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## Delta RMP Nutrient Symposium



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## Nutrient Monitoring Collaborations and Partnerships

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3:20 to 3:25

Opening Remarks

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USGS Nutrient Monitoring Program

Brian Bergamaschi, U.S. Geological Survey

3:45 to 4:05

Department of Water Resources Municipal Water Quality Investigations,  
Interagency Ecological Program, and Environmental Monitoring Program

Ted Flynn, Department of Water Resources

Leslie Palencia, Technical Consultant

4:05 to 4:25

San Francisco Regional Monitoring Program (San Francisco Bay RMP)

Tom Mumley, San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board



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## USGS Nutrient Monitoring Program

BRIAN BERGAMASCHI, U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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# The USGS Nutrient Monitoring Program

Biogeochemistry research group at the California Water Science Center

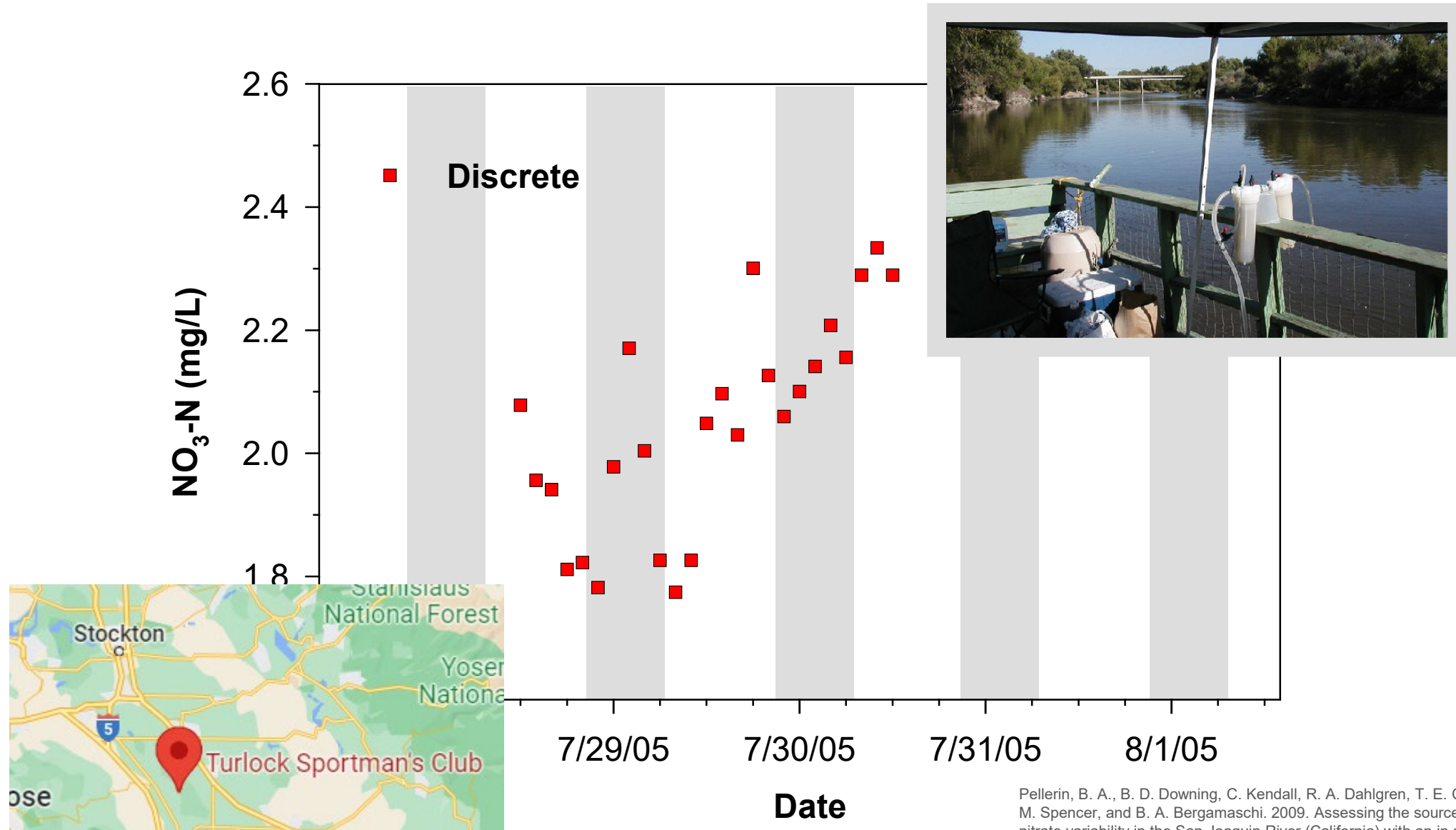
*'a research group with an interest in long-term data,  
an active emphasis on improving monitoring technology and practice, and  
a focus on high temporal and spatial resolution data collection'*

**Brian Bergamaschi, Tamara Kraus, Keith Bouma-Gregson, Katy O'Donnell,  
Emily Richardson, Kyle Nakatsuka, Ayelet Delascagigas, Chuck Hansen, Jeniffer Soto Perez, Angela Hansen,  
Dylan Burau, Crystal Sturgeon, Phoebe Nichols, Balthasar Von Hoyningen Huene  
. . . .and many others**



# Nitrate Variability – San Joaquin River

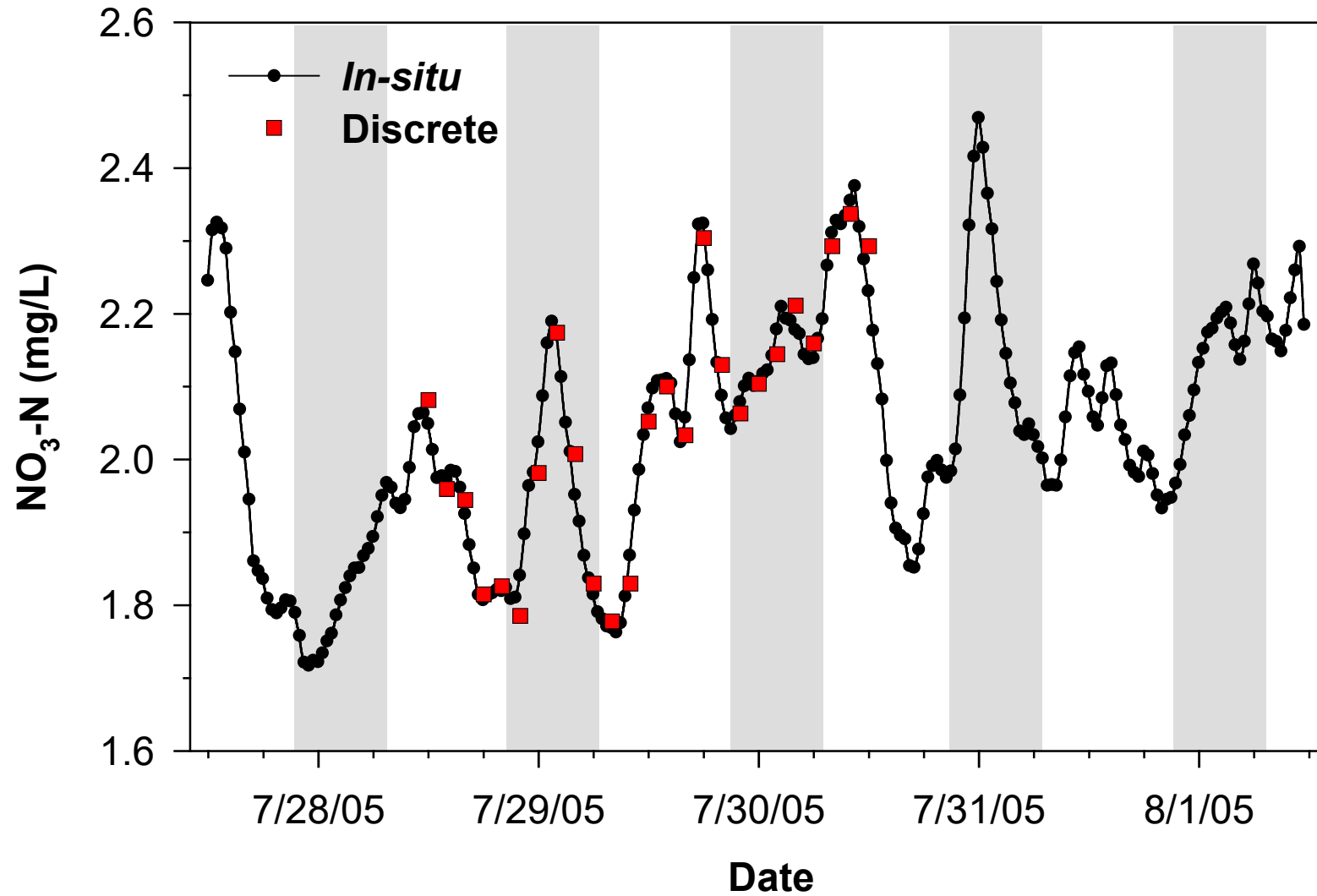
Assessing nitrate variability in the San Joaquin River, Crows Landing, CA



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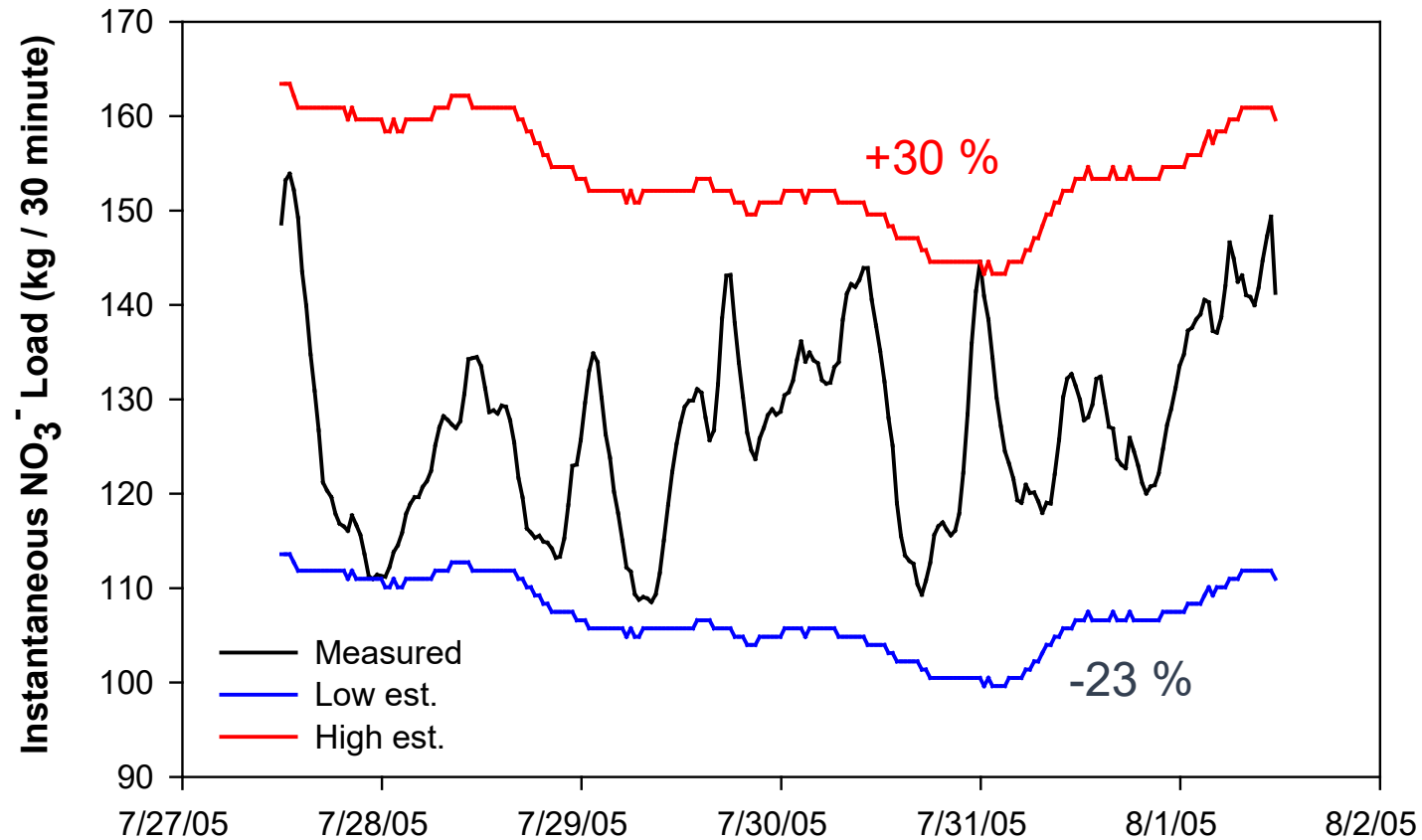
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# Nitrate Loads – San Joaquin River

Difference in instantaneous and cumulative nitrate load at Crows Landing during the study period. **Daily loads were -23 to +30 % relative to measured load** using continuous data.

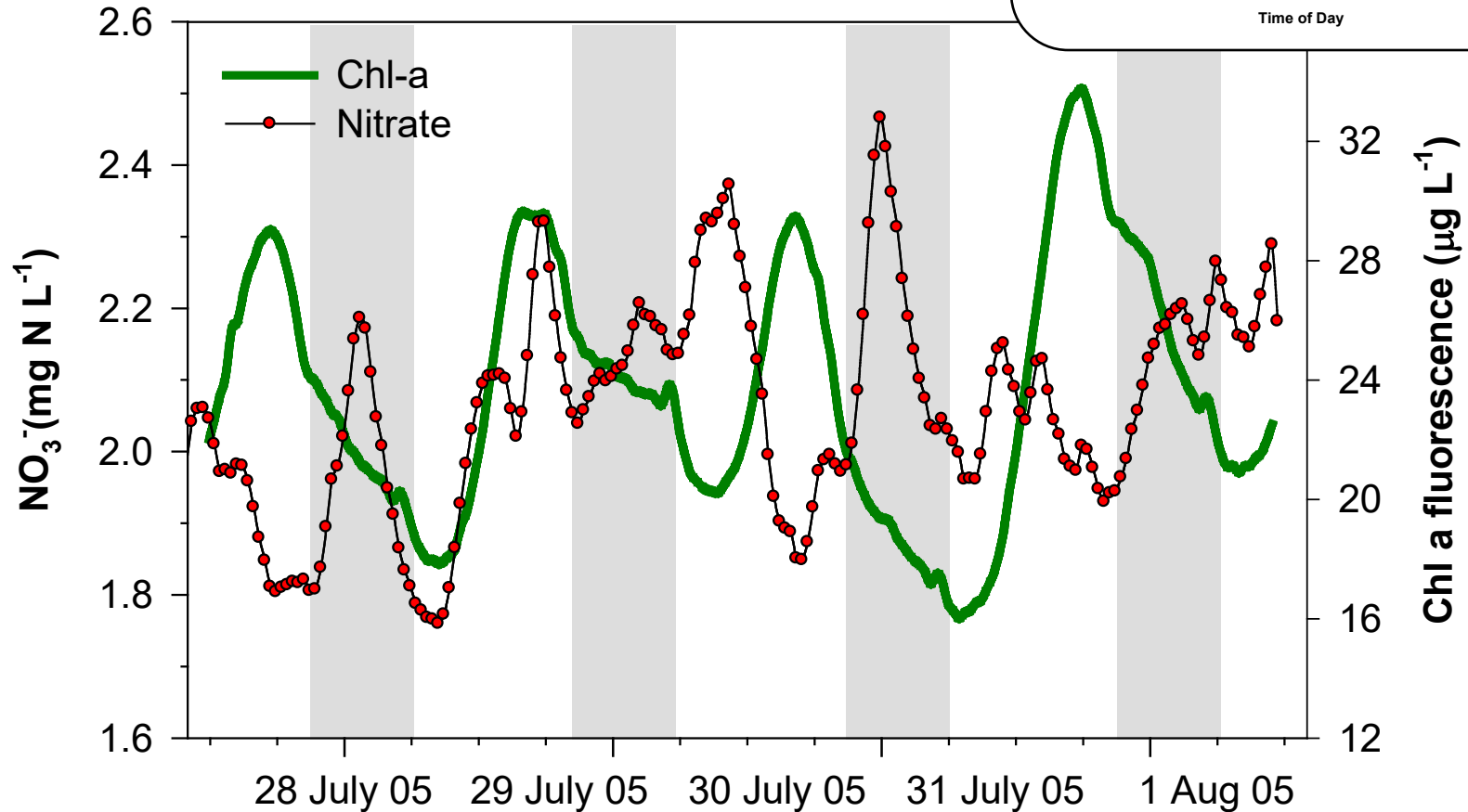
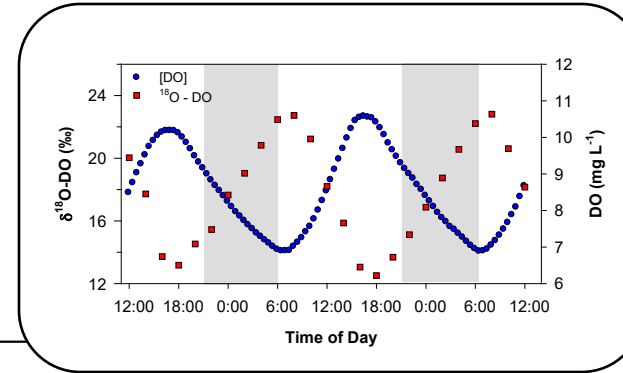
	Daily Load (kg nitrate / day)			% Difference	
	Measured	Low est.	High est.	Low est.	High est.
28-Jul	5875	5305	7631	-10	30
29-Jul	6563	5064	7284	-23	11
30-Jul	6160	4956	7130	-20	16
31-Jul	6047	5024	7228	-17	20



# Drivers of nitrate variability - SJR

Combination of discrete and in situ data show high biological activity in the SJR (*right*)

Evidence for link between  $\text{NO}_3^-$  concentrations and phytoplankton, but other things going on as well.



