



SANTA ANA WATERSHED
PROJECT AUTHORITY

Microsoft Dynamics GP Study and Support

Commission Meeting

Item Number 6.A

Dean Unger

IT Manager

May 21, 2024

Recommendation

- It is recommended that the Commission receive and file the informational report on the Microsoft Dynamics GP replacement study and support.

End of Life Software

- In 2023, Microsoft announced the support for Microsoft Dynamics GP software will end in January of 2028.
- SAWPA has been using Microsoft Dynamics GP accounting software since 2002.

RFP issued for Study and Support

- SAWPA issued an RFP in February for a business study and recommendation for a new accounting software solution.
- A request to support the current Microsoft Dynamics GP accounting system was also included.
- Five vendors responded to the RFP.

Proposal Ranking

<i>Reviewer</i>	Alx Tel, Inc	Endeavor Solutions	Integrated Systems Solutions	KAT Enterprise LLC	Oracle NetSuite
Dean	60	94	83	73	91
Karen	63	90.5	80	69	87.5
		*Selected for Interview	*Selected for Interview		*Selected for Interview

Interview Ranking and Costs

<i>Reviewer</i>	Endeavor Solutions	Integrated Systems Solutions	Oracle NetSuite
Dean	91.5	85	85
Karen	89.5	85	76.5
<i>Cost</i>	\$11,735.00	\$7,140.00	\$39,000.00

Endeavour Solutions

Microsoft Gold Partner

Team Expertise both in
Accounting and Software

550 Current GP customers
and 900 customers on new
solutions

Timeline

	May 21st - July 1st	1st Qtr 2024-25	2nd Qtr 2024-25	3rd Qtr 2024-25	1st Qtr 2025-26
OnBoard Support Service					
Business Process Study					
Report Finding to Commission					
Issue RFP for recommended Software and data migration					
Vendor Selection and Software Installation					

Questions?

Thank You

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Inland Empire Brine Line Rate Resolution 2024-5

SAWPA Commission Meeting

Agenda Item No. 6.A

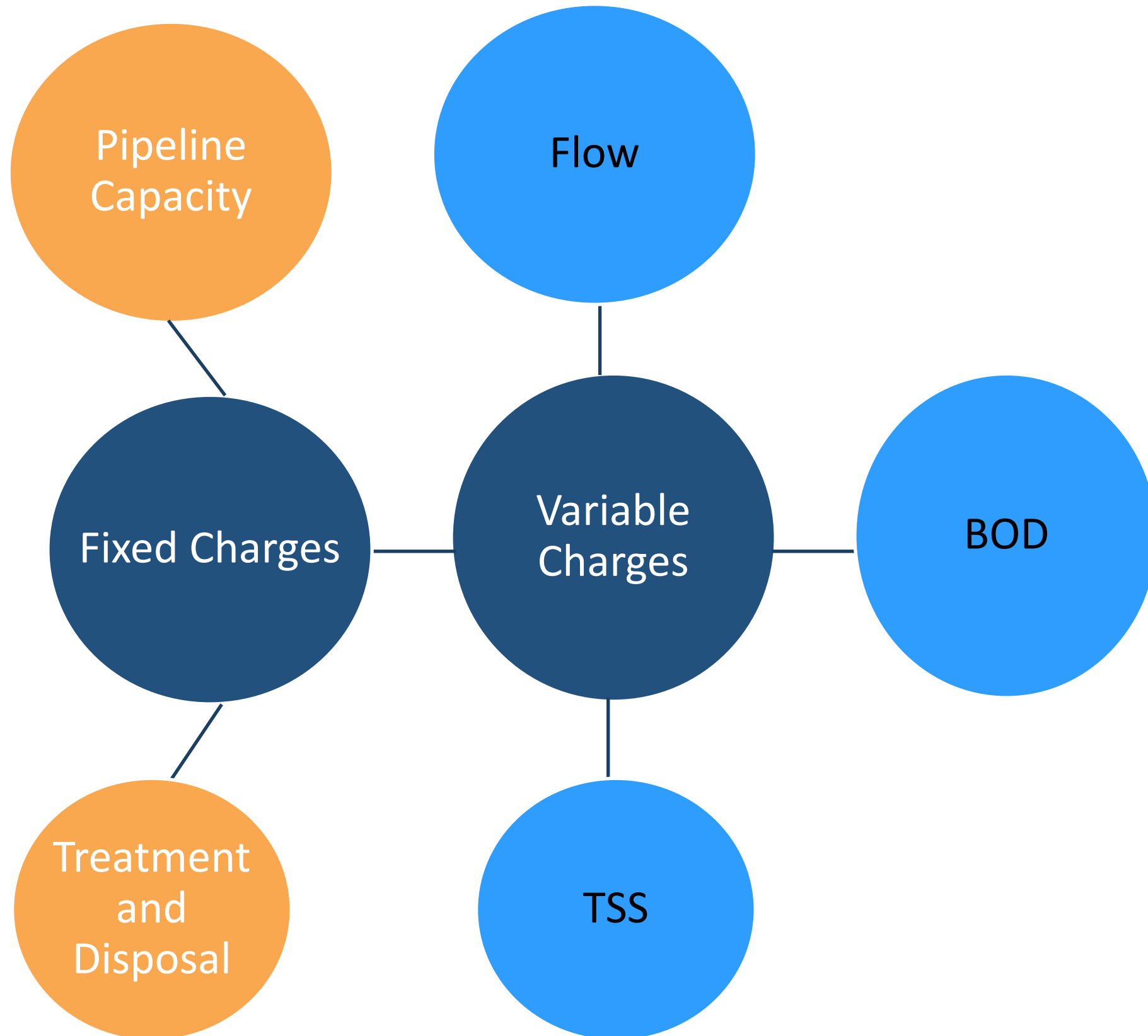
David Ruhl

Executive Manager of Engineering and Operations

May 21, 2024

Recommendation

- That the Commission adopt Resolution No. 2024-5 establishing the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Inland Empire Brine Line Rates to be effective July 1, 2024.



Brine Line Rate Components:

- Flow
 - Per Million Gallons
- Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)
 - Per 1,000 lbs
- Total Suspended Solids (TSS)
 - Per 1,000 lbs
- Fixed Charges for Pipeline and Treatment and Disposal Capacity Owned
 - Per Million Gallons/Day

Brine Line Rates Direct Dischargers (FY 2024-25)

Options	Effective Date	Flow MG	BOD(1) 1,000 lbs	TSS(1) 1,000 lbs	Fixed Pipe	Fixed T&D
Current FY 2023-24	-	1,073	394	494	6,654	13,505
Proposed FY 2024-25	7/1/2024	1,097	396	497	6,654	13,505

(1) BOD and TSS is a “pass through” cost from OC San. BOD and TSS proposed rate for FY 2024-25 match OC San charge received in April 2024.

Brine Line Rates FY 2019 – FY 2026

Fiscal Year	Flow (MG)	BOD (1,000 lbs)	TSS (1,000 lbs)	Monthly Fixed Pipeline	Monthly Fixed Treatment
2026 Planned	1,152	\$416	\$522	\$6,654	\$13,505
2025 Proposed	1,097	396	497	6,654	13,505
2024 Current	1,073	394	494	6,654	13,505
2023	1,049	353	520	6,654	13,505
2022	1,018	329	460	6,654	13,505
2021 Jan - June	1,018	329	460	6,654	13,505
2021 Jul - Dec	979	316	442	6,398	12,985
2020	979	316	442	6,398	12,985
2019	946	307	429	6,217	12,607

Brine Line Rates % Change (+/-) FY 2019 – FY 2026

Fiscal Year	Flow MG	BOD (1,000 lbs)	TSS (1,000 lbs)	Monthly Fixed Pipeline	Monthly Fixed Treatment
2026 Planned	5%	5%	5%	0%	0%
2025 Proposed	2.3%	0.5%	0.5%	0%	0%
2024 Current	2%	12%	-5%	0%	0%
2023	3%	7%	13%	0%	0%
2022	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2021 Jan – Jun	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%
2021 Jul – Dec	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
2020	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%
2019	5%	0%	0%	5%	5%

Indirect Dischargers

- Currently using a 2-tier System:
 - Brine (<100 mg/L of both BOD or TSS)
 - Non-Brine (\geq 100 mg/L of either BOD or TSS)
 - Charges based on a per gallon base for brine tier and a per gallon base plus pounds of BOD and pounds of TSS for non-brine tier.

