Use of Response Functions to Administer Water Rights

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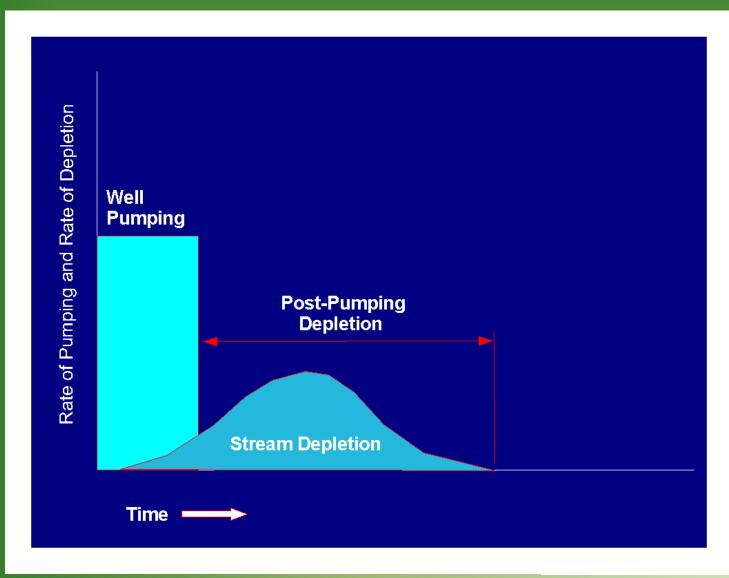


Integrating Groundwater and Surface Water Administration

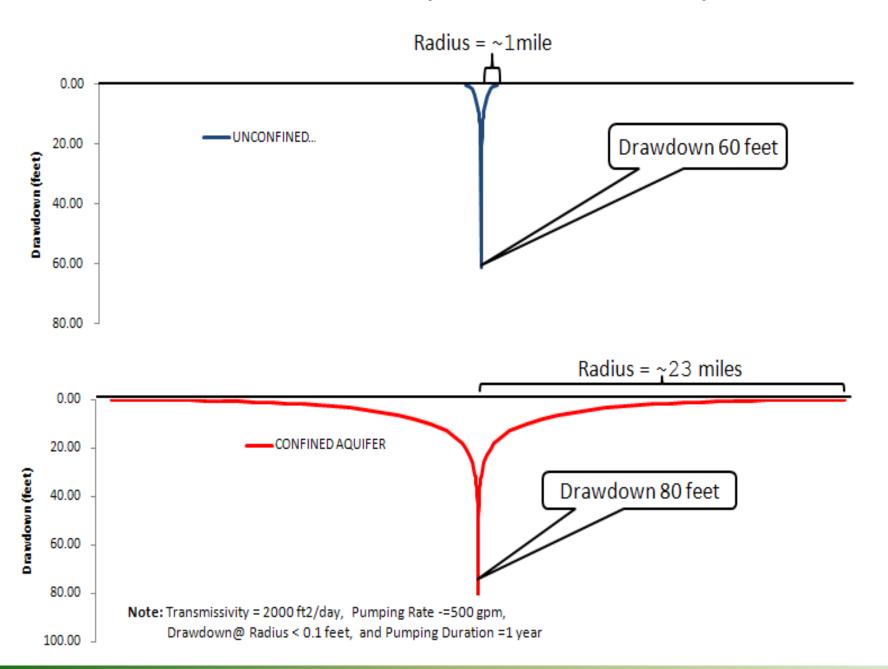
- Water Admin: Daily on/off of water rights
- Well depletions impact streams
- Can't directly measure depletions so use model to determine impact:
 - Glover/AWAS/Finite Difference Model
- Simple system = simple model
- Complex system = complex model
 - More complex makes prediction difficult.
 - Use RF to distill historic results to predict future



