

# Integrated Water Flow Model (IWFM)

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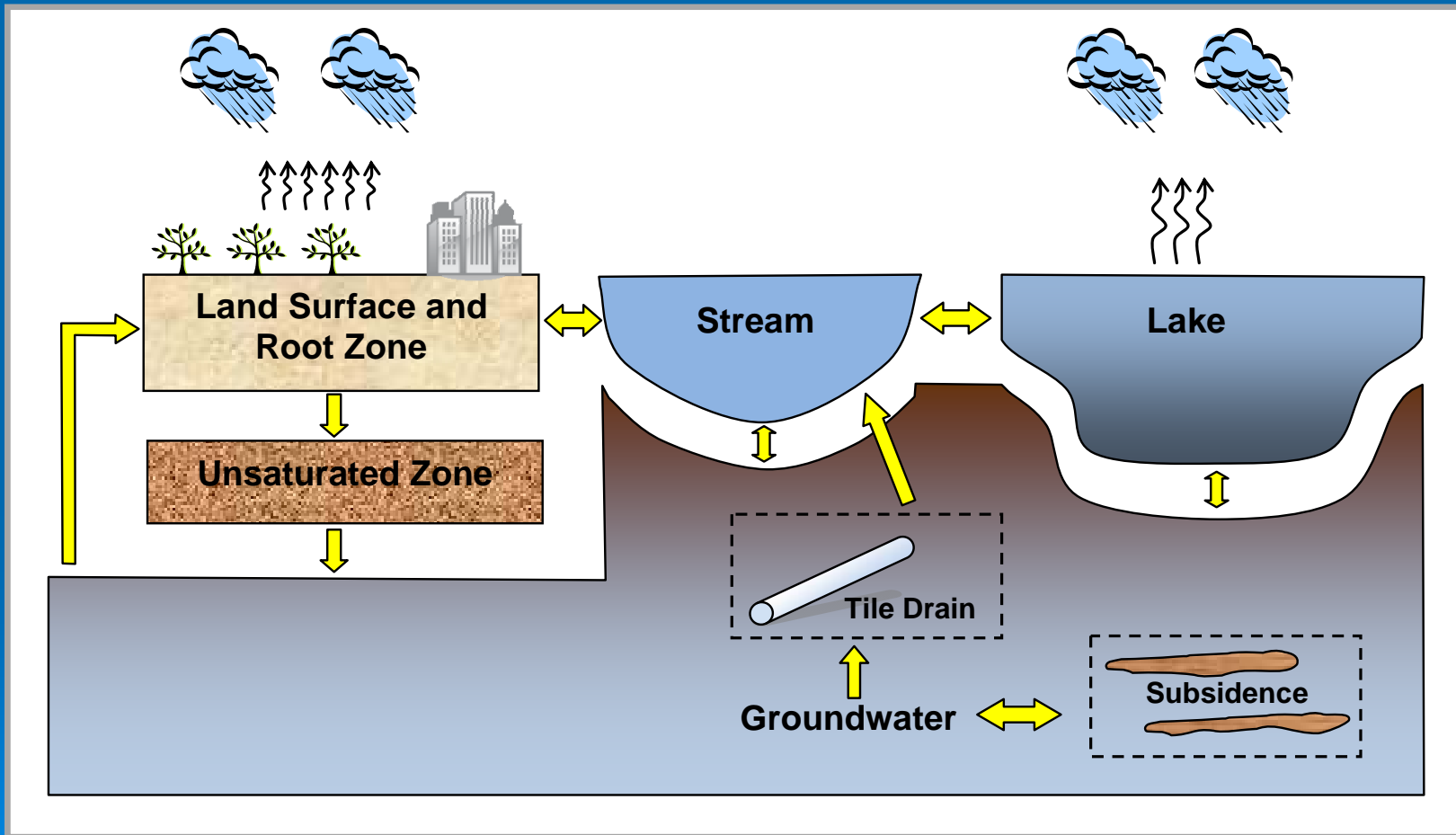
# Introduction

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- What is an Integrated Groundwater – Surface Water model ?
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- DWR's guiding principles for model development
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# What is an Integrated Groundwater – Surface Water model



# Why was IWFM Developed

- To improve accounting of ground water and the surface-ground water interaction in the CVP-SWP system model CalSim3
- As a stand-alone to better understand the historical evolution of water resources in the Central Valley (C2VSIM)
- To study the impacts of climate change on long term ground water conditions and of meeting future demands with constrained supplies
- Tool to address the complexities of planning for and implementing Integrated Regional Water Management Plans and others



# Guiding Principles for Model Development

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- Meets DWR needs
- Non-proprietary models (to the extent possible)
- Technically qualified staff in development, enhancement, application, and technical support
- Transparency in development and stakeholders input
- Public availability (free) through GNU license
- Practicality in applications



# Historical Timeline for IWFM Development

| Version        | Release | Key Changes  |
|----------------|---------|--|
| IGSM2 1.0      | 2002    | Major revisions to IGSM5.0 and code  |
| IGSM2 1.01     | 2003    | Minor code corrections   |
| IGSM2 2.0      | 2003    | More robust solutions techniques<br>Improved simulation of aquifer-surface water interactions and output files |
| IGSM2 2.01     | 2004    | Minor code corrections   |
| IGSM2 2.2      | 2005    | Zone budgeting post-processor  |
| IWFM 2.3       | 2005    | Re-use of irrigation return flow   |
| IWFM 2.4       | 2006    | Modified routing procedure for root zone soil moisture   |
| IWFM 3.0       | 2007    | Enhancements in root zone soil moisture simulation<br>Improved printout features                               |
| IWFM 3.01-3.02 | 2008-10 | Enhancements in root zone soil moisture simulation<br>Enhancements in deep percolation - runoff                |
| IWFM 4.0       | 2012    | Demands at the element level<br>Object - oriented programming  |



# Documents Released to Peer Reviewers

## Model Documentation

1. IWFM v3.02 Theoretical Documentation (**print, digital**)
2. IWFM v3.02 User's Manual (**print, digital**)
3. Source code (**digital**)
4. Verification Problems for IWFM (**print, digital**)
5. IWFM-MODFLOW FMP Comparison Documents (**print, digital**)
6. Accuracy control and performance enhancement of linear solvers for the Integrated Water Flow Model (Dixon et. al, 2010) (**print, digital**)
7. Flow computation and mass balance in Galerkin finite-element groundwater models (Dogrul and Kadir, J. Hydraulic Engineering, 2006) (**print, digital**)
8. Error control of iterative linear solvers for integrated groundwater models (Dixon et. al, Ground Water, 2011) (**print, digital**)





# Documents Released to Peer Reviewers (cont)

## Field Applications

1. Butte County IWFM model documents (**digital**)
2. Walla Walla Basin, Oregon model documentation (**digital**)
3. Drought resilience of the California Central Valley surface-ground- water- conveyance system (Miller et. al, JAWRA, 2009) (**print, digital**)
4. IDC application by WRIME to Treasure Valley in Idaho (**digital**)
5. WESTSIM (**digital**)

Note: The C2VSIM documentation was released in May 2012 for internal review prior to public release. It is available to the Peer Reviewers



# Summary

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- Sound theoretical basis
- Extensively tested
- Well documented
- Available for free to the public (posted on website)
- Technical support
- Numerous applications at regional scales
- Peer reviewed
- Linked to system (reservoir allocation) model CalSim 3.0

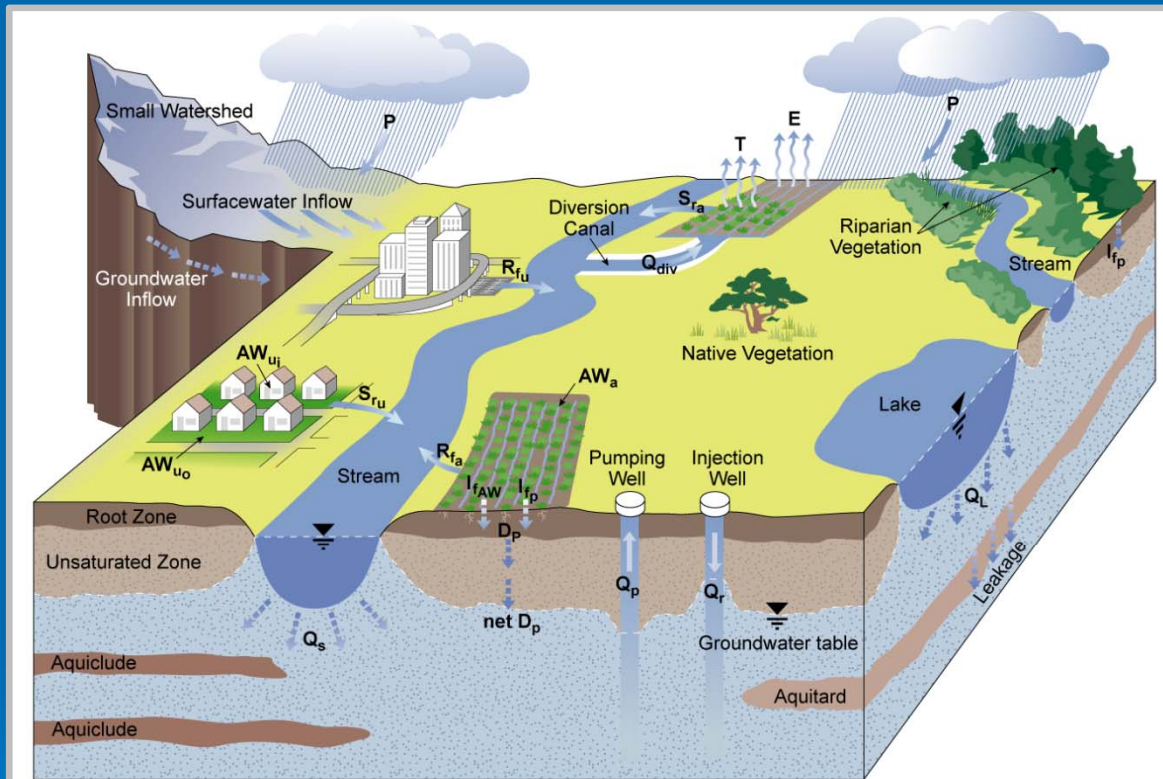


# Integrated Water Flow Model (IWFM): Overview

- An open-source, regional-scale integrated hydrologic model that simulates groundwater flow, surface flows, and surface-groundwater interactions
- A tool that allows the user to represent agricultural and urban water management practices, and their effects on the water system
- A planning and analysis tool as it computes agricultural and urban water demands based on climatic, soil, land-use and agronomic parameters, and tries to meet this demand with pumping and stream diversions
- Written in FORTRAN



# IWFM: Overview



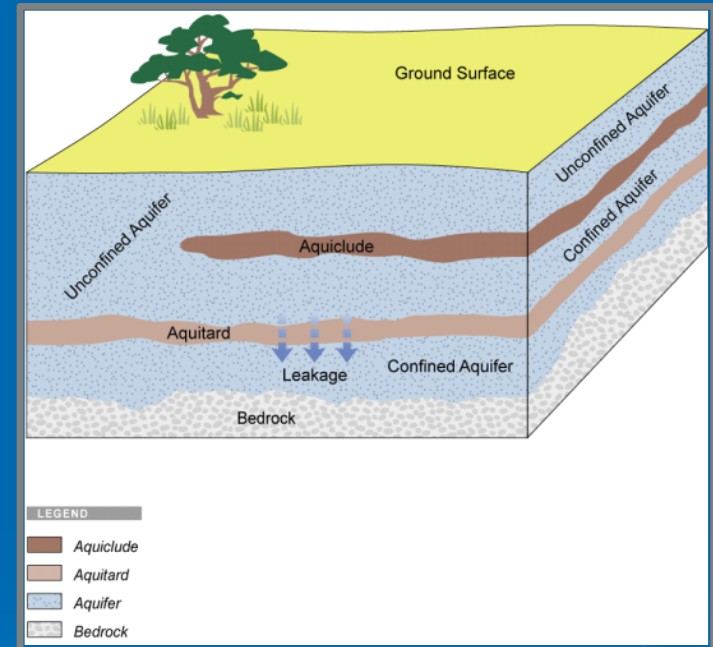
**LEGEND**

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| <b>P</b> .....Precipitation                                      | <b>I<sub>fAW</sub></b> ..... Infiltration of applied water                  | <b>net D<sub>p</sub></b> ...Recharge to the groundwater aquifer |
| <b>AW<sub>a</sub></b> ..... Water applied to agricultural lands  | <b>Q<sub>div</sub></b> ..... Surface water diversion                        | <b>Q<sub>p</sub></b> .....Pumping from groundwater aquifer      |
| <b>AW<sub>ui</sub></b> ..... Water applied to indoor urban lands | <b>S<sub>ra</sub></b> ..... Agricultural runoff                             | <b>Q<sub>r</sub></b> ..... Recharge to groundwater aquifer      |
| <b>AW<sub>uo</sub></b> ... Water applied to outdoor urban lands  | <b>S<sub>ru</sub></b> ..... Urban runoff                                    | <b>Q<sub>s</sub></b> ..... Stream-groundwater interaction       |
| <b>E</b> .....Evaporation  | <b>R<sub>fa</sub></b> ..... Agricultural return flow                        | <b>Q<sub>L</sub></b> .....Lake-groundwater interaction          |
| <b>T</b> ..... Transpiration                                     | <b>R<sub>fu</sub></b> .....Urban return flow                                |   |
| <b>I<sub>fP</sub></b> ..... Infiltration of precipitation        | <b>D<sub>p</sub></b> .....Deep percolation of water to the unsaturated zone |   |



# Groundwater Flow

- Flow simulation for a combination of confined, unconfined, and leaky aquifer layers separated by aquitards or aquicludes
- Simulation of changing aquifer conditions and subsidence
- Quasi 3-dimensional approach
- Use of Galerkin finite element method for the numerical solution of the governing equation



# Groundwater Flow Equation

$$\frac{\partial S_s h}{\partial t} - \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{T} \nabla \mathbf{h}) + I_u L_u (h - h_u) + I_d L_d (h - h_d) - Q = 0$$

$S_s$  = Storativity, (dimensionless);

$h$  = Groundwater head, (L);

$T$  = Transmissivity =  $Kh$ , ( $L^2/T$ );

$K$  = Hydraulic conductivity; ( $L/T$ );

$h_s$  = Saturated thickness of aquifer, (L);

$t$  = Time (T);

$I_u, I_d$  = Indicator functions for top and bottom aquifer, (dimensionless);

$h_u, h_d$  = Groundwater head at adjacent upper and lower aquifer layers, (L/T);

$L_u, L_d$  = Leakage coefficients of adjacent upper and lower aquifer layers, ( $1/T$ );

$Q$  = Source/sink term, ( $L/T$ ).



