Wasteload Allocation Model Review and Recommendations

May 13, 2020



Agenda

Part 1 – Review of Updated Calibration

- Objectives of review
- Scope of review
- Findings
- Part 2 WEI Recommendations for Further Review of WLAM
 - Framework for review
 - HSPF model overview and review examples

OBJECTIVES OF THE REVIEW

- EVMWD and EMWD are updating their Upper Temescal Valley SNMP, including updates of current and projected ambient water quality
- The Regional Board requested that the 2016 WLAM is used for this effort.
- The information from the 2016 WLAM needed to complete these efforts in the Upper Temescal Valley:
 - Surface water discharge and TDS/N concentrations
 - Streambed infiltration volume and TDS/N concentrations



SCOPE OF REVIEW: UPPER TEMESCAL VALLEY STUDY AREA

- Model connection → Are the Warm Springs and Arlington submodels connected?
- Model parameters → What parameters where changed in the models to re-calibrate?
- Streambed Infiltration TDS estimates → Is the post-processing methodology to assign TDS concentrations to the streambed infiltration reasonable?

MODEL CONNECTION

 The two models are connected

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Comparison of Warm Springs Model Output vs. Arlington Model Input

Streamflow of the Warm Springs Model Outflow, cfs



MODEL PARAMETERS

- > There were no changes to the Warm Springs model.
- The infiltration rate of the following reaches in the Arlington model changes:

Reach No. (Arlington Submodel)	Original Average Infiltration Rate (ft/day)	Revised Average Infiltration Rate (ft/day)
Reach 1	24.2	0.2
Reach 44	0.05	1.6
Reach 46	0.05	1.6
Reach 48	32.2	1.7
Typical values in other Reaches of the Arlington and Warm Springs Models	0.2 -	- 0.5



MODEL PARAMETERS

Reach 44 (location of rising groundwater), 46, and 48 \rightarrow The infiltration rate was increased in Reaches 44 and 46, which are within a bedrock narrows where it is not likely that (1) the infiltration rates are higher than other areas of the Temescal Wash or (2) there is the capacity in the underlying alluvium to accept the recharge. The volume of infiltration is nearly always greater than the rising groundwater volume that is input into Reach 44.



STREAMBED INFILTRATION TDS ESTIMATES

- We do not agree with the proposed methodology used to assign TDS concentration to the streambed infiltration when reaches "dry up" and the model assumes a zero TDS concentration.
- Recommended methodology →
 Use the volume-weighted TDS concentration of the inputs to the surface flow of each reach that's drying up for that specific day. For example, for Reach 19 use:
 - Inflow from Reaches 12 and 18
 - Runoff from Watershed 19
 - EVMWD discharge



USE OF THE WLAM-HSPF FOR THE UPPER TEMESCAL VALLEY SNMP

- The model will be used in the Upper Temescal Valley SNMP Update under the following assumptions:
 - The model results for streamflow and streambed infiltration to the Upper Temescal Valley GMZ (which excludes Reaches 44, 46, and 48) will be used if the Task Force and Regional Board proceed with the WLAM planning runs based on this version of the model calibration.
 - For days where the WLAM model estimates zero TDS concentration for streambed infiltration, the TDS will be estimated based on the volumeweighted TDS concentration of the inputs to the surface flow of each reach that's drying up for that specific day.



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How MODELING IS USED TO ASSESS COMPLIANCE WITH BASIN PLAN OBJECTIVES

- The WLAM-HSPF is a numerical surface water model used to estimate the volume and associated TDS and TIN concentration of surface water discharge and streambed infiltration in the Santa Ana River and its tributaries
- The model estimates are used to assess compliance with the following TDS and nitrate Basin Plan objectives:
 - Surface Water: Reaches 2 and 3 of the Santa Ana River
 - Groundwater Management Zones: Beaumont, San Timoteo, Bunker Hill-B, Colton, Riverside-A, Chino South, Upper Temescal Valley, Orange County

MODELS AS WATER RESOURCE PLANNING TOOLS

- Models are a representation of the physical world and are used to help understand how water resources management plans could impact physical processes such a streamflow, groundwater recharge, water quality
- No model will ever perfectly capture the full extent and complexity of physical processes in a hydrogeologic system
- No two modelers will produce the same model; they will have different approaches to building and calibrating that can lead to non-unique, but satisfactory results.
- We use models despite these limitations because they can help us to better understand the hydrogeologic system and are valuable decision-support tools when the limitations of use are understood and acknowledged.



