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# Sustainable Water Future for the City of Los Angeles

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Pathways to Urban Sustainability: Challenges & Opportunities

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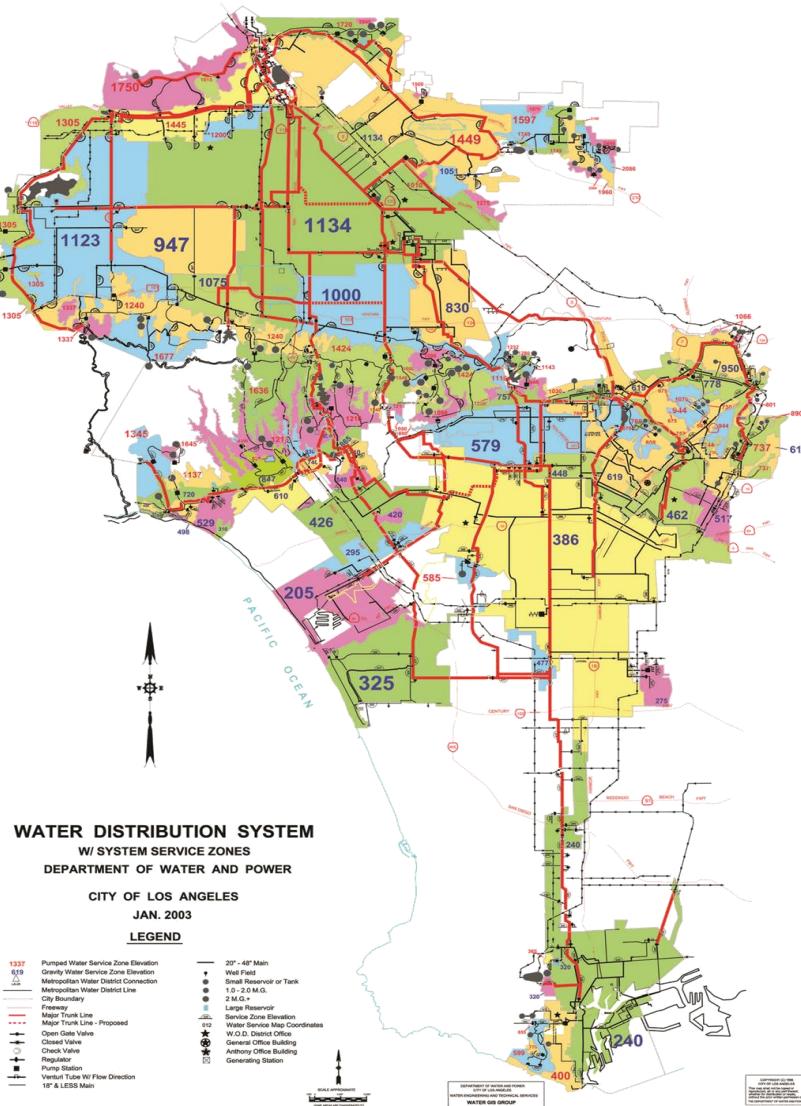
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# Continued Planning and Resource Development Transformed LA



# LADWP Today



- Service area (473 square miles)
- Provide Water and Power to approximately 4 million people every day
- Over 494 million gallons of water delivered per day – 553,900 acre-feet per year
- Provide over 77 million kilo-watt hours of electricity on typical day (double on hot summer days) – 6100 MW peak load

# Water System Overview

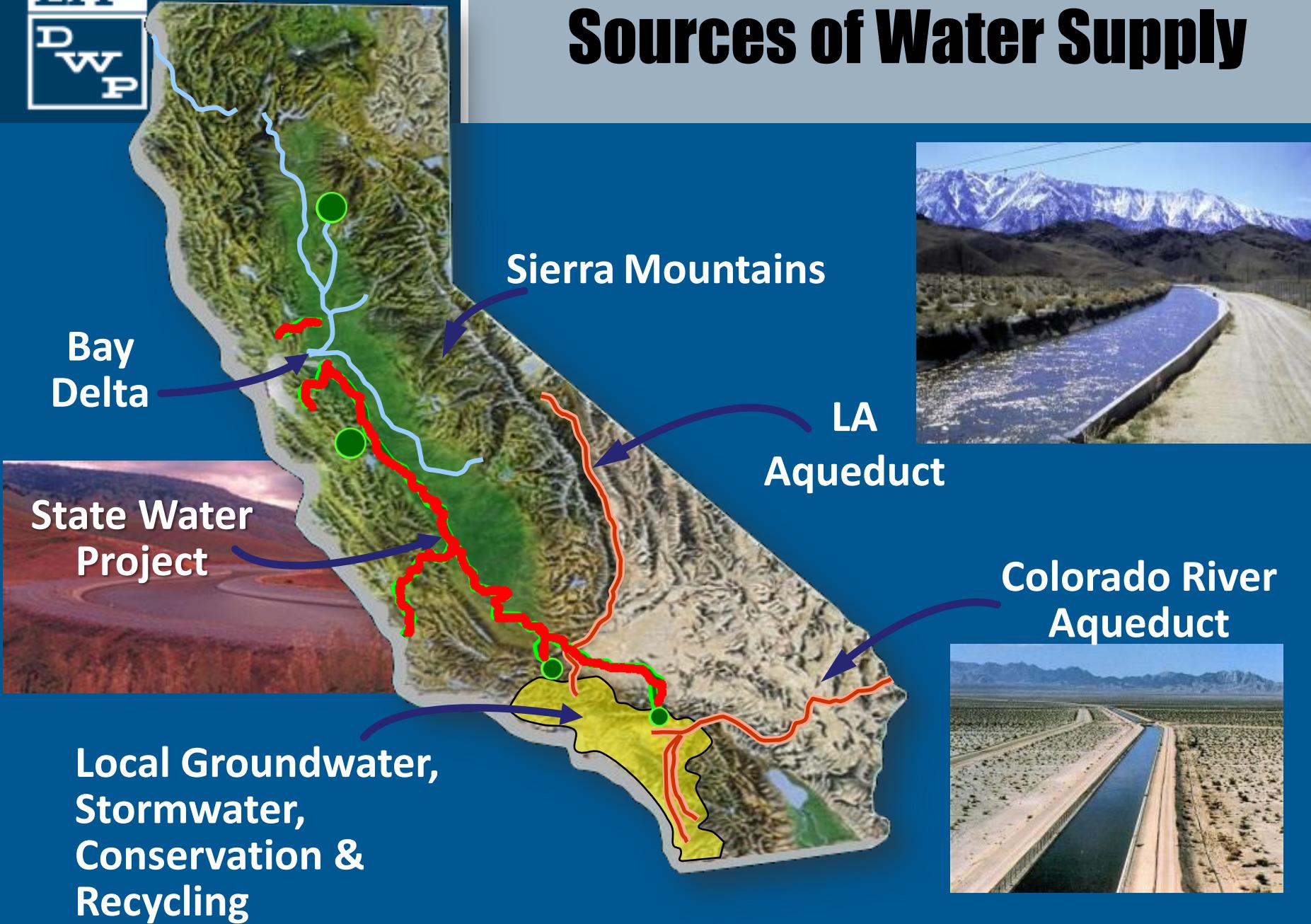
Our Water System infrastructure:

- About 697,100 water service accounts
- About 7,260 miles of distribution mains
- 114 local tanks / reservoirs
- 9 LAA reservoirs
- 88 pump stations
- 421 regulator stations
- 23 chlorination stations
- 7 fluoridation stations
- 60,400 fire hydrants
- Advanced water treatment facility uses ozone as disinfectant

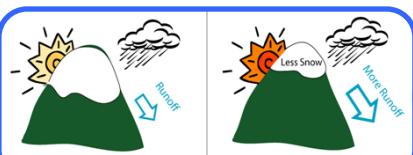




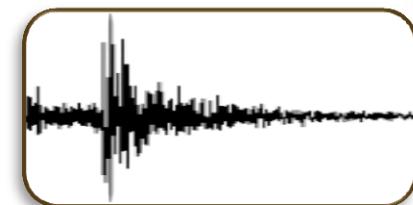
# Sources of Water Supply



# Water Supply Challenges



Climate Change



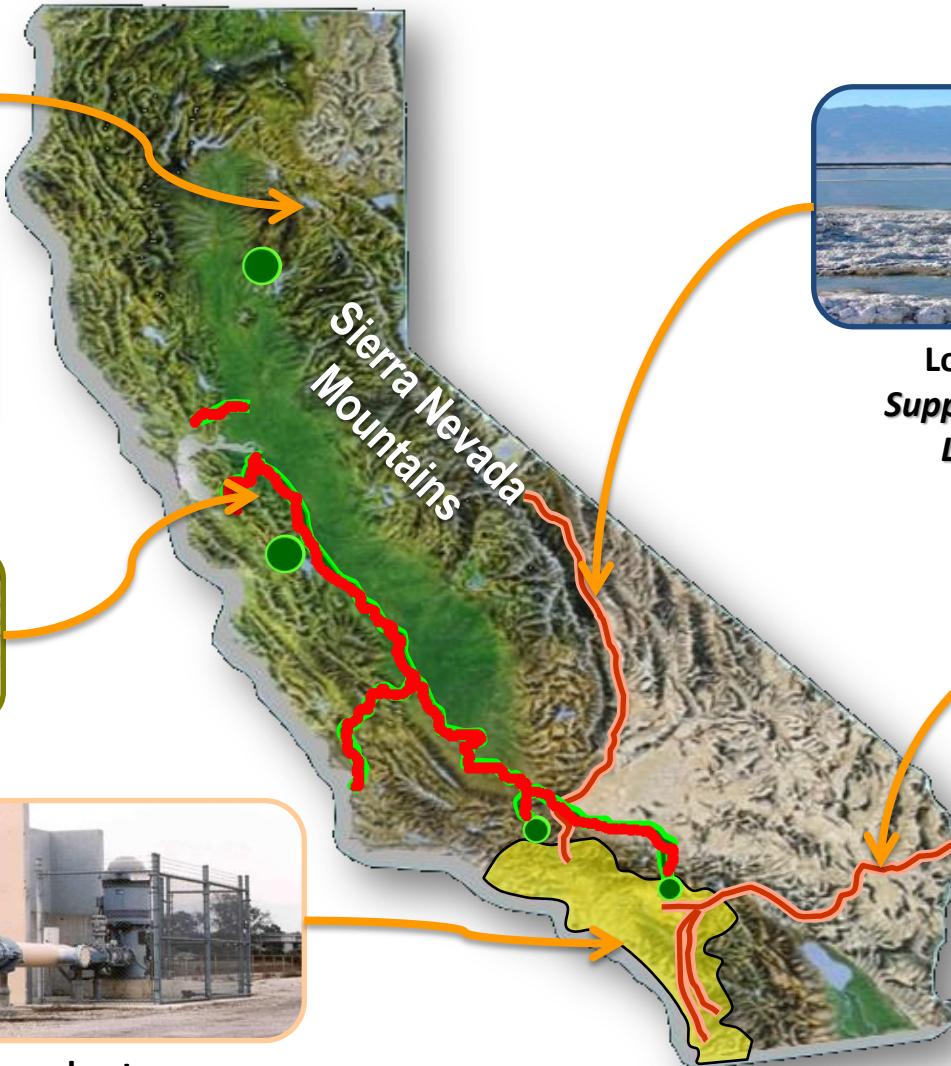
Seismic Risk to  
Imported Supplies



Bay-Delta Uncertainty



Local Groundwater:  
Contamination in the San Fernando Basin



Los Angeles Aqueduct:  