Delayed Depletions

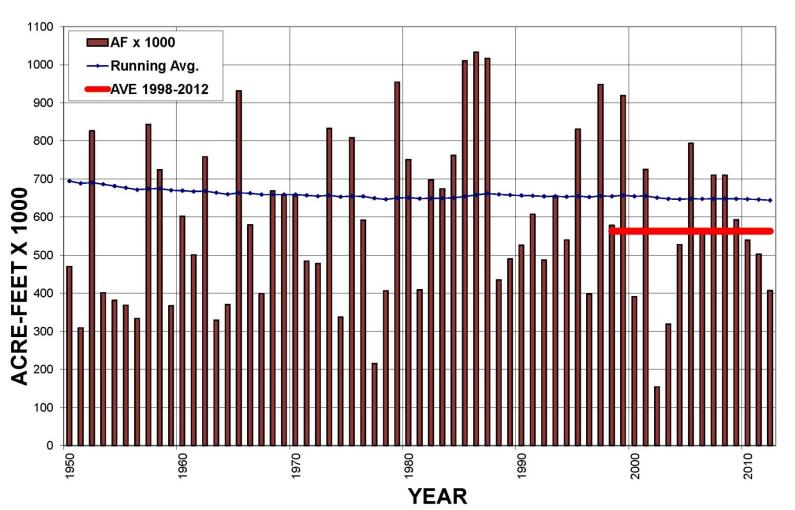


Confined Versus Unconfined Aquifers - Schematic Cones of Depression

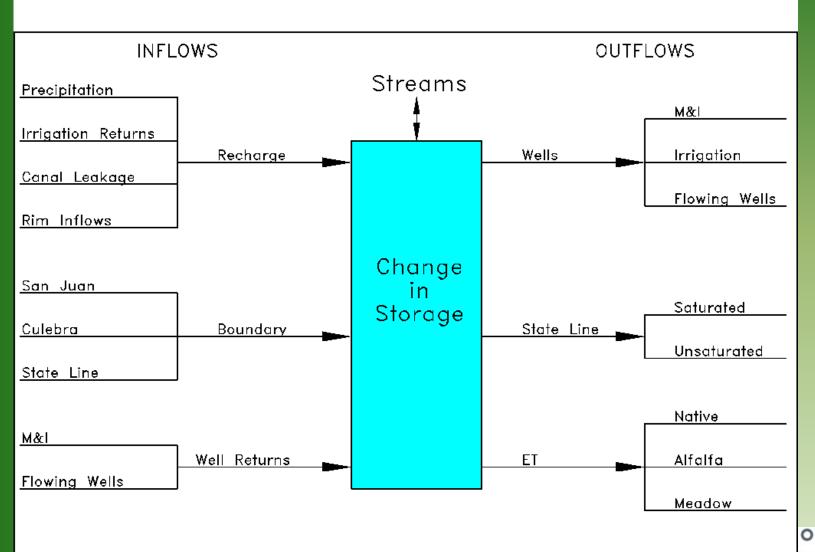


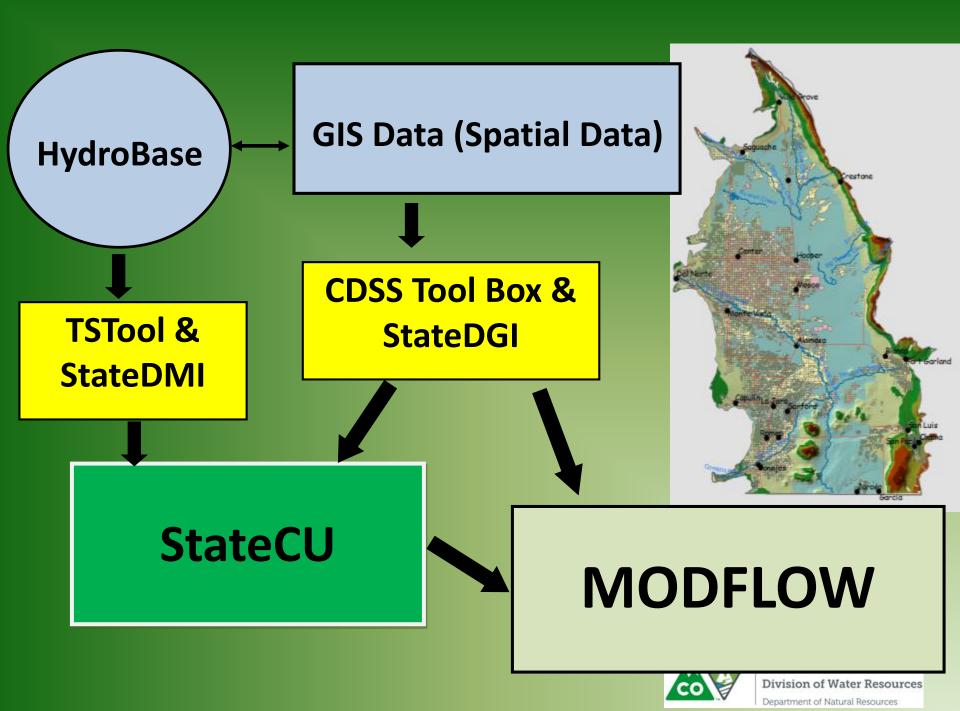
Drought

RIO GRANDE NEAR DEL NORTE, CO ANNUAL CALENDAR YEAR FLOWS



Modeling