MODEL REVIEW

- Model calibration statistics how well does the model output align with measured observations in the real world?
- Typically there are many areas within a model domain where there are limited or no real world data to make such comparisons
- How else can we review model outputs to assess its ability to represent the physical world, given the limitations?
 - We can use our understanding of the physical system to assess if model results are reasonable in areas where critical evaluations are being made

REVIEW FRAMEWORK FOR WLAM-HSPF

- Focus review on model estimates of surface water flow and streambed infiltration for reaches that overlie the GMZs where compliance evaluations are being performed. What does this approach look like in implementation?
- For the UTV objectives, the following was asked to drive the review process:
 - How does the streamflow and streambed infiltration change across GMZs, particularly at hydrogeologic points of interest, such as the Lee Lake Reservoir? This resulted in identifying the disconnect between the two sub-models.
 - Is the total streambed infiltration volume and associated TDS/N concentration along Temescal Wash reasonable based on our understanding of the local hydrogeologic conditions? This resulted in identifying that the WLAM model was assigning the streambed infiltration a TDS concentration of 0 mgl on certain days when the volume was a non-zero value.





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How does HSPF work?

• Watersheds and reaches





How does HSPF work?

Reach water budget



Watershed water budget





Warm Springs Sub-model (Temescal Wash at Elsinore GMZ boundary → Inflow to Lee Lake Reservoir)

Arlington Sub-model (Lee Lake Reservoir outflow \rightarrow Prado)

							Temescal Gravel Pit
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Elsinore GMZ	Warm Springs Warm Springs	Lee Lake	Lee Lake Reservoir	Lee Lake	Bedford Bedford	Temescal GMZ	







IMPLEMENTATION OF REVIEW

Prepare time history plots of daily streamflow Q, TDS, and N at key locations in each GMZ, including:

• the inflow and outflow points to confirm continuity,

reaches/HSAs where wastewater discharges occur, and

 other points of hydrologic interest (e.g. surface impoundments, bedrock narrows)







IMPLEMENTATION OF REVIEW

Reach-by-reach assessment of streambed infiltration (Q, TDS, N) within each management zone. This could include:

- summary tables of the reach parameters and annual infiltration Q, TDS, N
- time-history plots to assess the daily model output for reaches of interest within a GMZ



	Streambed	Infiltration	Streambed	Infiltration	Streambed	Infiltration					
	in Temescal Wa	sh estimated by	in Temescal V	Wash in TM-6	in Temescal Wash in Final						
WY	W	EI	(Appendi	x A; A-21)	Report						
	Flow	TDS	Flow	TDS	Flow	TDS					
	(afy)	(mgl)	(afy)	(mgl)	(afy)	(mgl)					
2005	9,326	412	9,357	412	9,357	428					
2006	6,753	546	6,776	546	6,776	604					
2007	5,704	519	5,716	519	5,716	645					
2008	4,219	388	4,241	390	4,241	567					
2009	4,300	349	4,328	351	4,328	474					
2010	4,875	330	4,898	331	4,898	408					
2011	7,107	377	7,141	378	7,141	417					
2012	3,475	225	3,490	226	3,490	353					
2013	3,843	267	3,866	269	3,866	429					
2014	2,207	56	2,231	62	2,231	214					
2015	2,666	69	2,692	74	2,692	189					
2016	2,389	45	2,413	51	2,413	203					
Min	2,207	45	2,231	51	2,231	189					
Avg	4,739	299	4,762	301	4,762	411					
Max	9,326	546	9,357	546	9,357	645					



