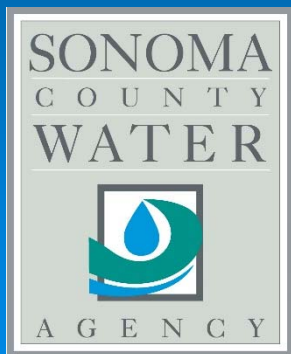


# Sonoma County Water Agency




# Presentation Topics

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- 💧 About Us
- 💧 History
- 💧 Funding Sources
- 💧 Questions

# The Water Agency

- Is a separate legal entity from the County.
  - Was formed under a separate, special state law.
  - Has limited, specified powers (taxation).
  - Has no land use or regulatory authority.
  - Has separate sources of revenues for each service it provides.
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# About Us

- Sonoma County Board of Supervisors acts as the Water Agency's Board of Directors



- Advisory Committees for Water Supply and Flood Protection



- Water Agency Formed in 1949
- Local Sponsor for Federal Flood Control Projects
- Provides Wholesale Potable Water Supply
- Local Flood Protection
- Wastewater Treatment and Reuse
- Energy Generation
- \$80,000,000
  - \$40M Water Sales
  - \$20M Sewer Service Charges
  - \$20M Property Taxes
    - \$8M Flood Protection
    - \$6M General Fund
    - \$6M Warm Springs Dam

