



# BACWA Annual Meeting

27 January 2017



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# Agenda

1. Watershed Permit Requirements
2. Project Status
  - a) Optimization
  - b) Upgrades
  - c) Sidestream
3. Role of Averaging Periods
4. Nutrient Load Reduction by Other Means
5. Summary of 2016 Group Annual Report
6. Summary of Preliminary Findings



# Watershed Permit



## San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board

ORDER No. R2-2014-0014  
NPDES No. CA0038873

### WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR NUTRIENTS FROM MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER DISCHARGES TO SAN FRANCISCO BAY

The following dischargers are subject to waste discharge requirements (WDRs) set forth in this Order, for the purpose of regulating nutrient discharges to San Francisco Bay and its contiguous bay segments:

Table 1. Discharger Information

Discharger	Facility Name	Facility Address	Minor/ Major
		151 Merritt Court	

April 9, 2014

# Watershed Permit Requirements

➤ Issued April 9, 2014 – Regional Water Board Order No. R2-2014-0014

➤ Requirements:

- Scoping and Evaluation Plan (Accepted first quarter of 2015)
- July 2018: Task 1 - Conduct treatment plant optimization and sidestream treatment evaluation for nutrient load reductions (Submittal deadline is July 2018)
- July 2018: Task 2 - Conduct treatment plant upgrades and analysis of removal by other means for nutrient load reductions (Submittal deadline is July 2018)
- Annual Reporting (Annual submittal in October from 2015 through 2018)

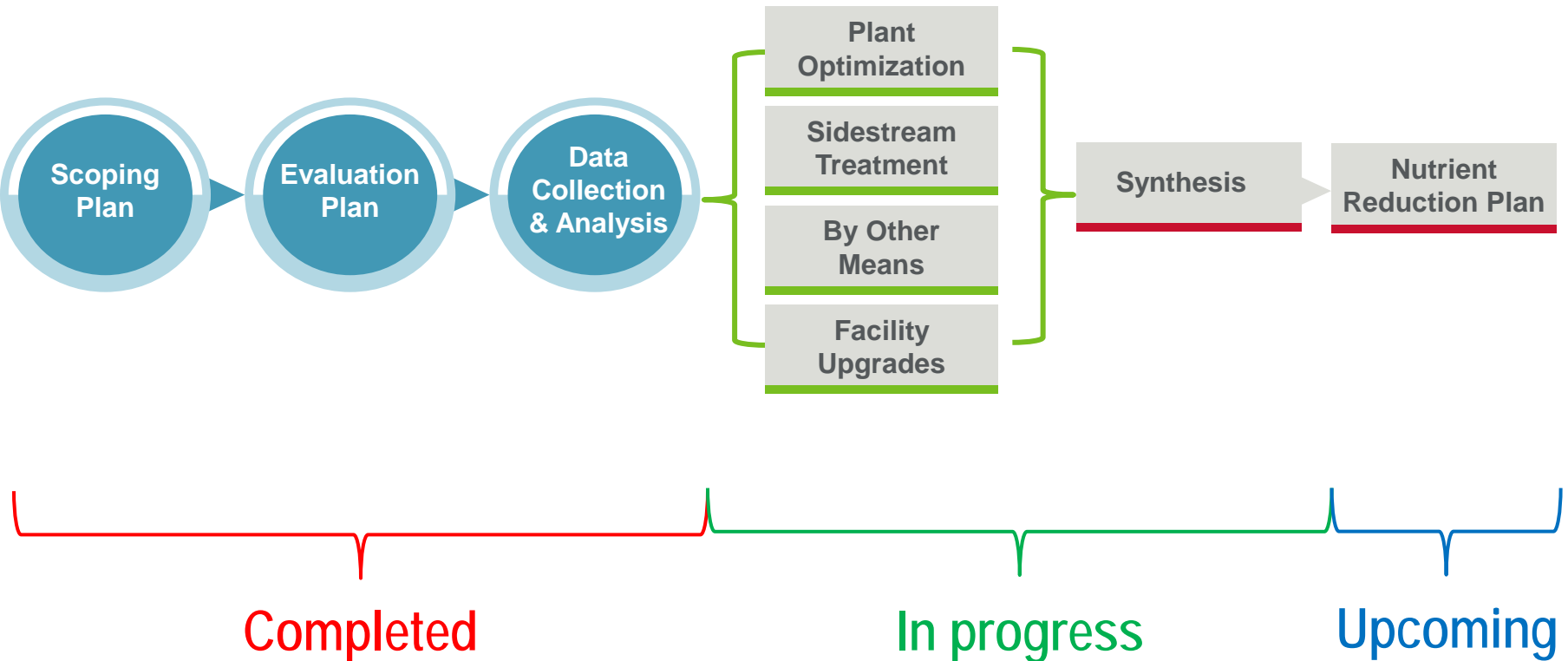
# 37 Participating Agencies





# Project Status

# Overview / Status of Study





# Reports Status

Number	Submitted Draft Reports (26 Plants)		Outstanding (11 Plants)
1	American Canyon	FSSD	City of Millbrae
2	Benicia	Hayward	City of Richmond
3	Burlingame	Livermore	LGVSD
4	CCCSD	Mt. View	Pinole/Hercules *
5	City of San Leandro	Napa San	Rodeo *
6	City of Palo Alto	Novato	San Mateo
7	City of Petaluma	Oro Loma	SASM
8	City of San Jose	SFPUC SEP	Sausalito/Marin City *
9	City of Sunnyvale	Silicon Valley Clean Water	SF Airport
10	CMSA	South San Francisco	Sonoma County Water Agency
11	Delta Diablo	Treasure Island	West County
12	DSRSD	USD	
13	EBMUD	Vallejo	

\* Analysis completed and included with the presentation preliminary results





# **Preliminary Optimization Results**

# Optimization Approach

- Basis of Evaluation

- Identify no / low cost strategies to reduce effluent nutrients
- Planning Period: 2025 Horizon
- Loading: 0% Increase in Flows and 15% Increase in Loads
- Design Criteria: Aggressive – no permit limits

- Optimization Concepts

- Use offline tankage
- Operate in split treatment mode
- Modify operational mode (e.g., raise SRT)
- Add chemicals
- Process control instrumentation
- Add internal recycle for denitrification



