

# Changes to the Water Quality Compliance and Baseline Monitoring Program

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# Changes to Monitoring Program

Propose changes to Table 4 and Figure 2 in the 1995 Bay-Delta Plan:

- Baseline monitoring at 17 stations
- Sampling intervals for discrete baseline monitoring
- Compliance monitoring at 2 stations
- Table 4 and Figure 2 format

# Rationale for Proposed Amendments

- Improve scientific basis and usefulness
  - ✓ Enhance monitoring at important ambient and flux stations
  - ✓ Enhance continuous monitoring
  - ✓ Enhance shallow water monitoring
  - ✓ Reduce tidal spring-neap bias
  - ✓ Improve QA/QC
- Improve monitoring efficiency by consolidating neighboring stations
- Improve safety



# Development of Proposed Amendments

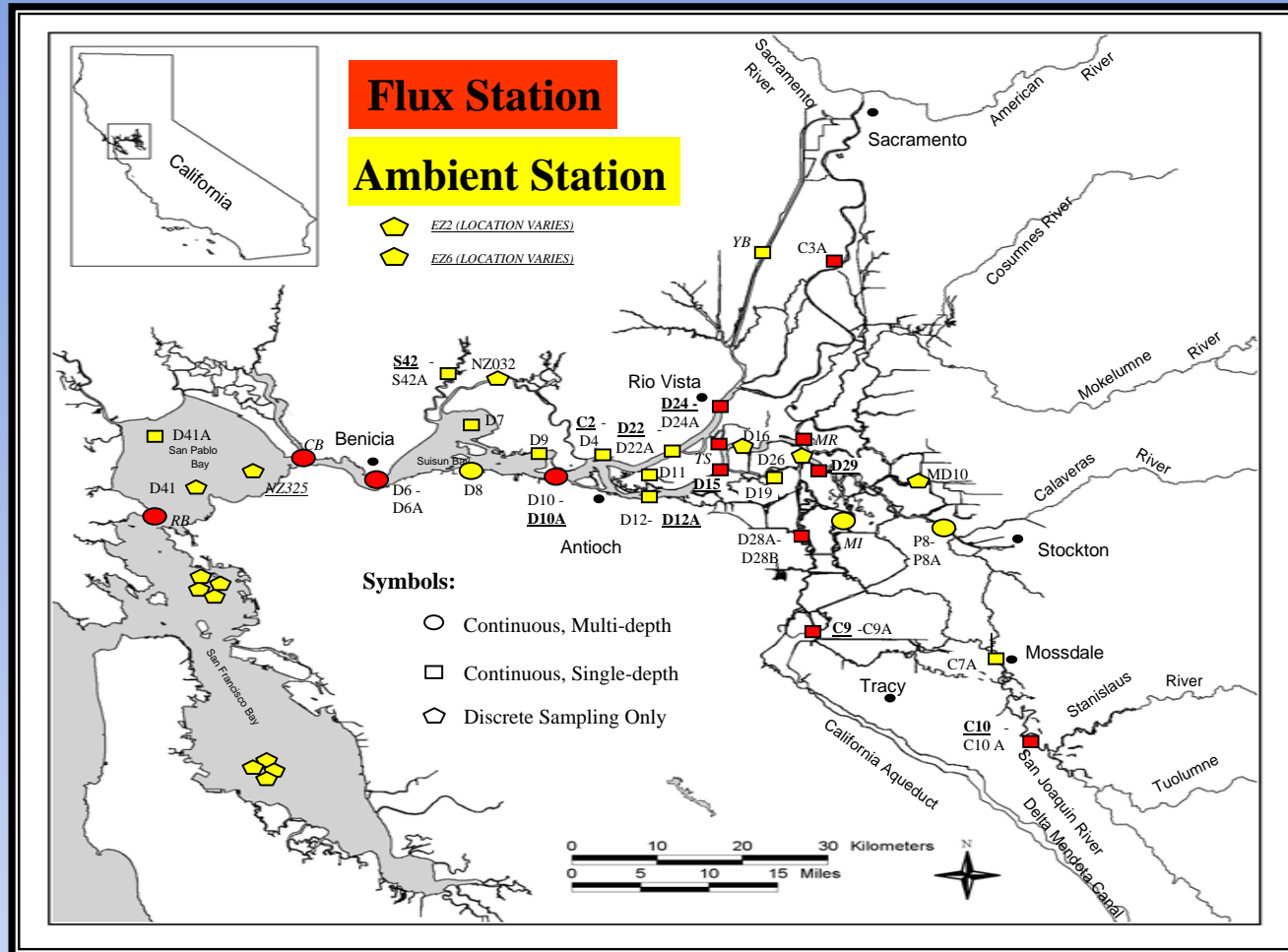
## IEP-EMP Review Process

- EMP Review Core Team
- Subject Area Teams of local experts
- IEP Science Advisory Group
- Participants in three public meetings

(For review reports, see <http://www.iep.water.ca.gov/emp/>)

# Proposed Monitoring Design

## “Ambient” and “Flux” Stations



# Proposed Changes

1. Identify compliance monitoring elements.
2. Add, re-establish, or move individual Baseline monitoring elements.
3. Remove one Baseline Station
4. Modify station numbers and descriptions for “Baseline Monitoring Stations”.
5. Modify sampling interval description for discrete sampling.
6. Modify Table 4.
7. Update Figure 2

# Proposed Changes

1. Identify compliance monitoring elements at two “Compliance Monitoring Stations” (Stations C9 & D22)

# Changes at “Compliance” and “Compliance & Baseline” Monitoring Stations

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C9	●	West Canal @ Mouth of CC Forebay Intake	37.83075	-121.55703		Reinstate (Ongoing)	Reinstate	No change	Reinstate		CI (Table 1), EC (Table 2)	Water Quality Objective; Flux station (exports); Continuous data QA/QC
