

Sources, Pathways, and Loadings

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2012 Summary at a glance

- **Small Tributaries Loading Strategy - MYP**

- **Regional watershed spreadsheet model (RWSM)**

- Calibration and verification data
- Input data
- GIS layer development for Hg and PCB models

- **Loadings field studies**

- Marsh Creek near Brentwood
- San Leandro Creek at San Leandro Blvd.
- Guadalupe River at Hwy. 101
- Sunnyvale East Channel at East Ahwanee Ave.

Small Tributaries Loading Strategy Multi-Year Plan

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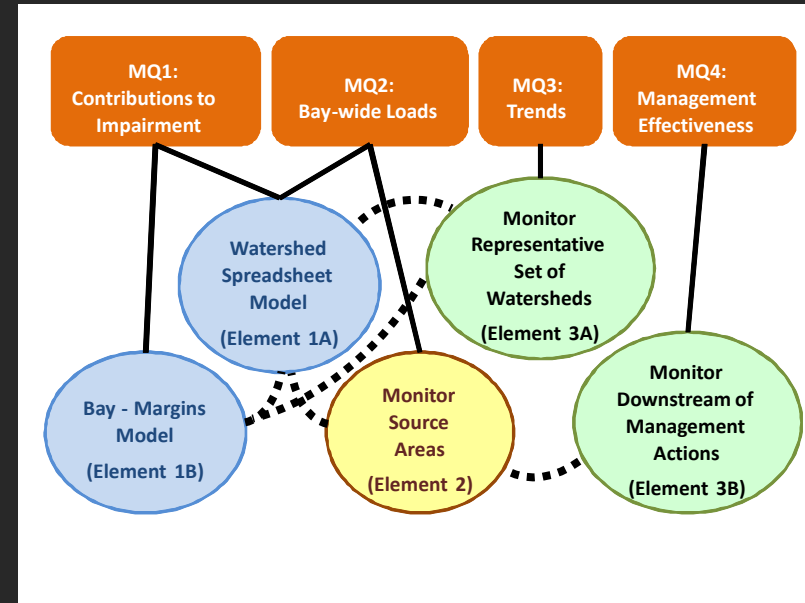
- **Technical reports completed**
 - Pollutants of Concern Loads Monitoring Data Water Year 2011
 - EMC Development for the Regional Watershed Spreadsheet Model
 - RWSM Copper Test Case Model

- **Linkages**
 - **Dioxins strategy - field data** (San Leandro Creek, Sunnyvale East Channel)
 - **Emerging contaminants** (Pyrethroids, carbaryl and fipronyl (POC loads stations))
 - **Nutrient strategy** (NO₂, TKN, NH₄, all POC loads stations)

- **Other SFEI projects (enhanced by and enhancing the RMP)**
 - **LID projects** (El Cerrito, Fremont) (analyte list includes PCBs, Hg, others)
 - **Richmond pump station** (analyte list includes PCBs, Hg and dioxins, others)
 - **Various geomorphology projects** (support for regional sediment loads)

Small Tributaries Loading Strategy

- STLS framework document Multi-year plan (MYP) Version “2012” completed
 - Significant effort led by Arleen Feng/ BASMAA
 - Appendices
 - RWSM construction and calibration
 - Optimizing sampling methods for loads/ trends
 - Exploratory watersheds characterization
 - WY 2011 Watershed Characterization Field Study



Submitted to the Water Board in September 2012

- **Objective**

- **Improve regional average annual estimates of suspended sediment and pollutant loads**
 - Support prioritization and management of “high leverage” watersheds in relation to sensitive areas of the Bay margin
 - Provide input into food web models of the Bay

- **Progress**

- **2010 - base hydrology model / initial contaminant models - Y1 report**
- **2011 - improved hydrology model / model documentation - Y2 report**
- **2012**
 - New and improved user interface
 - Copper model (test case)
 - Development of GIS source layers for PCB and Hg models
 - New “living” report template

RWSM basic model structure

Objectives

For each watershed, generate average annual:

- Discharge volume
- Sediment load
- POC loads

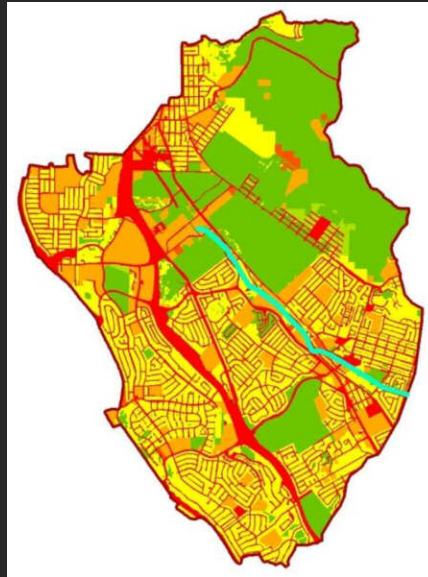
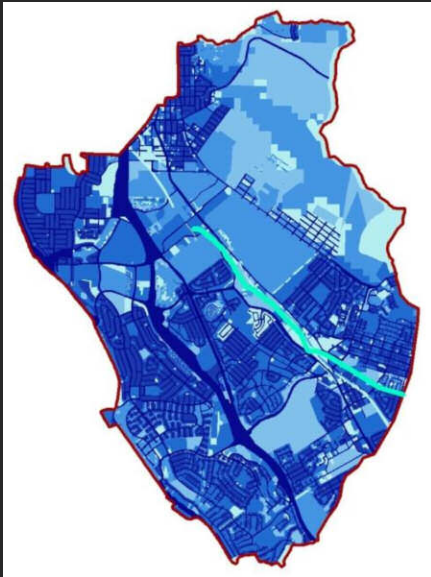
Runoff volume*

x

Concentration

=

Load



*or sediment load

RWSM data needs

Spatial Data Layers

- ✓ Land use (alternatively, imperviousness)
- ✓ Soils
- ✓ Slope
- ✓ Rainfall
- ✓ Watershed boundaries
- **Source areas**

Numerical Parameters

- ✓ Runoff coefficients
- **Land use/ source area specific concentrations**

Data

- **Empirical calibration and verification data**

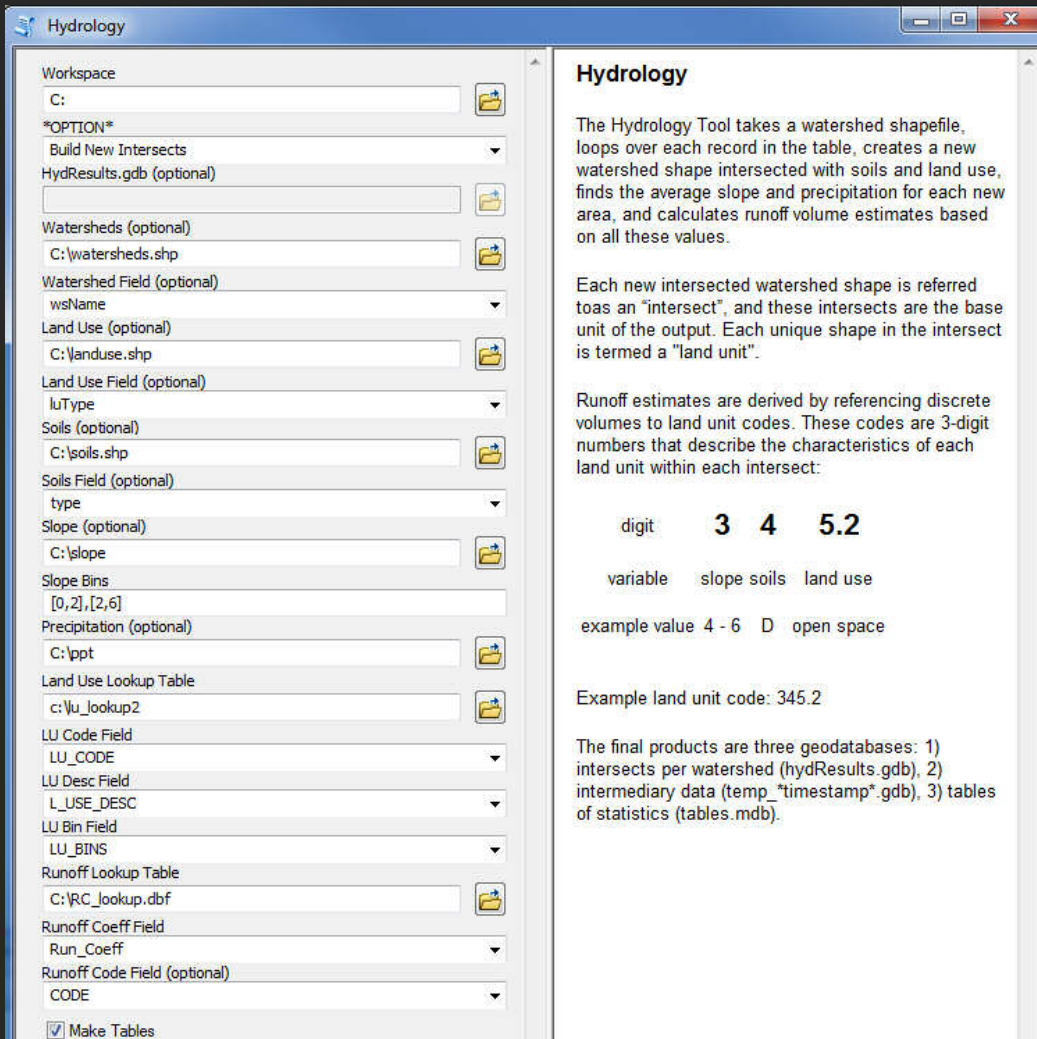
RWSM Plan

- 1) Develop fact sheet/methodology
- 2) Develop GIS layers
- 3) Collate input data and calibration data
- 4) Run Version 1 of the model
- 5) Improve model structure or input data
- 6) Run Version 2 of the model
- 7) Complete FINAL input dataset
- 8) Run Version 3 (FINAL) of the model
- 9) Complete model packaging and user manual

Hydrology
Sediment
Cu (Test Case)
Hg
PCBs
Selenium
OC Pest
PBDEs



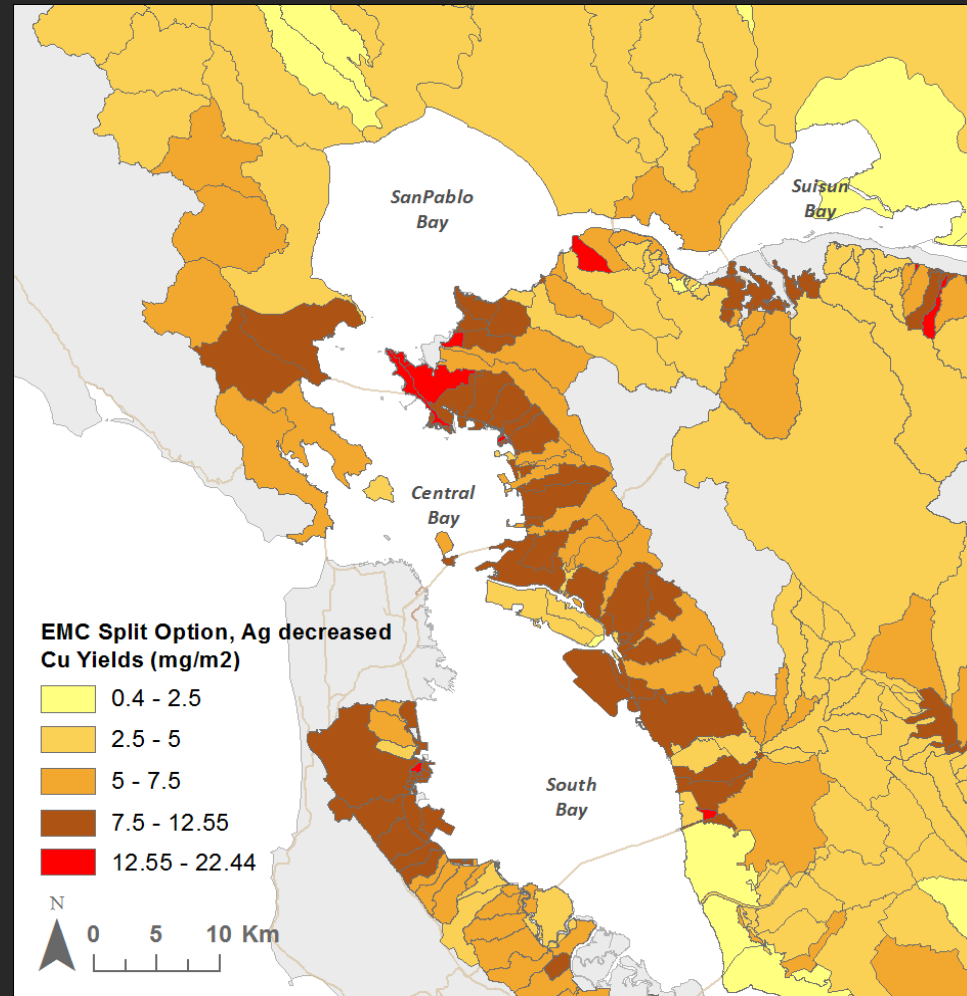
Tool input interface



- ArcGIS standard tool interface
- Advanced GUI behavior
- All parameters have help text

Copper test case model - 10 “Highest” Yielding Watersheds

- Example of output
- Can start to imagine what the PCB and Hg model outcomes will look like



WY 2012 reporting

- ✓ Reporting template has been developed and approved through STLS
- ✓ Two sections complete
 - ✓ EMC data development for RWSM (using back calculations)
 - ✓ Copper model test case
- Other sections in progress
 - GIS layer development
 - PCB and Hg models to follow

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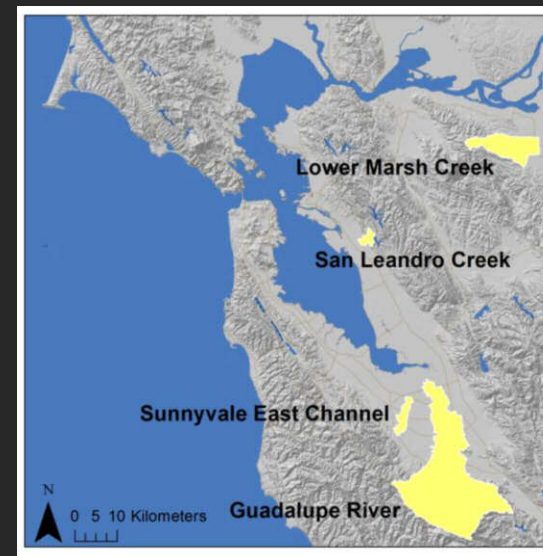
Water Year 2012 POC loads monitoring

- Below average rainfall
- San Jose: Climate Year 2012 was the 7th driest on record
- Completed 69% of sampling plan



Water Year 2012 loads studies

- ✓ 4 watersheds
- ✓ 3 years
 - 4 storms per year per watershed
 - A 1st flush; a large storm, and 2 others
- ✓ Hybrid POC sampling approach
 - ✓ 6712 ISCO - composite and discrete sample collection
 - ✓ D95 - total mercury and total methylmercury
 - ✓ DH84 - total methylmercury wading stage
- ✓ Continuous turbidity and stage measurements
 - Manual discharge measurements



Analytes and collection method

Sample Method	Discrete or Composite	Analysis	Sample Number
Manual ISCO	Discrete	PCBs (40)	18
Manual ISCO	Discrete	PAH	4
Manual ISCO	Discrete	PBDE	4
Manual ISCO	Discrete	SSC (GMA)	17
Manual ISCO	Discrete	TOC	18
Manual ISCO	Discrete	Total Phosphorous	18
Manual ISCO	Discrete	Dissolved phosphorus and Nitrate as N	18
Manual ISCO	Discrete	SSC (GMA)	17
Automated ISCO	Composite	Toxicity – water column	4
Automated ISCO	Composite	Pyrethroids**	6
Automated ISCO	Composite	Carbaryl	6
Automated ISCO	Composite	Fipronil	6
Automated ISCO	Composite	Total Cu and Total Se and Hardness	6
Automated ISCO	Composite	Dissolved Cu and Dissolved Se	6
Automated ISCO	Composite	SSC	6
Manual Grab	Discrete	Total methylmercury	10
Manual Grab	Discrete	Total Mercury	18
Manual Grab	Discrete	SSC	19

- **Note - Guadalupe will remain manual**
 - Turbidity surrogate / USGS flow
 - D95 / composites completed by staff also (with great effort)

Preliminary mercury and PCB results

Mercury

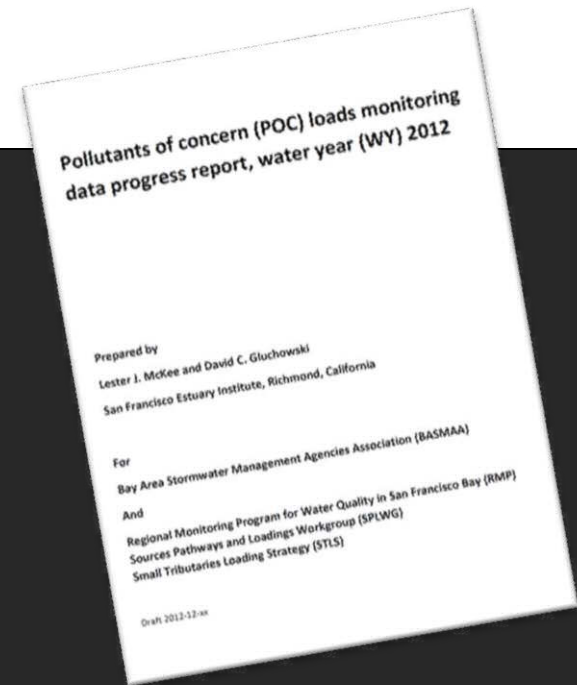
- San Leandro Creek showing high mercury
- Reduced runoff from upper watershed (mining influence) at Lower Marsh Creek and Guadalupe River
- Good relationship between SSC and Mercury

PCBs

- Similar to mercury data - good PCB:SSC relationships
- PCBs in line with reconnaissance findings - higher concentrations in more industrial, less impervious watersheds
- Discrete grab sampling design providing information to answer management questions

WY 2012 reporting

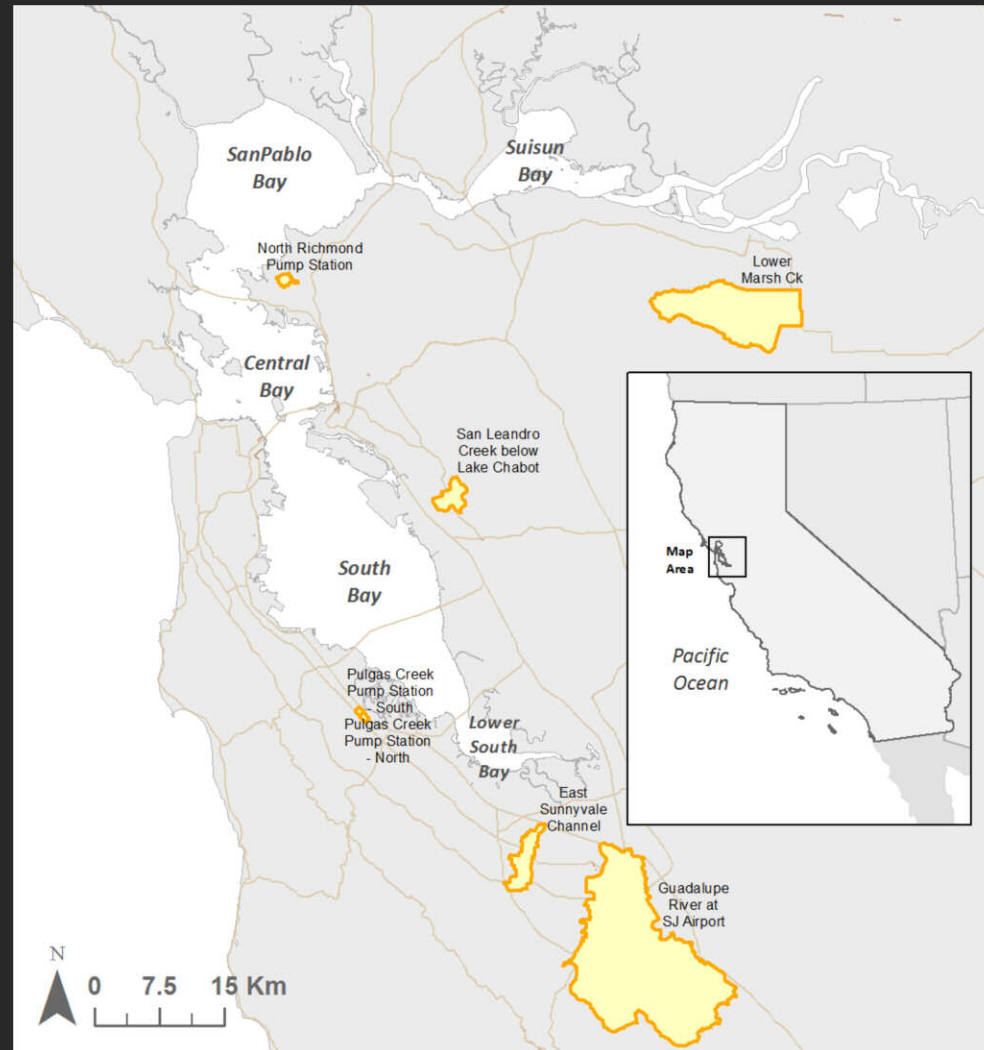
- Reporting template that has been developed and approved through the STLS
- Gaps left in the report for Richmond and Pulgas that came on line in WY 2013
- Report due 12/14/2012 (that's next Friday!)



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WY 2013 loads studies (\$343,000)

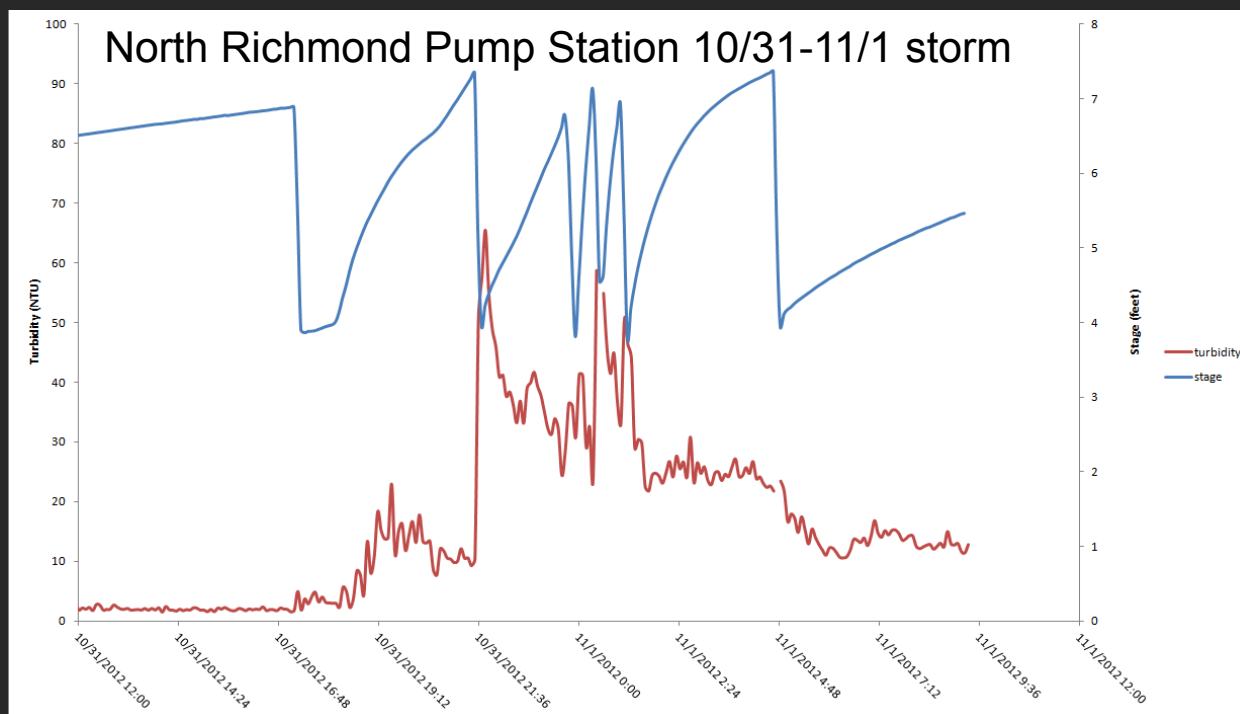
- 6 watersheds (2 with RMP funds)
- 2 more years
- Average of 4 storms per year per watershed
- A 1st flush; a large storm, and 2 others
- Standardized consistent Hybrid POC sampling approach
 - 6712 ISCO - composite and discrete sample collection
 - D95 - total mercury and total methylmercury
 - DH84 - total methylmercury wading stage
- Continuous turbidity and stage measurements
- Manual discharge measurements



WY 2013 loads studies - progress

Storms sampled as of
12/03/2012

- Marsh Creek: 2 of 6
- North Richmond Pump Station: 2 of 4
- San Leandro Creek: 2 of 4
- Guadalupe River: 1 of 5
- Sunnyvale East Channel: 2 of 6
- Pulgas Creek Pump Station: 0 of 4



2013 Spreadsheet model / EMC development

EMC development: \$80k; RWSM: \$25k + BASMAA funding

- **Planned products/ report sections:**
 - GIS layer development and report section draft complete (January 15th) (RMP 2012 funding)
 - PCB and Hg RWSM(s) v2 complete (RMP 2012 funding)
 - EMC field program designed and implemented? (RMP 2013 funding)
 - PCB RWSM v3 complete (RMP 2013 funding)
 - Hg RWSM v3 complete (RMP 2013 funding)
 - Regional sediment loads updated (2013 BASMAA funding)
 - PBDE/OC Pest contaminant “fact sheets” (2013 BASMAA funding)
 - Further reporting (RMP 2013 funding)
 - **Planning for WY 2014 wet season (July - September):**
 - POC loads monitoring (RMP 2014 funding)
 - EMC field monitoring? (RMP 2013 funding)

2013 STLS management support (\$20K)

- **Small Tributaries Loading Strategy (STLS) team plans and coordinates loading related projects**
 - Water Board staff
 - BASMAA staff
 - RMP staff
 - BASMAA consultants (ADH, Balance Hydrologics, KLI)
- **Monthly phone conferences**
 - Heads up discussion of progress and product development
 - “Real-time input” rather than review at the end
- **Quarterly face-to-face meetings to**
 - Discuss progress and get input
 - Collaborate and coordinate on bigger issues and decisions

San Francisco Estuary Sediment Transport Research Project



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Outline

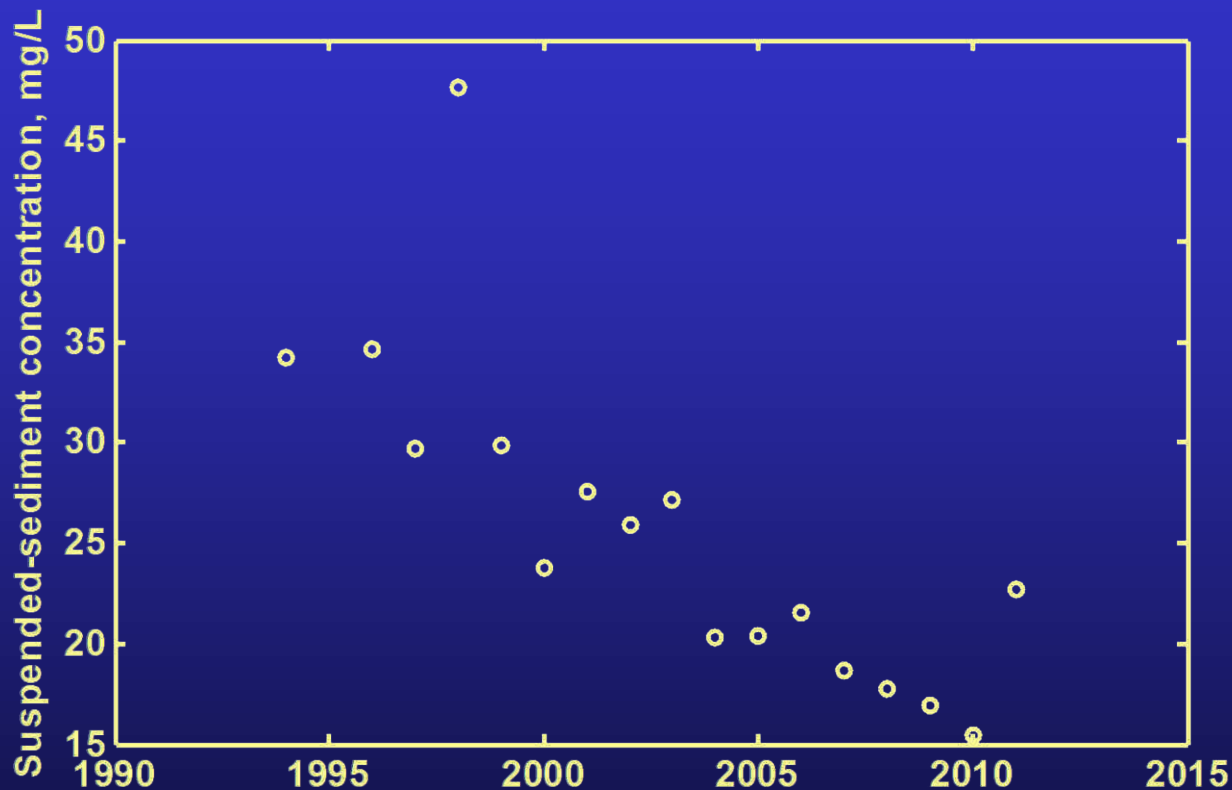
- Suspended-sediment concentration (SSC), salinity, and dissolved oxygen (DO) continuous monitoring station updates
- Golden Gate suspended-sediment flux analysis

SSC station update:

- Continued operation of Mallard Island, Benicia, Richmond Bridge, and Alcatraz stations.
- Dumbarton moved from vehicle to railroad bridge for bridge retrofit.
- Hamilton disposal station discontinued, replaced with Golden Gate analysis in 2012, deep Central Bay station in 2013.
- RSM stations: Corte Madera Creek and Alviso Slough
- Planning sensor deployment with Emily Novick and David Senn



Clearing trend continuing despite wet 2011: Near-surface SSC at Mallard Island, September-October mean values, 1994-2011

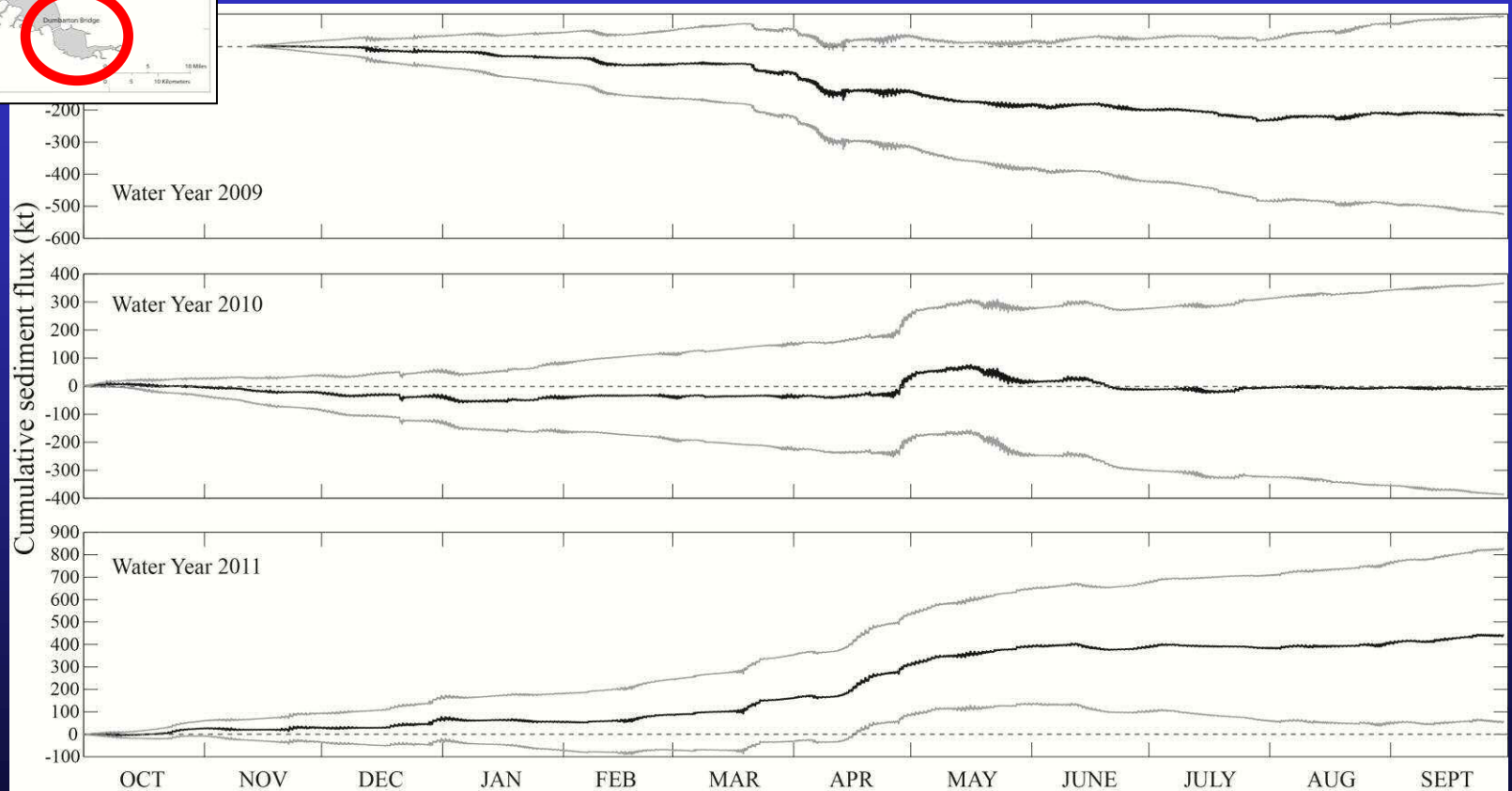
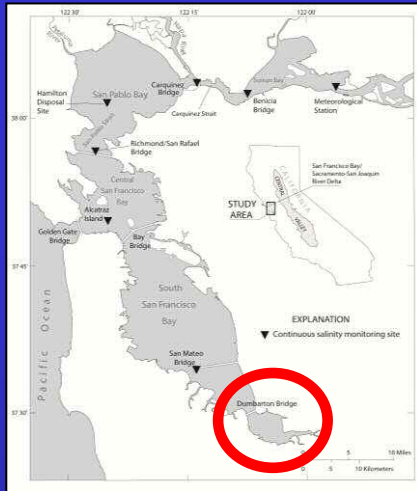


SSC decreased ~50% 1994-2011

Dumbarton sediment flux fact sheet

Greg Shellenbarger TRC presentation March 2012

Positive values are seaward



USGS can not publish new results in a fact sheet, awaiting USGS approval of accepted *Marine Geology* article. Both are being revised

Salinity station update:

- Funded by DWR
- Continued operation of Benicia, Carquinez Bridge, Richmond Bridge, Alcatraz, and San Mateo Bridge stations.
- Dumbarton moved from vehicle to railroad bridge for bridge retrofit.
- Hamilton disposal station discontinued, replaced with deep Central Bay station in 2013.
- RSM stations: Corte Madera Creek and Alviso Slough

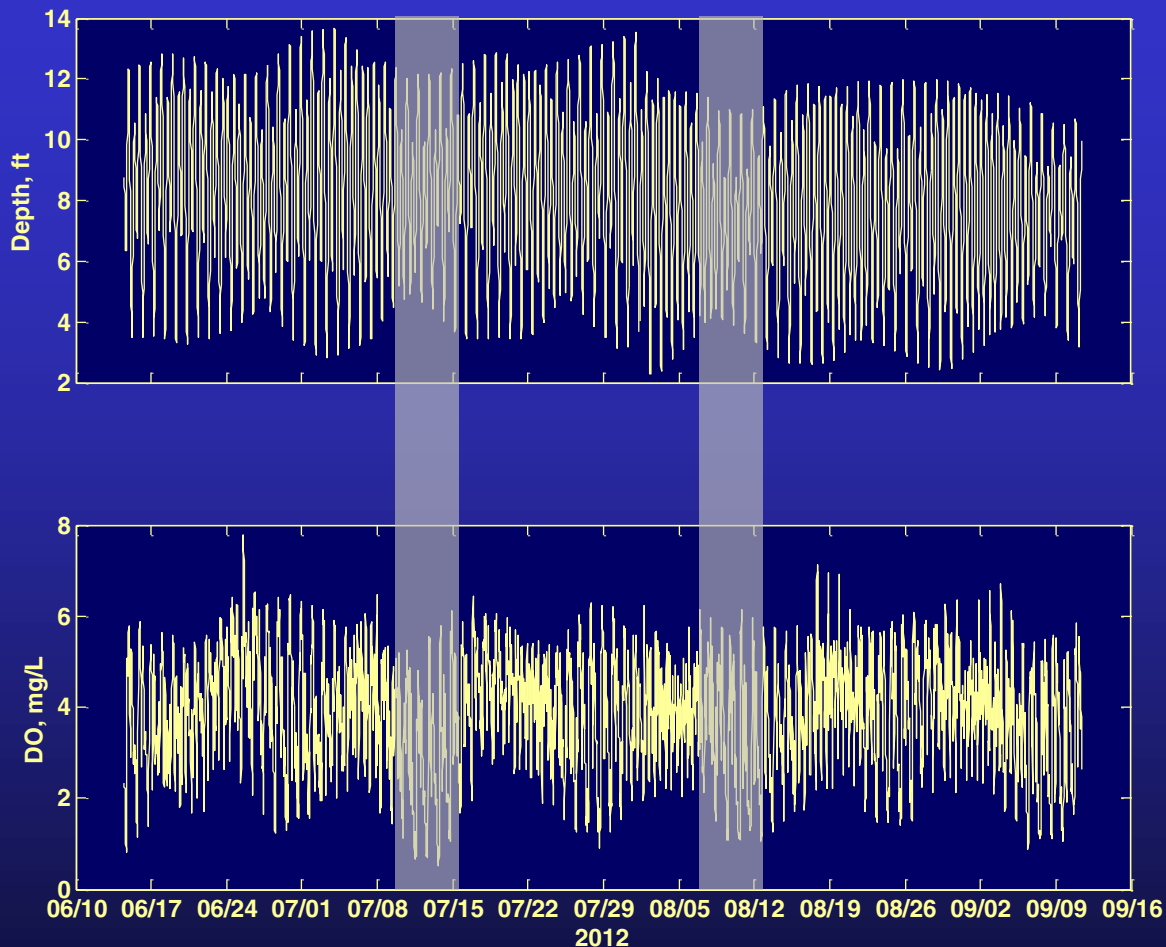


DO station update:

- DO sensors deployed near-bottom at Benicia, Richmond Bridge, and San Mateo Bridge stations.
- Dumbarton moved from vehicle to railroad bridge for bridge retrofit.
- Deep Central Bay station in 2013.
- RSM stations with DO: Corte Madera Creek and Alviso Slough
- Sensors deployed in 2012, still QAing data

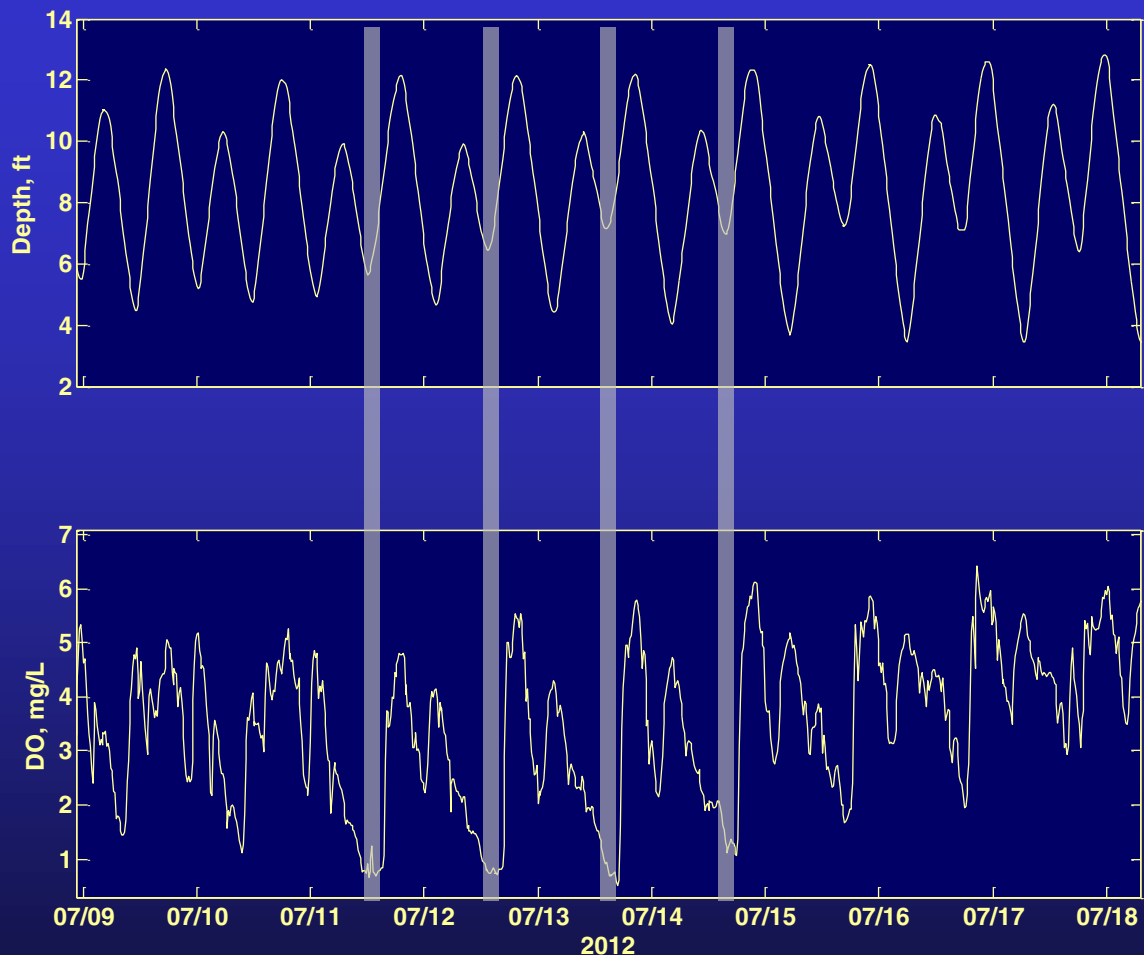


DO in Alviso Slough



- Confirms DO in sloughs lower than in Bay (Shellenbarger et al. 2008)
- DO sag during neap tides due to less tidal mixing

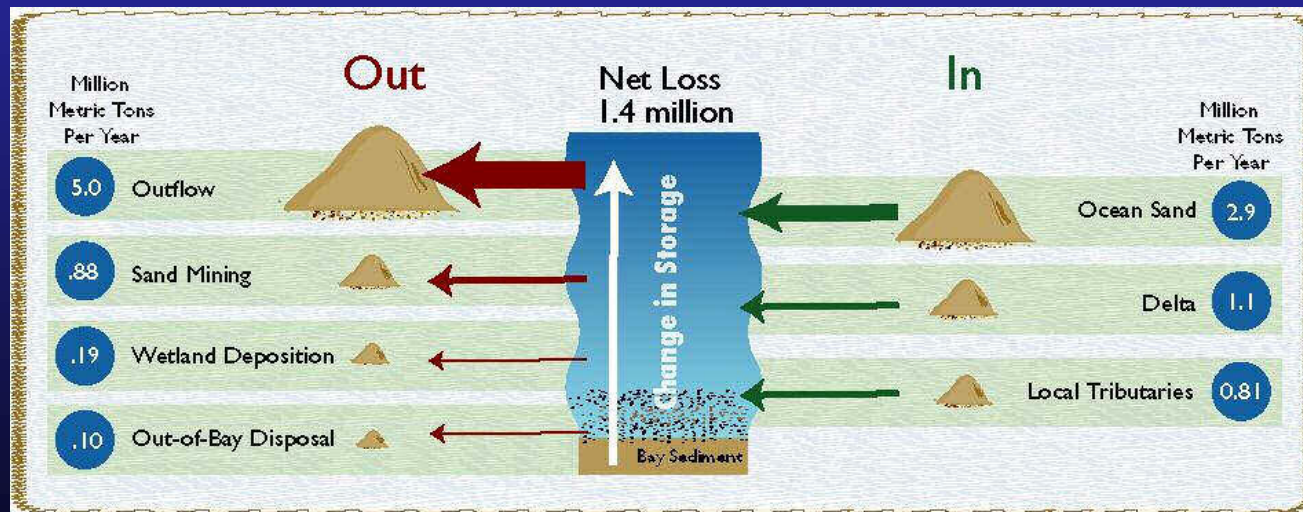
Neap tide minimum DO at slack after weak ebb



- Transport of lower DO water from upstream to the mouth
- End of 12 hours of weaker tides with less mixing

Suspended-sediment outflow at Golden Gate

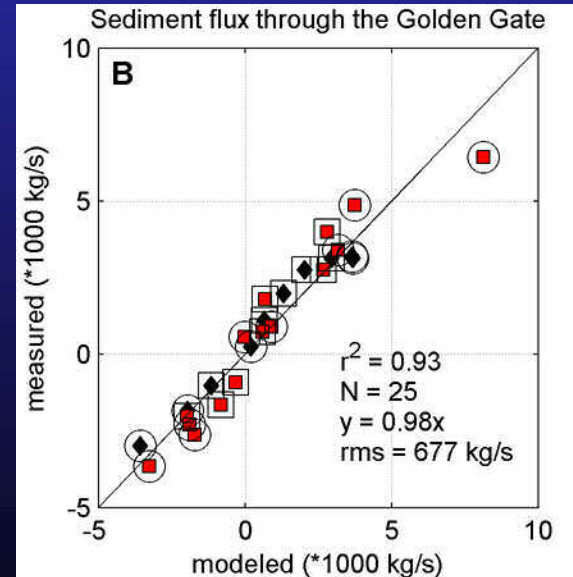
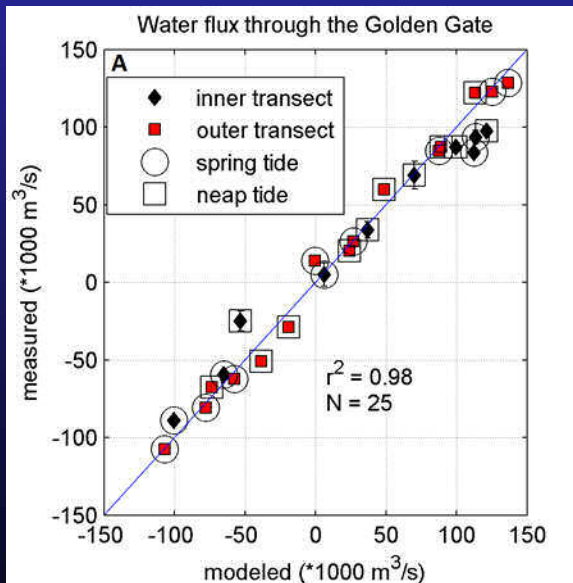
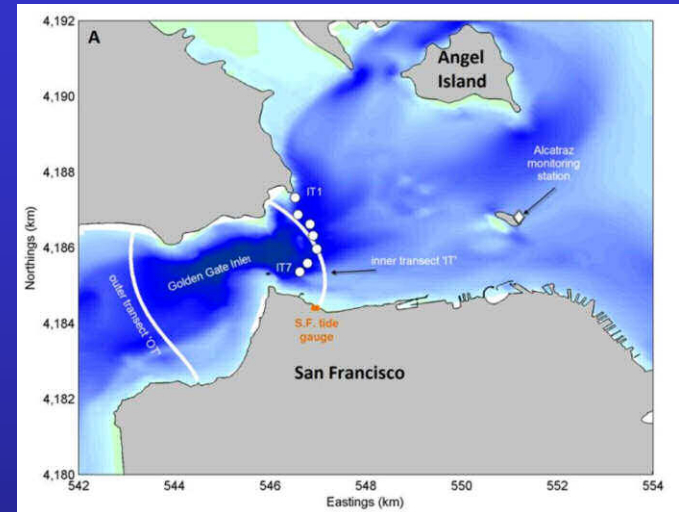
- Analysis in lieu of replacing Hamilton ATF station in 2012
- Sediment budgets show that suspended-sediment flux at the Golden Gate is the largest and most uncertain term
- Objective: Evaluate whether Alcatraz SSC and other data can be used as a surrogate to estimate suspended-sediment outflow at Golden Gate
- Collaboration with Li Erikson, USGS Santa Cruz



Approach

Numerical model (DELFT) for coastal studies validated with measurements of water and sediment flux collected by USGS in January 2008

Erikson et al. accepted



Approach

Analytic relation for tidally-averaged sediment flux F developed from model results:

$$F = 3 \cdot 10^{-8} \varphi^2 + 4.8 \cdot 10^{-3} \varphi$$

$$\varphi = C (aU + Q)$$

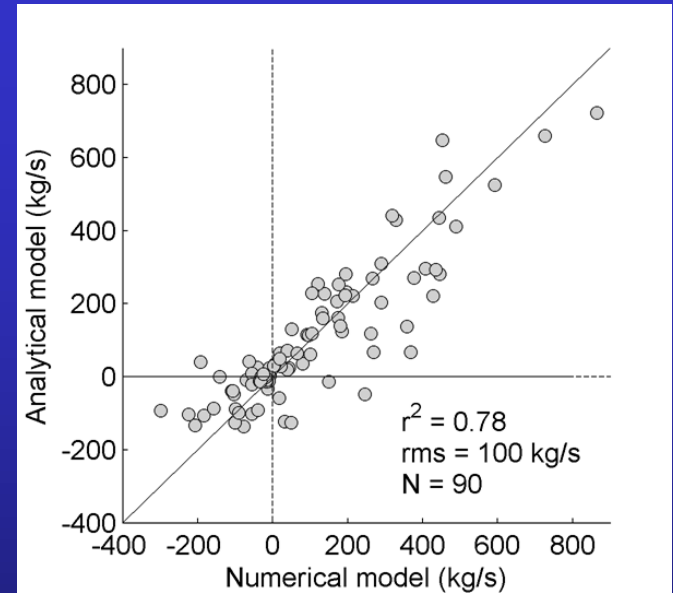
F = suspended-sediment flux (kg/s)

C = Alcatraz suspended-sediment concentration (kg/m³)

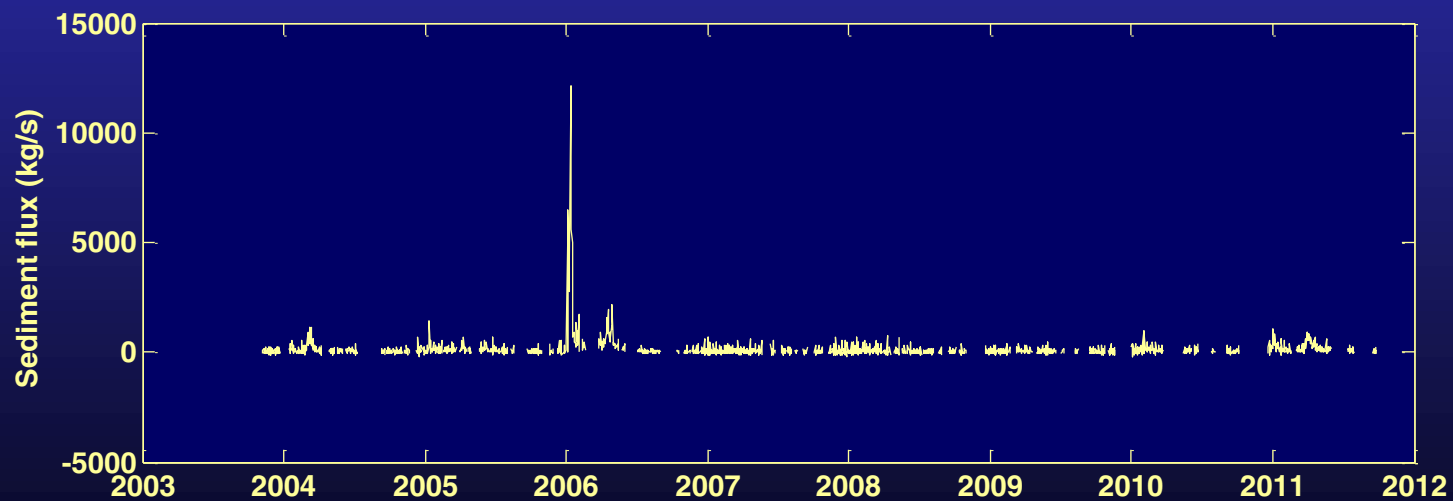
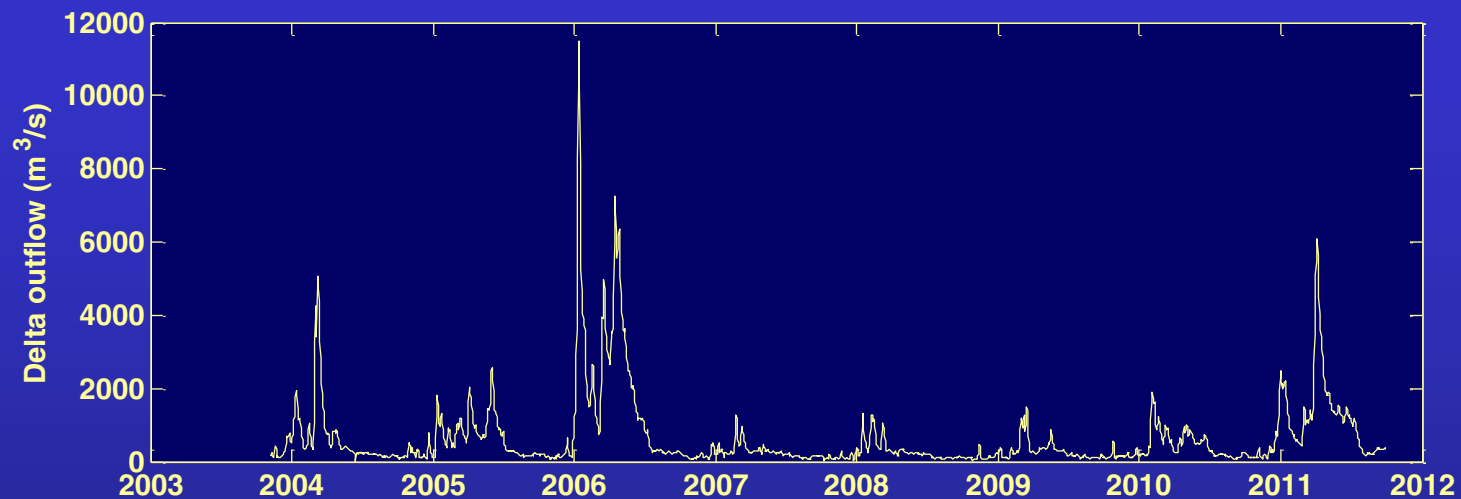
a = constant

U = tidal average of predicted Alcatraz tidal currents (m/s)

Q = Delta outflow lagged by 10 days (m³/s)

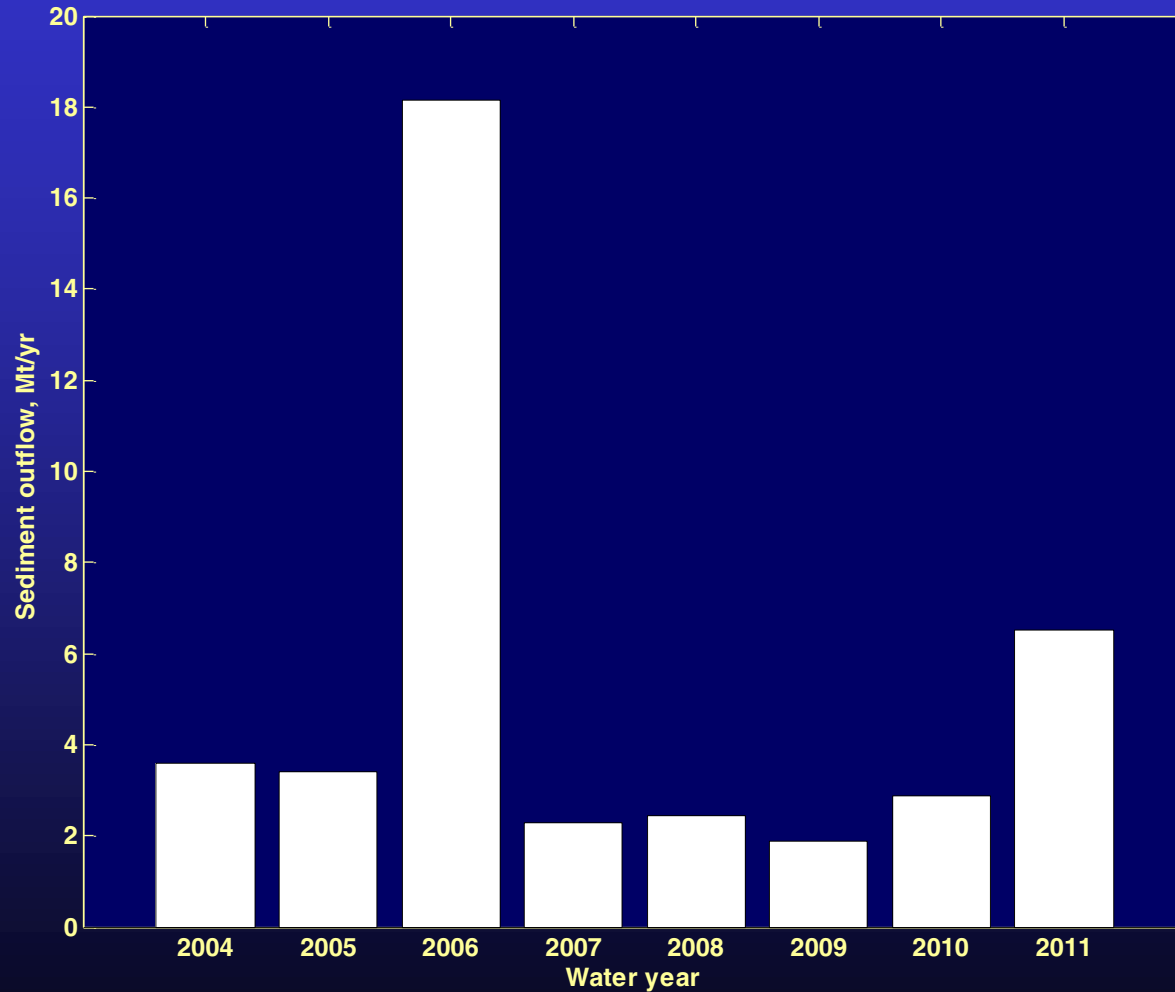


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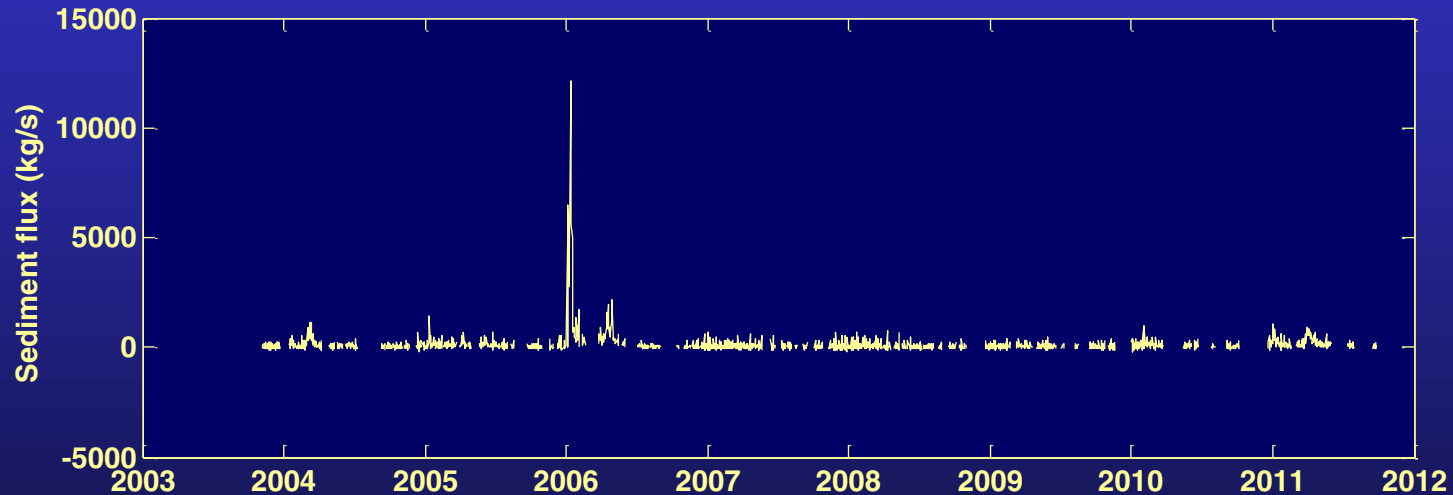
Water years vary

- WY2006 had 10 times more sediment outflow than WY2009



Big flows matter

- 44% of sediment outflow during WY2004-2011 in WY2006
- 16% of sediment outflow during WY2004-2011 from January 1-17, 2006



Results similar to recent mass conservation estimates

Source	Years	Method	Sediment outflow (Mt/yr)
Gilbert (1917)	1849-1914	Arbitrary estimate	20.2
OBK (1992)	1955-1990	Mass conservation	1.3
Schoellhamer et al. (2005)	1955-1990	Mass conservation	5.0
Schoellhamer et al. (2005)	1995-2002	Mass conservation	4.2
This study	2004-2011	Surrogate flux	5.0

Normalize by mean Delta outflow to 1955-1990

- Remove a couple of water years so mean Delta outflow is similar to 1955-1990
- Effect of Bay clearing not apparent because mass conservation estimates too low, this study's estimates are too high, and/or normalizing by mean Delta outflow not appropriate

Source	Years	Method	Mean Delta Outflow (m³/s)	Adjusted sediment outflow (Mt/yr)
OBK (1992)	1955-1990	Mass conservation	795	1.3
Schoellhamer et al. (2005)	1955-1990	Mass conservation	795	5.0
Schoellhamer et al. (2005)	1995-2002	Mass conservation	987	4.0
This study	2004-2011	Surrogate flux	646	5.4

Evaluation of surrogate method

- Superior temporal resolution: Mass conservation requires estimate of bed mass change from bathymetric surveys (last done in 1990) or numerical models (bed change harder to simulate than fluxes). Results are available every 30 hours, not ~30 years.
- The fact that results from two different inexact methods are close (well within a factor of 2) is somewhat remarkable.
- Uncertainty is likely reduced. Uncertainty of mass conservation is at least 30%.
- For known sediment inflows, enables estimation of sediment erosion
- In summary: not perfect, but a worthwhile improvement

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Nutrients Update

1. Overall Nutrient Strategy Update
2. RMP 2012 Project Update
 - Loading Study
3. Work progress and planning
 - 2012-2013
4. Modeling

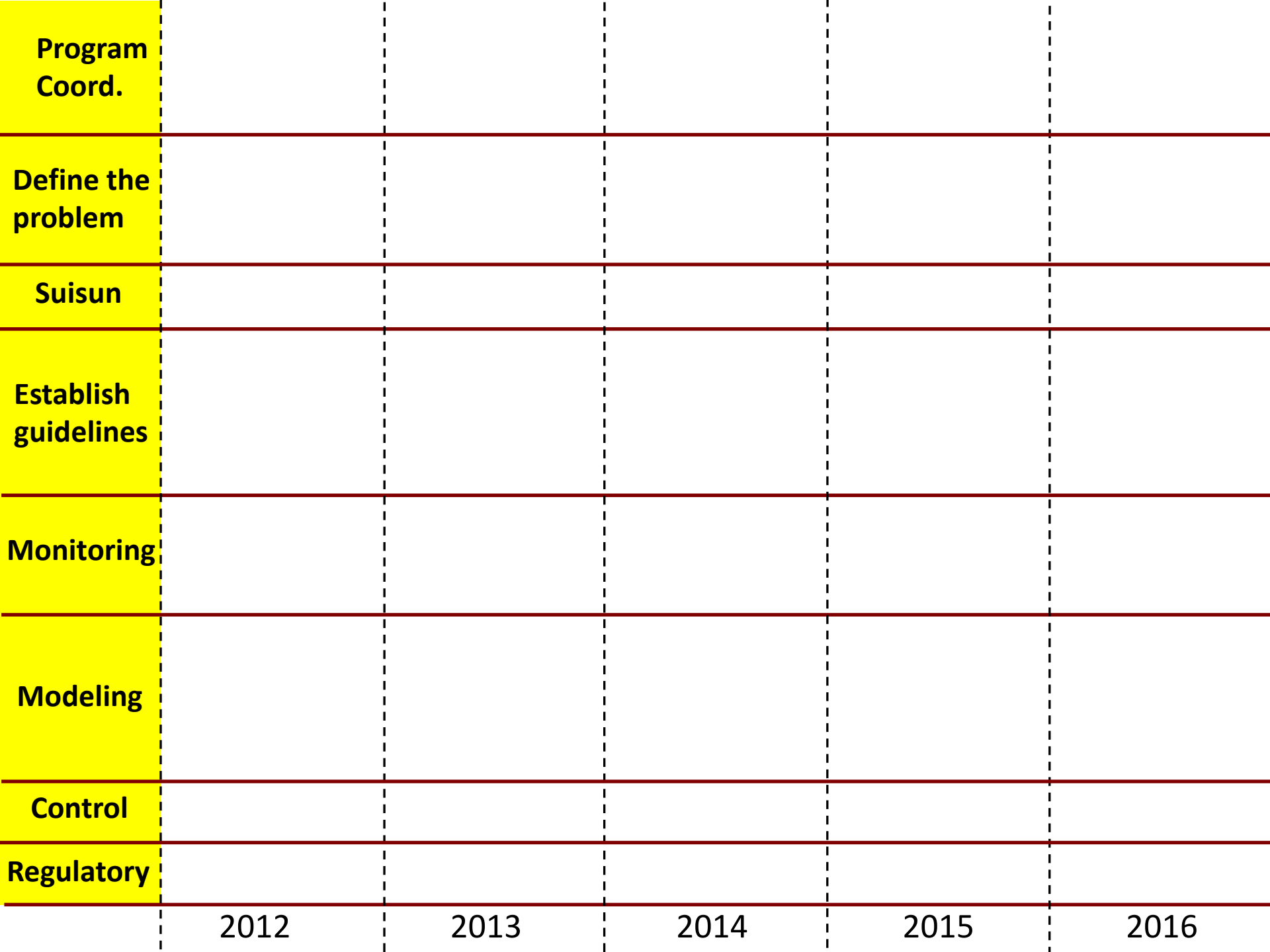


Status of Nutrient Strategy

November 2012

San Francisco Bay Nutrient Management Strategy

- Initial strategy: March 2012
- Comments and discussion
 - SAG: March 2012
 - Comments: May 2012
- Revised strategy out
 - November 2012



**Program
Coord.**

**Define the
problem**

Suisun

**Establish
guidelines**

Monitoring

Modeling

Control

Regulatory

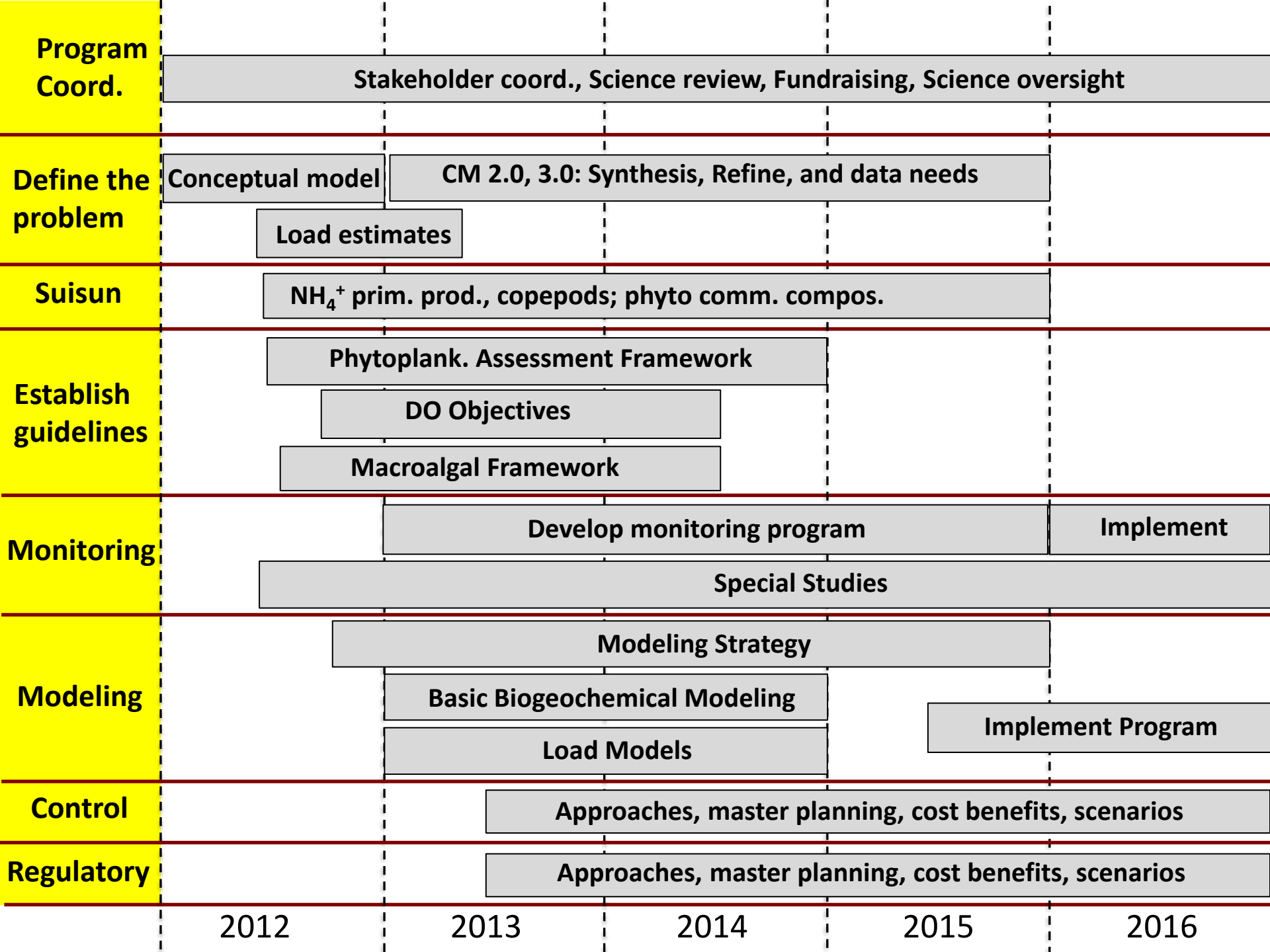
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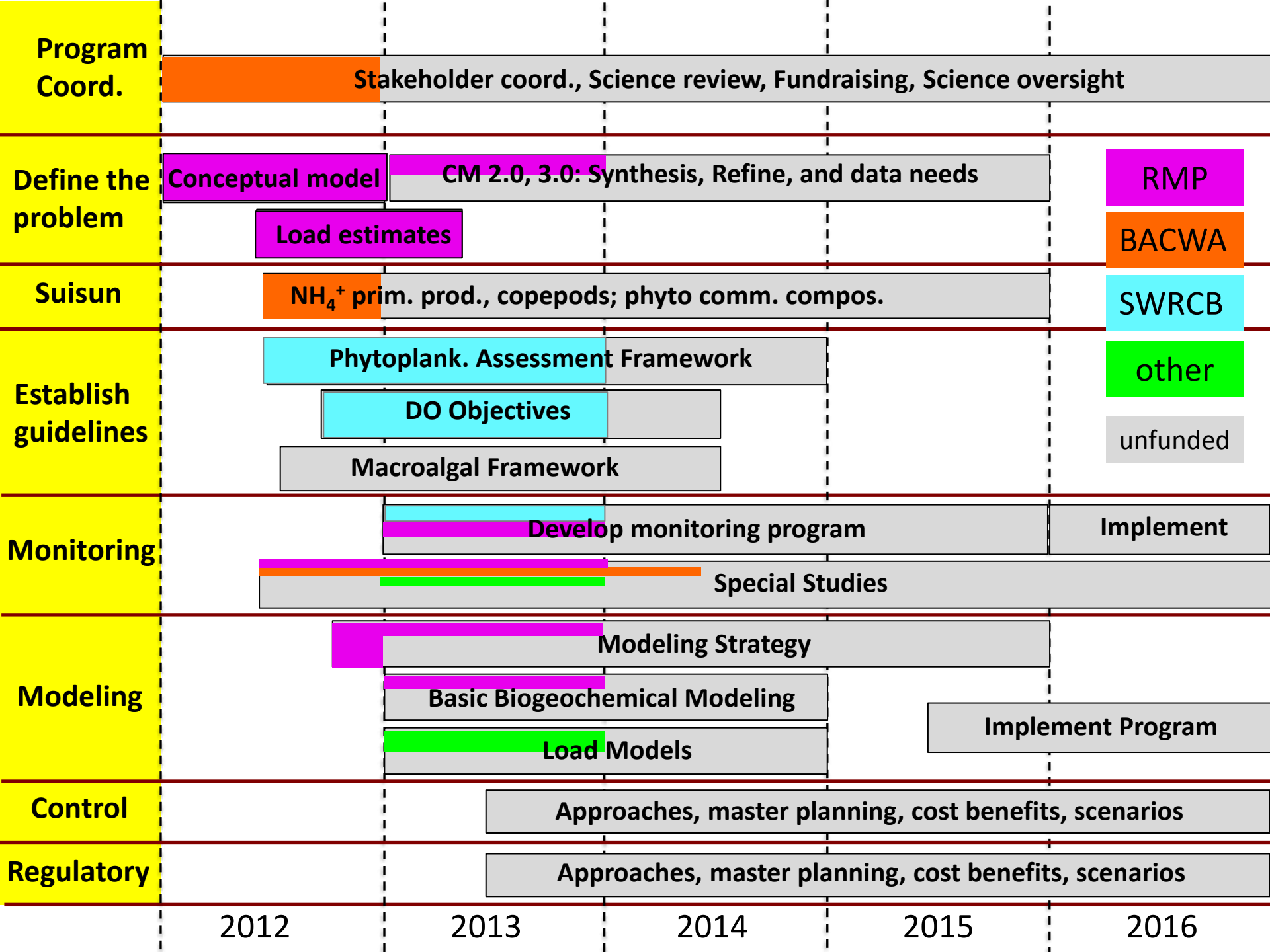
2013


2014

2015

2016







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Research and Synthesis to Inform Nutrient Management in San Francisco Bay



The San Francisco Bay Nutrient Science and Management Strategy is a regional initiative for developing the science needed for informed decisions about managing nutrient loads and maintaining beneficial uses within the Bay. [San Francisco Bay Nutrient Strategy partners](#) include federal and state agencies, local governments, non-profit organizations, and academic institutions.

