

Modesto Irrigation District

**Impacts of SWRCB's Proposed
35% Unimpaired Flow Criteria**



Preliminary analysis shows significant impacts to MID

- Potential loss of up to 100,000 acre feet of water supply per year
- Economic impacts to our community estimated at \$15.5 million per year
- Power supply revenue loss estimated at \$0.5 million per year



Significant Potential Impacts

- **Farm water supply**
 - *Production*
 - *Ag related industry*
 - *Ag related jobs*
- **Drinking water supply**
 - *Conjunctive use program*
 - *Commercial and industrial production and jobs*
- **Hydroelectric generation**
 - *Loss of peak time flexible power generation*
 - *Increase in carbon emissions to serve load*

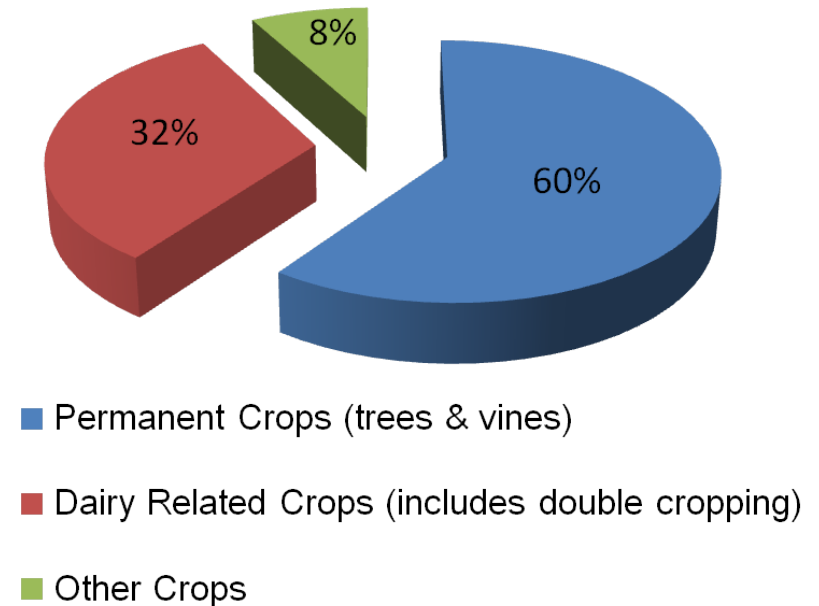


Farm Water Supply

•Potential loss of:

- *Almost 50% of MID's irrigated acres*
- *100 jobs in MID's service area*
- *More than 800 family farms* in our region.*
*(*up to 250 acres)*

Distribution of Crops



Drinking Water Supply

Modesto Regional Water Treatment Plant



- *Owned & operated by MID*
- *Provides drinking water to the City of Modesto*
- *Produces approximately 30 million gallons per day (half of Modesto's needs)*
- *Expansion facilities to bring maximum production to 60 million gallons per day.*



Drinking Water Supply (cont.)

- **Benefits of conjunctive use**
 - *To the environment*
 - *To the community*
- **SED calls for reduced diversions of surface water**
 - *Proportional reduction to Modesto's drinking water supply*
 - *Increased groundwater pumping*
 - *Further aggravates depressed local economy*



Hydroelectric Generation

- Hydro generation is fastest, most flexible resource
 - *Hydro loss during summer when MID's load needs 33% more flexibility over typical February or March day*
 - *More hydro generation at a time of low demand*
 - *Less hydro generation at peak summer demand*
- More pump load required as groundwater replaces lost surface supply to meet irrigation & drinking water demands



Hydroelectric Generation (cont.)

- **Conflicting state policies**
 - *Replacement energy more costly*
 - *Replacement energy has higher carbon emissions*
- **Power supply revenue loss estimated at \$0.5 million per year**



Significant Impacts

- To agricultural water supply
- To drinking water supply
- To clean energy generation
- To economic vitality of the community