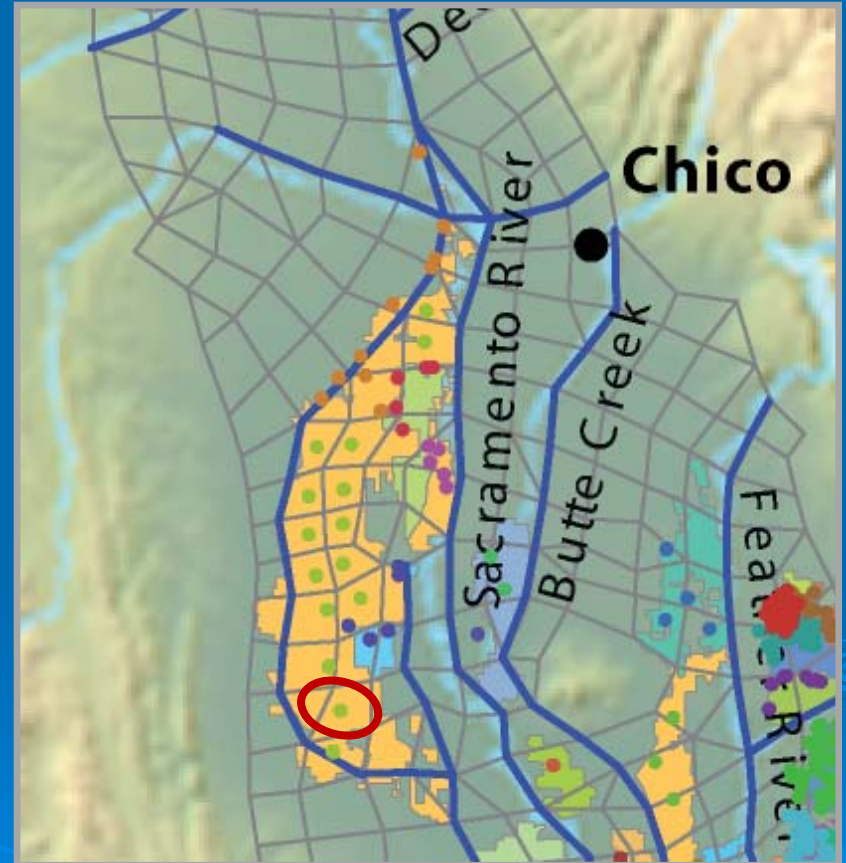
# Boundary Conditions for Groundwater



- Specified head
- Specified flow
- General head boundary conditions
- Small stream watersheds as dynamically computed flow boundary conditions

# Pumping

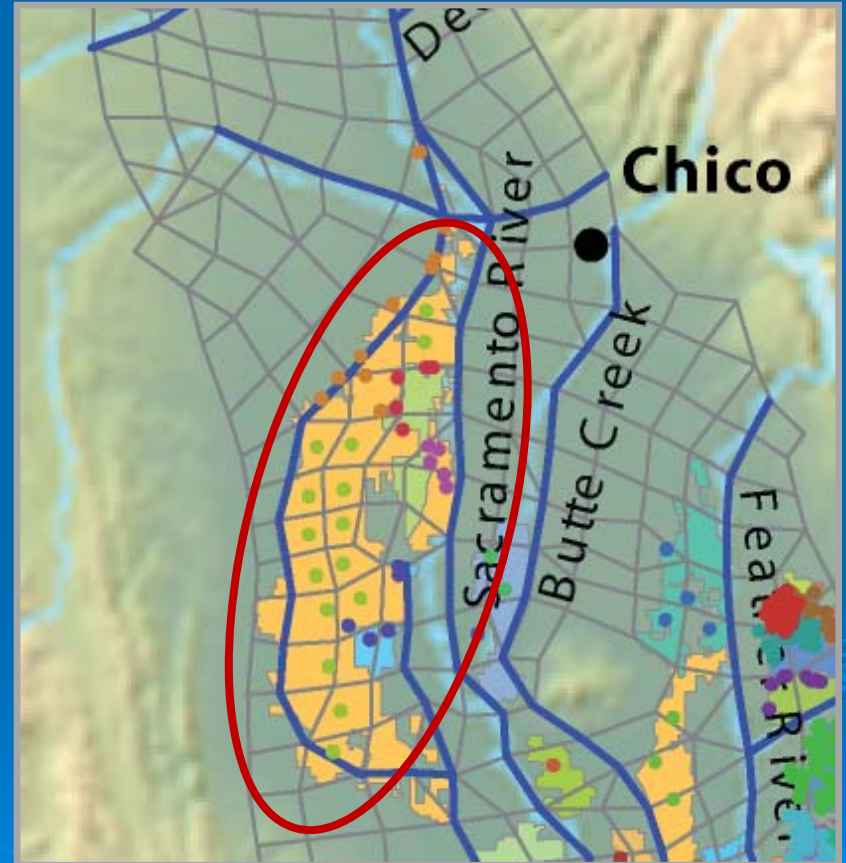
- Pumping by well
  - Used when exact location and construction details of wells are known
  - Pumping at the well is distributed to aquifer layers based on the screened interval of the well in an aquifer layer





# Pumping

- Pumping by element
  - Used when detailed well information is not available, but pumping amounts for an area that is represented by multiple finite element cells are known
  - Pumping is distributed horizontally to cells with respect to developed area in each cell (surrogate for water demand)
  - In each cell, pumping is distributed to aquifer layers based on user specified fractions



# Tile Drains

- Tile drains are simulated as general head boundary conditions:

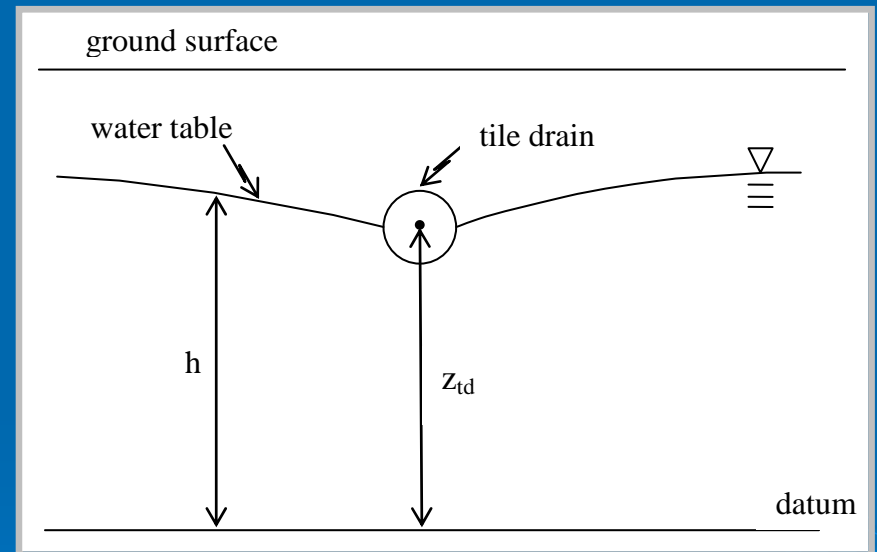
$$Q_{td} = C_{td}(z_{td} - h) \leq 0$$

$Q_{td}$  = tile drain flow, [L<sup>3</sup>/T]

$C_{td}$  = conductance, [L<sup>2</sup>/T]

$z_{td}$  = tile drain elevation, [L]

$h$  = groundwater head, [L]

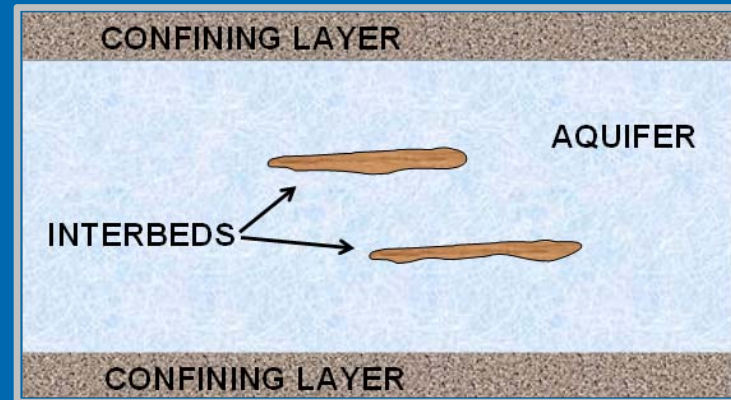


- Tile drain flows can be directed into specified stream nodes or outside the model area



# Subsidence

- Optional simulation of elastic and inelastic compaction of interbedded materials
- Storage change due to subsidence is added to the groundwater equation



$$q_s = S'_s \frac{\partial h}{\partial t} \quad ; \quad S'_s = \begin{cases} S_{se} b_o & \text{if } h > h_c \\ S_{si} b_o & \text{if } h \leq h_c \end{cases} \quad ; \quad \Delta b = \begin{cases} -\Delta h S_{se} b_o & \text{if } h > h_c \\ -\Delta h S_{si} b_o & \text{if } h \leq h_c \end{cases}$$

$q_s$  = rate of inflow or outflow due to subsidence, (L/T)

$S_{se}$  = elastic specific storage, (1/L)

$S_{si}$  = inelastic specific storage, (1/L)

$b_o$  = interbed thickness, (L)

$h_c$  = pre-consolidation head, (L)

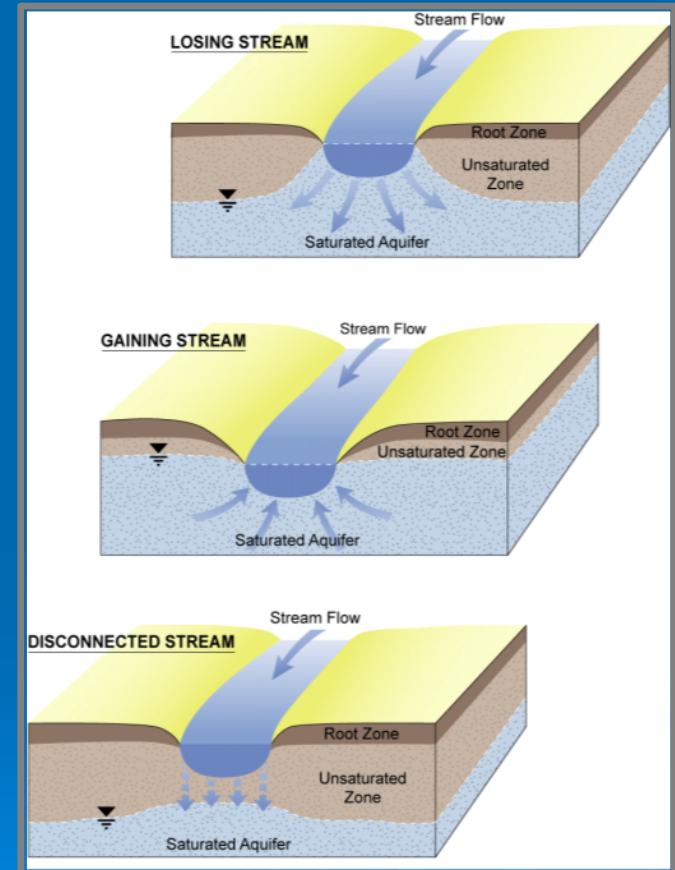
$\Delta h$  = change in groundwater head, (L)

$\Delta b$  = change interbed thickness, (L)



# Stream Flow and Stream-Aquifer Interaction

- Assumption of zero storage at a stream node in computing stream flows; i.e. total inflow equals total outflow
- Fully coupled stream and groundwater conservation equations
- Simultaneous solution of stream and groundwater equations results in the computation of stream-aquifer interaction



# Stream Flow

- Assumption of zero storage at a stream node

$$Q_s - Q_{\text{sin}} + Q_{\text{sout}} = 0$$

$Q_s$  = stream flow, ( $L^3/T$ )

$Q_{\text{sin}}$  = inflows into stream (flow from upstream nodes, return flow, rainfall runoff, tributary inflows, tile drain, lake outflow, bypass, user specified flows), ( $L^3/T$ )

$Q_{\text{sout}}$  = outflows from stream (diversions, bypass flows, stream-aquifer interaction), ( $L^3/T$ )

- Assumption requires simulation time step to be large enough for stream flow to travel from upstream to downstream in a single time step



# Stream-Groundwater Interaction

$$Q_{\text{sint}} = C_s \left[ \max(h_s, h_b) - \max(h, h_b) \right] ; C_s = \frac{K_s L W}{d_s}$$

$Q_{\text{sint}}$  = stream-aquifer interaction, ( $L^3/T$ )

$h$  = groundwater head, (L)

$h_s$  = stream surface elevation, (L)

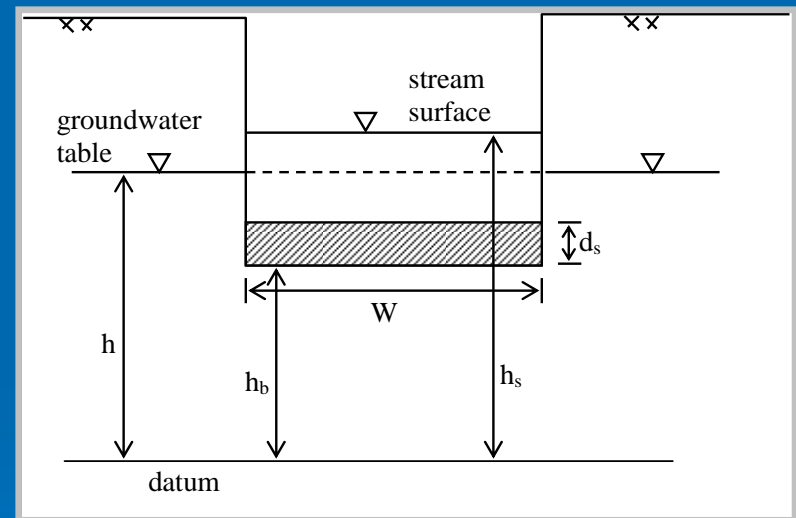
$h_b$  = stream bottom elevation, (L)

$K_s$  = stream bed hydraulic conductivity, (L/T)

$d_s$  = stream bed thickness, (L)