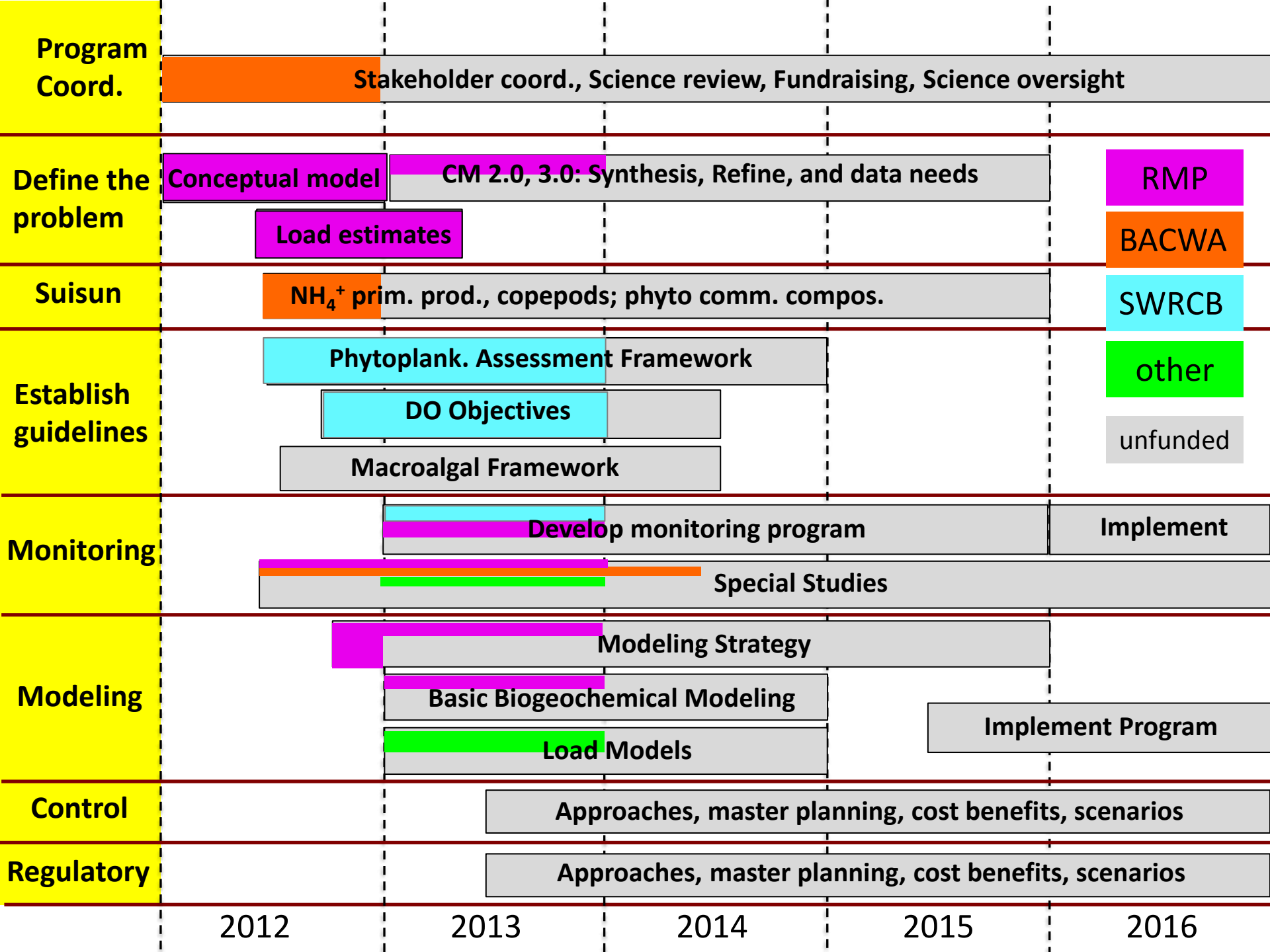
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NEXT STEPS...

- Governance/decision-making structure
- Further prioritization...regulatory decisions and science needs
- Fine-tuning

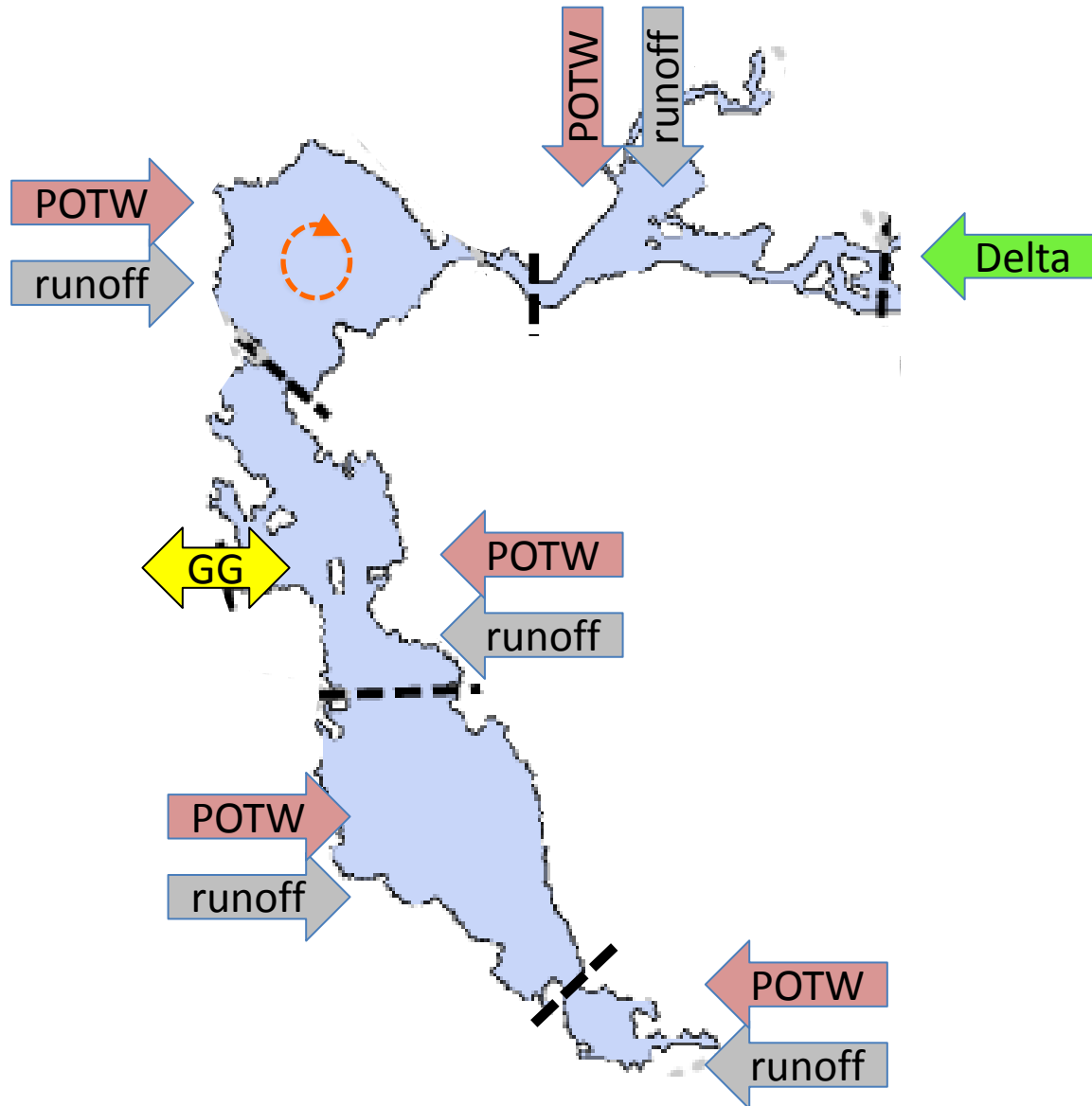


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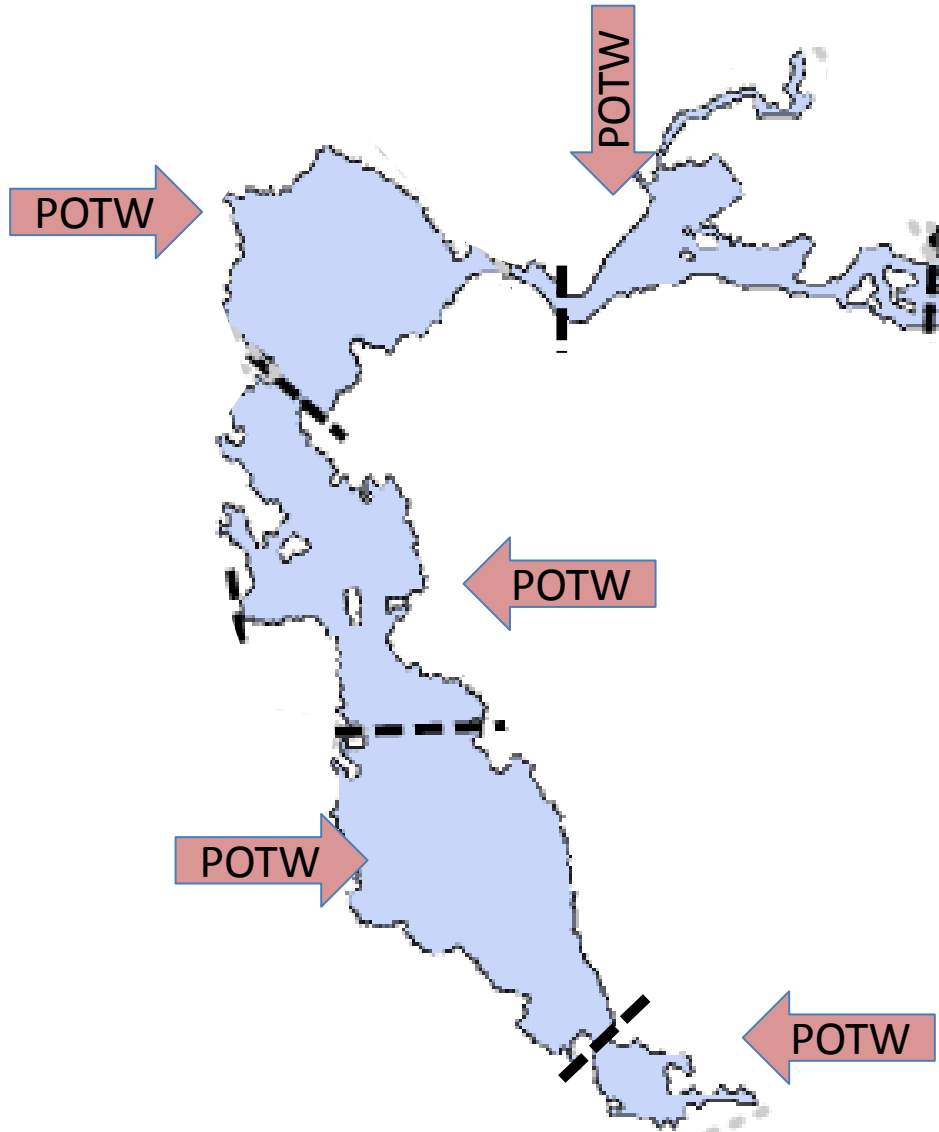
Goals:

- Quantify nutrient loads to SFB
- Explore how relative importance of different sources varies spatially, seasonally and over time
- Identify major data gaps

Sources Considered



POTW discharges



POTW discharges - approach

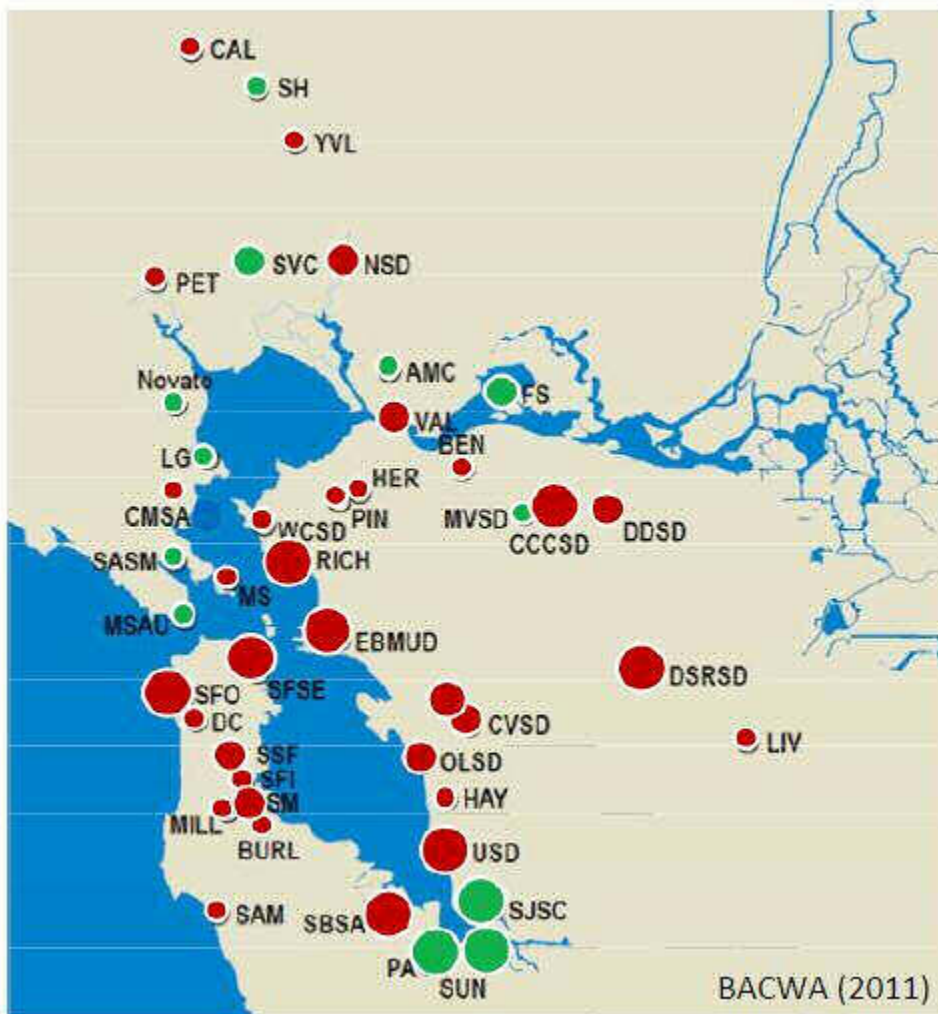
Analysis

-Generate estimates for each POTW

-Variations between subembayments

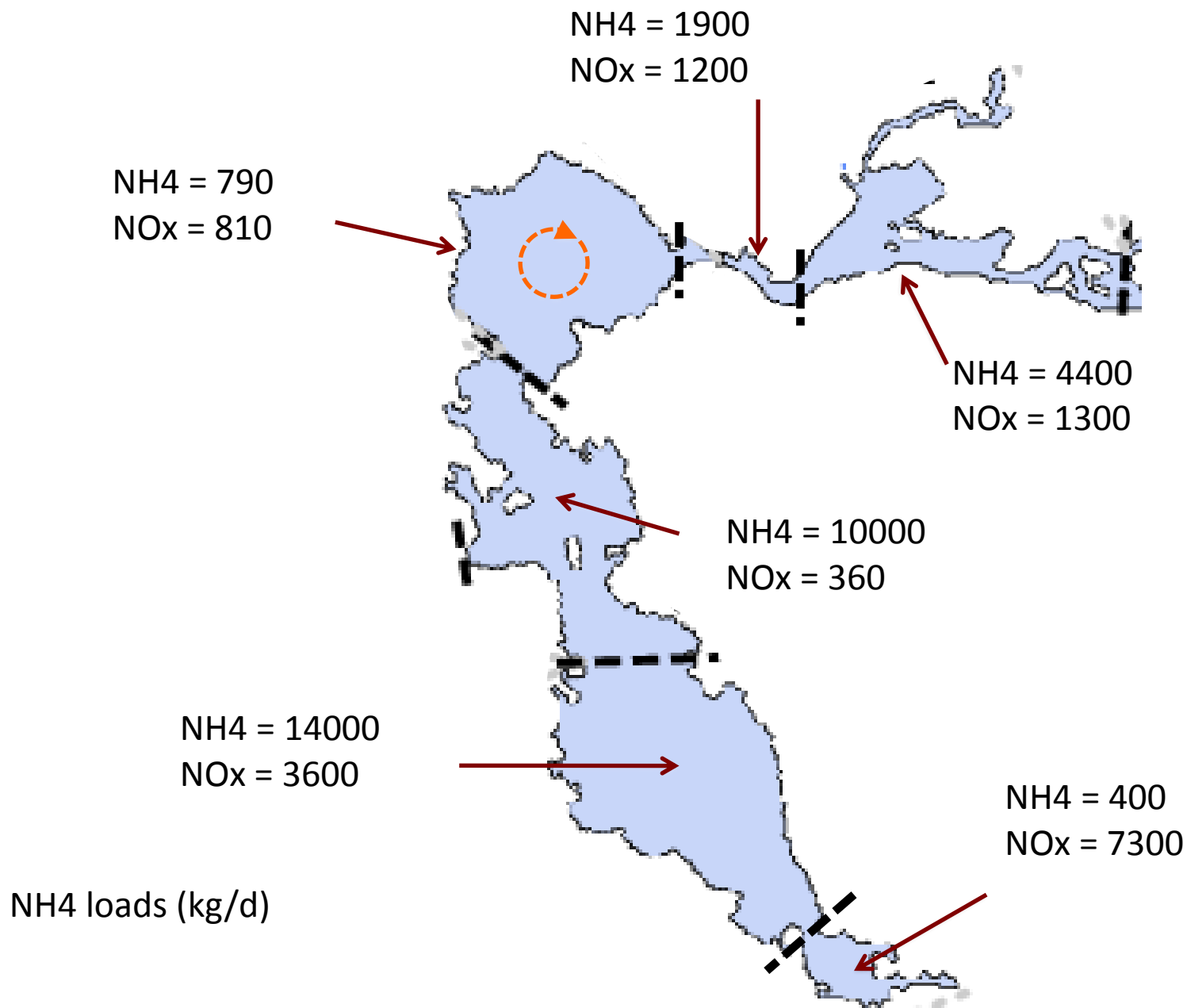
-Seasonal variations

-Changes over time

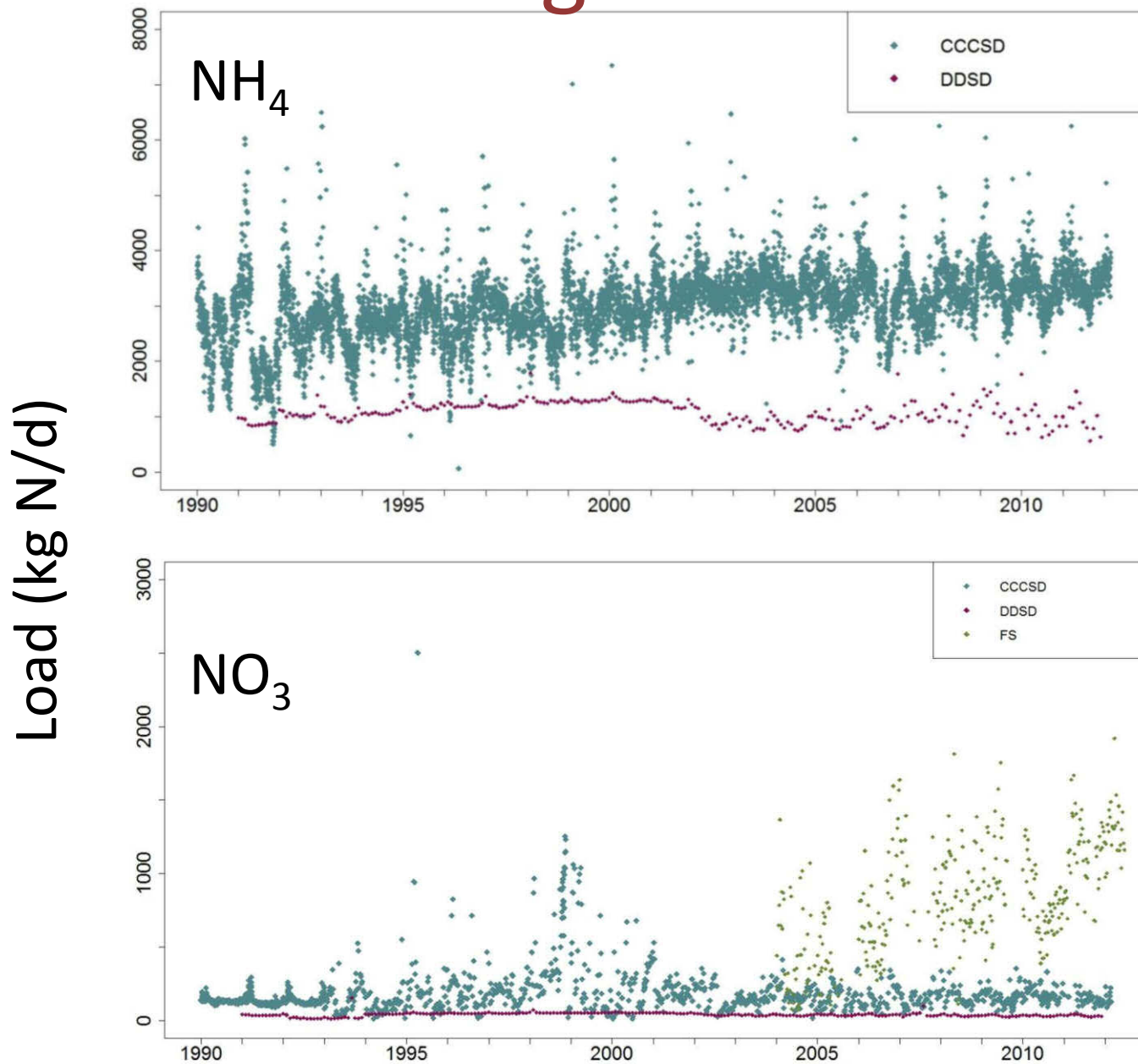


Flow (mgd)	Ammonia Removal	Secondary Treatment
>20	●	●
10-20	●	●
<10	●	●

POTW discharges – initial results



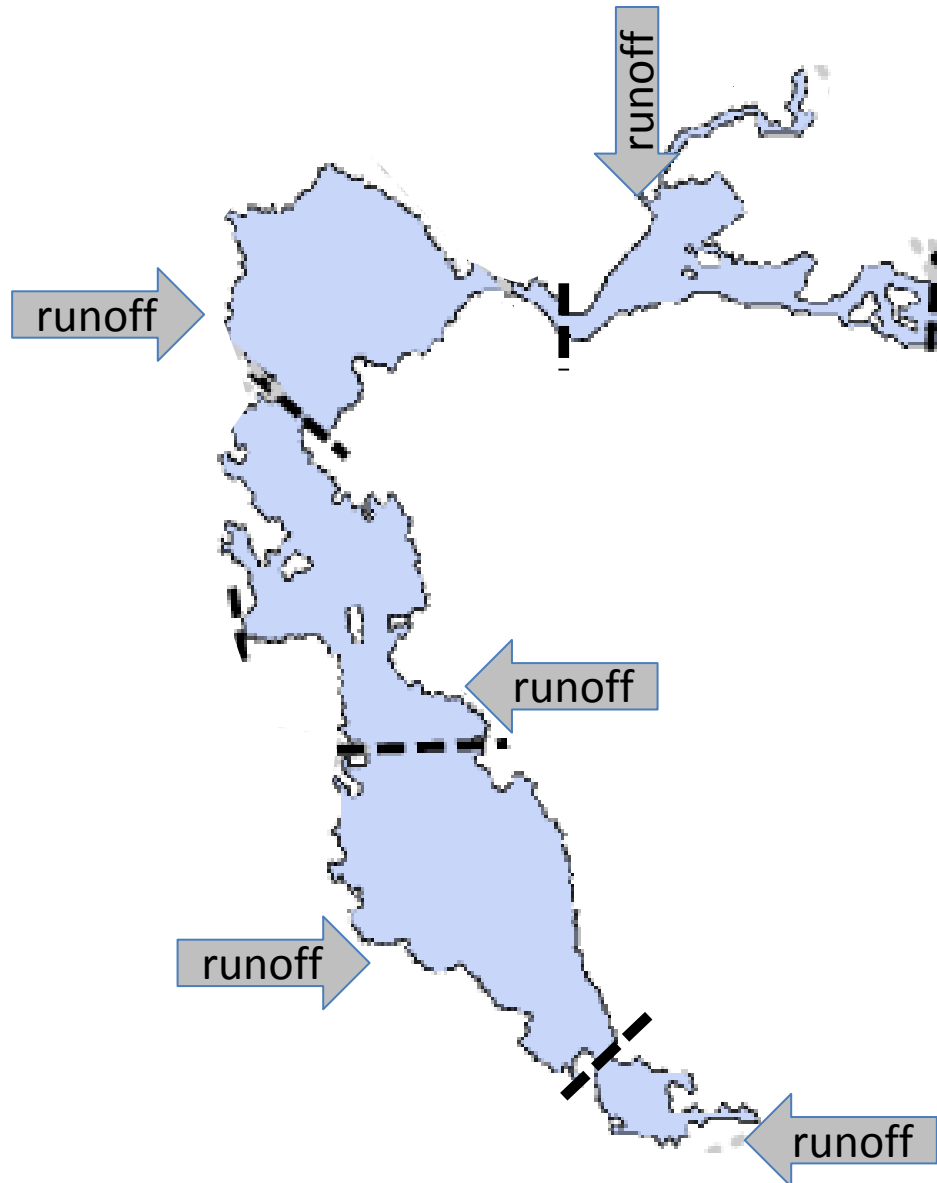
POTW discharges – initial results



POTW discharges – next steps

- Incorporate Q3 and Q4 2012 data submitted per Water Code Section 13267 order
- Compare POTW loads between subembayments
- Identify locations and times of year where POTW loads are most significant

Stormwater loads

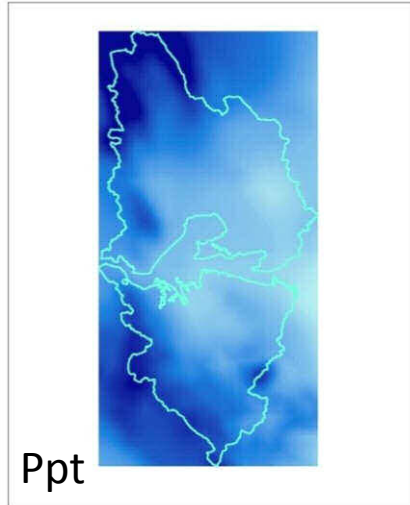
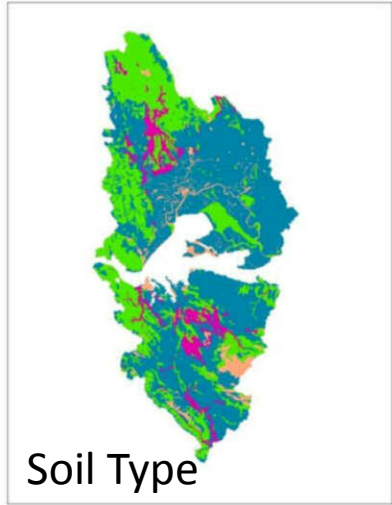


-Less constrained than POTW estimates

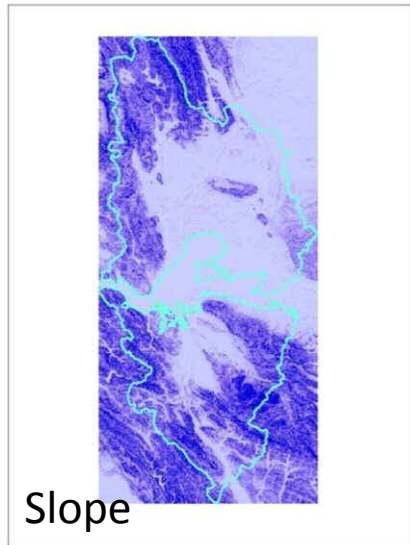
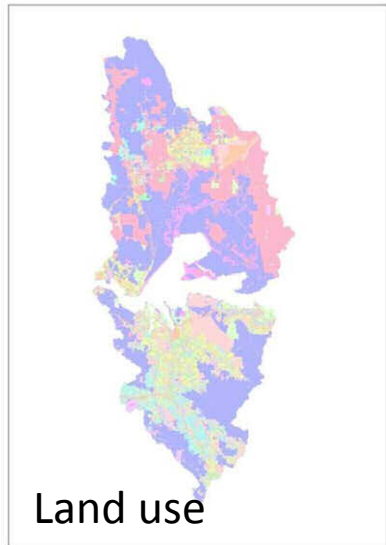
-Chose a rainfall-runoff model with fine spatial resolution

Stormwater loads- approach

Regional Watershed Spreadsheet Model

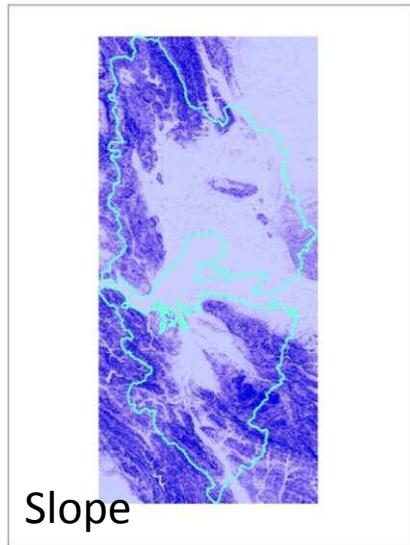
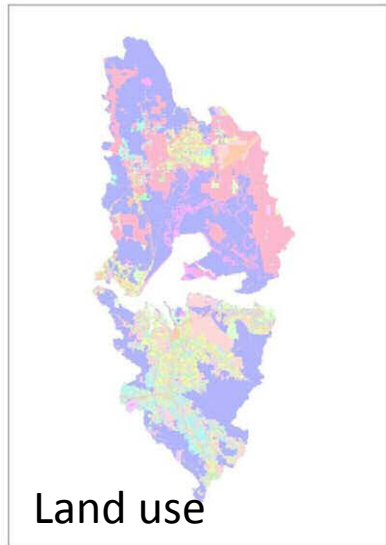
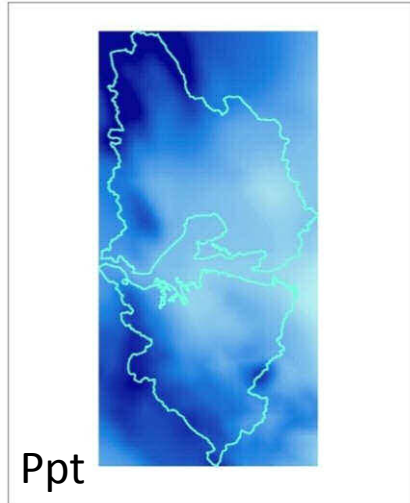
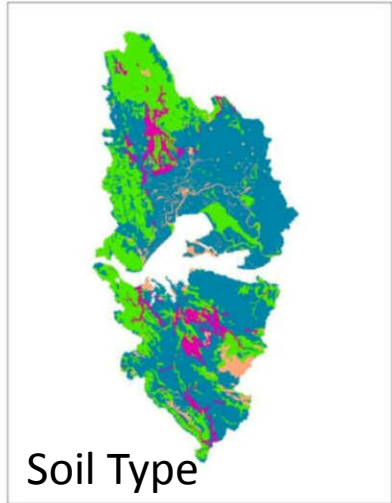


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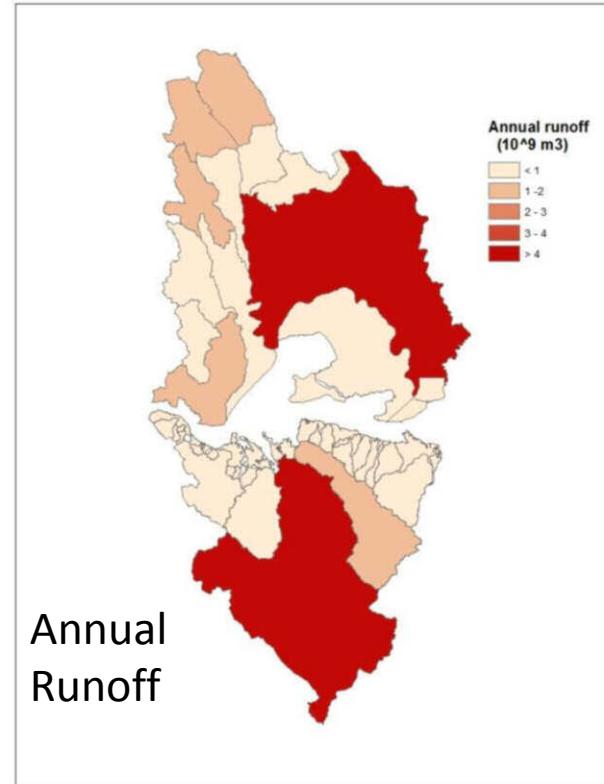


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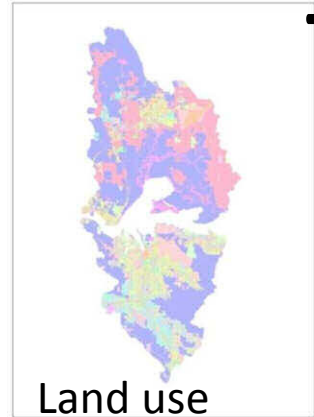
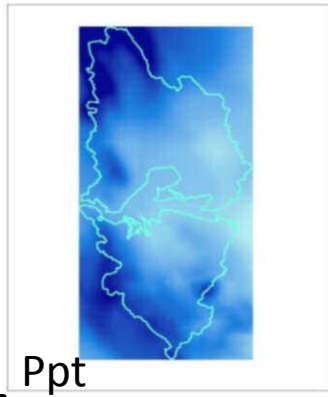
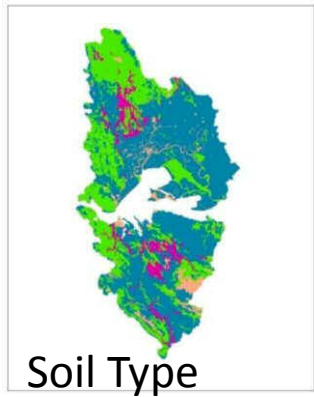


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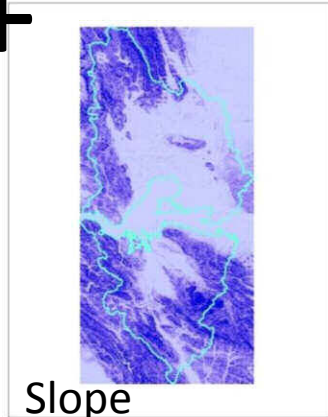


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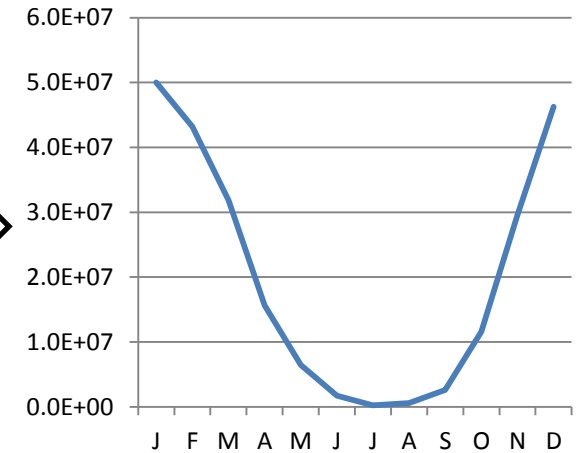
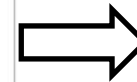
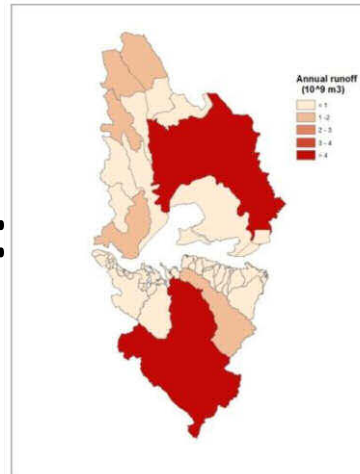
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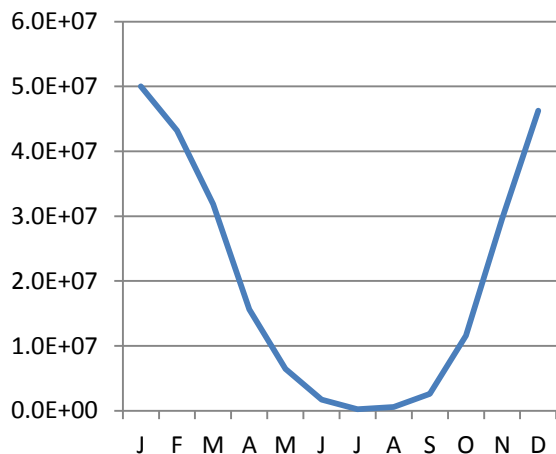
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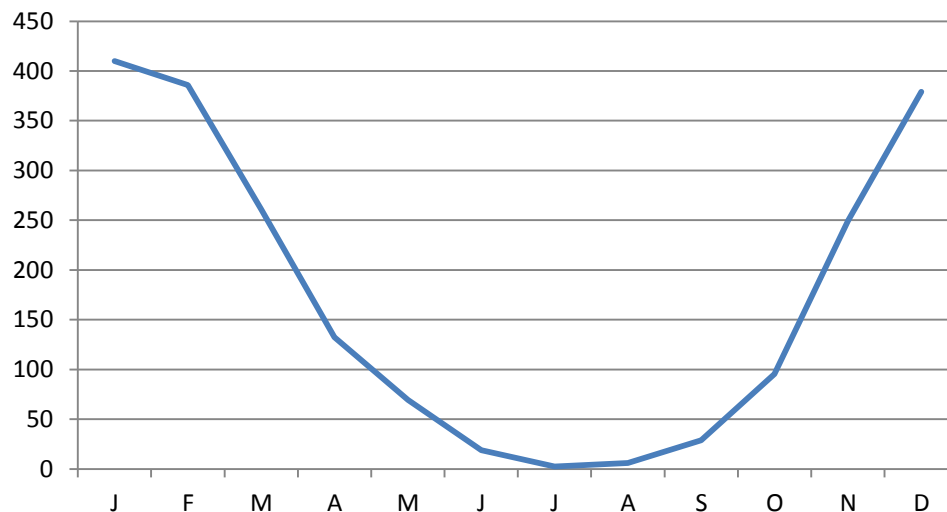
Stormwater loads- approach



Runoff per month (m³)

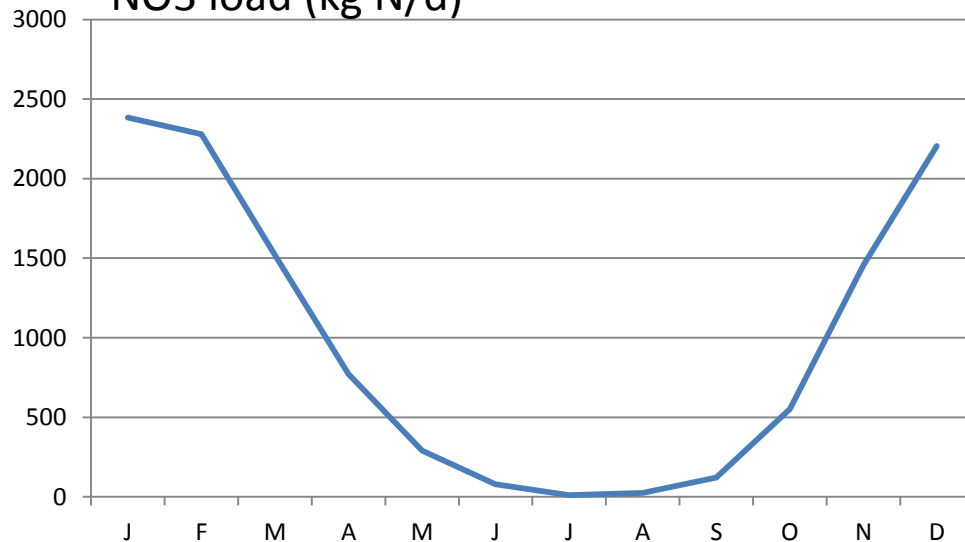
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NH4 load (kg N/d)



