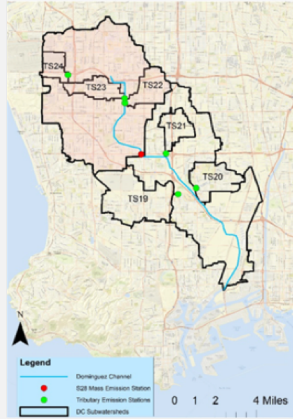


# HYDROLOGY & HYDRAULIC MODELING: OVERVIEW, RELEVANT WORK & DATA GAPS

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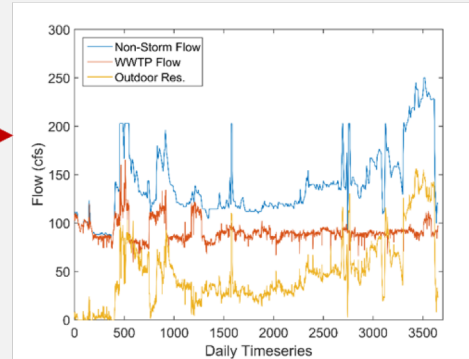
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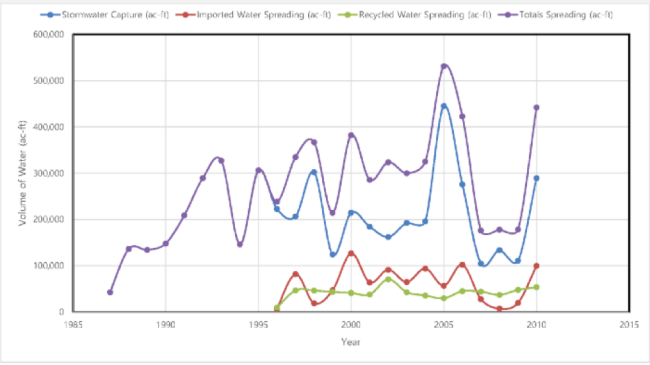
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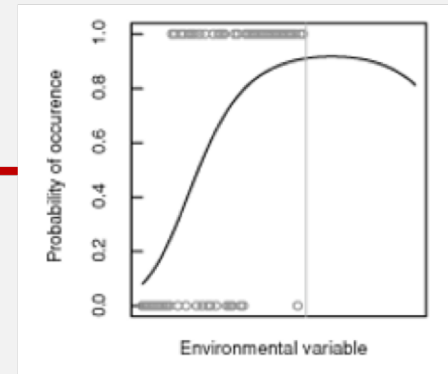