Indirect Discharger Rates

Option	Brine ^(a) Tier (< 100 mg/L) / gallon	Non-Brine ^(b) Tier* (≥ 100 mg/L) / gallon	BOD/lb	TSS/lb
Current (FY2023-24)	\$0.0160	\$0.0160	\$0.7800	\$0.7450
Proposed (FY2024-25)	\$0.0164	\$0.0164	\$0.7995	\$0.7636

**Non-brine tier charges the flow component plus any pounds of BOD and TSS.*

(a) Brine Tier if both BOD and TSS concentrations are less than 100 mg/L

(b) Non-Brine Tier if any of the BOD or TSS concentrations are 100 mg/L or greater.

Capacity Lease Rates

Lease Option Proposed (FY 2024 – 25)	Flow (per gallon)	Additional BOD (per lb)	Additional TSS (per lb)
Pipeline and Treatment and Disposal	\$0.00263	\$0.4080	\$0.2501
Treatment and Disposal Only	\$0.00117	\$0.4080	\$0.2501

(a) Discharges not exceeding 250 mg/l of BOD and 250 mg/l of TSS

Treatment & Disposal Surcharge Rates

Option	Flow (per gallon)	BOD (per lb)	TSS (per lb)
Current (FY 2023-24) and Proposed (FY 2024-25)	\$0.0021	\$0.4080	\$0.2501

These rates apply to dischargers that exceed their contractually owned capacity in any given month.

Proposed Permit Fees

Type of Permit	Current Fee (FY 2023-24) And Proposed Fee (FY 2024-25)
Direct Discharger	\$600
Indirect Discharger	\$300
Connection Authorization	\$1,100
Liquid Waste Hauler	\$250

Recommendation

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Questions?

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Adaptation Planning Grant Program Santa Ana River Watershed Regional Invasive Species Management

Rachel Gray, Water Resources and Planning Manager

SAWPA Commission Meeting
May 21, 2024

Recommendation

- That the Commission authorize the General Manager, or designee, to submit a planning grant application to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research for the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program's Adaptation Planning Grant Program to implement the Santa Ana River Watershed Regional Invasive Species Management Project.

Adaptation Planning Grant Program Round 2

Governor's Office of Planning and Research



- Grant funds for local and regional planning
- Enhance climate resilience of a region
- Support climate-resilient infrastructure projects

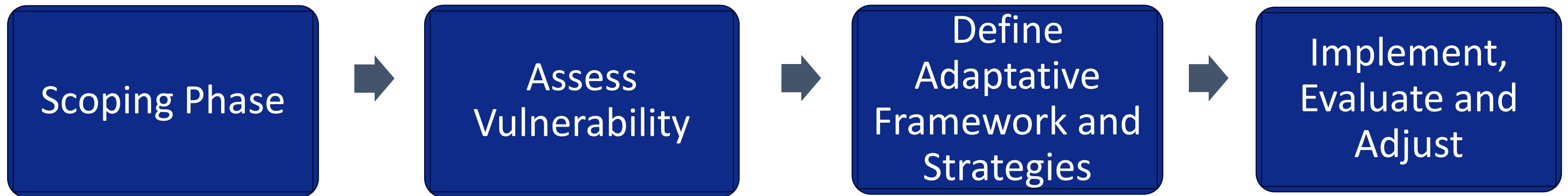
Round 2 Available Funding	\$9,500,00
Minimum Grant Award	\$100,000
Maximum Grant Award	\$650,000
Project Completion Timeframe	24 months

Application Component	Total Points Possible
Project Vision and Description	15
Community Need and Adaptive Capacity	30
Co-Benefits	10
Partnership	20
Workplan and Budget	15
Finalist Interview	10
Total	100

For grant, document community-need and non-profit partner(s).

Scope Derived from the OPR Grant Guidelines

- Eligible activities must fit into one or more of the four phases included below:



Project Developed for Grant Application



Problem Statement:

- *Arundo donax* (Giant reed) – an invasive species pervasive in the watershed – is problematic for many entities in the watershed in terms of water supply, habitat, and fire.
- Arundo in the watershed consumes up to **12,000-36,000 AFY of water** based on **600-1800 acres of Arundo** in the watershed.*

Project Purpose:

Establish a regional coalition to eradicate Arundo from the watershed through multi-agency planning and collaboration.

Specific tasks would address:

- Map Arundo watershed-wide
- Track progress of removal activities
- Develop a strategic plan to guide future efforts
- Investigate connection between Arundo and wildfire
- Support future grant funding opportunities.

Potential Partners:

- SAWPA
- SAWPA Member Agencies
- Resource Conservation Districts
- Flood plain managers (county flood control and parks districts)
- Army Corps
- Other federal agencies
- Community-based organizations.

*Based on an acre of Arundo consuming up to 20 AFY of water (California Invasive Plant Council)

Benefits to Member Agencies and Interested Parties

In general:

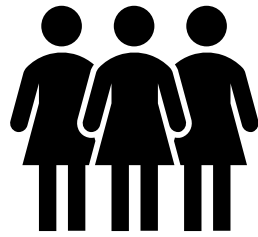
- Arundo is a persistent invasive species in Prado wetlands, along the SAR, tributaries, and in key mitigation locations
- Arundo is problematic for member agencies, resource conservation districts, county flood and parks districts, and Army Corps.

Benefits:

- Increase local water supply resilience
- Restoration of the natural habitat
- Support Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) permitting requirements (OCWD and SBVMWD)
- Reduce the ignition source for fires
- Support regional collaboration for invasive species removal
- Support grant funding opportunities for removal projects.



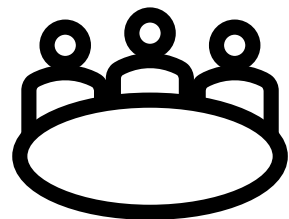
Scope for Grant Application



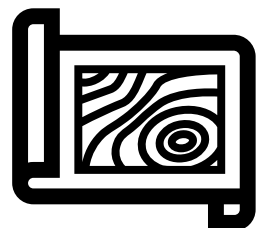
Task 1: Public education on removal of invasive species and their impacts on the ecosystem and climate change risks (drought and wildfires)



Task 2: Assess the impacts of invasive species on the health of the ecosystem (water consumption, outcompeting of resources for native species), and study the linkages between invasive species and fire in riverbed/riparian areas.



Task 3: Creation of a watershed-wide invasive species **working group** and **strategic plan** to establish shared decision-making processes for adaptation climate planning. Address: partnerships, leveraging, approach, finance strategies, etc.