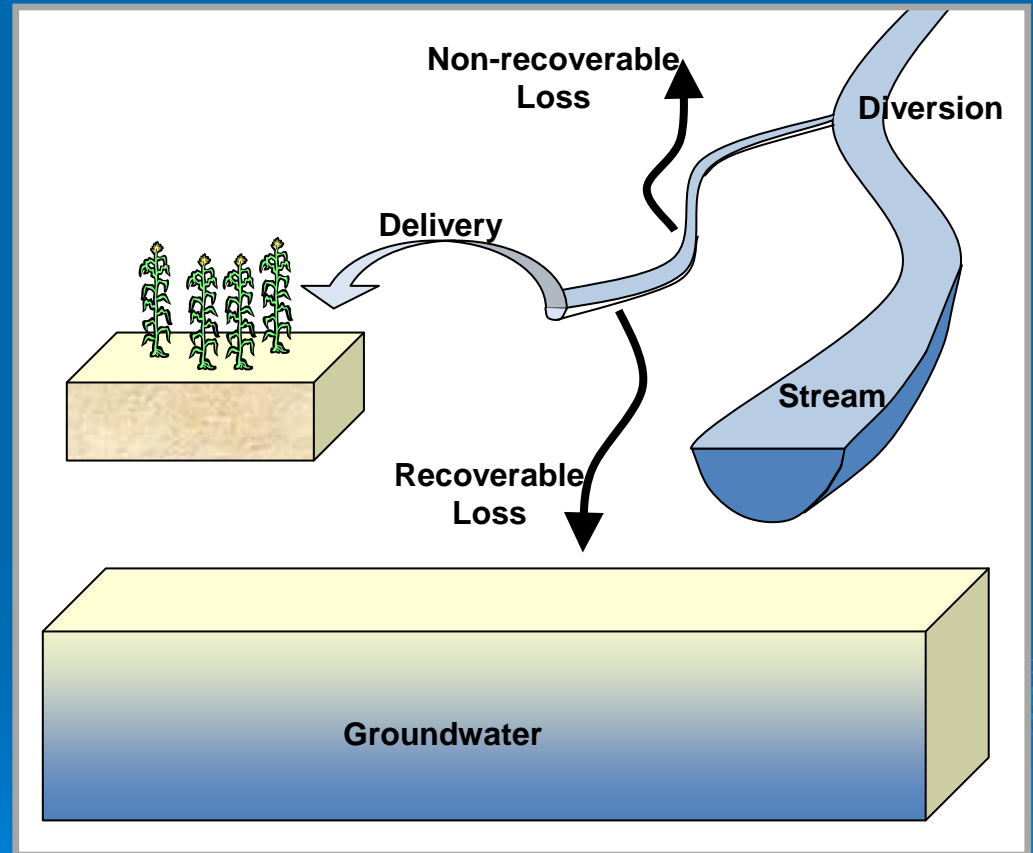
$L$  = length of stream segment, (L)

$W$  = channel width, (L)



# Stream Diversions

- Used to meet agricultural and urban water demands
- User-specified fractions of diversion become recoverable (recharge to groundwater) and non-recoverable (evaporation) losses
- May be used to simulate spreading basins (100% recoverable and non-recoverable losses)



# Lakes and Lake-Aquifer Interaction

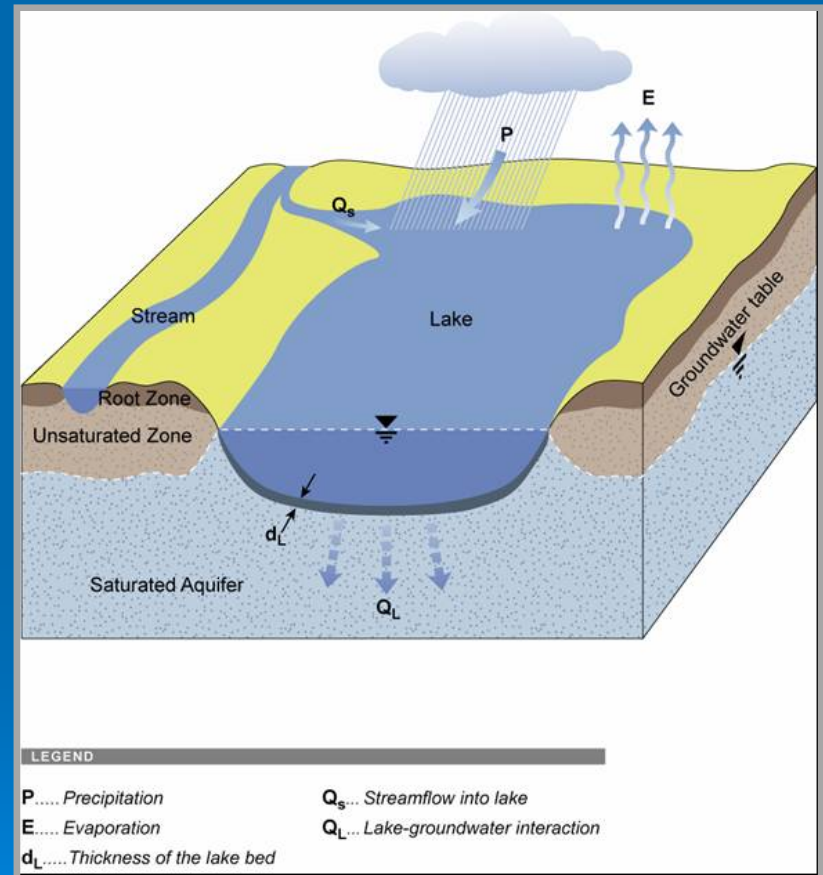
- One or more elements can be specified as lake elements
- Lakes are fully coupled with groundwater
- Lake storage is a function of precipitation, evaporation, inflows, lake-aquifer interaction and lake outflow

$$\frac{\Delta S_{lk}}{\Delta t} - Q_{lkin} + Q_{lkout} = 0$$

$\Delta S_{lk}$  = change in lake storage, ( $L^3$ )

$Q_{lkin}$  = lake inflow (precipitation, inflows from streams and upstream lakes), ( $L^3/T$ )

$Q_{lkout}$  = lake outflow (evaporation, lake spill, lake-aquifer interaction), ( $L^3/T$ )





# Lake-Groundwater Interaction

$$Q_{lkint} = C_{lk} \left[ \max(h_{lk}, h_{blk}) - \max(h, h_{blk}) \right] ; \quad C_{lk} = \frac{K_{lk}}{d_{lk}} A_{lk}$$

$Q_{lkint}$  = lake-aquifer interaction, ( $L^3/T$ )

$h$  = groundwater head, (L)

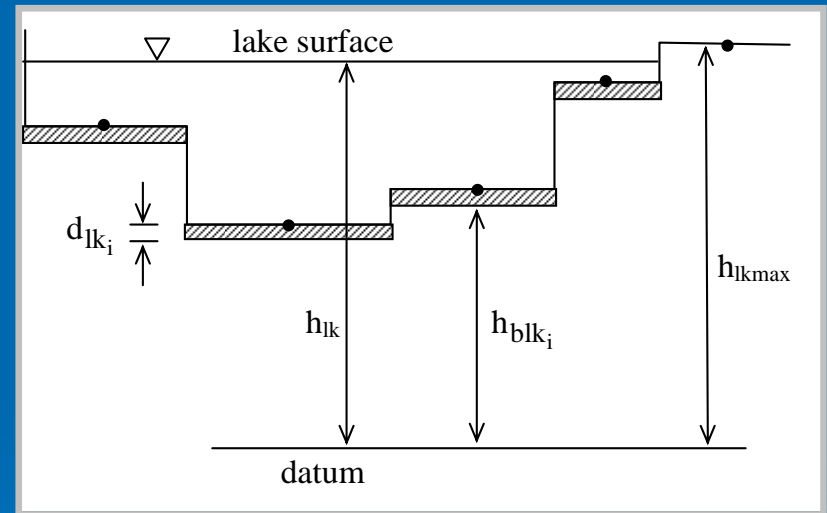
$h_{lk}$  = lake surface elevation, (L)

$h_{blk}$  = lake bottom elevation, (L)

$K_{lk}$  = lake bed hydraulic conductivity, (L/T)

$d_{lk}$  = lake bed thickness, (L)

$A_{lk}$  = area of lake, (L)



- Lake outflow is computed when lake surface elevation exceeds maximum lake elevation
- Lake outflow can be directed to a stream node or a downstream lake



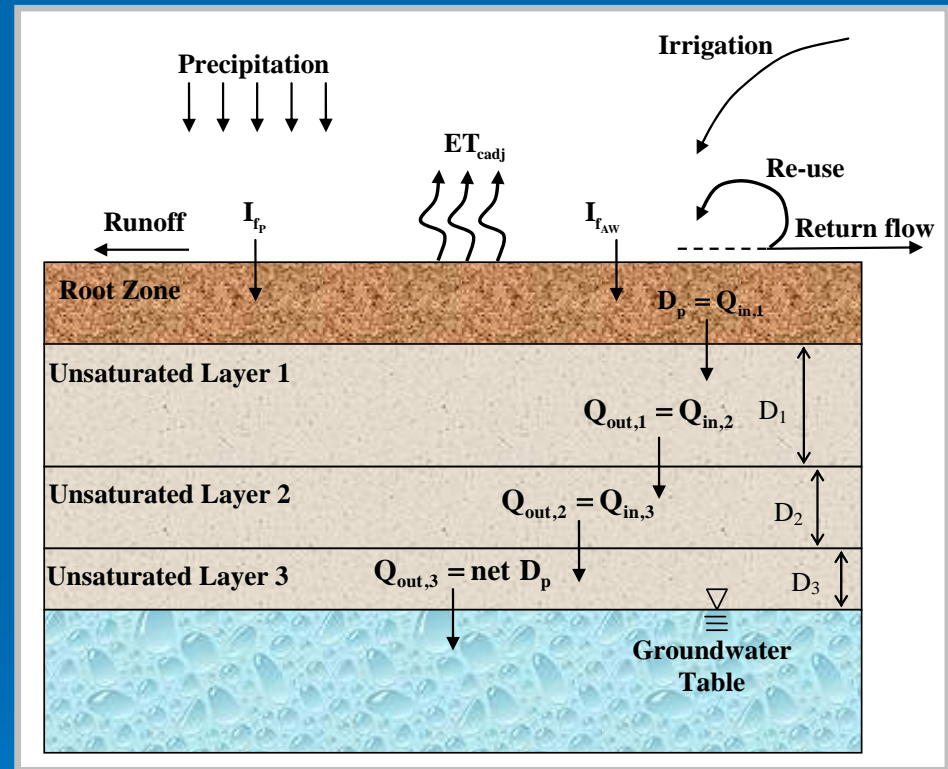
# Land Surface and Root Zone Processes

- Land surface and root zone component makes IWFM a powerful tool as it routes the water through the root zone as well as calculates the water demands
- Calculation of water demands based on land-use, climate, soil and agronomic properties allows estimation of historical or future stresses (pumping and diversions) in a basin
- Simulated as one-dimensional vertical flow



# Land Surface and Root Zone Processes

- Precipitation and irrigation less direct runoff and return flow is the inflow into root zone
- Deep percolation from root zone is the inflow into unsaturated zone
- Net deep percolation from unsaturated zone is the recharge to groundwater
- 4 land-use types considered: agricultural, urban, native vegetation, riparian vegetation
- Unsaturated zone layer thicknesses are time-dependent; conservation equations in unsaturated zone layers are solved iteratively



# Land Surface and Root Zone Processes

- Governing conservation equation for the root zone:

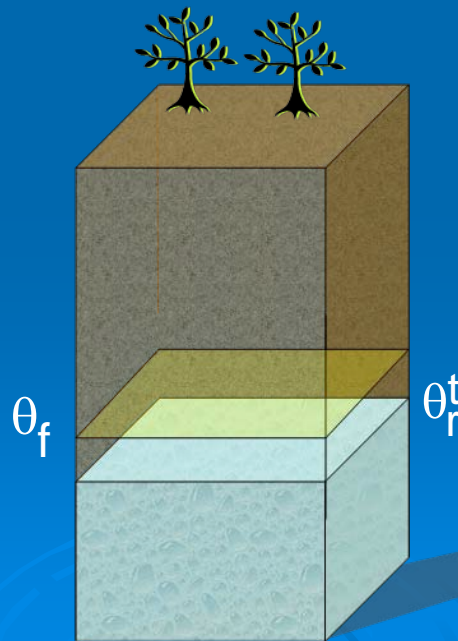
$$\theta_r^{t+1} = \theta_r^t + \left[ (P - S_r) + (A_W - R_f) - ET_{cadj} - D_p \right] \Delta t$$

- where
- $\theta_r$  = soil moisture, (L);
  - $P$  = precipitation, (L/T);
  - $S_r$  = surface runoff from precipitation, (L/T);
  - $A_W$  = applied water, (L/T);
  - $R_f$  = return flow of applied water, (L/T);
  - $ET_{cadj}$  = adjusted evapotranspiration, (L/T);
  - $D_p$  = deep percolation, (L/T);
  - $\Delta t$  = time step length, (T);
  - $t$  = time step counter (dimensionless).