# DRAFT Optimization Findings Based on 29 Plants

*All results are preliminary*

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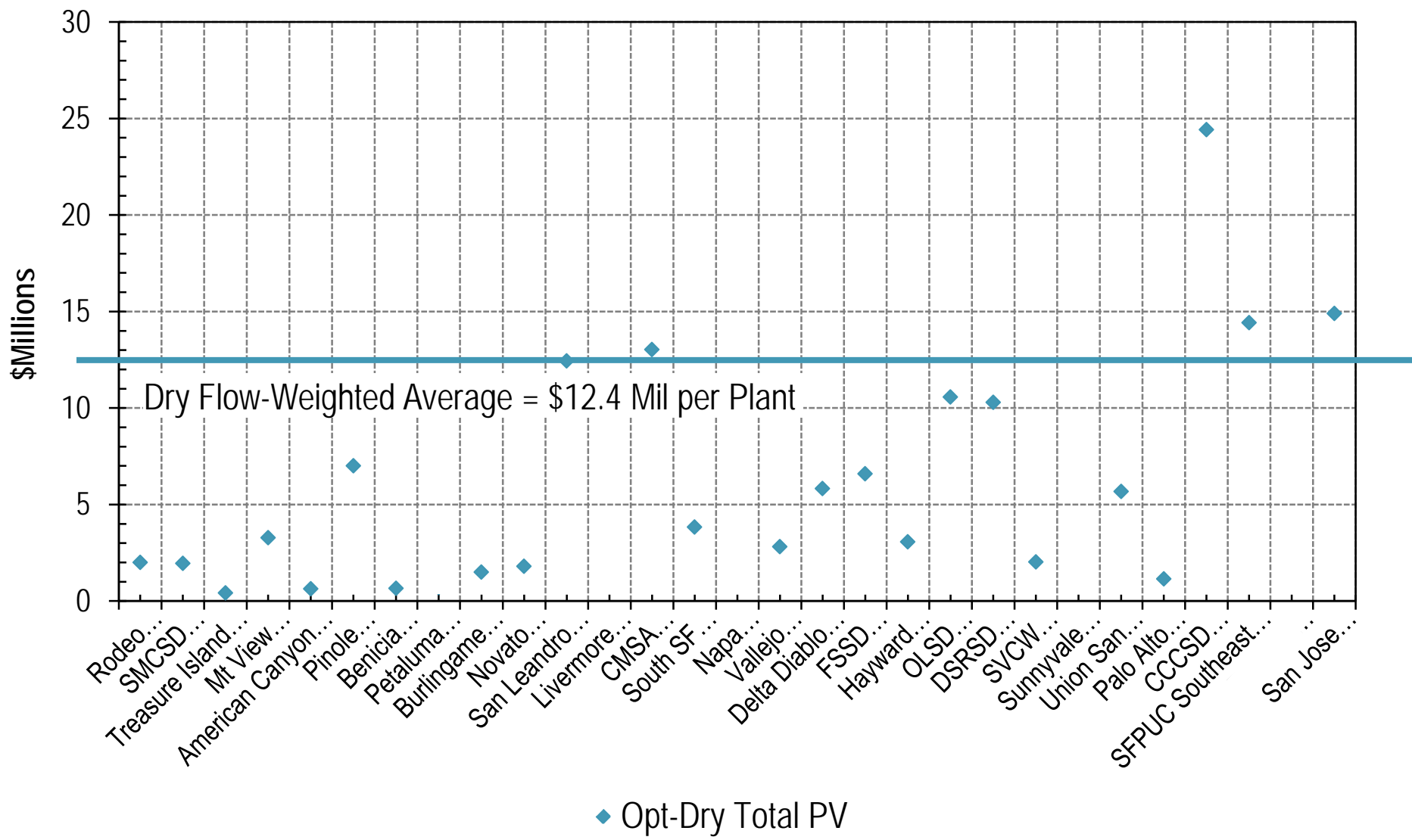
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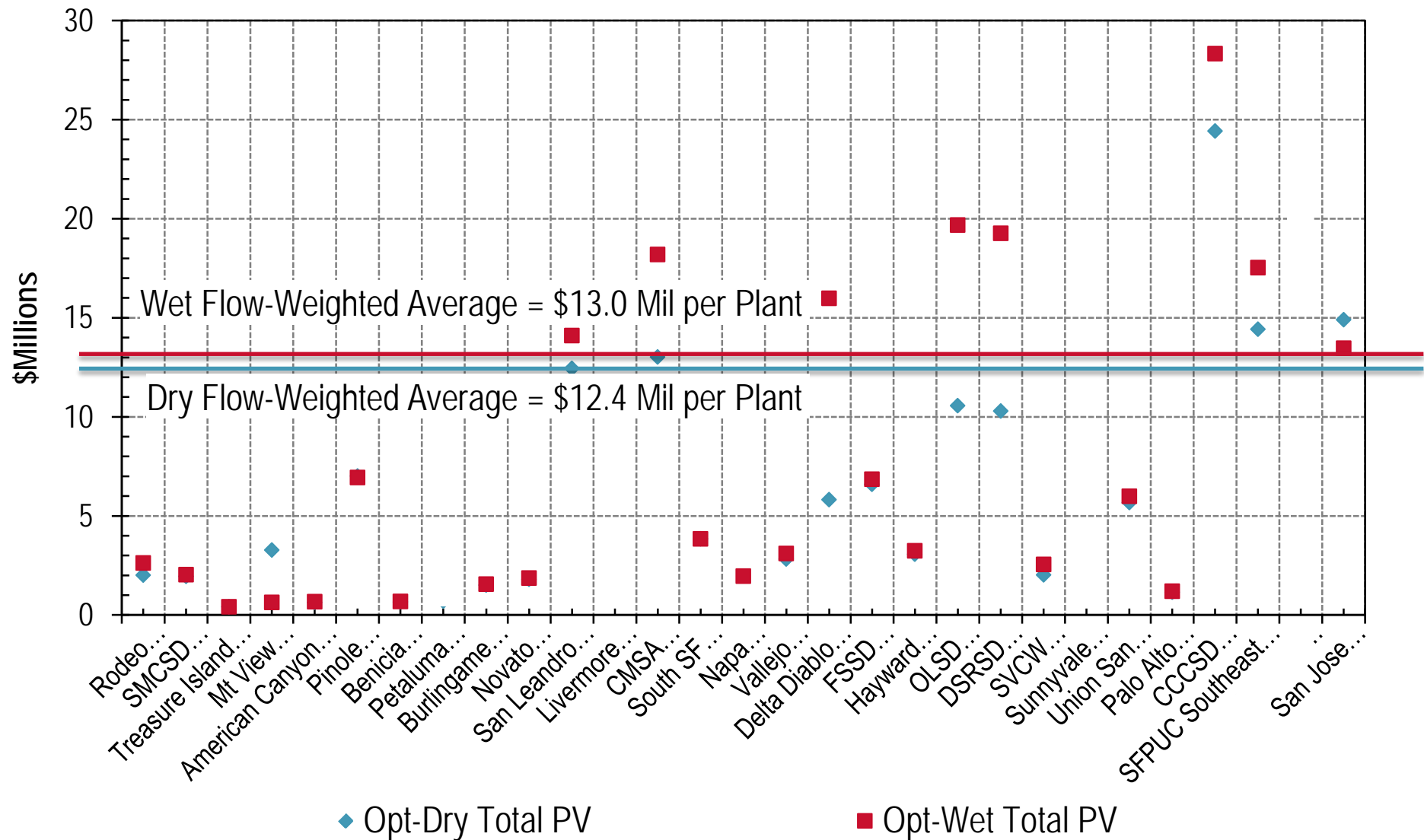
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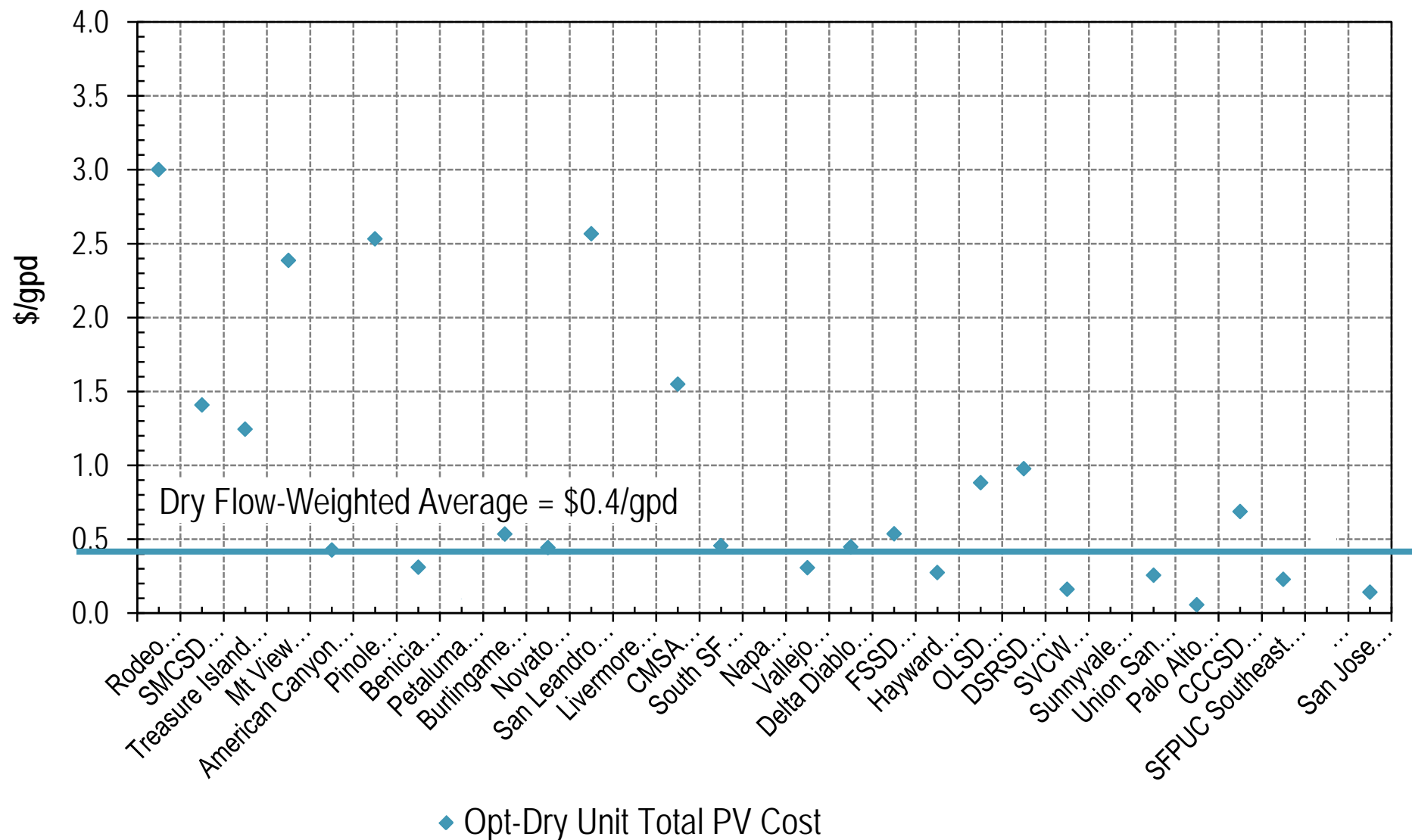
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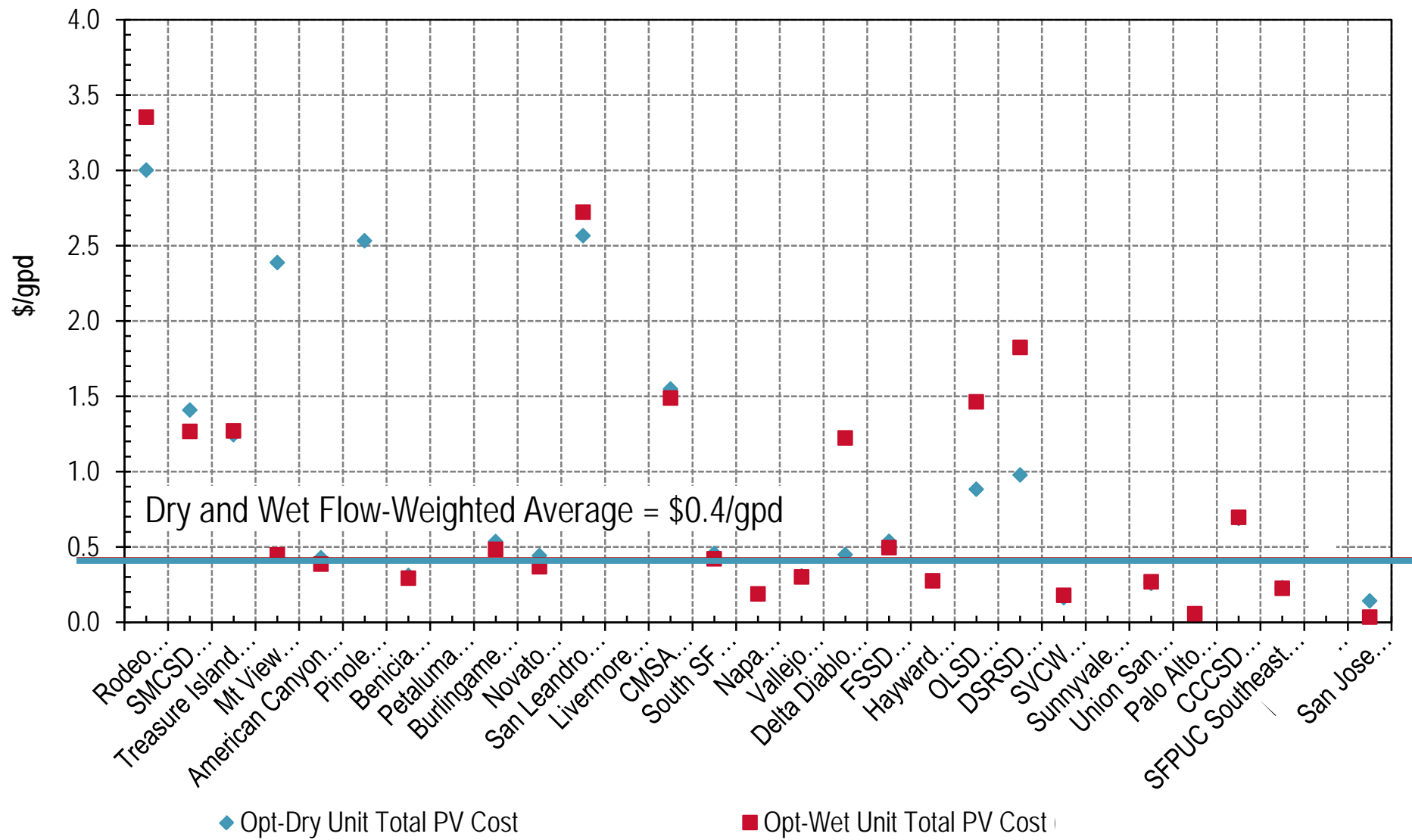


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# **Preliminary Upgrades Results**

# Upgrades Approach

## ■ Basis of Evaluation

- Identify upgrade strategies to meet effluent targets
- Planning Period: 30 Years
- Loading: Permitted Capacity
- Design Criteria: Reliability – meet permit limits

## ■ Concepts

- Sidestream Treatment
- Design Facilities for Level 2 that could be further upgraded to meet Level 3 – no stranded assets
- Technology Status: Established Technologies

## Treatment Levels

Level	Ammonia	TN	TP
Level 1	--	Optimization	--
Level 2	2 mg N/L	15 mg N/L	1.0 mg P/L
Level 3	2 mg N/L	6 mg N/L	0.3 mg P/L