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NO3 load (kg N/d)



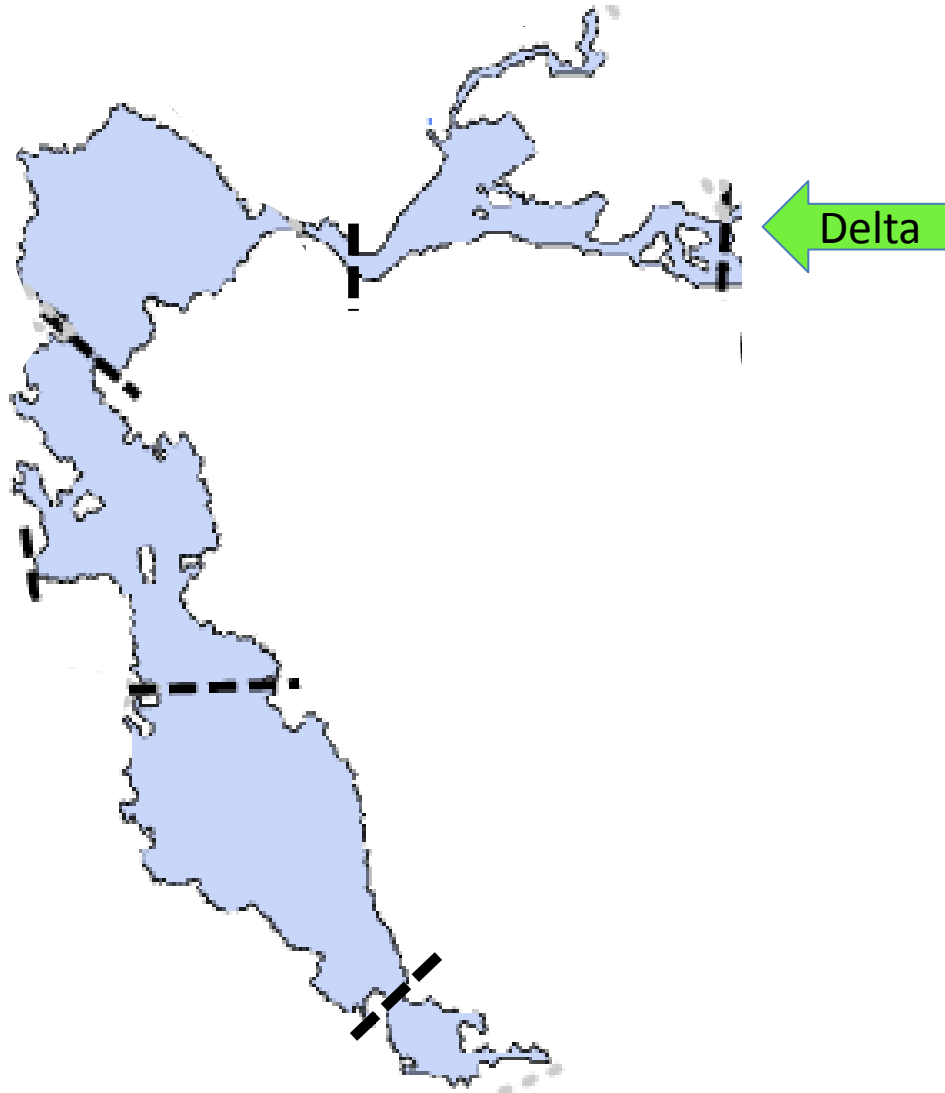
(mg/L)	Wet season avg.	Dry season avg.
NH4	0.25	0.33
NO3	1.01	0.949

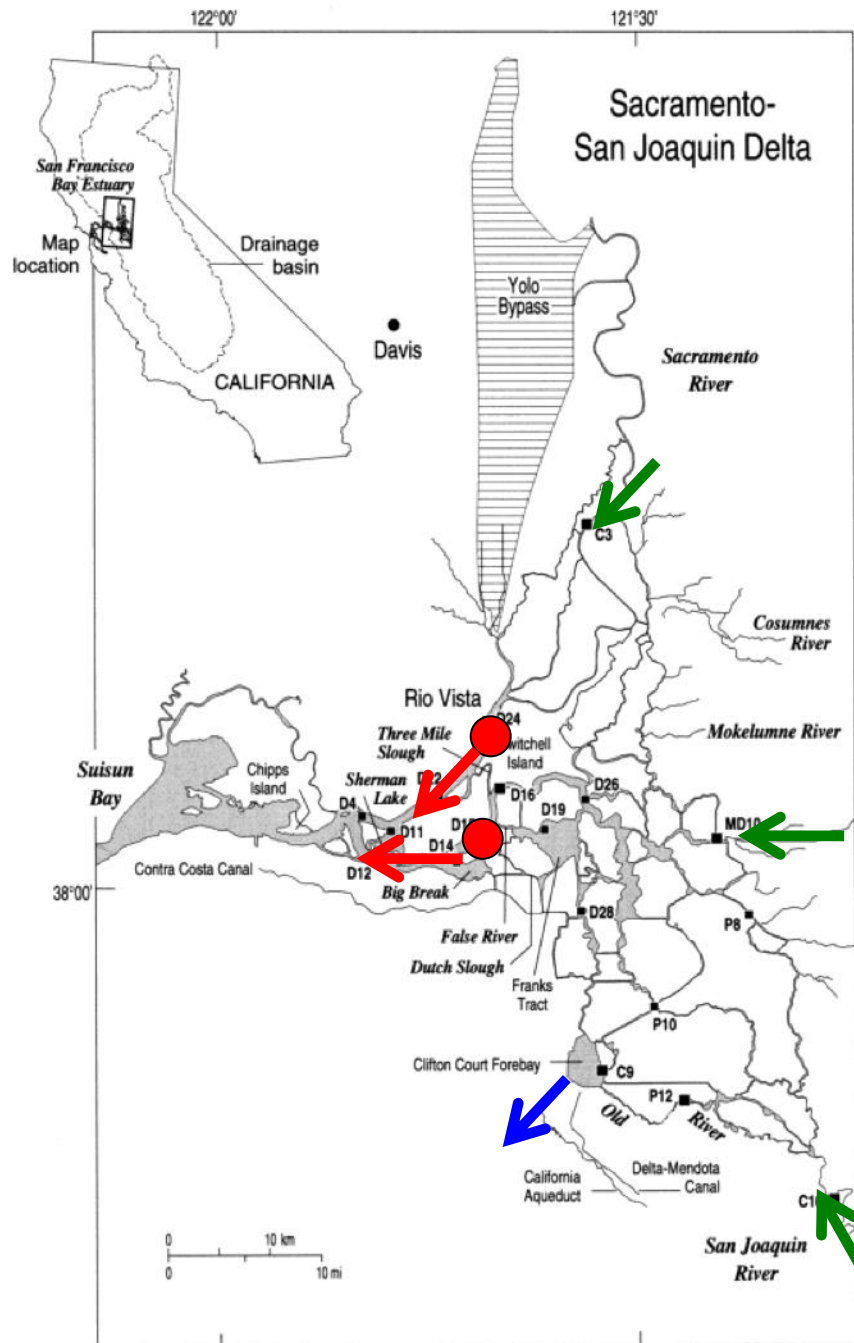
McKee and Gluchowski (2011)

Stormwater loads – next steps

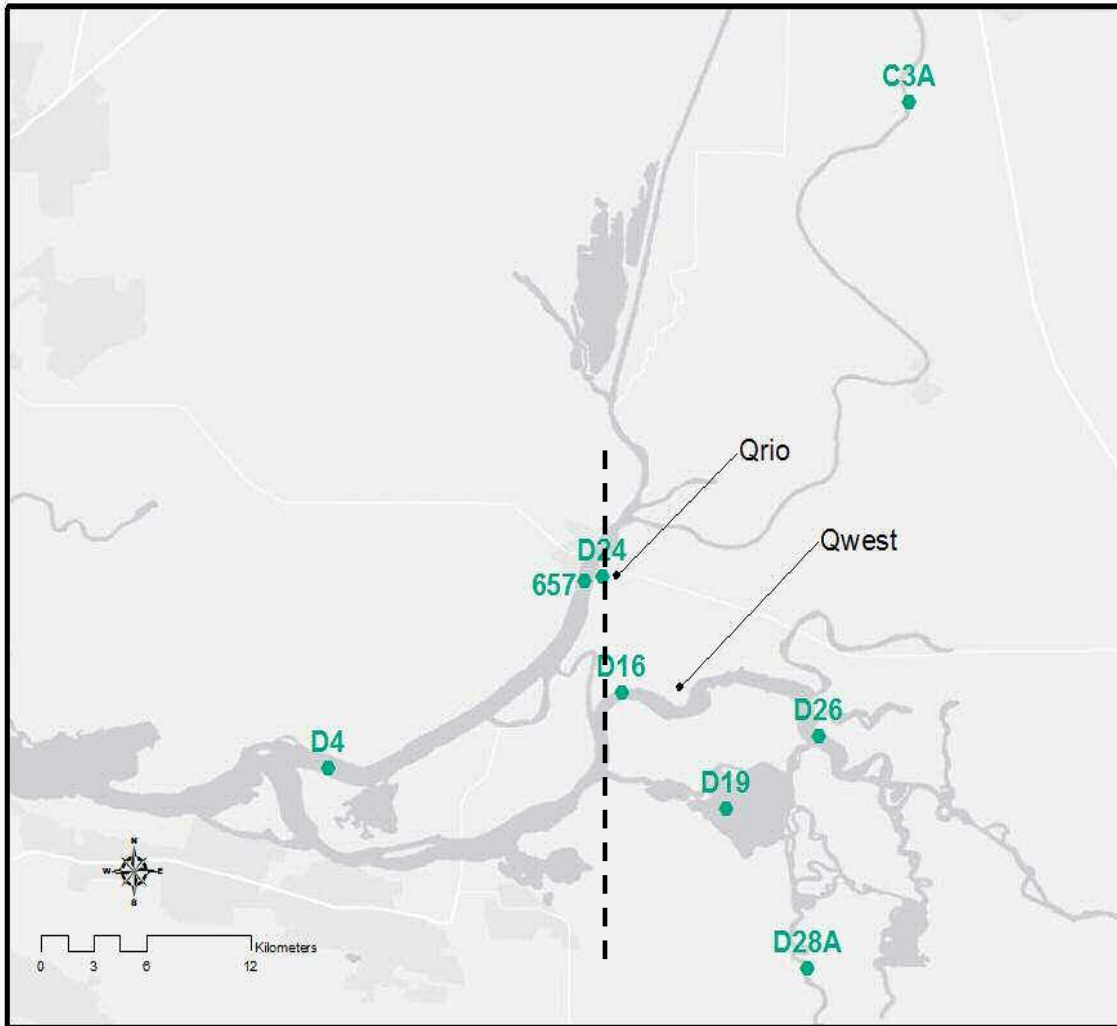
- Incorporate land-use specific concentrations from the literature into Regional Watershed Spreadsheet Model
- Characterize the relative importance of stormwater loads relative to other sources (by subembayment), and at what times of year they are most significant
- Explore other potential watershed models (i.e. SWMM), based on relative importance of stormwater loads

Delta efflux



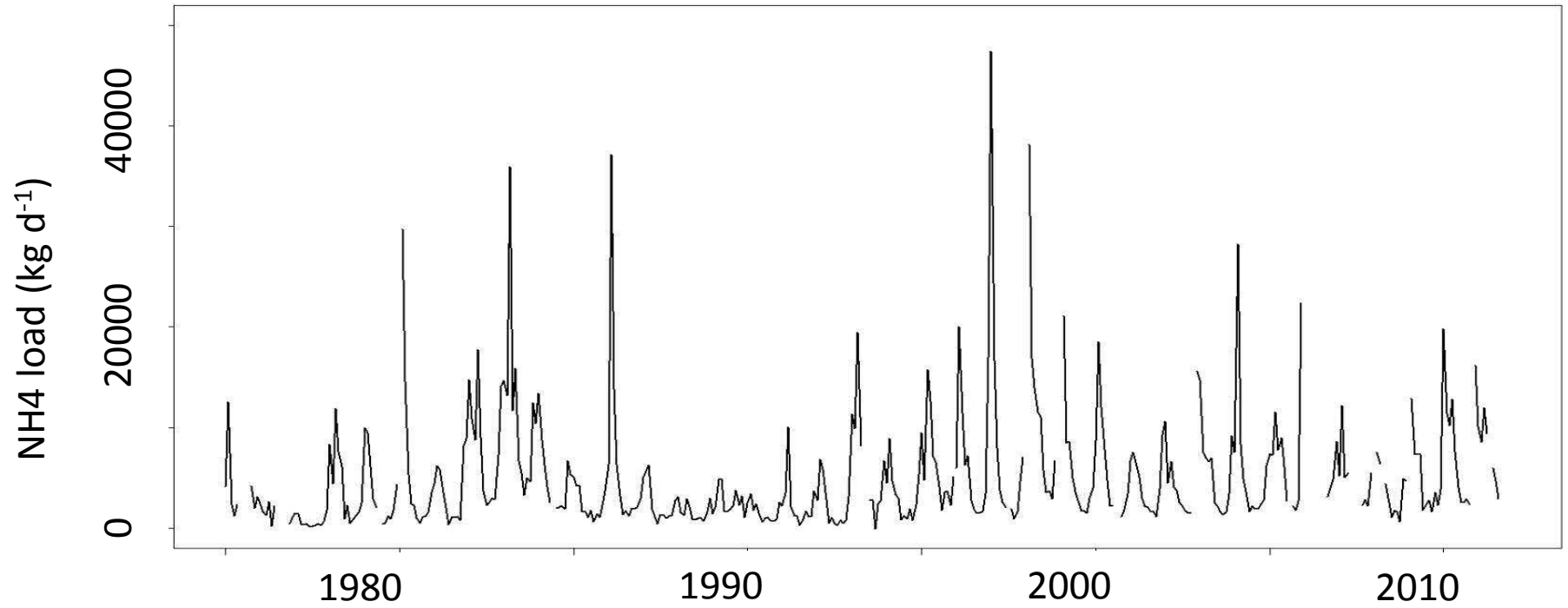


Delta efflux - approach

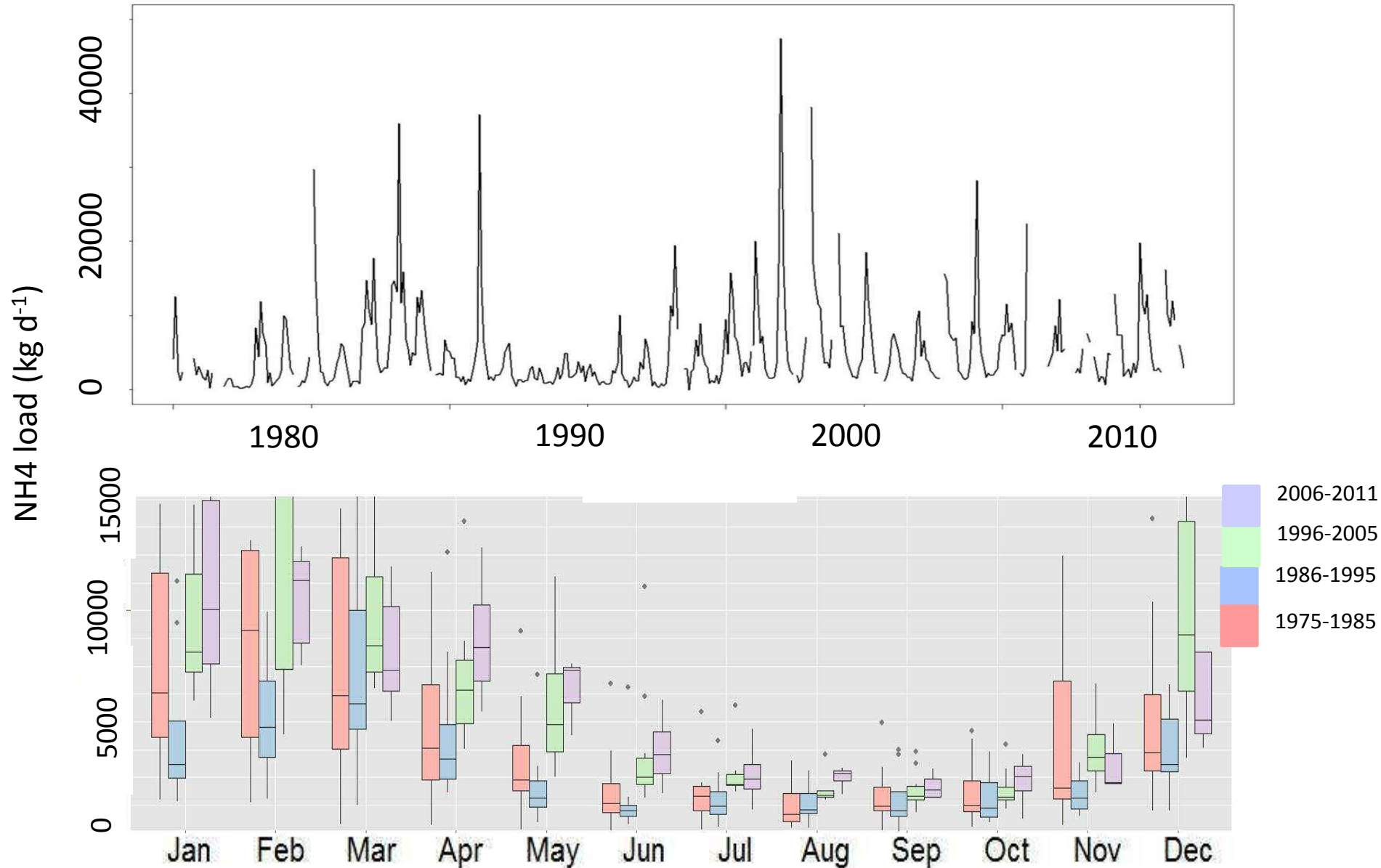


-After 1995, nearby stations substituted for D16 and D24

Delta efflux – initial results



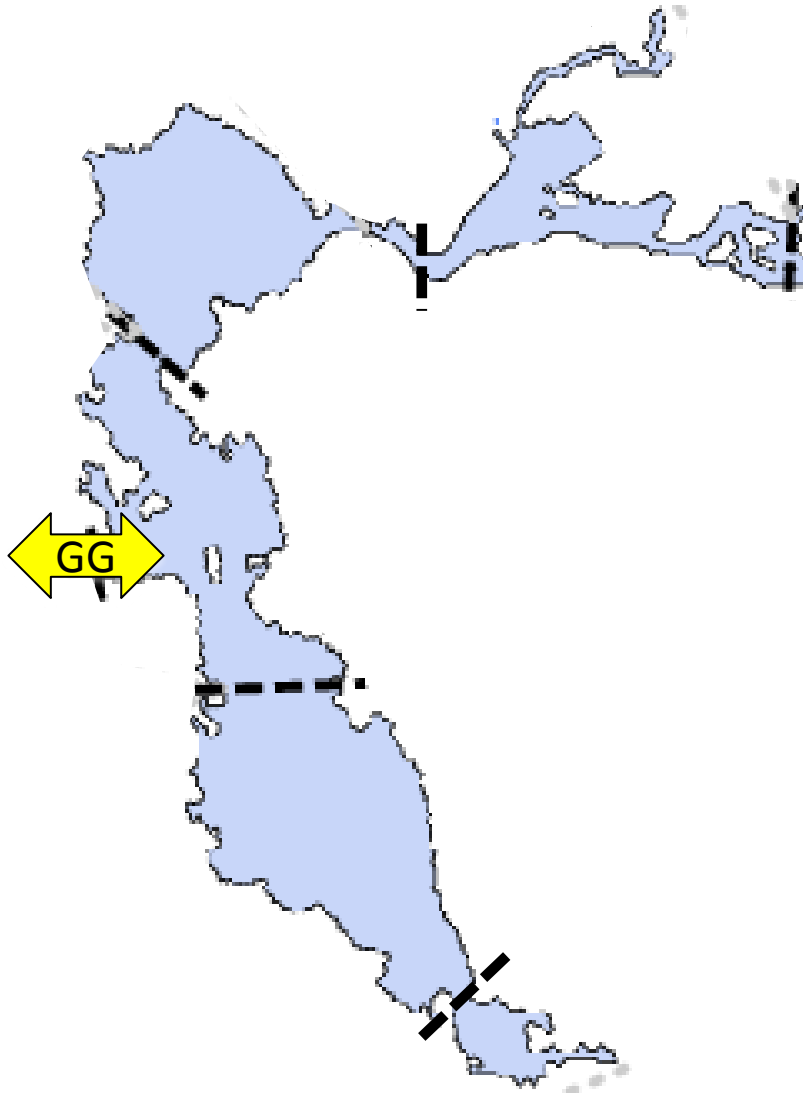
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Delta efflux loads – next steps

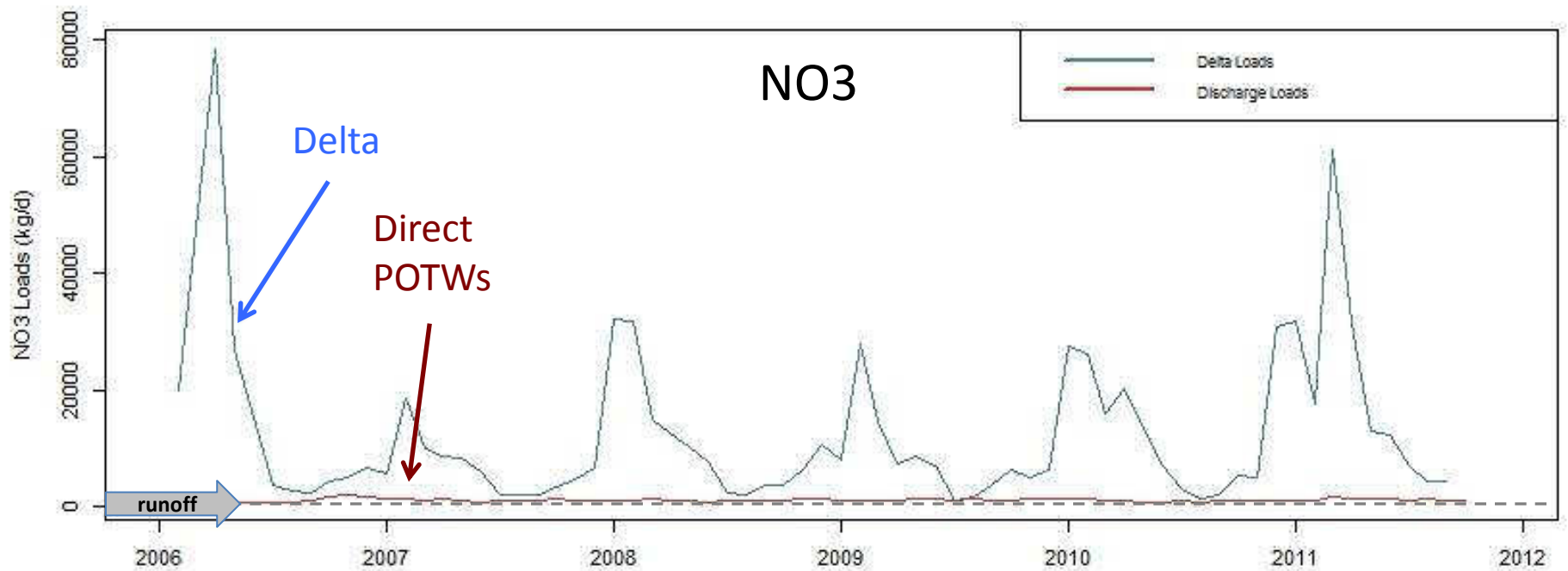
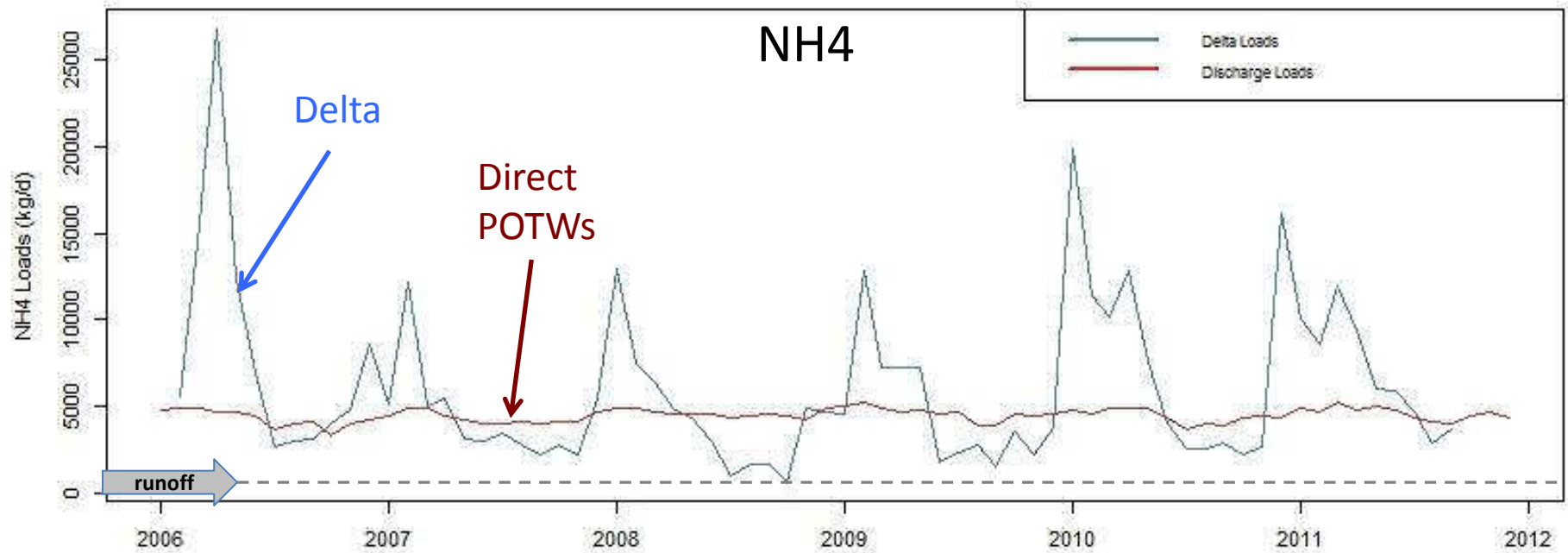
- Evaluate uncertainty in load estimates
- Characterize role Delta plays in modulating nutrient loads to Suisun Bay (unlikely before deadline for this report)

Sources Considered



Golden Gate Exchange - approach

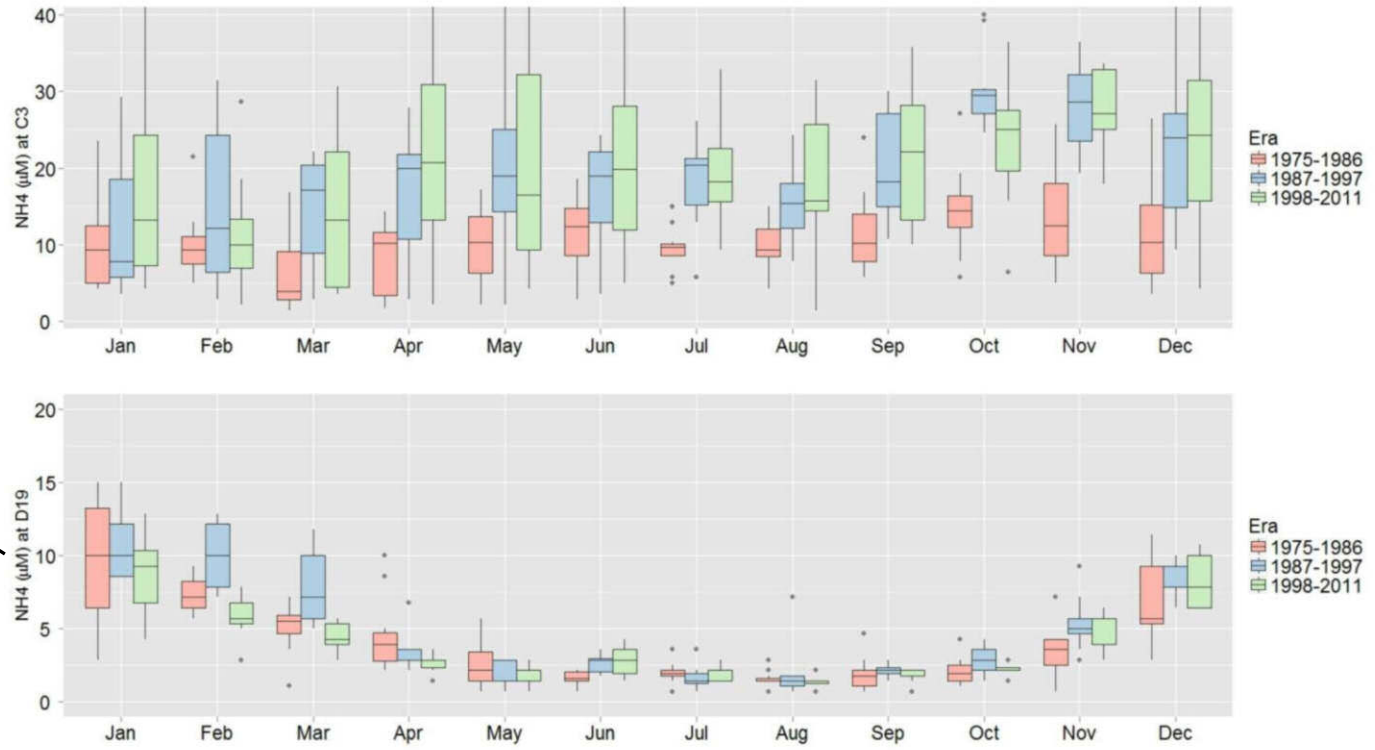
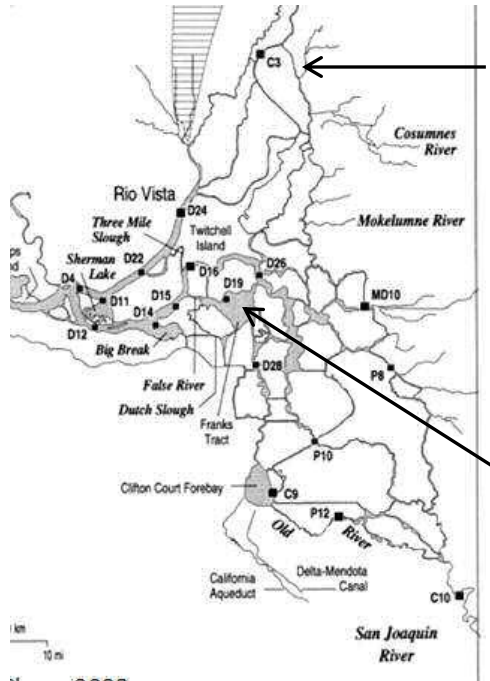
- Seeking external funding for local experts (M. Stacey, J. Langier) to contribute a section on exchange across the Golden Gate



Loading study – next steps

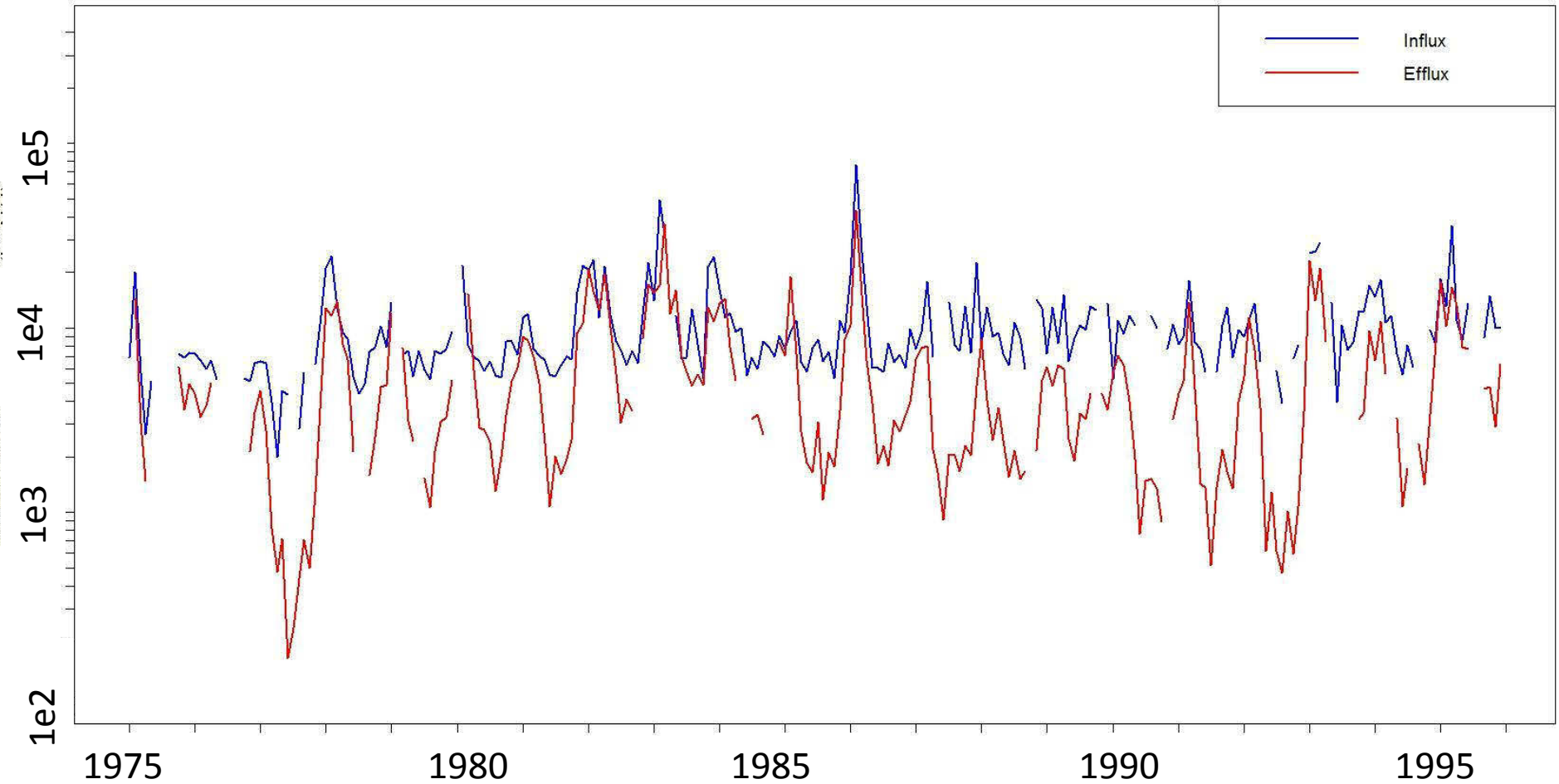
- Incorporate 13267 Data into POTW estimates
- Refine stormwater estimates and explore the need for additional modeling
- Characterize transformation processes in Delta in order to constrain efflux load estimates
- Characterize spatial, seasonal and temporal variation
- Draft report March 2013

The role of the Delta

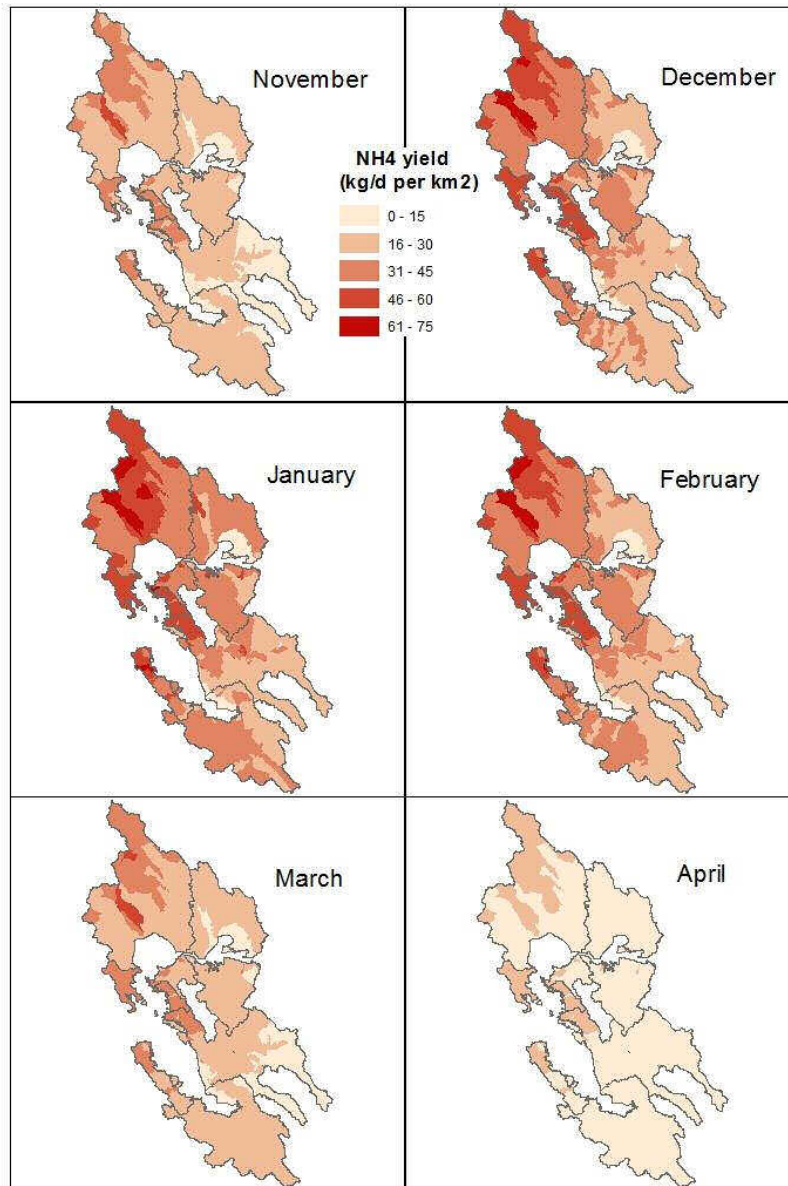


The role of the Delta

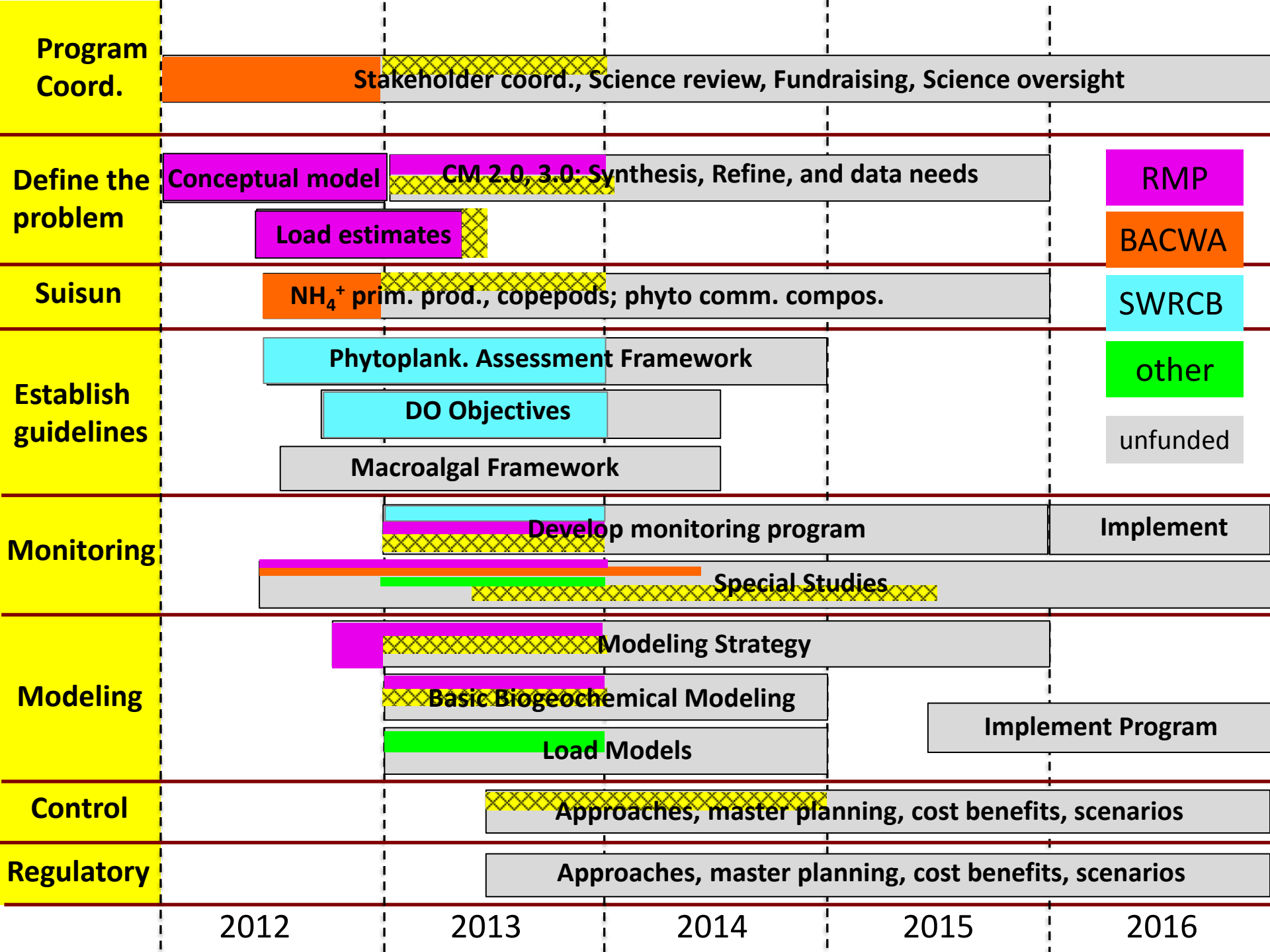
Daily Delta NH₄ loads (kg N/d)



Stormwater loads- initial results



- Important drivers of runoff volume?
- Land-use specific concentrations?
- Event-specific rainfall data?