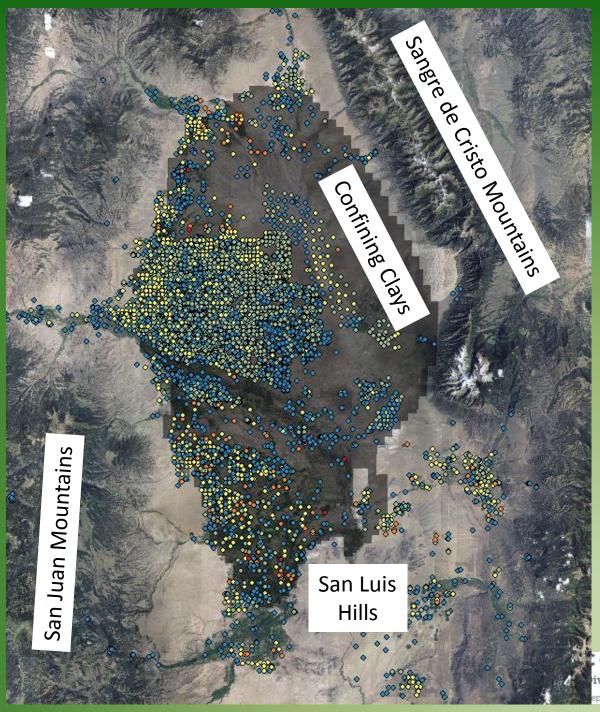




Why RF's

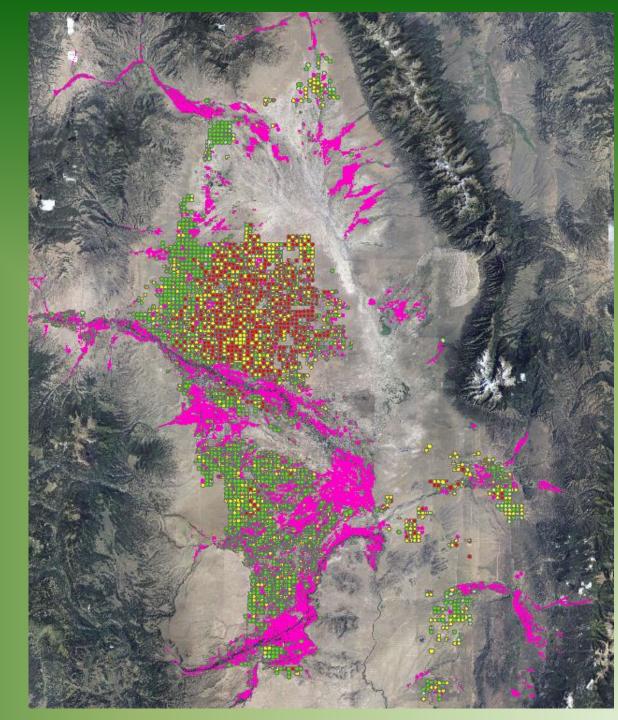
- Complexity of systems, quick analysis of impacts
 - Example: South Platte vs. Rio Grande Basin
- Results model vs. Prediction model
- Ease of use for users
 - Scenarios to build funding case for GWMP
 - Short time frame for ARP



