# Preliminary Analysis Impact of Desalinated Seawater Use to IRWD's Recycled Water

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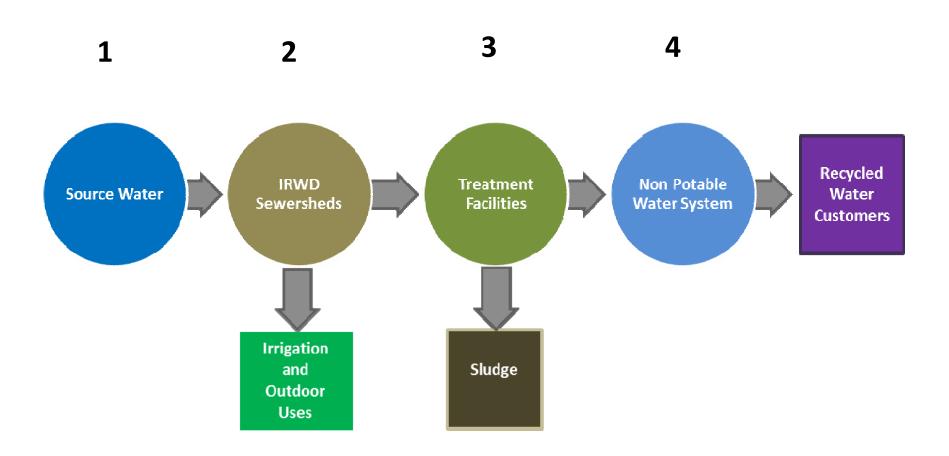
#### Outline

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  - Inject to Talbert Barrier
  - Deliver In-Lieu of Groundwater Pumping
  - Focus on TDS although chlorides are a potential concern
- Summary
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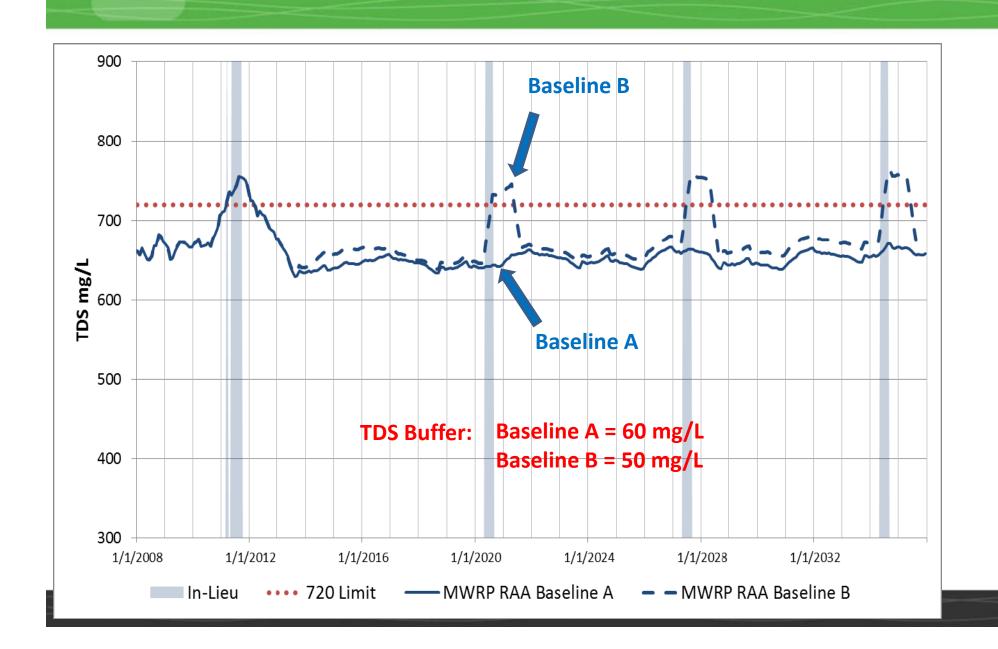
### Background



