

Improvements to Temperature Modeling Workflows

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Overview

• HEC5Q

- Temperature questions
- Workflows
- Beyond Shasta
- Temperature dependent mortality
- Meteorology extension





HEC5Q

- USACE reservoir model began in 1973
- Initial water temperature logic added in 1979
 - Revised in 1997 to allow for multiple reservoirs and streams
- Additional water quality parameters added over time
- Initial CVP implementations date to early 1986
- Continuously updated with new data and logic improvements



Upper Sacramento River Water Quality Modeling with HEC-5Q: Model Calibration and Validation, RMA. 2003



Shasta Temperature Questions

What do we ask from our temperature models?

- Compliance location temperatures
- Cold water pool evolution
- Approximate shutter changes
- Seasonal management temperatures
- Temperature dependent mortality



HEC5Q Workflow

- Preprocessors
- Position Analysis
- Carryover Analysis
- Continuous Analysis
- Temperature Dependent Mortality



Preprocessors

- Hard coded to CalSim II inputs and period of record
- Rewrote from Fortran into Python
- Target HEC5Q template file directly to formulate inputs
- Allow selection of specific series by full name as well as DSS F part



Position Analysis



- Identify the range of future outcomes based on the same initial state
- Combine meteorologic conditions with projected operations
 - Meteorologic year by operations year
 - Meteorologic years across all operations years



Carryover Analysis

- Identify the range of potential outcomes based on carryover
- Combine meteorologic conditions with projected operations
- Post process to obtain TDM by fill and carryover



Carryover Analysis





Continuous Analysis

- Break period of record into separate annual periods
- Converge TCD operations by year to maximize cold water use
- Combine annual TCD target for period of record run



Beyond Shasta

All HEC5Q workflows apply across all temperature managed basins
Able to use the logic by changing paths and temperature targets
Preprocessor applies across all basins
Update template and meteorology, as necessary

Standardizes and accelerates workflow
~24 LTO carryover models @ 1 week per analysis
>50 LTO continuous models @ 1 day per analysis



Temperature Dependent Mortality

- Brought TDM calculation back in house
- Wrote Python script to replicate Martin and Anderson SacPas

Enabling capabilities

- Run TDM in real time with temperature models
- Explore uncertainty space of TDM parameterization
 - 8 million TDM runs to explore changing outcomes
- Use as a temperature management objective



Meteorology Extension

- HEC5Q CalSim II meteorologic inputs cover 1921-2010
- HEC5Q CalSim 3 meteorologic inputs cover 1921-2015
 - Needed to extend HEC5Q inputs through 2021 to match new period
 - Initial extension done by DCR effort
- Revisit input development process to document and verify





Meteorology Extension

- Gerber/Nicolaus stations end mid 2010's
- Combine multiple stations to form a single record
- Unable to verify some of the assumptions in the solar radiation formulation
 - Changes carry through to equilibrium temperature and heat transfer coefficient
- Use DCR extension as verification



Next Steps: WTMP

- Next generation temperature modeling framework for the CVP
- Uses HEC ResSim and CE-QUAL-W2 implemented in HEC-WAT
- Data management and reporting build into the framework
 - Accelerates modeling
 - Improves data quality
 - Standardizes reports
- A Reclamation instance is anticipated September 2023
- Some overlap period between HEC5Q and WTMP, but anticipating a rapid transition



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