			37.82818	-121.55275						No change		
C10	●	San Joaquin River near Vernalis	37.67575	-121.265	No change	Add	Move from	Move from	Add		CI (Table 1), EC (Table 2), Flow (Table 3)	Flux station (imports); Southern “rim”; High productivity; Long & highly utilized data set; Improved safety at new location
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			38.04631	-121.91829					No change			
D12	●	San Joaquin River @ Antioch Ship Channel	38.0177	-121.80273		No change	Reinstate				CI (Table 1)	Continuous data Qa/QC
			38.02162	-121.80638					No change			
D22	●	Sacramento River @ Emmaton	38.08406	-121.73912		Reinstate (Ongoing)					EC (Table 2)	Water Quality Objective (no operational change)
			38.08453	-121.73914					No change			
D24	●	Sacramento River below Rio Vista Bridge	38.15891	-121.68721		No change	Reinstate				Flow (Table 3)	Continuous data Qa/QC
			38.1555	-121.68113					No change			
D29	■ ▲	San Joaquin River @ Prisoners Point	38.05793	-121.55736		No change					EC (Table 3)	Important mid-Delta flux station, northern endpoint for Stockton Ship Channel D.O. monitoring.
			38.05793	-121.55736			Add	Add	Add			
S42	●	Suisun Slough 300' south of Volanti Slough	38.18053	-122.04696		No change	Reinstate	Reinstate			EC (Table 3)	Ecologically important tidal marsh habitat station with long-term monitoring history.
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# Proposed Changes

2. Add, re-establish, or move individual BASELINE monitoring elements at
  - a. One “Compliance Monitoring Station” (Station D29)
  - b. Seven “Compliance and Baseline Monitoring Stations” (Stations C9, C10, D10, D12, D22, D24, & S42)

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# Proposed Changes

2. Add, re-establish, or move individual BASELINE monitoring elements at
  - c. Six “Baseline Monitoring Stations”  
(Stations C3, D7, D9, D11, D19, D41A)

