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3.1 OVERVIEW

This section describes the water resources available to CLWA and the purveyors for the 25-year period covered by the Plan. These are summarized in Table 3-1 and discussed in more detail below. Both currently available and planned supplies are discussed.

Table 3-1
Summary of Current and Planned Water Supplies and Banking Programs(1)

Water Supply Sources	Supply (af)					
	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Existing Supplies						
Wholesale (Imported)	*70,380*	*73,660*	*75,560*	*76,080*	*77,980*	*77,980*
SWP Table A Supply (2)	65,700	67,600	69,500	71,400	73,300	73,300
Flexible Storage Account (CLWA) (3)	4,680	4,680	4,680	4,680	4,680	4,680
Flexible Storage Account (Ventura County) (3) (4)	0	1,380	1,380	0	0	0
Local Supplies						
Groundwater	*40,000*	*46,000*	*46,000*	*46,000*	*46,000*	*46,000*
Alluvial Aquifer	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
Saugus Formation	5,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
Recycled Water	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700
Total Existing Supplies	112,080	121,360	123,260	123,780	125,680	125,680
Existing Banking Programs (3)						
Semitropic Water Bank (5)	50,870	50,870	0	0	0	0
Total Existing Banking Programs	50,870	50,870	0	0	0	0
Planned Supplies						
Local Supplies						
Groundwater	*0*	*10,000*	*10,000*	*20,000*	*20,000*	*20,000*
Restored wells (Saugus Formation)	0	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
New Wells (Saugus Formation)	0	0	0	10,000	10,000	10,000
Recycled Water (6)	0	0	1,600	6,300	11,000	15,700
Transfers						
Buena Vista-Rosedale (7)	0	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
Total Planned Supplies	0	21,000	22,600	37,300	42,000	46,700
Planned Banking Programs (3)						
Rosedale-Rio Bravo	0	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Additional Planned Banking	0	0	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Total Planned Banking Programs	0	20,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000

Notes:

(1) The values shown under "Existing Supplies" and "Planned Supplies" are supplies projected to be available in average/normal years. The values shown under "Existing Banking Programs" and "Planned Banking Programs" are either total amounts currently in storage, or the maximum capacity of program withdrawals.

(2) SWP supplies are calculated by multiplying CLWA's Table A Amount of 95,200 af by percentages of average deliveries projected to be available, taken from Table 6-5 of DWR's "Excerpts from Working Draft of 2005 State Water Project Delivery Reliability Report" (May 2005).

(3) Supplies shown are total amounts that can be withdrawn, and would typically be used only during dry years.

(4) Initial term of the Ventura County entities' flexible storage account is ten years (from 2006 to 2015).

(5) Supplies shown are the total amount currently in storage, and would typically be used only during dry years. Once the current storage amount is withdrawn, this supply would no longer be available and in any event, is not available after 2013.

(6) Recycled water supplies based on projections provided in Chapter 4, Recycled Water.

(7) CLWA is in the process of acquiring this supply, primarily to meet the potential demands of future annexations to the CLWA service area. This acquisition is consistent with CLWA's annexation policy under which it will not approve potential annexations unless additional water supplies are acquired. Currently proposed annexations have a demand for about 4,000 afy of this supply which, if approved, would leave the remaining 7,000 afy available for potential future annexations. Unless and until any such annexations are actually approved, this supply will be available to meet demands within the existing CLWA service area.

The term "dry" is used throughout this chapter and in subsequent chapters concerning water resources and reliability as a measure of supply availability. As used in this Plan, dry years are those years when supplies are the lowest, which occurs primarily when precipitation is lower than the long-term average precipitation. The impact of low precipitation in a given year on a particular supply may differ based on how low the precipitation is, or whether the year follows a high-precipitation year or another low-precipitation year. For the SWP, a low-precipitation year may or may not affect supplies, depending on how much water is in SWP storage at the beginning of the year. Also, dry conditions can differ geographically. For example, a dry year can be local to the Valley area (thereby affecting local groundwater replenishment and production), local to northern California (thereby affecting SWP water deliveries), or statewide (thereby affecting both local groundwater and the SWP). When the term "dry" is used in this Plan, statewide drought conditions are assumed, affecting both local groundwater and SWP supplies at the same time.

3.2 WHOLESALE (IMPORTED) WATER SUPPLIES

3.2.1 Imported Water Supplies

Imported water supplies consist primarily of SWP supplies, which were first delivered to CLWA in 1980. In addition, CLWA has access to water from Flexible Storage Accounts in Castaic Lake, which are planned for dry-year use, but are not strictly limited as such. CLWA wholesales these imported supplies to each of the local retail water purveyors.

The SWP is the largest state-built, multi-purpose water project in the country. It was authorized by the California State Legislature in 1959, with the construction of most initial facilities completed by 1973. Today, the SWP includes 28 dams and reservoirs, 26 pumping and generating plants, and approximately 660 miles of aqueducts. The primary water source for the SWP is the Feather River, a tributary of the Sacramento River. Storage released from Oroville Dam on the Feather River flows down natural river channels to the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta (Delta). While some SWP supplies are pumped from the northern Delta into the North Bay Aqueduct, the vast majority of SWP supplies are pumped from the southern Delta into the 444-mile-long California Aqueduct. The California Aqueduct conveys water along the west side of the San Joaquin Valley to Edmonston Pumping Plant, where water is pumped over the Tehachapi Mountains and the aqueduct then divides into the East and West Branches. CLWA takes delivery of its SWP water at Castaic Lake, a terminal reservoir of the West Branch. From Castaic Lake, CLWA delivers its SWP supplies to the local retail water purveyors through an extensive transmission pipeline system.

In the early 1960s, DWR began entering into individual SWP Water Supply Contracts with urban and agricultural public water supply agencies located throughout northern, central, and southern California for SWP water supplies. CLWA is one of 29 water agencies (commonly referred to as “contractors”) that have an SWP Water Supply Contract with DWR. Each SWP contractor’s SWP Water Supply Contract contains a “Table A,” which lists the maximum amount of water an agency may request each year throughout the life of the contract. Table A is used in determining each contractor’s proportionate share, or “allocation,” of the total SWP water supply DWR determines to be available each year. The total planned annual delivery capability of the SWP and the sum of all contractors’ maximum Table A amounts was originally

4.23 million af. The initial SWP storage facilities were designed to meet contractors' water demands in the early years of the SWP, with the construction of additional storage facilities planned as demands increased. However, essentially no additional SWP storage facilities have been constructed since the early 1970s. SWP conveyance facilities were generally designed and have been constructed to deliver maximum Table A amounts to all contractors. After the permanent retirement of some Table A amount by two agricultural contractors in 1996, the maximum Table A amounts of all SWP contractors now totals about 4.17 million af. Currently, CLWA's annual Table A Amount is 95,200 af.[1,2]

While Table A identifies the maximum annual amount of water an SWP contractor may request, the amount of SWP water actually available and allocated to SWP contractors each year is dependent on a number of factors and can vary significantly from year to year. The primary factors affecting SWP supply availability include hydrology, the amount of water in SWP storage at the beginning of the year, regulatory and operational constraints, and the total amount of water requested by SWP contractors. Urban SWP contractors' requests for SWP water, which were low in the early years of the SWP, have been steadily increasing over time, which increases the competition for limited SWP dry-year supplies.

Consistent with other urban SWP contractors, SWP deliveries to CLWA have increased as its requests for SWP water have increased. Tables 3-2 and 3-3 present historical total SWP deliveries to CLWA municipal purveyors and CLWA SWP demand projections provided to DWR (CLWA's wholesale supplier), respectively.

Table 3-2
Historical Total SWP Deliveries to Purveyors(1)

Year	Deliveries (af)	Year	Deliveries (af)
1980	1,125	1993	13,393
1981	5,816	1994	14,389
1982	9,659	1995	16,996
1983	9,185	1996	18,093
1984	10,996	1997	22,148
1985	11,823	1998	20,254
1986	13,759	1999	27,282
1987	16,285	2000	32,579
1988	19,033	2001	35,369
1989	21,618	2002	41,768
1990	21,613	2003	44,419
1991	7,968	2004	47,205
1992	13,911		

Notes:
(1) Includes CLWA SCWD, LACWWD 36, NCWD, and VWC.

[1] CLWA's original SWP Water Supply Contract with DWR was amended in 1966 for a maximum annual Table A Amount of 41,500 af. In 1991, CLWA purchased 12,700 af of annual Table A Amount from a Kern County water district, and in 1999 purchased an additional 41,000 af of annual Table A Amount from another Kern County water district, for a current total annual Table A Amount of 95,200 af.
[2] See Section 3.2.2.

Table 3-3
CLWA Demand Projections Provided to Wholesale Supplier (DWR) (af)

Wholesaler (Supply Source)	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
DWR (SWP)	95,200	95,200	95,200	95,200	95,200

In an effort to assess the impacts of these varying conditions on SWP supply reliability, DWR issued its "State Water Project Delivery Reliability Report" in May 2003. The report assists SWP contractors in assessing the reliability of the SWP component of their overall supplies. DWR is in the process of updating this report and, on May 25, 2005, provided updated delivery reliability estimates to the SWP contractors in its "Excerpts from the Working Draft of 2005 State Water Project Delivery Reliability." In this update, DWR provided a recommended set of analyses for SWP contractors to use in preparing their 2005 UWMPs.[3] These updated analyses indicate that the SWP, using existing facilities operated under current regulatory and operational constraints, and with all contractors requesting delivery of their full Table A Amounts in most years, could deliver 77 percent of total Table A Amounts on a long-term average basis. These most recent analyses also project that SWP deliveries during multiple-year dry periods could average about 25 to 40 percent of total Table A Amounts and could possibly be as low as 5 percent during an unusually dry single year. During wetter years, or more than 25 percent of the time, 100 percent of full Table A Amounts is projected to be available.

The SWP supplies projected to be available for delivery to CLWA were determined based on the total SWP delivery percentages identified by DWR in its updated analyses. Table 3-4 shows SWP supplies projected to be available to CLWA in average/normal years (based on the average delivery over the study's historic hydrologic period from 1922-1994), i.e., long-term average basis. Table 3-5 summarizes estimated SWP supply availability in a single dry year (based on a repeat of the worst-case historic hydrologic conditions of 1977) and over a multiple dry year period (based on a repeat of the worst-case historic four-year drought of 1931-1934). Reliability and dry-year planning of water supplies are further described in Chapter 6, Reliability Planning.

[3]As part of the Monterey Settlement Agreement, DWR is to prepare an assessment every two years of SWP delivery reliability, which SWP contractors are to use in their water planning efforts. DWR has completed an update of its analysis of SWP delivery reliability and is currently updating this report. While DWR continues its drafting of the remainder of the report, it issued this updated reliability data to the SWP contractors early, so that they could use the most up-to-date SWP reliability data in preparation of their UWMPs. For this reason, DWR issued, in a Notice to Contractors, excerpts from its working draft of this report (available at www.swpao.water.ca.gov/pdfs/05-08.pdf). It is unlikely that the reliability data in DWR's final version of this updated report will differ from the draft.

Table 3-4
Wholesaler Identified and Quantified Existing and Planned Sources of Water Available to CLWA for Average/Normal Years (1)

Wholesaler (Supply Source)	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
DWR (SWP)					
Table A Supply (af)	67,600	69,500	71,400	73,300	73,300
% of Table A Amount	71%	73%	75%	77%	77%

Notes:
(1) The percentages of Table A Amount projected to be available are taken from Table 6-5 of DWR's "Excerpts from Working Draft of 2005 State Water Project Delivery Reliability Report" (May 2005). Supplies are calculated by multiplying CLWA's Table A Amount of 95,200 af by these percentages.

Table 3-5
Wholesale Supply Reliability (1)

Wholesaler	Single Dry Year (2)	Multiple Dry Years (3)
DWR (SWP Supply)		
2005		
Table A Supply (af)	3,800	30,500
% of Table A Amount	4%	32%
2025/2030		
Table A Supply (af)	4,800	31,400
% of Table A Amount	5%	33%

Notes:
(1) The percentages of Table A Amount projected to be available are taken from Table 6-5 of DWR's "Excerpts from Working Draft of 2005 State Water Project Delivery Reliability Report" (May 2005). Supplies are calculated by multiplying CLWA's Table A Amount of 95,200 af by these percentages.
(2) Based on the worst case historic single dry year of 1977.
(3) Supplies shown are annual averages over four consecutive dry years, based on the worst case historic four-year dry period of 1931-1934.

As part of its Water Supply Contract with DWR, CLWA has access to a portion of the storage capacity of Castaic Lake. This Flexible Storage Account allows CLWA to borrow up to 4,684 af of the storage in Castaic Lake. Any of this amount that CLWA borrows must be replaced by CLWA within five years of its withdrawal. CLWA manages this storage by keeping the account full in normal and wet years and then delivering that stored amount (or a portion of it) during dry periods. The account is refilled during the next year that adequate SWP supplies are available to CLWA to do so. CLWA has recently negotiated with Ventura County water agencies to obtain the use of their Flexible Storage Account. This will allow CLWA access to another 1,376 af of storage in Castaic Lake. CLWA access to this additional storage will be available on a year-to-year basis for ten years, beginning in 2006.

While the primary supply of water available from the SWP is allocated Table A supply, SWP supplies in addition to Table A water may periodically be available, including “Article 21” water, Turnback Pool water, and DWR dry-year purchases. Article 21 water (which refers to the SWP contract provision defining this supply) is water that may be made available by DWR when

excess flows are available in the Delta (i.e., when Delta outflow requirements have been met, SWP storage south of the Delta is full, and conveyance capacity is available beyond that being used for SWP operations and delivery of allocated and scheduled Table A supplies). Article 21 water is made available on an unscheduled and interruptible basis and is typically available only in average to wet years, generally only for a limited time in the late winter. The Turnback Pool is a program where contractors with allocated Table A supplies in excess of their needs in a given year may turn back that excess supply for purchase by other contractors who need additional supplies that year. The Turnback Pool can make water available in all types of hydrologic years, although generally less excess water is turned back in dry years. As urban contractor demands increase in the future, the amount of water turned back and available for purchase will likely diminish. In critical dry years, DWR has formed Dry Year Water Purchase Programs for contractors needing additional supplies. Through these programs, water is purchased by DWR from willing sellers in areas that have available supplies and is then sold by DWR to contractors willing to purchase those supplies. Because the availability of these supplies is somewhat uncertain, they are not included as supplies in this UWMP. However, CLWA's access to these supplies when they are available may enable it to improve the reliability of its SWP supplies beyond the values used throughout this report.

3.2.2 Litigation Effects on Availability of Imported Water

Of CLWA's 95,2000 af annual Table A Amount, 41,000 afy was permanently transferred to CLWA in 1999 by Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District, a member unit of the Kern County Water Agency. CLWA's Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") prepared in connection with the 41,000 afy water transfer was challenged in Friends of the Santa Clara River v. Castaic Lake Water Agency (Los Angeles County Superior Court, Case Number BS056954) ("Friends"). On appeal, the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District held that since the 41,000 afy EIR tiered off the Monterey Agreement EIR that was later decertified, CLWA would also have to decertify its EIR as well and prepare a revised EIR. As amplified in detail in the following sentences, Friends was dismissed with prejudice (permanently) in February 2005. CLWA has not been enjoined from using any water that is part of the 41,000 afy transfer.

Under the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles County Superior Court in Friends, CLWA prepared and circulated a revised Draft EIR for the transfer, received and responded to public comments regarding the revised Draft EIR, and held two separate public hearings concerning the revised Draft EIR. CLWA approved the revised EIR for the transfer on December 22, 2004 and lodged the revised EIR with the Los Angeles Superior Court as part of its Return to the Preemptory Writ of Mandate in Friends. Thereafter, Friends was dismissed with prejudice (permanently). In January 2005, two new challenges to CLWA's environmental review for the transfer were filed in the Ventura County Superior Court by the Planning and Conservation League and by the California Water Impact Network; these cases have been consolidated and transferred to Los Angeles County Superior Court.

These pending challenges to the EIR for the transfer do not affect the reliability of the transfer amount, and it is still appropriate to include the transfer amount as part of CLWA's 95,200 AFY Table A amount, for the following reasons. First, the transfer was completed in 1999, and DWR has allocated and annually delivered the water in accordance with the completed transfer. Second, the Court of Appeal held that the only defect in the 1999 EIR was that it tiered off the

Monterey Agreement EIR, which was later decertified. This defect has now been remedied by the preparation of a revised EIR that did not tier off the Monterey Agreement EIR. Third, the Monterey Amendments settlement agreement expressly authorizes the operation of the SWP in accordance with the Monterey Amendments, which authorized the transfer. Fourth, the Court of Appeal refused to enjoin the transfer, and instead required preparation of a revised EIR. Fifth, the transfer contracts remain in full force and effect, and no court has ever questioned their validity or enjoined the use of this portion of CLWA's Table A amount. It is, therefore, reasonable to conclude that if a court finds the revised EIR legally deficient, that court, like all others before it, will again refuse to enjoin the transfer, and will instead require further revisions to the EIR. Therefore, the pending challenges litigation should have no impact upon the amount of water available to CLWA as a result of the transfer.

3.3 GROUNDWATER

This section presents information about CLWA's and the purveyor's groundwater supplies, including a summary of the adopted GWMP.

3.3.1 Santa Clara River Groundwater Basin – East Subbasin

The sole source of local groundwater for urban water supply in the Valley is the groundwater Basin identified in the DWR Bulletin 118, 2003 Update as the Santa Clara River Valley Groundwater Basin, East Subbasin (Basin) (Basin No. 4-4.07). The Basin is comprised of two aquifer systems, the Alluvium and the Saugus Formation. The Alluvium generally underlies the Santa Clara River and its several tributaries, and the Saugus Formation underlies practically the entire Upper Santa Clara River area. There are also some scattered outcrops of Terrace deposits in the Basin that likely contain limited amounts of groundwater. Since these deposits are located in limited areas situated at elevations above the regional water table and are also of limited thickness, they are of no practical significance as aquifers and consequently have not been developed for any significant water supply. Figure 3-1 illustrates the mapped extent of the Santa Clara River Valley East Subbasin in DWR Bulletin 118 (2003), which approximately coincides with the outer extent of the Alluvium and Saugus Formation. The service area for CLWA and the purveyors is also shown on Figure 3-1.

3.3.2 Adopted Groundwater Management Plan

As part of legislation authorizing CLWA to provide retail water service to individual municipal customers, Assembly Bill (AB) 134 (2001) included a requirement that CLWA prepare a groundwater management plan in accordance with the provisions of Water Code Section 10753, which was originally enacted by AB 3030. The general contents of CLWA's groundwater management plan were outlined in 2002, and a detailed plan was drafted and adopted in 2003 to satisfy the requirements of AB 134. The plan both complements and formalizes a number of existing water supply and water resource planning and management activities in CLWA's service area, which effectively encompasses the East Subbasin of the Santa Clara River Valley Groundwater Basin.

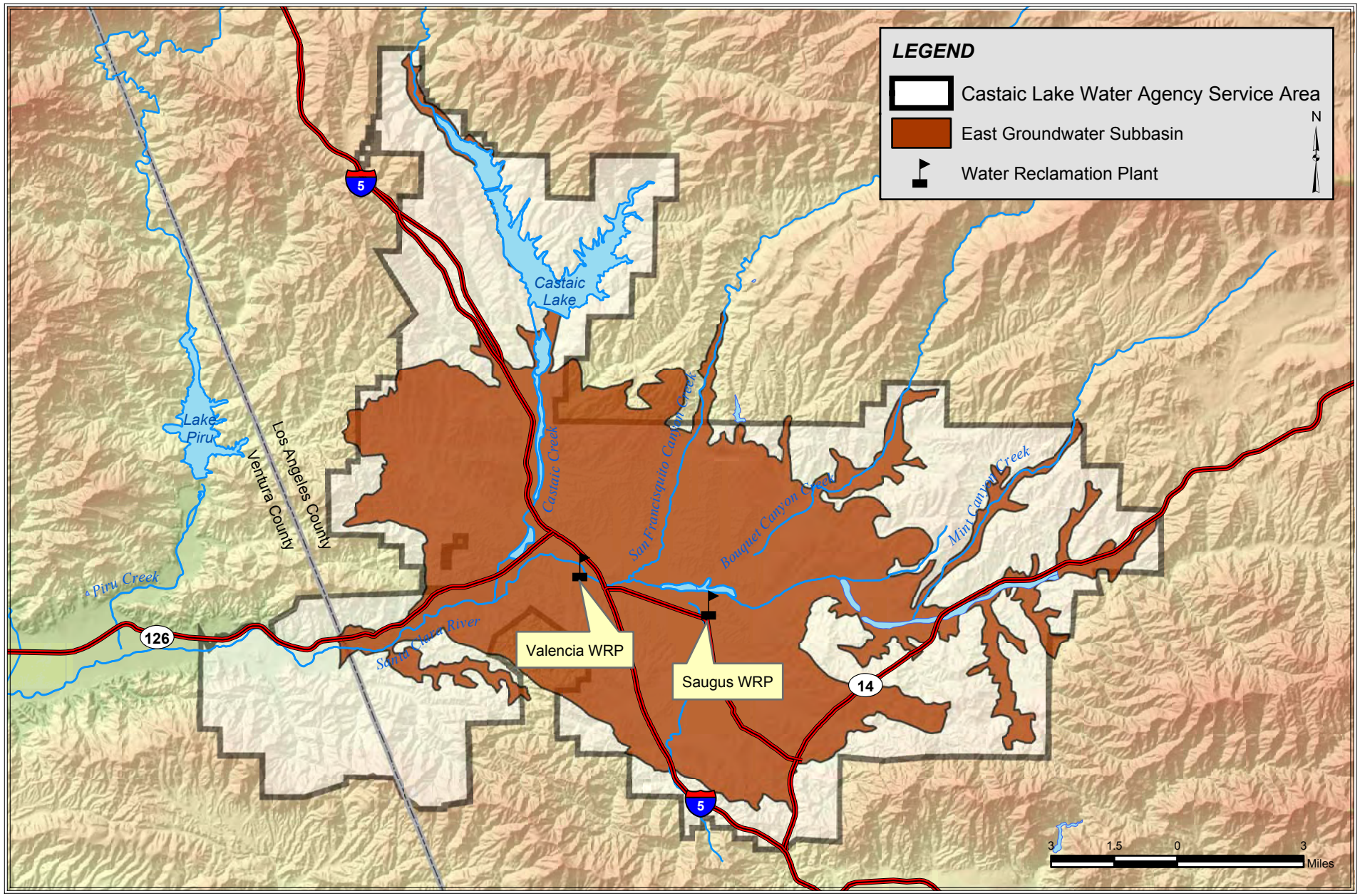

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Figure 3-1
Santa Clara River Valley
East Groundwater Subbasin

CLWA adopted the GWMP on December 10, 2003. The GWMP contains four management objectives, or goals, for the Basin including (1) development of an integrated surface water, groundwater, and recycled water supply to meet existing and projected demands for municipal, agricultural, and other water uses; (2) assessment of groundwater basin conditions to determine a range of operational yield values that use local groundwater conjunctively with supplemental SWP supplies and recycled water to avoid groundwater overdraft; (3) preservation of groundwater quality, including active characterization and resolution of any groundwater contamination problems; and (4) preservation of interrelated surface water resources, which includes managing groundwater to not adversely impact surface and groundwater discharges or quality to downstream basin(s).

Prior to preparation and adoption of the GWMP, a local Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) process among CLWA, the purveyors, and United Water Conservation District (UWCD) in neighboring Ventura County had produced the beginning of local groundwater management, now embodied in the GWMP. In 2001, out of a willingness to seek opportunities to work together and develop programs that mutually benefit the region as well as their individual communities, those agencies prepared and executed the MOU. The agreement is a collaborative and integrated approach to several of the aspects of water resource management included in the GWMP. UWCD manages surface water and groundwater resources in seven groundwater basins, all located in Ventura County, downstream of the East Subbasin of the Santa Clara River Valley (Basin). UWCD is a partner in cooperative management efforts to accomplish the objectives (goals) for the Basin, particularly as they relate to preservation of surface water resources that flow through the respective basins. As a result of the MOU, the cooperating agencies have undertaken the following measures: integrated their database management efforts, developed and utilized a numerical groundwater flow model for analysis of groundwater basin yield and containment of groundwater contamination, and continued to monitor and report on the status of Basin conditions, as well as on geologic and hydrologic aspects of the overall stream-aquifer system.

The adopted GWMP includes 14 elements intended to accomplish the Basin management objectives listed above. In summary, the plan elements include:

- Monitoring of groundwater levels, quality, production and subsidence
- Monitoring and management of surface water flows and quality
- Determination of Basin yield and avoidance of overdraft
- Development of regular and dry-year emergency water supply
- Continuation of conjunctive use operations
- Long-term salinity management
- Integration of recycled water
- Identification and mitigation of soil and groundwater contamination, including involvement with other local agencies in investigation, cleanup, and closure
- Development and continuation of local, state and federal agency relationships
- Groundwater management reports

- Continuation of public education and water conservation programs
- Identification and management of recharge areas and wellhead protection areas
- Identification of well construction, abandonment, and destruction policies
- Provisions to update the groundwater management plan

Work on a number of the GWMP elements had been ongoing for some time prior to the formal adoption of the GWMP and continues on an ongoing basis. The results of some of that work are reflected in this Plan.

3.3.2.1 Available Groundwater Supplies

The groundwater component of overall water supply in the Valley derives from a groundwater operating plan developed over the last 20 years to meet water requirements (municipal, agricultural, small domestic) while maintaining the Basin in a sustainable condition (i.e., no long-term depletion of groundwater or interrelated surface water). This operating plan also addresses groundwater contamination issues in the Basin, all consistent with both the MOU and the GWMP described above. The groundwater operating plan is based on the concept that pumping can vary from year to year to allow increased groundwater use in dry periods and increased recharge during wet periods and to collectively assure that the groundwater Basin is adequately replenished through various wet/dry cycles. As described in the MOU and subsequently formalized in the GWMP, the operating yield concept has been quantified as ranges of annual pumping volumes.

The ongoing work of the MOU has produced two formal reports. The first report, dated April 2004, documents the construction and calibration of the groundwater flow model for the Valley. The second report, dated August 2005, presents the modeling analysis of the purveyors' groundwater operating plan, described below. The primary conclusion of the modeling analysis is that the groundwater operating plan will not cause detrimental short or long term effects to the groundwater and surface water resources in the Valley and is therefore, sustainable[4]. The analysis of sustainability for groundwater and interrelated surface water is described in Appendix C.

The groundwater operating plan, summarized in Table 3-6, is as follows:

> **Alluvium** – Pumping from the Alluvial Aquifer in a given year is governed by local hydrologic conditions in the eastern Santa Clara River watershed. Pumping ranges between 30,000 and 40,000 afy during normal and above-normal rainfall years. However, due to hydrogeologic constraints in the eastern part of the Basin, pumping is reduced to between 30,000 and 35,000 afy during locally dry years.
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> **Saugus Formation** – Pumping from the Saugus Formation in a given year is tied directly to the availability of other water supplies, particularly from the SWP. During average-year conditions within the SWP system, Saugus pumping ranges between 7,500 and 15,000 afy. Planned dry-year pumping from the Saugus Formation ranges between

[4] From "Analysis of Groundwater Basin Yield, Upper Santa Clara River Basin, Eastern Subbasin, Los Angeles County, California," prepared by CH2M Hill and Luhdorff and Scalmanini Consulting Engineers, August 2005.

15,000 and 25,000 afy during a drought year and can increase to between 21,000 and 25,000 afy if SWP deliveries are reduced for two consecutive years and between 21,000 and 35,000 afy if SWP deliveries are reduced for three consecutive years. Such high pumping would be followed by periods of reduced (average-year) pumping, at rates between 7,500 and 15,000 afy, to further enhance the effectiveness of natural recharge processes that would recover water levels and groundwater storage volumes after the higher pumping during dry years.

Table 3-6
Groundwater Operating Plan for the Santa Clarita Valley

Aquifer	Groundwater Production (af)			
	Normal Years	Dry Year 1	Dry Year 2	Dry Year 3
Alluvium	30,000 to 40,000	30,000 to 35,000	30,000 to 35,000	30,000 to 35,000
Saugus	7,500 to 15,000	15,000 to 25,000	21,000 to 25,000	21,000 to 35,000
Total	**37,500 to 55,000**	**45,000 to 60,000**	**51,000 to 60,000**	**51,000 to 70,000**

Within the groundwater operating plan, three factors affect the availability of groundwater supplies: sufficient source capacity (wells and pumps); sustainability of the groundwater resource to meet pumping demand on a renewable basis; and protection of groundwater sources (wells) from known contamination, or provisions for treatment in the event of contamination. The first two factors are briefly discussed as follows, and more completely addressed in Appendix C. Protection of groundwater sources and provisions for treatment in the event of contamination are developed further in Chapter 5.

For reference to the Groundwater Operating Plan, recent historical and projected groundwater pumping by the retail water purveyors is summarized in Tables 3-7 and 3-8, respectively.

Table 3-7
Historical Groundwater Production by the Retail Water Purveyors(1)

Basin Name	Groundwater Pumped (af) (2)				
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Santa Clara River Valley East Subbasin					
CLWA Santa Clarita Water Division	*11,529*	*9,896*	*9,513*	*6,424*	*7,146*
Alluvium	11,529	9,896	9,513	6,424	7,146
Saugus Formation	0	0	0	0	0
LA County Waterworks District 36	*0*	*0*	*0*	*0*	*380*
Alluvium	0	0	0	0	380
Saugus Formation	0	0	0	0	0
Newhall County Water District	*3,694*	*4,073*	*4,376*	*3,779*	*5,321*
Alluvium	1,508	1,641	981	1,266	1,582
Saugus Formation	2,186	2,432	3,395	2,513	3,739
Valencia Water Company	*13,186*	*11,353*	*12,568*	*12,775*	*11,824*
Alluvium	12,179	10,518	11,603	11,707	9,862
Saugus Formation	1,007	835	965	1,068	1,962
Total	*28,409*	*25,322*	*26,457*	*22,978*	*24,671*
Alluvium	25,216	22,055	22,097	19,397	18,970
Saugus Formation	3,193	3,267	4,360	3,581	5,701
% of Total Municipal Water Supply	**47%**	**42%**	**39%**	**34%**	**34%**

Notes:
(1) From 2004 Santa Clarita Valley Water Report (May 2005).
(2) Pumping for municipal and industrial uses only. Does not include pumping for agricultural and miscellaneous uses.

Table 3-8
Projected Groundwater Production (Normal Year)

Basin Name	Range of Groundwater Pumping (af) (1)(2)(3)				
	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Santa Clara River Valley East Subbasin					
CLWA Santa Clarita Water Division					
Alluvium	6,000-14,000	6,000-14,000	6,000-14,000	6,000-14,000	6,000-14,000
Saugus Formation	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
LA County Waterworks District 36					
Alluvium	0	0	0	0	0
Saugus Formation	500-1,000	500-1,000	500-1,000	500-1,000	500-1,000
Newhall County Water District					
Alluvium	1,500-3,000	1,500-3,000	1,500-3,000	1,500-3,000	1,500-3,000
Saugus Formation	3,000-6,000	3,000-6,000	3,000-6,000	3,000-6,000	3,000-6,000
Valencia Water Company					
Alluvium	12,000-20,000	12,000-20,000	12,000-20,000	12,000-20,000	12,000-20,000
Saugus Formation	2,500-5,000	2,500-5,000	2,500-5,000	2,500-5,000	2,500-5,000

Notes:

(1) The range of groundwater production capability for each purveyor varies based on a number of factors which include each purveyor's capacity to produce groundwater, the location of its wells within the Alluvium and Saugus Formation, local hydrology, availability of imported water supplies and water demands.

(2) To ensure sustainability, the purveyors have committed that the annual use of groundwater pumped collectively in any given year will not exceed the purveyors' operating plan as described in the Basin Yield Study and reported annually in the SCV Water Report. As noted in the discussion of the purveyors' operating plan for groundwater in Table 3-6 of this Plan, the "normal" year quantities of groundwater pumped from the Alluvium and Saugus Formation are 30,000 to 40,000 afy and 7,500 to 15,000 afy, respectively.

(3) Groundwater pumping shown for purveyor municipal and industrial uses only.

The groundwater operating plan recognizes ongoing Alluvial pumping for both municipal and agricultural water supply, as well as other small private domestic and related pumping. During preparation of this Plan, the Santa Clarita Valley Well Owners' Association submitted some limited information about the nature and magnitude of private well pumping. This included a detailed estimate of private well pumping in the San Francisquito Canyon portion of the Basin: a total of 85 afy by 73 individual private pumpers, or nearly 1.2 afy per private well pumper. As a result of that input, it is now better recognized that total private pumping is likely well within the 500 afy estimates of small private well pumping in recent annual Water Reports, or about 1 percent of typical Alluvial Aquifer pumping by the purveyors and other known private well owners, e.g. agricultural pumpers, combined. Thus, while the small private wells are not explicitly modeled in the Basin yield analysis described herein because their locations and operations are not known, their operation creates a pumping stress that is essentially negligible at the scale of the regional model. Ultimately, the intent to maintain overall pumping within the operating plan, including private pumping, will result in sustainable groundwater conditions to support the combination of municipal (purveyor), agricultural, and small private groundwater use on an ongoing basis.

3.3.2.1.1 Alluvium

Based on a combination of historical operating experience and recent groundwater modeling analysis, the Alluvial Aquifer can supply groundwater on a long-term sustainable basis in the overall range of 30,000 to 40,000 afy, with a probable reduction in dry years to a range of 30,000 to 35,000 afy. Both of those ranges include about 15,000 afy of Alluvial pumping for current agricultural water uses and an estimated pumping of up to about 500 afy by small private pumpers. The dry year reduction is a result of practical constraints in the eastern part of the Basin, where lowered groundwater levels in dry periods have the effect of reducing pumping capacities in that shallower portion of the aquifer.

Adequacy of Supply

For municipal water supply, with existing wells and pumps, the three retail water purveyors with Alluvial wells (NCWD, SCWD, and VWC) have a combined pumping capacity from active wells (not contaminated by perchlorate) of 36,120 gpm, which translates into a current full-time Alluvial source capacity of approximately 58,000 afy. Alluvial pumping capacity from all the active municipal supply wells is summarized in Table 3-9. The locations of the various municipal Alluvial wells throughout the Basin are illustrated on Figure 3-2. These capacities do not include one Alluvial Aquifer well that has been temporarily inactivated due to perchlorate contamination: the SCWD Stadium well, which represents another 800 gpm of pumping capacity, or full-time source capacity of about 1,290 afy.

In terms of adequacy and availability, the combined active Alluvial groundwater source capacity of municipal wells is approximatley 58,000 afy. This is more than sufficient to meet the municipal, or urban, component of groundwater supply from the Alluvium, which is currently 20,000 to 25,000 afy of the total planned Alluvial pumping of 30,000 to 40,000 afy. (The balance of Alluvial pumping in the operating plan is for agricultural and other, including small private, pumping.)

Sustainability

Until recently, the long-term renewability of Alluvial groundwater was empirically determined from approximately 60 years of recorded experience. Generally, it consists of long-term stability in groundwater levels and storage, with some dry period fluctuations in the eastern part of the Basin, over a historical range of total Alluvial pumpage from as low as about 20,000 afy to as high as about 43,000 afy. Those empirical observations have now been complemented by the development and application of a numerical groundwater flow model, which has been used to predict aquifer response to the planned operating ranges of pumping. The numerical groundwater flow model has also been used to analyze the control of perchlorate contaminant migration under selected pumping conditions that would restore, with treatment, pumping capacity inactivated due to perchlorate contamination detected in some wells in the Basin. The latter use of the model is described in Chapter 5, which addresses the Saugus Formation and the overall approach to the perchlorate contamination issue.

Table 3-9
Active Municipal Groundwater Source Capacity—Alluvial Aquifer Wells

Wells	Pump Capacity (gpm)	Max Annual Capacity (af)	Normal Year Production (1) (af)	Dry-Year Production (af)
Newhall CWD				
Castaic 1	600	960	385	345
Castaic 2	425	680	166	125
Castaic 4	270	430	100	45
Pinetree 1	300	480	164	N/A
Pinetree 3	550	880	545	525
Pinetree 4	500	800	300	N/A
NCWD Subtotal	2,645	4,230	1,660	1,040
Santa Clarita WD				
Clark	600	960	782	700
Guida	1,000	1,610	1,320	1,230
Honby	950	1,530	696	870
Lost Canyon 2	850	1,370	741	640
Lost Canyon 2A	825	1,330	1,034	590
Mitchell 5B	700	1,120	557	N/A
N. Oaks Central	1,000	1,610	822	1,640
N. Oaks East	950	1,530	1,234	485
N. Oaks West	1,400	2,250	898	N/A
Sand Canyon	750	1,200	930	195
Sierra	1,500	2,410	846	N/A
SCWD Subtotal	10,525	16,920	9,860	6,350
Valencia WC				
Well D	1,050	1,690	690	690
Well E-15	1,400	2,260	N/A	N/A
Well N	1,250	2,010	620	620
Well N7	2,500	4,030	1,160	1,160
Well N8	2,500	4,030	1,160	1,160
Well Q2	1,200	1,930	985	985
Well S6	2,000	3,220	865	865
Well S7	2,000	3,220	865	865
Well S8	2,000	3,220	865	865
Well T2	800	1,290	460	460
Well T4	700	1,120	460	460
Well U4	1,000	1,610	935	935
Well U6	1,250	2,010	825	825
Well W9	800	1,290	600	600
Well W10	1,500	2,410	865	865
Well W11	1,000	1,610	350	350
VWC Subtotal	22,950	36,950	11,705	11,705
Total Purveyors	**36,120**	**58,100** (2)	**23,225** (2)	**19,095** (2)

Notes:
(1) Based on recent annual pumping.
(2) Currently active wells only; capacity will slightly increase by restoration of contaminated wells.

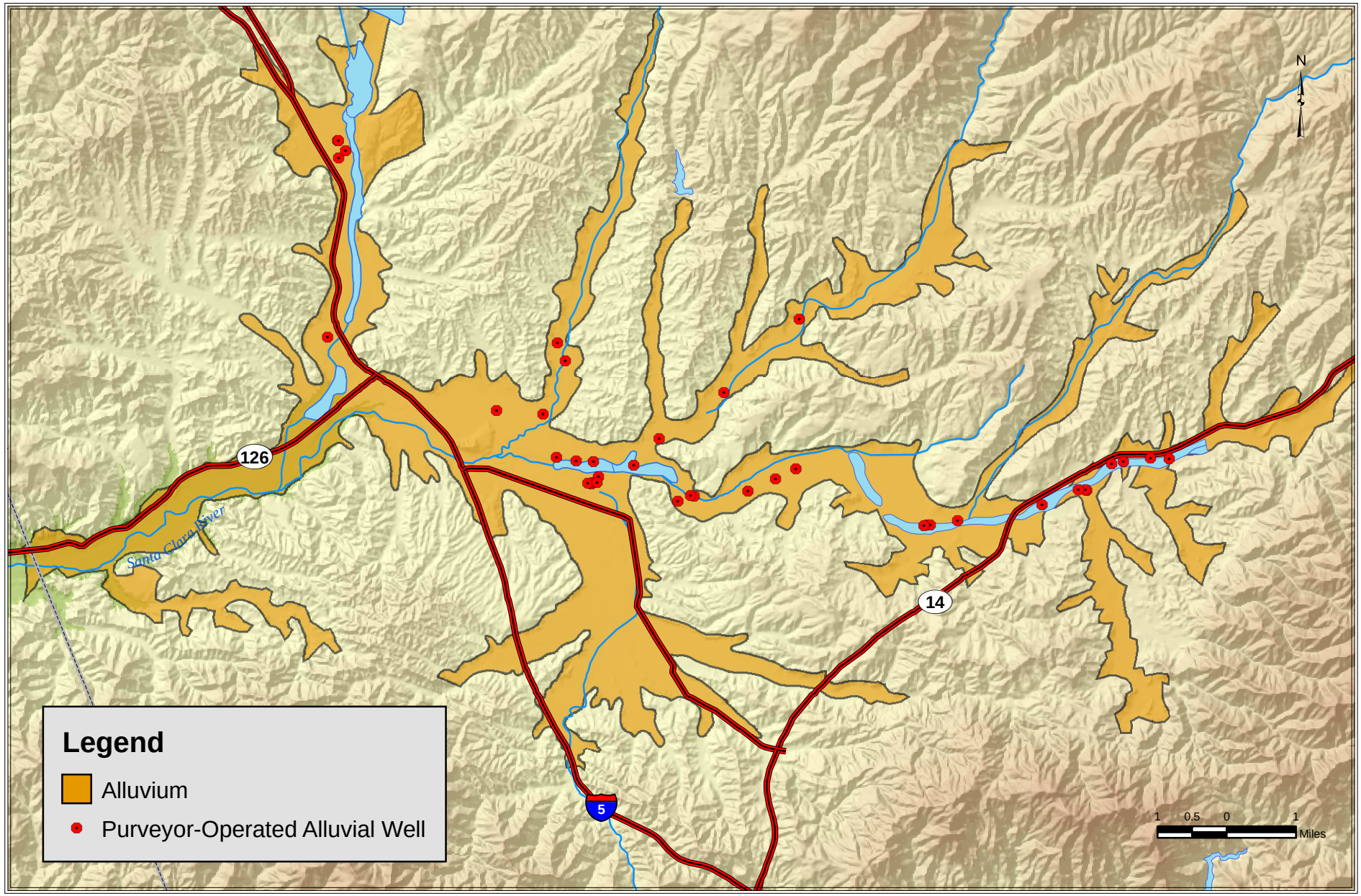

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Figure 3-2
Municipal Alluvial Well Locations
Santa Clara River Valley, East Groundwater Subbasin

To examine the yield of the Alluvium or, the sustainability of the Alluvium on a renewable basis, the groundwater flow model was used to examine the long-term projected response of the aquifer to pumping for municipal and agricultural uses in the 30,000 to 40,000 afy range under average/normal and wet conditions, and in the 30,000 to 35,000 afy range under locally dry conditions. To examine the response of the entire aquifer system, the model also incorporated pumping from the Saugus Formation in accordance with the normal (7,500-15,000 afy) and dry year (15,000-35,000 afy) operating plan for that aquifer. The model was run over a 78-year hydrologic period, which was selected from actual historical precipitation to examine a number of hydrologic conditions expected to affect both groundwater pumping and groundwater recharge. The selected 78-year simulation period was assembled from an assumed recurrence of 1980 to 2003 conditions, followed by an assumed recurrence of 1950 to 2003 conditions. The 78-year period was analyzed to define both local hydrologic conditions (normal and dry), which affect the rate of pumping from the Alluvium, and hydrologic conditions that affect SWP operations, which in turn affect the rate of pumping from the Saugus. The resultant simulated pumping cycles included the distribution of pumping for each of the existing Alluvial Aquifer wells, for normal and dry years respectively, as shown in Table 3-9.

Simulated Alluvial Aquifer response to the range of hydrologic conditions and pumping stresses is essentially a long-term repeat of the historical conditions that have resulted from similar pumping over the last several decades. The resultant response consists of: (1) generally constant groundwater levels in the middle to western portion of the Alluvium and fluctuating groundwater levels in the eastern portion as a function of wet and dry hydrologic conditions, (2) variations in recharge that directly correlate with wet and dry hydrologic conditions, and (3) no long-term decline in groundwater levels or storage. The Alluvial Aquifer is considered a sustainable water supply source to meet the Alluvial portion of the operating plan for the groundwater Basin. This is based on the combination of actual experience with Alluvial Aquifer pumping at capacities similar to those planned for the future and the resultant sustainability (recharge) of groundwater levels and storage, and further based on modeled projections of aquifer response to planned pumping rates that also show no depletion of groundwater.

3.3.2.1.2 Saugus Formation

Based on historical operating experience and extensive recent testing and groundwater modeling analysis, the Saugus Formation can supply water on a long-term sustainable basis in a normal range of 7,500 to 15,000 afy, with intermittent increases to 25,000 to 35,000 af in dry years. The dry-year increases, based on limited historical observation and modeled projections, demonstrate that a small amount of the large groundwater storage in the Saugus Formation can be pumped over a relatively short (dry) period. This would be followed by recharge (replenishment) of that storage during a subsequent normal-to-wet period when pumping would be reduced.

Adequacy of Supply

For municipal water supply with existing wells, the three retail water purveyors with Saugus wells (NCWD, SCWD, and VWC) have a combined pumping capacity from active wells (not contaminated by perchlorate) of 14,900 gpm, which translates into a full-time Saugus source capacity of 24,000 afy. Saugus pumping capacity from all the active municipal supply wells is summarized in Table 3-10; the locations of the various active municipal Saugus wells are illustrated on Figure 3-3. These capacities do not include the four Saugus wells contaminated by

perchlorate, although they indirectly reflect the capacity of one of the contaminated wells, VWC's Well 157, which has been sealed and abandoned, and replaced by VWC's Well 206 in a non-impacted part of the Basin. The four contaminated wells, one owned by NCWD and two owned by SCWD, in addition to the VWC well, represent a total of 7,900 gpm of pumping capacity (or full-time source capacity of about 12,700 afy) inactivated due to perchlorate contamination.

Table 3-10
Active Municipal Groundwater Source Capacity—Saugus Formation Wells

Wells	Pump Capacity (gpm)	Max Annual Capacity (af)	Normal Year Production (1) (af)	Dry-Year Production (af)
Newhall CWD				
12	2,300	3,700	1,315	2,044
13	2,500	4,030	1,315	2,044
NCWD Subtotal	4,800	7,730	2,630	4,088
Valencia WC				
159	500	800	50	50
160	2,000	3,220	1,000	1,330
201	2,400	3,870	100	3,577
205	2,700	4,350	1,000	3,827
206	2,500	4,030	1,175	3,500
VWC Subtotal	10,100	16,270	3,325	12,284
Total Purveyors	**14,900**	**24,000** (2)	**5,955** (2)	**16,372** (2)

Notes:
(1) Based on recent annual pumping.
(2) Currently active wells only; additional capacity to meet dry-year operating plan would be met by restoration of contaminated wells and new well construction.

In terms of adequacy and availability, the combined active Saugus groundwater source capacity of municipal wells of 24,000 afy, is more than sufficient to meet the planned use of Saugus groundwater in normal years of 7,500 to 15,000 afy. During the currently scheduled two-year time frame for restoration of impacted Saugus capacity (as discussed further in Chapter 5), this currently active capacity is more than sufficient to meet water demands, in combination with other sources, if both of the next two years are dry. At that time, the combination of currently active capacity and restored impacted capacity, through a combination of treatment at two of the impacted wells and replacement well construction, will provide sufficient total Saugus capacity to meet the planned use of Saugus groundwater during multiple dry-years of 35,000 af, if that third year is also a dry year.

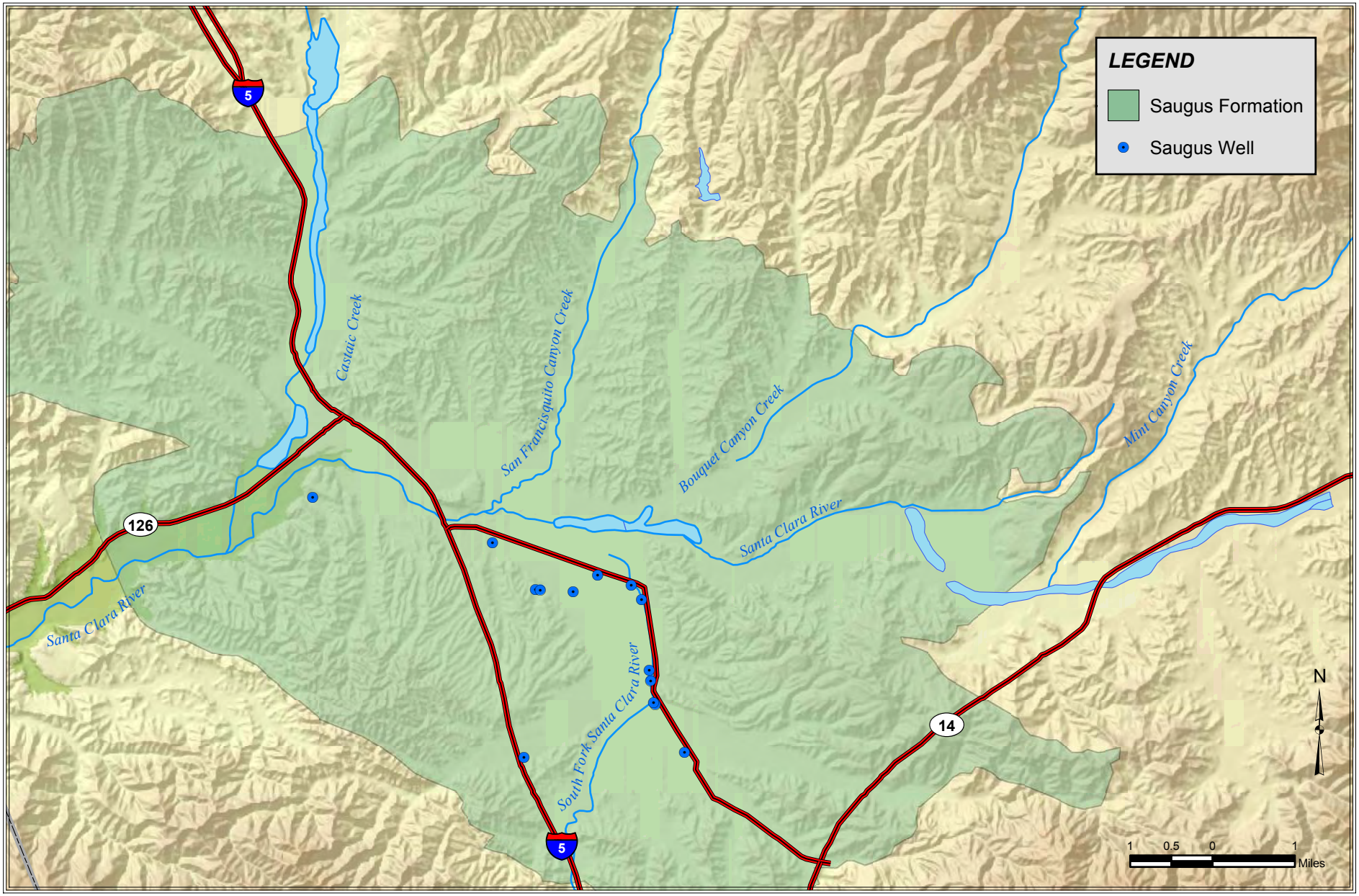

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Figure 3-3
Saugus Well Locations
Santa Clara River Valley, East Groundwater Subbasin

Sustainability

Until recently, the long-term sustainability of Saugus groundwater was empirically determined from limited historical experience. The historical record shows fairly low annual pumping in most years, with one four-year period of increased pumping up to about 15,000 afy that produced no long-term depletion of the substantial groundwater storage in the Saugus. Those empirical observations have now been complemented by the development and application of the numerical groundwater flow model, which has been used to examine aquifer response to the operating plan for pumping from both the Alluvium and the Saugus and also to examine the effectiveness of pumping for both contaminant extraction and control of contaminant migration within the Saugus Formation. The latter aspects of Saugus pumping are discussed in Chapter 5.

To examine the yield of the Saugus Formation or, its sustainability on a renewable basis, the groundwater flow model was used to examine long-term projected response to pumping from both the Alluvium and the Saugus over the 78-year period of hydrologic conditions using alternating wet and dry periods as have historically occurred. The pumping simulated in the model was in accordance with the operating plan for the Basin. For the Saugus, simulated pumpage included the planned restoration of recent historic pumping from the perchlorate-impacted wells. In addition to assessing the overall recharge of the Saugus, that pumping was analyzed to assess the effectiveness of controlling the migration of perchlorate by extracting and treating contaminated water close to the source of contamination.

Simulated Saugus Formation response to the ranges of pumping under assumed recurrent historical hydrologic conditions is consistent with actual experience under smaller pumping rates. The response consists of (1) short-term declines in groundwater levels and storage near pumped wells during dry-period pumping, (2) rapid recovery of groundwater levels and storage after cessation of dry-period pumping, and (3) no long-term decreases or depletion of groundwater levels or storage. The combination of actual experience with Saugus pumping and recharge up to about 15,000 afy, now complemented by modeled projections of aquifer response that show long-term utility of the Saugus at 7,500 to 15,000 afy in normal years and rapid recovery from higher pumping rates during intermittent dry periods, shows that the Saugus Formation can be considered a sustainable water supply source to meet the Saugus portion of the operating plan for the groundwater Basin.

3.3.3 Potential Supply Inconsistency

A small group of wells that have been impacted by perchlorate represent a temporary loss of well capacity within CLWA's service area. Of the six wells that were initially removed from active water supply service upon the detection of perchlorate, four wells with a combined capacity of 10,000 af remain out of service, as discussed further in Chapter 5. However, CLWA and the purveyors have developed an implementation plan that would restore this well capacity. The implementation plan includes a combination of treatment facilities and replacement wells. Treatment facilities for several of the impacted wells will be operational in 2006 and the production restoration (replacement) wells will be operational by 2010. Additional information on the treatment technology and schedule for restoration of the impacted wells is provided in Chapter 5. Additional information concerning water quality issues and replacement capacity is also provided in Chapter 5.

3.4 TRANSFERS, EXCHANGES, AND GROUNDWATER BANKING PROGRAMS

Additional water supplies can be purchased from other water agencies and sources, and CLWA is currently exploring opportunities. An important element to enhancing the long-term reliability of the total mix of supplies currently available to meet the needs of the Valley is the use of transfers, exchanges, and groundwater banking programs, such as those described below.

3.4.1 Transfers and Exchanges

An opportunity available to CLWA to increase water supplies is to participate in voluntary water transfer programs. Since the drought of 1987-1992, the concept of water transfer has evolved into a viable supplemental source to improve supply reliability. The initial concept for water transfers was codified into law in 1986 when the California Legislature adopted the "Katz" Law (California Water Code, Sections 1810-1814) and the Costa-Isenberg Water Transfer Law of 1986 (California Water Code, Sections 470, 475, 480-483). These laws help define parameters for water transfers and set up a variety of approaches through which water or water rights can be transferred among individuals or agencies.

Up to 27 million af of water are delivered for agricultural use every year. Over half of this water use is in the Central Valley, and much of it is delivered by, or adjacent to, SWP and Central Valley Project (CVP) conveyance facilities. This proximity to existing water conveyance facilities could allow for the voluntary transfer of water to many urban areas, including CLWA, via the SWP. Such water transfers can involve water sales, conjunctive use and groundwater substitution, and water sharing and usually occur as a form of spot, option, or core transfers agreement. The costs of a water transfer would vary depending on the type, term, and location of the transfer. The most likely voluntary water transfer programs would probably involve the Sacramento or southern San Joaquin Valley areas.

One of the most important aspects of any resource planning process is flexibility. A flexible strategy minimizes unnecessary or redundant investments (or stranded costs). The voluntary purchase of water between willing sellers and buyers can be an effective means of achieving flexibility. However, not all water transfers have the same effectiveness in meeting resource needs. Through the resource planning process and ultimate implementation, several different types of water transfers could be undertaken.

3.4.1.1 Core Transfers

Core transfers are agreements to purchase a defined quantity of water every year. These transfers have the benefit of more certainty in costs and supply, but in some years can be surplus to imported water (available in most years) that is already paid for.

3.4.1.2 Spot Market Transfers

Spot market transfers involve water purchased only during the time of need (usually a drought). Payments for these transfers occur only when water is actually requested and delivered, but there is usually greater uncertainty in terms of costs and availability of supply. Examples of such transfers were the Governor's Drought Water Banks of 1991 and 1992. An additional risk of spot

market transfers is that the purchases may be subject to institutional limits or restricted access (e.g., requiring the purchasing agency to institute rationing before it is eligible to participate in the program).

3.4.1.3 Option Contracts

Option contracts are agreements that specify the amount of water needed and the frequency or probability that the supply will be called upon (an option). Typically, a relatively low up-front option payment is required and, if the option is actually called upon, a subsequent payment would be made for the amount called. These transfers have the best characteristics of both core and spot transfers. With option contracts, the potential for redundant supply is minimized, as are the risks associated with cost and supply availability.

3.4.1.4 Future Market Transfers

The most viable types of water transfers are core and option transfers and, as such, represent CLWA's long-term strategy. The costs for these types of transfers have been estimated to be about $60 to $110 per af (equivalent to $1,100 to $2,000 per af for Table A Amount) for core transfers and $250 per af for option transfers. Although the option transfer costs might seem high, the equivalent average annual cost is much less - about $65 to $112 per af. Average annual option transfer costs are much lower due to the variable likelihood that the transfers will be needed. Currently, CLWA is proceeding with environmental compliance to acquire a core transfer of an additional 11,000 afy of surface water from the Buena Vista Water Storage District and Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District, both located in Kern County.

3.4.2 Groundwater Banking Programs

With recent developments in conjunctive use and groundwater banking, significant opportunities exist to improve water supply reliability for CLWA. Conjunctive use is the coordinated operation of multiple water supplies to achieve improved supply reliability. Most conjunctive use concepts are based on storing groundwater supplies in times of surplus for use during dry periods and drought when surface water supplies would likely be reduced.

Groundwater banking programs involve storing available SWP surface water supplies during wet years in groundwater basins in, for example, the San Joaquin Valley. Water would be stored either directly by surface spreading or injection, or indirectly by supplying surface water to farmers for their use in lieu of their intended groundwater pumping. During water shortages, the stored water could be pumped out and conveyed through the California Aqueduct to CLWA as the banking partner, or used by the farmers in exchange for their surface water allocations, which would be delivered to CLWA as the banking partner through the California Aqueduct. Several conjunctive use and groundwater banking opportunities are available to CLWA.

In 2003, CLWA produced a Draft Water Supply Reliability Plan. The plan outlines primary elements that CLWA should include in its water supply mix to obtain maximum overall supply reliability enhancement. These elements include both conjunctive use and groundwater banking programs, as well as water acquisitions. The Plan also contains a recommended implementation plan and schedule.

The reliability plan recommends that CLWA obtain total banking storage capacity of 50,000 af, with pumpback capacity of 20,000 af per year, by 2005. For the long-term, CLWA should obtain a total of 183,000 af of storage capacity, with total pumpback capacity of 70,000 af per year by 2050. Table 3-11, taken from the 2003 Draft Water Supply Reliability Report, presents an implementation schedule recommended for both storage and pumpback capacity beginning in 2005 and incrementally increasing through 2050.

Table 3-11
Recommended Schedule for Water Banking Capacity(1)

Year	Total Pumpback (afy)	Total Storage (afy)
2005	20,000	50,000
2010	20,000	50,000
2020	40,000	100,000
2030	60,000	150,000
2040	70,000	183,000
2050	70,000	183,000

Notes:
(1) Reference "Draft Report – CLWA Water Supply Reliability Plan", Kennedy/Jenks Consultants, 2003.

3.4.2.1 Semitropic Water Banking

Semitropic Water Storage District (Semitropic) provides SWP water to farmers for irrigation. Semitropic is located in the San Joaquin Valley in the northern part of Kern County immediately east of the California Aqueduct. Using its available groundwater storage capacity (approximately one million af), Semitropic has developed a groundwater banking program, which it operates by taking available SWP supplies in wet years and returning the water in dry years. As part of this dry-year return, Semitropic can leave its SWP water in the Aqueduct for delivery to a banking partner and increase its groundwater production for its farmers. Semitropic constructed facilities so that groundwater can be pumped into a Semitropic canal and, through reverse pumping plants, be delivered to the California Aqueduct. Semitropic currently has six banking partners: the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan), Santa Clara Valley Water District, Alameda County Water District, Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Zone 7, Vidler Water Company, and The Newhall Land and Farming Company. The total amount of storage under contract is approximately 1 million af.

In 2002, CLWA stored an available portion of its Table A Amount (24,000 af) in an account in Semitropic's program.[5] In 2004, 32,522 af of available 2003 Table A Amount water was stored in a second Semitropic account.[6] In accordance with the terms of CLWA's storage agreements with Semitropic, 90 percent of the banked amount, or a total of 50,870 af, is recoverable through 2013 to meet CLWA water demands when needed. Each account has a term of ten years for the

[5] CLWA's approval of this project and of its negative declaration was challenged under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") in the Ventura County Superior Court (i.e., California Water Network v. Castaic Lake Water Agency [Ventura County Superior Court Case No. CIV 215327]). Finding that CLWA's approval of this project and of its negative declaration did not violate CEQA, the trial entered judgment in favor of CLWA. Petitioners have, however, filed an appeal with the California Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division 6 Court of Appeal Case No. B177978.
[6] No legal challenge was made to CLWA's approval of this project or to the negative declaration for this project.

water to be withdrawn and delivered to CLWA.[7] Current operational planning includes use of the water stored in Semitropic for dry-year supply. Accordingly, it is reflected in the available supplies delineated in this section, and it is also reflected in contributing to short-term (prior to 2013) reliability in Chapter 6.

3.4.2.2 Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District Water Banking

Also located in Kern County, immediately adjacent to the Kern Water Bank, Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District has completed environmental documentation for a Water Banking and Exchange Program. The initial offering from the program is storage and pumpback capacity of 20,000 afy, with up to 100,000 af of storage capacity. This banking program would meet the total pumpback and exceed the total storage capacity in 2010 recommended in the implementation schedule provided in the 2003 Draft Water Supply Reliability Report. This program is available for subscription and, in 2004, CLWA signed an MOU with Rosedale-Rio Bravo to begin preliminary non-binding negotiations on the possible terms for participation in the program. Such terms would define a project that would then be subject to subsequent environmental analysis. In April 2005, CLWA and Rosedale-Rio Bravo executed a deposit agreement for the exclusive right to negotiate, and CLWA approved an EIR in October 2005. This project is a water management program to improve the reliability of CLWA's existing dry-year supplies; it is not, and should not be considered, an annual supply that could support growth. CLWA anticipates that, upon completion of CEQA documentation, this program will be operational by 2006.

3.4.2.3 Other Opportunities

The Draft Water Supply Reliability Plan recommends water banking storage and pumpback capacity both north and south of CLWA's service area, the latter of which would provide an emergency supply in case of catastrophic outage along the California Aqueduct. With short-term storage now existing in the Semitropic program and negotiations underway with Rosedale-Rio Bravo, CLWA is assessing southern water banking opportunities. These include potential programs with the Chino Basin Watermaster (with whom CLWA signed an MOU in 2003), Calleguas Municipal Water District, and San Gorgonio Pass Water Agency.

Groundwater banking and conjunctive-use programs enhance the reliability of both the existing and future supplies. Table 3-12 summarizes CLWA's future reliability enhancement programs.

Table 3-12
Future Reliability Enhancement Programs

Project Name	Year Available	Proposed Quantities (af)		
		Average/ Normal Year	Single Dry Year	Multiple Dry Years (1)
Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Banking Program	2006	0	20,000	20,000
Additional Planned Banking Programs	2014	0	20,000	20,000

Notes:
(1) Supplies shown are maximum withdrawal capacity for each of four consecutive dry years.

[7] Thereafter, the remaining amount of project water is forfeited from the account.

3.5 PLANNED WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

The 2003 Draft Water Supply Reliability Plan also discusses the potential for acquiring additional water supplies to meet future demands (the plan refers to these as "water transfer opportunities"). Table 3-13 summarizes CLWA's transfer and exchange opportunities.

Table 3-13
Transfer and Exchange Opportunities

Source Transfer Agency	Transfer/ Exchange	Year Available	Short/Long Term	Proposed Quantity (afy)
Buena Vista-Rosedale (1)	Transfer	2006	Long Term	11,000

Notes:
(1) CLWA is in the process of acquiring this supply, primarily to meet the potential demands of future annexations to the CLWA service area. This acquisition is consistent with CLWA's annexation policy under which it will not approve potential annexations unless additional water supplies are acquired. Currently proposed annexations have a demand for about 4,000 afy of this supply which, if approved, would leave the remaining 7,000 afy available for potential future annexations. Unless and until any such annexations are actually approved, this supply will be available to meet demands within the existing CLWA service area.

Buena Vista Water Storage District/Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District Water Storage and Recovery Program

These two districts, both located in Kern County, have joined together to develop a program that provides both a firm water supply and a water banking component. Both districts are member agencies of the Kern County Water Agency (KCWA), an SWP contractor, and both districts have contracts with KCWA for SWP Table A Amounts. Environmental documentation has been completed for this program, which envisions a single partner purchasing a firm annual water supply, which can then be banked in years when it is not needed for withdrawal and delivery in later years. The supply is based on existing long-standing Kern River water rights, which would be delivered by exchange of SWP Table A Amount. In 2004, CLWA signed an MOU with both districts to begin preliminary non-binding negotiations on the possible terms for participation in the program. Such terms would define a project subject to subsequent environmental analysis. The initial offering from the program is up to 11,000 afy of firm supply. In December 2004, CLWA, Buena Vista, and Rosedale-Rio Bravo executed a deposit agreement for the exclusive right to negotiate, and CLWA started preparing an EIR. CLWA anticipates that, upon completion of CEQA documentation, this program will be operational during 2006.

3.6 DEVELOPMENT OF DESALINATION

The California UWMP Act requires a discussion of potential opportunities for use of desalinated water (Water Code Section 10631[i]). CLWA has explored such opportunities, and they are described in the following section, including opportunities for desalination of brackish water, groundwater, and seawater. However, at this time, none of these opportunities is practical or economically feasible for CLWA, and CLWA has no current plans to pursue them. Therefore, desalinated supplies are not included in the supply summaries in this Plan (e.g., Tables 3-1, 6-2, 6-3, and 6-4).

3.6.1 Opportunities for Brackish Water and/or Groundwater Desalination

As discussed in Chapter 5, the two sources of groundwater in the Valley are water drawn from the Alluvial Aquifer and from the Saugus Formation. Neither of these supplies can be considered brackish in nature, and desalination is not required.

However, CLWA and the retail water purveyors could team up with other SWP contractors and provide financial assistance in construction of other regional groundwater desalination facilities in exchange for SWP supplies. The desalinated water would be supplied to users in communities near the desalination plant, and a similar amount of SWP supplies would be exchanged and allocated to CLWA from the SWP contractor. A list summarizing the groundwater desalination plans of other SWP contractors is not available; however, CLWA would begin this planning effort should the need arise.

In addition, should an opportunity emerge with a local agency other than an SWP contractor, an exchange of SWP deliveries would most likely involve a third party, such as Metropolitan. Most local groundwater desalination facilities would be projects implemented by retailers of SWP contractors and, if an exchange program was implemented, would involve coordination and wheeling of water through the contractor's facilities to CLWA.

3.6.2 Opportunities for Seawater Desalination

Because the Valley is not in a coastal area, it is neither practical nor economically feasible for CLWA and its purveyors to implement a seawater desalination program. However, similar to the brackish water and groundwater desalination opportunities described above, CLWA and the purveyors could provide financial assistance to other SWP contractors in the construction of their seawater desalination facilities in exchange for SWP supplies.

CLWA and the purveyors have been following the existing and proposed seawater desalination projects along California's coast. In March 2004, the California Coastal Commission released the "Seawater Desalination and the California Coastal Act." This Act provides a summary and status of the existing and proposed seawater desalination plants along California's coast. Tables 3-14 and 3-15 provide a summary of several of California's existing and proposed municipal/domestic seawater desalination facilities, respectively.

As shown in the tables, most of the existing and proposed seawater desalination facilities are/would be operated by agencies that are not SWP contractors. However, in these cases as described above, an exchange for SWP deliveries would most likely involve a third party (SWP contractor), the local water agency (retailer), and CLWA.

Table 3-14
Existing Seawater Desalination Facilities Along the California Coast[(1)]

Operator/Location	Maximum Capacity (gpd/afy[2])	Status
City of Morro Bay	830,000/930	Intermittent Use
City of Santa Barbara	N/A	Inactive
Marina Coast Water District	300,000/335	Active

Notes:
(1) Reference "Seawater Desalination and the California Coastal Act," California Coastal Commission, March 2004.
(2) gpd = gallons per day; afy = acre-feet per year

Although not listed in Table 3-15, the Bay Area Regional Desalination Partnership, made up of four agencies collaborating on a Regional Desalination Project in the San Francisco Bay Area, is working to develop desalination as a water supply for the region. This partnership, comprised of San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, Santa Clara Valley Water District, East Bay Municipal Utilities District, and Contra Costa Water District, is in the process of planning regional seawater/brackish water desalination facilities. This regional desalination project is an example of the type of project that CLWA could participate in on an exchange basis.

Table 3-15
Proposed Seawater Desalination Facilities Along the California Coast[(1)]

Operator/Location	Maximum Capacity (gpd/afy[2])	Status
Cambria Community Services District	500,000/560	Planning
City of Santa Cruz	2,500,000/2,800	Planning
Marina Coast Water District/Fort Ord	2,680,000/3,000	Planning
Long Beach	10,000,000/11,000	Planning
Los Angeles Dept. of Water & Power	10,000,000/11,000	Planning
Monterey Peninsula Water Mgmt. District/Sand City	7,500,000/8,400	Planning
Cal-Am/Moss Landing Power Plant	9,000,000/10,000	Planning
Municipal Water District of Orange County/Dana Point	27,000,000/30,000	Planning
Poseidon Resources/Huntington Beach	50,000,000/55,000	Draft EIR Complete
San Diego County Water Authority/San Onofre	TBD	Planning
San Diego County Water Authority/South County	50,000,000/55,000	Planning
San Diego County Water authority/Poseidon/Carlsbad	50,000,000/55,000	Planning
West Basin Municipal Water District	20,000,000/22,000	Planning

Notes:
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