

Water Resilience Initiative

Water Resources and Watershed Committee
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Item No. 3

Water Resilience Initiative: Previous Briefings

- Initiated dialogue regarding water supply resiliency and watershed stewardship
- Reviewed current related activities
- Explained drivers behind initiative
- Reviewed strategies
- Proposed elements and expenditures
- Solicited Committee's input and questions



What is Water Resilience?

- A reliable water supply that can adapt and respond to changes such as:
 - More extreme droughts and floods
 - Rising temperatures
 - Changing regulatory requirements
 - Natural disasters/risks and other challenges
- Safe and resilient water supplies, and healthy waterways for our communities, economy and environment

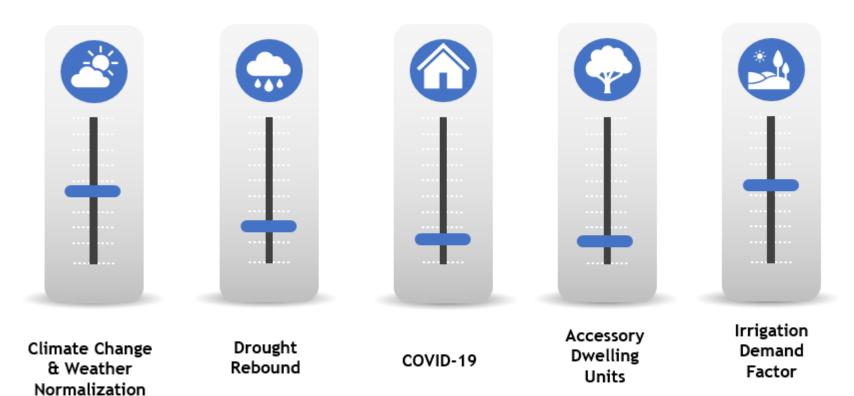


Drivers for Water Resilience Initiative

- SCV Water Strategic Plan
- Santa Clara River Stewardship Objectives
- California Water Resiliency Portfolio
- Managing Uncertainties/Risks in Changing Environment
- Protect and Enhance Environmental Qualities
- Advance Water Use Efficiency
- Investments in Projects/Programs

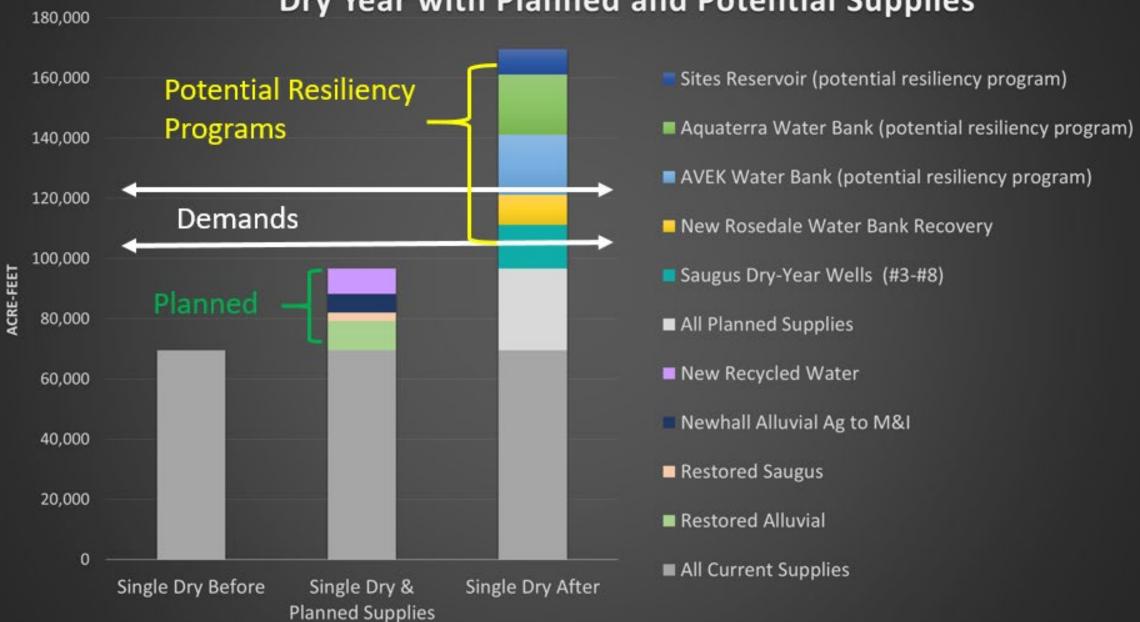


Adjustments to Future Demand Forecast



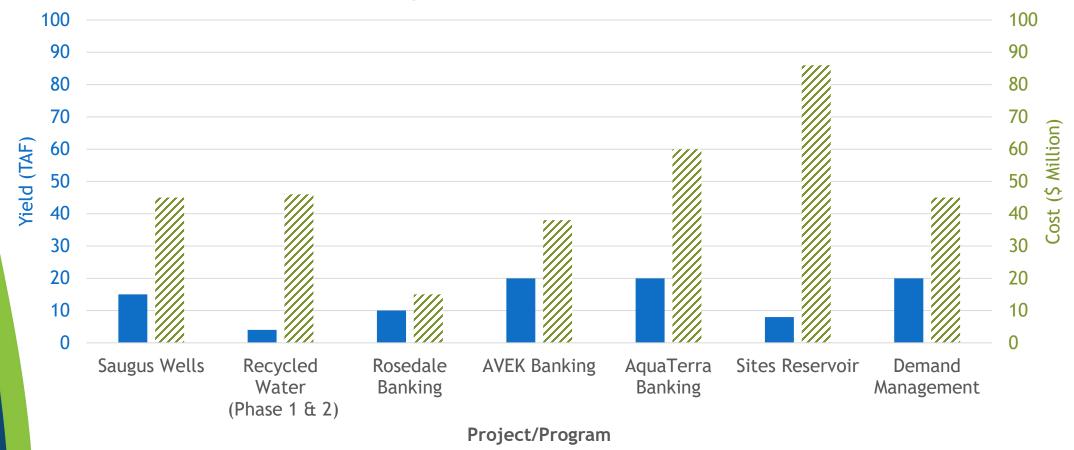


Buildout Water Balance (2050) Dry Year with Planned and Potential Supplies



Planned and Potential Resiliency Prog.



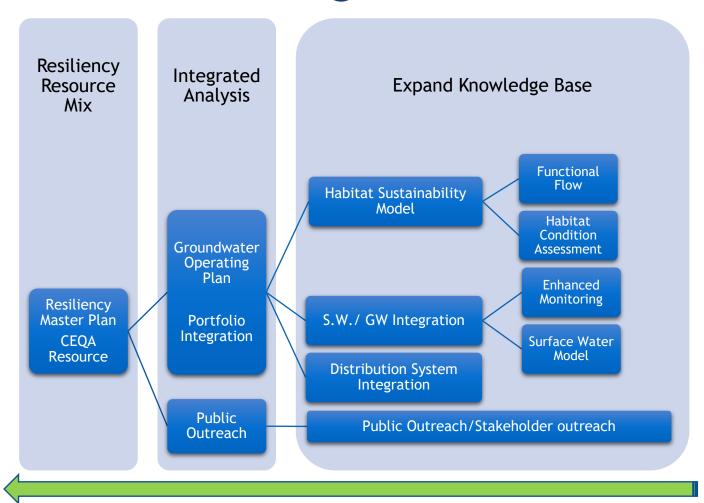


Water Resilience Initiative Strategies

- Build knowledge base to support sound decisions
- Improve modeling capabilities
- Conduct integrated analysis
 - Protect watershed and river systems
 - Optimize local groundwater use and storage
 - Support new infrastructure and ecosystem investments
- Expand stakeholder and community outreach and engagement

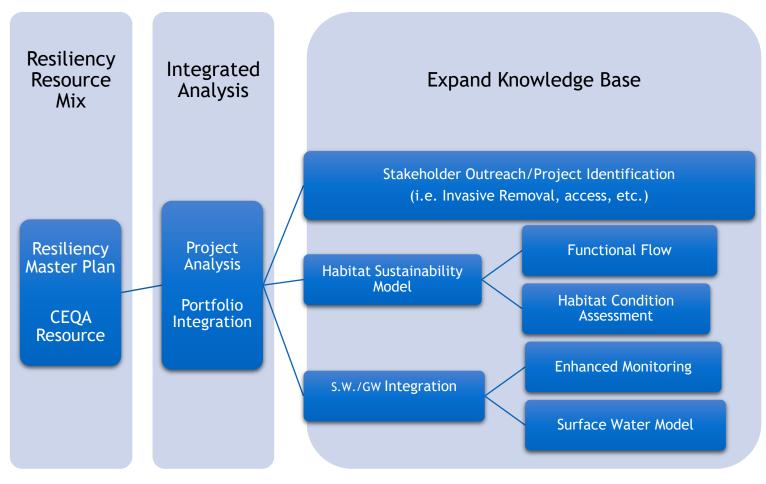


Example: Process for Saugus Well Investments





Example: Process Environmental Enhancements



Total Estimated Budget

Description	Cost (\$1,000)	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24
Integration/Analysis - Environmental	480			
Integration/Analysis - Water Resources	340			
Surface Water and Groundwater Mgmt.	1,220			
Communications and Engagement	480			
Resource Master Planning	1,380			
Total	3,900	1,210	1,320	1,370

Refocusing of FY 2021/23 Planning Effort

Common Elements New Direction Watershed Permitting/Planning **Previous Thinking** Environmental Knowledge Resource Integration Recycled Water Master Plan Resiliency Groundwater Masterplan Optimization Realignment for FY 21/23

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Next Steps

- Integration of Water Resiliency Initiative into FY 2021/23 Budgets
- Authorization to proceed with Resource Integration Model development



Feedback