# Changes at “Baseline” Monitoring Stations

Station Number	Station Type	Station Description	Lat.	Long.	Cont. Recorder	Cont. Multiparameter	Discrete Physical/Chemical	Discr. Phytoplankton	Discr. Zooplankton	Discrete Benthos	Water Quality Objectives in 1995 B-D Plan	Rationale for Change and Implementation Status	Approved by SWRCB Exec. Dir.
C3A	▲	Sacramento River @ Hood	38.36772	-121.52051		No op. change, but new station number	Moved from C3 (C3 has been discontinued)	Moved from C3 (C3 has been discontinued)	Reinstate		None	Continuous & discrete monitoring station consolidation at continuous station location to improve monitoring efficiency & QA/QC - implementation complete; Reinstated zooplankton monitoring at ecologically important northern rim flux station (imports) - implementation in progress	Yes
D7	▲	Grizzly Bay @ Dolphin nr. Suisun	38.11708	-122.03972	Add		No change	No change	No change	No change	None	Ambient stations representing shallow water habitat in ecologically and operationally important locations along the estuarine transition zone.	Yes
D9	▲	Honker Bay near Wheeler	38.07245	-121.93923	Add		Reinstate	Reinstate			None	New continuous monitoring to better understand tidal constituent dynamics - implementation in progress	Yes
D11	▲	Sherman Lake near	38.04228	-121.79951	Add		Reinstate	Add			None		Yes
D19	▲	Franks Tract near Russo's	38.04376	-121.61477	Add		Reinstate	Reinstate	Reinstate		None		Yes
D41A	▲	San Pablo Bay near Mouth of Petaluma River	38.08472	-122.39067			Add	Add	Add	No change	None	Ecologically important ambient station representing shoal habitat with fluctuating salinity levels. Long-term benthos station. - implementation complete	Yes

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▲ Baseline monitoring station

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No change

Add

Reinstate

Move (from & to)

Remove

# Proposed Changes

3. Remove one Baseline Station (Station NZ080)

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NZ080	▲	San Joaquin River, 549 meters upstream of light 26							Remove		None	Station discontinued since 1996, not mandated in D-1641	No

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No change

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# Proposed Changes

4. Modify station numbers and descriptions for four continuous “Baseline Monitoring Stations”  
(Stations C3, D6, D28A, P8)

# Modified station numbers and descriptions at "Baseline" Monitoring Stations

Station Number	Station Type	Station Description	Lat.	Long.	Cont. Recorder	Cont. Multiparameter	Discrete Physical/Chemical	Discr. Phytoplankton	Discr. Zooplankton	Discrete Benthos	Water Quality Objectives in 1995 B-D Plan	Rationale for Change
C3	▲	Sacramento River @ Greens Landing	38.36772	-121.52051			Move from	Moved from C3 (C3 has been discontinued)			None	Station consolidation at C3A reviewed & approved by the SWRCB Exec. Director in 2003. Implemented.
C3A		Sacramento River @ Hood	38.36772	-121.52051		No op. change, but new station number	Move to	Moved to	Reinstate			
D6	▲	Suisun Bay @ Bull's Head Pt. near Martinez	38.04427	-122.11764			No change	No change	No change	No change	None	No operational change at continuous multiparameter station. New station number and description to indicate that the (shore-based) continuous monitoring is taking place in a different location than the (mid-channel) discrete monitoring activities. These changes were approved by the SWRCB Exec. Director in 2003.
D6A		Suisun Bay @ Martinez	38.02762	-122.14052		No op. change, but new station number						
D28A	▲	Old River near Rancho Del Rio	37.97038	-121.57271			No change	No change	No change	No change	None	No operational change at continuous multiparameter station. New station number and description to indicate that the (shore-based) continuous monitoring is taking place in a different location than the (mid-channel) discrete monitoring activities. These changes were approved by the SWRCB Exec. Director in 2003.
D28B		Old River @ Bacon Island	37.9698	-121.5721		No op. change, but new station number						
P8	▲	San Joaquin River @ Buckley Cove	37.97815	-121.38242			No change	No change	No change	No change	None	No operational change at continuous multiparameter station. New station number and description to indicate that the (shore-based) continuous monitoring is taking place in a different location than the (mid-channel) discrete monitoring activities. These changes were approved by the SWRCB Exec. Director in 2003.
P8A		San Joaquin River @ Rough and Ready Island	37.96277	-121.36587		No op. change, but new station number						