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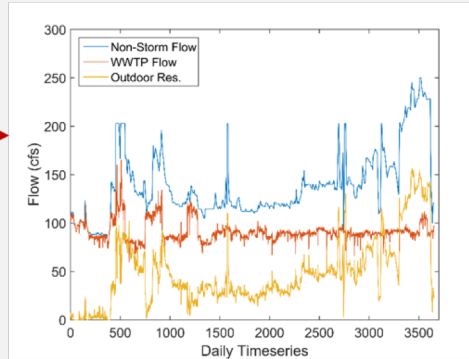
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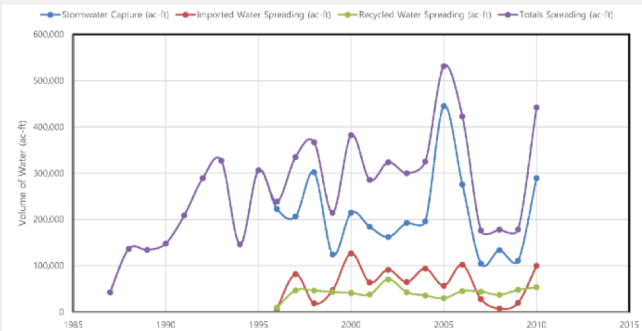
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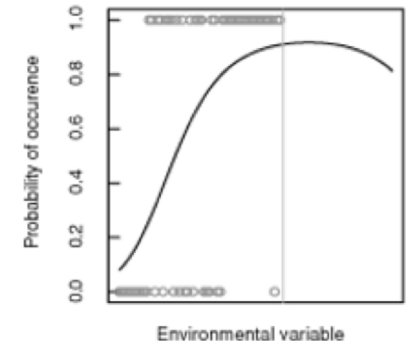
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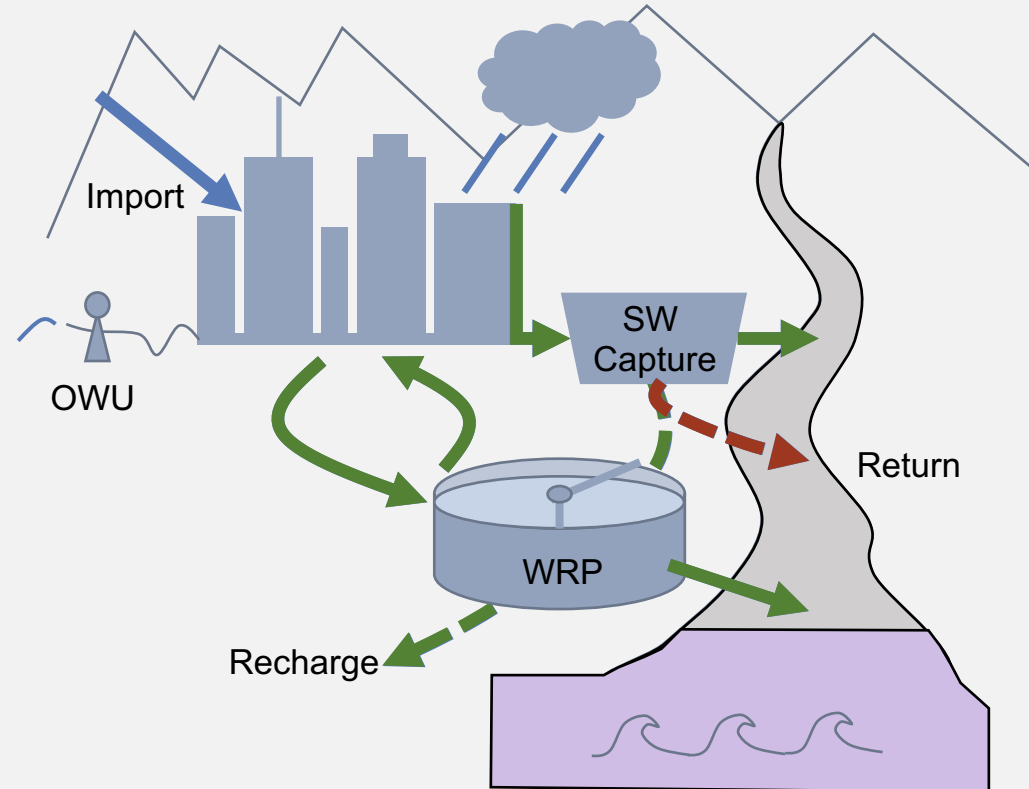
## HYDRAULICS (Channel flow)