# Land Surface and Root Zone Processes

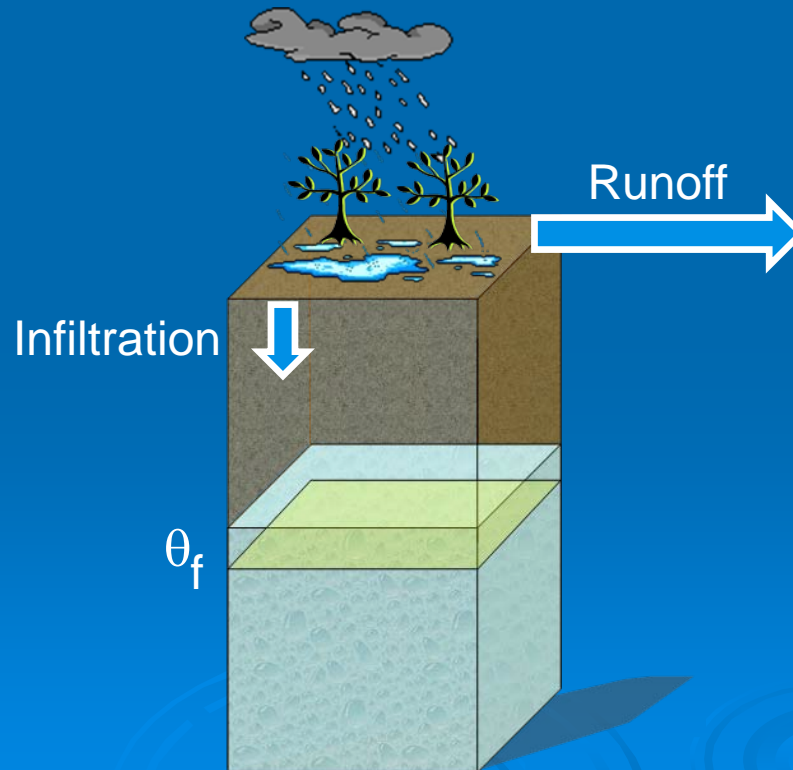
Initial condition



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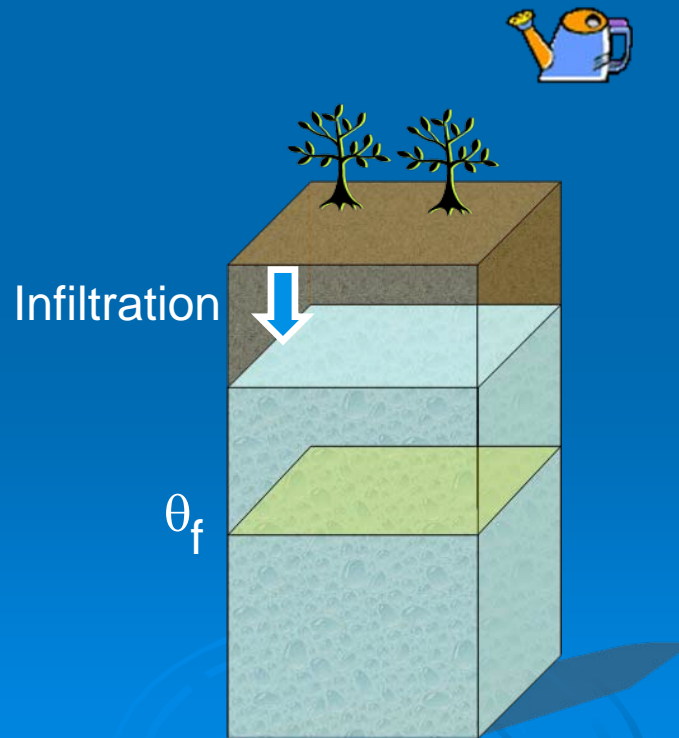
Step 1: Compute rainfall runoff and infiltration of precipitation

- Modified SCS Curve Number method (retention parameter,  $S$ , decreases as moisture goes above half of field capacity)



# Land Surface and Root Zone Processes

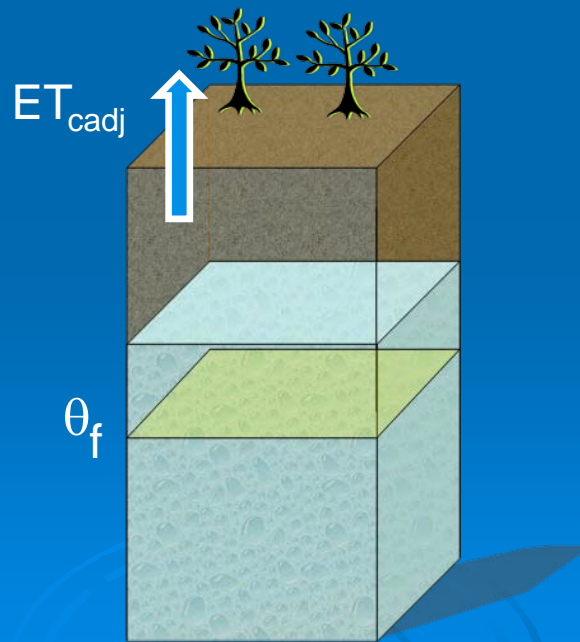
Step 2: Apply irrigation and initially assume all infiltrates



# Land Surface and Root Zone Processes

Step 3: Compute evapotranspiration (FAO Paper 56, 1998)

- Same as potential ET when moisture is at or above half of field capacity
- Decreases linearly when moisture is below half of field capacity



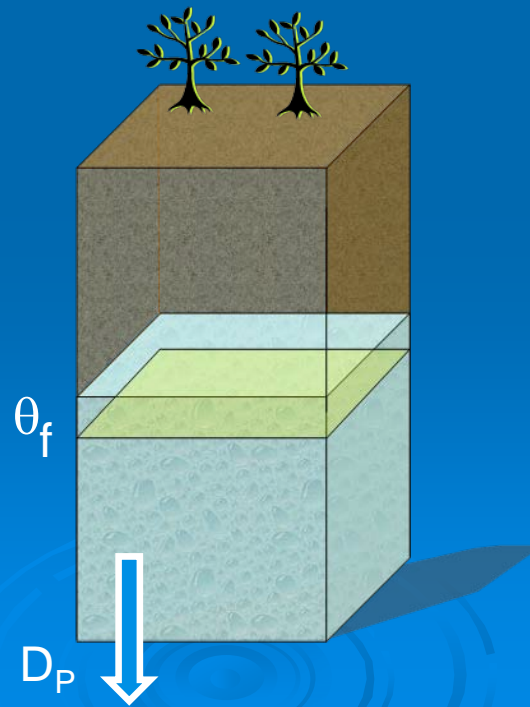


# Land Surface and Root Zone Processes

Step 4: Compute deep percolation if moisture is above field capacity

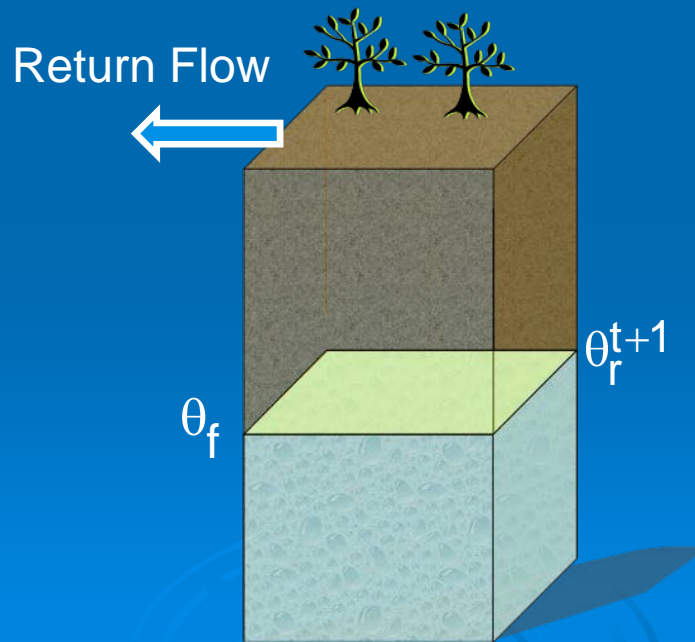
Expressed using one of the methods below specified by user

- A fraction of moisture that is above field capacity
- Physically-based method using hydraulic conductivity;  $D_p = K_s \left( \frac{\theta_r}{\eta_T} \right)^4$

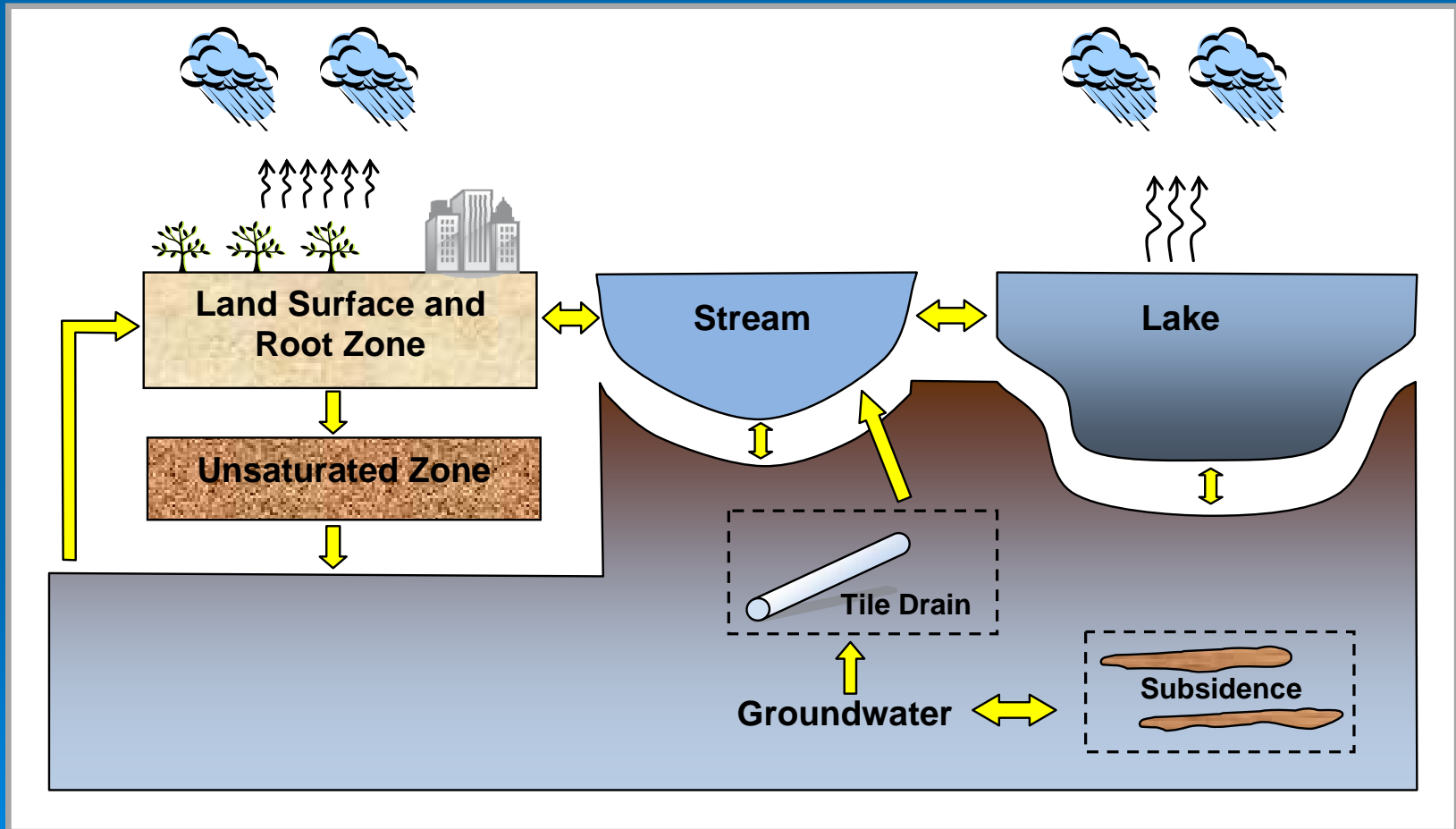


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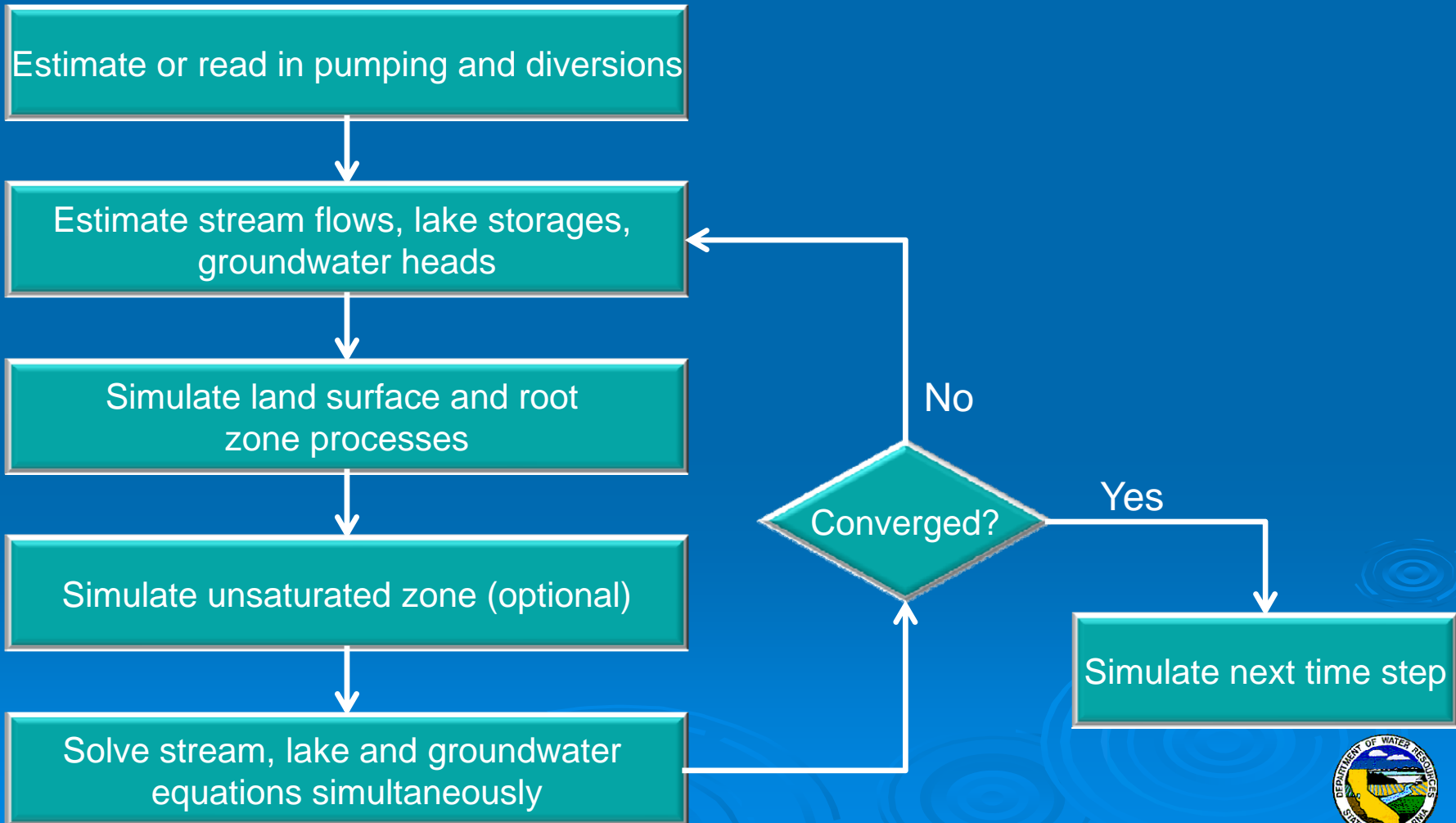
Step 5: Compute return flow and update infiltration of applied water