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Reinstate

Move

No op. change, but new station number

# Proposed Changes

5. Modify sampling interval description for discrete sampling in footnotes to Table 4

From: “monthly”

To: “on near-monthly basis that alternates between spring and neap tides”

...to avoid tidal bias

# Proposed Changes

6. Modify Table 4 to reflect monitoring changes, include geographic coordinates and rearrange table columns

Lat. & Long. Cont. Discrete

Station Number <sup>1</sup>		Station Description <sup>2</sup>	Latitude <sup>3</sup>	Longitude <sup>3</sup>	Cont. Rec. <sup>4</sup>	Cont. Multi-parameter <sup>5</sup>	Discrete Physical/Chemical <sup>6</sup>	Discr. Phytoplankton <sup>7</sup>	Discr. Zooplankton <sup>8</sup>	Discrete Benthos <sup>9</sup>
C2	■	Sacramento River @ Collinsville	38.07395	-121.85010	*					
C3A	▲	Sacramento River @ Hood	38.36772	-121.52051		*	*	*	*	
C9	●	West Canal @ Mouth of CC	37.82818	-121.55275						*
		Forebay Intake	37.83075	-121.55703		*	*	*	*	
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2 Locations at C&B Station

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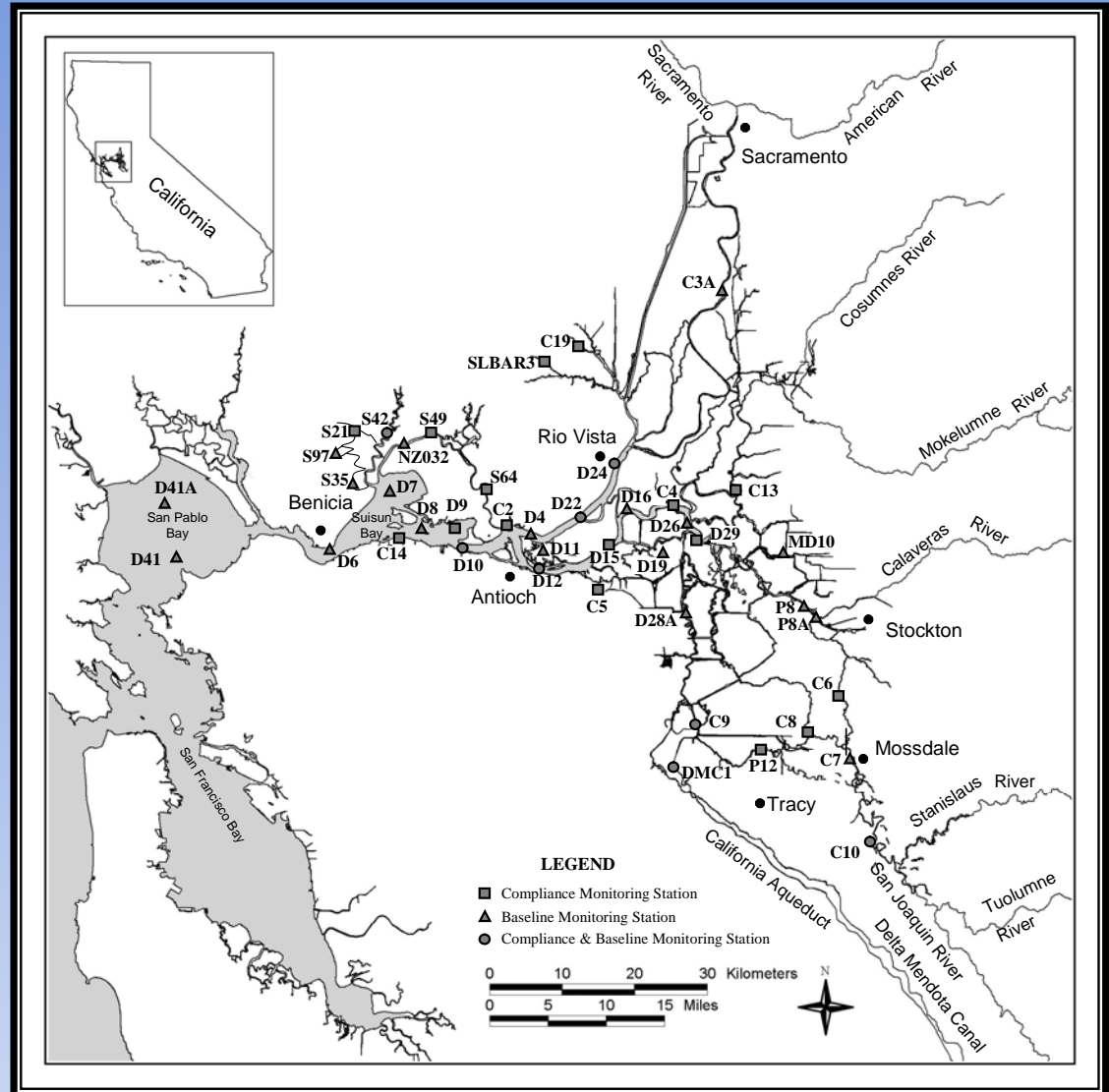
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# Proposed Changes