- Model to generate ecologically-relevant parameters in LA River

## GROUNDWATER

## TIDAL HYDRODYNAMICS

- Model to generate ecologically-relevant parameters in tidal portion of LA River



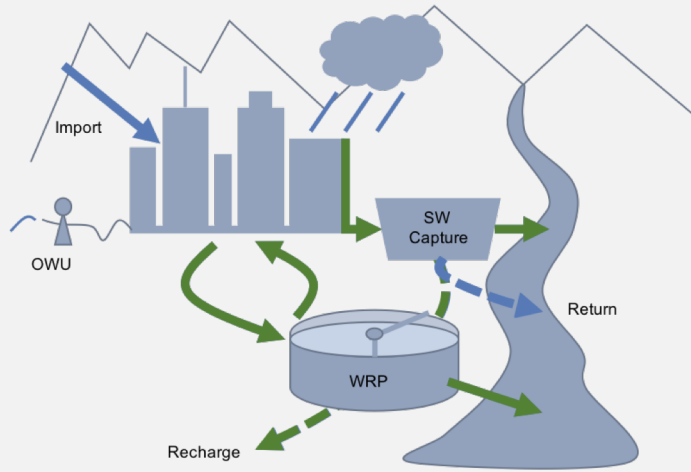


# Literature Review

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WRAP Model Development	2017	POLA, POLB
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- Choose hydrologic model

## OPTIONS

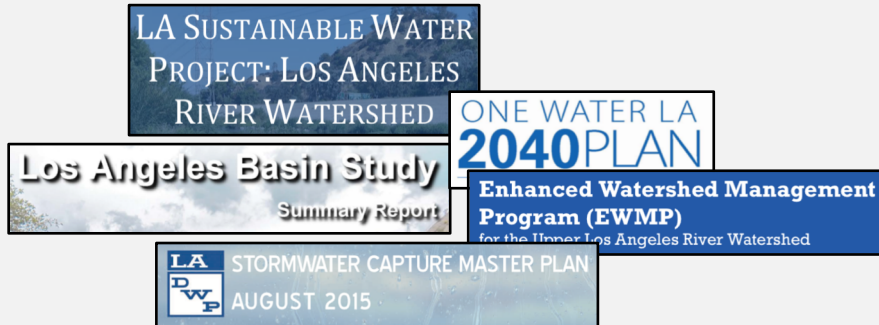
- LSPC (WMMS)
  - Pros: Most common in LAR; instances with centralized stormwater capture
- SWMM+SUSTAIN
  - Pros: CSM familiarity; work coupling to groundwater model for parallel project

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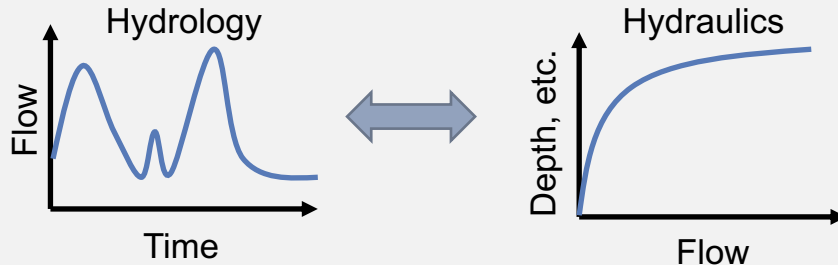
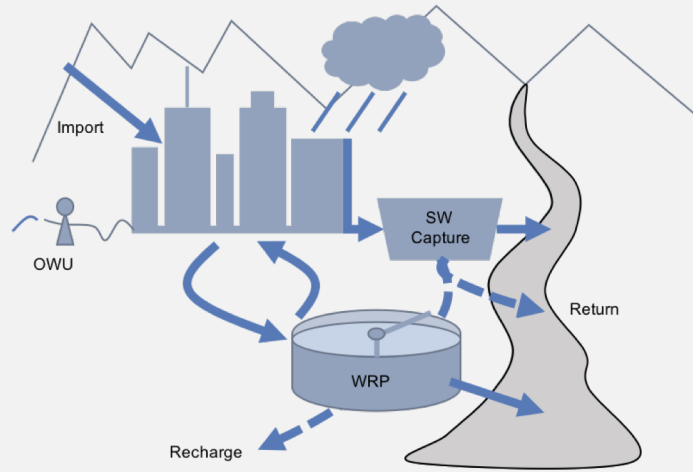
- Last LSPC update? Calibration methods? Run time?