# IWFM Component Interactions



# Simulation Scheme



# A Need for Demand Computation

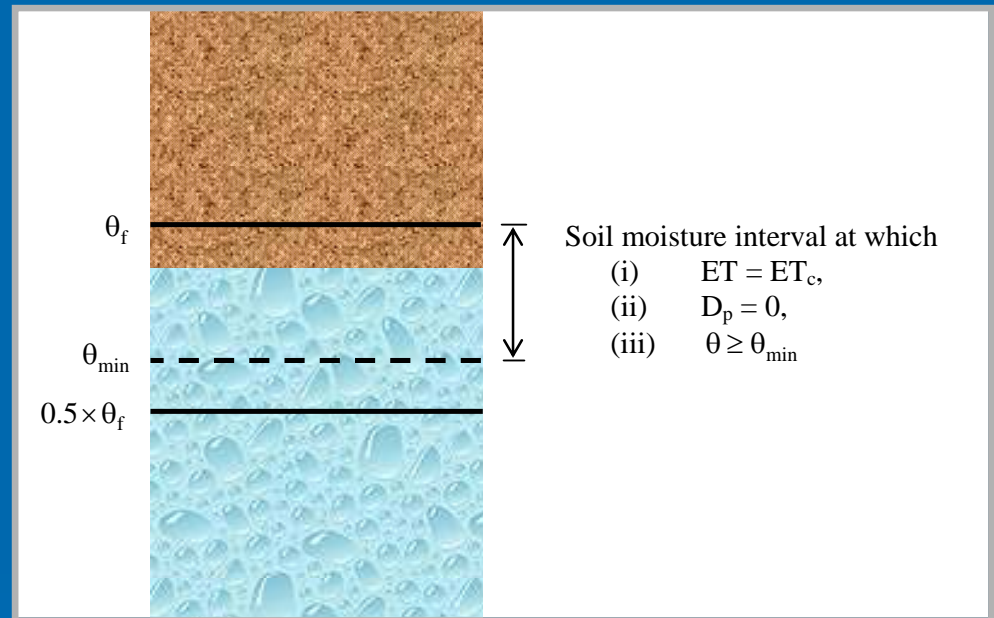
$$\theta_r^{t+1} = \theta_r^t + \left[ (P - S_r) + (A_W - R_f) - ET_{cadj} - D_p \right] \Delta t$$

- Routing of water through a developed basin requires the knowledge of applied water
- In California, groundwater pumping is generally neither measured nor regulated; i.e. total historical applied water is unknown
- Most major surface diversions are measured in California's Central Valley but their spatial allocation may be unknown
- For planning studies applied water is an unknown and has to be computed dynamically
- To address the uncertainties in historical and future water supplies and where these supplies were/will be used, a demand-supply balance is needed



# Agricultural Demand Computation

- Agricultural demand is the required amount of applied water in order to maintain optimum agricultural conditions
- At optimum agricultural conditions
  - 1) ET rates are at their potential levels for proper crop growth
  - 2) soil moisture loss as deep percolation and return flow is minimized
  - 3) minimum soil moisture requirement for each crop is met at all times



# Agricultural Demand Computation

- Use governing conservation equation to express the applied water that will satisfy the optimum agricultural conditions:

$$\theta_{\min} = \theta_r^t + \left[ (P - S_r) + CU_{AW} - ET_c \right] \Delta t$$

$$\Rightarrow CU_{AW} = \frac{\theta_{\min} - \theta_r^t}{\Delta t} - (P - S_r) + ET_c \geq 0$$

$$D_{ag} = \frac{CU_{AW}}{I_E}$$

where

$CU_{AW}$  = potential consumptive use of applied water assuming 100% irrigation efficiency, (L/T)

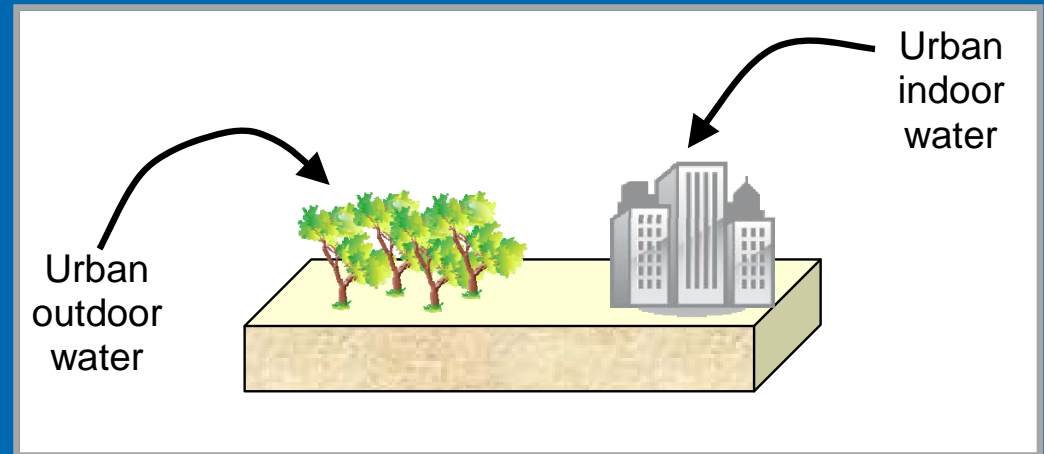
$I_E$  = irrigation efficiency, (dimensionless)

$D_{ag}$  = agricultural water demand, (L/T)



# Urban Water Demand and Moisture Routing

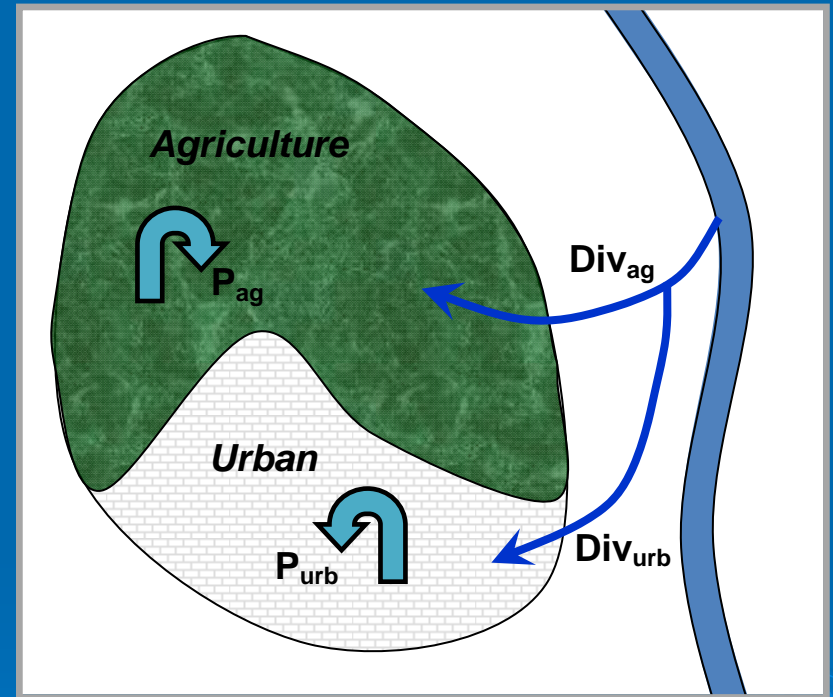
- Urban water demands are user-specified time-series input data
- Outdoor urban applied water and precipitation are routed through the root zone using the governing conservation equation
- Urban indoor applied water and precipitation over non-pervious urban areas become entirely return flow and surface runoff





# Automated Supply Adjustment

- Automatic adjustment of diversions and pumping to meet agricultural and urban water demands
- Diversion or pumping adjustment can be turned on or off during simulation period (represents evolution of water supply facilities over time)
- All supplies have equal priorities; handling of complex water rights is deferred to systems models like CalSim
- Useful in estimating historical pumping in Central Valley, and future diversions and pumping
- No supply adjustment for native and riparian vegetation



# Balance between Supply and Demand

- IWFM can route water supplies (diversions and pumping) as specified or automatically adjust supplies to meet demands (increase/decrease in diversions and/or pumping)
- When supplies are adjusted, they may still be less than demand if there is not enough water in the system
- When supply is less than demand deep percolation, return flows, moisture content and ET diminish; when larger than demand deep percolation, return flow and moisture content increase



# User Interface

- IWFM consists of a pre-processor, a simulation and a post-processor executables



# User Interface

- Input files are tabular and contain comment fields
- Time-tracking simulations aware of actual date and time; input and output time-series data with date and time stamp
- Optional time-series data input from and output to HEC-DSS database
- Detailed budget tables for each simulated component
- Budget-To-Excel tool to import budget tables into Excel
- TecPlot ready output for 2-D and 3-D animations of groundwater heads and subsidence
- Mesh generator embedded in ArcGIS (state-of-the-art mesh generator-GIS linkage; paper accepted in June 2012 for publication in Geosciences & Computers)



# Documentation and User Support

- Theoretical documentation, user's manual, reports, technical memorandums, previous presentations and posters, user's group presentations, and published articles in peer reviewed journals are available at the IWFM web site (google "IWFM")
- Technical support by DWR staff

**Integrated Water Flow Model**  
IWFM v3.02  
revision 36

**Theoretical Documentation**

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**Z-Budget:**  
Sub-Domain Water Budgeting Post-Processor for IWFM

**Theoretical Documentation and User's Manual**

Hydrology Development Unit  
Modeling Support Branch  
Bay-Delta Office  
February, 2010



# Validation and Verification

- Total of 11 verification runs; report available at IWFM web site (Ercan, 2006)

## VERIFICATION PROBLEMS FOR IWFM

This report is prepared under the direction of

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| <b>Hydrological processes</b>                       |      |     |     |     |     |     |   |   |   |    |    |
| Groundwater flow                                    |      |     |     |     |     |     |   |   |   |    |    |
| Confined aquifer                                    |      |     |     |     | *   | *   |   |   | * |    |    |
| Semi-confined aquifer                               |      |     |     |     |     |     | * |   |   |    |    |
| Unconfined aquifer                                  | *    | *   | *   | *   |     |     | * | * | * | *  | *  |
| Recharge/pumping wells                              |      |     |     |     |     |     |   |   |   |    |    |
| Pumping   |      |     |     |     | *   | *   | * |   | * |    | *  |
| Recharge  |      |     |     |     |     |     |   |   | * |    | *  |
| Partially penetrating                               |      |     |     |     |     |     |   |   |   |    |    |
| Multiple wells                                      |      |     |     |     |     | *   |   |   |   |    |    |
| Tile drainage and subsurface irrigation             |      |     |     |     |     |     |   |   |   |    |    |
| Land subsidence                                     |      |     |     |     |     |     |   |   | * |    |    |
| Stream flows  |      |     |     |     |     |     |   |   |   | *  | *  |
| Lakes   |      |     |     |     |     |     |   |   |   |    |    |
| Surface flows                                       |      |     |     |     |     |     |   |   |   |    |    |
| Soil moisture in the root zone and unsaturated zone |      |     |     |     |     |     |   |   |   |    |    |
| Small watersheds                                    |      |     |     |     |     |     |   |   |   |    |    |
| <b>Flow characteristics</b>                         |      |     |     |     |     |     |   |   |   |    |    |
| Steady state flow                                   | *    | *   | *   | *   |     |     |   |   |   |    |    |
| Transient flow                                      |      |     |     |     | *   | *   | * | * | * | *  | *  |
| <b>Boundary conditions</b>                          |      |     |     |     |     |     |   |   |   |    |    |
| Zero flow (impermeable barrier)                     | *    | *   | *   | *   | *   | *   | * | * | * | *  | *  |
| Specified flux                                      |      | *   |     |     |     |     |   |   |   |    |    |
| Specified head                                      | *    |     |     |     | *   | *   | * | * |   | *  | *  |
| Rating table  |      |     |     | *   |     |     |   |   |   |    |    |
| General head  |      |     | *   |     |     |     |   |   |   |    |    |
| <b>Dimensions</b>                                   |      |     |     |     |     |     |   |   |   |    |    |
| 1D  | *    | *   | *   | *   |     |     |   | * |   |    |    |
| 2D  |      |     |     |     | *   | *   | * |   | * | *  | *  |
| Quasi 3D  |      |     |     |     |     |     |   |   |   |    |    |

Table 1.1 Functionality table of tests performed.



# Validation of Z-Budget Post-processor

## Z-Budget: Sub-Domain Water Budgeting Post-Processor for IWFEM

### Theoretical Documentation and User's Manual

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## Flow Computation and Mass Balance in Galerkin Finite-Element Groundwater Models

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**Abstract:** In most groundwater modeling studies, quantification of the flow rates at domain and subdomain boundaries is as important as the computation of the groundwater heads. The computation of these flow rates is not a trivial task when a finite-element method is chosen to solve the groundwater equation. Generally, it is believed that finite-element methods do not conserve mass locally. In this paper, a postprocessing technique is developed to compute mass-conserving flow rates at element faces. It postprocesses the groundwater head field obtained by the Galerkin finite-element method, and the calculated flow rates conserve mass locally and globally. The only requirement for the postprocessor to be applicable is the irrotationality of the flow field, i.e., the curl of the Darcy flux should be zero. The accuracy and the mass conservation properties of the new postprocessor are demonstrated using several test problems that include one-, two-, and three-dimensional flow systems in both homogeneous and heterogeneous aquifer conditions.

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### Introduction

Finite-element methods, particularly the Galerkin finite-element method (GFEM), are commonly utilized in groundwater modeling studies because complex boundaries can be represented more closely. Generally, the momentum equation, i.e., Darcy equation, is substituted into the equation of mass conservation, and the resulting equation is solved for the groundwater head. In most groundwater modeling studies, quantification of flow rates is as important as the simulation of the groundwater heads. One reason for this is that most groundwater basins are divided into political subdomains such as water districts, counties, or states with differing strategies of managing their groundwater resources. Simulation of groundwater flow rates between adjacent subdomains caused by varying management strategies is sometimes the ultimate goal of a modeling study. Another reason is the need to examine the detailed inflow/outflow components at a subdomain level during calibration and verification stages of a modeling study.