## 7. Update Figure 2



# Conclusion

The requested changes to the Water Quality Compliance and Baseline Monitoring Program would provide a more scientifically sound and safer monitoring program, fulfill water right permit conditions and better address the needs of data users.



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# Background

## Purpose of the Water Quality Compliance and Baseline Monitoring Program

- Determine compliance with water quality objectives
- Provide baseline information
- Evaluate aquatic habitat and organism responses
- Increase understanding of the Estuary ecosystem



# Implementation of Review Recommendations

## Implementation Categories:

- 1) Immediate
- 2) After concurrence of the SWRCB  
Executive Director (D-1641 Condition 11 e)
- 3) After Bay-Delta Plan Review

# 1) Immediate Implementation

## Examples:

- Improved sample analysis
- Improved data analysis and storage
- Improved reporting of data and information
- Further review of benthic monitoring

# 2) Implementation after SWRCB Executive Director concurrence

(received August 11, 2003)

- Changes to individual BASELINE monitoring elements monitoring at six “Baseline Monitoring Stations”
- Sampling interval adjustments
- Amendments to D-1641 Table 5 & Figure 4 reflecting these changes

# 3) Implementation after Bay-Delta Plan Review

- Changes to individual BASELINE monitoring elements at one “Compliance Monitoring Station” and seven “Compliance and Baseline Monitoring Stations”
- Amendments to Bay-Delta Plan Table 4 & Figure 2 and D-1641 Table 5 & Figure 4 reflecting all changes

# Monitoring Elements

- Continuous “Continuous Recorder” and “Multiparameter” monitoring of physical and chemical conditions

- Discrete (near-monthly) monitoring:

- Physical & Chemical Conditions
- Phytoplankton
- Zooplankton
- Benthos



Vessel-based  
monthly monitoring

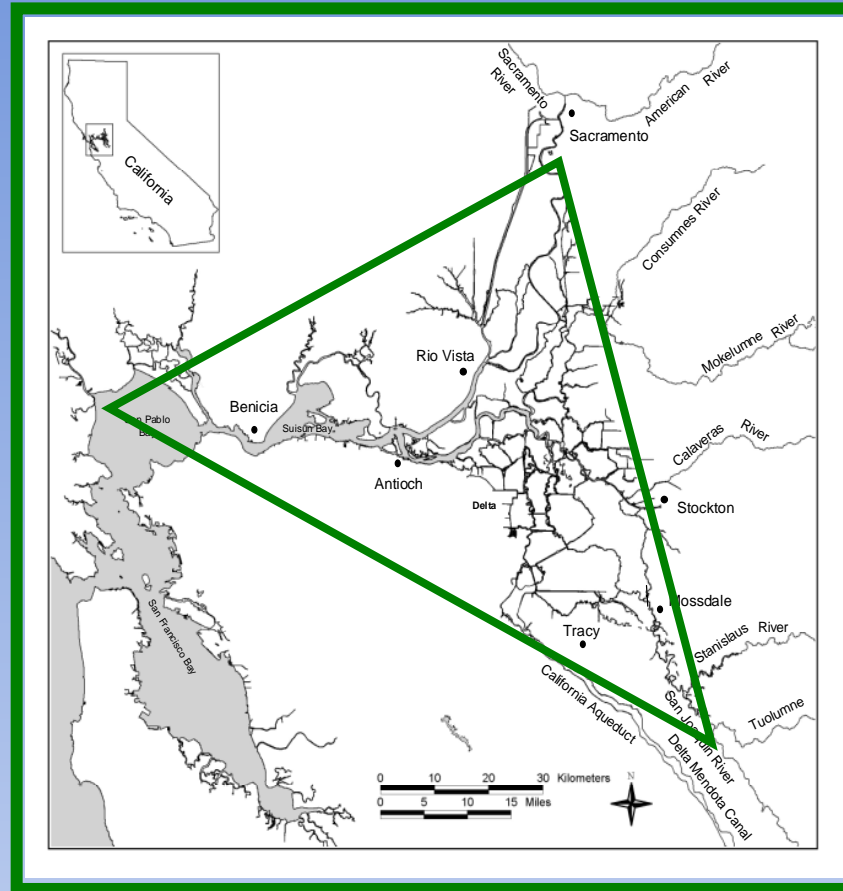


Shore-based  
continuous monitoring

- Data available via CDEC (<http://cdec.water.ca.gov/>), BDAT (<http://bdat.ca.gov>), reports, etc.

# Monitoring area

San Pablo Bay

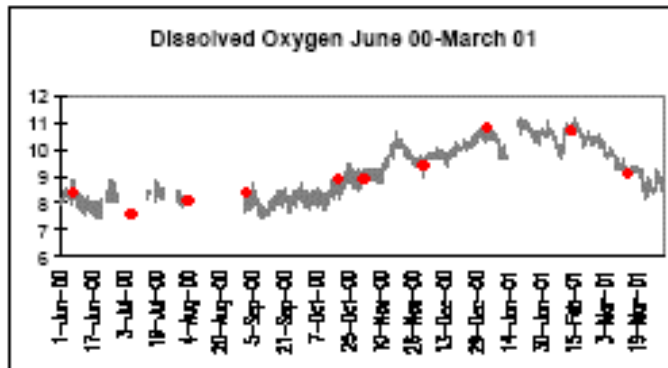
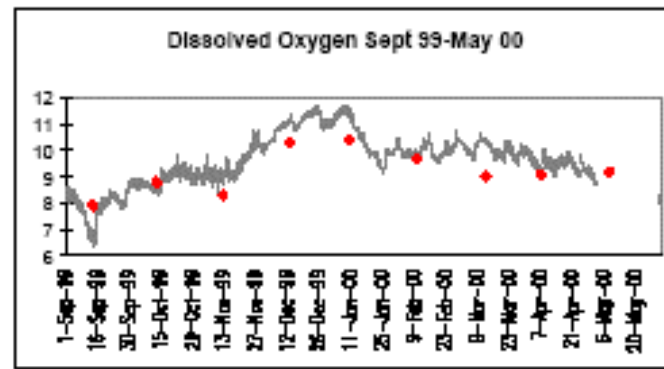
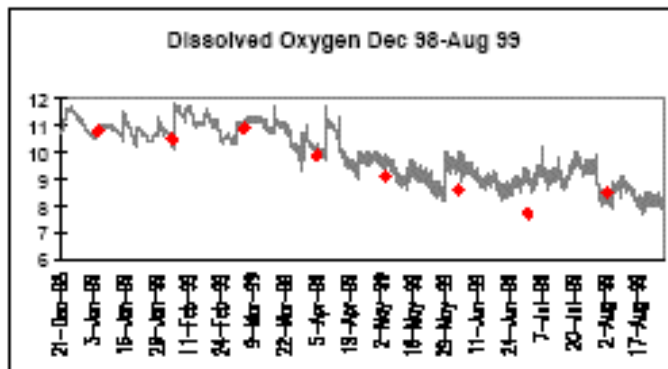