# We are a research group with an active emphasis improving monitoring

- What are rates of nutrient turnover and phytoplankton production in pelagic systems?
- What processes affect chlorophyll-a biomass and nitrate fluxes to the estuary?
- What are rates of wetland exchange and wetland subsidies to pelagic systems ?
- What are rates of benthic exchange and transformation?
- What are rates of carbon cycling in tidal wetlands ?
- How can we improve monitoring technology and practice?



# How can we improve monitoring technology and practice?

## Fixed station monitoring

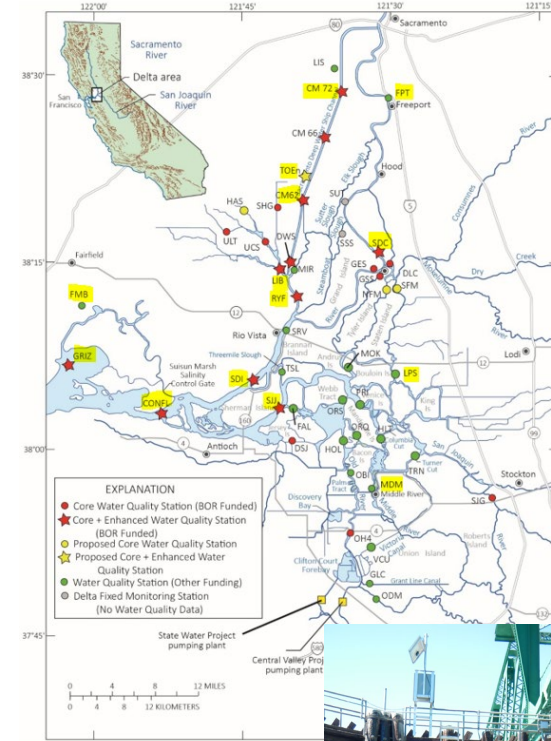
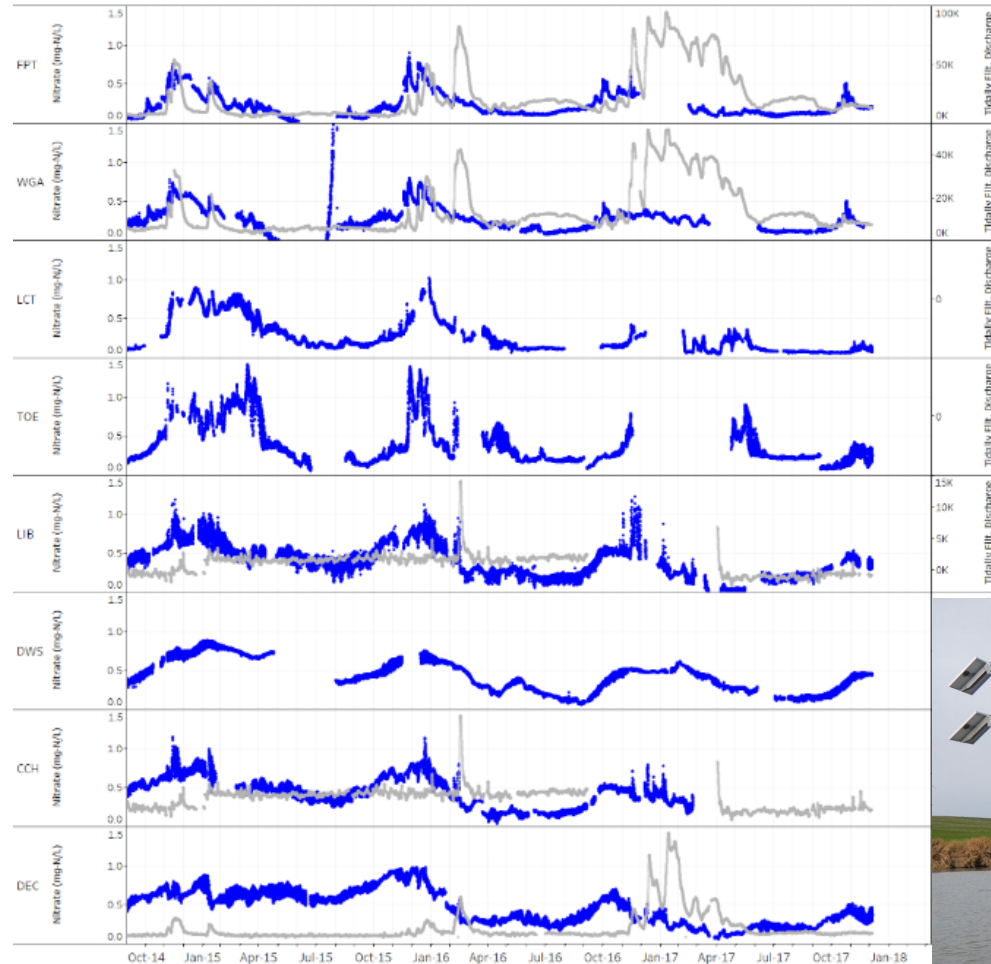
- Located with flow stations
- Stations Multi-parameter stations
- added over time as we learned more
- Sensor testing
  - New nitrate sensors
  - Phytoplankton
  - Ammonium
  - Phosphate
  - Others

## Future:

- Fluoroprobes at 5 stations to monitor phytoplankton type as well as abundance
- Add some more stations
- Greater coordination with DWR
- Radiometers
- Sensor testing

### Nitrate

### Discharge





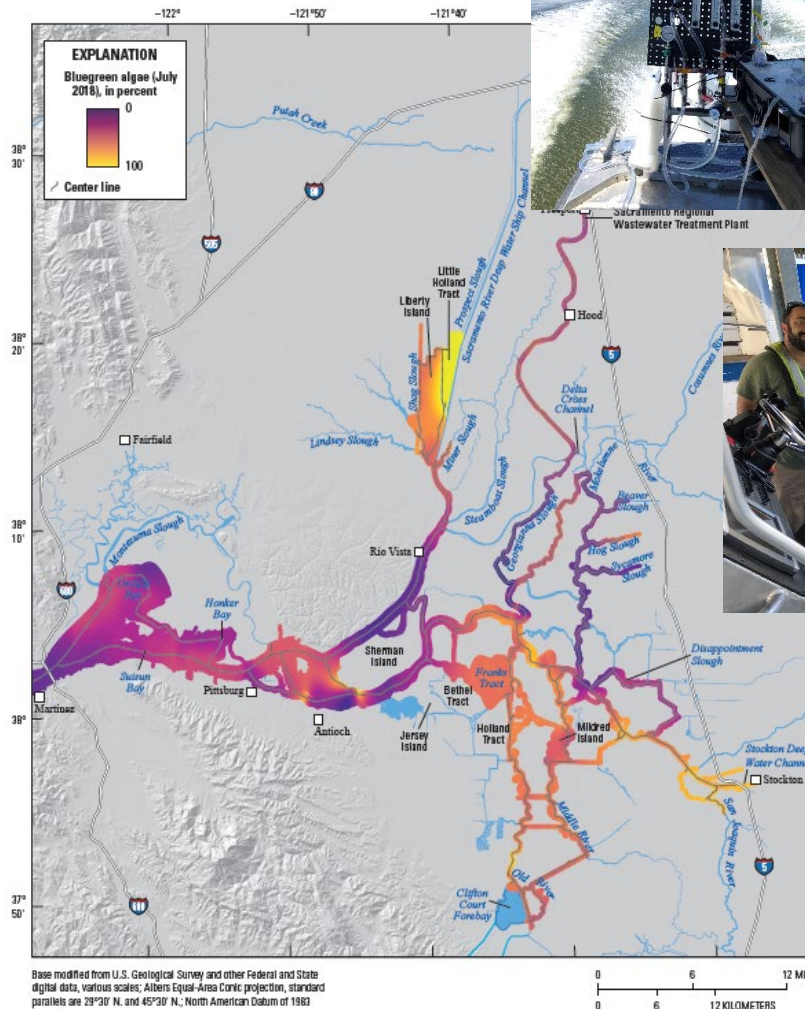
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## High resolution mapping surveys

- Simultaneous collection of a wide array of water quality and phytoplankton data
- Whole Delta surveys in 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022
- Numerous North Delta Surveys
- Most published and available on ScienceBase and explorable through our web portal

## Future:

- No additional Delta-wide surveys are funded
- Explicit use for remote sensing calibration
- Use by models for validation
- Adding measurements of particle quality and food-web accessibility.
- Mercury species (J. Fleck, M. Marvin et al.)
- Dissolved gasses – CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub>



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# How can we improve monitoring technology and practice?

## Residence time/water age assessment

- Field measurement of water age
- Can make measurement concurrent with measures of productivity, water quality and phytoplankton.

## Future:

- Model calibration/validation (E. Gross, R. Holleman)
- Field studies in the North Delta (w/ R. Holleman, E. Gross)
- Studies in Franks Tract (K. Bouma-Gregson)
- Add additional reactive parameters.

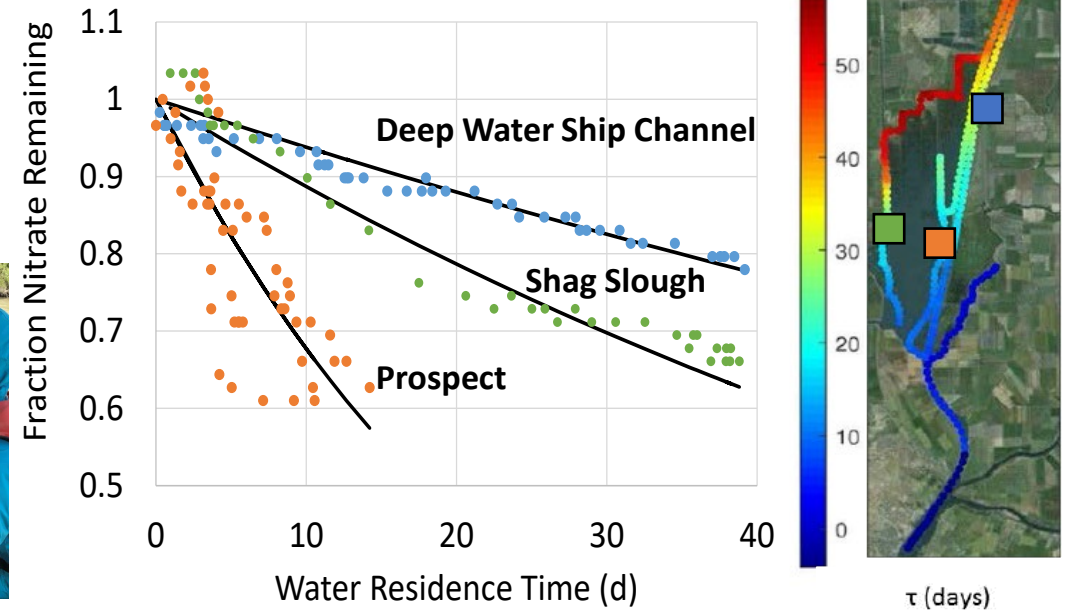


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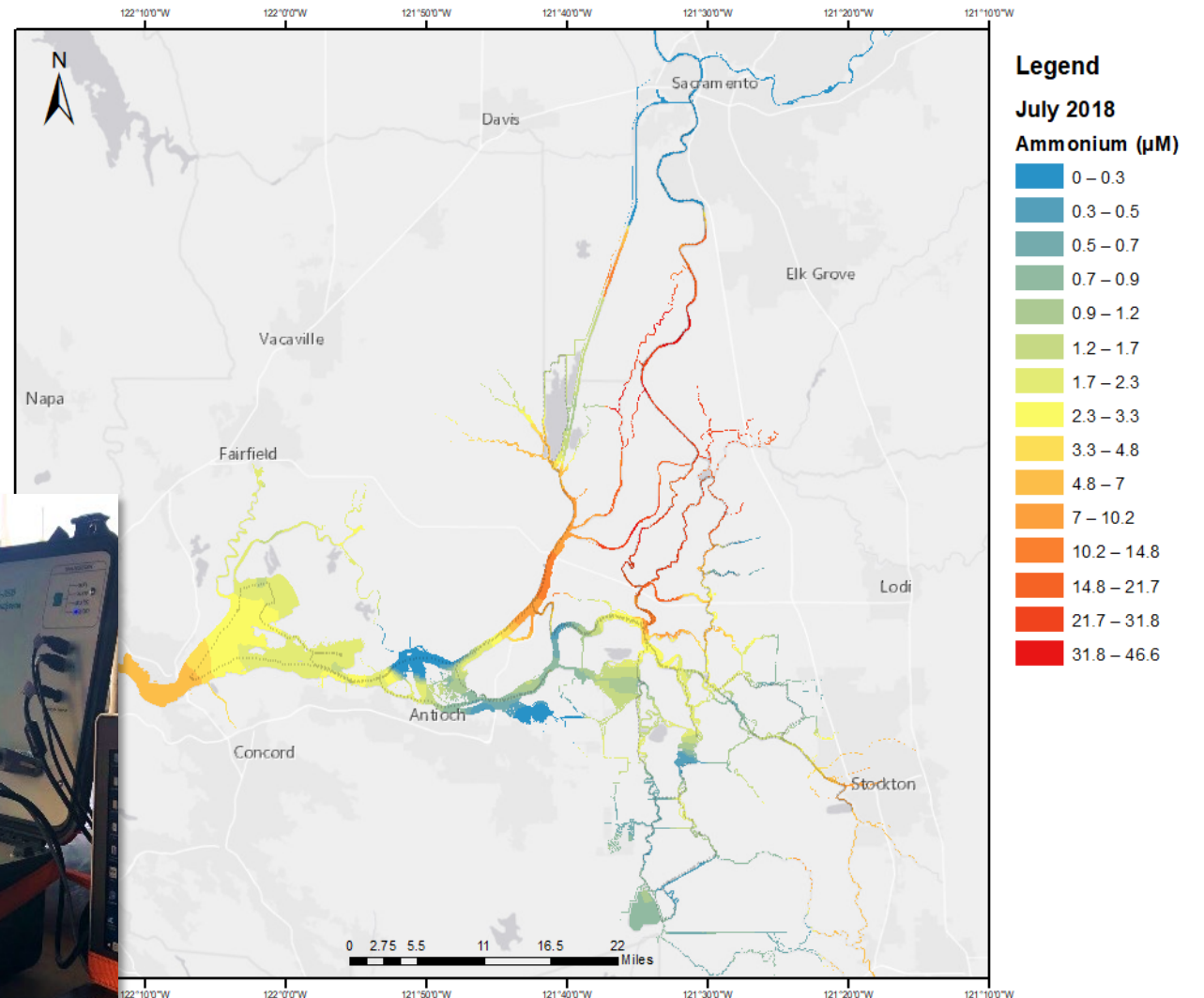
# How can we improve monitoring technology and practice?

## Continuous high frequency ammonium measurement

- Permits high resolution spatial surveys of ammonium
- Accurate to ecologically-significant levels

## Future:

- Publications comprising data analysis
- Continuous fixed station measurements (w/ R.Dugdale, F. Wilkerson)



# How can we improve monitoring technology and practice?

## Sediment-water interactions

- A huge gap in our knowledge
- Thus, a huge gap in our models

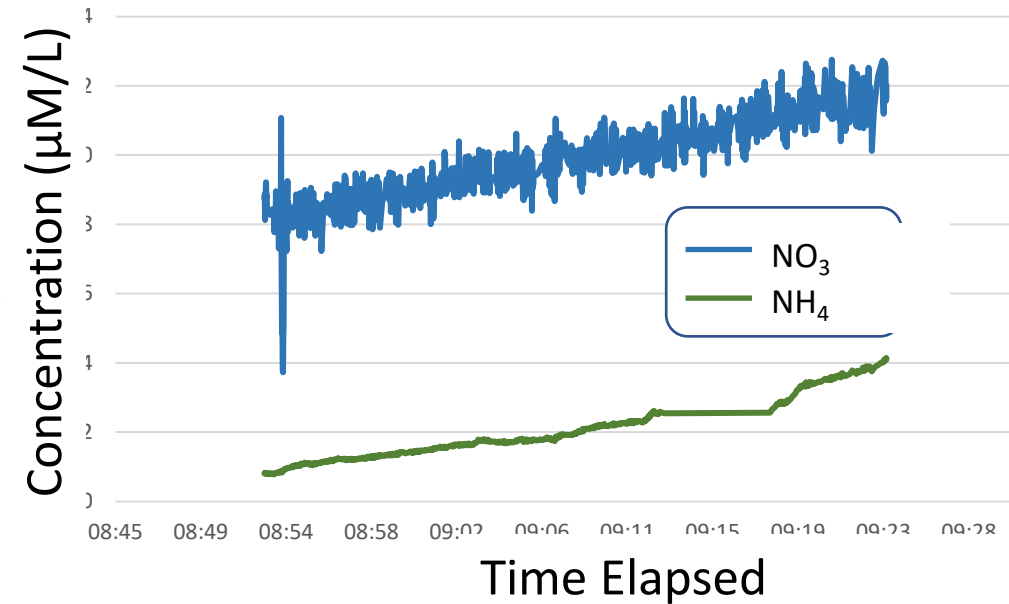
## Future:

- No additional work is presently funded
- Publication of study results (T. Kraus)
- Supplement with other measurement types – eddy correlation; resin coring.



