

Action Item 13

Consider Approval of Additional Expenditure to Right-on-Q Hydrogeology for Technical Support for the Carmel River Basin Hydrologic Model

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Request for Additional Expenditure for CRBHM



- Original Contract was for \$58,000
- Requesting additional \$15,000 for Right on Q Hydrogeology

- For development of Matlab scripts that process model output
- For carrying out sensitivity analysis of various model parameters



CRBHM Team



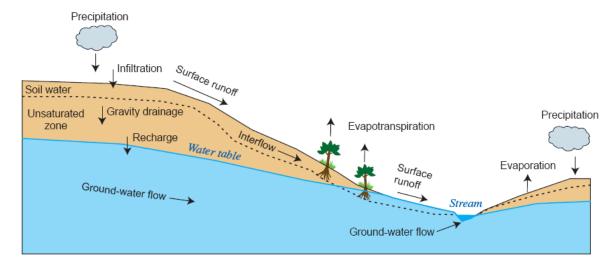
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Carmel River Basin Hydrologic Model (CRBHM)

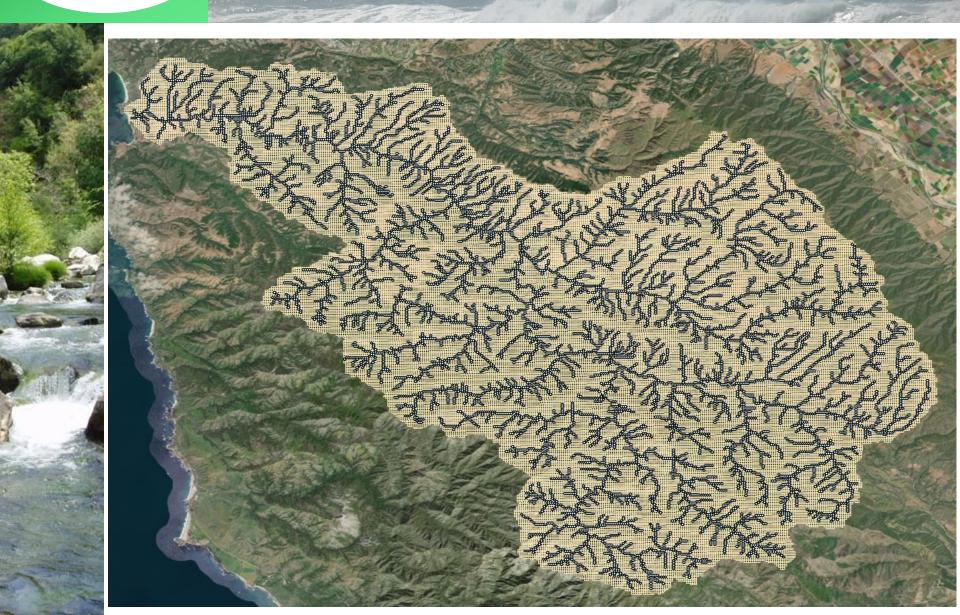


 GSFLOW is basin scale integrated model that uses the Precipitation Runoff Modeling System (PRMS) for surface water and the Modular Groundwater Flow Model (MODFLOW) for groundwater





CRBHM Model Grid





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Data Sets



- Modeling period WY 1992 to WY 2015
- Data sets
 - Rainfall San Clemente Rainfall (Daily)
 - Temperature Carmel Valley Village COOP and Hastings COOP Daily High and Low
 - Evapotranspiration/Vegetation LANDFIRE
 - Streamflow USGS and MPWMD stream gage records
 - Pumping Cal-Am Muni, Private Metered, and Private Water Systems
 - Groundwater Levels MPWMD and Cal-Am Networks
 - Geology USGS Geology
 - Soils SSURGO soils data
 - Channel Geometry FEMA (2009)
 - Aquifer Parameters Pumping and aquifer testing



What will the CRBHM be used for? Los Padres Alternatives Study



Determine the effects of the following on flows and aquatic habitat in the Carmel River Basin

- CDO compliant pumping
- CDO compliant pumping and removal of Los Padres Dam
- CDO compliant pumping and expansion of storage capacity on Los Padres Reservoir (Dredge and Raise)

Estimate the historic dry back of the Carmel River prior to development



Los Padres Alternatives Scenarios



- Historic Calibrated (observed vs simulated)
- Current Los Padres Operations, CDO compliant pumping and ASR operations
- Remove Los Padres, CDO compliant pumping, and ASR operations
- Dredge Los Padres with rubber dam, CDO compliant pumping, and ASR operations
- Remove Los Padres and raise river bed with no pumping (requested by NOAA)