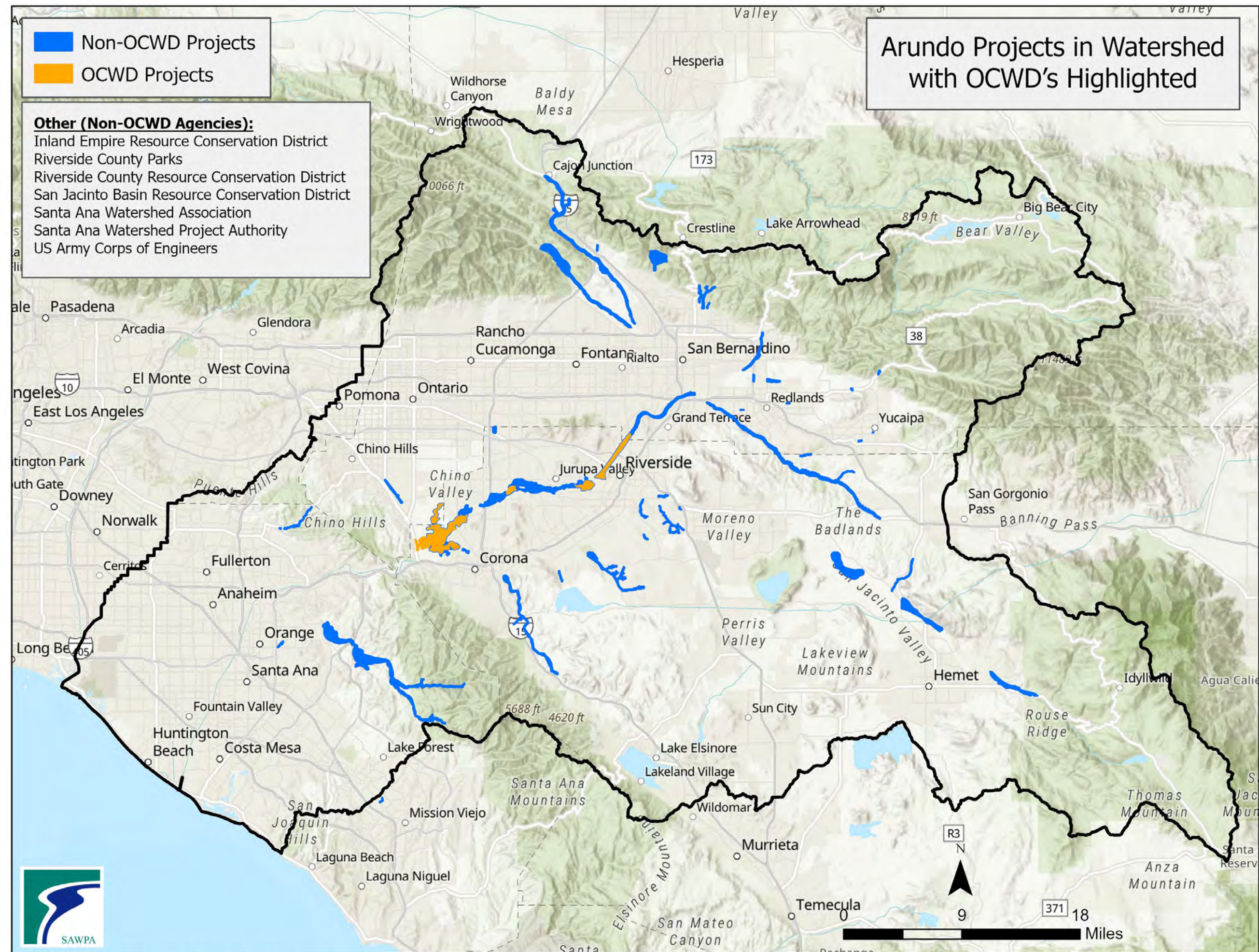
Task 4: Analyze **aerial imagery** to detect invasive species to detect Arundo and track removal progress

Grant Application Draft Budget (No Match Required)

<u>Grant Administration</u> (17% of Subtotal)	\$94,350
<u>Task 1 Public Outreach</u>	
Development of PR Materials	\$25,000
Online Survey Development and Management	\$10,000
Survey Boosts Via Social Media	\$20,000
<u>Task 2 Study</u>	
Technical Memo	\$125,000
<u>Task 3</u>	
Workgroup Formation	\$125,000
Workgroup Strategic Plan	\$125,000
<u>Task 4</u>	
Aerial Imagery Analysis/ Validation	\$125,000
Subtotal	\$555,000
Grand Total (With Grant Admin)	\$649,350

Areas of Arundo Removal

- Since 1997, an estimated **8,500 acres** of Arundo have been removed in the watershed
- Currently we know of an additional **600 acres** of Arundo, but the actual amount could be **2X-3X** that estimate.



SAWPA's Past/Current Involvement in *Arundo Donax* Removal

- Proposition 13 (water bond) project (2002)
- SAWPA gains revenue from SAR Mitigation Bank to fund removal projects via “credits”
 - Funds Inland Empire Resource Conservation District (IERCD) project to remove *Arundo* in the SAR Watershed headwaters (current)
- SAR Mitigation Bank funding
 - Current funding available: \$750K
 - Potential new revenue from bank via credits: \$2.1M



Grant Schedule

- SAWPA Commission Meeting: May 21, 2024
- OWOW Steering Committee Meeting: May 23, 2024
- Application Due: June 3, 2024
- Awards: Summer 2024
- If awarded:
 - Anticipated Start Date: December 1, 2024
 - Anticipated End Date: December 31, 2026



Recommendation

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Santa Ana River Watershed Weather Modification Pilot Program Status Update

Agenda Item No. 6.C.

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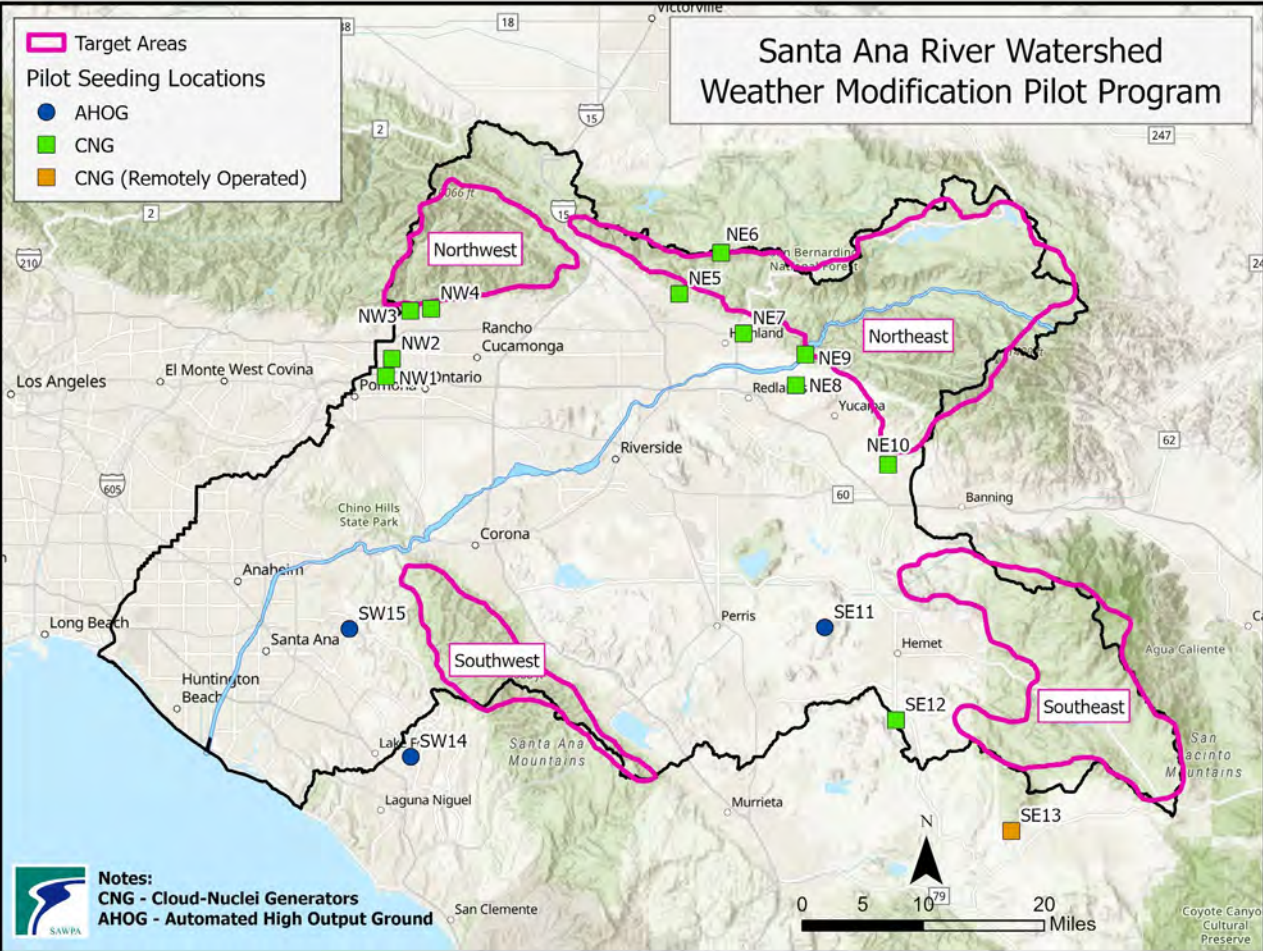
Presentation Overview