# Healdsburg 1940 Flood



# Lake Mendocino - 1959



# Water Supply Facilities 1950s & 1960s





# Local Flood Protection 1960s & 1970s

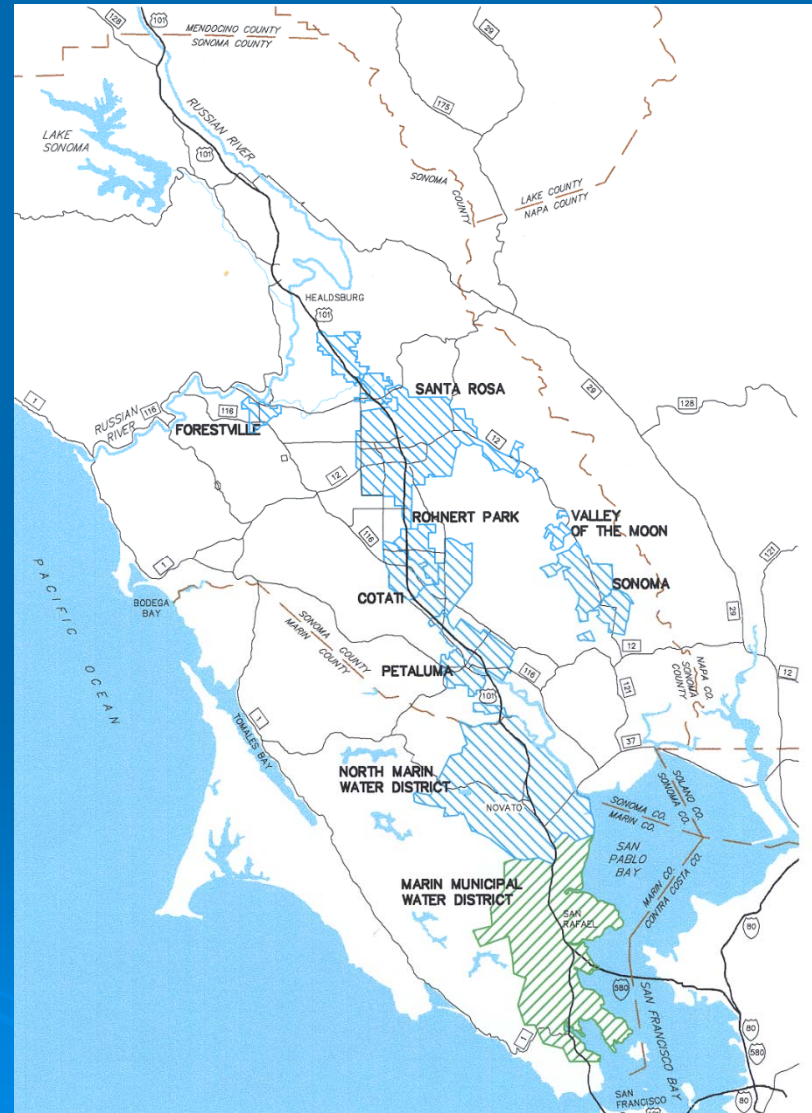


# Wastewater Treatment and Reuse - 1995



# Water Agency Service Area

- Wholesale Water Supplier
- 600,000 population
- Funding Source – Water Sales
- \$40,000,000 Annually



# Wastewater and Recycled Water

- Operate Five Wastewater Treatment Plants
- Funding Source - Sewer Service Charges
- Income for systems ranges from \$700,000 to \$15,000,000 per year



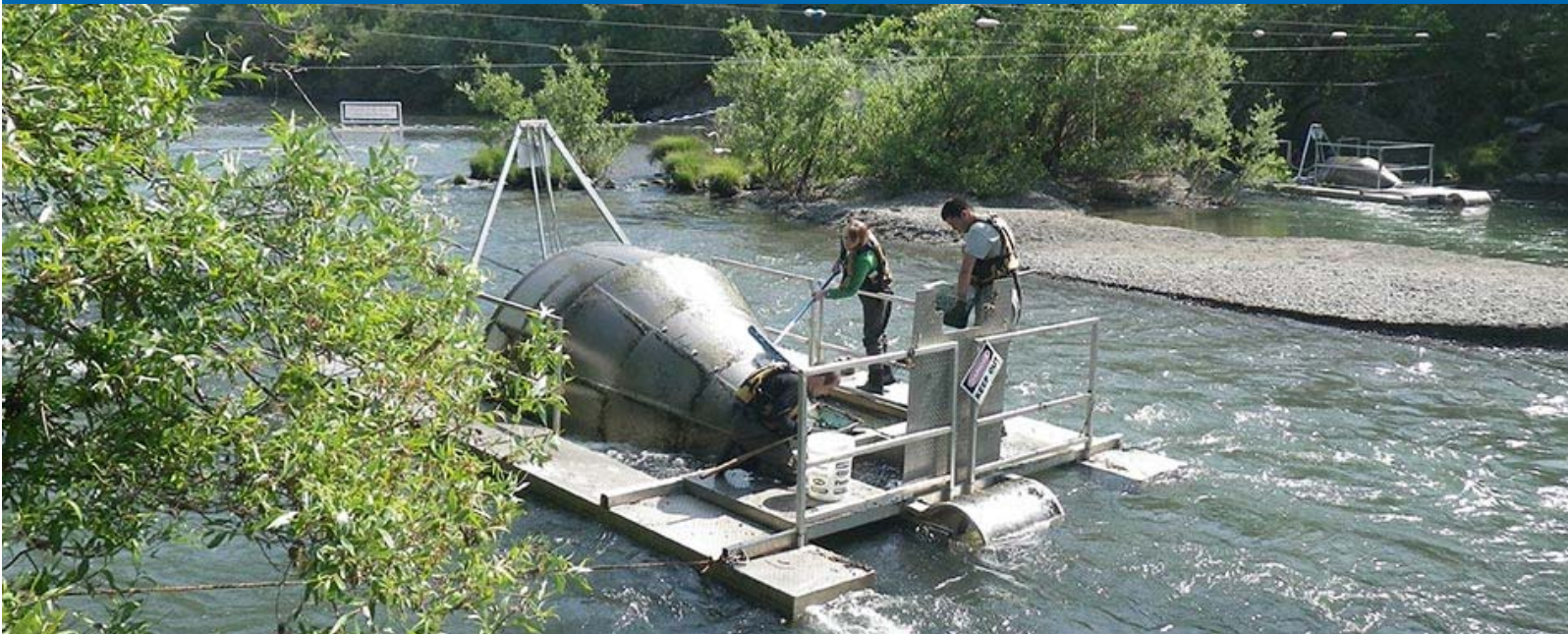
# Flood Protection

- Property Taxed Based - \$8,000,000
- Maintenance and limited capital projects and studies