RMP Nutrients – 2012-2013

- Convene Nutrient Workgroup
- Conceptual model
- Monitoring program development
- ✓ Loading study
- Synthesis (CM 2.0)
- Modeling program development
- Stormwater nutrients

Conceptual Model Project

Problem Statement

What would a problem look like in SFB?

Conceptual Model

Conceptual gaps
Data gaps

Current/Future Scenarios

Changes that would...

- Cause problem, increase likelihood
- Mitigate problem

Environmental

Management

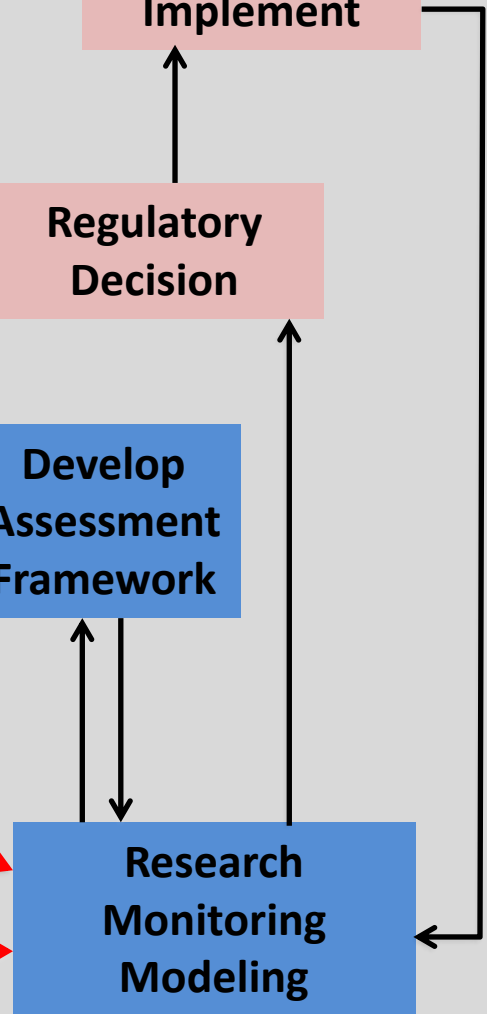
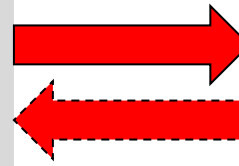
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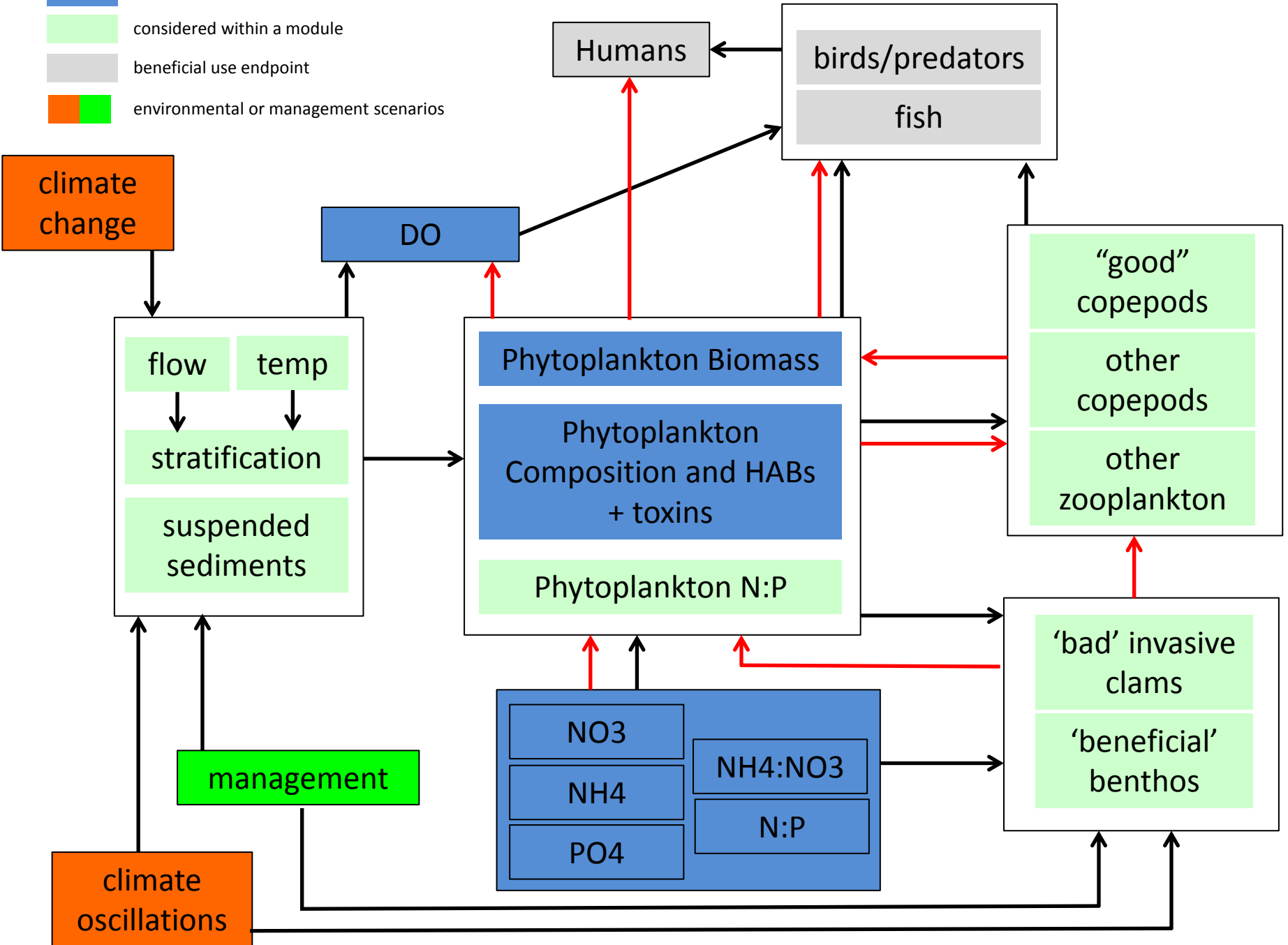
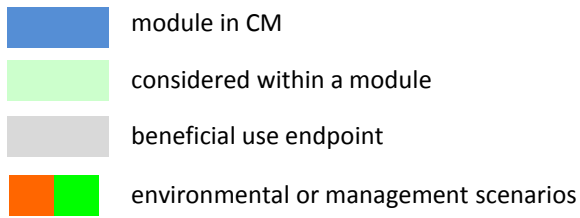
Implement

Regulatory Decision

Develop Assessment Framework

Research Monitoring Modeling

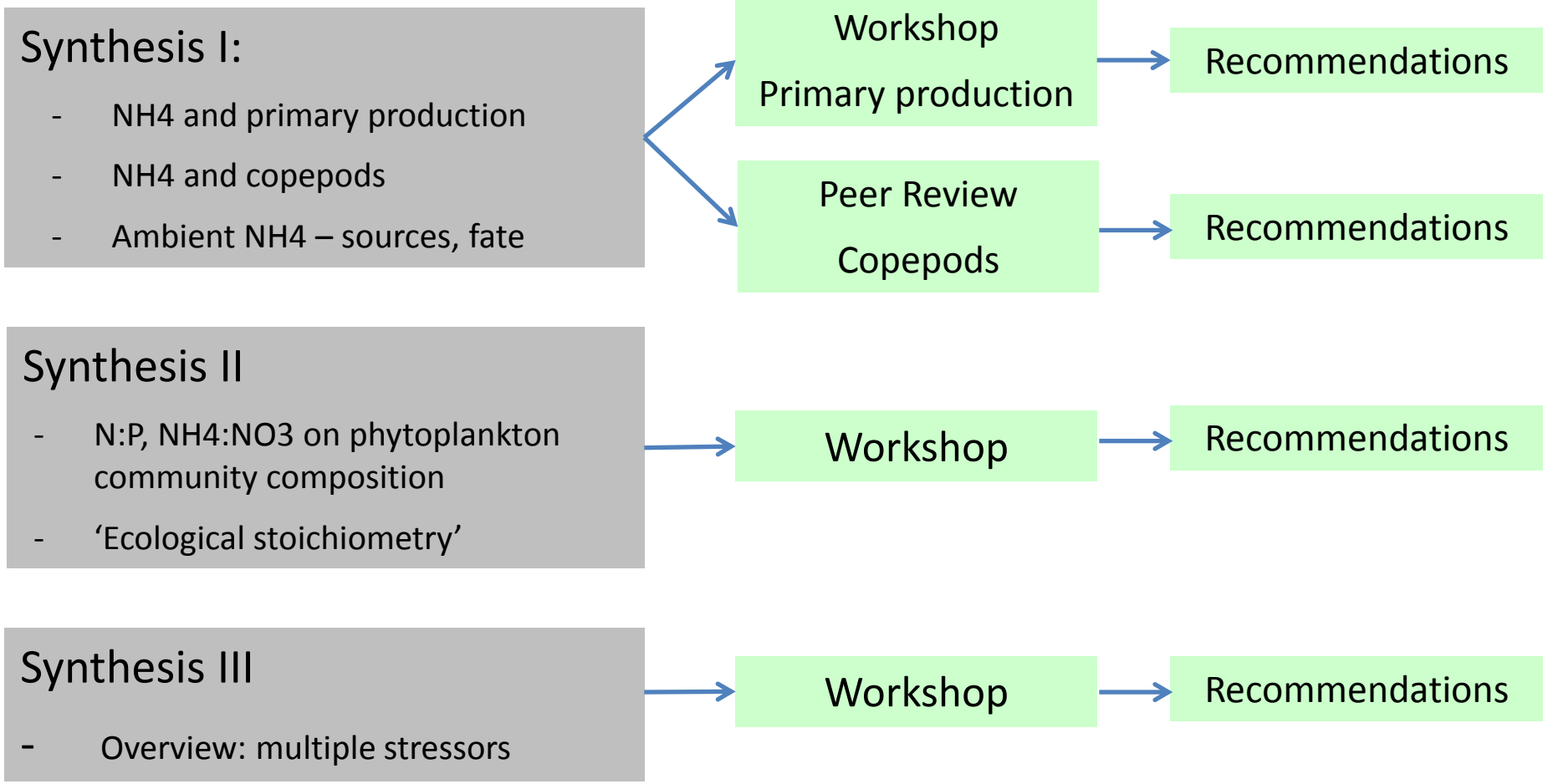




Approach

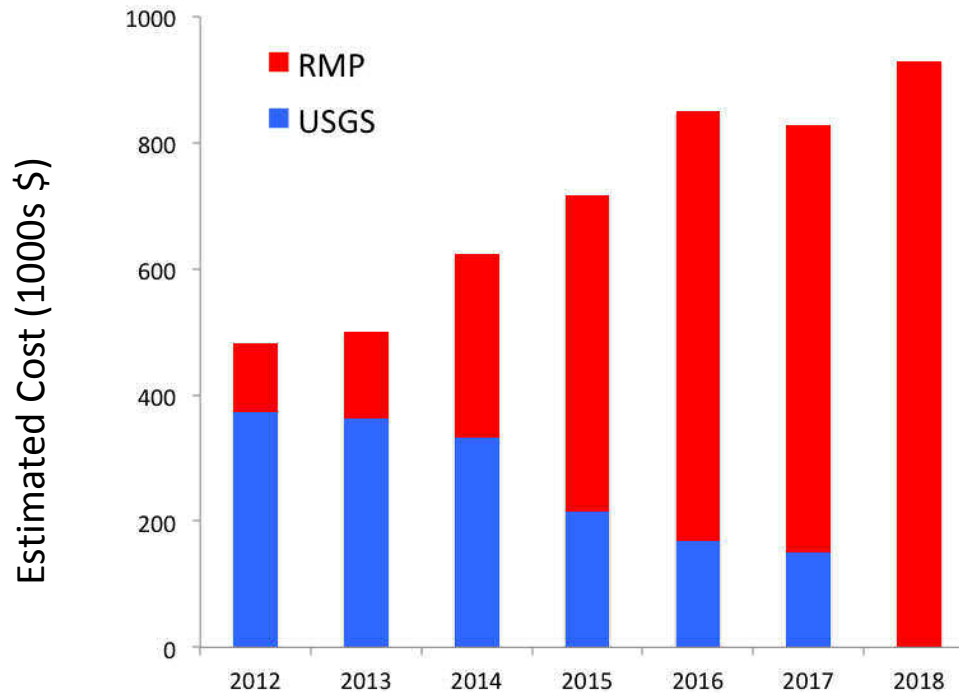
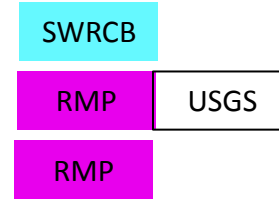
- Collaborative approach with team of regional experts
 - J Cloern USGS
 - M Connor EBDA
 - D Dugdale SFSU-RTC
 - T Hollibaugh U Georgia
 - W Kimmerer SFSU-RTC
 - L Lucas USGS
 - R Kudela UC Santa Cruz
 - A Mueller-Solger IEP
 - M Stacey UC Berkeley
- Meetings: May 7-8 2012, Sep 14 2012, January/February 2013
- Schedule
 - Full Draft Jan/Feb 2013 (*Dec 2012*)
 - Nutrient Workgroup Draft Mar 2013 (*Dec 2012*)
 - *Final Draft* May 2013

Suisun Bay: evaluating potential impacts of nutrients and NH_4^+



Monitoring Program Development - 2013

- Monitoring Program Planning and Special Studies :
 - Planning: transition, institutions, costs, funding
 - Moored sensor pilot study: Dumbarton
 - Develop algal toxin measurement approaches



Major Questions Related to Monitoring Program

Scientific

- Parameters to be measured, most efficient approaches?
- What spatial/temporal frequency?
- What combination of approaches is needed
 - ship-based, moored sensors, others

Institutional

- Approx. cost for running the program?
- What institutional agreements need to be established?
 - e.g., continued partnering with USGS, IEP
- Transition timeline?

Monitoring Program Development I

Objective: Develop a transition plan for Monitoring Program migration from USGS to RMP

Approach:

- Convene advisory team or WorkGroup
- Historic data and future measurements – what/where/when/how
- Investigate costs, infrastructure, logistics for various scenarios
- Identify institutional agreements, timelines, constraints

-Product: Technical Report on migration plan

Moored Sensor Study

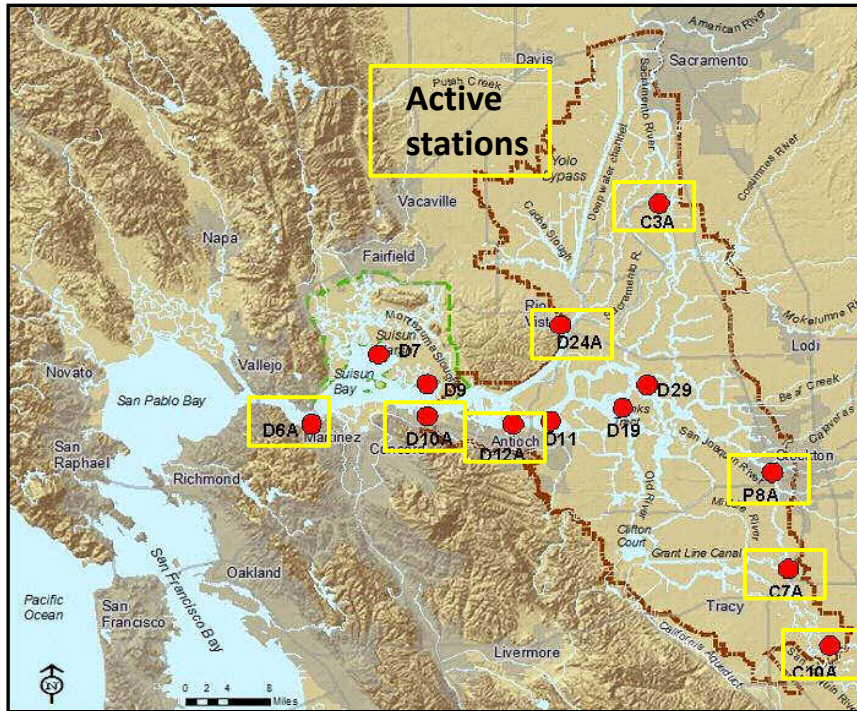
Original proposal (and still Plan A):

- Deploy a moored sensor system at Dumbarton Bridge to measure (SpC, T, DO, chl-a, turbidity, NO₃)
- On schedule...
 - Consider options, purchase in January/February
 - Deploy in April at Redwood dock, test, calibrate
 - Deploy at Dumbarton – June 2013

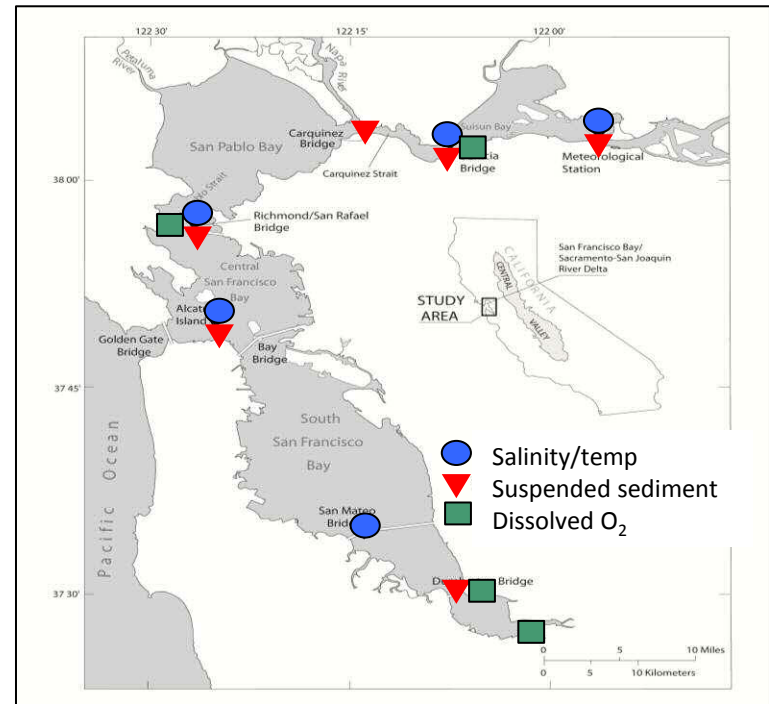
Nagging Question (...Plan B):

- Would we learn more (long-term planning, science) at Dumbarton alone, or by collaborating with other efforts?
 - add fewer sensors at Dumbarton
 - Use remaining funds to add sensors to existing moored stations

Moored Sensor Study



DWR-IEP Continuous water quality monitoring



USGS Continuous water quality monitoring

Algal biotoxins monitoring

(R Kudela, UCSC)

Objective:

- Characterize the distribution of algal biotoxins in SF Bay
- Calibrate sampler for quantification of ambient concentrations
- Develop approach for use in monitoring program

Schedule: To begin in January 2013

-Product: Technical report

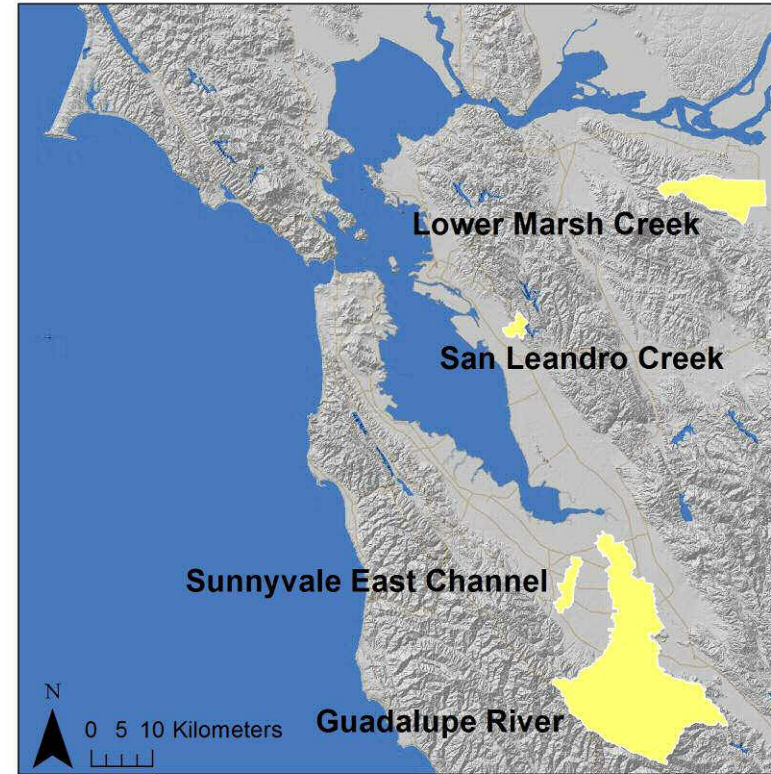
Nutrient Workgroup

- Convene in March/April 2013 ?
- Issues to address
 - Conceptual Model findings
 - Loading study
 - Monitoring program planning
 - Modeling program
- Who?

Stormwater nutrient monitoring, 6 watersheds – 2012/2013

Objective:

- Characterize nutrient concentrations and quantify loads in diverse watersheds



- New sites:
- North Richmond pump station
 - Pulgas

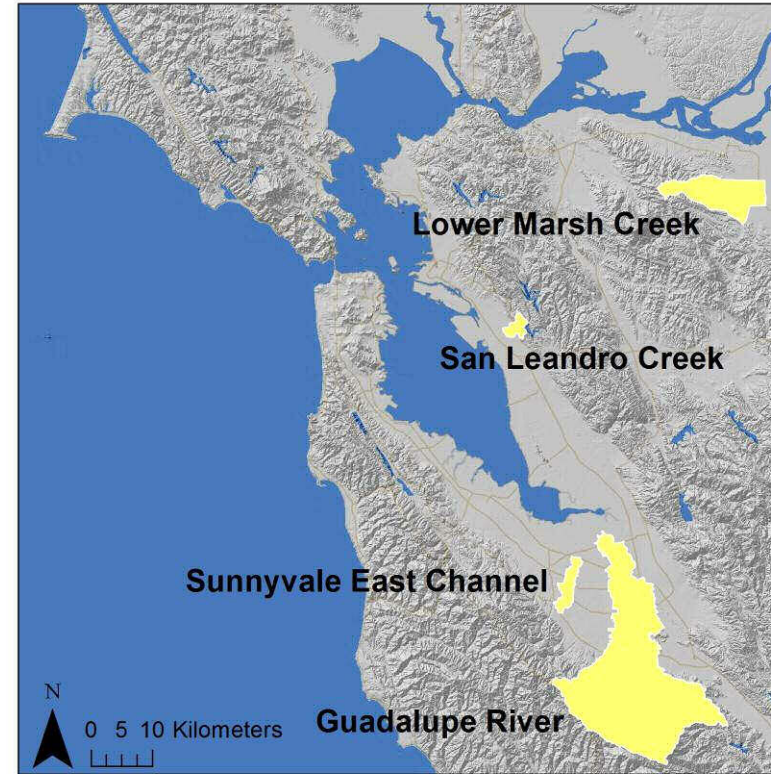
Stormwater nutrient monitoring, 6 watersheds – 2012/2013

Objective:

- Characterize nutrient concentrations and quantify loads in diverse watersheds

Approach:

- Piggy-back on larger study
- 6 sites x 4 storms 2013
- 4 sites x ~4 storms 2012
- **NO₃**, **NO₂**, **NH₄**, **PO₄**, **TN**, **TP**
- *Product:* Technical report 1 (2012) & 2 (2013)
- *Schedule:* Delay due to data usage issues
- *Revise?:* One technical report for 2 years
 - start July 2013?

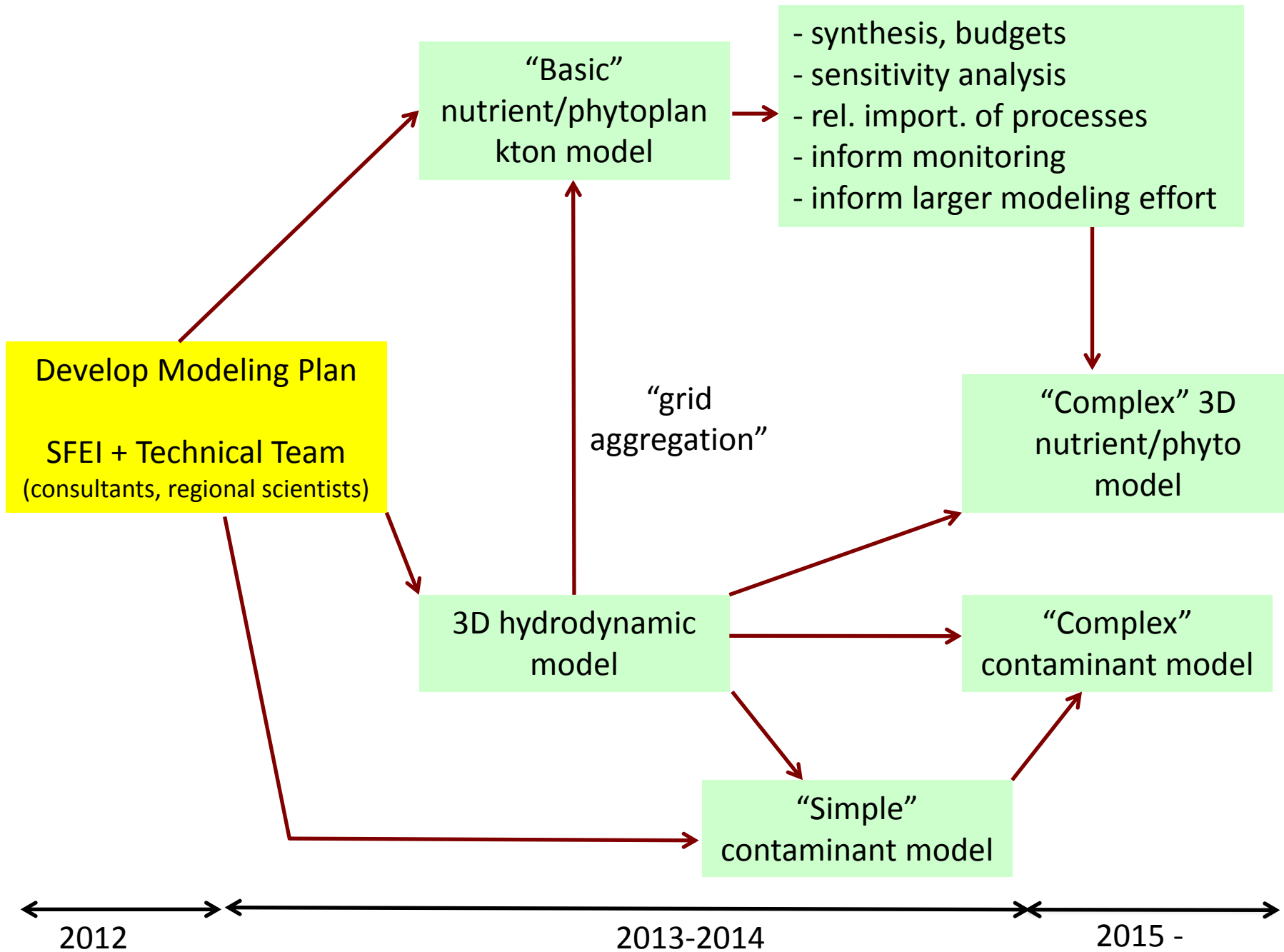


Data Synthesis - 2013

- Apply CM to explore existing data
 - refine data needs
 - identify conceptual gaps
 - refine conceptual model
- Key step for model development
- Synergies with other synthesis efforts
 - Suisun
 - LSB
- Additional section added to CM report

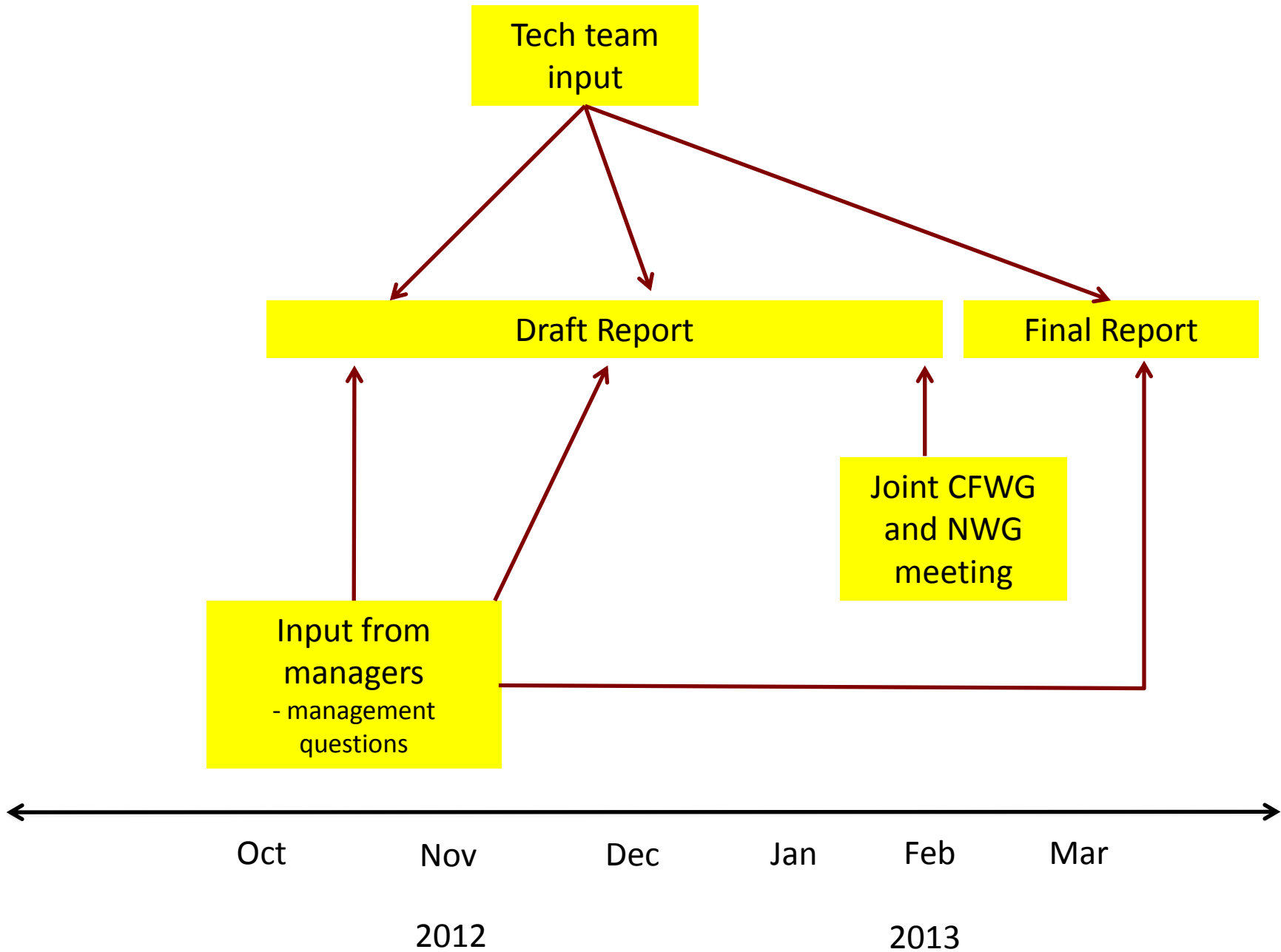
Developing a Bay-wide Modeling Tool

- Goal: Develop a 'goldilocks' model for informing important current and future management decisions
 - Balance sophistication (to be used confidently) with the resolution needed to inform management decisions
 - Usable by SFEI/RMP staff
 - Existing tools
 - Can be used for multiple issues...
 - 'contaminants' – legacy, bioaccum., CEC
 - nutrients, phytoplankton, biogeochem.
 - sediments
 - sea-level rise?
- Driven by nutrients in near-term



Developing a Bay-wide Modeling Tool

- Approach:
 - Engage Regional Board and stakeholders in identifying management questions and modeling needs
 - Develop a modeling program white paper
 - Engage expert community
 - Modeling workshop and joint work group meeting (nutrients, contaminants)
 - Recommend a modeling approach
 - Revise & Implement

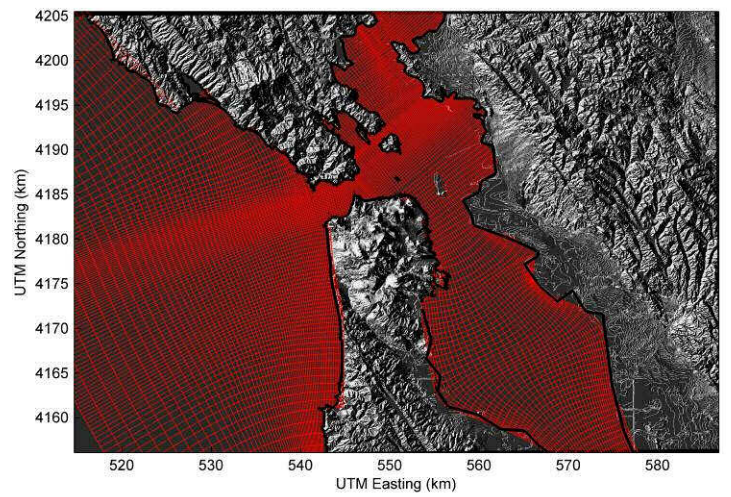
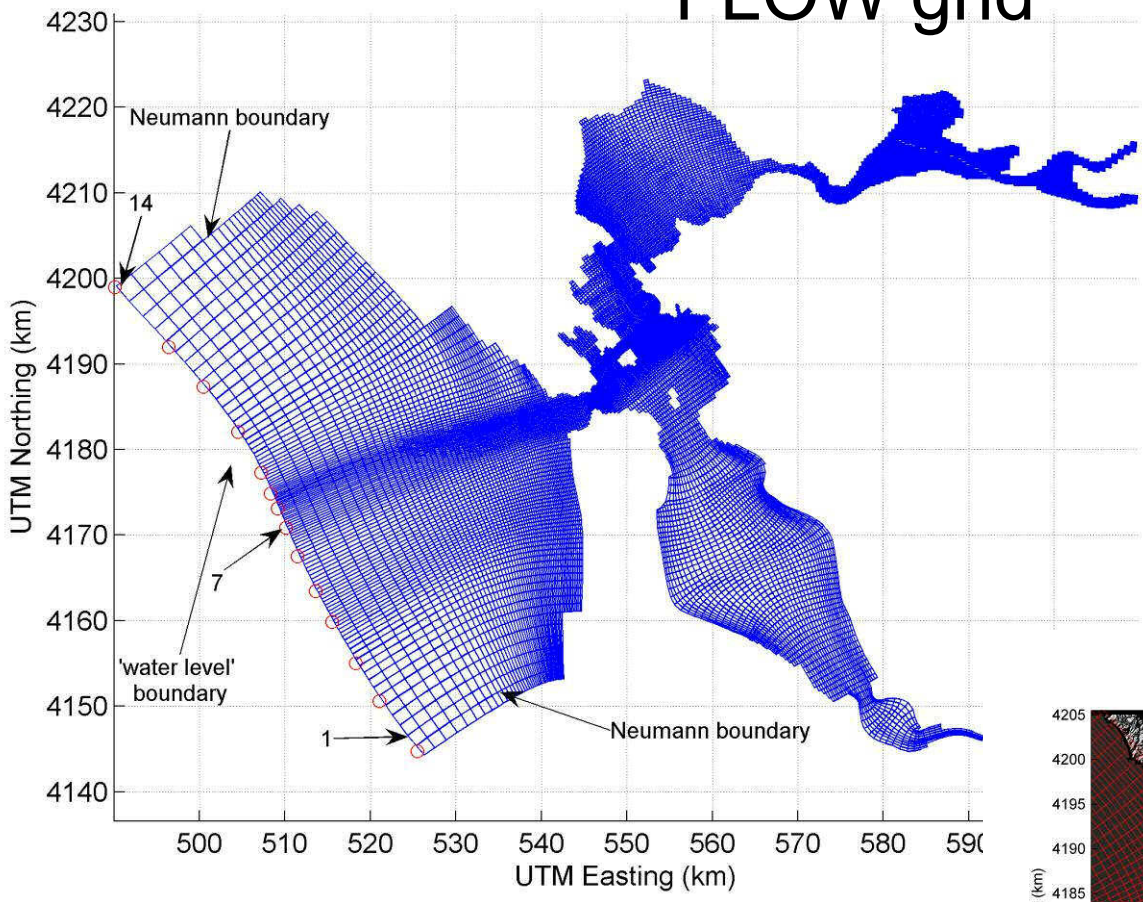