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	NO <sub>3</sub>	NH <sub>4</sub>
Hourly Flux (μmol/m <sup>2</sup> -h)	501	266
Daily Flux (mmol/m <sup>2</sup> -d)	12	6



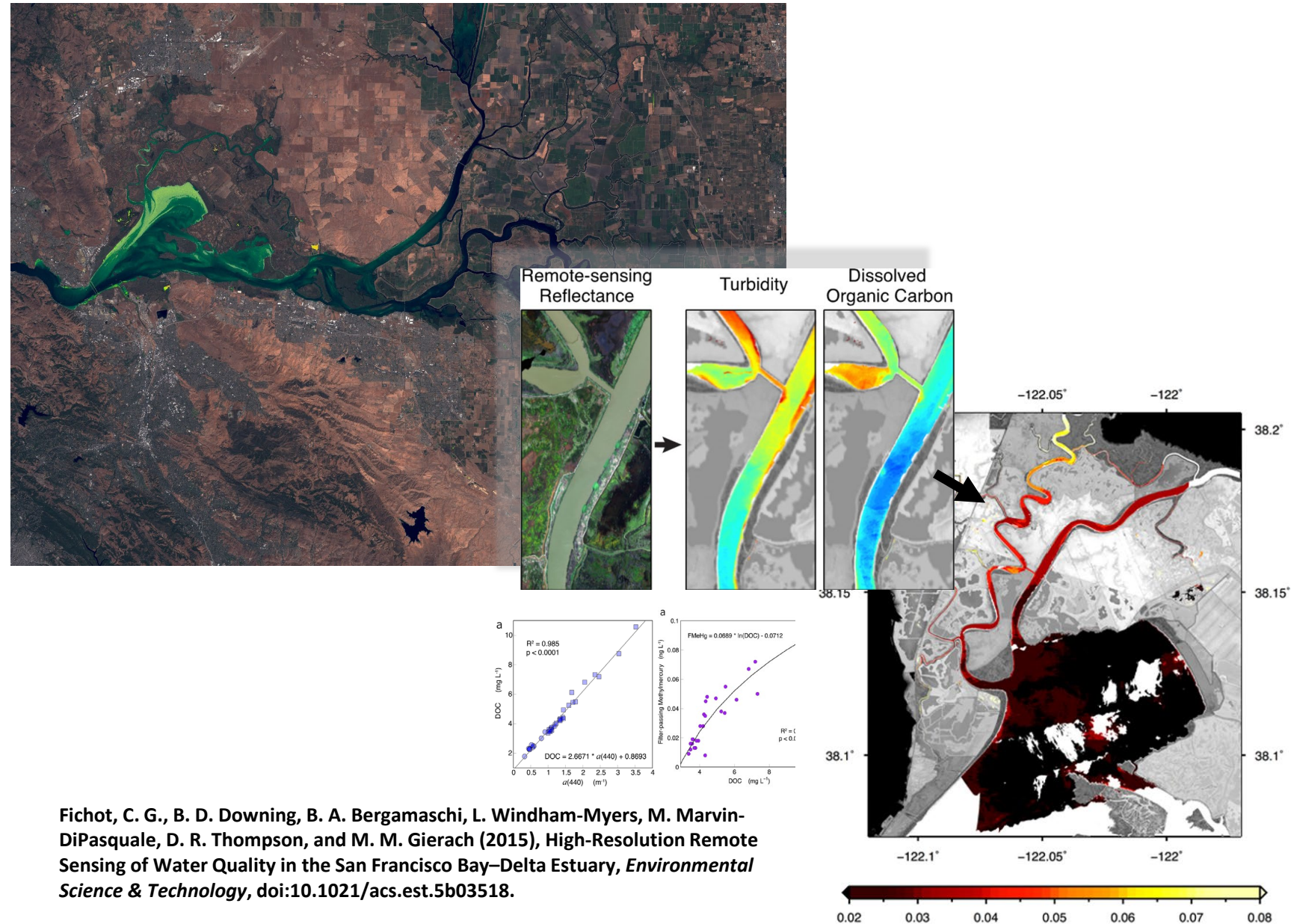
# How can we improve monitoring technology and practice?

## Remote sensing integration and validation

- Potential to extrapolate measurements in space and time
- New satellites will be much better
- Need better ways to ground-truth water quality data

## Future:

- NASA collaboration
- Radiometry studies/ near-field spectral reflectance
- Prototype in DE



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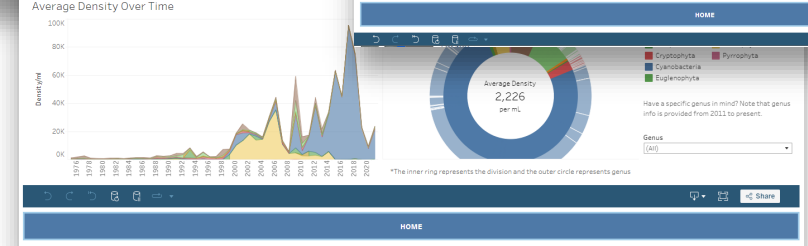
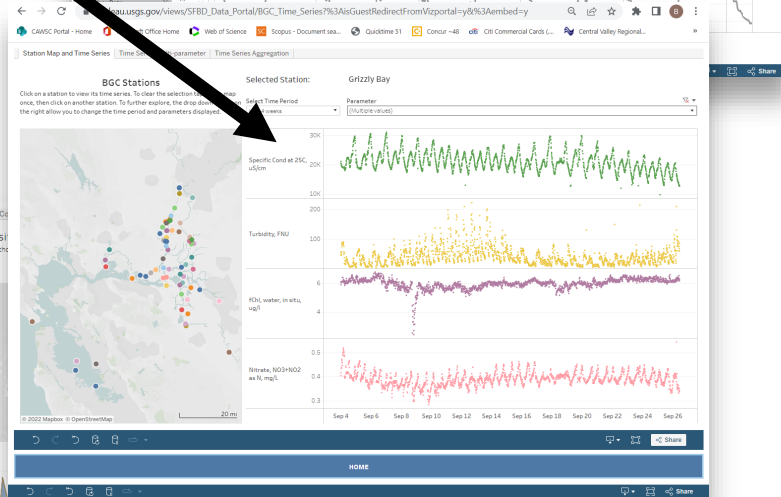
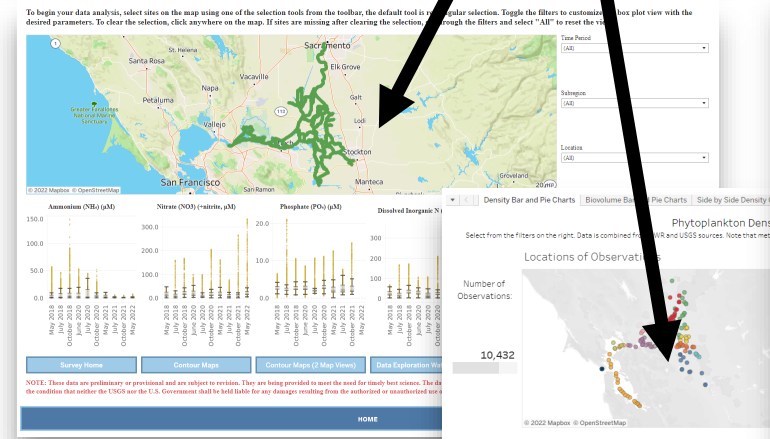
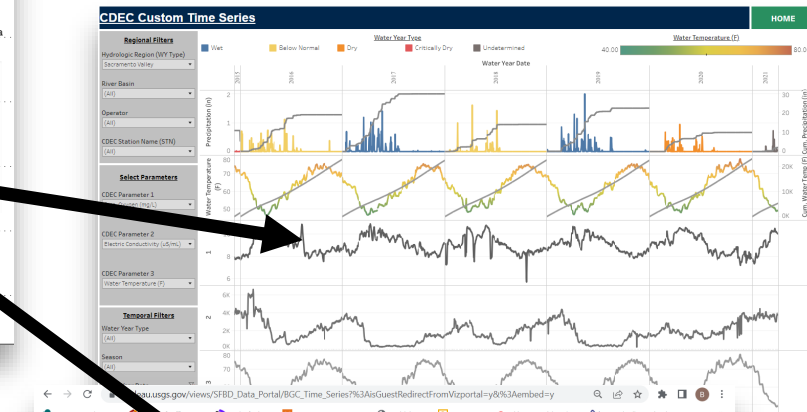
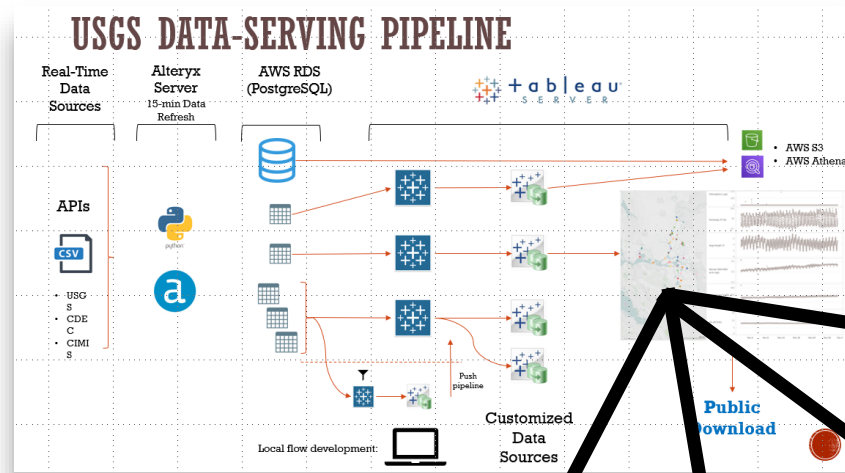
# How can we improve monitoring technology and practice?

## Improved data accessibility and integration across agencies and across data types

- Need to make data more easily accessible
- Need to integrate it so it is available when needed
- Make data explorable and easily downloadable

## Future:

- Little ongoing funding
- Additional data types
- Near real-time models



# Recommendations

- Rapid response funding
- Reliable long-term funding (MOU?)
- Level research program funding
- Need to support data integration, wrangling and accessibility (as a necessary precursor to ongoing synthesis)
- Support explicit integration of models and monitoring data



# Thanks!

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# Steady Science, Rapid Change

Ecological Monitoring in 21<sup>st</sup> Century California



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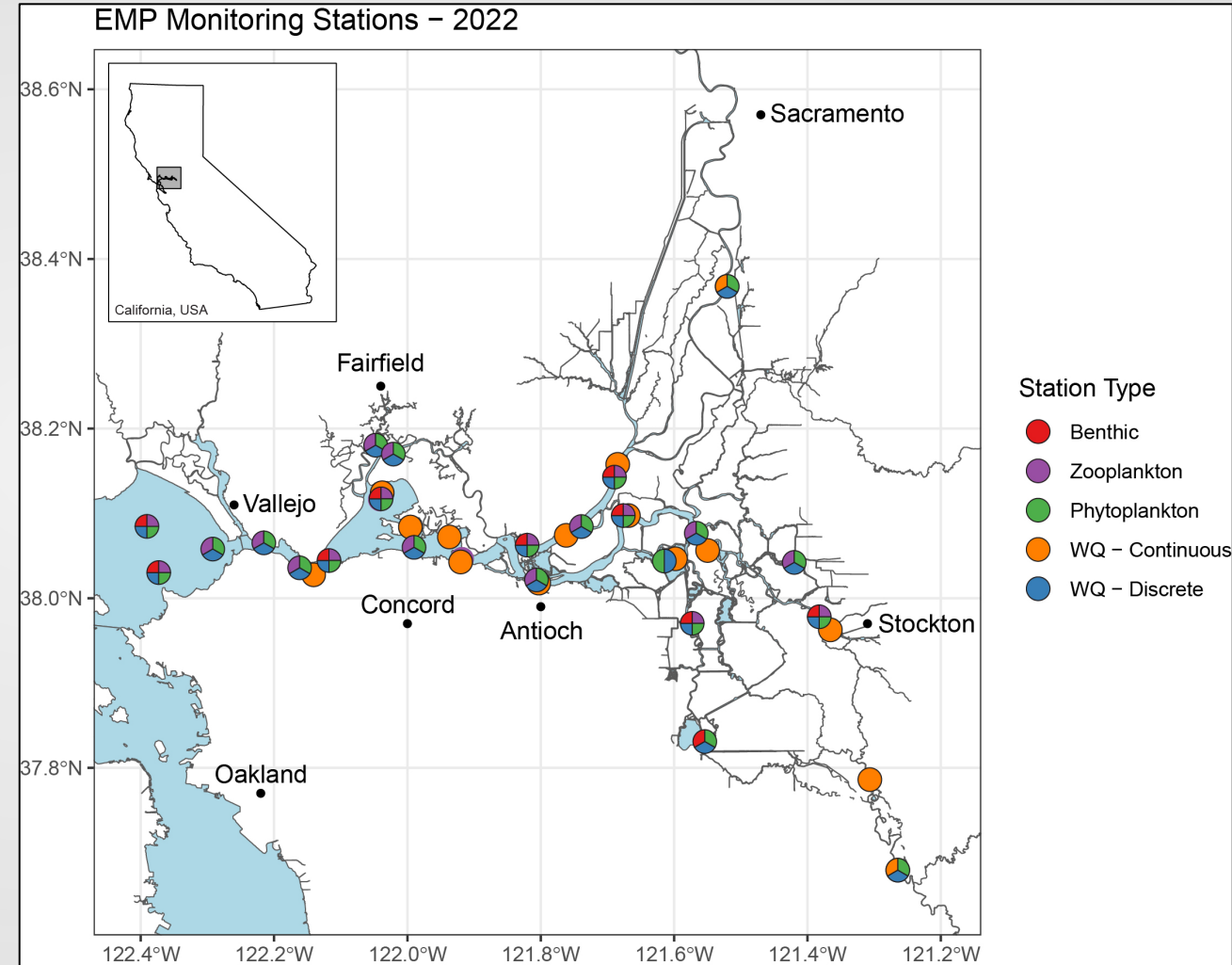


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# EMP Components

Program Component	# of Stations	Lead Agency
Benthic Invertebrates	10	DWR
Zooplankton	24	CDFW
Phytoplankton	28	DWR
Water Quality – Discrete	28	DWR
Water Quality – Continuous	15	DWR

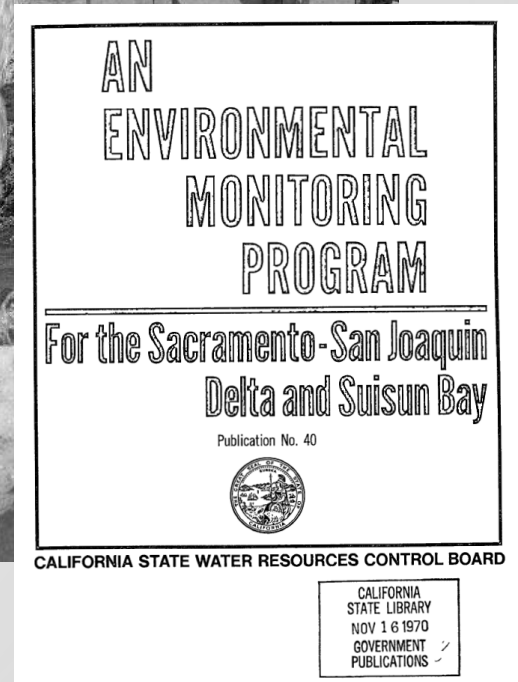
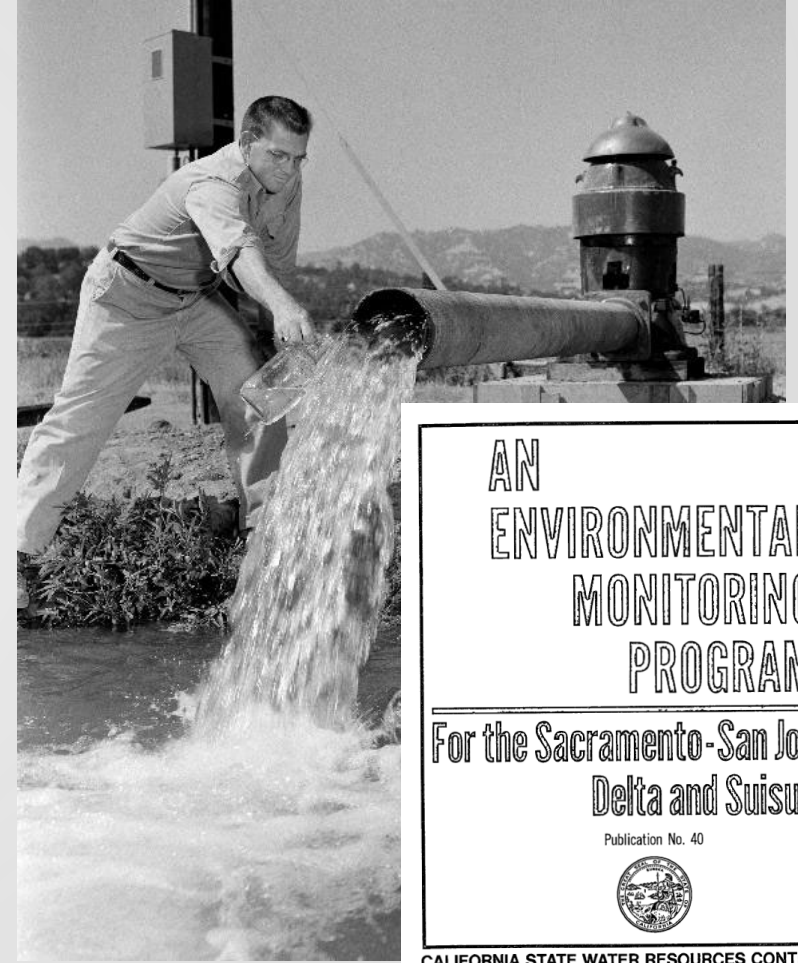
- DWR & USBR cost-share funded
- D-1641 compliance
- One of the longest-running estuarine monitoring programs in the U.S. (since 1975)
- >23 peer-reviewed publications since 2000