*Supply reduction due to Owens  
Lake dust mitigation*



Colorado River Aqueduct

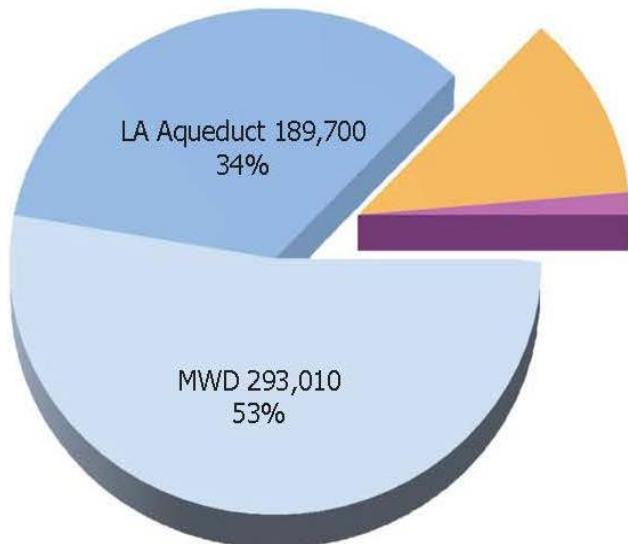


Rising MWD Water Costs

# Water Supply Reliability

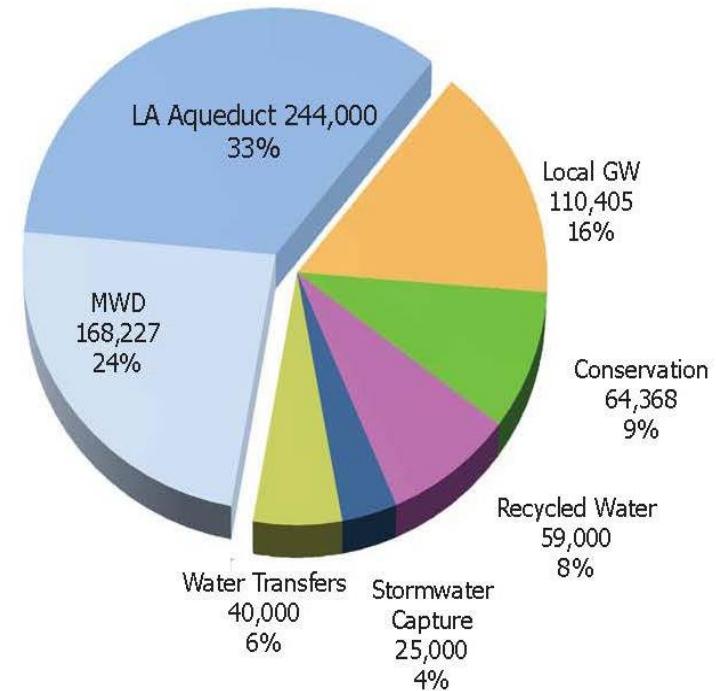
## Today

FYE 2010 - 2014 Average  
Total: 553,876 AFY



## Future\*

Fiscal Year 2034 - 2035  
Total: 711,000 AFY



\*Estimate from the 2010 Urban Water Management Plan

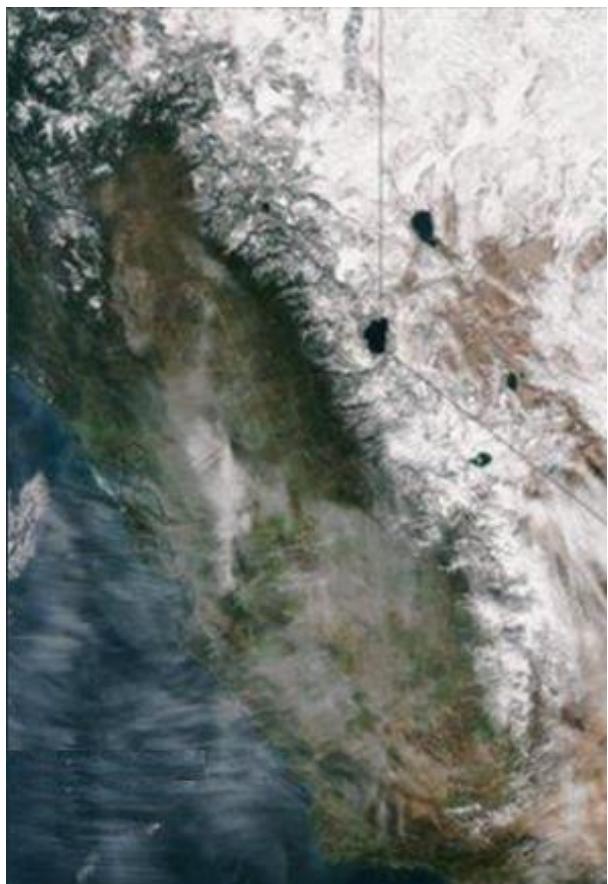
# Record Dry Conditions



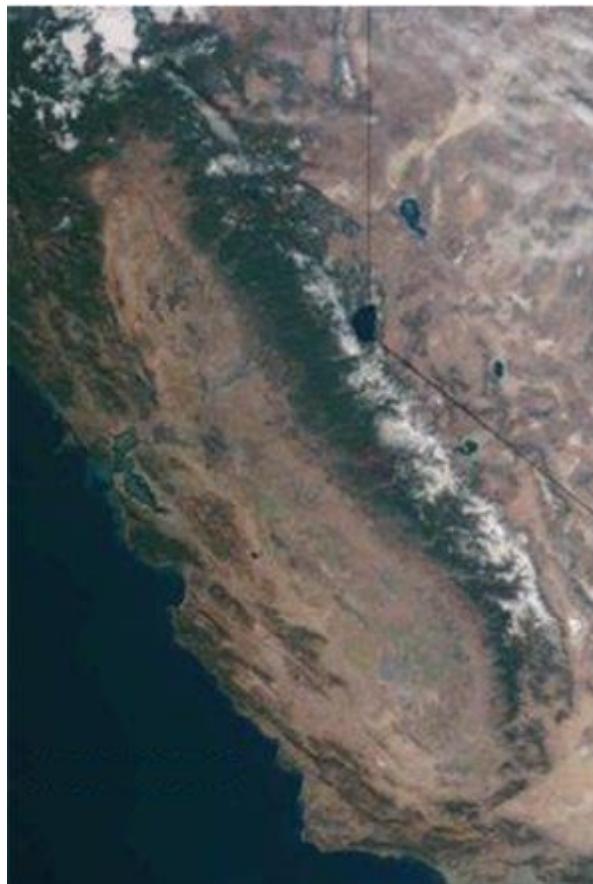
- CY 2013  
Driest on Record
- Jan 2014  
Lowest Snowpack
- WY 2014  
4<sup>th</sup> Lowest Runoff
- 2014 Temps  
Record High
- April 2015  
Lowest statewide snowpack