# Other Duties As Assigned

- Sustainable Groundwater Management
- Watershed Management and Restoration
- Integrated Water Management
- Advocacy



# What Works Well

- Water Supply and Wastewater Services
  - Generally well funded
  - Effective governance
  - Collaborative relationships



# What Works Well

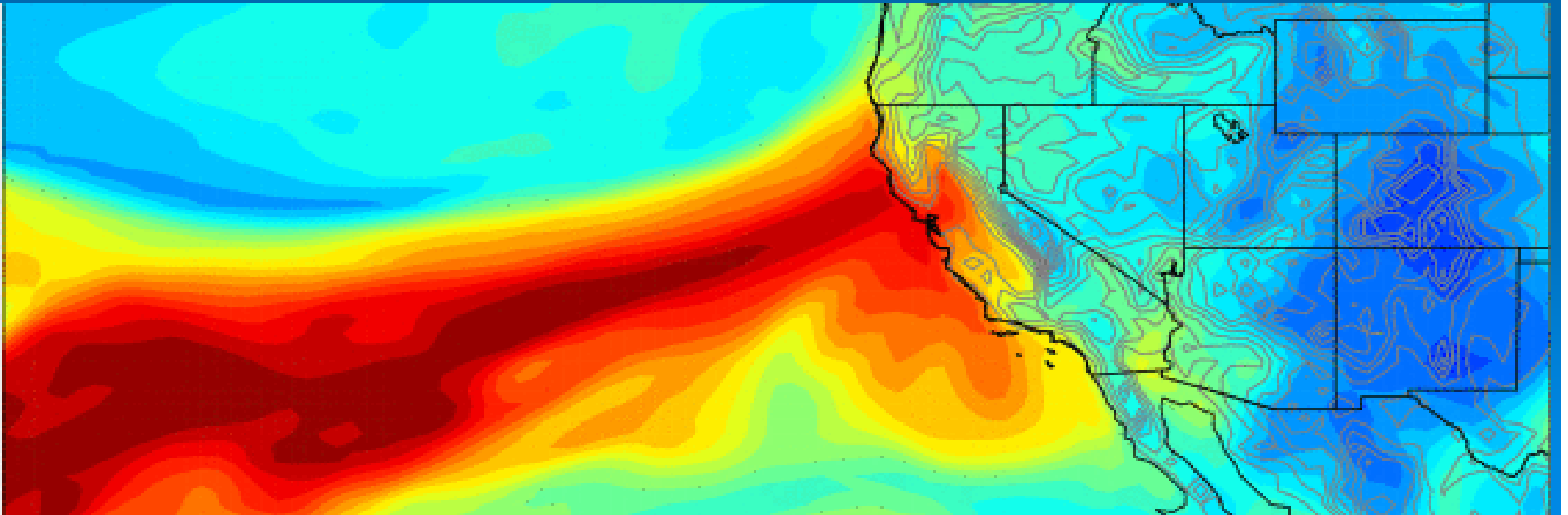
- Development of expertise with decision makers and staff
- Integration of water resources
- Outreach and innovation





# Challenges

- Underfunding for flood control, stormwater management & climate change
- “Infinite” priorities and constituencies



# Summary

## ➤ Allowed for Evolution

- Local Sponsor for Federal Project
- Water Supply - Local Flood Control - Electricity Generation – Sanitation – Fisheries Restoration – Integrated Water Resources – Groundwater Management

## ➤ Develop Expertise