## DATA NEEDS

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# Hydraulics



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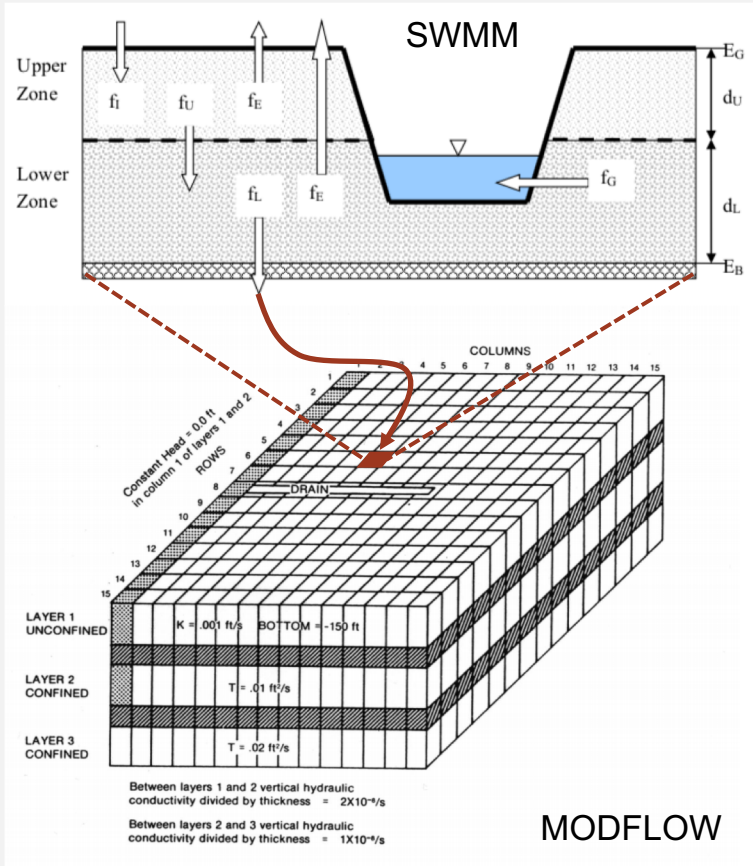
- Couple hydrologic model to USACE HECRAS model
  - Pros: HECRAS model exists; computation time
- Build into SWMM or LSPC
  - Pros: Single software

## SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

- Does LSPC have channel hydraulics?

## DATA NEEDS

- Acquire USACE HECRAS model



## GUIDANCE NEEDED FROM TAC

- Information on other coupled groundwater models or studies

## OPTIONS

- Use shallow groundwater model in surface hydrology model
- Couple surface hydrology to subsurface

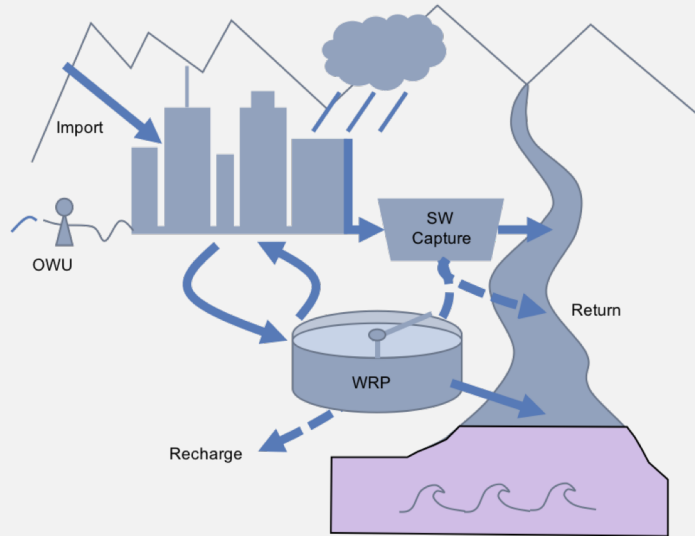
## SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

- Does LSPC have shallow groundwater model invoked/calibrated?