# Drought Effects on Sierra Snowpack

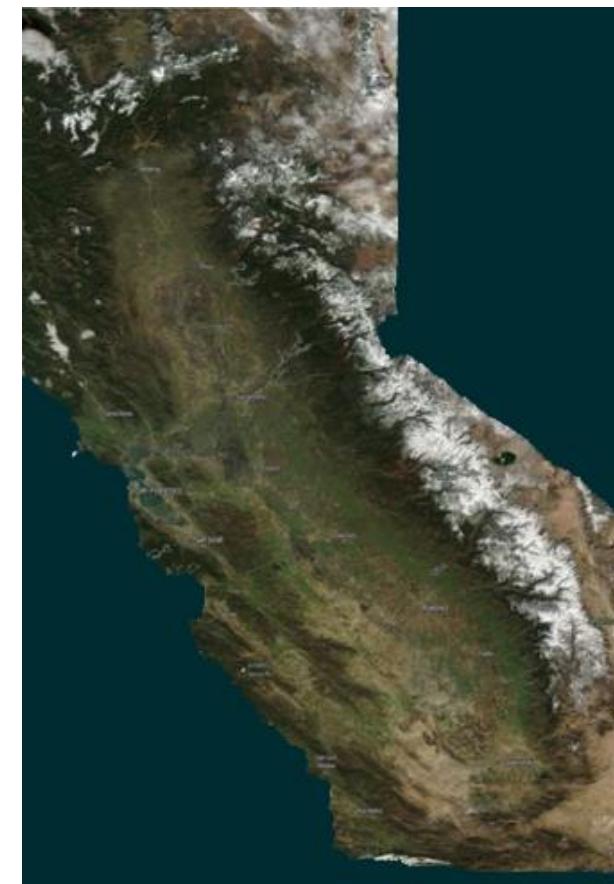
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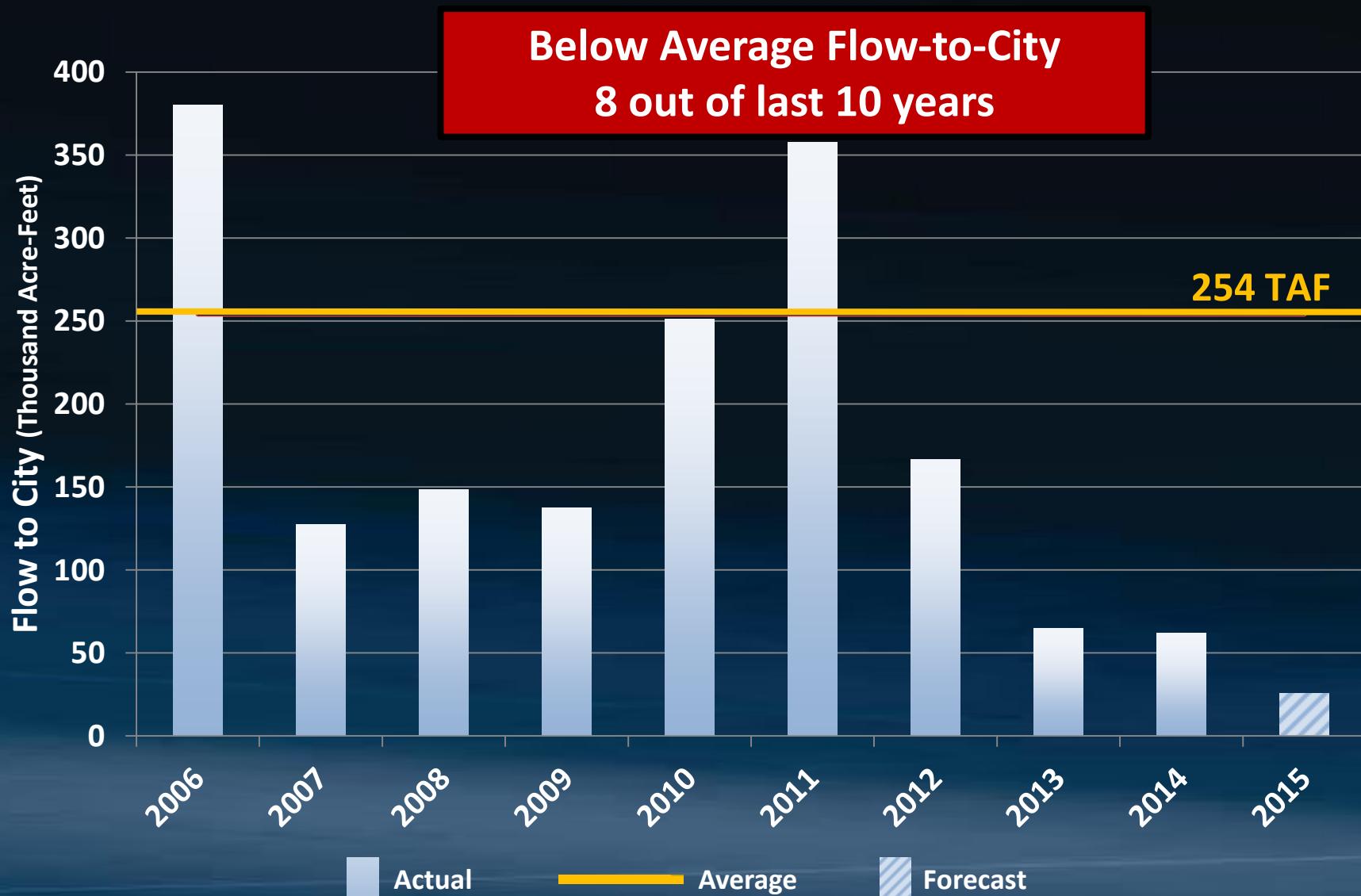