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Vernalis

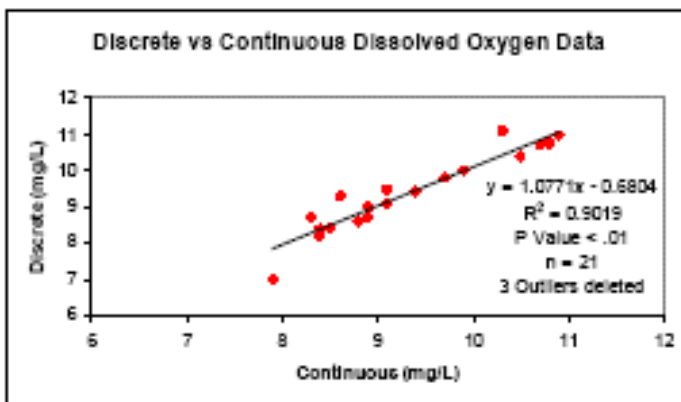
Ongoing since 1971 - One of the nation's oldest and most comprehensive long-term monitoring programs!

Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L) for Discrete Station C3 and Continuous Monitoring Station 70  
December 1998 – March 2001



— Continuous

◆ Discrete

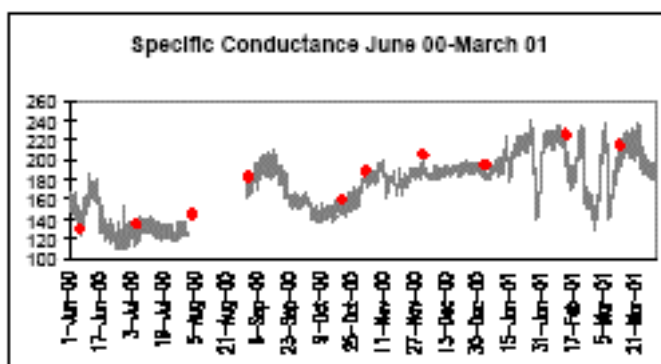
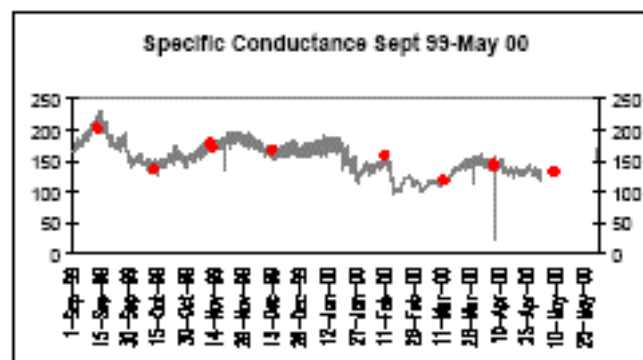
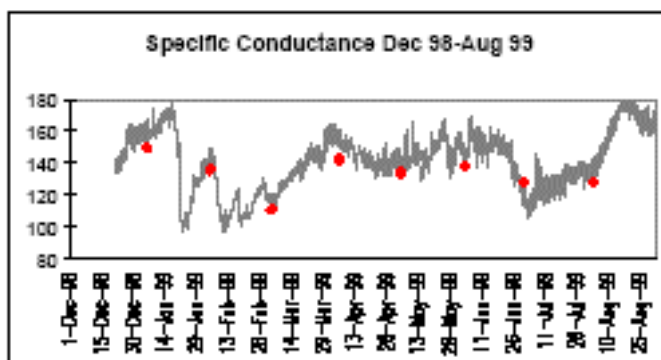


Absolute Difference Discrete - Continuous	
Mean	-0.04
Standard Deviation	0.35
Minimum	-0.8
Maximum	0.9

Residuals	
Standard Deviation	0.3
Minimum	-0.68
Maximum	0.55

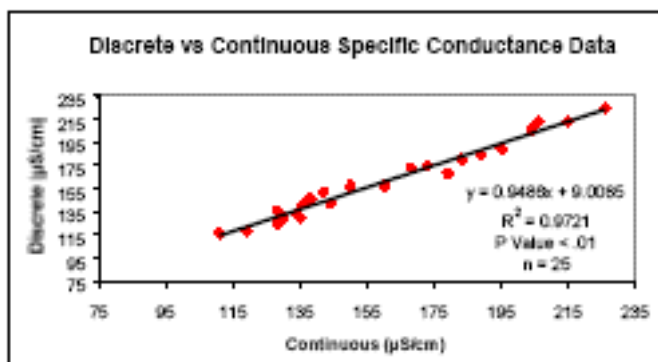
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— Continuous