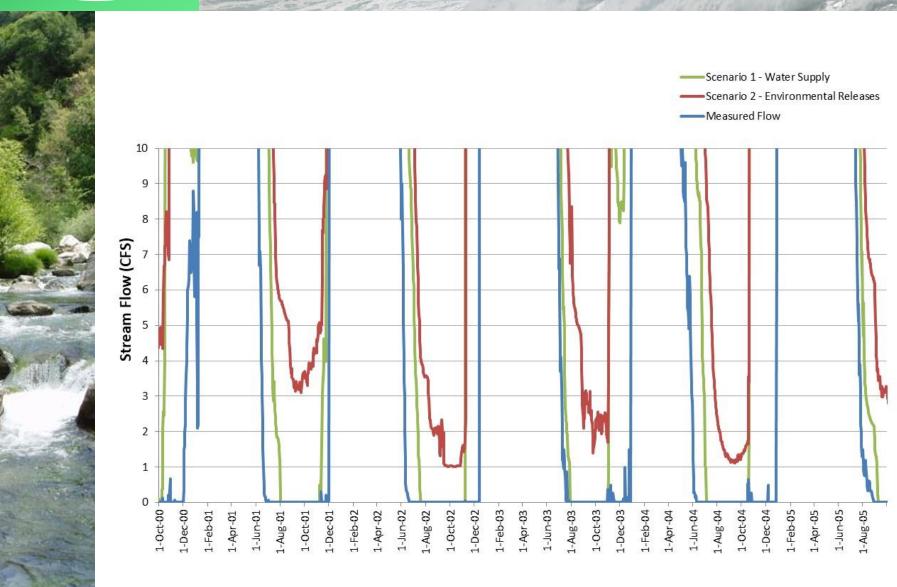
Future Uses of the CRBHM



- The CRBHM is a tool that can be used for many scenarios when it comes to making changes in pumping rates, location of pumping, and diversion of streamflow in the Carmel River Basin
- Planned future use in the following areas:
 - Future water rights applications (20808B)
 - State Board Hearings
 - Future operations
 - Impact of climate change on water supply



Example of Data from CRBHM (Streamflow Highway 1)





Raw model output for a stream gage

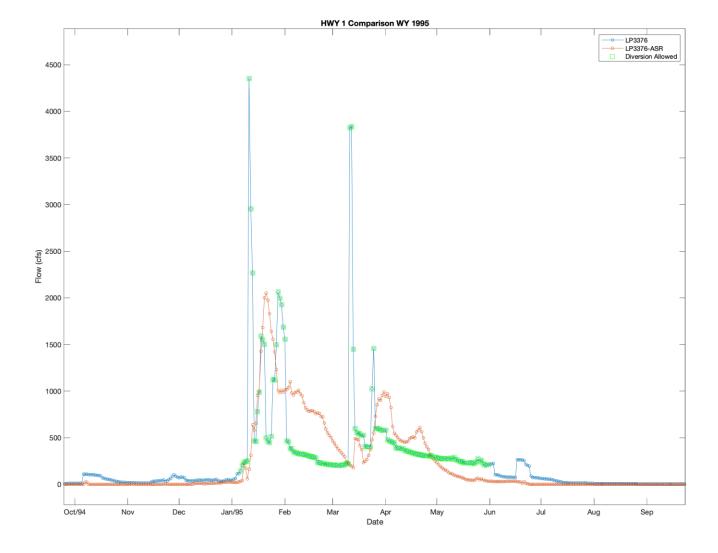


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Scripts can take raw output and create plots







Challenges to the Los Padres Alternatives Analysis Process



- When you build a hydrologic model you want consensus among the stakeholders
 - All model results will be presented to the Technical Review Committee (TRC) including MPWMD, NOAA, CDFW, AECOM, and Cal-Am
 - Requested sensitivity analysis will help build consensus on the TRC
 - Once results are deemed reasonable, flow records will be used by Normandeau to assess habitat quality for steelhead at different locations
 - Report preparation summarizing results by AECOM



Sensitivity Analysis



- Tasks associated with the Sensitivity Analysis include:
 - Testing the sensitivity of hydraulic parameters related to the stream bed and underlying aquifer to modeled flows in the Carmel River
 - This will show how sensitive the model is to measured and assumed properties of the streambed and aquifer
 - And shows which model inputs are the most important



Questions and Comments