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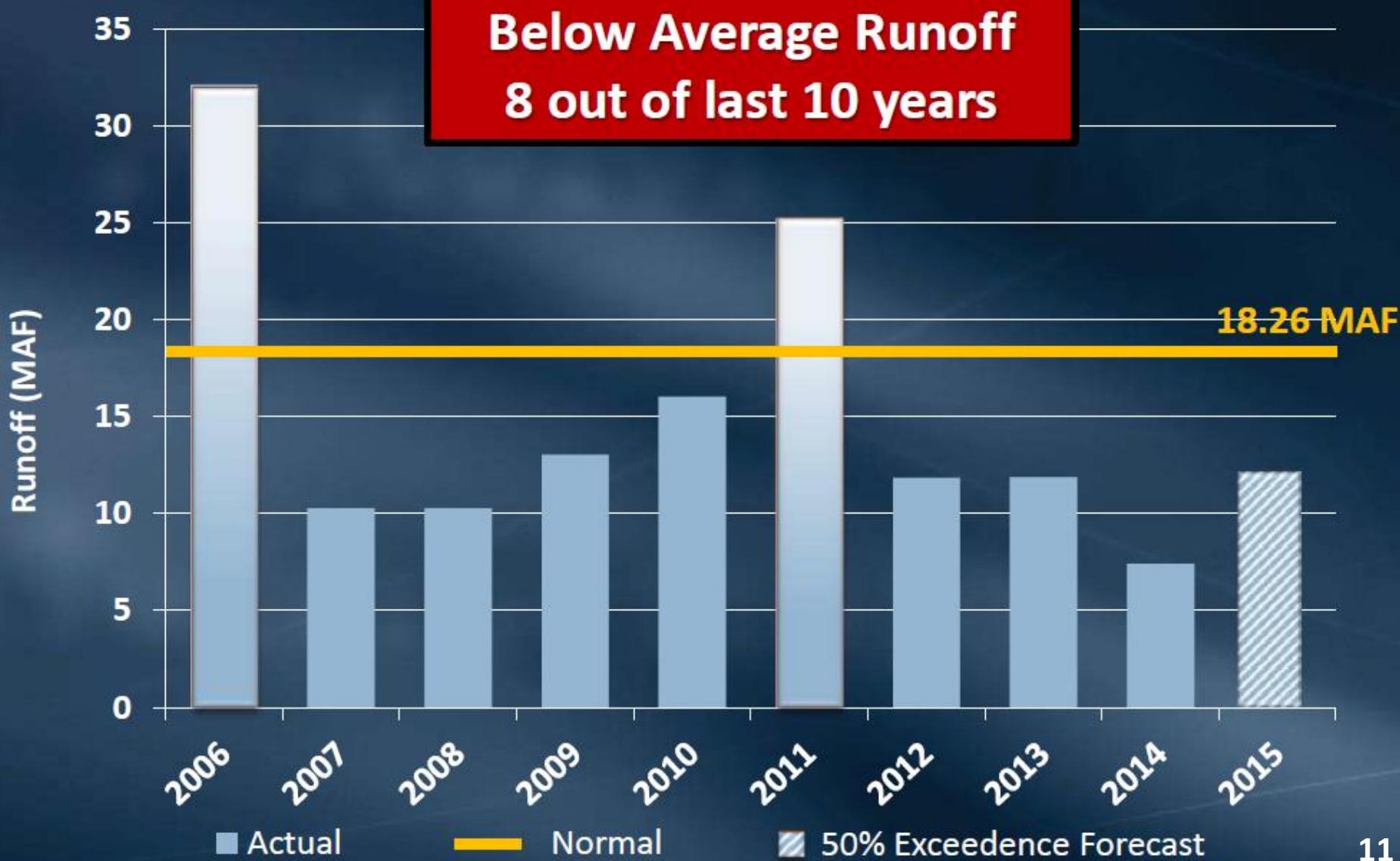
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# Los Angeles Aqueduct Deliveries