## DATA NEEDS

- ?

# Tidal Hydrodynamics



## GUIDANCE NEEDED FROM TAC

- Choose model for tidal portion

## OPTIONS

- Run WRAP Model
  - Pros: Robust and calibrated model
- Other simpler model (HECRAS)
  - Pros: Simpler; less computation

## SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

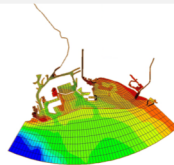
- Where is tidal limit of LAR? Where does HECRAS model end?

## DATA NEEDS

- WRAP model

### WRAP MODEL DEVELOPMENT

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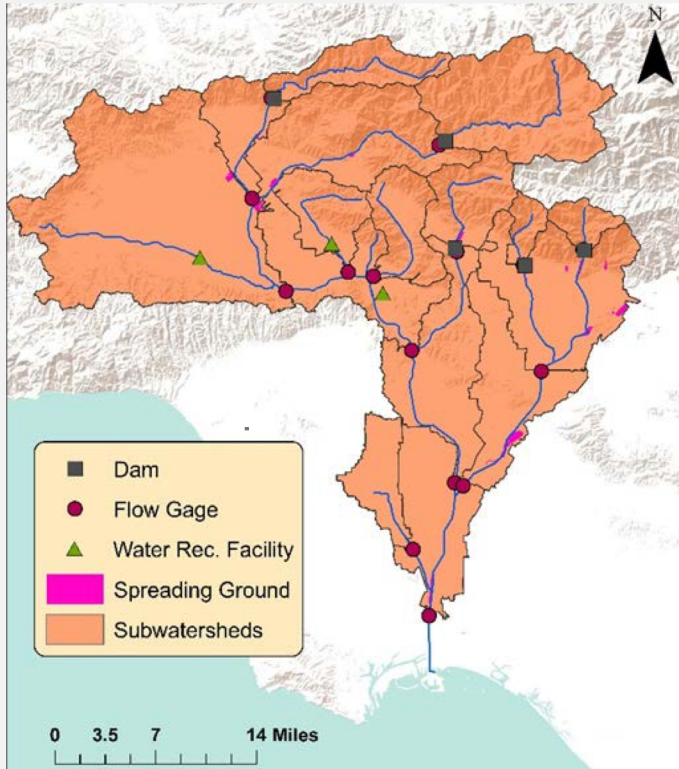
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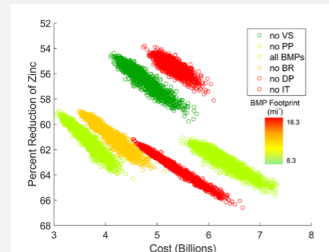
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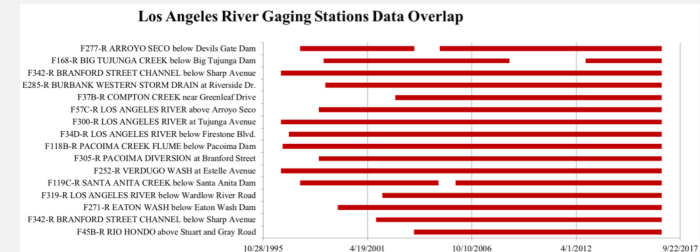
# CSM's Existing LAR Model



- In EPA SWMM+SUSTAIN
- Updated to 2016
- 15 subwatersheds
- Dams/diversions
- Water Reclamation Plant (WRP) discharges
- Projected distributed stormwater BMPs
- Coupling to groundwater model (*ongoing*)