# Environmental Monitoring Program

- Regular salinity and DO monitoring in the Delta predate EMP
- SWRCB contracted with the Stanford Research Institute to design a monitoring program in 1969
  - Concern that increased water exports would be detrimental to water quality in the Delta
  - Degraded water quality would impact dependent organisms and have adverse ecological impact
- Report published in 1970, eventually became EMP (records going back to 1975) RESOURCES



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# EMP – Discrete Water Quality

- Water samples collected and filtered in the field
- Analyses conducted at Bryte Laboratory



Analyte Name	Analysis Method
Total Alkalinity	Standard Methods 2320B
Bromide (dissolved)	EPA Method 300.0
Ammonia (dissolved)	EPA Method 350.1
Calcium (dissolved)	EPA Method 200.7
Chloride (dissolved)	EPA Method 300.0
Silica (dissolved)	EPA Method 200.7
Chlorophyll a	Standard Methods 10200H
Pheophytin a	Standard Methods 10200H
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	EPA Method 351.2
Nitrate + Nitrite (dissolved)	Standard Methods 4500-NO3-F
Organic Carbon (dissolved)	Standard Methods 5310C
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Organic Nitrogen (dissolved)	EPA Method 350.1
Ortho-phosphate (dissolved)	EPA Method 365.1
Phosphorus (total)	EPA Method 365.4
Total Dissolved Solids	Standard Methods 2540C
Total Suspended Solids	EPA Method 160.2
Volatile Suspended Solids	EPA Method 160.4



# EMP – Continuous Water Quality

- 15 fixed continuous stations
- Data collected by EXO2 water quality sondes across the Delta



Analyte	Sensor Used
Turbidity	EXO Turbidity Smart Sensor
Water Temperature	EXO Cond & Temp Smart Sensor
Specific Conductance	EXO Cond & Temp Smart Sensor
Chlorophyll a	EXO Total Algae PC
pH	EXO pH Smart Sensor
Dissolved Oxygen	EXO DO Smart Sensor
fDOM	EXO fDOM Smart Sensor
Nitrate*	SUNA*, EXO NitraLED UV Sensor*
Cyanobacteria Abundance	bbe Fluoro Probe & PhycoProbe
Green Algae Abundance	bbe Fluoro Probe & PhycoProbe
Diatom Abundance	bbe Fluoro Probe & PhycoProbe
Cryptophyte Abundance	bbe Fluoro Probe & PhycoProbe

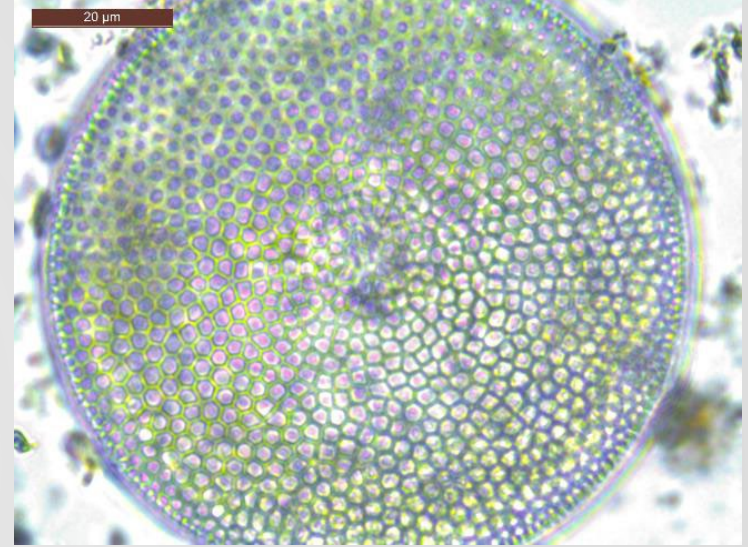
\*Still in internal testing to assure data quality





# EMP – Biological Monitoring

- Data collected concurrently with water quality
- Benthic Invertebrates
- Phytoplankton
- Zooplankton



# Data Availability

- Real-time water quality through CDEC
  - <https://cdec.water.ca.gov/>
- Historical data through EDI
  - Discrete Water Quality (doi: 10/f9mq)
  - Zooplankton (doi: 10/g29v)
  - Dissolved Oxygen (doi: 10/gfnq)
  - Benthic Invertebrates (doi: 10/jdrg)
  - Phytoplankton (Coming Soon)
- Online visualization tools
  - EMP phytoplankton data through USGS Tableau
  - Zooplankton synthesis tool (<https://deltascience.shinyapps.io/ZoopSynth/>)





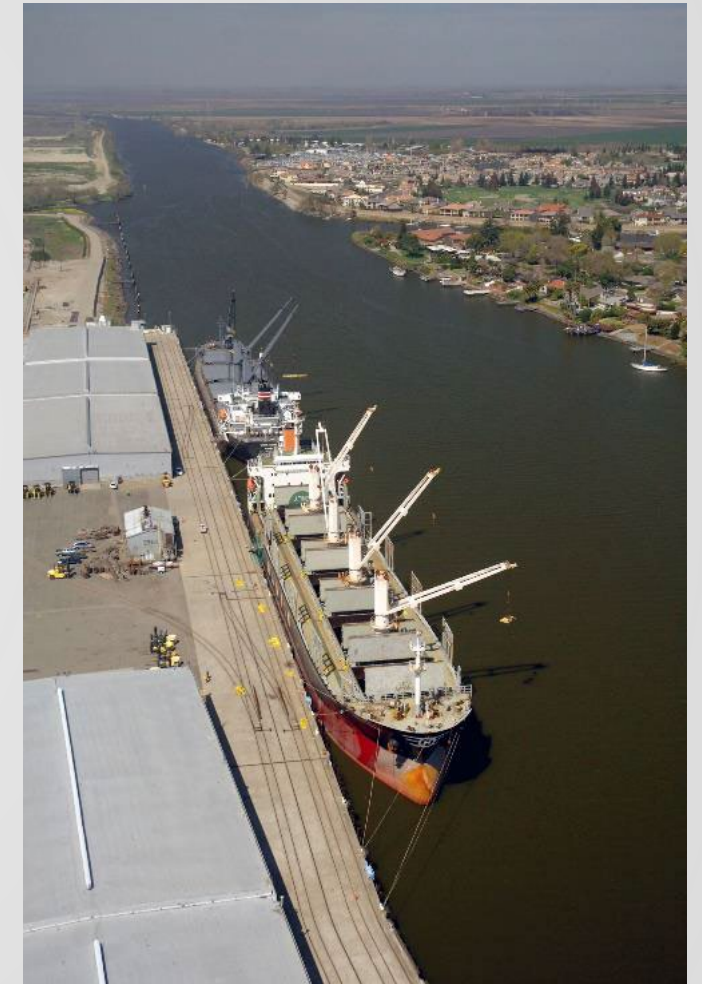
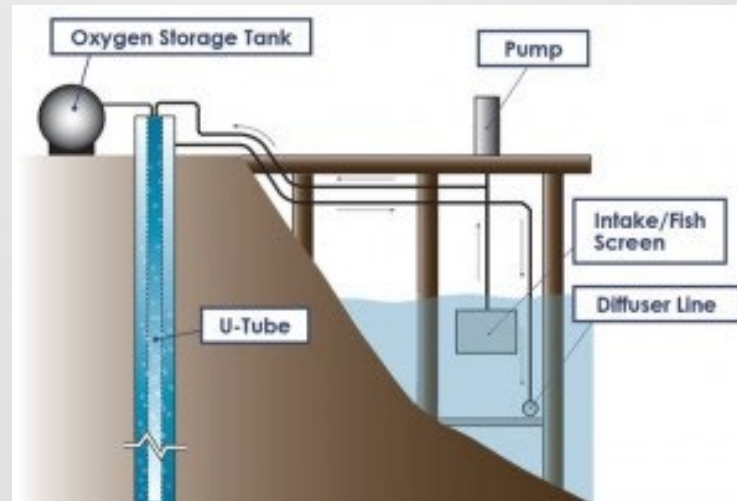
# Active Collaboration Partnerships

- EMP is part of the annual IEP Work Plan
- Collaborates actively in many IEP Synthesis Projects
  - Phytoplankton Synthesis
  - Zooplankton Synthesis
  - Delta Science Program NCEAS Synthesis Working Group
  - Project Work Teams
    - Phytoplankton & Water Quality
    - Bay-Delta Data Science
- Works with Delta RMP funded projects
  - Chlorophyll comparison study (led by Liz Stumpner)
  - Cyanotoxin study (led by USGS)



# EMP – Dissolved Oxygen

- Data collected by EMP since 1969
- Led by DWR
- Basin Plan sets limits on DO throughout the year
  - Higher in Sep, Oct, Nov
- One continuous station at Rough and Ready Island
  - Water quality sondes at three depths
    - 1 m, 3 m, 6 m

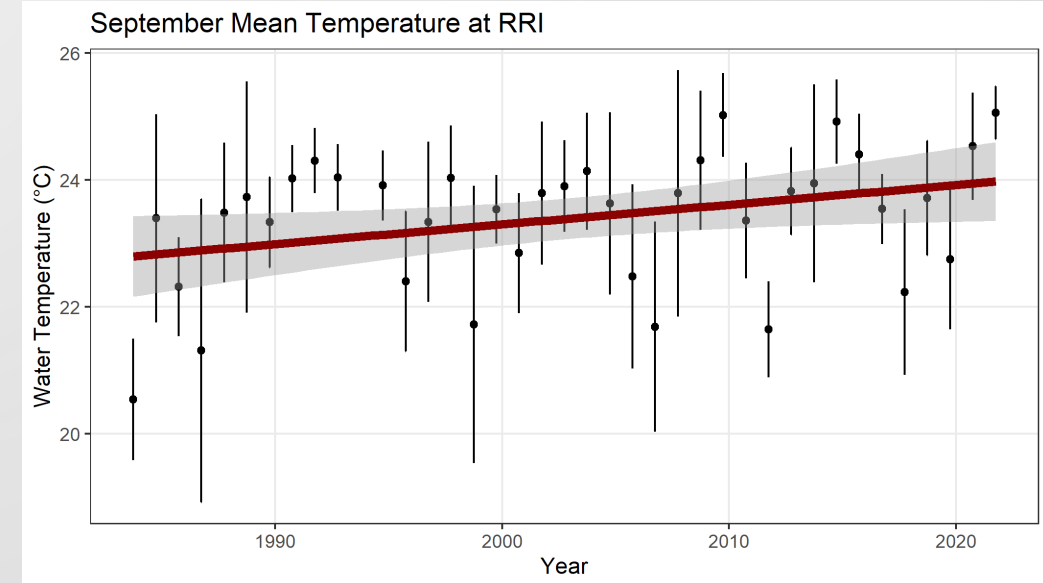
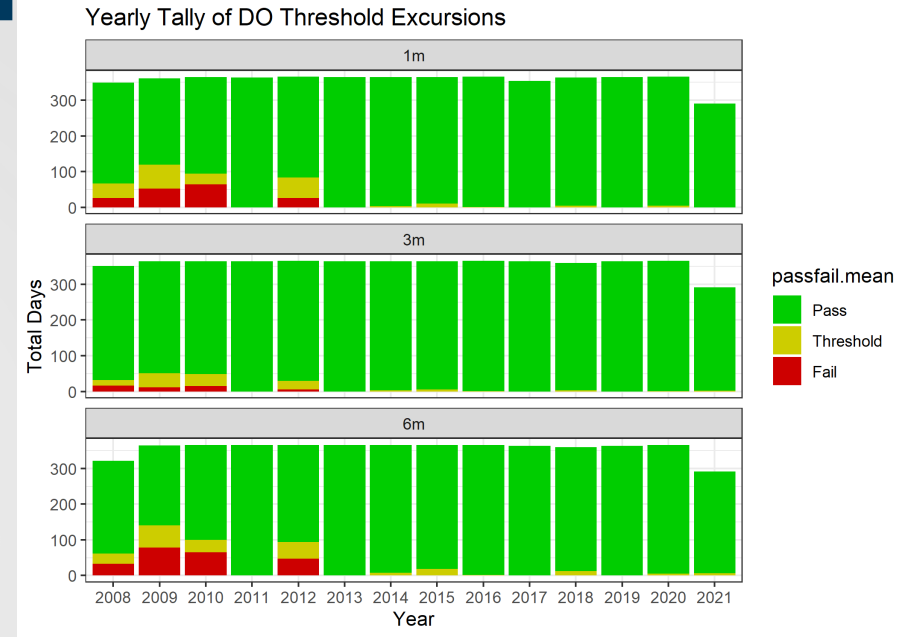


Stockton Ship Channel



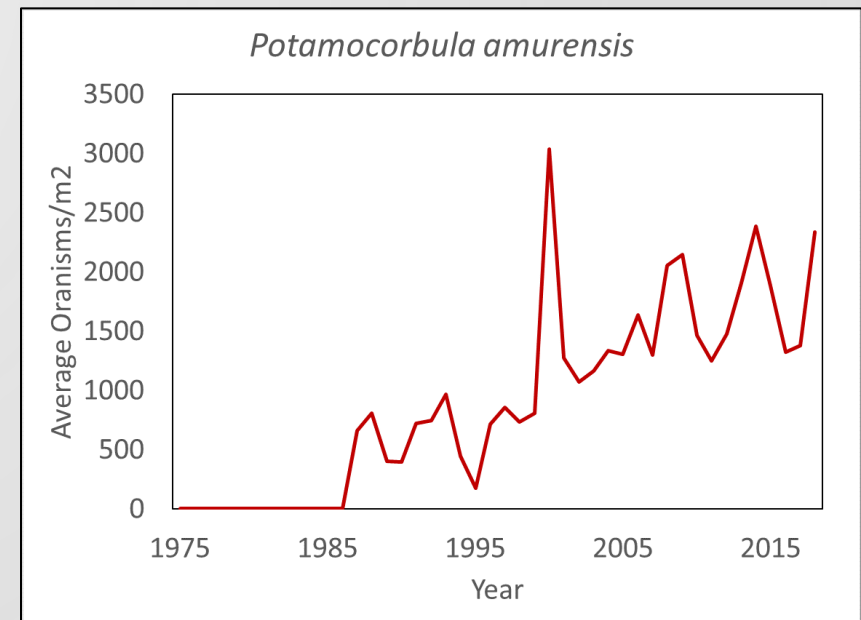
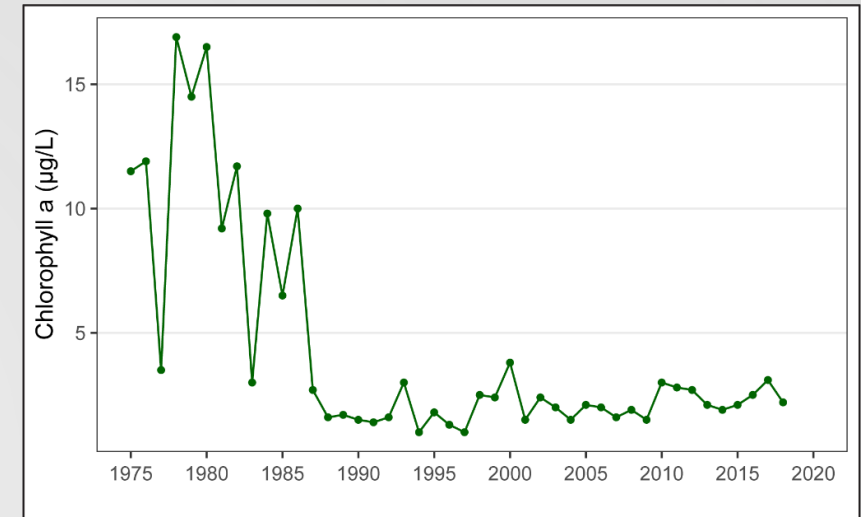
# EMP: Dissolved Oxygen