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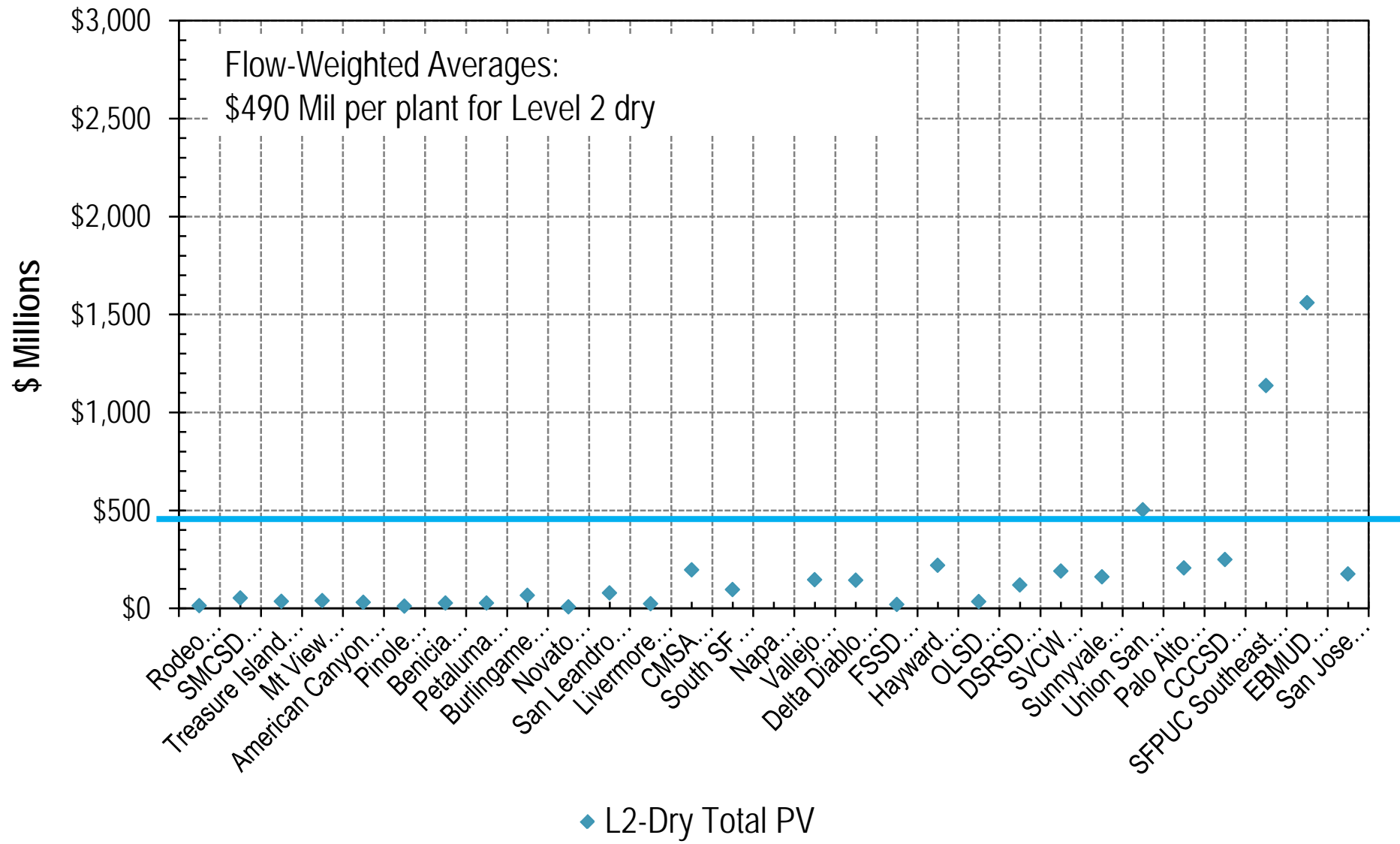
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Load Reduction with Respect to Current Discharge:

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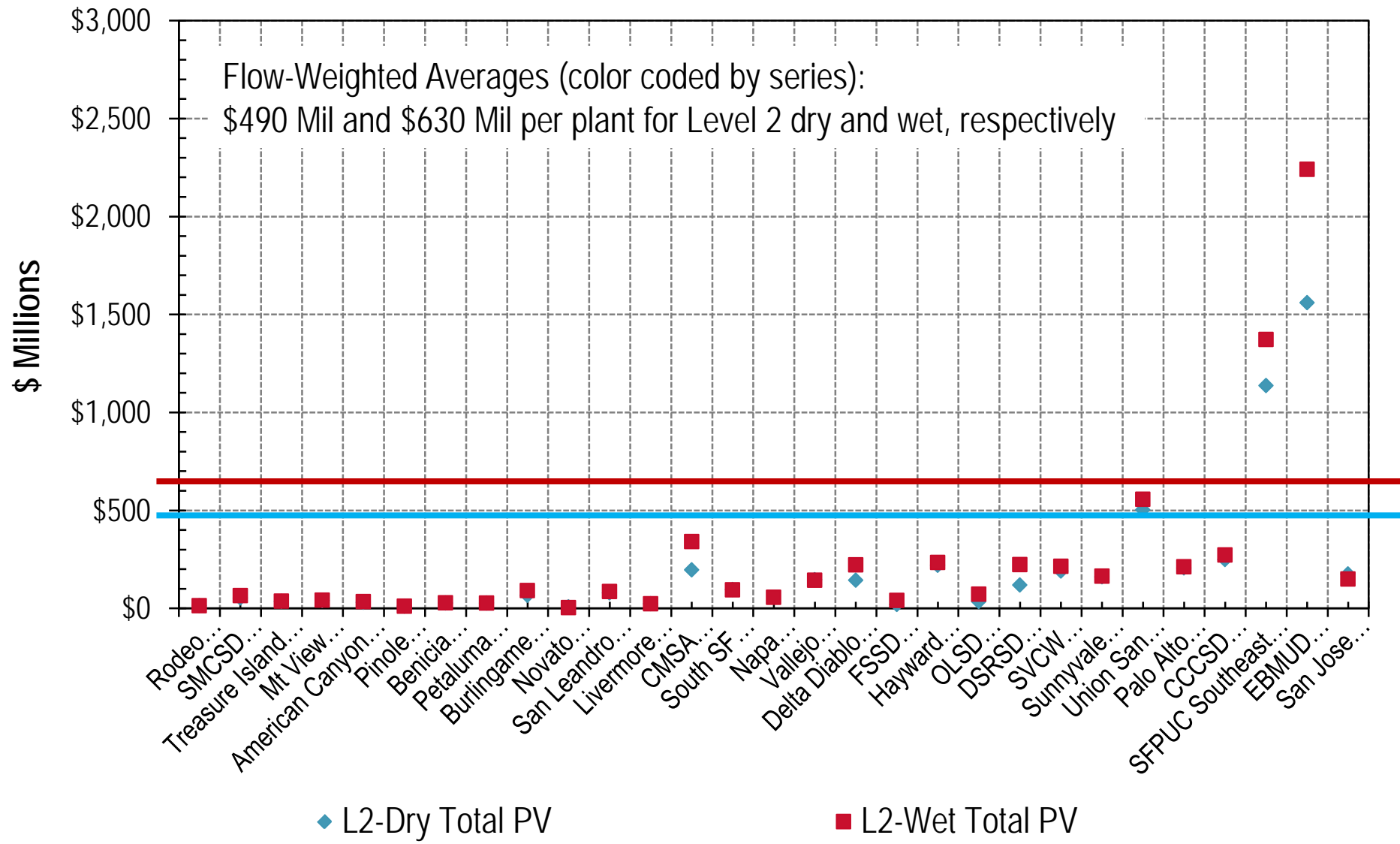
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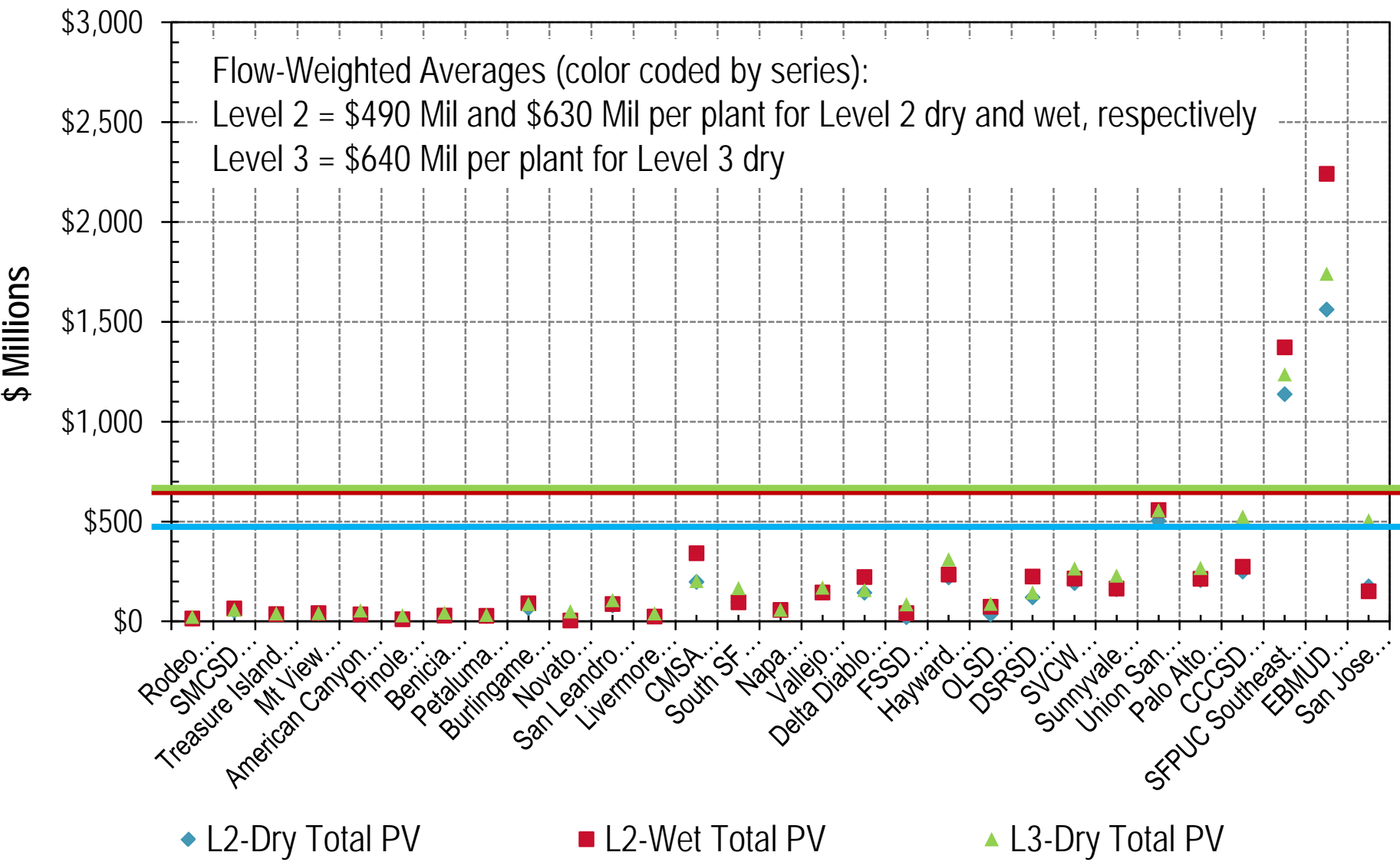
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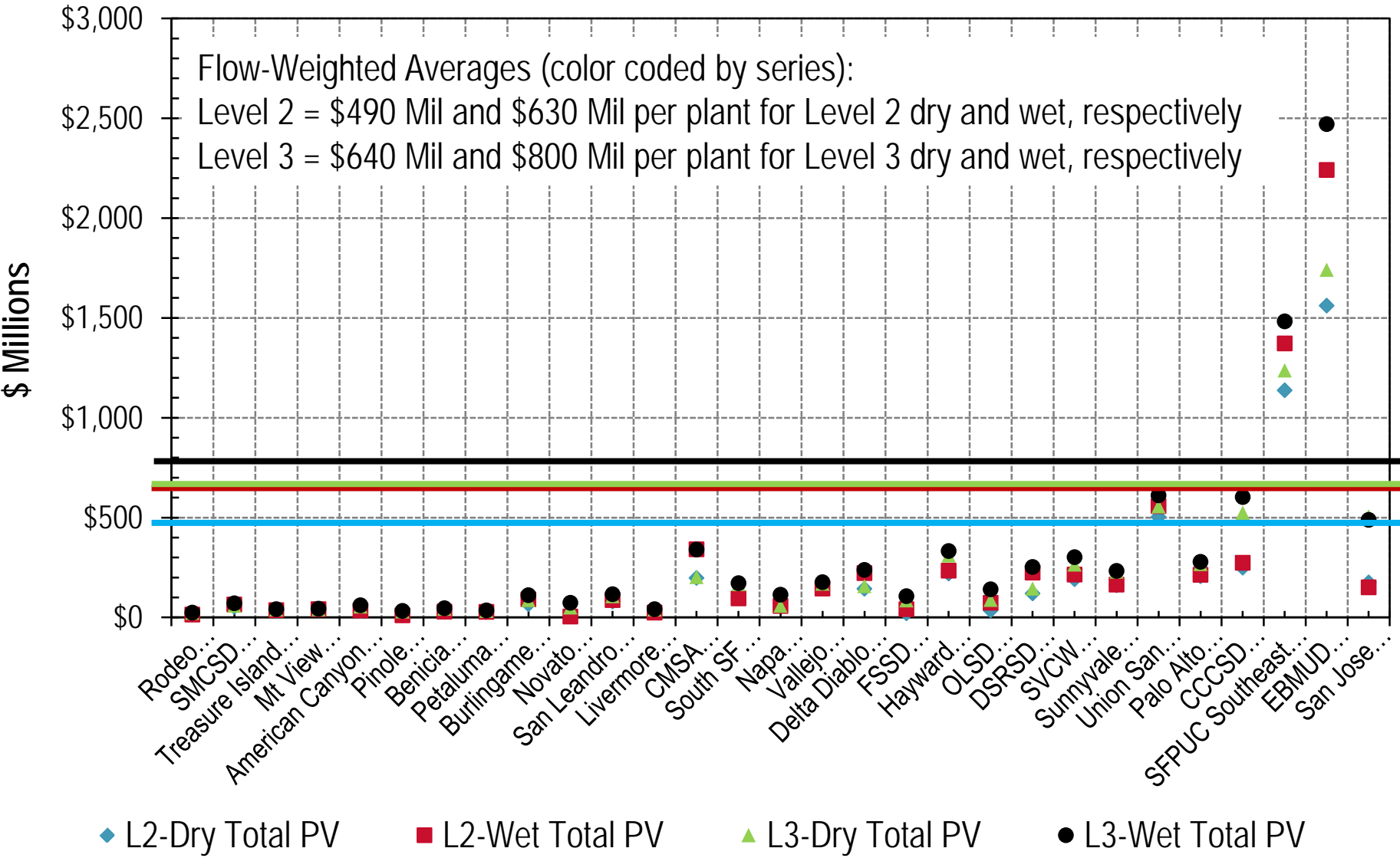
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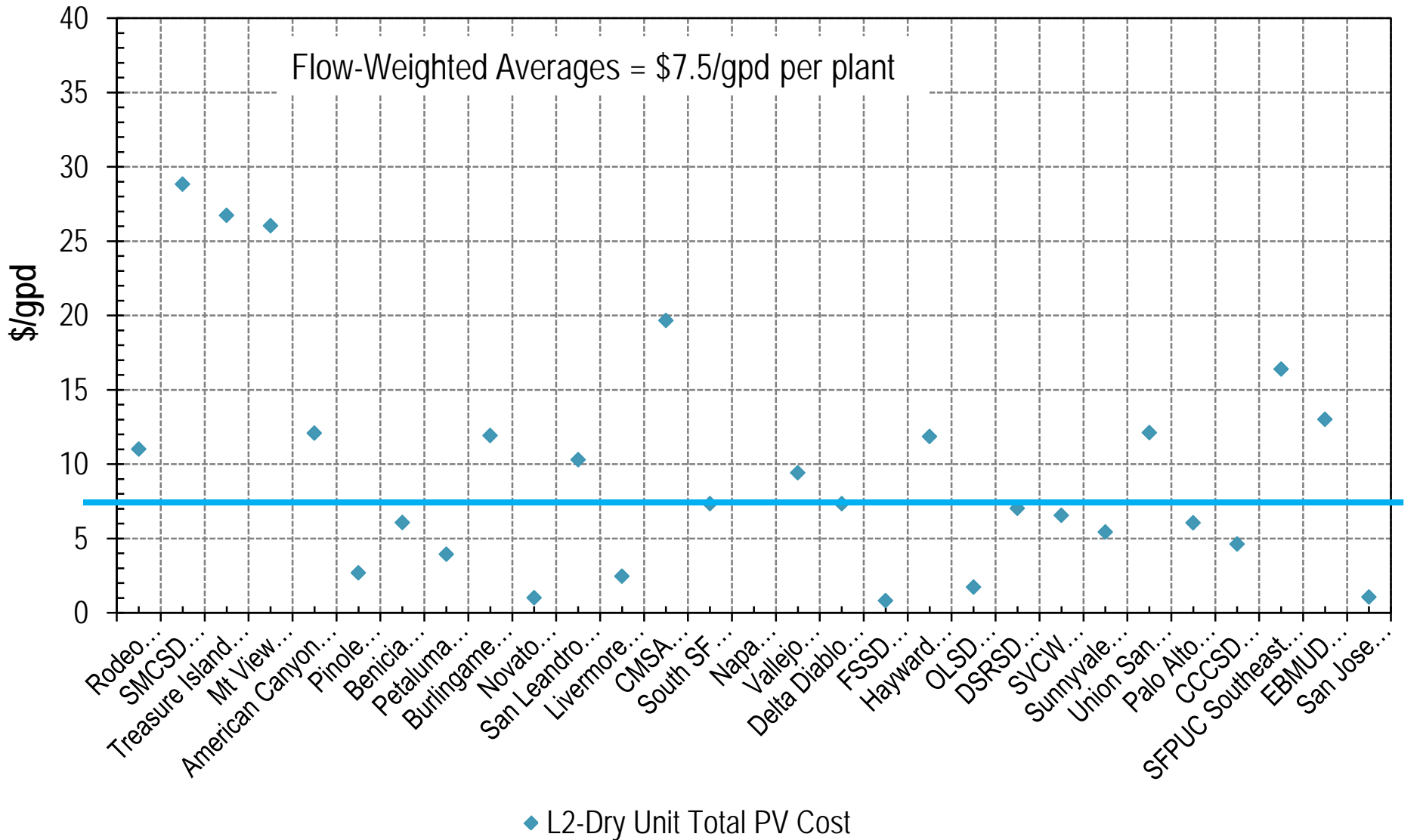
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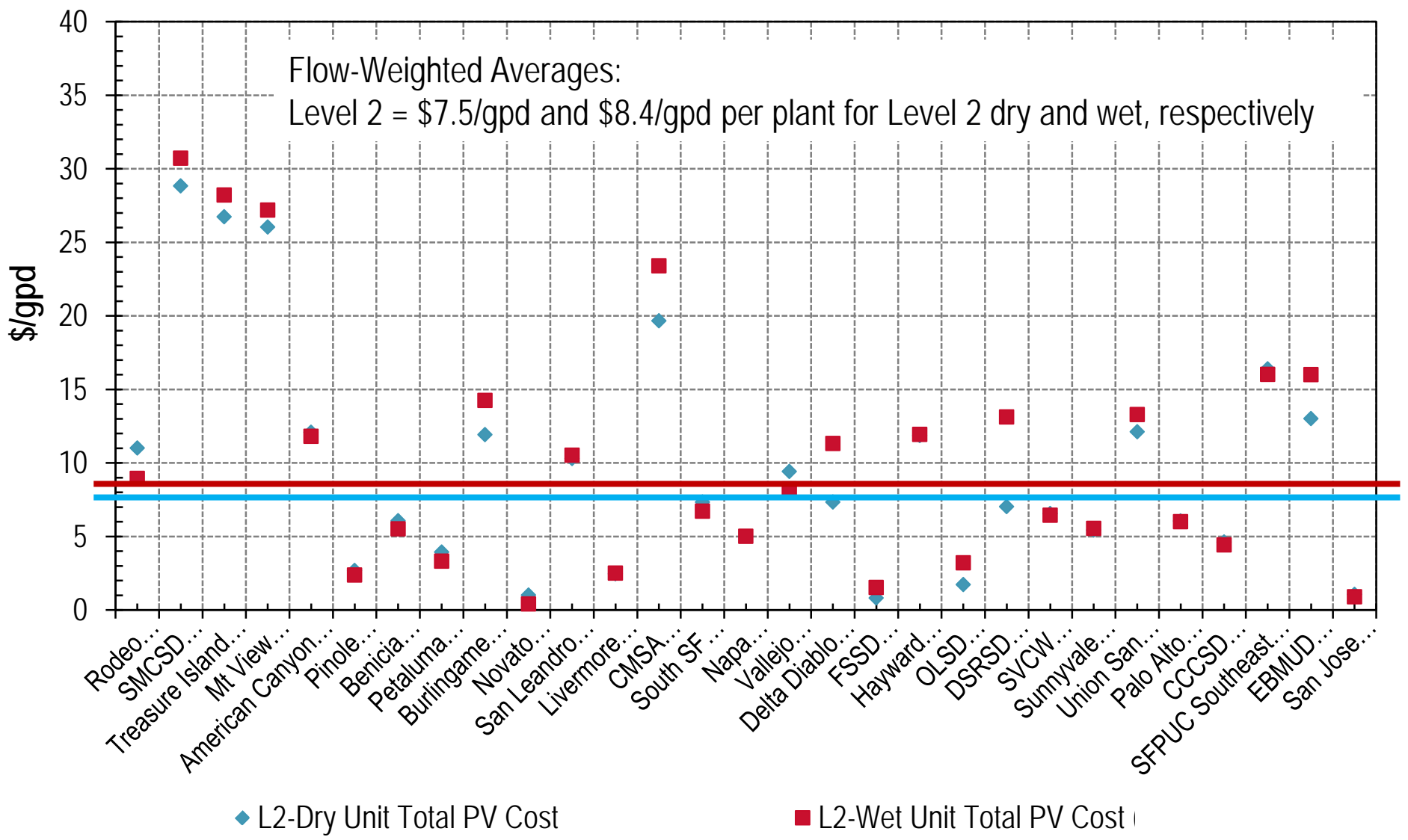