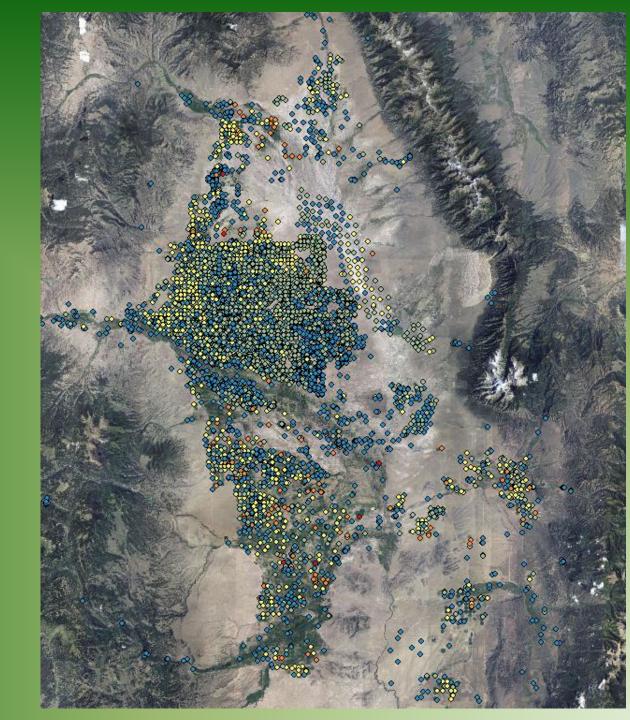


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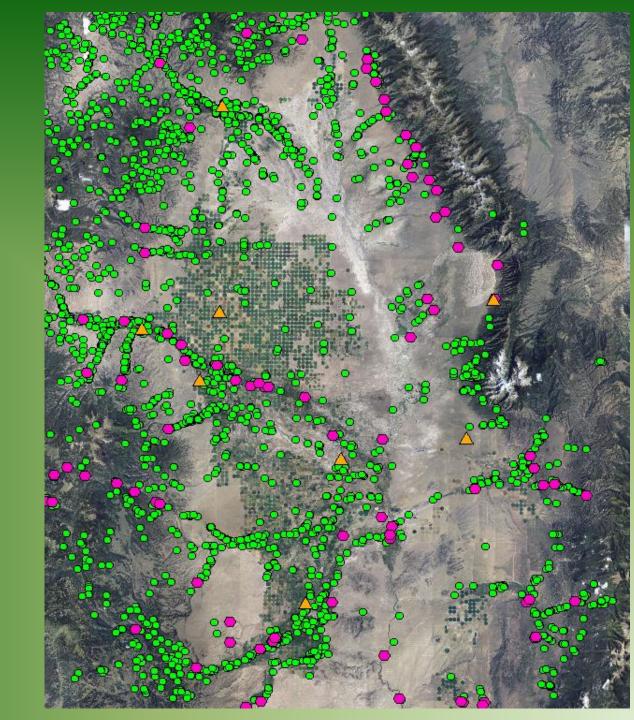
Irrigated acreage