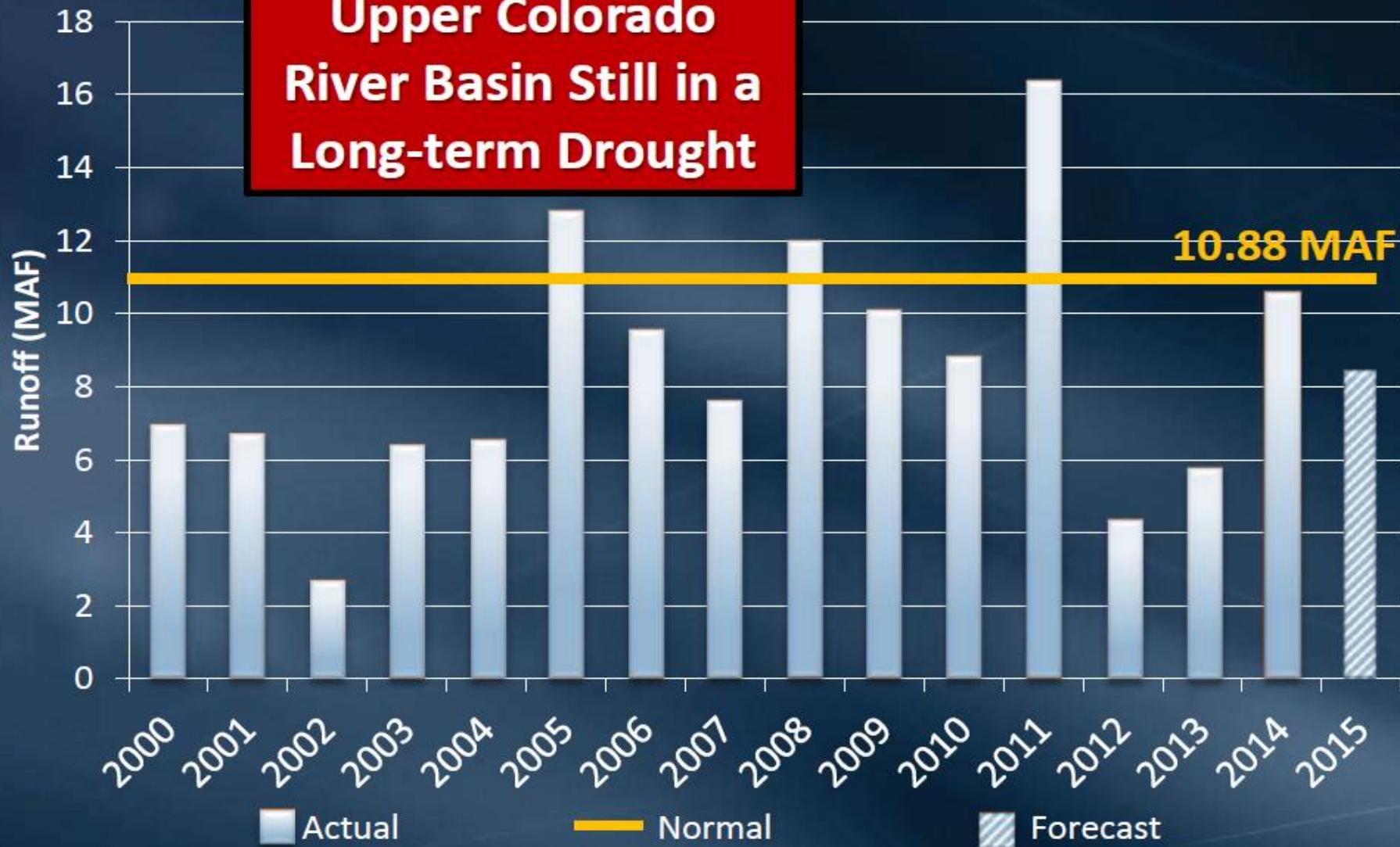
# Northern California Runoff

**Below Average Runoff  
8 out of last 10 years**



# Upper Colorado River Basin Runoff

Upper Colorado  
River Basin Still in a  
Long-term Drought



# Runoff Is Key to Imported Supplies

**WE ARE DEPENDENT ON  
RAINFALL & SNOW FOR  
OUR MOST IMPORTANT  
LIFE SUSTAINING  
SUBSTANCE  
**WATER****



# Mayor's Executive Directive 5

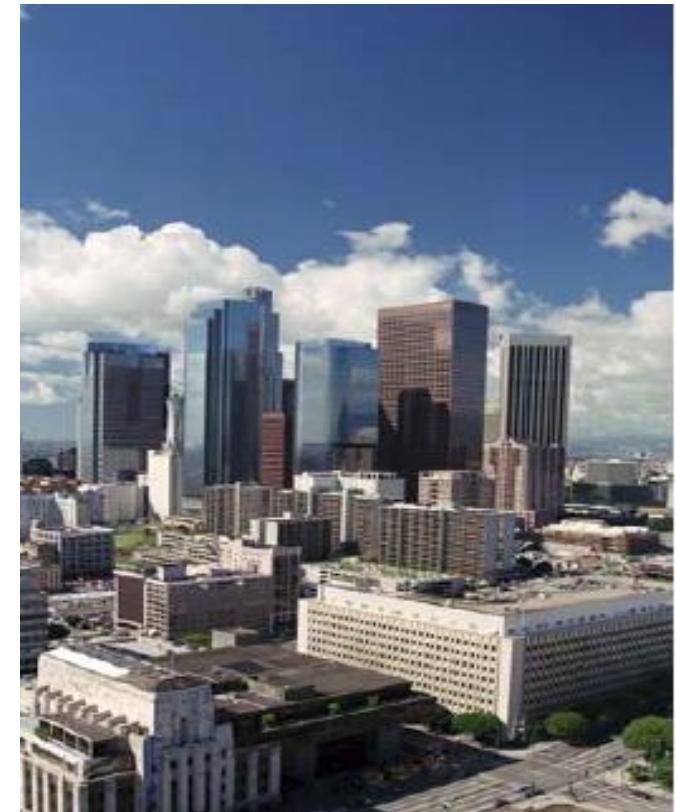
- Reduce water use 20% by 2017
- Reduce purchased imported water 50% by 2024
- Create integrated water strategy

Increased Reliability

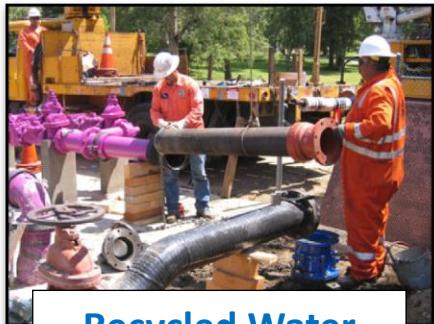
More Sustainable

Provide Local Jobs

Reduce costs



# Long Term Strategy for Water Supply Reliability



Recycled Water



Stormwater Capture



SF Groundwater Basin  
Remediation

Local Water Supply Reliability

# Stormwater Capture Projects

Dam Improvements



Centralized

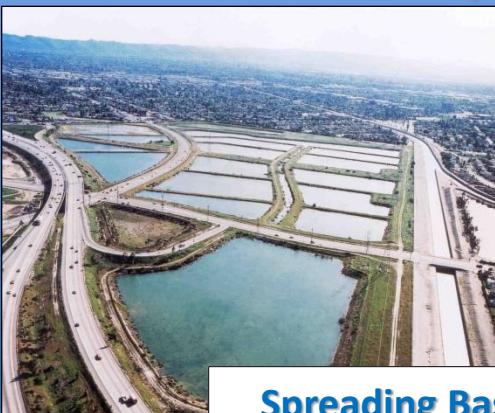
CAPTURE

Cisterns



Distributed

Spreading Basins



Rain Gardens



Rain Barrels



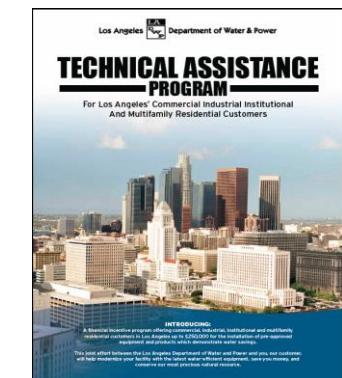
# Water Conservation & Water Use Efficiency