When the flow rates are required, the conventional approach is to postprocess the groundwater head field, computed using GFEM, by substituting it into the Darcy equation and obtaining

the flux field. Then, the normal component of the Darcy flux is integrated over the domain or subdomain boundary to obtain the flow rates. However, this postprocessing approach has been shown to generate flow rates that violate local as well as global mass balances. Yeh (1981) reported global mass balance errors of up to 30% when the conventional postprocessing method is used. He suggested that the finite-element approach that is used to simulate the groundwater head field also be applied to Darcy equation with the fluxes as the state variables. Although his method produced better results, test problems still showed mass balance errors of 2–9% (Yeh 1981). Commenting on Yeh's work, Lynch (1984) showed that precise global mass balance can be achieved in GFEM by proper treatment of the Dirichlet boundary conditions. He pointed out that the common practice of discarding Galerkin equations—the discrete version of the conservation equation—along Dirichlet boundaries violates the mass balance by requiring that these fluxes be approximated by the conventional postprocessing method. He showed that retaining the Galerkin equation at Dirichlet boundaries as the equation for the flux resulted in precise global mass balance. Similar observations have been made by other researchers (Carey 1982; Carey et al. 1985; Hughes et al. 2000; Berger and Howington 2002; Carey 2002). In fact, the same idea can be used to compute the internal fluxes, i.e., once the groundwater head at an internal node is computed with GFEM, that node can be treated as a Dirichlet boundary and the Galerkin equation at the node can be solved for the flux (Hughes et al. 2000; Carey 2002). Cordes and Kivzelbach (1992) used an alternative postprocessing method where the elements were subdivided into patches and individual fluxes for each patch were computed by assuming that the flow field was irrotational. In their method, triangular and quadrilateral elements were treated separately.

The aim of this paper is to develop and test a postprocessor that uses the groundwater heads computed by GFEM to obtain flow rates across finite-element faces, i.e., normal flux integrated along each of the element faces, that do not violate local and global mass balances. Once flow rates through each of the ele-

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# Key Limitations

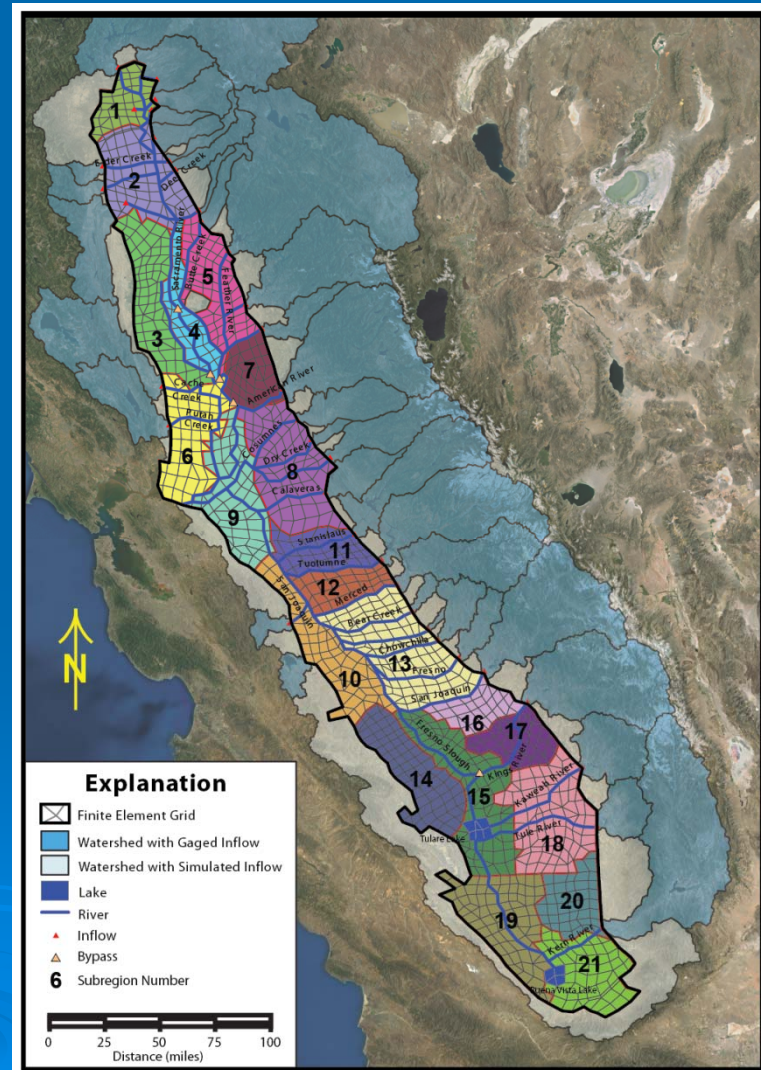
- **Time step and stream routing:** Stream flow must travel from upstream to downstream within the length of time step for the zero-storage assumption to be valid
- **Time step and rainfall runoff:** Curve numbers need to be re-calibrated for different time steps (for California's Central Valley this is not an issue since time interval of available input data is itself a limitation)
- **Spatial scale of demand and supply:** Demand and supply computations are performed at subregional level in versions prior to IWFM 4.0
- **Vertical distribution of pumping:** Static distribution limits capability to simulate changes in the pumping depth during simulation period
- **Aquifer and root zone thickness:** Aquifer thickness should be large compared to root zone thickness to minimize error in case groundwater table is close to ground surface; likely to occur in native and riparian vegetation areas





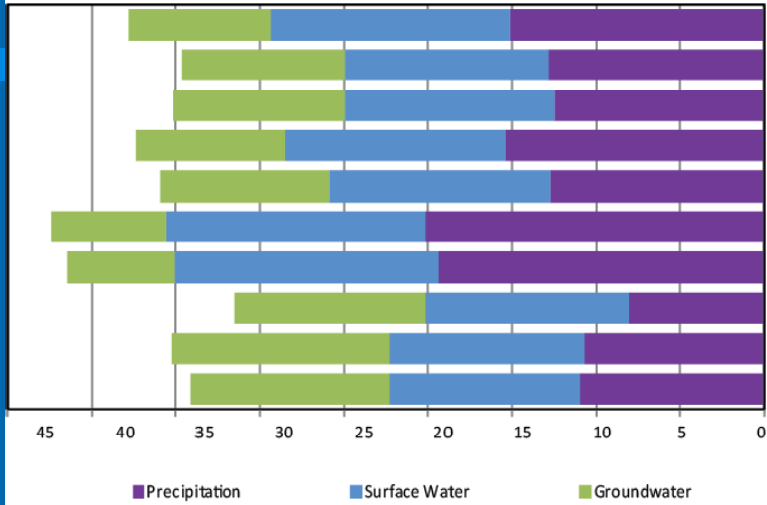
# Applications: California Central Valley Groundwater-Surface Water Simulation Model (C2VSim)

- **Finite Element Grid**
  - 3 Layers or 9 Layers
  - 1393 Nodes
  - 1392 Elements
- **Surface Water System**
  - 75 River Reaches
  - 2 Lakes
  - 243 Surface Water Diversions
  - 11 Bypasses
  - 210 Small-Stream Watersheds
- **Land Use Process**
  - 21 Subregions (DSAs)
  - 4 Land Use Types
    - Agriculture
    - Urban
    - Native
    - Riparian
- **Simulation periods**
  - 10/1921-9/2009 (88 yrs)



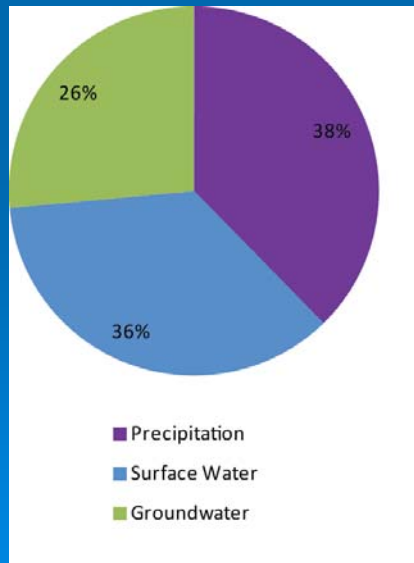
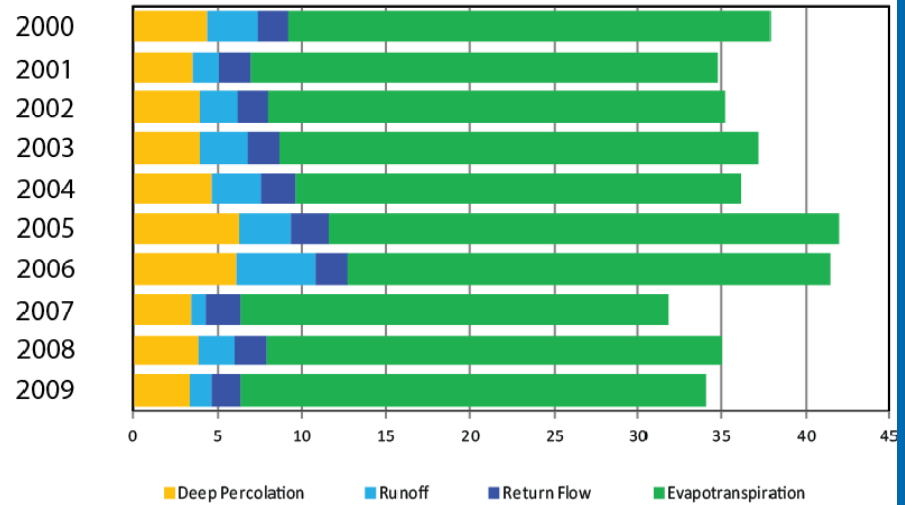
# Land Surface Budget

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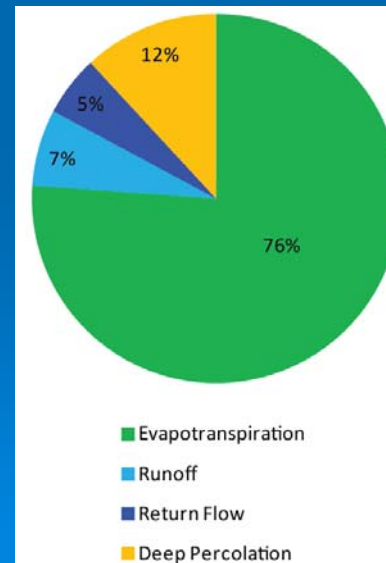


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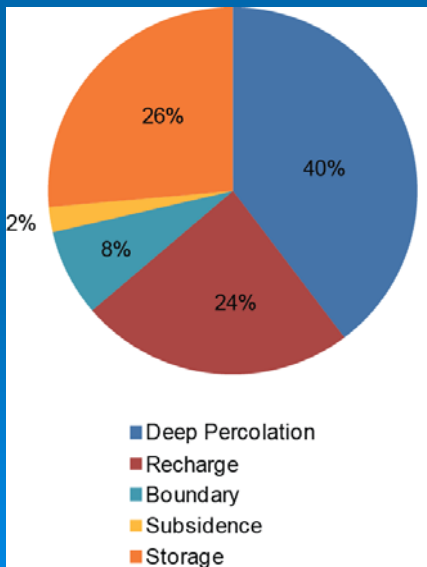
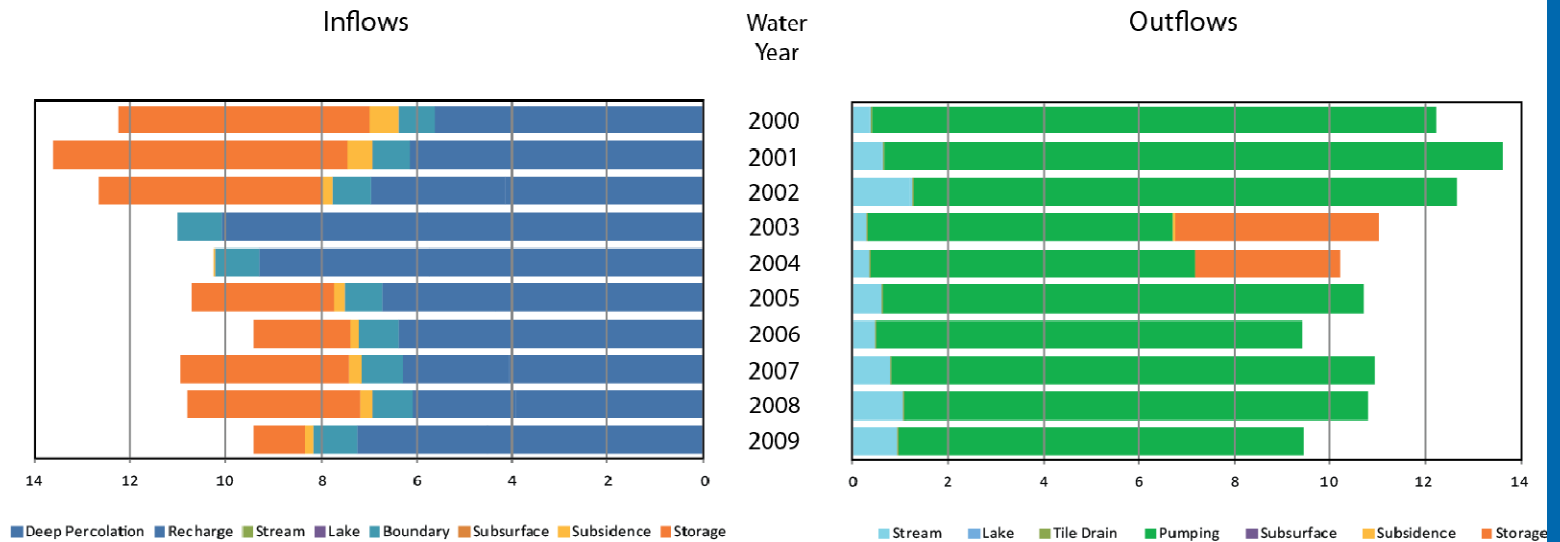
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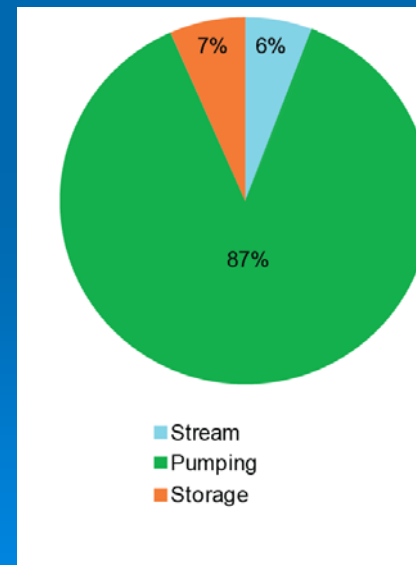
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# Groundwater Budget