- Installation of aeration facility has improved DO
- Warming temperatures may lead to more DO excursions



# Value of Concurrent Monitoring

- Decline in primary productivity
- Spread of invasive species
- Ecosystem-level insight into things like Pelagic Organism Decline



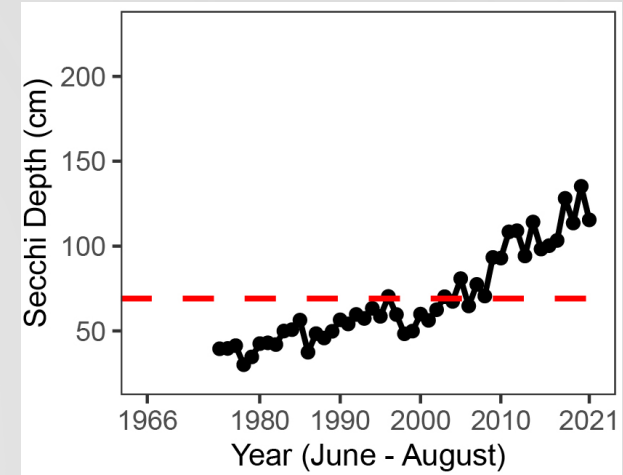
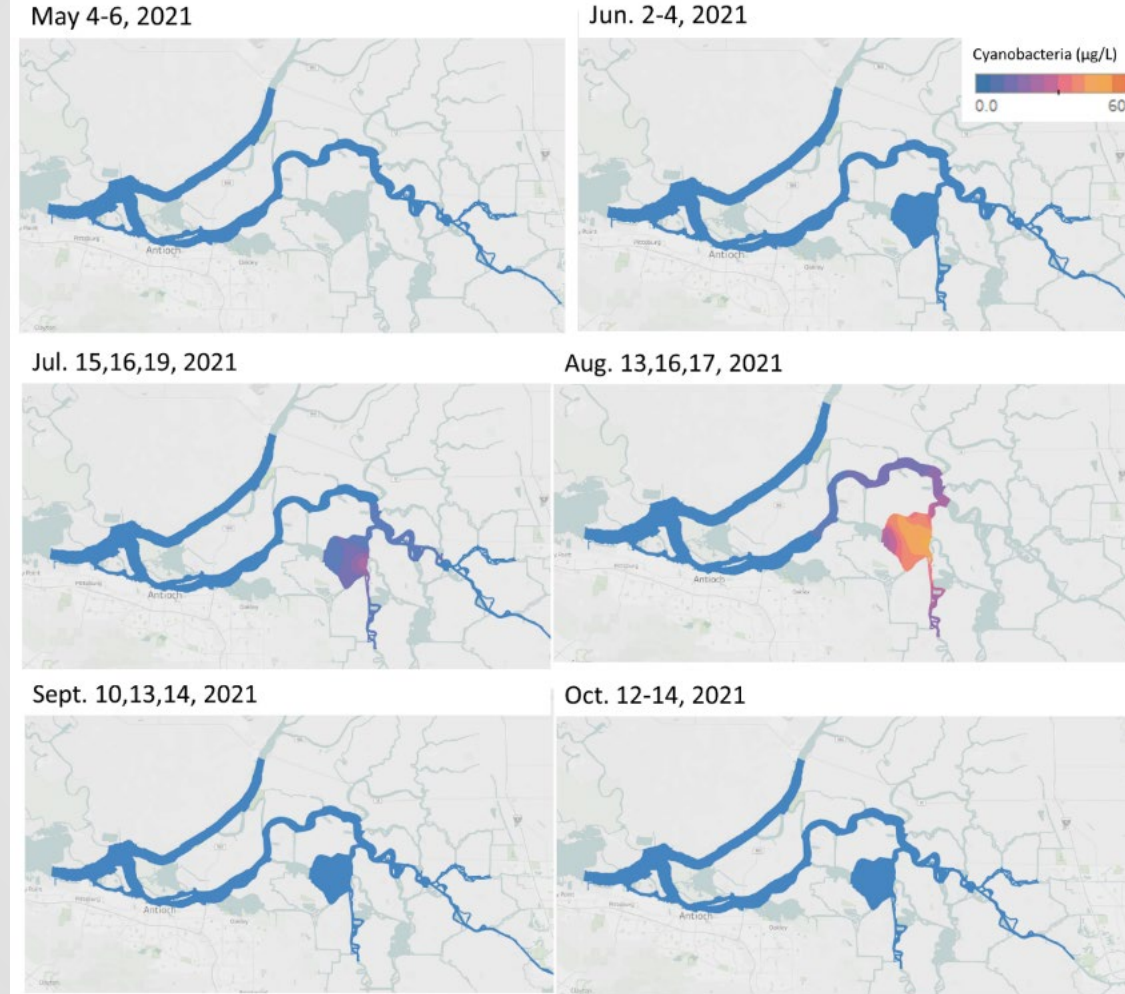


# Harmful Algal Blooms



*Microcystis aeruginosa*

## EMP FluoroProbe Data – Summer 2021

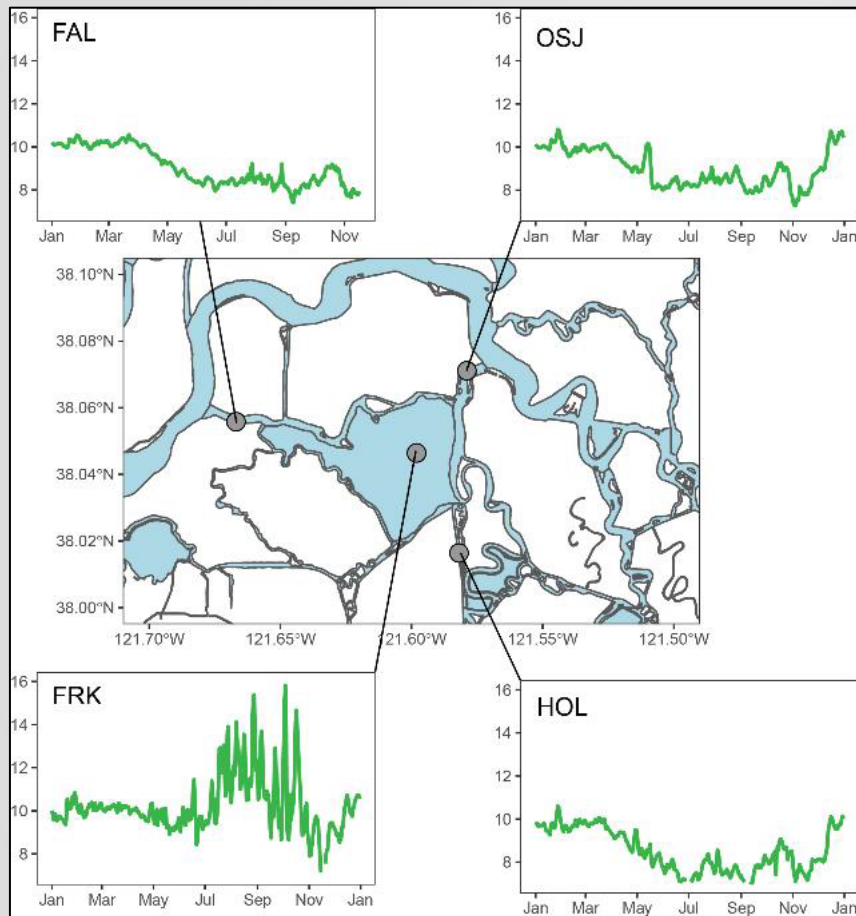


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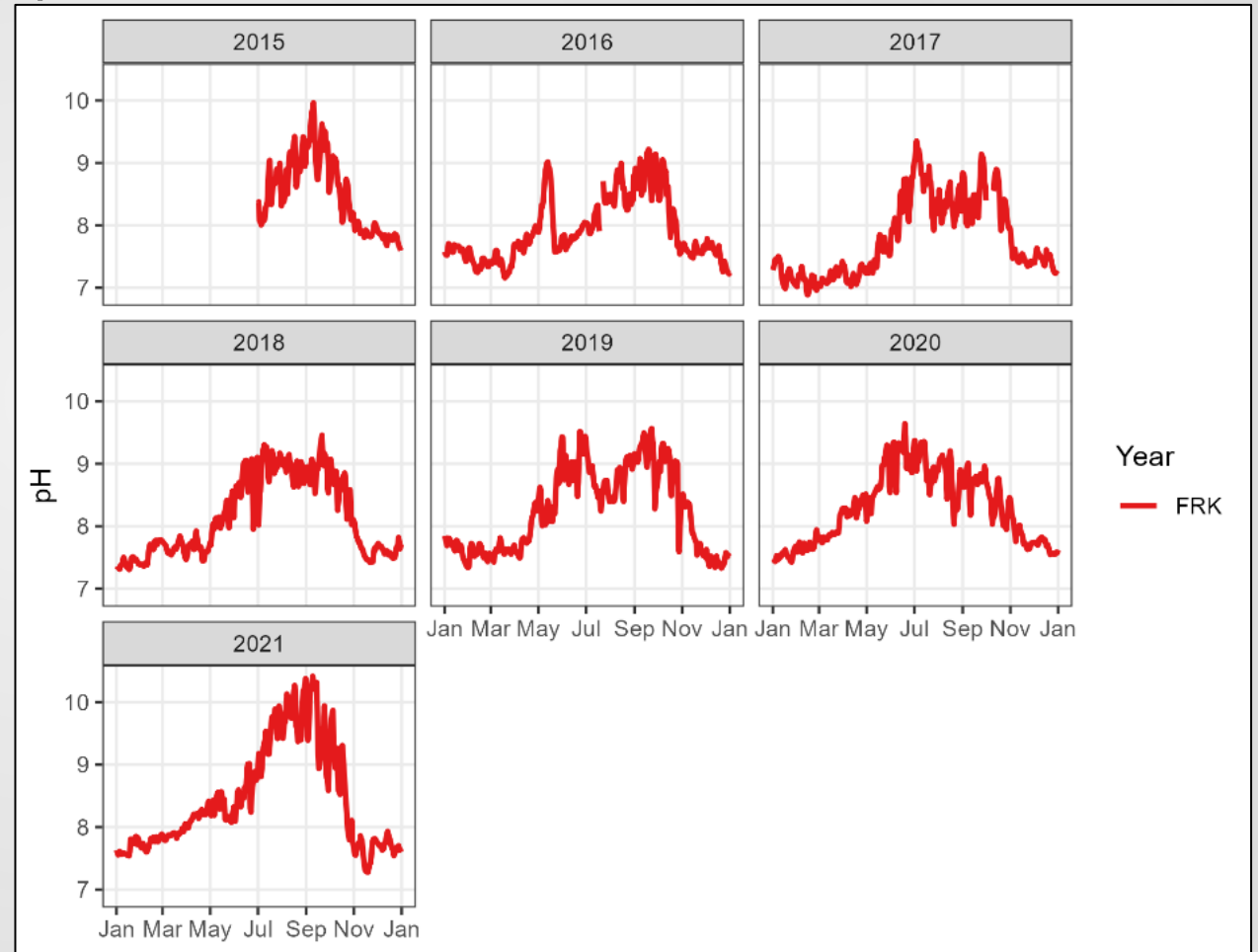


# Water Quality Informs HAB Management

## Dissolved Oxygen (2021)



## pH

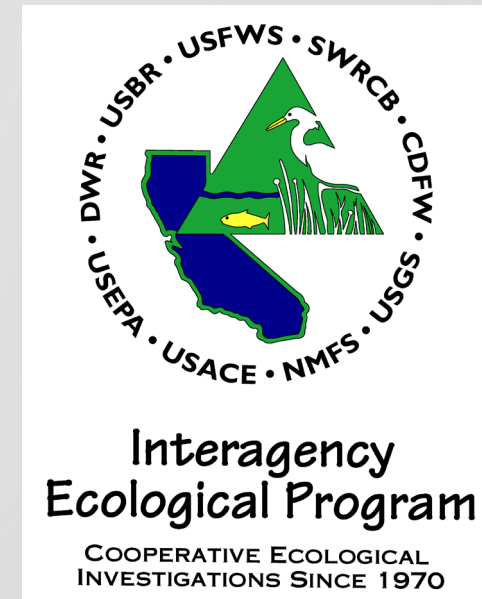


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  - Sarah Perry (Water Quality)
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  - Scott Waller (Continuous WQ)
  - Nick Van Ark (Boat Captain)
- Other Colleagues
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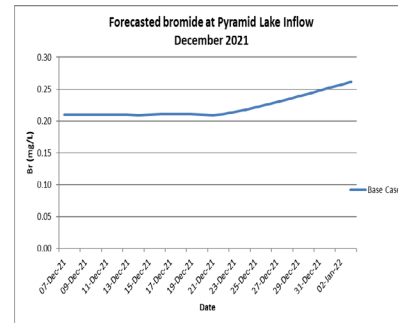
# MWQI Program Overview

- Municipal Water Quality Investigations Program  
Established 1990
- Funded by participating urban SWP Contractors

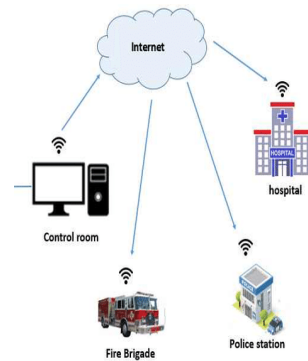
## MWQI Program core functions



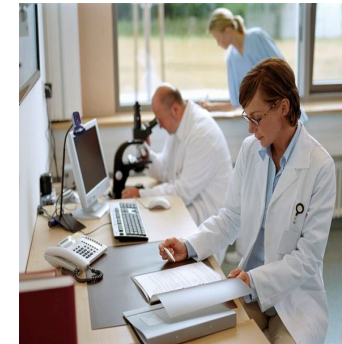
Monitor & Sample



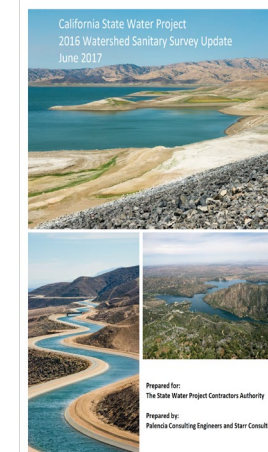
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Quality



Disseminate  
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Scientific  
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SWP  
Watershed  
Sanitary  
Survey



# Snapshot of MWQI Program

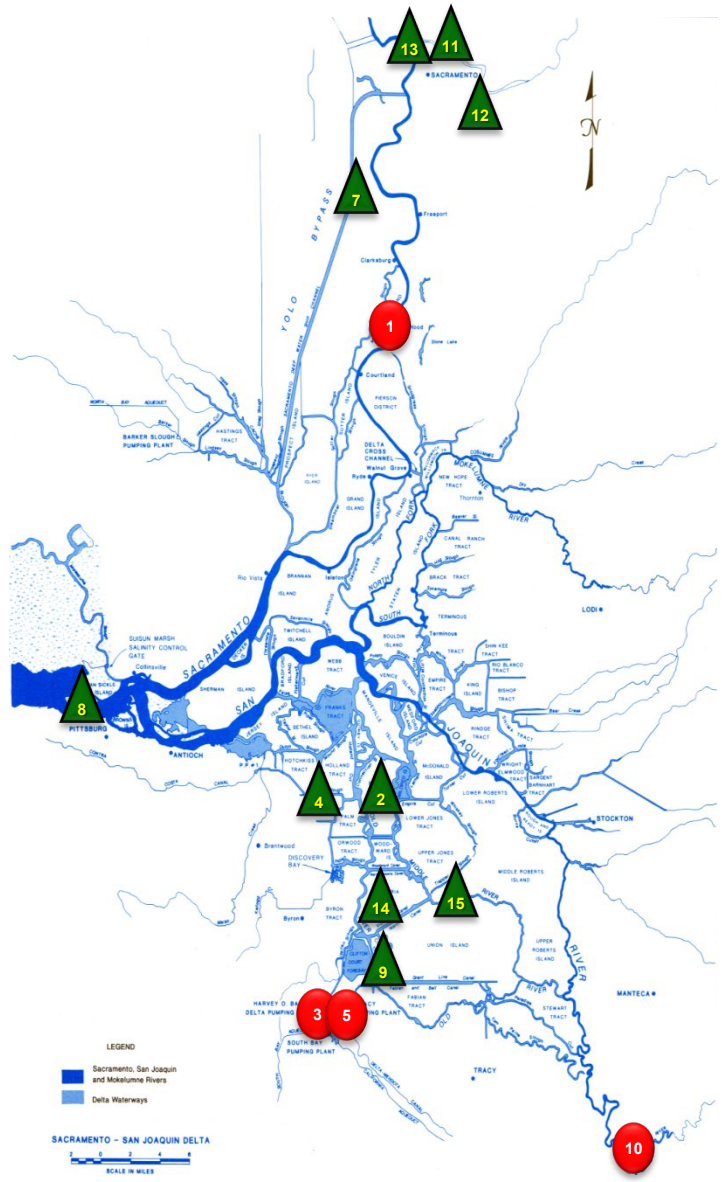
- The MWQI Program monitors and evaluates water quality in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) to produce a comprehensive information base for State Water Contractors and other interested parties.
- Real-time monitoring at 5 locations
- Discrete monitoring at 16 locations
- MWQI generated data, incorporated with non-program data, are disseminated daily at the Real-Time Data and Forecasting–Comprehensive Program (RTDF-CP) web site located at: <http://rtdf.info/>
- Special projects are completed on an as-needed basis