### Salt Balance Model Stages



#### Baselines A & B



# Inject Desalinated Seawater to Talbert Barrier



### Approach

- 1. Estimate water supply blend to Dyer Road wells
- 2. Estimate travel time to Dyer Road wells
- 3. Estimate Dyer Road TDS
- 4. Use Salt Balance Model to estimate TDS of recycled water (1)

(1) Year 1 of operation is estimated to be 2013, Year 2 = 2014, ...., Year 23=2035

#### Water Supply Blend

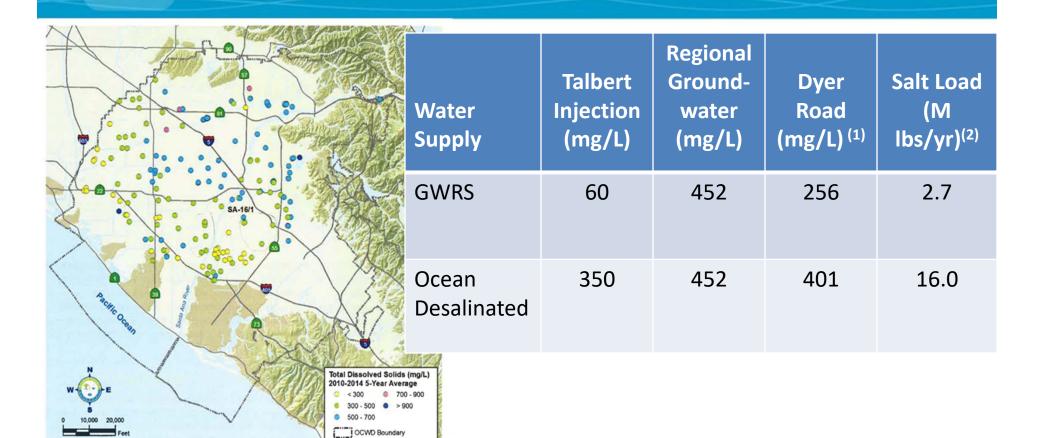


Figure 8-2: TDS in Groundwater Production Wells

- (1) Estimated blend 50% Talbert Injection and 50% regional groundwater.
- (2) Estimated salt load for a 15 MGD (16,800 af/yr) injection supply.

#### **Travel Time**

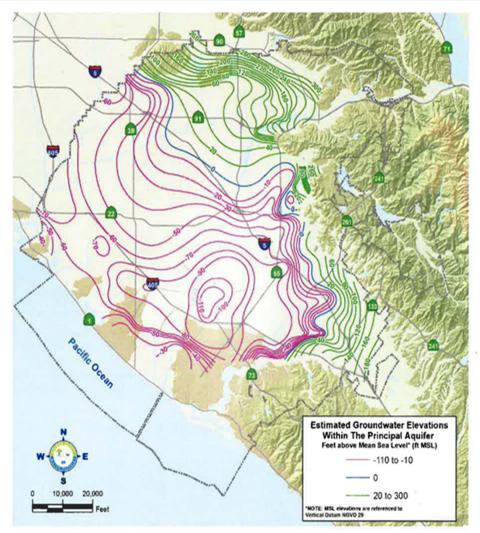
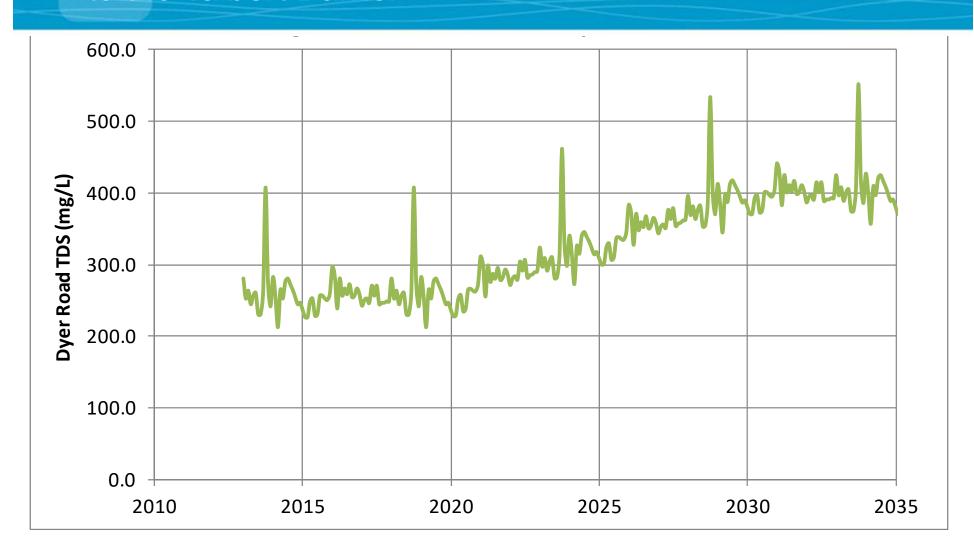