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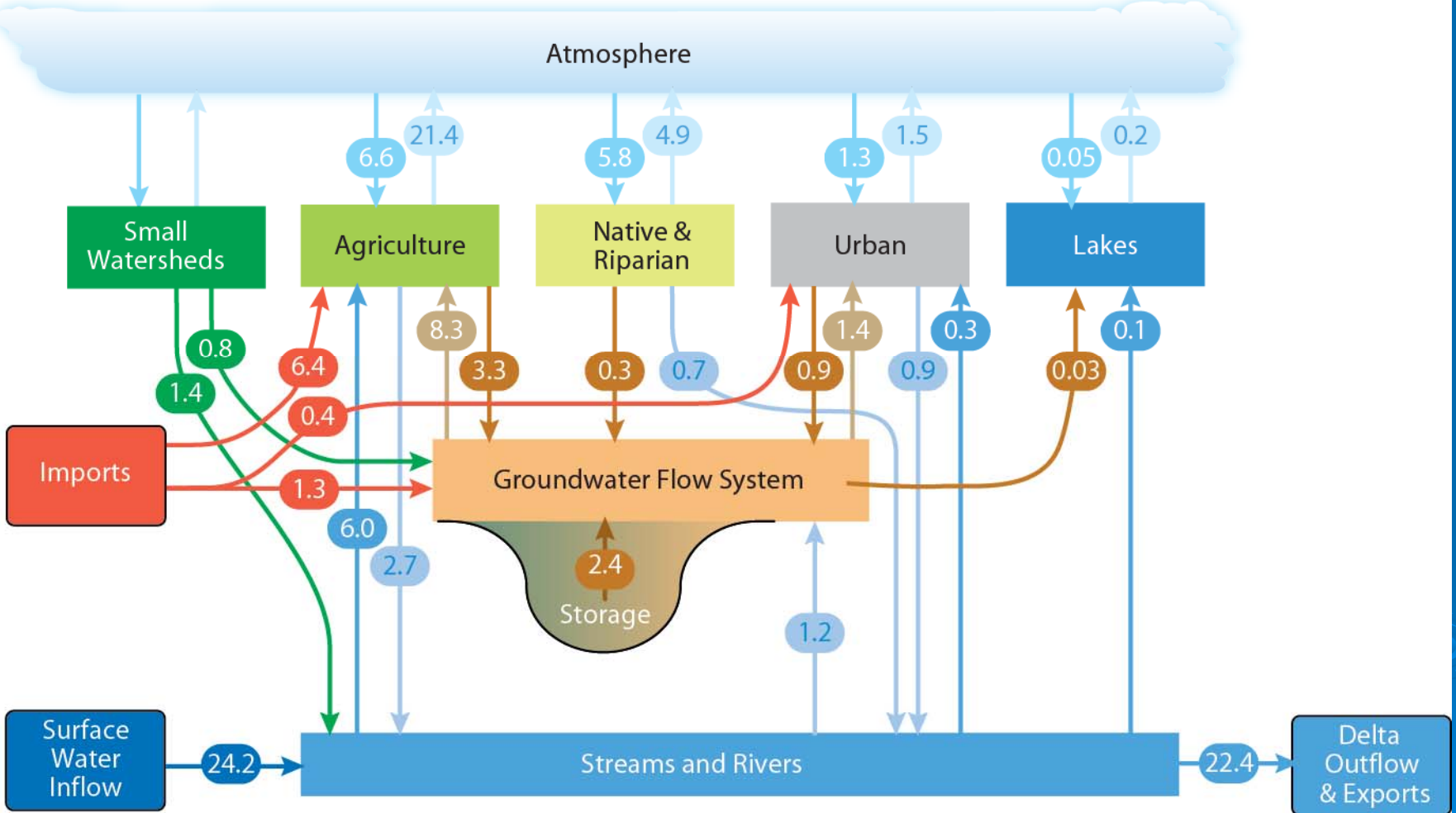


[Million Acre-Feet per year]

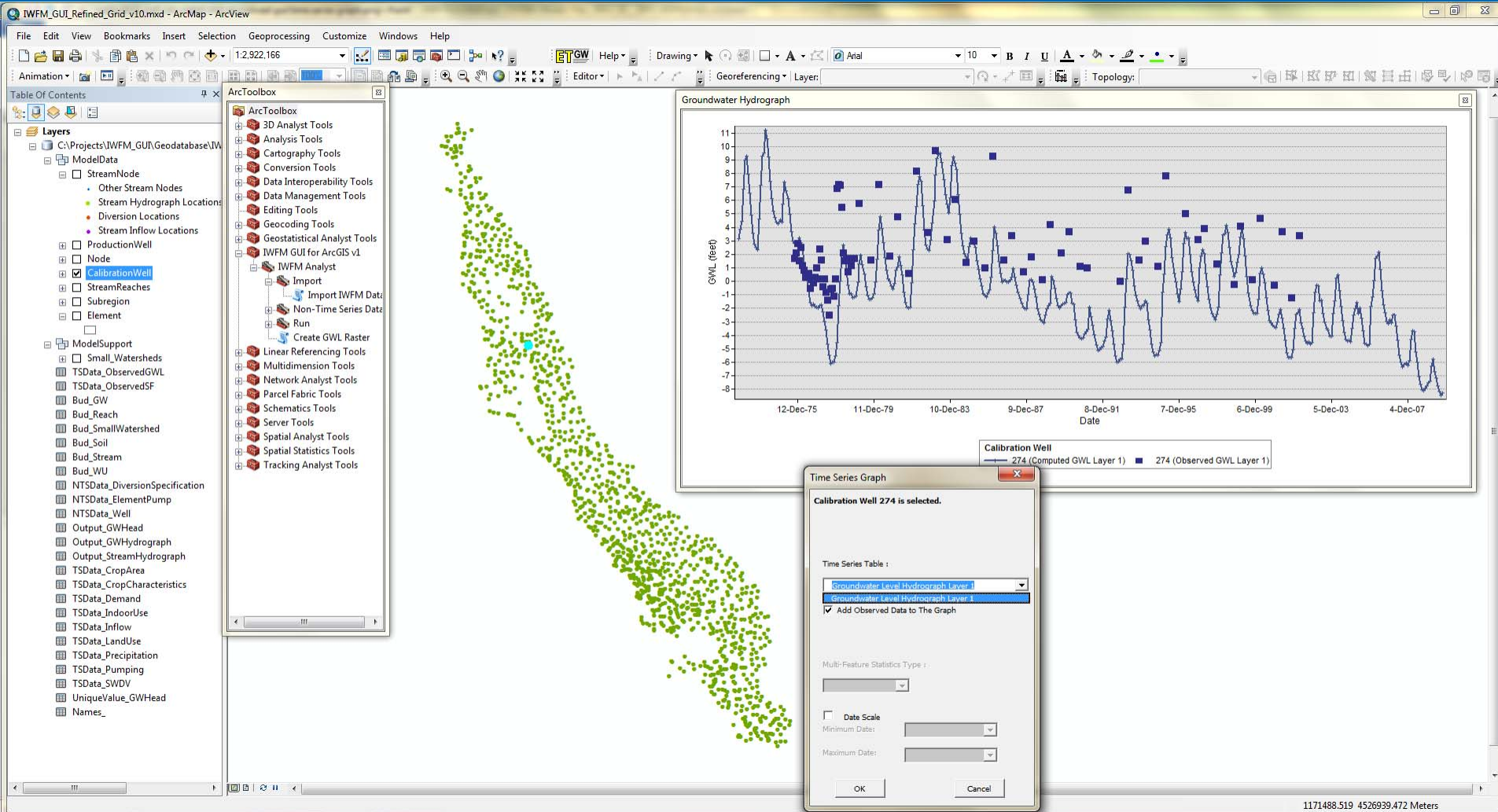


# C2VSim Water Budget Components

Average Flows for California's Central Valley for Water Years 2000-2009, in Millions of Acre-Feet per Year



# C2VSim Output GUI

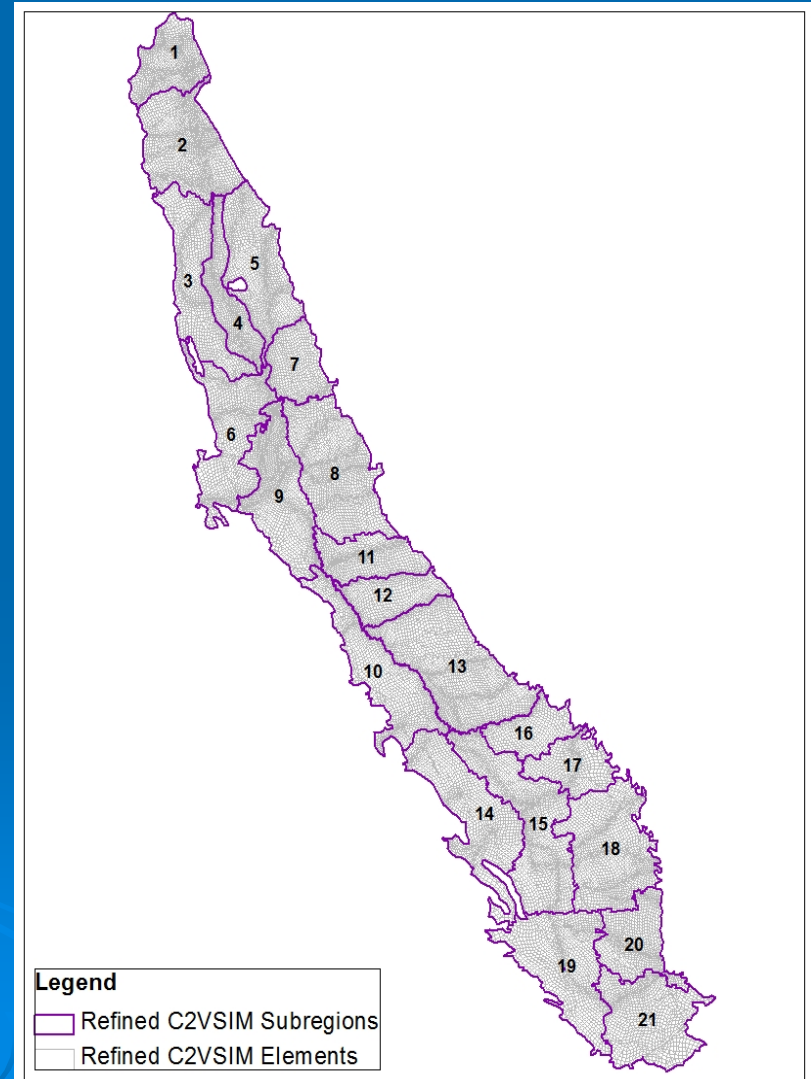
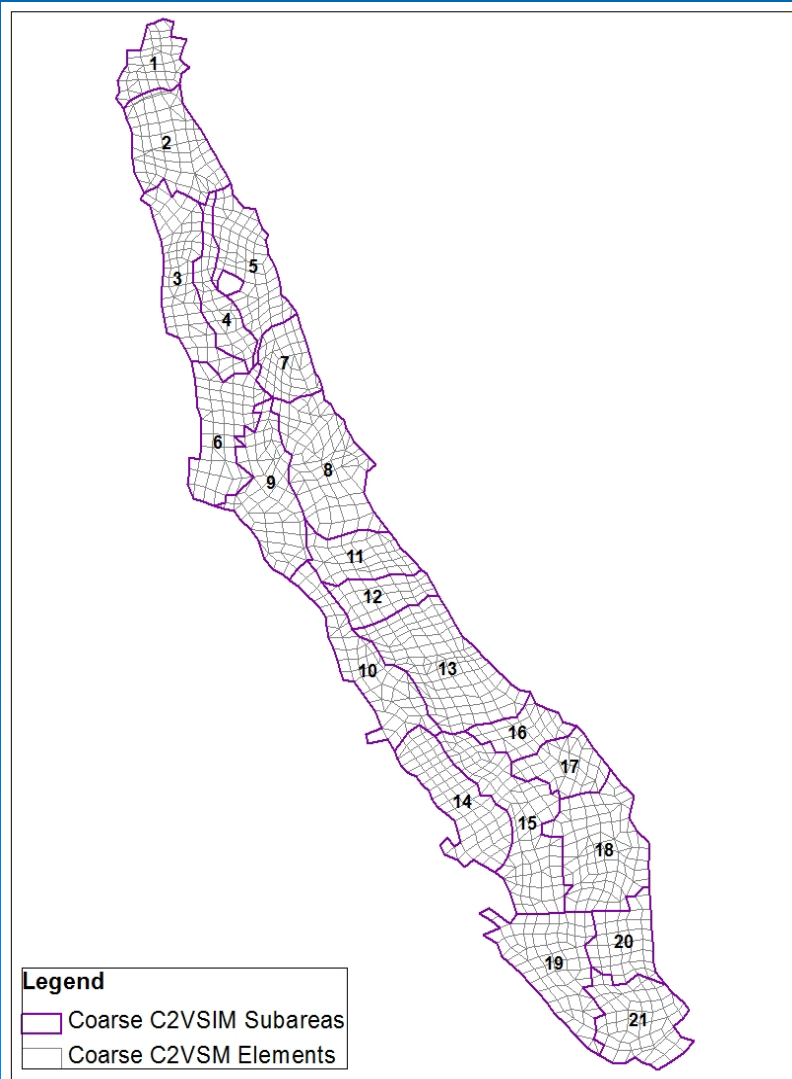


# C2VSim Output GUI

The screenshot displays the ArcMap interface with the following components:

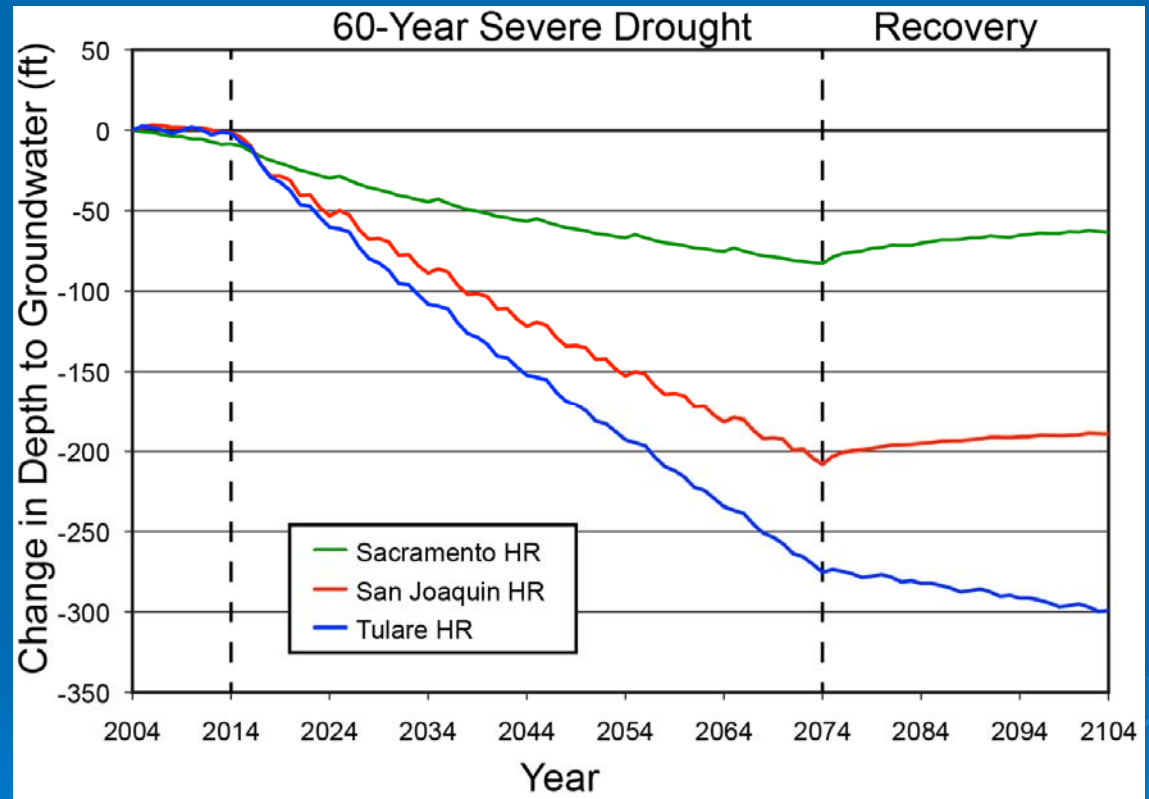
- Table of Contents:** Lists layers such as StreamNode, CalibrationWell, and various TSData files.
- ArcToolbox:** Contains toolsets like 3D Analyst Tools, Analysis Tools, and IWFM GUI for ArcGIS v1.
- Main Map:** Shows a stream network with nodes and reaches.
- Stream Flow Hydrograph:** A line graph showing flow (AF/month) over time from 12-Dec-75 to 4-Dec-07. The y-axis ranges from 500,000 to 6,500,000. It compares '3252 (Stream Flow Hydrograph)' (blue line) and '3252 (Observed Stream Flow)' (yellow squares).
- Time Series Graph Dialog:** A pop-up window titled 'Time Series Graph' with the message 'Stream Node 3252 is selected.' It includes a 'Time Series Table' with 'Stream Flow Hydrograph' selected, a checked 'Add Observed Data to The Graph' option, and fields for 'Multi-Feature Statistics Type', 'Date Scale', 'Minimum Date', and 'Maximum Date'.

# Applications: C2VSim Refined Grid



# Applications: Drought Scenarios with C2VSim

- Droughts with intensities ranging from 30% to 70% reduction in stream flows, with durations ranging from 10 years to 60 years
- Land-use constant at 2003 level
- CalSim II was used to generate rim inflows under specified climatic conditions
- The impact of droughts on the groundwater and the groundwater recovery period were examined

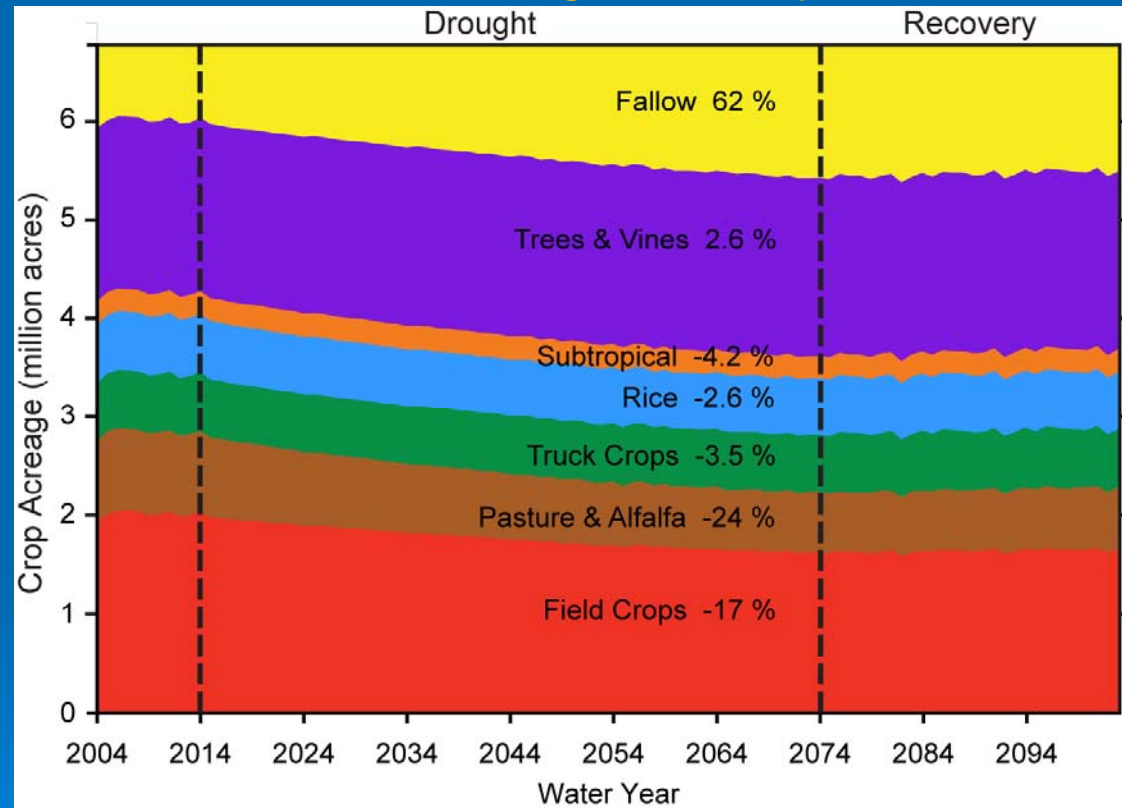




# Applications: Drought Scenarios with C2VSim-CVPM Linkage

- Same drought scenarios as in previous slide
- Cropping pattern modified based on logit functions that are trained using Central Valley Production Model (CVPM)
- The impact of droughts on the cropping patterns, groundwater storage and the groundwater recovery period were examined

## Severe drought for 60 years



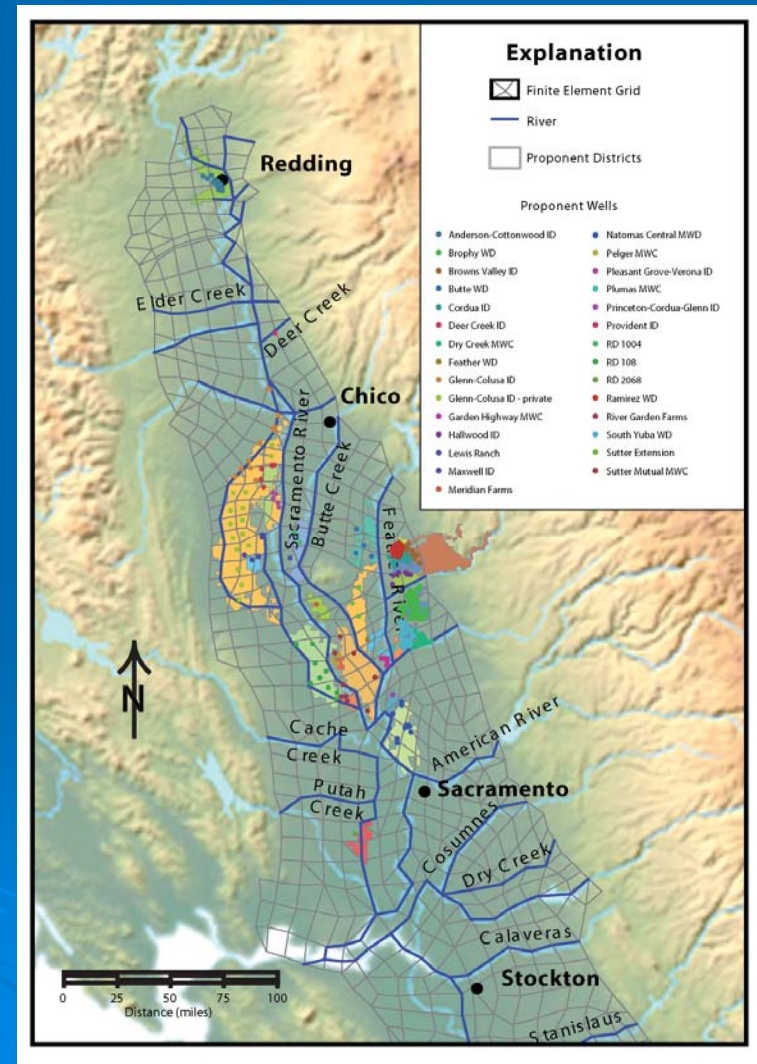
# Applications: Conjunctive Use Analysis with C2VSim

## SVWMP Wells

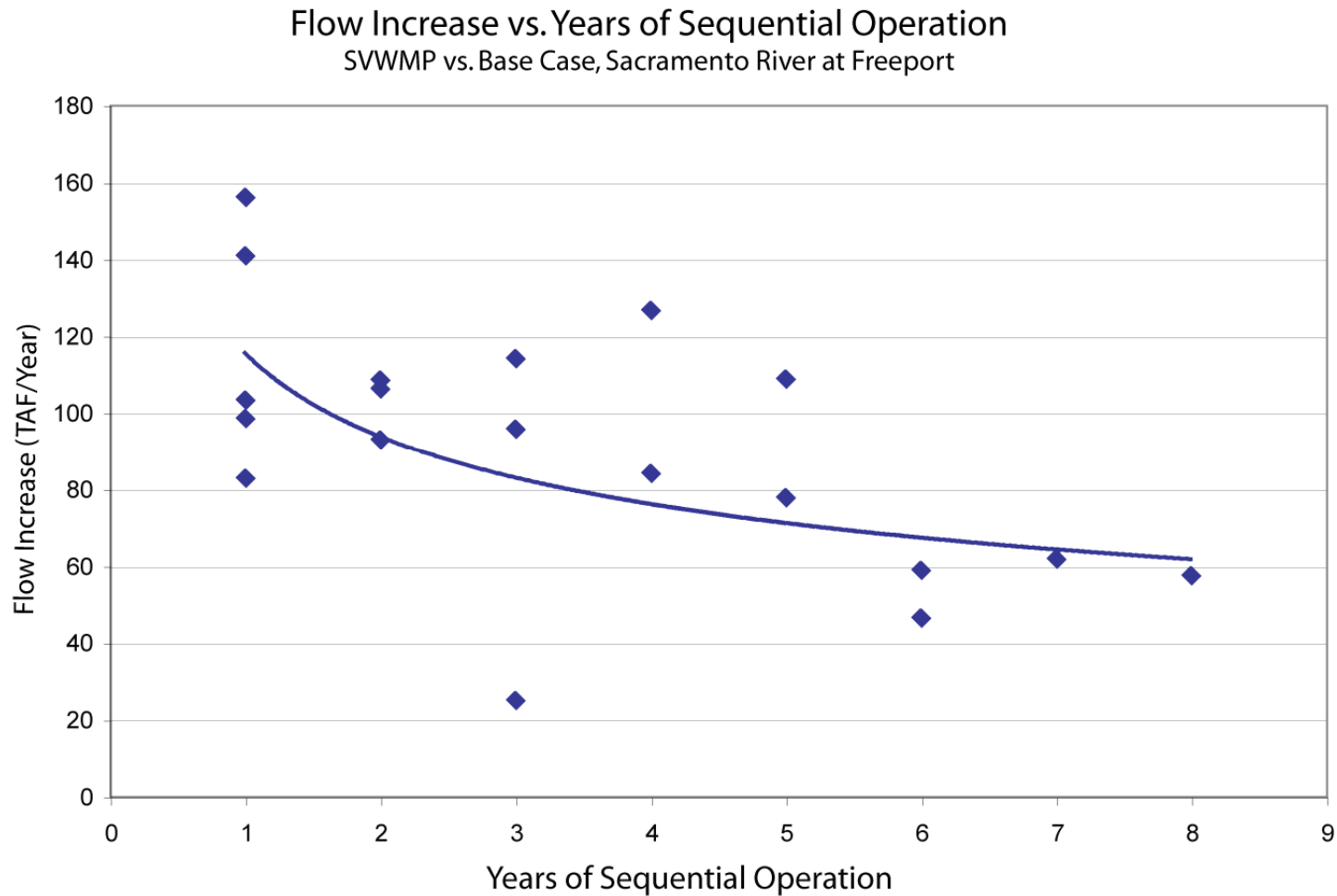
- 29 Districts
- 293 wells
- 187,633 AF/year

## Operate non-wet years

- 1973 1 yr
- 1976-81 6 yrs
- 1985 1 yr
- 1987-94 8 yrs
- 2000-03 4 yrs



# Applications: Conjunctive Use Analysis with C2VSim



# Other Applications

- Linkage of C2VSim to CalSim; i.e. CalSim 3.0
- IWFM application to Butte County (reports available on Butte County web site)
- IWFM application to Walla Walla Basin at Oregon and Washington border
- WESTSIM; application to Western San Joaquin Basin
- MercedSim; application to Merced County
- IWFM application to RD 2068 (Solano County)
- Root zone component of IWFM (i.e. IDC) used around California and in Idaho's Treasure Valley to predict future demands, in developing recharge rates for Modflow application to Riverside/San Bernardino counties, in developing recharge rates for MicroFEM application to Sacramento Valley



# Future and On-going Developments

- IWFM v4.0 (released May 2012): Revamped root zone component, soil moisture routing and demand-supply computations at element level, explicit simulation of rice and refuge pond operations, dynamic computation of demand or use of contractual (i.e. pre-specified) demands
- More stand-alone IWFM components; e.g. groundwater
- Improved simulation of riparian vegetation
- Improved simulation of rainfall runoff and overland flow
- Improved hydraulic routing of stream flows that account for change in storage
- ArcGIS based GUI (currently being developed)
- Simulation of water quality(???)
- Migrate C2VSim to IWFM v4.0



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Thank You