# MWQI Program Overview

## Real-Time Monitoring Stations



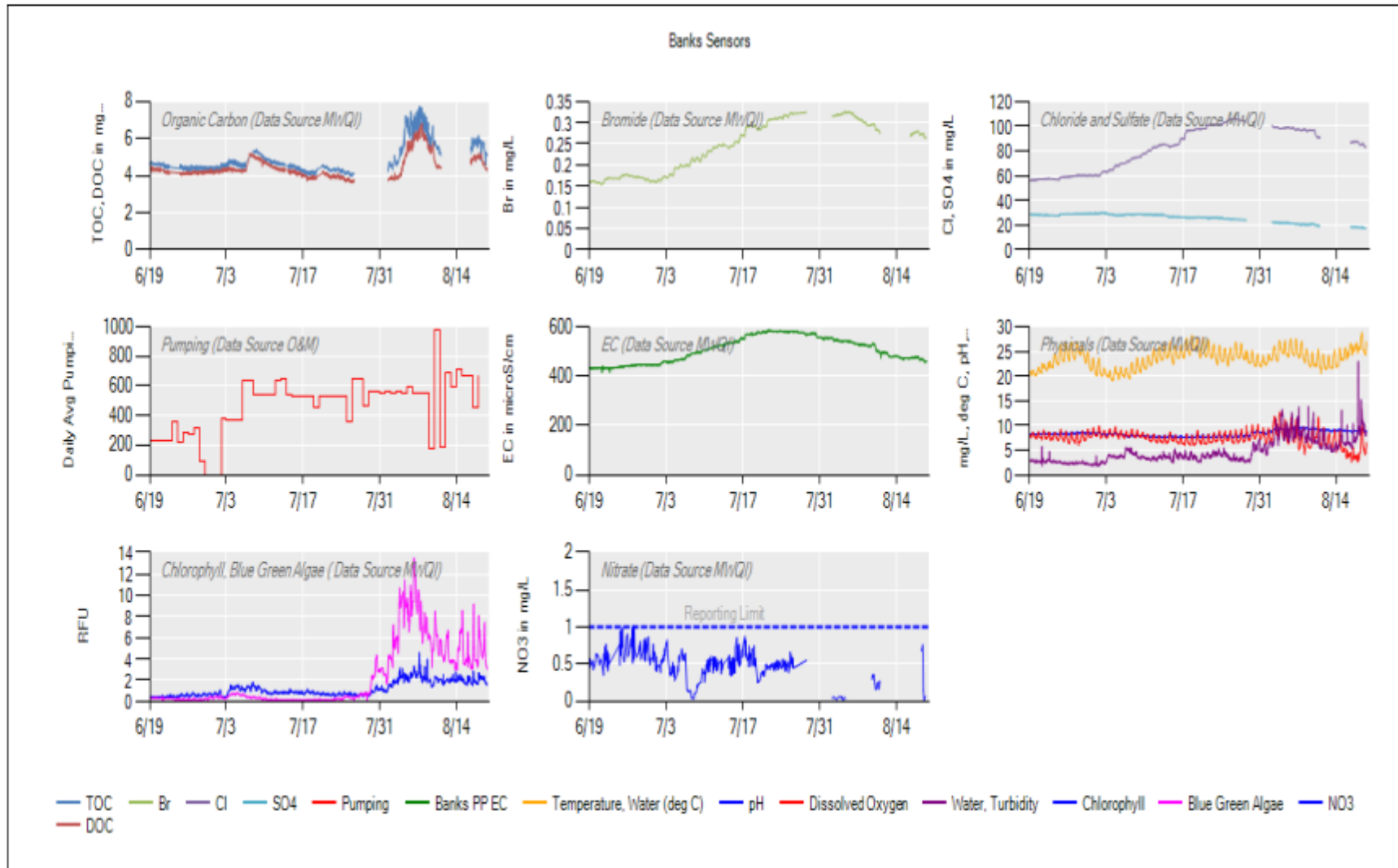
- Hood
- Banks
- Jones
- Vernalis
- Gianelli



## Discrete Sampling Locations



# Example of Real-time Data at Banks PP



# MWQI Discrete Monitoring – 16 locations

**Table 4. MWQI Program's 2022 Discrete Sampling Stations**

#	Stations Name	WDL Stations (ID)	Analytes Collected (M= Monthly, Q=Quarterly, S=Seasonal, F=Flow Based)															
			Std Minerals	Std Nutrients	TOC	DOC	Anions	Chlorophyll	Metals	PTOX Cyanobacteria	Total Suspended Solids	Purgeable Organics	Tate & Odor	Radiological	Pesticides	Herbicides		
1	Sacramento River at Hood	B9D82211312	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	M								
2	Old River @ Rancho Del Rio (D28A) (EMP collecting)	B9D75821344	M	M	M	M	M	M	M									
3	Banks Pumping Plant at Headworks (MWQI, O&M Collecting)	KA000331	M	M	M	M	M	M	M	S	M	M	W	Q	Q	Q		
4	Rock Slough at CCWD Fish Screen (NCRO collecting)	B9C75861385	M	M	M	M	M	M	M									
5	Jones Pumping Plant at DMC	B9C74781351		M	M	M	M	M										
6	Gianelli Pumping/Generating Plant	ON003050		M	M	M	M	M										
7	Lisbon Weir (Yolo Bypass East Toe Drain) (AES Collecting)	B9D82851352	S	S	S	S	S	S			S							
8	Sacramento River @ Chipps Island- D10 (EMP collecting)	B9D80281551	M	M	M	M	M	M			M							
9	Old River at Clifton Court (EMP collecting)	B9D74981334	M	M	M	M	M	M			M							
10	San Joaquin River near Vernalis	B9D74051159	M	M	M	M	M	M	M		M							
11	Natomas East Main Drainage Canal	ADV83671280	F	F	F	F	F	F										
12	American River at E.A. Fairbairn WTP Intake	A0714010	M	M	M	M	M	M										
13	Sacramento River at West Sacramento WTP Intake	A0210451	M	M	M	M	M	M										
14	Old River at Station 9	B9D75351342	M	M	M	M	M	M										
15	Middle River at Union Point	B9D75351292	M	M	M	M	M	M										
16	Colusa Ag Drain nr. Sacramento River	A0294500	M	M	M	M	M	M			M							

Physical Parameters collected at all sites: Temperature, pH, Turbidity, Dissolved Oxygen, and Specific Conductance

Nutrients are monitored on a monthly basis

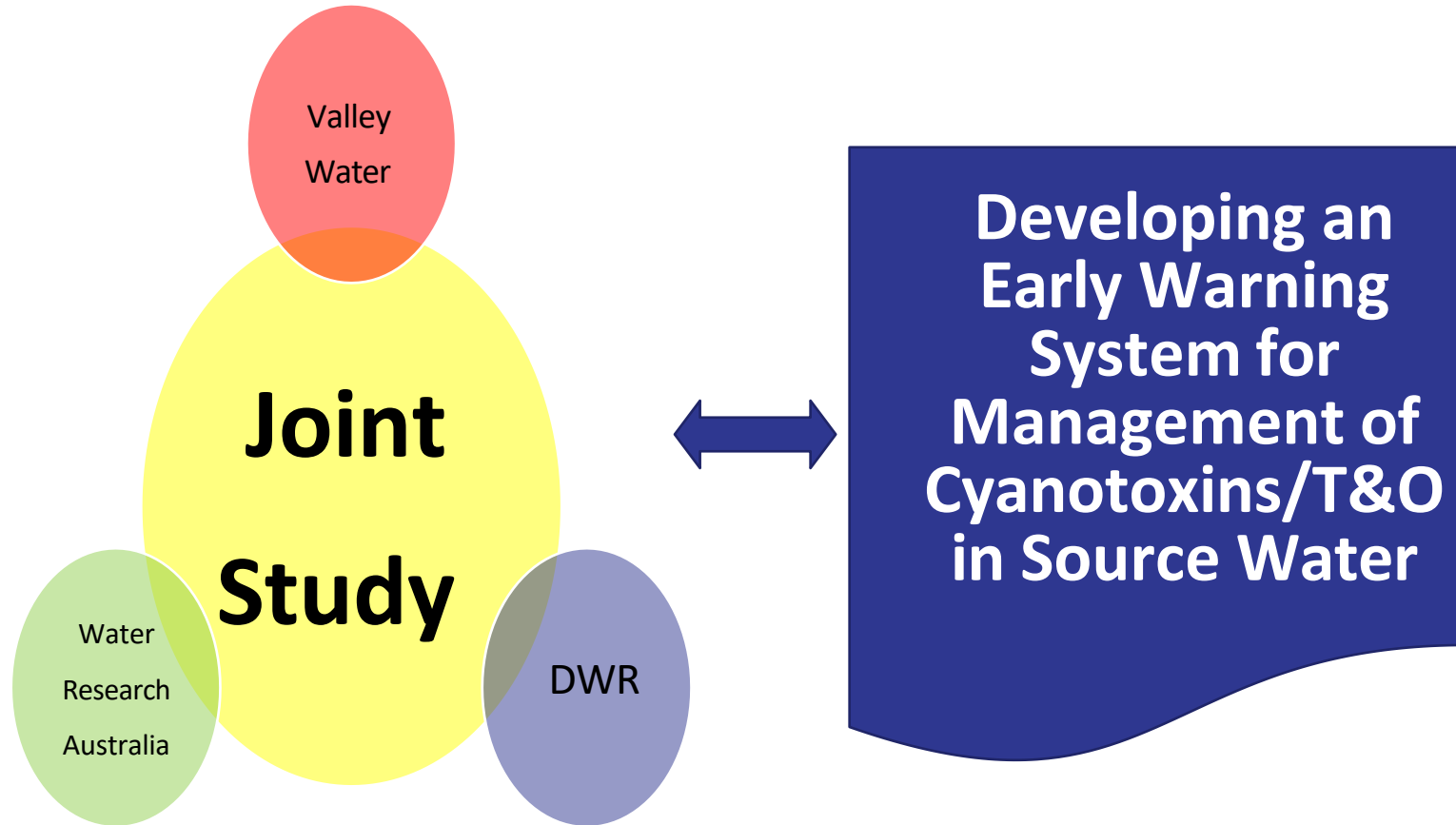


# Special Projects

- In 2020, MWQI staff installed a real-time ammonia analyzer at the Sacramento River at Hood Station.
- Unfortunately, growth on filter (inside analyzer) occurred on a daily basis, which stripped the nitrogen from the water, reducing the value to zero.
- Options were to make frequent trips to station to replace the filter, or install a whole new pumping and filter system.
- Ammonia analyzer was decommissioned in Sept. 2020 after about one year of testing

# Joint Project

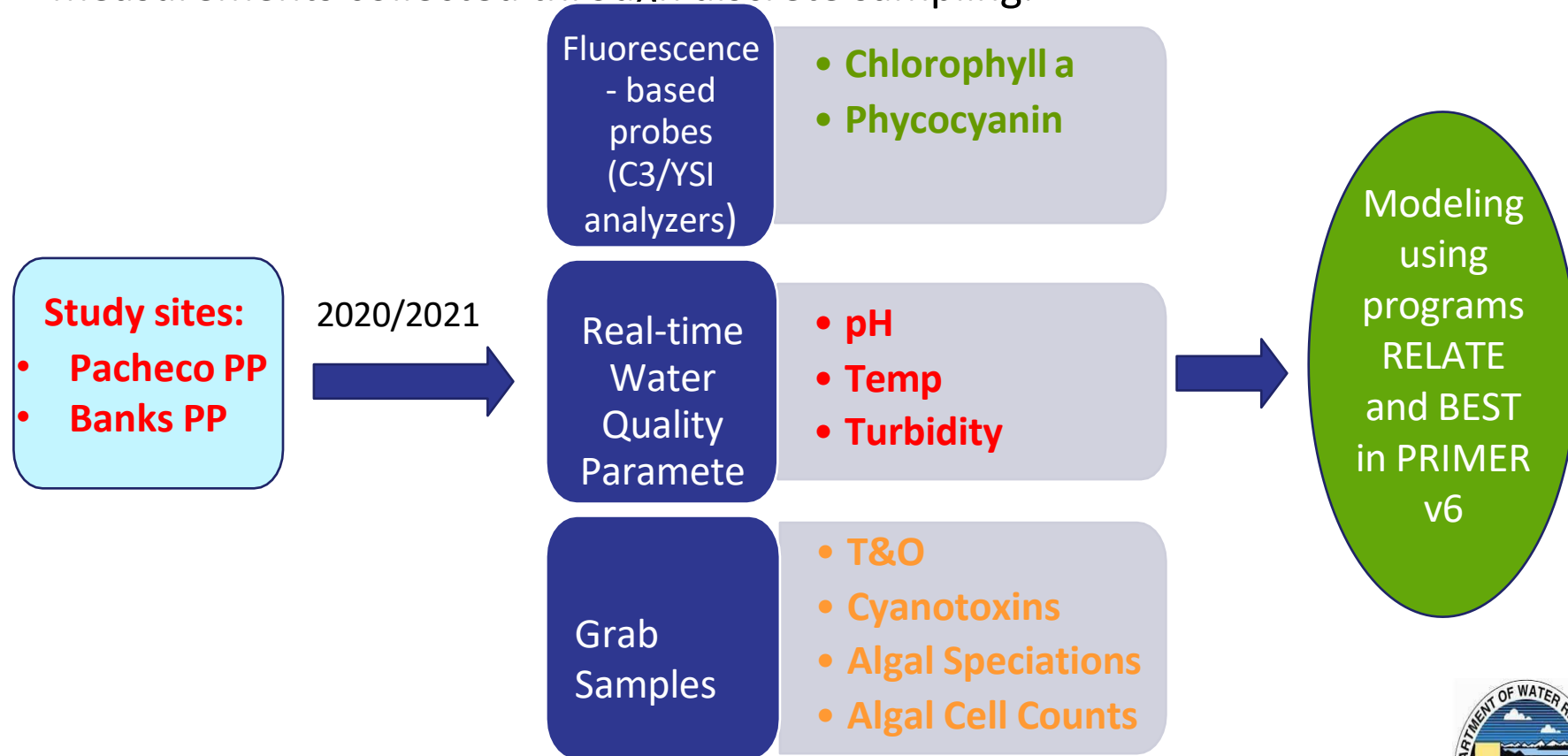
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# Objectives of the Project

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**Objective 1:** to develop a real-time cyanotoxin management trigger by comparing fluorescence- based probe readings to analytical measurements collected through discrete sampling.



# Fluorescence-Based Analyzers

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## Turner Designs C3



**Objective 2:** Data measured by C3 and YSI will be compared by conducting statistical analysis. In addition, challenges with regards to running, maintaining, and trouble-shooting will be documented.