## Commercial/Industrial:

- Technical Assistance Program
- CA Friendly Landscape



## Residential: CA Friendly Landscape



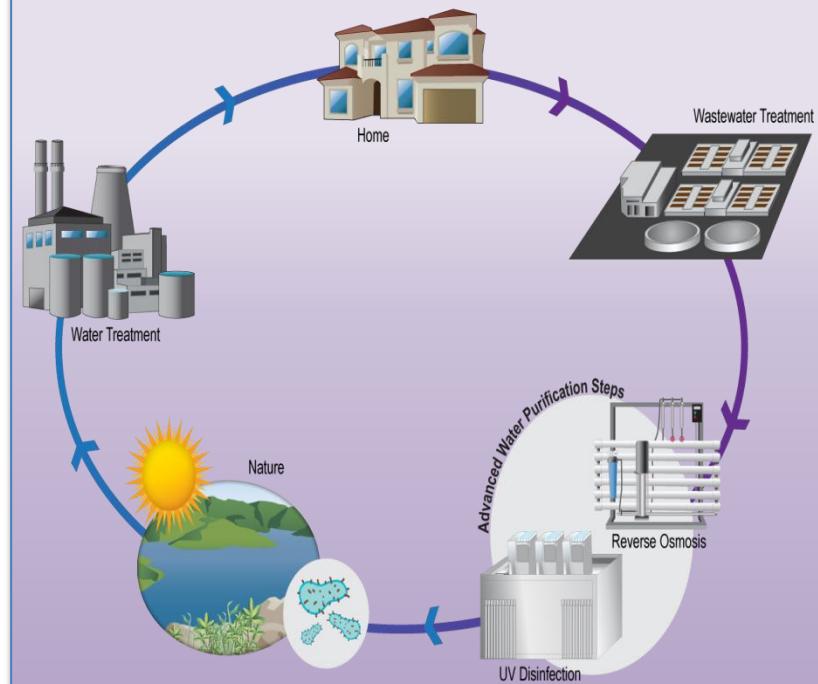
# Recycled Water Program

Reuse

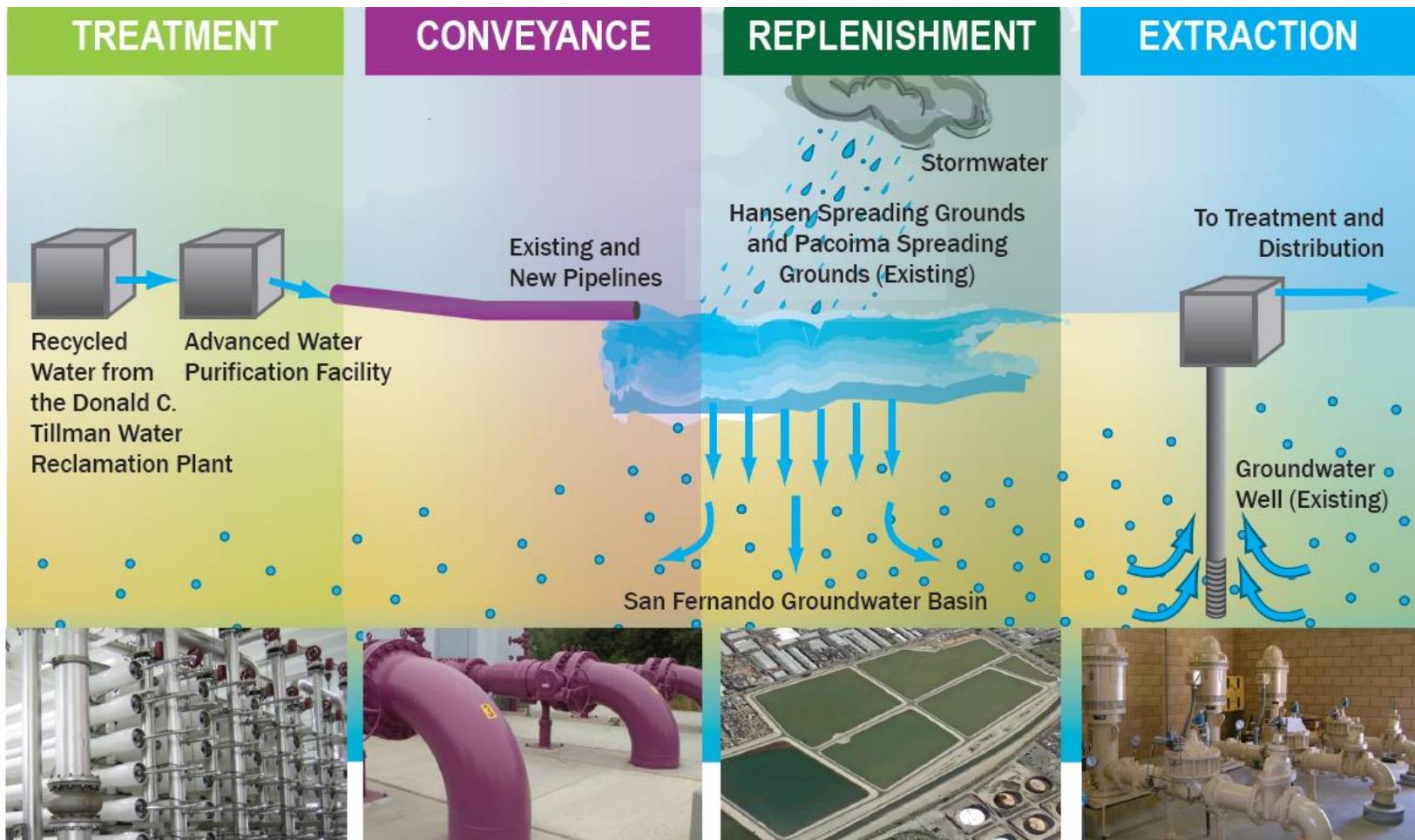
Non-Potable Reuse –  
29,000 AFY



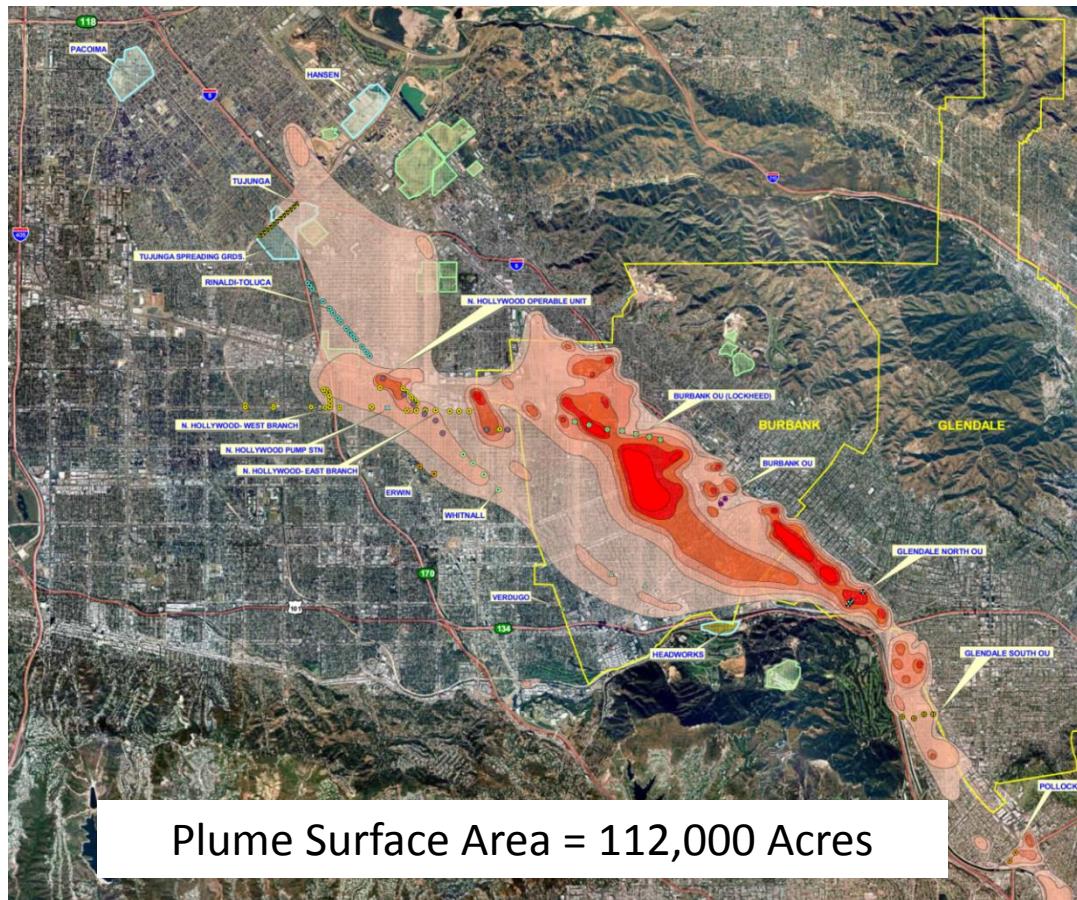
Indirect Potable Reuse – 30,000 AFY



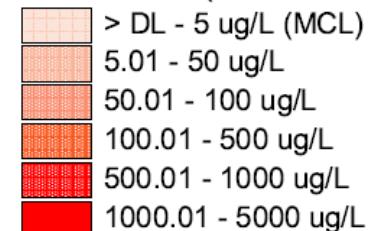
# Recycled Water Advanced Treatment Project



# Groundwater Sustainability Cleanup and Prevention of Contamination



TCE Plume (Source: USEPA, 2005)



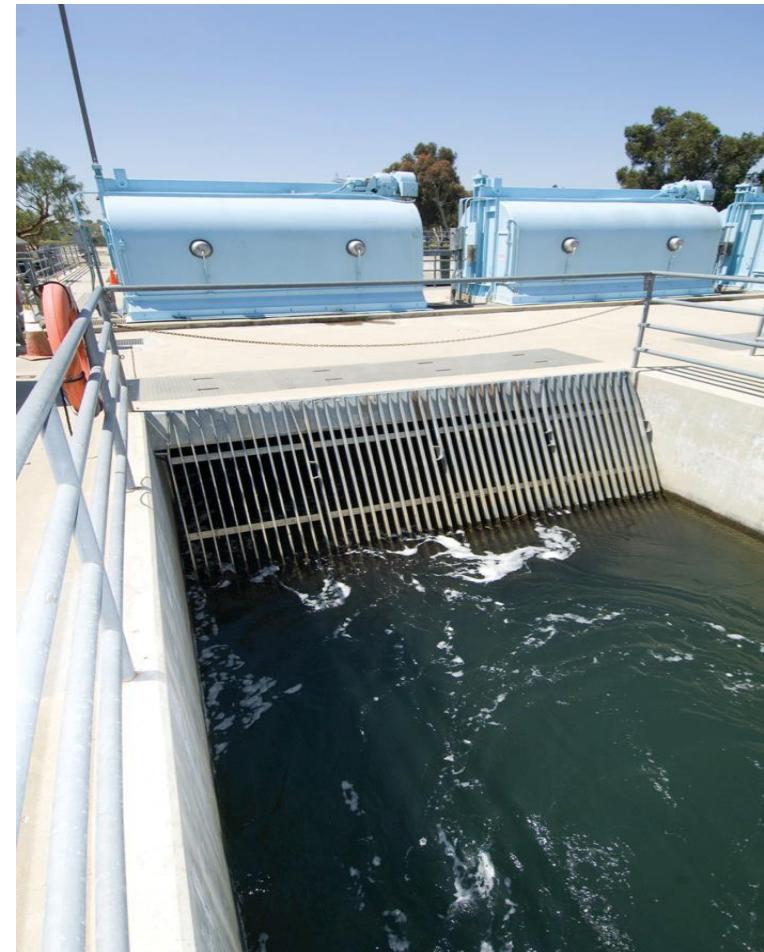
# San Fernando Basin Groundwater Remediation

- Remediation of San Fernando Basin will restore the city to its groundwater entitlement of 110,405 AFY
- Prevent total loss of the groundwater resource within the next decade



# Safe Drinking Water Program

- New regulations and mandates are changing our Water System
- No more open reservoirs
  - USEPA/CDPH: Long Term 2 Surface Water Treatment Rule
- Conversion from chlorine to chloramine
  - USEPA/CDPH: Stage 2 Disinfection By Products Rule
- Owens Lake dust mitigation
  - Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District
- 20% conservation & recycling by 2020
  - SBX7-7, Water Conservation Act of 2009



# Infrastructure Investments

- Los Angeles Aqueduct Centennial 2014
- We have an aging water distribution system.
- The average lifespan of a water main is less than 100 years.
- About 700,000 feet of our pipes are older than 100 years.
- With our current budget we can replace our pipelines only once every 275 - 300 years.



# A Strategic Future is a Sustainable Future

- LADWP's Water System continues to provide safe, reliable, and affordable water to its customers for over 100 years.
- Achieving a sustainable future for LA's water supply will require annual investments and actions on a range of supply options over a sustained period of time.
- Investments in local supply development require customers / stakeholders / governing bodies to commit to long-term plans.
- Supplemental supplies still need to be reliable, even if LA is 100 percent successful with plans for local supply development in the future.





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# Questions?