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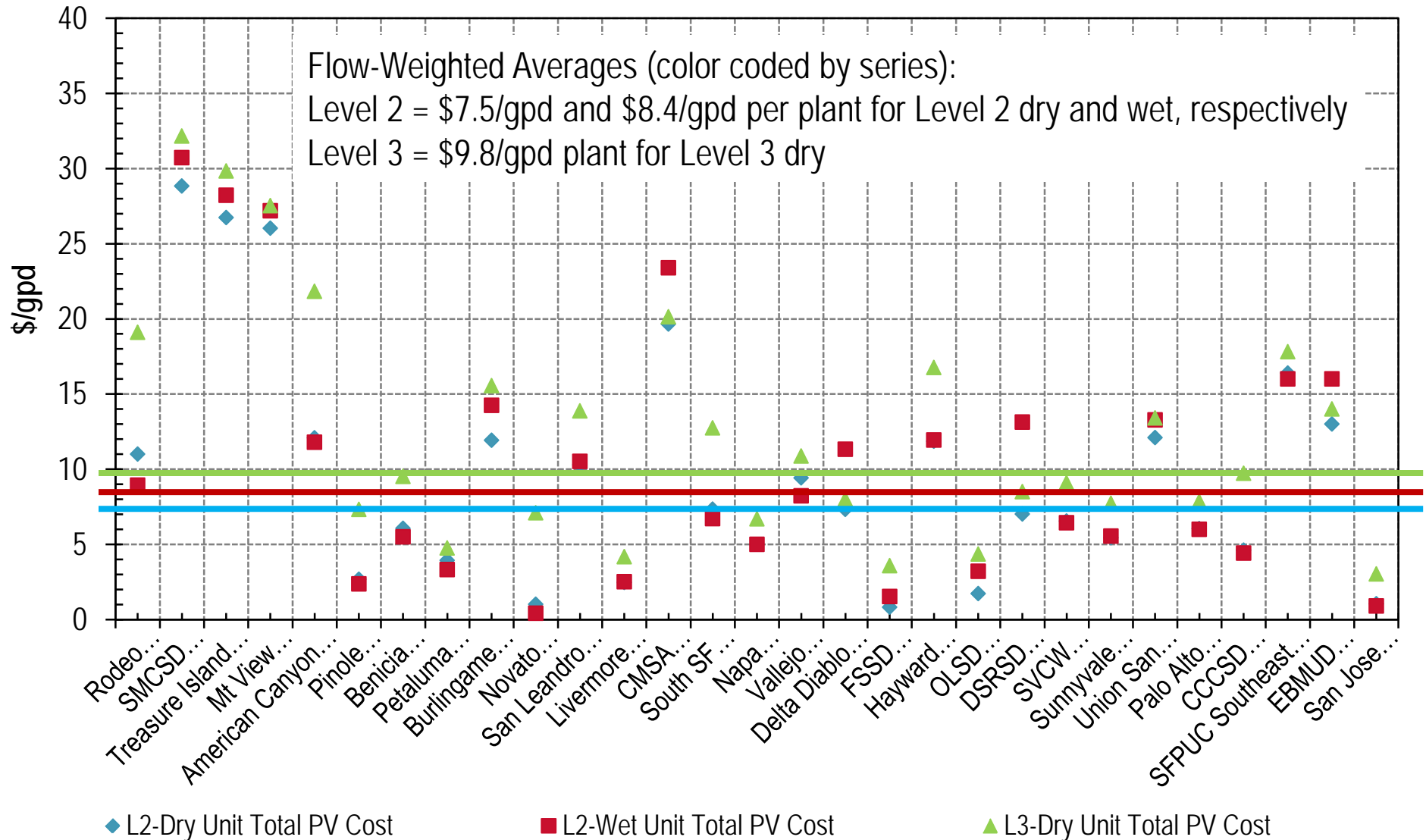
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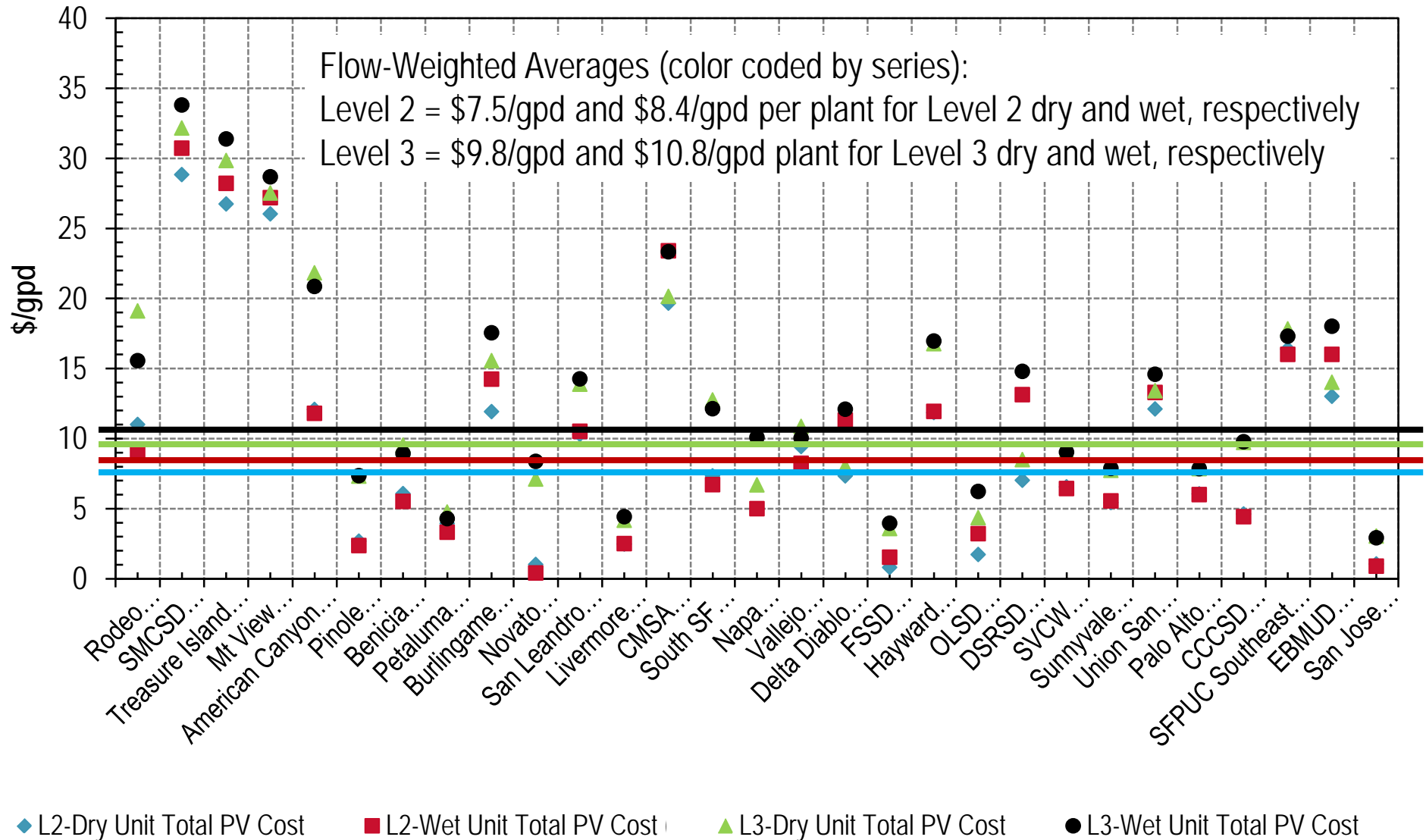
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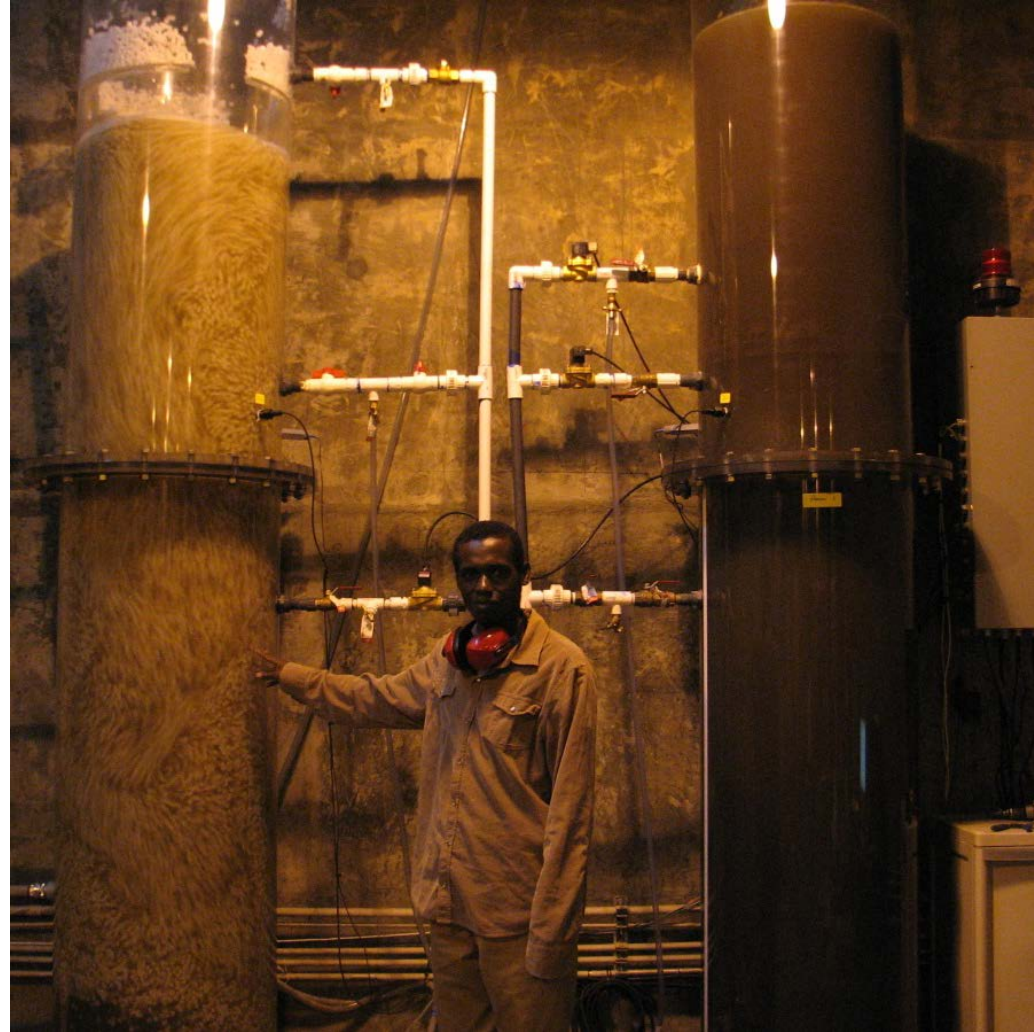
- Identify upgrade strategies to reduce nutrients
- Planning Period: 30 Years
- Loading: Design Capacity
- Design Criteria:
  - Year-round sidestream
  - Sufficient Dewatering Frequency ( $\geq 4$  days/week)
  - Water temperature governs technology selection

