San Diego & Northern Baja Presentation 3 – Mapping Water and Energy



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Recap

- San Diego and Northern Baja are both part of a region that is experiencing its 4th year of consecutive drought.
- Though San Diego's tap has not run dry, locals still have to rethink our water strategy. Its time to accept the fact that these droughts are only getting drier and longer. We cannot simply continue to rely on local supplies while our reservoirs are nearly empty and our aquifers remain depleted.
- In Northern Baja they feel the full force of the drought. For many it is difficult simply to obtain the water to supply the household.
- As a result, San Diegans need to work with their neighbors to adopt sustainable methods of obtaining freshwater for our communities without drastically affecting the environment.

Recap

- San Diego as well as Northern Baja should also consider policies that move towards cleaner energy.
- In the next few slides, we will examine the potential of switching over to methods such as solar and wind power generation.
- Most of our analysis was performed using Esri's ArcGIS software.





Recap

• In order to move to a more sustainable San Diego, one has to take into account projected population growth which in turn determines the demand for energy.



Population of San Diego County

 By 2040, San Diego County's population is projected to be 4.24 million.

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Depleted Irrigation to the Rice Farms of Richvale, CA

By 2050 the demand for water will **increase by 37%** while the major sources of water — the Colorado River and the rivers of Northern California could **shrink by 20% or more.**

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Three Primary Components to the Hydrologic Cycle

- Precipitation
- Evaporation
- Surface Runoff

- San Diego County has been
 experiencing increasingly
 infrequent *precipitation* in
 recent years from drought.
- However, when it does rain
 the *surface runoff* can have
 a profound affect on the
 environment and our
 communities.

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This is what happens as a result of intense surface runoff...





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Image shows part of the Interstate 10 that was washed away from this last weekend's rain (July 18-19, 2015). Just months prior, the freeway passed an inspection with an A rating.

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National Extent of Drought - July 2014



National Climatic Data Center

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Source: National Drought Mitigation Center

THE WASHINGTON POST





Precipitation needed to end the drought in six months

Probability of the drought ending in six months

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• The 1-2 inches of rain in the San Diego County this July has not scratched the surface of California's drought.

Who saved, who didn't?

Though most regions reduced their consumption this year, CA as a whole consumed 1% more than the average May over the past three years, mainly due to Southern California



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Highest water consumption in California

Self-reported residential gallons per capita per day in September 2014: *

	Santa Fe Irrigation District (San Diego Cnty.)	584.4
Golden State Water Company Cowan Heights (O.C.)		557.0
	Serrano Water District (O.C.)	520.0
Rainbow Municipal Water District (San Diego Cnty.)		428.6
San Juan Water District (Sacramento/Placer counties)		404.0
	Valley Water Company (West Covina)	396.0
South Feather Water and Power Agency (Butte Cnty.)		384.0
	Desert Water Agency (Palm Springs)	378.5
	Coachella Valley Water District	368.7
	Shasta Lake (Shasta Cnty.)	365.3

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*12% of water districts did not report their data. Source: State Water Board

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• San Diegans need to start thinking about alternative sources for water.

Desalination in California

The nation's largest ocean desalination plant is under construction in Carlsbad and set to open in 2016. Only three small plants are open now, and about 15 others are proposed.

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San Diego County Water Diversification



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San Diego Regional Breakdown



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Major Agricultural Areas in Green

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Freshwater Use in CA by Sector and Crop



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California's agricultural water sponges

Some of California's top agricultural commodities soak up a lot of water in order to cultivate crops.

Crop value in 2013 In billions



Sources: United States Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statisics Service, California Department of Water Resources CRISTINA RIVERO/THE WASHINGTON POST

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Key Points

- Recently, it has become increasingly difficult to create policies that focus on reliable source that will meet the demands of San Diego County.
- Hence, the San Diego Water Authority has begun to implement supply diversification to release pressure off of the Colorado River and develop local reserves.
- In essence, practicing local *conservation* and *recycling* as well as employing new techniques like *desalination* will ultimately be the path to a sustainable San Diego.

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Energy





Solar Power

Two Primary Types of Solar Power

- Photovoltaic (PV)
- Concentrated Solar or Solar Thermal



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US planned utility-scale solar projects in advanced development or under construction



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United States - Land-Based and Offshore Annual Average Wind Speed at 100 m

Wind Power

- San Diego County has poor potential for Tidal and/or offshore Wind Power Generation
- Most of the County's wind potential is inland and along the Mexican border as shown.

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Wind Potential

Looking in Closer at Southern California

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Wind Farms In the United States

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U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA)

San Diego County Carbon Emissions Breakdown

Vast majority of San Diego County's Carbon Emissions comes from Transportation.

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San Diego Land Use

1999 Planned Land Use

2015 Planned Land Use

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Current Bike Paths in Green

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Mexico Hydrological Cycle

G2.1 Mean annual values of the components of the hydrologic cycle in Mexico (billions of cubic meters, km³) Atmosphere Precipitation 1 489 km³/yea Evapotranspiration 1 090 km³/year SEA Use for rainfed agriculture = green water 43 km³/year Natural aquifer recharge 70 km³/year Consumption 31 km³/yea Uses of water Mean natural 205 km³/year internal surface 329 km³/year moorts SEA Exports 50 km³/year 0.43 km³/year from Guatemala to the United States of America and the United States of America

• Almost 70% evaporates and returns to the atmosphere, 20% runs off into rivers and streams and the remaining 4.7% naturally filters through to the subsoil and recharges the aquifers. *National Commission of Water (CONAGU)*

Northern Baja - Hydrology

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GENI Map using ArcGIS

Map 6.4

Pressure on water resources per hydrologic-administrative region, 2007

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Annual Precipitation in Mexico

• Northern Baja is a drier region compared to the rest of the Mexico, but it is a massive commercial hub

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Drought Situation in Mexico

• After the rainy season ends (June - Sept), the drought impacts Northern Baja severely

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Aquifers in Mexico

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M2.9 Aquifers with saltwater intrusion and/or suffering from the phenomenon of soil salinization and brackish groundwater, 2008

Overdrafted aquifers caused high indices of evaporation in areas of low groundwater levels, which leads to the dissolution of evaporate minerals and the presence of high-salinity connate water

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Water Allocation in Mexico

M3.1 Intensity of offstream uses of water by municipality, 2008

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National Commission of Water (CONAGUA)

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Renewable Water Sources in Mexico

M7.2 Per capita renewable water resources by Hydrological-Administrative Region, 2030

SOURCE: CONAGUA. Deputy Director General's Office for Planning. Produced based on: CONAPO. Population Projections in Mexico 2005-2050. Mexico, 2007.

- As the population of Northern Baja increases, the demand for water will grow.
- The volume of wastewater that is treated and reused must increase significantly, with the aim of enhancing the availability of safe and clean water.

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Total Energy Consumption Breakdown of Mexico

Consumption of fossil fuels for electricity generation, 2004-13

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Conclusion

- As San Diego and Baja lie in a desert environment, they need to look into water conservation, recycling and desalination.
- Both regions have vast potential for clean, renewable energy.
- These mapping techniques help develop a road map so that these goals can be met in the near future.

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