*Distributed BMP Scenarios  
From Mika et al. (2017)*

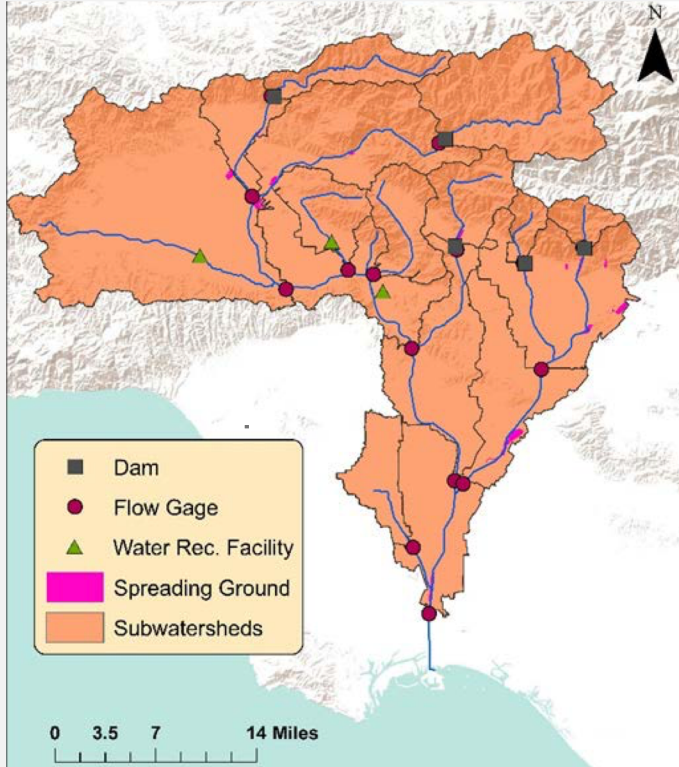


*LAR Flow Data Inventory  
Alamdari, (unpublished)*

# CSM's Existing LAR Model Deficiencies



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- Missing channel hydraulic model



- Only 15 subwatersheds
- No scenarios of projected centralized stormwater capture
- No scenarios of projected WRP discharges

# RELATED STUDIES LIT REVIEW

Study	Year	Institution	Model (notes/application)	Supply/Demand			Stormwater Runoff					Water Reclamation Plant Discharge/Recycling		Ground-water	River Channel		River Tidal Portion	
				Conservation	As-Is	Projections	Centralized Capture	Distributed Capture	Water Quality	As-Is	Projections	As-Is	Projections	As-Is	Hydraulics	Ecology	Hydraulics	Ecology
Water Resources Action Plan	2009	POLA, POLB	WRAP Model (limited application here)						x	x							x	
LA Basin Study - Task 3.2	2013	LACFCD	WMMS (w/ climate change, distributed LID)				x	x		x	x							
LA Basin Study - Task 2	2014	LACFCD	Refers to LACFCD WMMS modeling - see Task 3.2	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x					
LAR Restoration Study	2015	USACE	1-D HECRAS												x	x		
Upper LAR EWMP	2015	ULAR EWMP Group	WMMS (w/ distributed LID for Water Quality)						x	x	x							
Stormwater Capture Master Plan	2015	LADWP	LSPC + GWAM (centralized and decentralized BMPs based on EWMP)		x		x	x	x	x	x							
Urban Water Management Plan	2015	LADWP	Refers to SCMP's LSPC+GWAM - see SCMP	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				
LA Sustainable Water: LAR Watershed	2017	LASAN, UCLA, CSM	SWMM (w/ SUSTAIN and distributed LID for Water Quality)					x	x	x	x	x						
Burbank Wastewater Change Petition	2017	Burbank	USACE 1-D HEC-RAS (Barham Boulevard and First Street, modeled low flows)									x	x		x	x		
WRAP Model Development	2017	POLA, POLB	WRAP Model						x	x							x	x
Glendale Wastewater Change Petition	2018	Glendale	USACE 1-D HEC-RAS (Burbank reach + Rio Hondo confluence to the estuary)									x	x		x	x		
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Stormwater Capture and Recharge	TBD	UCLA, USGS, CSM	SWMM (w/ MODFLOW and capture)				x	x		x	x			x				

Bold = Colorado School of Mines Study