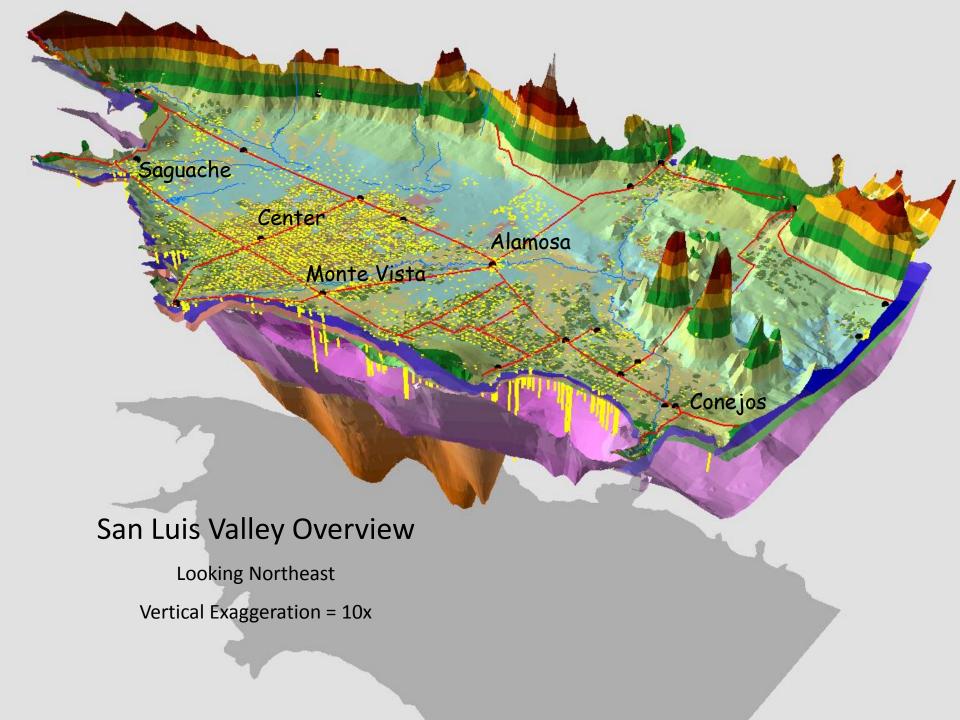


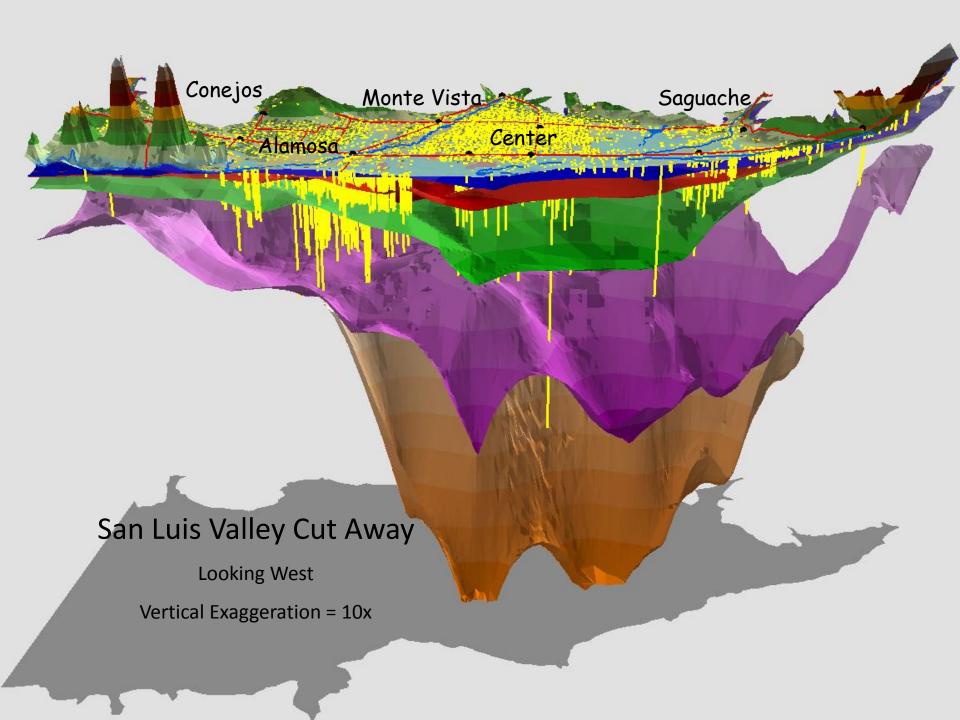
 Location of wells with metered diversion records