Developing a Bay-wide Modeling Tool

- Approach:
 - Outline: modeling program white paper
 - Management Questions (Contaminants, Nutrients)
 - Spatial, temporal requirements
 - Processes (hydrodynamic, biogeochemically)
 - Model output requirements
 - Model Platform Requirements
 - Peer-reviewed
 - Open source
 - Large user community
 - Usable by SFEI/RMP and partners
 - Major institutional partners
 - Strawman: Delft 3d
 - Pros and cons relative to other platforms
 - Draft work plan:Delft3D
 - Science
 - Institutional: Costs, agreements

Delft3D Base Model Set up

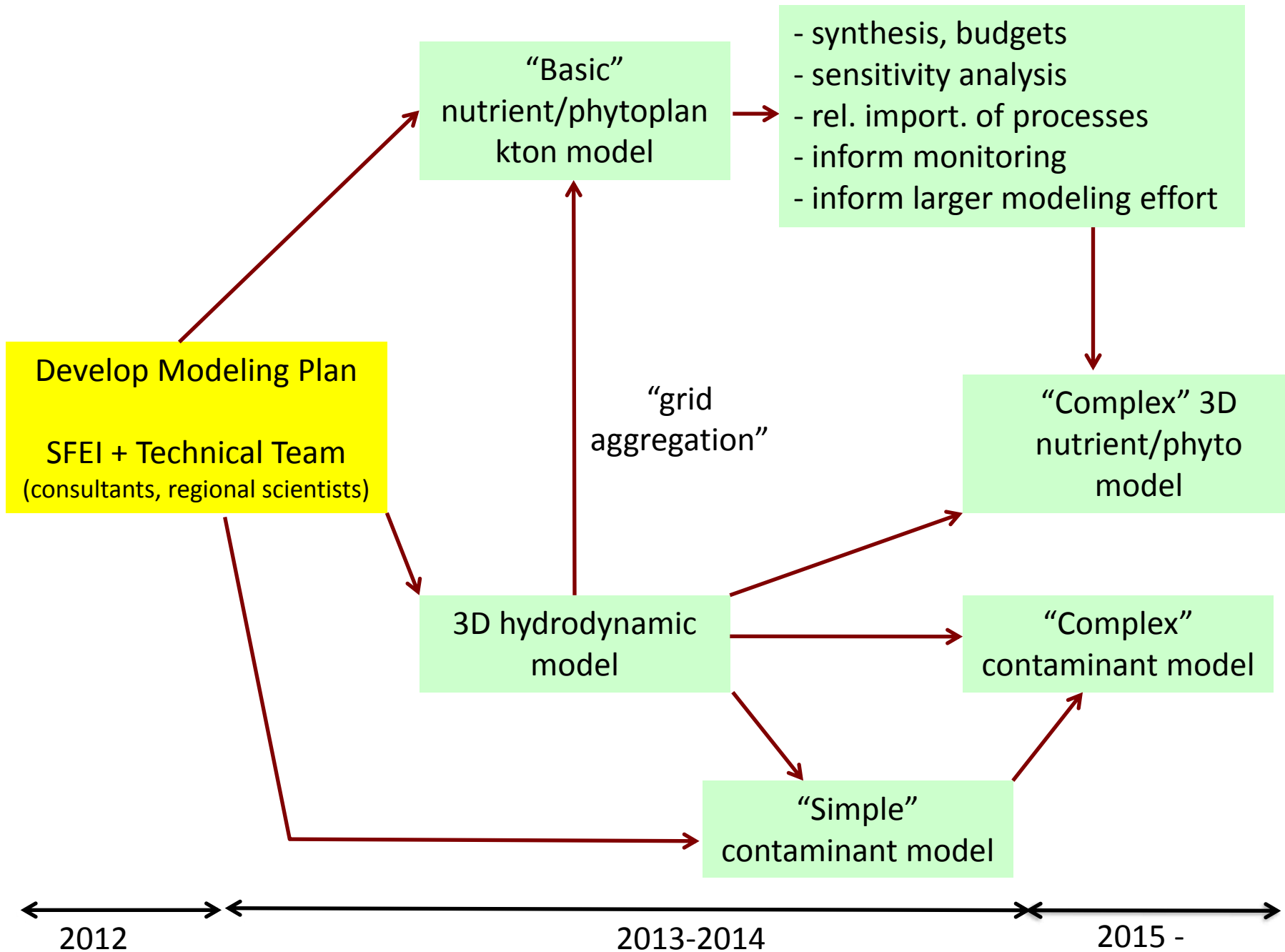
FLOW grid

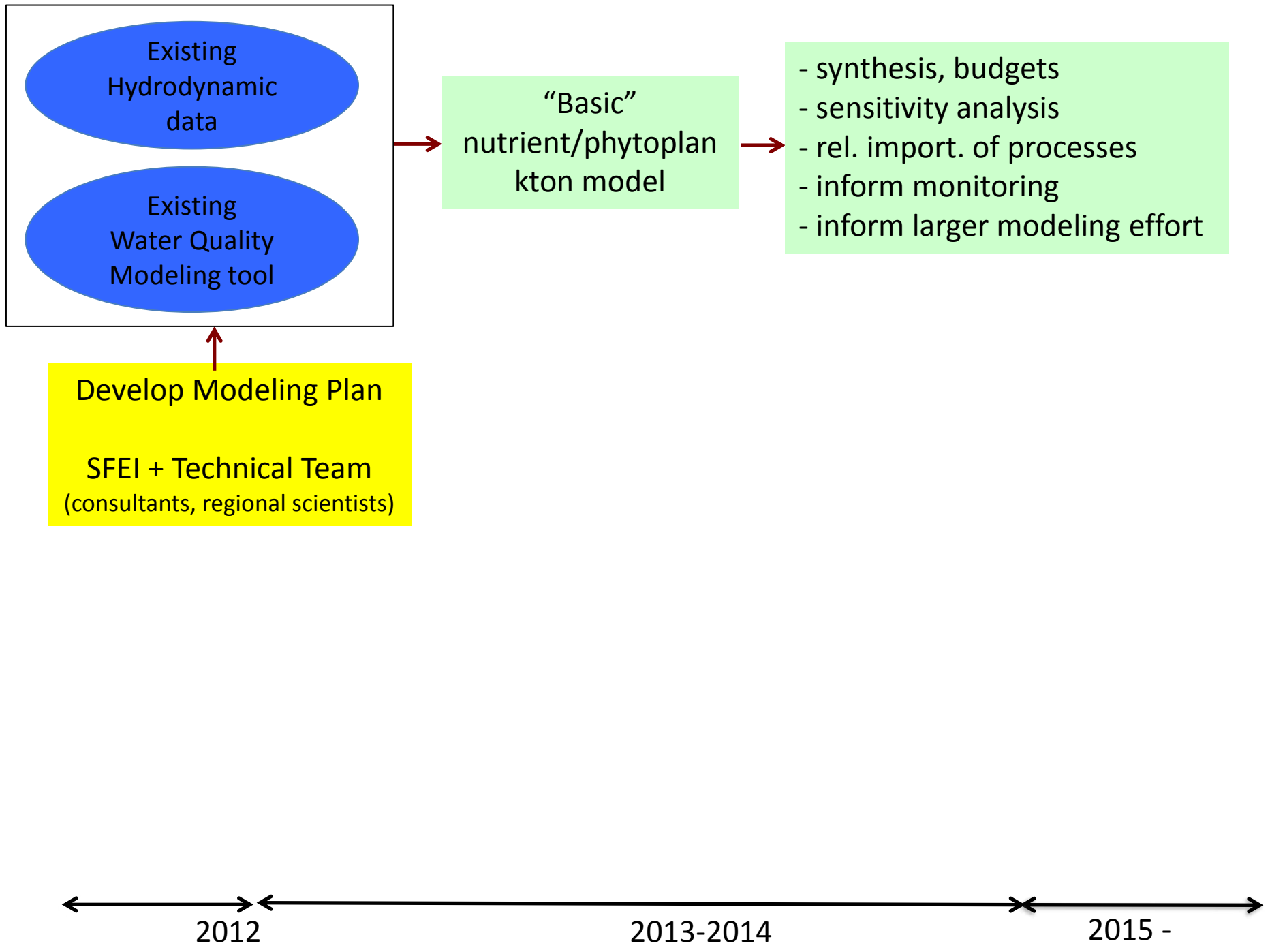


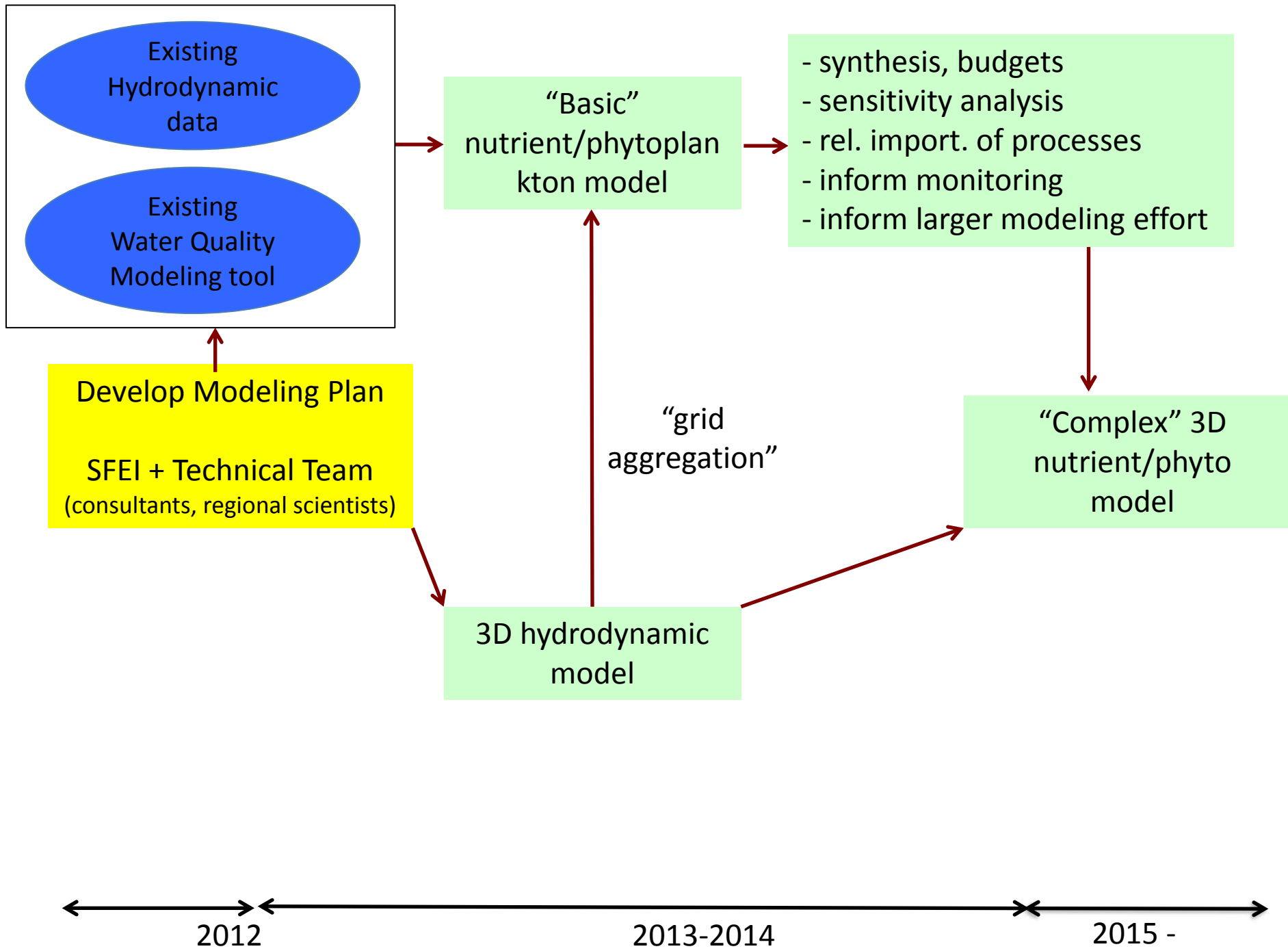
Single domain model application

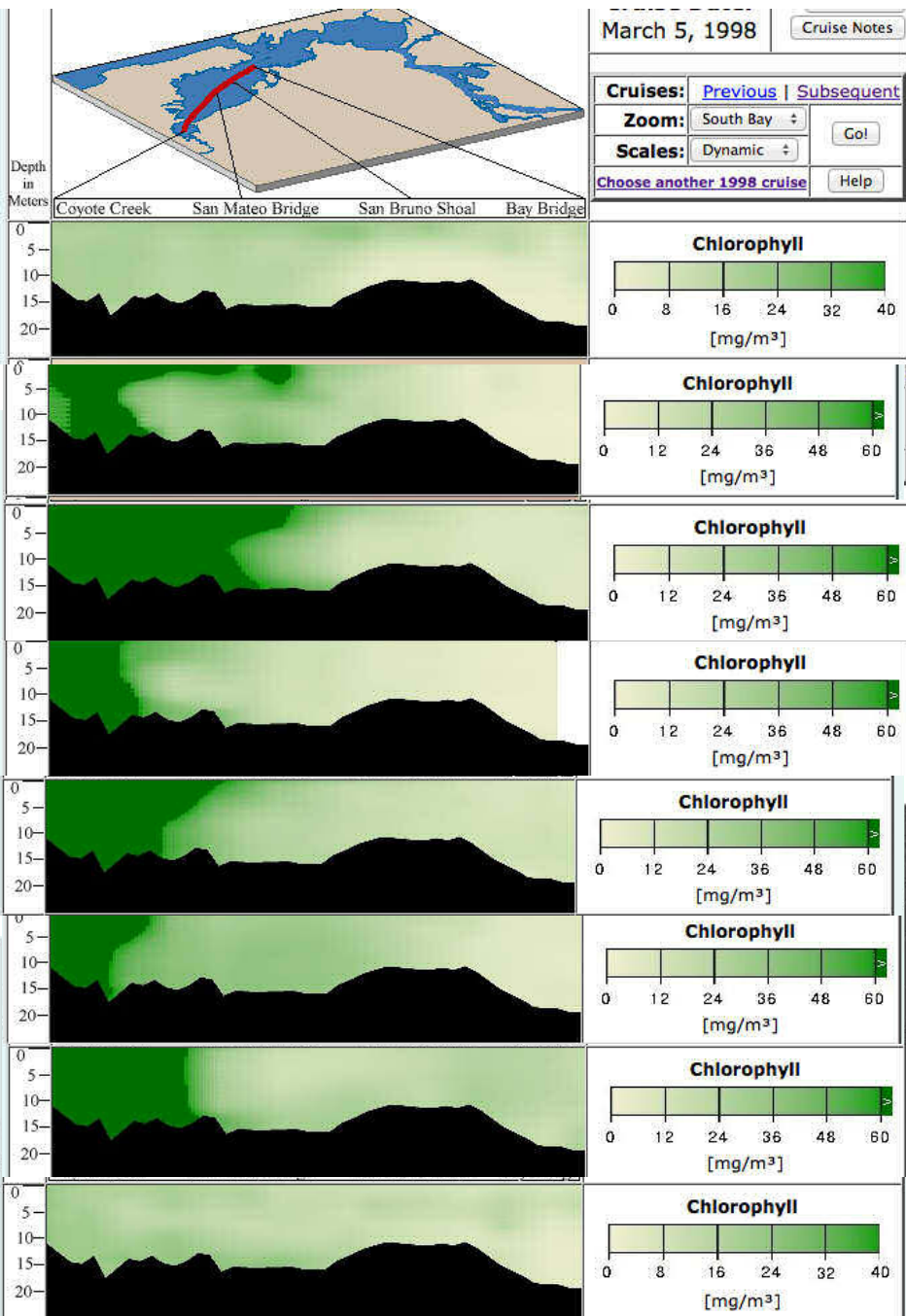
On-going work

- October technical meeting
 - C Jones, Fitzpatrick
- Develop draft outline (Oct/Nov)
 - Identify primary management questions
 - Develop draft approach to address management questions
- Expand outline, draft report (Dec/Jan)
- Technical workshop (Jan/Feb)
- Nutrient and Contaminant Fate Workgroup (Feb/Mar)









e.g., What type of “basic” model do we need to reproduce an event like this?

- get avg chl correct
- get timing, duration accurate

March 5, 1998

March 12

March 17

March 27

April 2

April 9

April 14

April 21

What can we learn about the LSB system’s DO response to events such as this by also being able to model DO with reasonable accuracy?

What was the potential magnitude of clam grazing in eventually reigning in this bloom?

Biogeochemical Modeling: Lower South Bay and Suisun

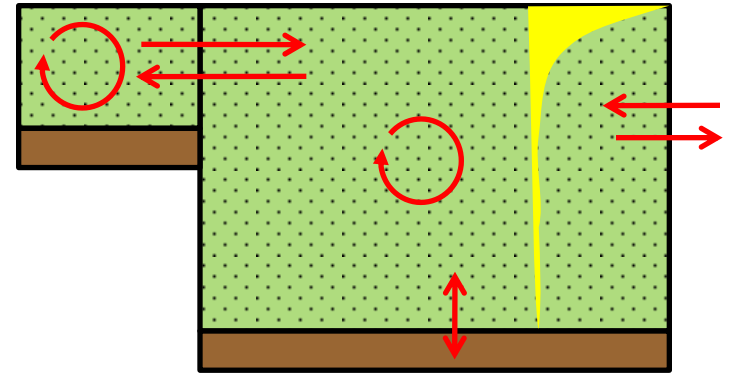
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Collaborators: Technical team, Cloern (USGS), Dugdale (RTC), others

Objective: Develop biogeochemical models for...

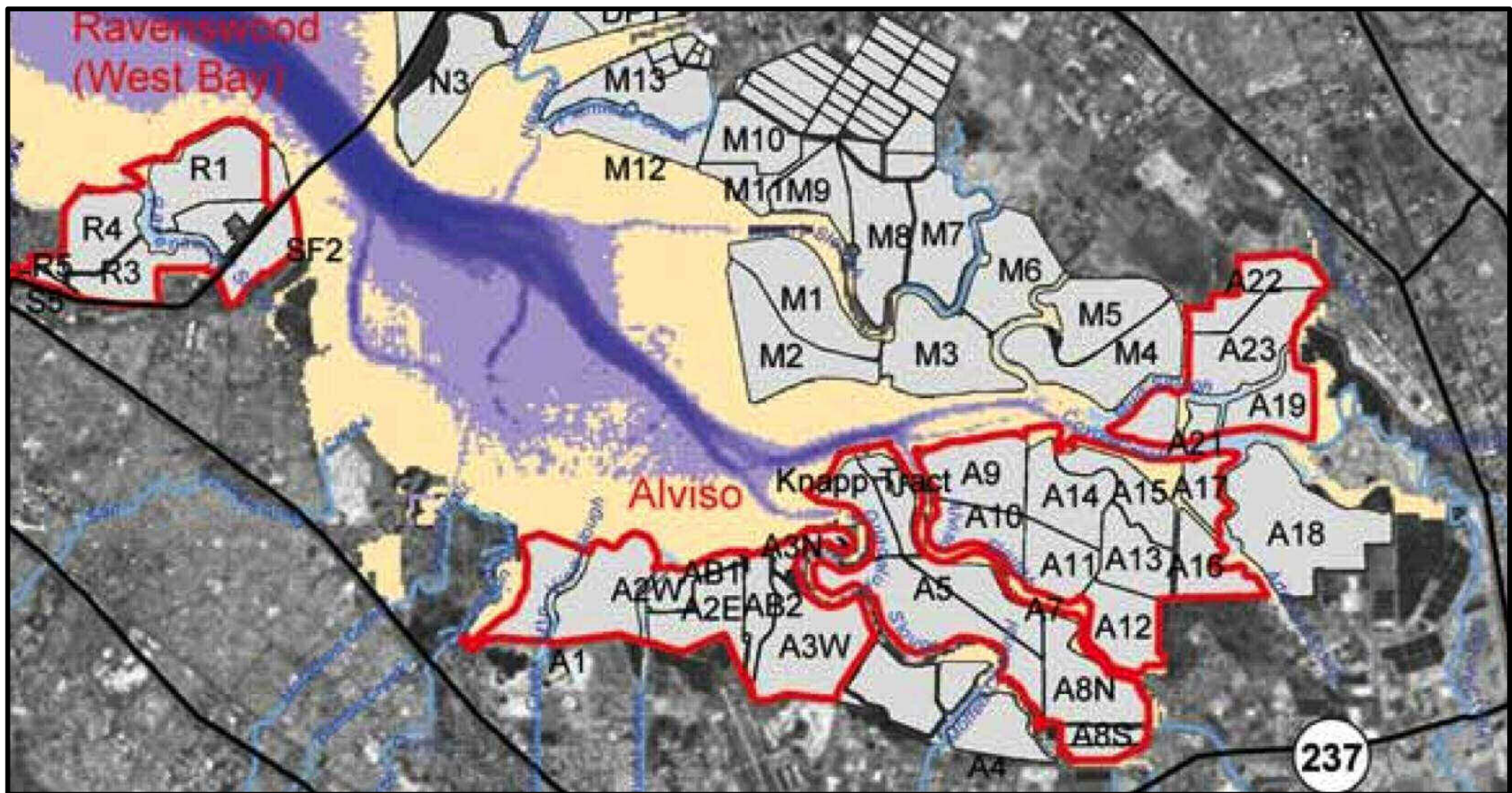
- Quantitative data synthesis and nutrient budgets
- Assessing relative importance of key processes/drivers
- Sensitivity analysis, identify critical uncertainties and data gaps
- Characterizing response (e.g., chl, O₂) under future scenarios
- Inform monitoring program and special studies

Biogeochemical Modeling: Lower South Bay and Suisun

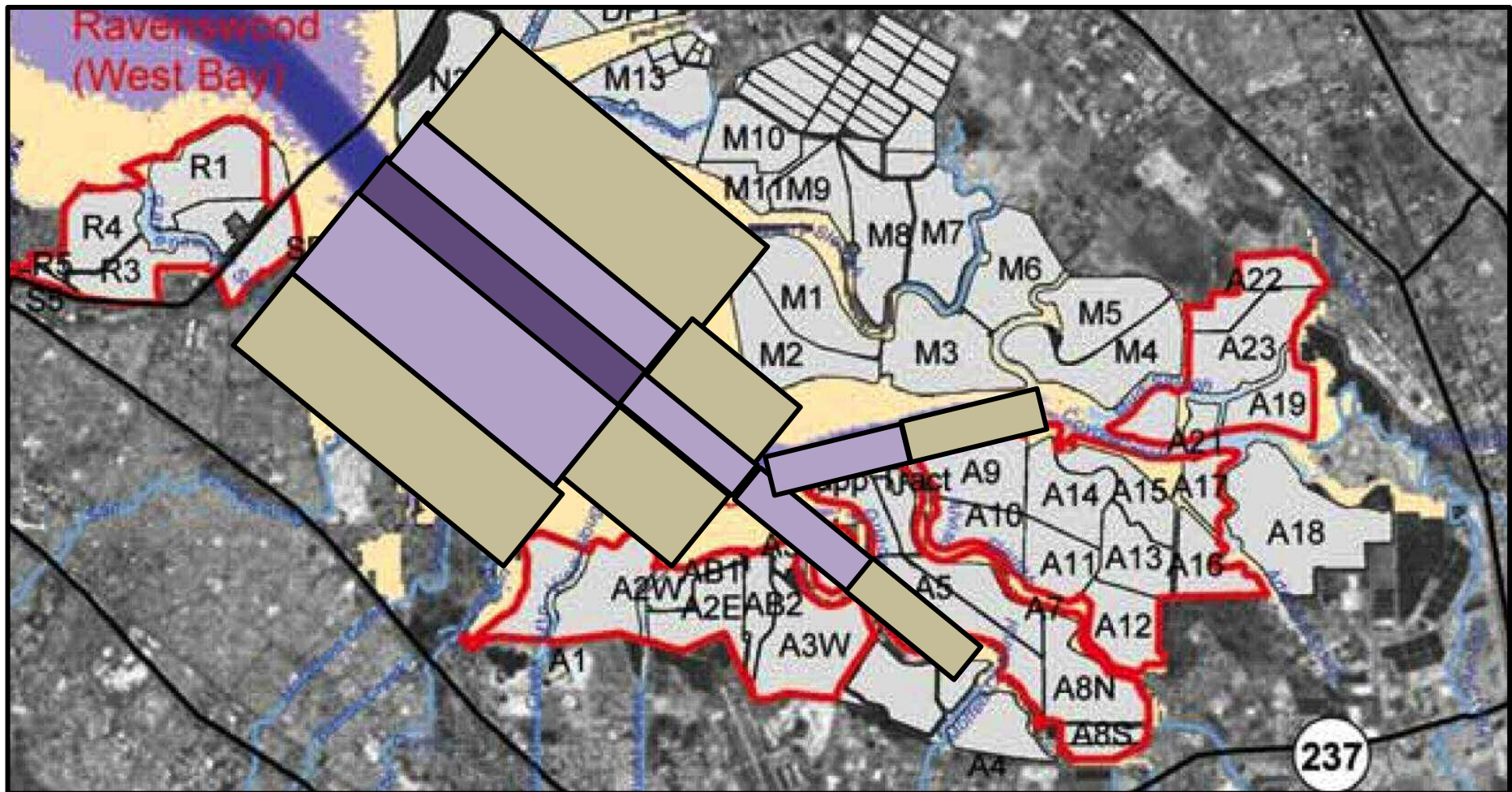


- flow, tidal exchange (t_{res})
- light limitation
- benthic grazing
- potential inhibition of PP by NH_4^+
- budgets: transformations, sources, and sinks

Example Schematic for LSB Model



Example Schematic for LSB Model



- highly-aggregated hydrodynamics from existing hydrodynamic model (e.g. 2000 hydro to 20 WQ boxes)



Intertidal



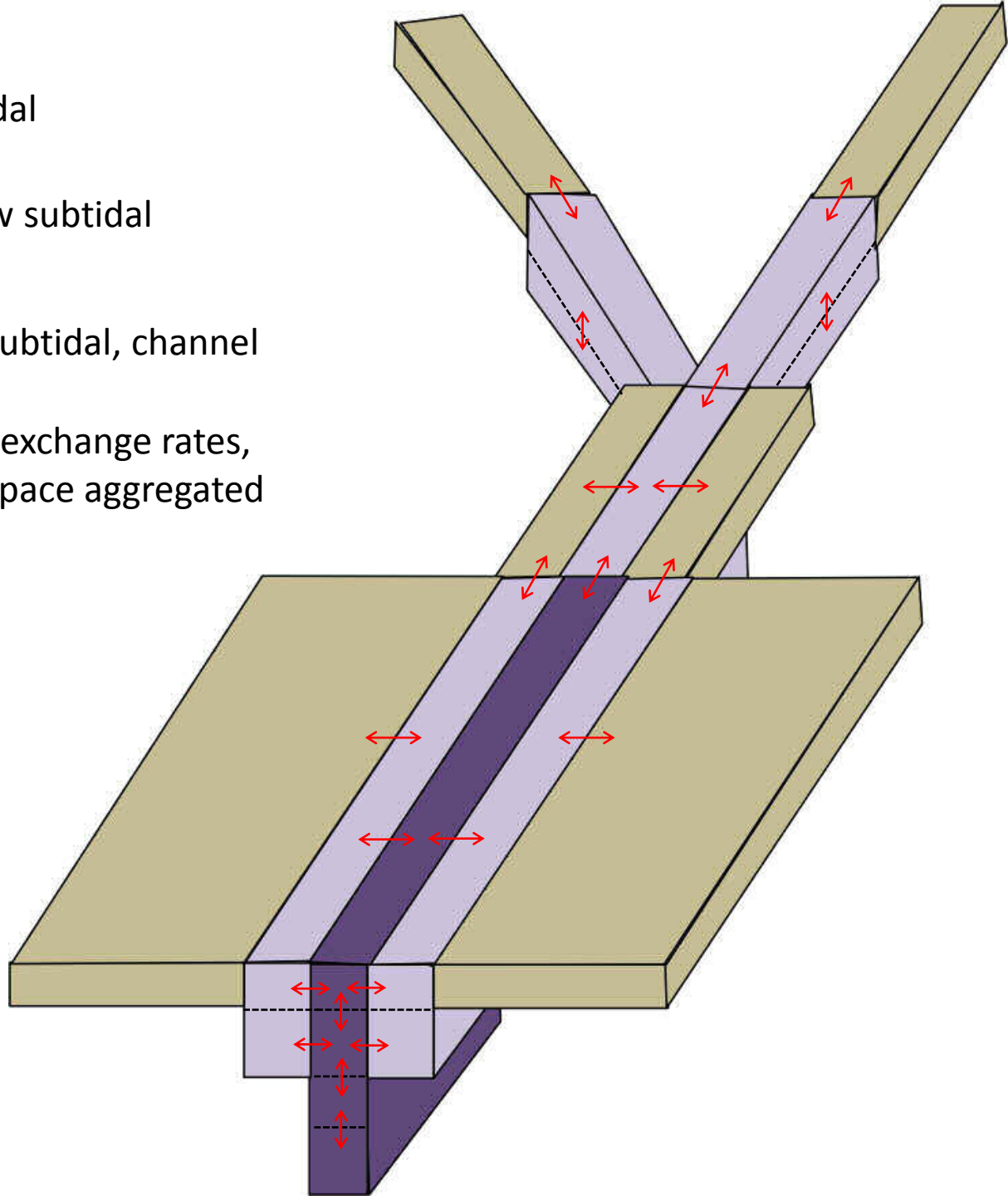
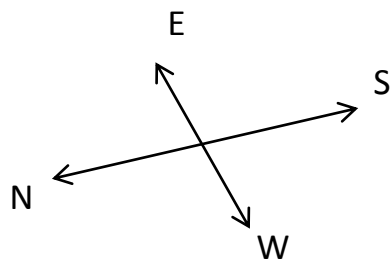
Shallow subtidal



Deep subtidal, channel



"real" exchange rates,
time-space aggregated



UPDATE ON EXPOSURE AND EFFECTS

December 4th,
2012

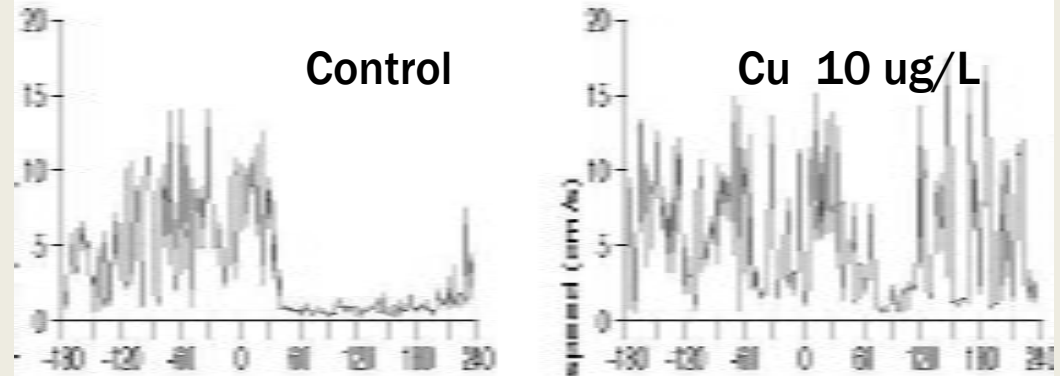
GOALS OF WORKGROUP

- Are contaminants individually or in combination having adverse impacts on Bay biota?
- Are there particular regions of concern?
- Which contaminants are responsible for the impacts?
- Are there cost-effective tools that can be used to easily monitor these impacts?
- What are appropriate guidelines?

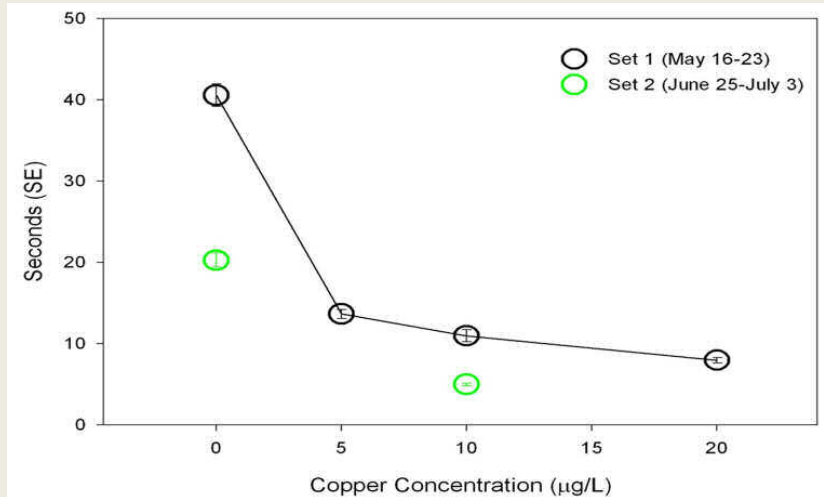
ARE CONTAMINANTS HAVING ADVERSE IMPACTS ON BAY BIOTA?

- Cu and Olfactory Nerve
- Effects nose, behavior and predator avoidance

- Example: Swimming speed

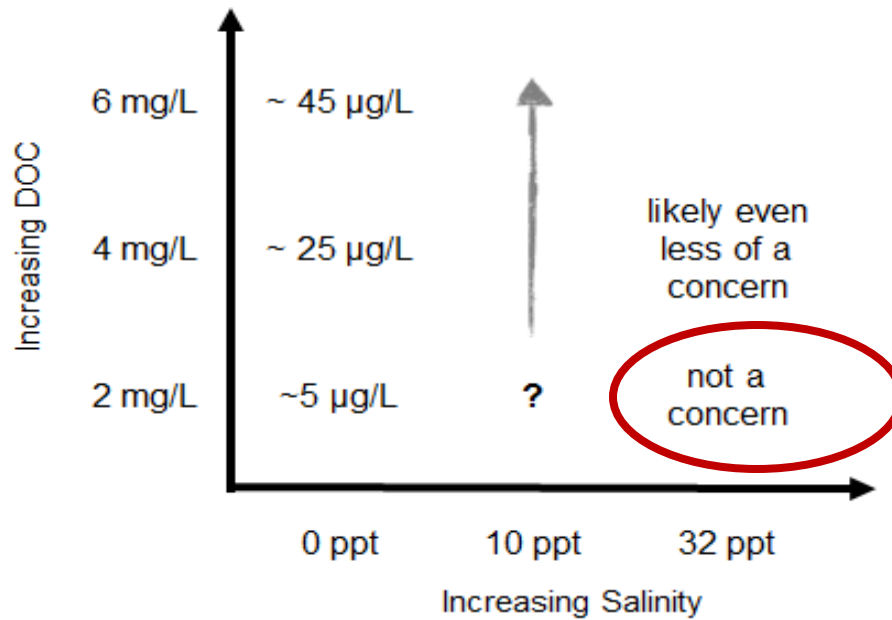


- Survival time



2012 COPPER STUDIES

Olfactory toxicity of copper to seawater-phase salmon

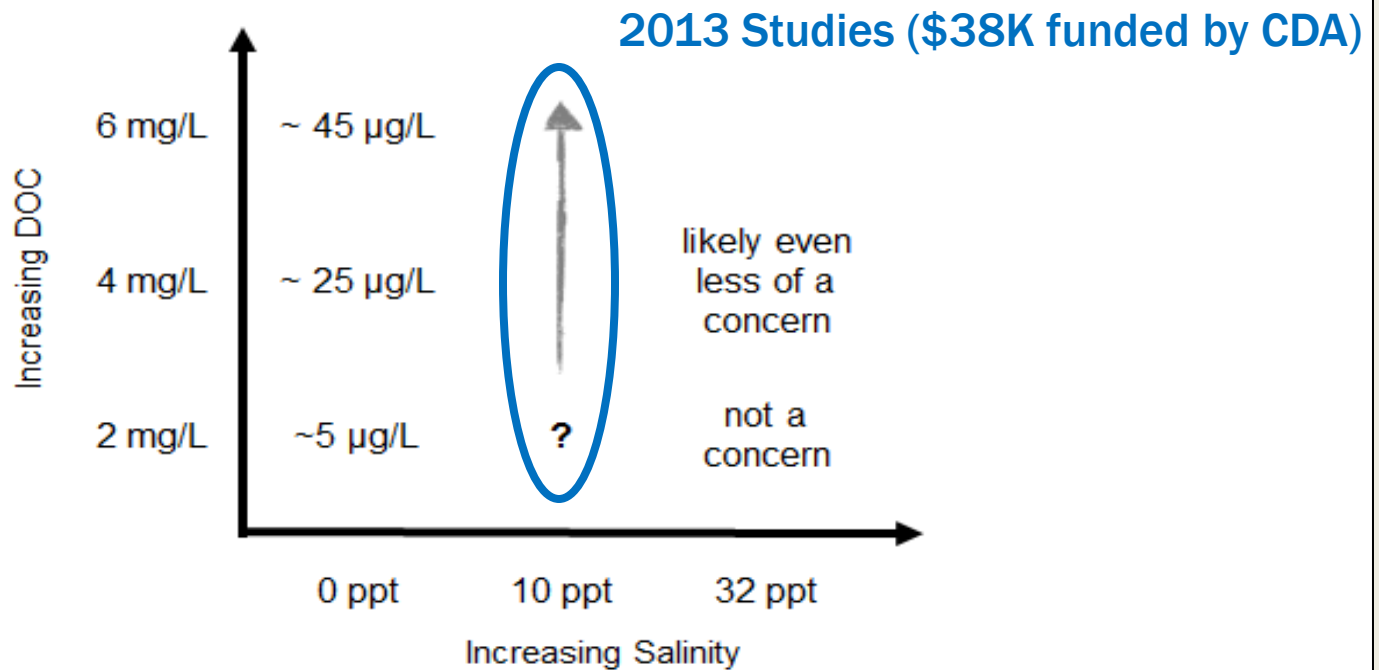


**2012 Results
Cu at 100 ug/L**

**Report by end
of December**

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ARE THERE REGIONS OF CONCERN?