## ■ Concepts

- Ammonia/TN Removal:
  - Conventional nitrification technology
  - Deammonification technology
- TP Removal: metal salt precipitation

## ■ Acknowledgements

- EPA Regional Grant led by EBMUD
- Agencies that hosted pilots



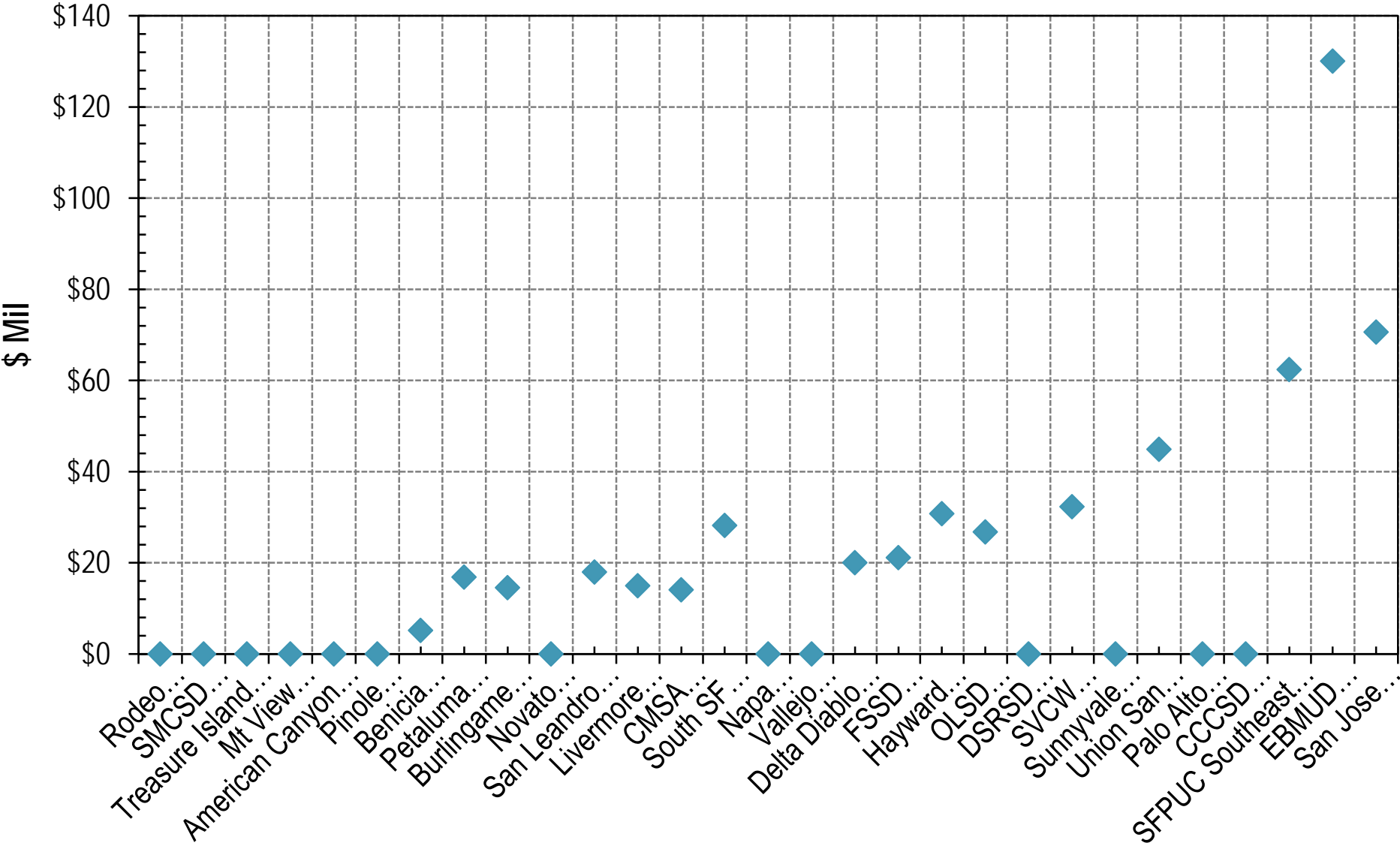


# DRAFT Plants Eligible for Sidestream Treatment by Subembayment

Subembayment	No. Plants Eligible for Ammonia Discharge Reduction to the Bay	No. Plants Eligible for Total Nitrogen Discharge Reduction to the Bay
Suisun Bay	1	2
San Pablo Bay	1	4
Central Bay	6	6
South Bay	11	11
Lower South Bay	0	2
Total	19	25

# DRAFT Total PV Costs for Sidestream

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# DRAFT Sidestream Findings for the 29 Plants

- Criteria used for screening:
  - Year-round sidestream
  - Year-round discharge
  - Sufficient dewatering frequency ( $\geq 4$  days/week)
- Number of candidate plants
  - 19 out of 37 plants if ammonia reduction is the discharge objective
  - 25 out of 37 plants if TN reduction is the discharge objective
- Costs
  - The Total PV costs is \$550M
  - Flow-weighted average = \$1.9/lb N removed
- The overall Ammonia/TN load reduction from Current Discharge is 22 and 17 percent, respectively



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TN Load Reduction Ave	%	14	17 - 22	58	83
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Unit Total PV Cost Flow-Weighted Average	\$/gpd	0.4	--	7.5	9.8
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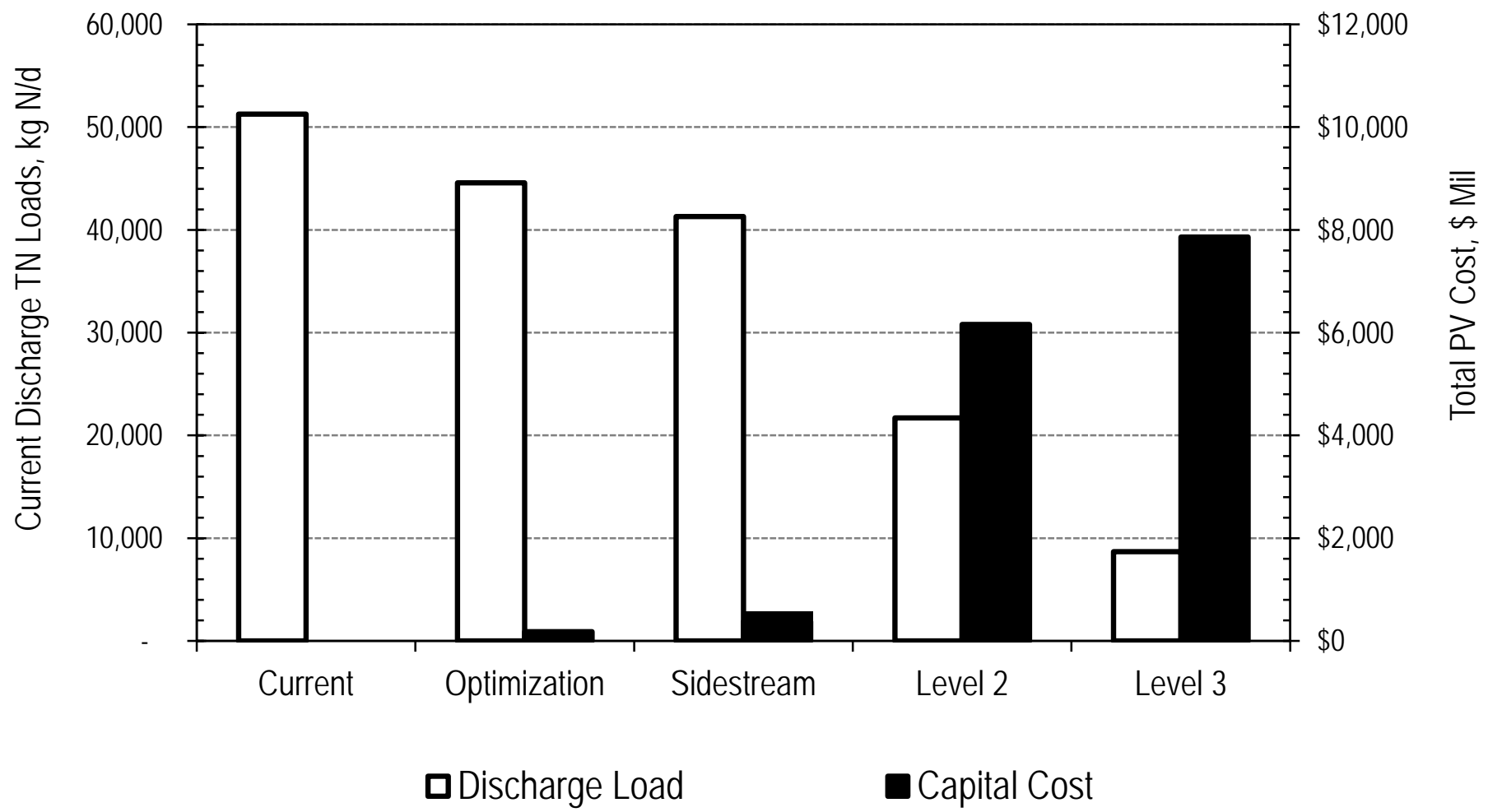
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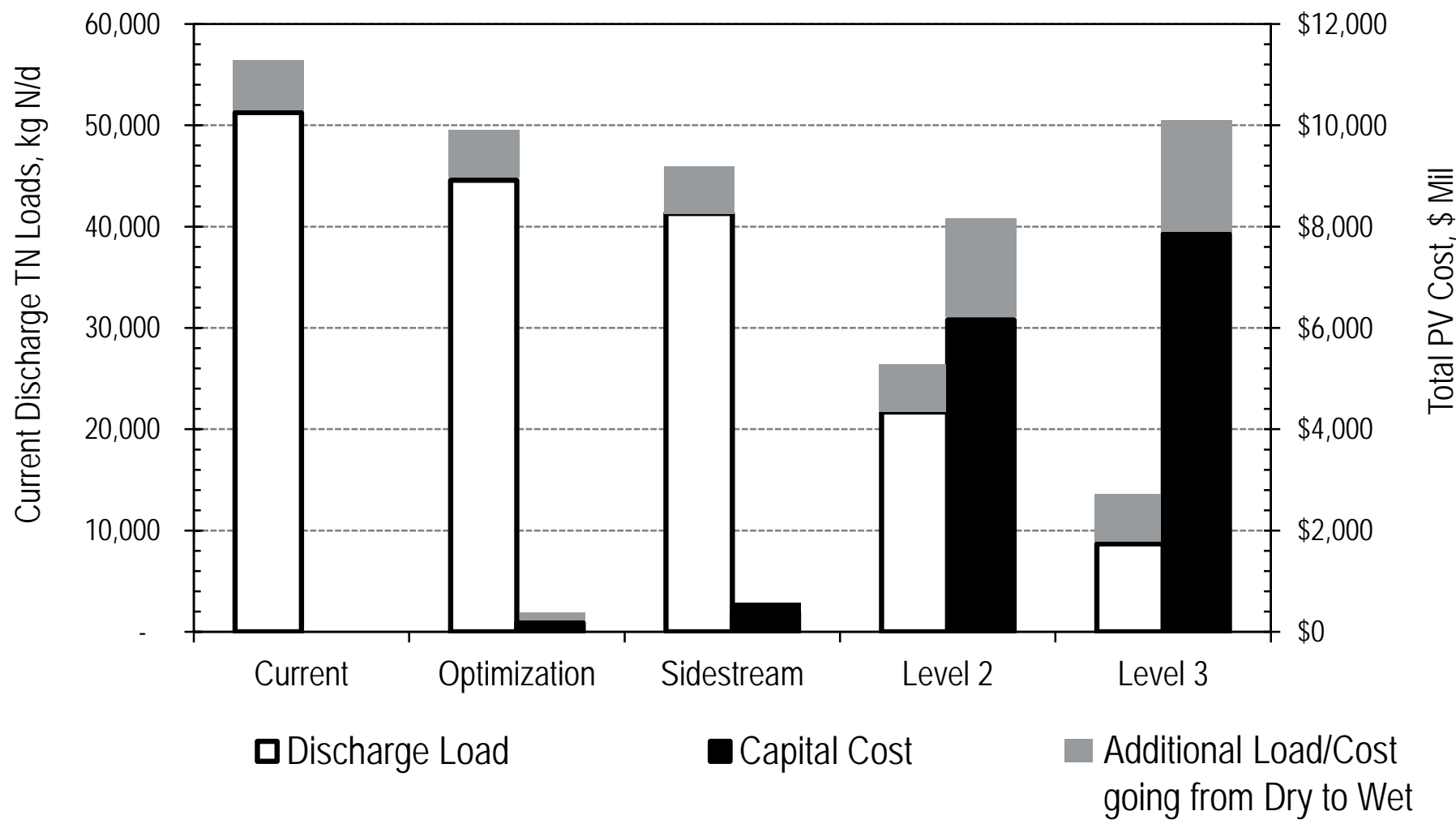