- **Operations**
 - Summary of Cloud Seeding Operations
 - Summary of Precipitation
 - Lessons Learned
- **Communications**
- **Validation**
- **Program Schedule**



Operations

Ground-Based Seeding Unit Operations



Site (15)	Sponsors (11)
Northwest	
NW1	Chino Basin Water Conservation District
NW2	
NW3	San Antonio Water Company
NW4	
Northeast	
NE5	City of San Bernardino MWD
NE6	Private Landowner
NE7	San Bernardino Valley MWD
NE8	San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District
NE9	
NE10	San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
Southeast	
SE11	Eastern Municipal Water District
SE12	
SE13	Private Landowner
Southwest	
SW14	El Toro Water District
SW15	East Orange County Water District

Example Sites



SW14:
El Toro Water District
(Orange County)



NE10:
San Geronio Pass Water Agency



NW2:
Chino Basin Water Conservation District

Season 1 Timeline

Task	Completion Date or Time Period
Seasonal Program Start	November 15, 2023
Notifications to Fire Departments	December 2023 – January 2024
Seasonal Program Operational Period	November 15, 2023 – April 15, 2024
Seasonal Program End	April 15, 2024
Seasonal Equipment Collection	May 31, 2024
Draft Seasonal Report Delivered	June 30, 2024

Summary of Cloud Seeding Operations

Units	Storm Periods	Nov 17-18	Dec 21-22	Dec 29-30	Jan 3	Jan 20-21	Jan 21-22	Feb 1	Feb 20-21	Mar 6-7	Mar 23-24	Mar 30-31	Apr 5	Apr 13-14
CNGs (Hours of Generator Runtime)	NW1			23	6.5			10	16.75	16	22	30	12.75	7
	NW2			23	7			9	16.25		20.25		9.25	7
	NW3	11.25	22	21	5.75			23.5	19.5	14	22.5	26.75	8.5	24.75
	NW4	13.25	20.75	22				23	19.75	14	22.5	27.75	8.5	25
	NE5		26.5	21.25	8.75	17.25	24.5			17	22.75	31.25	12.25	25.5
	NE6		21.5	9	12.25	17	14.25	11.75	18.25	14	18	31.25	14	20.25
	NE7		22.75	21	9	17			23	17.75	22.75	31.25	12.5	25.5
	NE8		22.25	18.75	9.75	18.5	23.25	7.75		15	20.5		13	25
	NE9		23	18.75	9.5	18.25	23.25	8	20.5		20.25	32.25	12.75	25.5
	NE10		24.25	21.25	9.25	17.75	24.75	23.5	24.25	18.75	22.5	31.25	12.25	25.25
	SE12		8.75	5.5	9.75			14		17	4.75	33	9	
	SE13		19	6.5	8	15.25	24.5	12.25		12.75	18.25	32.75	12.75	
AHOGS (Flares)	SE11		5		2		4	1				1	1	
	SW14		1	3		1	3			1		2	2	
	SW15									2			1	2

Overview of Suspension Criteria

Flood

- Warm storm rain on snow
- Freezing level is >8,000 feet
- Quantitative precipitation forecast is > 3 inches in 24 hours

Burn Scars

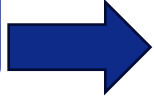
- Threat of debris flow
- Coordinate with flood control districts

Severe Weather

- Winter storm warnings
- Flash flood warnings
- Severe thunderstorm warnings
- Sustained winds more than 30 mph at the sites

Real-Time Decisions

- Input from FCDs on potential for flooding and mud slides/debris flows.
- Consecutive Storms
- Input from WWTPs



Enacted Suspension Criteria:

February 3-8 storm system:

- Because of the threat of excessive precipitation and subsequent effects of such (flooding, mudslides, etc.), seeding operations were suspended for this storm event.
- SAWPA staff coordinated with FCDs (OC, SB, Riverside).

Lesson Learned:

Communication with Local Fire Departments

- Maintain Effective Communication with Local Fire Departments

- Public notified fire departments due to flame from CNGs: 3 times
- December 2023 - January 2024
- Notices sent to all local fire departments
- For Year 2 Operations: SAWPA will resend notices to fire departments

Visible flame while in operation

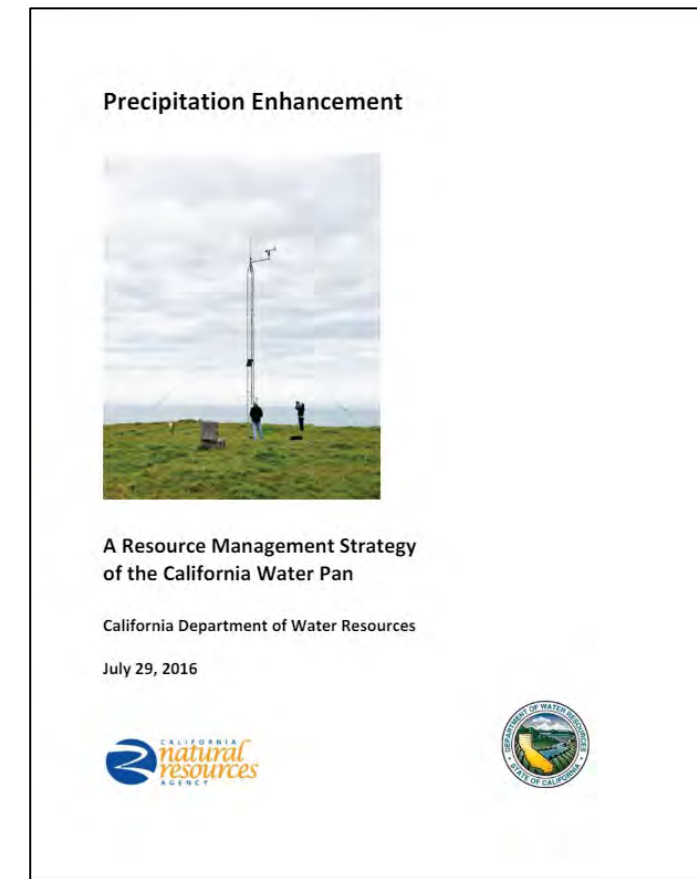
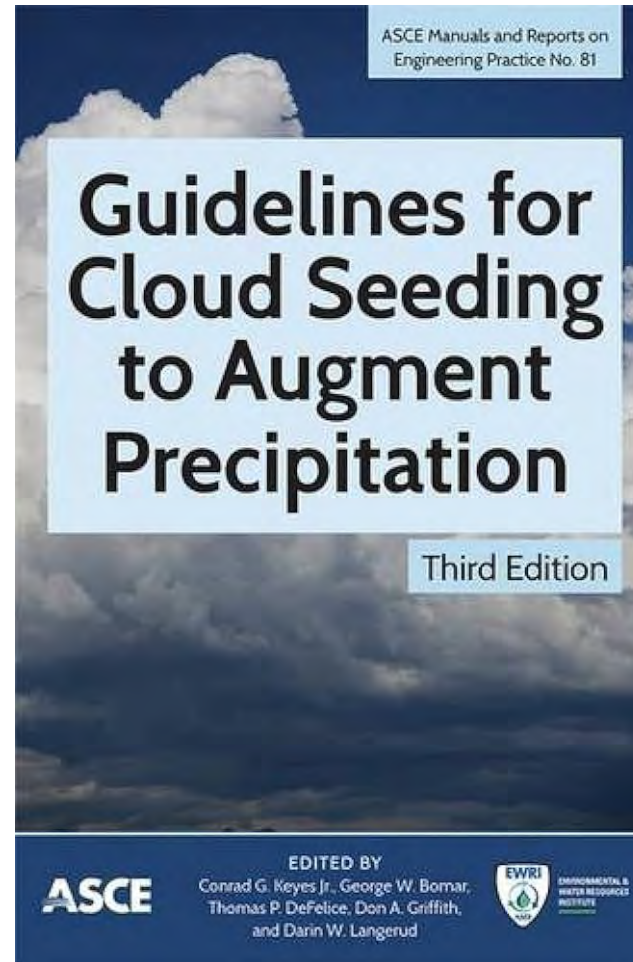