Figure 3-9: Groundwater Level Contour Map, June 2014

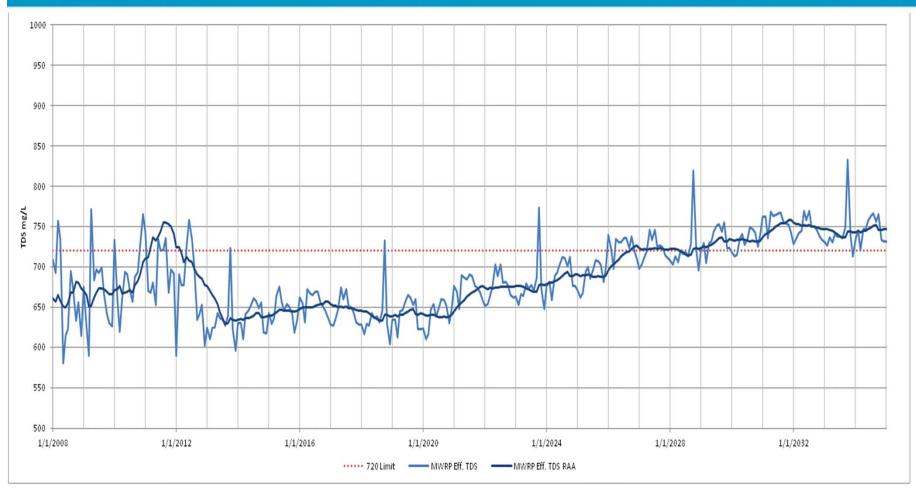
Condition	Travel Time (years)
Advection (1)	12
Advection and Dispersion (2)	6

- (1) Estimated using a hydraulic conductivity of 150 ft/day and a hydraulic gradient of 0.008 ft/ft Groundwater
- (2) Advection and Dispersion estimated to be ½ Advective Flow

### Dyer Road TDS with Desalinated Seawater Injected to the Talbert Barrier



### Impact to IRWD's Recycled Water TDS with Desalinated Seawater Injected to Talbert Barrier (1)



(1) From IRWD's Salt Balance Model

### Deliver Desalinated Seawater In-Lieu of Groundwater Pumping



### Approach

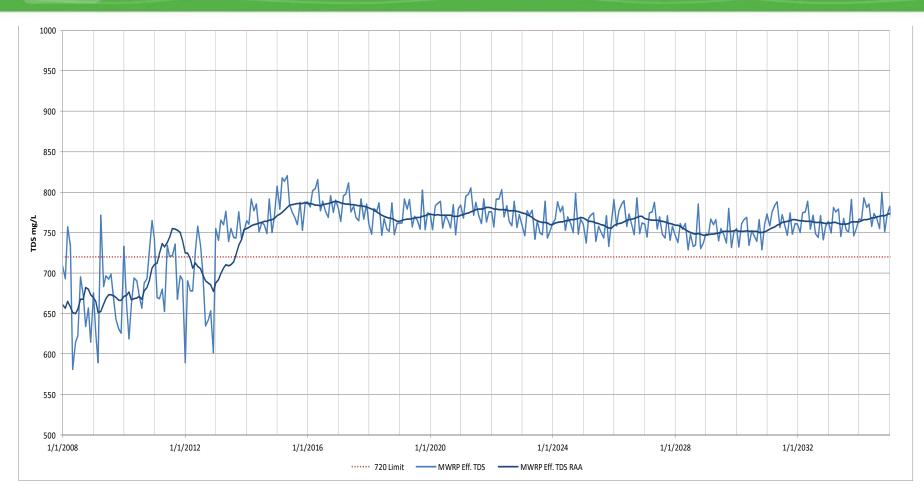
- 1. Deliver desalinated seawater to IRWD in-lieu of pumping groundwater
- Use Salt Balance Model to estimate TDS of recycled water