### Turner Designs C3

- Chlorophyll a, Phycocyanin, Red Chlorophyll
- Pacheco PP, Banks PP

### YSI EXO2

- Chlorophyll a, Phycocyanin, FDOM, other WQ parameters
- Banks PP, several other stations along the North and South Bay Aqueduct

## YSI



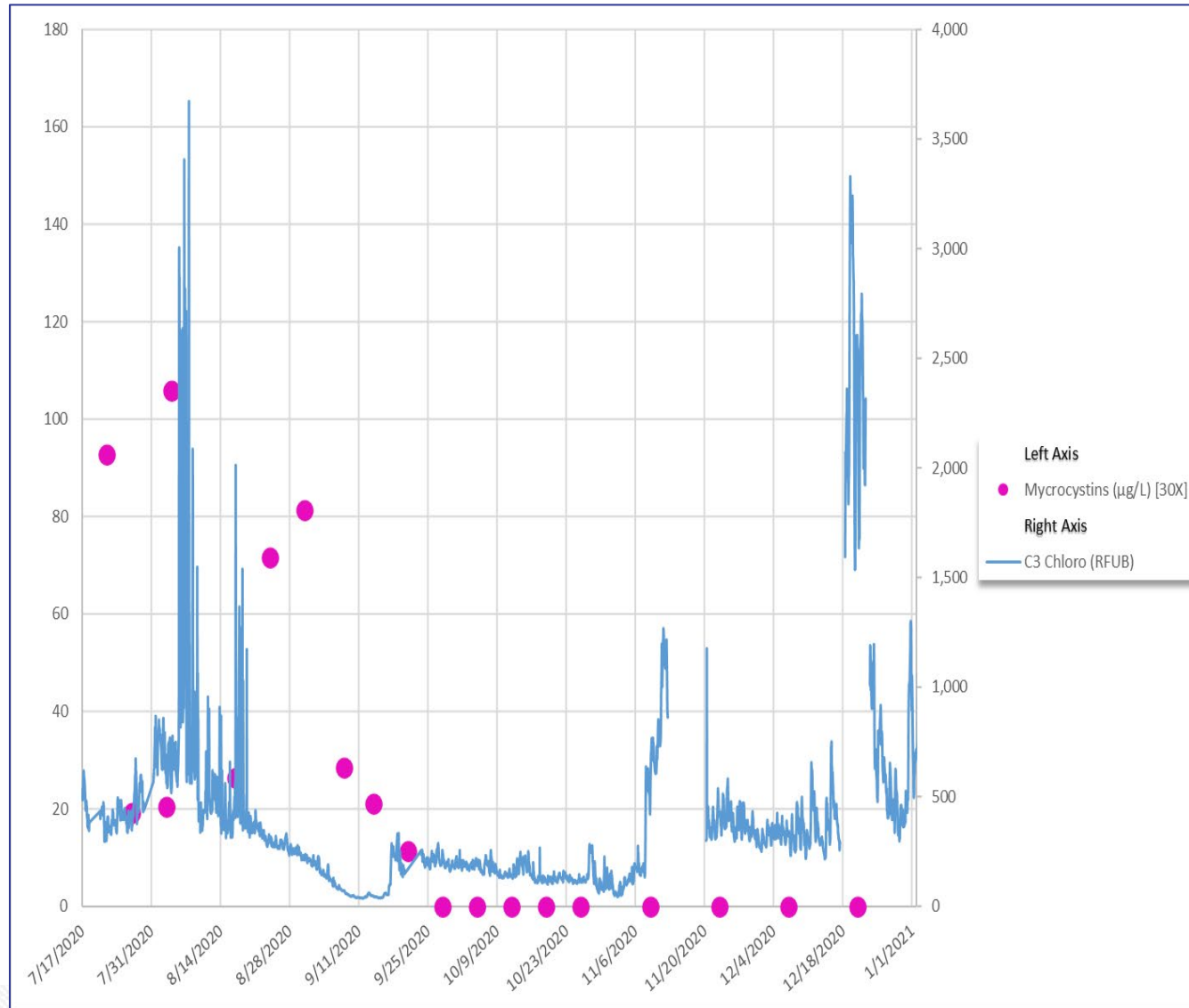
Banks Pumping Plant

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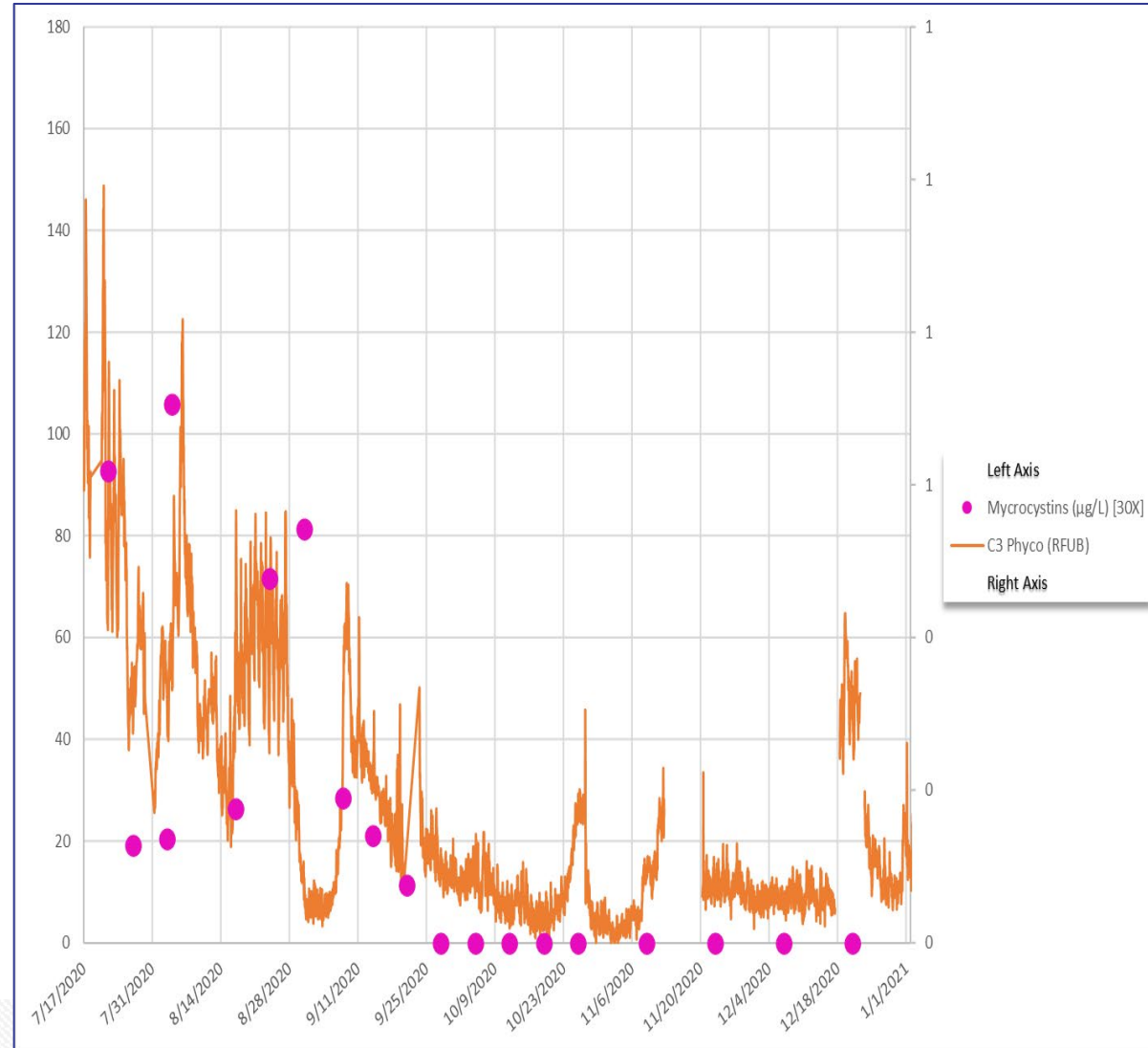
# C3 Chlorophyll Readings vs Microcystins Concentrations – Banks PP

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# C3 Phycocyanin Readings vs Microcystins Concentrations – Banks PP

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# Next Steps

- Complete data analysis
  - Missing Pacheco data has been sent to Taliesin for inclusion in analysis.
  - Corrected grab samples times have been sent to Taliesin. Once corresponding C3 data are used, the regressional fit should improve.
- Final Report by Water Research Australia
- Implement HAB Trigger based on findings?
  - If good correlation between C3 and HAB species is found, next step could be to reinstall C3 and use as warning tool for high HAB species events. At trigger points, additional Algal Speciation/Biovolume samples would be collected to confirm HAB species presence.

# SWP Cyanotoxin Monitoring Program Background

- Routine monitoring since 2006
- Monitoring began to inform municipal water customers
  - Water quality monitoring sites and pumping plants
- Program expanded in 2016-2017
  - Recreation areas
  - DWR water treatment plants
- Sample during “algal bloom season” April – October, extended if necessary
- Sampling frequency for WQ sites once monthly Apr-May, twice monthly June - Oct
  - weekly if toxins detected
- Recreation sites sampled weekly Memorial Day – Labor Day





# Sample Analysis

- GreenWater Lab
  - Step 1: Potentially toxigenic (PTOX) cyanobacteria screening by microscopy
    - toxin analysis recommendation based on presence of PTOX cyanobacteria and site history
  - Step 2: ELISA or LC-MS/MS to quantify toxins
    - Samples ultra-sonicated to lyse cells and release toxins
    - Microcystins/nodularins
    - Saxitoxin
    - Anatoxin-a
    - Cylindrospermopsin

# Sample Collection and Analysis Overview

- Surface water grab sample at recreation sites
  - Sample sent for lab analysis
  - Subset is analyzed with field test strip
- At water quality sites, sample is collected at 1 meter depth or from the raw water tap at the water quality station
  - Lab analysis only
- At DWR-operated water treatment plants, sampling occurs when toxins are detected in the source waterbody
  - Analyzed with drinking water test strips
  - Lab analysis if positive test strip result



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## San Francisco Bay Regional Monitoring Program (SF Bay RMP)

TOM MUMLEY, SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD

NUTRIENT MONITORING COLLABORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS, 4:05 TO 4:25 PM

# SF Bay Regional Monitoring Program and Nutrient Management Strategy

DELTA REGIONAL MONITORING PROGRAM NUTRIENT SYMPOSIUM

September 27, 2022

Thomas Mumley  
Assistant Executive Officer  
SF Bay Water Board



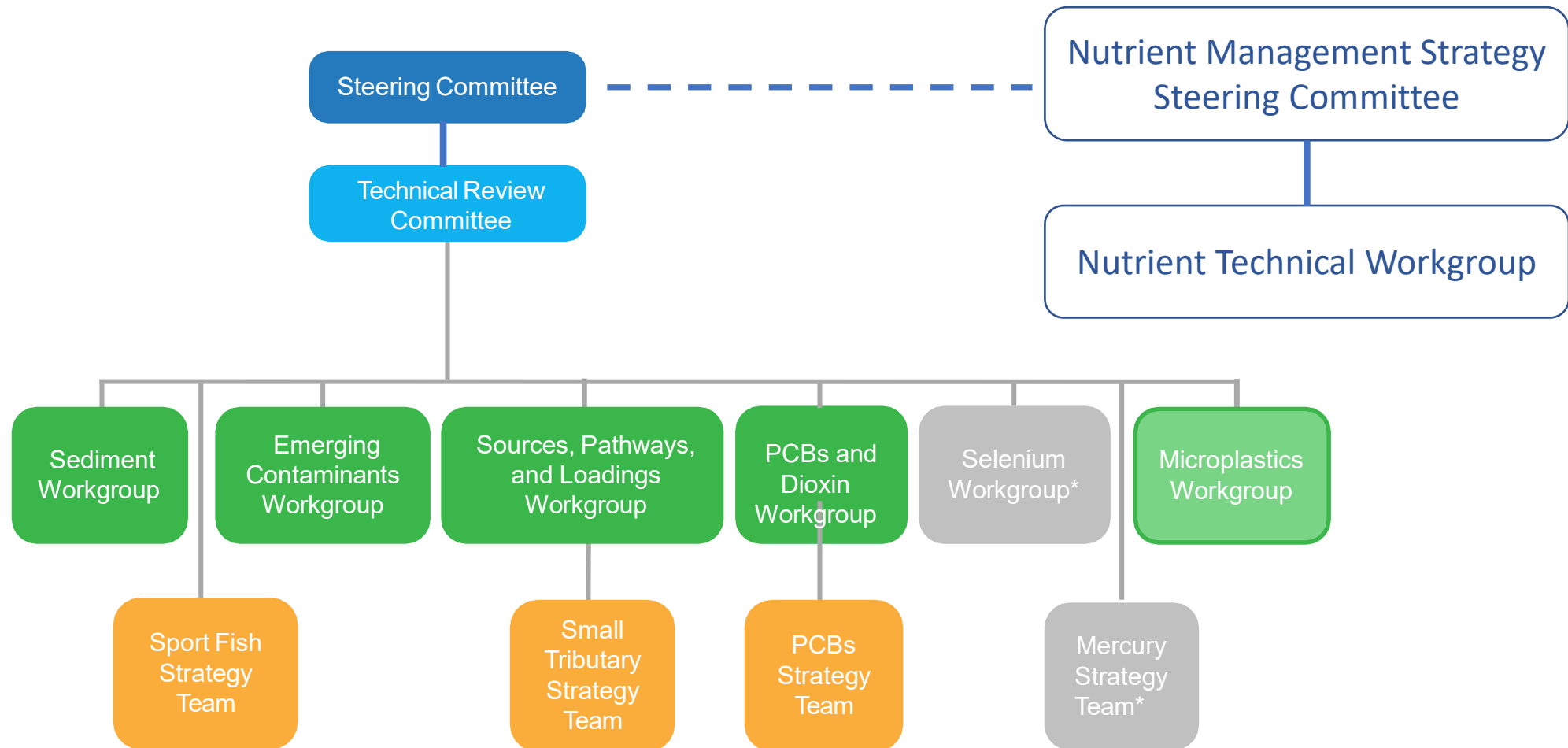


# SF Bay Regional Monitoring Program



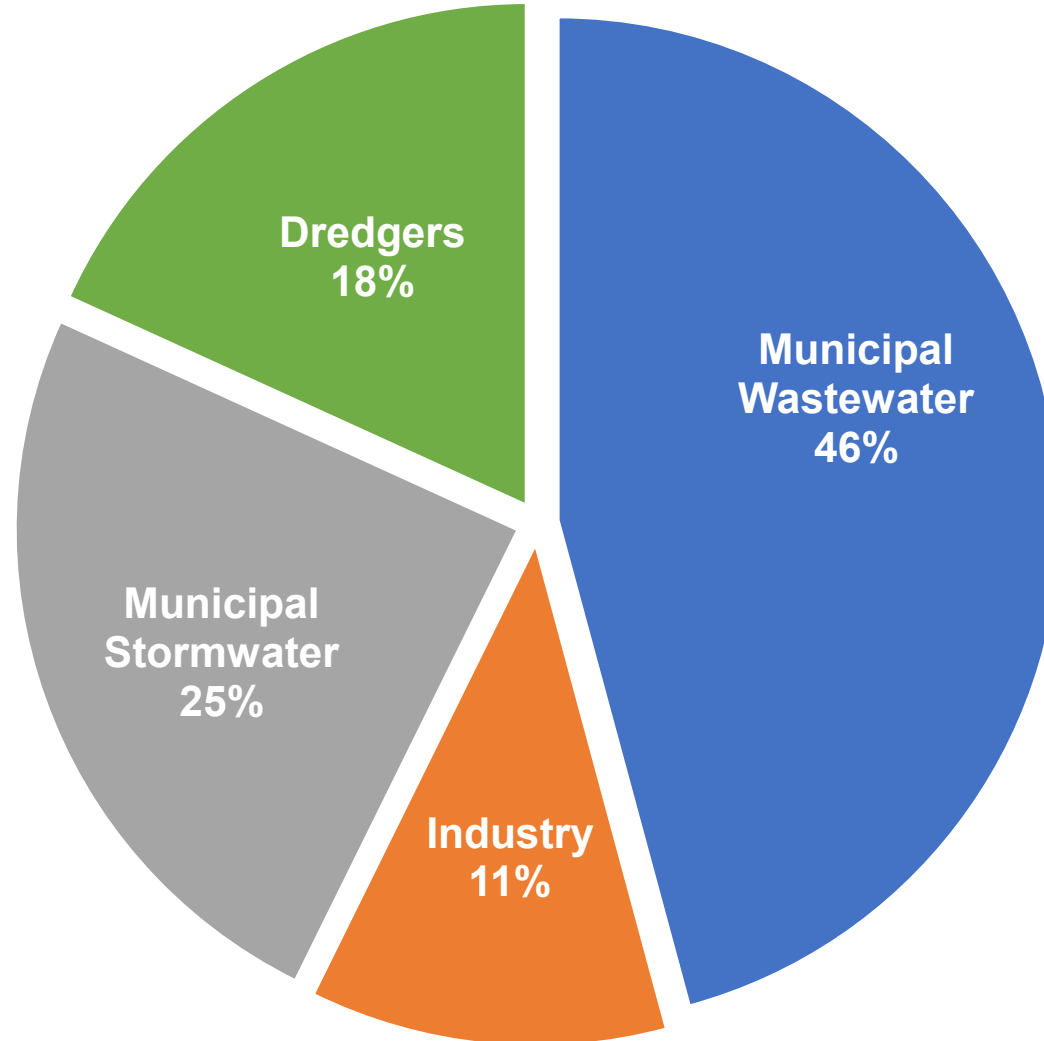
- 💧 Legacy contaminants
- 💧 Emerging contaminants
- 💧 Sediment
- 💧 Nutrients