Site	Agency
NE5	City of San Bernardino Municipal Water Department
NE10	San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency
NW1	Chino Basin Water Conservation District

Lesson Learned:

Transparency on Technical information

- Use of scientific and technical references:
 - SAWPA Feasibility Study (2020)
 - SAWPA CEQA Study (2022)
 - Safety of silver iodide
 - Industry standards and guidelines
 - Cloud seeding experience in CA and the U.S.



Lesson Learned: Seeding Sites Access

- Maintain effective communication with sponsors to mitigate site access



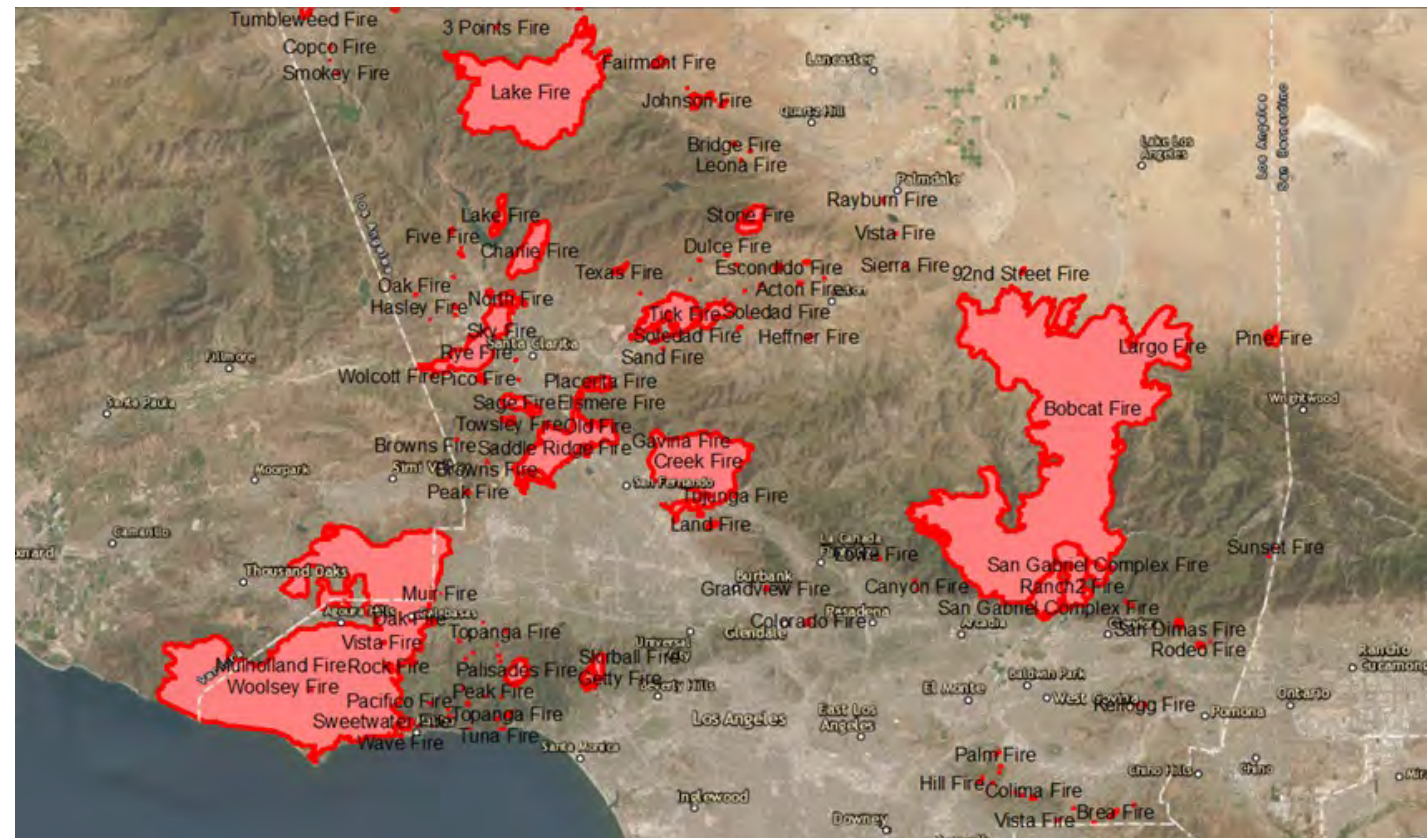
Lesson Learned: Operators/Operations

- Train backup site operators for continuous unit operations
- Troubleshoot cloud seeding units for optimal equipment operation
 - Leaks in copper tubing.
 - Leaks in propane tanks or CNG units
 - Propane tank levels
 - Seeding solution



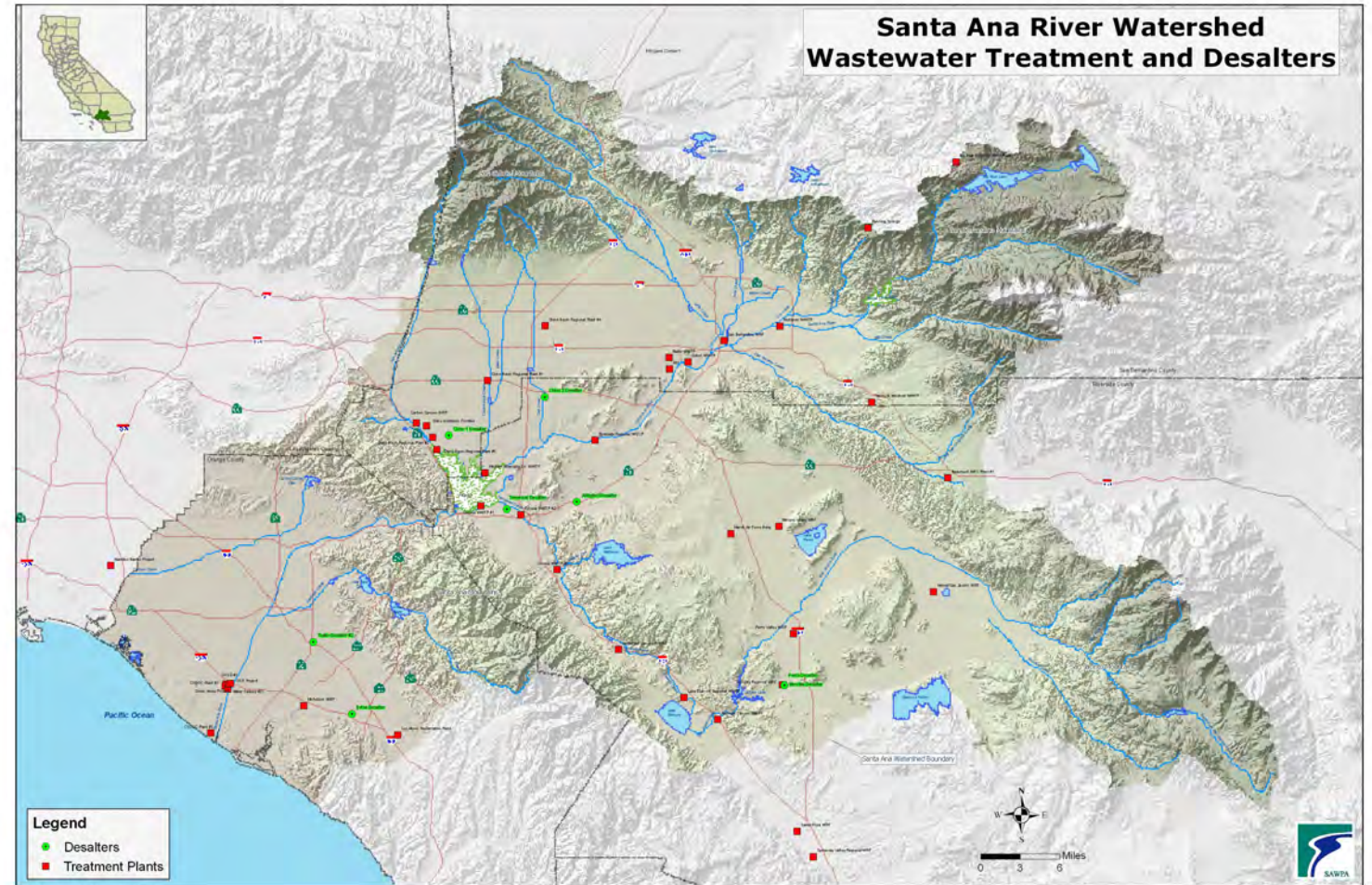
Lesson Learned: Flooding and Debris Flows

- On large storms, coordinate with Flood Control Districts for input on:
 - Burn scars from fires
 - Potential for debris flows
 - Potential for flooding



Lessons Learned: Infrastructure

- Understand the impact of successive storms on infrastructure
 - Stormwater Infrastructure (Flood Control Districts)
 - POTW and Collection Systems Inflow and Infiltration (I&I)



First Year Summary Report

Report Outline:

1. The Science Behind Cloud Seeding
2. Program Design and Implementation
 - Differences between the feasibility study and actual project design
 - Description and rationale for the location of each cloud seeding unit
3. 2023-2024 Season Operations
 - Seeded Storms: occurrence and justification
 - Unseeded Storms: occurrence and justification
 - Storms project design unable to capture
 - Operational issues encountered
4. Implementation of Suspension Criteria
5. Findings and Recommendations for Future Operational Seeding Years

Communications

Summary of Communications

- Communications Plan
- Pilot Program signage at seeding sites
- SAWPA’s Pilot Program webpage
 - Cloud seeding event chart
- Communication materials
 - Brochure, fact sheet, FAQ, CEQA documents
 - Door hangers (as needed)
- Public comments and questions
 - Email: weathermodification@sawpa.gov
 - Pilot Program hotline: (951) 289-5440
- Respond to media inquiries
- Speakers bureau

SAWPA Website: Cloud Seeding Event Chart

Month/Year	Start	End	Target Area(s)
December 2023	12/21/2023	12/22/2023	NW, NE, SW, and SE
	12/29/2023	12/30/2023	NW, NE, SW, and SE
January 2024	1/3/2024	1/3/2024	NW, NE, SE
	1/20/2024	1/21/2024	NE, SE, SW
	1/21/2024	1/22/2024	NE, SE, SW
February 2024	2/1/2024	2/1/2024	NW, NE, SE
	2/20/2024	2/21/2024	NW and NE
March 2024	3/6/2024	3/7/2024	NW, NE, SW, and SE
	3/23/2024	3/24/2024	NW, NE, SE
	3/30/2024	3/31/2024	NW, NE, SE, and SW
April 2024	4/5/2024	4/5/2024	NW, NE, SW, and SE
	4/13/2024	4/14/2024	NW, NE, SW

*Last updated: April 15, 2024

Common Public Comments and Questions

Governance and Permitting

- Required approvals
- Public involvement

Operations

- Potential for flooding
- Potential for thunderstorms
- Potential for fire
- Contributing to contrails (only produced via aerial seeding)

Safety of Silver Iodide

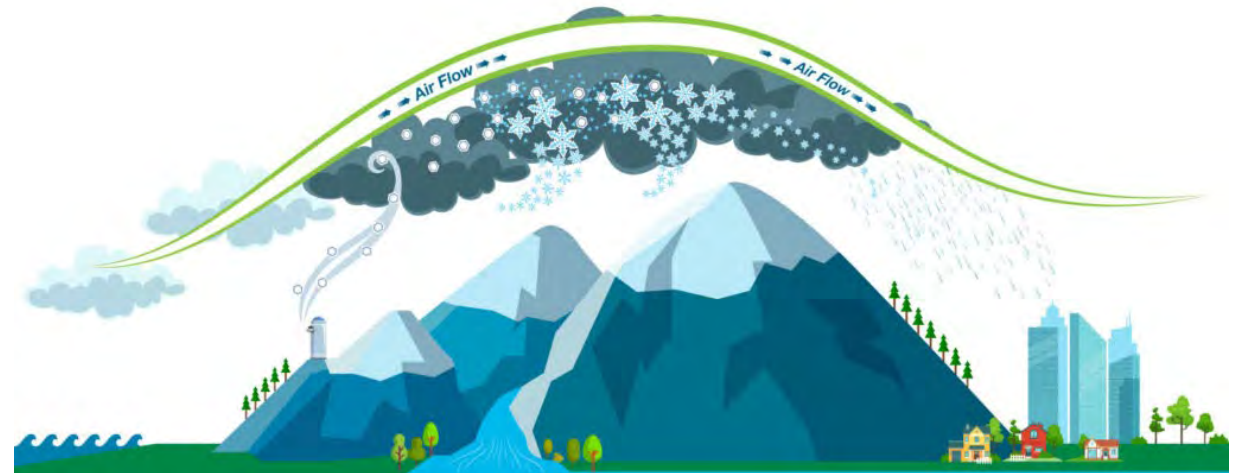
- Human health
- Ecological health and impact on the environment

Potential Impacts

- People
- Pets
- Soil
- Streams
- Groundwater supplies

Inquiries received as of April 24, 2024:

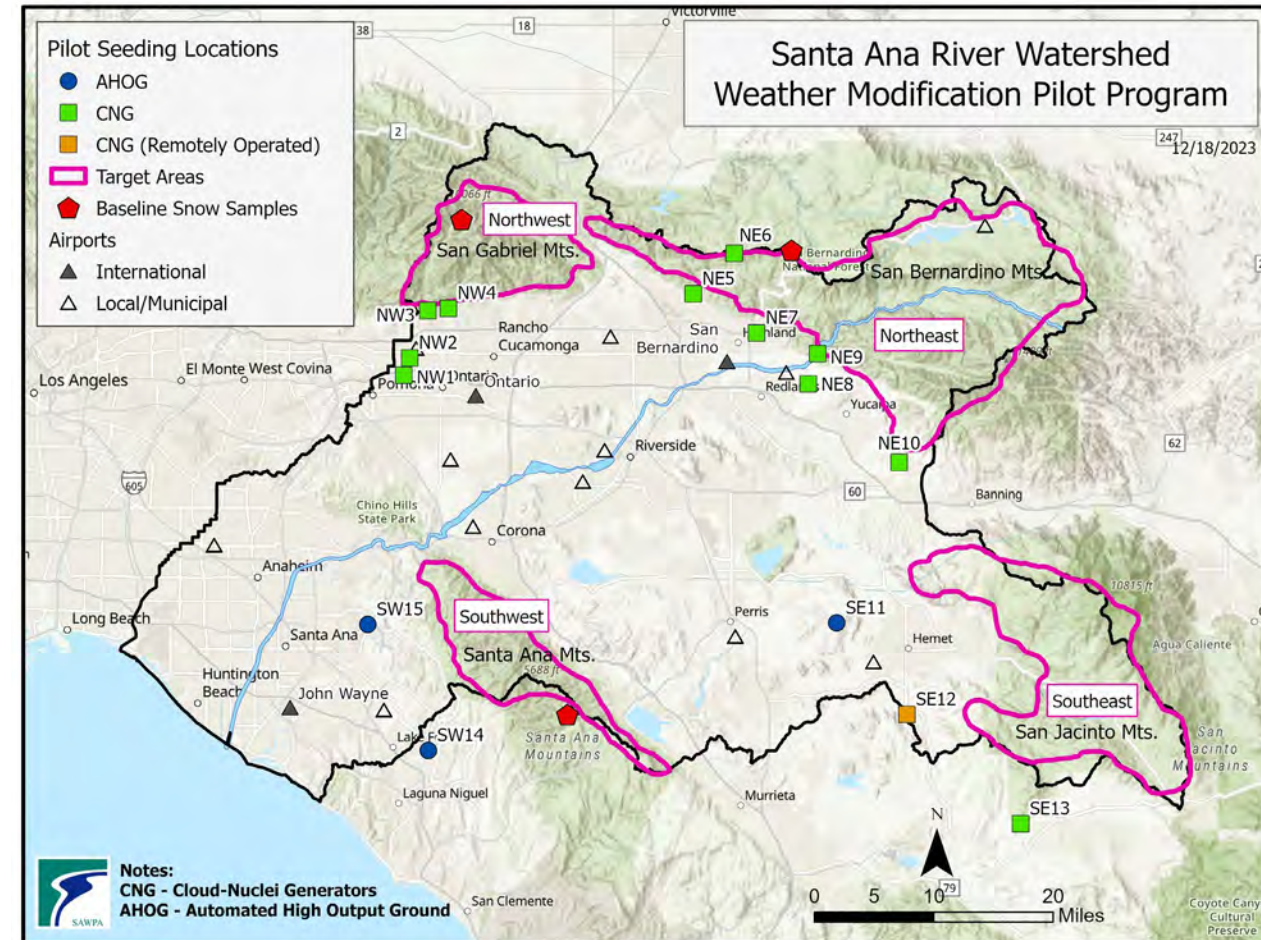
- Emails: 165
 - 40 negative | 24.24%
 - 125 positive | 75.76%
- Hotline calls: 45
 - 6 negative | 13%
 - 39 positive | 86.67%



Validation

DRI Tasks

- **Task 1: Evaluate NAWC Operations**
- **Task 2: Snow Chemistry**
- **Task 3: Calculating Seeded Snow-Water Equivalent**
- **Task 4: Target/Control Statistical Analysis**
 - Identify target and control precipitation gauges
 - Establish pre-seeding climatological relationships
- **Task 5: Stream Flow Analysis**
 - Obtain streamflow gauge data
 - Establish pre-seeding climatological relationships



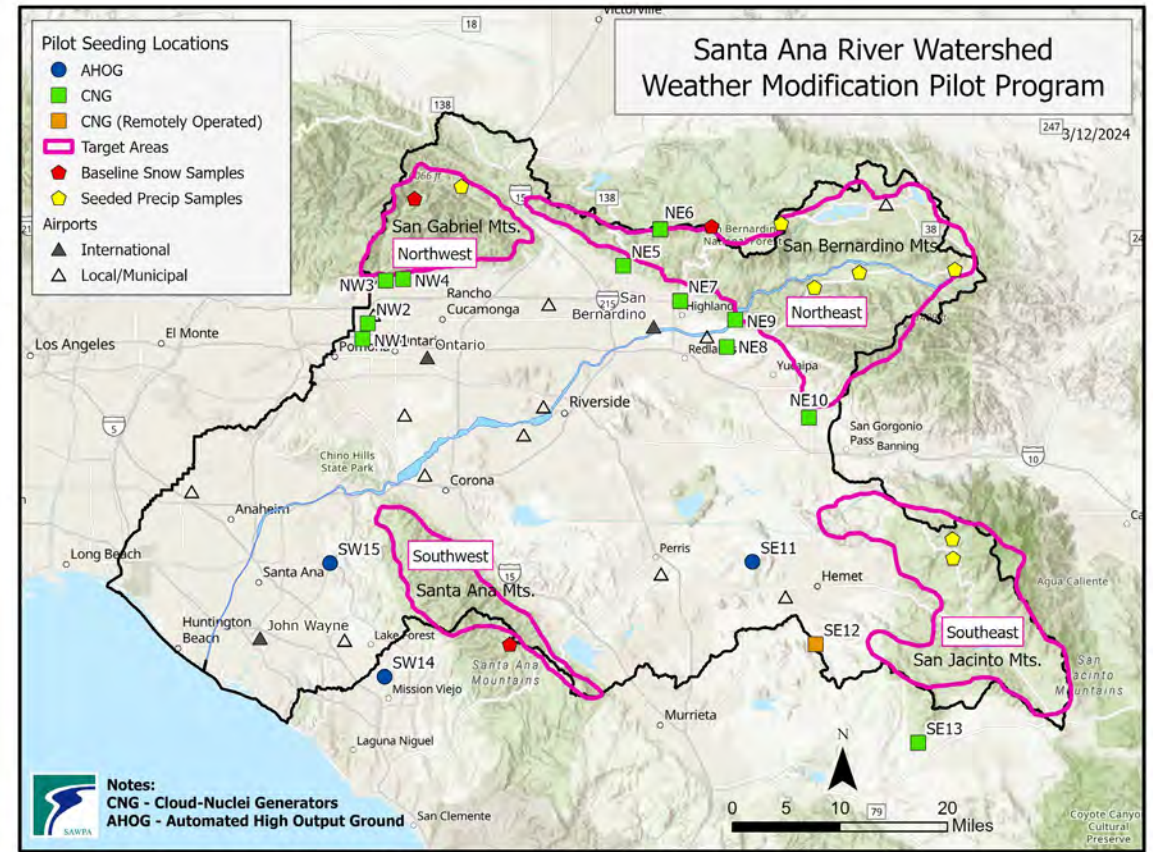
Validation Task 1: Evaluate NAWC Operations

- Evaluate Operations based on:
 - Seeding/Not Seeding decisions
 - Based on weather conditions
 - Seeding event times
 - Generators used

Storm hours/Seeding Hours	Seedable storm period (hr)	Unseedable Storm period (hr)
Cloud seeding generators running (hr)	Yes Yes	No Yes
Cloud seeding generators not running (hr)	Yes No	No No

Validation Task 2: Snow Chemistry

- Collected Baseline Snow Samples
 - March 2023
- Snow and precipitation samples were collected for 2 winter storms in the NW, NE, and SE target areas
 - February-March 2024
- Submitted samples to the DRI trace chemistry lab for analysis
- Lab results expected June 2024



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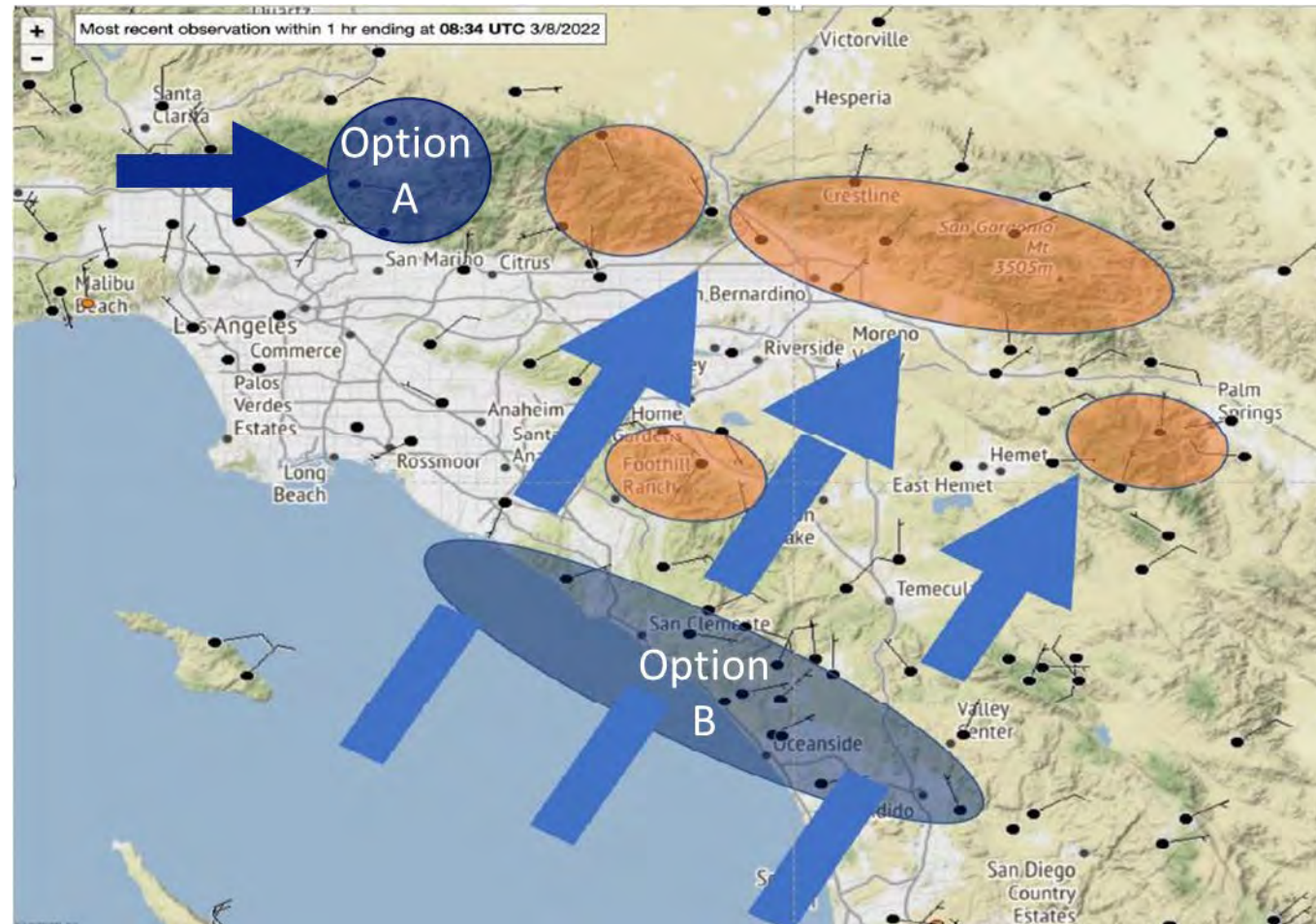
Validation Task 3: Snow-Water Equivalent

- Calculating the “Seeding Snow-Water Equivalent” or SWE
 - Analysis of rainfall from precipitation gauges
 - Analysis of snow observations from ski resorts
 - Determine effective seeding periods and estimate precipitation contributions from cloud seeding
- Assess precipitation as rainfall and snowfall



Validation Task 4: Target/Control Analysis

- Two options for control areas:
 - Option A – San Gabriel Mountains
 - Option B – Coastal City
- Identify **precipitation gauges** for Target areas and Control areas (i.e., Options A and B)
- Calculate **statistical relationship** between control area and target area gauges
- For the seeded storms, precipitation in target gauges will be compared to the historical relationship
- **Excess precipitation** will be contributed to cloud seeding



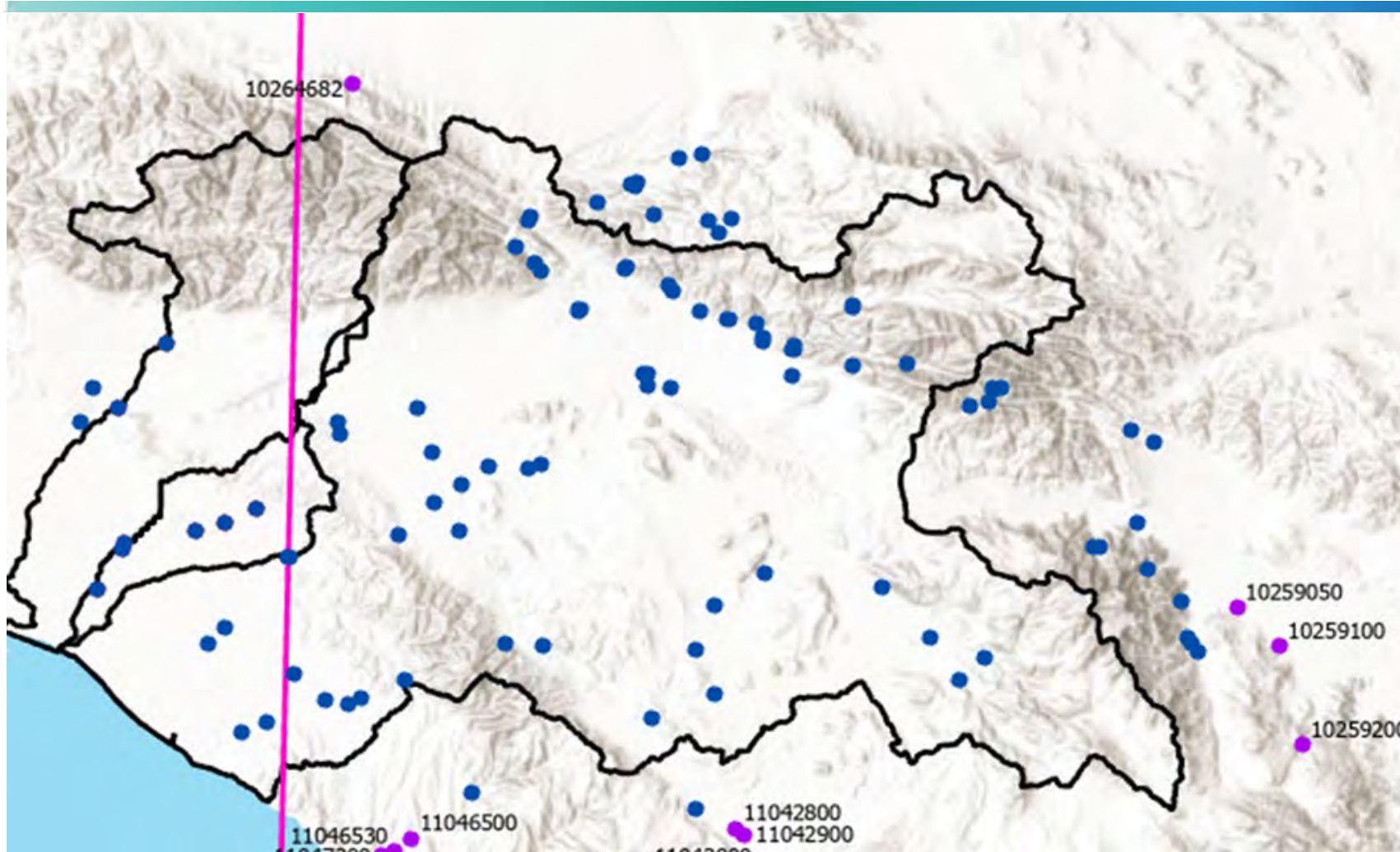
Validation Task 5: Stream Flow Analysis

- Obtained **streamflow gauges** from the San Gabriel (Control Area) and Santa Ana River Watersheds (Target Areas)
- Calculate **statistical relationship** between the selected target areas and control area streamflow gauges
- The target area runoff data will be compared to historic relationship
- **Excess runoff** will be attributed to the cloud seeding program



Stream gauges in Control Area
(only representative gauges will be selected for analysis)

Validation Task 5: Stream Flow Analysis



Stream gauges in
Target Areas

(only representative
gauges will be
selected for analysis)

Pilot Program Schedule

Pilot Program Schedule

- First Year Summary Report June 2024
- Project Validation Tasks July 2024
- Year 2 Equipment Mobilization Oct 2024
- Year 2 Operations – Start Nov 15, 2024

Questions