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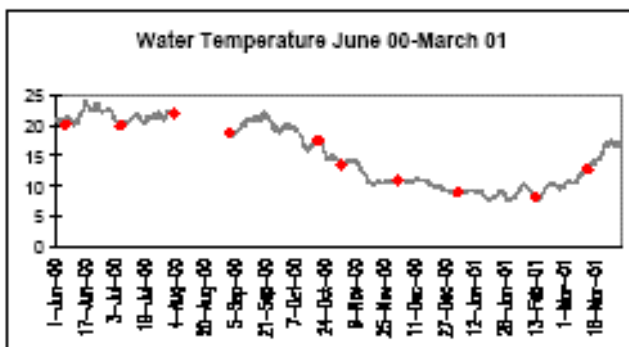
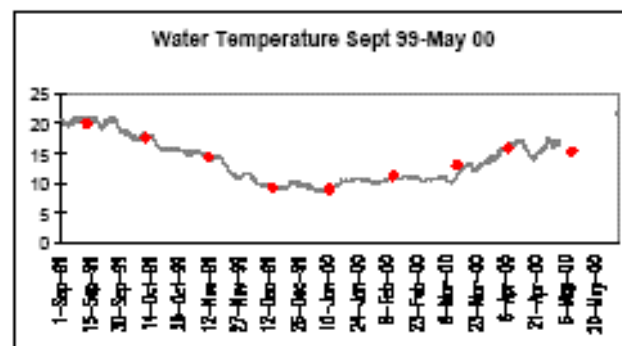
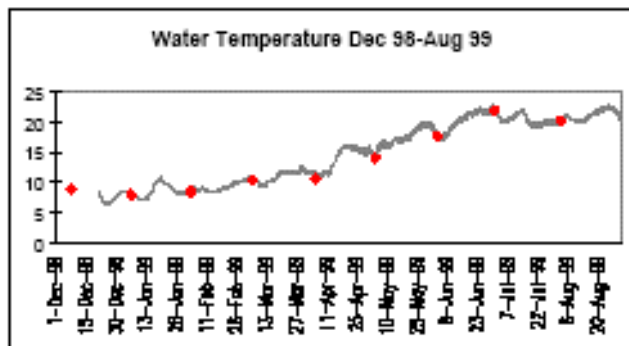
Absolute Difference Discrete - Continuous	
Mean	-0.8
Standard Deviation	5.5
Minimum	-10
Maximum	11

Residuals	
Standard Deviation	5.4
Minimum	-9
Maximum	11.6



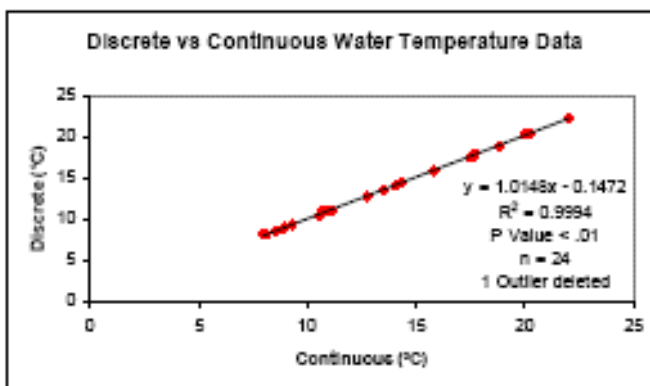
## Water Temperature (°C) for Discrete Station C3 and Continuous Monitoring Station 70

December 1998 – March 2001



— Continuous

◆ Discrete



Absolute Difference Discrete - Continuous	
Mean	-0.06
Standard Deviation	0.13
Minimum	-0.4
Maximum	0.18

Residuals	
Standard Deviation	0.11
Minimum	-0.24
Maximum	0.19