■ Small Fish

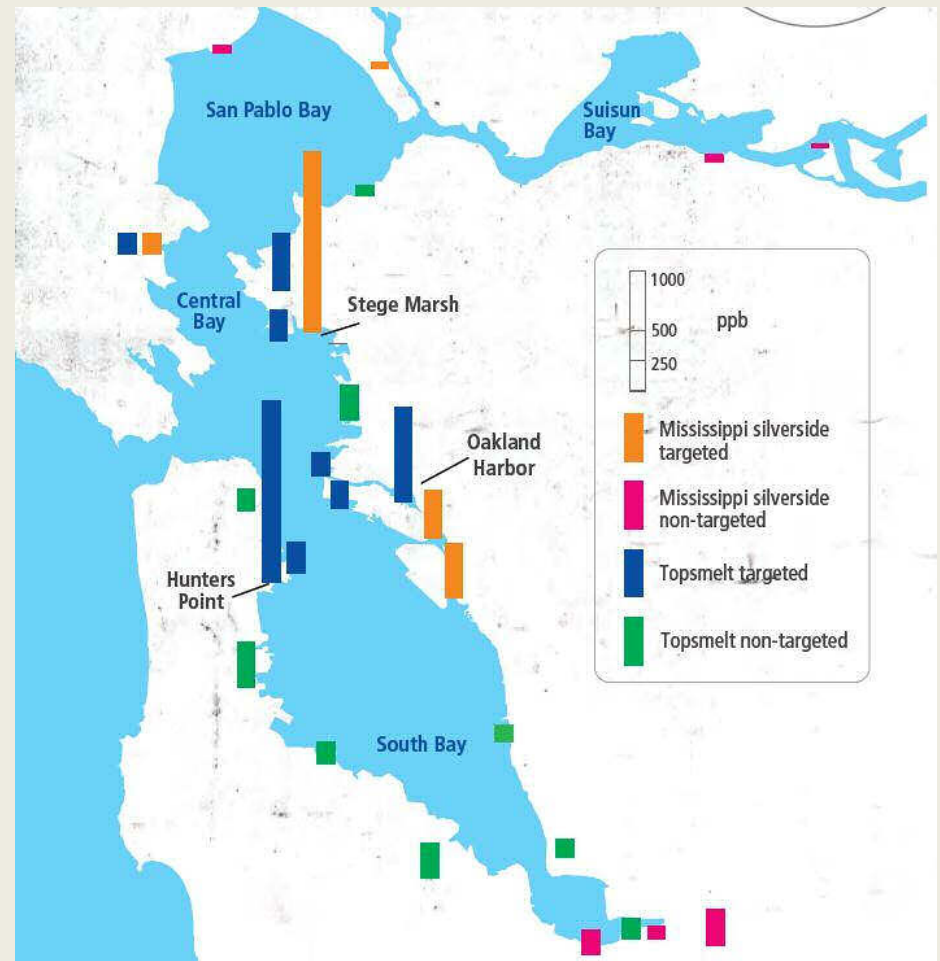
■ PCB Spatial Trends

- Targeted sites much higher than probabilistic
- PCBs in small fish comparable to higher level trophic fish
- Good correlation to sediment contamination

■ Manuscripts

- PCB – Chemosphere
- Hg Temporal Trends- Science of the Total Environment
 - Goby high in summer/fall; Topsmelt high in winter
 - Seasonal MeHg patterns
 - Habitat
- Hg Spatial – to be submitted by January

PCBs in Small Fish



WHICH CONTAMINANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE IMPACTS?

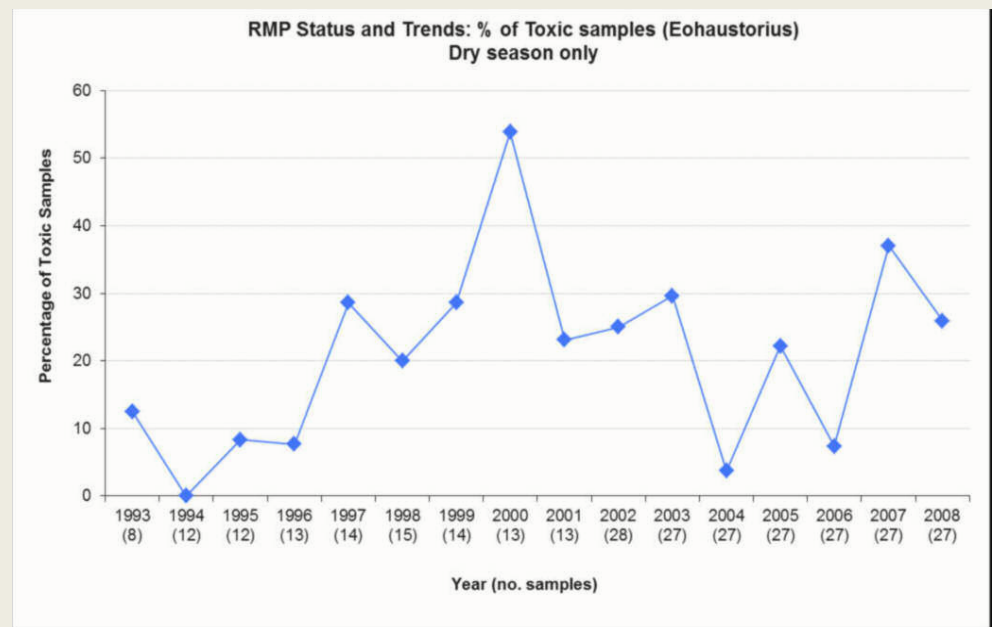
- 2012 Moderate Toxicity Workshop – What is causing moderate toxicity in Bay?

- Possible Factors:

- Grainsize (Shape? Fines?)
- Mixtures?
- PAHs? Algal biotoxins?
- Acclimation of test species?
Predation? Stress?

- Next steps:

- Data mining – physical characteristics of sediment to tox
- Review statistics
- Evaluate algal biotoxins
- Refinement of TIE

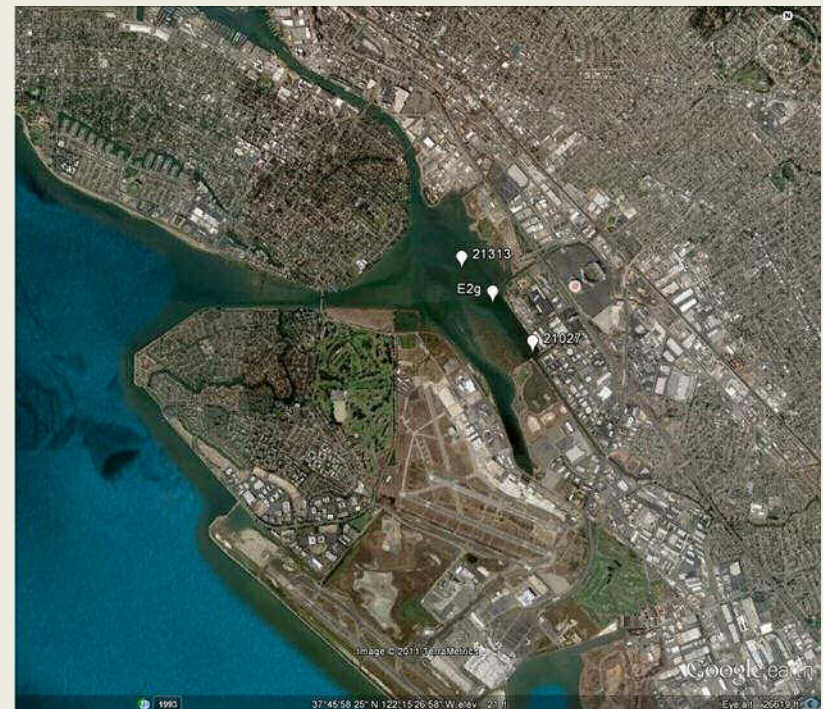
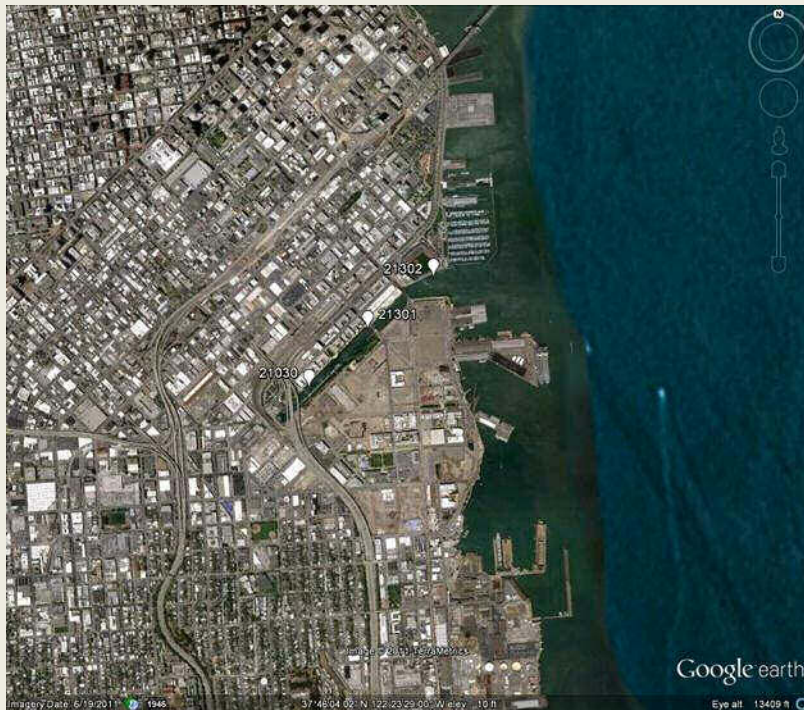


- Minutes available mid-December

ARE THERE TOOLS THAT CAN BE USED TO MONITOR THESE IMPACTS?

- 2012 Hotspot Study
- Mission Creek

San Leandro



Report available Jan/Feb 2013 – waiting for EBMUD results

ARE THERE TOOLS THAT CAN BE USED TO MONITOR THESE IMPACTS?

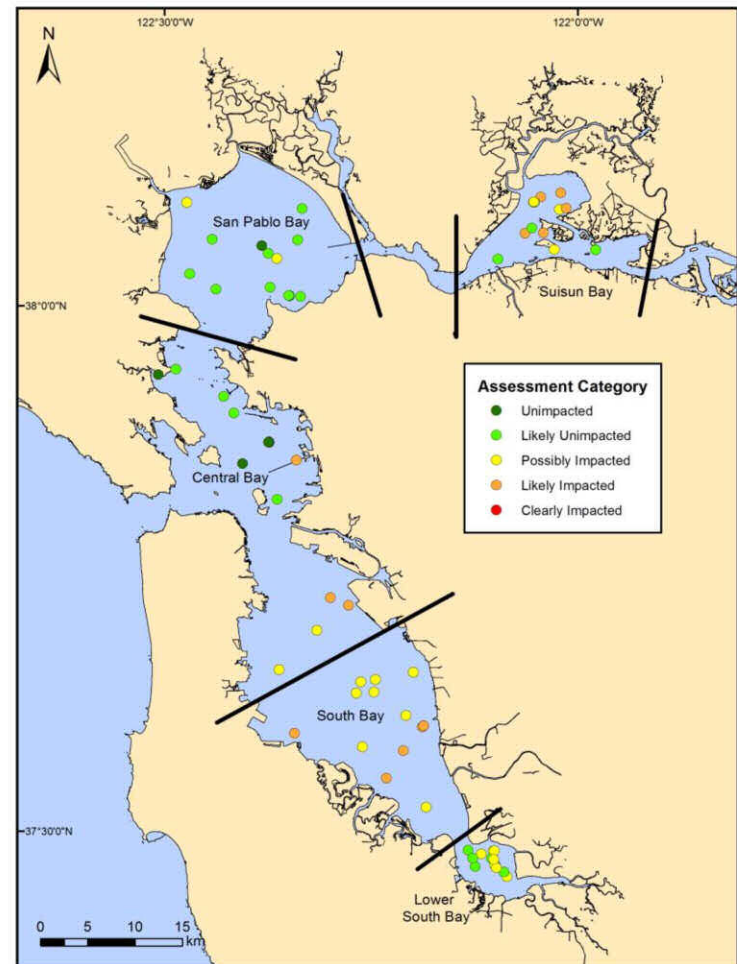
- 2013 Bioanalytical tools – linking gene effects to organisms



- 100,000s of chemicals – effective tool to work thru common modes of action
- Evaluating estrogenic pathway
 - Reproductive systems
 - Growth and development
 - Cardiac function
- Dr. Nancy Denslow (University of Florida) & Keith Mayura / Steve Bay (SCCWRP)
- 2-year study - \$126,000 (42K match SCCWRP)

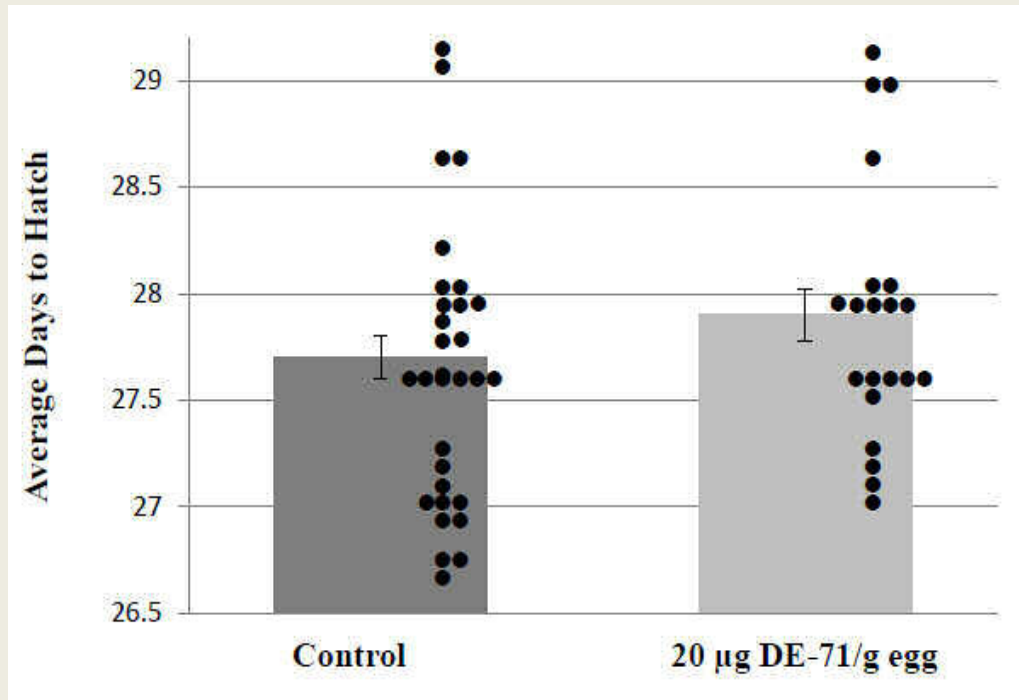
ARE THERE TOOLS THAT CAN BE USED TO MONITOR THESE IMPACTS?

- Develop indices for Mesohaline portion of the Bay
- 3 indices
 - Benthic Response Index
 - River Invertebrate Prediction and Classification System
 - Index of Biotic Integrity
- Completed by Fall 2013
 - Manuscript



WHAT ARE THE APPROPRIATE GUIDELINES?

- Barnett Rattner (USGS) publishing manuscript of findings from BDE egg injection study



REMAINING DELIVERABLES

- **EEPS Summary Report**
 - Finishing by end of year
- **PAH and Flatfish**
 - Draft report, waiting for histopathology
- **2006/2009 Bird Egg Report**
 - Winter 2013
- **2012 Bird Egg report**
 - Samples collected and at lab

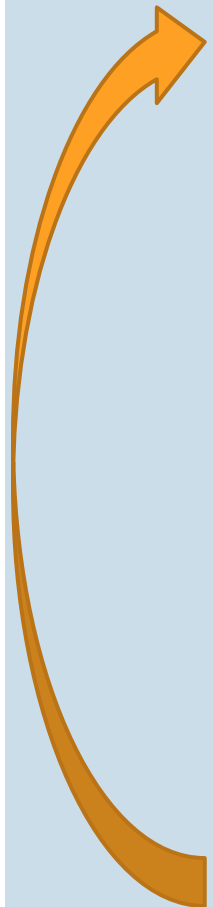
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December 4th,
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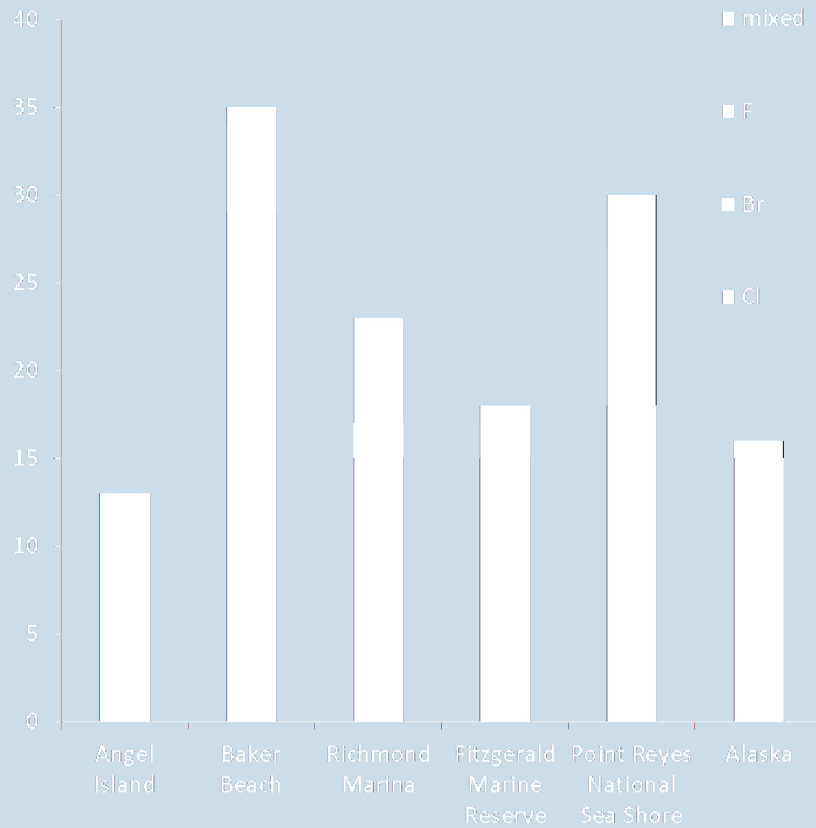
GOAL OF THE WORKGROUP

- Which CECs have the potential to adversely impact beneficial uses in San Francisco Bay?

WHICH CECS SHOULD WE MONITOR?

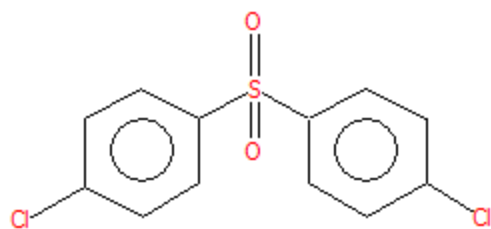
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- Identifying CECS to monitor by:
 - Reviewing literature; Asking the experts
 - Using cutting edge instruments
 - Developing new bioanalytical techniques
 - Quantifying CECS in the Bay
 - Prioritizing based on thresholds
 - Developing a CEC Strategy

BROAD SCAN WORK (NIST)

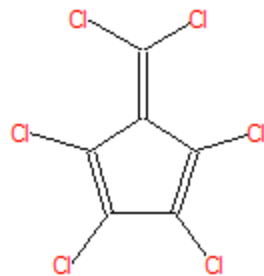


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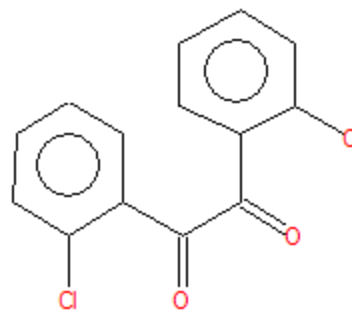
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Dechlorane 602	31107-44-5	flame retardant
p,p'-Dichlorodiphenyl sulfone	80-07-9	polymer starting material for "Udel"
Hexachlorofulvene	6317-25-5	polymer use?
Dichlorobenzil	21854-95-5	dyes, resins, disinfectant?
Dichlorobenzophenone	5293-97-0	?
Dichloroanthracene	605-48-1	combustion product?



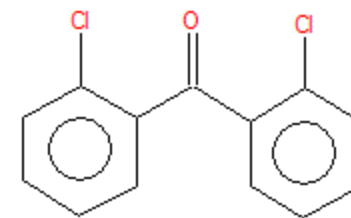
Dichlorodiphenylsulfone
On Howard and Muir List



Hexachlorofulvene



Dichlorobenzil



Dichlorobenzophenone

BROAD SCAN WORK

- Developed user library based on Howard and Muir paper and compared to results from this project
- Working on quantifying compounds where possible

- Manuscript on seal work
 - January 2013
- Modifying methods for mussel analysis and conducting analysis of mussel samples

QUANTIFYING CECs

PFC Special Study Sampling Sites

CDFG Site 244

CDFG Site 216

Castro Rocks

CDFG Site 106

CDFG Site 102

CDFG Site 101






CDFG Site 140

Corkscrew Slough

Mowry Slough

Cooley Landing

Alviso Slough

	Bird Eggs	9
	Fish	31
	Seal Serum	41
	Sediment	12
	Water	20

PFCS

- 2012 PFOS Study

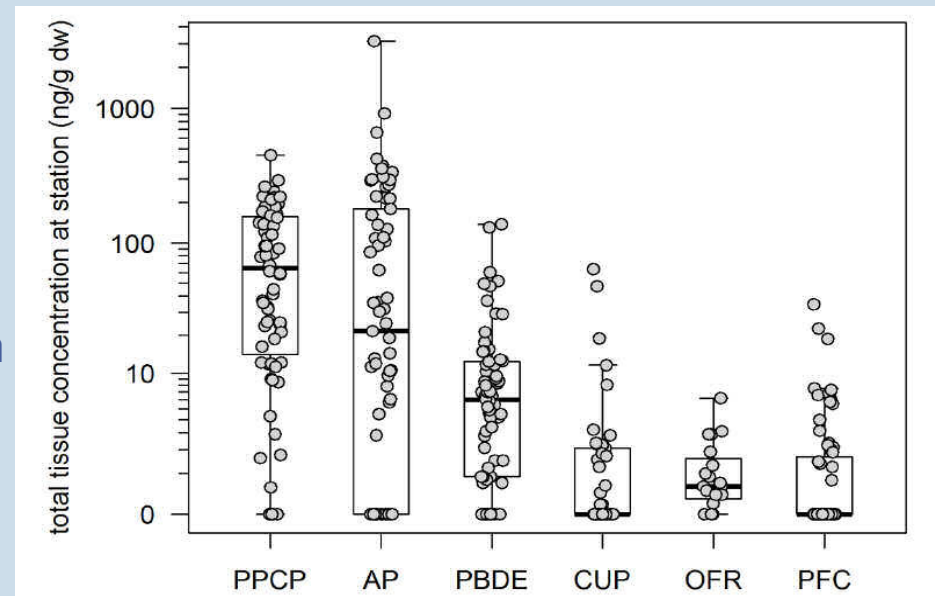
- Data in QA/QC review: seal
- Lab on cusp of submitting: sediment and bird egg
- To be analyzed: water (pro bono) and small fish

- Sources PFC article – comments received. Submit end of December



NOAA MUSSEL WATCH

- NOAA Special study for 2010
- 68 Stations analyzed for 166 CECs (e.g., APs, PPCP, current use pesticides, flame retardants, PFCs, and nano tubes)
 - 4 Bay sites – DB, SM, YBI and Em
- Correlated to land use (urban, mix dev., low dev. and ag)
- APEs, PBDEs, and PFCs associated with urban land use
 - Emeryville site – one of the top 5 highest



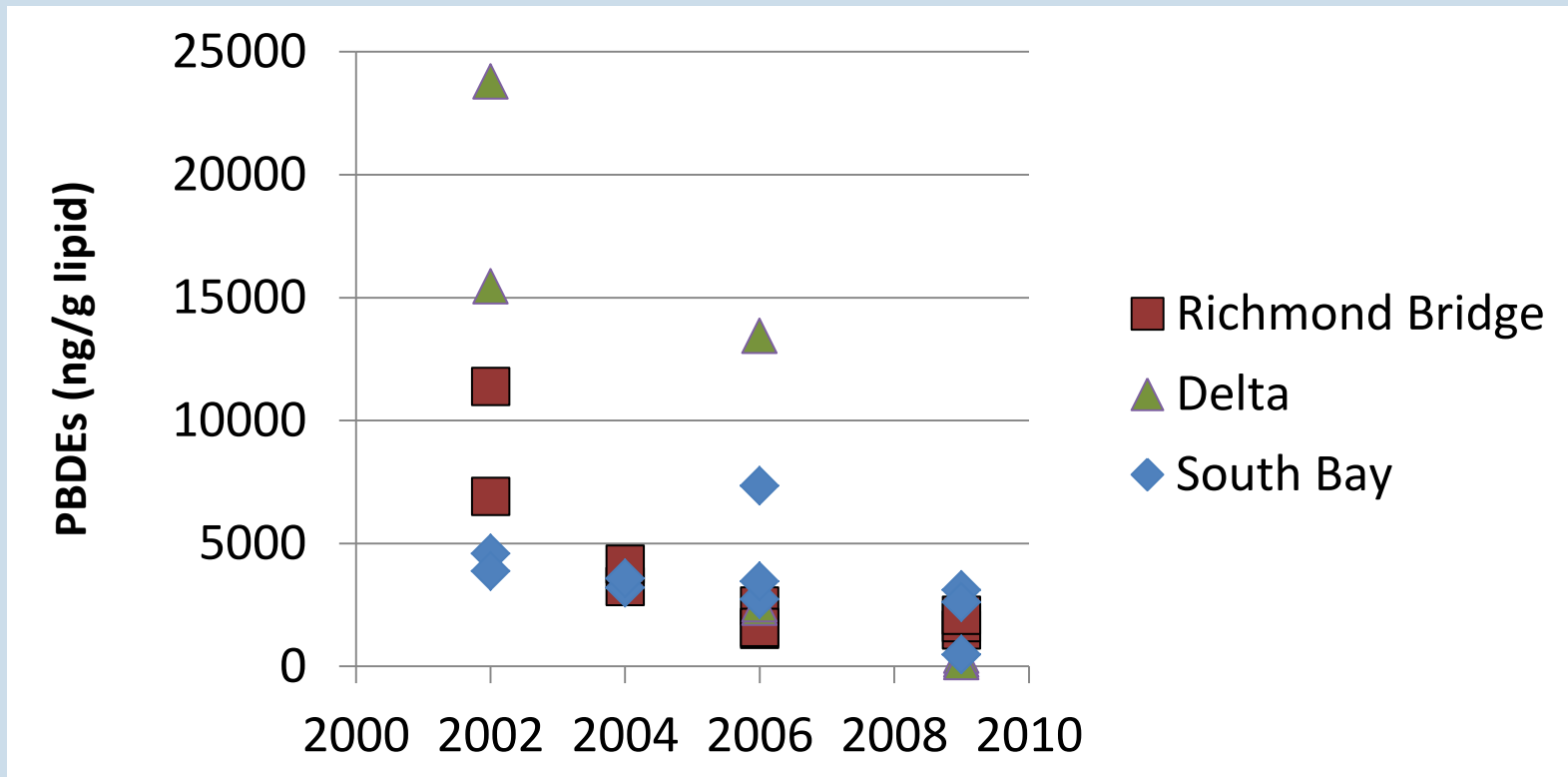
- Article submitted to Marine Pollution Bulletin

OTHER 2012 PRODUCTS

- **Synthesis**
 - Draft completed, responding to comments, and will finish by end of year
- **2012 CEC Strategy and 2013 Updating Strategy**
 - Outline developed – Looking to complete 1st quarter of 2013
- **Completed Articles:**
 - **Brominated and Chlorinated Flame Retardants in San Francisco Bay Sediments and Wildlife.** Klosterhaus, Stapleton, La Guardia, and Greig. 2012. Accepted Environment International.
 - **Method Validation and Reconnaissance of PPCPs and Alkylphenols in Surface Waters, Sediments, and Mussels in an Urban Estuary.** Klosterhaus, Grace, Hamilton and Yee. 2012. Minor revisions requested. Environment International.
 - **Estuary Insert on Alternative Flame Retardants**
- **Organizing Committee for 2012 SETAC in Long Beach**
- **SETAC Session Chair: Prioritizing Contaminants of Emerging Concern for Monitoring in California**

2013 PBDE SUMMARY

■ PBDE Summary Report - 1st Quarter 2012



2013 PBDE SUMMARY

- Surface waters (2002-2011)
- Sediments (2002-2012)
- Deployed bivalves (2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2008, and 2010)
- Sport fish (2000, 2003, 2006, and 2009)
- Cormorant and tern eggs (2002, 2004, 2006, and 2009)

- Comparison to relevant thresholds (OEHHA and bird egg study)

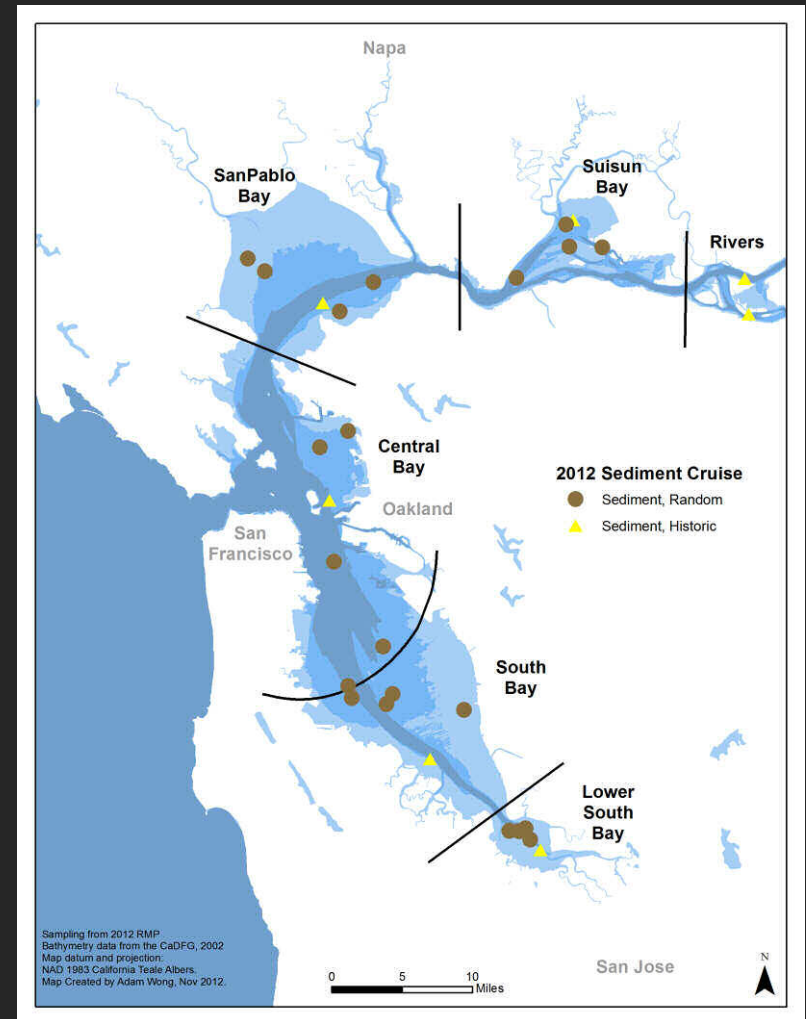
CURRENT USE PESTICIDES

- Convene a workshop to recommend current use pesticides for the RMP to monitor
- Likely invitees:
 - Kelly Moran, TDC
 - David Duncan, Head of the Environmental Monitor Branch at DPR
 - Joe Karkowski, Central Valley Regional Water Board
 - Tom Mumley and Jan O'Hara

Status and Trends 2012 Sediment Cruise



- April 2012
- Sampled 28 sites
 - 20 Random sites
 - 4 per Bay Segment
 - 7 Historic sites
 - 1 Additional site (EBMUD)
- Chemistry, Toxicity and Benthos



Status and Trends 2012

Bivalve Cruise



- Deployed in June and retrieved in September 2012
- Sampled 12 sites
 - All sites are historic
 - 1 control site
 - 9 transplanted sites
 - 2 rivers stations use resident clams
- Organics and Growth
- Pro bono: Microcystin, Siloxanes



2012 Sediment Piggyback Studies



- Stanford University Benthic Nitrification Study
 - 28 samples
- SCCWRP Genetic Barcoding of Benthos
 - 2 samples





2013 Status & Trends Monitoring

- Water Chemistry (22 sites)
 - Trace elements and water quality parameters
- Organics are scheduled to be analyzed in 2015

2011 Annual Monitoring Report



- Coming soon - January 2013

UPDATE ON DATA MANAGEMENT

December 4,
2012

2012 HIGHLIGHTS

- Upload/QA review datasets
 - 2011 S&T – sediment pesticides in progress
 - 2011 Hot Spots – sediment pesticides in progress
 - 2012 S&T – pending grainsize & PCBs and tissue data

- Improved internal efficiencies
 - Chain of Custody Tool
 - RMP Deliverables Scorecard
 - WWTP Metals Upload Tool
 - Kriging Tool
 - Archive sample database
 - Ratio checking

- Better coordination with State and other projects
 - RMP data available in CEDEN & My Water Quality Portals
 - Wet weather projects

Ship To: AXYS

AnalyteCode(s): PAH, PCB, PCB/PBDE

SampleID(s): 13-SFEI-1008, 13-SFEI-1015, 13

- (Select All)
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- 13-SFEI-1016
- 13-SFEI-1023
- 13-SFEI-1030
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- 13-SFEI-1100

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Chain of Custody

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4911 Central Ave.
Richmond CA, 94804

Ship to:
KYS Analytical Services Ltd.
2045 Mills Road West
Sidney BC V8L 5X2

Contract No.:
983

Billing Code:
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COC TOOL

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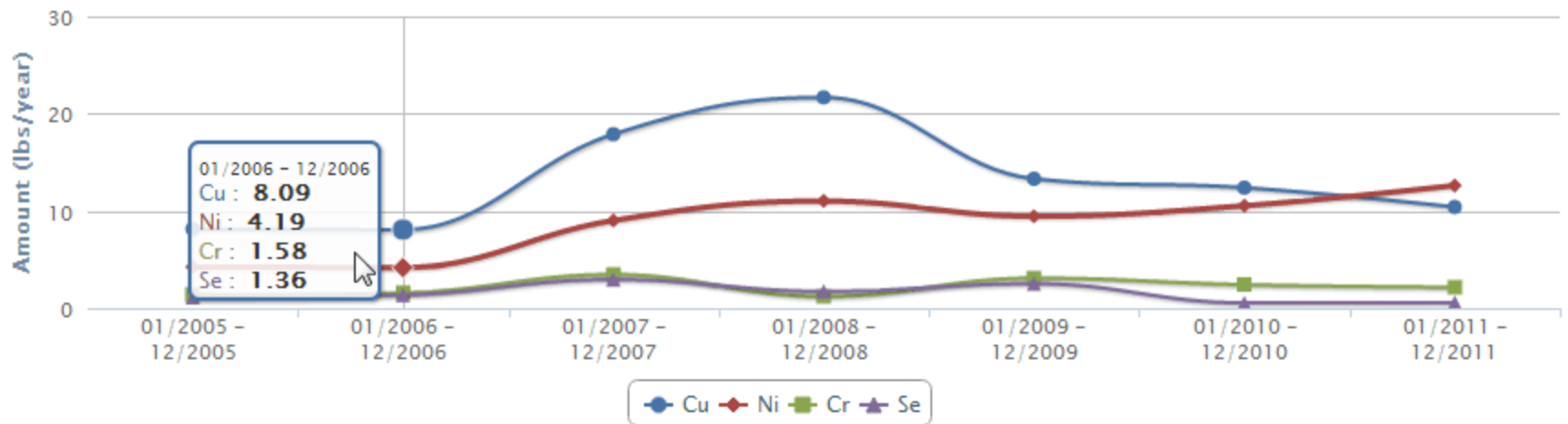
RMP SCORE CARD

RMP Deliverables Scorecard

Deliverable	Lead	Deliverable Type	Start Year	Original Due	Current Due	Stoplight	Comments	Months Overdue
Contaminant Fate								
1) Spatial Trends of Hg in Forage Fish	BG	Manuscript	2010	May-11	Jan-13	●	Draft completed. Plan to submit manuscript by January 2013	19
2) Mercury Synthesis and Conceptual Model Update	JD	Report	2011	Aug-11	Jan-13	●	Revised Article Submitted to Env Intl. RMP Version by Jan-13	16
2011 Mercury Food Web Uptake (Small Fish)	RA	Presentation	2011	Jul-12		✓	Completed	
4) PCB Conceptual Model	JD	Report	2011	Mar-12	Dec-12	●		9
Emerging Contaminants								
5) PFC Sources	MS	Manuscript	2009	Jun-10	Dec-12	●	Draft completed. In review.	30
6) EC Synthesis	SK	Report	2012	Mar-12	May-12	✓	Completed	2
PFCs in Bay Biota	MS	Report	2012	Mar-13		●	Sampling underway	
8) EC Strategy	MS	Task	2012	Oct-12	Jan-13	●	Outline presented to ECWG in June 2012	2
Exposure and Effects								
9) EEPS Summary Report	MS	Report	2009	Jun-09	Jan-13	●	Outline presented to workgroup	42
10) Effects of PAH on Flatfish	MS	Report	2009	May-10	Mar-13	●	Draft report completed. Awaiting additional results.	31
11) Hotspot Sediment Quality Followup Study	MS	Report	2011	Oct-12	Dec-12	●	Sampling completed, waiting for data	2
12) Effects of Copper on Salmon	MS	Report	2011	Sep-12	Dec-12	●	Study underway	3
Benthic Assessment for Mesohaline	MS	Report	2012	Jul-13		●	Contract developed	
14) Moderate Toxicity Workshop	MS	Workshop	2012	Nov-12		✓	Completed	1

