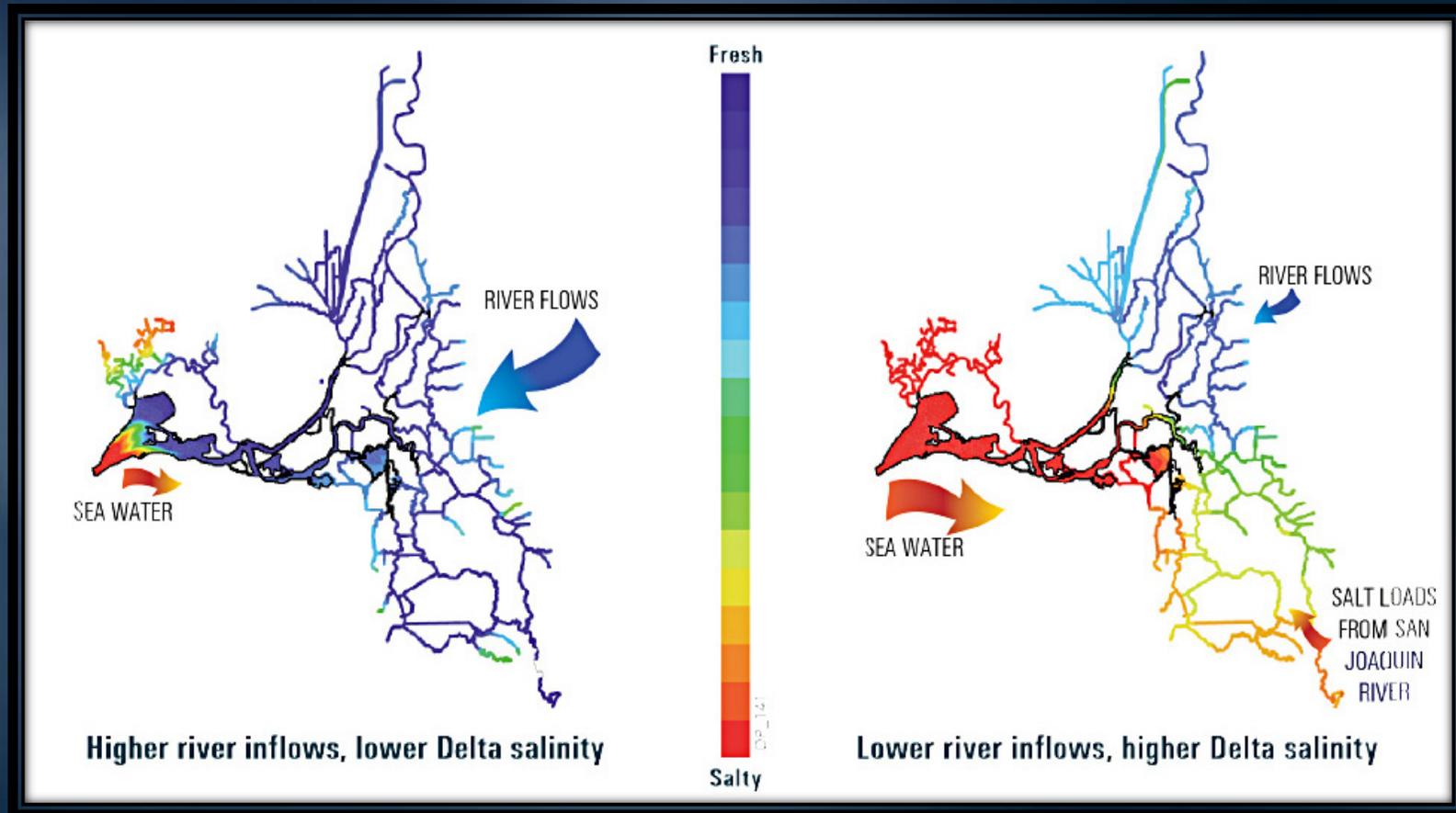


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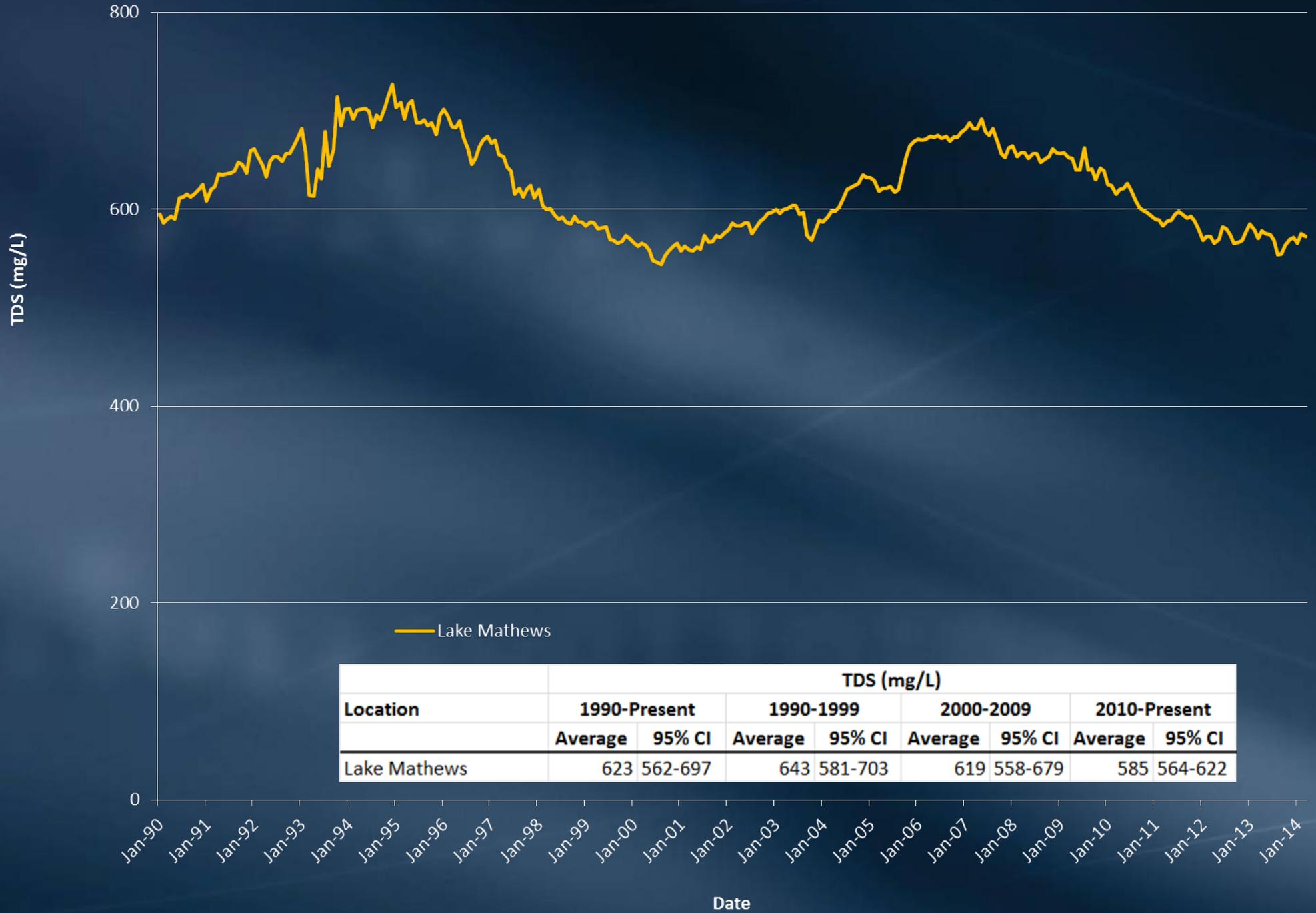


Drought Impacts on Water Quality

- Low Delta outflows
- High salinity near pumps



Colorado River Aqueduct (TDS)



Recycled Water

- “Purple pipe” systems
- Indirect potable reuse (IPR)
 - Currently practiced in Orange County
- Direct potable reuse (DPR)
 - Feasibility being studied by State Water Board

Investments In Water Reliability



- Joint project of OC Sanitation District and OC Water District
- Operational since January 2008
- 70 million gallons day advanced water purification facility
- Provides 23 billion gallons per year new water
- Takes treated wastewater that otherwise would flow to ocean and purifies it to near-distilled quality



GWRS Purification Process

- Purifies highly-treated wastewater using microfiltration, reverse osmosis, and ultraviolet light with hydrogen peroxide. Once purified, minerals are added to stabilize the water
- 30 million gallons injected into Orange County's seawater barrier each day
- Remaining water is piped to recharge basins in Anaheim



Microfiltration

*Reverse
Osmosis*



*Ultraviolet
Light with
Hydrogen
Peroxide*

Comparison of Salt Load in GWRS & Colorado River Water