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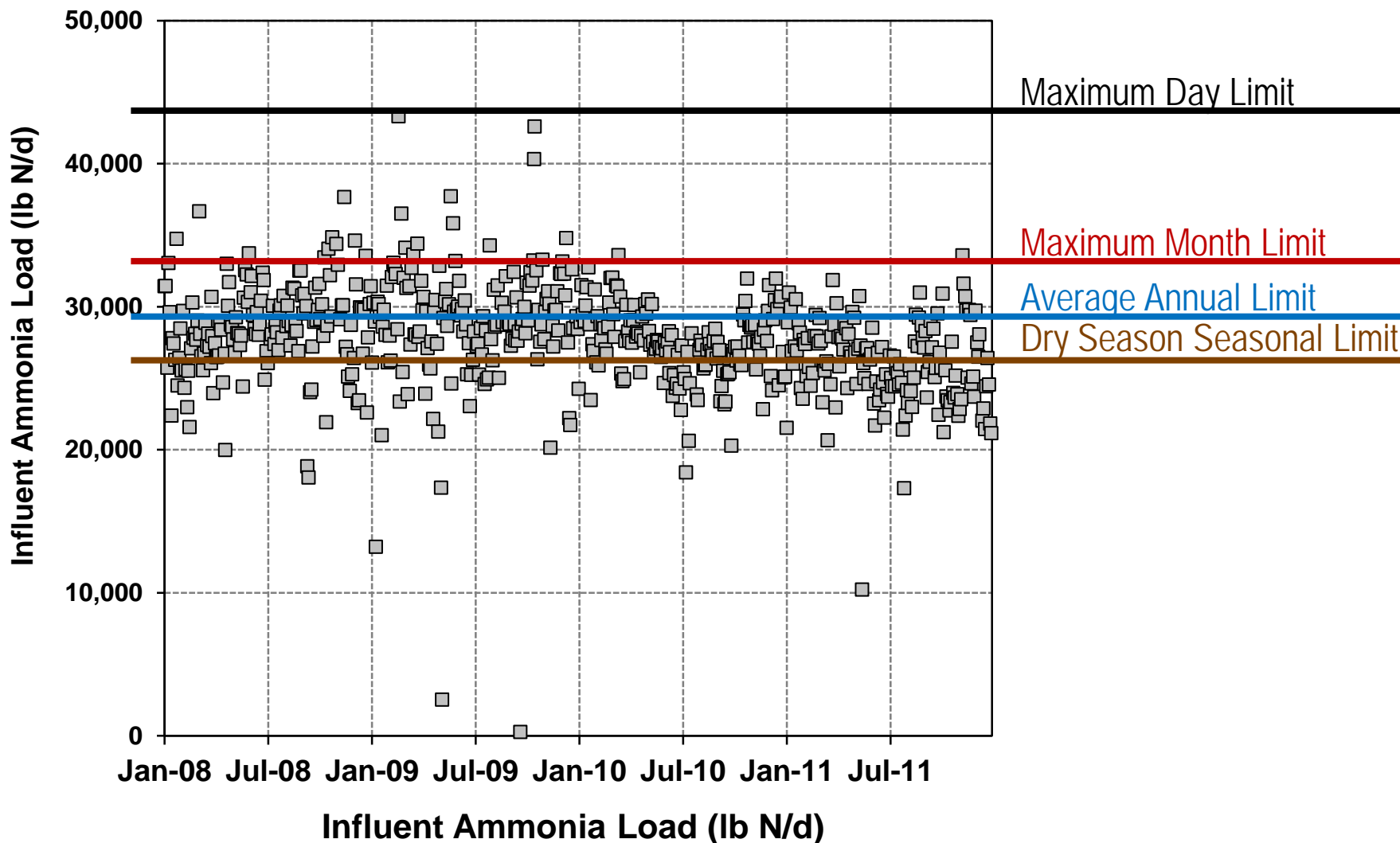


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# Role of Averaging Periods

# Importance of Averaging Periods





# Role of Averaging Periods on SRT and Basin Volume

An aerial photograph of a wastewater treatment plant. The image shows various circular and rectangular tanks, buildings, and a river on the left. A large black rectangular box is overlaid on the left side of the image, partially obscuring some of the tanks and buildings.

Maximum Day

SRT for Various Ave Periods

Ave Annual SRT = 8.0 d

Max Month SRT = 10 d

Max Day SRT = 15 d

***Averaging Periods Govern the SRT and Overall Basin Volume***

# Role of Averaging Periods on Cost: Oro Loma for Level 3

Parameter	Units	Dry Season			Wet Season		
		Ave Annual	Max Month	Max Day	Ave Annual	Max Month	Max Day
Capital PV	\$ Mil	60	68	84	66	73	110
O&M	\$ Mil /yr	5.7	6.0	6.3	6.1	6.6	7.1
O&M PV	\$ Mil	130	134	140	137	147	159
Total PV	\$ Mil	190	202	224	203	221	267
NH4 Load Reduction *	%	97	99	>99	92	99	>99

\* Based on 6-years historical data from Hampton Roads Sanitation District VIP Plant





# Nutrient Load Reduction by Other Means



# BACWA Recycled Water Survey 2015

Agency Name (Recycled Water Producer):

Recycled Water Distributors/Retailers:

## CURRENT AND PROJECTED FUTURE AMOUNT OF RECYCLED WATER BY USE CATEGORY (in acre-feet)

	Total Distribute	Confidence (see Note B)	Golf Course Irrigation (See Note C)	Landscape (see Note D)	Commercial (see Note E)	Industrial (see Note F)	Agricultural (see Note G)	Environmental Enhancement (see Note H)	Internal Use (see Note I)	GW Recharge for Indirect Potable Reuse	Surface Water Augmentation	Direct Potable Reuse	Other Non- potable Reuse (See Note J)	RO concentrate or other return	Comments
Type of RW (See Note A):															
Current			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
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## 2015 MONTHLY RECYCLED WATER DISTRIBUTION DATA BY USE CATEGORY (in acre-feet)

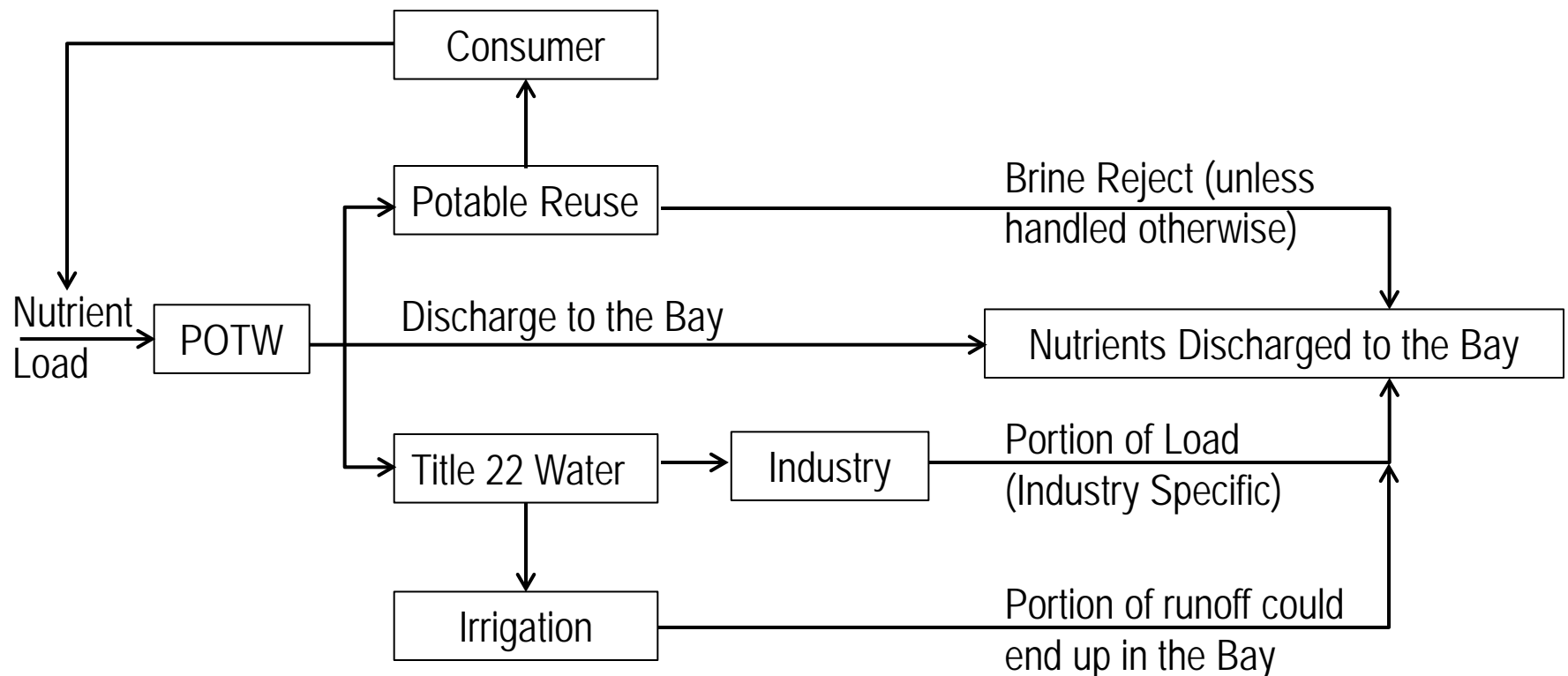
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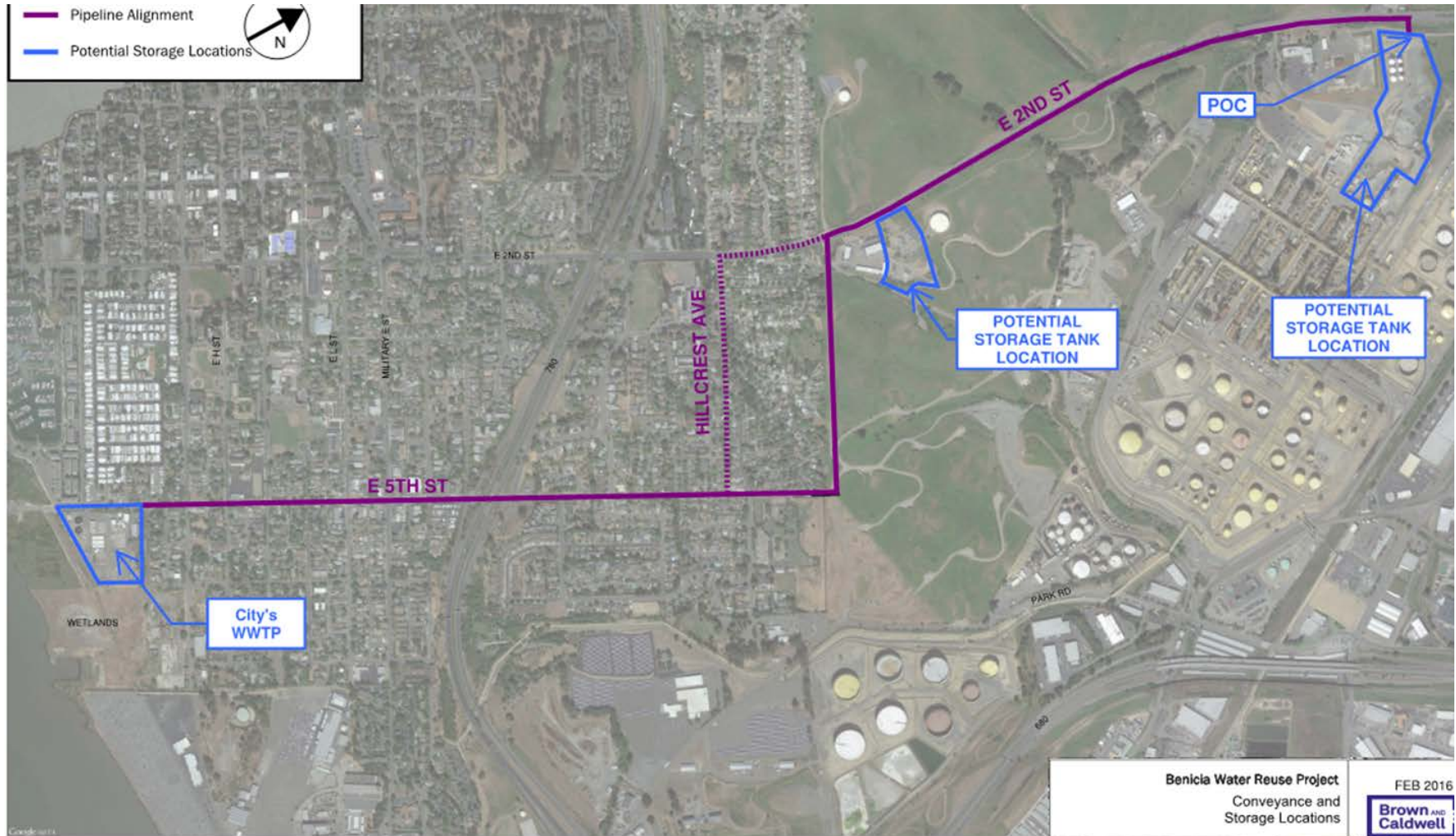
# Preliminary Recycled Water Survey Results Distribution