STREAMBED INFILTRATION ALONG TEMESCAL WASH

Reach Number	1	12	19	21	29	37	39	41	45	1	3		7	9	11		13	15		21		39		42	4	4	46	4	8
Tributary Area (ac)	1,082	1,481	3,548	37	373	4,498	12	527	49	629	2,385	1,	560	106	29	1	89	30	0	1,965		91		64	8	1	121	1,9	/02
Cumulative Trib Area (ac)	1,082	7,867	15,443	15,823	19,472	28,758	29,029	29,765	32,409	629	5,454	7,	014	14,533	14,967	22	,282	24,5	24	27,980		32,972	3	7,605	39,5	82	40,637	43,8	811
Description	Temescal Wash	Temescal Wash EMWD Discharge	Temescal Wash EVMWD Discharge	Temescal Wash	Temescal Wash Lee Lake Reservo	Temescal Wa	ash Temeso	al Wash Te	mescal Wash	Temescal Was	h Temes	al Wash	Temesca	l Wash	Temescal W LLWD Disch	Vash arge	Temescal Wash Cor No. 3	Teme	scal Wash	Temesca Rising Gro	al Wash undwater	Temescal Wash	Temesca (include	al Wash Is AAAP)					
WY	Flow TDS (afy) (mgl)	Flow TDS (afy) (mgl)	Flow TDS (afy) (mgl)	Flow TDS (afy) (mgl)	Flow TDS (afy) (mgl)	Flow TDS (afy) (mgl)	Flow TDS (afy) (mgl)	Flow TDS (afy) (mgl)	Flow TDS (afy) (mgl)	Flow TDS (afy) (mgl)	Flow TI (afy) (m	DS Flow Igl) (afy)	TDS Flo (mgl) (a	ow TDS fy) (mgl)	Flow TD (afy) (mg	S Flow I) (afy)	TDS (mgl)	Flow (afy)	TDS (mgl)	Flow 1 (afy) (I	TDS mgl)	Flow TDS (afy) (mgl	Flow (afy)	TDS (mgl)	Flow (afy)	TDS (mgl)	Flow TDS (afy) (mgl)	Flow (afy)	TDS (mgl)
1995	39 22	1 537 145	1,479 658	166 658	468 649	1,212 53	7 48 54	8 728 46	68 236 4	52 1,619 3	34 220	248 345	235	233 188	78	216 32	191	600	166	522	142	109	79 1	178	314	502	502 51	2 3,748	350
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1997	50 22	8 159 43	1,4/4 /01	16/ /02	468 /05	1,227 62	51 62	5 /45 45	6 105 3	82 355 2	// /1	201 123	183	94 73	21	144 203	114	218	/6	327	39	30	23	35 114	166	563	297 57	/5 1,467	424
1998	50 21	9 613 234	1,501 583	168 584	4/3 5/0	1,235 50.	2 52 49	9 869 47	6 286 4	50 2,190 3	258	307 431	298	253 219	85	281 35	218	664	216	620	180	126	46 14	10 248	331	401	535 41	4,018	281
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2004	51 23	0 209 326	1,493 691	168 692	471 69	7 1.234 630	52 63	1 728 43	4 148 5	80 732 5	50 97	463 160	463	108 261	28	476 12	269	202	388	714	99	42 4	43 4	19 444	202	665	356 67	1,674	57
2005	51 21	4 885 506	1.566 603	172 604	482 59	5 1.249 54	2 55 54	1 888 52	27 304 5	26 3.752 5	20 464	482 799	482	370 468	169	475 45	434	1.013	437	908	428	240 4	42 20	54 443	510	456	850 46	6,381	35(
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WY	Flow (afy)	TDS (mgl)	Flow (afy)	TDS (mgl)	Flow (afy)	TDS (mgl)				
1995	39	221	537	145	1,479	658				
1996	50	227	151	40	1,476	669				
1997	50	228	159	43	1,474	701				
1998	50	219	613	234	1,501	583				
1999	50	230	153	48	1,475	714				
2000	49	222	113	41	1,479	674				
2001	50	227	182	42	1,477	654				
2002	49	229	85	40	1,472	697				
2003	50	225	346	74	1,474	622				
2004	51	230	209	326	1,493	691				
2005	51	214	885	506	1,566	603				
2006	50	232	595	624	1,536	681				
2007	47	213	522	622	1,453	580				
2008	50	226	407	555	1,076	420				
2009	51	227	354	400	1,029	284				
2010	51	227	369	301	1,066	347				
2011	50	227	509	306	1,276	534				
2012	50	230	194	273	977	162				
2013	49	227	153	343	899	133				
2014	49	218	91	51	755	50				
2015	50	229	126	62	817	78				
2016	51	233	89	28	778	34				
Min	39	213	85	28	755	34				
Avg	49	225	311	232	1,274	480				
Max	51	233	885	624	1,566	714				

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SUMMARY

- Schematics, charts, and tables similar to those prepared for the UTV SNMP could readily be assembled for other GMZs from the model input and output files
- The exhibits can be reviewed by the Task Force members and other overlying agencies and experts in the local hydrogeology of the GMZs to assess if (1) obvious errors exist and (2) the results reasonably represent the GMZ.
- A finding that the representation of a GMZ is not fully reasonable does not mean the WLAM could not move forward to completion, but it would enable the Task Force to: highlight limitations in the use of the model and identify areas where additional monitoring and/or studies are needed to improve future versions of the model.



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