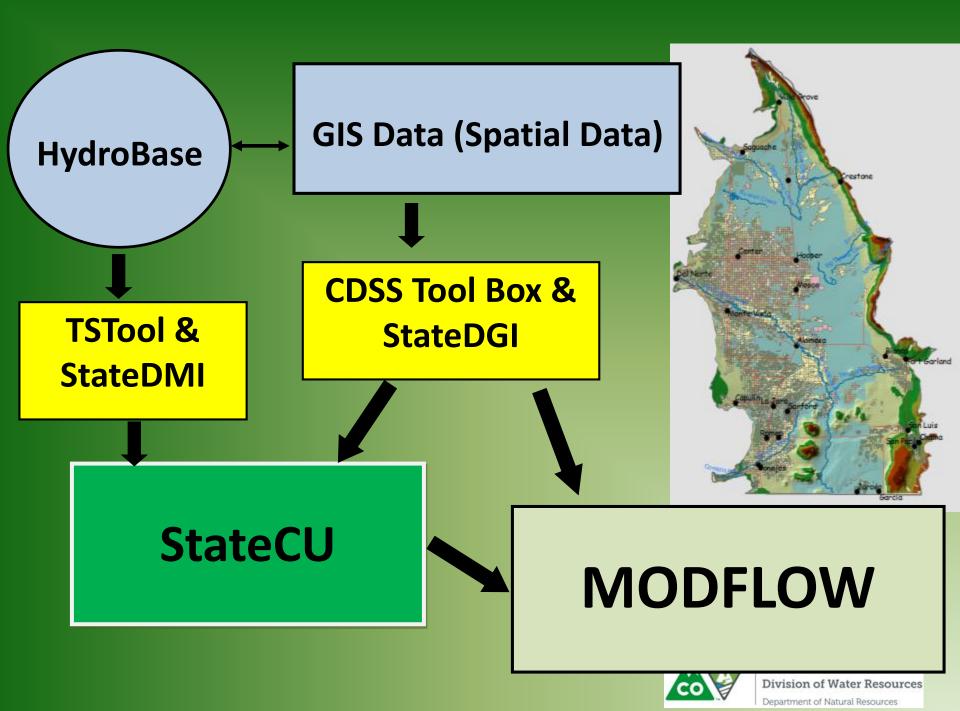


- Diversion structures
- Streamflow gages
- Climate stations





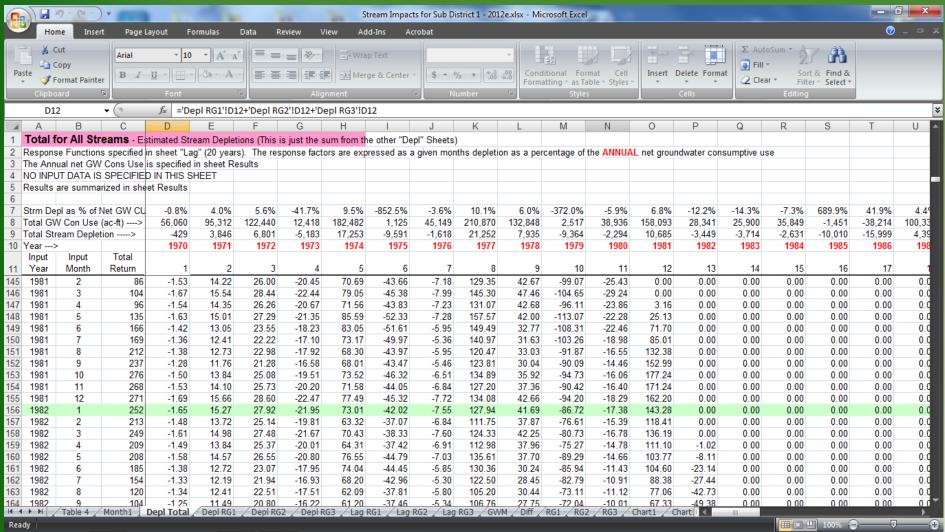




JANUARY 10-12, 2011 PROCESS/DATA FLOW DIAGRAM GIS DATA (Spatial Data) - ARCVIEW **HYDROBASE** Ditch Service Areas County, HUC Land Use Aerial & Satellite Imagery **Basic Water Data** Rim Inflow Areas Drains Diversions Model Grid/Layers Climate Stations Soils Stream Gages GW Only Area Boundaries **Diversions/Structures** Sprinklers (1975-98) Wells/Irrigated Lands (1936, 1998, 2002, 2005) Water Rights SCALE: Parcel Time Frame: Variable Well Info Climate Data STATECU PROGRAM **Irrigated Parcels** INPUT: RCU file + other files created by DMI's **OUTPUT File (*.DWB): CDSS TOOL BOX & STATEDGI** Canal Losses INPUT: GIS Files Non-Consumed SW & GW **OUTPUT**: Canal Length TSTOOL/STATEDMI Effective Precipitation GW Pumping for irrigation Irrigated acreage by ditch Tools for downloading and enhancing Ditch Shortage of subirrigation Irrigation wells data from HydroBase IWR for crop subirrigation Irrigated crop for subirrigation User/GIS generated lists provide input Wells assigned to cells/layers SCALE: Ditch /Structure files Small flowing wells assigned to cells TIME FRAME: Model Period Rim Inflow Areas assigned to cells TIME STEP: Monthly Native Vegetation areas RUNS: Historic Available Water Content No Pumping SCALE: Parcel/Structure/Model Cell *Time Frame:* Snapshots (1936, 1998, 2002, 2005) Mkrcdwb: Program that creates 3rd dwb file **RUNS:** One run for each of the snapshot years needed for simulating the recharge decrees M&I Well Pumping and Recharge Command Files STATEPP - Modified for RGDSS AGG INPUT: StateCU, StateDGI, AGG, and PRISM Rim Recharge Command File Aggregates individual ditches **OUTPUT: MODFLOW Recharge Packages** to make the MS and ADW MODFLOW ET Packages Stream Package structures **MODFLOW Well Packages** Major Programs **MODFLOW Drain Packages** Mkstr: Reads GIS coverage and SCALE: Model Cell PRISM creates initial network Time Frame: Model Period PRISM Climate Group, Oregon Mkg: Prepares flow files for each State University, Time Step: Monthly stress period http://www.prismclimate.org. RUNS: Historic Build: Performs data integration created 4 Feb 2004 MODEx: Produces MODFLOW No Pumping stream package **Recharge Decrees General Input Files** NAM File - Names all input files MODFATE BAS Package - General Setup Iterative program BCF Package - Aquifer Parameters mksub that estimates DIS Package - Discretization Program that builds Subdistrict input fate of surface GHB Package - Boundaries files, one for each Subdistrict water return and HFB (Horizontal Flow Barrier) Package - Mesita Fault drain flows OC Package- Output Control Solver Package **MODFLOW Subdistrict Response Function Runs Historic Runs** 1. No Pumping Run: 1970 -2009 (includes recharge decrees) Steady State: 1990-1998 2. Historic Response Calibration Data: Transient Historical Run minus No Pumping Run (1970-2009) 3. Annual Response Functions (1988 – 2009) used to derive calibrated Wet, Dry and Average Year Steady State: Average Monthly Response Functions. Initial Period: Steady State 1950-COLORADO 1969 4. Wet, Dry and Average year responses are combined and adjusted to "calibrate" to the Historic Transient: 1970-2009 Response Calibration Data. **Division of Water Resources** 5. Calibrated Wet, Dry and Average year response functions used to estimate future pumping Department of Natural Resources