- Overall: About half of the plants have completed the surveys (22).
- We are still quantifying the water uses (purple pipe vs potable reuse) and where the loads end up

## Fate of Nutrients that Exit a POTW (Excludes Biosolids)



# City of Benicia: Recycled Water Project



Produce up to 2,200 AFY (~2mgd) of Title 22 Recycled Water at the City's WWTP for use as cooling tower makeup water at the Valero Benicia Refinery and irrigation water for City customers





# **Group Annual Report (GAR)**

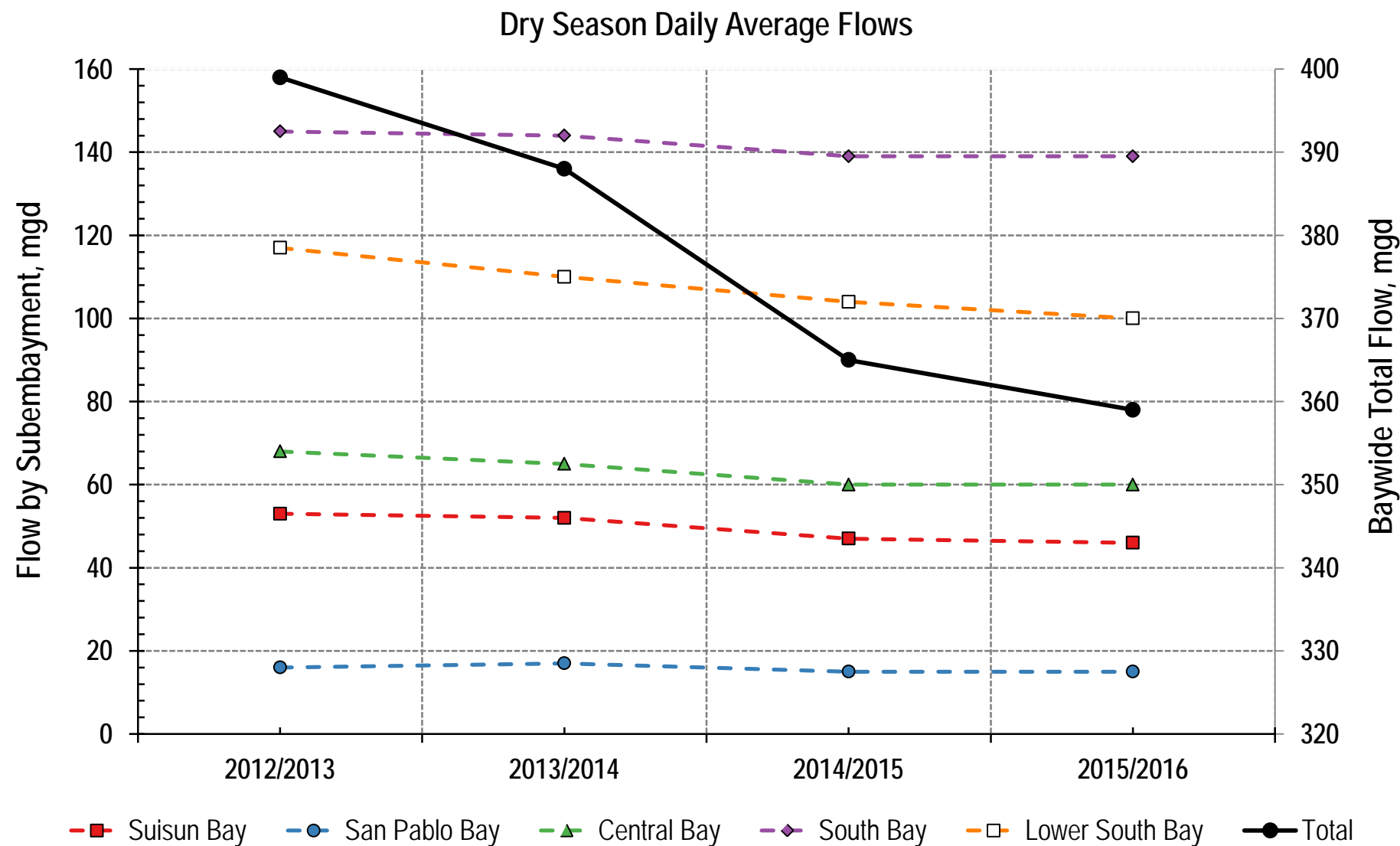
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# 2016 Group Annual Report: Changes from 2015 Submittal

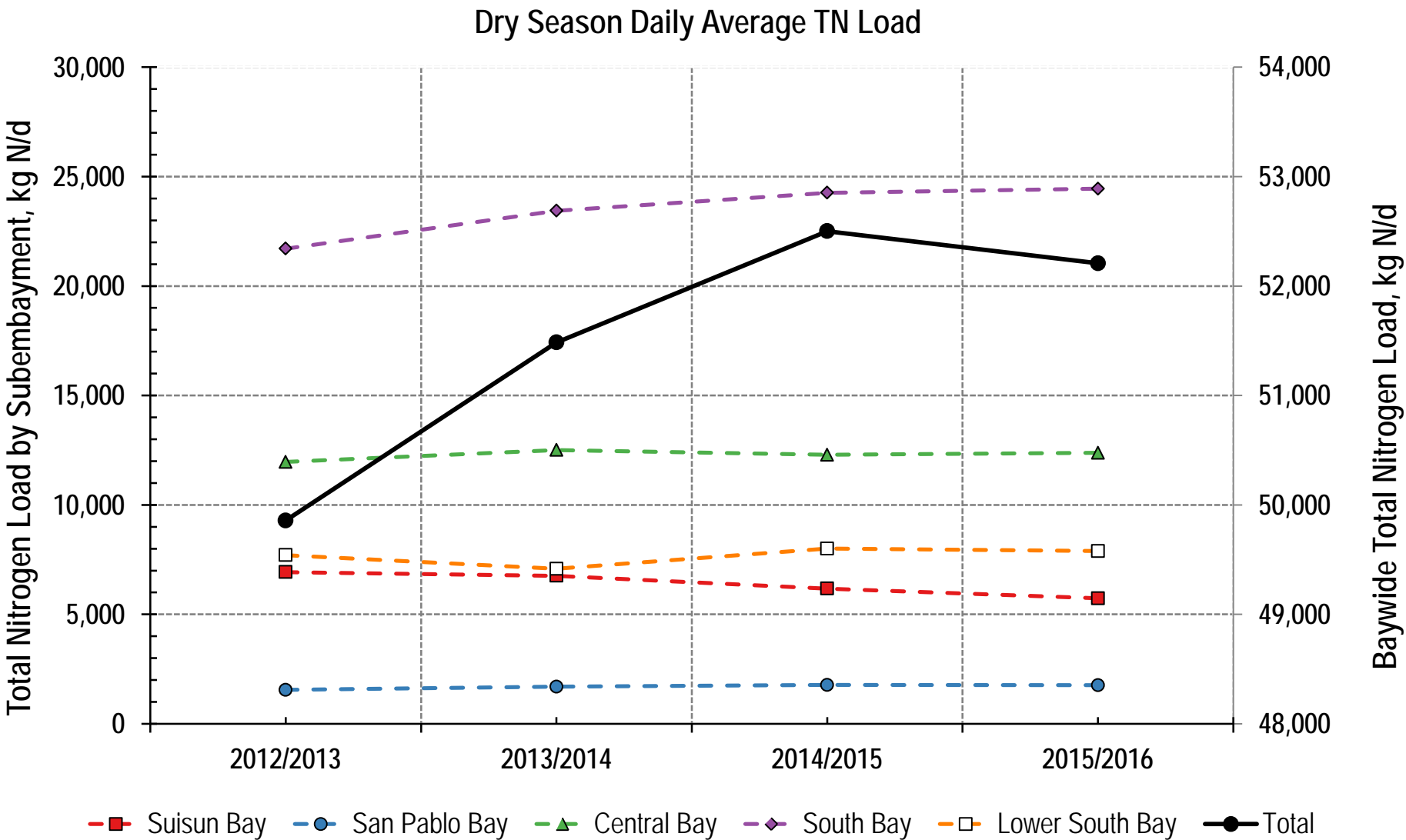


- Provided Input:
  - SRP Terminology / Data Reporting
    - Dissolved orthophosphate
  - Recycled Water Data Collection
- Used the template to streamline 2016 data collection
- Raw influent data collected to avoid misinterpretation of flow and load data
- Added the percent change in slope with respect to initial three years of data
- Next year: refine the statistical approach

# 2016 GAR Results (Flow)



# 2016 GAR Results (TN Load)





# Schedule

- Complete all draft reports by March 31, 2017
- Address comments and submit updated plant reports by July 31, 2017
- Prepare draft summary report by September 30, 2017



# **DRAFT: Summary of Draft Report Findings**

- 29 out of 37 plants have been analyzed.
  - We anticipate changes to each plant's draft report based on plant provided comments (after draft reports are all released).
  - The evaluation is not intended to serve as a pre-design. The concepts are all plant specific that will require more detailed analysis to verify/confirm any report findings.
- Findings from the 29 plants evaluated thus far:
  - Ammonia removal is the most difficult and expensive of the nutrients evaluated
  - Costs increase with each treatment level and the wet season is typically more expensive than dry.
  - Nutrient load reduction increases with treatment level
- Draft Costs for the 29 plants evaluated thus far:
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- The final results will provide information in parallel with the science plan to assist with making informed management/policy decisions



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# Hip Pocket

# 2016 GAR Results (Ammonia Load)

Dry Season Daily Average Ammonia Load