# SF Bay RMP Governance Structure



\*currently inactive

# SF Bay RMP Funding



**~\$4 million/yr**

**~\$500,000/yr  
for nutrients**

# SF Bay NMS Steering Committee

## Regulators

- SF Bay and **Central Valley Water Boards** / US EPA

## Dischargers

- **Municipal Wastewater** and Stormwater / Industrial Wastewater

## Resource Agencies

- NOAA-NMFS / US FWS / CA DFW / CA Ocean Protection Council

## Science and Monitoring Programs

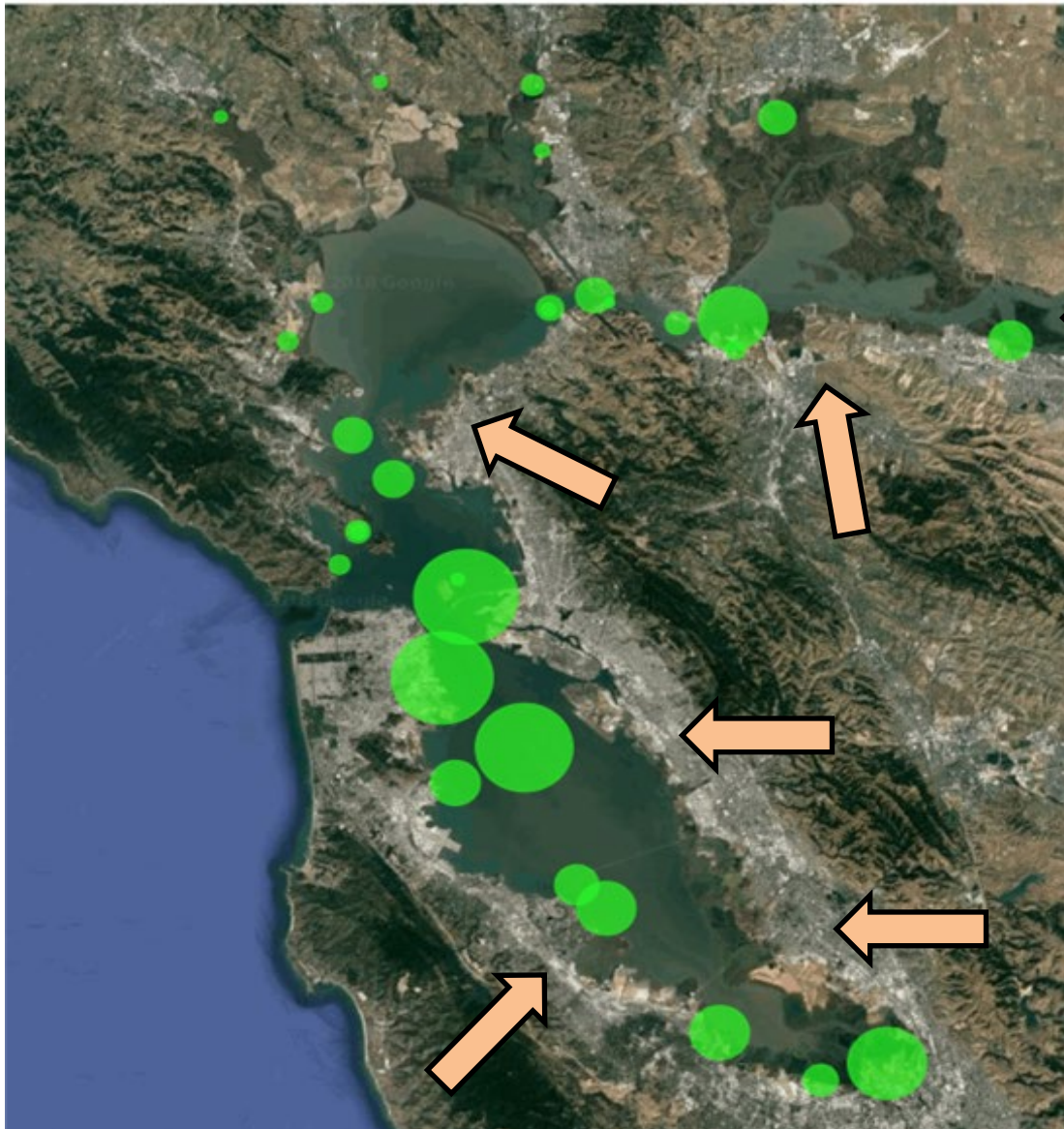
- **Interagency Ecological Program** / **Delta Science Program** / USGS / South Bay Salt Pond Restoration Program

## Others

- SF Baykeeper / State and **Federal Contractors Water Agency**



# Nutrient Loads to SF Bay



## Bay-wide Loads

N: 50,000 kg/d

P: 5,000 kg/d

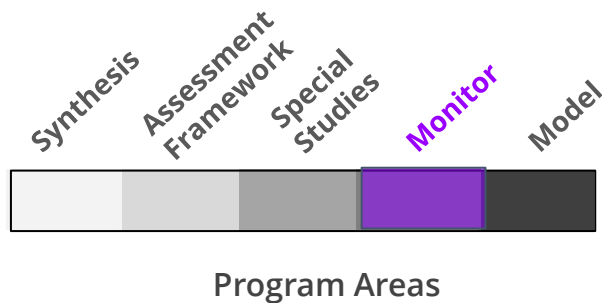
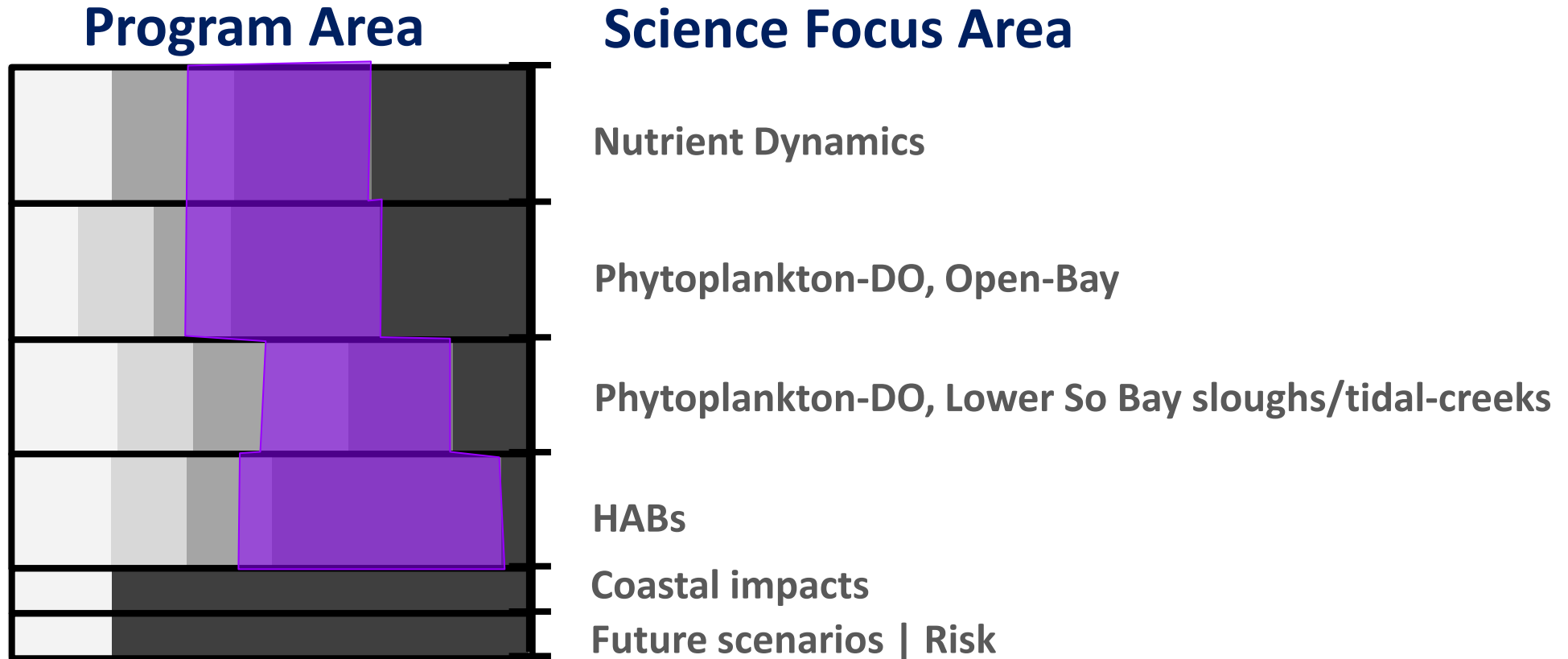
65% Wastewater

20% Delta/Ag

15% Urban runoff

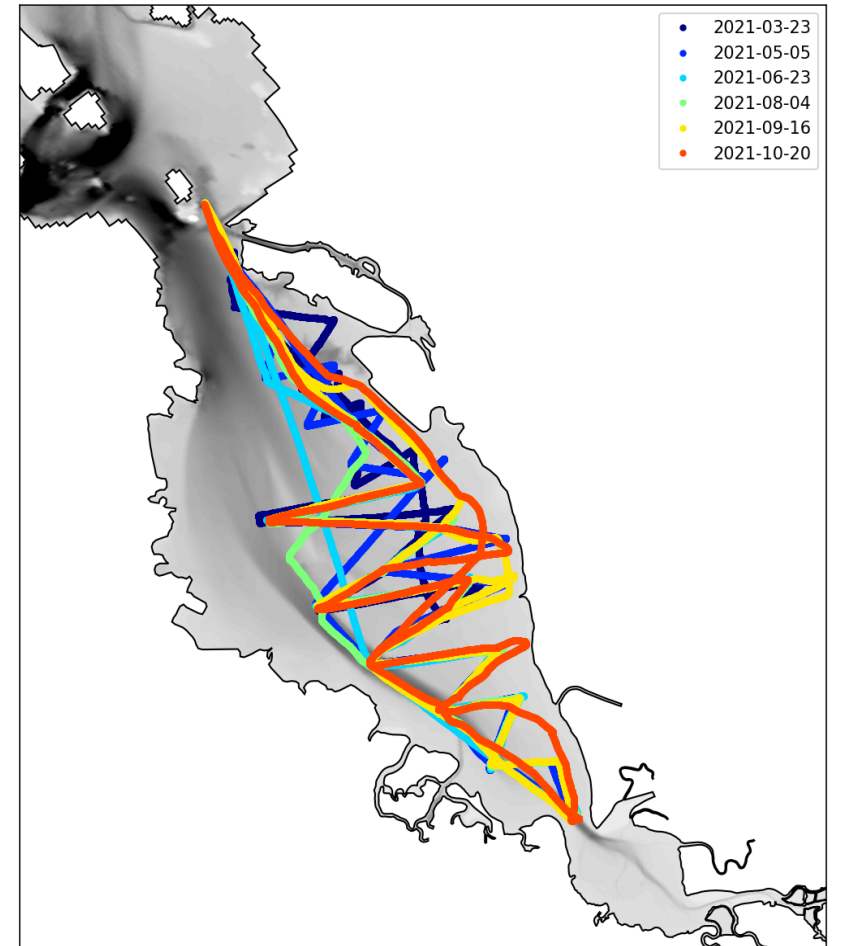
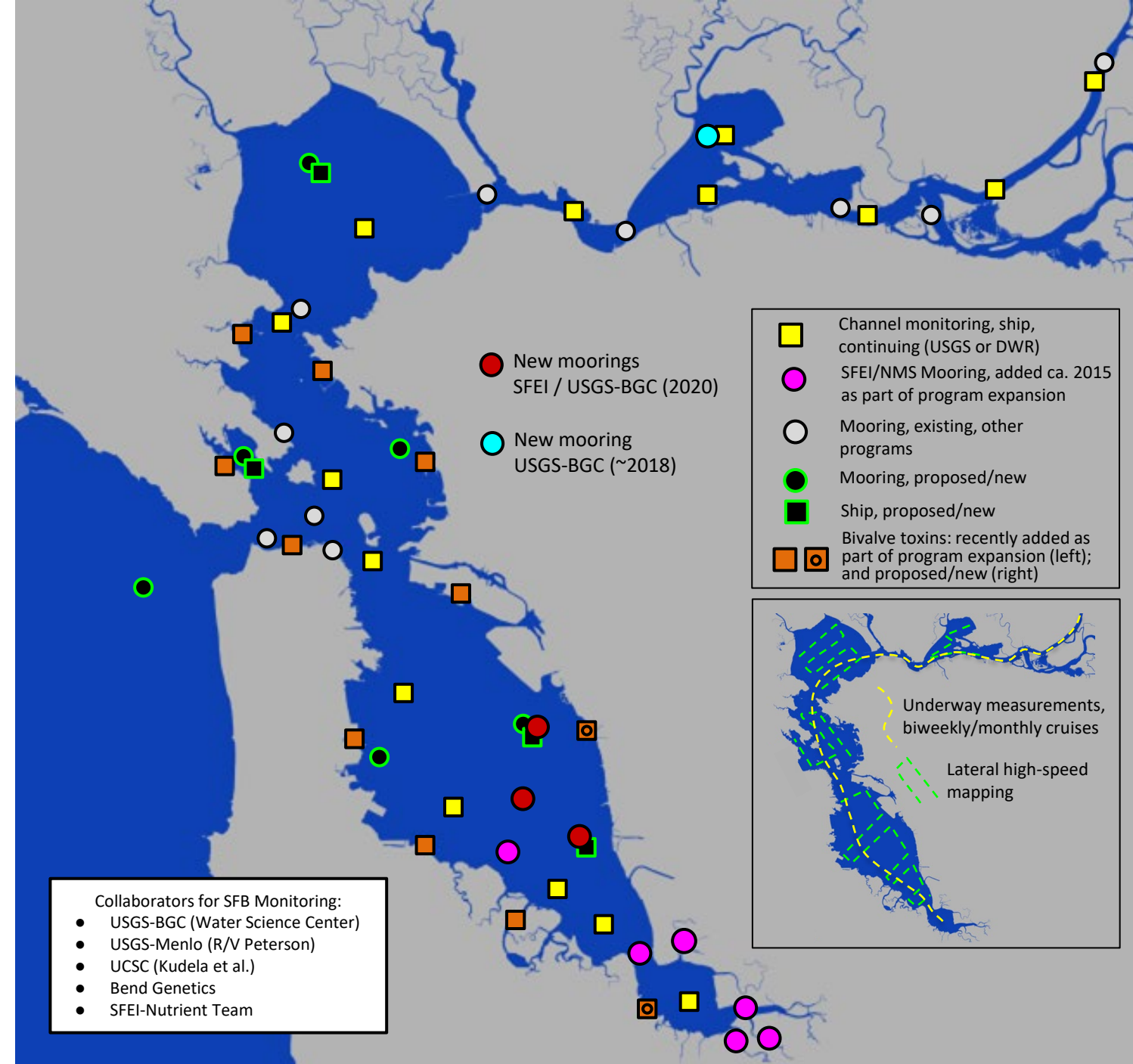
**Municipal wastewater  
treatment plant upgrades  
> \$10 billion**

# SF Bay NMS Science Plan - Relative Distribution of Funding

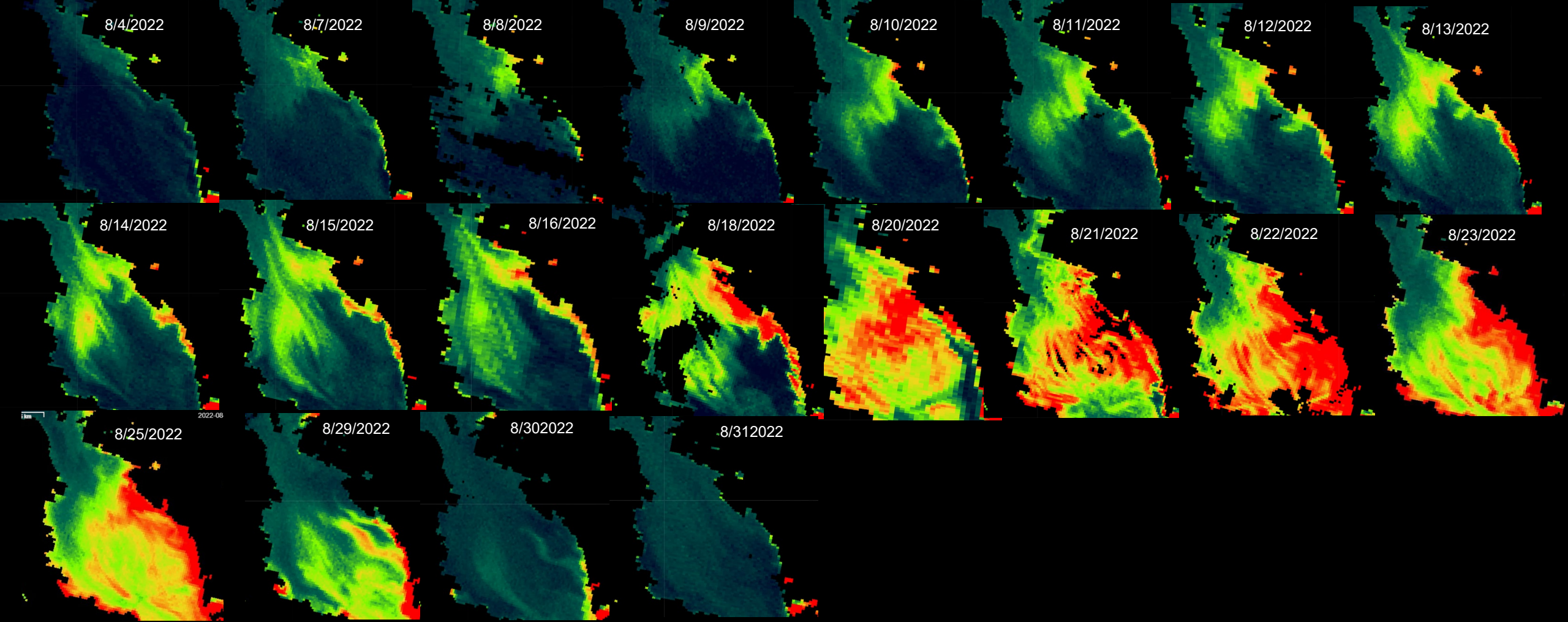


**~\$3 million/yr**  
 ~\$2.2 million from BACWA  
 ~\$500 thousand from RMP

# SF Bay NMS Observation Program







chl-a Sentinel-3; EO Browser using [Ulyssys utilities](#)  
SFEI/USGS/UCSC, in-prep



**PULSE OF THE BAY - 2022**  
**50 YEARS AFTER THE CLEAN WATER ACT**



**SF Bay RMP**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**October 3, 2022**

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**Plenty of Need and Opportunity**  
to Communicate  
to Coordinate  
to Collaborate



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## Questions and Discussion

NUTRIENT MONITORING COLLABORATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS, 4:25 TO 4:35 PM



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Final Opportunity for Questions, 4:35 to 4:55 PM



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## Closing Remarks, 4:55 to 5 PM

DEBBIE WEBSTER, STEERING COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR

MEREDITH HOWARD, STEERING COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR