

BACWA Workshop #2: Nutrient Reduction by Treatment Optimization and Upgrades Update

7 June 2017





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- 2. Case Studies
- 3. Draft Findings of Nutrient Removal Reports
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 - d) No Net Load Increase
- 4. Key Variables that Impact Results
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- 6. Results of Recycled Water/CIP Surveys
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- 8. Next Steps





Project Background

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

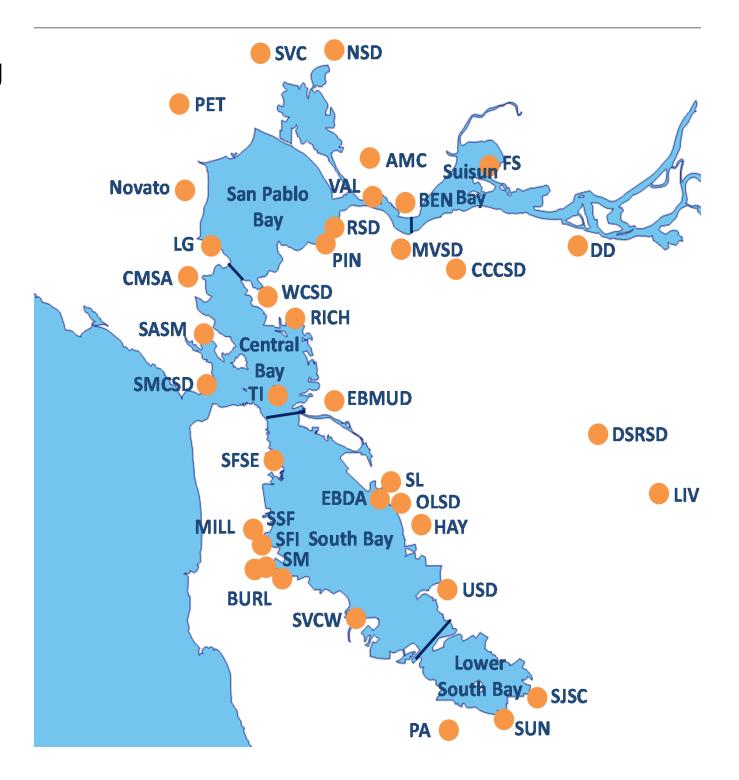
| Discharger | Facility Name | Facility Address | Minor/ Major |
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| | | 1E1 Marratta Court | |

April 9, 2014

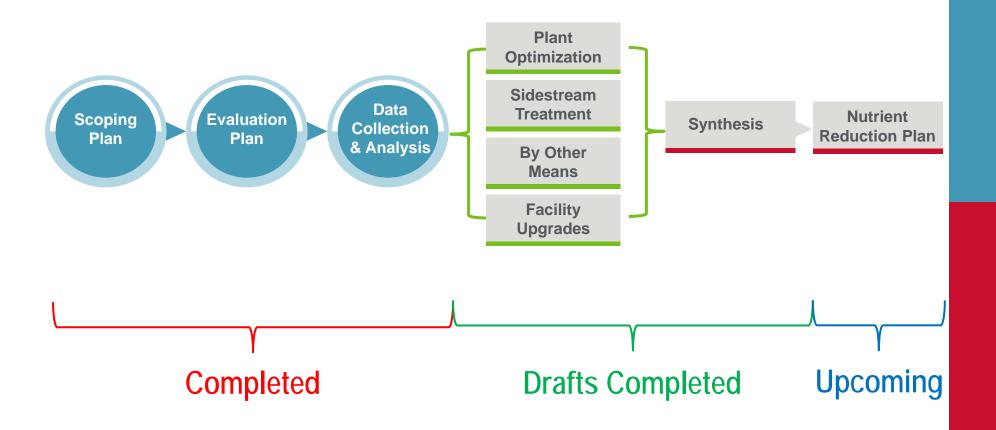
Watershed Permit Requirements

- ➤ 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



Overview / Status of Study



Treatment Levels

| Level | Study | Ammonia | TN | TP |
|-----------|--------------|----------|-----------|------------|
| Level 1 * | Optimization | | <u></u> | |
| Level 2 * | Upgrades | 2 mg N/L | 15 mg N/L | 1.0 mg P/L |
| Level 3 * | Upgrades | 2 mg N/L | 6 mg N/L | 0.3 mg P/L |

^{*} The seasonal impacts will be considered for all three treatment levels:

- Dry Season = May 1 to September 30
- Wet Season = October 1 to April 30

Optimization Approach

Basis of Evaluation

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

Optimization Concepts

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





Upgrades Approach

Basis of Evaluation

- Identify upgrade strategies to meet effluent targets
- o Planning Period: 30 Years
- Loading: Design 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

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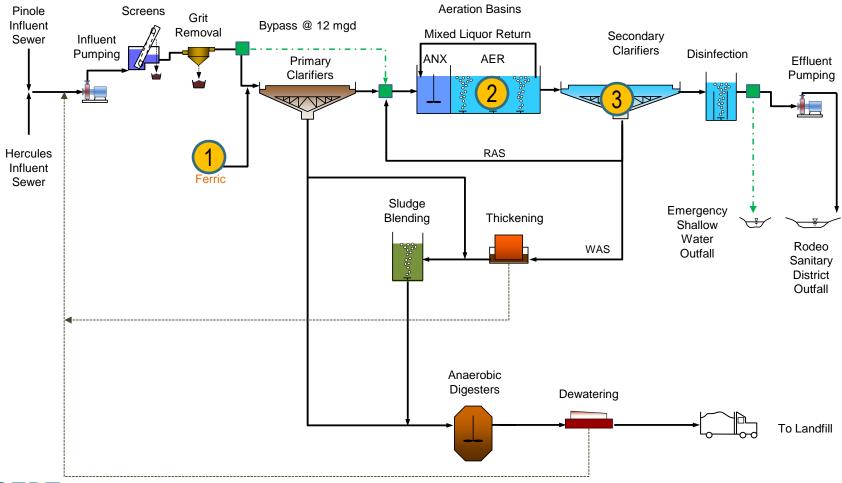
Straight forward, in process of upgrading

Pinole Optimization and Upgrade Concepts

| Process | Current | Optimization * | Sidestream | NNLI | Level 2 | Level 3 |
|-------------------------|---------|----------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Primaries | Yes | | - | Yes | CEPT | CEPT |
| Act Sludge | BOD | | - | BNR (MLE) | BNR (MLE) | BNR (4- stage) |
| Sec Clarifier | Yes | | - | Replace Existing | Replace Existing | Replace Existing |
| Peak Flow | - | | - | Contact Stabilization | Contact Stabilization | Contact Stabilization |
| Filter | - | | - | - | - | Denite Filter |
| Carbon | - | | - | - | - | Yes |
| Fe/Al/Poly | - | | - | - | - | Fe/Pol |
| Sidestream Treatment | - | | No for NH4 Yes for TN Yes for TP | - | - | - |

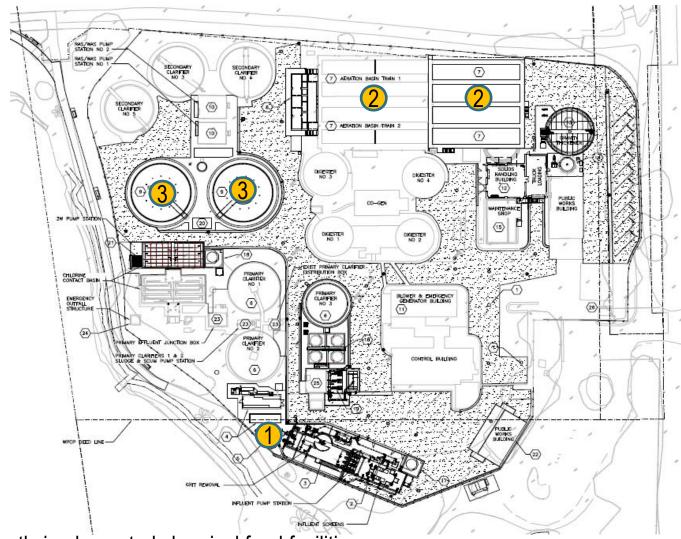
^{*} Plant is under construction for upgrades to meet Level 2

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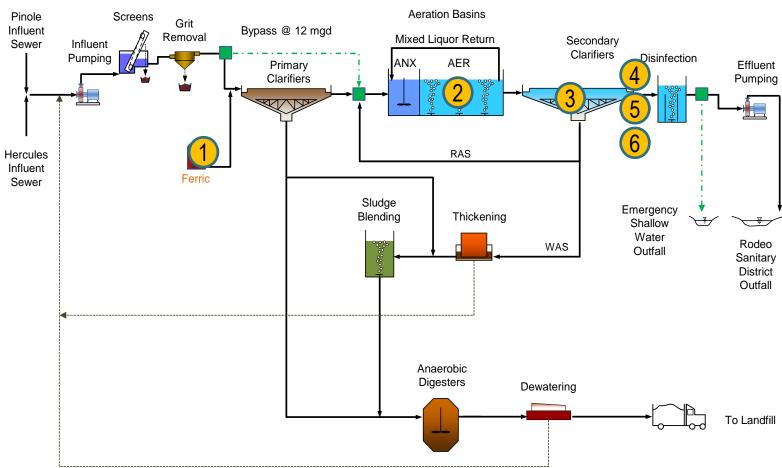
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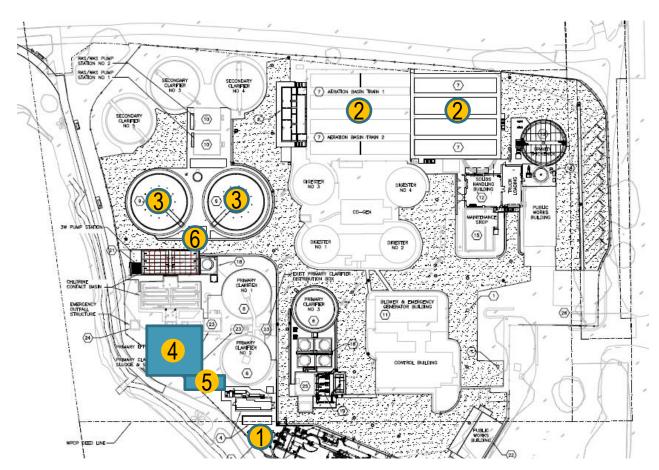


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- 4. Denitrifying Filters: add denitrifying filter complex
- 5. Carbon: add external carbon source
- 6. Metal Salt: add metal salt chemical feed facilities

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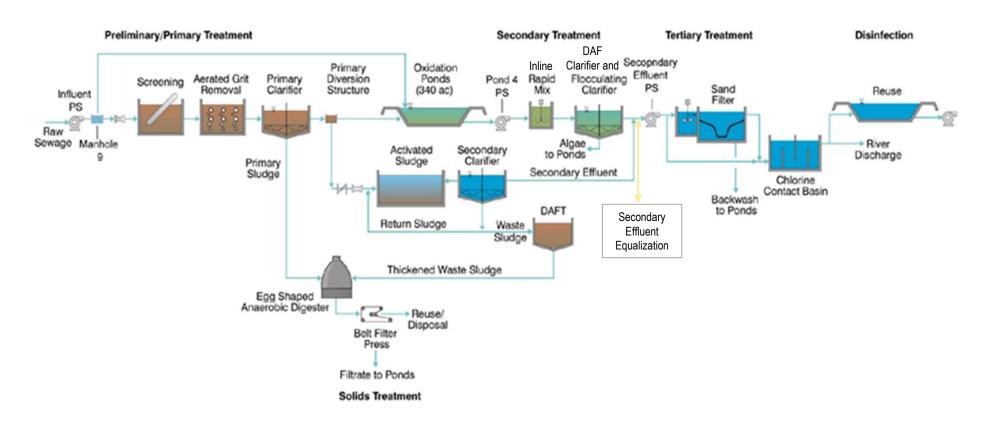


Napa

Challenging due to ponds and seasonal flow variations

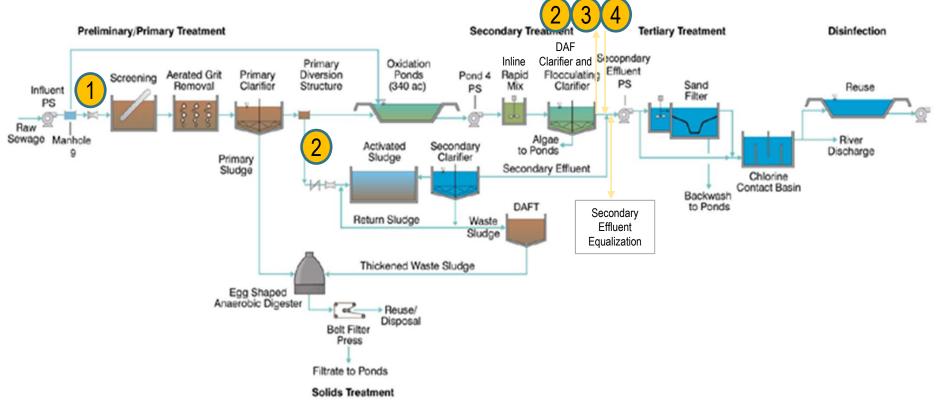
Challenges at Napa

- Split treatment and seasonal storage
- High ammonia in DAF clarifier effluent seasonally
- Not able to reliably meet Level 2 for TN during the winter
- Limited or no discharge in dry season (May through September)



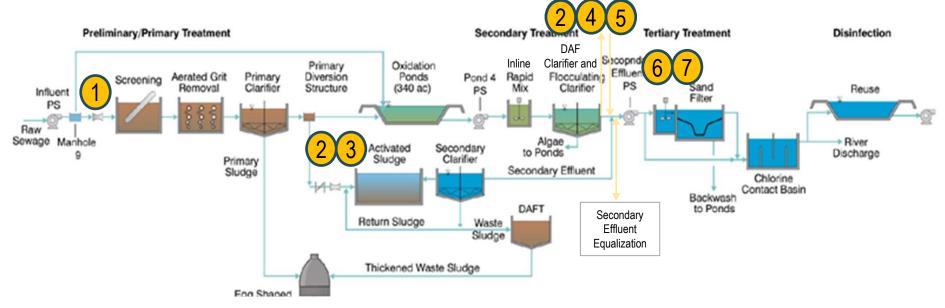
BACWA Upgrades

| Process | Current | Optimize | NNLI | Level 2 | Level 3 |
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| Primaries with Ferric Addition | Yes | Increase winter dose | Increase dose | Increase winter dose | Increase winter dose |
| Act Sludge | BNR (Step- feed) | BNR (Step- feed) | BNR (Step- feed) | BNR (Step- feed) | BNR (4-stage) |
| Alkalinity | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Ponds / DAF Clarifier | High Strength Ammonia (Seasonal) |
| Act Sludge for DAF Clarifier Effluent | - | - | BNR (4-stage / flexible) | BNR (4-stage / flexible) | BNR (4-stage) |
| Secondary Clarifier | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Filter | Partial | Partial | Partial | Partial | Expand; add ferric chloride |
| Carbon | - | - | Yes | Yes | Yes |



- (1) Ferric chloride. Use existing chemical facilities (wet season).
- (2) Methanol. Add methanol (or other carbon source) (wet season).
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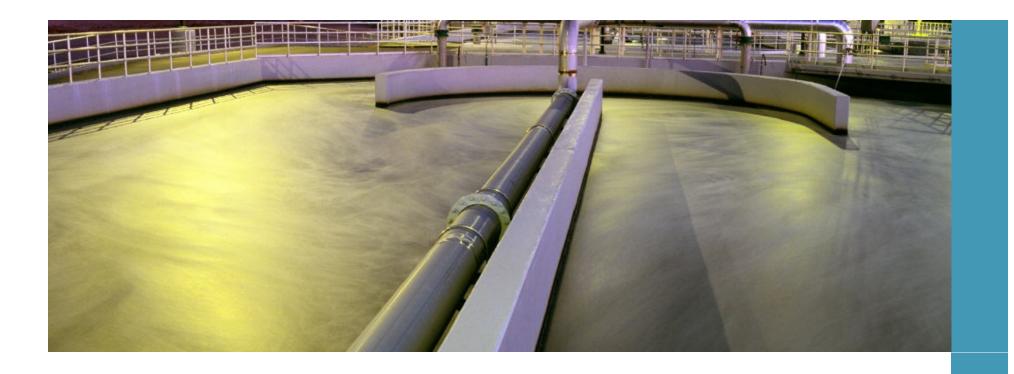


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- (7) Filters. Add media to sixth filter cell.





Draft Findings of Nutrient Removal Reports



Preliminary Optimization Results

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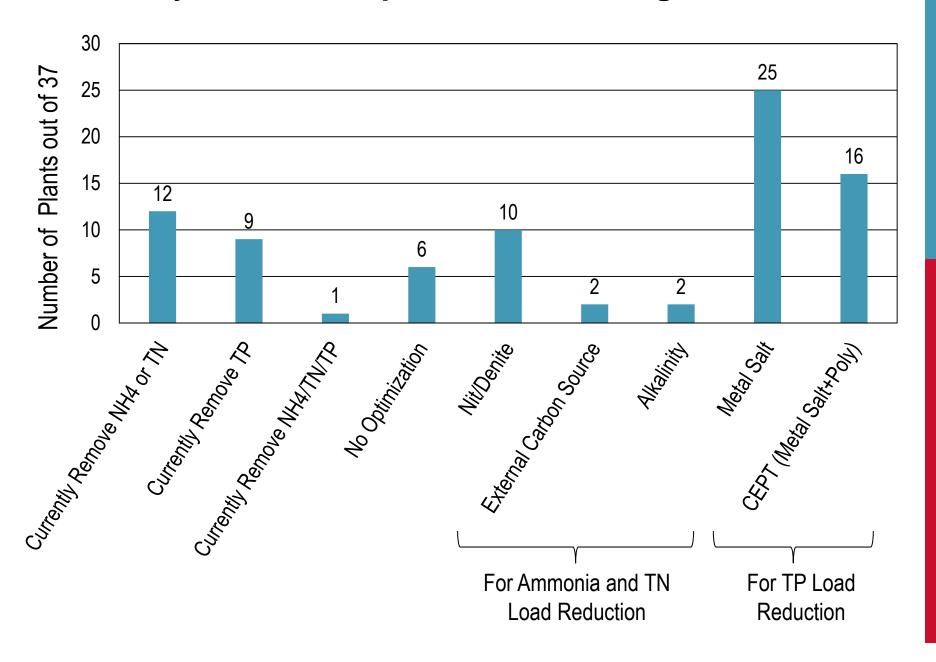
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 - Ranged from \$0.4M to \$28M per plant
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 - Flow-weighted Total PV/lb N rem = ~\$1.4/lb N
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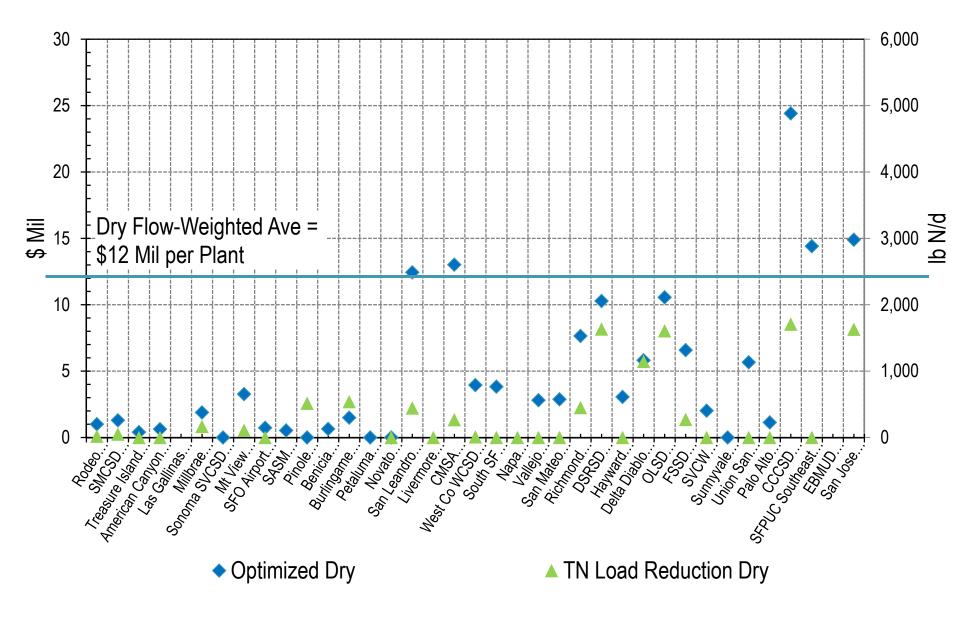
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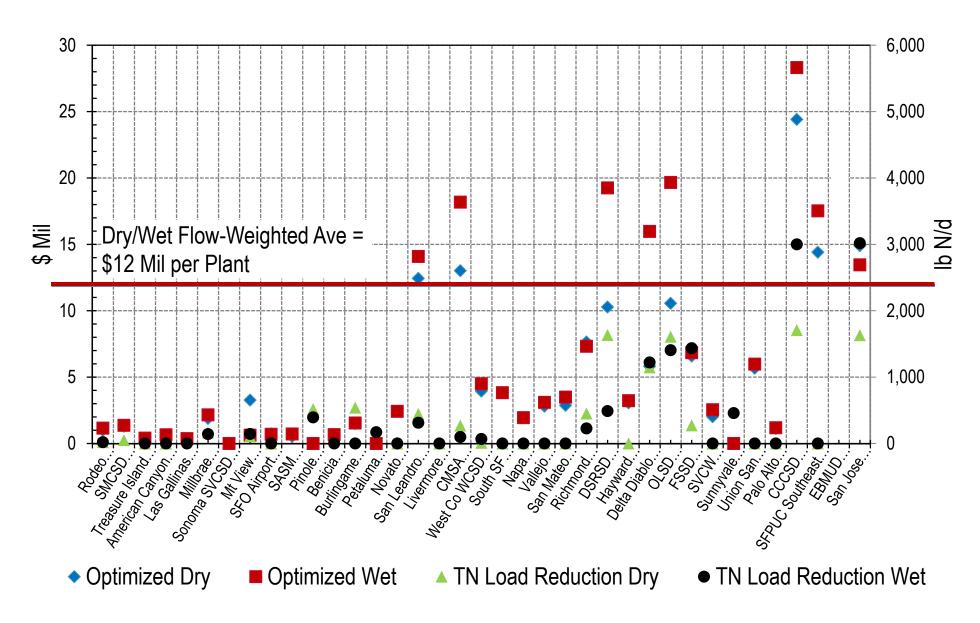


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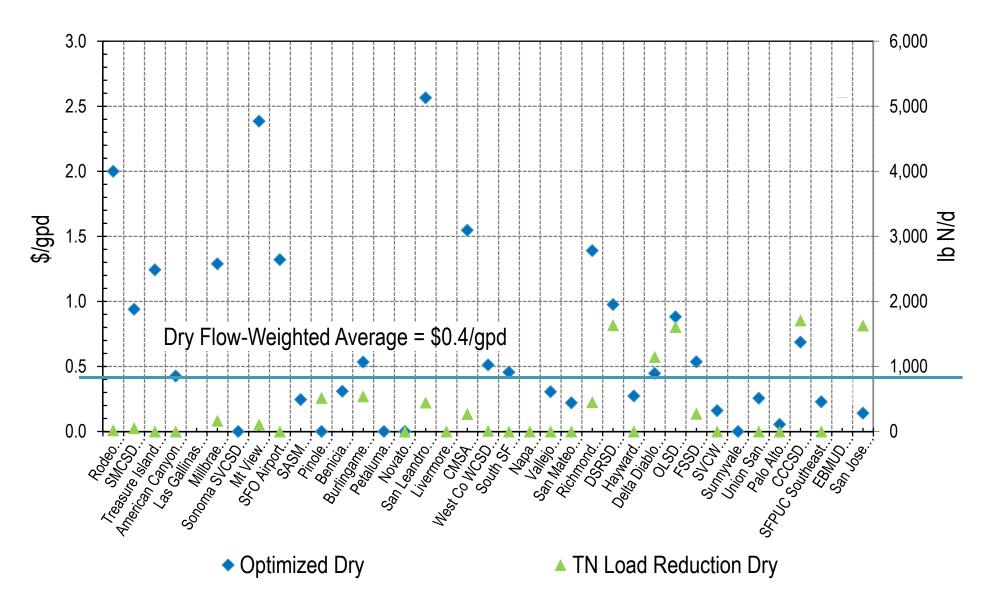
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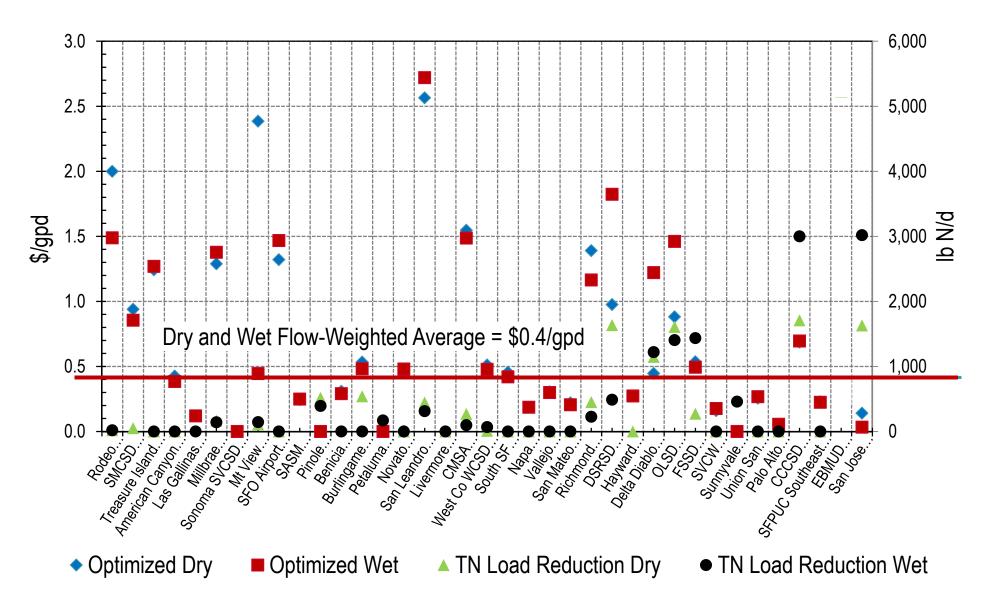
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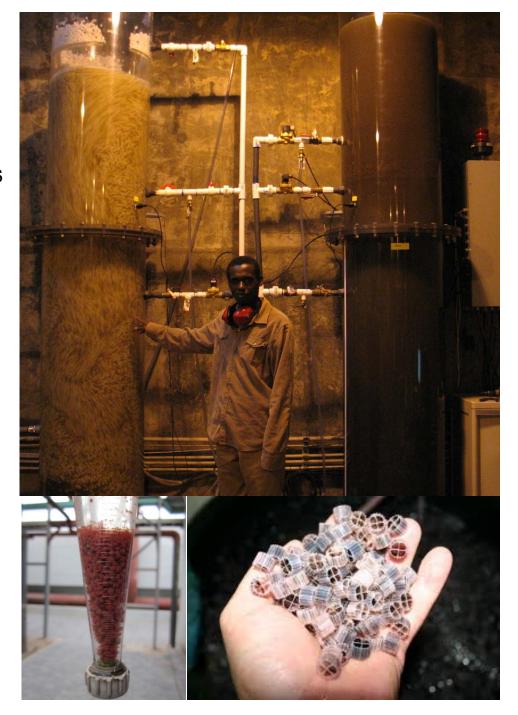
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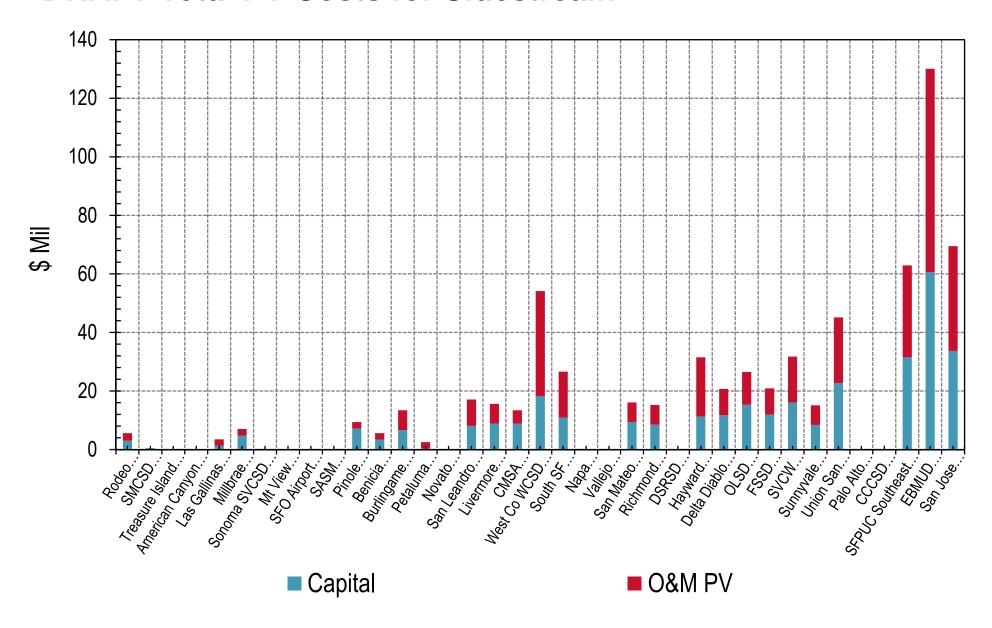
- Basis of Evaluation
 - o Identify upgrade strategies to reduce nutrients
 - o Planning Period: 30 Years
 - Loading: Design Capacity
 - Design Criteria:
 - Year-round sidestream
 - Sufficient Dewatering Frequency (≥4 days/week)
 - Water temperature governs technology selection
- Concepts
 - o Ammonia/TN Removal:
 - Conventional nitrification technology
 - Deammonification technology
 - o TP Removal: metal salt precipitation
- Acknowledgements
 - o 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 | 3 | | |
| San Pablo Bay | 1 | 4 | | |
| Central Bay | 4 | 5 | | |
| South Bay | 10 | 11 | | |
| Lower South Bay | 0 | 2 | | |
| Total | 16 | 25 | | |

DRAFT Total PV Costs for Sidestream



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DRAFT Sidestream Findings

- Criteria used for screening:
 - Year-round sidestream
 - Year-round discharge
 - Sufficient dewatering frequency (≥4 days/week)
- Number of candidate plants
 - 16 out of 37 plants if ammonia reduction is the discharge objective
 - o 25 out of 37 plants if TN reduction is the discharge objective
- Costs
 - The Total PV costs is \$660 Mil
 - Flow-weighted average = \$1.7/lb N removed
- The overall Ammonia/TN load reduction from Current Discharge is 21 and 17 percent, respectively









Preliminary Upgrades Results

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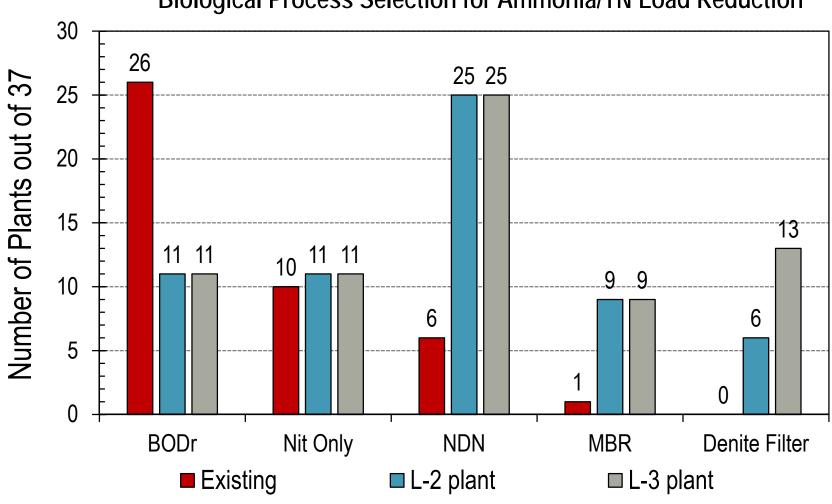
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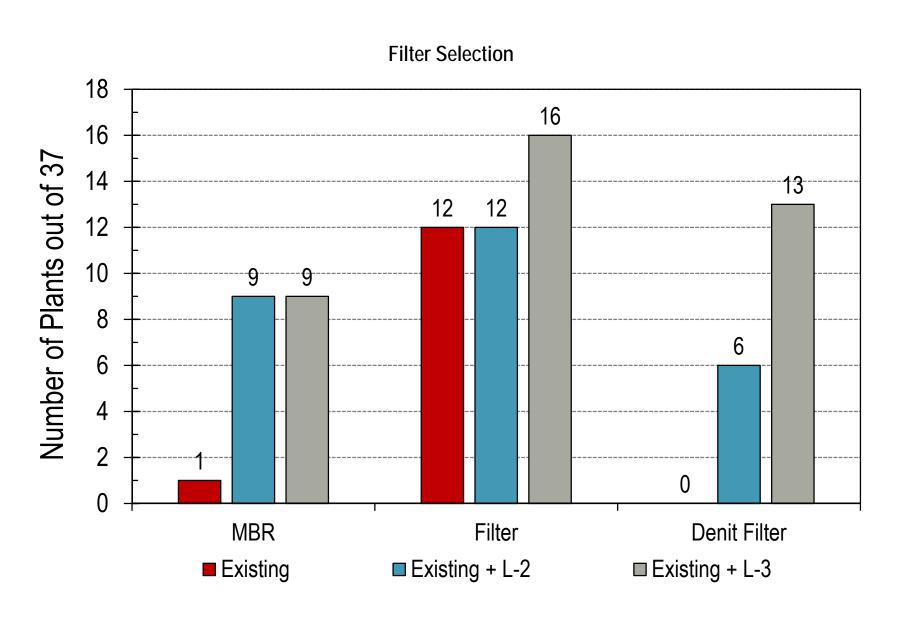
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| | Reduction | Reduction | | |
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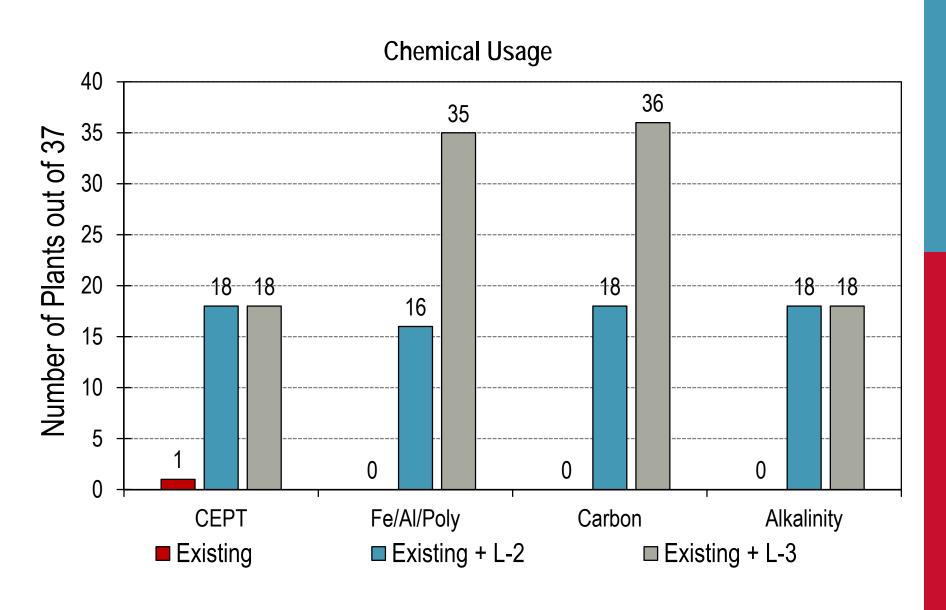


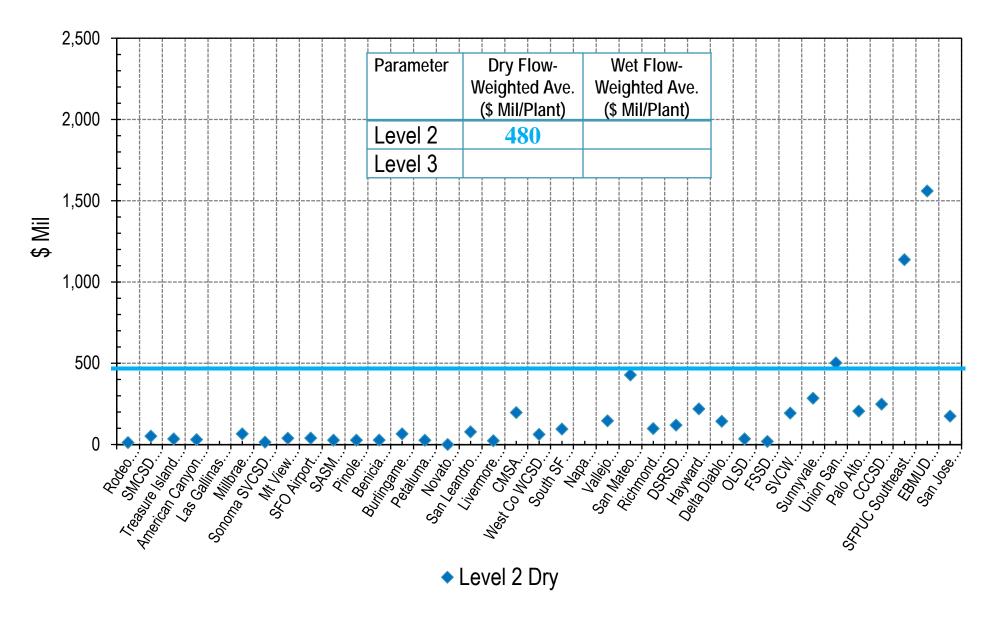


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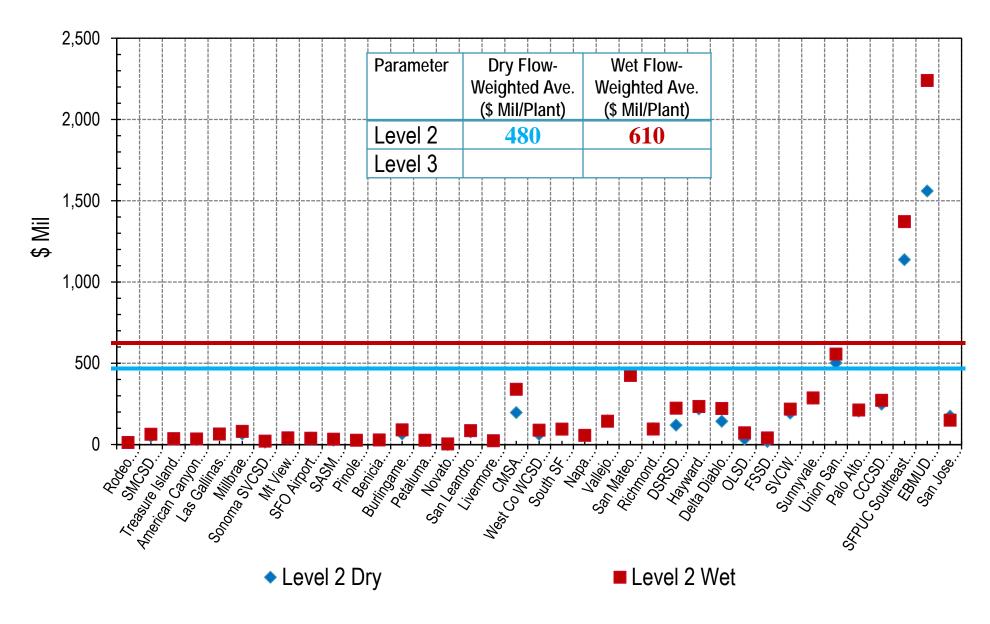


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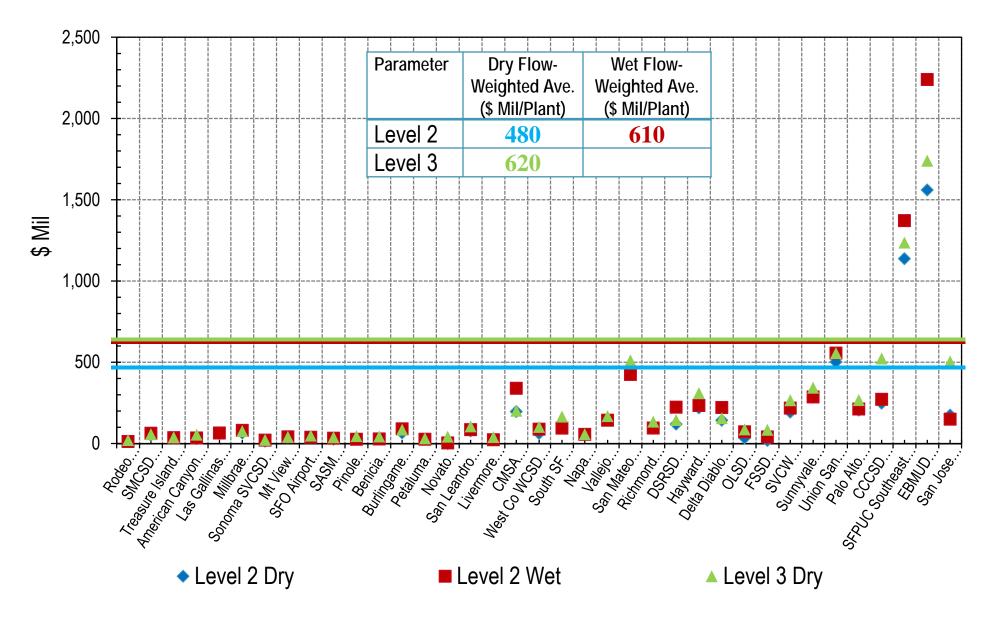




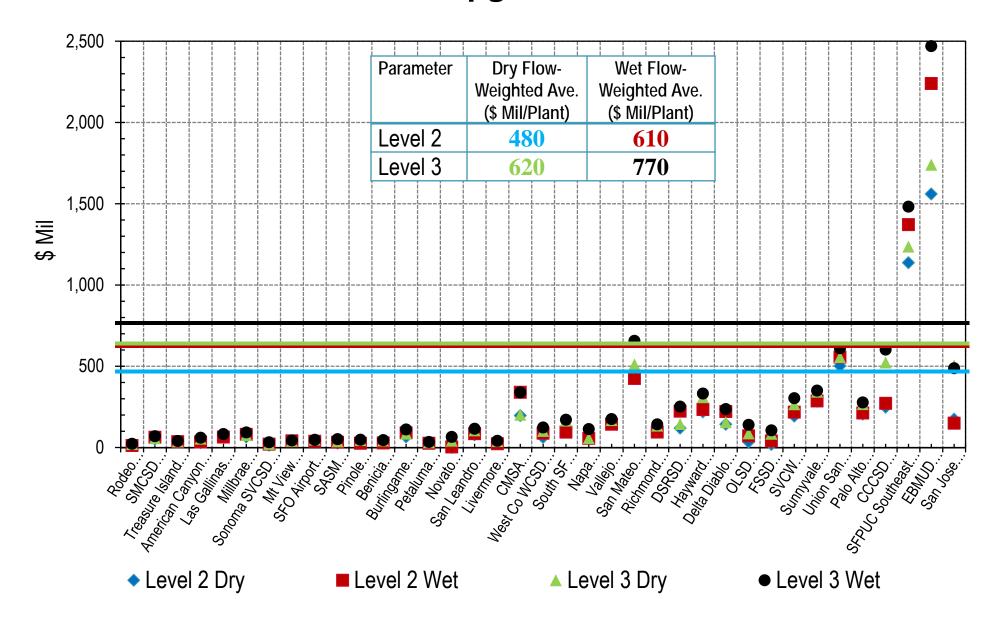
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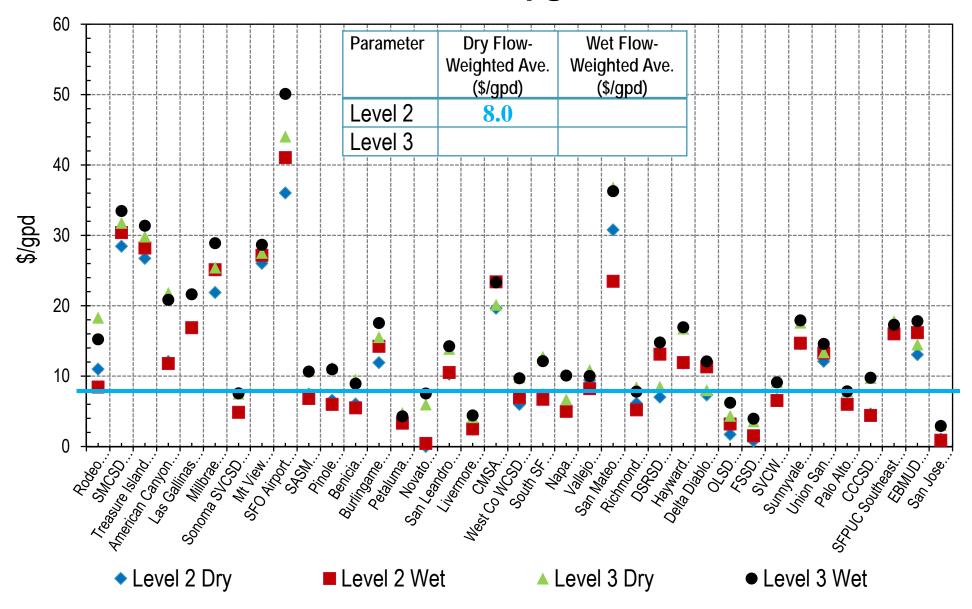
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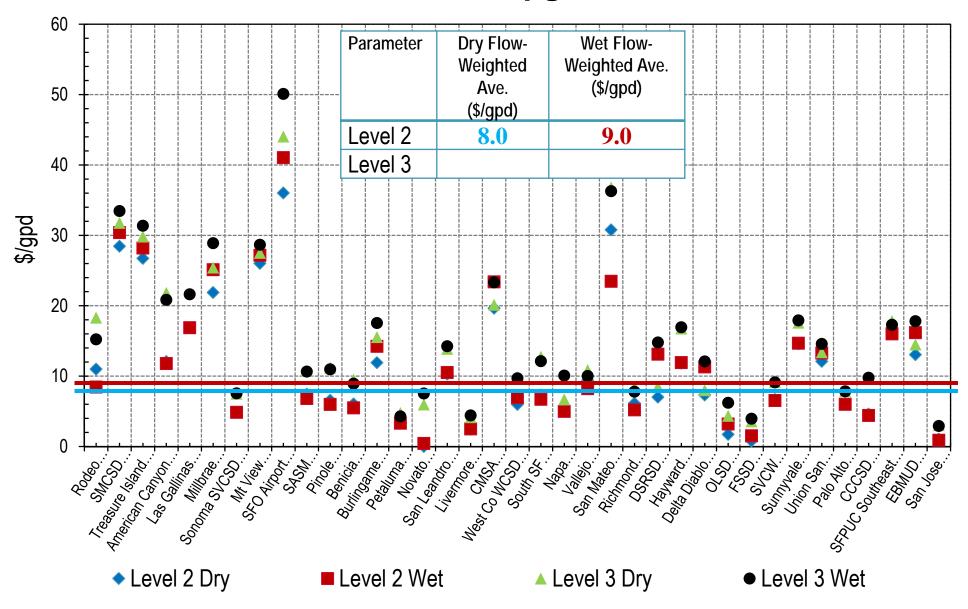
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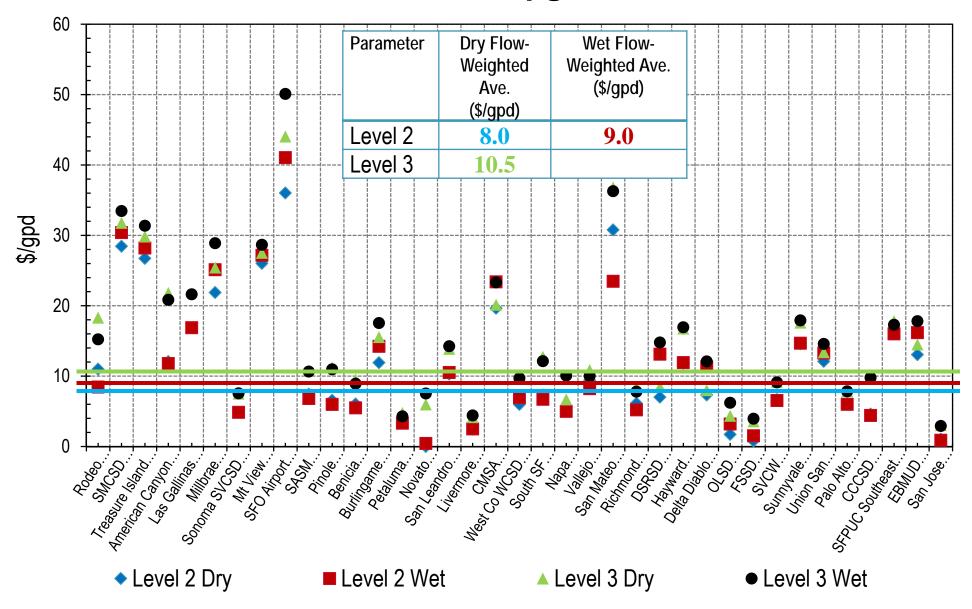
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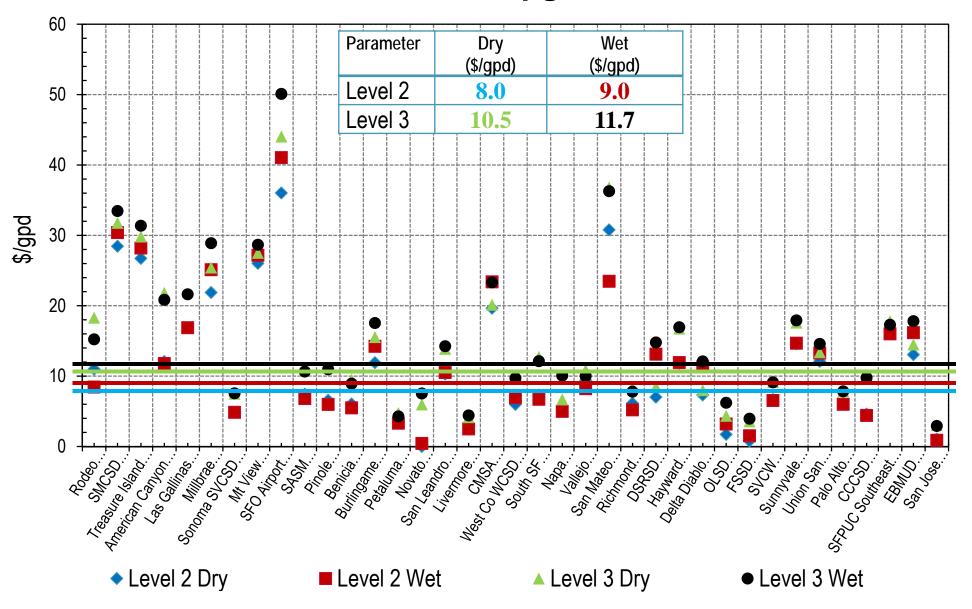
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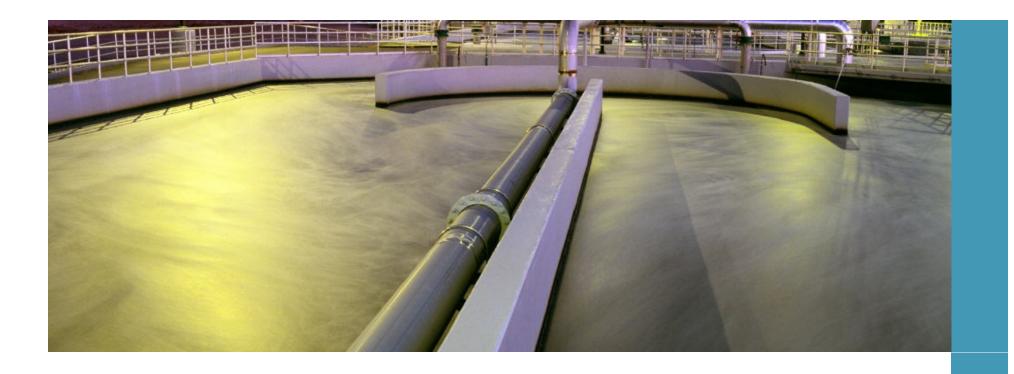
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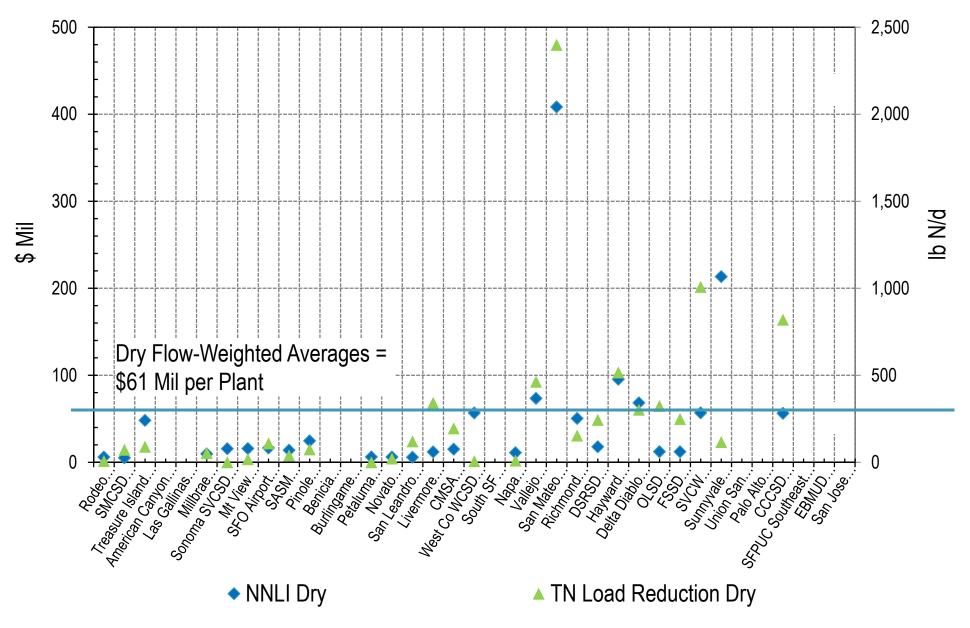
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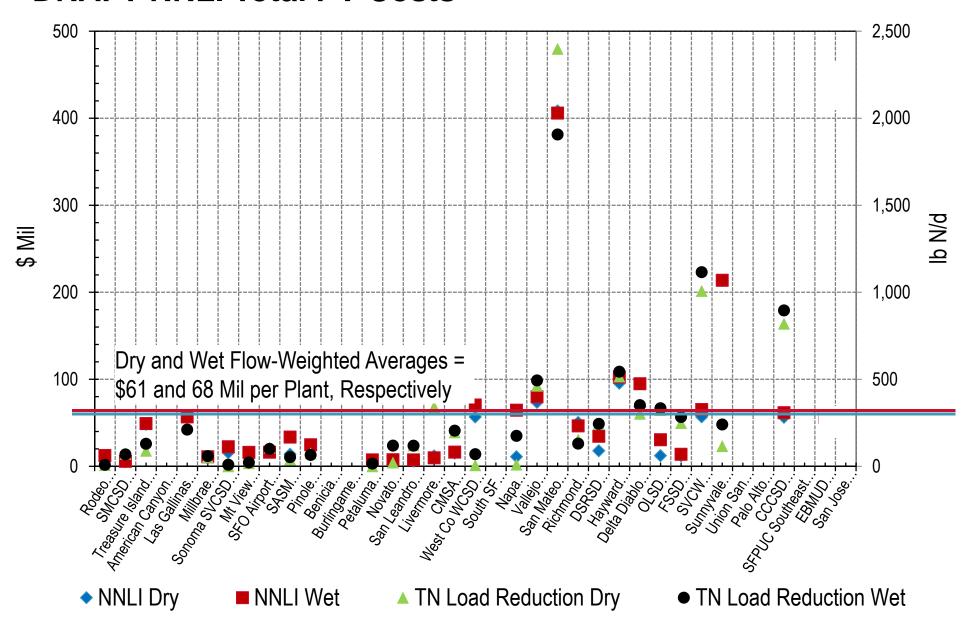
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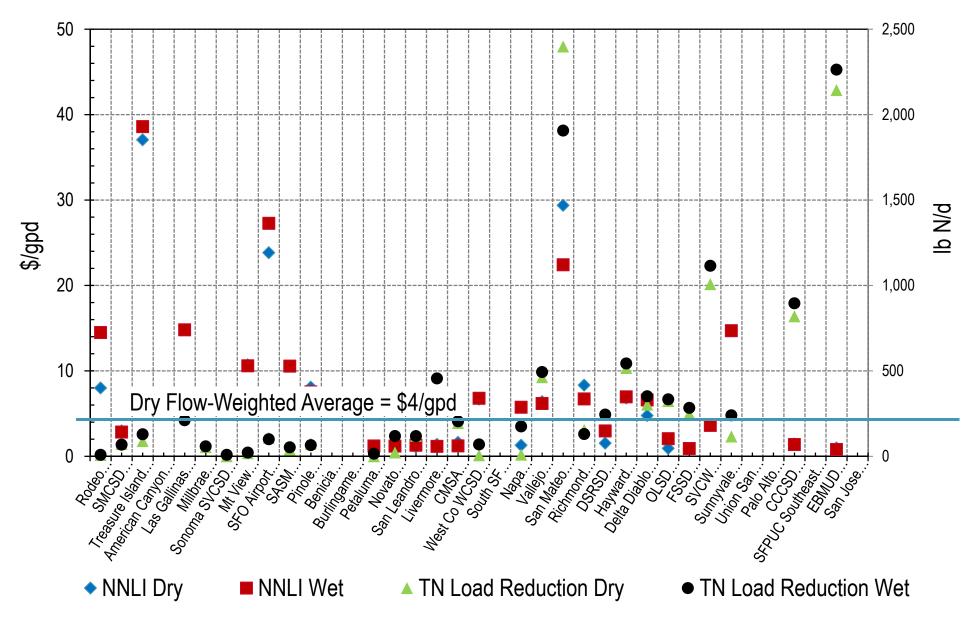
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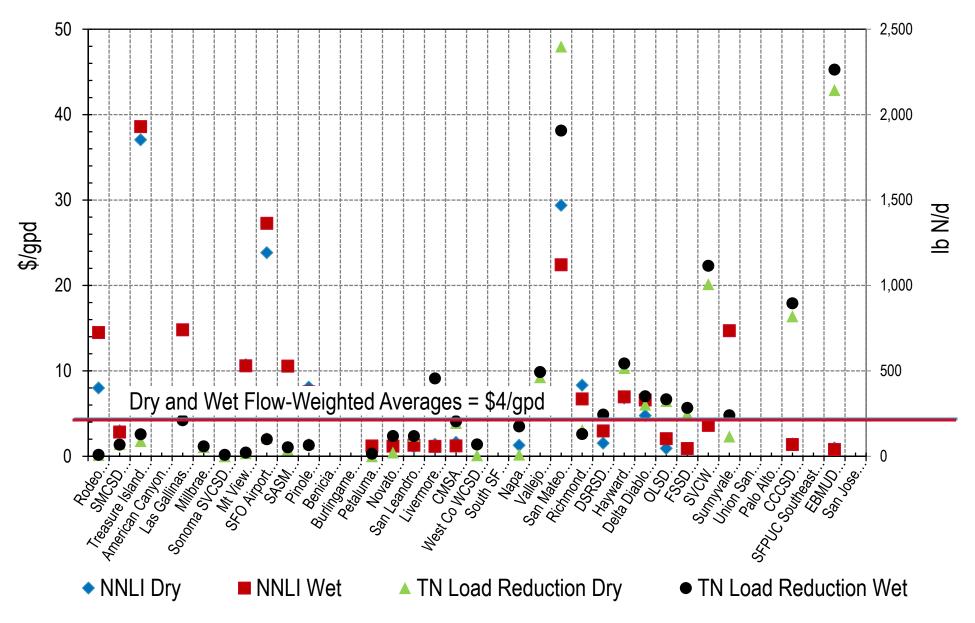
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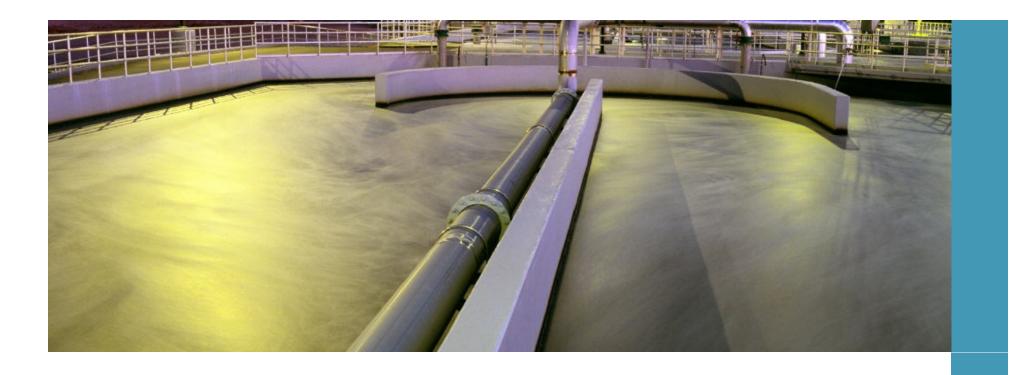
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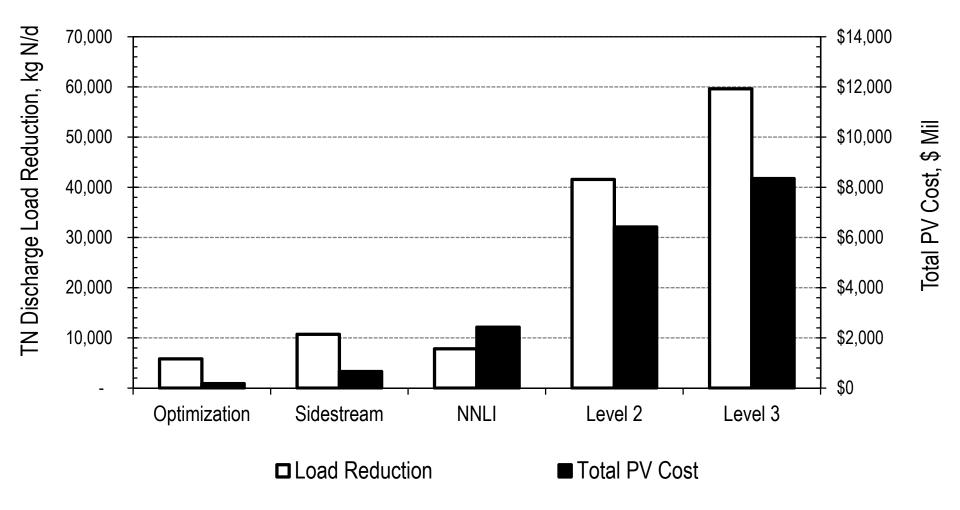
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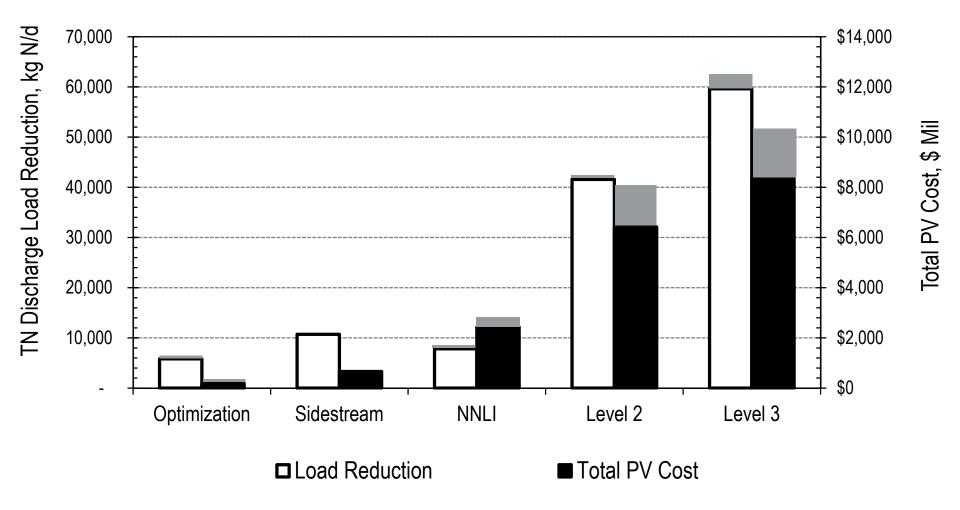
Summary of Results

DRAFT: Total N Discharge Load Reduction and Costs under Various Scenarios (Dry Season)



- Optimization = 10-yr planning horizon
- NNLI = 25-yr planning horizon (Projected to all 37 Plants)
- Sidestream and Upgrades (Level 2 and 3) = 30-yr planning horizon using Permitted Capacity

DRAFT: Total N Discharge Load Reduction and Costs under Various Scenarios (Wet Season)



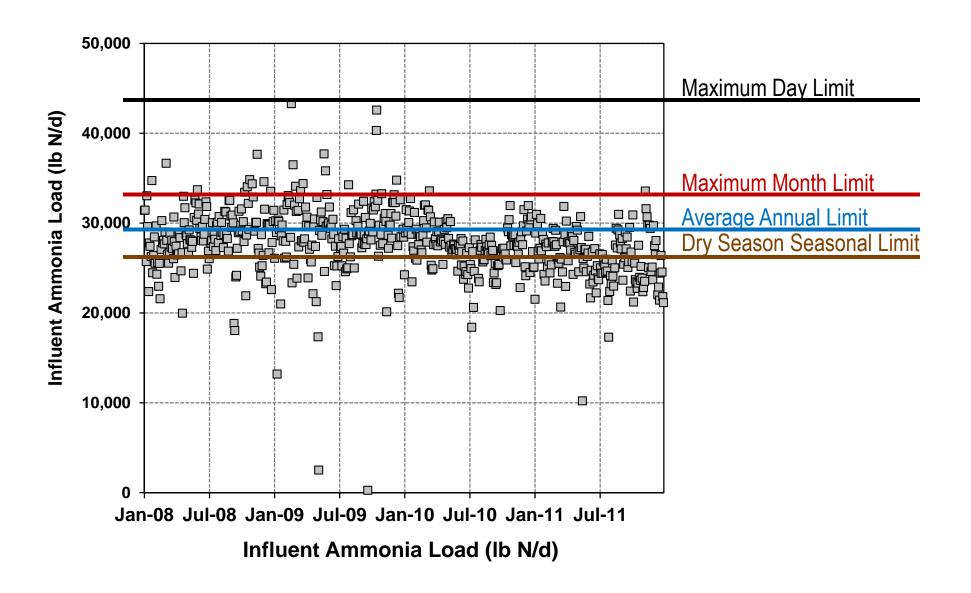
- Optimization = 10-yr planning horizon
- NNLI = 25-yr planning horizon (Projected to all 37 Plants)
- Sidestream and Upgrades (Level 2 and 3) = 30-yr planning horizon using Permitted Capacity



Observations

Role of Averaging Periods

Importance of Averaging Periods



Role of Averaging Periods on SRT and Basin Volume



Averaging Periods Govern the SRT and Overall Basin Volume

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

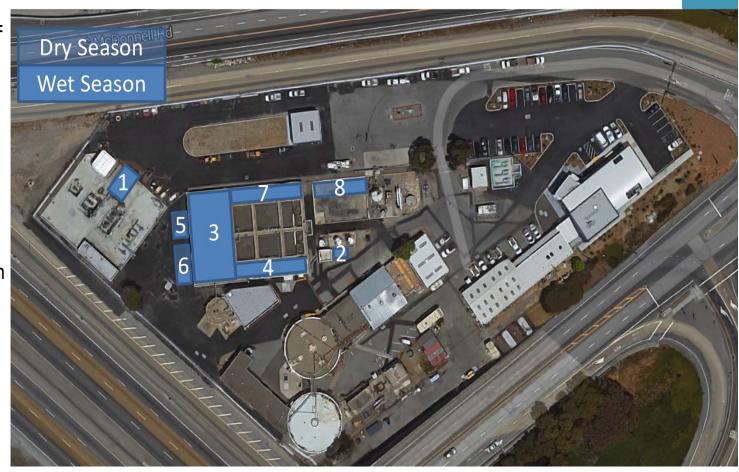
| Parameter | Units | Dry Season | | Wet Season | | | |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|---------|
| | | Ave Annual | Max Month | Max Day | Ave Annual | Max Month | Max Day |
| Capital PV | \$ Mil | 60 | 68 | 84 | 66 | 73 | 110 |
| 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

Treating all the Flow

Case Study: City of Millbrae

- Permitted Capacity = 3.0 mgd ADWF
- Peak = 9.0 mgd
- Key process:
 - Must be MBR
 - Must move blower building for a train
 - Must move disinfection for a train
 - Add new disinfection
- 8 Plants were pushed to compact footprint technology due to peaks

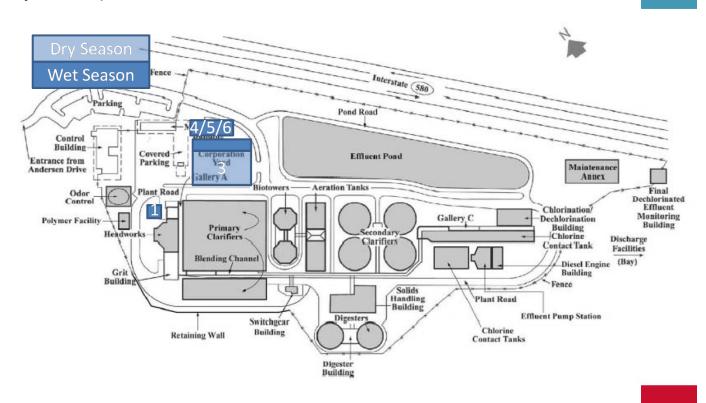


(1) Optimize ferric addition, (2) add polymer, (3) convert act sludge to MBR, (4) expand the aeration basins to create a third train, (5) add alkalinity, (6) add external carbon, (7) decommission the chlorination disinfection system (use for additional aeration basin volume), and (8) add an ultraviolet disinfection system.

Space Constraints

Case Study: CMSA

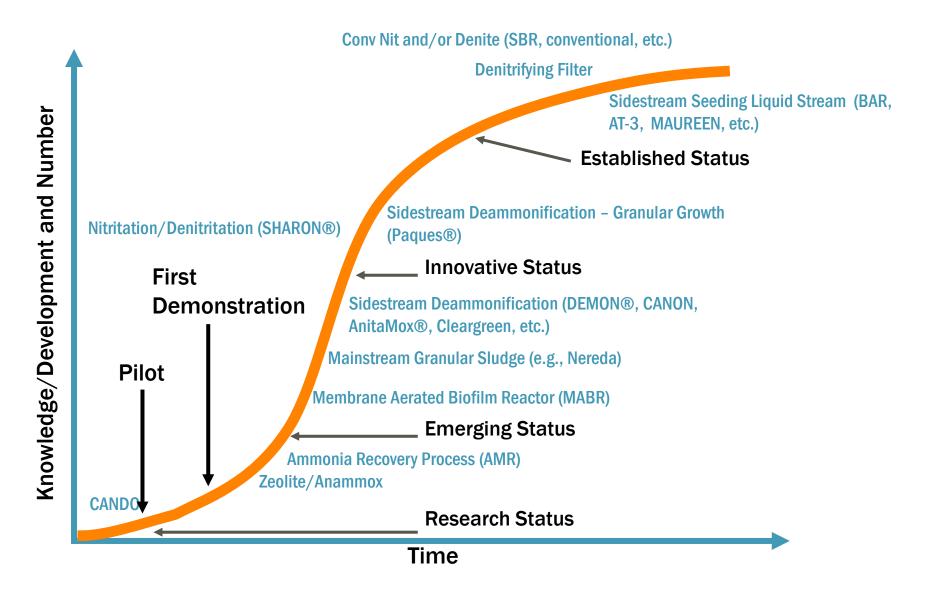
- MBR selected since it's the only option that could meet Level 3 (split treatment with existing facilities would work for Level 2)
- Plant surrounded by highway or steep hills
- 8 Plants were pushed to compact footprint technology due to space constraints



- (1) Use existing ferric chloride for CEPT, (3) Add MBR facilities, (4) add an external carbon source,
- (5) add alkalinity, and (6) add ferric chloride

Role of Emerging Technologies

Technology Status





Regulatory: Nitrogen versus Phosphorus

Differences in N and P Removal

Nitrogen Removal

- Challenging to remove with major operational changes
 - Activated Sludge (typical): with longer SRT and intensive mixed liquor returns
 - Biological Filters (to trim): requires large filter footprint plus an external carbon source
- More expensive to remove
- Requires a large footprint
- Energy and chemical intensive (at low targets)
- Can be recovered in the sidestream

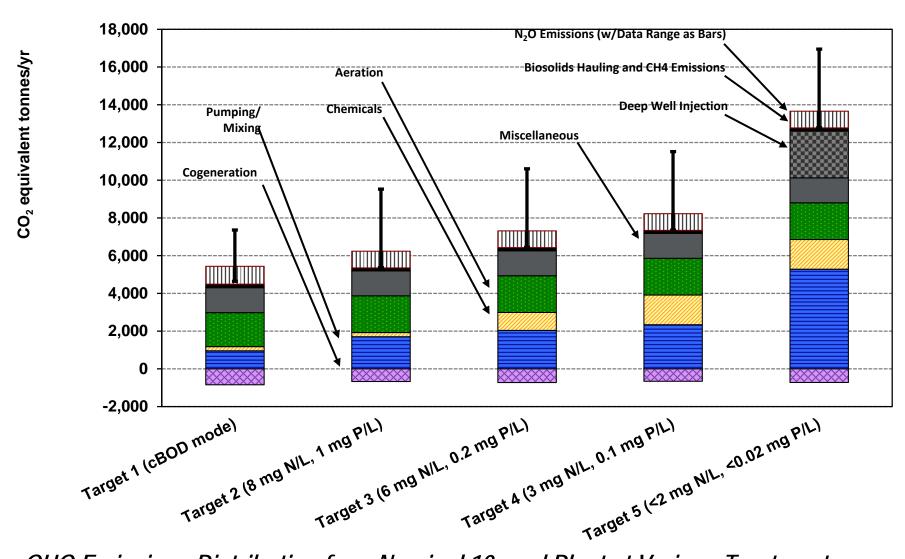
Phosphorus Removal

- Straightforward removal
 - Biological P (Act Sludge)
 - Chemical Precipitation: Primaries, Filters, or Sidestream
- Less expensive to remove
- Less additional footprint (extra zone or filters)
- Chemical intensive
- Can be recovered in the sidestream



Greenhouse Gas Emissions

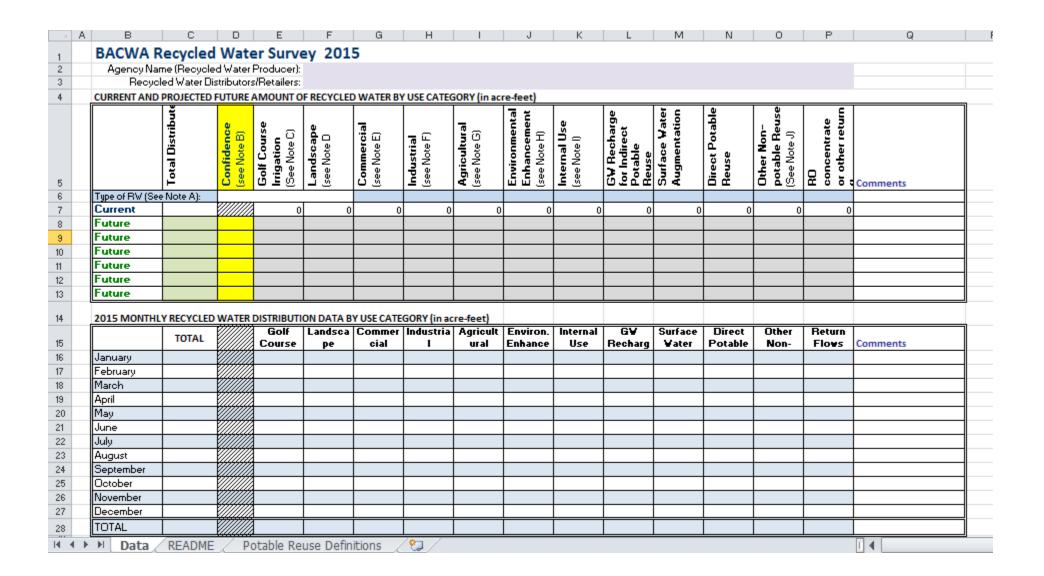
Technology Status



GHG Emissions Distribution for a Nominal 10 mgd Plant at Various Treatment Targets (Adapted from Falk et al., 2013)



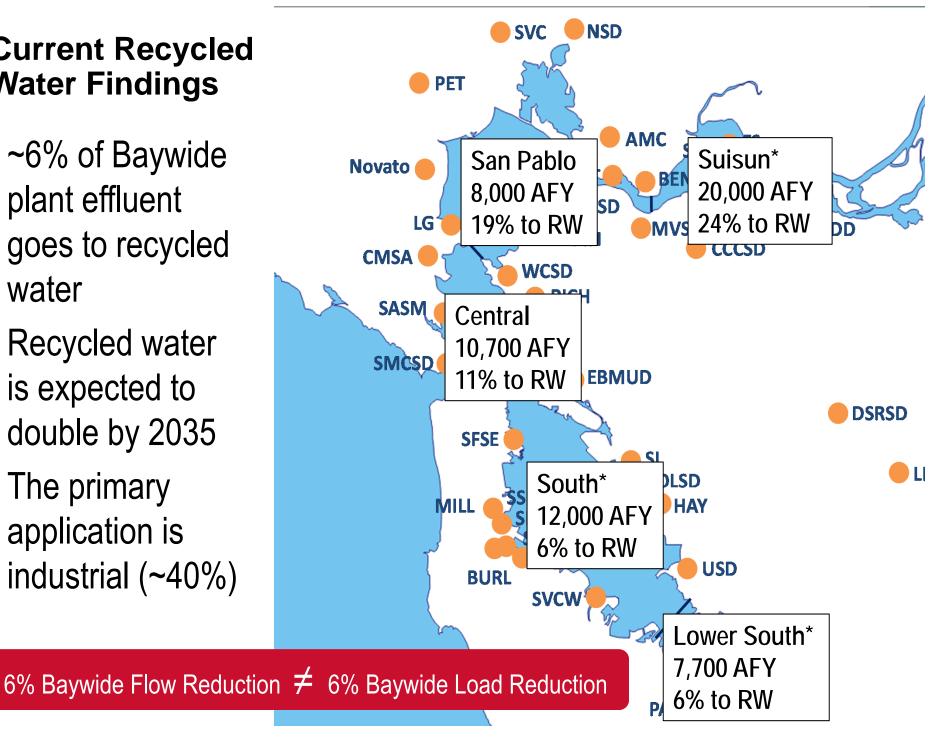
Recycled Water and CIP Surveys



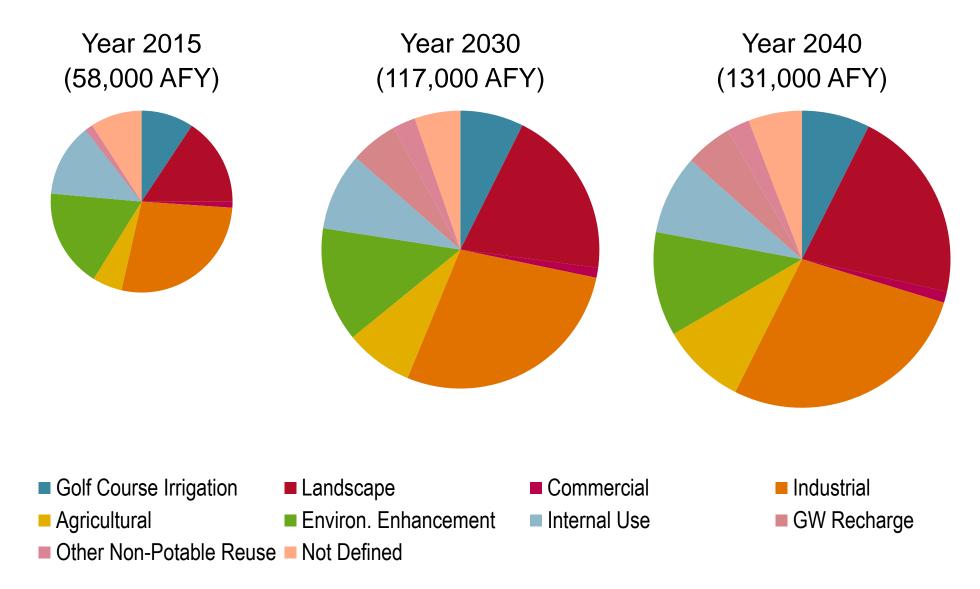
Recycled Water Survey

Current Recycled Water Findings

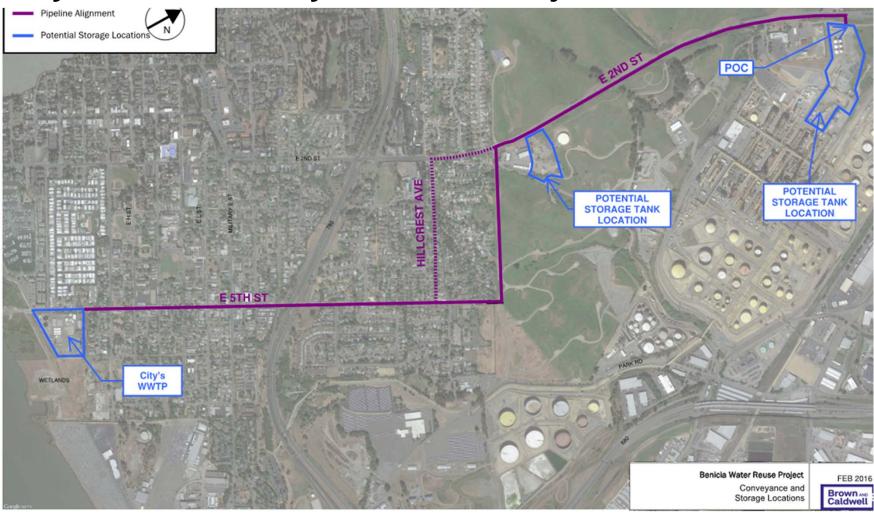
- ~6% of Baywide plant effluent goes to recycled water
- Recycled water is expected to double by 2035
- The primary application is industrial (~40%)



Recycled Water Distribution over Time



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

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| | Discharger | Permitted | Anticipated Year | Project Description | Estimated Effluent Total | Estimated Effluent Total | Capital Cost (\$ Mil): | Estimated Annual O&M | Level of Confidence | Comment | |
| | | ADWDF | of Completion | | Nitrogen (mg N/L) | Phosphorus (mg P/L) | | Cost (if available: \$ Mil): | | | |
| | | Capacity (mgd) | | | | | | | | | |
| EXAMPLE | ABC | 10 | 2018 | 1) Membrane | 6 | N/A | \$200 | \$100 | 100% | The MBR will perform reliable nitrogen removal to 6 mg | |
| | | | | Bioreactor (MBR); | | | | | | N/L total nitrogen. The existing aeration basins will be | |
| | | | | 2) Modify existing | | | | | | modified to achieve what they can get with nitrogen | |
| | | | | aeration basins to | | | | | | removal. The anticipated average annual existing aerat | |
| | | | | operate as | | | | | | basins effluent is 15 mg N/L total nitrogen. | |
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CIP Survey

Summary of CIP Survey

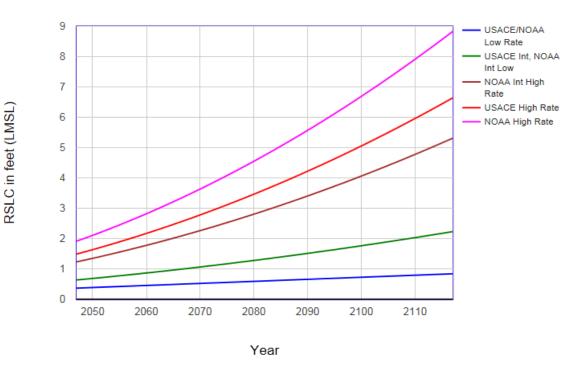
- 22 out of 37 plants have either on-going or planned CIP projects for nutrient load reduction
- Total Capital Cost of CIPs = \$1.5 Bil
- Example: San Mateo
 - Nutrient Removal and Wet Weather Flow Management Update and Expansion Project
 - New headworks, primary clarifiers, membrane bioreactor with nutrient removal, and disinfection
 - Estimated capital cost = \$349-369 Mil



Sea Level Rise

Sea Level Rise Approach and DRAFT Findings

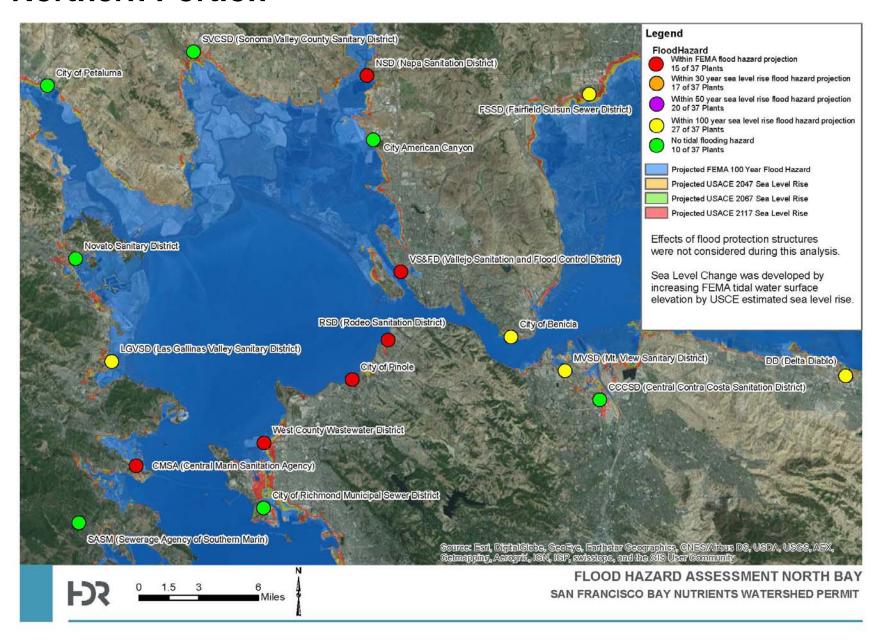
- Models used:
 - $_{\circ}\;$ FEMA 100-yr flood hazard
 - USACE 2047 sea level rise (30-yr)
 - USACE 2067 sea level rise (50-yr)
 - o USACE 2117 sea level rise (100-yr)



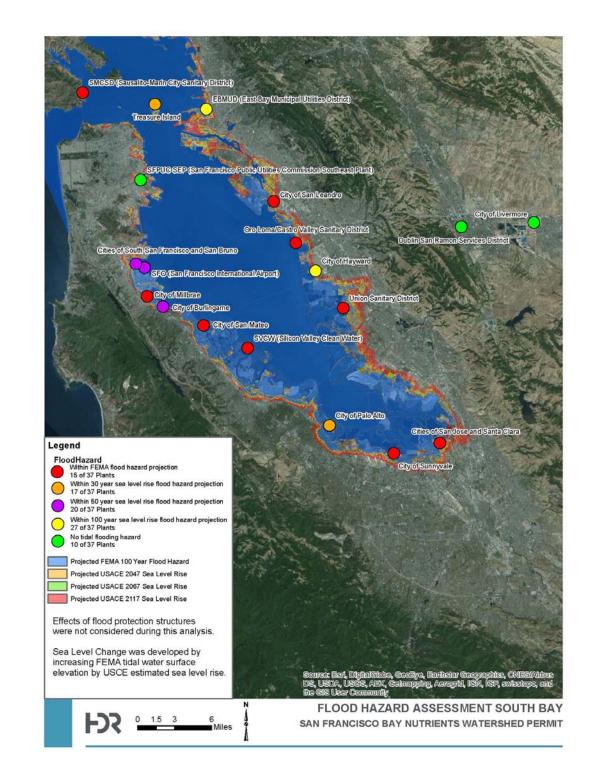
Preliminary Number of Plants (out of 37) that are Potentially at Risk

| Plants at Risk for FEMA 100-yr Storm | Plants at Risk for USACE 2047 (30-yr) | Plants at Risk for USACE 2067 (50-yr) | Plants at Risk for USACE 2117 (100-yr) | No Tidal Flooding Hazard |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 15 | 17 | 20 | 27 | 10 |

Northern Portion



Southern Portion



Next Steps

- Draft Report Comments
- Group Annual Report
- Updated Reports
- Others





BACWA Workshop #2: Nutrient Reduction by Treatment Optimization and Upgrades Update

7 June 2017