(1) Estimated blend 50% Talbert Injection and 50% Regional Groundwater

## Replace IRWD's Groundwater Supplies with Desalinated Seawater

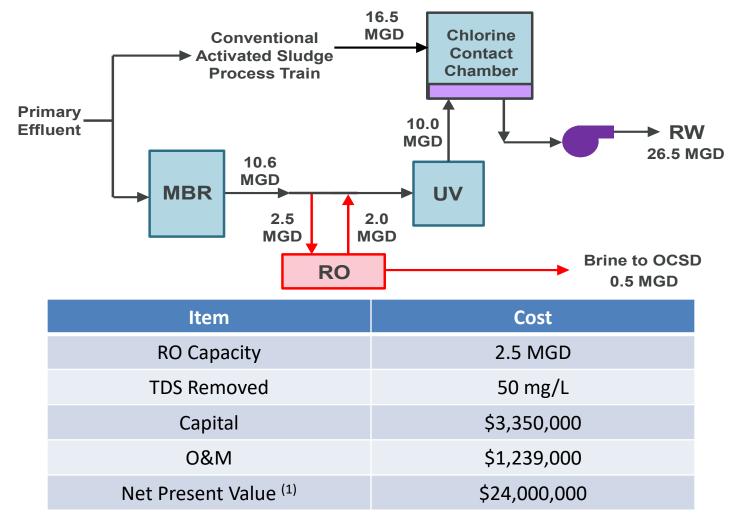
Condition	Flow (af/yr)	TDS (mg/L)	Load (lbs/yr)
Existing (Dyer Road)	28,000	256	19,500,000
Potential – In-Lieu	28,000	350	26,649,000

### Impact to IRWD's Recycled Water TDS with Delivery of Desalinated Seawater In-Lieu of Groundwater Pumping (1,2)



- (1) At 28,000 af/yr
- (2) From IRWD's Salt Balance Model

## Preliminary Cost Estimate to Remove 50 mg/L at Michelson Water Reclamation Plant



<sup>(1)</sup> Net Present Value for a 2.5 MGD RO facility for 20 years with a discount rate = 4.5% and an O&M inflation = 3.5%.

#### Summary

- Significant impact to TDS
- Expect similar results for chlorides

Alternative	TDS 2035 (mg/L)	RWQCB Limit (mg/L)	Change in Buffer (mg/L) <sup>(2)</sup>	RO Capacity to Restore Buffer (MGD)	NPV to Restore Buffer (\$) <sup>(3)</sup>
Baseline A	660	720	NA	NA	NA
Inject Desalinated Seawater to Talbert Barrier	745	720	-85	4.25	\$41,000,000
Delivery of Desalinated Seawater In-Lieu of Groundwater Pumping	775	720	-115	5.75	\$55,000,000

- (1) Buffer = TDS 2035 (mg/L) RWQCB Limit (mg/L)
- (2) Buffer Change = Baseline A TDS 2035 Alternative TDS (2035)
- (3) Net Present Value for 20 years with a discount rate of 4.5% and an O&M inflation of 3%

#### **Next Steps**

- Evaluate other water quality constituents
  - Chlorides
  - Other
- Engage OCWD in its system integration studies
- Other

### Questions