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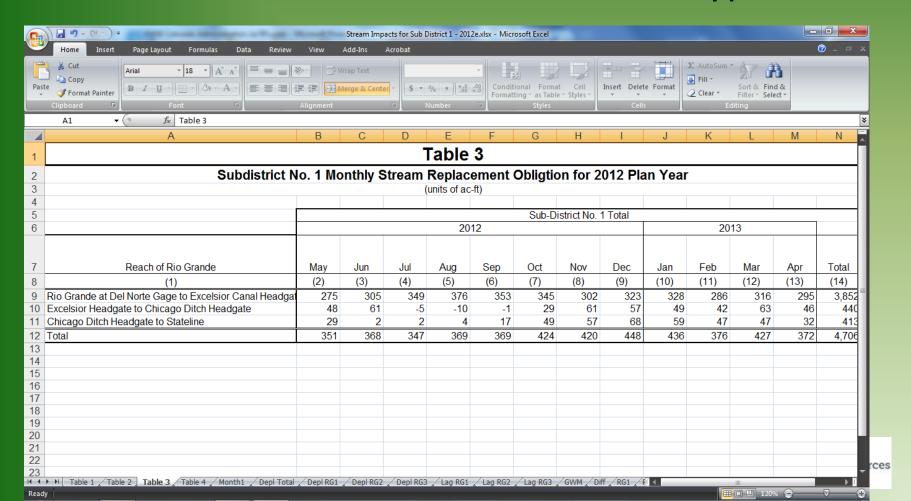
Model output



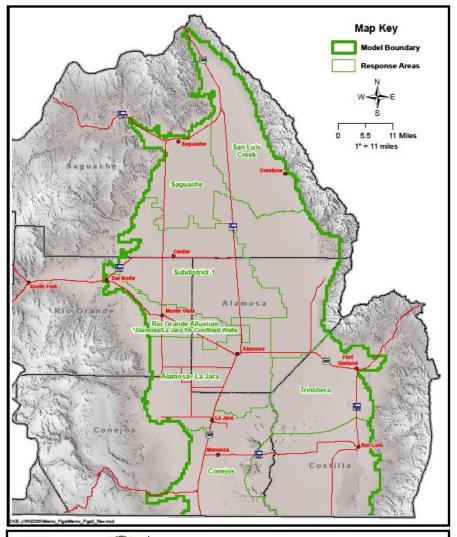


Response Function

NGWCU, Forecast Streamflow, Year Type



Response Areas











DNR

Annual Replacement Plan

- Projected NGWCU
- Projected year
- RF used
- Water Supply for replacement
- Agreements
- Long term coverage of extended depletions



Daily Administration

- Table 3 used to determine replacement daily
- Water users tell what source to use each day
- If conditions change (snowpack) may be able to respond with an amendment
- End of year review



Questions???

