

# EXHIBIT 120



University of Nevada, Reno

# Walker River Basin Decision Support Tool (DST) Version 2.0



## Original DST Mission - ca. 2006-7

What: Develop a Decision Support Tool (DST) that includes the important spatial, temporal, and vertical complexities of the hydrologic behaviors of the of Walker River Basin to *inform proposed water right acquisitions* aimed at increasing flows to Walker Lake.

Why: Options for water right acquisitions (purchases and/or leases) are being obtained. *DST will provide an estimate of how much additional water will make it to Walbuska* based on different acquisitions and climate conditions.

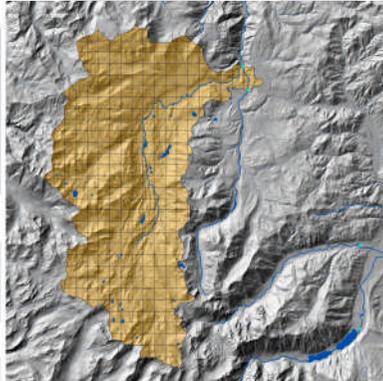
# Our Modeling Approach

1. Understand the process, scale, and data needs/constraints of the Walker River Basin - supply and demand.
2. Identify and evaluate existing and previous modeling and data collection efforts.
3. Identify and obtain available hydrologic information for the system.
4. Develop physically realistic hydrologic models of the supply and demand components of the system.
5. Create and test a DST, based on the physical models, that can be used to inform water acquisition decisions.
6. Use the DST.

## Phase I & II

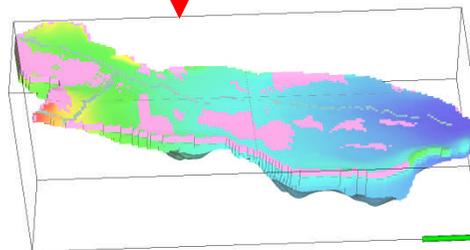
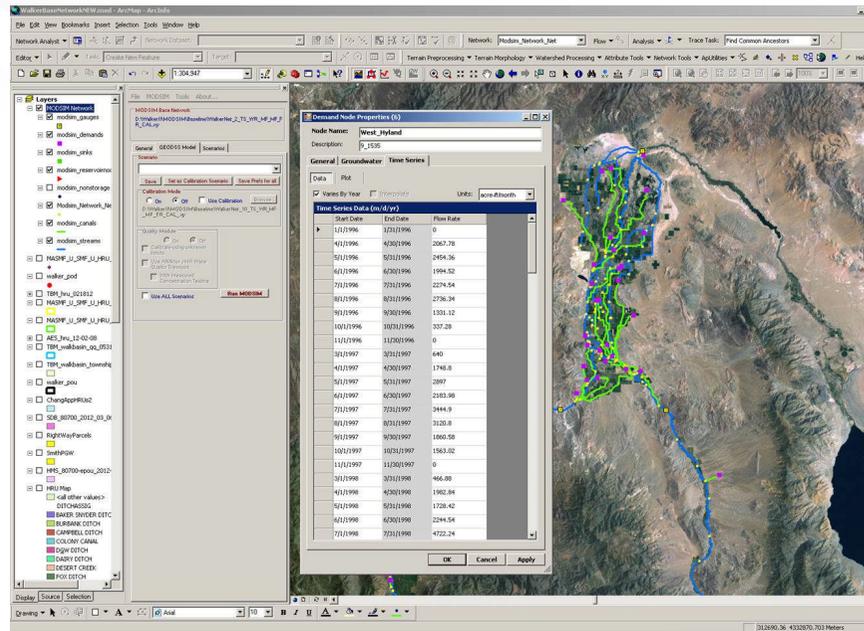
1. Development and initial testing of DST completed December 2008. Phase I completed.
2. The "Water Group" formed in January 2010. Designed, conducted, analyzed and discussed experiments with DST aimed at understanding Walker River basin behavior.
3. Phase II started in August 2010. Based on needs of Water Group, effort to improve DST started in January 2011.
4. DST version 2.0 presented to Water Group in January 2012. Continued interactions with Water Group planned through CY 2013.

# Overview of DST 2.0 Model Components



PRMS models of headwater areas (Supply Side)

## MODSIM River Basin Management system



MODFLOW models of Mason & Smith (Demand Side)



# What is MODSIM?

*MODSIM River Basin Management Decision Support System*

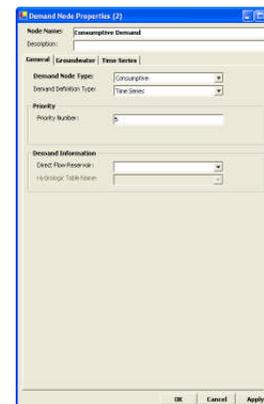
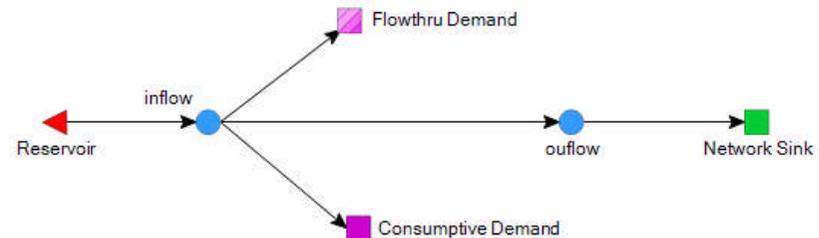
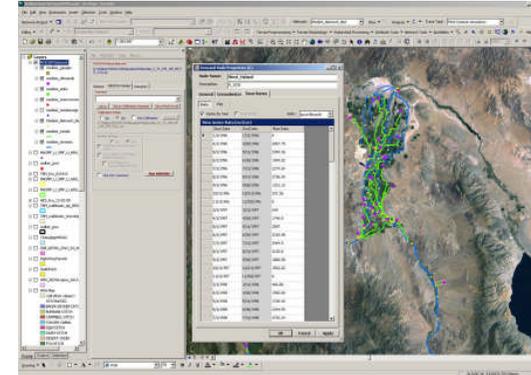
Network comprised of nodes and links

Includes tools for priority, variable colors of water, and optimization.

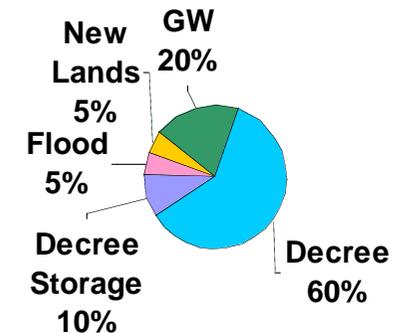
Provides user with access to all variables and parameters within time loop.

Capable of linking with other hydrologic models (e.g., MODFLOW, PRMS, etc.).

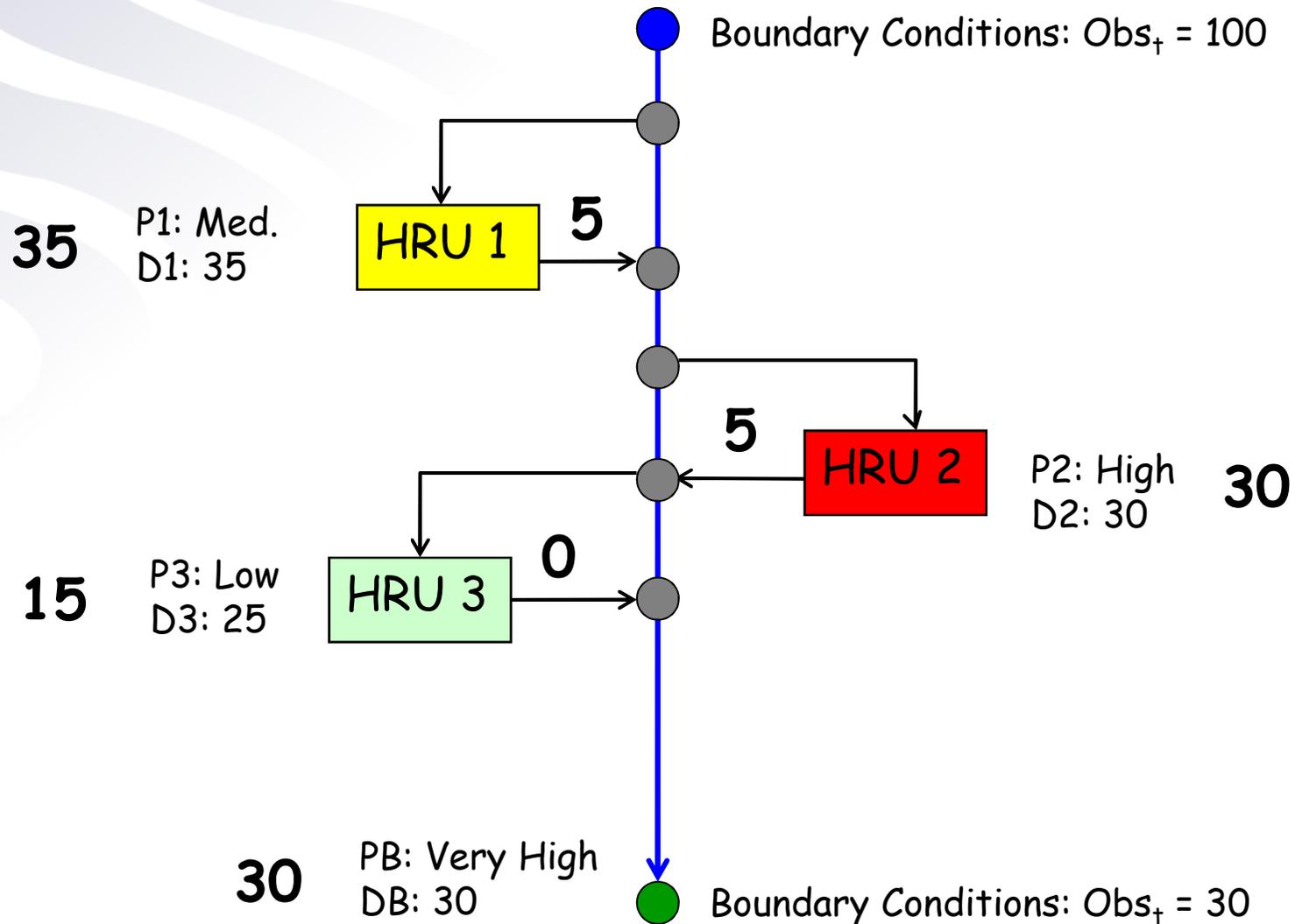
GeoMODSIM implemented in GIS software.



## Agricultural Demand



# MODSIM Conceptual Model



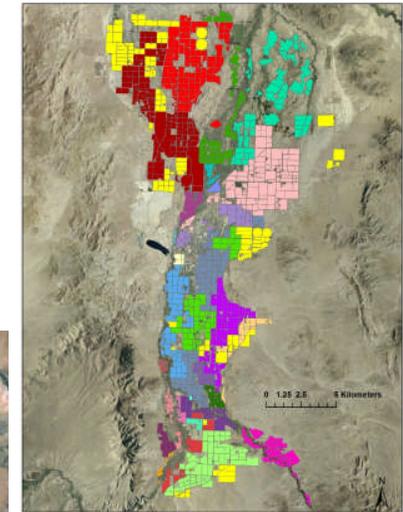
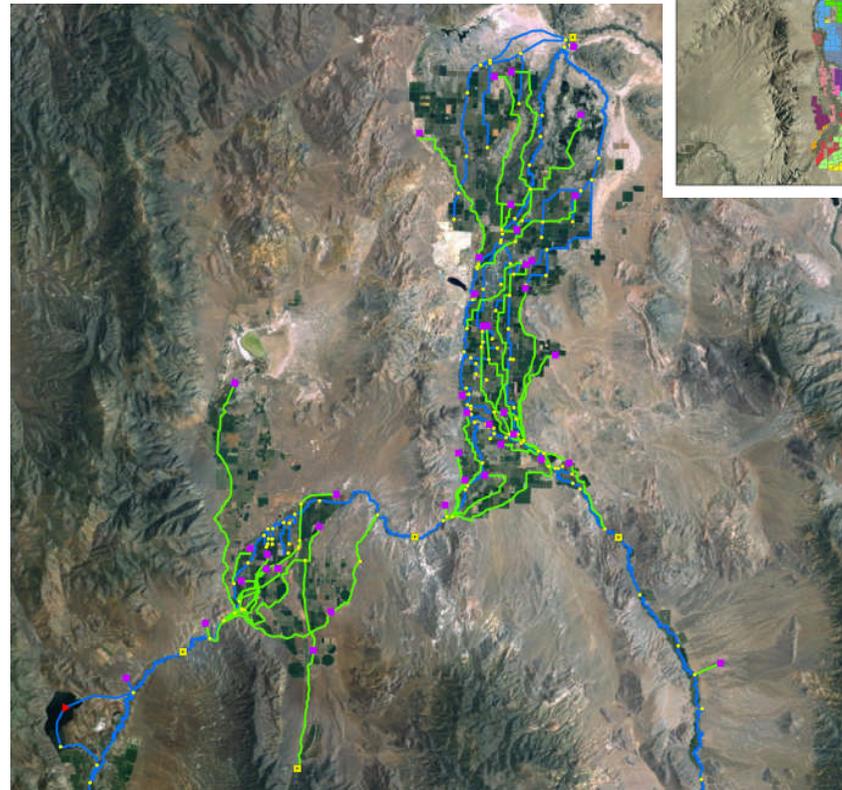
# Application of MODSIM to Walker River Basin

MODSIM upstream boundary conditions - driven with observed monthly streamflow for 1996 through 2011.

Reservoir storage and evaporation simulated at Bridgeport and Topaz.

Diversion node for each ditch in Mason and Smith Valleys; HRUs defined by agricultural area served by each ditch.

Agricultural areas with primary pumping defined as separate HRUs.



# MODSIM Mode 1: Historic Ditch Demand

**D<sub>x</sub>**: Decree, storage, and flood water diverted at each ditch based on *historic delivery records* according to priority, **P<sub>x</sub>**.

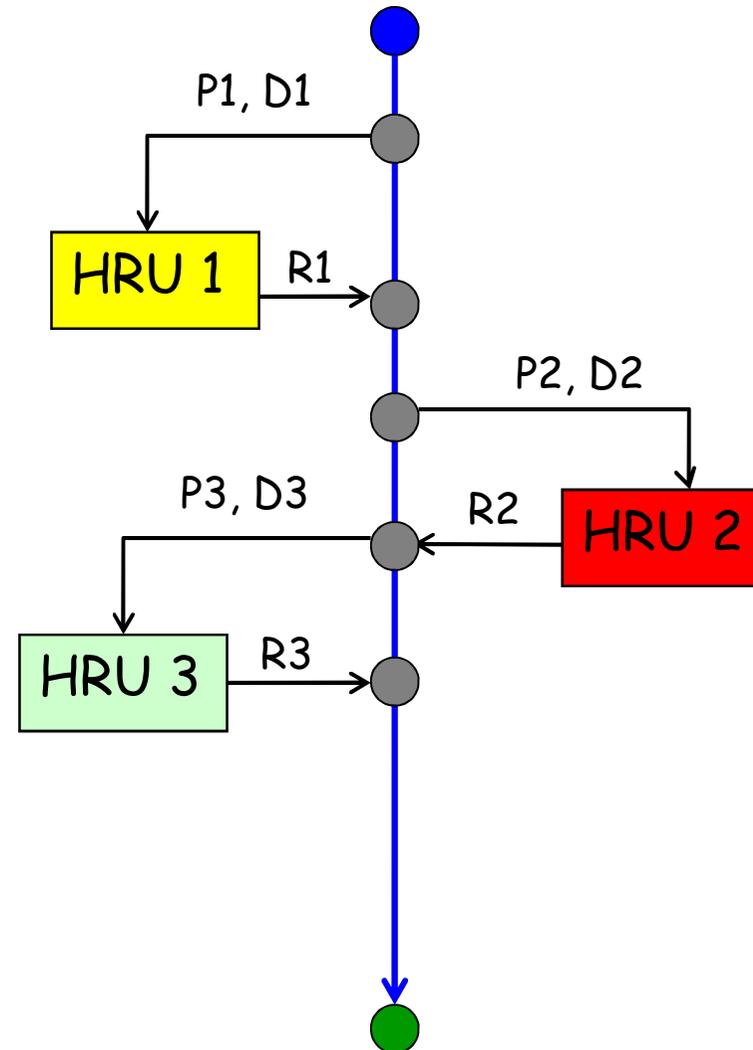
Water balance computed at each HRU on 100m grid scale based on crop type, NSE net water requirement, supplemental pumping, farm efficiency, ditch loss, etc.

Water applied becomes ET, infiltration, or runoff.

Iterative MODSIM/MODFLOW convergence

MODSIM - partitioning and distribution of all surface water

MODFLOW - interaction of surface and groundwater



# MODSIM Mode 2: Crop Demand

**Dx:** Decree, storage, and flood water diverted at each ditch based on *crop demand and ditch level priority, Px*. Historic diversions used to evaluate model.

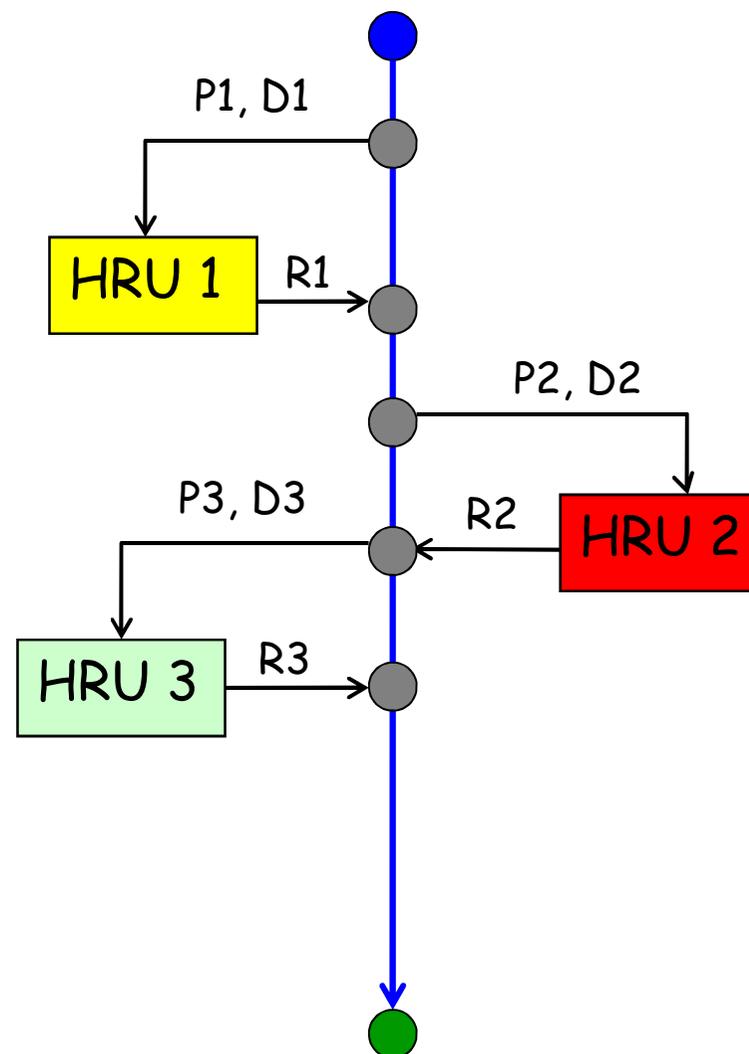
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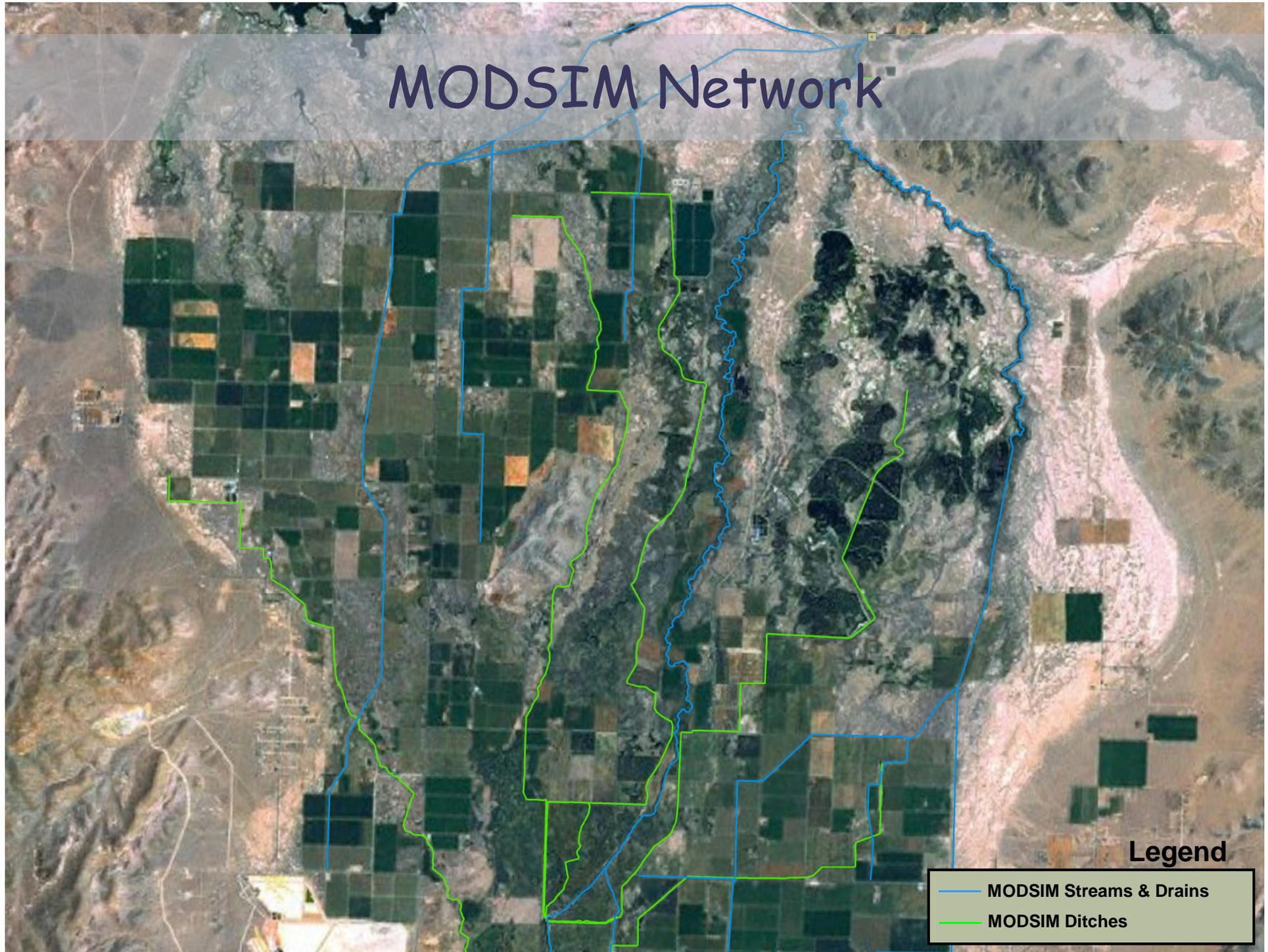
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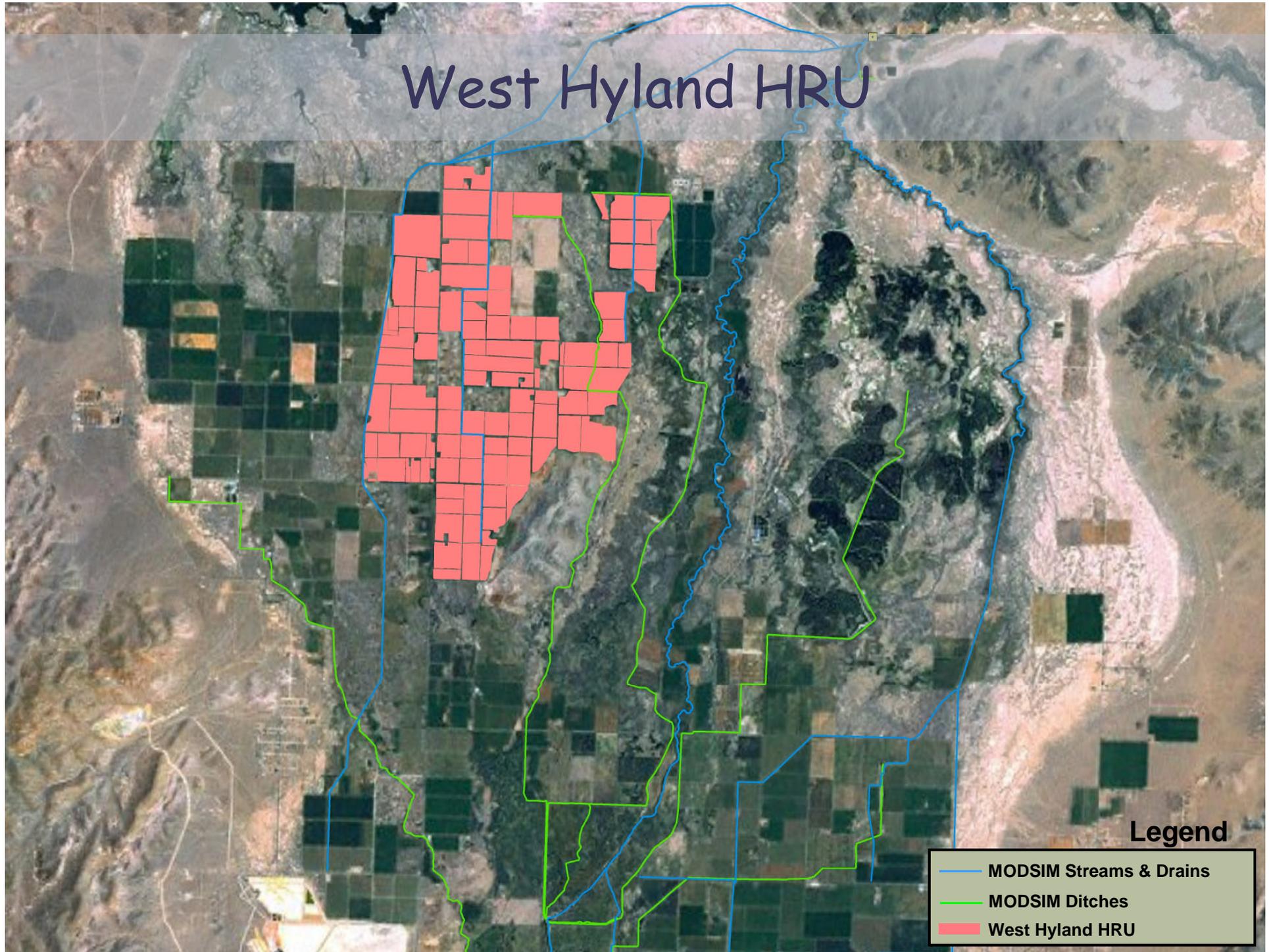
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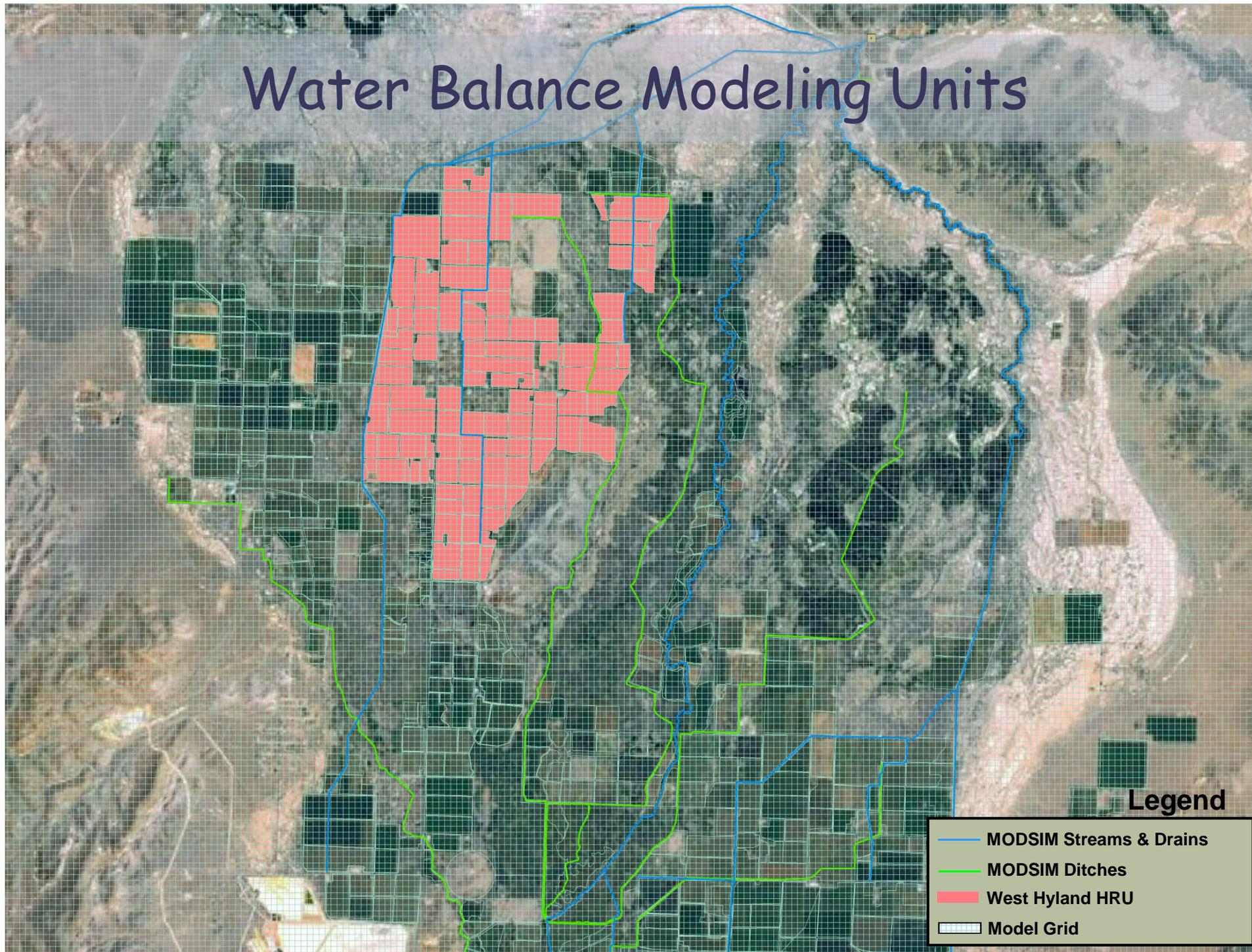
# MODSIM Network



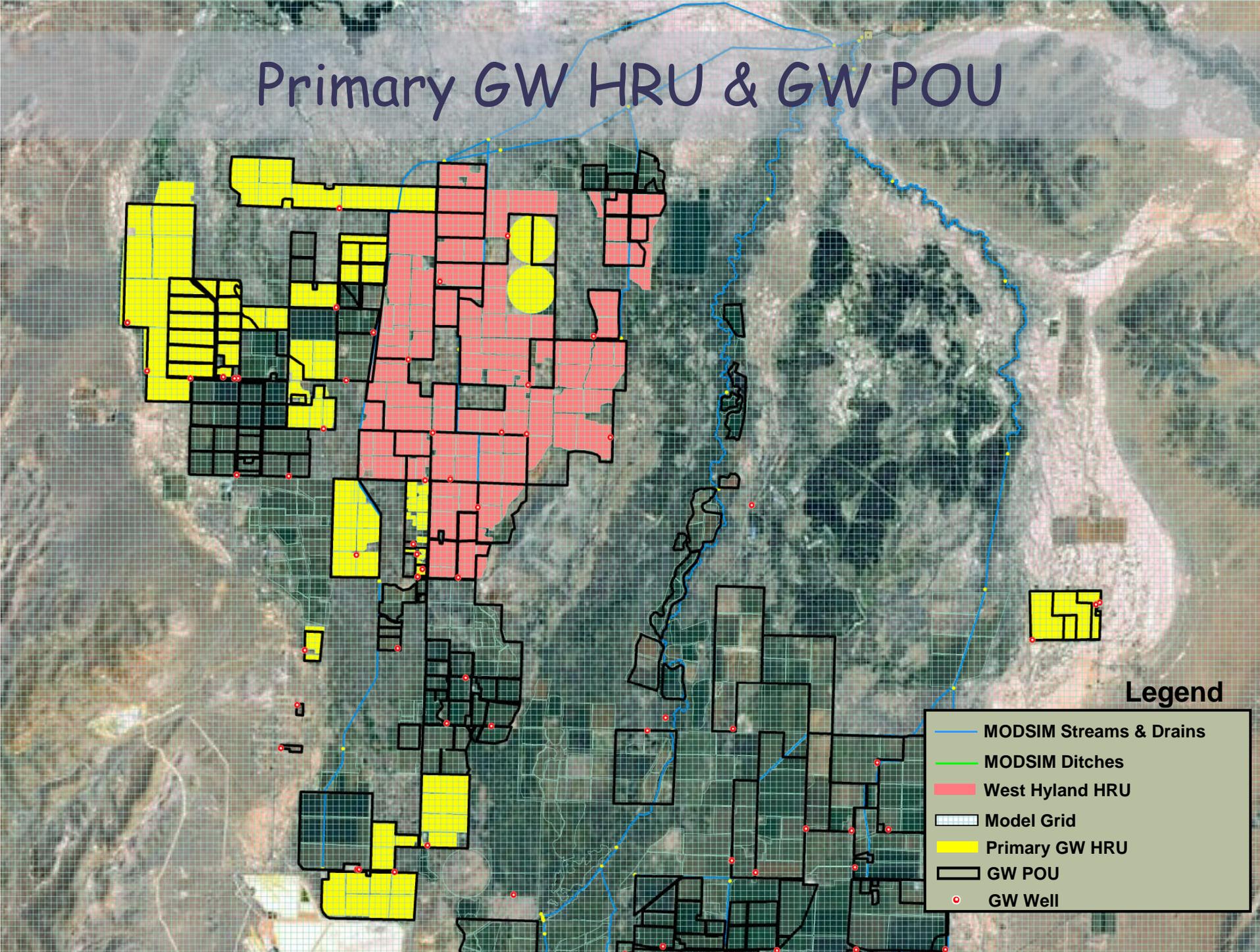
# West Hyland HRU



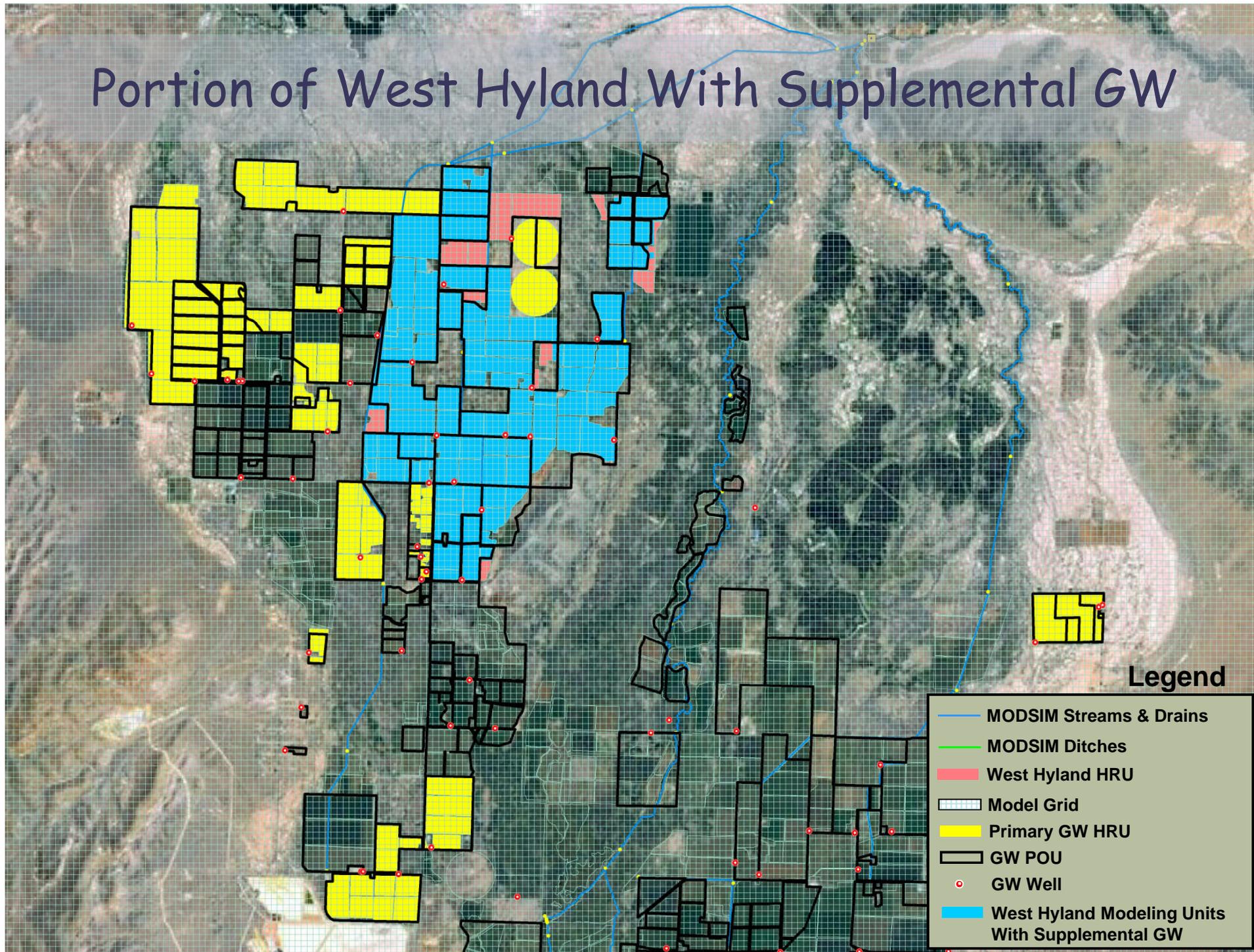
# Water Balance Modeling Units



# Primary GW HRU & GW POU



# Portion of West Hyland With Supplemental GW



# Walker DST Water Balance 2.0

HRU

1. Determine available surface water at POD (Surf<sub>1</sub>)
2. Surf<sub>2</sub> = Surf<sub>1</sub> \* (1 - DCL)
3. CD = Ag. Area \* NIWR (State Engineer)
4. CIWR = CD / (E<sub>Farm</sub>)
5. P<sub>Req</sub> = CIWR - Surf<sub>2</sub>
6. SP<sub>Max</sub> = f(Permits)
7. P<sub>Act</sub> = P<sub>Req</sub> or Balance of SP<sub>Max</sub>
8. App = P<sub>Act</sub> + Surf<sub>2</sub>
9. OFL = App \* (1 - E<sub>Farm</sub>)
10. RO = R<sub>Factor</sub> \* (OFL)
11. RCH = (1 - R<sub>Factor</sub>) \* OFL

$$SP_{Max} = \left( \# \text{ Acres} \right) * \left( 4 \frac{AF}{A} \right)$$

■ Parameter

■ Uncertainty

Wabuska Gage

RO  
App



P<sub>Act</sub>

DCL

Surf<sub>1</sub>

Surf<sub>2</sub>

Hudson Gage

Strosnider Gage

## Terms and Definitions

Surf<sub>1</sub> = Surface Supply at POD

DCL = Ditch Conveyance Loss

Surf<sub>2</sub> = Surface Supply at Ag. Area

CD = Crop Demand

E<sub>Farm</sub> = Farm Efficiency

NIWR = Net Irrigation Water Req.

CIWR = Crop Irrigation Water Req.

SP<sub>Max</sub> = Seasonal Pumping Maximum

P<sub>Req</sub> = Pumping Required

P<sub>Act</sub> = Pumping Actual

App = Application

OFL = On Farm Loss

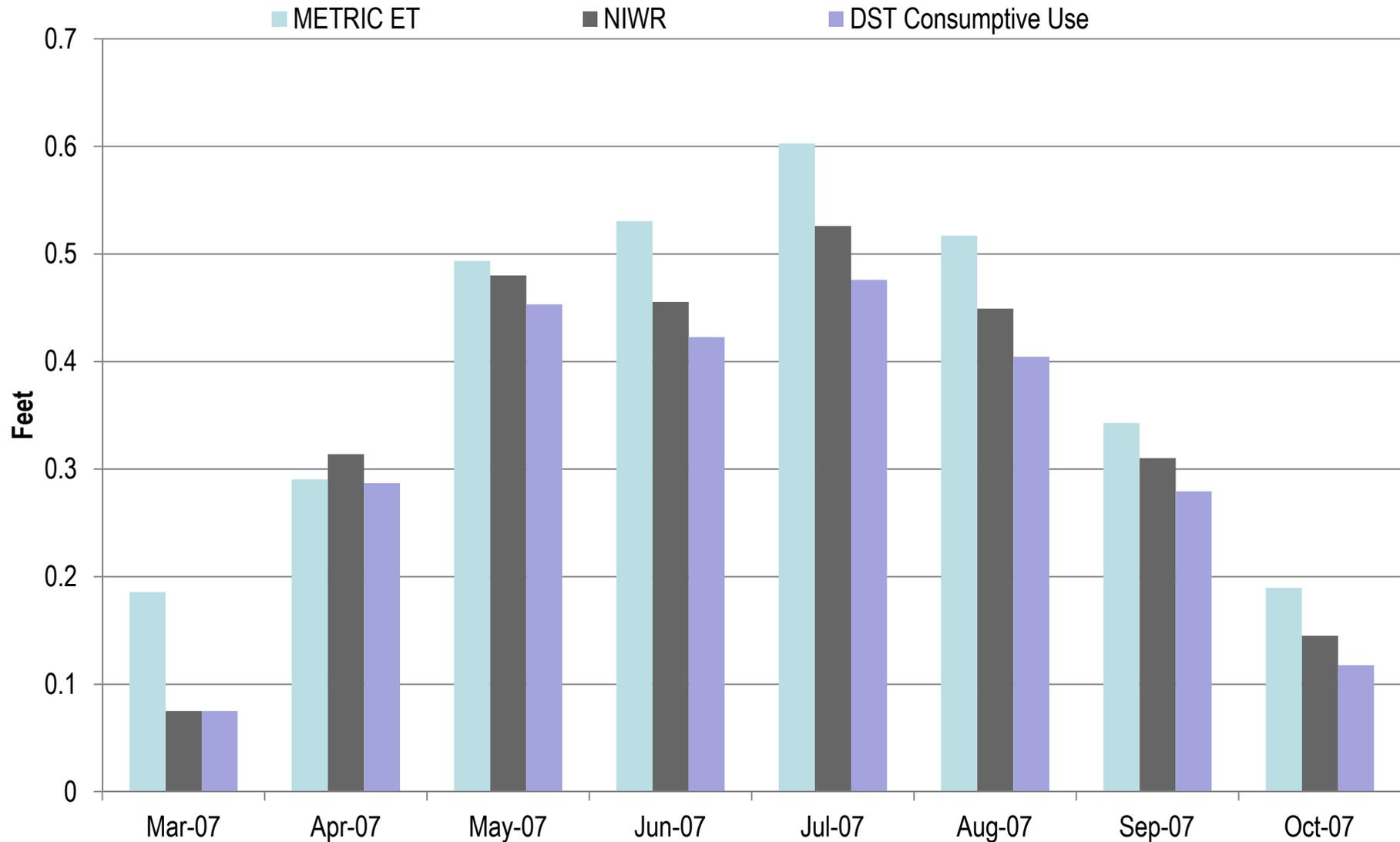
R<sub>Factor</sub> = Runoff Factor

RO = Runoff

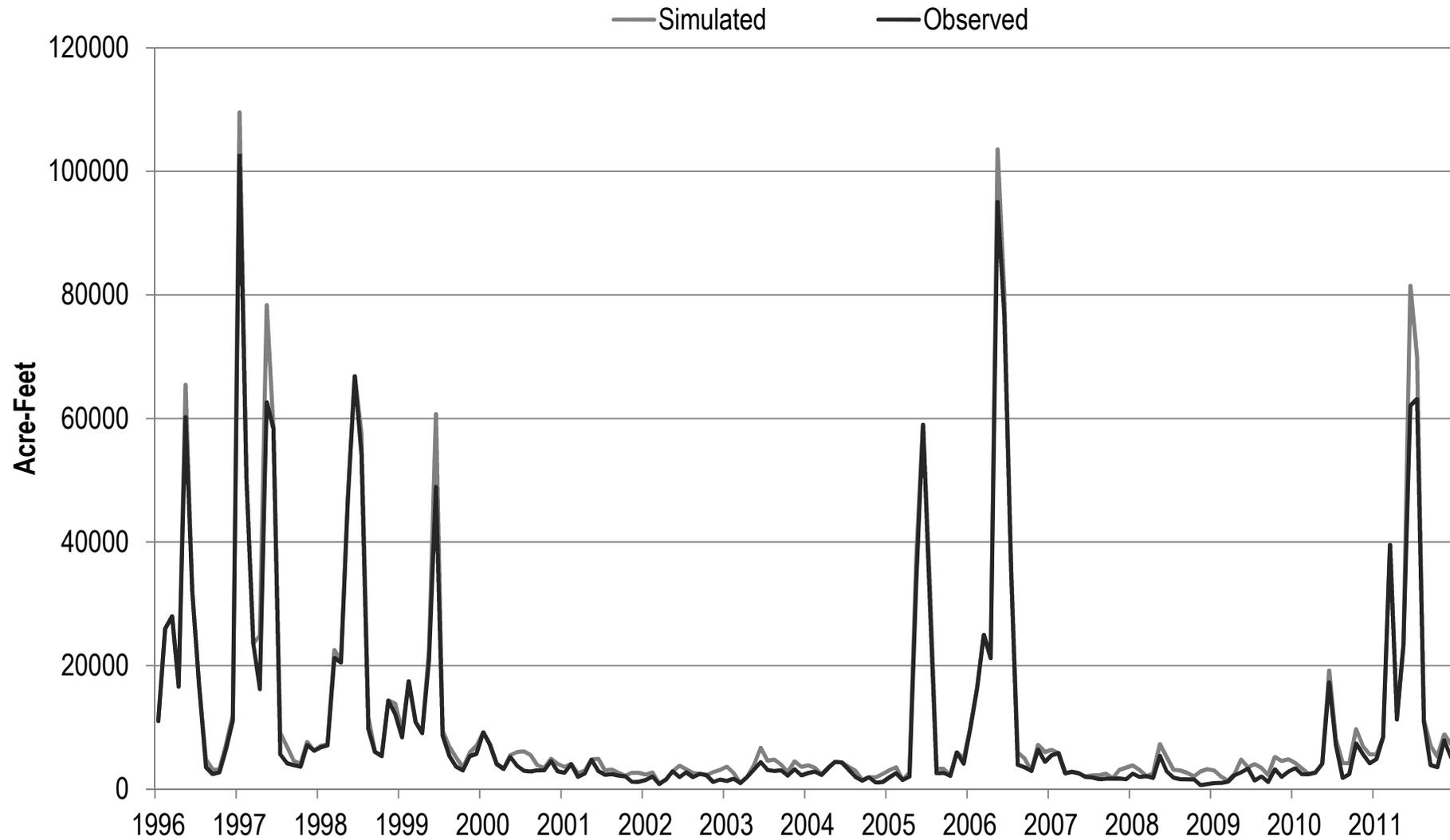
RCH = Recharge

# Consumptive Use Comparison (2007)

## West Hyland Non-NDOW

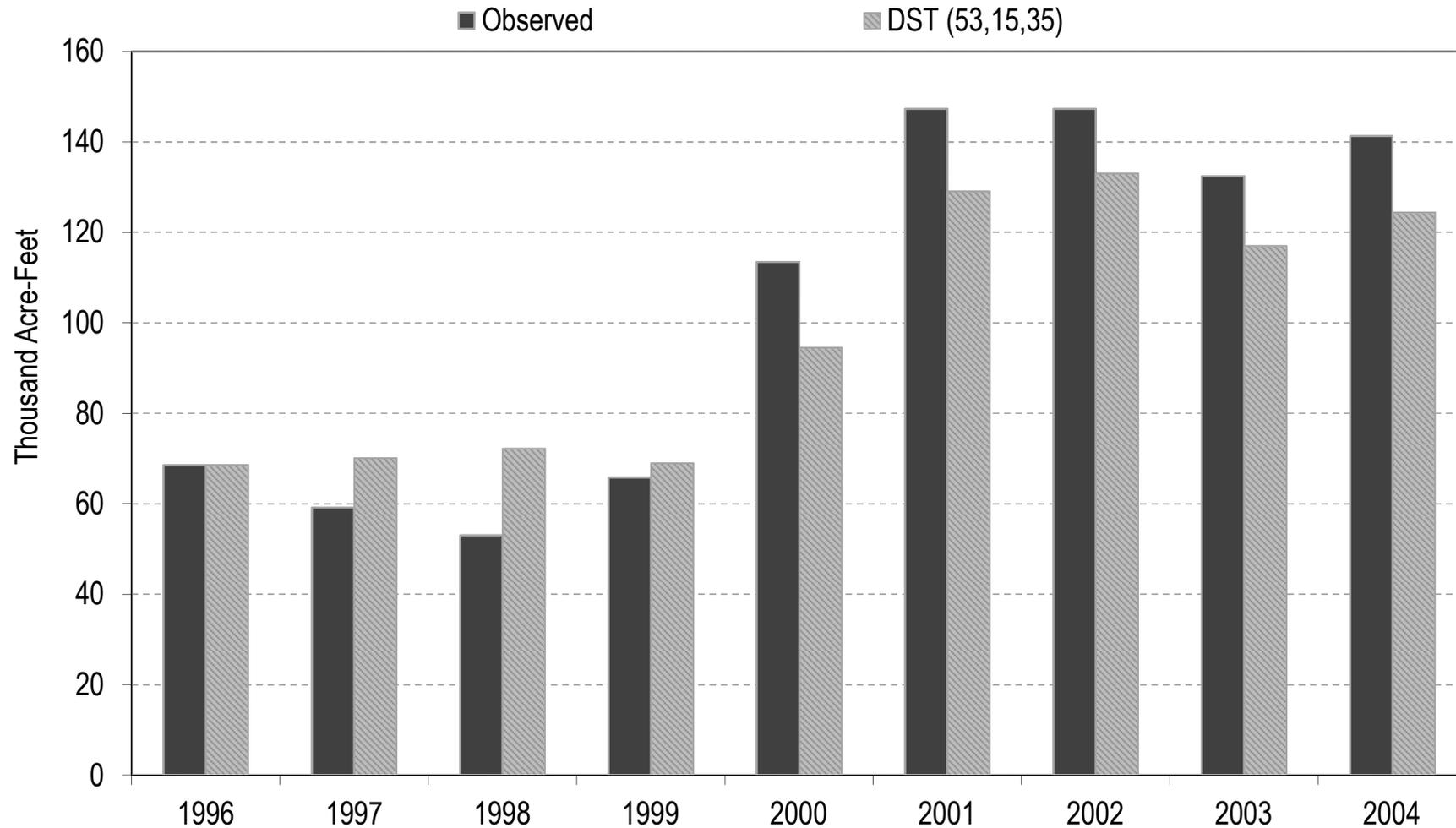


# Example Wabuska Calibration Streamflow

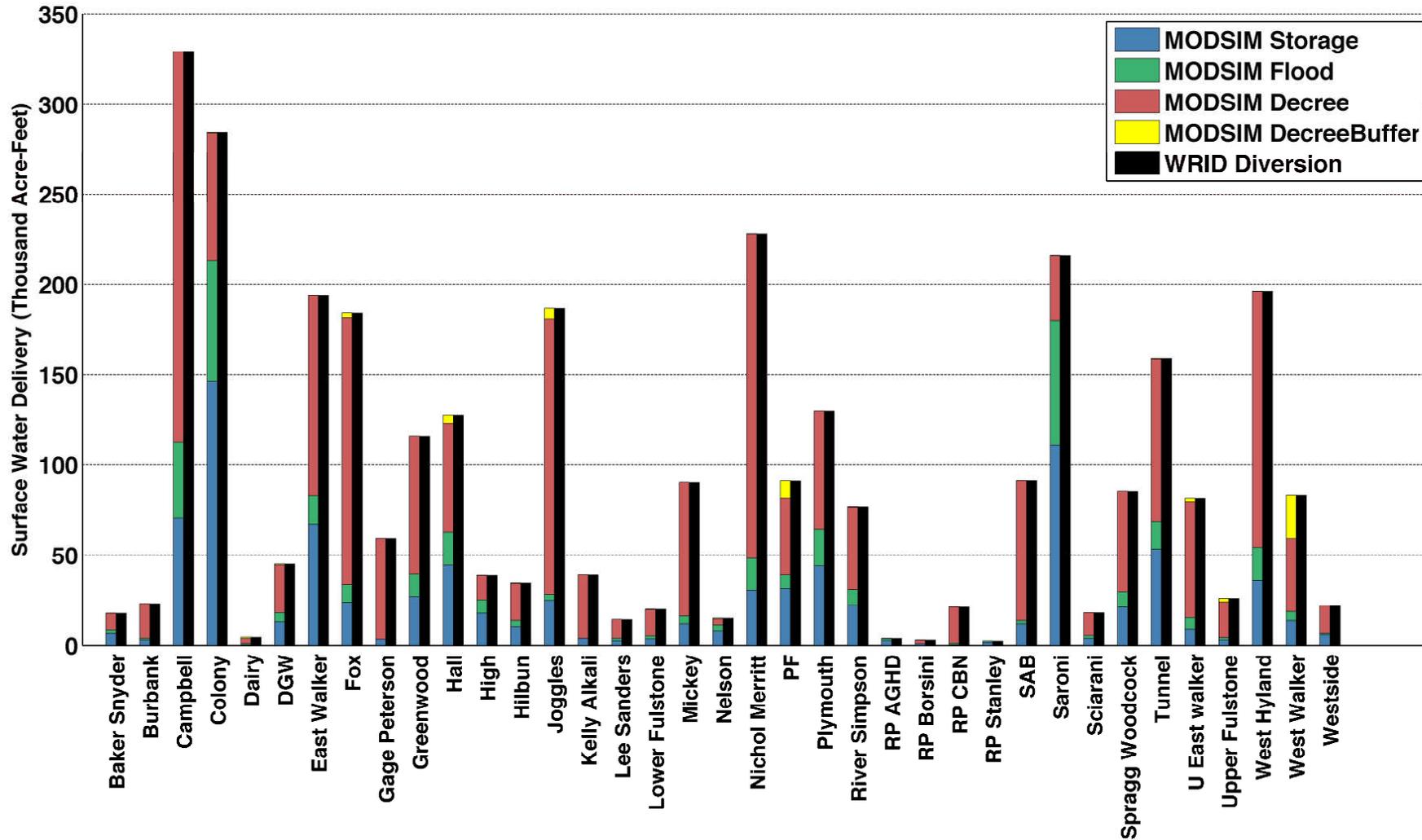


# Basin-wide GW Pumping (Mason and Smith)

Walker Basinwide GW Pumping Comparison



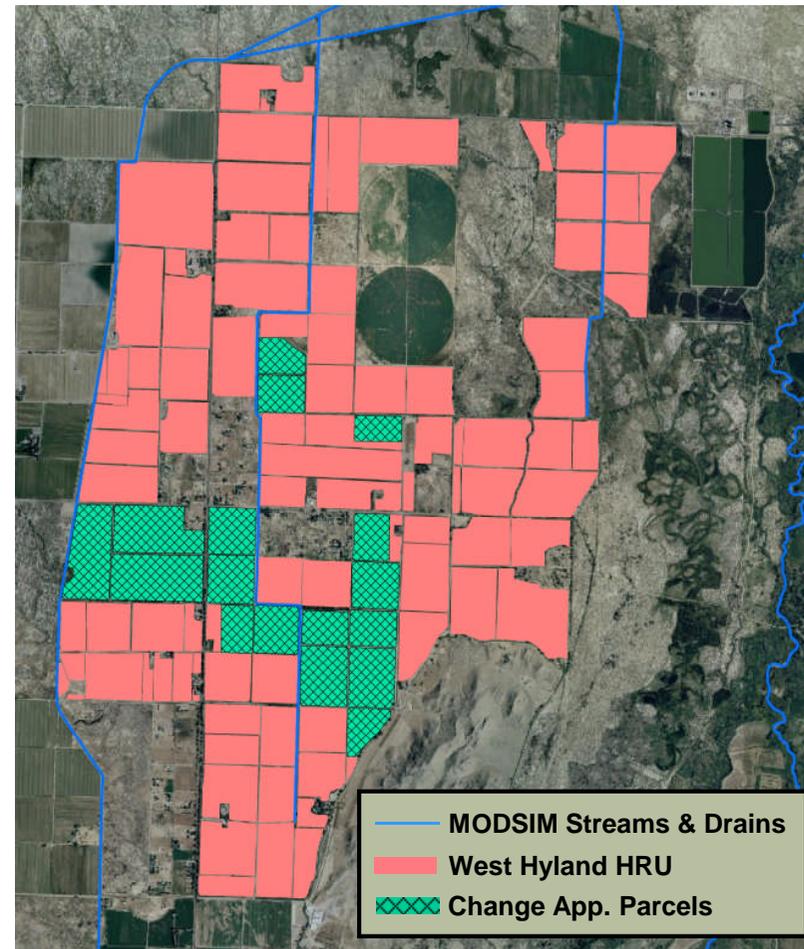
# Example West Hyland Demands & Deliveries



# Application No. 80700

- Summary

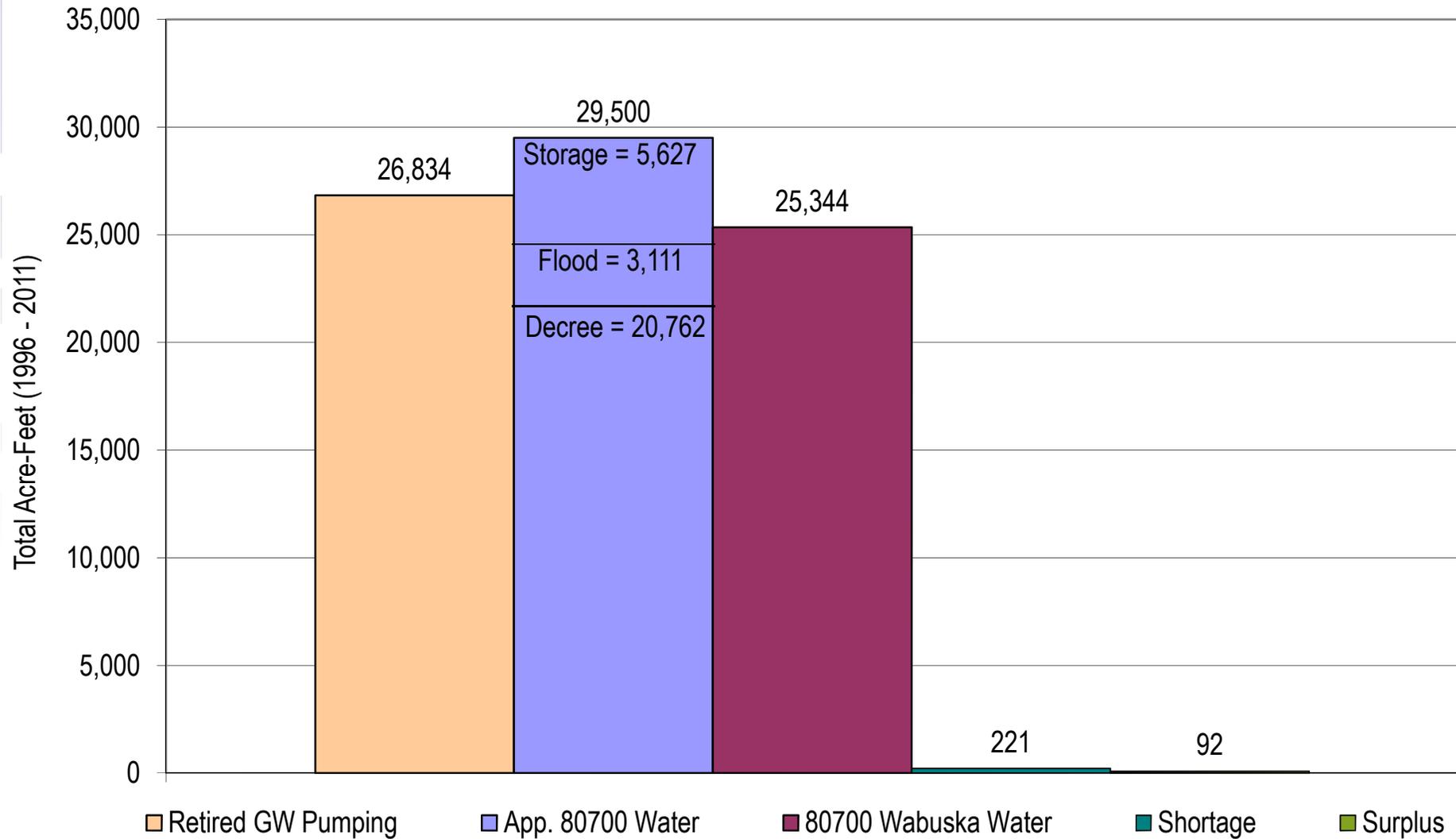
- 646.16 Acres of West Hyland HRU
- 7.745 CFS of Decree Rights
- Claim Numbers: 23, 23A, 35, 44, 67, 89
- Priority Dates: 1874, 1877, 1880, 1881, 1887, 1888, 1891, 1894, 1896, 1900, 1901, 1904, 1906



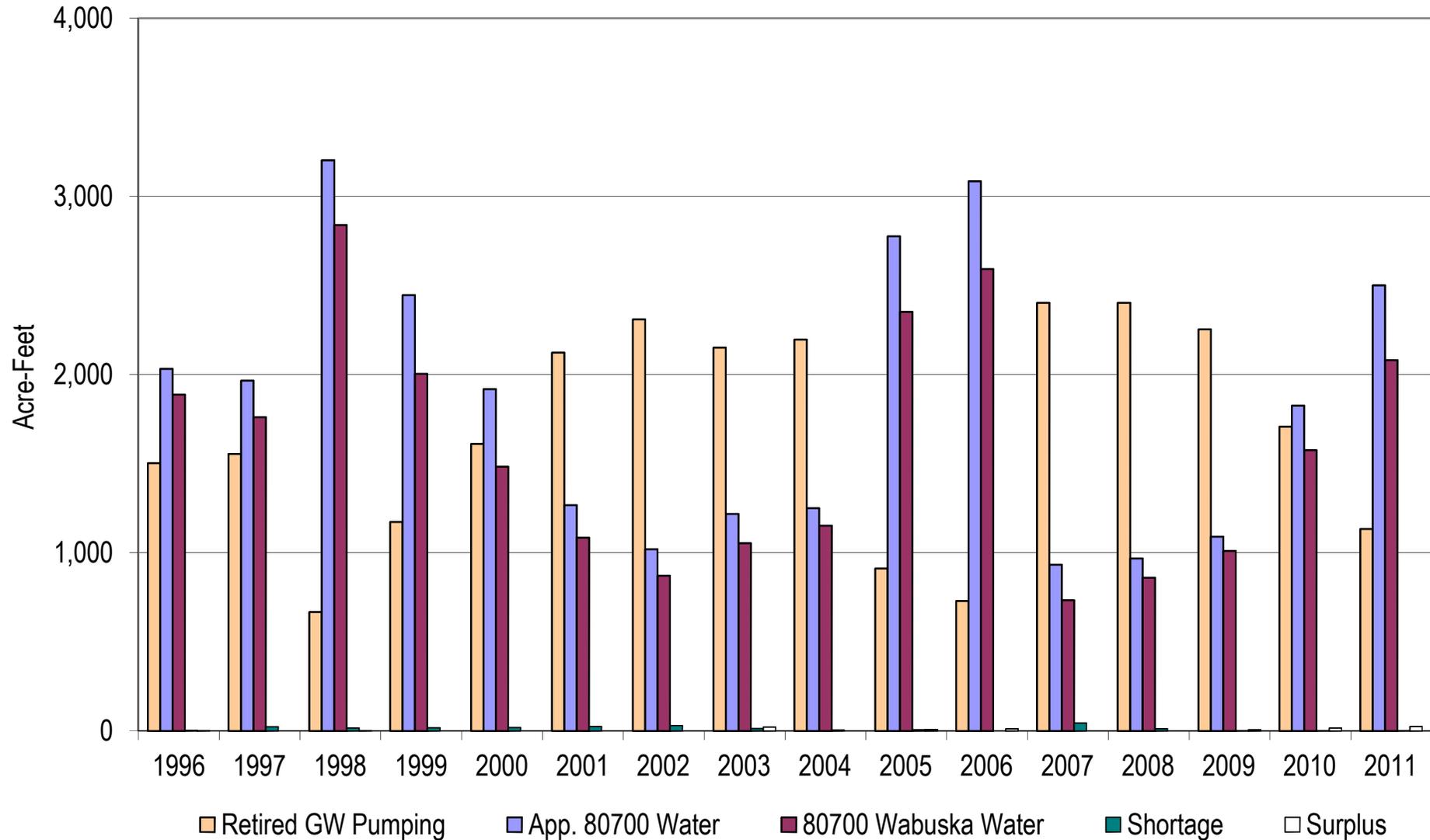
# Application No. 80700 - DST Methods

- The DST was modified from the baseline model run to reflect, as closely as possible, the effects of the proposed change over calendar years 1996 through 2011. The results from the scenario model run are then compared to the results from the baseline model run.
- The change application parcels are removed from the DST modeling grid (i.e. fallowed) & supplemental pumping is retired for the parcels.
- The volume of surface water that is not applied in the scenario run (i.e., Application 80700 water) is calculated based on the fraction of the areas taken out of production relative to the total non-NDOW HRU area. It is equal to the sum of the decree, flood and storage water delivered to the same areas in the baseline run.
- The Application 80700 water is “protected” at the West Hyland point of diversion and allowed to flow to Wabuska.
- The 80700 Wabuska water is the amount of Application 80700 water that makes it to Wabuska

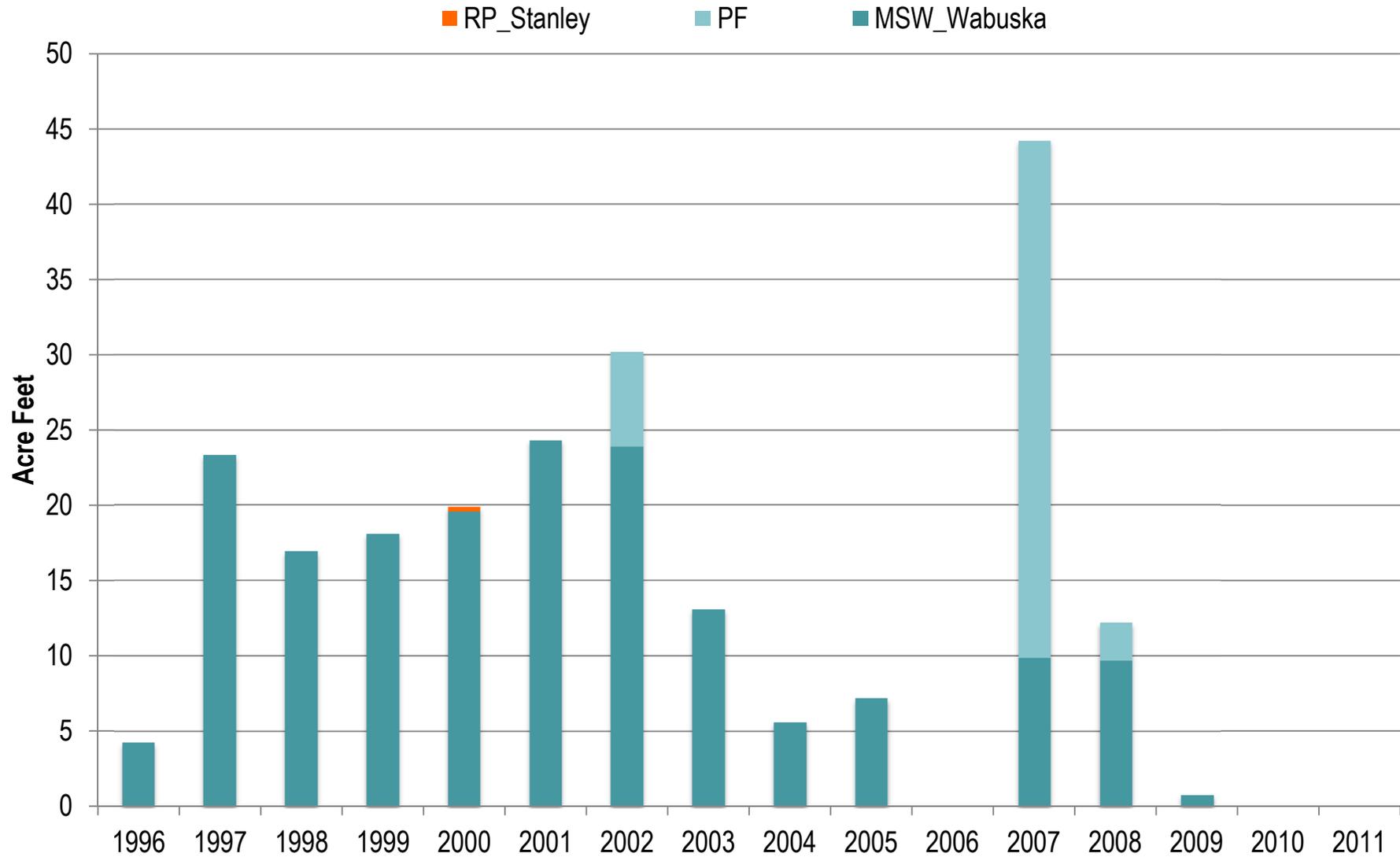
# Scenario Results (1996-2011)



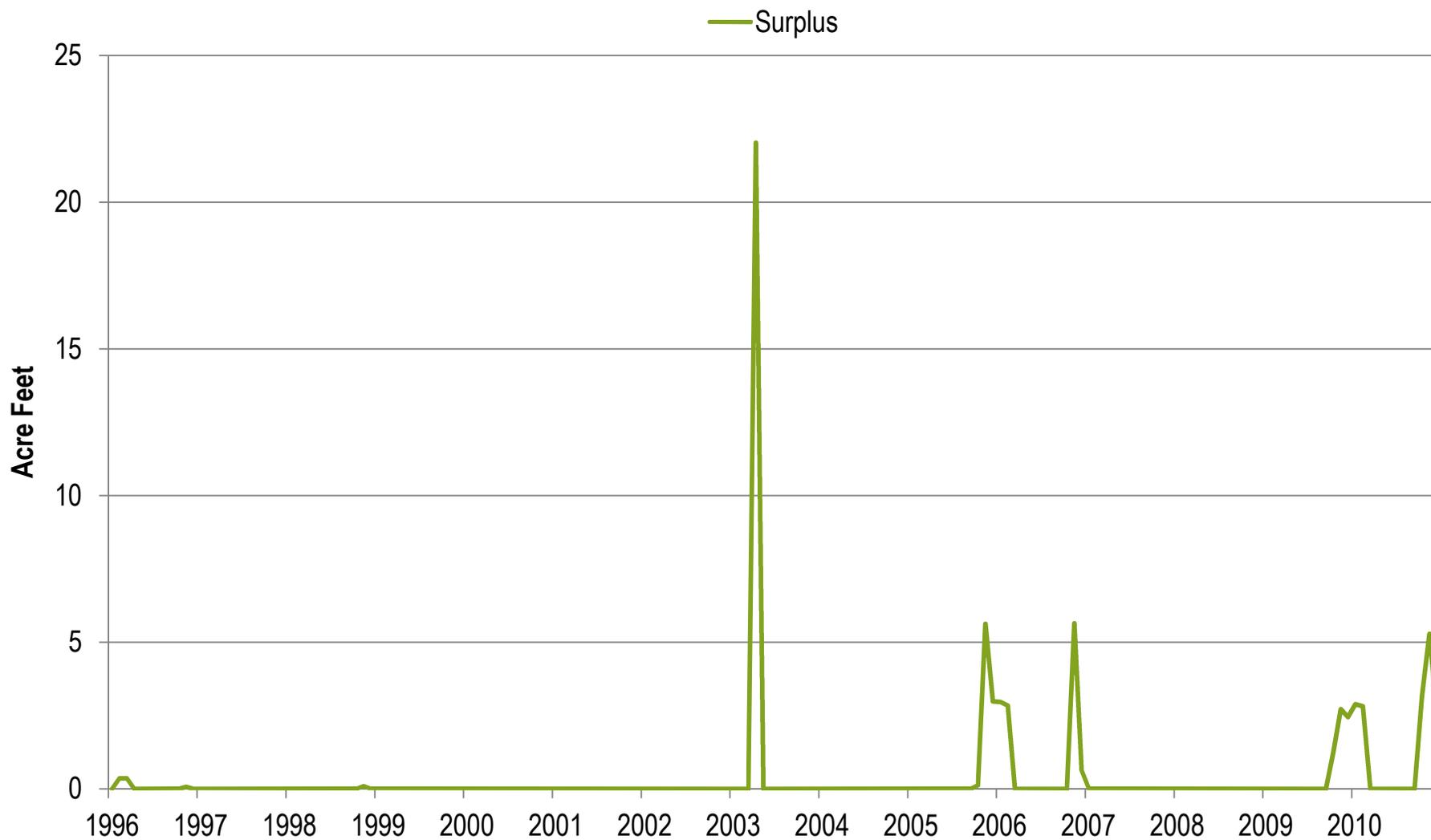
# Scenario Results (Annual)



# Shortage By Demand (1996-2011)



# Surplus



# Summary of Application No. 80700 DST Run

- Results from the scenario model run were then compared to the results from the baseline model run.
- An analysis of the results indicates that, within the assumptions and limitations of the DST and the scenario method, 86% of the Application 80700 water makes it to Wabuska over the sixteen-year time period with an annual range between 77.3% and 92.9%.
- The analysis also indicates that there were no shortages in surface water delivered to the remaining areas of the West Hyland HRU but that there are occasional minor shortages and surpluses within the system.