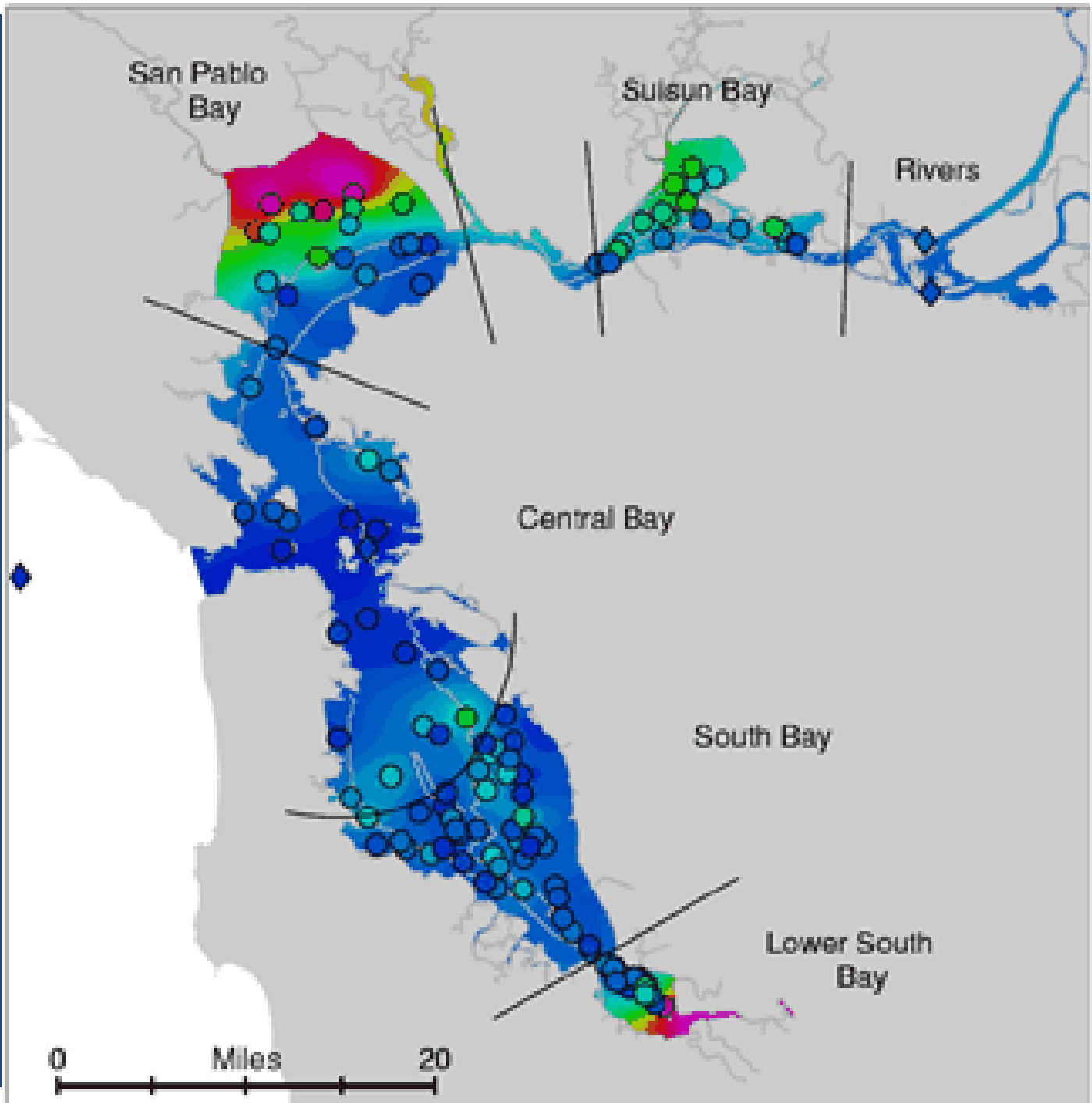
WWTP METALS UPLOAD

SF Airport PO Box 8097, San Francisco, CA 94128



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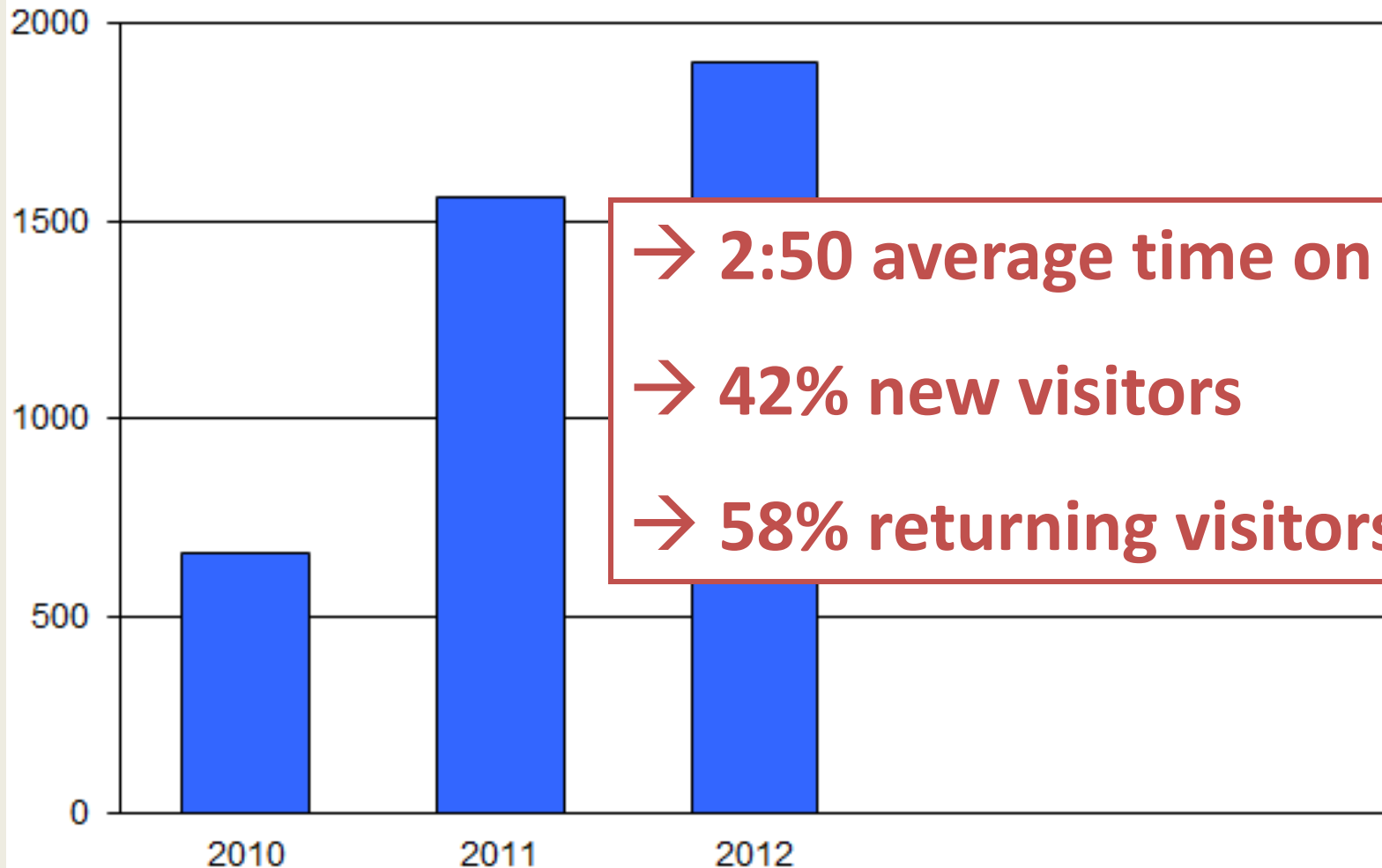
KRIGING TOOL



PERFORMANCE METRICS

- Web access to RMP data
- Timeliness of data from labs
- Timeliness of internal review

EXTERNAL USE OF CD3: NUMBER OF QUERIES

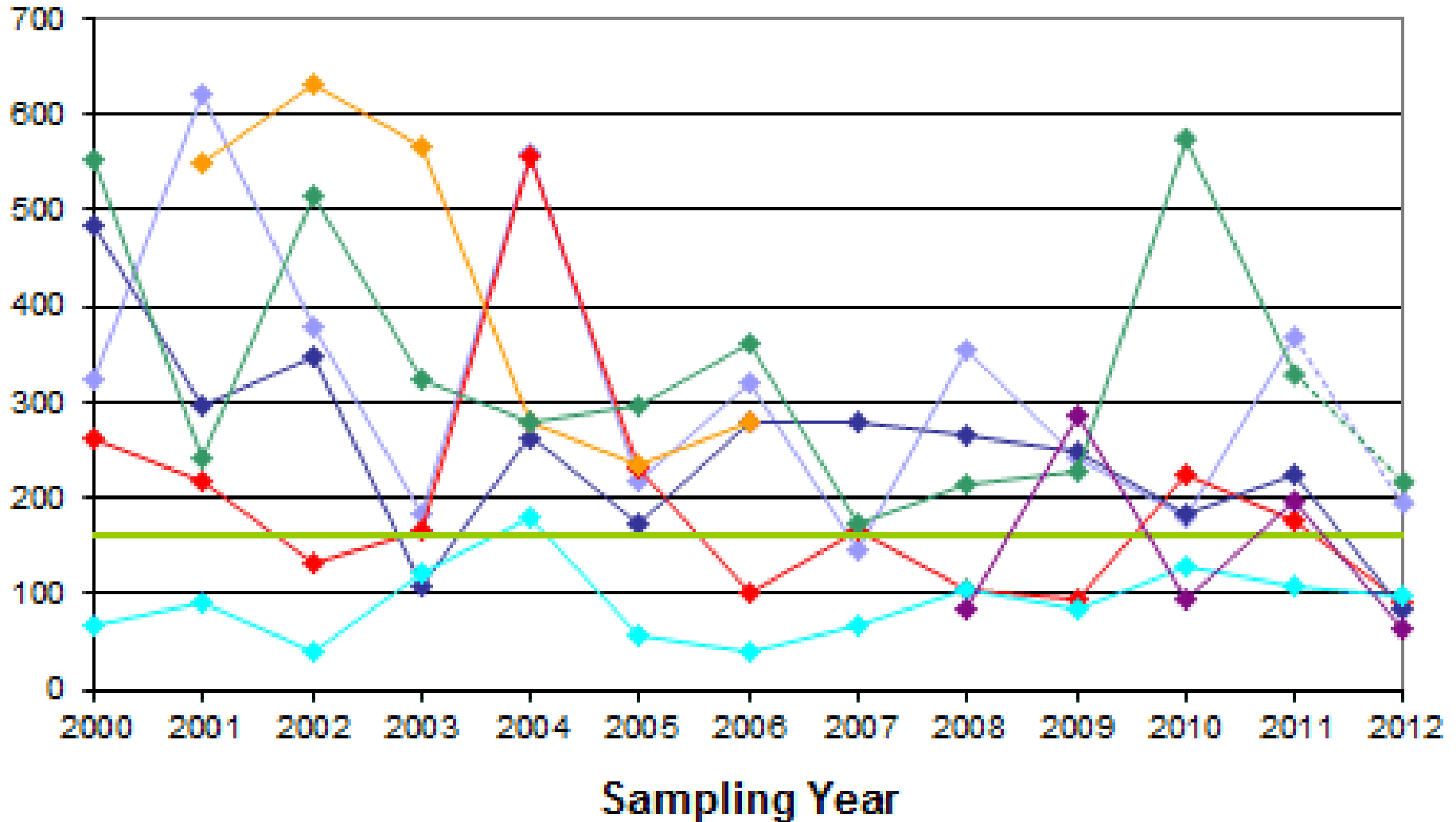


→ 2:50 average time on site

→ 42% new visitors

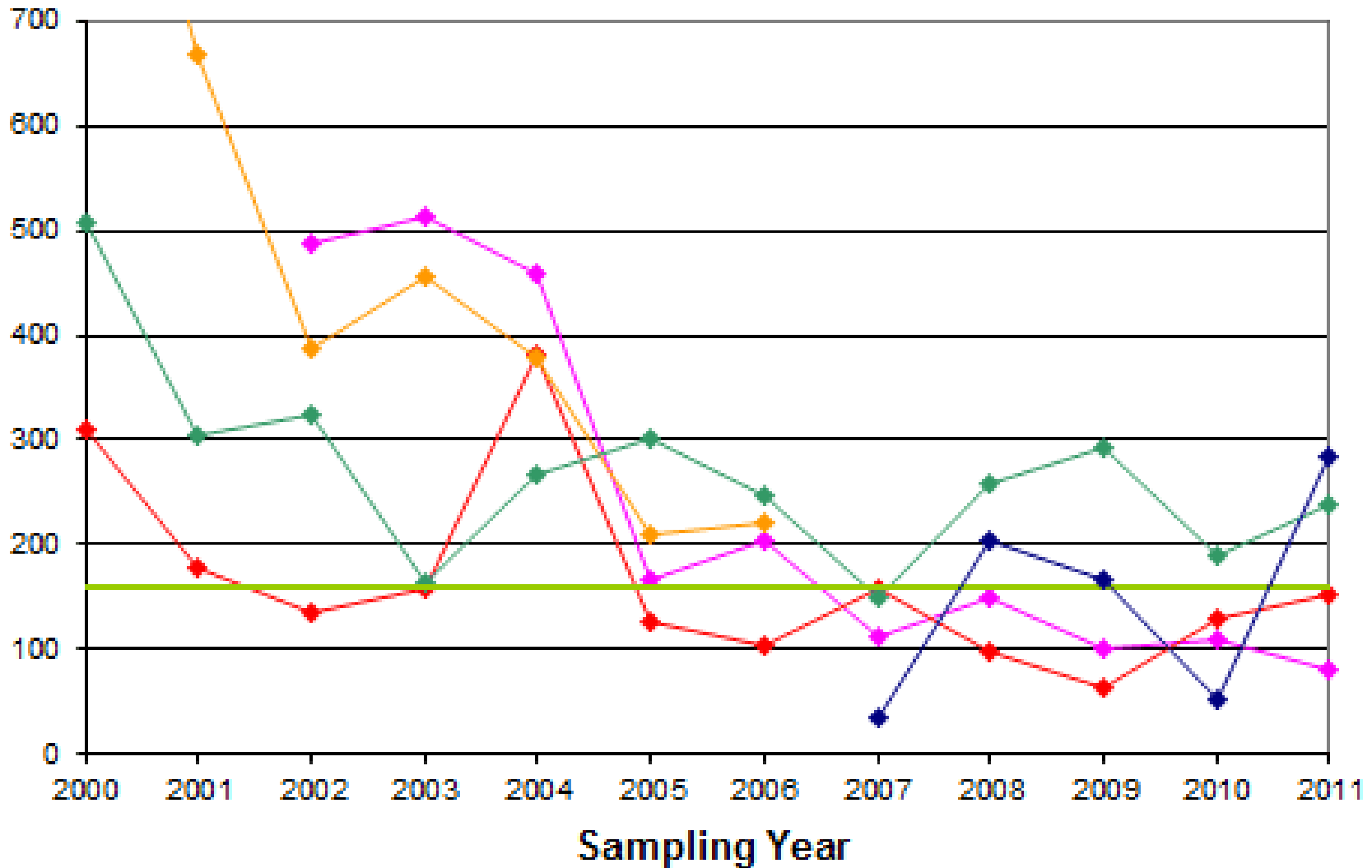
→ 58% returning visitors

TIMELINESS: SEDIMENT AVG. DAYS AFTER COLLECTION

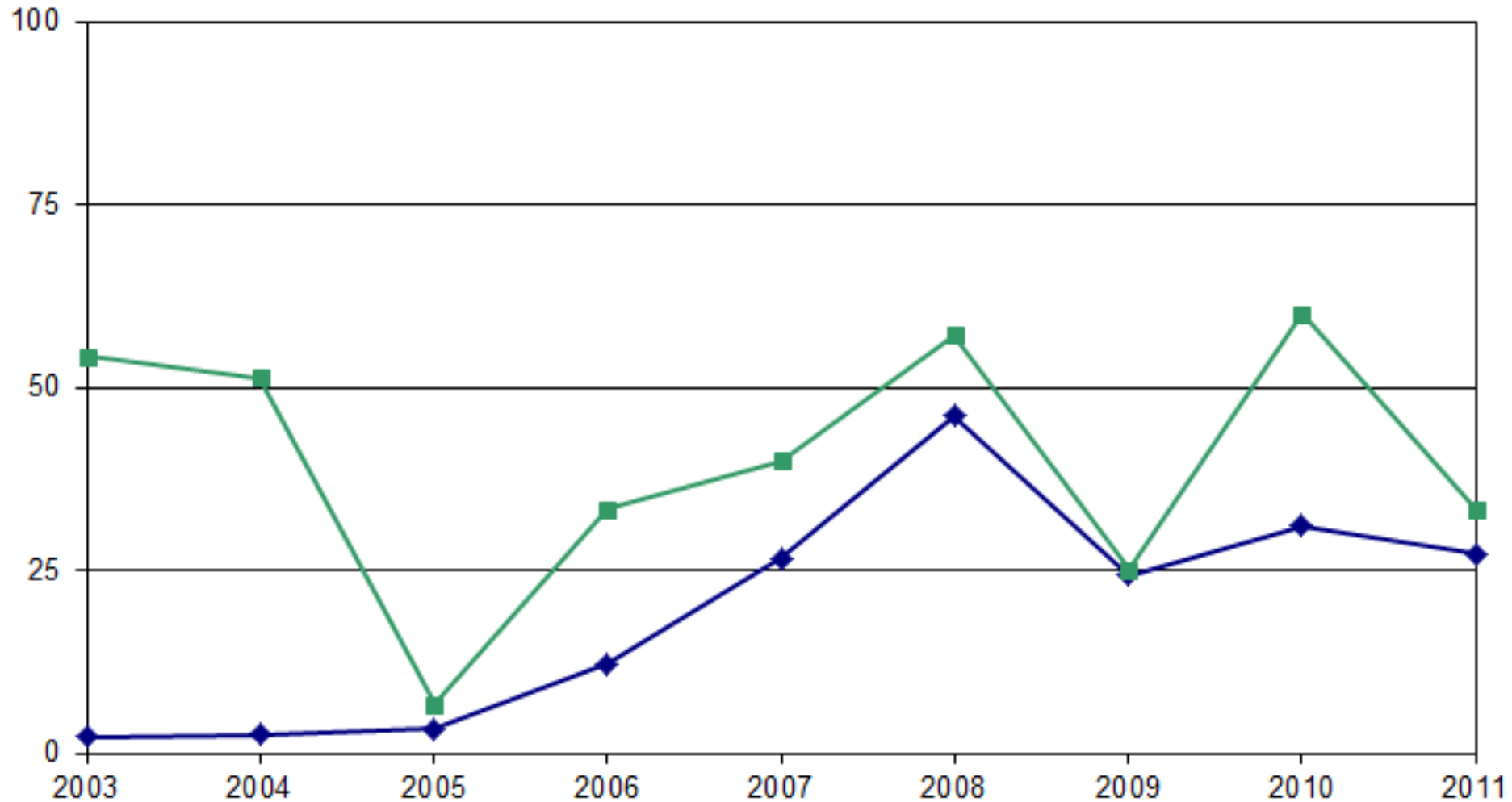


TIMELINESS: WATER

AVG. DAYS AFTER COLLECTION



INTERNAL TIMELINESS: PERCENT >45 DAYS



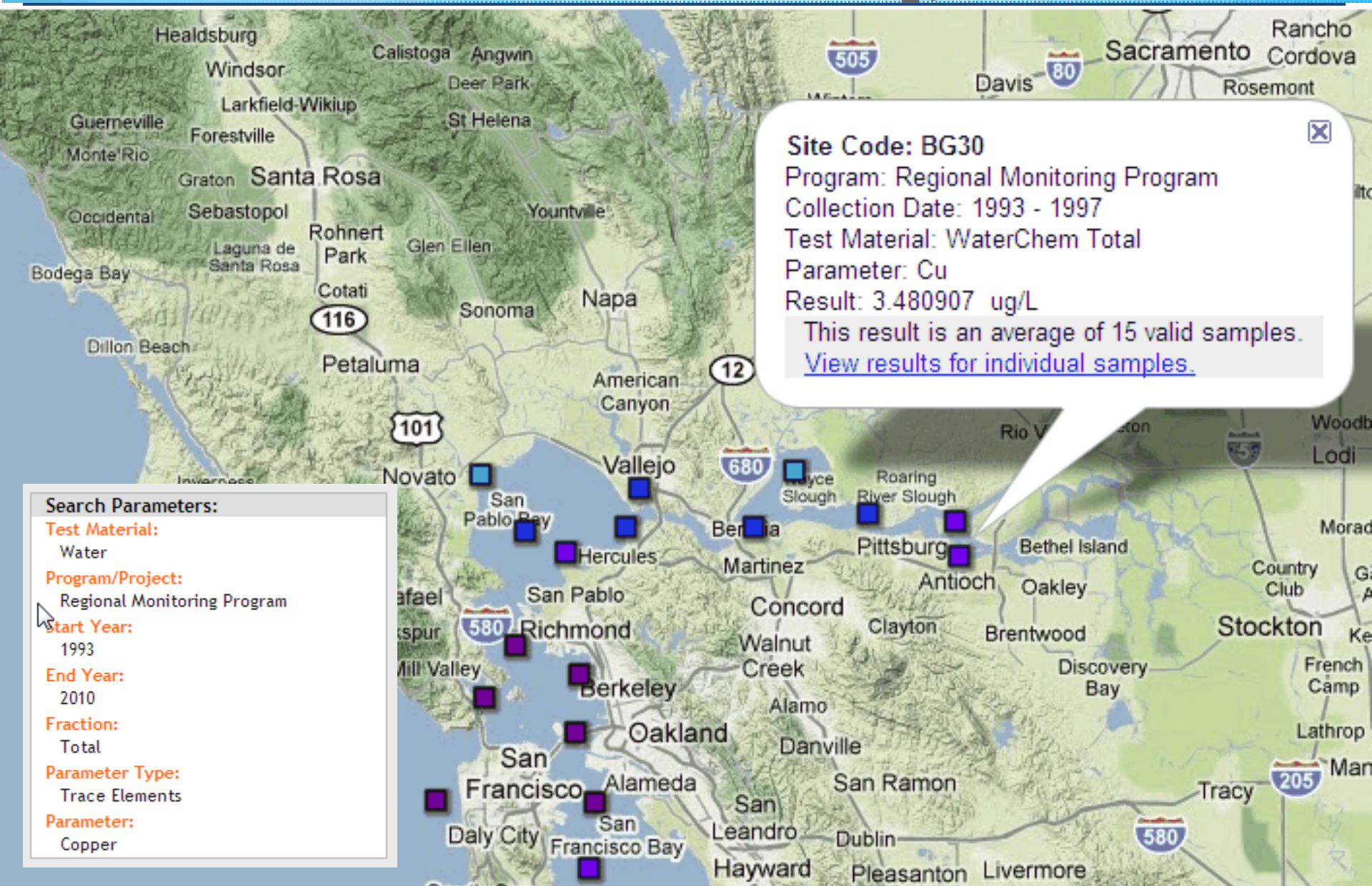
2013 GOALS

- Report high quality data within one year
- Enhance web query tool – CD3
 - Add kriging layer and statistical summaries
- Expand Regional Data Center
 - Improve data access and visualization
 - Maintain comparability with SWAMP/CEDEN

CD3

Contaminant Data Display & Download

water
sediment
bivalves sport fish



Site Code: BG30
Program: Regional Monitoring Program
Collection Date: 1993 - 1997
Test Material: WaterChem Total
Parameter: Cu
Result: 3.480907 ug/L
This result is an average of 15 valid samples.
[View results for individual samples.](#)

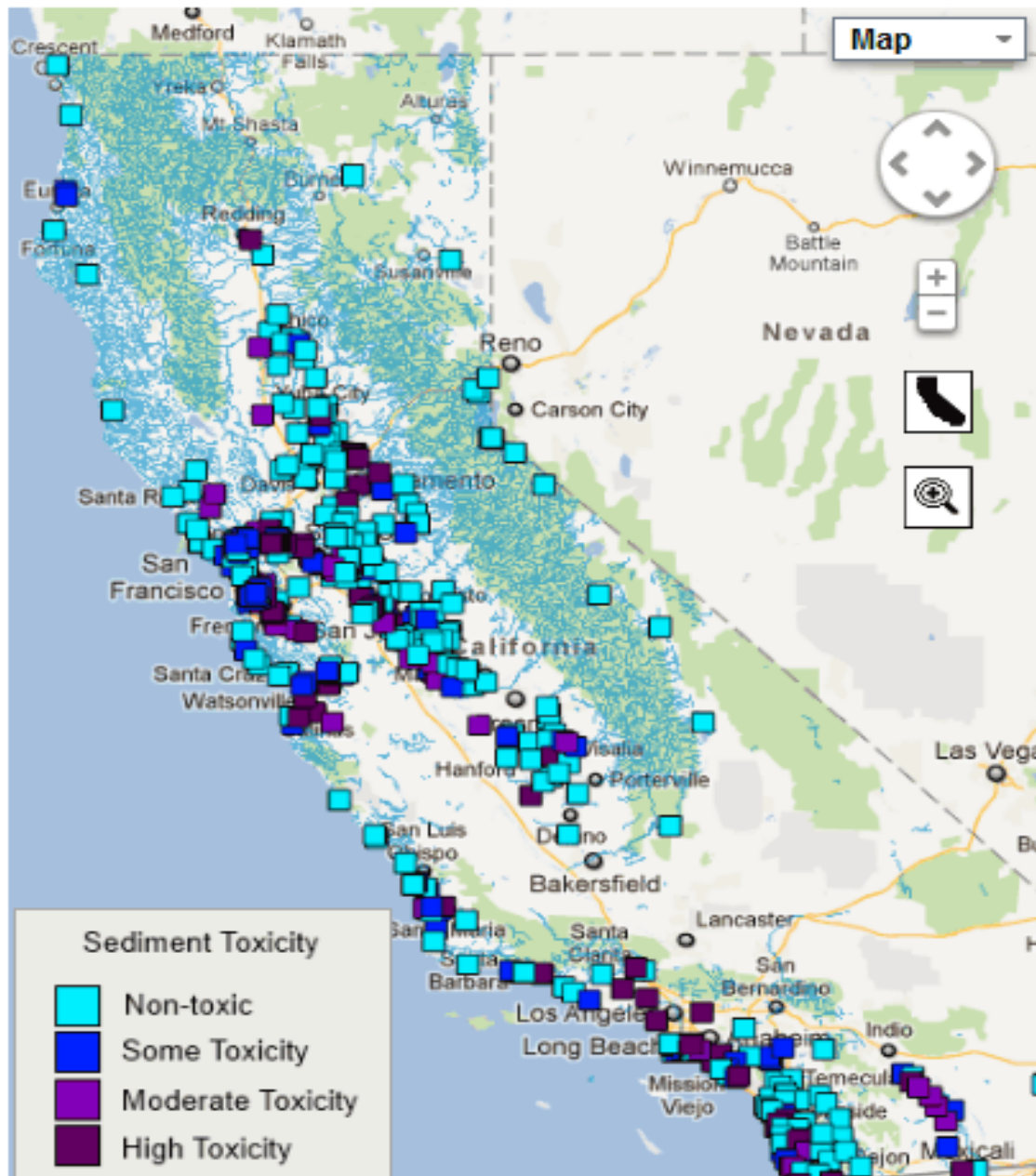
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HEALTHY STREAMS PORTAL



California Streams, Rivers and Lakes

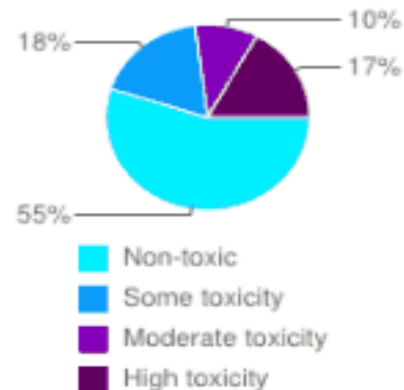
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How toxic is the sediment in our streams

Sediment at the bottom of a stream or suspended in the water can carry these pollutants back into the water. Toxicity tests can determine if organisms express any adverse

In 2011 the State Water Board issued its [report](#) of nine years of data from 2001 and 2010, greater than 45% of sampled sites showed



This map shows data generated by:



[SWAMP](#)



[SFEI](#)

(Updated 3/21/12)

Interactive Map

Layers ▾

Legends ▾

Background ▾

Overlays ▾

Project Information

Existing Aquatic Resources - CARI

 Drainage Features

— Fluvial

- - - Tidal

 Wetlands

Estuarine and Coastal

Estuarine Intertidal

Estuarine Muted Tidal

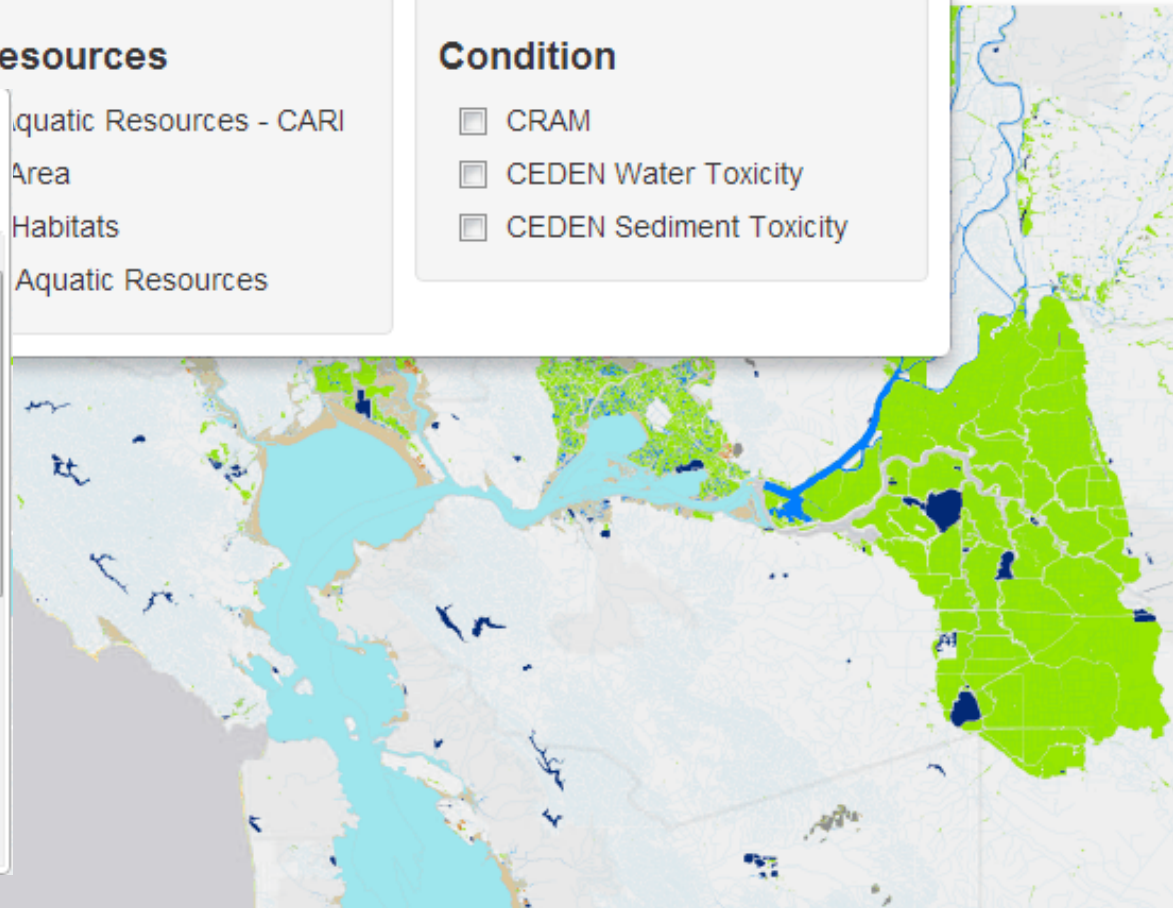
Estuarine Subtidal

Marine Intertidal

Aquatic Resources

 Aquatic Resources - CARI Area Habitats Aquatic Resources

Condition

 CRAM CEDEN Water Toxicity CEDEN Sediment Toxicity

CEDEN Toxicity



CEDEEN Water Toxicity Transparency

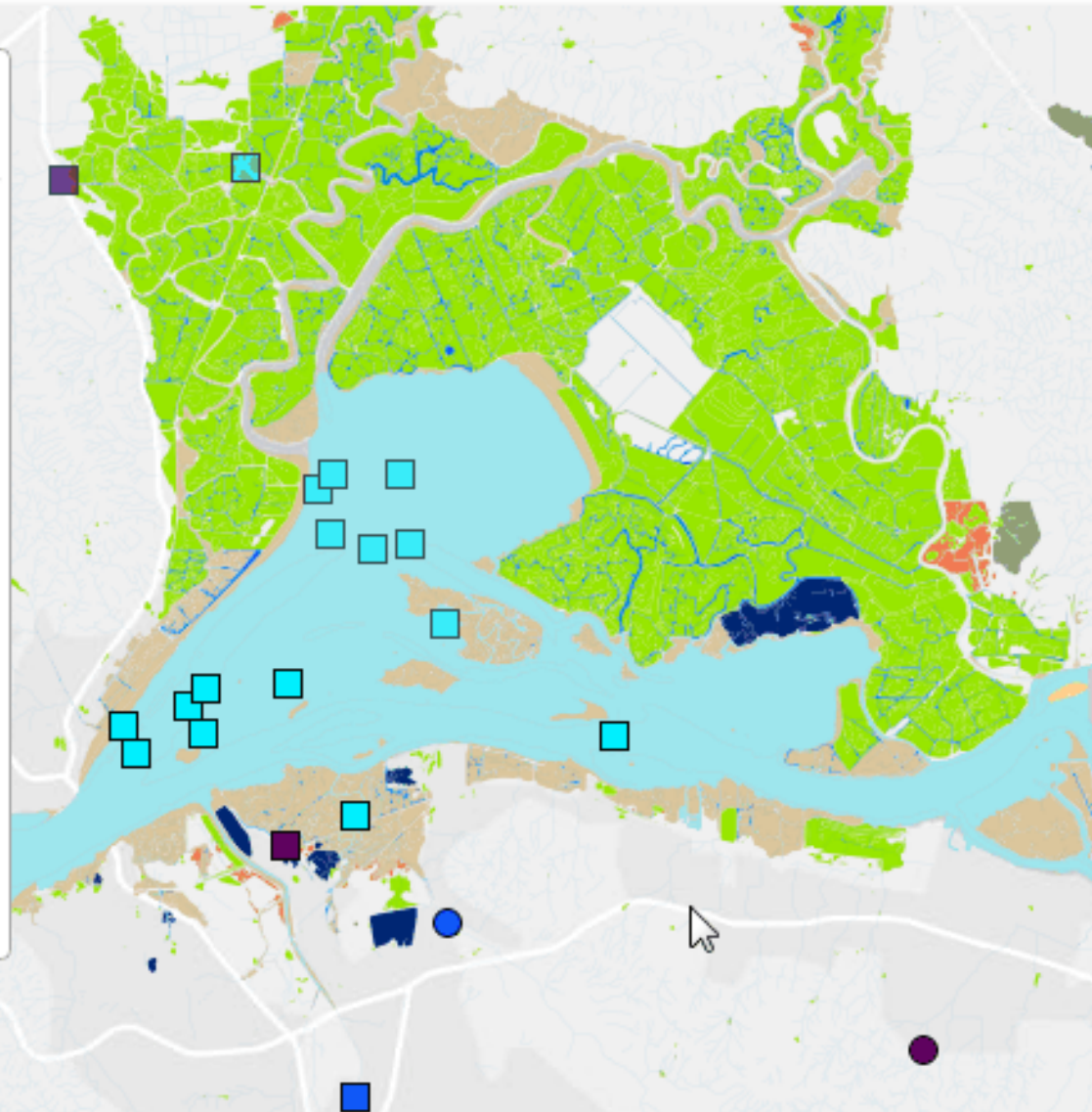


- Non-toxic
- Some Toxicity
- Moderate Toxicity
- High Toxicity

CEDEEN Sediment Toxicity Transparency



- Non-toxic
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- High Toxicity



Landscape Profiles

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Landscape Profile

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User Defined Area

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Area: 10,216.87 acres / 15.96 sq mi

Ni

+ California Aqua

Hy

+ Wetland Restor

C

+ CRAM Assessm

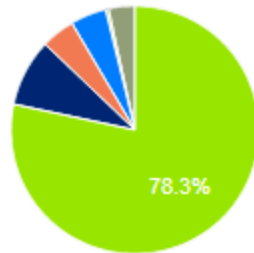
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+ Census 2010 Est

+ CNDDDB Species

+ Land Cover by

Landscape Profile

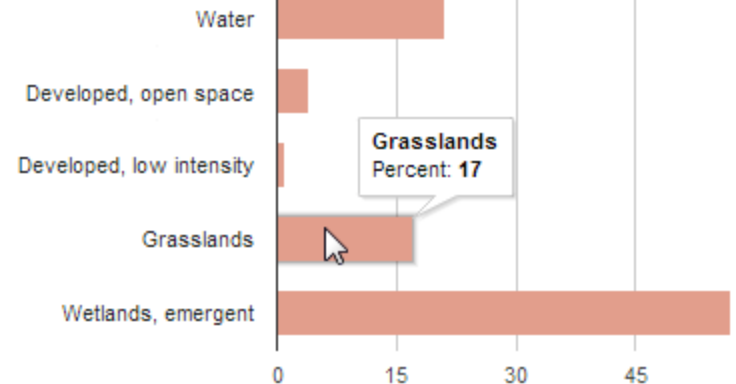


■ Depressional

Landscape Profile

+ CNDDDB Species Information

- Land Cover by NLCD 2006 Category



Streams: 109 miles

- Riverine: 86 miles

- Tidal Riverine: 23 miles